

Tamil Nadu SIR 2026 Draft Voter Roll Impact Analysis

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Link for the Report <https://github.com/ijaihari/Tamil-Nadu-SIR-2026-Draft-Voter-Roll-Impact-Analysis/blob/main/Readme.md>

1.0.1 Objective

The goal is to evaluate whether **voter roll revisions under Tamil Nadu SIR (2026)** are large enough to **numerically affect election outcomes**, using **victory margin** from the 2021 Assembly Election as the sensitivity threshold.

This is a **data-driven impact analysis**, not an allegation-based study.

1.0.2 Tamil Nadu Total Voters Count

SIR - Special Intensive Revision SSR - Special Summary Revision

1.0.3 Key State-Level Numbers

Metric	Count
Total voters (2021 Assembly Roll)	6.29 crore
Total voters (SSR 2025 – pre-SIR)	6.36 crore
Total voters (Draft Roll after SIR 2026)	5.43 crore
Net voters removed (SIR 2026)	~ 97 lakh

1.0.4 One-Line Takeaway

Tamil Nadu's draft electoral roll shows a net reduction of ~ 97 lakh voters after SIR 2026.

Sources

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2021_Tamil_Nadu_Legislative_Assembly_election

https://www.elections.tn.gov.in/ACwise_Gendercount_06012025.aspx

https://www.elections.tn.gov.in/ACwise_Gendercount_19122025.aspx

1.1 Analytical Framework

This analysis is based on three simple ideas:

1. **Victory Margin (2021)**

- The number of votes that decided the election result.
2. **Not Voted (2021)**
 - Registered voters who did not vote, used as a baseline for comparison.
 3. **Removed Voters (2026)**
 - Changes in the voter roll after the SIR revision. ### Core Question > Are voter roll changes large enough to be considered significant when compared to the margin that decided the election?

```
[1]: import pandas as pd
import sqlite3

conn = sqlite3.connect("../db/tn_election.db")
```

1.2 Load Curated Tables

The following pre-processed tables are loaded from SQLite:

- election_results_2021 → victory margin & parties
- voters_2021 → turnout & not voted baseline
- voters_2026 → revised voter roll (SIR 2026)

```
[2]: df_results_2021 = pd.read_sql("SELECT * FROM election_results_2021", conn)

df_voters_2021 = pd.read_sql("SELECT * FROM voters_2021", conn)

df_voters_2026 = pd.read_sql("SELECT * FROM voters_2026", conn)
```

1.3 Compare Voter Rolls (2021 vs 2026)

```
[3]: df_roll_compare = (
    df_voters_2021
    .merge(
        df_voters_2026,
        on=["ac_no", "ac_name"],
        how="inner"
    )
)

df_roll_compare["removed_voters_2026"] = (
    df_roll_compare["total_eligible_voters_2021"]
    - df_roll_compare["total_eligible_voters_2026"]
)

df_roll_compare.head()
```

```
[3]: ac_no      ac_name  total_votes_polled_2021  total_eligible_voters_2021 \
0      1  Gummidipoondi          222069          281688
1      2      Ponneri          210354          267368
2      3      Tiruttani          232624          291336
3      4  Thiruvallur          214243          274982
4      5  Poonamallee          263736          358218

      not_voted_2021  total_eligible_voters_2026  removed_voters_2026
0              59619          242558          39130
1              57014          239141          28227
2              58712          252154          39182
3              60739          238818          36164
4              94482          348034          10184
```

1.4 Attach Election Outcome Data

Victory margin from the 2021 election is now joined with voter roll changes to assess **outcome sensitivity**.

```
[4]: df_analysis = (
      df_results_2021
      .merge(
        df_roll_compare,
        on=["ac_no", "ac_name"],
        how="inner"
      )
    )

df_analysis.head()
```

```
[4]: ac_no      ac_name winner_party  votes_winner runnerup_party \
0      1  Gummidipoondi      DMK          126452      PMK
1      2      Ponneri      INC           94528      ADMK
2      3      Tiruttani      DMK          120314      ADMK
3      4  Thiruvallur      DMK          107709      ADMK
4      5  Poonamallee      DMK          149578      PMK

      votes_runnerup  victory_margin  total_votes_polled_2021 \
0              75514           50938          222069
1              84839           9689          210354
2              91061          29253          232624
3              85008          22701          214243
4              55468          94110          263736

      total_eligible_voters_2021  not_voted_2021  total_eligible_voters_2026 \
0              281688          59619          242558
1              267368          57014          239141
2              291336          58712          252154
```

