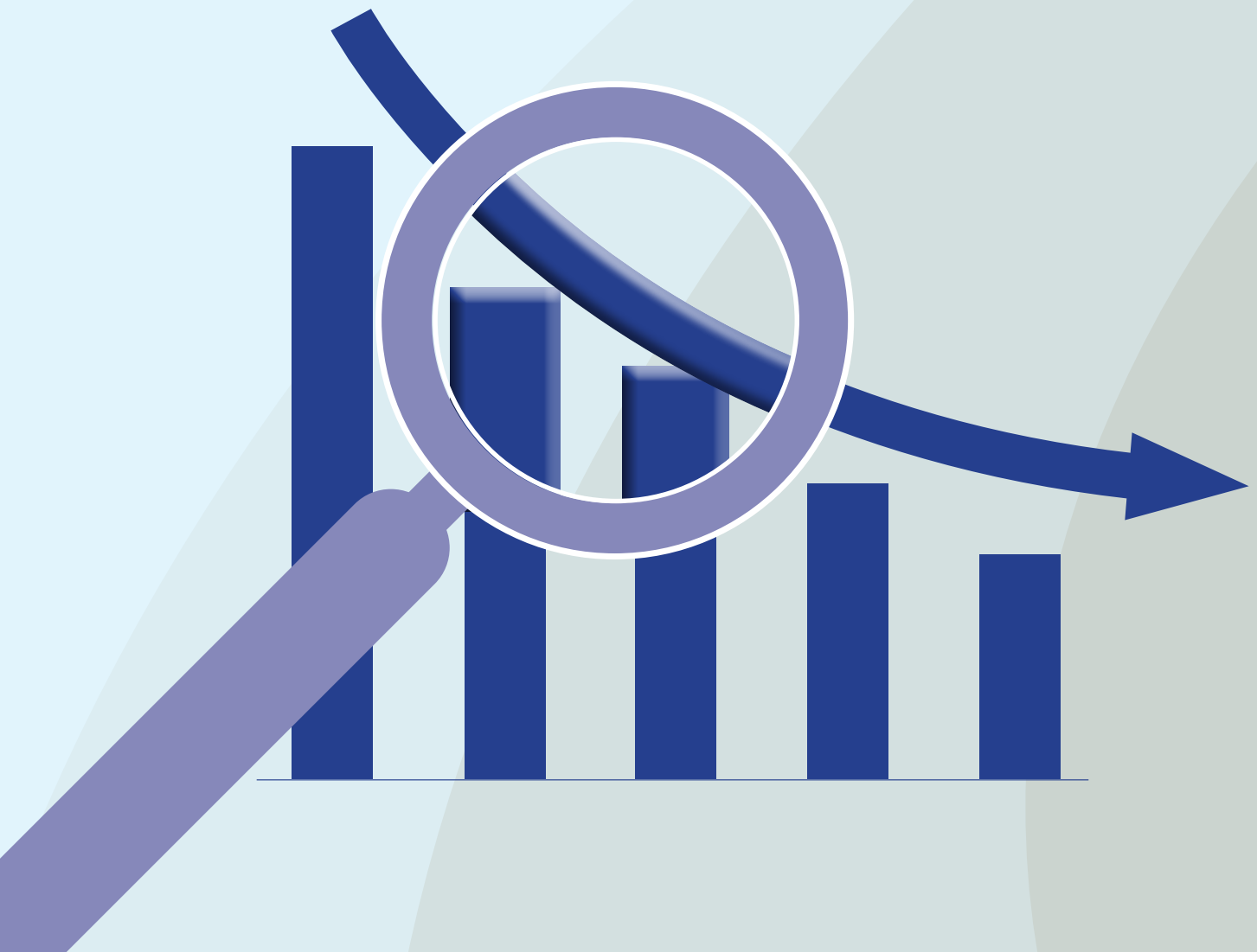


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Foreword

Periodic elections are regarded as the cornerstone of democracy. Through these elections, people exercise their right to choose representatives who will shape state policies. The foremost duty of these elected officials is to address the needs of the nation and its people by formulating laws, policies, rules, and programs. Moreover, they are responsible to implement constitutional provisions and laws while serving the interests of the public.

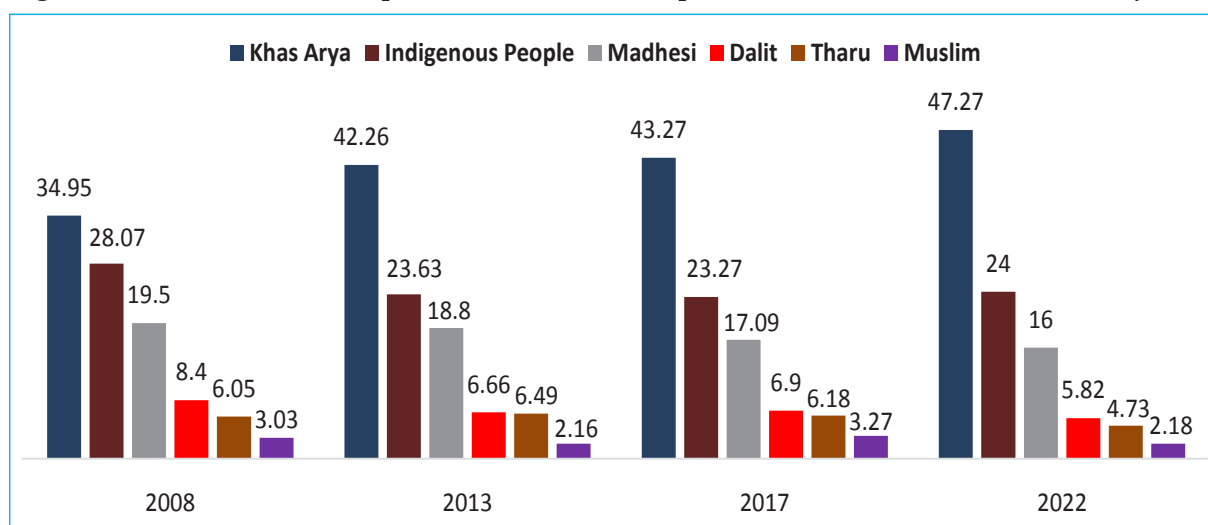
In Nepal, the Khas-Arya community has historically dominated the formulation of state policies, leading to a gender disparity where men hold the majority of powerful positions. Consequently, Indigenous People, Madhesi, Dalits, Tharus, Muslims, and other marginalized groups have faced consistent exclusion and marginalization. This led to numerous socio-political movements over a period of time, advocating for proportional representation of all communities in the institutions responsible for policy formulation and implementation. Consequently, the constitution includes a provision for a proportional representation system, aiming to guarantee equal representation of marginalized communities in the governance structures. However, the effective implementation of this principle remains elusive.

In the 2022 elections, 275 Members of Parliament were elected to the House of Representatives, and 550 Assembly Members were elected in seven provinces. These representatives were elected through a mixed electoral system- through a first-past-the-post and proportional representation system. At 753 local level, 293 Mayors/Deputy-Mayors, 460 Rural Municipality Chairpersons/Vice-Chairpersons, and 6,743 Ward Chairpersons were elected. Unfortunately, detailed and disaggregated data on the caste and gender of these elected representatives are not available in the public domain.

The Dignity Initiative has prepared this data booklet entitled "Election Results 2022: Data Analytics on the Status of Gender and Social Inclusion," with a special focus on the representation of gender and social inclusion in the Parliament, Provincial Assembly, and Local Government. This comprehensive data analysis of the election results is considered a valuable resource for political parties, policymakers, individuals, and social organizations actively working in the field of gender and social inclusion.

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Figure 1 : Electoral results of past four elections and representation of different caste/ethnicity



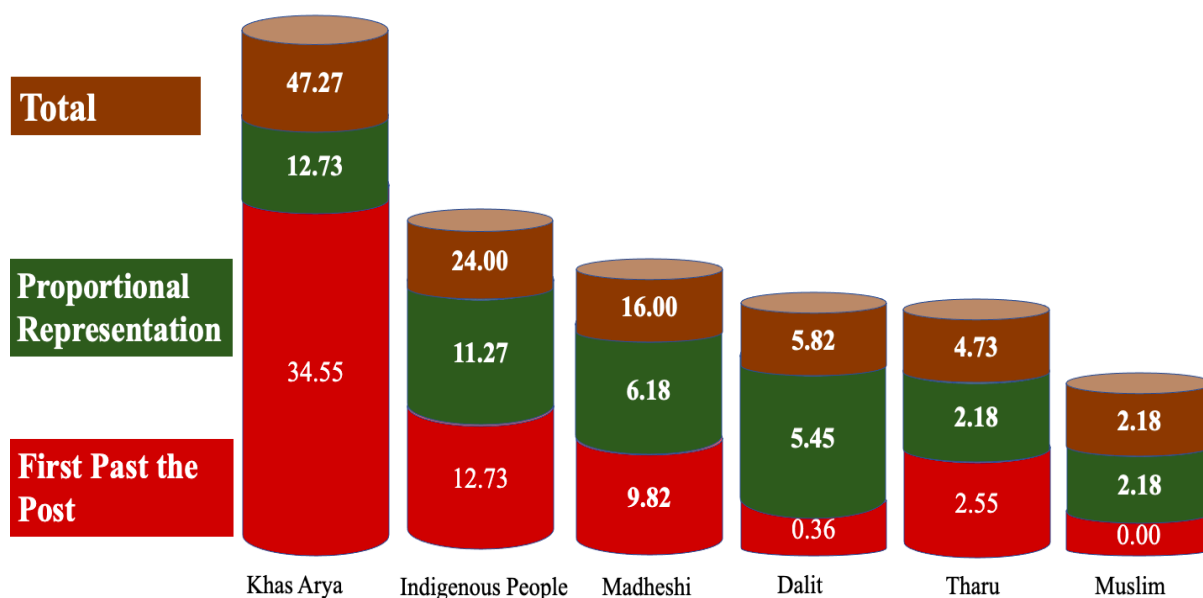
Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022

Table 1 : Representation of different gender and caste/ethnic groups in the House of Representatives (HoR) through first past the post (FPTP) and proportional representation (PR)

Caste/ Ethnicity	FPTP		Total (Percent)	PR		Total (Percent)	Total		Total (Percent)
	Men	Women		Men	Women		Men	Women	
Khas Arya	91	4	95 (57.58)	8	27	35 (31.82)	99	31	130 (47.27)
Indigenous People	33	2	35 (21.21)	5	26	31 (28.18)	38	28	66 (24.00)
Madhesi	25	2	27 (16.36)	4	13	17 (15.45)	29	15	44 (16.00)
Dalit	1		1 (0.61)	7	8	15 (13.64)	8	8	16 (5.82)
Tharu	6	1	7 (4.24)	1	5	6 (5.45)	7	6	13 (4.73)
Muslim				3	3	6 (5.45)	3	3	6 (2.18)
Total	156	9		28	82		184	91	275
Percentage	94.55	5.45	165 (100.00)	25.45	74.55	110 (100.00)	66.91	33.09	100.00

Source: Election Commission of Nepal and Dignity Initiative, 2022.

