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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ABSTRACT

The **September 22** to **October 5, 2025**, survey of New Patriotic Party (NPP) delegates was designed **to update the August 2025 baseline** by assessing how preferences have evolved ahead of the party's presidential primaries. The poll sampled **26,150** (an increase from the 20,356 sample in the August 2025 Survey) of the **204,893 registered delegates**, achieving **19,868 responses (76 %)** with **6,282** delegates **unreachable** or **unavailable**. Results were extrapolated to the full delegate population and analyzed under two models, like the August polls: a **worst-case** scenario and a **best-case** scenario.

Key Findings

- Kennedy Ohene Agyapong (KOA) strengthened his lead. In the worst-case model, he commands 44.11 % of national delegates (≈ 90,369 votes), up from the 41 % recorded in August 2025. In the best-case model, he reaches 53.80 %, surpassing the majority threshold and improving on his August 2025 performance, where he slightly exceeded 51 %. KOA dominates high-delegate southern regions, including Central, Greater Accra, Ashanti, Ahafo, Bono, Volta, and Western, and now leads in 11 of 16 regions even under conservative assumptions.
- Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia (DMB) holds second place but shows stagnation. His worst-case support stands at 39.51 %, consistent with the 31 39 % range reported in August 2025. In the best-case model, his share drops to 32.21 % because undecided delegates tilt toward KOA. DMB maintains dominance in the northern regions, specifically, North East, Northern, Savannah, Upper East, and Upper West, but his southern presence remains insufficient for a first-ballot win.
- Dr. Bryan Acheampong (BA) lost momentum. His national share declines from 9 11 % in August to 6.28 % in the worst-case scenario and 8.27 % in the best-case. His influence remains concentrated in the Eastern Region without significant cross-regional growth.



Dr. Yaw Osei Adutwum (YOA) and Kwabena Agyei Agyapong (KAA) record modest gains. YOA rises from 2 - 3 % to 3.19 %, while KAA moves from 0.30 % to 0.86 %. Both remain marginal but potentially influential through endorsements or alliances.

The updated results confirm the structural dynamics emphasized in the **August 2025** analysis. Control of populous southern regions remains decisive for achieving a national delegate majority, while strong northern margins cannot offset southern deficits.

Nevertheless, the contest is not fully concluded. Under conservative assumptions, KOA leads DMB by 4.60 percentage points. Shifts among undecided delegates or regional coalitions could still affect the outcome. These findings should be interpreted as indicative, not predictive, due to non-response bias, regional heterogeneity, and potential campaign developments before the final vote.



INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND

This follow-up poll, conducted between mid-September and the first week of October 2025, builds directly on the August 2025 baseline to capture evolving delegate sentiment within the New Patriotic Party (NPP) ahead of its presidential primaries. The primary goal was to measure changes in candidate support, regional alignment, and the strength of undecided and undisclosed delegates following intensified campaign activities.

The analysis focuses on identifying shifts in delegate preferences, regional concentrations of influence, and the strategic balance between leading contenders. By applying both Worst-Case and Best-Case scenario models, the study establishes analytical bounds for interpreting delegate alignments, providing stakeholders with a reliable tool for strategy, forecasting, and tactical adjustment.

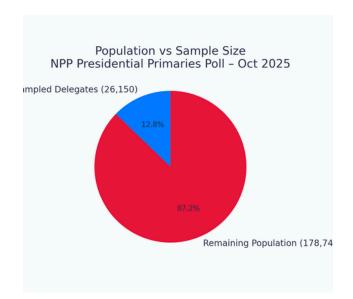
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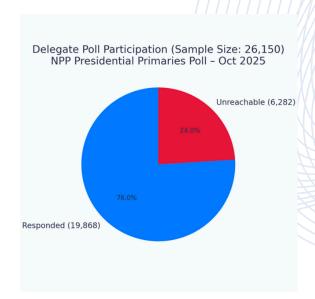
The total population of certified delegates stood at 204,893 as of October 2025. A target sample of 26,150 delegates (12.76 %) was drawn to ensure adequate representation across all 16 administrative regions. Of this number, 19,868 delegates (76.00 %) participated successfully, while 6,282 (24.00 %) were unreachable or unavailable during the polling period.