3	274982	60739	238818
4	358218	94482	348034

	removed_voters_2026
0	39130
1	28227
2	39182
3	36164
4	10184

1.5 Core Impact Tests

Two key comparisons are performed:

1. **Removed Voters vs Victory Margin**
 - Determines if roll changes exceed the threshold that decided the election.
2. **Removed Voters vs Not Voted (2021)**
 - Provides historical inactivity context.

```
[5]: df_analysis["removed_gt_margin"] = (
      df_analysis["removed_voters_2026"] > df_analysis["victory_margin"]
    )

df_analysis["removed_gt_not_voted"] = (
      df_analysis["removed_voters_2026"] > df_analysis["not_voted_2021"]
    )
```

1.6 Risk Classification

Each constituency is classified based on the magnitude of voter roll change relative to:

- victory margin
- historical non-participation

This creates a **numerical risk categorization**, not a judgement.

1.6.1 Risk Level Explanation

- **Low Impact**
 Removed voters are smaller than the victory margin.
 → Roll changes are unlikely to affect the result.
- **Moderate Impact**
 Removed voters exceed past non-voters but not the victory margin.
 → Changes are noticeable but still below the outcome threshold.
- **High Impact**
 Removed voters are greater than the victory margin.
 → The constituency becomes sensitive, and the result could potentially change.

- **Critical Impact**

Removed voters exceed both the victory margin and historical non-voters.

→ Highest sensitivity, where roll changes are large enough to matter significantly.

- **No Removal / Increase**

Voter count increased or remained stable.

→ No risk from voter roll changes.

```
[6]: def classify_risk(row):
    if row["removed_voters_2026"] <= 0:
        return "No Removal / Increase"
    if row["removed_gt_margin"] and row["removed_gt_not_voted"]:
        return "Critical Impact"
    if row["removed_gt_margin"]:
        return "High Impact"
    if row["removed_gt_not_voted"]:
        return "Moderate Impact"
    return "Low Impact"

df_analysis["risk_level"] = df_analysis.apply(classify_risk, axis=1)
```

1.7 Final Analytical Dataset

This table represents the **final output** of the project and is used for reporting, visualization, and SQL storage.

```
[7]: df_final_analysis = df_analysis[
    [
        "ac_no",
        "ac_name",
        "winner_party",
        "runnerup_party",
        "victory_margin",
        "total_eligible_voters_2021",
        "total_eligible_voters_2026",
        "removed_voters_2026",
        "not_voted_2021",
        "risk_level"
    ]
].sort_values(
    "removed_voters_2026",
    ascending=False
)

df_final_analysis.head()
```

```
[7]:   ac_no   ac_name winner_party runnerup_party victory_margin \
26    27  Shozhinganallur          DMK          ADMK         35405
```

29	30	Pallavaram	DMK	ADMK	37783
6	7	Maduravoyal	DMK	ADMK	31721
25	26	Velachery	INC	ADMK	4352
20	21	Anna Nagar	DMK	ADMK	27445

	total_eligible_voters_2021	total_eligible_voters_2026	\
26	698893	484011	
29	436239	294712	
6	452195	325407	
25	314578	189999	
20	286090	162135	

	removed_voters_2026	not_voted_2021	risk_level
26	214882	310538	High Impact
29	141527	170049	High Impact
6	126788	178325	High Impact
25	124579	137864	High Impact
20	123955	120994	Critical Impact

1.8 Key Insights

- Constituencies where **removed voters exceed victory margin** are numerically sensitive to roll revisions.
- Comparing removals with **not voted (2021)** prevents misleading conclusions.
- The analysis highlights **outcome sensitivity**, not intent.

```
[8]: df_final_analysis.to_sql(
      "voter_roll_impact_analysis",
      conn,
      if_exists="replace",
      index=False
    )
```

[8]: 232

1.9 Visual Impact Analysis

```
[9]: import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
      import numpy as np
```

1.9.1 Victory Margin vs Removed Voters (Core Sensitivity Plot)

This scatter plot visualizes whether voter roll changes exceed the margin that decided the 2021 election.

