



## Number of Candidates for Governorates Councils & Quantitative Comparisons of Candidates

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- **RASED: 1315 candidates for Governorates councils, including 120 women.**
- **60% of Governorates councils' electoral districts did not receive any applications of female candidate.**
- **37 candidates for Governorates councils in Aqaba's first electoral district.**
- **The 16<sup>th</sup> electoral district in Amman (Sweileh) marked the highest competitiveness level nationally with 11 candidates for each seat.**

During monitoring the electoral process by RASED team in general and in the registration process for candidates and electoral campaigns in particular, RASED team reviewed the information of candidates for the governorates councils in all governorates of the Kingdom believing in the need to publish all information related to candidates for Jordanian citizens, RASED conducted comparisons for candidates of governorates councils, one of the studies to be published successively in the coming period.

The analysis of the data gathered by RASED after the registration process for candidates for municipal and governorates councils' elections which ended in 5 / 7 / 2017 indicates that the number of candidates registered for decentralization elections reached 1315 candidates including 120 women distributed over 158 electoral district across Jordan.

The final numbers shows that Amman received the highest number of candidates with 230 male/female candidates and a percentage of 17.5% of all candidates nationally, followed by Irbid b with 187 candidates, 14.2% of all candidates. Aqaba received the least number of candidates registering for the governorates councils elections with 55 candidates 4.2% of the total number candidates. The comparisons results also shows that 4 governorates (Amman, Irbid, Mafraq, and Zarqa) have 690 candidates which equals 52.5% of total number of candidates all over Jordan.



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The report showed that the competitiveness index of one seat for all candidates in the Kingdom was 4.3 male/female candidates competing for one seat in the Kingdom. In terms of competitiveness of the seat on governorates level, which means the highest number of candidates whose competing for each seat in the governorates council was in Ajloun Governorate with 5.2 male/female candidates for each seat, followed by Balqa with 4.6 male/female candidates per seat. Aqaba and Jerash marked the least competitiveness index with 3.7 male/female candidates for each seat.

The total number of female candidates for the governorates councils elections reached 120 women, 9.1% of the total number of candidates in the Kingdom. The results showed that the governorate of Karak received the highest number of female candidacy applications for governorates councils seats with 21 female candidates, 17.5% of the total number of female candidates at the country level, and (19.8% of the total number of female candidates at the governorates level), followed by Amman, where 16 female candidates were registered for governorate council elections, 13.3% all over Jordan, and 7.0% on the governorate level (males and females). Madaba and Ma'an governorates received the least numbers of female candidates with 3 candidates only, 2.5% of women running all over Jordan.

As for the analysis on female candidates at the electoral districts level, Karak seventh electoral district in Greater Karak governorate was the highest with 8 female candidates, followed by the second electoral district of Karak Governorate (Ghor Al-Safi) with 6 female candidates for governorates councils. 95 electoral districts (60% of all districts) in the Kingdom, did not receive any applications of female candidates, 48 of these districts in Amman, Zarqa, and Irbid. 63 electoral districts only included female candidates.

The results of the candidates at the electoral districts level indicated that the first electoral district in Governorate of Aqaba received the highest number of candidates at the level of the decentralization electoral districts in the Kingdom with 37 male/female candidates, followed by the seventh electoral district in Karak Governorate with 30 male/female candidates, followed by the first electoral districts in

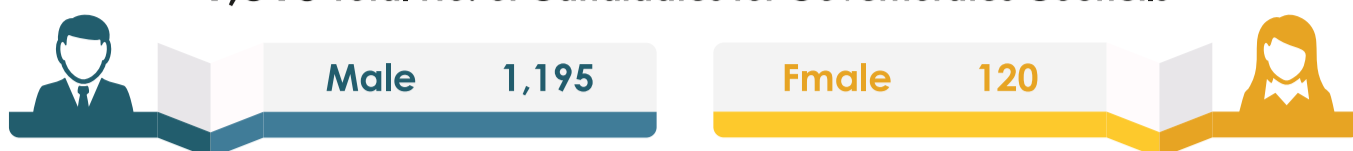


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Balqa and Madaba Governorates 23 male/female candidates. The least electoral district in terms of numbers of registered candidates was the third electoral district in Karak Governorate (Al-Qatraneh Municipality) and the third electoral district in Tafila Governorate (Aima) with one candidate only in each, which they will win the seats of their governorates councils by acclamation unless their applications were not accepted by the Independent Elections Commission during the appeals period.

In terms of the competitiveness of seats at the electoral districts level, which means the proportion of candidates in one electoral district to the number of seats allocated to the electoral district, The competitiveness of the sixteenth electoral district in Amman (Sweileh) is the highest in the Kingdom, where 11 candidates is competing on each seat in the electoral district. Followed by the sixth electoral district in Zarqa and the third electoral district in Balqa, where 9 candidates competing for each seat in the district. the least competitive districts are the third electoral district in both Tafila and Karak where one candidate is competing for one seat in each, followed by the eighth electoral district (Mansheit Bani Hasan) in Mafrq governorate and the sixth electoral district (Al-Disi area) in Aqaba with 1.5 candidate per governorate council seat.

## 1,315 Total No. of Candidates for Governorates Councils



Governorate	No. of the Governorate Council seats	Percentage of Governorate Seats to the total No. of seats	No. of Candidates in each Governorate	Percentage of Candidates
Irbid	41	13.5 %	187	14.2 %
Ajloun	19	6.3 %	99	7.5 %
Jerash	17	5.6 %	63	4.8 %
Mafraq	35	11.5 %	143	10.9 %
Amman	53	17.4 %	230	17.5 %
Zarqa	30	9.9 %	130	9.9 %
Balqa	23	7.6 %	105	8.0 %
Madaba	16	5.3 %	72	5.5 %
Karak	24	7.9 %	106	8.1 %
Tafilah	15	4.9 %	61	4.6 %
Ma'an	16	5.3 %	64	4.9 %
Aqaba	15	4.9 %	55	4.2 %

## Total No. of Female Candidates in Each Governorate

95

Electoral districts did not receive any applications of female candidates



Governorate	No. of Female	Percentage in the Governorate	Percentage in the Kingdom
Irbid	12	6.4 %	10.0 %
Ajloun	13	13.1 %	10.8 %
Jerash	6	9.5 %	5.0 %
Mafraq	9	6.3 %	7.5 %
Amman	16	7.0 %	13.3 %
Zarqa	15	11.5 %	12.5 %
Balqa	10	9.5 %	8.3 %
Madaba	3	4.2 %	2.5 %
Karak	21	19.8 %	17.5 %
Tafilah	7	11.5 %	5.8 %
Ma'an	3	4.7 %	2.5 %
Aqaba	5	9.1 %	4.2 %

## No. of Candidates Competing per Seat in Each Governorate



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Zarqa	130	30	4.3
Balqa	105	23	4.6
Madaba	72	16	4.5
Karak	106	24	4.4
Tafilah	61	15	4.1
Ma'an	64	16	4.0
Aqaba	55	15	3.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,315</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>4.3</b>