

Jobbik extended its influence in the municipalities

At the municipal election, Jobbik managed to hold on to the majority of its mayoral seats; except in one county, it is the second largest party in county general assemblies, 14 of its mayoral candidates won and in 10 municipalities independent candidates, enjoying the party's support, came in first. After the closing of the polls, party president, Gábor Vona, positioned his party as the challenger of the governing party in 2018. Jobbik is still far from its target; it failed to capture the much coveted mayoral seat in Miskolc and in Budapest it has to content with coming in before LMP.

Gaining strength in cities

- In light of a puny leftist opposition, Jobbik's performance was one of the hottest issues of the municipal elections. Data on fielding candidates already indicated that the party had made an effort to consolidate its position in major urban areas, for in the past its presence was limited primarily to small towns and villages. In 2010 it managed to capture mayoral seats in only two small villages and one mid-sized town (Tiszavasvári), and later it took over in 12 municipalities in part when independent mayors joined Jobbik and in part by winning by-elections. This time, Jobbik's mayoral candidates won in 14 municipalities, including in a number of mid-sized towns, such as Tapolca, Tiszavasvári, Ózd and Törökszentmiklós. In addition, in 10 municipalities independent candidates also supported by Jobbik came in first. As a result, a policy of strict law and order, discriminating welfare policies and school segregation may gain new momentum in a number of municipalities.

Results in municipalities, where Jobbik's mayoral candidates won

(number and proportion of votes)

Municipality	Mayor	2014 Municipal election	2014 EP election	2014 Parl. election	2010 Mun. election	2010 Parl. election
Ásotthalom	Toroczkai, László	857 (100%)	109 (18.08%)	432 (27.22%)	-	164 (9.05%)
Bánokszentgyörgy	Baumgartner, László	127 (38.72%)	45 (40.54%)	122 (41.36%)	-	78 (28.36%)
Devecser	Ferenczi, Gábor	1051 (54.2%)	233 (29.02%)	697 (33.40%)	-	529 (24.93%)
Gasztony	Nagy, Szabolcs	124 (55.36%)	20 (16.53%)	44 (19.73%)	-	26 (10.24%)
Hencida	Szémán, László	333 (58.63%)	51 (28.02%)	154 (39.29%)	285 (59.13%)	174 (42.23%)
Kosd	Kurdi, Ferenc	639 (58.89%)	88 (14.92%)	239 (20.07%)	-	258 (19.92%)
Mátraballa	Dudás, Róbert	242 (53.54%)	68 (32.08%)	157 (35.84%)	-	148 (33.26%)

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Monorierdő	Szente, Béla	838 (55.2%)	212 (27.50%)	574 (30.71%)	163 (11.04%)	522 (26.51%)
Ózd	Janiczak, Dávid	4214 (38.57%)	1372 (22.61%)	4525 (29.62%)	1323 (13.03%)	5086 (33.45%)
Recsk	Nagy, Sándor	447 (31.57%)	170 (26.4%)	464 (32.84%)	-	354 (23.58%)
Tapolca	Dobó, Zoltán	1951 (39.34%)	725 (19.27%)	2500 (26.50%)	1098 (22.52%)	1836 (20.14%)
Tiszavasvári	Dr. Fülöp, Erik Sándor	2602 (52.1%)	487 (24.29%)	1686 (32.07%)	2692 (53.29%)	2357 (40.09%)
Törökszentmiklós	Markót, Imre	3761 (47.72%)	1140 (27.32%)	3907 (36.12%)	-	2933 (27.83%)
Tuzsér	Ferkovics, Tibor	1204 (64.04%)	166 (34.95%)	519 (39.89%)	189 (11.52%)	531 (33.44%)

Results in municipalities, where Jobbik-supported independent mayoral candidates won (number and proportion of votes)

Municipality	Mayor	Result
Békésszentandrás	Sinka, Imre	972 (54.55%)
Csökmő	Nagy, Tibor	503 (54.67%)
Érpatak	Orosz, Mihály Zoltán	337 (39.23%)
Gyöngyössolymos	Nyilasné Nádudvari, Zsuzsanna	728 (51.70%)
Jéke	Kovács, József	272 (60.31%)
Kemenessömjén	Kurucz, Attila	205 (64.67%)
Lovászhetény	Winkler, Roland	130 (82.28%)
Martonfa	Bosnyák, Attila András	91 (100%)
Rakamaz	Bodnár, László	1343 (56.05%)
Szabolcsbáka	Somogyi, László	265 (43.37%)

- In a number of towns with county rights Jobbik mayoral candidates came in second, and the party's representatives will be present in larger numbers in the city assemblies. However, Jobbik failed to win the top prize, the post of mayor, in Miskolc, where eventually the party's candidate, Péter Jakab, was soundly defeated by the incumbent mayor from the governing party and the leftist candidate alike.

