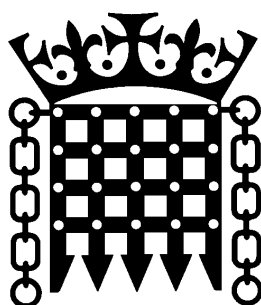


# **Unemployment by Constituency: Welfare-to-Work Groups, October 1997**

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An analysis of the full count of unemployed claimants by age and duration of unemployment is conducted four times per year. This paper summarises the data relating to the October 1997 count to show the number of unemployed claimants in each constituency in the target groups for the Government's New Deals for young unemployed and long-term unemployed people.

This paper replaces Research Paper No. 97/100. A paper providing a detailed commentary on these schemes – and also the New Deal for lone parents – will be available shortly.

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## **I Introduction & summary**

In its election manifesto the Labour Party outlined new schemes for the training of young people and the long-term unemployed. The two categories of people targeted for the schemes are unemployed claimants aged 18 to 24 who have been out of work for over six months, and those aged 25-plus who have been unemployed for over two years. A more detailed explanation of the Government's Welfare-to-Work proposals is given in Section II.

This paper presents statistics for each constituency in the United Kingdom showing the number of unemployed claimants in each of the target groups. Section III provides a description of the data and Section IV shows the figures for Government Office Regions and for each constituency.

## **II The Government's Welfare-to-Work Proposals**

The Budget in July 1997 confirmed the Labour Party's Welfare-to-Work proposals that formed one of five key pledges in its election manifesto. A number of different groups were identified as requiring assistance in moving from benefit into work: school-leavers, the young unemployed, the long-term unemployed and lone parents. This paper concentrates on the second and third groups.

The New Deal for young unemployed will begin in twelve "Pathfinder" areas in January 1998, and nationally in April 1998. Unemployed people between the ages of 18 and 24 who have been out of work for more than six months will first enter the "gateway" period. This involves careers advice and training in the skills required as entrants to working environment. After the gateway period, the young unemployed will then be offered a choice of four New Deal options:

- private-sector job: employers will be offered a £60-a-week rebate for six months;
- work with a non-profit voluntary sector employer, paying a weekly wage, equivalent to benefit plus a fixed sum, for six months;
- full-time study for young people without qualifications on an approved course;
- a job with the environment taskforce, linked to Labour's citizens' service programme.

The New Deal for the long-term unemployed will begin in June 1998. Employers will be offered a subsidy of £75 per week for taking on unemployed claimants aged 25 and over who have been out of work for at least two years.

It is envisaged that over the lifetime of the Parliament, the New Deal for the young unemployed will cost £3,150 million and the New Deal for the long-term unemployed £350 million.<sup>1</sup> The Welfare-to-Work programme as a whole will be funded by a one-off “windfall” tax on the excess profits of the privatised utilities. The Government forecasts that this will eventually raise £5,200 million (the remaining £1,700 million is allocated to the New Deals for lone parents, the disabled and schools).

### III Description of Data

Participants in the New Deal schemes for the young unemployed and the long-term unemployed will have to be in receipt of Jobseeker’s Allowance. They will be selected through the normal course of being called for Restart interviews. Thus, in both cases, the New Deal will effectively be phased in over a period of six months. (Claimants who have just had a Restart interview when the New Deal programmes are introduced will have to wait until their next six-monthly interview before they are selected.)

The data contained in the following tables are taken from the monthly count of unemployed claimants. This measures the number of people claiming unemployment-related benefits – presently Jobseeker’s Allowance or National Insurance credits. The tables will therefore overstate the number of people eligible to enter the New Deal schemes, as only those claiming Jobseeker’s Allowance (but not those signing for National Insurance credits) will be eligible. Nationally, there are 152,000 unemployed claimants who do not receive Jobseeker’s Allowance but who do sign for National Insurance credits – ten per cent of the total count.<sup>2</sup> Whilst statistics from the monthly count of unemployed claimants are available on a monthly basis, an analysis of the full count by age and duration is only made every third month, in January, April, July and October.

The monthly claimant count is the most obvious way of selecting participants since it is a full count of individuals, with personal details recorded. However, the Government has, in the past, criticised the present definition of unemployment saying that it does not give a true representation of the numbers of people genuinely wanting to work.

The other measure of unemployment in the United Kingdom is derived from the results of the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which uses the International Labour Organisation (ILO) definition of unemployment.<sup>3</sup> Other categories of people can also be identified from the LFS, for example those

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<sup>1</sup> HM Treasury, *Financial Statement and Budget Report, July 1997*, HC 85 1997/98 table 2.1

<sup>2</sup> Jobseeker’s Allowance Summary Statistics: May 1997 Quarterly Statistical Enquiry

<sup>3</sup> The ILO definition includes those people without a job who had looked for work in the four weeks prior to being surveyed and were available to start work in the two weeks following the survey, or was waiting to start a job already obtained.

who want to work and are available but have not looked in the previous four weeks. It would not be possible to use the LFS for selecting participants though; whilst it can quantify the numbers in certain labour market categories, it cannot identify the individual people. This is because the LFS is a survey where the results from the sample are weighted and grossed up so as to be representative of the country as a whole.

Table 1 shows, for each Government Office Region (GOR),<sup>4</sup> the number of unemployed claimants in the following categories:

- aged 18-plus
- aged 18 to 24;
- aged 18 to 24 and unemployed for over six months;
- aged 25-plus;
- aged 25-plus and unemployed for over two years.

