

Tamil Nadu Exit poll 2006-Survey Findings

Q1: Whom did you vote for in Assembly Election 2006?

| | | N | (%) | Valid (%) |
|------------------|-------------------|------|------|-----------|
| Valid | 01: Congress | 1028 | 8.4 | 8.4 |
| | 02: BJP | 248 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| | 03: JD(U) | 3 | .0 | .0 |
| | 04: CPI | 197 | 1.6 | 1.6 |
| | 05: CPI(M) | 325 | 2.6 | 2.7 |
| | 06: BSP | 69 | .6 | .6 |
| | 17: PDS | 1 | .0 | .0 |
| | 18: TMC | 1 | .0 | .0 |
| | 20: DMK allies | 667 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| | 21: AIADMK allies | 168 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| | 27: IUML | 1 | .0 | .0 |
| | 28: INL | 1 | .0 | .0 |
| | 31: JD(S) | 8 | .1 | .1 |
| | 33: SP | 5 | .0 | .0 |
| | 34: Samata party | 2 | .0 | .0 |
| | 41: RSP | 1 | .0 | .0 |
| | 42: CPI (M) (L) | 3 | .0 | .0 |
| | 44: FBL | 46 | .4 | .4 |
| | 77: DPI | 109 | .9 | .9 |
| | 78: MGRK | 1 | .0 | .0 |
| | 80: MGR-ADMK | 34 | .3 | .3 |
| | 81: DMK | 2580 | 21.0 | 21.0 |
| | 82: AIADMK | 4006 | 32.6 | 32.6 |
| | 83: MDMK | 735 | 6.0 | 6.0 |
| | 84: PMK | 693 | 5.6 | 5.6 |
| | 85: TRC | 1 | .0 | .0 |
| | 86: PT | 25 | .2 | .2 |
| | 87: PNK | 7 | .1 | .1 |
| | 88: TB | 4 | .0 | .0 |
| | 89: MTD | 4 | .0 | .0 |
| 90: DMDK | 1029 | 8.4 | 8.4 | |
| 92: CNMK | 6 | .0 | .0 | |
| 96: Independents | 91 | .7 | .7 | |
| 97: Others | 161 | 1.3 | 1.3 | |

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| | | N | (%) | Valid (%) |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 98: Don't know | 14 | .1 | .1 |
| | Total | 12273 | 99.8 | 100.0 |
| Missing | 99: NA | 19 | .2 | |
| Total | | 12292 | 100.0 | |

Q2: When did you finally make up your mind about whom to vote for?

| | | N | (%) | Valid (%) |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Valid | 1: On the day of polling | 1385 | 11.3 | 11.3 |
| | 2: A day or two before polling | 1807 | 14.7 | 14.7 |
| | 3: During the campaign | 1672 | 13.6 | 13.6 |
| | 4: Before the campaign started | 6554 | 53.3 | 53.5 |
| | 8: Don't know | 842 | 6.8 | 6.9 |
| | Total | 12260 | 99.7 | 100.0 |
| Missing | 9: NA | 32 | .3 | |
| Total | | 12292 | 100.0 | |

Q3: Now i will ask you about the Lok Sabha Election held in 2004. Were you able to cast your vote or not?

| | | N | (%) |
|--|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 1: No | 1563 | 12.7 |
| | 2: Yes | 10063 | 81.9 |
| | 3: Not a voter then | 270 | 2.2 |
| | 8: Do not remember | 397 | 3.2 |
| | Total | 12292 | 100.0 |

a: (*If yes*) Whom did you vote in Lok Sabha Election 2004?

| | | N | (%) | Valid (%) |
|-------|--------------|------|-----|-----------|
| Valid | 01: Congress | 1036 | 8.4 | 10.3 |
| | 02: BJP | 436 | 3.5 | 4.3 |
| | 03: JD(U) | 38 | .3 | .4 |
| | 04: CPI | 80 | .6 | .8 |
| | 05: CPI(M) | 78 | .6 | .8 |
| | 06: BSP | 24 | .2 | .2 |
| | 18: TMC | 1 | .0 | .0 |