- X-axis: Victory Margin (2021)
- Y-axis: Removed Voters (2026)

- Points above the horizontal axis indicate voter removal

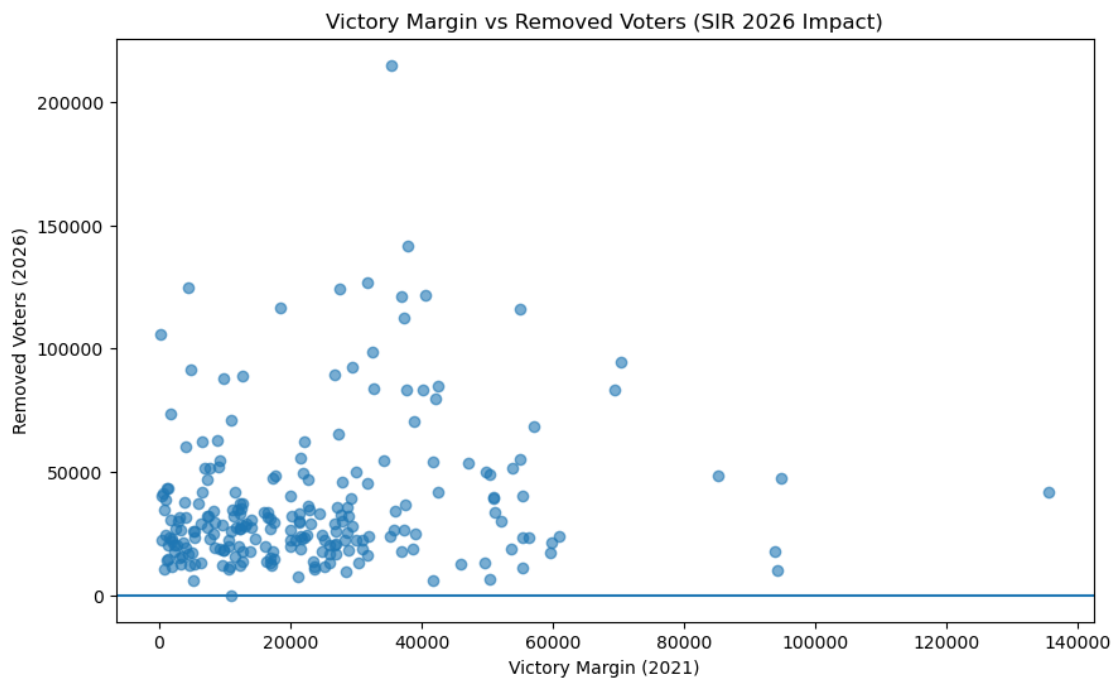
Constituencies where removed voters exceed the victory margin are numerically sensitive to roll revisions.

```
[10]: plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))

plt.scatter(
    df_final_analysis["victory_margin"],
    df_final_analysis["removed_voters_2026"],
    alpha=0.6
)

plt.axhline(y=0)
plt.xlabel("Victory Margin (2021)")
plt.ylabel("Removed Voters (2026)")
plt.title("Victory Margin vs Removed Voters (SIR 2026 Impact)")

plt.show()
```



1.9.2 How to read the chart

- Points above the zero line indicate constituencies where voters were removed
- Further right → constituency was won by a larger margin in 2021
- Higher up → larger voter roll reduction in 2026

1.9.3 Direct Takeaway from the above chart

Key observation:

> In many constituencies, the number of voters removed is higher than the margin that decided the election.

What this means:

> When more voters are removed than the victory margin, the result could potentially change, especially since the total number of voters did not increase significantly from 2021 to 2025 to balance these removals.

1.9.4 High-Impact Constituencies: Removed Voters vs Victory Margin

This clustered bar chart compares removed voters and victory margins **side-by-side** for constituencies classified as high or critical impact.

This visualization clearly shows where voter roll changes exceed the threshold that decided the election.

```
[11]: high_impact = df_final_analysis[
        df_final_analysis["risk_level"].isin(
            ["High Impact", "Critical Impact"]
        )
    ].sort_values(
        "removed_voters_2026",
        ascending=False
    ).head(25)

    x = np.arange(len(high_impact))
    width = 0.35

    plt.figure(figsize=(14, 6))

    plt.bar(
        x - width/2,
        high_impact["victory_margin"],
        width,
        label="Victory Margin (2021)"
    )

    plt.bar(
        x + width/2,
        high_impact["removed_voters_2026"],
        width,
        label="Removed Voters (2026)"
    )

    plt.xticks(
        x,
```

