

## General Election Results - 28 August 2006

On 2 May 2006, President Bharrat Jagdeo dissolved the National Assembly. Elections, originally scheduled for 4 August 2006, were subsequently held on 28 August 2006.

In the last elections in 2001, the ruling People's Progressive Party/Civic (PPP/C) won 34 seats in the 65-member National Assembly, while the main opposition People's National Congress Reform (PNCR) took 27.

Violent incidents followed street protests by PNCR supporters amid widespread criticism of irregularities in the elections.

Ten parties contested the 2006 elections. The principal parties were the ruling PPP/C led by President Bharrat Jagdeo and the PNCR, led by Mr. Robert Corbin, which renamed itself PNCR-One Guyana (PNCR-1G).

In recent elections, voting in Guyana has largely taken place along ethnic lines. Support for the PPP/C is high among the Guyanese of Indian descent, who account for 50 per cent of the population, while PNCR-1G has strong backing among the 36 per cent of the population of African origin.

A new party, the Alliance For Change (AFC), was formed in October 2005 by former members of the PPP/C. It urged voters not to vote along ethnic lines, under the slogan "Vote Change. Not Race".

The main issues in the 2006 elections were the economy, crime and drug trafficking. The PPP/C called on voters to approve its economic policies, which have reduced the country's foreign debt from the equivalent of 750 per cent of GDP to 12 per cent over the last 14 years.

The PNCR-1G accused the PPP/C-led government of failing to fight drug trafficking.

### ELECTION SNAPSHOT



### ELECTORAL SYSTEM

Proportional Representation

65 elected seats

### VOTER TURNOUT

Total Valid Votes	336,375
Invalid Votes	5,021
Total Votes Cast	341,426
Registered Voters	492,369
Voter Turnout	69.34%

### CRITICAL DATES

<b>Dissolution of House</b>	Tue, 02 May 2006
<b>Nomination Day</b>	Wed, 26 Jul 2006
<b>Polling Day</b>	Mon, 28 Aug 2006
<b>First Meeting of New Parliament</b>	Tue, 26 Sep 2006

The Government declared polling day a public holiday to further encourage citizens to vote. Fear of election-related violence caused many shops to remain closed on election day and the army was deployed to ensure security.

Nevertheless, no incidents were reported on polling day.

Approximately half a million people were eligible to vote in the country of 730,000 inhabitants. Turnout was recorded at 68.82 per cent, the lowest in recent years.

Some 160 international observers monitored the polls. The Organization of American States (OAS), which sent 120 observers, said the elections went off without any particular irregularities.

The OAS nevertheless noted a lack of information provided to voters in some polling stations. The Commonwealth Secretariat's long-term observer mission congratulated the people of Guyana for their "commitment to the democratic process".

The final results gave 36 seats to the ruling PPP/C, two more than in the 2001 elections. The PNCR-1G took 22, the AFC won five, while the remainder went to small parties. The PPP/C formed a government with the United Force (TUF), which had won one seat.

Voter turnout was 69.34%.

As the candidate of the winning party list, Mr. Bharrat Jagdeo was re-elected as President and was officially sworn in on 9 September 2006 for a second five-year term.

The newly-elected National Assembly held its first session on 28 September 2006 and re-elected Mr. Hari Narayen Ramkarran as its Speaker.

## SUMMARY RESULTS

Political Group	Code	Votes	% votes	Seats		
				Contituency	National	Total

					Top-up	
<a href="#">Alliance for Change</a>	<a href="#">AFC</a>	28,366	8.43%	1	4	5
Guyana Action Party/Rise Organise And Rebuild	GAP/ROAR	4,249	1.26%	-	1	1
Justice for All People	JFAP	2,571	0.76%	-	-	-
People's National Congress Reform - 1 Guyana	PNCR-1G	114,608	34.07%	9	13	22
<a href="#">People's Progressive Party/Civic</a> ✓	<a href="#">PPPC</a>	183,887	54.67%	15	21	36
<a href="#">The United Force</a>	<a href="#">TUF</a>	2,694	0.80%	-	1	1
<b>Total Valid Votes</b>		<b>336,375</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>65</b>