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| | | N | (%) | Valid (%) |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 20: DMK Allies | 744 | 6.1 | 7.4 |
| | 21: AIADMK allies | 394 | 3.2 | 3.9 |
| | 28: INL | 10 | .1 | .1 |
| | 31: JD(S) | 22 | .2 | .2 |
| | 33: SP | 5 | .0 | .0 |
| | 34: Samata party | 3 | .0 | .0 |
| | 39: RSP(B) | 1 | .0 | .0 |
| | 41: RSP | 1 | .0 | .0 |
| | 42: CPI (M) (L) | 17 | .1 | .2 |
| | 77: DPI | 13 | .1 | .1 |
| | 80: MGR-ADMK | 63 | .5 | .6 |
| | 81: DMK | 2547 | 20.7 | 25.3 |
| | 82: AIADMK | 3407 | 27.7 | 33.9 |
| | 83: MDMK | 477 | 3.9 | 4.7 |
| | 84: PMK | 331 | 2.7 | 3.3 |
| | 85: TRC | 4 | .0 | .0 |
| | 86: PT | 5 | .0 | .0 |
| | 88: TB | 9 | .1 | .1 |
| | 89: MTD | 5 | .0 | .1 |
| | 90: DMDK | 19 | .2 | .2 |
| | 92: CNMK | 4 | .0 | .0 |
| | 96: Independents | 27 | .2 | .3 |
| | 97: Others | 190 | 1.5 | 1.9 |
| | 98: Don't know | 72 | .6 | .7 |
| | Total | 10063 | 81.9 | 100.0 |
| Missing | 99: NA | 2230 | 18.1 | |
| Total | | 12292 | 100.0 | |

Q4: Who would you prefer as the next Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu?

| | | N | (%) |
|--|------------------------|------|------|
| | 01: M. Karunanidhi | 4976 | 40.5 |
| | 02: J. Jayalalitha | 4776 | 38.8 |
| | 03: S. Ramdoss | 75 | .6 |
| | 04: E.V.K.S. Elangovan | 50 | .4 |
| | 05: M.K. Stalin | 16 | .1 |

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| | N | (%) |
|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 06: V. Gopalaswami(Vaiko) | 9 | .1 |
| 07: Vijaykant | 148 | 1.2 |
| 08: Dayanidhi Maran | 51 | .4 |
| 09: P. Chidambaran | 1041 | 8.5 |
| 10: Any one from AIADMK | 112 | .9 |
| 11: Any one from DMK | 85 | .7 |
| 97: Others | 792 | 6.4 |
| 98: Don't know | 54 | .4 |
| 99: NA | 107 | .9 |
| Total | 12292 | 100.0 |

Q5: Do you think that present Jayalalitha government in Tamil Nadu should be given another chance?

| | N | (%) |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1: No | 6286 | 51.1 |
| 2: Yes | 5284 | 43.0 |
| 8: Don't know | 722 | 5.9 |
| Total | 12292 | 100.0 |

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

B1: What is your age?

| | N | (%) |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1: Up to 25 years | 2293 | 18.7 |
| 2: 26-35 years | 3499 | 28.5 |
| 3: 36-45 years | 2899 | 23.6 |
| 4: 46-55 years | 1896 | 15.4 |
| 5: 56 years and above | 1705 | 13.9 |
| Total | 12292 | 100.0 |

B2: Gender

| | N | (%) |
|---------|------|------|
| 1: Male | 6776 | 55.1 |

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| | N | (%) |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 2: Female | 5517 | 44.9 |
| Total | 12292 | 100.0 |

B3: Till what level have you studied?

| | N | (%) |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| 0: Non literate | 2233 | 18.2 |
| 1: Below primary | 1108 | 9.0 |
| 2: Primary pass/Middle fail | 2002 | 16.3 |
| 3: Middle pass/Matric fail | 1657 | 13.5 |
| 4: Matric | 1647 | 13.4 |
| 5: Intermediate/College no degree | 1402 | 11.4 |
| 6: Graduate or equivalent | 1271 | 10.3 |
| 7: Post Graduate | 601 | 4.9 |
| 8: Professional degree and Higher Research | 245 | 2.0 |
| 9: NA | 127 | 1.0 |
| Total | 12292 | 100.0 |