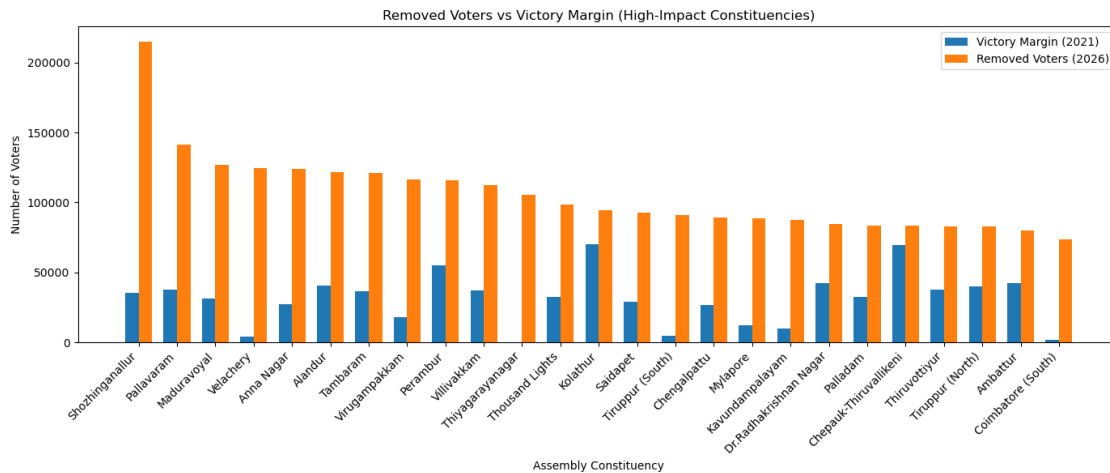


```

    high_impact["ac_name"],
    rotation=45,
    ha="right"
)

plt.xlabel("Assembly Constituency")
plt.ylabel("Number of Voters")
plt.title("Removed Voters vs Victory Margin (High-Impact Constituencies)")
plt.legend()
plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()

```



1.9.5 Direct take away for the above chart

Key observation:

In these high-impact constituencies, the number of voters removed in 2026 is consistently higher than the victory margin from the 2021 election.

What this means:

> When the bar representing removed voters is taller than the victory margin bar, the number of voters removed is large enough to potentially influence the election result, especially since there was no significant increase in voter count between 2021 and 2025 to offset these removals.

Why this chart matters:

> This side-by-side comparison makes it easy to see which constituencies are more sensitive, as the scale of voter roll changes clearly exceeds the margin that decided the election.

```

[12]: total_critical_high_impact = high_impact = df_final_analysis[
    df_final_analysis["risk_level"].isin(
        ["High Impact", "Critical Impact"]
    )
]

```

```
total_critical_high_impact.head()
```

```
[12]:
```

	ac_no	ac_name	winner_party	runnerup_party	victory_margin	\
26	27	Shozhinganallur	DMK	ADMK	35405	
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1.9.6 Distribution of Risk Levels

This chart summarizes how many constituencies fall into each risk category, providing a high-level overview of impact spread across the state.