Table 2 expresses the number of claimants in each of these categories as a percentage of the total number of claimants aged 18 and over resident in the GOR. The 15,500 unemployed people aged 16 and 17 are excluded from all the tables. This is because, at a constituency level, the numbers fall below the confidentiality threshold in many cases. To make all the tables consistent with each other, 16 and 17 year olds have been excluded from the regional tables as well. Tables 3 and 4 contain data equivalent to that given in tables 1 and 2, but on a constituency basis. The political parties shown against each party are as they stand currently. The following abbreviations for parties have been used:

LAB	Labour	UUP	Ulster Unionist Party
CON	Conservative	DUP	Democratic Unionist Party
LD	Liberal Democrat	SDLP	Social Democratic and Labour Party
PC	Plaid Cymru	UKU	United Kingdom Unionist
SNP	Scottish National Party	SF	Sinn Fein
SPKR	Speaker	VAC	Vacant Seat
IND	Independent		

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<sup>4</sup> For definitions of the GORs see Research Paper 97/67, *The New Statistical Regions*

Table 1

**Unemployed Claimants: October 1997**  
**not seasonally adjusted**

Government Office Region	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
		All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
South East	116,757	27,304	7,617	89,453	18,174
Eastern	90,302	22,477	6,730	67,825	14,092
London	245,772	55,197	20,835	190,575	49,902
South West	89,337	22,505	6,141	66,832	13,240
West Midlands	128,177	35,829	12,470	92,348	22,373
East Midlands	83,049	22,895	7,124	60,154	12,603
Yorkshire and the Humber	136,630	38,167	12,642	98,463	20,874
Merseyside	55,401	16,451	6,858	38,950	11,692
North West	114,426	33,243	9,529	81,183	14,827
North East	87,314	24,396	8,602	62,918	16,568
Wales	70,629	20,508	6,328	50,121	10,327
Scotland	139,156	36,153	11,337	103,003	19,640
Northern Ireland	60,327	16,220	5,883	44,107	19,341
United Kingdom	1,417,277	371,345	122,096	1,045,932	243,653

Source: ONS - NOMIS database

Table 2

**Unemployed Claimants: October 1997**  
**not seasonally adjusted**

Government Office Region	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
		All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
South East	100.0%	23.4%	6.5%	76.6%	15.6%
Eastern	100.0%	24.9%	7.5%	75.1%	15.6%
London	100.0%	22.5%	8.5%	77.5%	20.3%
South West	100.0%	25.2%	6.9%	74.8%	14.8%
West Midlands	100.0%	28.0%	9.7%	72.0%	17.5%
East Midlands	100.0%	27.6%	8.6%	72.4%	15.2%
Yorkshire and the Humber	100.0%	27.9%	9.3%	72.1%	15.3%
Merseyside	100.0%	29.7%	12.4%	70.3%	21.1%
North West	100.0%	29.1%	8.3%	70.9%	13.0%
North East	100.0%	27.9%	9.9%	72.1%	19.0%
Wales	100.0%	29.0%	9.0%	71.0%	14.6%
Scotland	100.0%	26.0%	8.1%	74.0%	14.1%
Northern Ireland	100.0%	26.9%	9.8%	73.1%	32.1%
United Kingdom	100.0%	26.2%	8.6%	73.8%	17.2%

Source: ONS - NOMIS database

Table 3

**Unemployed Claimants: October 1997**  
**not seasonally adjusted**

Constituency	Party	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
			All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
Aberavon	LAB	1,541	492	151	1,049	168
Aberdeen Central	LAB	1,568	407	90	1,161	169
Aberdeen North	LAB	909	258	55	651	95
Aberdeen South	LAB	1,057	266	48	791	124
Airdrie & Shotts	LAB	2,537	811	277	1,726	356
Aldershot	CON	1,026	249	43	777	95
Aldridge - Brownhills	CON	1,567	438	131	1,129	267
Altrincham & Sale West	CON	1,225	282	61	943	194
Alyn & Deeside	LAB	1,366	364	109	1,002	153
Amber Valley	LAB	1,574	424	125	1,150	237
Angus	SNP	1,980	538	176	1,442	315
Argyll & Bute	LD	1,706	361	110	1,345	311
Arundel & South Downs	CON	594	140	18	454	76
Ashfield	LAB	2,388	641	223	1,747	484
Ashford	CON	1,756	434	105	1,322	297
Ashton under Lyne	LAB	2,127	653	176	1,474	230
Aylesbury	CON	1,228	307	75	921	172
Ayr	LAB	2,098	543	170	1,555	266
Banbury	CON	984	257	44	727	86
Banff & Buchan	SNP	932	256	32	676	69
Barking *	LAB	2,245	650	244	1,595	318
Barnsley Central	LAB	2,445	710	241	1,735	343
Barnsley East & Mexborough	LAB	2,711	763	272	1,948	383
Barnsley West & Penistone	LAB	1,972	585	203	1,387	252
Barrow & Furness	LAB	2,502	745	289	1,757	375
Basildon	LAB	2,281	630	214	1,651	354
Basingstoke *	CON	1,110	261	59	849	179
Bassetlaw	LAB	2,276	617	183	1,659	411
Bath *->	LD	1,790	388	102	1,402	243
Batley & Spen	LAB	1,785	550	137	1,235	183
Battersea	LAB	3,368	687	229	2,681	668
Beaconsfield	CON	744	115	19	629	112
Beckenham	VAC	2,251	451	162	1,800	515
Bedford	LAB	2,267	658	213	1,609	338
Belfast East	DU	2,698	695	282	2,003	814
Belfast North	UU	4,029	1,079	433	2,950	1,230
Belfast South	UU	3,666	1,345	370	2,321	826
Belfast West	SF	5,445	1,519	674	3,926	1,942
Berwick-upon-Tweed	LD	1,611	361	108	1,250	303
Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	5,964	1,644	610	4,320	1,048
Beverley & Holderness	CON	1,846	492	122	1,354	122
Bexhill & Battle	CON	1,073	209	43	864	180
Bexleyheath & Crayford	LAB	1,575	406	129	1,169	271
Billericay	CON	1,643	434	137	1,209	242
Birkenhead	LAB	4,046	1,169	523	2,877	758
Birmingham, Edgbaston	LAB	3,204	846	331	2,358	701
Birmingham, Erdington	LAB	3,642	821	332	2,821	958
Birmingham, Hall Green	LAB	2,455	620	254	1,835	557
Birmingham, Hodge Hill	LAB	3,388	1,040	461	2,348	735
Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	7,718	2,447	1,072	5,271	1,739
Birmingham, Northfield	LAB	2,319	579	221	1,740	579
Birmingham, Perry Barr	LAB	3,821	1,158	460	2,663	844
Birmingham, Selly Oak	LAB	3,094	870	340	2,224	643
Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	6,469	2,113	907	4,356	1,350
Birmingham, Yardley	LAB	2,190	535	185	1,655	467
Bishop Auckland	LAB	2,279	688	218	1,591	375
Blaby	CON	787	205	52	582	111
Blackburn	LAB	2,412	740	155	1,672	230
Blackpool North & Fleetwood	LAB	1,996	479	116	1,517	201
Blackpool South	LAB	2,338	571	155	1,767	198
Blaenau Gwent	LAB	2,334	605	230	1,729	432
Blaydon	LAB	2,099	555	163	1,544	405