B4: What is your main occupation?

| | N | (%) |
|---|----------|------------|
| 01: Scientists | 21 | .2 |
| 02: Engineers | 74 | .6 |
| 03: Doctors | 40 | .3 |
| 04: Lawyers | 50 | .4 |
| 05: Accountants | 81 | .7 |
| 06: College/Univ. teachers | 86 | .7 |
| 07: Writers | 41 | .3 |
| 08: Modern Artists | 40 | .3 |
| 09: Other higher professionals | 35 | .3 |
| 10: Science and engineering technicians | 55 | .4 |
| 11: Computer operators | 93 | .8 |
| 12: Alternative doctors | 16 | .1 |
| 13: Medical technicians | 25 | .2 |
| 14: School teachers | 228 | 1.9 |
| 15: Nursery teachers | 84 | .7 |

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| | N | (%) |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| 16: Folk and commercial artists | 24 | .2 |
| 18: Priests | 30 | .2 |
| 19: Other lower professionals | 102 | .8 |
| 20: Elected officials(Central level) | 13 | .1 |
| 21: Elected officials(District level) | 14 | .1 |
| 22: Managers | 68 | .6 |
| 23: Officials Class I | 42 | .3 |
| 24: Officials Class II | 30 | .2 |
| 25: Class III Employee | 75 | .6 |
| 26: Suprintendants | 29 | .2 |
| 27: Traditional clerks | 50 | .4 |
| 28: Class IV Employee | 91 | .7 |
| 29: Other administrative workers | 44 | .4 |
| 30: Big businessmen | 91 | .7 |
| 31: Medium businessmen | 167 | 1.4 |
| 32: Small businessmen | 434 | 3.5 |
| 33: Petty shopkeeper | 230 | 1.9 |
| 34: Hawkers, vendors | 45 | .4 |
| 35: Sales executives | 107 | .9 |
| 36: Salespersons | 71 | .6 |
| 37: Shop Assistants | 111 | .9 |
| 38: Rentier | 14 | .1 |
| 39: Other businessmen | 124 | 1.0 |
| 40: Waiters | 64 | .5 |
| 41: Dhobi | 50 | .4 |
| 42: Barbers, beauticians | 60 | .5 |
| 43: Ayahs, maids | 31 | .3 |
| 44: Chowkidars | 13 | .1 |
| 45: Sweepers | 48 | .4 |
| 49: Other service workers | 126 | 1.0 |
| 50: Mechanics | 326 | 2.6 |
| 51: Electricians | 137 | 1.1 |
| 52: Jewellers | 80 | .6 |
| 53: Tailors | 285 | 2.3 |
| 54: Weavers | 241 | 2.0 |
| 55: Shoemakers | 34 | .3 |

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| | N | (%) |
|--|------|------|
| 56: Blacksmiths | 20 | .2 |
| 57: Carpenters | 113 | .9 |
| 59: Other skilled workers | 141 | 1.1 |
| 60: Miners | 21 | .2 |
| 61: Masons | 74 | .6 |
| 62: Potters | 81 | .7 |
| 63: Stone-cutter | 49 | .4 |
| 64: Furniture makers | 31 | .3 |
| 65: Rickshaw-pullers | 20 | .2 |
| 66: Unskilled labourers | 180 | 1.5 |
| 69: Other semi-skilled and unskilled workers | 120 | 1.0 |
| 70: Owner-cultivators 20+ Acre | 83 | .7 |
| 71: Owner-cultivators 10-20 Acre | 70 | .6 |
| 72: Owner-cultivators 5-10 Acre | 159 | 1.3 |
| 73: Owner-cultivators 1-5 Acre | 295 | 2.4 |
| 74: Owner-cultivators 0-5 Acre | 174 | 1.4 |
| 75: Tenant-cultivators 5+ Acre | 115 | .9 |
| 76: Tenant-cultivators 0-5 Acre | 117 | .9 |
| 77: Plantation workers | 164 | 1.3 |
| 78: Agricultural labourers | 2155 | 17.5 |
| 79: Other agricultural workers | 426 | 3.5 |
| 80: Live-stock farming | 26 | .2 |
| 81: Dairy farming | 148 | 1.2 |
| 82: Poultry farming | 27 | .2 |
| 83: Shepherds | 18 | .1 |
| 84: Forest produce gatherer | 10 | .1 |
| 85: Hunters and trappers | 14 | .1 |
| 86: Fishermen | 139 | 1.1 |
| 89: Other breeders and cattle rearers | 35 | .3 |
| 90: House-wife | 1883 | 15.3 |
| 91: Students not seeking employment | 449 | 3.7 |
| 92: Employment seekers | 106 | .9 |
| 93: Unemployed workers, non-workers | 123 | 1.0 |
| Any other Occupation | 34 | .3 |
| 96: Political activists | 25 | .2 |
| 98: Unclassified | 19 | .2 |