Data collection was conducted by a team of **120 trained field officers** operating under strict supervision and audit protocols. Calls were made within structured six-hour windows daily, followed by verification audits to confirm authenticity and accuracy. Each enumerator followed a standardized five-minute interaction guide per respondent to ensure consistency and avoid interviewer bias.

Responses were recorded digitally and transmitted to a centralized dashboard for real-time monitoring. The poll captured declared preferences for each of the five candidates as well as "undecided" and "undisclosed" categories to maintain analytical accuracy.







SCENARIO CONSTRUCTION

To address uncertainty in delegate polling, two scenario models were constructed:

- Worst-Case Scenario: Allocations were computed under conservative assumptions, minimizing favorable responses for each candidate. This scenario approximates outcomes if undecided or undisclosed delegates ultimately break against leading candidates or remain uncommitted.
- **Best-Case Scenario:** Allocations were computed under optimistic assumptions, maximizing favorable distributions. This scenario approximates outcomes if undecided and undisclosed respondents disproportionately align with leading candidates.

These dual scenarios establish an analytical range, lower and upper bounds, within which actual delegate alignments are most likely to fall. They also highlight the sensitivity of projected outcomes to small shifts in undecided and undisclosed pools, which, although numerically limited, can prove decisive in tightly contested regions.



LIMITATIONS

While extensive measures were taken to ensure accuracy and representativeness, certain limitations apply:

- Nonresponse Bias: With 24% of delegates unreachable, uncontacted respondents may differ systematically from those reached.
- Regional Homogeneity: Extrapolations assume uniform behavior within regions, though local variations may exist.
- **Temporal Sensitivity**: Sentiment may shift with ongoing campaign events or endorsements after the polling window.
- **Measurement Precision**: Regional rounding may cause slight deviations between summed and national totals.

The analysis was conducted at a 95 % confidence level with a margin of error of ± 0.66 %, ensuring statistical reliability in comparing candidate performances and interpreting directional trends.

METHODOLOGICAL NOTE

The study was conducted under **strict research and ethical standards** to ensure **data integrity and transparency**. Enumerators were trained extensively before fieldwork began, covering both technical procedures and ethical guidelines. Each enumerator received a standardized orientation on neutral communication, confidentiality, and respondent consent procedures.

Supervisors monitored the process through daily digital audits. Random callbacks were conducted to verify the authenticity of responses and to ensure that enumerators adhered to the five-minute interaction rule per respondent. The dataset was encrypted during collection and storage, and only aggregated, anonymized results were used for analysis and publication.



Quality control mechanisms were embedded at every stage. Data entry was automated through encrypted mobile interfaces that synchronized with a centralized dashboard for live tracking and anomaly detection. Supervisory teams reviewed daily logs to detect irregularities, duplicate entries, or outlier responses.

The research design complies with ethical guidelines governing political polling and social research. Participation was voluntary, and respondents were informed that their responses would remain confidential and used solely for analytical purposes. No personal identifiers, voice recordings, or delegate contact details are disclosed in this report.

This methodological rigor strengthens the reliability of the findings, ensuring that variations in reported delegate sentiment reflect genuine shifts in preference rather than procedural inconsistencies.



WORST-CASE AND BEST-CASE

The September-October 2025 delegate poll reveals clear and measurable shifts in national-level preferences within the New Patriotic Party (NPP) ahead of the presidential primaries. Compared to the August 2025 baseline, the findings indicate that Kennedy Ohene Agyapong (KOA) has not only consolidated his lead but also expanded his advantage across multiple regions and demographic clusters of delegates.

