

Governorates and Electoral Districts of Tunisia, by Population and Allocation of Seats

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Governorate/ district	2011 pop. estimate	Seat allocation	Seat allocation (rounded-up)	Extra seats	Total seats	Region
Tunis 1	1,001,677	16.69	17	0	9	Greater Tunis
Tunis 2				0	8	
Ariana	503,475	8.39	8	0	8	
Ben Arous	582,160	9.70	10	0	10	
Manouba	371,474	6.19	6	1	7	
Nabeul 1	756,381	12.61	13	0	7	Cape Bon
Nabeul 2				0	6	
Bizerte	548,422	9.14	9	0	9	Bizerte
Zaghouan	171,046	2.85	3	2	5	Interior
Béja	306,827	5.11	5	1	6	
Jendouba	424,565	7.08	7	1	8	
Kef	257,093	4.28	4	2	6	
Siliana	234,586	3.91	4	2	6	
Kasserine	434,265	7.24	7	1	8	
Sidi Bouzid	413,870	6.90	7	1	8	
Kairouan	562,276	9.37	9	0	9	
Sousse	615,236	10.25	10	0	10	Sahel
Monastir	519,602	8.66	9	0	9	
Mahdia	397,882	6.63	7	2	8	
Sfax 1	936,627	15.61	16	0	7	Sfax
Sfax 2				0	9	
Gafsa	339,622	5.66	6	1	7	South
Tozeur	104,061	1.73	2	2	4	
Kébili	151,554	2.53	3	2	5	
Tataouine	146,959	2.45	2	2	4	
Gabès	363,465	6.06	6	1	7	
Médenine	457,258	7.62	8	1	9	
<i>Tunisia</i>	<i>10,439,600</i>			<i>22</i>	<i>199</i>	
<i>Expatriate</i>				<i>16</i>	<i>16</i>	
Total					215	

The Political Council of the Ben Achour commission agreed the following allocation of seats for the 2011 National Constituent Assembly elections. This allocation remains provisional and would need to be finalized by the ISIE and as a decree. In the current plan, at least one extra seat has been granted to governorates with fewer than 500,000. There might be some challenge to the number of expatriate seats. Population estimates are from the National Statistics Institute. Attached maps show the distribution of seats and population by governorate.

As far as we are aware, there was no detailed explanation of the criteria used in the Council's discussion for the allocation of expatriate seats, but we have been told that the 18 seats were distributed as follows:

France: 10 seats (split into 2 districts, possibly one covering northern France/Belgium)

Italy: 3 seats

Germany: 1 seat

Rest of Europe: 1 seat

Arab World: 3 seats

We understand that this distribution reflects the number of citizens registered with embassies and consulates in those countries. There will be no representation for expatriates in any other locations, such as the United States, Canada, or Australia. We also are waiting to see how the ISIE foresees PR closed list contests taking place in districts with just one seat.