How will Kerala vote in 2021?

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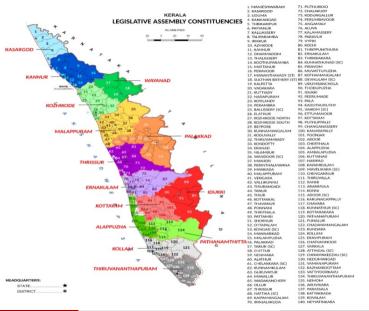
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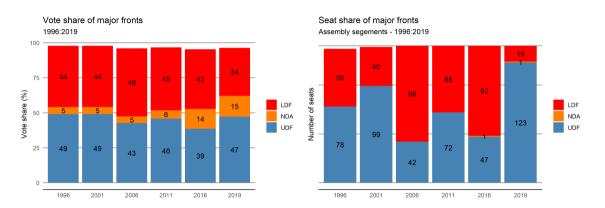
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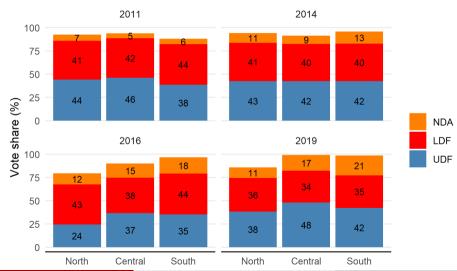




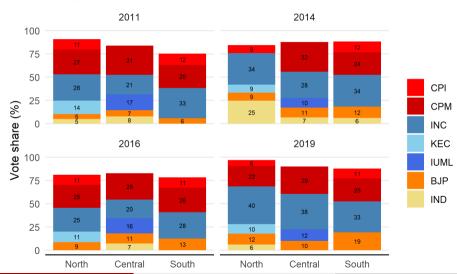
Sub-region demographics

Sub-regions	Districts	ACs	Religion
North Kerala	Kasargod, Kannur,	60	Hindus - 50%
	Wayanad, Kozhikode,		Muslims - 44%
	Malappuram,		Christians - 6%
	Palakkad		
Central Kerala	Thrissur,	41	Hindus - 51%,
	Ernakulam,		Muslims -13%
	Idukki,		Christians - 35%
	Kottayam		
South Kerala	Alappuzha,	39	Hindus - 65%
	Pathanamthitta,		Muslims - 13%
	Kollam,		Christians - 21%
	Thiruvan anthapuram		

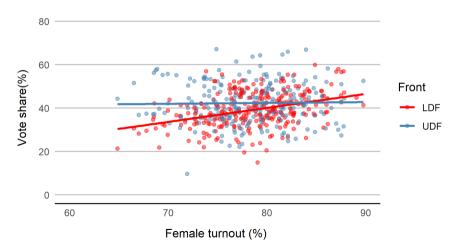
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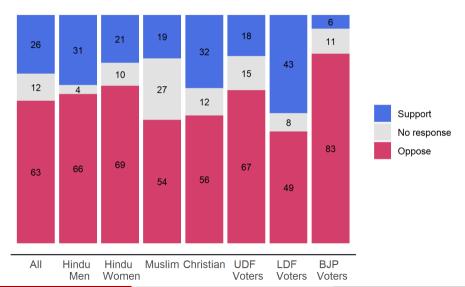
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Front vote share as a function of women turnout % Kerala elections - 2016 & 2019



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Caste/Community	UDF (%)	BJP (%)	LDF (%)	Others
Nair	34	34	20	11
Other Upper caste	31	42	27	0
Ezhavas	28	21	45	6
Other OBC	29	18	37	16
SC	39	12	44	6
Muslim	65	2	28	4
Christian	70	2	24	5
Others	34	7	51	7

- According to the polls, the Incumbent LDF government is set to break the record by winning a second consecutive term.
- At the same time, the negligible difference in the vote share between LDF and UDF in the recent local body election gives hope for UDF.
- This election will reveal whether BJP would rise as a formidable power in the state resulting in a tri-polar contest.