Conversely, **Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia** (**DMB**), while maintaining a firm second position, **exhibits signs of stagnation and slight attrition in key southern regions** that have historically influenced national outcomes.

When aggregated across all 16 regions, KOA leads consistently in both the Worst-Case and Best-Case modeling scenarios, underscoring both the depth and breadth of his support.

The gap between the two frontrunners has widened marginally but significantly in KOA's favour, marking a decisive turning point in the race's trajectory.

The results confirm that Kennedy Ohene Agyapong (KOA) has achieved a notable expansion in his national footprint. His share of delegates rises from 44.11% under the conservative model to 53.80% in the optimistic projection, representing a net gain of 9.69 percentage points.

This progression suggests that the momentum generated after the August baseline has translated into tangible delegate commitment. It also demonstrates the effectiveness of his intensified regional ground operations, particularly in the southern bloc and swing areas such as Bono East and Oti.



WORST-CASE AND BEST-CASE

| Candidate | Worst-Case Votes | Worst-Case Share | Best-Case Votes | Best-Case Share | Change (pp) |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| Kennedy Ohene Agyapong (KOA) | 90,369 | 44.11% | 110,226 | 53.80% | 9.69 |
| Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia (DMB) | 80,956 | 39.51% | 65,996 | 32.21% | -7.3 |
| Dr. Bryan Acheampong (BA) | 12,874 | 6.28% | 16,943 | 8.27% | 1.99 |
| Dr. Yaw Osei Adutwum (YOA) | 6,549 | 3.19% | 8,996 | 4.39% | 1.2 |
| Kwabena Agyei Agyapong (KAA) | 1,758 | 0.86% | 2,732 | 1.33% | 0.47 |
| Total | 192,506 | 94.00%* | 204,893 | 100% | _ |

^{*}Note: The remainder accounts for "undecided" and "undisclosed" responses (≈ 6.00 % nationally).



WORST-CASE AND BEST-CASE

Bawumia (DMB) records a decline from 39.51% to 32.21%, a contraction of 7.30 percentage points, largely due to erosion of support in Greater Accra, Bono, and sections of Ahafo. While he remains dominant across the Northern regions, most notably North East, Upper West, and Northern. These areas alone do not carry sufficient delegate weight to offset his southern deficits. The findings suggest that his campaign has reached a saturation point within its traditional strongholds but faces diminishing returns in new territories.

Dr. Bryan Acheampong (BA) shows modest but steady growth, increasing his delegate share from 6.28% to 8.27%, driven by localized influence in the Eastern and Greater Accra regions. This suggests that while BA remains a third-tier candidate nationally, his potential as a coalition partner or kingmaker has grown.

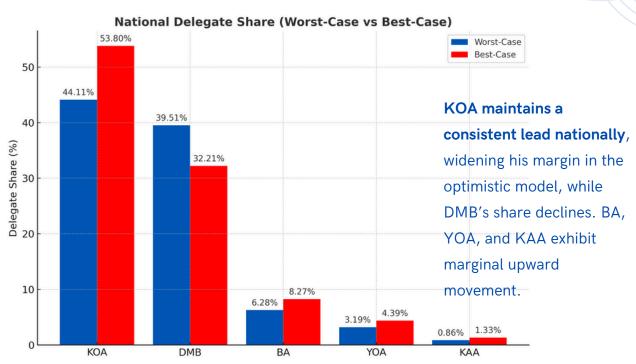
Both Dr. Yaw Osei Adutwum (YOA) and Ing. Kwabena Agyei Agyapong (KAA) also experience marginal gains, rising by 1.20 and 0.47 percentage points, respectively. Although their delegate shares remain small in absolute terms, their symbolic and alliance value could become decisive in close regional contests or in determining endorsement cascades prior to Congress.