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**not seasonally adjusted**

Constituency	Party	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
			All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
Blyth Valley	LAB	2,208	663	205	1,545	383
Bognor Regis & Littlehampton	CON	985	185	30	800	112
Bolsover	LAB	2,115	603	193	1,512	367
Bolton North East	LAB	1,953	575	150	1,378	136
Bolton South East	LAB	2,028	641	139	1,387	126
Bolton West	LAB	1,042	303	46	739	55
Bootle	LAB	3,990	1,173	560	2,817	898
Boston & Skegness	CON	1,388	360	43	1,028	111
Bosworth	CON	843	236	40	607	68
Bournemouth East	CON	1,878	389	117	1,489	360
Bournemouth West	CON	2,255	463	148	1,792	476
Bracknell	CON	927	213	37	714	70
Bradford North	LAB	3,452	1,104	425	2,348	492
Bradford South	LAB	2,517	667	223	1,850	400
Bradford West	LAB	4,116	1,454	510	2,662	560
Braintree	LAB	1,610	440	94	1,170	216
Brecon & Radnorshire	LD	1,149	293	72	856	144
Brent East	LAB	4,526	907	376	3,619	962
Brent North	LAB	2,106	458	152	1,648	392
Brent South	LAB	5,030	1,144	475	3,886	1,040
Brentford & Isleworth	LAB	2,546	568	152	1,978	370
Brentwood & Ongar	CON	888	187	45	701	144
Bridgend	LAB	1,661	491	128	1,170	224
Bridgwater	CON	2,014	517	157	1,497	317
Brigg & Goole	LAB	1,955	476	126	1,479	314
Brighton, Kemptown	LAB	3,141	646	237	2,495	850
Brighton, Pavilion	LAB	4,072	877	300	3,195	945
Bristol East	LAB	3,038	758	266	2,280	322
Bristol North West	LAB	1,920	510	150	1,410	255
Bristol South	LAB	2,914	721	254	2,193	397
Bristol West	LAB	3,055	746	199	2,309	387
Bromley & Chislehurst	CON	1,544	325	87	1,219	294
Bromsgrove	CON	1,374	377	121	997	221
Broxbourne	CON	1,254	267	86	987	273
Broxtowe	LAB	1,444	391	109	1,053	170
Buckingham	CON	567	111	23	456	95
Burnley	LAB	1,302	346	62	956	79
Burton	LAB	2,009	537	146	1,472	280
Bury North	LAB	965	333	38	632	32
Bury South	LAB	1,429	428	76	1,001	149
Bury St Edmunds	CON	1,142	303	65	839	130
Caernarfon	PC	2,064	539	199	1,525	395
Caerphilly	LAB	2,355	758	214	1,597	395
Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	LD	2,114	412	112	1,702	388
Calder Valley	LAB	1,701	410	116	1,291	220
Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	5,197	1,176	492	4,021	1,046
Cambridge	LAB	1,936	458	131	1,478	287
Cannock Chase	LAB	1,900	563	149	1,337	273
Canterbury	CON	1,987	548	136	1,439	347
Cardiff Central	LAB	2,462	751	222	1,711	380
Cardiff North	LAB	1,080	290	61	790	132
Cardiff South & Penarth	LAB	2,838	771	304	2,067	540
Cardiff West	LAB	2,636	680	261	1,956	498
Carlisle	LAB	1,765	496	162	1,269	314
Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	LAB	1,300	355	95	945	194
Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshi	LAB	2,214	584	182	1,630	351
Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	LAB	2,586	710	246	1,876	380
Carshalton & Wallington	LD	1,641	372	110	1,269	295
Castle Point	LAB	1,419	354	95	1,065	260
Central Fife	LAB	2,438	648	212	1,790	370
Central Suffolk & North Ipswich	CON	1,198	286	81	912	186
Ceredigion	PC	1,434	403	104	1,031	157

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**Unemployed Claimants: October 1997**  
**not seasonally adjusted**

