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This paper summarises the results of UK elections since 1918. It focuses on elections to Westminster and includes statistics on voting at general and by-elections, characteristics of MPs and performance of minor parties.

Data for local elections, European Parliamentary elections and elections to devolved bodies are also included, as are by-elections, referenda and elections for local mayors and other referenda in the UK since 1945.

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I Introduction

This Research Paper summarises the results of general elections since 1918, elections to the devolved legislatures in the UK since 1999, European Parliament elections since 1979, local elections and referenda held since 1945. The paper is intended as a summary. In many cases more detailed results are available in other Library Research Papers, such as those analysing general election results.

Section II examines general election results in the UK since 1918. Tables show the results in the UK as a whole and its constituent countries. Figures are also presented on turnout, spoilt and postal ballots, women MPs and black and minority ethnic MPs.

Section III looks at the performance of minor parties in general elections since 1945.

The results of parliamentary by-elections since 1945 are summarised in Section IV.

Section V examines the results of elections of UK members of the European Parliament.

Section VI looks at the results of elections to the devolved legislatures in Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and the Greater London Assembly, while Section VII examines the results of local elections since 1997, and the referenda and subsequent election results for local mayors.

Four referenda were held to establish the National Assembly for Wales, Scottish Parliament, Northern Ireland Assembly and Greater London Authority. Summary results are provided in Section VIII along with details of other referenda held in the UK since 1945.

Finally, Section IX presents opinion poll data on voting intention compiled by ICM and MORI, as well as party leader approval ratings from MORI polls.

The aim of this Paper is to provide summary data on UK election results. Further information regarding elections in the UK since 1832 can be found in *British Electoral Facts: 1832-2006*.¹

A full analysis of the 2005 General Election is available in Research Paper 05/33.²

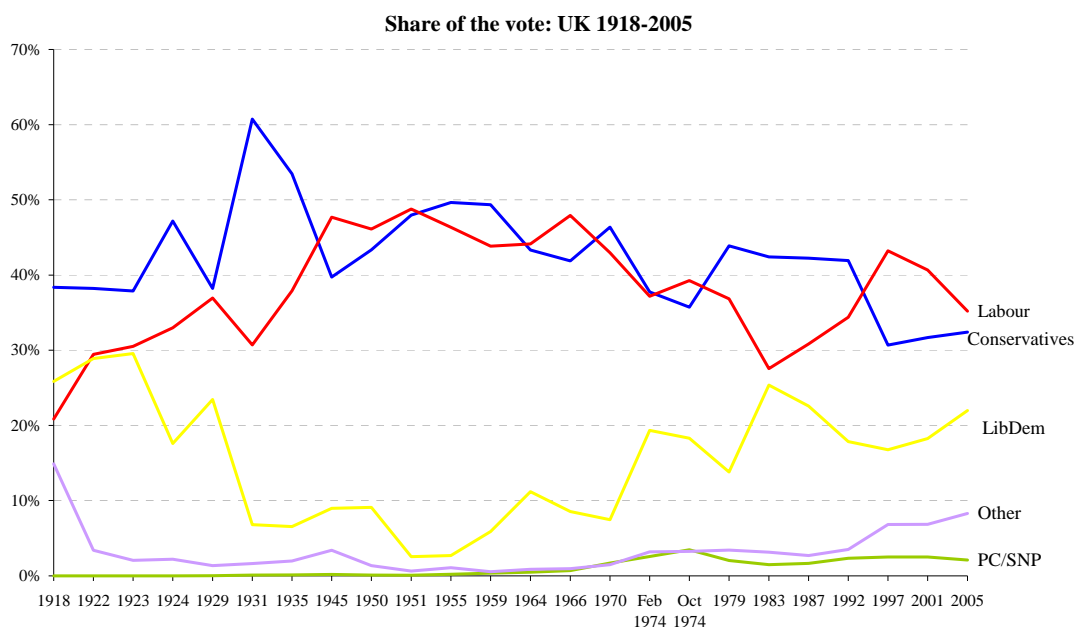
¹ Collin Rallings and Michael Thrasher, published in 2007 by Parliamentary Research Services

² General Election 2005, <http://www.parliament.uk/commons/lib/research/rp2005/rp05-033.pdf>

II General Elections since 1918

A. Summary of results

Tables 1a to 1f and the charts below summarise the results of the 24 general elections between 1918 and 2005.

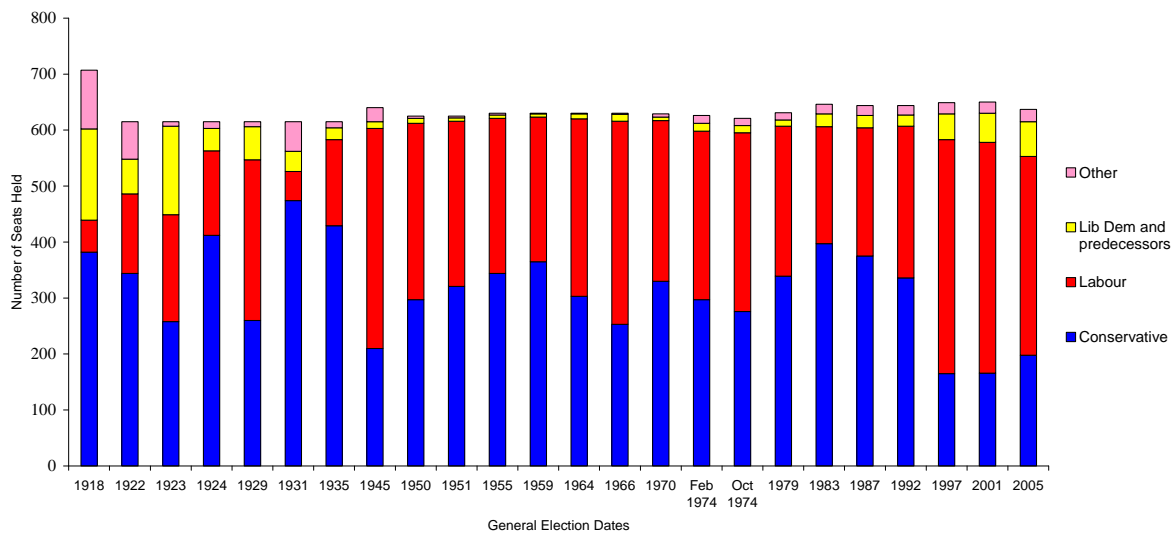


The main points worthy of note are:

- In terms of seats won, the Conservatives were the largest party on fourteen occasions, and Labour the largest on ten. In three elections the party with most seats failed to gain an overall majority. In 1923 the Conservatives gained 258 out of 615 seats; in 1929 Labour won 287 out of 615 seats and in February 1974 Labour gained 301 out of 635 seats.
- On three occasions the party gaining most votes did not win the most seats. In 1929, the Conservatives polled the most votes but, the Labour Party won the election with 27 more seats. In 1951 Labour polled most votes yet won 26 fewer seats than the Conservatives. In February 1974, the Conservatives polled 180,000 more votes than Labour but they won four fewer seats.
- Since 1918, the Conservatives' best result in terms of seats won was in the 1931 election (474 seats). This was due to the formation of the National Government coalition between the Conservatives, Labour, National Labour Organisation, and National parties. The Conservatives' best result in the post-war period was in 1983 when they won 397 seats. Correspondingly, this was Labour's worst post war result in terms of seats (209) as well as share of the vote (27.6%).

- Labour's 418 seats won in 1997 was their highest ever, while their highest vote share was recorded in 1951 (48.8%), an election they lost. The Conservatives' lowest vote share was in 1997 (30.7%).
- The Liberal Party won 163 seats in the 1918 General Election, its best result in terms of seats won. Their highest share of the vote was in 1923 when they gained 29.6%, while their lowest was in 1951 (2.6%). Since 1945 the highest number of seats won by the (now) Liberal Democrats was 62 at the 2005 General Election, their best performance since 1923.

Seats Won: UK: 1918-2005



- The Scottish National Party won its first seat at a general election in 1970, although the party had won a by-election in 1967. Its highest share of the vote in Scotland was recorded in the October 1974 election when the party polled 30.4% of the vote.
- Plaid Cymru won its first seats at a general election in February 1974. Plaid Cymru had previously won a by-election in 1966. Its highest share of the vote in Wales was 14.3% in the 2001 election.
- In Northern Ireland, the Ulster Unionist Party (UUP) polled its highest share of the vote in 1974 (45.5%). However the UUP's share has generally been declining since then and in 2005 they took 17.8% of the vote in Northern Ireland. The highest number of seats won by the UUP was in 1983 (11 seats).
- Similarly, the vote share of the Social Democratic and Labour Party (SDLP) has declined over the same period, from 22.4% in 1974 to 17.5% in 2005. The greatest number of seats won by the SDLP was in 1992 (4). The number of seats held by the SDLP has remained constant at three since 1997.

- Sinn Fein stood in the 1983 general election and polled 13.4% of the vote in Northern Ireland. This vote share decreased in the following two elections, but has increased at every election since 1992. The number of seats won by Sinn Fein has increased from none in 1992 to five in 2005.
- The DUP has seen an increase in its share of the vote up 20.6% points in 2005 compared to 1992, and up six seats from three to nine.

The table below gives details of the winning party, the majority won and the name of the Prime Minister at the time of the election, for all General Elections since 1918.

General Elections 1918 to 2005

| Date | Winning Party | Majority** | Prime Minister of winning party |
|------------|-----------------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| 14/12/1918 | Liberal | *283 | David Lloyd George |
| 15/11/1922 | Conservative | 74 | Andrew Bonar Law |
| 06/12/1923 | Conservative | None | Stanley Baldwin |
| 29/10/1924 | Labour | 210 | Ramsay MacDonald |
| 30/05/1929 | Labour | None | Ramsay MacDonald |
| 27/10/1931 | National Labour | 492 | Ramsay MacDonald |
| 14/11/1935 | National Conservative | 242 | Stanley Baldwin |
| 05/07/1945 | Labour | 147 | Clement Attlee |
| 23/02/1950 | Labour | 6 | Clement Attlee |
| 25/10/1951 | Conservative | 16 | Sir Winston Churchill |
| 26/05/1955 | Conservative | 59 | Sir Anthony Eden |
| 08/10/1959 | Conservative | 99 | Harold Macmillan |
| 15/10/1964 | Labour | 5 | Harold Wilson |
| 31/03/1966 | Labour | 97 | Harold Wilson |
| 18/06/1970 | Conservative | 31 | Edward Heath |
| 28/02/1974 | Labour | None | Harold Wilson |
| 10/10/1974 | Labour | 4 | Harold Wilson |
| 03/05/1979 | Conservative | 44 | Margaret Thatcher |
| 09/06/1983 | Conservative | 144 | Margaret Thatcher |
| 11/06/1987 | Conservative | 101 | Margaret Thatcher |
| 09/04/1992 | Conservative | 21 | John Major |
| 01/05/1997 | Labour | 178 | Tony Blair |
| 07/06/2001 | Labour | 166 | Tony Blair |
| 05/05/2005 | Labour | 65 | Tony Blair |

Source: British Electoral Facts 1832-2006, Colin Railings and Michael Thrasher

* Theoretical majority, 73 Sinn Fein members did not take their seats.

** The figure represents the majority of the Government over all other parties combined. The Speaker is excluded when calculating the majority.

The Speaker of the House of Commons takes no active part in an election campaign and since 1950 (when the Speaker requested that he be given no party 'label') the Speaker has sought re-election as "The Speaker" and not as a party candidate. In this paper, where the Speaker stood for re-election, s/he has been classified as "Other" rather than the party for which s/he was previously a Member.

Table 1a

General Election Results: 1918-2005: United Kingdom

| | Votes (millions) | | | | | | Share of vote (%) | | | | | |
|----------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|--------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|--------|-------|--------|
| | Con ^(a) | Lab | Lib ^(b) | PC/SNP | Other | Total | Con ^(a) | Lab | Lib ^(b) | PC/SNP | Other | Total |
| *1918 | 4.14 | 2.25 | 2.79 | 0.00 | 1.61 | 10.79 | 38.4% | 20.9% | 25.9% | 0.0% | 14.9% | 100.0% |
| 1922 | 5.50 | 4.24 | 4.16 | 0.00 | 0.49 | 14.39 | 38.2% | 29.5% | 28.9% | 0.0% | 3.4% | 100.0% |
| 1923 | 5.51 | 4.44 | 4.30 | 0.00 | 0.30 | 14.55 | 37.9% | 30.5% | 29.6% | 0.0% | 2.1% | 100.0% |
| 1924 | 7.85 | 5.49 | 2.93 | 0.00 | 0.37 | 16.64 | 47.2% | 33.0% | 17.6% | 0.0% | 2.2% | 100.0% |
| 1929 | 8.66 | 8.37 | 5.31 | 0.00 | 0.31 | 22.65 | 38.2% | 37.0% | 23.4% | 0.0% | 1.4% | 100.0% |
| 1931 | 13.16 | 6.65 | 1.47 | 0.02 | 0.36 | 21.66 | 60.7% | 30.7% | 6.8% | 0.1% | 1.6% | 100.0% |
| 1935 | 11.76 | 8.33 | 1.44 | 0.03 | 0.43 | 21.99 | 53.5% | 37.9% | 6.5% | 0.1% | 2.0% | 100.0% |
| 1945 | 9.97 | 11.97 | 2.25 | 0.05 | 0.86 | 25.10 | 39.7% | 47.7% | 9.0% | 0.2% | 3.4% | 100.0% |
| 1950 | 12.47 | 13.27 | 2.62 | 0.03 | 0.39 | 28.77 | 43.3% | 46.1% | 9.1% | 0.1% | 1.4% | 100.0% |
| 1951 | 13.72 | 13.95 | 0.73 | 0.02 | 0.18 | 28.60 | 48.0% | 48.8% | 2.6% | 0.1% | 0.6% | 100.0% |
| 1955 | 13.29 | 12.41 | 0.72 | 0.06 | 0.29 | 26.76 | 49.6% | 46.4% | 2.7% | 0.2% | 1.1% | 100.0% |
| 1959 | 13.75 | 12.22 | 1.64 | 0.10 | 0.16 | 27.86 | 49.4% | 43.8% | 5.9% | 0.4% | 0.6% | 100.0% |
| 1964 | 11.98 | 12.21 | 3.10 | 0.13 | 0.24 | 27.66 | 43.3% | 44.1% | 11.2% | 0.5% | 0.9% | 100.0% |
| 1966 | 11.42 | 13.07 | 2.33 | 0.19 | 0.26 | 27.26 | 41.9% | 47.9% | 8.5% | 0.7% | 1.0% | 100.0% |
| 1970 | 13.15 | 12.18 | 2.12 | 0.48 | 0.42 | 28.34 | 46.4% | 43.0% | 7.5% | 1.7% | 1.5% | 100.0% |
| 1974 Feb | 11.83 | 11.65 | 6.06 | 0.80 | 1.00 | 31.34 | 37.8% | 37.2% | 19.3% | 2.6% | 3.2% | 100.0% |
| 1974 Oct | 10.43 | 11.46 | 5.35 | 1.01 | 0.95 | 29.19 | 35.7% | 39.3% | 18.3% | 3.4% | 3.3% | 100.0% |
| 1979 | 13.70 | 11.51 | 4.31 | 0.64 | 1.07 | 31.22 | 43.9% | 36.9% | 13.8% | 2.0% | 3.4% | 100.0% |
| 1983 | 13.01 | 8.46 | 7.78 | 0.46 | 0.96 | 30.67 | 42.4% | 27.6% | 25.4% | 1.5% | 3.1% | 100.0% |
| 1987 | 13.74 | 10.03 | 7.34 | 0.54 | 0.88 | 32.53 | 42.2% | 30.8% | 22.6% | 1.7% | 2.7% | 100.0% |
| 1992 | 14.09 | 11.56 | 6.00 | 0.78 | 1.18 | 33.61 | 41.9% | 34.4% | 17.8% | 2.3% | 3.5% | 100.0% |
| 1997 | 9.60 | 13.52 | 5.24 | 0.78 | 2.14 | 31.29 | 30.7% | 43.2% | 16.8% | 2.5% | 6.8% | 100.0% |
| 2001 | 8.36 | 10.72 | 4.81 | 0.66 | 1.81 | 26.37 | 31.7% | 40.7% | 18.3% | 2.5% | 6.9% | 100.0% |
| 2005 | 8.78 | 9.55 | 5.99 | 0.59 | 2.24 | 27.15 | 32.4% | 35.2% | 22.0% | 2.2% | 8.2% | 100.0% |

| | Candidates | | | | | | Seats won | | | | | |
|----------|--------------------|-----|--------------------|--------|-------|-------|--------------------|-----|--------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| | Con ^(a) | Lab | Lib ^(b) | PC/SNP | Other | Total | Con ^(a) | Lab | Lib ^(b) | PC/SNP | Other | Total |
| *1918 | 445 | 361 | 421 | 0 | 396 | 1,623 | 382 | 57 | 163 | 0 | 105 | 707 |
| 1922 | 482 | 414 | 485 | 0 | 60 | 1,441 | 344 | 142 | 62 | 0 | 67 | 615 |
| 1923 | 536 | 427 | 457 | 0 | 26 | 1,446 | 258 | 191 | 158 | 0 | 8 | 615 |
| 1924 | 534 | 514 | 339 | 0 | 41 | 1,428 | 412 | 151 | 40 | 0 | 12 | 615 |
| 1929 | 590 | 569 | 513 | 3 | 55 | 1,730 | 260 | 287 | 59 | 0 | 9 | 615 |
| 1931 | 522 | 516 | 117 | 7 | 130 | 1,292 | 474 | 52 | 36 | 0 | 53 | 615 |
| 1935 | 515 | 552 | 161 | 9 | 111 | 1,348 | 429 | 154 | 21 | 0 | 11 | 615 |
| 1945 | 618 | 603 | 306 | 15 | 141 | 1,683 | 210 | 393 | 12 | 0 | 25 | 640 |
| 1950 | 618 | 617 | 475 | 10 | 148 | 1,868 | 297 | 315 | 9 | 0 | 4 | 625 |
| 1951 | 617 | 590 | 104 | 9 | 56 | 1,376 | 321 | 295 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 625 |
| 1955 | 623 | 620 | 110 | 13 | 43 | 1,409 | 344 | 277 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 630 |
| 1959 | 625 | 621 | 216 | 25 | 49 | 1,536 | 365 | 258 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 630 |
| 1964 | 629 | 628 | 365 | 28 | 97 | 1,747 | 303 | 317 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 630 |
| 1966 | 629 | 621 | 311 | 43 | 103 | 1,707 | 253 | 363 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 630 |
| 1970 | 629 | 624 | 332 | 101 | 151 | 1,837 | 330 | 287 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 630 |
| 1974 Feb | 623 | 623 | 517 | 106 | 266 | 2,135 | 297 | 301 | 14 | 9 | 14 | 635 |
| 1974 Oct | 621 | 623 | 619 | 107 | 282 | 2,252 | 276 | 319 | 13 | 14 | 13 | 635 |
| 1979 | 622 | 622 | 577 | 107 | 648 | 2,576 | 339 | 268 | 11 | 4 | 13 | 635 |
| 1983 | 633 | 633 | 633 | 110 | 569 | 2,578 | 397 | 209 | 23 | 4 | 17 | 650 |
| 1987 | 632 | 633 | 633 | 109 | 318 | 2,325 | 375 | 229 | 22 | 6 | 18 | 650 |
| 1992 | 645 | 634 | 632 | 107 | 931 | 2,949 | 336 | 271 | 20 | 7 | 17 | 651 |
| 1997 | 648 | 639 | 639 | 112 | 1,686 | 3,724 | 165 | 418 | 46 | 10 | 20 | 659 |
| 2001 | 643 | 640 | 639 | 112 | 1,285 | 3,319 | 166 | 412 | 52 | 9 | 20 | 659 |
| 2005 | 630 | 627 | 626 | 99 | 1,572 | 3,554 | 198 | 355 | 62 | 9 | 22 | 646 |

(a) Includes Coalition Conservative for 1918; includes National for 1931; includes National, National Liberal and National Labour for 1931-1935; includes National and National Liberal for 1945. includes National Liberal and Conservative 1945-1970

(b) Includes Coalition Liberal Party for 1918; includes National Liberal for 1922; includes Independent Liberal for 1931; Liberal/SDP Alliance 1983-87; Liberal Democrats from 1992

* Figures for Ireland, not Northern Ireland

Sources: *British Electoral Facts: 1832-2006*, *Rallings and Thrasher, Parliamentary Research Services*, *House of Commons Library data*

Table 1b

General Election Results: 1918-2005: Great Britain

| | Votes (millions) | | | | | | Share of vote (%) | | | | | |
|----------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|--------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|--------|-------|--------|
| | Con ^(a) | Lab | Lib ^(b) | PC/SNP | Other | Total | Con ^(a) | Lab | Lib ^(b) | PC/SNP | Other | Total |
| 1918 | 3.85 | 2.25 | 2.79 | 0.00 | 0.86 | 9.75 | 39.5% | 23.0% | 28.6% | 0.0% | 8.8% | 100.0% |
| 1922 | 5.39 | 4.24 | 4.14 | 0.00 | 0.41 | 14.18 | 38.0% | 29.9% | 29.2% | 0.0% | 2.9% | 100.0% |
| 1923 | 5.40 | 4.44 | 4.30 | 0.00 | 0.17 | 14.31 | 37.7% | 31.0% | 30.1% | 0.0% | 1.2% | 100.0% |
| 1924 | 7.40 | 5.49 | 2.93 | 0.00 | 0.30 | 16.12 | 45.9% | 34.0% | 18.2% | 0.0% | 1.9% | 100.0% |
| 1929 | 8.30 | 8.37 | 5.21 | 0.00 | 0.25 | 22.14 | 37.5% | 37.8% | 23.5% | 0.0% | 1.1% | 100.0% |
| 1931 | 13.01 | 6.64 | 1.48 | 0.02 | 0.23 | 21.37 | 60.9% | 31.1% | 6.9% | 0.1% | 1.1% | 100.0% |
| 1935 | 11.76 | 8.33 | 1.44 | 0.03 | 0.44 | 22.00 | 53.4% | 37.8% | 6.6% | 0.1% | 2.0% | 100.0% |
| 1945 | 9.58 | 11.90 | 2.25 | 0.05 | 0.59 | 24.38 | 39.3% | 48.8% | 9.2% | 0.2% | 2.4% | 100.0% |
| 1950 | 12.12 | 13.20 | 2.62 | 0.03 | 0.25 | 28.21 | 42.9% | 46.8% | 9.3% | 0.1% | 0.9% | 100.0% |
| 1951 | 13.44 | 13.89 | 0.73 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 28.13 | 47.8% | 49.4% | 2.6% | 0.1% | 0.2% | 100.0% |
| 1955 | 12.84 | 12.37 | 0.72 | 0.06 | 0.12 | 26.11 | 49.2% | 47.4% | 2.8% | 0.2% | 0.5% | 100.0% |
| 1959 | 13.31 | 12.17 | 1.64 | 0.10 | 0.07 | 27.29 | 48.8% | 44.6% | 6.0% | 0.4% | 0.3% | 100.0% |
| 1964 | 11.58 | 12.10 | 3.08 | 0.13 | 0.12 | 27.02 | 42.9% | 44.8% | 11.4% | 0.5% | 0.4% | 100.0% |
| 1966 | 11.05 | 12.99 | 2.30 | 0.19 | 0.14 | 26.67 | 41.4% | 48.7% | 8.6% | 0.7% | 0.5% | 100.0% |
| 1970 | 12.72 | 12.08 | 2.11 | 0.48 | 0.17 | 27.57 | 46.2% | 43.8% | 7.6% | 1.7% | 0.6% | 100.0% |
| 1974 Feb | 11.83 | 11.65 | 6.06 | 0.80 | 0.28 | 30.62 | 38.6% | 38.0% | 19.8% | 2.6% | 0.9% | 100.0% |
| 1974 Oct | 10.43 | 11.46 | 5.35 | 1.01 | 0.25 | 28.49 | 36.6% | 40.2% | 18.8% | 3.5% | 0.9% | 100.0% |
| 1979 | 13.70 | 11.51 | 4.31 | 0.64 | 0.37 | 30.53 | 44.9% | 37.7% | 14.1% | 2.1% | 1.2% | 100.0% |
| 1983 | 13.01 | 8.46 | 7.78 | 0.46 | 0.20 | 29.91 | 43.5% | 28.3% | 26.0% | 1.5% | 0.7% | 100.0% |
| 1987 | 13.74 | 10.03 | 7.34 | 0.54 | 0.15 | 31.80 | 43.2% | 31.5% | 23.1% | 1.7% | 0.5% | 100.0% |
| 1992 | 14.05 | 11.56 | 6.00 | 0.78 | 0.44 | 32.83 | 42.8% | 35.2% | 18.3% | 2.4% | 1.3% | 100.0% |
| 1997 | 9.59 | 13.52 | 5.24 | 0.78 | 1.36 | 30.50 | 31.5% | 44.3% | 17.2% | 2.6% | 4.5% | 100.0% |
| 2001 | 8.36 | 10.72 | 4.81 | 0.66 | 1.00 | 25.56 | 32.7% | 42.0% | 18.8% | 2.6% | 3.9% | 100.0% |
| 2005 | 8.78 | 9.55 | 5.99 | 0.59 | 1.52 | 26.43 | 33.2% | 36.1% | 22.6% | 2.2% | 5.8% | 100.0% |

| | Candidates | | | | | | Seats won | | | | | |
|----------|--------------------|-----|--------------------|--------|-------|-------|--------------------|-----|--------------------|--------|-------|-------|
| | Con ^(a) | Lab | Lib ^(b) | PC/SNP | Other | Total | Con ^(a) | Lab | Lib ^(b) | PC/SNP | Other | Total |
| 1918 | 409 | 361 | 421 | 0 | 228 | 1,419 | 359 | 57 | 163 | 0 | 27 | 606 |
| 1922 | 470 | 414 | 485 | 0 | 57 | 1,426 | 334 | 142 | 115 | 0 | 12 | 603 |
| 1923 | 524 | 427 | 457 | 0 | 22 | 1,430 | 248 | 191 | 158 | 0 | 6 | 603 |
| 1924 | 522 | 514 | 339 | 0 | 31 | 1,406 | 400 | 40 | 151 | 0 | 12 | 603 |
| 1929 | 580 | 569 | 507 | 3 | 49 | 1,708 | 250 | 287 | 59 | 0 | 7 | 603 |
| 1931 | 571 | 515 | 117 | 7 | 66 | 1,276 | 512 | 52 | 36 | 0 | 3 | 603 |
| 1935 | 571 | 552 | 161 | 9 | 38 | 1,331 | 419 | 154 | 21 | 0 | 9 | 603 |
| 1945 | 606 | 598 | 306 | 15 | 134 | 1,659 | 202 | 393 | 12 | 0 | 21 | 628 |
| 1950 | 606 | 612 | 475 | 10 | 142 | 1,845 | 287 | 315 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 613 |
| 1951 | 608 | 586 | 104 | 9 | 49 | 1,356 | 312 | 295 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 613 |
| 1955 | 611 | 617 | 110 | 13 | 30 | 1,381 | 334 | 277 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 618 |
| 1959 | 613 | 618 | 215 | 25 | 36 | 1,507 | 353 | 258 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 618 |
| 1964 | 617 | 618 | 361 | 28 | 94 | 1,718 | 291 | 317 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 618 |
| 1966 | 617 | 617 | 308 | 43 | 95 | 1,680 | 242 | 363 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 618 |
| 1970 | 617 | 617 | 328 | 101 | 134 | 1,797 | 322 | 287 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 618 |
| 1974 Feb | 623 | 623 | 517 | 106 | 218 | 2,087 | 297 | 301 | 14 | 9 | 2 | 623 |
| 1974 Oct | 621 | 623 | 619 | 107 | 239 | 2,209 | 276 | 319 | 13 | 14 | 1 | 623 |
| 1979 | 622 | 622 | 577 | 107 | 584 | 2,512 | 339 | 268 | 11 | 4 | 1 | 623 |
| 1983 | 633 | 633 | 633 | 110 | 474 | 2,483 | 397 | 209 | 23 | 4 | 0 | 633 |
| 1987 | 632 | 633 | 633 | 109 | 241 | 2,248 | 375 | 229 | 22 | 6 | 1 | 633 |
| 1992 | 634 | 634 | 632 | 107 | 842 | 2,849 | 336 | 271 | 20 | 7 | 0 | 634 |
| 1997 | 640 | 639 | 639 | 112 | 1,569 | 3,599 | 165 | 418 | 46 | 10 | 2 | 641 |
| 2001 | 640 | 640 | 639 | 112 | 1,188 | 3,219 | 166 | 412 | 52 | 9 | 2 | 641 |
| 2005 | 627 | 627 | 626 | 99 | 1,470 | 3,449 | 198 | 355 | 62 | 9 | 4 | 628 |

(a) Includes Coalition Conservative for 1918; includes National for 1931; includes National, National Liberal and National Labour for 1931-1935; includes National and National Liberal for 1945. includes National Liberal and Conservative 1945-1970

(b) Includes Coalition Liberal Party for 1918; includes National Liberal for 1922; includes Independent Liberal for 1931; Liberal/SDP Alliance 1983-87; Liberal Democrats from 1992

Sources: *British Electoral Facts: 1832-2006, Rallings and Thrasher, Parliamentary Research Services, House of Commons Library data*

Table 1c

General Election Results: 1918-2005: England

| | Votes (millions) | | | | | Share of vote (%) | | | | |
|----------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|--------|
| | Con ^(a) | Lab | Lib ^(b) | Other | Total | Con ^(a) | Lab | Lib ^(b) | Other | Total |
| 1918 | 3.41 | 1.81 | 2.14 | 0.69 | 8.05 | 42.4% | 22.5% | 26.5% | 8.6% | 100.0% |
| 1922 | 4.81 | 3.37 | 3.21 | 0.31 | 11.70 | 41.1% | 28.8% | 27.5% | 2.6% | 100.0% |
| 1923 | 4.73 | 3.55 | 3.57 | 0.07 | 11.93 | 39.7% | 29.8% | 30.0% | 0.6% | 100.0% |
| 1924 | 6.46 | 4.47 | 2.39 | 0.25 | 13.56 | 47.6% | 32.9% | 17.6% | 1.8% | 100.0% |
| 1929 | 7.18 | 6.85 | 4.34 | 0.13 | 18.50 | 38.8% | 37.0% | 23.5% | 0.7% | 100.0% |
| 1931 | 11.48 | 5.46 | 1.01 | 0.13 | 18.08 | 63.5% | 30.2% | 5.6% | 0.7% | 100.0% |
| 1935 | 9.99 | 7.05 | 1.11 | 0.12 | 18.27 | 54.7% | 38.6% | 6.1% | 0.7% | 100.0% |
| 1945 | 8.27 | 9.97 | 1.91 | 0.38 | 20.54 | 40.3% | 48.6% | 9.3% | 1.9% | 100.0% |
| 1950 | 11.62 | 11.63 | 0.54 | 0.04 | 23.83 | 48.8% | 48.8% | 2.3% | 0.1% | 100.0% |
| 1951 | 10.47 | 11.05 | 2.25 | 0.18 | 23.95 | 43.7% | 46.1% | 9.4% | 0.8% | 100.0% |
| 1955 | 11.14 | 10.36 | 0.57 | 0.07 | 22.14 | 50.3% | 46.8% | 2.6% | 0.3% | 100.0% |
| 1959 | 11.56 | 10.09 | 1.45 | 0.03 | 23.13 | 50.0% | 43.6% | 6.3% | 0.1% | 100.0% |
| 1964 | 10.08 | 9.98 | 2.78 | 0.09 | 22.94 | 44.0% | 43.5% | 12.1% | 0.4% | 100.0% |
| 1966 | 9.69 | 10.86 | 2.04 | 0.11 | 22.69 | 42.7% | 47.8% | 9.0% | 0.5% | 100.0% |
| 1970 | 11.28 | 10.10 | 1.85 | 0.12 | 23.36 | 48.3% | 43.2% | 7.9% | 0.5% | 100.0% |
| 1974 Feb | 10.47 | 9.84 | 5.57 | 0.25 | 26.14 | 40.1% | 37.7% | 21.3% | 1.0% | 100.0% |
| 1974 Oct | 9.38 | 9.70 | 4.88 | 0.24 | 24.19 | 38.8% | 40.1% | 20.2% | 1.0% | 100.0% |
| 1979 | 12.26 | 9.53 | 3.88 | 0.31 | 25.97 | 47.2% | 36.7% | 14.9% | 1.2% | 100.0% |
| 1983 | 11.71 | 6.86 | 6.71 | 0.18 | 25.47 | 46.0% | 26.9% | 26.4% | 0.7% | 100.0% |
| 1987 | 12.52 | 8.01 | 6.47 | 0.14 | 27.13 | 46.1% | 29.5% | 23.8% | 0.5% | 100.0% |
| 1992 | 12.80 | 9.55 | 5.40 | 0.40 | 28.15 | 45.5% | 33.9% | 19.2% | 1.4% | 100.0% |
| 1997 | 8.78 | 11.35 | 4.68 | 1.25 | 26.06 | 33.7% | 43.5% | 18.0% | 4.8% | 100.0% |
| 2001 | 7.71 | 9.06 | 4.25 | 0.86 | 21.87 | 35.2% | 41.4% | 19.4% | 3.9% | 100.0% |
| 2005 | 8.11 | 8.05 | 5.20 | 1.34 | 22.70 | 35.7% | 35.5% | 22.9% | 5.9% | 100.0% |

| | Candidates | | | | | Seats won | | | | |
|----------|--------------------|-----|--------------------|-------|-------|--------------------|-----|--------------------|-------|-------|
| | Con ^(a) | Lab | Lib ^(b) | Other | Total | Con ^(a) | Lab | Lib ^(b) | Other | Total |
| 1918 | 352 | 291 | 327 | 181 | 1,151 | 315 | 42 | 107 | 21 | 485 |
| 1922 | 406 | 340 | 368 | 42 | 1,156 | 307 | 95 | 75 | 8 | 485 |
| 1923 | 444 | 350 | 362 | 285 | 1,441 | 221 | 138 | 123 | 3 | 485 |
| 1924 | 440 | 414 | 280 | 25 | 1,159 | 347 | 109 | 19 | 10 | 485 |
| 1929 | 469 | 467 | 422 | 30 | 1,388 | 221 | 226 | 35 | 3 | 485 |
| 1931 | 476 | 428 | 87 | 41 | 1,032 | 436 | 29 | 19 | 1 | 485 |
| 1935 | 473 | 452 | 132 | 21 | 1,078 | 357 | 116 | 11 | 1 | 485 |
| 1945 | 507 | 494 | 265 | 97 | 1,363 | 167 | 331 | 5 | 7 | 510 |
| 1950 | 502 | 506 | 91 | 13 | 1,112 | 271 | 233 | 2 | 0 | 506 |
| 1951 | 503 | 505 | 413 | 107 | 1,528 | 252 | 251 | 2 | 1 | 506 |
| 1955 | 508 | 510 | 95 | 21 | 1,134 | 292 | 216 | 2 | 1 | 511 |
| 1959 | 509 | 511 | 191 | 23 | 1,234 | 315 | 193 | 3 | 0 | 511 |
| 1964 | 510 | 511 | 323 | 65 | 1,409 | 261 | 246 | 3 | 1 | 511 |
| 1966 | 510 | 510 | 273 | 70 | 1,363 | 219 | 285 | 6 | 1 | 511 |
| 1970 | 510 | 510 | 282 | 101 | 1,403 | 292 | 216 | 2 | 1 | 511 |
| 1974 Feb | 516 | 516 | 452 | 190 | 1,674 | 268 | 237 | 9 | 2 | 516 |
| 1974 Oct | 514 | 516 | 515 | 221 | 1,766 | 252 | 255 | 8 | 1 | 516 |
| 1979 | 516 | 516 | 506 | 536 | 2,074 | 306 | 203 | 7 | 0 | 516 |
| 1983 | 523 | 523 | 523 | 431 | 2,000 | 362 | 148 | 13 | 0 | 523 |
| 1987 | 522 | 523 | 523 | 214 | 1,782 | 357 | 155 | 10 | 1 | 523 |
| 1992 | 524 | 524 | 522 | 758 | 2,328 | 319 | 195 | 10 | 0 | 524 |
| 1997 | 528 | 527 | 527 | 1,363 | 2,945 | 165 | 328 | 34 | 2 | 529 |
| 2001 | 529 | 529 | 528 | 1,002 | 2,588 | 165 | 323 | 40 | 1 | 529 |
| 2005 | 529 | 529 | 528 | 1,231 | 2,817 | 194 | 286 | 47 | 2 | 529 |