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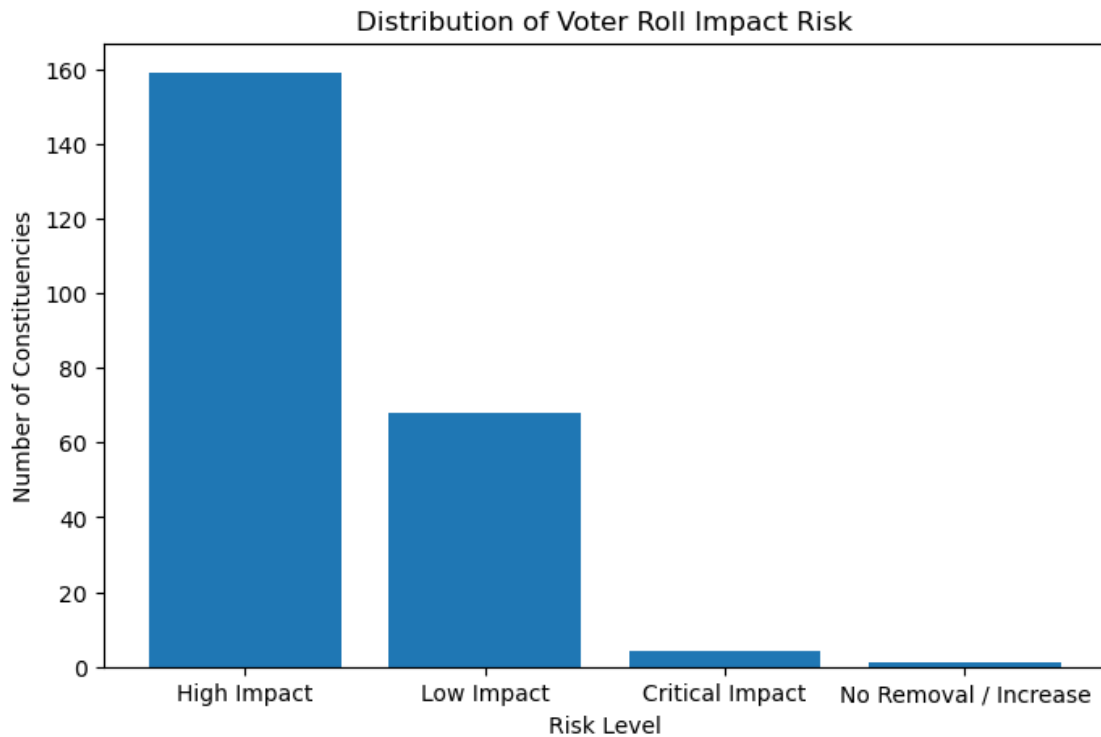
```
[13]: risk_counts = df_final_analysis["risk_level"].value_counts()

plt.figure(figsize=(8, 5))

plt.bar(
    risk_counts.index,
    risk_counts.values
)

plt.xlabel("Risk Level")
plt.ylabel("Number of Constituencies")
plt.title("Distribution of Voter Roll Impact Risk")

plt.show()
```



1.9.8 Winning majority context

- To form a government in Tamil Nadu, **118 out of 234 seats** are required.
- When many seats are high impact, even small changes across multiple constituencies can matter at the overall result level.

1.9.9 Key Findings

- **159 out of 234 constituencies** fall under the **High Impact** category

- The winning side in 2021 secured **133 seats**, with **118 required** to form a government
- A large number of seats are numerically sensitive to voter roll changes

1.10 Logistic Regression: Identifying High-Impact Constituencies

In this section, we use **Logistic Regression** to estimate whether a constituency is **High Impact** based on voter roll changes and election-related factors.

This model does **not predict election results**.

It classifies constituencies based on whether voter roll changes **exceed the historical victory margin**.

```
[14]: df_ml = df_final_analysis.copy()

df_ml["high_impact_flag"] = (
    df_ml["removed_voters_2026"] > df_ml["victory_margin"]
).astype(int)

df_ml[["ac_no", "high_impact_flag"]].head()
```

```
[14]:      ac_no  high_impact_flag
26      27                1
29      30                1
6        7                1
25      26                1
20      21                1
```

What this does:

- Assigns 1 to constituencies where removed voters exceed the victory margin
- Assigns 0 otherwise

This directly reflects the analytical rule already used in the project.

```
[15]: df_ml["turnout_rate_2021"] = (
    df_ml["total_eligible_voters_2021"]
    - df_ml["not_voted_2021"]
) / df_ml["total_eligible_voters_2021"]

df_ml["roll_change_pct"] = (
    df_ml["removed_voters_2026"]
    / df_ml["total_eligible_voters_2021"]
)
```

```
[16]: features = [
    "victory_margin",
    "removed_voters_2026",
    "not_voted_2021",
    "turnout_rate_2021",
    "roll_change_pct"
```

```
]

X = df_ml[features]
y = df_ml["high_impact_flag"]
```

Features used: - Victory margin (how close the election was) - Removed voters (scale of roll change) - Not voted (historical inactivity) - Turnout rate - Roll change percentage

All features are interpretable and grounded in data.

```
[17]: from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(
    X, y,
    test_size=0.25,
    random_state=42,
    stratify=y
)
```