Constituency	Party	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
			All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
Charnwood	CON	922	185	39	737	108
Chatham & Aylesford	LAB	1,973	545	190	1,428	145
Cheadle	CON	822	216	41	606	79
Cheltenham	LD	1,970	409	119	1,561	426
Chesham & Amersham	CON	584	118	14	466	83
Chester, City of	LAB	1,810	481	139	1,329	279
Chesterfield	LAB	2,689	812	257	1,877	434
Chichester	CON	1,046	200	27	846	145
Chingford & Woodford Green	CON	1,665	404	149	1,261	285
Chipping Barnet	CON	1,779	358	99	1,421	278
Chorley	LAB	1,436	415	85	1,021	104
Christchurch	CON	863	155	28	708	109
Cities of London & Westminster	CON	3,147	547	205	2,600	415
Cleethorpes	LAB	2,621	716	195	1,905	344
Clwyd South *>	LAB	1,293	364	84	929	153
Clwyd West <*	LAB	1,343	353	107	990	226
Clydebank & Milngavie	LAB	2,109	544	206	1,565	374
Clydesdale	LAB	1,932	561	169	1,371	302
Coatbridge & Chryston	LAB	2,106	589	169	1,517	273
Colchester	LD	1,736	522	132	1,214	172
Colne Valley	LAB	1,768	515	135	1,253	177
Congleton	CON	1,017	304	72	713	99
Conwy	LAB	2,109	595	189	1,514	359
Copeland	LAB	2,550	730	276	1,820	537
Corby	LAB	1,463	366	102	1,097	192
Cotswold	CON	639	136	29	503	72
Coventry North East	LAB	3,535	1,070	399	2,465	621
Coventry North West	LAB	2,522	683	221	1,839	430
Coventry South	LAB	2,700	731	245	1,969	475
Crawley	LAB	1,140	258	75	882	164
Crewe & Nantwich	LAB	1,737	517	138	1,220	165
Crosby	LAB	1,907	496	152	1,411	343
Croydon Central	LAB	3,280	753	288	2,527	762
Croydon North	LAB	4,689	1,000	402	3,689	1,119
Croydon South	CON	1,383	297	81	1,086	250
Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	LAB	1,645	473	133	1,172	124
Cunninghame North	LAB	2,045	531	145	1,514	214
Cunninghame South	LAB	2,394	635	189	1,759	310
Cynon Valley	LAB	1,725	556	172	1,169	215
Dagenham	LAB	1,946	519	181	1,427	359
Darlington	LAB	2,978	775	278	2,203	516
Dartford	LAB	1,991	509	175	1,482	371
Daventry	CON	1,021	217	33	804	111
Delyn	LAB	1,196	341	86	855	146
Denton & Reddish	LAB	1,686	439	117	1,247	246
Derby North	LAB	2,353	676	228	1,677	349
Derby South	LAB	3,919	1,251	470	2,668	582
Devizes	CON	1,090	257	45	833	125
Dewsbury	LAB	1,648	538	122	1,110	113
Don Valley	LAB	2,416	662	240	1,754	409
Doncaster Central	LAB	3,684	985	390	2,699	746
Doncaster North	LAB	2,813	776	262	2,037	536
Dover	LAB	2,603	649	249	1,954	503
Dudley North	LAB	2,511	684	268	1,827	533
Dudley South	LAB	1,945	466	179	1,479	309
Dulwich & West Norwood	LAB	4,537	958	363	3,579	973
Dumbarton	LAB	2,423	645	240	1,778	401
Dumfries	LAB	1,926	508	166	1,418	275
Dundee East	LAB	3,227	866	359	2,361	511
Dundee West	LAB	2,677	815	318	1,862	370
Dunfermline East	LAB	2,042	552	163	1,490	265
Dunfermline West	LAB	1,624	426	124	1,198	176

Table 3

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**not seasonally adjusted**

Constituency	Party	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
			All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
Durham, City of	LAB	2,021	621	165	1,400	258
Ealing North *	LAB	2,726	583	199	2,143	533
Ealing Southall	LAB	3,582	891	285	2,691	545
Ealing, Acton & Shepherd's Bush	LAB	4,849	938	353	3,911	1,166
Easington	LAB	2,123	693	217	1,430	275
East Antrim	UU	2,621	641	207	1,980	681
East Devon	CON	1,053	290	57	763	128
East Ham	LAB	4,713	1,399	532	3,314	612
East Hampshire	CON	1,117	245	69	872	176
East Kilbride	LAB	1,808	377	88	1,431	260
East Londonderry	UU	3,551	909	349	2,642	1,162
East Lothian	LAB	1,320	300	65	1,020	119
East Surrey	CON	758	151	25	607	86
East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	1,113	233	55	880	186
East Yorkshire	CON	1,972	462	138	1,510	312
Eastbourne	CON	1,651	347	91	1,304	235
Eastleigh	LD	947	200	44	747	134
Eastwood	LAB	1,361	355	102	1,006	158
Eccles	LAB	1,895	538	139	1,357	252
Eddisbury	CON	1,104	289	69	815	119
Edinburgh Central	LAB	2,233	507	148	1,726	277
Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	LAB	1,742	433	134	1,309	144
Edinburgh North & Leith	LAB	2,712	578	181	2,134	373
Edinburgh Pentlands	LAB	1,584	459	149	1,125	121
Edinburgh South	LAB	1,691	456	130	1,235	165
Edinburgh West	LD	1,362	312	82	1,050	172
Edmonton	LAB	3,396	815	348	2,581	856
Ellesmere Port & Neston	LAB	1,805	492	146	1,313	201
Elmet	LAB	1,404	346	88	1,058	204
Eltham	LAB	2,470	648	236	1,822	573
Enfield North	LAB	2,557	553	220	2,004	593
Enfield, Southgate	LAB	2,269	537	162	1,732	421
Epping Forest	CON	1,513	327	88	1,186	260
Epsom & Ewell	CON	797	172	36	625	95
Erewash	LAB	1,884	505	140	1,379	208
Erith & Thamesmead	LAB	3,956	1,045	452	2,911	836
Esher & Walton	CON	850	152	29	698	136
Exeter	LAB	2,518	678	205	1,840	400
Falkirk East	LAB	1,957	528	139	1,429	216
Falkirk West	LAB	2,132	596	182	1,536	286
Falmouth & Camborne	LAB	3,013	763	223	2,250	415
Fareham	CON	901	215	35	686	110
Faversham & Mid Kent	CON	1,477	412	118	1,065	158
Feltham & Heston	LAB	2,302	615	164	1,687	295
Fermanagh & South Tyrone	UU	3,527	758	293	2,769	1,439
Finchley & Golders Green	LAB	2,509	490	149	2,019	428
Folkestone & Hythe	CON	2,793	593	213	2,200	598
Forest of Dean	LAB	1,229	308	70	921	193
Foyle	SDLP	6,063	1,698	663	4,365	2,039
Fylde	CON	829	219	40	610	57
Gainsborough	CON	1,522	439	111	1,083	206
Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	SNP	1,792	416	122	1,376	328
Gateshead East & Washington West	LAB	2,238	692	213	1,546	321
Gedling	LAB	1,707	422	106	1,285	238
Gillingham	LAB	2,007	552	125	1,455	172
Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	2,364	633	224	1,731	382
Glasgow Baillieston	LAB	2,821	857	371	1,964	497
Glasgow Cathcart	LAB	1,951	535	189	1,416	297
Glasgow Govan	LAB	2,978	755	302	2,223	455
Glasgow Kelvin	LAB	3,097	775	224	2,322	485
Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	3,870	1,042	404	2,828	726
Glasgow Pollok	LAB	2,665	718	264	1,947	463