#### SEAT ALLOCATION BY REGION

Region	<a href="#">AFC</a>	GAP/ROAR	PNCR-1G	<a href="#">PPP/C</a>	<a href="#">TUF</a>	Total
<a href="#">Region 1</a>	-	-	1	1	-	2
<a href="#">Region 2</a>	-	-	-	2	-	2
<a href="#">Region 3</a>	-	-	1	2	-	3
<a href="#">Region 4</a>	1	-	3	3	-	7
<a href="#">Region 5</a>	-	-	1	1	-	2
<a href="#">Region 6</a>	-	-	1	2	-	3
<a href="#">Region 7</a>	-	-	1	1	-	2
<a href="#">Region 8</a>	-	-	-	1	-	1
<a href="#">Region 9</a>	-	-	-	1	-	1
<a href="#">Region 10</a>	-	-	1	1	-	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Top-up</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Total Seats</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>65</b>

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## NATIONAL TOP-UP SUMMARY

Region	Registered Voters	AFC	GAP/ROAR	JFAP	PNCR-1G	PPP/C	TUF	Valid Votes	Invalid Votes	Total Votes	Voter Turnout
<a href="#">Region 1</a>	12,273	1,006	217	29	1,041	4,473	233	6,999	384	7,383	60.16%
<a href="#">Region 2</a>	28,669	1,722	291	61	3,662	14,543	135	20,414	265	20,679	72.13%
<a href="#">Region 3</a>	69,459	2,805	186	679	10,890	34,671	78	49,309	705	50,014	72.01%
<a href="#">Region 4</a>	217,168	13,876	335	1,582	68,112	62,386	339	146,630	1,719	148,349	68.31%
<a href="#">Region 5</a>	34,071	877	-	64	8,770	15,904	61	25,676	359	26,035	76.41%
<a href="#">Region 6</a>	80,434	3,091	222	53	11,632	42,248	154	57,400	862	58,262	72.43%
<a href="#">Region 7</a>	10,686	918	845	43	1,846	2,420	133	6,205	131	6,336	59.29%
<a href="#">Region 8</a>	4,788	426	481	-	540	877	433	2,757	93	2,850	59.52%
<a href="#">Region 9</a>	9,910	479	1,589	29	903	3,176	1,054	7,230	217	7,447	75.15%
<a href="#">Region 10</a>	24,911	3,166	83	31	7,212	3,189	74	13,755	316	14,071	56.49%
<b>Total</b>	<b>492,369</b>	<b>28,366</b>	<b>4,249</b>	<b>2,571</b>	<b>114,608</b>	<b>183,887</b>	<b>2,694</b>	<b>336,375</b>	<b>5,051</b>	<b>341,426</b>	<b>69.34%</b>

## REGIONAL DEMOCRATIC COUNCIL RESULTS

Region	Registered Voters	AFC	GAP/ROAR	GN C	JFAP	L D	N DF	PNCR-1G	PPP/C	PR P	TUF	Valid Votes	Invalid Votes	Total Votes	Voter Turnout
<a href="#">Region 1</a>	12,273	931	198	-	33	-	-	1,046	4,468	-	273	6,949	432	7,381	60.14%
<a href="#">Region 2</a>	28,669	1,724	322	-	60	-	-	3,650	14,415	-	146	20,317	362	20,679	72.13%

<a href="#">Regi on 3</a>	69,459	2,710	183	-	957	-	-	10,782	34,307	-	123	49,062	836	49,898	71.84%
<a href="#">Regi on 4</a>	217,168	13,566	459	123	2,170	172	-	67,726	61,896	-	340	146,452	1,921	148,373	68.32%
<a href="#">Regi on 5</a>	34,071	850	-	31	77	-	-	8,710	15,769	105	57	25,599	435	26,034	76.41%
<a href="#">Regi on 6</a>	80,434	3,033	230	-	44	-	-	11,628	41,713	-	202	56,850	1,026	57,876	71.95%
<a href="#">Regi on 7</a>	10,686	746	868	-	50	-	-	1,958	2,449	27	143	6,241	179	6,420	60.08%
<a href="#">Regi on 8</a>	4,788	407	480	-	-	-	-	543	865	-	449	2,744	100	2,844	59.40%
<a href="#">Regi on 9</a>	9,910	414	1,734	-	21	-	-	871	3,073	-	1,090	7,203	242	7,445	75.13%
<a href="#">Regi on 10</a>	24,911	3,016	114	-	24	-	25	7,369	3,201	-	92	13,841	366	14,207	57.03%
<b>Total</b>	<b>492,369</b>	<b>27,397</b>	<b>4,588</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>3,436</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>114,283</b>	<b>182,156</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>2,915</b>	<b>335,258</b>	<b>5,899</b>	<b>341,157</b>	<b>69.29%</b>