Figure 2 : Electoral result of HoR and community-wise representation



Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022

Table 2 : Representation of different caste/ ethnic groups in the parliament from different political parties

Political Party	Khas Arya (%)	Indigenous People (%)	Madheshi (%)	Dalit (%)	Tharu (%)	Muslim (%)	Total (%)
Nepali Congress	53 (59.55)	17 (19.10)	10 (11.24)	5 (5.62)	3 (3.37)	1 (1.12)	89 (100.00)
CPN (UML)	35 (44.87)	21 (26.92)	12 (15.38)	6 (7.69)	3 (3.85)	1 (1.28)	78 (100.00)
CPN (Maoist Center)	13 (43.33)	11 (36.67)	1 (3.33)	2 (6.67)	2 (6.67)	1 (3.33)	30 (100.00)
CPN (Unified Socialist)	6 (60.00)	3 (30.00)			1 (10.00)		10 (100.00)
Rastriya Swatantra Party	10 (50.00)	4 (20.00)	2 (10.00)	2 (10.00)	1 (5.00)	1 (5.00)	20 (100.00)
Rastriya Prajatantra Party	8 (57.14)	4 (28.57)	1 (7.14)	1 (7.14)			14 (100.00)
Janata Samajbadi Party	3 (25.00)	2 (16.67)	6 (50.00)			1 (8.33)	12 (100.00)
Janamat Party	1 (16.67)	2 (33.33)	2 (33.33)			1 (16.67)	6 (100.00)
Loktantrik Samajwadi Party			4 (100.00)				4 (100.00)
Nagarik Unmukti Party		1 (33.33)			2 (66.67)		3 (100.00)
Nepal Samajbadi Party			2 (100.00)				2 (100.00)
Rastriya Janamorcha	1 (100.00)						1 (100.00)
Nepal Majdur Kisan Party		1 (100.00)					1 (100.00)
Independent			4 (80.00)		1 (20.00)		5 (100.00)
Total	130 (47.27)	66 (24.00)	44 (16.00)	16 (5.82)	13 (4.73)	6 (2.18)	275 (100.00)

Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022.

Table 3 : Elected Dalit parliamentarians from both electoral system representing different political parties

Party	FPTP		Total	PR		Total	Total		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female		Male	Female	
Nepali Congress				1	4	4	1	4	5
CPN (UML)	1		1	3	2	5	4	2	6
CPN (Maoist Center)				1	1	2	1	1	2
Rastriya Swatantra Party				2	1	3	2	1	2
Rastriya Prajatantra Party					1	1			1
Total	1	-	1	7	9	15	8	8	16

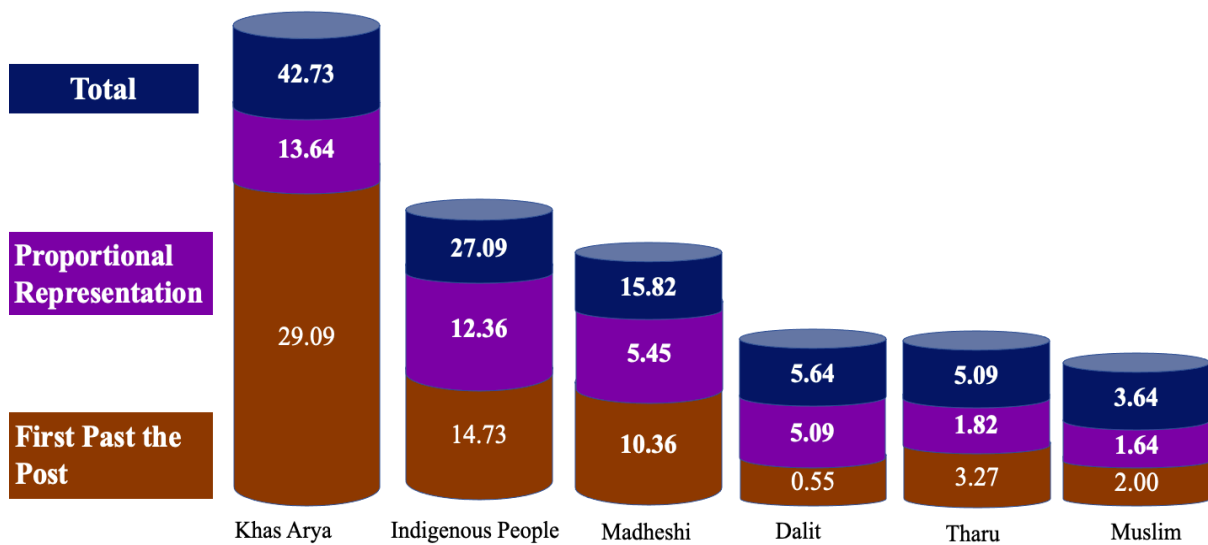
Source: Dignity Initiative, 2022

Table 4 : Representation of various caste/ethnicity in seven provincial assemblies

Caste/ Ethnicity	FPTP		FPTP Total	PR		PR Total	Total		Total	Percentage
	Male	Female		Male	Female		Male	Female		
Khas Arya	155	5	160	13	62	75	168	67	235	42.73
Indigenous People	75	6	81	9	59	68	84	65	149	27.09
Madhesi	55	2	57	6	24	30	61	26	87	15.82
Dalit	2	1	3	4	24	28	6	25	31	5.64
Tharu	18		18	1	9	10	19	9	28	5.09
Muslim	11		11	1	8	9	12	8	20	3.64
Total	316	14	330	34	186	220	350	200	550	
Percentage	95.76	4.24	100.00	15.45	84.55	100.00	63.64	36.36	100.00	100.00

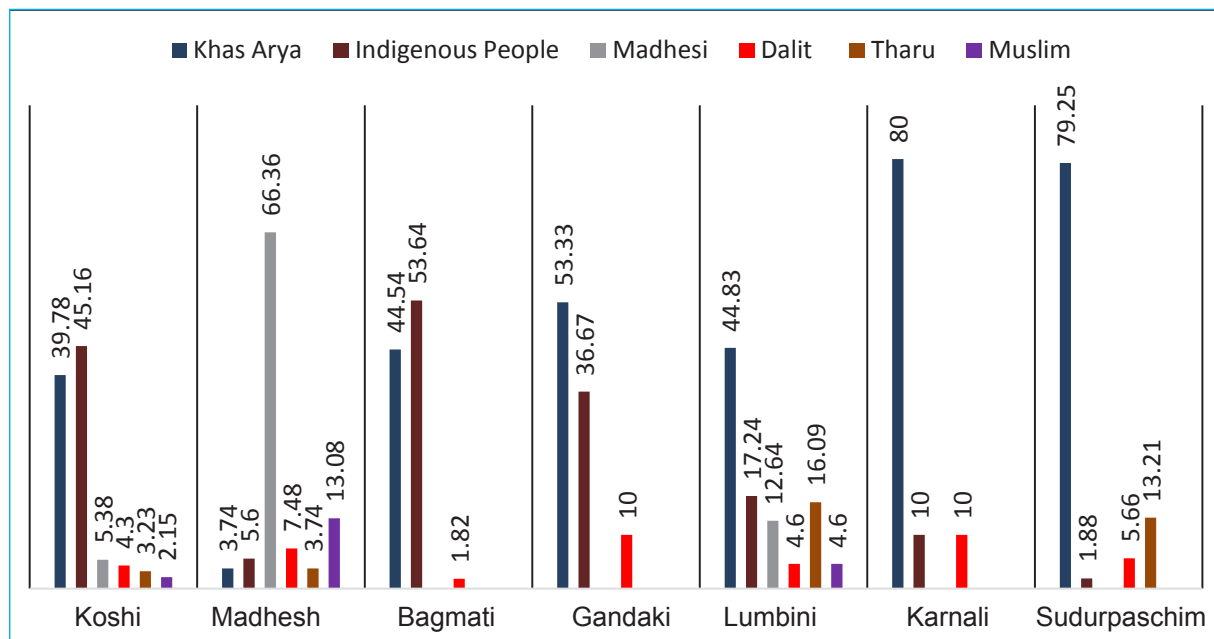
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Figure 3: Electoral result of the seven provincial assemblies and community-wise representation