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Glasgow Rutherglen	LAB	1,921	515	174	1,406	291
Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	2,803	638	260	2,165	512
Glasgow Springburn	LAB	3,289	856	405	2,433	710
Gloucester	LAB	2,550	669	231	1,881	501
Gordon	LD	794	195	49	599	117
Gosport	CON	1,589	479	142	1,110	181
Gower	LAB	1,402	446	100	956	118
Grantham & Stamford	CON	1,340	369	87	971	135
Gravesham	LAB	2,402	651	222	1,751	265
Great Grimsby	LAB	3,968	1,060	356	2,908	730
Great Yarmouth	LAB	3,507	972	342	2,535	574
Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	1,564	449	93	1,115	145
Greenwich & Woolwich	LAB	4,553	1,179	508	3,374	1,034
Guildford	CON	867	174	29	693	110
Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	6,949	1,585	677	5,364	1,483
Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	7,007	1,682	767	5,325	1,582
Halesowen & Rowley Regis	LAB	1,798	450	131	1,348	297
Halifax	LAB	2,680	780	278	1,900	423
Haltemprice & Howden	CON	1,122	319	56	803	96
Halton	LAB	2,701	841	281	1,860	404
Hamilton North & Bellshill	LAB	2,351	658	226	1,693	340
Hamilton South	LAB	1,682	432	165	1,250	283
Hammersmith & Fulham	LAB	4,309	707	268	3,602	1,075
Hampstead & Highgate	LAB	3,941	706	247	3,235	863
Harborough	CON	971	287	63	684	96
Harlow	LAB	1,693	406	144	1,287	344
Harrogate & Knaresborough	LD	1,096	258	37	838	100
Harrow East	LAB	2,323	503	149	1,820	364
Harrow West	LAB	1,718	401	98	1,317	282
Hartlepool	LAB	4,235	1,191	459	3,044	805
Harwich	LAB	2,294	583	162	1,711	340
Hastings & Rye	LAB	3,107	784	288	2,323	574
Havant	CON	1,803	478	129	1,325	242
Hayes & Harlington	LAB	1,749	409	125	1,340	285
Hazel Grove	LD	1,045	277	74	768	115
Hemel Hempstead	LAB	1,122	225	57	897	127
Hemsworth	LAB	2,094	624	170	1,470	284
Hendon	LAB	2,842	626	210	2,216	506
Henley	CON	600	117	28	483	92
Hereford *>	LD	1,701	464	98	1,237	141
Hertford & Stortford	CON	825	169	28	656	111
Hertsmere	CON	1,057	207	40	850	150
Hexham	CON	1,079	282	70	797	144
Heywood & Middleton	LAB	2,401	742	231	1,659	344
High Peak	LAB	1,363	348	90	1,015	194
Hitchin & Harpenden	CON	917	201	48	716	119
Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	5,008	1,000	422	4,008	1,067
Hornchurch	LAB	1,263	297	88	966	203
Hornsey & Wood Green	LAB	4,839	944	345	3,895	1,027
Horsham	CON	633	115	10	518	69
Houghton & Washington East	LAB	2,467	819	256	1,648	391
Hove	LAB	2,820	528	162	2,292	629
Huddersfield	LAB	3,088	1,003	335	2,085	353
Huntingdon	CON	1,270	308	65	962	117
Hyndburn	LAB	1,349	414	93	935	71
Ilford North	LAB	1,926	459	142	1,467	307
Ilford South *	LAB	3,617	976	310	2,641	442
Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	LAB	2,074	445	107	1,629	246
Ipswich	LAB	2,406	668	247	1,738	405
Isle of Wight	LD	3,831	920	312	2,911	865
Islington North	LAB	5,907	1,241	572	4,666	1,593
Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	4,758	951	405	3,807	1,308

