

## Mahajanapadas

Feature	Details
<b>Meaning of Mahajanapada</b>	'Maha' = Great, 'Janapada' = foothold of a tribe/people; Great territorial states
<b>Period</b>	Circa 600 BCE – 345 BCE
<b>Total Number</b>	16 Mahajanapadas
<b>Source Mention</b>	Buddhist text <b>Anguttara Nikaya</b>
<b>Political System</b>	Two types: <b>Monarchies</b> and <b>Republics (Ganasanghas)</b>
<b>Prominent Monarchies</b>	Magadha, Kosala, Vatsa, Avanti
<b>Prominent Republics</b>	Vriji (or Vajji), Malla, Shakya, Kamboja
<b>Economic Base</b>	Agriculture, trade, taxes on land and commerce
<b>Capital Cities</b>	Each Mahajanapada had its own capital
<b>Religion Influence</b>	Rise of Jainism and Buddhism during this period
<b>Military Development</b>	Standing armies and fortified capitals became common

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No.	Mahajanapada	Capital	Type	Modern Location
1	Anga	Champa	Monarchy	Parts of Bihar and Jharkhand
2	Magadha	Rajagriha / Pataliputra	Monarchy	South Bihar
3	Vajji (Vriji)	Vaishali	Republic	North Bihar
4	Malla	Kusinara & Pava	Republic	Eastern Uttar Pradesh
5	Kasi	Varanasi	Monarchy	Eastern Uttar Pradesh
6	Kosala	Shravasti / Ayodhya	Monarchy	Central & Eastern Uttar Pradesh
7	Vatsa	Kausambi	Monarchy	Near Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh
8	Avanti	Ujjain / Mahishmati	Monarchy	Western Madhya Pradesh
9	Chedi	Suktimati	Monarchy	Bundelkhand region
10	Kuru	Indraprastha / Hastinapur	Monarchy	Delhi & Haryana region
11	Panchala	Ahichhatra / Kampilya	Monarchy	Western Uttar Pradesh
12	Matsya	Viratanagara	Monarchy	Jaipur region, Rajasthan
13	Surasena	Mathura	Monarchy	Western Uttar Pradesh
14	Assaka (Asmaka)	Potana / Paithan	Monarchy	Southern Maharashtra / Telangana
15	Gandhara	Taxila	Monarchy	Parts of Pakistan and Afghanistan
16	Kamboja	Rajapura	Republic	Northern Pakistan / Afghanistan border area