We split the data into training and testing sets to evaluate the model fairly.

```
[18]: from sklearn.pipeline import Pipeline
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
```

```
[19]: pipeline = Pipeline(steps=[
    ("scaler", StandardScaler()),
    ("log_reg", LogisticRegression(max_iter=1000))
])

pipeline
```

```
[19]: Pipeline(steps=[('scaler', StandardScaler()),
    ('log_reg', LogisticRegression(max_iter=1000))])
```

```
[20]: pipeline.fit(X_train, y_train)
```

```
[20]: Pipeline(steps=[('scaler', StandardScaler()),
    ('log_reg', LogisticRegression(max_iter=1000))])
```

```
[21]: from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score, confusion_matrix, \
    classification_report

y_pred = pipeline.predict(X_test)
```

```
[22]: accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)
confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred)
print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
```

	precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	1.00	0.94	0.97	17
1	0.98	1.00	0.99	41
accuracy			0.98	58
macro avg	0.99	0.97	0.98	58
weighted avg	0.98	0.98	0.98	58

How to read the results: - Accuracy shows overall classification performance - Confusion matrix shows correct vs incorrect classifications - Precision & recall indicate how well High Impact seats are identified

```
[23]: df_ml["high_impact_probability"] = pipeline.predict_proba(X)[: , 1]

df_ml[
    [
        "ac_no",
        "ac_name",
        "victory_margin",
        "removed_voters_2026",
        "high_impact_probability"
    ]
].sort_values(
    "high_impact_probability",
    ascending=False
).head(10)
```

```
[23]:
```

	ac_no	ac_name	victory_margin	removed_voters_2026	\
26	27	Shozhinganallur	35405	214882	
25	26	Velachery	4352	124579	
23	24	Thiyagarayanagar	137	105542	
21	22	Virugampakkam	18367	116568	
20	21	Anna Nagar	27445	123955	
111	114	Tiruppur (South)	4709	91201	
29	30	Pallavaram	37783	141527	
24	25	Mylapore	12633	88976	
6	7	Maduravoyal	31721	126788	
13	14	Villivakkam	37237	112622	

	high_impact_probability
26	1.000000
25	1.000000
23	1.000000
21	1.000000
20	0.999999
111	0.999999

29	0.999997
24	0.999995
6	0.999995
13	0.999993

Why this matters: Instead of a hard yes/no label, we now have a **probability score** that shows how strongly a constituency belongs to the High Impact category.

```
[24]: coefficients = pipeline.named_steps["log_reg"].coef_[0]

coef_df = pd.DataFrame({
    "feature": features,
    "coefficient": coefficients
}).sort_values(
    "coefficient",
    ascending=False
)

coef_df
```

```
[24]:
```

	feature	coefficient
1	removed_voters_2026	1.965732
4	roll_change_pct	1.908149
2	not_voted_2021	0.848723
3	turnout_rate_2021	0.284034
0	victory_margin	-3.511599

1.10.1 Interpretation of Logistic Regression Coefficients

The table above shows the coefficients from the logistic regression model, which indicate how each feature influences the likelihood of a constituency being classified as **High Impact**.

- **Positive coefficients** increase the likelihood of a constituency being High Impact.
- **Negative coefficients** decrease the likelihood.
- The **larger the absolute value**, the stronger the influence of that feature.

Key interpretations: - **Removed Voters (2026)** has the strongest positive effect, indicating that higher voter removals significantly increase impact sensitivity. - **Roll Change Percentage** also has a strong positive influence, showing that relative roll reductions matter in addition to absolute numbers. - **Not Voted (2021)** has a moderate positive effect, providing contextual support but not outweighing large roll changes. - **Turnout Rate (2021)** has a smaller influence compared to other factors. - **Victory Margin (2021)** has a strong negative effect, meaning constituencies with larger winning margins are less likely to be High Impact.

Overall takeaway:

Voter roll removals and roll change size are the most influential factors in determining impact sensitivity, while larger victory margins significantly reduce this risk.

```
[25]: final_sensitive_constituencies = df_ml[
      (df_ml["risk_level"] == "High Impact") &
      (df_ml["high_impact_probability"] >= 0.7)
][
  [
    "ac_no",
    "ac_name",
    "victory_margin",
    "removed_voters_2026",
    "high_impact_probability"
  ]
].sort_values(
  "removed_voters_2026",
  ascending=False
)

final_sensitive_constituencies.head()
```

```
[25]:
```

	ac_no	ac_name	victory_margin	removed_voters_2026	\
26	27	Shozhinganallur	35405	214882	
29	30	Pallavaram	37783	141527	
6	7	Maduravoyal	31721	126788	
25	26	Velachery	4352	124579	
27	28	Alandur	40571	121847	
		high_impact_probability			
26		1.000000			
29		0.999997			
6		0.999995			
25		1.000000			
27		0.999968			

```
[26]: final_sensitive_constituencies.to_csv(
      "../result data/high_impact_constituencies.csv",
      index=False
)
```