Results of Jobbik in towns with county rights

Municipality	2014				2010			
	%	votes	rank	representatives	%	votes	rank	representatives
Kecskemét	9.84%	2643	3	2	Jobbik didn't have a candidate			
Pécs	12.27%	5195	3	2	6.17%	2572	4	2
Miskolc	20.53%	12225	3	5	16.96%	10121	3	3
Hódmezővásárhely	17.11%	2287	2	2	12.73%	2008	2	2

Municipality	2014				2010			
	%	votes	rank	representatives	%	votes	rank	representatives
Szeged	3.27%	2082	3	1	Jobbik didn't have a candidate			1
Dunaújváros	15.98%	2391	3	1	Jobbik didn't have a candidate			1
Székesfehérvár	6.44%	1975	3	1	9.60%	3099	3	1
Győr	10.77%	3637	3	2	7.83%	2924	3	2
Sopron	9.71%	2008	3	2	5.59%	1187	3	1
Debrecen	15.46%	7496	2	4	11.72%	6290	3	4
Eger	26.00%	4792	2	2	12.39%	2302	3	2
Szolnok	14.36%	3110	3	2	13.71%	3059	3	2
Tatabánya	8.89%	1545	3	1	Jobbik didn't have a candidate			1
Salgótarján	12.13%	1521	3	1	Jobbik didn't have a candidate			0
Érd	11.50%	2033	3	1	Jobbik didn't have a candidate			1
Kaposvár	9.85%	1800	3	2	Jobbik didn't have a candidate			1
Nyíregyháza	10.53%	3751	3	2	15.76%	5622	3	2
Szekszárd	7.96%	927	3	1	19.23%	2162	3	1
Szombathely	6.95%	1995	3	1	6.50%	1854	3	1
Veszprém	7.31%	1239	3	1	Jobbik didn't have a candidate			1
Nagykanizsa	13.42%	1646	2	1	10.38%	1487	4	1
Zalaegerszeg	11.13%	1862	2	2	15.82%	2715	3	2
Békéscsaba	41.93%	8386	1	1	12.39%	2173	3	2

- Importantly, in most municipalities run by Jobbik the party managed to hold on to its leading position, disproving the commonly held view that once in power the far right tends to lose its appeal.

Results in municipalities already led by Jobbik

Municipality	County	Mayor	Nominating organization (2010-2013)	Mayor since	Result 2014
Ásotthalom	Csongrád	Toroczkai László	Independent	2013.12.15.	Won (100%)
Békésszentandrás	Békés	Sinka Imre	Independent	2010.10.03.	Won (54.55%, as an independent candidate)
Érpatak	Sz-Sz-B	Orosz Mihály Zoltán	Independent	2010.10.03.	Won (39.23%, as an independent candidate)
Gyöngyöspata	Heves	Juhász Oszkár	Jobbik	2011.07.17.	Lost (36.22%)
Hegyháthodász	Vas	Dervalics Roland	Jobbik	2010.10.03.	Didn't run again

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Hencida	Hajdú-Bihar	Szémán László	Jobbik	2010.10.03.	Won (58.63%)
Kemenessömjén	Vas	Kurucz Attila	Independent	2010.10.03.	Won (64.67%, as an independent candidate)
Kosd	Pest	Kurdi Ferenc	Jobbik	2012.11.25.	Won (58.89%)
Martonfa	Baranya	Bosnyák András	Independent	2013.05.12.	Won (100%, as an independent candidate)
Monorierdő	Pest	Szente Béla	Jobbik	2013.06.02.	Won (55.2%)
Tiszavasvári	Sz-Sz-B	Fülöp Erik	Jobbik	2010.10.03.	Won (52.1%)
Tuzsér	Sz-Sz-B	Ferkovics Tibor	Jobbik	2013.11.10.	Won (64.04%)

Second place in county assemblies

- From its vantage point, Jobbik politicians are right to emphasise the party's achievements in the assemblies of cities with county-rank and the victory of Békéscsaba's independent candidate supported by the party. However, when it comes to county assemblies, it must be taken into account that residents of the 23 cities with county-rank are excluded from voting for the members of county assemblies. Thus, 1.6 million citizens living in the largest cities outside Budapest do not have the option of expressing their party affiliation directly. Only people living in smaller settlements vote for county party lists, which offer Jobbik a disproportionate representation. In the 19 county assemblies Jobbik gained 81 mandates, by 23 more than in 2010. The distribution of the new mandates is smooth among the counties. In other words, the party's second place in 17 county assemblies is rather misleading, and its resurgence in urban centres is a significantly more relevant development. The case of Békéscsaba should not be seen as an unequivocal victory for Jobbik either. While the far-right party also supported the independent candidate, Péter Szarvas, instead of Jobbik, can thank the local Fidesz organisation rent by infighting for his victory.

Budapest, Jobbik's Achilles heel

- The capital continues to be the weakest point for Jobbik. Despite its efforts to show a more moderate face, Jobbik has failed to make any significant headway in the capital. The poor result is also highlighted by the fact that despite Jobbik had a mayor candidate in all 23 districts, they got only 40,590 votes. This is by far less than Jobbik received in the April 2014 parliamentary election (111,129). And even worse than the EP result in May, when Jobbik got only 51,995 votes on the party list.
- In Budapest, Jobbik's mayoral candidates typically received 4-10%, although in some districts 10-12%. The over 40 thousand fractional votes earned a single Jobbik seat in the Budapest assembly. With 42093 votes (1700 fewer than four years ago), the party's Budapest mayor candidate, Gábor Staudt, received 7.1% and finished third, far behind its two major rivals. The party's only consolation is that it managed to finish ahead of LMP, which was in a stronger position in 2010.

Municipalities of Jobbik

The map below shows those Hungarian municipalities, where either a Jobbik mayoral candidate or an independent candidate also supported by Jobbik won the local elections held on October 12, 2014. The interactive map can be accessed here: https://mapsengine.google.com/map/viewer?mid=zHWm_puDnkMs.kQkrMAFLQ0go