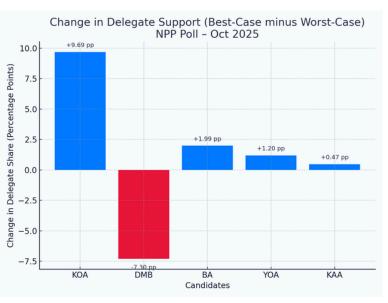
In summary, the national data highlights that regional balance is the key determinant of success in the NPP primaries. With nearly two-thirds of delegates based in the south, Kennedy Ohene Agyapong's dominance across the southern regions gives him a decisive edge, while Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia's northern strength is constrained by smaller delegate numbers.

With only about **6% undecided, KOA** stands as the national frontrunner, well-positioned for a first-round win if momentum holds.



WORST-CASE AND BEST-CASE

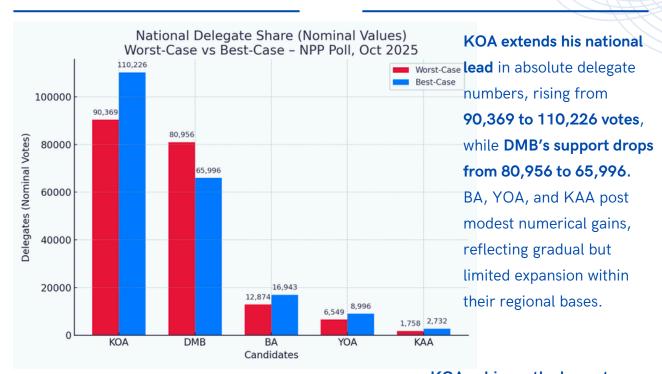


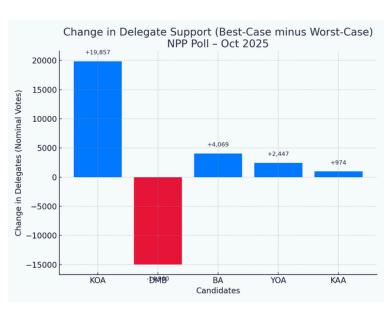


KOA records the highest gain (+9.69 pp), while DMB experiences the steepest decline (-7.30 pp). Minor increases for BA, YOA, and KAA indicate incremental regional consolidation.



WORST-CASE AND BEST-CASE





koa achieves the largest
numerical gain of about
+19,857 delegates, reinforcing
his upward momentum across
multiple regions. DMB shows
the sharpest contraction,
losing approximately -14,960
delegates, while BA, YOA, and
kaa each register moderate
increases consistent with slow
but steady consolidation.



WORST-CASE AND BEST-CASE

The September-October 2025 poll confirms a well-defined north-south divide, with Kennedy Ohene Agyapong (KOA) dominating the highly populated southern regions and Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia (DMB) consolidating strength across the northern belt. This structural split mirrors historical voting patterns within the party, where delegate concentration and regional loyalty often determine the final national balance.

While **KOA's** advantage stems from commanding the majority of delegates in the south, where population density and delegate volume are highest, **DMB's** support remains anchored in the north, characterized by smaller delegate numbers but higher cohesion.

Dr. Bryan Acheampong (BA) continues to perform relatively well in the Eastern Region but remains regionally constrained, unable to extend his appeal beyond familiar strongholds.

Both Dr. Yaw Osei Adutwum (YOA) and Ing.

Kwabena Agyei Agyapong (KAA) sustain
modest yet consistent local influence,
particularly within Ashanti and parts of Bono

East, where their personal networks retain
residual loyalty.

Across all 16 administrative regions, KOA leads in 11 regions under the Worst-Case model and expands that dominance under the Best-Case model, underscoring both numerical strength and geographical reach.

DMB, while holding five regions primarily in the northern corridor, shows marginal declines in his percentage shares within those regions, suggesting potential erosion of margins even in his traditional bases.