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| | N | (%) |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 99: NA | 160 | 1.3 |
| Total | 12292 | 100.0 |

B5: What is your Caste/Jati-biradari/Tribe name?

| | N | (%) |
|--------------------------|----------|------------|
| 01: Brahmin | 149 | 1.2 |
| 02: Chettiyar | 309 | 2.5 |
| 03: Kshtriyas | 58 | .5 |
| 04: Vellalar | 206 | 1.7 |
| 05: Marwadis | 25 | .2 |
| 06: Jain | 22 | .2 |
| 07: Viswa Brahmin | 62 | .5 |
| 08: Sindhi | 5 | .0 |
| 09: Other upper castes | 44 | .4 |
| 10: Moopnar | 36 | .3 |
| 11: Vandaiyar | 51 | .4 |
| 12: Mandradiyar | 28 | .2 |
| 13: Vanavarayar | 29 | .2 |
| 14: Reddiyar | 287 | 2.3 |
| 15: Nayinar | 39 | .3 |
| 16: Nayakar | 268 | 2.2 |
| 17: Woodayars | 88 | .7 |
| 19: Other PP | 30 | .2 |
| 20: Thevar | 1033 | 8.4 |
| 21: Nadar | 829 | 6.7 |
| 22: Gounder | 813 | 6.6 |
| 23: Naidus | 316 | 2.6 |
| 25: Tuluva Vellalas | 112 | .9 |
| 26: Gowda | 48 | .4 |
| 27: Konars | 383 | 3.1 |
| 29: Other peasant OBC | 456 | 3.7 |
| 30: Vanniakula Kashtriya | 1512 | 12.3 |
| 34: Kurumbar | 106 | .9 |
| 35: Bhatraja | 28 | .2 |
| 39: Other Craftsmen OBC | 121 | 1.0 |

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| | N | (%) |
|-------------------------|------|------|
| 40: Kewat | 113 | .9 |
| 42: Maruthuva Kulam | 48 | .4 |
| 43: Saurashtra | 36 | .3 |
| 44: Pama Saliyar | 25 | .2 |
| 45: Traders OBC | 30 | .2 |
| 46: Toddy Tappers | 66 | .5 |
| 47: Achary | 162 | 1.3 |
| 48: Navedar | 44 | .4 |
| 49: Other service OBC | 129 | 1.0 |
| 50: Jatav (Leatherwork) | 67 | .5 |
| 51: Pallar | 654 | 5.3 |
| 52: Parayar | 1251 | 10.2 |
| 53: Chakkiliyar | 456 | 3.7 |
| 54: Namasudras | 14 | .1 |
| 55: Mala | 42 | .3 |
| 56: Mahar | 6 | .0 |
| 57: Dhobi(Non OBC) | 3 | .0 |
| 58: Lowest SC | 8 | .1 |
| 59: Other SCs | 66 | .5 |
| 60: Malyali | 125 | 1.0 |
| 61: Adiyar | 18 | .1 |
| 63: Kurumbas | 67 | .5 |
| 64: Todas | 14 | .1 |
| 69: Other STs | 46 | .4 |
| 70: Ashrafs | 37 | .3 |
| 71: Mughal | 28 | .2 |
| 72: Muslim Rajput | 13 | .1 |
| 73: Other upper Muslim | 22 | .2 |
| 74: Peasant+Traders | 445 | 3.6 |
| 75: Craftsmen+Weavers | 5 | .0 |
| 76: Service Muslim | 2 | .0 |
| 77: Ex-Untouchable | 4 | .0 |
| 78: Muslim No Caste | 113 | .9 |
| 79: Other Muslims | 13 | .1 |
| 80: Jat Sikh | 18 | .1 |
| 81: Khatri Sikh | 9 | .1 |