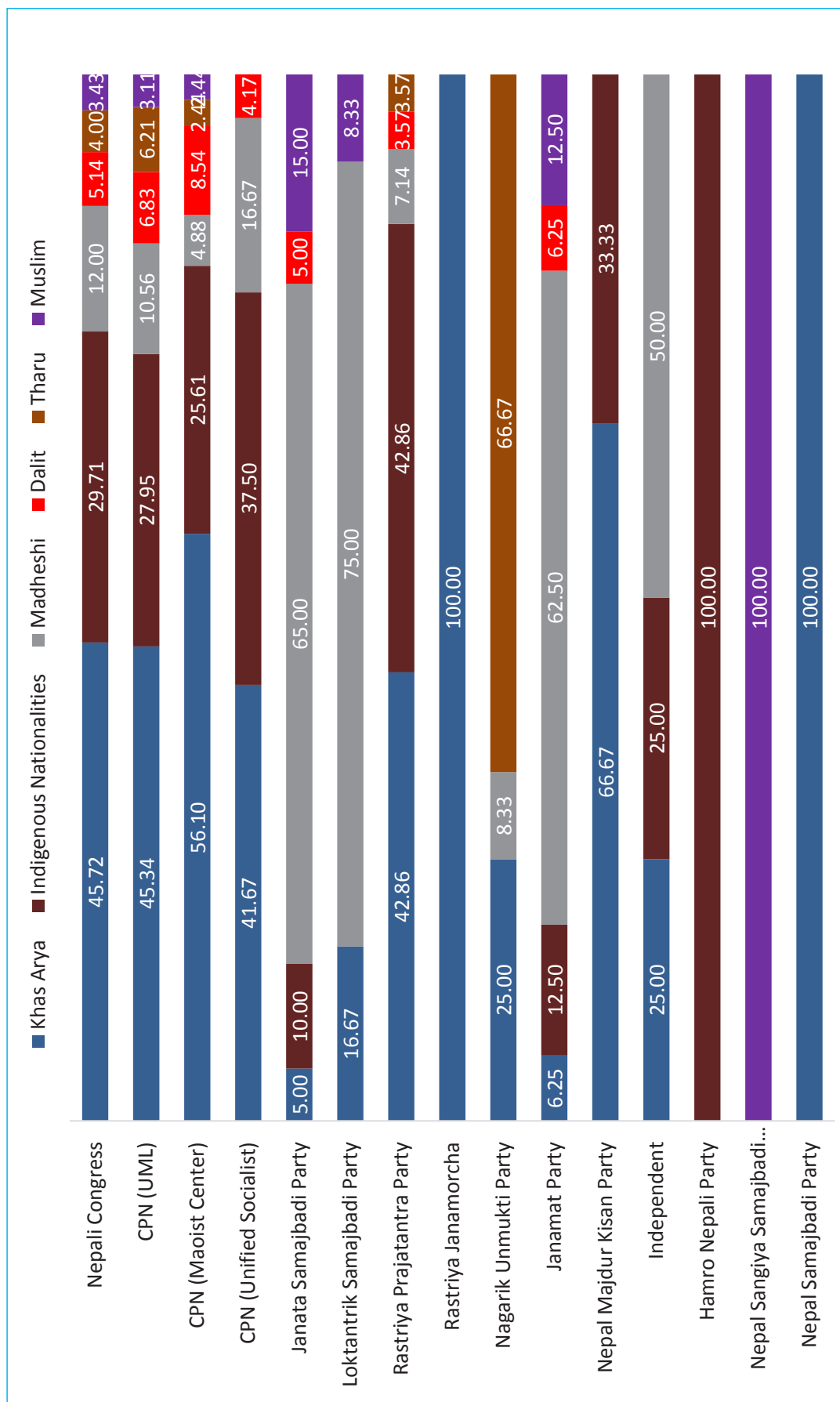
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Figure 4 : Representation of different social groups in the seven provincial assemblies



Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022

Figure 5 : Party-wise representation of different caste and ethnic groups in the seven provincial assemblies



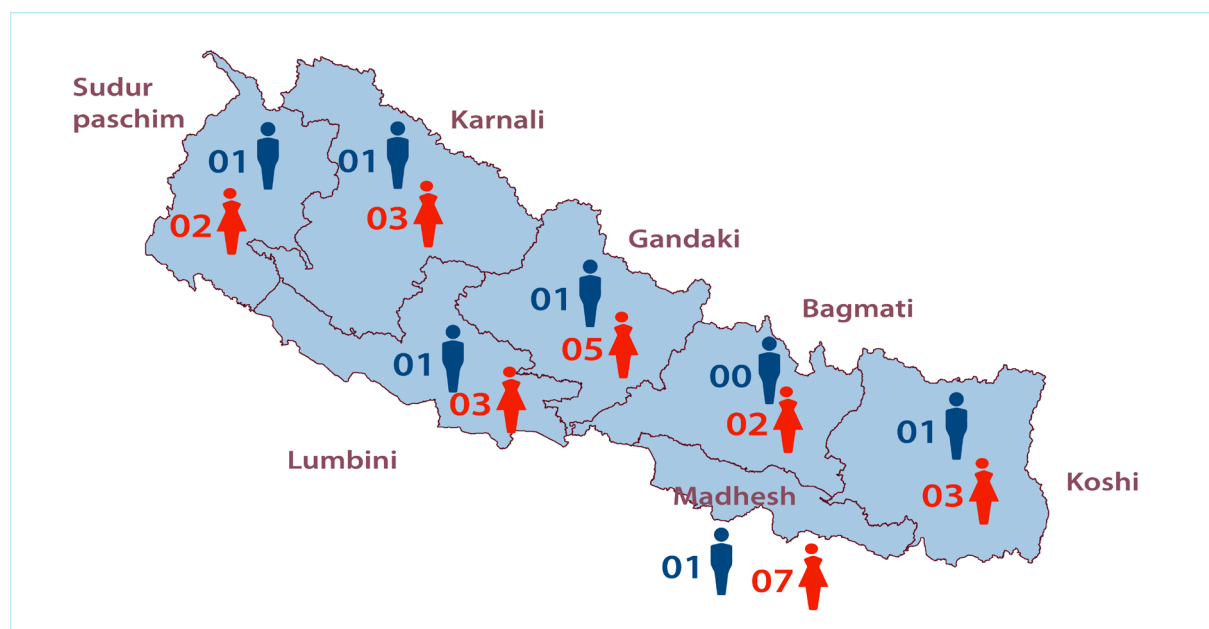
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Table 5 : Province wise Dalit representation in the provincial assemblies

Province	FPTP		Total	PR		Total	Total		Total
	Male	Female		Male	Female		Male	Female	
Koshi Province				1	3	4	1	3	4
Madhesh Province	1		1		7	7	1	7	8
Bagmati Province					2	2		2	2
Gandaki Province		1	1	1	4	5	1	5	6
Lumbini Province				1	3	4	1	3	4
Karnali Province	1		1		3	3	1	3	4
Sudurpaschim Province				1	2	3	1	2	3
Total	2	1	3	4	24	28	6	25	31

Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022

Figure 6 : Dalit representation in the seven provincial assemblies



Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022

Table 6 : Overall representation of various caste–ethnicity in the 753 local governments

Caste/Ethnicity	Men	Women	Total	Percentage
Khas Arya	8356	3215	11571	32.97
Indigenous People	657	2571	9148	26.06
Madhesi	3156	1145	4301	12.25
Dalit	865	6853	7718	21.99
Tharu	956	473	1429	4.07
Muslim	722	208	930	2.65
Total	20632	14465	35097	
Percentage	58.79	41.21		100.00

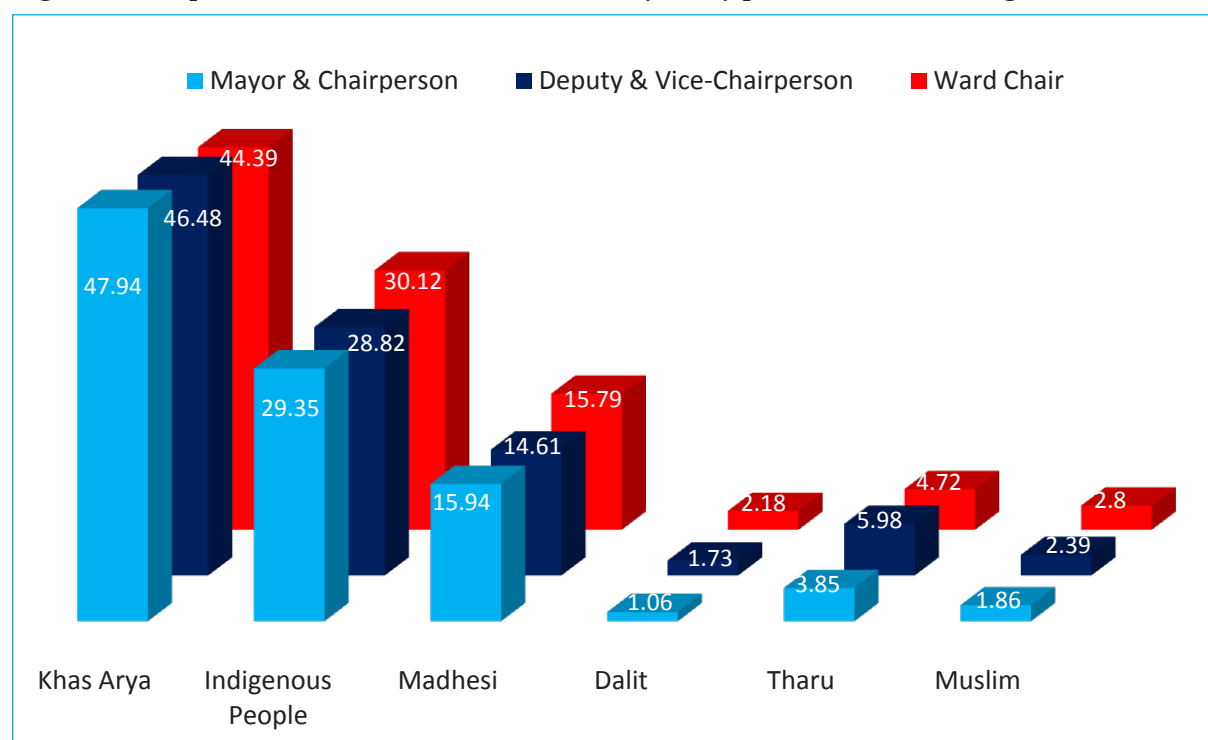
Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022

Table 7 : Representation of various caste–ethnicity in important position in the local governments

Caste/ Ethnicity	Mayor & Chair			Deputy Mayor & Vice Chair			Ward Chairs		
	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
Khas/Arya	346	15	361 (47.94)	103	247	350 (46.48)	2968	25	2993 (44.39)
Indigenous People	214	7	221 (29.35)	68	149	217 (28.82)	2005	26	2031 (30.12)
Madhesi	118	2	120 (15.94)	7	103	110 (14.61)	1056	9	1065 (15.79)
Dalit	8	0	8 (1.06)	2	11	13 (1.73)	145	2	147 (2.18)
Tharu	28	1	29 (3.85)	2	43	45 (5.98)	313	5	318 (4.72)
Muslim	14	0	14 (1.86)	3	15	18 (2.39)	187	2	189 (2.80)
Total	728	25	753	185	568	753	6674	69	6743
Percentage	96.68	3.32	100.00	24.57	75.43	100.00	99.01	1.02	100.00