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Islwyn	LAB	1,143	360	97	783	103
Jarrow	LAB	2,920	765	267	2,155	400
Keighley	LAB	1,786	531	146	1,255	211
Kensington & Chelsea	CON	2,530	340	122	2,190	599
Kettering	LAB	1,245	336	93	909	220
Kilmarnock & Loudoun	LAB	2,751	630	195	2,121	577
Kingston & Surbiton	LD	1,661	373	107	1,288	254
Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	3,587	1,062	392	2,525	248
Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	4,295	1,416	499	2,879	280
Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	3,638	1,059	355	2,579	282
Kingswood	LAB	1,472	386	105	1,086	158
Kirkcaldy	LAB	2,593	662	208	1,931	505
Knowsley North & Sefton East	LAB	3,475	1,150	471	2,325	712
Knowsley South	LAB	4,256	1,339	600	2,917	925
Lagan Valley	UU	1,912	486	132	1,426	534
Lancaster & Wyre	LAB	1,540	414	71	1,126	175
Leeds Central	LAB	4,895	1,218	446	3,677	1,069
Leeds East	LAB	3,501	978	383	2,523	715
Leeds North East	LAB	2,426	636	232	1,790	516
Leeds North West	LAB	1,734	514	141	1,220	273
Leeds West	LAB	2,747	746	228	2,001	505
Leicester East	LAB	2,407	694	236	1,713	366
Leicester South	LAB	3,366	963	310	2,403	544
Leicester West	LAB	3,100	905	329	2,195	536
Leigh	LAB	1,796	533	149	1,263	206
Leominster <*	CON	1,095	256	51	839	119
Lewes	LD	1,052	225	74	827	188
Lewisham East	LAB	2,979	608	238	2,371	814
Lewisham West	LAB	3,803	835	345	2,968	981
Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	5,050	1,137	512	3,913	1,215
Leyton & Wanstead	LAB	3,565	908	342	2,657	590
Lichfield	CON	1,109	307	71	802	108
Lincoln	LAB	3,069	871	274	2,198	633
Linlithgow	LAB	1,392	396	78	996	113
Liverpool, Garston	LAB	3,286	998	416	2,288	753
Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	6,370	1,887	887	4,483	1,630
Liverpool, Walton	LAB	4,814	1,441	666	3,373	1,133
Liverpool, Wavertree	LAB	4,621	1,361	584	3,260	1,091
Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	4,769	1,398	662	3,371	1,235
Livingston	LAB	1,558	504	112	1,054	88
Llanelli	LAB	2,063	648	241	1,415	308
Loughborough	LAB	1,512	411	97	1,101	179
Louth & Horncastle	CON	1,566	388	96	1,178	195
Ludlow	CON	999	248	43	751	131
Luton North	LAB	2,057	499	162	1,558	384
Luton South	LAB	2,855	707	233	2,148	567
Macclesfield	CON	1,144	305	68	839	100
Maidenhead	CON	847	172	47	675	154
Maidstone & The Weald	CON	1,391	334	85	1,057	120
Makerfield	LAB	1,797	571	154	1,226	190
Maldon & East Chelmsford	CON	1,261	328	100	933	238
Manchester, Blackley	LAB	3,318	993	322	2,325	566
Manchester, Central	LAB	5,644	1,575	642	4,069	1,118
Manchester, Gorton	LAB	4,271	1,379	546	2,892	685
Manchester, Withington	LAB	3,428	1,015	325	2,413	586
Mansfield	LAB	2,338	665	207	1,673	306
Medway	LAB	2,302	590	205	1,712	178
Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	PC	1,188	291	90	897	190
Meriden	CON	2,482	643	248	1,839	554
Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	LAB	2,114	709	249	1,405	312
Mid Bedfordshire	CON	767	174	46	593	101
Mid Dorset & North Poole	CON	976	204	43	772	164

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Mid Norfolk	CON	1,433	340	95	1,093	192
Mid Sussex	CON	722	146	29	576	82
Mid Ulster	SF	2,985	714	261	2,271	1,114
Mid Worcestershire	CON	977	236	50	741	102
Middlesbrough	LAB	5,414	1,596	657	3,818	1,096
Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland	LAB	3,289	940	330	2,349	646
Midlothian	LAB	1,252	333	81	919	107
Milton Keynes South West	LAB	1,643	471	122	1,172	159
Mitcham & Morden	LAB	2,684	630	249	2,054	562
Mole Valley	CON	508	84	11	424	61
Monmouth	LAB	1,334	345	81	989	188
Montgomeryshire	LD	651	191	33	460	37
Moray	SNP	1,567	368	81	1,199	178
Morecambe & Lunesdale	LAB	2,412	668	195	1,744	356
Morley & Rothwell	LAB	1,722	419	144	1,303	297
Motherwell & Wishaw	LAB	2,064	642	212	1,422	256
Neath	LAB	1,721	540	147	1,181	165
New Forest East	CON	948	214	42	734	112
New Forest West	CON	942	196	39	746	134
Newark	LAB	1,824	474	142	1,350	240
Newbury	LD	634	142	26	492	69
Newcastle upon Tyne Central	LAB	3,260	897	337	2,363	764
Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	3,690	997	355	2,693	816
Newcastle upon Tyne North	LAB	2,466	671	258	1,795	541
Newcastle-under-Lyme	LAB	1,338	410	110	928	128
Newport East	LAB	1,793	518	161	1,275	343
Newport West	LAB	2,188	602	200	1,586	382
Newry & Armagh	SDLP	4,497	1,199	445	3,298	1,645
Normanton	LAB	1,547	384	94	1,163	236
North Antrim	DU	3,025	723	254	2,302	987
North Cornwall	LD	2,583	713	142	1,870	308
North Devon	LD	1,754	454	120	1,300	271
North Dorset	CON	796	209	20	587	81
North Down	UKU	2,069	571	160	1,498	484
North Durham	LAB	2,338	676	209	1,662	382
North East Bedfordshire	CON	852	210	37	642	81
North East Cambridgeshire	CON	1,801	459	116	1,342	249
North East Derbyshire	LAB	2,021	593	175	1,428	320
North East Fife	LD	1,226	322	69	904	146
North East Hampshire	CON	683	139	24	544	72
North East Hertfordshire	CON	902	206	41	696	109
North East Milton Keynes	LAB	1,323	355	95	968	129
North Essex	CON	912	227	49	685	109
North Norfolk	CON	1,516	341	98	1,175	202
North Shropshire	CON	1,348	367	91	981	137
North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	5,394	1,167	412	4,227	1,131
North Swindon	LAB	939	217	65	722	143
North Tayside	SNP	1,413	323	88	1,090	180
North Thanet	CON	2,823	694	236	2,129	594
North Tyneside	LAB	3,103	799	295	2,304	586
North Warwickshire	LAB	1,556	430	121	1,126	199
North West Cambridgeshire	CON	1,311	348	110	963	113
North West Durham	LAB	2,258	631	200	1,627	388
North West Hampshire *	CON	709	161	40	548	79
North West Leicestershire	LAB	1,241	319	87	922	198
North West Norfolk	LAB	1,956	526	158	1,430	285
North Wiltshire	CON	946	223	35	723	109
Northampton North	LAB	2,188	570	226	1,618	365
Northampton South	LAB	1,919	452	167	1,467	339
Northavon	LD	938	252	43	686	93
Norwich North	LAB	2,159	591	216	1,568	306
Norwich South	LAB	3,189	863	299	2,326	462