(a) Includes Coalition Conservative for 1918; includes National for 1931; includes National, National Liberal and National Labour for 1931-1935; includes National and National Liberal for 1945. includes National Liberal and Conservative 1945-1970

(b) Includes Coalition Liberal Party for 1918; includes National Liberal for 1922; includes Independent Liberal for 1931; Liberal/SDP Alliance 1983-87; Liberal Democrats from 1992

Sources: *British Electoral Facts: 1832-2006*, *Rallings and Thrasher, Parliamentary Research Services*, *House of Commons Library data*

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Table 1d

General Election Results: 1918-2005: Wales

| | Votes (thousands) | | | | | | Share of vote (%) | | | | | |
|----------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|---------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| | Con ^(a) | Lab | Lib ^(b) | PC | Other | Total | Con ^(a) | Lab | Lib ^(b) | PC | Other | Total |
| 1918 | 59.6 | 163.1 | 258.8 | 0.0 | 47.6 | 529.0 | 11.3% | 30.8% | 48.9% | 0.0% | 9.0% | 100.0% |
| 1922 | 190.9 | 363.6 | 306.0 | 0.0 | 32.3 | 892.7 | 21.4% | 40.7% | 34.3% | 0.0% | 3.6% | 100.0% |
| 1923 | 178.1 | 355.2 | 299.3 | 0.0 | 12.5 | 845.1 | 21.1% | 42.0% | 35.4% | 0.0% | 1.5% | 100.0% |
| 1924 | 224.0 | 320.4 | 244.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 789.2 | 28.4% | 40.6% | 31.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 100.0% |
| 1929 | 289.7 | 577.6 | 440.9 | 0.6 | 8.1 | 1316.9 | 22.0% | 43.9% | 33.5% | 0.0% | 0.6% | 100.0% |
| 1931 | 340.7 | 479.5 | 229.0 | 1.1 | 38.2 | 1088.5 | 31.3% | 44.1% | 21.0% | 0.1% | 3.5% | 100.0% |
| 1935 | 292.5 | 395.8 | 157.1 | 2.5 | 23.3 | 871.3 | 33.6% | 45.4% | 18.0% | 0.3% | 2.7% | 100.0% |
| 1945 | 316.7 | 779.2 | 198.6 | 14.3 | 21.9 | 1,330.7 | 23.8% | 58.6% | 14.9% | 1.1% | 1.6% | 100.0% |
| 1950 | 418.7 | 888.0 | 193.1 | 17.6 | 11.2 | 1,528.6 | 27.4% | 58.1% | 12.6% | 1.2% | 0.7% | 100.0% |
| 1951 | 471.3 | 925.8 | 116.8 | 10.9 | 4.6 | 1,529.4 | 30.8% | 60.5% | 7.6% | 0.7% | 0.3% | 100.0% |
| 1955 | 428.9 | 825.7 | 104.1 | 45.1 | 30.0 | 1,433.7 | 29.9% | 57.6% | 7.3% | 3.1% | 2.1% | 100.0% |
| 1959 | 486.3 | 841.5 | 79.0 | 77.6 | 7.0 | 1,491.3 | 32.6% | 56.4% | 5.3% | 5.2% | 0.5% | 100.0% |
| 1964 | 425.0 | 837.0 | 106.1 | 69.5 | 9.4 | 1,447.0 | 29.4% | 57.8% | 7.3% | 4.8% | 0.6% | 100.0% |
| 1966 | 396.8 | 863.7 | 89.1 | 61.1 | 12.8 | 1,423.4 | 27.9% | 60.7% | 6.3% | 4.3% | 0.9% | 100.0% |
| 1970 | 419.9 | 781.9 | 103.7 | 175.0 | 36.0 | 1,516.6 | 27.7% | 51.6% | 6.8% | 11.5% | 2.4% | 100.0% |
| 1974 Feb | 412.5 | 745.5 | 255.4 | 171.4 | 9.0 | 1,593.8 | 25.9% | 46.8% | 16.0% | 10.8% | 0.6% | 100.0% |
| 1974 Oct | 367.2 | 761.4 | 239.1 | 166.3 | 3.8 | 1,537.8 | 23.9% | 49.5% | 15.5% | 10.8% | 0.2% | 100.0% |
| 1979 | 526.3 | 768.5 | 173.5 | 132.5 | 35.8 | 1,636.6 | 32.2% | 47.0% | 10.6% | 8.1% | 2.2% | 100.0% |
| 1983 | 499.3 | 603.9 | 373.4 | 125.3 | 7.2 | 1,609.0 | 31.0% | 37.5% | 23.2% | 7.8% | 0.4% | 100.0% |
| 1987 | 501.3 | 765.2 | 304.2 | 123.6 | 3.7 | 1,698.1 | 29.5% | 45.1% | 17.9% | 7.3% | 0.2% | 100.0% |
| 1992 | 499.7 | 865.7 | 217.5 | 154.9 | 11.0 | 1,748.8 | 28.6% | 49.5% | 12.4% | 8.9% | 0.6% | 100.0% |
| 1997 | 317.1 | 886.9 | 200.0 | 161.0 | 54.9 | 1,620.1 | 19.6% | 54.7% | 12.3% | 9.9% | 3.4% | 100.0% |
| 2001 | 288.7 | 667.0 | 189.4 | 195.9 | 31.6 | 1,372.5 | 21.0% | 48.6% | 13.8% | 14.3% | 2.3% | 100.0% |
| 2005 | 297.8 | 594.8 | 256.2 | 174.8 | 69.0 | 1,392.7 | 21.4% | 42.7% | 18.4% | 12.6% | 5.0% | 100.0% |

| | Candidates | | | | | | Seats won | | | | | |
|----------|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----|-------|-------|--------------------|-----|--------------------|----|-------|-------|
| | Con ^(a) | Lab | Lib ^(b) | PC | Other | Total | Con ^(a) | Lab | Lib ^(b) | PC | Other | Total |
| 1918 | 8 | 25 | 29 | 0 | 9 | 71 | 4 | 9 | 20 | 0 | 2 | 35 |
| 1922 | 19 | 28 | 30 | 0 | 3 | 80 | 6 | 18 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 35 |
| 1923 | 19 | 27 | 31 | 0 | 1 | 78 | 4 | 19 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 35 |
| 1924 | 17 | 33 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 71 | 9 | 16 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| 1929 | 35 | 33 | 34 | 1 | 3 | 106 | 1 | 25 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| 1931 | 20 | 30 | 14 | 1 | 7 | 72 | 11 | 16 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| 1935 | 20 | 12 | 33 | 1 | 2 | 68 | 11 | 18 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| 1945 | 27 | 34 | 17 | 7 | 2 | 87 | 4 | 25 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 35 |
| 1950 | 35 | 36 | 21 | 7 | 6 | 105 | 4 | 27 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 36 |
| 1951 | 36 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 31 | 84 | 6 | 27 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 36 |
| 1955 | 32 | 36 | 10 | 11 | 2 | 91 | 6 | 27 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 36 |
| 1959 | 34 | 36 | 8 | 20 | 3 | 101 | 7 | 27 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 36 |
| 1964 | 36 | 36 | 12 | 23 | 5 | 112 | 6 | 28 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 36 |
| 1966 | 36 | 36 | 11 | 20 | 8 | 111 | 3 | 32 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 36 |
| 1970 | 36 | 36 | 19 | 36 | 11 | 138 | 7 | 27 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 36 |
| 1974 Feb | 36 | 36 | 31 | 36 | 9 | 148 | 8 | 24 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 36 |
| 1974 Oct | 36 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 6 | 150 | 8 | 23 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 36 |
| 1979 | 35 | 35 | 28 | 36 | 20 | 154 | 11 | 21 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 36 |
| 1983 | 38 | 38 | 38 | 38 | 17 | 169 | 14 | 20 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 38 |
| 1987 | 38 | 38 | 38 | 38 | 6 | 158 | 8 | 24 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 38 |
| 1992 | 38 | 38 | 38 | 35 | 31 | 180 | 6 | 27 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 38 |
| 1997 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 63 | 223 | 0 | 34 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 40 |
| 2001 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 64 | 224 | 0 | 34 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 40 |
| 2005 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 90 | 250 | 3 | 29 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 40 |

(a) Includes Coalition Conservative for 1918; includes National for 1931; includes National, National Liberal and National Labour for 1931-1935; includes National and National Liberal for 1945. includes National Liberal and Conservative 1945-1970

(b) Includes Coalition Liberal Party for 1918; includes National Liberal for 1922; includes Independent Liberal for 1931; Liberal/SDP Alliance 1983-87; Liberal Democrats from 1992

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Table 1e

General Election Results: 1918-2005: Scotland

| | Votes (thousands) | | | | | | Share of vote (%) | | | | | |
|----------|--------------------|---------|--------------------|-------|-------|---------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| | Con ^(a) | Lab | Lib ^(b) | SNP | Other | Total | Con ^(a) | Lab | Lib ^(b) | SNP | Other | Total |
| 1918 | 358.5 | 265.7 | 385.1 | 0.0 | 117.4 | 1126.7 | 31.8% | 23.6% | 34.2% | 0.0% | 10.4% | 100.0% |
| 1922 | 379.4 | 501.3 | 617.2 | 0.0 | 71.5 | 1569.4 | 24.2% | 31.9% | 39.3% | 0.0% | 4.6% | 100.0% |
| 1923 | 468.3 | 532.5 | 423.0 | 0.0 | 77.6 | 1501.3 | 31.2% | 35.5% | 28.2% | 0.0% | 5.2% | 100.0% |
| 1924 | 688.3 | 697.1 | 286.5 | 0.0 | 45.1 | 1717.1 | 40.1% | 40.6% | 16.7% | 0.0% | 2.6% | 100.0% |
| 1929 | 792.1 | 937.3 | 407.1 | 3.3 | 103.2 | 2242.9 | 35.3% | 41.8% | 18.1% | 0.1% | 4.6% | 100.0% |
| 1931 | 1180.0 | 696.2 | 205.4 | 21.0 | 71.7 | 2174.3 | 54.3% | 32.0% | 9.4% | 1.0% | 3.3% | 100.0% |
| 1935 | 1135.4 | 863.8 | 174.2 | 25.7 | 124.7 | 2323.8 | 48.9% | 37.2% | 7.5% | 1.1% | 5.4% | 100.0% |
| 1945 | 964.1 | 1,144.3 | 132.8 | 30.6 | 118.0 | 2,389.9 | 40.3% | 47.9% | 5.6% | 1.3% | 4.9% | 100.0% |
| 1950 | 1,222.0 | 1,259.4 | 180.3 | 9.7 | 55.3 | 2,726.7 | 44.8% | 46.2% | 6.6% | 0.4% | 2.0% | 100.0% |
| 1951 | 1,349.3 | 1,330.2 | 76.3 | 7.3 | 14.7 | 2,777.8 | 48.6% | 47.9% | 2.7% | 0.3% | 0.5% | 100.0% |
| 1955 | 1,273.9 | 1,188.1 | 47.3 | 12.1 | 21.9 | 2,543.3 | 50.1% | 46.7% | 1.9% | 0.5% | 0.9% | 100.0% |
| 1959 | 1,260.3 | 1,245.3 | 109.0 | 21.7 | 31.3 | 2,667.5 | 47.2% | 46.7% | 4.1% | 0.8% | 1.2% | 100.0% |
| 1964 | 1,069.7 | 1,283.7 | 200.1 | 64.0 | 17.1 | 2,634.5 | 40.6% | 48.7% | 7.6% | 2.4% | 0.6% | 100.0% |
| 1966 | 960.7 | 1,273.9 | 172.4 | 128.5 | 16.9 | 2,552.4 | 37.6% | 49.9% | 6.8% | 5.0% | 0.7% | 100.0% |
| 1970 | 1,020.7 | 1,197.1 | 147.7 | 306.8 | 16.0 | 2,688.2 | 38.0% | 44.5% | 5.5% | 11.4% | 0.6% | 100.0% |
| 1974 Feb | 950.7 | 1,057.6 | 229.2 | 633.2 | 16.5 | 2,887.1 | 32.9% | 36.6% | 7.9% | 21.9% | 0.6% | 100.0% |
| 1974 Oct | 681.3 | 1,000.6 | 228.9 | 839.6 | 7.7 | 2,758.1 | 24.7% | 36.3% | 8.3% | 30.4% | 0.3% | 100.0% |
| 1979 | 916.2 | 1,211.4 | 262.2 | 504.3 | 22.6 | 2,916.6 | 31.4% | 41.5% | 9.0% | 17.3% | 0.8% | 100.0% |
| 1983 | 801.5 | 990.7 | 692.6 | 332.0 | 7.8 | 2,824.6 | 28.4% | 35.1% | 24.5% | 11.8% | 0.3% | 100.0% |
| 1987 | 713.1 | 1,258.1 | 570.1 | 416.5 | 10.1 | 2,967.8 | 24.0% | 42.4% | 19.2% | 14.0% | 0.3% | 100.0% |
| 1992 | 752.0 | 1,142.9 | 383.9 | 629.6 | 23.4 | 2,931.7 | 25.6% | 39.0% | 13.1% | 21.5% | 0.8% | 100.0% |
| 1997 | 493.1 | 1,283.4 | 365.4 | 621.6 | 53.4 | 2,816.7 | 17.5% | 45.6% | 13.0% | 22.1% | 1.9% | 100.0% |
| 2001 | 360.7 | 1,001.2 | 378.0 | 464.3 | 109.5 | 2,313.7 | 15.6% | 43.3% | 16.3% | 20.1% | 4.7% | 100.0% |
| 2005 | 369.4 | 907.2 | 528.1 | 412.3 | 116.9 | 2,333.9 | 15.8% | 38.9% | 22.6% | 17.7% | 5.0% | 100.0% |

| | Candidates | | | | | | Seats won | | | | | |
|----------|--------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|-------|-------|--------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|-------|-------|
| | Con ^(a) | Lab | Lib ^(b) | SNP | Other | Total | Con ^(a) | Lab | Lib ^(b) | SNP | Other | Total |
| 1918 | 37 | 39 | 61 | 0 | 28 | 165 | 30 | 6 | 33 | 0 | 2 | 71 |
| 1922 | 36 | 43 | 81 | 0 | 8 | 168 | 13 | 29 | 27 | 0 | 2 | 71 |
| 1923 | 52 | 48 | 59 | 0 | 8 | 167 | 14 | 34 | 22 | 0 | 1 | 71 |
| 1924 | 56 | 63 | 34 | 0 | 3 | 156 | 36 | 26 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 71 |
| 1929 | 65 | 66 | 45 | 2 | 14 | 192 | 20 | 36 | 13 | 0 | 2 | 71 |
| 1931 | 65 | 57 | 14 | 5 | 14 | 155 | 57 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 71 |
| 1935 | 69 | 63 | 16 | 7 | 12 | 167 | 43 | 20 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 71 |
| 1945 | 68 | 68 | 22 | 8 | 18 | 184 | 27 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 71 |
| 1950 | 68 | 71 | 41 | 3 | 29 | 212 | 31 | 37 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 71 |
| 1951 | 70 | 71 | 9 | 2 | 8 | 160 | 35 | 35 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 71 |
| 1955 | 71 | 71 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 156 | 36 | 34 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 71 |
| 1959 | 70 | 71 | 16 | 5 | 10 | 172 | 31 | 38 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 71 |
| 1964 | 71 | 71 | 26 | 15 | 14 | 197 | 24 | 43 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 71 |
| 1966 | 71 | 71 | 24 | 23 | 17 | 206 | 20 | 46 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 71 |
| 1970 | 71 | 71 | 27 | 65 | 22 | 256 | 23 | 44 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 71 |
| 1974 Feb | 71 | 71 | 34 | 70 | 19 | 265 | 21 | 40 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 71 |
| 1974 Oct | 71 | 71 | 68 | 71 | 12 | 293 | 16 | 41 | 3 | 11 | 0 | 71 |
| 1979 | 71 | 71 | 43 | 71 | 28 | 284 | 22 | 44 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 71 |
| 1983 | 72 | 72 | 72 | 72 | 26 | 314 | 21 | 41 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 72 |
| 1987 | 72 | 72 | 72 | 71 | 21 | 308 | 10 | 50 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 72 |
| 1992 | 72 | 72 | 72 | 72 | 53 | 341 | 11 | 49 | 9 | 3 | 0 | 72 |
| 1997 | 72 | 72 | 72 | 72 | 143 | 431 | 0 | 56 | 10 | 6 | 0 | 72 |
| 2001 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 72 | 122 | 407 | 1 | 55 | 10 | 5 | 1 | 72 |
| 2005 | 58 | 58 | 58 | 59 | 149 | 382 | 1 | 40 | 11 | 6 | 1 | 59 |

(a) Includes Coalition Conservative for 1918; includes National for 1931; includes National, National Liberal and National Labour for 1931-1935; includes National and National Liberal for 1945. includes National Liberal and Conservative 1945-1970

(b) Includes Coalition Liberal Party for 1918; includes National Liberal for 1922; includes Independent Liberal for 1931; Liberal/SDP Alliance 1983-87; Liberal Democrats from 1992

Sources: *British Electoral Facts: 1832-2006*, *Rallings and Thrasher, Parliamentary Research Services*, *House of Commons Library data*

Table 1f

General Election Results: 1918-1970: Northern Ireland

| | Votes (thousands) | | | | | Share of vote (%) | | | | |
|-------|--------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|--------|--------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|--------|
| | Con ^(a) | Lab | Lib ^(b) | Other | Total | Con ^(a) | Lab | Lib ^(b) | Other | Total |
| *1918 | 289.2 | .. | .. | 750.0 | 1039.2 | 27.8% | .. | .. | 72.2% | 100.0% |
| 1922 | 108.0 | .. | .. | 99.9 | 207.9 | 51.9% | .. | .. | 48.1% | 100.0% |
| 1923 | 117.2 | .. | .. | 125.1 | 242.3 | 48.4% | .. | .. | 51.6% | 100.0% |
| 1924 | 451.3 | .. | .. | 68.1 | 519.4 | 86.9% | .. | .. | 13.1% | 100.0% |
| 1929 | 354.7 | .. | 100.1 | 55.3 | 510.1 | 69.5% | .. | 19.6% | 10.8% | 100.0% |
| 1931 | 149.6 | 9.4 | .. | 123.1 | 282.0 | 53.0% | 3.3% | .. | 43.6% | 100.0% |
| 1935 | 292.8 | .. | .. | 158.3 | 451.2 | 64.9% | .. | .. | 35.1% | 100.0% |
| 1945 | 392.5 | 65.5 | .. | 261.9 | 719.8 | 54.5% | 9.1% | .. | 36.4% | 100.0% |
| 1950 | 352.3 | 67.8 | .. | 141.3 | 561.4 | 62.8% | 12.1% | .. | 25.2% | 100.0% |
| 1951 | 274.9 | 62.3 | .. | 126.0 | 463.2 | 59.4% | 13.5% | .. | 27.2% | 100.0% |
| 1955 | 442.6 | 35.6 | .. | 168.4 | 646.6 | 68.5% | 5.5% | .. | 26.0% | 100.0% |
| 1959 | 445.0 | 44.4 | 3.3 | 83.5 | 576.1 | 77.2% | 7.7% | 0.6% | 14.5% | 100.0% |
| 1964 | 401.9 | 102.8 | 17.4 | 116.3 | 638.3 | 63.0% | 16.1% | 2.7% | 18.2% | 100.0% |
| 1966 | 368.6 | 72.6 | 29.1 | 125.9 | 596.2 | 61.8% | 12.2% | 4.9% | 21.1% | 100.0% |
| 1970 | 422.0 | 98.2 | 12.0 | 246.9 | 779.1 | 54.2% | 12.6% | 1.5% | 31.7% | 100.0% |

| | Candidates | | | | | Seats won | | | | |
|-------|--------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|--------------------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| | Con ^(a) | Lab | Lib | Other | Total | Con ^(a) | Lab | Lib | Other | Total |
| *1918 | 36 | .. | .. | 168 | 204 | 23 | .. | .. | 78 | 101 |
| 1922 | 12 | .. | .. | 3 | 15 | 10 | .. | .. | 2 | 12 |
| 1923 | 12 | .. | .. | 4 | 16 | 10 | .. | .. | 2 | 12 |
| 1924 | 12 | .. | .. | 10 | 22 | 12 | .. | .. | 0 | 12 |
| 1929 | 10 | .. | 6 | 6 | 22 | 10 | .. | 0 | 2 | 12 |
| 1931 | 12 | 1 | .. | 3 | 16 | 10 | 0 | .. | 2 | 12 |
| 1935 | 12 | .. | .. | 5 | 17 | 10 | .. | .. | 2 | 12 |
| 1945 | 11 | 6 | .. | 7 | 24 | 9 | 0 | .. | 3 | 12 |
| 1950 | 12 | 5 | .. | 5 | 22 | 10 | 0 | .. | 2 | 12 |
| 1951 | 12 | 4 | .. | 4 | 20 | 9 | 0 | .. | 3 | 12 |
| 1955 | 12 | 3 | .. | 12 | 27 | 10 | 0 | .. | 2 | 12 |
| 1959 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 13 | 29 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| 1964 | 12 | 10 | 4 | 13 | 39 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| 1966 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 27 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 12 |
| 1970 | 12 | 8 | 3 | 17 | 40 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 12 |

(a) Conservative (or Unionist) Party. Includes National and National Liberal for 1945;
includes National Liberal and Conservative 1945-1970

* Figures for Ireland, not Northern Ireland.

Sources: *British Electoral Facts: 1832-2006*, *Rallings and Thrasher, Parliamentary Research Services*,
House of Commons Library data

Table 1g

General Election Results: 1974-2005: Northern Ireland

| | Votes (thousands) | | | | | | | | | Share of Vote | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|------|------|------|--|
| | Feb | | Oct | | 1979 | 1983 | 1987 | 1992 | 1997 | 2001 | 2005 | Feb | | Oct | | 1979 | 1983 | 1987 | 1992 | 1997 | 2001 | 2005 | |
| | 1974 | 1974 | 1974 | 1974 | | | | | | | | 1974 | 1974 | 1974 | 1974 | | | | | | | | |
| Ulster Unionist | 326.4 | 256.1 | 254.6 | 260.0 | 276.2 | 271.0 | 258.3 | 216.8 | 127.4 | 45.5% | 36.5% | 36.6% | 34.0% | 37.8% | 34.5% | 32.7% | 26.8% | 17.8% | | | | | |
| Ulster Democratic Unionist | 58.7 | 59.5 | 71.0 | 152.7 | 85.6 | 103.0 | 107.3 | 182.0 | 241.9 | 8.2% | 8.5% | 10.2% | 20.0% | 11.7% | 13.1% | 13.6% | 22.5% | 33.7% | | | | | |
| Ulster Popular Unionist | .. | .. | .. | 22.9 | 18.4 | 19.3 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3.0% | 2.5% | 2.5% | .. | .. | .. | | | | | |
| SDLP | 160.4 | 154.2 | 126.3 | 137.0 | 154.1 | 154.4 | 190.8 | 169.9 | 125.6 | 22.4% | 22.0% | 18.2% | 17.9% | 21.1% | 19.7% | 24.1% | 21.0% | 17.5% | | | | | |
| Alliance | 22.7 | 44.6 | 82.9 | 61.3 | 72.7 | 68.7 | 63.0 | 29.0 | 28.3 | 3.2% | 6.4% | 11.9% | 8.0% | 10.0% | 8.7% | 8.0% | 3.6% | 3.9% | | | | | |
| Sinn Fein | .. | .. | .. | 102.7 | 83.4 | 78.3 | 126.9 | 175.9 | 174.5 | .. | .. | .. | 13.4% | 11.4% | 10.0% | 16.1% | 21.7% | 24.3% | | | | | |
| Others (a) | 149.5 | 187.7 | 161.1 | 28.4 | 39.7 | 90.3 | 44.4 | 36.7 | 19.9 | 20.8% | 26.7% | 23.2% | 3.7% | 5.4% | 11.5% | 5.6% | 4.5% | 2.8% | | | | | |
| Total | 717.6 | 702.1 | 695.9 | 764.9 | 730.1 | 785.1 | 790.8 | 810.4 | 717.6 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | | | | | |
| Northern Ireland | Candidates | | | | | | | | | Seats Won | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ulster Unionist | 14 | 7 | 11 | 16 | 12 | 13 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 1 | | | | | |
| Ulster Democratic Unionist | 2 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 14 | 18 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 9 | | | | | |
| Ulster Popular Unionist | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | | | | | |
| SDLP | 12 | 9 | 9 | 17 | 13 | 13 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | | | | |
| Alliance | 3 | 5 | 12 | 12 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 10 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .. | | | | | |
| Sinn Fein | .. | .. | .. | 14 | 14 | 14 | 17 | 18 | 18 | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 5 | | | | | |
| Others (a) | 17 | 20 | 27 | 21 | 17 | 36 | 48 | 23 | 21 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .. | | | | | |
| Total | 48 | 43 | 64 | 95 | 77 | 100 | 125 | 100 | 105 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 18 | 18 | 18 | | | | | |

Notes: (a) The "others" winning seats were the Vanguard Unionist Progressive Party with three seats in both 1974 elections; an independent in October 1974; the United Ulster Unionist Party, an independent and James Kilfedder as an Ulster Unionist (not the Official Ulster Unionist Party) in 1979; the UK Unionist Party in 1997.

Sources: *British Electoral Facts: 1832-2006*, *Rallings and Thrasher, Parliamentary Research Services*, *House of Commons Library Data*

B. Turnout

Table 2 reports turnout at general elections since 1918.

- The lowest turnout in a general election was recorded in 1918 (57.2%). Between 1922 and 1997 turnout remained above 71%. However, in 2001 turnout fell to 59.4% and stayed relatively low at 61.4% in 2005.
- The highest turnout since 1918 was recorded in 1950 (83.9%).
- Turnout in Northern Ireland at general elections between 1945 and 1997 tended to be lower than in the other constituent countries of the UK, with the exception of 1983; However in 2001 and 2005, turnout was higher in Northern Ireland than in England, Wales and Scotland.

Table 2

Turnout at UK General Elections: 1918-2005

Valid votes as % of electorate

| | England | Wales | Scotland | Northern Ireland | United Kingdom |
|----------|---------|-------|----------|---------------------|-------------------|
| *1918 | 55.7% | 65.9% | 55.1% | 69.5% | 57.2% |
| 1922 | 72.8% | 79.4% | 70.4% | 77.2% | 73.0% |
| 1923 | 71.1% | 77.3% | 67.9% | 76.5% | 71.1% |
| 1924 | 77.4% | 80.0% | 75.1% | 66.7% | 77.0% |
| 1929 | 76.6% | 82.4% | 73.5% | 63.8% | 76.3% |
| 1931 | 76.1% | 79.3% | 77.4% | 74.5% | 76.4% |
| 1935 | 70.7% | 76.4% | 72.6% | 72.0% | 71.1% |
| 1945 | 73.4% | 75.7% | 69.0% | 67.4% | 72.8% |
| 1950 | 84.4% | 84.8% | 80.9% | 77.4% | 83.9% |
| 1951 | 82.7% | 84.4% | 81.2% | 79.9% | 82.6% |
| 1955 | 76.9% | 79.6% | 75.1% | 74.1% | 76.8% |
| 1959 | 78.9% | 82.6% | 78.1% | 65.9% | 78.7% |
| 1964 | 77.0% | 80.1% | 77.6% | 71.7% | 77.1% |
| 1966 | 75.9% | 79.0% | 76.0% | 66.1% | 75.8% |
| 1970 | 71.4% | 77.4% | 74.1% | 76.6% | 72.0% |
| 1974 Feb | 79.0% | 80.0% | 79.0% | 69.9% | 78.8% |
| 1974 Oct | 72.6% | 76.6% | 74.8% | 67.7% | 72.8% |
| 1979 | 75.9% | 79.4% | 76.8% | 67.7% | 76.0% |
| 1983 | 72.5% | 76.1% | 72.7% | 72.9% | 72.7% |
| 1987 | 75.4% | 78.9% | 75.1% | 67.0% | 75.3% |
| 1992 | 78.0% | 79.7% | 75.5% | 69.8% | 77.7% |
| 1997 | 71.4% | 73.5% | 71.3% | 67.1% | 71.4% |
| 2001 | 59.2% | 61.6% | 58.2% | 68.0% | 59.4% |
| 2005 | 61.3% | 62.6% | 60.8% | 62.9% | 61.4% |

* Figures for Ireland not Northern Ireland

Sources: *British Electoral Facts: 1832-2006*, *Rallings and Thrasher*,
Parliamentary Research Services,
House of Commons Library data

C. Spoilt ballots

Table 3 details the number of spoilt ballot papers in UK general elections. Figures on spoilt ballots have been collected since 1964. The proportion of all ballot papers spoilt was highest in the 1979 and 2001 General Elections.

Table 3

Spoilt Ballot Papers in UK General Elections 1964 - 2005

| | Spoilt ballot papers by reason | | | | Total* | Average per Constituency |
|----------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| | Want of Official Mark | Voting for more than one Candidate | Writing or mark by which voter could be identified | Unmarked or void for uncertainty | | |
| 1964 | 2,826 | 15,486 | 6,787 | 15,974 | 41,073 | 65 |
| 1966 | 2,061 | 11,519 | 8,525 | 27,794 | 49,899 | 79 |
| 1970 | 2,118 | 14,144 | 7,541 | 17,544 | 41,347 | 66 |
| 1974 Feb | 3,176 | 12,214 | 7,320 | 19,542 | 42,252 | 67 |
| 1974 Oct | 2,938 | 13,492 | 6,009 | 15,267 | 37,706 | 59 |
| 1979 | 3,282 | 72,515 | 5,801 | 36,250 | 117,848 | 186 |
| 1983 | 2,819 | 27,938 | 4,693 | 15,654 | 51,104 | 79 |
| 1987 | 2,408 | 14,216 | 4,976 | 15,345 | 36,945 | 57 |
| 1992 | 2,593 | 14,538 | 5,008 | 17,587 | 39,726 | 61 |
| 1997 | 2,169 | 25,234 | 4,421 | 61,415 | 93,408 | 142 |
| 2001 | 2,548 | 22,590 | 3,760 | 69,910 | 100,005 | 152 |
| 2005 | 2,971 | 20,595 | 4,439 | 54,377 | 85,038 | 129 |

Sources: *British Electoral Facts: 1832-2006*, Rallings and Thrasher, Parliamentary Research Services
Data for 2005 available from www.electoralcommission.gov.uk/

* Total includes 'Rejected in part'

D. Postal votes

Figures on postal voting have been compiled since the General Election of 1945. Under the *Representation of the People Act 2000* and more specifically, parts IV and V of the *Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001*, the rules for applying for postal ballots were changed. It is no longer necessary to state a reason when applying for a postal vote. In 2005, postal votes accounted for 12.7% of all ballots cast, compared to 4.9% in the 2001 General Election.

Table 4

Postal Ballot Papers in UK Elections 1945-2005

| | Number of postal ballot papers issued | Number of covering envelopes returned before close of poll | Number rejected | No of ballot papers included at the start of the count | Percentage of total ballot papers |
|----------|---|--|-----------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1945 | 1,219,519 | 1,032,688 | 14,359 | 1,018,329 | 3.9% |
| 1950 | 507,717 | 478,038 | 11,691 | 466,347 | 1.6% |
| 1951 | 831,877 | 756,967 | 14,393 | 742,574 | 2.5% |
| 1955 | 595,000 | 526,904 | 11,311 | 515,593 | 1.9% |
| 1959 | 692,827 | 612,231 | 13,672 | 598,559 | 2.1% |
| 1964 | 818,901 | 723,927 | 16,291 | 707,636 | 2.5% |
| 1966 | 617,481 | 528,006 | 14,965 | 513,041 | 1.8% |
| 1970 | 731,249 | 639,674 | 14,319 | 625,355 | 2.2% |
| 1974 Feb | 743,441 | 645,080 | 16,173 | 628,907 | 2.0% |
| 1974 Oct | 1,075,131 | 875,324 | 25,219 | 850,105 | 2.8% |
| 1979 | 847,335 | 714,892 | 22,923 | 691,969 | 2.2% |
| 1983 | 757,604 | 643,634 | 20,080 | 623,554 | 2.0% |
| 1987 | 947,948 | 818,349 | 25,287 | 793,062 | 2.4% |
| 1992 | 835,074 | 714,895 | 21,465 | 692,139 | 2.0% |
| 1997 | 937,205 | 764,366 | 26,371 | 738,614 | 2.3% |
| 2001 | 1,758,055 | 1,402,073 | 31,189 | 1,370,884 | 4.9% |
| 2005 | 5,362,501 | 4,110,039 | 102,545 | 3,963,792 | 12.7% |

Sources: *British Electoral Facts: 1832-2006, Parliamentary Research Services*

Data for 2005 available from www.electoralcommission.gov.uk/

Total ballots includes spoilt ballots

E. Women MPs

Table 5 shows the number of women elected at general elections since 1918.

- The first woman MP to win a seat at Westminster was Countess Constance Markievicz who won the St Patrick's division of Dublin in 1918. However, she did not take her seat and Nancy Astor, who won a by-election in 1919 in Plymouth, Sutton, was the first woman MP to take her seat in the House of Commons.
- Between 1945 and 1983, the number of women MPs remained below 30, ranging from 17 in 1951 to 29 in 1964. The number increased to 41 in 1987 and 60 in 1992. The number of women MPs doubled in 1997 to 120, of whom 101 were Labour MPs.
- The election of two women at by-elections following the 1997 General Election meant the total number of women MPs reached 122 (Jacqui Lait 1997 and Sandra Gidley 2000). This fell to 118 after the 2001 Election, but rose again to 119 following the Brent by-election in 2003 (Sarah Teather). After the 2005 General Election the number of women MPs rose further to

128; following the death of two women MPs (Patsy Calton and Rachel Squire) it has been 126 since January 2006, 19.5 of all MPs.

- Out of the 4,661 Members of Parliament elected since 1918, 291 (6%) have been women.³
- Of the 646 MPs elected in 2005, one in five MPs are women. Labour's 98 women MPs was three higher than in 2001 and three fewer than in 1997. Of the main parties, Labour has the highest proportion of women MPs (28%). The Conservatives have 9% and Liberal Democrats 16%.

Table 5

Women Members Elected at General Elections: 1918-2005

| | Women MPs by party | | | | | | | Total Number of Seats | Women as proportion of all MPs |
|----------|--------------------|-----|-----|-----|-------|---------|-------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| | Con | Lab | Lib | SDP | Other | Speaker | Total | | |
| 1918 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 707 | 0.1% |
| 1922 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 615 | 0.3% |
| 1923 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 615 | 1.3% |
| 1924 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 615 | 0.7% |
| 1929 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 14 | 615 | 2.3% |
| 1931 | 13 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 615 | 2.4% |
| 1935 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 615 | 1.5% |
| 1945 | 1 | 21 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 24 | 640 | 3.8% |
| 1950 | 6 | 14 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 625 | 3.4% |
| 1951 | 6 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 625 | 2.7% |
| 1955 | 10 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 630 | 3.8% |
| 1959 | 12 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 630 | 4.0% |
| 1964 | 11 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 630 | 4.6% |
| 1966 | 7 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 630 | 4.1% |
| 1970 | 15 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 26 | 630 | 4.1% |
| 1974 Feb | 9 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 23 | 635 | 3.6% |
| 1974 Oct | 7 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 27 | 635 | 4.3% |
| 1979 | 8 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 635 | 3.0% |
| 1983 | 13 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 650 | 3.5% |
| 1987 | 17 | 21 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 41 | 650 | 6.3% |
| 1992 | 20 | 37 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 60 | 651 | 9.2% |
| 1997 | 13 | 101 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 120 | 659 | 18.2% |
| 2001 | 14 | 95 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 118 | 659 | 17.9% |
| 2005 | 17 | 98 | 10 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 128 | 646 | 19.8% |

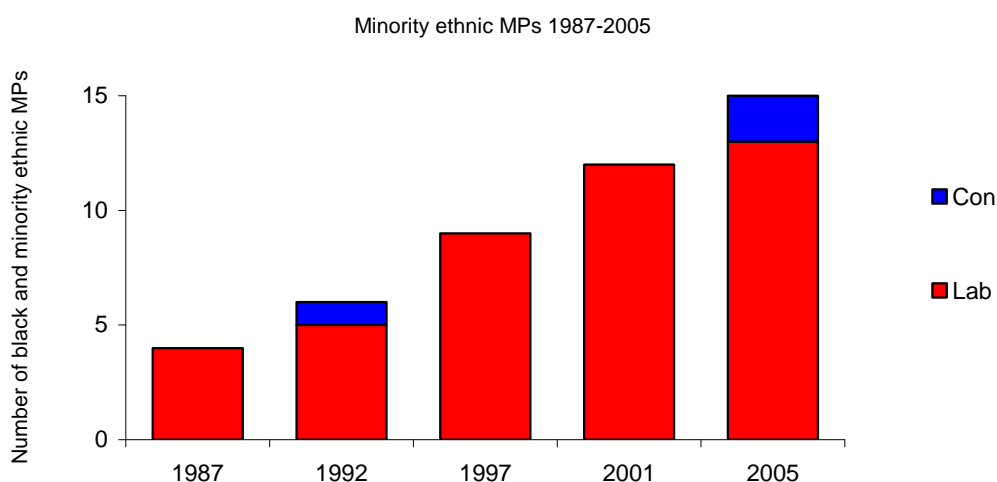
Sources: *British Electoral Facts: 1832-12006*, Parliamentary Research Services
House of Commons Library data

F. Minority ethnic MPs

An individual's ethnicity is self-defined. Consequently, it is hard to obtain complete records of MPs' ethnicity, particularly in historical perspective.