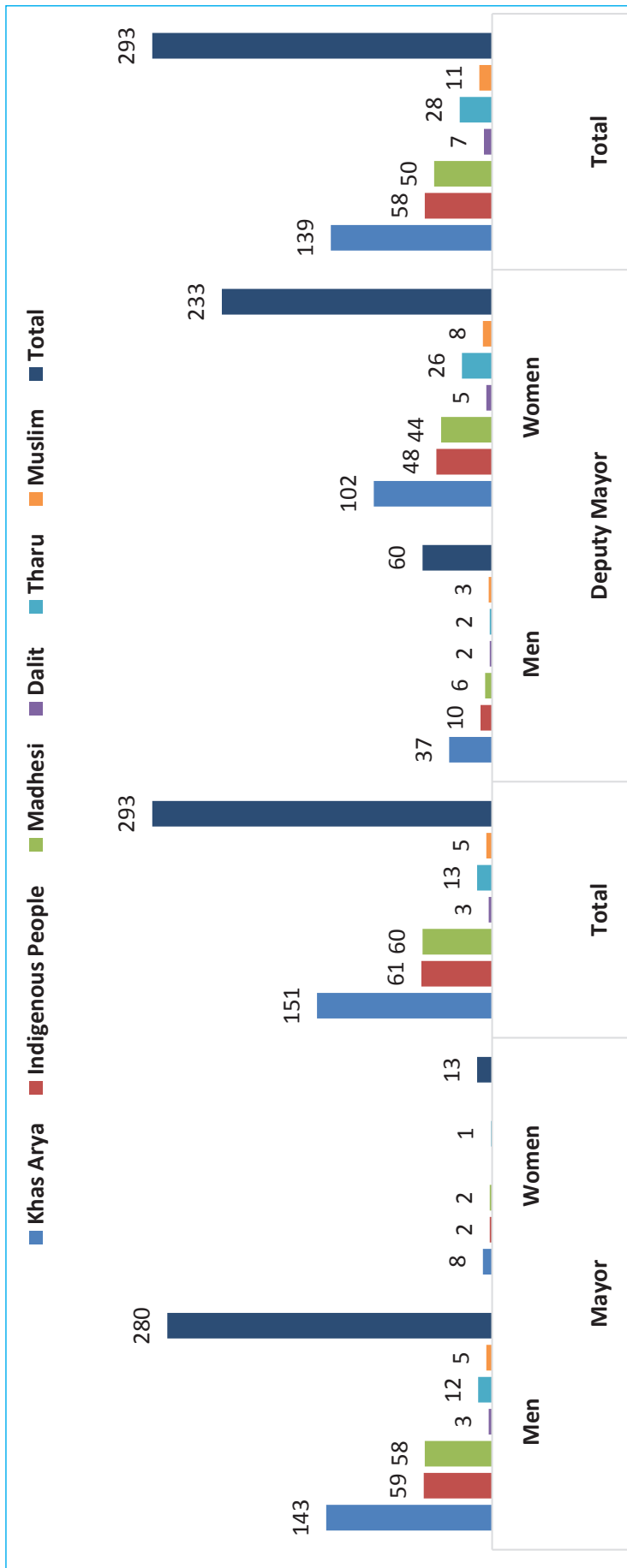
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Figure 7 : Representation of different caste/ethnicity in key positions within local government



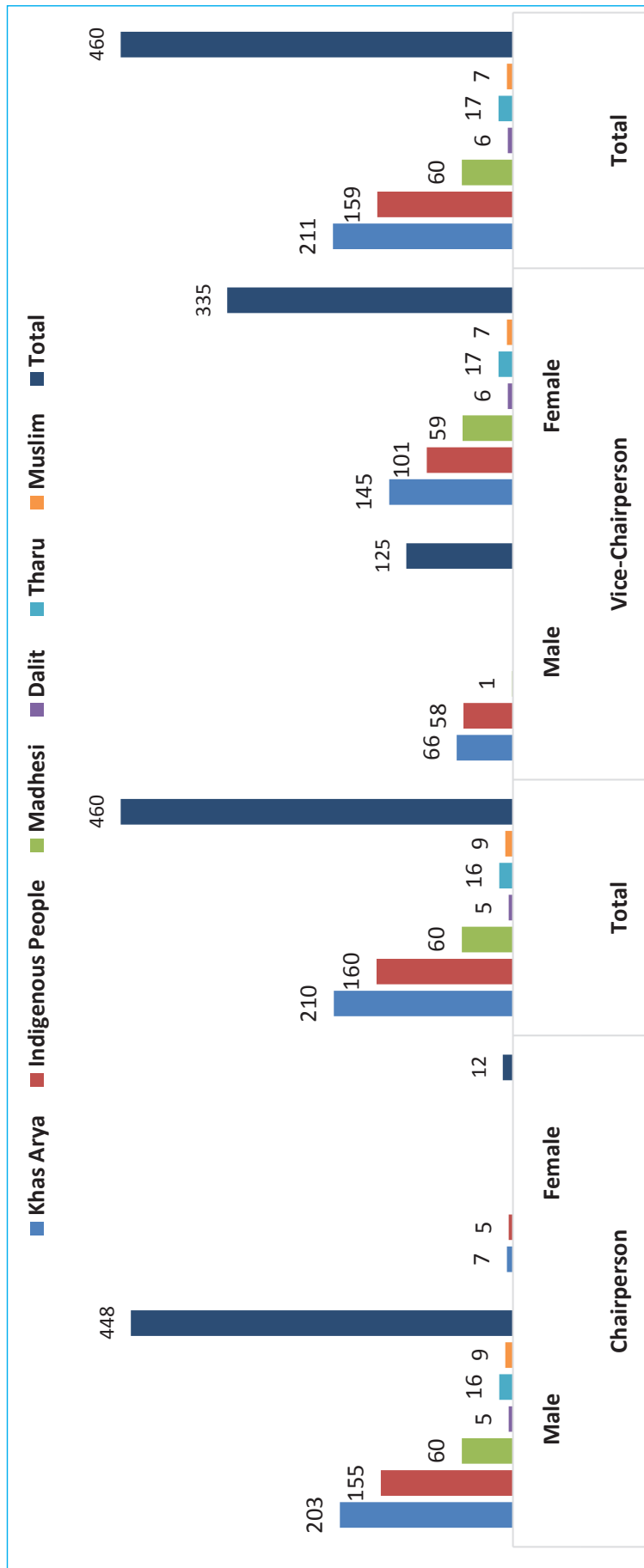
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Figure 8 : Gender-wise representation of different caste/ethnic groups in the position of chairperson and vice-chairperson in rural municipalities



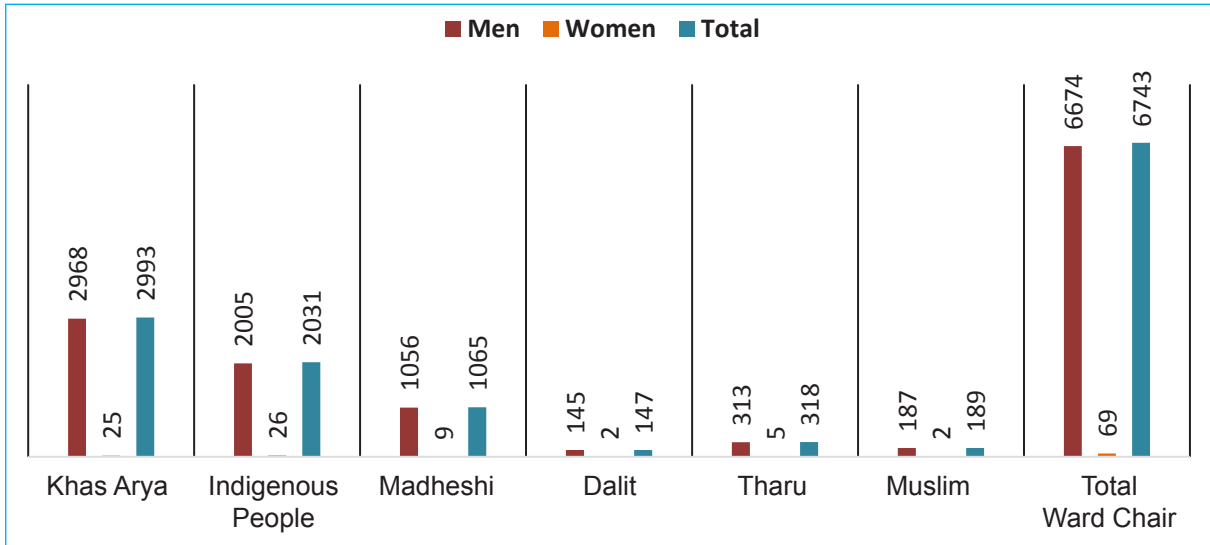
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Figure 8 : Elected chairperson and vice-chairperson from different gender, caste, and ethnic groups in rural municipalities