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Nottingham East	LAB	4,626	1,336	559	3,290	818
Nottingham North	LAB	3,244	959	400	2,285	579
Nottingham South	LAB	3,124	889	329	2,235	587
Nuneaton	LAB	1,654	501	130	1,153	231
Ochil	LAB	2,032	591	199	1,441	270
Ogmore	LAB	1,577	497	121	1,080	199
Old Bexley & Sidcup	CON	1,390	323	85	1,067	230
Oldham East & Saddleworth	LAB	1,893	576	135	1,317	238
Oldham West & Royton	LAB	2,276	720	173	1,556	253
Orkney & Shetland	LD	637	125	20	512	82
Orpington	CON	1,432	325	82	1,107	231
Oxford East	LAB	2,099	556	171	1,543	349
Oxford West & Abingdon	LD	923	202	33	721	98
Paisley North	LAB	1,994	541	178	1,453	322
Paisley South	LAB	2,313	596	183	1,717	430
Pendle	LAB	1,246	393	69	853	72
Penrith & The Border	CON	888	211	67	677	126
Perth	SNP	1,670	397	114	1,273	170
Peterborough	LAB	2,448	735	216	1,713	219
Plymouth, Devonport	LAB	3,054	925	310	2,129	507
Plymouth, Sutton	LAB	4,450	1,328	468	3,122	761
Pontefract & Castleford	LAB	2,076	603	173	1,473	269
Pontypridd	LAB	1,838	574	169	1,264	245
Poole	CON	1,292	233	64	1,059	223
Poplar & Canning Town	LAB	5,299	1,525	590	3,774	838
Portsmouth North	LAB	1,768	459	159	1,309	316
Portsmouth South	LD	3,436	857	321	2,579	616
Preseli Pembrokeshire	LAB	2,305	619	205	1,686	351
Preston	LAB	2,904	888	244	2,016	295
Pudsey	LAB	1,048	229	37	819	132
Putney	LAB	2,133	396	133	1,737	526
Rayleigh	CON	1,134	269	55	865	182
Reading East	LAB	1,351	307	80	1,044	184
Reading West	LAB	1,136	248	69	888	155
Redcar	LAB	3,805	1,114	402	2,691	710
Redditch	LAB	1,818	492	168	1,326	378
Regent's Park & Kensington North	LAB	5,371	1,081	448	4,290	1,196
Reigate	CON	681	155	25	526	69
Rhondda	LAB	1,952	645	236	1,307	289
Ribble Valley	CON	680	187	30	493	40
Richmond	CON	1,187	369	66	818	132
Richmond Park	LD	1,682	252	76	1,430	327
Rochdale	LAB	2,738	900	309	1,838	279
Rochford & Southend East	CON	3,735	859	362	2,876	900
Romford	LAB	1,197	319	93	878	148
Romsey	CON	774	191	34	583	116
Ross, Skye & Inverness West	LD	2,452	464	133	1,988	344
Rossendale & Darwen	LAB	1,131	379	51	752	55
Rother Valley	LAB	2,513	695	251	1,818	384
Rotherham	LAB	3,440	965	445	2,475	655
Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	863	240	59	623	81
Rugby & Kenilworth	LAB	1,536	414	132	1,122	181
Ruislip - Northwood	CON	1,056	224	60	832	182
Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	782	135	43	647	116
Rushcliffe	CON	1,459	357	89	1,102	212
Rutland & Melton	CON	660	154	28	506	66
Ryedale	CON	990	209	55	781	145
Saffron Walden	CON	947	220	43	727	124
Salford	LAB	2,482	753	240	1,729	393
Salisbury	CON	1,192	292	64	900	119
Scarborough & Whitby	LAB	2,562	616	141	1,946	409
Scunthorpe	LAB	2,293	663	184	1,630	345

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Sedgefield	LAB	1,887	589	140	1,298	210
Selby	LAB	1,629	405	130	1,224	223
Sevenoaks	CON	1,068	271	84	797	161
Sheffield, Attercliffe	LAB	2,618	666	248	1,952	517
Sheffield, Brightside	LAB	3,723	1,002	451	2,721	842
Sheffield, Central	LAB	5,457	1,586	658	3,871	1,172
Sheffield, Hallam	LD	1,454	450	111	1,004	206
Sheffield, Heeley	LAB	3,220	876	367	2,344	659
Sheffield, Hillsborough	LAB	2,383	610	206	1,773	439
Sherwood	LAB	1,968	565	167	1,403	303
Shipley	LAB	1,566	425	129	1,141	161
Shrewsbury & Atcham	LAB	1,349	363	81	986	142
Sittingbourne & Sheppey	LAB	2,436	655	191	1,781	450
Skipton & Ripon	CON	900	221	27	679	86
Sleaford & North Hykeham	CON	1,147	305	73	842	166
Slough	LAB	2,211	547	144	1,664	320
Solihull	CON	1,234	277	73	957	155
Somerton & Frome *	LD	1,207	296	68	911	194
South Antrim	UU	2,181	640	190	1,541	577
South Cambridgeshire	CON	802	175	34	627	112
South Derbyshire	LAB	1,654	451	148	1,203	250
South Dorset	CON	1,638	430	113	1,208	216
South Down	SDLP	3,379	991	325	2,388	993
South East Cambridgeshire	CON	937	203	48	734	145
South East Cornwall	LD	1,902	562	133	1,340	250
South Holland & The Deepings	CON	826	208	32	618	71
South Norfolk	CON	1,468	359	84	1,109	239
South Ribble	LAB	1,029	311	48	718	87
South Shields	LAB	3,989	1,069	418	2,920	621
South Staffordshire	CON	1,476	368	98	1,108	246
South Suffolk	CON	1,156	271	77	885	184
South Swindon	LAB	1,551	399	123	1,152	201
South Thanet	LAB	2,412	565	200	1,847	514
South West Bedfordshire	CON	1,158	304	70	854	123
South West Devon	CON	1,289	373	75	916	158
South West Hertfordshire	CON	920	194	56	726	139
South West Norfolk	CON	1,575	373	79	1,202	199
South West Surrey	CON	702	147	19	555	84
Southampton, Itchen	LAB	2,764	653	204	2,111	478
Southampton, Test	LAB	2,871	744	242	2,127	496
Southend West	CON	2,211	490	193	1,721	496
Southport	LD	2,117	514	136	1,603	340
Spelthorne	CON	930	178	42	752	144
St Albans	LAB	821	209	42	612	61
St Helens North	LAB	2,205	710	190	1,495	315
St Helens South	LAB	2,717	894	300	1,823	367
St Ives	LD	3,108	793	206	2,315	449
Stafford	LAB	1,322	408	108	914	155
Staffordshire Moorlands	LAB	1,249	335	98	914	139
Stalybridge & Hyde	LAB	1,882	558	136	1,324	259
Stevenage	LAB	1,610	369	94	1,241	245
Stirling	LAB	1,582	456	125	1,126	137
Stockport	LAB	1,964	479	135	1,485	300
Stockton North	LAB	4,097	1,063	385	3,034	905
Stockton South	LAB	2,963	773	252	2,190	564
Stoke-on-Trent Central	LAB	2,315	737	235	1,578	268
Stoke-on-Trent North	LAB	1,527	457	135	1,070	147
Stoke-on-Trent South	LAB	1,732	579	172	1,153	172
Stone	CON	839	237	50	602	79
Stourbridge	LAB	1,664	418	110	1,246	257
Strangford	UU	2,307	643	205	1,664	589
Stratford-on-Avon	CON	1,105	240	57	865	178



