

Karnataka

Note:

1. All figures are in per cent and rounded off; hence they may not add up to 100 where they should.
2. Weighted Data.
3. Figures for January 2014 based on Lokniti, CSDS-IBN National Tracker Poll conducted in Karnataka.
4. Figures for March 2014 based on Lokniti, CSDS-IBN NES Pre Poll survey conducted in Karnataka (fresh sample).
5. March 2014 survey fieldwork conducted between 19th and 24th March in 14 Parliamentary seats.
6. Sample size for March 2014 is 825; Sample size for January 2014 was 830.

**Table 1: Lok Sabha elections - Pre poll estimated vote share for Karnataka
Cong leads BJP as both parties gain at the expense of JDS and AAP**

Party/Alliance	Actual vote in 2009 Lok Sabha Elections (%)	Survey-based vote estimate (%) February 2014	Survey-based vote estimate (%) March 2014
Cong	37.7	42	46
BJP	41.6	32	36
JDS	13.6	18	12
AAP	-	3	1
Others	7.1	5	5

Question asked: If Lok Sabha elections are held tomorrow which party will you vote for? Please mark your vote on this slip and put it in this box.

Table 2: Siddaramaiah’s AHINDA campaign seems to be working - Congress getting most of its support from backward sections and minorities while BJP is getting most of its support from the upper and dominant castes

	Cong	BJP	JDS
Upper caste	28	63	6
Vokkaliga	28	37	32
Lingayat	28	59	13
Other OBC	53	30	13
Dalit	55	19	9
Muslim	87	10	3
ST	52	44	4

The rest of the respondents indicated a vote preference for other parties.

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Table 3: Clear gender divide – Cong gets most of its support from women whereas BJP from men; gap between Cong and BJP among women is quite big

	Vote for Cong (%)	Vote for BJP (%)
Men	41	39
Women	51	33

The rest of the respondents indicated a vote preference for other parties.

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Table 4: The regional picture

Regions	
Hyderabad Karnataka	Congress way ahead of its opponents
Mumbai Karnataka	Neck and neck between Cong and BJP
Central Karnataka	BJP leads Congress
Southern Karnataka	Congress leads BJP and JDS
Bangalore	Congress ahead

Table 5: Most people oppose Yeddyurappa's re-entry into BJP including many traditional BJP supporters; the only region where there is huge support for it is Central Karnataka.

Yeddyurappa's re-entry into BJP	All	Traditional BJP supporters	Central Karnataka
Support it	35	50	57
Oppose it	54	45	41
Can't say	11	4	2

Question asked: Do you support or oppose B S Yeddyurappa's reentry into the BJP?

Table 6: Most people oppose BSR Congress's merger with BJP including many traditional BJP supporters; there is opposition to the move even in Hyderabad Karnataka where BSR Cong has had a presence

Merger of BSR Congress in the BJP	All	Traditional BJP supporters	Hyderabad Karnataka
Support it	31	50	16
Oppose it	52	45	52
Can't say	17	5	32

Question asked: Do support or oppose the merger of BSR Congress in the BJP?

Table 7: For voters in Karnataka, State govt's work is going to matter more than Central govt's performance

What will be more important to you while voting – state govt or central govt's work?	%
State govt's performance	39
Central govt's performance	26
Both equally	27
Neither/Other factors	3
Can't say	5

Question asked: While voting, some people give more importance to the work done by the state government in Bangalore while others give more importance to the work done by the central government in Delhi. While voting in the 2014 Lok Sabha election, what will matter to you the most?

Table 8: High net satisfaction levels with both State and Central govts' performance
(*Net satisfaction is Satisfaction percentage minus dissatisfaction percentage*)

Net satisfaction with...	
Performance of State govt.	+57
Performance of Central govt.	+33

Questions asked: Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the performance of Congress government in Karnataka? Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the performance of the Congress-led UPA government at the Centre over the last 4 ½ / 5 years?

Table 9: Anti-incumbency sentiment against UPA seems to have weakened somewhat in Karnataka

Should the UPA govt get another chance after the 2014 Lok Sabha election?	Opinion in Karnataka	
	Jan 2014	Mar 2014
Yes, it should	33	38
No, it should not	49	43
Can't say	18	19

Question asked: Should the Congress-led UPA government get another chance after the 2014 Lok Sabha election?

Table 10: Top five voting issues in Karnataka

Key voting issues in Karnataka	%
Development	19
Price rise	10
Corruption	7
Supply of drinking water	4
Condition of roads	4

The rest of the respondents gave other answers.

Question asked: What will be the single most important issue for you when you vote in the 2014 Lok Sabha election? *(Record first answer and consult code book for coding)*

Table 11: PM choice of Karnataka respondents – Gap between Modi and Rahul narrows

Prime Minister choice in Karnataka <i>(open ended question)</i>	Jan 2014	Mar 2014
Narendra Modi	28	32
Rahul Gandhi	19	27
Sonia Gandhi	14	8
Manmohan Singh	2	3
H D Deve Gowda	8	7
H K Kumaraswamy	4	2
Others	10	6
Can't say	15	15

Question asked: Who would you prefer as the Prime Minister of the country after the next/2014 Lok Sabha election? (Open ended question)