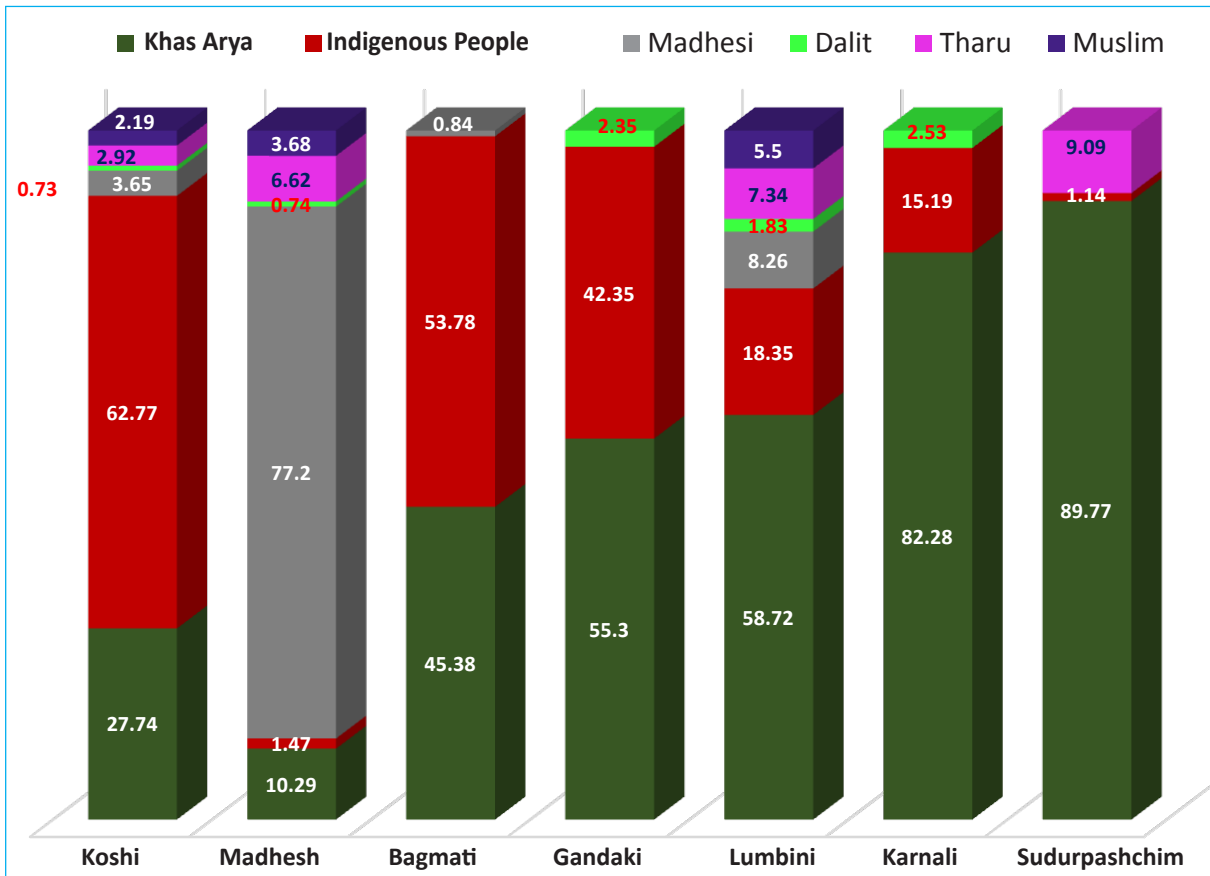
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Figure 9 : Gender-wise representation of different caste/ethnic groups in the position of ward chair



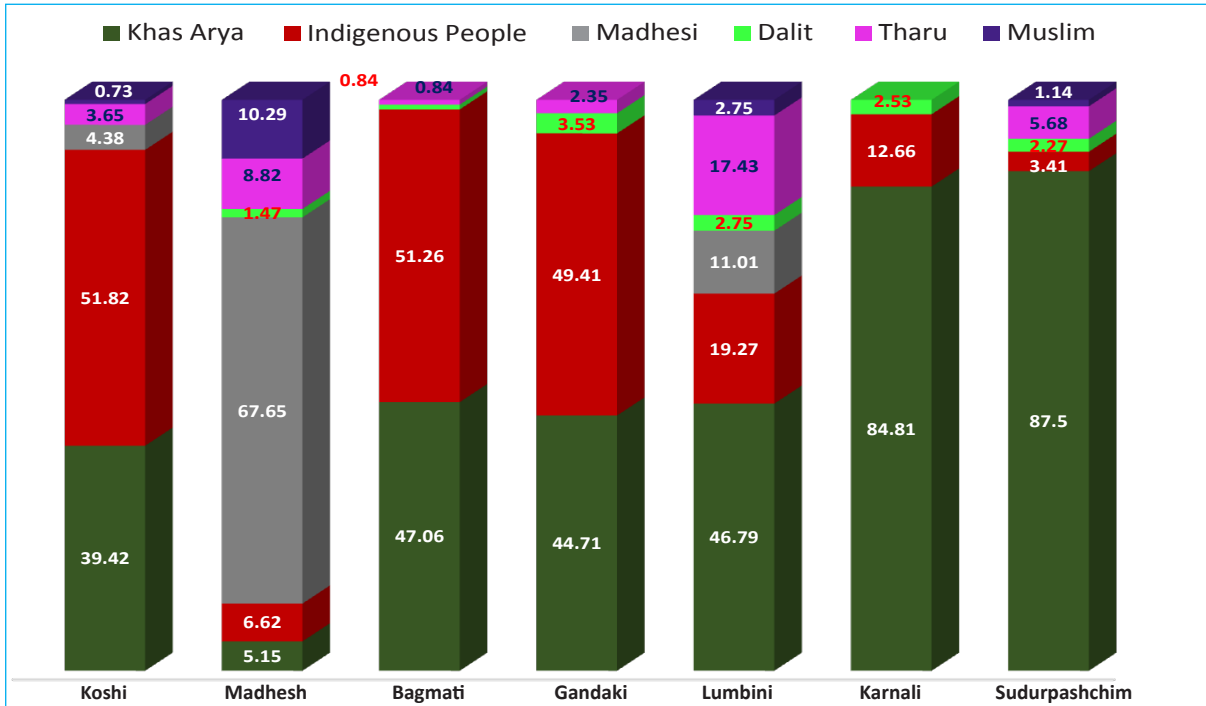
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Figure 10 : Province wise representation of caste/ethnic groups in the position of mayor and chairperson at the local government



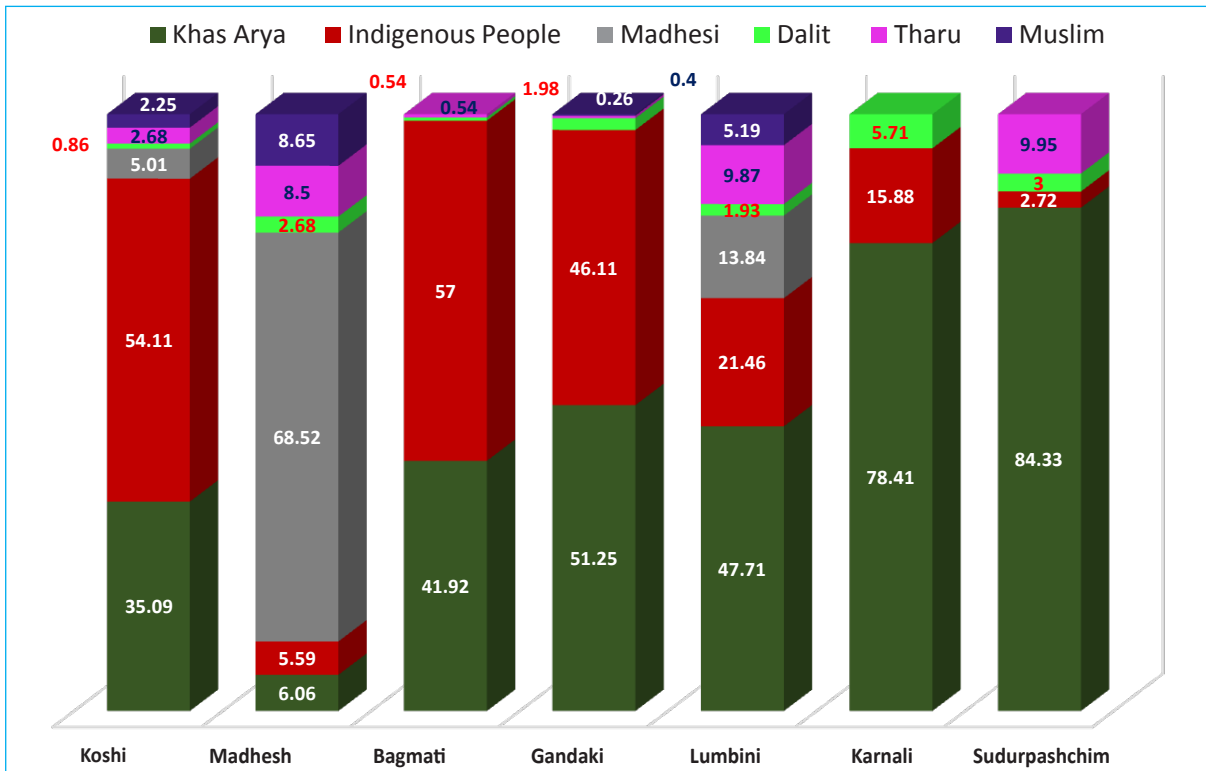
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Figure 11 : Caste/ethnicity wise representation of deputy mayor and vice chair in the seven provinces



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Figure: 12 : Caste/ethnicity wise representation of chairperson in the seven provinces



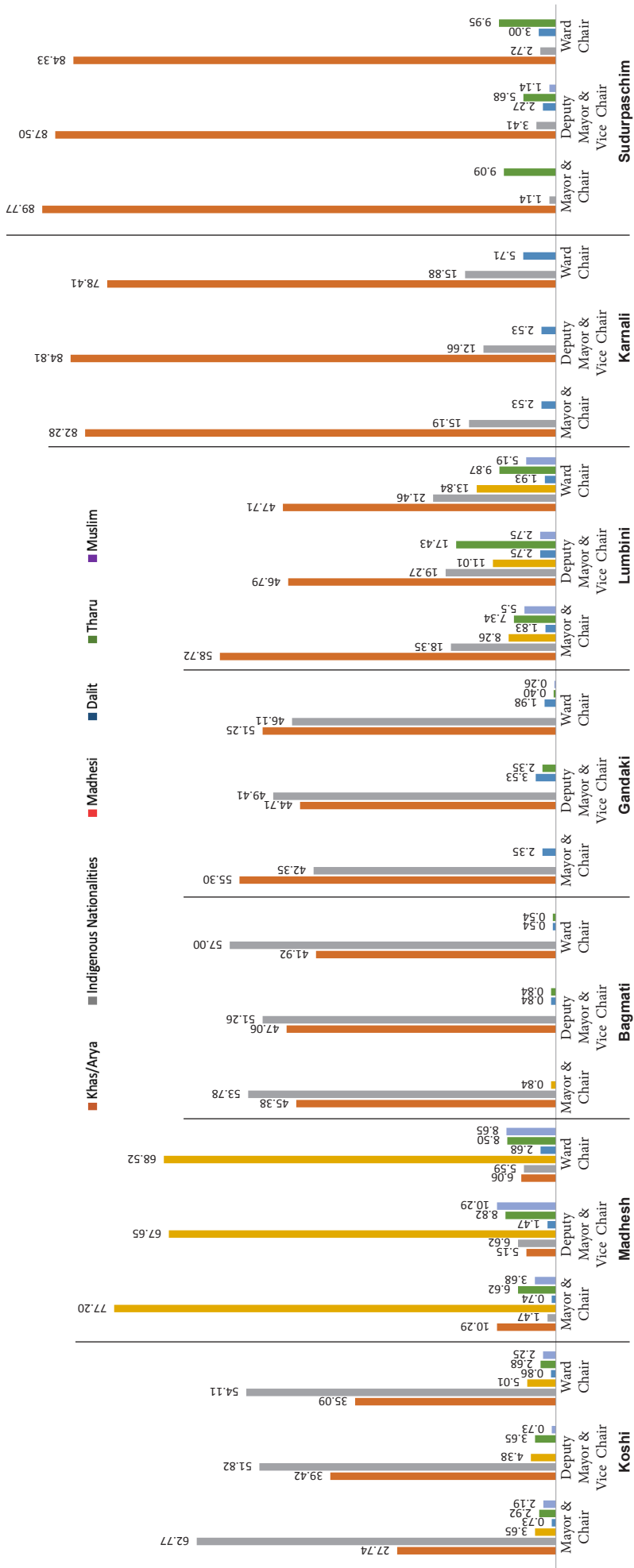
Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022