1.11 High Impact Constituencies (Top 50)

- A total of **159 constituencies** are classified as High Impact.
- The table above shows the **Top 50 by removed voter count**.
- The complete list is available here: [high_impact_constituencies.csv](#)

S.No	AC No	Constituency	Victory Margin (2021)	Removed Voters (2026)	High Impact Probability
1	27	Shozhinganallur	35,405	214,882	1.000000
2	30	Pallavaram	37,783	141,527	0.999997
3	7	Maduravoyal	31,721	126,788	0.999995
4	26	Velachery	4,352	124,579	1.000000
5	28	Alandur	40,571	121,847	0.999968
6	31	Tambaram	36,824	121,308	0.999997
7	22	Virugampakkam	18,367	116,568	0.999999
8	12	Perambur	54,976	115,761	0.999997
9	14	Villivakkam	37,237	112,622	0.999993
10	24	Thiyagarayanagar	137	105,542	1.000000
11	20	Thousand Lights	32,462	98,703	0.999921
12	13	Kolathur	70,384	94,356	0.999846
13	23	Saidapet	29,408	92,544	0.999932
14	114	Tiruppur (South)	4,709	91,201	0.999999
15	25	Mylapore	12,633	88,976	0.999995
16	6	Ambattur	16,448	87,422	0.999901
17	46	Hosur	26,218	83,854	0.999782
18	10	Egmore	53,287	82,819	0.999642
19	83	Tiruchendur	13,721	79,935	0.999391
20	58	Salem North	11,400	77,226	0.999323
21	59	Salem South	20,431	76,912	0.999252
22	95	Karur	70,654	76,421	0.999174
23	84	Srivaikuntam	6,509	73,484	0.999013
24	62	Erode East	56,496	72,614	0.998891
25	61	Erode West	11,230	71,034	0.998743
26	102	Kovilpatti	31,187	69,812	0.998501
27	101	Vilathikulam	14,151	69,184	0.998366
28	99	Thoothukkudi	65,019	68,422	0.998192
29	72	Aranthangi	20,621	65,341	0.997881
30	71	Pudukkottai	17,823	64,102	0.997702
31	107	Uthangarai	3,811	62,244	0.997455
32	103	Sattur	17,916	61,391	0.997214
33	152	Vriddhachalam	19,058	60,188	0.996912
34	156	Cuddalore	8,734	59,861	0.996785
35	164	Ramanathapuram	14,118	57,230	0.996220
36	36	Kancheepuram	12,784	56,638	0.996103
37	37	Chengalpattu	29,148	55,321	0.995873
38	47	Krishnarayapuram	8,431	53,109	0.995402
39	97	Manamadurai	23,018	52,371	0.995104
40	80	Nanguneri	3,373	51,982	0.994988
41	82	Cheranmahadevi	12,837	50,774	0.994755

S.No	AC No	Constituency	Victory Margin (2021)	Removed Voters (2026)	High Impact Probability
42	48	Ulundurpettai	9,335	49,618	0.994512
43	108	Gudiyatham	19,329	48,944	0.994104
44	68	Kumbakonam	21,276	47,829	0.993856
45	75	Orathanadu	6,243	46,991	0.993602
46	89	Aruppukkottai	14,782	45,870	0.993337
47	121	Sankarankovil	9,211	44,905	0.993101
48	133	Viluppuram	18,204	44,012	0.992884
49	52	Bargur	15,506	43,176	0.992643
50	144	Neyveli	11,873	42,589	0.992417

1.12 Conclusion: Visual Analysis and Logistic Regression

The visual analysis shows that in many constituencies, the number of voters removed in 2026 is higher than the victory margin from the 2021 election. This indicates that these constituencies are numerically sensitive, as voter roll changes are large enough to potentially matter in close contests.

The logistic regression model supports this observation by quantifying the same pattern. It shows that voter roll removals and roll change percentage are the strongest factors increasing the likelihood of a constituency being classified as High Impact, while larger victory margins significantly reduce this likelihood.

Together, the plots and the model lead to a consistent conclusion:

> When voter roll changes exceed historical victory margins, constituencies become more outcome-sensitive, especially in the absence of significant voter growth.

This analysis does not claim that election results have changed, but it highlights where accurate and careful voter roll revision is especially important in closely contested constituencies.