³ House of Commons Information Office Factsheet M4 (October 2006, updated)

- The total number of black and minority ethnic MPs rose to six in 1992 (five Labour and one Conservative). In 1997 there were nine black and minority ethnic MPs (all Labour) and in 2001 this rose to twelve (all Labour). Following the 2005 General Election there were a total of fifteen black and minority ethnic MPs in the House of Commons (thirteen Labour and two Conservative).
- The first black and minority ethnic MP was Dadabhai Naoroji who was elected as the Liberal Member of Parliament for Finsbury Central in 1892. He lost the seat in 1895.
- The first black and minority ethnic Conservative MP was Mancherjee Bhowaggee who was Member for Bethnal Green North-East from 1895 to 1905.
- The first black and minority ethnic Labour MPs were elected in 1987: Diane Abbott (Hackney North & Stoke Newington), Paul Boateng (Brent South), Bernie Grant (Tottenham) and Keith Vaz (Leicester East). Abbott, Boateng and Grant were the first black MPs to be elected to the House and Diane Abbott was the first ever black woman MP.
- The first black and minority ethnic Liberal Democrat MP was Parmjit Singh Gill (Leicester South), who was elected at a by-election in 2004; he did not retain the seat at the 2005 General Election.



Sources: *British Electoral Facts: 1832-12006*, *Parliamentary Research Services*

G. Characteristics of MPs

This section provides data on MPs elected from 1951-2005. The information is provided for the three major parties only: Conservative, Labour, and Liberal Democrat (and predecessors).

1. Occupation

Among MPs returned to Parliament after the 2005 General Election the most common occupations across the three major parties were teachers (91 MPs), company executives or directors (87 MPs), and politicians/political organisers (87 MPs). In 2005, company executives and directors comprised 32% of the Conservative parliamentary party. The most common occupations among Labour MPs were teachers (21%) and company executive or director (21%) among Liberal Democrat MPs.

Table 6a lists the main occupations of MPs by party from 1951 to 2005 in percentage terms. Graphs illustrating the number of MPs by occupation from 1951 to 2005 are also provided.

Table 6a

Main Occupations of Members of Parliament 1951- 2005 (percentages)

| Conservative | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 51 | 55 | 59 | 64 | 66 | 70 | Feb 74 | Oct 74 | 79 | 83 | 87 | 92 | 97 | 01 | 05 |
| Professions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barrister | 19 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 18 | 20 | 20 | 15 | 14 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 11 |
| Solicitor | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 9 |
| Civil service/local govt | 3 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| Teachers | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| Armed services | 10 | 14 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 7 |
| Other Professions | 4 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 11 | 12 | 9 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 7 |
| Business | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Company Executive/Director | 24 | 18 | 24 | 19 | 21 | 28 | 21 | 22 | 17 | 25 | 30 | 33 | 32 | 30 | 32 |
| Other business | 13 | 11 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 11 | 17 | 11 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 6 |
| Other White collar | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Politician/pol. organiser | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 9 | 11 | 10 |
| Publisher/journalist | 4 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 7 |
| Misc. white collar | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Manual Workers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Miner | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Other Manual | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Other | 13 | 13 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 11 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

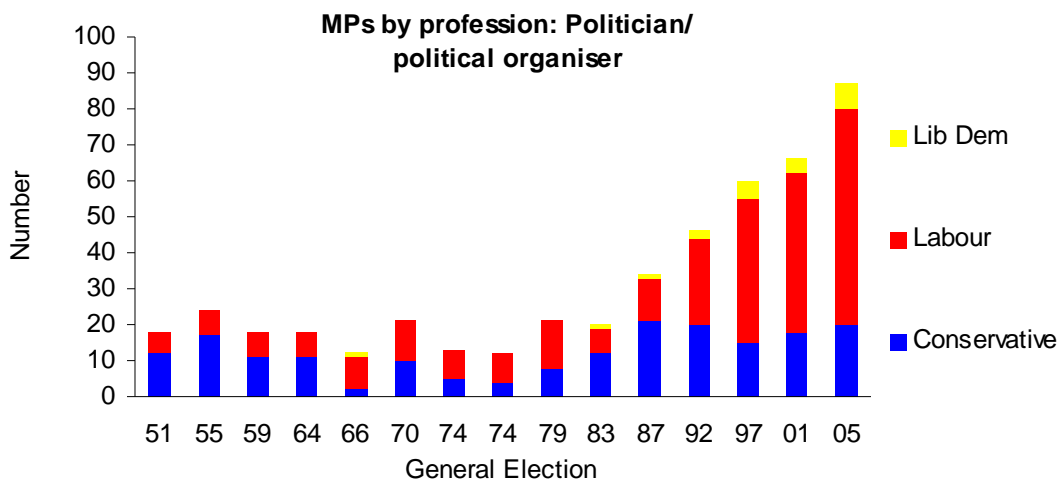
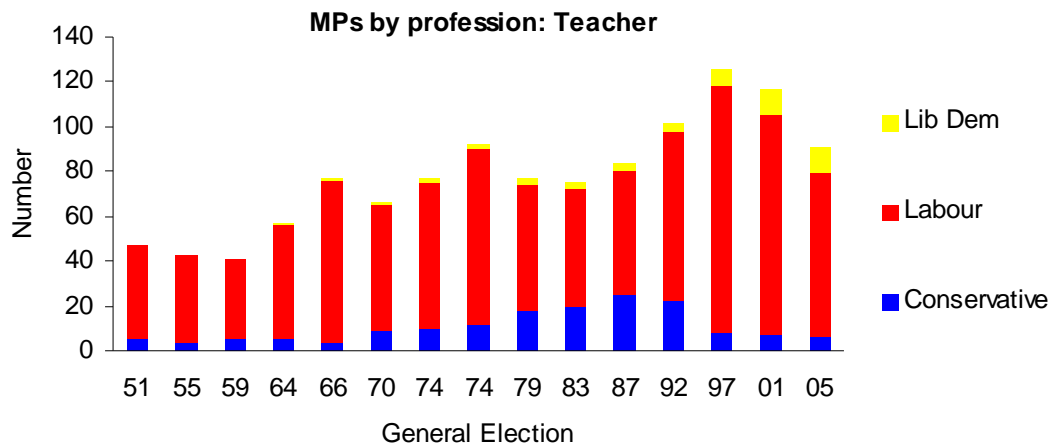
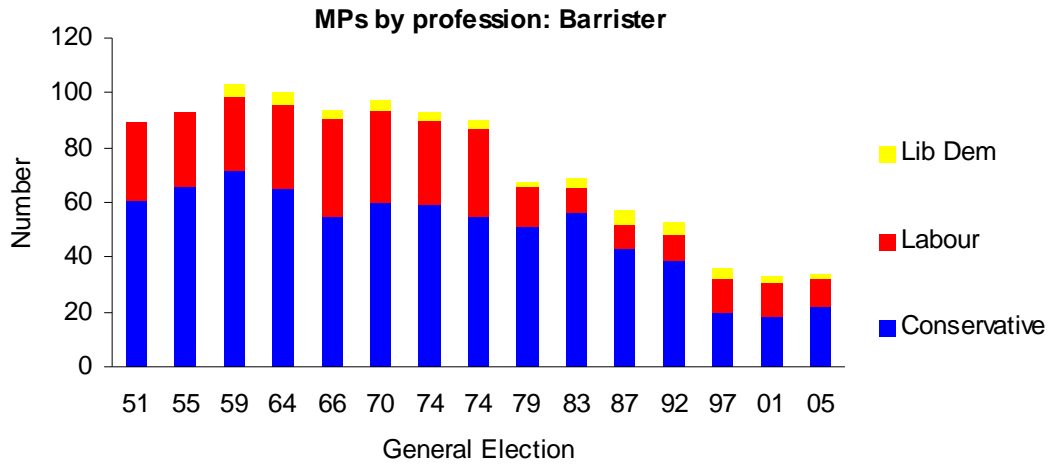
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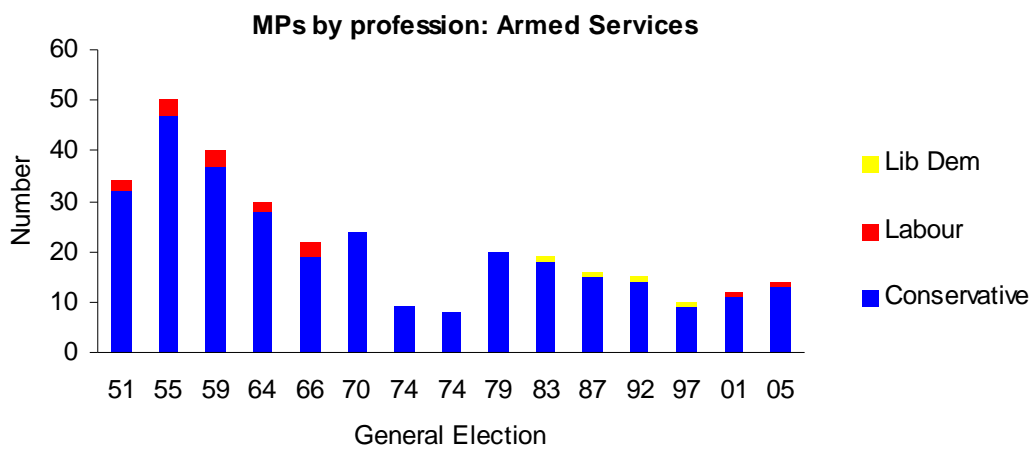
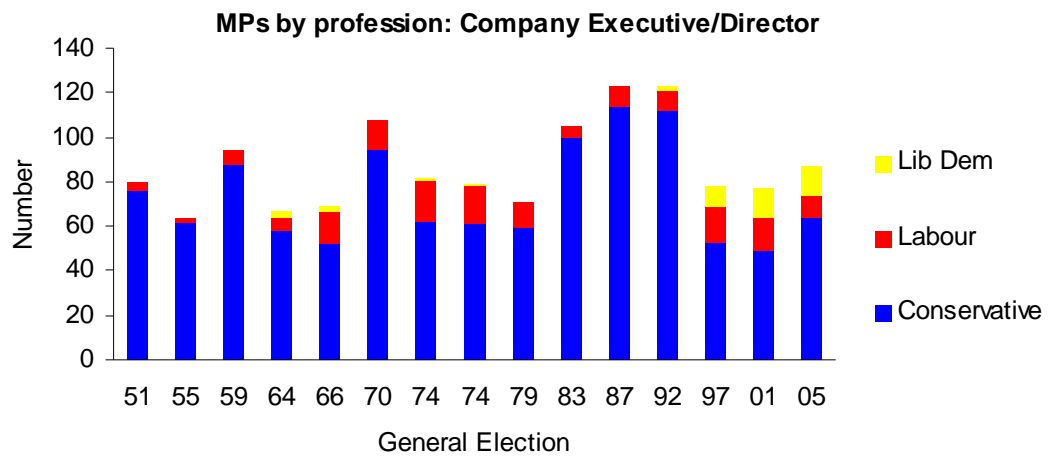
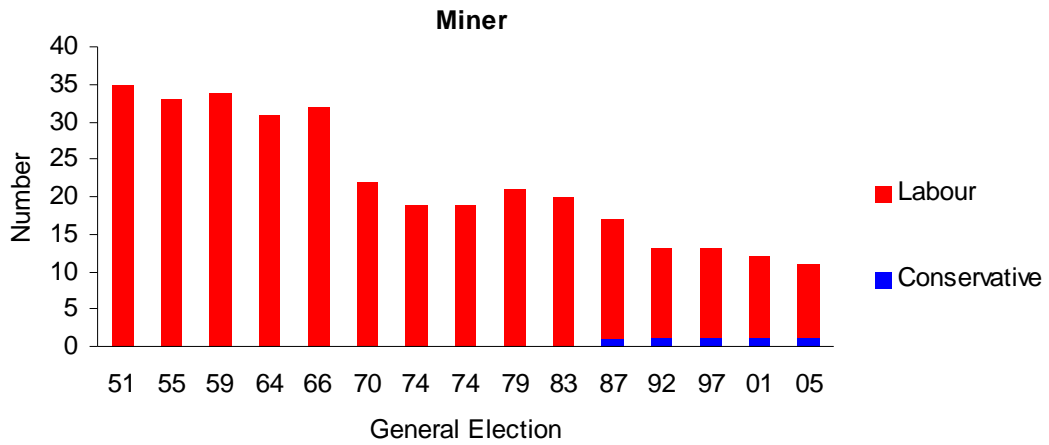
| Labour | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| | 51 | 55 | 59 | 64 | 66 | 70 | 74 | 74 | 79 | 83 | 87 | 92 | 97 | 01 | 05 |
| Professions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barrister | 9 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Solicitor | 4 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 5 |
| Civil service/local govt | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 6 |
| Teachers | 14 | 14 | 14 | 16 | 20 | 20 | 22 | 24 | 22 | 25 | 24 | 28 | 27 | 24 | 21 |
| Armed services | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Professions | 3 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 11 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| Business | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Company Executive/Director | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Other business | 8 | 12 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Other White collar | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Politician/pol. organiser | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 17 |
| Publisher/journalist | 11 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 7 |
| Misc. white collar | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 13 | 17 | 18 | 20 |
| Manual Workers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Miner | 12 | 12 | 13 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Other Manual | 25 | 23 | 22 | 23 | 21 | 19 | 23 | 22 | 24 | 24 | 22 | 17 | 10 | 10 | 7 |
| Other | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

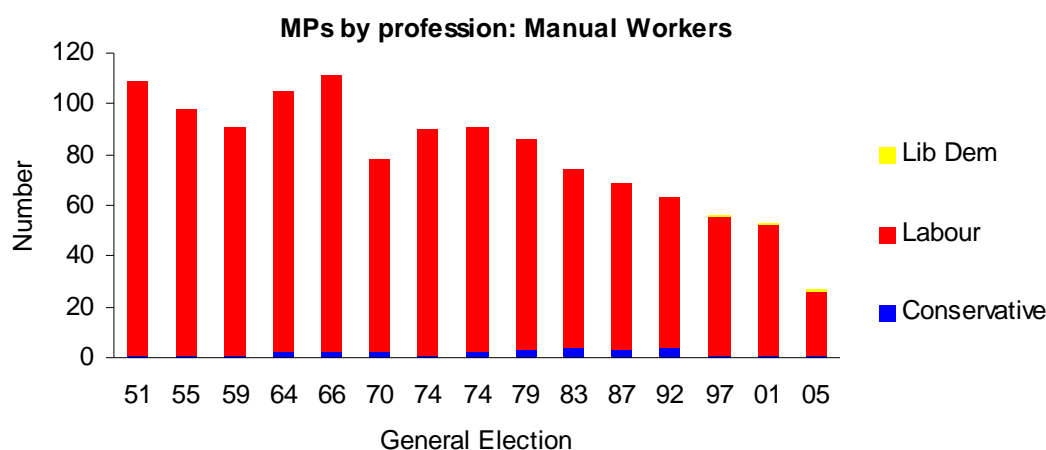
Liberal Democrat and predecessors

| | 51 | 55 | 59 | 64 | 66 | 70 | 74 | 74 | 79 | 83 | 87 | 92 | 97 | 01 | 05 |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Professions | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barrister | ... | ... | 67 | 44 | 25 | 50 | 21 | 23 | 9 | 17 | 23 | 25 | 9 | 4 | 3 |
| Solicitor | ... | ... | 17 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 3 |
| Civil service/local govt | ... | ... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 5 |
| Teachers | ... | ... | 0 | 11 | 8 | 17 | 14 | 15 | 27 | 13 | 18 | 20 | 15 | 23 | 19 |
| Armed services | ... | ... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Professions | ... | ... | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 29 | 23 | 27 | 17 | 5 | 5 | 15 | 12 | 10 |
| Business | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Company Executive/Director | ... | ... | 0 | 22 | 25 | 0 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 20 | 25 | 21 |
| Other business | ... | ... | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 9 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 8 |
| Other White collar | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Politician/pol. organiser | ... | ... | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 10 | 11 | 8 | 11 |
| Publisher/journalist | ... | ... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 7 | 8 | 18 | 22 | 14 | 15 | 9 | 8 | 8 |
| Misc. white collar | ... | ... | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 10 |
| Manual Workers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Miner | ... | ... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Manual | ... | ... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Other | ... | ... | 0 | 11 | 17 | 0 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Total | ... | ... | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Source: *The British General Election of ... (1951-2005)*, David Butler and Denis Kavanagh







2. Education

The table below summarises trends in the educational background of MPs of the major parties.

Table 6b

Education of Members of Parliament 1951-2005 (percentages)

| | Feb Oct | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---------|-----|-----|----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | 51 | 55 | 59 | 64 | 66 | 70 | 74 | 74 | 79 | 83 | 87 | 92 | 97 | 01 | 05 |
| Conservative | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Public School | 75 | 76 | 72 | 75 | 81 | 74 | 74 | 75 | 73 | 70 | 68 | 62 | 66 | 64 | 60 |
| University | 65 | 63 | 60 | 63 | 67 | 63 | 67 | 69 | 68 | 71 | 70 | 73 | 81 | 83 | 81 |
| Oxbridge | 52 | 53 | 50 | 52 | 57 | 52 | 54 | 56 | 49 | 48 | 44 | 45 | 51 | 48 | 43 |
| Labour | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Public School | 20 | 22 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 18 | 18 | 14 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| University | 41 | 40 | 39 | 42 | 51 | 54 | 53 | 57 | 59 | 53 | 56 | 61 | 66 | 67 | 64 |
| Oxbridge | 19 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 23 | 25 | 20 | 25 | 21 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 15 | 16 | 16 |
| Liberal | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Public School | ... | ... | 67 | 33 | 58 | 50 | 71 | 69 | 55 | 52 | 45 | 50 | 41 | 35 | 39 |
| University | ... | ... | 100 | 78 | 83 | 100 | 71 | 62 | 45 | 65 | 73 | 75 | 70 | 69 | 79 |
| Oxbridge | ... | ... | 83 | 44 | 50 | 50 | 43 | 38 | 27 | 30 | 27 | 30 | 33 | 27 | 31 |

Source: *The British General Election of 1951, 55...2005*, David Butler and Denis Kavanagh

Table 7 shows MPs by date of first election and party. An MP with more than one period of service is categorised by the date of start of their first period of service.

Table 7

MPs elected at 2005 General Election by date first elected and party

| | CON | LAB | LD | Other | Total |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| By general election (includes by-elections before next general election) | | | | | |
| 1959 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1964 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 1966 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 1970 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 11 |
| Feb 1974 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 11 |
| Oct 1974 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| 1979 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 14 |
| 1983 | 29 | 17 | 4 | 2 | 52 |
| 1987 | 18 | 42 | 1 | 3 | 64 |
| 1992 | 27 | 59 | 2 | 1 | 89 |
| 1997 | 29 | 137 | 20 | 2 | 188 |
| 2001 | 24 | 39 | 13 | 12 | 88 |
| 2005 | 51 | 40 | 20 | 8 | 119 |
| Total | 198 | 355 | 62 | 31 | 646 |
| Summaries | | | | | |
| Pre-1979 | 17 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 32 |
| 1979 - pre-1997 | 77 | 126 | 8 | 8 | 219 |
| 1997 - pre-2001 | 29 | 137 | 20 | 2 | 188 |
| 2001 - pre-2005 | 24 | 39 | 13 | 12 | 88 |
| 2005 | 51 | 40 | 20 | 8 | 119 |
| Total | 198 | 355 | 62 | 31 | 646 |
| <i>of which at by-elections</i> | <i>9</i> | <i>41</i> | <i>6</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>56</i> |
| Summaries (% of those elected in 2005) | | | | | |
| Pre-1979 | 9% | 4% | 2% | 3% | 5% |
| 1979 - pre-1997 | 39% | 35% | 13% | 26% | 34% |
| 1997 - pre-2001 | 15% | 39% | 32% | 6% | 29% |
| 2001 - pre-2005 | 12% | 11% | 21% | 39% | 14% |
| 2005 | 26% | 11% | 32% | 26% | 18% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| <i>of which at by-elections</i> | <i>5%</i> | <i>12%</i> | <i>10%</i> | <i>0%</i> | <i>9%</i> |

3. Age

Table 8a summarises the membership of the House of Commons by age at July 2007. The oldest Member is Ian Paisley (born 6 April 1926) while the youngest is Jo Swinson (born 5 February 1980).

Table 8a

House of Commons Members by Age (July 2007)

| Age | Conservative | Labour | Lib Dem | SNP/PC | Other | Total | % Share |
|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------|----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| 25-29 | ... | ... | 2 | ... | ... | 2 | 0.3% |
| 30-34 | ... | 2 | 3 | ... | ... | 5 | 0.8% |
| 35-39 | 17 | 16 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 42 | 6.5% |
| 40-44 | 27 | 25 | 12 | ... | 1 | 65 | 10.1% |
| 45-49 | 35 | 52 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 106 | 16.4% |
| 50-54 | 43 | 67 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 129 | 20.0% |
| 55-59 | 28 | 91 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 131 | 20.3% |
| 60-64 | 24 | 57 | 9 | ... | 3 | 93 | 14.4% |
| 65-69 | 19 | 28 | 3 | ... | 2 | 52 | 8.0% |
| 70-74 | 1 | 9 | ... | ... | 3 | 13 | 2.0% |
| 75-79 | 1 | 5 | ... | ... | ... | 6 | 0.9% |
| 80-84 | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | 2 | 0.3% |
| Total | 195 | 353 | 63 | 9 | 26 | 646 | 100% |

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The median age of Members of Parliament has remained almost constant since 1951. After the 2001 Election the median age of Conservative MPs was one year higher than in 1951, while the median age for Labour MPs was two years lower. The median age has shown most fluctuation among Liberal MPs: After the 1970 General Election the median age was 39 years compared with 46 years after the 2005 General Election.

Table 8b

Median age of Members of Parliament at elections 1951- 2005

| | 1951 | 1955 | 1959 | 1964 | 1966 | 1970 | 1974F | 1974O | 1979 | 1983 | 1987 | 1992 | 1997 | 2001 | 2005 |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Conservative | 47 | 49 | 48 | 45 | 48 | 49 | 48 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 48 | 48 | 50 | 48 | 48 |
| Labour | 52 | 54 | 55 | 52 | 50 | 50 | 50 | 49 | 51 | 51 | 47 | 51 | 48 | 50 | 53 |
| Liberal Democrats | ... | ... | 46 | 43 | 39 | 39 | 39 | 45 | 47 | 43* | 45* | 45 | 46 | 47 | 46 |

* Liberals Democrats and predecessor parties

Source: *The British General Election of 1951, 55...2005*, David Butler and Denis Kavanagh

H. Characteristics of voters

Table 9 analyses self-reported voter turnout by age and gender for five general elections between 1970 and 2005, voter turnout rose in two age groups among men, (55-59 and 60-64) from 1970 to 1997 and for women (65+) between 1983 and 2001. The largest fall in turnout among men (1983 to 2005), was for male voters aged 25 to 34 and 35 to 44 (by 13 and 12 percentage points respectively) and voters aged 25 to 34 among female (by 15 percentage points). In reality, self-reported turnout tends to be higher than actual turnout.

Table 9a

Self-reported general election turnout by age and gender
Great Britain, percentages

| | 1970 | | 1983 | | 1997 | | 2001 | | 2005 | |
|-------|------|----|------|----|------|----|------|----|------|----|
| | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| 18-24 | 67 | 66 | 74 | 73 | 56 | 64 | 60 | 46 | 49 | 53 |
| 25-34 | 74 | 77 | 76 | 79 | 67 | 70 | 59 | 56 | 63 | 64 |
| 35-44 | 81 | 84 | 87 | 88 | 77 | 78 | 66 | 74 | 75 | 78 |
| 45-54 | 86 | 85 | 88 | 93 | 83 | 86 | 76 | 81 | 75 | 81 |
| 55-59 | 88 | 86 | 89 | 93 | 90 | 87 | 79 | 82 | 84 | 85 |
| 60-64 | 79 | 84 | 82 | 90 | 87 | 88 | 80 | 80 | 79 | 82 |
| 65 + | 93 | 84 | 86 | 82 | 87 | 85 | 87 | 87 | 82 | 85 |

Source: British Election Study data quoted in National Statistics.

The data below are taken from MORI's aggregate analysis of polls undertaken during the election campaign. They are based on approximately 11,000 individual respondents who said they were 'absolutely certain to vote' and have been adjusted to match actual results.

- The Conservatives won 34% of the vote among men compared with 32% amongst women
- Labour won 38% of the vote among women compared with 34% amongst men
- The Liberal Democrats won 23% of the vote among women compared with 22% amongst men.
- The Conservatives won a higher share of vote in the older age groups, higher social classes and among those who own their homes outright.
- Labour won 41% of the in the 35-44 age group, 31% in the 55-64 age group, and 55% of the votes of social renters.
- In general terms, the Liberal Democrats' vote share fell with age but increased with social class. They won more votes than the Conservatives among those aged 25-34 but more votes than Labour among AB social class.

Table 9b

Voting by social characteristics: MORI estimates

| | 2005% | | | | % point change 2001-2005 | | | 2005 % turnout |
|------------------------|-------|-----|----|-------|--------------------------|-----|----|-------------------|
| | CON | LAB | LD | Other | CON | LAB | LD | |
| Gender: | | | | | | | | |
| Men | 34 | 34 | 22 | 10 | +2 | -8 | +4 | 62 |
| Women | 32 | 38 | 23 | 7 | -1 | -4 | +4 | 61 |
| Age: | | | | | | | | |
| 18-24 | 28 | 38 | 26 | 8 | +1 | -3 | +2 | 37 |
| 25-34 | 25 | 38 | 27 | 10 | +1 | -13 | +8 | 49 |
| 35-44 | 27 | 41 | 23 | 9 | -1 | -4 | +4 | 61 |
| 45-54 | 31 | 35 | 25 | 9 | -1 | -6 | +5 | 65 |
| 55-64 | 39 | 31 | 22 | 8 | 0 | -6 | +5 | 71 |
| 65+ | 41 | 35 | 18 | 6 | +1 | -4 | +1 | 75 |
| Social class: | | | | | | | | |
| AB | 37 | 28 | 29 | 6 | -2 | -2 | +4 | 71 |
| C1 | 37 | 32 | 23 | 8 | +1 | -6 | +3 | 62 |
| C2 | 33 | 40 | 19 | 8 | +4 | -9 | +4 | 58 |
| DE | 25 | 48 | 18 | 9 | +1 | -7 | +5 | 54 |
| Housing tenure: | | | | | | | | |
| Owned | 44 | 29 | 20 | 7 | +1 | -3 | +1 | 71 |
| Mortgaged | 31 | 36 | 25 | 8 | 0 | -6 | +5 | 60 |
| Social renter | 16 | 55 | 19 | 10 | -2 | -5 | +5 | 51 |
| Private renter | 27 | 36 | 28 | 9 | -1 | -4 | +3 | 51 |
| Men by age: | | | | | | | | |
| 18-24 | 33 | 34 | 25 | 8 | +4 | -4 | -1 | 39 |
| 25-34 | 29 | 33 | 27 | 11 | +5 | -19 | +8 | 49 |
| 35-54 | 31 | 36 | 22 | 11 | +2 | -7 | +3 | 64 |
| 55+ | 40 | 33 | 20 | 7 | +1 | -6 | +4 | 74 |
| Women by age: | | | | | | | | |
| 18-24 | 22 | 43 | 26 | 9 | -2 | -2 | +3 | 35 |
| 25-34 | 21 | 43 | 28 | 8 | -4 | -6 | +9 | 48 |
| 35-54 | 27 | 40 | 25 | 8 | -4 | -3 | +5 | 61 |
| 55+ | 41 | 34 | 20 | 5 | +1 | -4 | +2 | 73 |
| Men by class: | | | | | | | | |
| AB | 37 | 27 | 28 | 8 | -1 | -4 | +3 | 70 |
| C1 | 39 | 29 | 22 | 10 | +3 | -9 | +8 | 63 |
| C2 | 32 | 39 | 18 | 11 | +4 | -10 | +5 | 57 |
| DE | 24 | 47 | 17 | 12 | +1 | -8 | +3 | 55 |
| Women by class: | | | | | | | | |
| AB | 36 | 29 | 29 | 6 | -5 | +1 | +3 | 71 |
| C1 | 34 | 35 | 23 | 8 | -3 | -2 | +3 | 61 |
| C2 | 34 | 40 | 20 | 6 | +4 | -8 | +3 | 58 |
| DE | 25 | 49 | 18 | 8 | 0 | -7 | +5 | 54 |
| All: | 33 | 36 | 23 | 8 | 0 | -6 | +4 | 61 |

Source: MORI *Final Aggregate Analysis*, <http://www.mori.com/polls/2005/election-aggregate.shtml>

Base: All those 'absolutely certain to vote' (n=10,986; total n=17,959)

III Minor Parties at General Elections 1945-2005

In this section the performance of minor parties at general elections since 1945 is examined. This includes all parties except the Conservatives, Labour, and Liberal Democrats (and its predecessors), in line with the scope of earlier work in this area by F.W.S Craig⁴. In 2005 parties with 3 or more candidate are included.

Although the recent success of independent candidates at general elections has been accompanied by growth in the representation of minor parties in the House of Commons, in overall terms minor parties remain relatively small. A summary of minor party representation in the House of Commons is provided in table 10:

Table 10

Representation in the House of Commons of minor parties and independents: GB, 1945-2005

| Year | SNP | Plaid Cymru | ILP | Communist | Other | Total |
|----------|-----|-------------|-----|-----------|-------|-------|
| 1945 | ... | ... | 3 | 2 | 16 | 21 |
| 1950 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 |
| 1951 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| 1955 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| 1959 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 |
| 1964 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| 1966 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| 1970 | 1 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 2 |
| Feb 1974 | 7 | 2 | ... | ... | 2 | 11 |
| Oct 1974 | 11 | 3 | ... | ... | ... | 14 |
| 1979 | 2 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| 1983 | 2 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| 1987 | 3 | 3 | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| 1992 | 3 | 4 | ... | ... | ... | 7 |
| 1997 | 6 | 4 | ... | ... | 1 | 11 |
| 2001 | 5 | 4 | ... | ... | 0 | 9 |
| 2005 | 6 | 3 | ... | ... | 4 | 13 |

ILP = Independent Labour Party

Speakers not standing for a party are excluded

Sources: Rallings and Thrasher, *British Electoral Facts* 1983-2006
House of Commons Library

A detailed record of the performance of minor parties in general elections since 1945, by party, is provided in Table 11. The average percentage vote for each party is for the seats in which they stood only. Details of the number of seats won by minor parties in Northern Ireland elections since 1918 can be found earlier in Tables 1f (1918-70) and 1g (1974-2005).