WORST-CASE

| Region | КОА | DMB | DBA | DYOA | КАА | Undisclosed | Undecided | Total Delegates |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------------|-----------|--------------------|
| ASHANTI | 15,112 | 13,788 | 1,740 | 2,800 | 196 | 998 | 1,122 | 35,756 |
| AHAFO | 1,899 | 1,809 | 110 | 65 | 9 | 147 | 160 | 4,199 |
| BONO | 3,702 | 3,064 | 353 | 263 | 76 | 244 | 290 | 7,992 |
| BONO EAST | 3,028 | 3,477 | 288 | 256 | 86 | 207 | 246 | 7,588 |
| CENTRAL | 11,779 | 5,093 | 389 | 185 | 83 | 278 | 320 | 18,127 |
| EASTERN | 8,084 | 3,954 | 7,146 | 499 | 173 | 636 | 741 | 21,233 |
| GREATER ACCRA | 19,863 | 15,333 | 898 | 819 | 273 | 951 | 997 | 39,134 |
| NORTH EAST | 152 | 3,003 | 21 | 11 | 7 | 148 | 148 | 3,490 |
| NORTHERN | 2,951 | 7,206 | 262 | 269 | 172 | 445 | 500 | 11,805 |
| ОТІ | 1,812 | 2,160 | 236 | 226 | 81 | 195 | 219 | 4,929 |
| SAVANNAH | 1,338 | 2,061 | 110 | 79 | 70 | 148 | 174 | 3,980 |
| UPPER EAST | 2,726 | 4,191 | 188 | 162 | 161 | 325 | 382 | 8,135 |
| UPPER WEST | 1,405 | 4,249 | 185 | 147 | 134 | 246 | 291 | 6,657 |
| VOLTA | 6,602 | 4,025 | 289 | 240 | 131 | 330 | 395 | 12,012 |
| WESTERN | 6,746 | 5,370 | 420 | 335 | 85 | 378 | 400 | 13,734 |
| WESTERN NORTH | 3,170 | 2,173 | 239 | 193 | 21 | 155 | 189 | 6,122 |
| Total | 90,369 | 80,956 | 12,874 | 6,549 | 1,758 | 5,831 | 6,574 | 204,893 |



BEST-CASE

| Region | КОА | DMB | DBA | DYOA | КАА | Total Delegates |
|------------------|---------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------------------|
| ASHANTI | 18,031 | 10,301 | 2,844 | 4,102 | 478 | 35,756 |
| AHAFO | 2,501 | 1,328 | 213 | 134 | 23 | 4,199 |
| BONO | 4,306 | 2,754 | 456 | 346 | 130 | 7,992 |
| BONO EAST | 4,231 | 2,499 | 390 | 337 | 131 | 7,588 |
| CENTRAL | 15,074 | 2,332 | 418 | 206 | 97 | 18,127 |
| EASTERN | 8,632 | 3,534 | 8,358 | 520 | 189 | 21,233 |
| GREATER ACCRA | 22,264 | 14,056 | 1,402 | 1,031 | 381 | 39,134 |
| NORTH EAST | 546 | 2,894 | 27 | 14 | 9 | 3,490 |
| NORTHERN | 4,244 | 6,613 | 366 | 358 | 224 | 11,805 |
| ОТІ | 2,336 | 1,790 | 361 | 319 | 123 | 4,929 |
| SAVANNAH | 1,663 | 1,908 | 172 | 130 | 107 | 3,980 |
| UPPER EAST | 3,028 | 4,397 | 273 | 214 | 223 | 8,135 |
| UPPER WEST | 1,674 | 4,369 | 239 | 189 | 186 | 6,657 |
| VOLTA | 9,044 | 1,895 | 478 | 362 | 233 | 12,012 |
| WESTERN | 8,859 | 3,622 | 623 | 477 | 153 | 13,734 |
| WESTERN NORTH | 3,793 | 1,704 | 323 | 257 | 45 | 6,122 |
| Total | 110,226 | 65,996 | 16,943 | 8,996 | 2,732 | 204,893 |