Table 8: Province wise Dalit representation in the local governments of all seven provinces

Province	Mayor		Total	Deputy Mayor		Total	Chairperson		Total	Vice Chairperson		Total	Ward Chair		Total	Members		Total	Total		
	Men	Women		Men	Women		Men	Women		Men	Women		Men	Women		Men	Women		Men	Women	Men
Koshi			-			-	1		1			-	10		10	44	1164	1208	55	1164	1219
Madhesh	1		1	1		1			-	1		1	33	1	34	180	1356	1536	214	1359	1573
Bagmati			-		1	1			-			-	6		6	29	1095	2744	36	1095	1131
Gandaki	1		1	1		1			1		2	2	14	1	15	69	752	821	86	755	841
Lumbini			-		1	1			2		2	2	19		19	108	1006	1114	129	1009	1138
Karnali	1		1	2	1	1			1		-	-	41		41	156	721	1935	199	723	922
Sudur paschim			-		1	1			-		1	1	22		22	124	746	870	146	748	894
Total	3	-	3	2	5	7	-	-	4	-	6	6	145	2	147	710	6840	7550	865	6853	7718

Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022

Figure 13 : Provincial representation of different caste/ethnicity in the local governments



Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022

Table 9 : Gender and caste/ethnicity representation in executive committees of the 753 local government

Caste/Ethnicity	Mayor & Chair		Deputy Mayor & Vice Chair		Ward Chair		Member		Total		Percentage
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Khas/Arya	346	15	103	247	2968	25	52	996	3469	1283	35.40
Indigenous People	215	6	68	149	2005	26	348	919	2636	1100	27.83
Madhesi	118	2	7	103	1056	9	238	378	1419	492	14.23
Dalit	8	0	2	11	145	2	852	1171	1007	1184	16.32
Tharu	28	1	2	43	313	5	16	135	359	184	4.04
Muslim	14	0	2	16	187	2	17	54	220	72	2.18
Total	729	24	184	569	6674	69	1523	3653	9110	4315	13425
Percentage	96.81	3.19	24.44	75.56	99.01	1.02	29.42	70.58	67.86	32.14	100.00

Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022

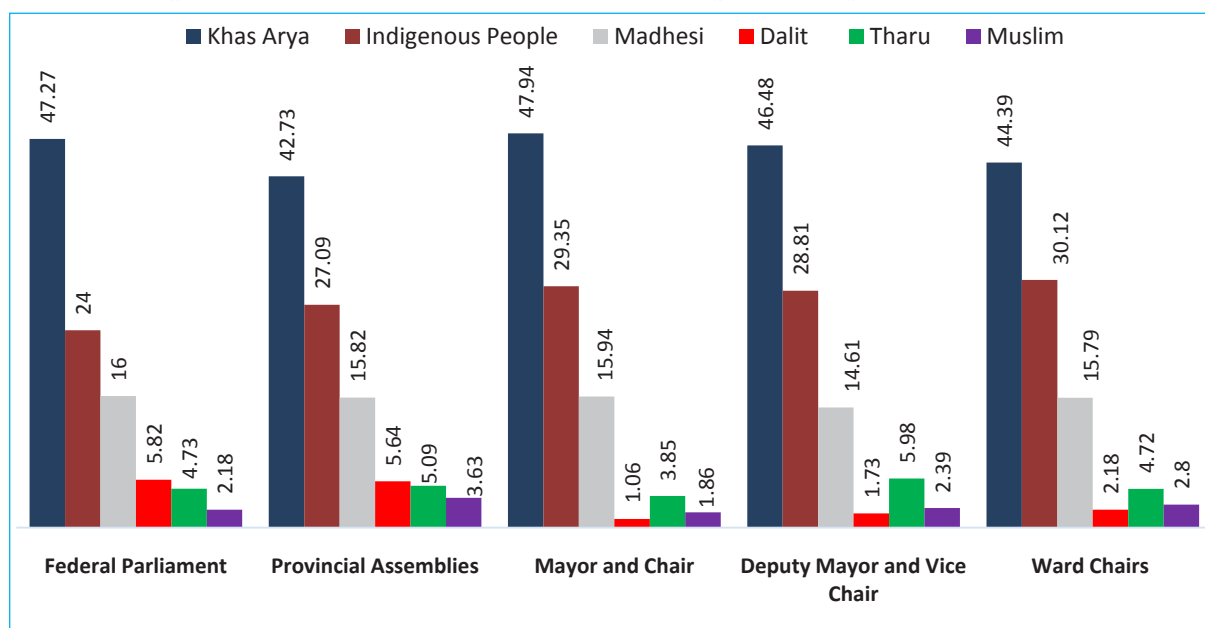
Table 10 : Province wise representation of Dalit in the executive committees of the 753 local governments

Province	Mayor & Chair		Deputy Mayor & Vice Chair		Ward Chair		Member		Total		Percentage
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Koshi Province	1				10		88	202	99	202	13.74
Madhesh Province	1			2	33	1	89	205	123	208	15.11
Bagmati Province			1		6		113	178	120	178	13.60
Gandaki Province	2		1	2	14	1	87	135	104	138	11.05
Lumbini Province	2			3	19		159	172	180	175	16.20
Karnali Province	2			2	41		156	149	199	151	15.97
Sudurpaschim Province				2	22		160	130	182	132	14.33
Total	8		2	11	145	2	852	1171	1007	1184	100.00

Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022

Note: Detailed data on the representation of different castes and gender at the local level under all provinces is included in Schedule 1.

Figure 14: Representation of different caste/ethnicity in Nepal's major policymaking bodies



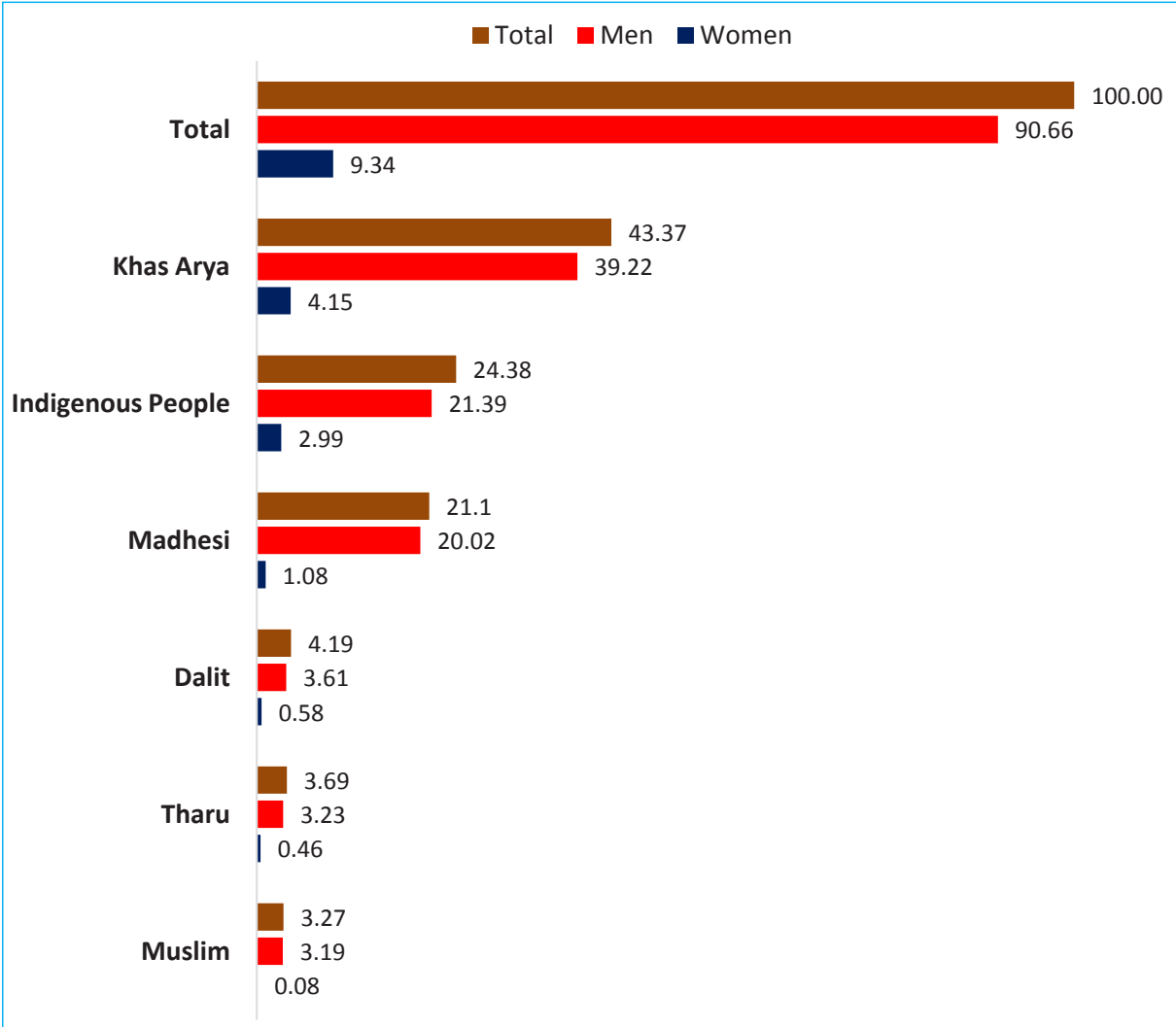
Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022