⁴ F.W.S. Craig, *Minor Parties at British Parliamentary Elections 1885-1974*

Table 11

Summary of Minor Parties - Great Britain

| General Election | No. of Candidates | No. MPs | Saved Deposits | Average % vote |
|--|-------------------|---------|----------------|----------------|
| ACTION PARTY | | | | |
| 1959 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 8.1 |
| 1966 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3.7 |
| ALLIANCE FOR GREEN SOCIALISM | | | | |
| 2005 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 |
| ANTI-FEDERALIST LEAGUE | | | | |
| 1992 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0.3 |
| ANTI-PARTITION OF IRELAND LEAGUE OF GREAT BRITAIN | | | | |
| 1950 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3.0 |
| 1951 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2.7 |
| BRITISH EMPIRE PARTY | | | | |
| 1951 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3.4 |
| BRITISH MOVEMENT | | | | |
| 1970 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2.5 |
| 1974(F) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.5 |
| BRITISH NATIONAL PARTY(1) | | | | |
| 1964 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9.1 |
| 1966 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5.3 |
| BRITISH NATIONAL PARTY(2) | | | | |
| 1983 | 54 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 |
| 1987 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0.6 |
| 1992 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 1.2 |
| 1997 | 57 | 0 | 3 | 1.3 |
| 2001 | 33 | 0 | 5 | 3.9 |
| 2005 | 119 | 0 | 34 | 4.3 |
| CAMPAIGN FOR SOCIAL DEMOCRACY | | | | |
| 1974(F) | 5 | 1 | 1 | 8.3 |
| 1974(O) | 1 | 0 | 1 | 34.6 |
| CHRISTIAN PEOPLES ALLIANCE | | | | |
| 2005 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0.9 |
| COMMONWEALTH | | | | |
| 1945 | 23 | 1 | 7 | 12.6 |
| COMMUNIST PARTY OF ENGLAND (MARXIST-LENINIST) | | | | |
| 1974(F) | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0.6 |
| 1974(O) | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0.4 |
| COMMUNIST PARTY OF GREAT BRITAIN | | | | |
| 1945 | 21 | 2 | 9 | 14.6 |
| 1950 | 100 | 0 | 3 | 2.0 |
| 1951 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 4.7 |
| 1955 | 17 | 0 | 2 | 4.9 |
| 1959 | 18 | 0 | 1 | 4.3 |
| 1964 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 3.5 |
| 1966 | 57 | 0 | 0 | 3.0 |
| 1970 | 58 | 0 | 0 | 1.8 |
| 1974(F) | 44 | 0 | 1 | 1.8 |
| 1974(O) | 29 | 0 | 0 | 1.6 |
| 1979 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 |
| 1983 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0.8 |
| 1987 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0.7 |
| 1992 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0.3 |
| 1997 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0.4 |
| 2001 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 |
| 2005 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 |

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| General Election | No. of Candidates | No. MPs | Saved Deposits | Average % vote |
|---|-------------------|---------|----------------|----------------|
| CORNISH NATIONALIST PARTY | | | | |
| 1979 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.4 |
| 1983 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.7 |
| DEMOCRATIC PARTY [1] | | | | |
| 1945 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1.3 |
| DEMOCRATIC PARTY [2] | | | | |
| 1970 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 5.6 |
| ECOLOGY PARTY | | | | |
| 1979 | 51 | 0 | 0 | 1.5 |
| 1983 | 105 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 |
| ENGLISH DEMOCRATS | | | | |
| 2005 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 1.5 |
| FELLOWSHIP PARTY | | | | |
| 1959 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2.6 |
| 1964 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2.5 |
| 1966 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2.1 |
| FORWARD WALES | | | | |
| 2005 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1.7 |
| GREEN PARTY | | | | |
| 1987 | 133 | 0 | 0 | 1.4 |
| 1992 | 256 | 0 | 0 | 1.3 |
| 1997 | 94 | 0 | 1 | 1.2 |
| 2001 | 145 | 0 | 10 | 2.8 |
| 2005 | 203 | 0 | 24 | 3.6 |
| INDEPENDENT DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE | | | | |
| 1974(F) | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0.7 |
| INDEPENDENT LABOUR PARTY | | | | |
| 1945 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 35.2 |
| 1950 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2.7 |
| 1951 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3.6 |
| 1955 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5.0 |
| 1959 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.8 |
| 1966 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.9 |
| 1970 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.7 |
| INDEPENDENT NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT ELECTION COMMITTEE | | | | |
| 1964 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.6 |
| INTERNATIONAL MARXIST GROUP | | | | |
| 1974(F) | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 |
| IRISH CIVIL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION | | | | |
| 1974(O) | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 |
| ISLAMIC PARTY | | | | |
| 1992 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0.6 |
| LABOUR INDEPENDENT GROUP | | | | |
| 1950 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 14.0 |
| LEAGUE OF EMPIRE LOYALISTS | | | | |
| 1964 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0.9 |
| LEGALISE CANNABIS | | | | |
| 1997 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 |
| 2001 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 1.6 |
| 2005 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0.9 |

| General Election | No. of Candidates | No. MPs | Saved Deposits | Average % vote |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------|----------------|----------------|
| LIBERAL PARTY | | | | |
| 1992 | 73 | 0 | 1 | 1.5 |
| 1997 | 54 | 0 | 2 | 1.7 |
| 2001 | 14 | 0 | 1 | 2.5 |
| 2005 | 14 | 0 | 2 | 3.3 |
| LIVERPOOL PROTESTANT GROUP | | | | |
| 1945 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 13.2 |
| MEBYON KERNOW | | | | |
| 1970 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2.0 |
| 1974(F) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.5 |
| 1974(O) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.7 |
| 1979 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3.5 |
| 1983 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.2 |
| 1997 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1.1 |
| 2001 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2.1 |
| 2005 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1.7 |
| MONSTER RAVING LOONY | | | | |
| 1983 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0.7 |
| 1987 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0.7 |
| 1992 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0.6 |
| 1997 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0.7 |
| 2001 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 |
| 2005 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0.8 |
| MUSLIM PARTY | | | | |
| 2001 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0.9 |
| MUDIAD GWERINIAETHOL CYMRU | | | | |
| 1950 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.3 |
| NATIONAL DEMOCRAT | | | | |
| 1997 | 20 | 0 | 1 | 1.1 |
| NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY | | | | |
| 1964 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.6 |
| 1966 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.3 |
| 1970 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 7.9 |
| 1974(F) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.6 |
| NATIONAL FRONT | | | | |
| 1970 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 3.6 |
| 1974(F) | 54 | 0 | 0 | 3.1 |
| 1974(O) | 90 | 0 | 0 | 3.1 |
| 1979 | 303 | 0 | 0 | 1.3 |
| 1983 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 1.1 |
| 1992 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0.8 |
| 1997 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0.9 |
| 2001 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1.5 |
| 2005 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 1.6 |
| NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE PARTY | | | | |
| 1974(F) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4.4 |
| NATIONAL LABOUR PARTY | | | | |
| 1959 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4.1 |
| NATURAL LAW PARTY | | | | |
| 1992 | 309 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 |
| 1997 | 177 | 0 | 0 | 0.3 |
| OPERATION CHRISTIAN VOTE | | | | |
| 2005 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1.5 |

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| General Election | No. of Candidates | No. MPs | Saved Deposits | Average % vote |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------|----------------|----------------|
| PATRIOTIC PARTY | | | | |
| 1964 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.5 |
| 1966 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.4 |
| PEOPLE | | | | |
| 1974(F) | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1.7 |
| 1974(O) | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0.9 |
| PLAID CYMRU | | | | |
| 1945 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 9.1 |
| 1950 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 6.8 |
| 1951 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 6.1 |
| 1955 | 11 | 0 | 4 | 11.3 |
| 1959 | 20 | 0 | 6 | 10.3 |
| 1964 | 23 | 0 | 2 | 8.4 |
| 1966 | 20 | 0 | 2 | 8.7 |
| 1970 | 36 | 0 | 11 | 12.4 |
| 1974(F) | 36 | 2 | 10 | 11.7 |
| 1974(O) | 36 | 3 | 10 | 11.6 |
| 1979 | 36 | 2 | 8 | 8.6 |
| 1983 | 38 | 2 | 6 | 7.8 |
| 1987 | 38 | 3 | 18 | 7.3 |
| 1992 | 35 | 4 | 13 | 9.0 |
| 1997 | 40 | 4 | 25 | 9.9 |
| 2001 | 40 | 4 | 35 | 14.8 |
| 2005 | 40 | 3 | 32 | 13.2 |
| PRO-LIFE ALLIANCE | | | | |
| 1997 | 56 | 0 | 0 | 0.7 |
| 2001 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0.7 |
| RADICAL ALLIANCE | | | | |
| 1966 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 |
| RAINBOW | | | | |
| 1987 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0.4 |
| 1992 | 3 | 0 | 0 | |
| 1997 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0.3 |
| RED FRONT | | | | |
| 1987 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 |
| REFERENDUM PARTY | | | | |
| 1997 | 547 | 0 | 42 | 3.1 |
| RESPECT-UNITY COALITION | | | | |
| 2005 | 26 | 1 | 9 | 6.8 |
| SCOTTISH MILITANT LABOUR | | | | |
| 1992 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 19.3 |
| SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY | | | | |
| 1945 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 9.1 |
| 1950 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 7.4 |
| 1951 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 10.0 |
| 1955 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 14.8 |
| 1959 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 11.3 |
| 1964 | 15 | 0 | 3 | 10.6 |
| 1966 | 23 | 0 | 13 | 14.1 |
| 1970 | 65 | 1 | 22 | 12.8 |
| 1974(F) | 70 | 7 | 63 | 22.7 |
| 1974(O) | 71 | 11 | 71 | 30.6 |
| 1979 | 72 | 2 | 54 | 17.2 |
| 1983 | 72 | 2 | 19 | 11.8 |
| 1987 | 71 | 3 | 70 | 14.1 |
| 1992 | 72 | 3 | 72 | 21.5 |
| 1997 | 72 | 6 | 72 | 22.1 |
| 2001 | 72 | 5 | 72 | 20.3 |
| 2005 | 59 | 6 | 59 | 17.9 |

| General Election | No. of Candidates | No. MPs | Saved Deposits | Average % vote |
|---|-------------------|---------|----------------|----------------|
| SCOTTISH SOCIALIST ALLIANCE | | | | |
| 1997 | 16 | 0 | 1 | 1.8 |
| SCOTTISH SOCIALIST PARTY | | | | |
| 2001 | 72 | 0 | 10 | 3.3 |
| 2005 | 58 | 0 | 2 | 2.0 |
| SOCIAL CREDIT PARTY OF GREAT BRITAIN | | | | |
| 1950 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.9 |
| SOCIALIST | | | | |
| 1997 | 24 | 0 | 1 | 1.1 |
| SOCIALIST ALLIANCE | | | | |
| 2001 | 98 | 0 | 2 | 1.7 |
| SOCIALIST LABOUR PARTY | | | | |
| 1997 | 64 | 0 | 3 | 1.8 |
| 2001 | 114 | 0 | 1 | 1.4 |
| 2005 | 49 | 0 | 1 | 1.2 |
| SOCIALIST PARTY OF GREAT BRITAIN | | | | |
| 1945 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.7 |
| 1950 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0.6 |
| 1959 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2.4 |
| 1964 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 |
| 1966 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 |
| 1970 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0.6 |
| 1974(O) | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0.3 |
| UNITED COUNTRY PARTY | | | | |
| 1979 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 |
| UNITED DEMOCRACY PARTY | | | | |
| 1974(O) | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0.7 |
| UNITED KINGDOM INDEPENDENCE PARTY | | | | |
| 1997 | 194 | 0 | 1 | 1.1 |
| 2001 | 428 | 0 | 6 | 2.1 |
| 2005 | 496 | 0 | 36 | 2.8 |
| VECTIS NATIONALIST PARTY | | | | |
| 1970 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2.8 |
| VERITAS | | | | |
| 2005 | 65 | 0 | 1 | 1.5 |
| VOTE FOR YOURSELF RAINBOW DREAM TICKET | | | | |
| 2005 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0.3 |
| WESSEX REGIONAL PARTY | | | | |
| 1979 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0.7 |
| 1983 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0.3 |
| WORKERS PARTY | | | | |
| 1997 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0.8 |
| WORKERS REVOLUTIONARY PARTY | | | | |
| 1974(F) | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1.0 |
| 1974(O) | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0.9 |
| 1979 | 52 | 0 | 0 | 0.5 |
| 1983 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0.4 |
| 1987 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0.4 |
| 1992 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0.4 |
| 1997 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0.3 |
| 2001 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0.3 |
| 2005 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0.2 |

Source: *Minor Parties at British parliamentary elections*
Election 2005, The official Results, The Electoral commission
Rallings & Thrasher, F.W.S. Craig

IV By-elections

There have been seven by-elections since the 2005 General Election. The results are summarised below. Labour retained three seats (Livingston, Ealing Southall, and Sedgefield) and lost one seat to the Liberal Democrats (Dunfermline & West Fife). In six of the seven by-elections, Labour saw its share of the vote fall compared with 2005 General Election.

By-elections since 2005 General Election

| Constituency | Result | Winner | Swing since 2005 GE | Change in share of the vote since 2005: | | | | | Turnout |
|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| | | | | Percentage points | | | | | |
| | | | | From /To | Con | Lab | L Dem | SNP/PC | |
| Cheadle | LD hold | Mark Hunter | 3.8% Lab to L Dem | +2.0% | -4.2% | +3.3% | ... | ... | 55.2% |
| Livingston | LAB hold | Jim Devine | 10.2% Lab to SNP | -3.4% | -9.3% | -0.6% | +11.1% | ... | 38.6% |
| Dunfermline & W Fife | LD gain from Lab | Willie Rennie | 16.4% Lab to L Dem | -2.6% | -17.4% | +15.4% | +1.8% | ... | 48.7% |
| Blaenau Gwent | IND hold | Dai Davies | 8.4% IND to Lab | +1.4% | +4.7% | +1.2% | +4.1% | -12.0% | 51.7% |
| Bromley & Chislehurst | CON hold | Robert Neill | 16.6% Lab to L Dem | -11.1% | -15.6% | +17.5% | ... | +4.9% | 40.5% |
| Ealing, Southall | LAB hold | Virendra Sharma | 5.3% Lab to L Dem | +0.9% | -7.3% | +3.2% | ... | ... | 42.9% |
| Sedgefield | LAB hold | Philip Wilson | 11.1% Lab to L Dem | +0.2% | -14.1% | +8.0% | ... | ... | 41.5% |

The 1997 Parliament was the only one since 1951-55 where the party in government did not lose a single seat to another party at a by-election. The Conservatives' win in Uxbridge in July 1997 was their first by-election victory since February 1989.

A summary of the performance of the major parties at by-elections since 1945 is provided in Table 12:

Table 12

By-election summary 1945-2007

| | Net Seat Gains and Losses | | | | | Average change in share of vote since previous election | | | | | Average Turnout |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----|-------|--------|-------|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------|
| | Con | Lab | L Dem | SNP/PC | Other | Con | Lab | L Dem | SNP/PC | Other | |
| 1945-50 | +4 | -1 | ... | ... | -3 | +3.7% | -2.3% | -2.8% | +8.9% | -2.2% | 67.3% |
| 1950-51 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | +6.8% | -2.0% | -8.0% | ... | -0.3% | 68.8% |
| 1951-55 | +1 | -1 | ... | ... | ... | -0.6% | +0.3% | -2.4% | +8.3% | +3.0% | 58.6% |
| 1955-59 | -2 | +4 | ... | ... | -2 | -8.7% | +1.3% | +14.6% | +6.9% | +3.8% | 63.5% |
| 1959-64 | -5 | +4 | +1 | ... | ... | -14.1% | -2.1% | +16.7% | +7.8% | +3.1% | 62.9% |
| 1964-66 | ... | -1 | +1 | ... | ... | +1.3% | -1.8% | +0.6% | +2.1% | +0.4% | 58.2% |
| 1966-70 | +11 | -15 | +1 | +2 | +1 | +6.8% | -17.3% | +4.2% | +29.0% | +10.5% | 62.1% |
| 1970-74(F) | -5 | ... | +5 | +1 | -1 | -10.7% | -4.2% | +13.4% | +23.9% | +2.5% | 56.5% |
| 1974(F)-74(O) | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | -1.1% | -3.4% | -2.3% | ... | +6.8% | 25.9% |
| 1974(O)-79 | +6 | -6 | +1 | ... | -1 | +9.9% | -9.3% | -4.9% | -2.8% | +5.5% | 57.5% |
| 1979-83 | -3 | +1 | +4 | ... | -2 | -11.4% | -10.2% | +19.8% | +5.4% | +1.5% | 56.7% |
| 1983-87 | -4 | ... | +4 | ... | ... | -14.0% | +0.4% | +12.3% | +0.6% | +1.3% | 63.5% |
| 1987-92 | -7 | +3 | +3 | +1 | ... | -10.7% | -0.3% | +5.1% | +14.8% | +4.9% | 58.1% |
| 1992-97 | -8 | +3 | +4 | +1 | ... | -19.9% | +7.4% | +5.2% | +13.3% | +4.9% | 52.7% |
| 1997-2001 | -2 | +1 | +2 | ... | -1 | -0.6% | -11.1% | +5.0% | +9.4% | +3.6% | 42.4% |
| 2001-2005 | ... | -2 | +2 | ... | ... | -2.9% | -20.5% | +15.1% | +1.4% | +3.1% | 38.0% |
| 2005- | ... | -1 | +1 | ... | ... | -1.8% | -9.0% | +6.9% | +2.4% | +1.5% | 45.6% |

Source: House of Commons Library

A full list of by-elections since 1945 can be found in Table 13.

Table 13

By-elections since 1945

| Date | Constituency | Result | change in share of the vote since previous election: | | | | | Turnout |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| | | | Con | Lab | L Dem | SNP/PC | Other | |
| 01/10/1945 | Smethwick | Lab hold | -2.9% | +2.9% | ... | ... | ... | 65.4% |
| 02/10/1945 | Ashton-under-Lyme | Lab hold | -8.6% | -2.3% | +10.9% | ... | ... | 70.5% |
| 03/10/1945 | Edinburgh E | Lab hold | +1.1% | +5.2% | ... | -6.3% | ... | 51.0% |
| 30/10/1945 | Monmouth | Con hold | +0.8% | -0.8% | ... | ... | ... | 66.7% |
| 31/10/1945 | City of London | * Con gain | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 51.6% |
| 14/11/1945 | Bromley | Con hold | +4.6% | +5.0% | -9.6% | ... | ... | 56.5% |
| 15/11/1945 | Bournemouth | Con hold | -8.7% | +12.0% | -3.3% | ... | ... | 56.5% |
| 20/11/1945 | Kensington South | Con hold | +11.9% | +7.0% | +18.9% | ... | ... | 36.8% |
| 13/12/1945 | Tottenham North | Lab hold | +8.2% | -8.2% | ... | ... | ... | 39.5% |
| 31/01/1946 | Preston | * Lab gain | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 64.9% |
| 07/02/1946 | Ayrshire South | Lab hold | -2.3% | +2.3% | ... | ... | ... | 69.0% |
| 12/02/1946 | Glasgow, Cathcart | Con hold | -6.3% | -4.1% | ... | +10.4% | ... | 55.6% |
| 21/01/1946 | Heywood and Radcliffe | Lab hold | +0.5% | -0.5% | ... | ... | ... | 75.6% |
| 22/02/1946 | Hemsworth | Lab hold | uncontested | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 13/03/1946 | Combined English | * Con gain from Ind | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 42.1% |
| 04/06/1946 | Ogmore | Lab hold | -18.0% | -5.8% | ... | +23.8% | ... | 33.1% |
| 22/07/1946 | Bexley | Lab hold | +17.7% | -4.4% | -13.3% | ... | ... | 61.2% |
| 23/07/1946 | Pontypool | Lab hold | +4.1% | -4.1% | ... | ... | ... | 64.8% |
| 25/07/1946 | Battersea North | Lab hold | +3.5% | -5.0% | ... | ... | +1.5% | 55.4% |
| 29/08/1946 | Glasgow, Bridgeton | ILP hold | -12.0% | +28.0% | ... | ... | -16.0% | 53.3% |
| 19/11/1946 | Bermondsey, Rotherhithe | Lab hold | -11.2% | -14.1% | +25.3% | ... | ... | 50.9% |
| 20/11/1946 | Paddington North | Lab hold | +6.1% | -5.6% | ... | ... | -0.5% | 53.9% |
| 22/11/1946 | Combined Scottish | * Con gain from Ind | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 50.7% |
| 26/11/1946 | Aberdeen South | Con hold | +8.0% | +2.9% | -10.9% | ... | ... | 65.6% |
| 05/12/1946 | Aberdare | Lab hold | -4.0% | -16.0% | ... | +20.0% | ... | 65.7% |
| 05/12/1946 | Kilmarnock | Lab hold | -8.1% | +0.3% | ... | +7.8% | ... | 68.4% |
| 11/02/1947 | Normanton | Lab hold | +2.1% | -4.5% | ... | ... | +2.4% | 54.6% |
| 07/05/1947 | Jarrow | Lab hold | +3.5% | -6.7% | ... | ... | +3.2% | 73.4% |
| 11/09/1947 | Liverpool, Edge Hill | Lab hold | +7.5% | -12.8% | +4.4% | ... | +0.9% | 62.7% |
| 25/09/1947 | Islington West | Lab hold | +0.4% | -16.6% | +16.0% | ... | +0.2% | 51.4% |
| 26/11/1947 | Gravesend | Lab hold | +12.9% | -0.7% | -12.2% | ... | ... | 77.3% |
| 27/11/1947 | Howdenshire | Con hold | +8.0% | -3.7% | -4.3% | ... | ... | 67.0% |
| 27/11/1947 | Edinburgh East | Lab hold | -3.0% | -5.8% | +10.1% | -1.3% | ... | 63.0% |
| 04/12/1947 | Epsom | Con hold | +11.0% | -6.3% | -4.7% | ... | ... | 70.5% |
| 28/01/1948 | Glasgow, Camlachie | Con gain from ILP | +1.4% | +42.1% | +1.2% | ... | -44.7% | 56.8% |
| 18/02/1948 | Paisley | Lab hold | +10.5% | +1.2% | -10.0% | ... | -1.7% | 76.0% |
| 04/03/1948 | Wigan | Lab hold | +3.9% | -9.2% | ... | ... | +1.9% | 81.4% |
| 11/03/1948 | Croydon North | Con hold | +12.9% | -3.5% | -9.4% | ... | ... | 74.8% |
| 24/03/1948 | Brigg | Lab hold | +4.3% | -4.3% | ... | ... | ... | 77.1% |
| 29/04/1948 | Southwark Central | Lab hold | +6.5% | -6.5% | ... | ... | ... | 48.7% |
| 30/09/1948 | Glasgow, Gorbals | Lab hold | +8.6% | -25.5% | ... | ... | +16.9% | 50.0% |
| 07/10/1948 | Stirling and Falkirk | Lab hold | -1.1% | -7.1% | ... | +8.2% | ... | 72.9% |
| 13/11/1948 | Edmonton | Lab hold | +17.6% | -14.8% | ... | ... | -2.8% | 62.7% |
| 25/11/1948 | Glasgow, Hillhead | Con hold | +9.9% | -2.0% | -7.9% | ... | ... | 56.7% |
| 17/02/1949 | Batley and Morley | Lab hold | +12.3% | +1.2% | -13.5% | ... | ... | 81.3% |
| 24/02/1949 | Hammersmith South | Lab hold | +5.2% | -5.2% | ... | ... | ... | 60.6% |
| 10/03/1949 | St.Pancras North | Lab hold | +4.8% | -6.3% | ... | ... | +1.5% | 65.1% |
| 16/03/1949 | Sowerby | Lab hold | +16.0% | +2.3% | -18.3% | ... | ... | 80.7% |
| 21/07/1949 | Leeds West | Lab hold | +17.2% | -3.9% | -13.3% | ... | ... | 65.1% |
| 08/12/1949 | Bradford South | Lab hold | +9.3% | -1.2% | -14.4% | ... | +6.3% | 75.4% |
| GENERAL ELECTION 1950 | | | | | | | | |
| 05/04/1950 | Sheffield, Neepsend | Lab hold | -0.4% | -1.9% | ... | ... | +2.3% | 62.9% |
| 25/04/1950 | Dunbartonshire West | Lab hold | +1.8% | +1.1% | ... | ... | -2.9% | 83.4% |
| 04/05/1950 | Brighouse and Spenborough | Lab hold | +1.7% | -1.7% | ... | ... | ... | 85.4% |
| 28/09/1950 | Leicester NE | Lab hold | +8.8% | +1.4% | -9.5% | ... | -0.7% | 63.0% |
| 25/10/1950 | Glasgow, Scotstoun | Con hold | +4.3% | +1.3% | -4.9% | ... | -0.7% | 73.7% |
| 02/11/1950 | Oxford | Con hold | +10.6% | +1.8% | -11.6% | ... | -0.8% | 69.3% |
| 16/11/1950 | Birmingham, Handsworth | Con hold | +10.2% | -1.1% | -10.3% | ... | +1.2% | 63.2% |
| 30/11/1950 | Bristol SE | Lab hold | +8.4% | -5.9% | -1.4% | ... | -1.1% | 61.1% |
| 30/11/1950 | Abertillery | Lab hold | +0.6% | -0.6% | ... | ... | ... | 71.1% |
| 15/02/1951 | Bristol West | Con hold | +22.5% | -11.4% | -11.1% | ... | ... | 53.6% |
| 08/04/1951 | Ormskirk | Con hold | +5.2% | -7.2% | ... | ... | +2.0% | 64.7% |
| 21/04/1951 | Harrow West | Con hold | +13.4% | -1.5% | -11.9% | ... | ... | 68.0% |
| 14/06/1951 | Woolwich East | Lab hold | +6.3% | -0.8% | -3.5% | ... | -2.0% | 66.8% |
| 21/06/1951 | Westhoughton | Lab hold | +1.9% | -1.9% | ... | ... | ... | 76.5% |

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| Date | Constituency | Result | change in share of the vote since previous election: | | | | | Turnout |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|-------|---------|
| | | | Con | Lab | L Dem | SNP/PC | Other | |
| GENERAL ELECTION 1951 | | | | | | | | |
| 06/02/1952 | Bournemouth East and Christchu | Con hold | -1.5% | -1.7% | -1.5% | ... | +4.7% | 63.8% |
| 06/02/1952 | Southport | Con hold | +1.8% | +3.7% | -5.5% | ... | ... | 61.0% |
| 07/02/1952 | Leeds SE | Lab hold | -2.7% | +2.7% | ... | ... | ... | 55.7% |
| 17/07/1952 | Dundee East | Lab hold | -10.6% | +2.5% | ... | +7.4% | +0.7% | 55.7% |
| 23/10/1952 | Cleveland | Lab hold | +0.7% | -0.7% | ... | ... | ... | 71.4% |
| 04/11/1952 | Wycombe | Con hold | +0.3% | -0.3% | ... | ... | ... | 83.9% |
| 27/11/1952 | Birmingham, Small Heath | Lab hold | +2.1% | +3.6% | -5.7% | ... | ... | 46.6% |
| 27/11/1952 | Farnworth | Lab hold | -0.7% | +0.7% | ... | ... | ... | 71.0% |
| 12/02/1953 | Canterbury | Con hold | +6.0% | +1.9% | -7.9% | ... | ... | 49.2% |
| 12/03/1953 | Isle of Thanet | Con hold | -0.3% | +0.3% | ... | ... | ... | 58.7% |
| 31/03/1953 | Barnsley | Lab hold | +9.8% | +3.2% | -13.0% | ... | ... | 57.9% |
| 31/03/1953 | Stoke-on-Trent North | Lab hold | -4.1% | +4.1% | ... | ... | ... | 50.5% |
| 01/04/1953 | Hayes and Harlington | Lab hold | +0.9% | -0.9% | ... | ... | ... | 45.0% |
| 13/05/1953 | Sunderland South | Con gain from Lab | -1.1% | -4.2% | +5.3% | ... | ... | 72.7% |
| 30/06/1953 | Abingdon | Con hold | -2.3% | -4.8% | +7.1% | ... | ... | 75.9% |
| 02/07/1953 | Birmingham, Edgbaston | Con hold | +3.3% | -3.3% | ... | ... | ... | 50.2% |
| 17/09/1953 | Broxtowe | Lab hold | -1.4% | +1.4% | ... | ... | ... | 63.5% |
| 12/11/1953 | Crosby | Con hold | -2.8% | +1.5% | ... | ... | +4.3% | 62.5% |
| 12/11/1953 | Ormskirk | Con hold | -2.0% | +2.0% | ... | ... | ... | 54.1% |
| 19/11/1953 | Holborn and St.Pancreas S | Lab hold | -0.2% | +1.9% | -1.7% | ... | ... | 56.2% |
| 03/12/1953 | Paddington North | Lab hold | +1.0% | -1.9% | ... | ... | +0.9% | 60.3% |
| 03/02/1954 | Ilford North | Con hold | +4.3% | -5.7% | +1.4% | ... | ... | 45.4% |
| 11/02/1954 | Kingston upon Hull, | Con hold | +3.7% | -3.7% | ... | ... | ... | 45.7% |
| | Haltemprice | | | | ... | ... | ... | |
| 11/02/1954 | Harwich | Con hold | +0.2% | -0.2% | ... | ... | ... | 58.8% |
| 18/02/1954 | Bournemouth West | Con hold | +4.2% | -4.2% | ... | ... | ... | 45.1% |
| 09/03/1954 | Arundel and Shoreham | Con hold | +1.1% | -1.1% | ... | ... | ... | 54.2% |
| 11/03/1954 | Harrogate | Con hold | +0.2% | -0.2% | ... | ... | ... | 55.3% |
| 08/04/1954 | Edinburgh East | Lab hold | -3.5% | +3.5% | ... | ... | ... | 61.8% |
| 14/04/1954 | Motherwell | Lab hold | -3.4% | -0.9% | ... | ... | +4.3% | 70.5% |
| 30/09/1954 | Croydon East | Con hold | -2.2% | -5.8% | +8.0% | ... | ... | 57.5% |
| 21/10/1954 | Shoreditch and Finsbury | Lab hold | -5.6% | +5.6% | ... | ... | ... | 40.7% |
| 21/10/1954 | Wakefield | Lab hold | +0.2% | -0.2% | ... | ... | ... | 68.6% |
| 28/10/1954 | Aldershot | Con hold | -0.2% | +0.2% | ... | ... | ... | 58.7% |
| 28/10/1954 | Aberdare | Lab hold | -0.9% | -9.0% | ... | +9.9% | ... | 69.7% |
| 04/11/1954 | Sutton And Cheam | Con hold | +3.7% | -3.7% | ... | ... | ... | 55.6% |
| 04/11/1954 | Morpeth | Lab hold | +0.6% | -0.6% | ... | ... | ... | 73.0% |
| 18/11/1954 | Liverpool, West Derby | Con hold | +1.6% | -1.6% | ... | ... | ... | 58.9% |
| 21/12/1954 | Inverness | Con hold | -23.1% | +36.0% | -12.9% | ... | ... | 49.2% |
| 13/01/1955 | Norfolk South | Con hold | -3.0% | +3.0% | ... | ... | ... | 66.6% |
| 20/01/1955 | Orpington | Con hold | +3.1% | -3.1% | ... | ... | ... | 55.4% |
| 25/01/1955 | Twickenham | Con hold | +1.9% | -1.9% | ... | ... | ... | 47.3% |
| 27/01/1955 | Edinburgh North | Con hold | +0.6% | -0.6% | ... | ... | ... | 46.4% |
| 03/02/1955 | Stockport South | Con hold | +0.1% | -0.1% | ... | ... | ... | 64.6% |
| 17/03/1955 | Wrexham | Lab hold | -4.0% | -3.7% | ... | +7.7% | ... | 62.4% |
| GENERAL ELECTION 1955 | | | | | | | | |
| 07/12/1955 | Gateshead West | Lab hold | -1.2% | +1.2% | ... | ... | ... | 42.3% |
| 08/12/1955 | Greenock | Lab hold | -2.3% | +2.3% | ... | ... | ... | 75.3% |
| 15/12/1955 | Torquay | Con hold | -9.4% | -0.2% | +9.6% | ... | ... | 62.6% |
| 02/02/1956 | Blaydon | Lab hold | -3.4% | +3.4% | ... | ... | ... | 56.5% |
| 09/02/1956 | Leeds NE | Con hold | +1.8% | -1.8% | ... | ... | ... | 39.9% |
| 14/02/1956 | Hereford | Con hold | -7.5% | +11.6% | -4.1% | ... | ... | 61.5% |
| 14/02/1956 | Gainsborough | Con hold | -15.0% | -6.6% | +21.6% | ... | ... | 61.9% |
| 14/02/1956 | Taunton | Con hold | -1.9% | +9.7% | -8.4% | ... | ... | 75.0% |
| 01/03/1956 | Walthamstow West | Lab hold | -14.1% | -1.0% | +14.7% | ... | ... | 52.0% |
| 07/06/1956 | Tonbridge | Con hold | -8.4% | +8.4% | ... | ... | ... | 60.6% |
| 06/07/1956 | Newport(Mon.) | Lab hold | -6.4% | +2.6% | +3.8% | ... | ... | 72.1% |
| 27/09/1956 | Cheter-le-Street | Lab hold | -4.5% | +4.5% | ... | ... | ... | 64.9% |
| 15/11/1956 | City of Chester | Con hold | -5.0% | +4.6% | +0.4% | ... | ... | 71.5% |
| 19/12/1956 | Melton | Con hold | -7.6% | +7.6% | ... | ... | ... | 56.5% |
| 14/02/1957 | Lewisham North | Lab gain from Con | -7.5% | +3.5% | ... | ... | +4.0% | 70.8% |
| 28/02/1957 | Wednesbury | Lab hold | -11.6% | +1.7% | ... | ... | +9.9% | 60.0% |
| 28/02/1957 | Carmathen | Lab gain from Lib | ... | +4.6% | -8.3% | +3.7% | ... | 87.5% |
| 07/03/1957 | Bristol West | Con hold | -5.1% | +5.1% | ... | ... | ... | 61.1% |
| 07/03/1957 | Warwick and Lemington | Con hold | -12.2% | +12.2% | ... | ... | ... | 77.9% |

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| | | | Con | Lab | L Dem | SNP/PC | Other | |
| 21/03/1957 | Beckenham | Con hold | -6.1% | +6.1% | ... | ... | ... | 64.7% |
| 21/03/1957 | Newcastle upon Tyne | Con hold | -3.6% | +3.6% | ... | ... | ... | 64.1% |
| 29/05/1957 | Edinburgh South | Con hold | -21.9% | -1.6% | +23.5% | ... | ... | 65.8% |
| 30/05/1957 | East Ham North | Lab hold | -11.5% | -2.8% | ... | ... | +14.3% | 57.3% |
| 30/05/1957 | Hornsey | Con hold | -6.7% | +9.3% | ... | ... | -2.6% | 63.0% |
| 27/06/1957 | Dorset North | Con hold | -7.0% | +2.8% | +3.7% | ... | +0.5% | 75.8% |
| 12/09/1957 | Gloucester | Lab hold | -20.5% | +0.4% | +20.1% | ... | ... | 71.0% |
| 24/10/1957 | Ipswich | Lab hold | -14.4% | -7.1% | +21.5% | ... | ... | 75.6% |
| 28/11/1957 | Leicester SE | Con hold | -3.2% | +3.2% | ... | ... | ... | 56.4% |
| 05/12/1957 | Liverpool, Garston | Con gain from Ind Con | -14.3% | -0.9% | +15.2% | ... | ... | 49.7% |
| 12/02/1958 | Rochdale | Lab gain from Con | -31.7% | -3.8% | +35.5% | ... | ... | 80.2% |
| 13/03/1958 | Glasgow, Kelvingrove | Lab gain from Con | -13.8% | +3.4% | ... | ... | +10.4% | 60.5% |
| 27/03/1958 | Torrington | Lib gain from Con | -27.7% | -10.3% | +38.0% | ... | ... | 80.6% |
| 15/05/1958 | Islington North | Lab gain | -10.4% | +7.4% | ... | ... | +3.0% | 35.6% |
| 12/06/1958 | Ealing South | Con gain from Ind Con | -9.2% | +1.6% | +7.6% | ... | ... | 64.5% |
| 12/06/1958 | St.Helens | Lab hold | -0.4% | +0.4% | ... | ... | ... | 54.6% |
| 12/06/1958 | Wigan | Lab hold | -5.7% | +6.6% | ... | ... | -0.9% | 70.3% |
| 12/06/1958 | Weston-super-Mare | Con hold | -13.4% | -11.1% | +24.5% | ... | ... | 72.2% |
| 12/06/1958 | Argyll | Con hold | -20.8% | -6.7% | +27.5% | ... | ... | 67.1% |
| 06/11/1958 | Morecambe and Lonsdale | Con hold | -5.9% | +5.9% | ... | ... | ... | 63.8% |
| 06/11/1958 | Chichester | Con hold | +0.1% | -0.1% | ... | ... | ... | 51.7% |
| 10/11/1958 | Pontypool | Lab hold | -5.6% | -4.4% | ... | +10.0% | ... | 61.7% |
| 20/11/1958 | Aberdeenshire East | Con hold | -19.9% | -4.4% | +24.3% | ... | ... | 65.9% |
| 27/11/1958 | Shoreditch and Finsbury | Lab hold | -2.5% | +2.5% | ... | ... | ... | 24.9% |
| 29/01/1959 | Southend West | Con hold | -8.6% | -0.6% | +9.2% | ... | ... | 42.9% |
| 19/03/1959 | Harrow East | Con hold | -1.6% | +0.6% | ... | ... | +1.0% | 68.9% |
| 25/03/1959 | Norfolk SW | Lab hold | +0.7% | -3.3% | ... | ... | +2.6% | 75.2% |
| 09/04/1958 | Galloway | Con hold | -16.5% | -9.2% | +25.7% | ... | ... | 72.7% |
| 11/06/1959 | Penistone | Lab hold | -1.8% | +1.8% | ... | ... | ... | 65.0% |
| 18/06/1959 | Whitehaven | Lab hold | -0.6% | +0.6% | ... | ... | ... | 79.2% |

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|------------|---------------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|
| 17/03/1960 | Brighouse and Spenborough | Con gain from Lab | +0.9% | -0.9% | ... | ... | ... | 82.4% |
| 17/03/1960 | Harrow West | Con hold | -15.2% | -10.9% | +21.4% | ... | +4.7% | 61.6% |
| 19/05/1960 | Edinburgh North | Con hold | -9.8% | -5.7% | +15.5% | ... | ... | 53.8% |
| 16/11/1960 | Bolton East | Con hold | -15.0% | -11.0% | +24.8% | ... | +1.2% | 68.2% |
| 16/11/1960 | Bedfordshire Mid | Con hold | -1.4% | -6.2% | +7.0% | ... | +0.6% | ... |
| 16/11/1960 | Tiverton | Con hold | -9.9% | -7.6% | +17.5% | ... | ... | 68.4% |
| 16/11/1960 | Petersfield | Con hold | -6.5% | -4.7% | +11.2% | ... | ... | 53.6% |
| 16/11/1960 | Ludlow | Con hold | -13.9% | -13.4% | +27.3% | ... | ... | 63.6% |
| 16/11/1960 | Carshalton | Con hold | -2.3% | -9.8% | +12.1% | ... | ... | 54.2% |
| 17/11/1960 | Ebbw Vale | Lab hold | -6.3% | -12.2% | +11.5% | +7.0% | ... | 76.1% |
| 24/11/1960 | Blyth | Lab hold | -3.8% | -5.7% | +9.5% | ... | ... | 54.1% |
| 16/03/1961 | Worcester | Con hold | -18.0% | -12.1% | +30.1% | ... | ... | 64.2% |
| 16/03/1961 | Cambridgeshire | Con hold | -12.0% | -12.0% | +24.0% | ... | ... | 62.4% |
| 16/03/1961 | High Peak | Con hold | -8.6% | -1.9% | +10.5% | ... | ... | 72.5% |
| 16/03/1961 | Colchester | Con hold | -4.4% | -2.8% | +7.2% | ... | ... | 64.9% |
| 23/03/1961 | Birmingham, Small Heath | Lab hold | -13.8% | +1.8% | +12.0% | ... | ... | 42.6% |
| 20/04/1961 | Warrington | Lab hold | -12.1% | -0.4% | +12.5% | ... | ... | 56.7% |
| 20/04/1961 | Paisley | Lab hold | -29.5% | -11.9% | +41.4% | ... | ... | 68.1% |
| 04/05/1961 | Bristol SE | Lab hold | -13.3% | +13.3% | ... | ... | ... | 56.7% |
| 07/11/1961 | Manchester, Moss Side | Con hold | -21.1% | -11.9% | +27.8% | ... | +5.2% | 46.7% |
| 08/11/1961 | Oswestry | Con hold | -15.1% | +0.0% | +12.3% | ... | +2.8% | 60.8% |
| 08/11/1961 | Fife East | Con hold | -22.4% | -3.7% | +26.1% | ... | ... | 67.3% |
| 16/11/1961 | Glasgow, Bridgeton | Lab hold | -15.9% | -5.9% | ... | +18.7% | +3.1% | 41.9% |
| 08/03/1962 | Lincoln | Lab hold | -14.7% | -4.6% | +18.2% | ... | +1.1% | 75.0% |
| 13/03/1962 | Blackpool North | Con hold | -19.5% | +4.8% | +14.7% | ... | ... | 55.2% |
| 14/03/1962 | Middlesbrough | Lab hold | -23.7% | -1.0% | +22.9% | ... | +1.8% | 52.2% |
| 14/03/1962 | Orpington | Lib gain from Con | -21.9% | -9.8% | +31.7% | ... | ... | 80.3% |
| 22/03/1962 | Pontefract | Lab hold | -4.2% | +0.9% | ... | ... | +3.3% | 63.3% |
| 05/04/1962 | Stockton-on-Tees | Lab hold | -18.5% | -8.4% | +26.9% | ... | ... | 81.5% |
| 17/04/1962 | Derby North | Lab hold | -24.7% | -3.4% | +25.4% | ... | +2.7% | 60.5% |
| 15/05/1962 | Montgomeryshire | Lib hold | -9.4% | -6.0% | +9.2% | +6.2% | ... | 85.1% |
| 06/06/1962 | Middlesbrough West | Lab gain from Con | -21.2% | +4.3% | +16.1% | ... | +0.8% | 72.2% |
| 06/06/1962 | Debyshire West | Con hold | -25.2% | -11.4% | +32.5% | ... | +4.1% | 79.4% |
| 14/06/1962 | West Lothian | Lab hold | -28.3% | -9.4% | +10.8% | +23.3% | +3.6% | 71.1% |
| 12/07/1962 | Leicester NE | Lab hold | -23.9% | -10.4% | +34.3% | ... | ... | 60.8% |
| 22/11/1962 | Dorset South | Lab gain from Con | -18.0% | -1.2% | +6.2% | ... | +13.0% | 70.2% |
| 22/11/1962 | Norfolk Central | Con hold | -12.6% | +2.2% | +7.6% | ... | +2.8% | 60.2% |