LEADERS AND VOTE SHARES

| Region | Leading Candidate (Worst-Case) | Share | Leading Candidate (Best- Case) | Share |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Ashanti | КОА | 42.26% | КОА | 50.43% |
| Ahafo | КОА | 45.23% | КОА | 59.56% |
| Bono | КОА | 46.32% | КОА | 53.88% |
| Bono East | DMB | 45.82% | КОА | 55.76% |
| Central | КОА | 64.98% | КОА | 83.16% |
| Eastern | КОА | 38.07% | коа | 40.65% |
| Greater Accra | КОА | 50.76% | КОА | 56.89% |
| North East | DMB | 86.05% | DMB | 82.92% |
| Northern | DMB | 61.04% | DMB | 56.02% |
| Oti | DMB | 43.82% | КОА | 47.39% |
| Savannah | DMB | 51.78% | DMB | 47.94% |
| Upper East | DMB | 51.52% | DMB | 54.05% |
| Upper West | DMB | 63.83% | DMB | 65.63% |
| Volta | КОА | 54.96% | КОА | 75.29% |
| Western | КОА | 49.12% | КОА | 64.50% |
| Western North | КОА | 51.78% | КОА | 61.96% |



WORST-CASE AND BEST-CASE

The Northern bloc, comprising the Northern, North East, Savannah, Upper East, and Upper West Regions, remains the foundation of Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia's (DMB) delegate strength. He continues to dominate in the North East (over 80% in both models), Upper West (rising slightly to 65.63%), and the Northern Region (holding at 56.02%). These results confirm his entrenched appeal and consistent control over the northern belt.

However, **Kennedy Ohene Agyapong (KOA)** is beginning to make visible inroads into this territory. His modest but steady gains in the **Northern** and **Savannah** Regions show early signs of penetration into DMB's strongest base. Though small numerically, these shifts are politically meaningful; they signal a gradual softening of northern loyalty and open opportunities for further coalition-driven growth.

The swing regions, **Bono East**, **Oti**, and **Savannah**, have emerged as decisive battlegrounds.

Bono East shows a dramatic turnaround from a DMB lead (45.82%) to a KOA majority (55.76%), while Oti similarly flips from 43.82% to 47.39% for KOA. Savannah remains narrowly contested, with DMB's advantage shrinking to less than two percentage points. Together, these regions represent under 10% of total delegates, yet their volatility gives them significant influence over the final outcome.

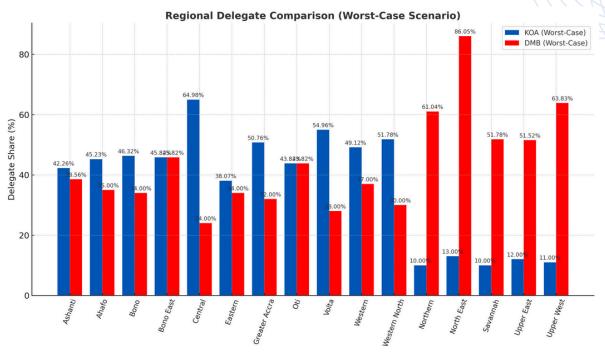
Overall, three regional patterns stand out:

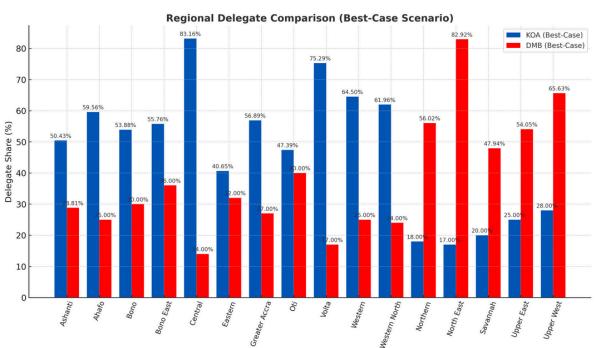
- Southern dominance defines the election equation, giving KOA the numerical edge.
- Northern strength sustains DMB's relevance, but it remains insufficient for the majority.
- Swing regions hold the balance, where late persuasion and alliances will determine the margin.