Table 11: Dalit representation in central committee of different political parties

Political parties	Central Committee	Dalit representation (percentage)
Nepali Congress	148	11 (7.43)
CPN (UML)	301	20 (6.64)
CPN (Maoist Centre)	236	23 (9.74)
CPN (Unified Socialist)	335	17 (5.07)
Rastriya Swatantra Party	40	3 (7.5)
Janata Samajwadi Party, Nepal	446	19 (4.26)
Democratic Samajwadi Party	215	10 (4.65)

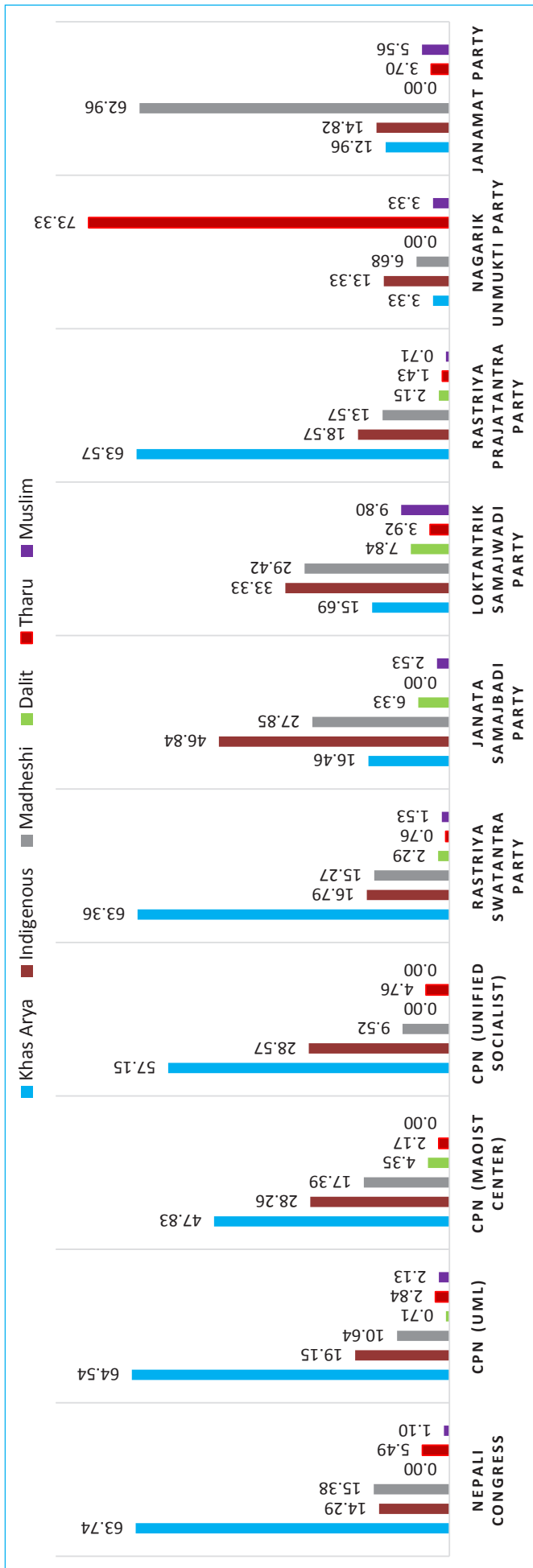
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Figure 15 : Candidates of different caste/ethnic groups in the HoR FPTP election, 2022



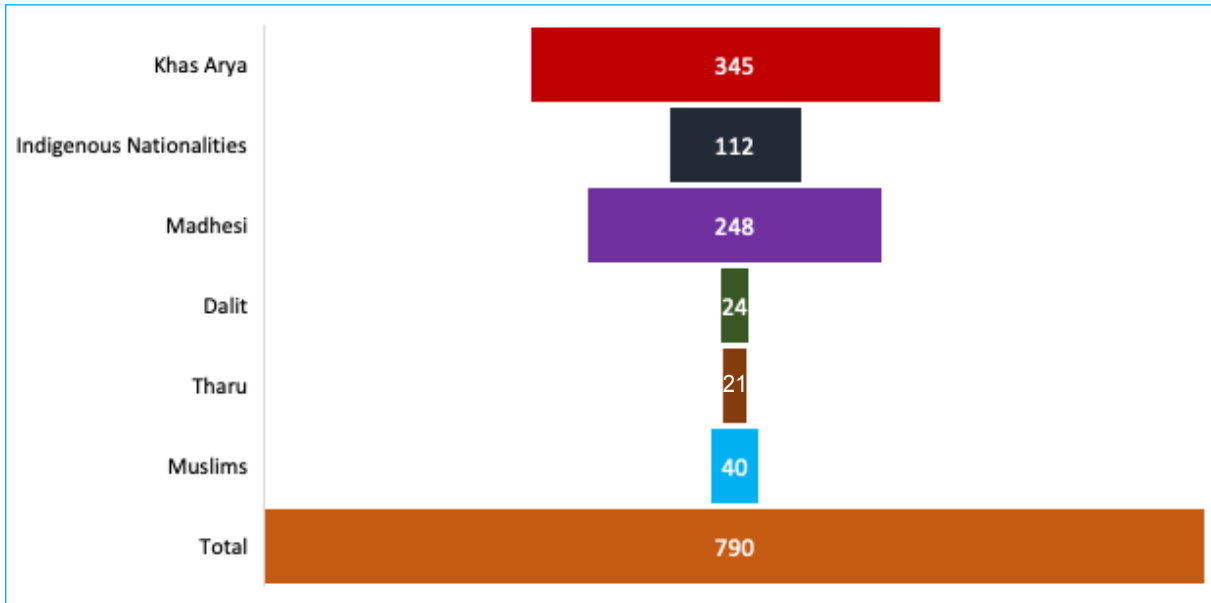
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Figure 16: Party wise candidates in the FPTP from different caste/ethnic groups in the HoR election, 2022



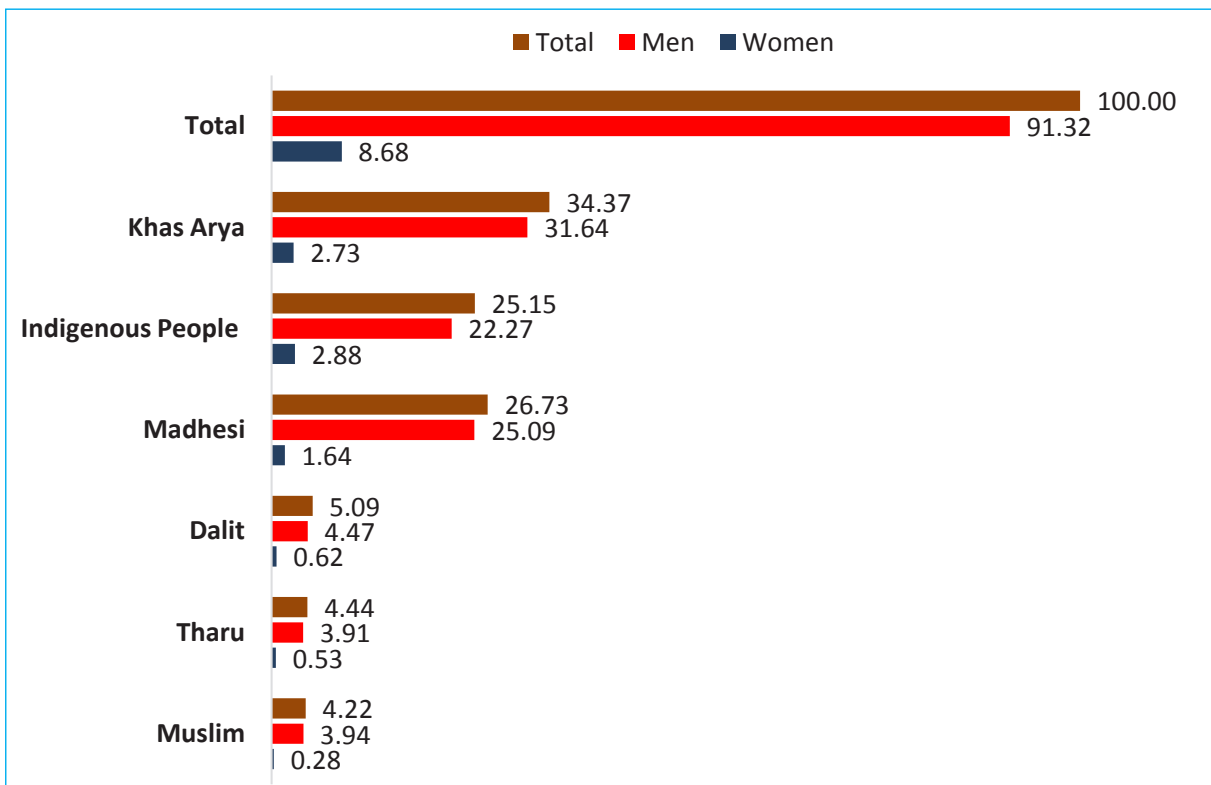
Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022

Figure 17 : Independent candidates from the different caste/ethnic groups in the HoR Election



Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022

Figure 18 : Candidates of different caste/ethnic groups in the provincial assembly from FPTP election, 2022



Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022

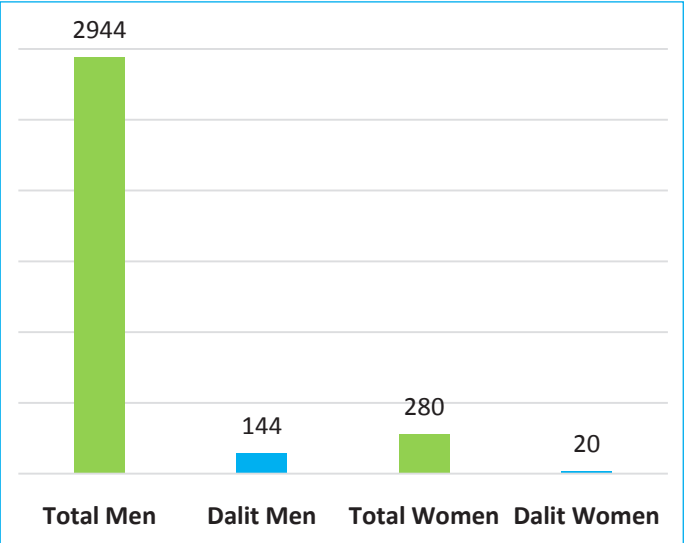
Table 12 : Province wise candidates from different caste/ethnic groups in the provincial assembly election