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| | | | Con | Lab | L Dem | SNP/PC | Other | |
| 22/11/1962 | Northamptonshire South | Con hold | -15.8% | -4.4% | +19.3% | ... | +0.9% | 69.0% |
| 22/11/1962 | Chippenham | Con hold | -15.2% | -1.9% | +15.6% | ... | +1.5% | 68.0% |
| 22/11/1962 | Glasgow, Woodside | Lab gain from Con | -19.1% | -7.0% | +14.0% | +11.1% | +1.0% | 54.7% |
| 21/03/1963 | Colne Valley | Lab hold | -14.5% | +0.1% | +13.7% | ... | +0.7% | 78.9% |
| 28/03/1963 | Rotherham | Lab hold | -8.8% | +6.5% | ... | ... | +2.3% | 56.3% |
| 28/03/1963 | Swansea East | Lab hold | -14.7% | -6.3% | +15.8% | -5.3% | +10.5% | 55.9% |
| 20/06/1963 | Leeds South | Lab hold | -10.9% | +4.4% | +4.3% | ... | +2.2% | 60.5% |
| 04/07/1963 | Deptford | Lab hold | -18.9% | -3.6% | +22.5% | ... | ... | 44.1% |
| 04/07/1963 | West Bromwich | Lab hold | -19.0% | +1.4% | +17.6% | ... | ... | 55.2% |
| 15/08/1963 | Stratford | Con hold | -25.0% | +2.6% | +21.0% | ... | +1.4% | 69.4% |
| 20/08/1964 | Bristol SE | Lab gain from Con | -43.8% | +23.5% | ... | ... | +20.3% | 42.2% |
| 07/11/1963 | Luton | Lab gain from Con | -15.6% | +3.1% | +11.4% | ... | +1.1% | 74.0% |
| 07/11/1963 | Kinross-shire and Perthshire West | Con hold | -10.8% | -1.6% | +19.5% | -7.7% | +0.6% | 76.1% |
| 21/11/1963 | Dundee West | Lab hold | -8.9% | +1.0% | ... | +7.4% | +0.5% | 71.6% |
| 05/12/1963 | St.Marylebone | Con hold | -9.6% | +8.2% | +1.4% | ... | ... | 44.2% |
| 05/12/1963 | Manchester, Openshaw | Lab hold | -10.6% | +5.7% | ... | ... | +4.9% | 46.1% |
| 05/12/1963 | Sudbury and Woodbridge | Con hold | -3.4% | +4.0% | -0.6% | ... | ... | 70.5% |
| 12/12/1963 | Dunfriesshire | Con hold | -17.5% | -3.1% | +10.9% | +9.7% | ... | 71.6% |
| 14/05/1964 | Winchester | Con hold | -15.1% | +1.9% | +13.2% | ... | ... | 68.7% |
| 14/05/1964 | Bury St.Edmunds | Con hold | -9.7% | +2.2% | +7.5% | ... | ... | 74.6% |
| 14/05/1964 | Devizes | Con hold | -4.6% | +1.0% | +10.3% | ... | -6.7% | 75.8% |
| 14/05/1964 | Rutherglen | Lab gain from Con | -7.6% | +7.6% | ... | ... | ... | 82.0% |
| 04/06/1964 | Faversham | Lab hold | +5.6% | +4.8% | ... | ... | +0.8% | 74.8% |
| 11/06/1964 | Liverpool, Scotland | Lab hold | -12.5% | +12.5% | ... | ... | ... | 42.0% |
| GENERAL ELECTION 1964 | | | | | | | | |
| 21/01/1965 | Leyton | Con gain from Lab | +9.3% | -7.9% | -2.2% | ... | +0.8% | 57.7% |
| 21/01/1965 | Nuneaton | Lab hold | +5.8% | -3.8% | -2.0% | ... | ... | 60.8% |
| 04/02/1965 | Altrincham and Sale | Con hold | +3.2% | +1.0% | +5.8% | ... | +1.6% | 62.0% |
| 04/02/1965 | East Grinstead | Con hold | +1.8% | -6.3% | +4.5% | ... | ... | 64.5% |
| 04/02/1965 | Salisbury | Con hold | -0.1% | +3.0% | -4.4% | ... | +1.5% | 69.1% |
| 23/03/1965 | Saffron Walden | Con hold | -0.8% | +2.1% | -1.3% | ... | ... | 76.1% |
| 24/03/1965 | Roxburghshire, Selkirkshire and Peeblesshire | Lib gain from Con | -4.2% | -4.5% | +10.3% | -2.5% | +0.9% | 82.2% |
| 01/04/1965 | Abertillery | Lab hold | +0.2% | -6.9% | ... | +6.7% | ... | 63.2% |
| 06/05/1965 | Birmingham, Hall Green | Con hold | +2.2% | -3.0% | +0.8% | ... | ... | 52.4% |
| 22/07/1965 | Hove | Con hold | -6.2% | -11.0% | +16.9% | ... | +0.3% | 58.5% |
| 04/11/1965 | Cities of London and Westminster | Con hold | +1.2% | +2.3% | -4.8% | ... | ... | 41.8% |
| 11/11/1965 | Erith and Crayford | Lab hold | +4.9% | +2.3% | -7.2% | ... | ... | -7.6% |
| 27/01/1966 | Kingston upon Hull North | Lab hold | +0.0% | +8.9% | -9.6% | ... | +0.7% | 76.3% |
| GENERAL ELECTION 1966 | | | | | | | | |
| 14/07/1966 | Carmarthen | PC gain from Lab | -4.5% | -13.1% | -5.3% | +22.9% | ... | 74.9% |
| 09/03/1967 | Nuneaton | Lab hold | +1.1% | -11.8% | +3.1% | ... | +7.6% | 66.1% |
| 09/03/1967 | Rhondda West | Lab hold | -3.5% | -27.1% | ... | +31.2% | -0.6% | 82.2% |
| 09/03/1967 | Glasgow, Pollok | Con gain from Lab | -10.7% | -21.2% | +1.9% | +28.2% | +1.8% | 75.7% |
| 16/03/1967 | Honiton | Con hold | +2.5% | -6.3% | +3.8% | ... | ... | 72.6% |
| 27/04/1967 | Brierley Hill | Con hold | +2.6% | -12.6% | +7.8% | ... | +2.2% | 68.0% |
| 21/09/1967 | Cambridge | Con gain from Lab | +8.2% | -8.9% | +1.6% | ... | -0.9% | 65.7% |
| 21/09/1967 | Walthamstow West | Con gain from Lab | +12.2% | -24.4% | +8.8% | ... | +3.4% | 54.0% |
| 02/11/1967 | Leicester SW | Con gain from Lab | +10.3% | -22.8% | +12.5% | ... | ... | 57.5% |
| 02/11/1967 | Manchester, Gorton | Lab hold | +4.6% | -14.2% | +5.9% | ... | +3.7% | 72.4% |
| 02/11/1967 | Hamilton | SNP gain from Lab | -16.3% | -29.7% | ... | +46.0% | ... | 73.7% |
| 23/11/1967 | Derbyshire West | Con hold | +7.0% | -18.8% | +6.6% | ... | +5.2% | 64.5% |
| 14/03/1968 | Kensington South | Con hold | +10.3% | -11.2% | -2.5% | ... | +3.4% | 40.0% |
| 28/03/1968 | Acton | Con gain from Lab | +6.3% | -23.8% | +11.4% | ... | +6.1% | 59.7% |
| 28/03/1968 | Dudley | Con gain from Lab | +17.2% | -25.1% | +7.9% | ... | ... | 63.5% |
| 28/03/1968 | Meriden | Con gain from Lab | +18.4% | -18.4% | ... | ... | ... | 66.0% |
| 28/03/1968 | Warwick and Leamington | Con hold | +16.7% | -19.6% | +2.9% | ... | ... | 58.5% |
| 13/06/1968 | Oldham West | Con gain from Lab | +7.7% | -27.6% | +6.7% | ... | +13.2% | 54.7% |
| 13/06/1968 | Sheffield Brightside | Lab hold | +13.5% | -20.8% | ... | ... | +7.3% | 49.8% |
| 27/06/1968 | Nelson and Colne | Con gain from Lab | +11.9% | -10.9% | +9.0% | ... | -10.0% | 74.2% |
| 18/07/1968 | Caerphilly | Lab hold | -4.2% | -28.7% | +3.6% | +29.3% | ... | 75.9% |
| 31/10/1968 | Bassetlaw | Lab hold | +9.5% | -11.9% | ... | ... | +2.4% | 68.0% |
| 07/11/1968 | New Forest | Con hold | +15.1% | -12.9% | -2.2% | ... | ... | 55.9% |
| 27/03/1969 | Brighton, Pavilion | Con hold | +12.5% | -23.3% | +10.8% | ... | ... | 45.1% |
| 27/03/1969 | Walthamstow East | Con gain from Lab | +20.8% | -11.0% | -9.8% | ... | ... | 51.2% |
| 27/03/1969 | Weston-super-Mare | Con hold | +13.6% | -14.2% | +0.6% | ... | ... | 60.8% |
| 22/05/1969 | Chichester | Con hold | +17.0% | -12.9% | -4.1% | ... | ... | 53.4% |

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| | | | Con | Lab | L Dem | SNP/PC | Other | |
| 26/06/1969 | Birmingham, Ladywood | Lib gain from Lab | -0.6% | -33.4% | +30.6% | ... | +3.4% | 51.9% |
| 30/10/1969 | Islington North | Lab hold | +8.2% | -10.2% | +0.3% | ... | +1.7% | 32.8% |
| 30/10/1969 | Paddington North | Lab hold | +16.0% | -6.7% | -9.3% | ... | ... | 46.3% |
| 30/10/1969 | Newcastle-under-Lyme | Lab hold | +5.7% | -15.7% | +6.4% | ... | +3.6% | 72.3% |
| 30/10/1969 | Swindon | Con gain from Lab | +5.1% | -20.8% | +15.3% | ... | +0.4% | 69.8% |
| 30/10/1969 | Glasgow, Gorbals | Lab hold | -4.2% | -19.7% | ... | +25.0% | -1.1% | 58.5% |
| 04/12/1969 | Louth | Con hold | +11.6% | -17.0% | +1.0% | ... | +4.4% | 44.7% |
| 04/12/1969 | Wellingborough | Con gain from Lab | +6.8% | -12.6% | ... | ... | +5.8% | 69.6% |
| 12/03/1970 | Bridgwater | Con hold | +11.1% | -6.2% | -4.9% | ... | ... | 70.3% |
| 19/03/1970 | Ayrshire South | Lab hold | -7.2% | -13.2% | ... | +20.4% | ... | 76.3% |
| GENERAL ELECTION 1970 | | | | | | | | |
| 22/10/1970 | St. Marylebone | Con hold | +1.3% | -2.3% | -2.4% | ... | +3.4% | 35.3% |
| 19/11/1970 | Enfield West | Con hold | -0.6% | -0.2% | -0.5% | ... | +1.3% | 49.9% |
| 01/04/1971 | Liverpool, Scotland | Lab hold | -6.8% | -3.5% | ... | ... | +10.3% | 37.7% |
| 01/04/1971 | Arundel and Shoreham | Con hold | +3.3% | -2.0% | -1.6% | ... | +0.3% | 53.1% |
| 27/05/1971 | Southampton, Itchen | Lab hold | +31.6% | -11.8% | +5.4% | ... | -25.2% | 50.1% |
| 27/05/1971 | Bromsgrove | Lab gain from Con | -10.1% | +10.1% | ... | ... | ... | 67.0% |
| 27/05/1971 | Goole | Lab hold | -8.7% | +8.7% | ... | ... | ... | 55.6% |
| 17/06/1971 | Hayes and Harlington | Lab hold | -15.9% | +17.0% | ... | ... | -1.1% | 42.3% |
| 08/07/1971 | Greenwich | Lab hold | -8.3% | +9.4% | -6.4% | ... | +5.3% | 39.2% |
| 16/09/1971 | Stirling and Falkirk | Lab hold | -15.9% | -4.2% | ... | +20.1% | ... | 60.0% |
| 23/09/1971 | Widnes | Lab hold | -11.4% | +11.4% | ... | ... | ... | 45.4% |
| 30/09/1971 | Macclesfield | Con hold | -7.4% | +9.4% | -3.9% | ... | +1.9% | 75.8% |
| 13/04/1972 | Merthyr Tydfil | Lab gain from Ind Lab | -2.4% | +19.8% | +2.4% | +27.4% | -47.2% | 79.5% |
| 04/05/1972 | Southwark | Lab gain from Ind Lab | -10.1% | +12.0% | ... | ... | -1.9% | 32.1% |
| 04/05/1972 | Kingston upon Thames | Con hold | -4.3% | -0.7% | -0.4% | ... | +5.4% | 53.6% |
| 26/10/1972 | Rochdale | Lib gain from Lab | -10.3% | -10.5% | +11.9% | ... | +8.9% | 69.1% |
| 07/12/1972 | Sutton and Cheam | Lib gain from Con | -26.2% | -18.6% | +39.0% | ... | +5.8% | 56.3% |
| 07/12/1972 | Uxbridge | Con hold | -9.4% | -5.1% | +1.3% | ... | +13.2% | 54.3% |
| 01/03/1973 | Lincoln | Dem Lab gain from Lab | -21.5% | -27.7% | ... | ... | +49.2% | 72.6% |
| 01/03/1973 | Chester-le-Street | Lab hold | -20.0% | -18.6% | +38.6% | ... | ... | 72.3% |
| 01/03/1973 | Dundee East | Lab hold | -17.2% | -15.6% | +8.3% | +21.3% | +3.2% | 70.6% |
| 24/05/1973 | West Bromwich | Lab hold | -19.4% | -2.0% | ... | ... | +21.4% | 43.6% |
| 24/05/1973 | Westhoughton | Lab hold | -2.3% | +1.6% | ... | ... | +0.7% | 63.4% |
| 27/06/1973 | Manchester, Exchange | Lab hold | -20.7% | -13.2% | +36.5% | ... | -2.6% | 43.7% |
| 26/07/1973 | Isle of Ely | Lib gain from Con | -24.9% | -13.4% | +38.3% | ... | ... | 65.8% |
| 26/07/1973 | Ripon | Lib gain from Con | -20.2% | -12.3% | +30.4% | ... | +2.1% | 64.3% |
| 08/11/1973 | Hove | Con hold | -20.9% | -19.7% | +37.3% | ... | +3.3% | 62.4% |
| 08/11/1973 | Berwick-upon-Tweed | Lib gain from Con | -11.0% | -7.6% | +18.0% | ... | +0.6% | 75.0% |
| 08/11/1973 | Edinburgh North | Con hold | -14.1% | -13.1% | +8.3% | +18.9% | ... | 54.4% |
| 08/11/1973 | Glasgow, Govan | SNP gain from Lab | -16.5% | -21.8% | +8.2% | +31.6% | -1.5% | 51.7% |
| GENERAL ELECTION 1974 (FEB) | | | | | | | | |
| 23/05/1974 | Newham South | Lab hold | -1.1% | -3.4% | -2.3% | ... | +6.8% | 25.9% |
| GENERAL ELECTION 1974 (OCT) | | | | | | | | |
| 26/06/1975 | Greenwich, Woolwich West | Con gain from Lab | +10.2% | -5.0% | -9.0% | ... | +3.8% | 62.3% |
| 04/03/1976 | Coventry NW | Lab hold | +5.8% | -4.2% | -4.4% | ... | +2.8% | 72.9% |
| 11/03/1976 | Sutton, Carshalton | Con hold | +6.3% | -10.4% | -1.7% | ... | +5.8% | 60.5% |
| 11/03/1976 | Wirral | Con hold | +16.0% | -11.3% | -6.2% | ... | +1.5% | 55.5% |
| 24/06/1976 | Rotherham | Lab hold | +12.6% | -13.9% | -5.5% | ... | +6.8% | 46.8% |
| 15/07/1976 | Thurrock | Lab hold | +11.0% | -10.3% | -7.8% | ... | +7.1% | 54.1% |
| 04/11/1976 | Newcastle upon Tyne | Lab hold | +3.2% | -24.2% | +17.3% | ... | +3.7% | 41.0% |
| 04/11/1976 | Walsall North | Con gain from ENP | +17.3% | -27.9% | -10.2% | ... | +20.8% | 51.5% |
| 04/11/1976 | Workington | Con gain from Lab | +15.9% | -10.4% | -5.5% | ... | ... | 74.2% |
| 02/12/1976 | Cambridge | Con hold | +9.8% | -10.0% | -2.8% | ... | +3.0% | 49.2% |
| 24/02/1977 | City of London and | Con hold | +7.4% | -11.2% | -5.1% | ... | +8.9% | 39.6% |
| 31/03/1977 | Birmingham, Stetchford | Con gain from Lab | +15.6% | -19.6% | -6.6% | ... | +10.6% | 58.8% |
| 28/04/1977 | Ashfield | Con gain from Lab | +20.8% | -20.9% | -4.7% | ... | +4.8% | 59.7% |
| 28/04/1977 | Grimsby | Lab hold | +13.8% | -0.2% | -13.9% | ... | +0.3% | 70.2% |
| 07/07/1977 | Saffron Walden | Con hold | +12.0% | -11.4% | -5.1% | ... | +4.5% | 64.8% |
| 18/08/1977 | Birmingham, Ladywood | Lab hold | +6.3% | -11.4% | -8.5% | ... | +13.6% | 42.6% |
| 24/11/1977 | Bournemouth East | Con hold | +11.7% | -5.7% | -11.8% | ... | +5.8% | 42.6% |
| 02/03/1978 | Redbridge, Ilford North | Con gain from Lab | +9.4% | -4.5% | -11.6% | ... | +6.7% | 69.1% |
| 13/04/1978 | Glasgow, Garscadden | Lab hold | +5.6% | -5.5% | -5.0% | +1.7% | +3.2% | 69.1% |

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| | | | Con | Lab | L Dem | SNP/PC | Other | |
| 20/04/1978 | Lambeth Central | Lab hold | +8.2% | -10.7% | -7.2% | ... | +9.7% | 44.5% |
| 27/04/1978 | Epsom and Ewell | Con hold | +9.5% | -2.8% | -13.8% | ... | +7.1% | 54.9% |
| 27/04/1978 | Wycombe | Con hold | +13.7% | -2.3% | -12.0% | ... | +0.6% | 59.0% |
| 31/05/1978 | Hamilton | Lab hold | +3.5% | +3.5% | -1.4% | -5.6% | ... | 72.1% |
| 13/07/1978 | Manchester, Moss Side | Lab hold | +6.3% | -0.7% | -8.4% | ... | +2.8% | 51.6% |
| 13/07/1978 | Penistone | Lab hold | +8.9% | -8.7% | -0.2% | ... | ... | 59.8% |
| 26/10/1978 | Pontefract and Castleford | Lab hold | +11.1% | -4.6% | -5.4% | ... | -1.1% | 48.9% |
| 26/10/1978 | Berwick and East Lothian | Lab hold | +2.6% | +4.1% | -2.3% | -4.4% | ... | 71.2% |
| 01/03/1979 | Clitheroe | Con hold | +17.0% | -2.8% | -14.2% | ... | ... | 62.8% |
| 01/03/1979 | Knutsford | Con hold | +16.1% | -7.0% | -10.6% | ... | +1.5% | 57.2% |
| 29/03/1979 | Liverpool, Edge Hill | Lib gain from Lab | -11.4% | -28.1% | +36.8% | ... | +2.7% | 57.2% |
| GENERAL ELECTION 1979 | | | | | | | | |
| 27/09/1979 | Manchester Central | Lab hold | -10.1% | -0.1% | +8.9% | ... | +1.3% | 33.6% |
| 13/12/1979 | Hertfordshire SW | Con hold | -8.8% | +0.0% | +7.4% | ... | +1.4% | 48.3% |
| 13/03/1980 | Southend East | Con hold | -19.3% | +6.5% | +12.0% | ... | +0.8% | 62.5% |
| 26/06/1980 | Glasgow Central | Lab hold | -7.6% | -11.7% | ... | +15.2% | +4.1% | 42.8% |
| 16/07/1981 | Warrington | Lab hold | -21.7% | -13.2% | +33.3% | ... | +1.6% | 67.0% |
| 22/10/1981 | Croydon NW | Lib gain from Con | -18.9% | -14.1% | +29.5% | ... | +3.5% | 62.8% |
| 26/11/1981 | Crosby | SDP gain from Con | -17.2% | -15.9% | +33.8% | ... | -0.7% | 69.3% |
| 25/03/1982 | Glasgow, Hillhead | SDP gain from Con | -14.5% | -8.5% | +19.0% | +1.2% | +2.8% | 76.4% |
| 27/05/1982 | Beaconsfield | Con hold | +0.1% | -9.7% | +9.7% | ... | -0.1% | 53.9% |
| 03/06/1982 | Merton, Mitcham and Morden | Con gain from Lab | -0.5% | -20.8% | +20.5% | ... | +0.8% | 48.5% |
| 24/06/1982 | Coatbridge and Airdrie | Lab hold | -1.3% | -5.8% | +8.2% | -1.1% | ... | 56.3% |
| 16/09/1982 | Gower | Lab hold | -8.4% | -9.7% | +16.0% | +1.5% | +0.6% | 65.4% |
| 28/10/1982 | Southwark, Peckham | Lab hold | -15.7% | -9.5% | +25.2% | ... | +0.0% | 38.0% |
| 28/10/1982 | Birmingham, Northfield | Lab gain from Con | -9.8% | -8.8% | +18.0% | ... | +0.6% | 55.0% |
| 02/12/1982 | Glasgow, Queens's Park | Lab hold | -12.0% | -8.4% | +9.4% | +10.3% | +0.7% | 47.0% |
| 24/02/1983 | Southwark, Bermondsey | Lib gain from Ind Lab | -19.4% | -37.5% | +50.9% | ... | +6.0% | 57.7% |
| 24/03/1983 | Darlington | Lab hold | -8.5% | -6.0% | +14.3% | ... | +0.2% | 80.0% |
| GENERAL ELECTION 1983 | | | | | | | | |
| 28/07/1983 | Penrith and The Border | Con hold | -12.8% | -5.9% | +16.7% | ... | +2.0% | 55.7% |
| 01/03/1984 | Chesterfield | Lab hold | -17.2% | -1.6% | +15.2% | ... | +3.6% | 76.9% |
| 03/05/1984 | Stafford | Con hold | -10.8% | +3.7% | +7.1% | ... | +0.0% | 65.6% |
| 03/05/1984 | Surrey SW | Con hold | -10.4% | -1.5% | +11.3% | ... | +0.6% | 61.7% |
| 03/05/1984 | Cynon Valley | Lab hold | -6.8% | +2.8% | -0.7% | +1.8% | +2.9% | 65.7% |
| 14/06/1984 | Portsmouth South | SDP gain from Con | -15.7% | +3.9% | +12.2% | ... | -0.4% | 54.5% |
| 13/12/1984 | Enfield, Southgate | Con hold | -8.5% | -5.9% | +12.2% | ... | +2.2% | 50.6% |
| 04/07/1985 | Brecon and Radnor | Lib gain from Con | -20.5% | +9.4% | +11.4% | -0.6% | +0.3% | 79.4% |
| 05/12/1985 | Tyne Bridge | Lab hold | -14.1% | +1.3% | +11.4% | ... | +1.4% | 38.1% |
| 10/04/1986 | Fulham | Lab gain from Con | -11.3% | +10.4% | +0.5% | ... | +0.4% | 70.8% |
| 08/05/1986 | Derbyshire West | Con hold | -16.4% | +2.7% | +12.4% | ... | +1.3% | 71.9% |
| 08/05/1986 | Ryedale | Lib gain from Con | -17.9% | -1.9% | +19.8% | ... | ... | 67.3% |
| 17/07/1986 | Newcastle-under-Lyme | Lab hold | -17.4% | -1.2% | +17.2% | ... | +1.4% | 62.2% |
| 13/01/1986 | Knowsley North | Lab hold | -13.8% | -8.2% | +19.8% | ... | +2.2% | 57.3% |
| 26/02/1987 | Greenwich | SDP gain from Lab | -23.6% | -4.5% | +27.9% | ... | +0.2% | 68.2% |
| 12/03/1987 | Truro | Lib hold | -6.5% | +2.5% | +3.1% | ... | +0.9% | 70.3% |
| GENERAL ELECTION 1987 | | | | | | | | |
| 14/07/1988 | Kensington | Con hold | -5.9% | +4.9% | ... | ... | +5.2% | 51.6% |
| 14/07/1988 | Glasgow, Govan | SNP gain from Lab | -4.5% | -27.9% | ... | +38.4% | +3.0% | 60.2% |
| 10/11/1988 | Epping Forest | Con hold | -21.5% | +0.4% | +15.2% | ... | +4.8% | 49.1% |
| 15/12/1988 | Pontypridd | Lab hold | -6.5% | +1.1% | ... | +21.2% | +5.5% | 62.0% |
| 23/02/1989 | Richmond (Yorks) | Con hold | -26.0% | -4.1% | -5.0% | ... | +3.4% | 64.2% |
| 23/02/1989 | Vale of Glamorgan | Lab gain from Con | -10.5% | +14.2% | ... | +1.7% | +6.3% | 70.7% |
| 04/05/1989 | Glasgow Central | Lab hold | -5.4% | -9.9% | ... | +20.3% | +3.0% | 52.9% |
| 15/06/1989 | Vauxhall | Lab hold | -10.2% | +2.6% | -0.7% | ... | +9.7% | 44.4% |
| 15/06/1989 | Mid Staffordshire | Lab gain from Con | -18.3% | +24.3% | -12.0% | ... | +0.4% | 77.5% |
| 17/05/1990 | Bootle | Lab hold | -11.0% | +8.5% | ... | ... | +5.0% | 50.6% |
| 24/05/1990 | Knowsley South | Lab hold | -6.5% | +4.4% | -5.4% | ... | +2.4% | 33.4% |
| 27/09/1990 | Eastbourne | LD gain from Con | -19.0% | -3.8% | +21.1% | ... | +3.4% | 60.7% |
| 18/10/1990 | Bootle | Lab hold | +0.1% | +3.0% | -5.1% | ... | +4.1% | 39.7% |
| 08/11/1990 | Bradford North | Lab hold | -22.7% | +8.8% | +7.6% | ... | +12.5% | 53.4% |
| 29/11/1990 | Paisley North | Lab hold | -0.9% | -11.5% | ... | +16.5% | +5.1% | 53.7% |
| 29/11/1990 | Paisley South | Lab hold | -1.3% | -10.0% | ... | +13.5% | +7.9% | 55.0% |
| 07/03/1991 | Ribble Valley | LD gain from Con | -22.3% | -8.3% | +27.1% | ... | +1.5% | 71.1% |

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| | | | Con | Lab | L Dem | SNP/PC | Other | |
| 04/04/1991 | Neath | Lab hold | -7.5% | -11.6% | ... | +17.0% | ... | 63.7% |
| 16/05/1991 | Monmouth | Lab gain from Con | -13.5% | +11.6% | +0.8% | -0.2% | ... | 75.8% |
| 04/07/1991 | Liverpool Walton | Lab hold | -12.2% | +0.1% | +14.8% | ... | ... | 74.9% |
| 07/11/1991 | Hemsworth | Lab hold | -6.7% | -0.7% | +4.3% | ... | ... | 42.6% |
| 29/08/1991 | Kincardine and Deeside | LD gain from Con | -10.1% | -8.2% | +12.7% | +4.7% | ... | 64.6% |
| 07/11/1991 | Langbaugh | Lab gain from Con | -2.6% | +4.5% | -3.8% | ... | ... | 65.3% |
| GENERAL ELECTION 1992 | | | | | | | | |
| 06/05/1993 | Newbury | LD gain from Con | -29.0% | -4.0% | +27.8% | ... | +5.2% | 71.3% |
| 29/07/1993 | Christchurch | LD gain from Con | -32.2% | -9.4% | +38.6% | ... | +3.0% | 74.2% |
| 05/05/1994 | Rotherham | Lab hold | -13.9% | -8.3% | +17.4% | ... | +4.8% | 43.7% |
| 09/06/1994 | Barking | Lab hold | -23.5% | +20.5% | -2.5% | ... | +5.5% | 38.3% |
| 09/06/1994 | Eastleigh | LD gain from Con | -26.5% | +6.8% | +16.3% | ... | +3.4% | 58.7% |
| 09/06/1994 | Newham North East | Lab hold | -16.0% | +16.6% | -7.0% | ... | +6.3% | 34.8% |
| 09/06/1994 | Bradford South | Lab hold | -20.7% | +7.5% | +10.2% | ... | +3.0% | 44.2% |
| 09/06/1994 | Dagenham | Lab hold | -26.4% | +19.7% | -3.1% | ... | +9.7% | 37.0% |
| 30/06/1994 | Monklands East | Lab hold | -13.7% | -11.5% | -2.0% | +26.9% | +0.4% | 70.0% |
| 15/12/1994 | Dudley West | Lab gain from Con | -30.2% | +28.1% | -2.8% | ... | +5.0% | 47.0% |
| 16/02/1995 | Islwyn | Lab hold | -10.9% | -5.1% | +4.9% | +8.7% | +2.4% | 45.1% |
| 25/05/1995 | Perth and Kinross | SNP gain from Con | -18.7% | +10.5% | +0.4% | +4.4% | +3.4% | 62.1% |
| 27/07/1995 | Littleborough & Saddleworth | LD gain from Con | -20.7% | +13.9% | +2.7% | ... | +4.1% | 64.4% |
| 01/02/1996 | Hemsworth | Lab hold | -9.8% | +1.0% | -3.7% | ... | +12.5% | 39.5% |
| 11/04/1996 | South East Staffordshire | Lab gain from Con | -22.2% | +22.0% | -4.9% | ... | +5.1% | 59.6% |
| 11/10/1996 | Barnsley East | Lab hold | -6.9% | -0.7% | -0.3% | ... | +7.9% | 33.6% |
| 27/02/1997 | Wirral South | Lab gain from Con | -16.5% | 18.0% | -3.0% | ... | +1.5% | 73.0% |
| GENERAL ELECTION 1997 | | | | | | | | |
| 31/07/1997 | Uxbridge | Con hold | +7.6% | -2.5% | -5.3% | ... | +0.2% | 55.5% |
| 06/11/1997 | Paisley South | Lab hold | -1.7% | -13.4% | +1.6% | +9.1% | +4.3% | 43.1% |
| 20/11/1997 | Beckenham | Con hold | -1.2% | +4.0% | +0.2% | ... | -3.1% | 43.6% |
| 20/11/1997 | Winchester | LD win | -13.6% | -8.8% | +26.0% | ... | -3.6% | 68.7% |
| 10/06/1999 | Leeds Central | Lab hold | -1.4% | -21.4% | +19.6% | ... | +3.2% | 19.6% |
| 22/07/1999 | Eddisbury | Con hold | +2.3% | +0.0% | +0.6% | ... | -2.9% | 51.4% |
| 23/09/1999 | Hamilton South | Lab hold | -1.4% | -28.7% | -1.9% | +16.4% | +15.7% | 41.3% |
| 23/09/1999 | Wigan | Lab hold | +1.1% | -9.0% | +3.3% | ... | +4.6% | 25.0% |
| 25/11/1999 | Kensington and Chelsea | Con hold | +2.8% | -5.9% | -5.9% | ... | +9.1% | 29.7% |
| 03/02/2000 | Ceredigion | PC hold | +1.6% | -9.9% | +6.5% | +1.1% | +0.6% | 45.6% |
| 04/05/2000 | Romsey | LD gain from Con | -4.0% | -14.8% | +21.1% | ... | -2.3% | 55.5% |
| 22/06/2000 | Tottenham | Lab hold | +0.3% | -15.8% | +8.3% | ... | +7.1% | 25.4% |
| 23/11/2000 | Glasgow, Anniesland | Lab hold | -0.6% | -9.7% | +0.8% | +3.7% | +5.8% | 38.4% |
| 23/11/2000 | Preston | Lab hold | +3.1% | -15.1% | +1.5% | ... | +10.5% | 29.6% |
| 23/11/2000 | West Bromwich West | Lab win | Not Comparable | | | ... | ... | 27.6% |
| 21/12/2000 | Falkirk West | Lab hold | -3.8% | -15.8% | -2.0% | +16.5% | +5.1% | 36.2% |
| GENERAL ELECTION 2001 | | | | | | | | |
| 15/10/2001 | Ipswich | Lab hold | -2.1% | -8.0% | +7.2% | ... | +2.8% | 40.2% |
| 14/02/2002 | Ogmore | Lab hold | -3.7% | -10.1% | -4.0% | +6.8% | +11.0% | 35.2% |
| 18/09/2003 | Brent East | LD gain from Lab | -2.1% | -29.4% | +28.6% | ... | +2.9% | 36.2% |
| 15/07/2004 | Birmingham Hodge Hill | Lab hold | -3.3% | -29.6% | +25.8% | ... | +0.9% | 37.9% |
| 15/07/2004 | Leicester South | LD gain from Lab | -3.3% | -25.2% | +17.7% | ... | -1.9% | 40.6% |
| GENERAL ELECTION 2005 | | | | | | | | |
| 14/07/2005 | Cheadle | LD hold | +2.0% | -4.2% | +3.3% | ... | -1.1% | 55.2% |
| 29/09/2005 | Livingston | LAB hold | -3.4% | -9.3% | -0.6% | +11.1% | +2.2% | 38.6% |
| 09/02/2006 | Dunfermline & W Fife | LD gain from Lab | -2.6% | -17.4% | +15.4% | +1.8% | +2.8% | 48.7% |
| 29/06/2006 | Blaenau Gwent | IND hold | +1.4% | +4.7% | +1.2% | +4.1% | -11.4% | 51.7% |
| 29/06/2006 | Bromley & Chislehurst | CON hold | -11.1% | -15.6% | +17.5% | ... | +9.2% | 40.5% |
| 19/07/2007 | Ealing, Southall | LAB hold | +0.9% | -7.3% | +3.2% | ... | +3.2% | 42.9% |
| 19/07/2007 | Sedgefield | LAB hold | +0.2% | -14.1% | +8.0% | ... | +5.8% | 41.5% |

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V European elections

Elections to the European Parliament were last held in the UK on 10 June 2004.

The first direct elections to the European Parliament took place in June 1979 when nine Member States went to the polls to elect members of a single Parliament. Previously, members of the European Parliament had been delegates from national parliaments. Direct elections have taken place at five-yearly intervals, in 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999 and 2004.

Table 14 details the number of UK MEPs by party since 1979. In 1994, the Liberal Democrats gained their first European Parliament seats – Cornwall & West Plymouth and Somerset & North Devon – and the SNP increased their number of MEPs from one to two. The change in the electoral system in 1999 helped the Liberal Democrats to increase their representation, from 2 to 10. The SNP remained with 2 MEPs, and other parties (Plaid Cymru, UKIP and the Green Party) gained their first UK MEPs.

In 2004 the number of UK MEPs was reduced from 87 to 78 as the number of EU Members States rose to 27. The number of Labour MEPs fell as the Liberal Democrats and the UK Independence Party increased their representation in the European Parliament.