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| | N | (%) |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 82: OBC Sikh | 17 | .1 |
| 83: Sikh no caste | 22 | .2 |
| 84: Other Sikh | 7 | .1 |
| 85: Upper Christians | 48 | .4 |
| 86: OBC Christians | 103 | .8 |
| 87: Dalit Christians | 75 | .6 |
| 88: Christian no caste | 47 | .4 |
| 89: Other Christian | 9 | .1 |
| 90: Parsi | 5 | .0 |
| 91: Jews | 8 | .1 |
| 92: Buddhist | 13 | .1 |
| 93: Dalit Buddhist | 10 | .1 |
| 94: Other Minorities | 9 | .1 |
| 95: Hindu No caste | 34 | .3 |
| 98: No religion no caste | 5 | .0 |
| 99: NA | 189 | 1.5 |
| Total | 12292 | 100.0 |

a: And what is your caste group?

| | | N | (%) | Valid (%) |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Valid | 1: Scheduled Caste (SC) | 2980 | 24.2 | 24.8 |
| | 2: Scheduled Tribe (ST) | 393 | 3.2 | 3.3 |
| | 3: Other Backward Caste (OBC) | 7435 | 60.5 | 61.8 |
| | 4: General/Other | 1230 | 10.0 | 10.2 |
| | Total | 12038 | 97.9 | 100.0 |
| Missing | 9: NA | 254 | 2.1 | |
| Total | | 12292 | 100.0 | |

B6: Which religion do you follow?

| | N | (%) |
|--------------|-------|------|
| 1: Hindu | 10297 | 83.8 |
| 2: Muslim | 796 | 6.5 |
| 3: Christian | 1018 | 8.3 |
| 4: Sikh | 33 | .3 |

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| | N | (%) |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 5: Buddhist | 13 | .1 |
| 6: Jain | 33 | .3 |
| 7: Parsi | 7 | .1 |
| 8: Others | 95 | .8 |
| Total | 12292 | 100.0 |

B7: Area/Locality

| | N | (%) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1: Village | 8092 | 65.8 |
| 2: Town (Below 1 lakh) | 2694 | 21.9 |
| 3: City (Above 1 lakh) | 869 | 7.1 |
| 4: Metropolitan City (Above 10 lakh) | 638 | 5.2 |
| Total | 12292 | 100.0 |

B8: Total monthly household income

| | | N | (%) | Valid (%) |
|--------------|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Valid | 1: Up to Rs. 1,000 | 3647 | 29.7 | 30.4 |
| | 2: Rs. 1,001 - Rs. 2,000 | 2783 | 22.6 | 23.2 |
| | 3: Rs. 2,001 - Rs. 3,000 | 2012 | 16.4 | 16.8 |
| | 4: Rs. 3,001 - Rs. 4,000 | 1089 | 8.9 | 9.1 |
| | 5: Rs. 4,001 - Rs. 5,000 | 1117 | 9.1 | 9.3 |
| | 6: Rs. 5,001 - Rs. 10,000 | 797 | 6.5 | 6.7 |
| | 7: Rs. 10,001 - Rs. 20,000 | 389 | 3.2 | 3.2 |
| | 8: Rs. 20,001 and above | 148 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| | Total | 11982 | 97.5 | 100.0 |
| Missing | 9: NA | 311 | 2.5 | |
| Total | | 12292 | 100.0 | |