

Distribution of parliamentary seats for the 2009 elections by electoral district

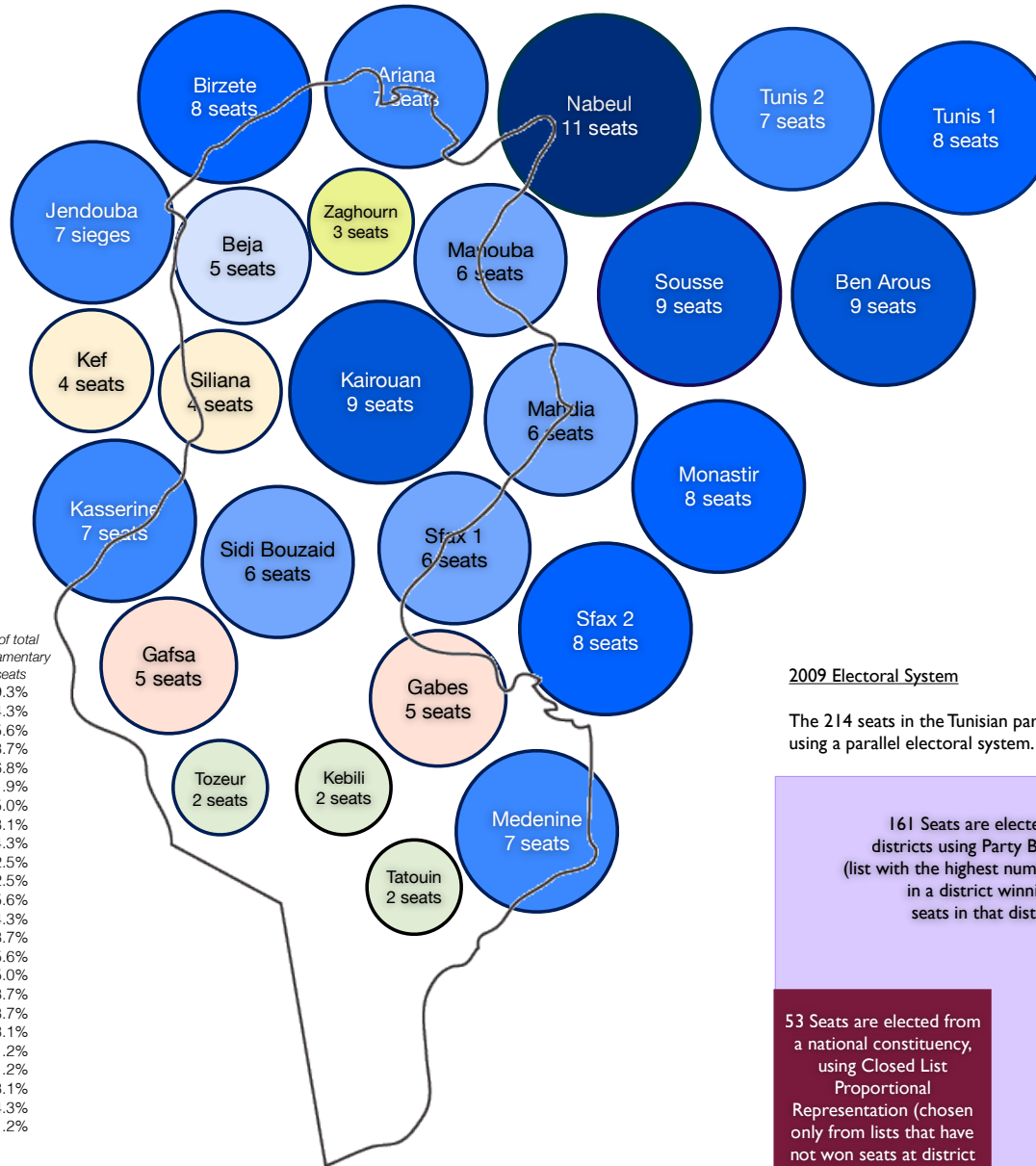
(Images shows the illustrative weight of the number of seats per district and the proportion of the population in each district)

Under the existing Electoral Code (Article 72), the number of seats contested for the 2009 Tunisian parliamentary elections was determined using a formula based on population data. There is one seat in parliament for every 48,700 of population (i.e. 214 seats in total).

Seats were allocated per district for every 65,000 of population in that district (see table below, bringing a total of 161 district seats).

The 54 seats not allocated to districts were reserved for allocation to a national constituency.

Note that information on the number of registered voters per electoral district for the 2009 elections is not publicly available.



2009 Population Data

Governorate	Estimated Population 2009	% of total population	Number of parliamentary seats	% of total parliamentary seats
Tunis	996.400	9.54%	15	9.3%
Ariana	483.500	4.63%	7	4.3%
Ben Arous	565.500	5.42%	9	5.6%
Manouba	363.000	3.48%	6	3.7%
Nabeul	744.200	7.13%	11	6.8%
Zaghouan	169.400	1.62%	3	1.9%
Bizerte	543.200	5.20%	8	5.0%
Béja	304.700	2.92%	5	3.1%
Jendouba	422.300	4.05%	7	4.3%
Kef	257.000	2.46%	4	2.5%
Siliana	234.100	2.24%	4	2.5%
Kairouan	558.200	5.35%	9	5.6%
Kasserine	427.700	4.10%	7	4.3%
Sidi Bouzid	408.800	3.92%	6	3.7%
Sousse	600.400	5.75%	9	5.6%
Monastir	505.200	4.84%	8	5.0%
Mahdia	394.100	3.78%	6	3.7%
Sfax	918.500	8.80%	14	8.7%
Gafsa	335.100	3.21%	5	3.1%
Tozeur	102.300	0.98%	2	1.2%
Kébili	148.600	1.42%	2	1.2%
Gabés	358.300	3.43%	5	3.1%
Médenine	453.300	4.34%	7	4.3%
Tataouine	145.800	1.40%	2	1.2%
Total	10439.600		161	

2009 data from National Institute of Statistics.
http://www.ins.nat.tn/en/donnees_demographiques01.php?code_indicateur=0201060&code_theme=0201

2009 Electoral System

The 214 seats in the Tunisian parliament are elected using a parallel electoral system.

161 Seats are elected from districts using Party Block Vote (list with the highest numbers of votes in a district winning all seats in that district)

53 Seats are elected from a national constituency, using Closed List Proportional Representation (chosen only from lists that have not won seats at district level)