Table 14

UK MEPs by party - 1979 to 2004

| | 1979 | 1984 | 1989 | 1994 | 1999 | 2004 |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Great Britain | | | | | | |
| Labour | 17 | 32 | 45 | 62 | 29 | 19 |
| Conservative | 60 | 45 | 32 | 18 | 36 | 27 |
| Liberal Democrat | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 10 | 12 |
| Scottish National | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Plaid Cymru | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 1 |
| Green | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 2 |
| UKIP | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 12 |
| Total | 78 | 78 | 78 | 82 | 84 | 75 |
| Northern Ireland | | | | | | |
| Democratic Unionist | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Sinn Fein | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| SDLP | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | ... |
| Ulster Unionist | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Total UK | 81 | 81 | 81 | 85 | 87 | 78 |

UK MEPS by party 1979-2004

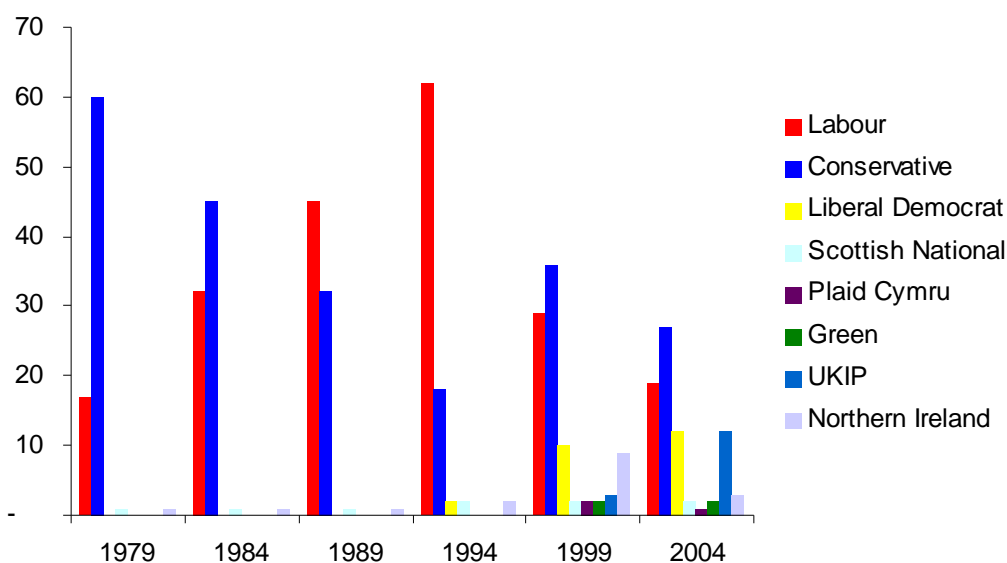


Table 15 shows the number of votes for each party at European Parliament elections in the UK since 1979. In Great Britain until 1994 elections were held on a first-past-the-post basis, with constituencies comprising a number of Westminster seats. In 1999 and 2004 elections were held under a regional list system. In Northern Ireland elections have been on the basis of a system of single transferable vote. The table below reports first preference votes only.

Table 15

**European Election Results:
Votes by Party 1979 to 2004**

| | Votes | | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | 1979 | 1984 | 1989 | 1994 | 1999 | 2004 |
| Great Britain | | | | | | |
| Labour | 4,253,207 | 4,865,261 | 6,153,661 | 6,753,881 | 3,578,203 | 3,718,683 |
| Conservative | 6,508,493 | 5,426,821 | 5,331,098 | 4,268,539 | 2,803,820 | 4,397,087 |
| Liberal Democrat (a) | 1,691,531 | 1,358,145 | (c) 944,861 | 2,557,887 | 1,266,549 | 2,452,327 |
| Scottish National | 247,836 | 230,594 | 406,686 | 487,237 | 185,235 | 231,505 |
| Plaid Cymru | 83,399 | 103,031 | 115,062 | 162,478 | 268,528 | 159,888 |
| Green (b) | 17,953 | 70,853 | 2,292,718 | 494,561 | 625,378 | 1,028,283 |
| SDP | ... | 1,233,490 | (c) 75,886 | ... | ... | ... |
| UKIP | ... | ... | ... | 150,251 | 696,055 | 2,660,768 |
| BNP | ... | ... | ... | ... | 102,644 | 808,201 |
| Respect | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 252,216 |
| Others | 71,433 | 24,678 | 41,295 | 417,888 | 475,841 | 749,645 |
| Total | 12,873,852 | 13,312,873 | 15,361,267 | 15,292,722 | 10,002,253 | 16,458,603 |

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| | Votes | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | 1979 | 1984 | 1989 | 1994 | 1999 | 2004 |
| Northern Ireland | | | | | | |
| (first preference votes) | | | | | | |
| Democratic Unionist | 170,688 | 230,251 | 160,110 | 163,246 | 192,762 | 175,761 |
| SDLP | 140,622 | 151,399 | 136,335 | 161,992 | 190,731 | 87,559 |
| Ulster Unionist | 125,169 | 147,169 | 118,785 | 133,459 | 119,507 | 91,164 |
| Sinn Fein | ... | 91,476 | 48,914 | 55,215 | 117,643 | 144,541 |
| Alliance | 39,026 | 34,046 | 27,905 | 23,157 | 14,391 | ... |
| Green | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4,810 |
| Others | 96,734 | 30,976 | 42,762 | 22,798 | 43,775 | 45,442 |
| Total | 572,239 | 685,317 | 534,811 | 559,867 | 678,809 | 549,277 |

| | Votes % | | | | | |
|----------------------|---------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | 1979 | 1984 | 1989 | 1994 | 1999 | 2004 |
| Great Britain | | | | | | |
| Labour | 33% | 37% | 40% | 44% | 36% | 23% |
| Conservative | 51% | 41% | 35% | 28% | 28% | 27% |
| Liberal Democrat (a) | 13% | 10% | 6% | 17% | 13% | 15% |
| Scottish National | 2% | 2% | 3% | 3% | 2% | 1% |
| Plaid Cymru | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 3% | 1% |
| Green (b) | 0% | 1% | 15% | 3% | 6% | 6% |
| SDP | ... | 9% | 0% | ... | ... | ... |
| UKIP | ... | ... | ... | 1% | 7% | 16% |
| BNP | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1% | 5% |
| Respect | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2% |
| Other | 1% | 0% | 0% | 3% | 5% | 5% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Northern Ireland | | | | | | |
| (first preference votes) | | | | | | |
| Democratic Unionist | 30% | 34% | 30% | 29% | 28% | 32% |
| SDLP | 25% | 22% | 25% | 29% | 28% | 16% |
| Ulster Unionist | 22% | 21% | 22% | 24% | 18% | 17% |
| Sinn Fein | ... | 13% | 9% | 10% | 17% | 26% |
| Alliance | 7% | 5% | 5% | 4% | 2% | ... |
| Green | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1% |
| Others | 17% | 5% | 8% | 4% | 6% | 8% |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

(a) SLD in 1989/Liberal SDP Alliance in 1984/Liberal Party in 1979

(b) Ecology Party in 1979 and 1984

(c) The Liberal/SDP Alliance total is 2,591,635 in 1984

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VI Elections to devolved legislatures

A. National Assembly for Wales

The third set of elections to the National Assembly for Wales took place on 3 May 2007. Previous elections were in 1999 and 2003.

The electoral system for electing members of the National Assembly is known as the *Additional Member System*. Voters have two ballots. The first is used to elect 40 constituency Assembly Members (AMs) under the traditional first-past-the-post system. The second is used to elect four AMs from five electoral regions. These additional members are elected so that the total representation from each geographical area, including those members elected under first-past-the-post, corresponds more closely to the share of the votes cast for each political party in the region.

Following a review by the Boundary Commission for Wales new constituencies came into force for the 2007 Assembly elections. The most significant boundary changes took place in North Wales where three new constituencies were established (Aberconwy, Arfon, and Dwyfor Meirionnydd) in place of the constituencies of Conwy, Caernarfon, and Meirionnydd Nant Conwy. The North Wales and Mid and West Wales electoral regions were reconfigured to reflect changes to constituency boundaries. These constituency boundaries will be used for the next UK parliamentary elections.

In 2007, Labour secured the highest share of the vote (30.9%) down from 38.3% in 2003. The Conservatives polled 21.9%, up from 19.5%, Plaid Cymru 21.7%, up from 20.5%, and the Liberal Democrats 13.3%, down slightly from 13.4%. With 26 of the 60 seats, Labour is the largest party in the Assembly, but it does not have an overall majority.

Average turnout across all the regions and constituencies was 43.5%, up by 5% points compared to 2003.

Following the elections, the composition of the Assembly is 32 men and 28 women. The number of women Assembly Members is two fewer than after the 2003 elections.

The first minority ethnic Assembly Member, Mohammad Asghar (Plaid Cymru), was elected from the regional list to represent South Wales East.

Table 16 provides a summary of the results for the 1999, 2003 and 2007 elections. Detailed analysis of the Welsh Assembly elections is available in Library Research Paper 07/45 *National Assembly for Wales elections: 3 May 2007*.

Table 16

National Assembly for Wales elections: 2003 and 2007

| | Number of Votes | | | % share of votes | | | | Seats won | | | 2003-2007 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|------|------|-----------|
| | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | change | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | change |
| Constituencies | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Labour | 384,671 | 340,515 | 314,925 | 37.6% | 40.0% | 32.2% | -7.8% | 27 | 30 | 24 | -6 |
| Plaid Cymru | 290,572 | 180,183 | 219,121 | 28.4% | 21.2% | 22.4% | +1.2% | 9 | 5 | 7 | +2 |
| Conservative | 162,133 | 169,432 | 218,730 | 15.8% | 19.9% | 22.4% | +2.5% | 1 | 1 | 5 | +4 |
| Liberal Democrat | 137,857 | 120,220 | 144,450 | 13.5% | 14.1% | 14.8% | +0.7% | 3 | 3 | 3 | +0 |
| Others | 47,992 | 40,053 | 80,906 | 4.7% | 4.8% | 8.3% | +3.5% | ... | 1 | 1 | +0 |
| Total | 1,023,225 | 850,403 | 978,132 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | ... | 40 | 40 | 40 | ... |
| Regional lists | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Labour | 361,657 | 310,658 | 288,954 | 35.4% | 36.6% | 29.6% | -7.0% | 1 | 0 | 2 | +2 |
| Plaid Cymru | 312,048 | 167,653 | 204,757 | 30.5% | 19.7% | 21.0% | +1.3% | 8 | 7 | 8 | +1 |
| Conservative | 168,206 | 162,725 | 209,153 | 16.5% | 19.2% | 21.5% | +2.3% | 8 | 10 | 7 | -3 |
| Liberal Democrat | 128,008 | 108,013 | 114,500 | 12.5% | 12.7% | 11.7% | -1.0% | 3 | 3 | 3 | +0 |
| Others | 51,938 | 100,503 | 157,520 | 5.1% | 11.8% | 16.2% | +4.4% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Total | 1,021,857 | 849,552 | 974,884 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | ... | 20 | 20 | 20 | ... |
| Total | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Labour | 746,328 | 651,173 | 603,879 | 36.5% | 38.3% | 30.9% | -7.4% | 28 | 30 | 26 | -4 |
| Plaid Cymru | 602,620 | 347,836 | 423,878 | 29.5% | 20.5% | 21.7% | +1.2% | 17 | 12 | 15 | +3 |
| Conservative | 330,339 | 332,157 | 427,883 | 16.2% | 19.5% | 21.9% | +2.4% | 9 | 11 | 12 | +1 |
| Liberal Democrat | 265,865 | 228,233 | 258,950 | 13.0% | 13.4% | 13.3% | -0.2% | 6 | 6 | 6 | +0 |
| Other | 99,930 | 140,556 | 238,426 | 4.9% | 8.3% | 12.2% | +3.9% | | 1 | 1 | +0 |
| Total | 2,045,082 | 1,699,955 | 1,953,016 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | ... | 60 | 60 | 60 | ... |

B. Scottish Parliament elections

The third elections to the Scottish Parliament were held on 3 May 2007 simultaneously with the local authority elections.

Scottish Parliament elections are conducted under the Additional Member System. Voters are given two ballots: one ballot is used to elect each of 73 constituency Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) under the first-past-the-post system; the second ballot is used to elect an additional 56 MSPs, seven MSPs from each of eight electoral regions. These additional members are elected so that the total representation from each area, including those Members elected under first-past-the-post, corresponds more closely to the share of votes cast for each party in the region.

The number of Scottish Westminster constituencies was reduced from 72 to 59 for the 2005 General Election. The 2007 Scottish Parliament elections used the former (pre-2005) Westminster constituency boundaries. However, for the 2007 elections, the former constituency of Orkney and Shetland was divided into two. Consequently the total number of Scottish Parliament constituencies is 73.

The Scottish National Party secured the highest share of the vote (32.0%). Labour polled 30.6%, the Conservatives 15.2%, and the Liberal Democrats 13.7%.

With 47 of the 129 seats, the SNP is the largest party in the Scottish Parliament, although it failed to secure an overall majority of seats. The SNP won 20 seats more than in the previous elections in 2003. The Greens had five fewer seats, Labour four fewer, and the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats one fewer each.

Turnout was 51.7% in the constituency ballot and 52.4% in the regional ballot, compared to 49.4% for both ballots in 2003.

Following the 2007 elections the composition of the Parliament is 86 men and 43 women. The first minority ethnic MSP, Bashir Ahmad (SNP) was elected from the Glasgow regional list.⁵

There were a significant number of spoilt ballot papers in the 2007 elections and this became an issue of comment and is now the subject of an independent review into the 2007 Scottish elections led by Ron Gould.⁶ 85,643 ballots in the constituency vote were rejected, and a further 60,454 ballots in the regional vote. Edinburgh East and Musselburgh recorded the highest number of spoilt ballots in the constituency vote (2,521) and Dumfries recorded the highest number of spoilt ballots in the regional vote (1,191).

⁵ Election 2007 Spice briefing 07/21

⁶ <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/>

Table 17 provides a summary of the results for the 1999, 2007 and 2003 elections. Detailed analysis of the Scottish Parliament elections is available in Library Research Paper 07/46 Scottish Parliament *elections: 3 May 2007*.

Table 17

Scottish Parliament elections: 2003 and 2007

| | Number of Votes | | | % Share of Vote | | | | Seats won | | | 2003-2007 change |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------------|
| | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | change | 1999 | 2003 | 2007 | |
| Constituencies | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Labour | 908,346 | 663,585 | 648,374 | 38.8% | 34.5% | 32.1% | -2.4% | 53 | 46 | 37 | -9 |
| Scottish National Party | 672,768 | 455,772 | 664,227 | 28.7% | 23.7% | 32.9% | +9.2% | 7 | 9 | 21 | +12 |
| Conservative | 364,425 | 318,279 | 334,742 | 15.6% | 16.6% | 16.6% | +0.0% | 0 | 3 | 4 | +1 |
| Liberal Democrat | 333,179 | 294,347 | 326,232 | 14.2% | 15.3% | 16.2% | +0.9% | 12 | 13 | 11 | -2 |
| Others | 63,770 | 189,636 | 43,402 | 2.7% | 9.9% | 2.2% | -7.7% | 1 | 2 | 0 | -2 |
| Total | 2,342,488 | 1,921,619 | 2,016,977 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | ... | 73 | 73 | 73 | ... |
| Regional lists | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Labour | 786,818 | 561,879 | 595,415 | 33.6% | 29.4% | 29.2% | -0.3% | 3 | 4 | 9 | +5 |
| Scottish National Party | 638,644 | 399,659 | 633,401 | 27.3% | 20.9% | 31.0% | +10.1% | 28 | 18 | 26 | +8 |
| Conservative | 359,109 | 296,929 | 284,005 | 15.4% | 15.6% | 13.9% | -1.6% | 18 | 15 | 13 | -2 |
| Liberal Democrat | 290,760 | 225,810 | 230,671 | 12.4% | 11.8% | 11.3% | -0.5% | 5 | 4 | 5 | +1 |
| Scottish Green Party | 84,023 | 132,138 | 82,584 | 3.6% | 6.9% | 4.0% | -2.9% | 1 | 7 | 2 | -5 |
| Scottish Socialist Party | 46,714 | 128,126 | 12,731 | 2.0% | 6.7% | 0.6% | -6.1% | 1 | 6 | 0 | -6 |
| Scottish Senior Citizens Unity Party | ... | 28,966 | 38,743 | ... | 1.5% | 1.9% | +0.4% | ... | 1 | 0 | -1 |
| Socialist Labour Party | 55,153 | 21,657 | 14,244 | 2.4% | 1.1% | 0.7% | -0.4% | 0 | 0 | 0 | +0 |
| United Kingdom Independence Party | ... | 11,969 | 8,197 | ... | 0.6% | 0.4% | -0.2% | ... | 0 | 0 | +0 |
| Others | 77,693 | 101,461 | 142,058 | 3.3% | 5.3% | 7.0% | +1.6% | 0 | 1 | 1 | +0 |
| Total | 2,338,914 | 1,908,594 | 2,042,049 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | ... | 56 | 56 | 56 | ... |
| Total seats won | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Labour | 1,695,164 | 1,225,464 | 1,243,789 | 36.2% | 32.0% | 30.6% | -1.4% | 56 | 50 | 46 | -4 |
| Scottish National Party | 1,311,412 | 855,431 | 1,297,628 | 28.0% | 22.3% | 32.0% | +9.6% | 35 | 27 | 47 | +20 |
| Conservative | 723,534 | 615,208 | 618,747 | 15.5% | 16.1% | 15.2% | -0.8% | 18 | 18 | 17 | -1 |
| Liberal Democrat | 623,939 | 520,157 | 556,903 | 13.3% | 13.6% | 13.7% | +0.1% | 17 | 17 | 16 | -1 |
| Others | 327,353 | 613,953 | 341,959 | 7.0% | 16.0% | 8.4% | -7.6% | 3 | 17 | 3 | -14 |
| Total | 4,681,402 | 3,830,213 | 4,059,026 | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | ... | 129 | 129 | 129 | ... |

C. Northern Ireland Assembly

The Northern Ireland Assembly was first elected in July 1998, but devolution was suspended on 14 October 2002 under the terms of the *Northern Ireland Act 2000*.

Assembly elections next took place on 26 November 2003. The Assembly elected in 2003 finally convened in May 2006 solely for the purpose of choosing the Northern Ireland ministers, but without any legislative powers. The Assembly was dissolved on 30 January 2007. The next elections to the Northern Ireland Assembly took place on 7 March 2007.

Table 18 shows the results of the elections to the Northern Ireland Assembly in 1998, 2003 and 2007. Voting in the election was by proportional representation using the *Single Transferable Vote system*.

Table 18

Northern Ireland Assembly elections: 2003 and 2007

| Party | First Preference Votes | | | % Votes | | | 2003-2007 | Seats | | | 2003-2007 |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|------|------|-----------|
| | 1998 | 2003 | 2007 | 1998 | 2003 | 2007 | change | 1998 | 2003 | 2007 | change |
| SDLP | 177,963 | 117,547 | 105,164 | 22.0% | 17.0% | 15.2% | -1.8% | 24 | 18 | 16 | -2 |
| Ulster Unionist | 172,225 | 156,931 | 103,145 | 21.3% | 22.7% | 14.9% | -7.7% | 28 | 27 | 18 | -9 |
| Democratic Unionist | 146,917 | 177,944 | 207,721 | 18.1% | 25.7% | 30.1% | 4.4% | 20 | 30 | 36 | 6 |
| Sinn Féin | 142,858 | 162,758 | 180,573 | 17.6% | 23.5% | 26.2% | 2.6% | 18 | 24 | 28 | 4 |
| Alliance | 52,636 | 25,372 | 36,139 | 6.5% | 3.7% | 5.2% | 1.6% | 6 | 6 | 7 | 1 |
| United Kingdom Unionists | 36,541 | 5,700 | 10,452 | 4.5% | 0.8% | 1.5% | 0.7% | 5 | 1 | 0 | -1 |
| Progressive Unionist Party | 20,634 | 8,032 | 3,822 | 2.5% | 1.2% | 0.6% | -0.6% | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Others | 60,471 | 37,744 | 43,297 | 7.5% | 5.5% | 6.3% | 0.8% | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Total | 810,245 | 692,028 | 690,313 | 100% | 100% | 100% | ... | 108 | 108 | 108 | ... |

Sources: *British Electoral Facts: 1832-2006, Rallings and Thrasher*
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In 2007:

- The Democratic Unionist Party won 36 (33%) of the 108 seats, six more than in 2003. The DUP won the highest share (30%) of the first preference votes.
- Sinn Féin, gained four more seats than in 2003 and secured the second highest share of first preference votes, 26%.
- The UUP lost ground in 2007. In 2003 the UUP polled 23% of first preferences, falling to just under 15% in 2007. The UUP's of 18 seats was down by nine on 2003.
- The SDLP also won around 15% of first preference votes, which was slightly down on its 17% in 2003. The party had two fewer seats compared to 2003, and two fewer seats than the UUP in spite of receiving a slightly larger proportion of first preference votes.
- Turnout was slightly lower than in the 2005 General Election (62.9%) and the 2003 Assembly election (63.1%).

Elections were held to the Northern Ireland House of Commons (Stormont) from its creation in 1921 to its prorogation in 1972. Of the 52 Members elected two-thirds or more were Unionist

Table 18a

Northern Ireland House of Commons 1921-1969

| Election | Unionist | Ulster Unionist Association/ Other Unionist ¹ | Northern Ireland Labour Party | Independent Labour ² | Nationalist/ Republicans ³ | Liberal Party | Others | Total |
|----------|-----------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------|-------|
| 1921 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 52 |
| 1925 | 32 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 52 |
| 1929 | 37 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 52 |
| 1933 | 36 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 52 |
| 1938 | 39 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 52 |
| 1945 | 33 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 10 | 0 | 2 | 52 |
| 1949 | 37 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 52 |
| 1953 | 38 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 52 |
| 1958 | 37 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 52 |
| 1962 | 34 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 52 |
| 1965 | 36 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 52 |
| 1969 | 36 ⁴ | 3 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 52 |

¹ Including Independent Unionist, Progressive Unionists, Protestant Unionists and Independent O'Neill Unionists.

² Including Independent Labour, Commonwealth Labour, Federation of Labour, Irish Labour, Republican Labour and Socialist Republican.

³ Including Nationalists, Republicans, Sinn Fein, Fianna Fail and Anti-Partitionists.

⁴ 24 pro-O'Neill and 12 anti-O'Neill

Source: *Northern Ireland Parliamentary Election Results 1921-1972* Sidney Elliott

D. Greater London Assembly

The London Assembly has 25 Members. There are 14 constituency members topped-up by 11 London-wide members. Voters have two votes: one for a constituency member and another for a party or independent candidate that is used to determine the number of London-wide Assembly members.

In 2004, the Conservative Party won nine GLA seats, the Labour Party seven, the Liberal Democrats five and the Green Party two. The UK Independence Party gained its first two seats in the Assembly. Turnout for the GLA elections in 2004 was 36%.

Table 19

Greater London Assembly Elections: 4 May 2000 and 10 June 2004
Votes for Constituency Assembly Members - London totals

| Party of candidates | Number of Votes | | % Share of Vote | | Seats won | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| | 2000 | 2004 | 2000 | 2004 | 2000 | 2004 | Change |
| Conservative Party | 526,707 | 562,047 | 33.2% | 31.2% | 8 | 9 | +1 |
| Labour Party | 501,296 | 444,808 | 31.6% | 24.7% | 6 | 5 | -1 |
| Liberal Democrats | 299,998 | 332,237 | 18.9% | 18.4% | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Green Party | 162,457 | 138,242 | 10.2% | 7.7% | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| UK Independence Party | 2,115 | 181,146 | 0.1% | 10.0% | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Respect | ... | 82,301 | ... | 4.6% | ... | 0 | 0 |
| Christian Peoples Alliance | ... | 43,322 | ... | 2.4% | ... | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 93,497 | 19,064 | 5.9% | 1.1% | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>1,586,070</i> | <i>1,803,167</i> | <i>100%</i> | <i>100.0%</i> | <i>14</i> | <i>14</i> | |

Votes for London-wide Assembly Members - London totals

| Party | Number of Votes | | % Share of Vote | | Seats won | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| | 2000 | 2004 | 2000 | 2004 | 2000 | 2004 | Change |
| Conservative Party | 481,053 | 533,696 | 29.0% | 28.5% | 1 | 0 | -1 |
| Labour Party | 502,874 | 468,247 | 30.3% | 25.0% | 3 | 2 | -1 |
| Liberal Democrats | 245,555 | 316,218 | 14.8% | 16.9% | 4 | 5 | +1 |
| Green Party | 183,910 | 160,445 | 11.1% | 8.6% | 3 | 2 | -1 |
| UK Independence Party | 34,054 | 156,780 | 2.1% | 8.4% | 0 | 2 | +2 |
| British National Party | 47,670 | 90,365 | 2.9% | 4.8% | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Respect | ... | 87,533 | ... | 4.7% | ... | 0 | 0 |
| Christian Peoples Alliance | 55,192 | 54,914 | 3.3% | 2.9% | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Others | 109,322 | 4,968 | 6.6% | 0.3% | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>1,659,630</i> | <i>1,873,166</i> | <i>100%</i> | <i>100.0%</i> | <i>11</i> | <i>11</i> | |

Composition of London Assembly - 2000 and 2004

| Party | 2000 | 2004 | Change |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Conservative Party | 9 | 9 | 0 |
| Labour Party | 9 | 7 | -2 |
| Liberal Democrats | 4 | 5 | +1 |
| Green Party | 3 | 2 | -1 |
| UK Independence Party | 0 | 2 | +2 |
| <i>Total</i> | <i>25</i> | <i>25</i> | <i>...</i> |

VII Local Elections

A. Council Elections

As the areas holding elections change from year to year, the actual votes cast do not fully reflect the pattern of voting that would occur if elections were held in all areas. However, estimates of national equivalent shares of the vote for Great Britain are calculated each year. These are shown in Table 20. The 2000 local elections were the

first since 1992 in which the Conservatives gained a higher estimated national share than Labour.

Table 20

Estimated national equivalent vote at Local Government elections

1979-2007: Great Britain

| | Con | Lab | Lib |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1979 | 45% | 38% | 14% |
| 1980 | 40% | 42% | 13% |
| 1981 | 38% | 41% | 17% |
| 1982 | 40% | 29% | 27% |
| 1983 | 39% | 36% | 20% |
| 1984 | 38% | 37% | 21% |
| 1985 | 32% | 39% | 26% |
| 1986 | 34% | 37% | 26% |
| 1987 | 38% | 32% | 27% |
| 1988 | 39% | 38% | 18% |
| 1989 | 36% | 42% | 19% |
| 1990 | 33% | 44% | 17% |
| 1991 | 35% | 38% | 22% |
| 1992 | 46% | 30% | 20% |
| 1993 | 31% | 39% | 25% |
| 1994 | 28% | 40% | 27% |
| 1995 | 25% | 47% | 23% |
| 1996 | 29% | 43% | 24% |
| 1997 | 31% | 44% | 17% |
| 1998 | 33% | 37% | 25% |
| 1999 | 34% | 36% | 25% |
| 2000 | 38% | 30% | 26% |
| 2001 | 33% | 42% | 19% |
| 2002 | 34% | 33% | 25% |
| 2003 | 35% | 30% | 27% |
| 2004 | 37% | 26% | 27% |
| 2005 | 33% | 36% | 23% |
| 2006 | 39% | 26% | 25% |
| 2007 | 40% | 26% | 24% |

Sources: Rallings and Thrasher, *British electoral facts 1832-2006*
 Rallings and Thrasher, *Local elections handbook*, various
 Local Government Elections Centre

Local elections in 1979, 1997, 2001 and 2005 were held on same day as the general election, and general election results are shown. These figures are emboldened

Following the 2007 local elections, the **Conservatives** have almost 9,500 councillors, 43% of the Great Britain total and their highest number since 1985. The number of Conservative councillors has risen consistently since 1997. The Conservatives control 206 councils, 47% of the total, including 68% of county councils and 61% of shire district councils in England. The Conservatives do not control any of the 32 unitary authorities in Scotland.

Labour have almost 5,500 councillors, 25% of the Great Britain total and their lowest number since the reorganisation of local government in 1973. The number of Labour councillors has fallen consistently since 1998. Labour control 58 councils, 13% of the Great Britain total. They control 36% of both Metropolitan Borough councils and Welsh unitary authorities, but only 6% of Scottish councils and 5% of shire districts in England.

The **Liberal Democrats** have just over 4,400 councillors, 20% of the Great Britain total. The number of Liberal Democrat councillors fell in both 2006 and 2007, and is 13% lower than the number of councillors in 1996. The party controls 29 councils, 7% of the Great Britain total. They do not control any of the unitary authorities in Scotland or Wales.

Table 20a

Party affiliation of councillors 1973-2007

Great Britain

| | Number | | | | | Total | % total | | | | |
|------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------|---------|-----|-----|--------|--------|
| | CON | LAB | LD | PC/SNP | Others | | CON | LAB | LD | PC/SNP | Others |
| 1973 | 7,709 | 9,781 | 1,427 | 65 | 5,183 | 24,165 | 32% | 40% | 6% | 0% | 21% |
| 1974 | 8,102 | 10,325 | 1,474 | 145 | 5,664 | 25,710 | 32% | 40% | 6% | 1% | 22% |
| 1975 | 8,301 | 10,117 | 1,462 | 145 | 5,685 | 25,710 | 32% | 39% | 6% | 1% | 22% |
| 1976 | 11,077 | 8,213 | 1,113 | 223 | 5,132 | 25,758 | 43% | 32% | 4% | 1% | 20% |
| 1977 | 12,370 | 7,115 | 950 | 349 | 4,965 | 25,749 | 48% | 28% | 4% | 1% | 19% |
| 1978 | 12,645 | 6,644 | 923 | 349 | 4,920 | 25,481 | 50% | 26% | 4% | 1% | 19% |
| 1979 | 12,222 | 7,410 | 1,059 | 301 | 4,388 | 25,380 | 48% | 29% | 4% | 1% | 17% |
| 1980 | 11,738 | 8,011 | 1,149 | 186 | 4,325 | 25,409 | 46% | 32% | 5% | 1% | 17% |
| 1981 | 10,545 | 8,999 | 1,455 | 172 | 4,208 | 25,379 | 42% | 35% | 6% | 1% | 17% |
| 1982 | 10,447 | 8,774 | 1,850 | 177 | 4,099 | 25,347 | 41% | 35% | 7% | 1% | 16% |
| 1983 | 10,557 | 8,782 | 2,171 | 175 | 3,570 | 25,255 | 42% | 35% | 9% | 1% | 14% |
| 1984 | 10,393 | 8,870 | 2,331 | 179 | 3,515 | 25,288 | 41% | 35% | 9% | 1% | 14% |
| 1985 | 10,191 | 8,746 | 2,633 | 177 | 3,432 | 25,179 | 40% | 35% | 10% | 1% | 14% |
| 1986 | 9,216 | 8,759 | 2,971 | 191 | 3,364 | 24,501 | 38% | 36% | 12% | 1% | 14% |
| 1987 | 9,141 | 8,525 | 3,640 | 203 | 2,974 | 24,483 | 37% | 35% | 15% | 1% | 12% |
| 1988 | 9,150 | 8,601 | 3,518 | 254 | 2,968 | 24,491 | 37% | 35% | 14% | 1% | 12% |
| 1989 | 9,242 | 8,636 | 3,343 | 258 | 2,958 | 24,437 | 38% | 35% | 14% | 1% | 12% |
| 1990 | 9,020 | 8,920 | 3,265 | 264 | 2,968 | 24,437 | 37% | 37% | 13% | 1% | 12% |
| 1991 | 7,985 | 9,504 | 3,672 | 292 | 2,997 | 24,450 | 33% | 39% | 15% | 1% | 12% |
| 1992 | 8,288 | 9,102 | 3,728 | 334 | 2,977 | 24,429 | 34% | 37% | 15% | 1% | 12% |
| 1993 | 7,802 | 9,213 | 4,123 | 358 | 2,948 | 24,444 | 32% | 38% | 17% | 1% | 12% |
| 1994 | 7,286 | 9,257 | 4,551 | 392 | 2,941 | 24,427 | 30% | 38% | 19% | 2% | 12% |
| 1995 | 4,883 | 10,461 | 4,942 | 294 | 2,157 | 22,737 | 21% | 46% | 22% | 1% | 9% |
| 1996 | 4,276 | 10,929 | 5,078 | 298 | 2,157 | 22,738 | 19% | 48% | 22% | 1% | 9% |
| 1997 | 4,449 | 10,608 | 4,754 | 301 | 2,076 | 22,188 | 20% | 48% | 21% | 1% | 9% |
| 1998 | 4,772 | 10,411 | 4,629 | 304 | 2,083 | 22,199 | 21% | 47% | 21% | 1% | 9% |
| 1999 | 6,144 | 9,134 | 4,485 | 444 | 1,973 | 22,180 | 28% | 41% | 20% | 2% | 9% |
| 2000 | 6,748 | 8,536 | 4,472 | 444 | 2,078 | 22,278 | 30% | 38% | 20% | 2% | 9% |
| 2001 | 6,941 | 8,487 | 4,382 | 418 | 2,132 | 22,360 | 31% | 38% | 20% | 2% | 10% |
| 2002 | 7,177 | 8,117 | 4,379 | 412 | 2,069 | 22,154 | 32% | 37% | 20% | 2% | 9% |
| 2003 | 7,776 | 7,175 | 4,581 | 383 | 2,101 | 22,016 | 35% | 33% | 21% | 2% | 10% |
| 2004 | 8,033 | 6,652 | 4,708 | 361 | 2,201 | 21,955 | 37% | 30% | 21% | 2% | 10% |
| 2005 | 8,193 | 6,500 | 4,743 | 357 | 2,233 | 22,044 | 37% | 29% | 22% | 2% | 10% |
| 2006 | 8,482 | 6,105 | 4,708 | 368 | 2,229 | 21,892 | 39% | 28% | 22% | 2% | 10% |
| 2007 | 9,431 | 5,483 | 4,420 | 546 | 2,164 | 22,044 | 43% | 25% | 20% | 2% | 10% |

Note: LD includes predecessor parties

Sources: House of Commons Library Research Paper 04/61 UK Election Statistics 1918-2004
Rallings and Thrasher *Local Elections Handbook*
Local Government Information online, <http://www.gwydir.demon.co.uk/uklocalgov>

The table overleaf summarises the local election results from 1997 to 2006.