In essence, KOA's campaign is evolving from regional strength to national consolidation, powered by firm southern control, expanding swing influence, and subtle gains in the north, indicators of a credible pathway toward first-round victory.

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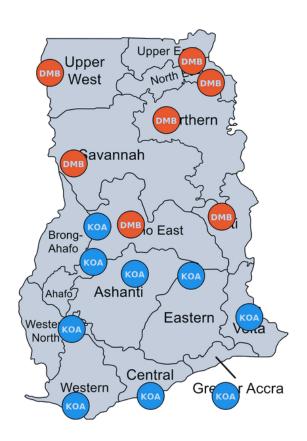
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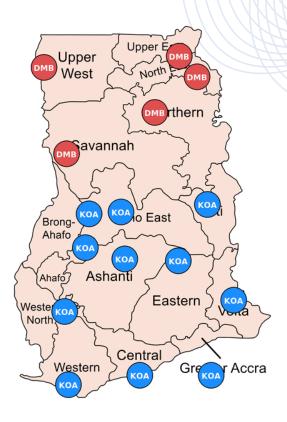






WORST-CASE AND BEST-CASE HEATMAP





COMPARATIVE OBSERVATIONS

The comparative heatmaps for the September-October 2025 NPP delegate poll reveal a clear and deepening geographic polarization between the two leading contenders, Hon. Kennedy Ohene Agyapong (KOA) and Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia (DMB), with KOA consolidating his position across the Southern belt while DMB retains dominance in the Northern corridor.



DISCUSSION

SHIFTS SINCE THE AUGUST 2025 POLL

The September-October 2025 results confirm a consolidation of Kennedy Ohene Agyapong's (KOA) lead and a gradual decline in Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia's (DMB) national share. KOA's growth from approximately 41 % in August to 44.11 % (worst-case) and 53.80 % (best-case) in October 2025 represents a critical phase shift. He is no longer only leading but also sustaining that lead across multiple regions.

Conversely, DMB's share has stabilized within a narrower range (39.51 % to 32.21 %), reflecting a steady but constrained base. This stagnation signals that while his northern bloc remains intact, his campaign has struggled to make inroads in the south despite increased visibility and endorsements.

Bryan Acheampong (BA) has gained marginally, moving from 6.28 % to 8.27 %, demonstrating resilience within the Eastern Region and limited traction in the Greater Accra periphery. Both Dr. Yaw Osei Adutwum (YOA) and Ing. Kwabena Agyei Agyapong (KAA) maintain symbolic relevance, appealing to delegates through niche credibility rather than broad structural reach.



CONCLUSION

SUMMARY

The September-October 2025 survey, with a 12.8% (26,150 delegates) sample size, an increase from the 10% (20,356 delegates) sample size August survey, confirms a decisive structural shift in delegate sentiment within the New Patriotic Party. Kennedy Ohene Agyapong currently maintains a statistically significant lead over Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia, strengthened by dominance across the high-delegate southern corridor. However, the race remains open in swing regions where late realignments or alliances could alter the national balance.

While KOA's growth trajectory positions him favourably for a first-round majority, the contest's outcome ultimately hinges on turnout management, perception control, and coalition dynamics. DMB's northern consolidation and organizational discipline ensure he remains a formidable challenger, particularly if southern deficits are narrowed through effective negotiation and targeted persuasion.

Overall, the data underscores three enduring realities:

- 1. The South will decide the election.
- 2. Swing regions hold the key to final victory margins.
- 3. Coalition building and perception management remain as important as numerical advantage.

The poll, with a 95 % confidence level and ± 0.66 % margin of error, provides a credible snapshot, not a prediction, of current delegate alignments. The final outcome will depend on how effectively campaigns convert momentum into votes within the short window before the primaries



"Numbers tell us who is ahead; strategy decides who stays ahead"

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