



# In Focus

## Life Peerages Created Since 1958

In total, 1411 life peerages have been created under the Life Peerages Act 1958.<sup>1</sup> The tables below set out the numbers created during the tenure of each of the Prime Ministers who have held office in this period.<sup>2</sup>

### Peerage Creations by Prime Minister since 1997

#### Theresa May (July 2016–present)

Party	Number
Conservative	13
Labour	1
Liberal Democrat	–
Independent/Crossbench/other	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>16<sup>3</sup></b>

#### David Cameron (May 2010–July 2016)

Party	Number
Conservative	110
Labour	55
Liberal Democrat	51
Independent/Crossbench/other	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>245</b>

#### Gordon Brown (June 2007–May 2010)

Party	Number
Conservative	4
Labour	11
Liberal Democrat	2
Independent/Crossbench/other	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>

## Tony Blair (May 1997–June 2007)

Party	Number
Conservative	62
Labour	162
Liberal Democrat	54
Independent/Crossbench/other	96
<b>Total</b>	<b>374</b>

## Peerage Creations by Prime Ministers 1958–1997

Prime Minister in Office	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Liberal	SDP	Crossbench	Total
John Major (1992–97)	76	40	15	-	-	29	160
Margaret Thatcher (1979–90)	96	56	2	6	2	39	201
James Callaghan (1976–79)	5	29	-	1	-	23	58
Harold Wilson (1974–76)	22	39	-	5	-	14	80
Edward Heath (1970–74)	8	9	-	2	-	26	45
Harold Wilson (1964–70)	14	62	-	6	-	53	135
Alec Douglas-Home (1963–64)	4	9	-	-	-	3	16
Harold Macmillan (1958–63)	13	20	-	-	-	14	47

<sup>1</sup> Includes the 16 peerages announced on 4 August 2016 that have yet to be created. In addition, 59 hereditary peers and 54 Law Lords under the Appellate Jurisdiction Act 1876 have been created since 1958.

<sup>2</sup> In some cases peerage creations recommended by a Prime Minister are not announced until after he or she has left office. For example, John Major's resignation honours list was not published until 1 August 1997, some three months into Tony Blair's premiership. It is important to note, therefore, that the number of peerages created by each Prime Minister may include some that were recommended for creation by their predecessor.

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