Table 21

Local Election results: 1997-2007

| | Share of votes | | | | | Seats won | | | | | Total |
|------------------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| | Con | Lab | Lib | PC/SNP | Other | Con | Lab | Lib | PC/SNP | Other | |
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Authorities | 36.2% | 33.2% | 26.4% | ... | 4.2% | 1,106 | 1,294 | 724 | ... | 123 | 3,247 |
| Shire counties | 36.9% | 32.2% | 26.8% | ... | 4.1% | 873 | 745 | 495 | ... | 90 | 2,203 |
| English unitary authorities | 31.3% | 40.2% | 23.5% | ... | 5.0% | 233 | 549 | 229 | ... | 33 | 1,044 |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Authorities | 30.4% | 40.3% | 23.5% | ... | 5.8% | 1,105 | 2,239 | 853 | ... | 147 | 4,344 |
| London boroughs | 32.0% | 40.6% | 20.8% | ... | 6.6% | 538 | 1,050 | 301 | ... | 28 | 1,917 |
| Metropolitan boroughs | 26.0% | 45.8% | 22.9% | ... | 5.3% | 107 | 575 | 152 | ... | 15 | 849 |
| Shire districts | 34.8% | 33.3% | 26.4% | ... | 5.5% | 423 | 512 | 351 | ... | 86 | 1,372 |
| English unitary authorities | 26.7% | 40.4% | 26.4% | ... | 6.5% | 37 | 102 | 49 | ... | 18 | 206 |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Authorities | 27.6% | 33.8% | 21.5% | 6.7% | 10.4% | 3,781 | 4,816 | 2,611 | 409 | 1,684 | 13,301 |
| England | 32.9% | 33.1% | 24.6% | ... | 9.4% | 3,598 | 3,703 | 2,357 | ... | 1,151 | 10,809 |
| Metropolitan boroughs | 25.6% | 44.8% | 24.5% | ... | 5.1% | 116 | 532 | 172 | ... | 16 | 836 |
| English unitary authorities | 30.2% | 38.3% | 25.0% | ... | 6.5% | 310 | 624 | 293 | ... | 47 | 1,274 |
| Shire districts | 36.5% | 27.2% | 24.6% | ... | 11.7% | 3,172 | 2,547 | 1,892 | ... | 1,088 | 8,699 |
| Scottish unitary authorities | 13.5% | 36.3% | 12.7% | 28.7% | 8.8% | 108 | 550 | 156 | 204 | 204 | 1,222 |
| Welsh unitary authorities | 10.1% | 34.4% | 13.4% | 18.2% | 23.9% | 75 | 563 | 98 | 205 | 329 | 1,270 |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Authorities | 37.2% | 32.4% | 24.3% | ... | 6.1% | 1,327 | 1,117 | 726 | ... | 204 | 3,374 |
| Metropolitan boroughs | 31.4% | 38.4% | 24.4% | ... | 5.8% | 203 | 458 | 202 | ... | 21 | 884 |
| English unitary authorities | 39.3% | 31.9% | 23.3% | ... | 5.5% | 356 | 302 | 180 | ... | 44 | 882 |
| Shire districts | 43.0% | 25.4% | 24.8% | ... | 6.8% | 768 | 357 | 344 | ... | 139 | 1,608 |
| 2001 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Authorities | 39.4% | 30.9% | 25.1% | ... | 4.6% | 1,094 | 835 | 460 | ... | 95 | 2,484 |
| English unitary authorities | 32.0% | 38.4% | 23.5% | ... | 6.1% | 73 | 127 | 53 | ... | 16 | 269 |
| Shire counties | 39.9% | 30.4% | 25.2% | ... | 4.5% | 1,021 | 708 | 407 | ... | 79 | 2,215 |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Authorities | 32.2% | 35.2% | 23.7% | ... | 8.9% | 2,011 | 2,400 | 1,263 | ... | 240 | 5,914 |
| London boroughs | 34.2% | 34.1% | 20.6% | ... | 11.1% | 655 | 865 | 307 | ... | 34 | 1,861 |
| Metropolitan boroughs | 26.2% | 43.1% | 23.3% | ... | 7.4% | 133 | 528 | 153 | ... | 24 | 838 |
| Shire districts | 38.5% | 27.0% | 25.4% | ... | 9.1% | 1,108 | 775 | 657 | ... | 148 | 2,688 |
| English unitary authorities | 29.7% | 34.9% | 27.2% | ... | 8.2% | 115 | 232 | 146 | ... | 34 | 527 |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Authorities | 31.5% | 27.9% | 24.2% | ... | 16.4% | 4,417 | 2,994 | 2,652 | 181 | 1,405 | 11,649 |
| England | 34.6% | 27.0% | 26.1% | ... | 12.3% | 4,294 | 2,485 | 2,477 | ... | 1,171 | 10,427 |
| Metropolitan boroughs | 26.0% | 39.9% | 24.7% | ... | 9.4% | 160 | 458 | 193 | ... | 25 | 836 |
| English unitary authorities | 32.5% | 27.8% | 28.0% | ... | 11.7% | 527 | 501 | 488 | ... | 109 | 1,625 |
| Shire districts | 39.4% | 20.7% | 26.0% | ... | 13.9% | 3,607 | 1,526 | 1,796 | ... | 1,037 | 7,966 |
| Scottish unitary authorities | 15.1% | 32.6% | 14.5% | 24.1% | 13.7% | 123 | 509 | 175 | 181 | 234 | 1,222 |
| 2004 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Authorities | 29.6% | 28.7% | 23.9% | ... | 17.8% | 1,713 | 2,249 | 1,279 | 175 | 659 | 6,075 |
| Metropolitan boroughs | 25.9% | 32.6% | 25.5% | ... | 16.0% | 547 | 1,183 | 594 | 0 | 121 | 2,445 |
| English unitary authorities | 30.9% | 29.6% | 24.1% | ... | 15.4% | 203 | 262 | 129 | 0 | 50 | 644 |
| Shire districts | 41.7% | 21.8% | 25.3% | ... | 11.1% | 856 | 325 | 410 | 0 | 132 | 1,723 |
| Welsh unitary authorities | 11.0% | 30.6% | 13.9% | 16.4% | 28.1% | 107 | 479 | 146 | 175 | 356 | 1,263 |
| 2005 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Authorities | 39.8% | 25.0% | 27.6% | ... | 7.5% | 1,196 | 614 | 495 | ... | 91 | 2,396 |
| Shire counties | 40.0% | 25.0% | 27.6% | ... | ... | 1,147 | 575 | 471 | ... | 76 | 2,269 |
| English unitary authorities | 29.5% | 27.8% | 29.7% | ... | 13.1% | 49 | 39 | 24 | ... | 15 | 127 |
| 2006 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Authorities | 39.0% | 26.0% | 25.0% | ... | 10.0% | 1,820 | 1,441 | 912 | ... | 241 | 4,414 |
| London boroughs | 35.0% | 28.0% | 20.8% | ... | 16.1% | 785 | 685 | 316 | ... | 75 | 1,861 |
| Metropolitan boroughs | 27.0% | 34.0% | 23.6% | ... | 15.5% | 193 | 396 | 189 | ... | 49 | 827 |
| English unitary authorities | 33.5% | 28.5% | 25.1% | ... | 12.9% | 128 | 117 | 89 | ... | 26 | 360 |
| Shire districts | 44.6% | 20.1% | 25.3% | ... | 10.1% | 714 | 243 | 318 | ... | 91 | 1,366 |
| 2007 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| All Authorities | 34.6% | 23.1% | 21.9% | 4.3% | 16.0% | 5,461 | 2,222 | 2,337 | 363 | 1,325 | 11,708 |
| England | 38.1% | 22.2% | 23.6% | 0.0% | 16.9% | 5,318 | 1,874 | 2,171 | 0 | 1,123 | 10,486 |
| Metropolitan boroughs | 27.0% | 34.4% | 22.0% | 0.0% | 16.7% | 186 | 400 | 204 | 0 | 37 | 827 |
| English unitary authorities | 36.0% | 24.8% | 23.3% | 0.0% | 15.9% | 745 | 450 | 335 | 0 | 128 | 1,658 |
| Shire districts | 43.9% | 15.7% | 24.5% | 0.0% | 15.9% | 4,387 | 1,024 | 1,632 | 0 | 958 | 8,001 |
| Scottish unitary authorities | 15.6% | 28.1% | 12.7% | 27.9% | 15.8% | 143 | 348 | 166 | 363 | 202 | 1,222 |

Source: Rallings and Thrasher, *Local Elections Handbooks*, (1997-2007)

B. Elected Mayors

1. London Mayor

Table 22 details the 2000 and 2004 London mayoral election results. The two round *Supplementary Vote* system was used. Under the SV system, voters mark the ballot paper with their first and second choice candidates. In 2004, the second preferences of all but the leading two first preference candidates were redistributed to Ken Livingstone (Labour) and Steve Norris (Conservative). As a result, Ken Livingstone polled 828,380 votes (55%) and was re-elected as Mayor. Although Livingstone received more votes than in 2000, his vote share fell by 2.6 percentage points. Livingstone received relatively high shares of the vote in Lambeth and Southwark (46%), North East London (45%), and Greenwich and Lewisham (43%).

Turnout in the 2004 Mayoral election was 36%, an increase of over two percentage points compared with 2000. Turnout was relatively high in Bexley and Bromley (41%), and Havering and Redbridge (38%), but lower in City and East (32%), Lambeth and Southwark (32%).

Table 22

Election for London Mayor: 10 June 2004

| Name | Party | 1st Pref | % | 2nd Pref ^(a) | % | Final ^(b) | % |
|------------------|-----------------------------|----------|------|-------------------------|------|----------------------|------|
| Ken Livingstone | Labour | 685,541 | 36.8 | 250,517 | 15.7 | 828,380 | 57.9 |
| Steve Norris | Conservative | 542,423 | 29.1 | 222,559 | 14.0 | 667,178 | 42.1 |
| Simon Hughes | Liberal Democrat | 284,645 | 15.3 | 465,704 | 29.3 | ... | ... |
| Frank Maloney | UK Independence Party | 115,665 | 6.2 | 193,157 | 12.1 | ... | ... |
| Lindsey German | Respect | 61,731 | 3.3 | 63,294 | 4.0 | ... | ... |
| Julian Leppert | British National Party | 58,405 | 3.1 | 70,736 | 4.4 | ... | ... |
| Darren Johnson | Green | 57,331 | 3.1 | 208,686 | 13.1 | ... | ... |
| Ram Gidoomal | Christian Peoples Alliance | 41,696 | 2.2 | 56,721 | 3.6 | ... | ... |
| Lorna Reid | Indep. Working Class Assoc. | 9,542 | 0.5 | 39,678 | 2.5 | ... | ... |
| Tammy Nagalingam | Indep. Working Class Assoc. | 6,692 | 0.4 | 20,391 | 1.3 | ... | ... |

Election for London Mayor: 4 May 2000

| Name | Party | 1st Pref | % | 2nd Pref ^(a) | % | Final ^(b) | % |
|---------------------|----------------------------|----------|------|-------------------------|------|----------------------|------|
| Ken Livingstone | Independent | 667,877 | 39.0 | 178,809 | 12.6 | 776,427 | 57.9 |
| Steve Norris | Conservative | 464,434 | 27.1 | 188,041 | 13.2 | 564,137 | 42.1 |
| Frank Dobson | Labour | 223,884 | 13.1 | 228,095 | 16.0 | ... | ... |
| Susan Kramer | Liberal Democrat | 203,452 | 11.9 | 404,815 | 28.5 | ... | ... |
| Ram Gidoomal | Christian Peoples Alliance | 42,060 | 2.4 | 56,489 | 4.0 | ... | ... |
| Darren Johnson | Green | 38,121 | 2.2 | 192,764 | 13.6 | ... | ... |
| Michael Newland | British National Party | 33,569 | 2.0 | 45,337 | 3.2 | ... | ... |
| Damian Hockney | UK Independence Party | 16,234 | 1.0 | 43,672 | 3.1 | ... | ... |
| Geoffrey Ben-Nathan | Pro-Motorist Small Shop | 9,956 | 0.6 | 23,021 | 1.6 | ... | ... |
| Ashwin Kumar Tanna | Independent | 9,015 | 0.5 | 41,766 | 2.9 | ... | ... |
| Geoffrey Clements | Natural Law Party | 5,470 | 0.3 | 18,185 | 1.3 | ... | ... |

(a) 2nd preference votes are only used if no candidate receives more than 50% of 1st pref votes.

(b) If no candidate receives more than 50% of 1st preference votes, the top two receive 2nd preferences from remaining candidates.

2. Mayoral elections

a. *Mayoral referenda*

The first referendum on whether to have an elected local authority mayor was held in Berwick-upon-Tweed on 7 June 2001. 35 councils have held referendums on elected mayors, with 12 voting in favour of a mayor and 23 against. Full details are listed below:

Table 23

Mayoral referendum results

| Council | Date | Result | For | Against | Turnout |
|----------------------|-------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|
| Berwick-upon-Tweed | 7 Jun 2001 | No | 3,617 | 10,212 | 63.8%# |
| Cheltenham | 28 Jun 2001 | No | 8,083 | 16,602 | 31.0% |
| Gloucester | 28 Jun 2001 | No | 7,731 | 16,317 | 30.8% |
| Watford | 12 Jul 2001 | Yes | 7,636 | 7,140 | 24.5% |
| Doncaster | 20 Sep 2001 | Yes | 35,453 | 19,398 | 25.0% |
| Kirklees | 4 Oct 2001 | No | 10,169 | 27,977 | 13.0% |
| Sunderland | 11 Oct 2001 | No | 9,593 | 12,209 | 10.0% |
| Hartlepool | 18 Oct 2001 | Yes | 10,667 | 10,294 | 31.0% |
| Lewisham | 18 Oct 2001 | Yes | 16,822 | 15,914 | 18.0% |
| North Tyneside | 18 Oct 2001 | Yes | 30,262 | 22,296 | 36.0% |
| Sedgefield | 18 Oct 2001 | No | 10,628 | 11,869 | 33.3% |
| Middlesbrough | 18 Oct 2001 | Yes | 29,067 | 5,422 | 34.0% |
| Brighton and Hove | 18 Oct 2001 | No | 22,724 | 37,214 | 31.6% |
| Redditch | 8 Nov 2001 | No | 7,250 | 9,198 | 28.3% |
| Durham City | 20 Nov 2001 | No | 8,327 | 11,974 | 28.5% |
| Harrow | 7 Dec 2001 | No | 17,502 | 23,554 | 26.0% |
| Harlow | 24 Jan 2001 | No | 5,296 | 15,490 | 36.4% |
| Plymouth | 24 Jan 2001 | No | 29,559 | 42,811 | 39.8% |
| Southwark | 31 Jan 2002 | No | 6,054 | 13,217 | 11.2% |
| Newham | 31 Jan 2002 | Yes | 27,263 | 12,687 | 25.9% |
| West Devon | 31 Jan 2002 | No | 3,555 | 12,190 | 41.8% |
| Shepway | 31 Jan 2002 | No | 11,357 | 14,435 | 36.3% |
| Bedford | 21 Feb 2002 | Yes | 11,316 | 5,537 | 15.5% |
| Newcastle under Lyme | 2 May 2002 | No | 12,912 | 16,468 | 31.5% |
| Oxford | 2 May 2002 | No | 14,692 | 18,686 | 33.8% |
| Hackney | 3 May 2002 | Yes | 24,697 | 10,547 | 31.9% |
| Stoke on Trent | 3 May 2002 | Yes | 28,601 | 20,578 | 27.8% |
| Mansfield | 3 May 2002 | Yes | 8,973 | 7,350 | 21.0% |
| Corby | 26 Sep 2002 | No | 5,351 | 6,239 | 30.9% |
| Ealing | 11 Dec 2002 | No | 9,454 | 11,655 | 9.8% |
| Ceredigion | 20 May 2004 | No | 5,308 | 14,013 | 36.3% |
| Isle of Wight | 5 May 2005 | No | 28,786 | 37,097 | 62.4%# |
| Torbay | 14 Jul 2005 | Yes | 18,074 | 14,682 | 32.1% |
| Crewe & Nantwich | 4 May 2006 | No | 11,808 | 18,768 | 35.3% |
| Darlington | 27 Sep 2007 | No | 7,981 | 11,226 | 24.7% |

Source: British Electoral Facts 1832-2006 (updated)

Same day as General Election

Two of the mayoral referenda achieved a relatively high (over 60%) turnout but these coincided with a general election. The lowest turnout was in Ealing in 2002 (10%).

b. *Mayoral election results*

Mayoral elections were held on nine different occasions; 4 May 2000, 2 May 2002, 17 October 2002, 12 June 2003, 10 June 2004, 5 May 2005, 20 October 2005, 4 May 2006, and 3 May 2007. These took place in twenty-two councils with 11 Labour, 2 Conservative and 2 Liberal Democrat elected as Mayors. The other successful candidates were all independents (7), including Stuart Drummond in Hartlepool also known as H'Angus the Monkey, the mascot of Hartlepool FC, re-elected in 2005.

A mayoral by-election was held in North Tyneside on 12 June 2003 after Christopher Morgan resigned as Mayor. The Conservatives held the Mayoralty, with 56.4% of the vote, although turnout fell to 31.4%.

Prior to 2005, none of the mayoral elections achieved a turnout over 50%. The highest turnout was in North Tyneside (42.5%) in 2002 and the lowest in Mansfield (18.5%) also in 2002. The 2005 mayoral elections were held on the same day as the General Election. Turnout for all four elections on this occasion exceeded 50%. The highest turnout was in North Tyneside (61.4%).

Table 24

| Mayoral Elections, 2002 | | | 1st pref | | 2nd pref | | Total | |
|--|------------------------|------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| Authority/Turnout | Candidate | Party | Votes | % | Votes | % | Votes | % |
| 2 May 2002 | | | | | | | | |
| Doncaster Turnout 28.4% | Andrew Burden | Con | 9,000 | 15.4 | 3,170 | 42.9 | 12,170 | 32.1 |
| | Jessie Credland | CG | 8,469 | 14.5 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Shafiq Kham | Ind | 2,836 | 4.8 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Michael Maye | Ind | 7,502 | 12.8 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Graham Newman | LD | 5,150 | 8.8 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Terence Wilcox | Ind | 4,036 | 6.9 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Martin Winter | Lab | 21,494 | 36.8 | 4,213 | 57.1 | 25,707 | 67.9 |
| | | | 58,487 | 100.0 | 7,383 | 100.0 | 37,877 | 100.0 |
| Hartlepool Turnout 30.1% | Ian Cameron | Ind | 5,174 | 26.5 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Stephen Close | Con | 1,561 | 8.0 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Stuart Drummond | ND | 5,696 | 29.1 | 1,699 | 55.7 | 7,395 | 52.1 |
| | Leo Gillen | Lab | 5,438 | 27.8 | 1,354 | 44.3 | 6,792 | 47.9 |
| | Arthur Preece | LD | 1,675 | 8.6 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | | | 19,544 | 100.0 | 3,053 | 100.0 | 14,187 | 100.0 |
| London Borough of Lewisham Turnout 25.5% | Steve Bullock | Lab | 20,011 | 45.0 | 4,509 | 70.9 | 24,520 | 71.3 |
| | Alex Feakes | LD | 7,276 | 16.3 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Louise Irvine | LEAP | 3,710 | 8.3 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Sinna Mani | Gr | 5,517 | 12.4 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Derek Stone | Con | 8,004 | 18.0 | 1,851 | 29.1 | 9,855 | 28.7 |
| | | | 44,518 | 100.0 | 6,360 | 100.0 | 34,375 | 100.0 |
| Middlesborough Turnout 41.3% | Sylvia Connolly | Lab | 9,653 | 23.0 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Ronald Darby | Con | 1,510 | 3.6 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Jeffrey Fowler | SA | 352 | 0.8 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Rod Jones | Ind | 297 | 0.7 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Raymond Mallon | ND | 26,362 | 62.8 | ... | ... | Not required | ... |
| | Joseph Michna | LD | 3,820 | 9.1 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | | | 41,994 | 100.0 | ... | ... | ... | ... |

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| Authority/Turnout | Candidate | Party | 1st pref | | 2nd pref | | Total | |
|--|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | | | Votes | % | Votes | % | Votes | % |
| 2 May 2002 | | | | | | | | |
| London Borough of Newham Turnout 27.6% | Tawfique Choudhury | Ind | 5,907 | 14.7 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Alan Craig | CPA | 3,649 | 9.1 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Michael Davidson | BNP | 2,881 | 7.2 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Graham Postles | Con | 4,635 | 11.5 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Gabrielle Rolfe | Gr | 2,691 | 6.7 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Robert Wales | Lab | 20,384 | 50.8 | ... | ... | Not required | ... |
| | | | 40,147 | 100.0 | | | | |
| North Tyneside Turnout 42.5% | Eddie Darke | Lab | 19,601 | 32.2 | 4,930 | 53.7 | 24,531 | 48.5 |
| | Michael Elliott | SA | 2,119 | 3.5 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Michael Huscroft | LD | 12,323 | 20.2 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Christopher Morgan | Con | 21,829 | 35.9 | 4,254 | 46.3 | 26,083 | 51.5 |
| | Allan Pond | Ind | 4,993 | 8.2 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | | | 60,865 | 100.0 | 9,184 | 100.0 | 50,614 | 100.0 |
| Watford Turnout 37.4% | Tristram Cooke | FC | 330 | 1.5 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Gary Ling | Con | 4,746 | 21.4 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Vincent Muspratt | Lab | 4,899 | 22.1 | 370 | 12.8 | 5,269 | 28.1 |
| | Stephen Rackett | Gr | 851 | 3.8 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Dorothy Thornhill | LD | 10,954 | 49.4 | 2,519 | 87.2 | 13,473 | 71.9 |
| | Paul Woodward | SA | 390 | 1.8 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | | | 22,170 | 100.0 | 2,889 | 100.0 | 18,742 | 100.0 |
| 17 October 2002 | | | | | | | | |
| Bedford Turnout 25.3% | Frank Branston | BBI | 9,557 | 34.5 | 2,522 | 52.8 | 12,079 | 63.4 |
| | Christine McHugh | LD | 4,711 | 17.0 | 2,253 | 47.2 | 6,964 | 36.6 |
| | Charles Rose | Con | 4,661 | 16.8 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Apu Bagchi | Lab | 4,114 | 14.8 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Ian Clifton | Ind | 1,893 | 6.8 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Arthur Foster | Ind | 1,826 | 6.6 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Mark Powell | Gr | 735 | 2.6 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Gurminder Singh Dosanjh | Ind | 218 | 0.8 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | | | | 27,715 | 100.0 | 4,775 | 100.0 | 19,043 |
| London Borough of Hackney Turnout 25.2% | Jules Pipe | Labour | 13,813 | 42.0 | 2,421 | 68.2 | 16,234 | 74.3 |
| | Andrew Boff | Con | 4,502 | 13.7 | 1,127 | 31.8 | 5,629 | 25.7 |
| | Paul Foot | SA | 4,187 | 12.7 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Ian Sharer | LD | 4,185 | 12.7 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Crospin Truman | Gr | 3,002 | 9.1 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Bruce Spenser | Ind | 1,543 | 4.7 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Terry Edwards | Ind | 1,253 | 3.8 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Errol Carr | Ind | 441 | 1.3 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | | | | 32,926 | 100.0 | 3,548 | 100.0 | 21,863 |
| Mansfield Turnout 18.5% | Tony Egginton | Ind | 4,150 | 29.6 | 1,801 | 75.3 | 5,951 | 52.6 |
| | Lorna Carter | Lab | 4,773 | 34.0 | 590 | 24.7 | 5,363 | 47.4 |
| | Kathryn Allsop | Con | 3,351 | 23.9 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Phillip Smith | LD | 958 | 6.8 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Michael Comerford | Gr | 811 | 5.8 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | | | 14,043 | 100.0 | 2,391 | 100.0 | 11,314 | 100.0 |
| 17 October 2002 | | | | | | | | |
| Stoke on Trent City Turnout 24.0% | Mike Wolfe | M4S | 9,356 | 21.3 | 3,337 | 56.0 | 12,693 | 50.6 |
| | George Stevenson | Lab | 9,752 | 22.2 | 2,627 | 44.0 | 12,379 | 49.4 |
| | Steven Batkin | BNP | 8,213 | 18.7 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Roger Ibbs | Con | 4,417 | 10.0 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Geoffrey Snow | ND | 3,975 | 9.0 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Fred Morrow | LD | 2,408 | 5.5 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Paul Breeze | ND | 1,349 | 3.0 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Patricia Whitehouse | Ind | 1,280 | 2.9 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Graham Wilkes | Ind | 1,157 | 2.6 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | David Chatton | Ind | 926 | 2.1 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Adrian Knapper | AKIP | 708 | 1.6 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Harry Chesters | ND | 453 | 1.0 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | | | 43,994 | 100.0 | 5,964 | 100.0 | 25,072 | 100.0 |

| Authority/Turnout | Candidate | Party | 1st pref | | 2nd pref | | Total | |
|--|-----------------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | | | Votes | % | Votes | % | Votes | % |
| 12 June 2003 | | | | | | | | |
| North Tyneside mayoral by-election Turnout 31.4% | Linda Arkley | Con | 18,478 | 43.1 | 2,810 | 45.6 | 21,288 | 56.4 |
| | Gordon Adam | Lab | 13,070 | 30.5 | 3,357 | 54.4 | 16,427 | 43.6 |
| | Michael Huscroft | LD | 8,404 | 19.6 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Robert Batten | NF | 2,554 | 6.0 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Louise van der Hoeven | SA | 400 | 0.9 | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | | | 42,906 | 100.0 | 6,167 | 100.0 | 37,715 | 100.0 |
| 05 May 2005 | | | | | | | | |
| Hartlepool Turnout 51.1% | Stuart Drummond | Ind | 14,227 | 42.1% | 2,685 | 69.5% | 16,912 | 71.6% |
| | Carl Richardson | Lab | 5,527 | 16.4% | 1,180 | 30.5% | 6,707 | 28.4% |
| | Ian John Henry Cameron | Ind | 4,272 | 12.6% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Stephen Allison | LLH | 3,765 | 11.1% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Stan Kaiser | Ind | 2,701 | 8.0% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | John Lauderdale | Ind | 1,821 | 5.4% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Brenda Pearson | Con | 1,482 | 4.4% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | | | | 33,795 | 100.0 | 3,865 | 100.0 | 23,619 |
| Stoke-on-Trent Turnout 50.8% | Mark Joseph Meredith | Lab | 27,253 | 32.9% | 9,708 | 58.4% | 36,961 | 61.5% |
| | Roger Michael Ibbs | Con | 16,211 | 19.5% | 6,919 | 41.6% | 23,130 | 38.5% |
| | Mike Wolfe | SGS | 15,882 | 19.1% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Steven Reginald Batkin | BNP | 15,776 | 19.0% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Gary Chevin | Ind | 4,505 | 5.4% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Justin Harvey | Ind | 1,955 | 2.4% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Gary Falconer | Ind | 1,368 | 1.6% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | | | | 82,950 | 100.0 | 16,627 | 100.0 | 60,091 |
| Doncaster Turnout 54.5% | Martin Winter | Lab | 40,015 | 36.7% | 5,727 | 36.4% | 45,742 | 55.1% |
| | Michael Maye | Ind | 27,304 | 25.1% | 10,004 | 63.6% | 37,308 | 44.9% |
| | Raymond Bartlett | Con | 12,533 | 11.5% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Jessie Credland | CG | 10,263 | 9.4% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Michael Cooper | Ind | 7,773 | 7.1% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | David Owen | BNP | 6,128 | 5.6% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Richard Rolt | Green | 4,930 | 4.5% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | | | | 108,946 | 100.0 | 15,731 | 100.0 | 83,050 |
| North Tyneside Turnout 61.4% | John Harrison | Lab | 34,053 | 40.2% | 6,407 | 61.6% | 40,460 | 50.6% |
| | Linda Arkley | Con | 35,467 | 41.8% | 3,991 | 38.4% | 39,458 | 49.4% |
| | Dr Joan Harvey | LD | 12,761 | 15.1% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Robert Batten | NF | 2,470 | 2.9% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | | | 84,751 | 100.0 | 10,398 | 100.0 | 79,918 | 100.0 |
| 03 May 2007 | | | | | | | | |
| Bedford Turnout 40.1% | Frank Branston | Ind | 15,966 | 36.7% | 3,732 | 58.9% | 19,698 | 59.7% |
| | Nicky Attenborough | Con | 10,710 | 24.6% | 2,603 | 41.1% | 13,313 | 40.3% |
| | Christine McHugh | LD | 10,553 | 24.2% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Randolph Charles | Lab | 4,758 | 10.9% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Justina McLennan | Green | 1,538 | 3.5% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | | | | 43,525 | 100.0 | 6,335 | 100.0 | 33,011 |
| Mansfield Turnout 34.2% | Tony Egginton | Ind | 12,051 | 45.7% | 1,705 | 72.2% | 13,756 | 61.0% |
| | Alan Meale | Lab | 8,129 | 30.8% | 645 | 27.4% | 8,774 | 39.0% |
| | Aaron Beattie | Con | 2,770 | 10.5% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Philip Burman | LD | 1,944 | 7.4% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Mary Button | Green | 1,489 | 5.6% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | | | | 26,383 | 100.0 | 2,350 | 100.0 | 22,530 |
| Middlesborough Turnout 30.8% | Ray Mallon | Ind | 17,455 | 58.7% | ... | ... | 17,455 | 58.7% |
| | Joe Michna | Green | 7,026 | 23.6% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Charles Rooney | Lab | 3,529 | 11.9% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | Dorothy Smith | Con | 1,733 | 5.8% | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| | | | | 29,743 | 100.0 | ... | ... | ... |

BBI Better Bedford Independent
M4S Mayor 4 Stoke
SA Socialist Alliance
CPA Christian People's Alliance
FCP Fat Cat Party

ND: No description
LEAP: Local Education Action by Parents
NF: National Front
SGS: Supporting Green Shoots

Source: HoC Library

VIII Referenda

A. Scotland

On 11 September 1997, two questions were asked in Scotland on separate ballot papers, one concerning the proposed Scottish Parliament and the other on tax varying powers. In Scotland, electors were asked whether they or not they agreed that there should be a Scottish Parliament. A comparison with the results of the 1979 referendum is provided in table 25:

Table 25

Change in voting for/against devolution in Scotland, 1979 and 1997

| | Yes | | No | | Yes % point Change 79-97 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| | % Share of vote | | % Share of vote | | |
| | 1979 | 1997 | 1979 | 1997 | |
| <i>1979 areas</i> | | | | | |
| Borders | 40.3 | 62.8 | 59.7 | 37.2 | +22.5 |
| Central | 54.7 | 76.3 | 45.3 | 23.7 | +21.7 |
| Dumfries and Galloway | 40.3 | 60.7 | 59.7 | 39.3 | +20.4 |
| Fife | 53.7 | 76.1 | 46.3 | 23.9 | +22.4 |
| Grampian | 48.3 | 67.6 | 51.7 | 32.4 | +19.3 |
| Highland | 51.0 | 72.6 | 49.0 | 27.4 | +21.6 |
| Lothian | 50.1 | 74.5 | 49.9 | 25.5 | +24.4 |
| Orkney | 27.9 | 57.3 | 72.1 | 42.7 | +29.4 |
| Shetland | 27.0 | 62.4 | 73.0 | 37.6 | +35.4 |
| Strathclyde | 54.0 | 78.1 | 46.0 | 21.9 | +24.1 |
| Tayside | 49.5 | 67.6 | 50.5 | 32.4 | +18.1 |
| Western Isles | 55.8 | 79.4 | 44.2 | 20.6 | +23.6 |
| Scotland | 51.6 | 74.3 | 48.4 | 25.7 | +22.7 |

1997 results fitted to 1979 areas on the following basis:

Borders (Borders); Central (Clackmannan, Falkirk, Stirling); Dumfries & Galloway (Dufries & Galloway); Fife (Fife); Grampian (City of Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, Moray); Highland (Highland); Lothian (City of Edinburgh, East Lothian, West Lothian, Midlothian); Orkney (Orkney); Shetland (Shetland Islands); Strathclyde (Argyle & Bute, East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire, South Ayrshire, East Dunbartonshire, West Dunbartonshire, City of Glasgow, Inverclyde, North Lanarkshire, South Lanarkshire, East Renfrewshire, Renfrewshire); Tayside (Angus, City of Dundee, Perthshire & Kinross); Western Isles (Western Isles)

Sources: Scottish Office; FWS Craig *British Electoral Facts, 1832-1987*

Electors were asked whether they agreed or disagreed that a Scottish Parliament should have tax varying powers. 63.5% voted for tax varying powers, although there was confusion among some voters which led to a sizeable number of spoilt ballots on the tax varying powers question.

Turnout was 60.2%, not only lower than the 1997 General Election (71.3%), but also lower than the turnout in the previous referendum on devolution for Scotland in 1979 where turnout was 63.0%.⁷

⁷ Scottish Office

B. Wales

On 18 September 1997, a single question was asked in Wales, concerning the proposed National Assembly for Wales. Voters were asked whether they agreed or disagreed with the Government's proposals for an assembly, 50.3% of those voting agreed with the question asked.

Turnout was 50.1%, well below the turnout in the May General Election (73.5%) and also lower than the last referendum on Welsh devolution in 1979 (58.3%).⁸

A comparison between the 1997 and 1979 referenda is provided in the table below:

Table 26

Voting for/against devolution in Wales, 1979 and 1997

| | Yes | | No | | Yes % point Change 79-97 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| | % Share of vote | | % Share of vote | | |
| | 1979 | 1997 | 1979 | 1997 | |
| <i>1979 areas</i> | | | | | |
| Clwyd & Gwynedd | 27.1 | 47.4 | 72.9 | 52.6 | +20.3 |
| Dyfed | 28.1 | 57.2 | 71.9 | 42.8 | +29.1 |
| Powys | 18.5 | 42.7 | 81.5 | 57.3 | +24.2 |
| Gwent & Mid Glamorgan | 16.7 | 51.3 | 83.3 | 48.7 | +34.6 |
| South Glamorgan | 13.1 | 42.0 | 86.9 | 58.0 | +28.8 |
| West Glamorgan | 18.7 | 57.8 | 81.3 | 42.2 | +39.1 |
| Wales | 20.3 | 50.3 | 79.7 | 49.7 | +30.0 |

1997 results fitted to 1979 areas on the following basis:

Clwyd & Gwynedd (Anglesey, Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Gwynedd, Wrexham) -- 1997 area *excludes* communities of Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant, Llansilin and Llangedwyn (formerly in Glyndwr DC in Clwyd, now in Powys UA)

Dyfed (Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire)

Powys (Powys) -- 1997 area includes communities of Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant, Llansilin and Llangedwyn (formerly in Glyndwr DC in Clwyd, now in Powys UA) Powys (Powys) -- 1997 area includes communities of Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant, Llansilin and Llangedwyn (formerly in Glyndwr DC in Clwyd, now in Powys UA)

Gwent & Mid Glamorgan (Wick, St Bride's Major and Ewenny (formerly in Ogwr BC in Mid Glamorgan, now in Vale of Glamorgan UA) and excludes community of Pentyrch (formerly in Taff-Ely BC in Mid Glamorgan, now in Cardiff UA)

South Glamorgan (Vale of Glamorgan, Cardiff) -- 1997 area includes communities of Wick, St Bride's Major and Ewenny (formerly in Ogwr BC in Mid Glamorgan, now in Vale of Glamorgan UA) and includes community of Pentyrch (formerly in Taff-Ely BC in Mid Glamorgan, now in Cardiff UA)

West Glamorgan (Neath & Port Talbot, Swansea)

Source: Welsh Office, FWS Craig, *British Electoral Facts, 1832-1987*; *Local government (Wales) Act 1994 (Schedule 1)*

C. Northern Ireland

A referendum was held in Northern Ireland in 1973, asking the electorate if they wanted to remain part of the UK. Turnout was 58.7%, with 98.9% voting in favour.

On 22 May 1998, the electorate of Northern Ireland was asked to vote on the question:

⁸ Welsh Office & The Western Mail (20 September 1997)

“Do you support the agreement reached in the multi-party talks on Northern Ireland and set out in Command Paper 3883”

Turnout was 81.1% of those voting, and 71.1% (676,966) voted yes.

Table 27

| 1973 Referendum: NI remaining part of UK | | | | | | |
|--|---------|-------|---------|-------|---------|--------------|
| The Northern Ireland Border Poll 8 March 1973 | | | | | | |
| | Yes | | No | | Total | |
| | Votes | % | Votes | % | Votes | % |
| Do you want Northern Ireland to remain part of the United Kingdom? | 591,820 | 98.9% | 6,582 | 1.1% | 598,402 | 100.0 |
| Do you want Northern Ireland to be joined with the Republic of Ireland outside the United Kingdom? | 6,463 | 1.1% | 581,082 | 98.9% | 587,545 | 100.0 |
| Rejected ballot papers | | | | | 5,973 | |
| Turnout | | | | | | 58.7% |
| 1998 Referendum: | | | | | | |
| Referendum in Northern Ireland 22 May 1998 | | | | | | |
| | Yes | | No | | Total | |
| | Votes | % | Votes | % | Votes | % |
| Do you support the agreement reached in the multi-party talks on Northern Ireland and set out in the Command Paper 3883? | 676,966 | 71.1% | 274,879 | 28.9% | 951,845 | 100.0 |
| Rejected ballot papers | | | | | 1,738 | |
| Turnout | | | | | | 81.1% |

Sources: British electoral facts 1832-2006
The Northern Ireland Border poll 1973 (Cmnd 5875 paragraph 68)

D. London

On 7 May 1998 a referendum question was put to London voters.

“Are you in favour of the Government’s proposals for a Greater London Authority made up of an elected Mayor and separately elected authority?”

The total number of valid votes was 1,709,128, a turnout of 34.1%. 1,230,759 voted in favour of the Government’s proposals, 72% of those voting. 478,413 voted against (28%).

Out of the 33 London Boroughs, all voted in favour of the Government’s proposals with Haringey the strongest in favour with a “Yes” vote of 84%. Bromley returned the lowest “Yes” vote, 57%.⁹

⁹ Table 21.08 British Electoral Facts 1832-2006 Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher, Parliamentary Research Services, 2000

E. North East England

On 4 November 2004, electors in the North East region were asked

“Should there be an elected regional assembly for the North East region?”

The total number of valid vote recorded was 893,829 and turnout was 47.7%. 696,519 voters (77.9%) voted against the Government’s proposals.

In the region, voters in all 23 local authorities, voted against the Government proposals with Darlington most strongly opposed (87.1%). Derwentside returned the lowest “No” vote of 70.2%. The lowest turnout was recorded in Middlesborough (42.1%) and the highest in Alnwick (57.4%)

F. Europe

A referendum was held in June 1975 to ascertain public opinion on whether the United Kingdom should remain within the European Community, as it was then known. The results were as follows:

Table 28

Referendum on E.C. Membership, Thursday 5 June 1975

Do you think that the United Kingdom should stay in the European Community (the Common Market)?

| | Total Electorate | Total Votes | % turnout | % 'yes' |
|-----------|------------------|-------------|-----------|---------|
| England | 33,356,208 | 21,730,061 | 64.6 | 68.7 |
| Wales | 2,011,136 | 1,341,206 | 66.7 | 64.8 |
| Scotland | 3,688,799 | 2,280,225 | 61.7 | 58.4 |
| N.Ireland | 1,028,451 | 497,162 | 47.5 | 52.1 |
| U.K. | 40,084,594 | 25,848,654 | 64.0 | 67.2 |

Source: *British Electoral Facts 1832-2006*, Rallings and Thrasher (2006)

IX Opinion polls

This section presents recent trends in opinion polls using data from ICM and MORI. Individuals were asked about how they would vote if there was a general election tomorrow. Approval ratings since January 2000 for party leaders from MORI are included in Table 31.