Caste/ Ethnicity	Koshi (%)	Madhesh (%)	Bagmati (%)	Kaski (%)	Lumbini (%)	Karnali (%)	Sudurpaschim (%)	Total (%)
Khas Arya	171 (33.53)	62 (6.16)	306 (45.81)	125 (53.19)	205 (41.41)	96 (82.76)	143 (74.09)	1108 (34.37)
Indigenous People	234 (45.88)	35 (3.48)	345 (51.65)	93 (39.57)	78 (15.76)	12 (10.34)	14 (7.25)	811 (25.16)
Madheshi	53 (10.39)	709 (70.41)	-	-	100 (20.20)	-	-	862 (26.74)
Dalit	19 (3.73)	71 (7.05)	16 (2.40)	13 (5.53)	29 (5.86)	7 (6.03)	9 (4.66)	164 (5.09)
Tharu	19 (3.73)	44 (4.37)	1 (0.15)	1 (0.43)	51 (10.30)	-	27 (13.99)	143 (4.44)
Muslim	14 (2.75)	86 (8.54)	-	3 (1.28)	32 (6.46)	1 (0.86)	-	136 (4.22)
Total	510 (100.00)	1007 (100.00)	668 (100.00)	235 (100.00)	495 (100.00)	116 (100.00)	193 (100.00)	3224 (100.00)

Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022

Figure 19 : Gender wise Dalit candidates in the provincial assembly election

Party	Men	Women	Total
Nepali Congress	0	0	0
CPN (UML)	3	1	4
CPN (MC)	5	0	5
Rashtriya Prajatantra party	6	0	6
Janata Samajbadi Party	7	1	8
Loktantirk Samajbadi Party	3	0	3
Janamat Party	4	1	5
Independent	40	10	50



Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022

Annex 1 : Province wise representation of different caste/ethnic groups at the local governments

Total representation at the 753 local governments

Caste/Ethnicity	Mayor		Deputy Mayor		Chairperson		Vice Chairperson		Ward Chair		Ward Member		Total		Total	Percentage
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women		
Khas Arya	143	8	37	102	203	7	66	145	2968	25	4939	2928	8356	3215	11571	32.97
Indigenous People	59	2	10	48	155	5	58	101	2005	26	4290	2389	6577	2571	9148	26.06
Madhesi	58	2	6	44	60	0	1	59	1056	9	1975	1031	3156	1145	4301	12.25
Dalit	3	0	2	5	5	0	6	145	2	710	6840	865	6853	7718	21.99	
Tharu	12	1	2	26	16	0	17	313	5	613	424	956	473	1429	4.07	
Muslim	5	0	3	8	9	0	7	187	2	518	191	722	208	930	2.65	
Total	280	13	60	233	448	12	125	335	6674	69	13045	13803	20632	14465	35097	100.00
Percentage	95.56	4.44	20.48	79.52	97.39	2.61	27.17	72.83	98.98	1.02	48.59	51.41	58.79	41.21		

Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022

Koshi Province

Caste/Ethnicity	Mayor		Deputy Mayor		Chairperson		Vice Chairperson		Ward Chair		Ward Member		Total		Total	Percentage
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women		
Khas/Arya	21	1	5	26	15	1	9	14	405	1	687	377	1142	420	1562	25.81
Indigenous People	24	1	2	12	58	3	20	37	623	3	1291	719	2018	775	2793	46.15
Madhesi	1	0	0	2	4	0	0	4	58	0	113	48	176	54	230	3.80
Dalit	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	10	0	44	1164	55	1164	1219	20.14
Tharu	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	3	30	1	58	43	92	49	141	2.33
Muslim	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	26	0	62	15	91	16	107	1.77
Total	47	2	7	42	84	4	29	59	1152	5	2255	2366	3574	2478	6052	100.00
Percentage	95.92	4.08	14.29	85.71	95.45	4.55	32.95	67.05	99.57	0.43	48.80	51.20	59.05	40.95		

Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022

Madhesh Province

Caste/Ethnicity	Mayor		Deputy Mayor		Chairperson		Vice Chairperson		Ward Chair		Ward Member		Total		Percentage	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women		
Khas/Arya	12	1	2	3	1	0	0	2	77	0	101	77	193	83	276	4.17
Indigenous People	1	0	0	8	1	0	0	1	70	1	147	108	219	118	337	5.09
Madhesi	53	2	5	40	50	0	0	47	864	7	1571	844	2543	940	3483	52.61
Dalit	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	33	1	180	1356	214	1359	1573	23.76
Tharu	4	1	0	8	4	0	0	4	107	1	127	109	242	123	365	5.51
Muslim	2	0	2	8	3	0	0	4	108	2	325	133	440	147	587	8.87
Total	73	4	9	68	59	0	0	59	1259	12	2451	2627	3851	2770	6621	100.00
Percentage	94.81	5.19	11.69	88.31	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	99.06	0.94	48.27	51.73	58.16	41.84		

Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022

Bagmati Province

Caste/Ethnicity	Mayor		Deputy Mayor		Chairperson		Vice Chairperson		Ward Chair		Ward Member		Total		Percentage	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women		
Khas/Arya	22	2	9	15	28	2	15	17	464	6	748	464	1286	506	1792	30.86
Indigenous People	19	1	5	14	43	1	19	23	633	6	1384	695	2103	740	2843	48.97
Madhesi	1	0							0	0	0	1	1	1	2	0.03
Dalit	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	29	1095	36	1095	1131	19.48
Tharu	0	0	1	0					6	0	17	13	24	13	37	0.64
Muslim	0	0	0	0					0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0.02
Total	42	3	16	29	71	3	34	40	1109	12	2178	2269	3450	2356	5806	100.00
Percentage	93.33	6.67	35.56	64.44	95.95	4.05	45.95	54.05	98.93	1.07	48.98	51.02	59.42	40.58		

Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022

Gandaki Province

Caste/Ethnicity	Mayor		Deputy Mayor		Chairperson		Vice Chairperson		Ward Chair		Ward Member		Total		Total	Percentage
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women		
Khas Arya	20	0	4	13	24	3	5	16	387	2	664	165	1104	199	1303	35.06
Indigenous People	6	0	1	6	30	0	12	23	339	11	707	392	1095	432	1527	41.09
Madhesi									0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0.03
Dalit	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	14	1	69	752	86	755	841	22.63
Tharu	0	0	0	2					3	0	12	7	15	9	24	0.65
Muslim	0	0	0	0					2	0	12	6	14	6	20	0.54
Total	27	0	6	21	55	3	17	41	745	14	1464	1323	2314	1402	3716	100.00
Percentage	100.00		22.22	77.78	94.83	5.17	29.31	70.69	98.16	1.84	52.53	47.47	62.27	37.73		

Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022

Lumbini Province

Caste/Ethnicity	Mayor		Deputy Mayor		Chairperson		Vice Chairperson		Ward Chair		Ward Member		Total		Total	Percentage
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women		
Khas Arya	20	1	3	13	43	0	10	25	463	6	714	420	1253	465	1718	33.47
Indigenous People	5	0	1	4	14	1	3	13	206	5	442	276	671	299	970	18.90
Madhesi	3	0	1	2	6	0	1	8	134	2	291	137	436	149	585	11.40
Dalit	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	19	0	108	1006	129	1009	1138	22.17
Tharu	4	0	0	10	4	0	0	9	96	1	232	152	336	172	508	9.90
Muslim	3	0	1	0	3	0	0	2	51	0	119	35	177	37	214	4.17
Total	35	1	6	30	72	1	14	59	969	14	1906	2026	3002	2131	5133	100.00
Percentage	97.22	2.78	16.67	83.33	98.63	1.37	19.18	80.82	98.58	1.42	48.47	51.53	58.48	41.52		

Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022

Karnali Province

Caste/Ethnicity	Mayor		Deputy Mayor		Chairperson		Vice Chairperson		Ward Chair		Ward Member		Total		Percentage	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women		
Khas Arya	20	1	6	14	43	1	15	32	557	6	937	569	1578	623	2201	59.31
Indigenous People	3	0	1	2	9	0	4	3	114	0	274	173	405	178	583	15.71
Madhesi									0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Dalit	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	41	0	156	721	199	723	922	24.85
Tharu									0	0	2	2	2	2	4	0.11
Muslim									0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0.03
Total	24	1	7	18	53	1	19	35	712	6	1369	1466	2184	1527	3711	100.00
Percentage	96.00	4.00	28.00	72.00	98.15	1.85	35.19	64.81	99.16	0.84	48.29	51.71	58.85	41.15		

Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022

Sudurpaschim Province

Caste/Ethnicity	Mayor		Deputy Mayor		Chairperson		Vice Chairperson		Ward Chair		Ward Member		Total		Percentage	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women		
Khas Arya	28	2	8	18	49	0	12	39	615	4	1088	636	1800	699	2499	65.11
Indigenous People	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	20	0	45	26	66	29	95	2.48
Madhesi									0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Dalit	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	22	0	124	746	146	748	894	23.29
Tharu	3	0	1	4	5	0	0	1	71	2	165	98	245	105	350	9.12
Muslim									0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Total	32	2	9	25	54	0	12	42	728	6	1422	1506	2257	1581	3838	100.00
Percentage	94.12	5.88	26.47	73.53	100.00	0.00	22.22	77.78	99.18	0.82	48.57	51.43	58.81	41.19		

Source: Election Commission and Dignity Initiative, 2022

Dignity Initiative is a Kathmandu-based research organization which focuses on issues of Dalits and marginalized communities in Nepal. It has been established by Dalit academics, researchers, writers and activists. In Nepal, there is still economic exclusion, political marginalization, untouchability and discrimination based on a caste based economic-political system. To end all kinds of discriminatory practices, ensure justice, liberty and dignified life to everyone; Dalits in Nepal have been struggling for seven decades. The result of the struggle has provided some constitutional and legal rights and there has been a reduction in discrimination against the Dalit community in some respects. However, researchers, critics and public intellectuals have historically ignored issues pertaining to the Dalit community. Dignity Initiative aims to rectify this by actively working on a multi-dimensional approach to the Dalit community through research and knowledge production as well as critical engagement in public debates to help the Dalit movement.



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