Table 29

Voting Intention: ICM monthly polls since the 1997 general election

| | Con | Lab | LD | Other | Lab Lead | | Con | Lab | LD | Other | Lab Lead |
|-------------|-----|-----|---------|-------|----------|-------------|---------|-----|----|-------|----------|
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jun 1997 | 23 | 61 | 12 | 4 | +38 | | | | | | |
| Jul 1997 | | | No poll | | | | | | | | |
| Aug 1997 | 29 | 55 | 12 | 4 | +26 | | | | | | |
| Sep 1997 | 24 | 60 | 10 | 6 | +36 | | | | | | |
| Oct 1997 | 23 | 59 | 13 | 4 | +36 | | | | | | |
| Nov 1997 | 30 | 52 | 14 | 4 | +22 | | | | | | |
| Dec 1997 | 29 | 50 | 17 | 4 | +21 | | | | | | |
| 1998 | | | | | | 2003 | | | | | |
| Jan 1998 | 30 | 48 | 17 | 5 | +18 | Jan 2003 | 30 | 43 | 21 | 6 | +13 |
| Feb 1998 | 31 | 47 | 18 | 4 | +16 | Feb 2003 | 31 | 39 | 22 | 8 | +8 |
| Mar 1998 | 33 | 46 | 17 | 5 | +13 | Mar 2003 | 32 | 38 | 24 | 6 | +6 |
| Apr 1998 | 31 | 48 | 16 | 6 | +17 | Apr 2003 | 30 | 42 | 21 | 7 | +12 |
| May 1998 | 29 | 50 | 16 | 5 | +21 | May 2003 | 29 | 42 | 21 | 8 | +13 |
| Jun 1998 | 29 | 51 | 16 | 4 | +22 | Jun 2003 | 34 | 38 | 21 | 7 | +4 |
| Jul 1998 | 27 | 52 | 17 | 4 | +25 | Jul 2003 | 34 | 36 | 30 | 9 | +2 |
| Aug 1998 | 31 | 47 | 17 | 4 | +16 | Aug 2003 | 32 | 37 | 22 | 9 | +5 |
| Sep 1998 | 29 | 48 | 17 | 6 | +19 | Sep 2003 | 30 | 35 | 22 | 8 | +5 |
| Oct 1998 | 29 | 51 | 15 | 5 | +22 | Oct 2003 | 33 | 38 | 28 | 8 | +5 |
| Nov 1998 | 27 | 51 | 17 | 5 | +24 | Nov 2003 | 33 | 38 | 21 | 8 | +5 |
| Dec 1998 | 29 | 49 | 16 | 6 | +20 | Dec 2003 | 33 | 38 | 22 | 7 | +5 |
| 1999 | | | | | | 2004 | | | | | |
| Jan 1999 | 30 | 50 | 15 | 5 | +20 | Jan 2004 | 34 | 39 | 20 | 7 | +5 |
| Feb 1999 | 28 | 49 | 16 | 6 | +21 | Feb 2004 | 34 | 36 | 21 | 8 | +2 |
| Mar 1999 | 29 | 52 | 16 | 4 | +23 | Mar 2004 | 35 | 37 | 21 | 7 | +2 |
| Apr 1999 | 28 | 50 | 17 | 5 | +22 | Apr 2004 | 33 | 38 | 22 | 6 | +5 |
| May 1999 | 28 | 51 | 16 | 6 | +23 | May 2004 | 34 | 39 | 20 | 7 | +5 |
| Jun 1999 | 29 | 46 | 19 | 7 | +17 | Jun 2004 | 31 | 34 | 22 | 13 | +3 |
| Jul 1999 | 31 | 48 | 16 | 5 | +17 | Jul 2004 | 30 | 35 | 25 | 10 | +5 |
| Aug 1999 | 30 | 48 | 16 | 6 | +18 | Aug 2004 | 33 | 36 | 22 | 9 | +3 |
| Sep 1999 | 32 | 45 | 16 | 8 | +13 | Sep 2004 | 32 | 36 | 22 | 10 | +4 |
| Oct 1999 | 32 | 45 | 17 | 6 | +13 | Oct 2004 | 31 | 37 | 23 | 9 | +6 |
| Nov 1999 | 34 | 44 | 15 | 7 | +10 | Nov 2004 | 30 | 38 | 22 | 10 | +8 |
| Dec 1999 | 29 | 48 | 17 | 6 | +19 | Dec 2004 | 31 | 40 | 21 | 7 | +9 |
| 2000 | | | | | | 2005 | | | | | |
| Jan 2000 | 30 | 47 | 17 | 6 | +17 | Jan 2005 | 31 | 38 | 21 | 9 | +7 |
| Feb 2000 | 29 | 44 | 18 | 9 | +15 | Feb 2005 | 34 | 37 | 21 | 8 | +3 |
| Mar 2000 | 32 | 44 | 16 | 8 | +12 | Mar 2005 | 32 | 40 | 20 | 7 | +8 |
| Apr 2000 | 32 | 45 | 15 | 8 | +13 | Apr 2005 | 33 | 39 | 22 | 7 | +6 |
| May 2000 | 34 | 41 | 18 | 7 | +7 | May 2005 | 32 | 38 | 22 | 8 | +6 |
| Jun 2000 | 32 | 43 | 17 | 8 | +11 | Jun 2005 | 31 | 38 | 23 | 8 | +7 |
| Jul 2000 | 35 | 42 | 17 | 6 | +7 | Jul 2005 | 31 | 39 | 23 | 7 | +8 |
| Aug 2000 | 34 | 44 | 17 | 5 | +10 | Aug 2005 | 31 | 38 | 22 | 9 | +7 |
| Sep 2000 | 38 | 34 | 22 | 7 | -4 | Sep 2005 | 31 | 40 | 21 | 8 | +9 |
| Oct 2000 | 35 | 40 | 19 | 6 | +5 | Oct 2005 | 33 | 35 | 22 | 8 | +2 |
| Nov 2000 | 34 | 40 | 20 | 7 | +6 | Nov 2005 | No poll | | | | |
| Dec 2000 | 34 | 44 | 16 | 6 | +10 | Dec 2005 | 37 | 36 | 21 | 7 | -1 |

| | Con | Lab | LD | Other | Lab Lead | | Con | Lab | LD | Other | Lab Lead |
|-------------|-----|-----|----|-------|----------|-------------|---------|-----|----|-------|----------|
| 2001 | | | | | | 2006 | | | | | |
| Jan 2001 | 34 | 44 | 16 | 6 | +10 | Jan 2006 | 37 | 36 | 19 | 7 | -1 |
| Feb 2001 | 32 | 47 | 15 | 7 | +15 | Feb 2006 | 37 | 34 | 21 | 8 | -3 |
| Mar 2001 | 35 | 44 | 16 | 6 | +9 | Mar 2006 | 34 | 37 | 21 | 8 | +3 |
| Apr 2001 | 33 | 47 | 14 | 6 | +14 | Apr 2006 | 34 | 32 | 24 | 10 | -2 |
| May 2001 | 32 | 48 | 15 | 5 | +16 | May 2006 | 38 | 34 | 20 | 8 | -4 |
| Jun 2001 | 30 | 47 | 18 | 5 | +17 | Jun 2006 | 33 | 36 | 22 | 9 | +3 |
| Jul 2001 | 30 | 46 | 18 | 6 | +16 | Jul 2006 | 39 | 35 | 17 | 9 | -4 |
| Aug 2001 | 30 | 46 | 17 | 7 | +16 | Aug 2006 | 40 | 31 | 22 | 8 | -9 |
| Sep 2001 | 29 | 46 | 20 | 5 | +17 | Sep 2006 | 36 | 32 | 22 | 10 | -4 |
| Oct 2001 | 29 | 47 | 19 | 5 | +18 | Oct 2006 | 39 | 29 | 22 | 9 | -10 |
| Nov 2001 | 29 | 46 | 19 | 6 | +17 | Nov 2006 | 37 | 32 | 22 | 9 | -5 |
| Dec 2001 | 29 | 44 | 20 | 7 | +15 | Dec 2006 | 40 | 32 | 18 | 10 | -8 |
| 2002 | | | | | | 2007 | | | | | |
| Jan 2002 | 30 | 45 | 19 | 6 | +15 | Jan 2007 | 37 | 31 | 23 | 9 | -6 |
| Feb 2002 | 30 | 47 | 18 | 5 | +17 | Feb 2007 | 40 | 31 | 19 | 10 | -9 |
| Mar 2002 | 34 | 43 | 17 | 6 | +9 | Mar 2007 | 41 | 31 | 18 | 10 | -10 |
| Apr 2002 | 29 | 45 | 18 | 8 | +16 | Apr 2007 | 37 | 30 | 21 | 12 | -7 |
| May 2002 | 34 | 42 | 19 | 5 | +8 | May 2007 | No poll | | | | |
| Jun 2002 | 32 | 42 | 20 | 7 | +10 | Jun 2007 | 35 | 39 | 18 | 8 | +4 |
| Jul 2002 | 33 | 42 | 20 | 4 | +9 | Jul 2007 | 32 | 38 | 20 | 10 | +6 |
| Aug 2002 | 32 | 41 | 21 | 6 | +9 | Aug 2007 | 34 | 39 | 18 | 9 | +5 |
| Sep 2002 | 34 | 39 | 20 | 7 | +5 | Sep 2007 | 32 | 40 | 20 | 8 | +8 |
| Oct 2002 | 32 | 43 | 20 | 6 | +11 | Oct 2007 | 40 | 35 | 18 | 7 | -5 |
| Nov 2002 | 29 | 42 | 22 | 7 | +13 | Nov 2007 | 37 | 31 | 21 | 10 | -6 |
| Dec 2002 | 27 | 41 | 23 | 8 | +14 | Dec 2007 | 39 | 34 | 18 | 9 | -5 |

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Figures are based on all adults naming a party..

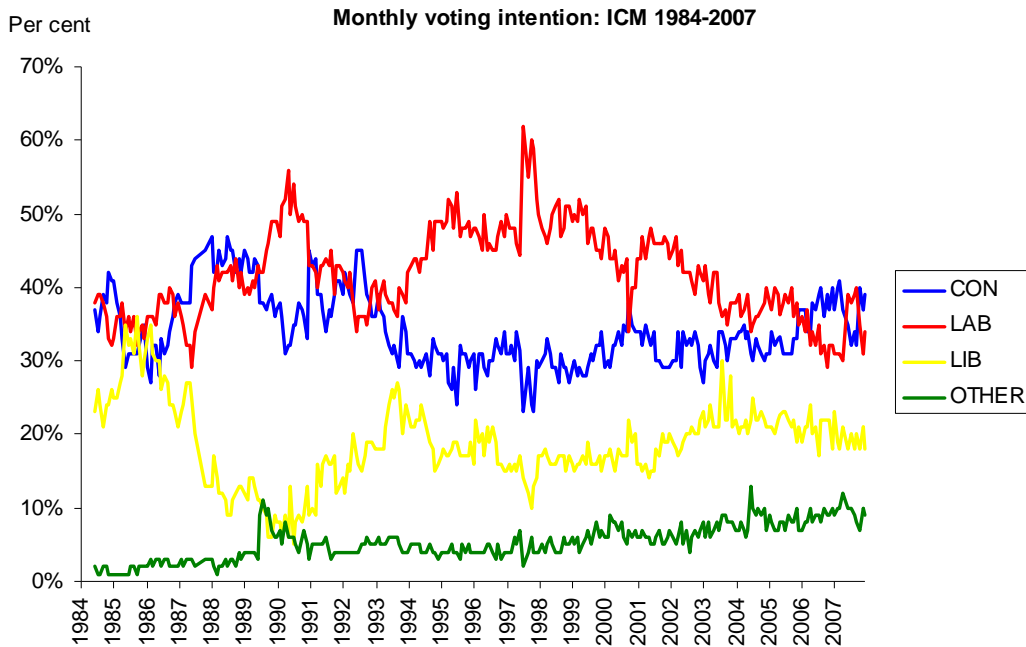


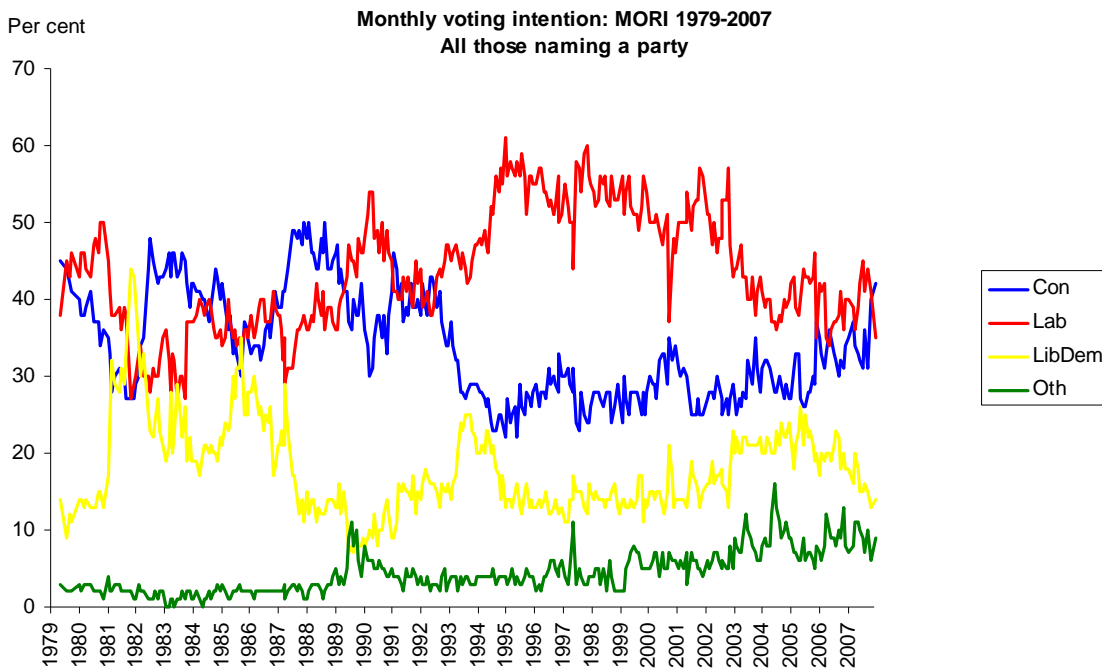
Table 30

Voting Intention: MORI monthly polls (all those naming a party)

| | Con | Lab | LD | Other | Lab Lead | | Con | Lab | LD | Other | Lab Lead |
|-------------|-----|-----|----|-------|----------|-------------|-----|-----|----|-------|----------|
| 1997 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jun 1997 | 24 | 58 | 15 | 3 | +34 | | | | | | |
| Jul 1997 | 23 | 57 | 15 | 5 | +34 | | | | | | |
| Aug 1997 | 28 | 54 | 15 | 4 | +26 | | | | | | |
| Sep 1997 | 25 | 59 | 13 | 3 | +34 | | | | | | |
| Oct 1997 | 24 | 60 | 12 | 3 | +36 | | | | | | |
| Nov 1997 | 24 | 56 | 16 | 4 | +32 | | | | | | |
| Dec 1997 | 26 | 55 | 15 | 4 | +29 | | | | | | |
| 1998 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan 1998 | 28 | 54 | 14 | 4 | +26 | | | | | | |
| Feb 1998 | 28 | 52 | 15 | 5 | +24 | | | | | | |
| Mar 1998 | 28 | 53 | 14 | 5 | +25 | | | | | | |
| Apr 1998 | 27 | 56 | 14 | 3 | +29 | | | | | | |
| May 1998 | 26 | 55 | 14 | 5 | +29 | | | | | | |
| Jun 1998 | 27 | 56 | 13 | 4 | +29 | | | | | | |
| Jul 1998 | 28 | 53 | 14 | 2 | +25 | | | | | | |
| Aug 1998 | 28 | 52 | 14 | 6 | +24 | | | | | | |
| Sep 1998 | 24 | 56 | 15 | 4 | +32 | | | | | | |
| Oct 1998 | 26 | 53 | 16 | 2 | +27 | | | | | | |
| Nov 1998 | 29 | 53 | 13 | 2 | +24 | | | | | | |
| Dec 1998 | 27 | 54 | 12 | 2 | +27 | | | | | | |
| 1999 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan 1999 | 24 | 56 | 14 | 2 | +32 | | | | | | |
| Feb 1999 | 30 | 51 | 14 | 2 | +21 | | | | | | |
| Mar 1999 | 27 | 54 | 13 | 5 | +27 | | | | | | |
| Apr 1999 | 25 | 56 | 13 | 6 | +31 | | | | | | |
| May 1999 | 28 | 52 | 14 | 7 | +24 | | | | | | |
| Jun 1999 | 28 | 51 | 13 | 8 | +23 | | | | | | |
| Jul 1999 | 28 | 51 | 14 | 7 | +23 | | | | | | |
| Aug 1999 | 27 | 49 | 17 | 7 | +22 | | | | | | |
| Sep 1999 | 25 | 52 | 17 | 5 | +27 | | | | | | |
| Oct 1999 | 28 | 56 | 11 | 5 | +28 | | | | | | |
| Nov 1999 | 25 | 55 | 14 | 5 | +30 | | | | | | |
| Dec 1999 | 28 | 54 | 13 | 5 | +26 | | | | | | |
| 2000 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan 2000 | 30 | 50 | 15 | 5 | +20 | | | | | | |
| Feb 2000 | 29 | 50 | 15 | 6 | +21 | | | | | | |
| Mar 2000 | 29 | 50 | 14 | 7 | +21 | | | | | | |
| Apr 2000 | 27 | 51 | 15 | 7 | +24 | | | | | | |
| May 2000 | 32 | 49 | 15 | 4 | +17 | | | | | | |
| Jun 2000 | 33 | 47 | 13 | 7 | +14 | | | | | | |
| Jul 2000 | 33 | 49 | 12 | 5 | +16 | | | | | | |
| Aug 2000 | 29 | 51 | 15 | 5 | +22 | | | | | | |
| Sep 2000 | 35 | 37 | 21 | 7 | +2 | | | | | | |
| Oct 2000 | 32 | 45 | 17 | 6 | +13 | | | | | | |
| Nov 2000 | 33 | 48 | 13 | 6 | +15 | | | | | | |
| Dec 2000 | 34 | 46 | 14 | 6 | +12 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | 2003 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Jan 2003 | 27 | 44 | 20 | 9 | +17 |
| | | | | | | Feb 2003 | 25 | 44 | 22 | 8 | +19 |
| | | | | | | Mar 2003 | 27 | 46 | 20 | 7 | +19 |
| | | | | | | Apr 2003 | 26 | 47 | 20 | 7 | +21 |
| | | | | | | May 2003 | 28 | 43 | 22 | 9 | +15 |
| | | | | | | Jun 2003 | 27 | 43 | 22 | 12 | +16 |
| | | | | | | Jul 2003 | 32 | 40 | 21 | 10 | +8 |
| | | | | | | Aug 2003 | 30 | 40 | 21 | 9 | +10 |
| | | | | | | Sep 2003 | 29 | 43 | 21 | 8 | +14 |
| | | | | | | Oct 2003 | 35 | 38 | 21 | 7 | +3 |
| | | | | | | Nov 2003 | 31 | 41 | 21 | 6 | +10 |
| | | | | | | Dec 2003 | 28 | 43 | 22 | 6 | +15 |
| | | | | | | 2004 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Jan 2004 | 31 | 41 | 20 | 8 | +10 |
| | | | | | | Feb 2004 | 32 | 39 | 20 | 9 | +7 |
| | | | | | | Mar 2004 | 32 | 40 | 22 | 8 | +8 |
| | | | | | | Apr 2004 | 31 | 40 | 21 | 8 | +9 |
| | | | | | | May 2004 | 30 | 37 | 20 | 12 | +7 |
| | | | | | | Jun 2004 | 28 | 37 | 20 | 16 | +9 |
| | | | | | | Jul 2004 | 28 | 36 | 23 | 13 | +8 |
| | | | | | | Aug 2004 | 30 | 38 | 21 | 11 | +8 |
| | | | | | | Sep 2004 | 29 | 37 | 24 | 9 | +8 |
| | | | | | | Oct 2004 | 27 | 40 | 22 | 10 | +13 |
| | | | | | | Nov 2004 | 29 | 39 | 22 | 11 | +10 |
| | | | | | | Dec 2004 | 27 | 40 | 24 | 9 | +13 |
| | | | | | | 2005 | | | | | |
| | | | | | | Jan 2005 | 27 | 42 | 22 | 9 | +15 |
| | | | | | | Feb 2005 | 31 | 43 | 18 | 7 | +12 |
| | | | | | | Mar 2005 | 33 | 39 | 21 | 7 | +6 |
| | | | | | | Apr 2005 | 33 | 38 | 23 | 6 | +5 |
| | | | | | | May 2005 | 27 | 40 | 26 | 6 | +13 |
| | | | | | | Jun 2005 | 26 | 44 | 21 | 9 | +18 |
| | | | | | | Jul 2005 | 26 | 43 | 25 | 6 | +17 |
| | | | | | | Aug 2005 | 28 | 43 | 22 | 7 | +15 |
| | | | | | | Sep 2005 | 28 | 42 | 23 | 7 | +14 |
| | | | | | | Oct 2005 | 30 | 43 | 21 | 6 | +13 |
| | | | | | | Nov 2005 | 29 | 46 | 19 | 5 | +17 |
| | | | | | | Dec 2005 | 37 | 35 | 20 | 8 | -2 |

| | Con | Lab | LD | Other | Lab Lead | | Con | Lab | LD | Other | Lab Lead |
|-------------|-----|-----|---------|-------|----------|-------------|-----|-----|---------|-------|----------|
| 2001 | | | | | | 2006 | | | | | |
| Jan 2001 | 31 | 50 | 14 | 5 | +19 | Jan 2006 | 35 | 42 | 17 | 7 | +7 |
| Feb 2001 | 30 | 50 | 14 | 6 | +20 | Feb 2006 | 33 | 41 | 20 | 6 | +8 |
| Mar 2001 | 31 | 50 | 14 | 5 | +19 | Mar 2006 | 31 | 42 | 19 | 8 | +11 |
| Apr 2001 | 30 | 50 | 13 | 7 | +20 | Apr 2006 | 33 | 35 | 20 | 12 | +2 |
| May 2001 | 30 | 54 | 13 | 3 | +24 | May 2006 | 36 | 34 | 20 | 10 | -2 |
| Jun 2001 | 25 | 49 | 19 | 7 | +24 | Jun 2006 | 35 | 36 | 19 | 9 | +1 |
| Jul 2001 | 25 | 52 | 17 | 6 | +27 | Jul 2006 | 33 | 37 | 21 | 9 | +4 |
| Aug 2001 | 25 | 53 | 16 | 6 | +28 | Aug 2006 | 32 | 37 | 23 | 8 | +5 |
| Sep 2001 | 27 | 53 | 15 | 5 | +26 | Sep 2006 | 30 | 38 | 22 | 10 | +8 |
| Oct 2001 | 25 | 57 | 13 | 5 | +32 | Oct 2006 | 32 | 41 | 18 | 9 | +9 |
| Nov 2001 | 25 | 56 | 15 | 4 | +31 | Nov 2006 | 31 | 36 | 20 | 13 | +5 |
| Dec 2001 | | | No poll | | | Dec 2006 | 34 | 40 | 18 | 8 | +6 |
| 2002 | | | | | | 2007 | | | | | |
| Jan 2002 | 27 | 51 | 16 | 6 | +24 | Jan 2007 | 35 | 40 | 18 | 7 | +5 |
| Feb 2002 | 28 | 51 | 16 | 5 | +23 | Feb 2007 | | | No poll | | |
| Mar 2002 | 28 | 47 | 19 | 6 | +19 | Mar 2007 | 37 | 39 | 16 | 8 | +2 |
| Apr 2002 | 27 | 50 | 16 | 7 | +23 | Apr 2007 | 34 | 36 | 20 | 11 | +2 |
| May 2002 | 30 | 46 | 17 | 7 | +16 | May 2007 | 33 | 39 | 18 | 11 | +6 |
| Jun 2002 | 29 | 48 | 17 | 6 | +19 | Jun 2007 | 32 | 42 | 15 | 10 | +10 |
| Jul 2002 | 27 | 48 | 18 | 5 | +21 | Jul 2007 | 31 | 45 | 15 | 9 | +14 |
| Aug 2002 | 25 | 53 | 16 | 6 | +28 | Aug 2007 | 36 | 41 | 16 | 7 | +5 |
| Sep 2002 | 27 | 53 | 15 | 5 | +26 | Sep 2007 | 31 | 44 | 15 | 10 | +13 |
| Oct 2002 | 25 | 57 | 13 | 5 | +32 | Oct 2007 | 40 | 41 | 13 | 6 | +1 |
| Nov 2002 | 27 | 47 | 18 | 8 | +20 | Nov 2007 | | | No poll | | |
| Dec 2002 | 29 | 43 | 23 | 5 | +14 | Dec 2007 | 42 | 35 | 14 | 9 | -7 |

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Mori is one of a number of polling organisations in the UK. Most give data on their websites. A summary of results from all polling companies is available at <http://www.ukpollingreport.co.uk>

Table 31

MORI Approval Ratings for Party Leaders

| | 2000 | | | Blair | | | Hague | | | Kennedy | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----|--------------|--------------|-----|--------------|--------------|-----|----------------|--------------|-----|
| | Satisfied | Dissatisfied | Net | Satisfied | Dissatisfied | Net | Satisfied | Dissatisfied | Net | Satisfied | Dissatisfied | Net |
| Jan 2000 | 53 | 38 | +15 | 19 | 56 | -37 | 28 | 14 | +14 | | | |
| Feb 2000 | 49 | 42 | +7 | 22 | 55 | -33 | 26 | 15 | +11 | | | |
| Mar 2000 | 47 | 43 | +4 | 26 | 49 | -23 | 30 | 16 | +14 | | | |
| Apr 2000 | 52 | 41 | +11 | 24 | 51 | -27 | 34 | 16 | +18 | | | |
| May 2000 | 47 | 42 | +5 | 27 | 47 | -20 | 32 | 15 | +17 | | | |
| Jun 2000 | 39 | 52 | -13 | 29 | 48 | -19 | 31 | 17 | +14 | | | |
| Jul 2000 | 42 | 50 | -8 | 29 | 49 | -20 | 31 | 19 | +12 | | | |
| Aug 2000 | 45 | 45 | 0 | 26 | 51 | -25 | 32 | 18 | +14 | | | |
| Sep 2000 | 32 | 63 | -31 | 23 | 56 | -33 | 42 | 17 | +25 | | | |
| Oct 2000 | 37 | 55 | -18 | 28 | 51 | -23 | 34 | 19 | +15 | | | |
| Nov 2000 | 42 | 49 | -7 | 26 | 52 | -26 | 34 | 16 | +18 | | | |
| Dec 2000 | 43 | 50 | -7 | 25 | 52 | -27 | 35 | 18 | +17 | | | |
| 2001 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan 2001 | 47 | 44 | +3 | 25 | 52 | -27 | 33 | 19 | +14 | | | |
| Feb 2001 | 48 | 43 | +5 | 25 | 56 | -31 | 35 | 19 | +16 | | | |
| Mar 2001 | 47 | 46 | +1 | 25 | 53 | -28 | 40 | 22 | +18 | | | |
| Apr 2001 | 44 | 46 | -2 | 25 | 54 | -29 | 35 | 20 | +15 | | | |
| General Election | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jun 2001 | 55 | 37 | +18 | 23 | 55 | -32 | 59 | 17 | +42 | | | |
| Jul 2001 | 51 | 41 | +10 | ... | ... | ... | 46 | 15 | +31 | | | |
| Aug 2001 | 49 | 43 | +6 | ... | ... | ... | 43 | 14 | +29 | | | |
| Blair | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep 2001 | 67 | 26 | +41 | 15 | 15 | 0 | 47 | 15 | +32 | | | |
| Oct 2001 | 65 | 28 | +37 | 22 | 14 | +8 | 45 | 16 | +29 | | | |
| Nov 2001 | 64 | 28 | +36 | 24 | 22 | +2 | 44 | 15 | +29 | | | |
| Dec 2001 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>No poll</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan 2002 | 51 | 39 | +12 | 25 | 33 | -8 | 53 | 16 | +37 | | | |
| Feb 2002 | 46 | 46 | 0 | 27 | 30 | -3 | 46 | 16 | +30 | | | |
| Mar 2002 | 42 | 50 | -8 | 23 | 31 | -8 | 46 | 15 | +31 | | | |
| Apr 2002 | 46 | 46 | 0 | 26 | 27 | -1 | 47 | 14 | +33 | | | |
| May 2002 | 39 | 50 | -11 | 26 | 35 | -9 | 41 | 19 | +22 | | | |
| Jun 2002 | 46 | 47 | -1 | 24 | 33 | -9 | 44 | 16 | +28 | | | |
| Jul 2002 | 42 | 50 | -8 | 22 | 35 | -13 | 46 | 17 | +29 | | | |
| Aug 2002 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sep 2002 | 42 | 49 | -7 | 22 | 39 | -17 | 43 | 17 | +26 | | | |
| Nov 2002 | 40 | 51 | -11 | 22 | 49 | -27 | 47 | 19 | +28 | | | |
| Dec 2002 | 38 | 54 | -16 | 19 | 49 | -30 | 43 | 20 | +23 | | | |
| 2003 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Blair | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan 2003 | 33 | 58 | -25 | 18 | 49 | -31 | 42 | 20 | +22 | | | |
| Feb 2003 | 31 | 61 | -30 | 16 | 53 | -37 | 42 | 23 | +19 | | | |
| Mar 2003 | 43 | 48 | -5 | 21 | 47 | -26 | 39 | 26 | +13 | | | |
| Apr 2003 | 47 | 45 | +2 | 22 | 47 | -25 | 40 | 26 | +14 | | | |
| May 2003 | 38 | 54 | -16 | 23 | 44 | -21 | 38 | 26 | +12 | | | |
| Jun 2003 | 31 | 61 | -30 | 21 | 49 | -28 | 37 | 27 | +10 | | | |
| Jul 2003 | 32 | 60 | -28 | 25 | 45 | -20 | 39 | 26 | +13 | | | |
| Aug 2003 | 30 | 63 | -33 | 20 | 47 | -27 | 38 | 25 | +13 | | | |
| Sep 2003 | 29 | 64 | -35 | 19 | 49 | -30 | 35 | 29 | +6 | | | |
| Oct 2003 | 31 | 60 | -29 | 22 | 49 | -27 | 38 | 24 | +14 | | | |
| Blair | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov 2003 | 32 | 57 | -25 | 26 | 17 | +9 | 40 | 18 | +22 | | | |
| Dec 2003 | 36 | 55 | -19 | 22 | 21 | +1 | 41 | 20 | +21 | | | |
| 2004 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan 2004 | 32 | 59 | -27 | 30 | 22 | +8 | 39 | 20 | +19 | | | |
| Feb 2004 | 31 | 60 | -29 | 29 | 27 | +2 | 39 | 23 | +16 | | | |
| Mar 2004 | 32 | 60 | -28 | 31 | 28 | +3 | 40 | 21 | +19 | | | |
| Apr 2004 | 31 | 61 | -30 | 28 | 30 | -2 | 38 | 25 | +13 | | | |
| May 2004 | 29 | 61 | -32 | 30 | 31 | -1 | 38 | 24 | +14 | | | |
| Jun 2004 | 30 | 61 | -31 | 26 | 38 | -12 | 36 | 28 | +8 | | | |
| Blair | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Duncan Smith | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kennedy | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Howard | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| 2004 | Satisfied | Dissatisfied | Net | Satisfied | Dissatisfied | Net | Satisfied | Dissatisfied | Net |
|-------------|-----------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----|-----------|--------------|-----|
| Jan 2004 | 32 | 59 | -27 | 30 | 22 | +8 | 39 | 20 | +19 |
| Feb 2004 | 31 | 60 | -29 | 29 | 27 | +2 | 39 | 23 | +16 |
| Mar 2004 | 32 | 60 | -28 | 31 | 28 | +3 | 40 | 21 | +19 |
| Apr 2004 | 31 | 61 | -30 | 28 | 30 | -2 | 38 | 25 | +13 |
| May 2004 | 29 | 61 | -32 | 30 | 31 | -1 | 38 | 24 | +14 |
| Jun 2004 | 30 | 61 | -31 | 26 | 38 | -12 | 36 | 28 | +8 |
| Jul 2004 | 30 | 63 | -33 | 26 | 42 | -16 | 44 | 26 | +18 |
| Aug 2004 | 29 | 61 | -32 | 26 | 41 | -15 | 39 | 30 | +9 |
| Sep 2004 | 32 | 61 | -29 | 26 | 40 | -14 | 39 | 25 | +14 |
| Oct 2004 | 30 | 61 | -31 | 23 | 45 | -22 | 38 | 27 | +11 |
| Nov 2004 | 32 | 60 | -28 | 23 | 44 | -21 | 38 | 28 | +10 |
| Dec 2004 | 33 | 58 | -25 | 22 | 43 | -21 | 41 | 27 | +14 |
| 2005 | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan 2005 | 33 | 57 | -24 | 22 | 48 | -26 | 39 | 28 | +11 |
| Feb 2005 | 35 | 57 | -22 | 25 | 45 | -20 | 37 | 29 | +8 |
| Mar 2005 | 34 | 59 | -25 | 31 | 41 | -10 | 39 | 29 | +10 |
| Apr 2005 | | | | | | - | | | |
| May 2005 | 39 | 55 | -16 | 28 | 48 | -20 | 49 | 28 | +21 |
| Jun 2005 | 39 | 52 | -13 | 23 | 49 | -26 | 46 | 26 | +20 |
| Jul 2005 | 44 | 47 | -3 | 25 | 48 | -23 | 42 | 29 | +13 |
| Aug 2005 | 39 | 51 | -12 | 25 | 45 | -20 | 46 | 26 | +20 |
| Sep 2005 | 31 | 60 | -29 | | | | | | |
| Oct 2005 | 36 | 55 | -19 | | | | | | |
| Nov 2005 | 37 | 55 | -18 | | | | | | |
| Dec 2005 | | | | | | | | | |
| 2006 | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan 2006 | 36 | 57 | -21 | 31 | 17 | +14 | | | |
| Feb 2006 | 31 | 60 | -29 | 31 | 16 | +15 | | | |
| Mar 2006 | 31 | 62 | -31 | 32 | 19 | +13 | 22 | 17 | +5 |
| Apr 2006 | 29 | 64 | -35 | 29 | 27 | +2 | 26 | 20 | +6 |
| May 2006 | 26 | 67 | -41 | 33 | 27 | +6 | 22 | 31 | -9 |
| Jun 2006 | 32 | 60 | -28 | 32 | 28 | +4 | 22 | 28 | -6 |
| Jul 2006 | 23 | 67 | -44 | 29 | 31 | -2 | 22 | 28 | -6 |
| Aug 2006 | 26 | 66 | -40 | 30 | 28 | +2 | 22 | 28 | -6 |
| Sep 2006 | | | | | No poll | | | | |
| Oct 2006 | 32 | 60 | -28 | 31 | 32 | -1 | 22 | 31 | -9 |
| Nov 2006 | 27 | 65 | -38 | 25 | 31 | -6 | 23 | 26 | -3 |
| Dec 2006 | 30 | 64 | -34 | 28 | 33 | -5 | 22 | 31 | -9 |
| 2007 | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan 2007 | 25 | 68 | -43 | 28 | 37 | -9 | 22 | 33 | -11 |
| Feb 2007 | | | | | No poll | | | | |
| Mar 2007 | | | | | No poll | | | | |
| Apr 2007 | 28 | 66 | -38 | 30 | 33 | -3 | 22 | 32 | -10 |
| May 2007 | 35 | 57 | -22 | 29 | 33 | -4 | 21 | 34 | -13 |
| Jun 2007 | 33 | 60 | -27 | 28 | 33 | -5 | 21 | 33 | -12 |
| | | | Brown | | | | | | |
| Jul 2007 | 36 | 20 | +16 | 31 | 35 | -4 | 22 | 32 | -10 |
| Aug 2007 | 43 | 23 | +20 | 29 | 39 | -10 | 23 | 32 | -9 |
| Sep 2007 | 44 | 26 | +18 | 23 | 45 | -22 | 24 | 35 | -11 |
| Oct 2007 | 37 | 38 | -1 | 36 | 38 | -2 | | | |
| Nov 2007 | | | | | No poll | | | | |
| Dec 2007 | 31 | 54 | -23 | 39 | 33 | +6 | | | |

Note: net approval rating is the percentage satisfied subtract the percentage dissatisfied
Source: www.mori.com

MORI Overall approval ratings for party leaders: Net