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Strathkelvin & Bearsden	LAB	1,713	468	122	1,245	179
Streatham	LAB	5,809	1,126	455	4,683	1,217
Stretford & Urmston	LAB	2,237	606	217	1,631	321
Stroud	LAB	1,387	347	86	1,040	199
Suffolk Coastal	CON	1,523	403	99	1,120	231
Sunderland North	LAB	3,023	845	327	2,178	630
Sunderland South	LAB	3,813	998	410	2,815	925
Surrey Heath	CON	646	150	21	496	44
Sutton & Cheam	LD	1,150	229	58	921	184
Sutton Coldfield	CON	1,328	296	86	1,032	245
Swansea East	LAB	2,016	646	208	1,370	178
Swansea West	LAB	2,112	651	214	1,461	208
Tamworth	LAB	1,518	445	124	1,073	172
Tatton	IND	885	179	30	706	84
Taunton *	LD	1,897	501	148	1,396	319
Teignbridge	CON	1,747	424	114	1,323	274
Telford	LAB	1,588	515	122	1,073	140
Tewkesbury	CON	1,025	249	67	776	164
Thurrock	LAB	2,433	648	272	1,785	503
Tiverton & Honiton	CON	1,246	315	65	931	165
Tonbridge & Malling	CON	1,138	234	60	904	105
Tooting	LAB	3,700	770	316	2,930	838
Torbay	LD	2,614	646	167	1,968	436
Torfaen	LAB	1,772	535	146	1,237	227
Torridge & West Devon	LD	1,884	422	127	1,462	369
Totnes	CON	1,592	359	76	1,233	257
Tottenham	LAB	8,017	1,885	866	6,132	1,966
Truro & St Austell	LD	2,501	644	175	1,857	344
Tunbridge Wells	CON	1,118	234	50	884	107
Tweeddale, Ettrick & Lauderdale	LD	836	199	38	637	63
Twickenham	LD	1,461	257	62	1,204	271
Tyne Bridge	LAB	4,548	1,224	486	3,324	1,156
Tynemouth	LAB	2,601	659	208	1,942	455
Upminster	LAB	1,190	293	94	897	158
Upper Bann	UU	2,472	574	170	1,898	761
Uxbridge	CON	1,230	287	86	943	222
Vale of Clwyd	LAB	1,523	480	149	1,043	228
Vale of Glamorgan	LAB	2,191	635	175	1,556	262
Vale of York	CON	872	216	45	656	99
Vauxhall	LAB	7,204	1,473	630	5,731	1,661
Wakefield	LAB	2,457	667	196	1,790	327
Wallasey	LAB	3,399	966	413	2,433	646
Walsall North	LAB	3,272	894	382	2,378	727
Walsall South	LAB	3,342	976	392	2,366	591
Walthamstow	LAB	3,929	964	360	2,965	638
Wansbeck	LAB	2,512	750	314	1,762	597
Wansdyke <*	LAB	907	228	38	679	94
Wantage	CON	775	172	41	603	73
Warley	LAB	2,918	803	305	2,115	680
Warrington North	LAB	1,753	477	132	1,276	207
Warrington South	LAB	1,421	376	83	1,045	143
Warwick & Leamington	LAB	1,630	379	114	1,251	219
Watford	LAB	1,479	287	83	1,192	254
Waveney	LAB	3,333	831	316	2,502	605
Wealden	CON	771	150	23	621	101
Weaver Vale	LAB	2,217	779	257	1,438	309
Wellingborough	LAB	1,494	396	104	1,098	195
Wells	CON	1,426	352	90	1,074	230
Welwyn Hatfield	LAB	851	185	44	666	106
Wentworth	LAB	2,889	771	299	2,118	550
West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	LD	786	196	40	590	87
West Bromwich East	LAB	2,696	760	361	1,936	486

Table 3

**Unemployed Claimants: October 1997**  
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Constituency	Party	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
			All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
West Bromwich West	SPKR	2,997	805	321	2,192	465
West Chelmsford	CON	1,461	355	112	1,106	268
West Derbyshire	CON	1,082	280	62	802	103
West Dorset	CON	1,048	265	47	783	130
West Ham	LAB	4,861	1,356	506	3,505	718
West Lancashire	LAB	2,411	747	255	1,664	346
West Renfrewshire	LAB	1,174	330	68	844	112
West Suffolk	CON	1,351	314	77	1,037	210
West Tyrone	UU	3,900	1,035	470	2,865	1,524
West Worcestershire	CON	978	240	65	738	135
Westbury	CON	1,450	372	112	1,078	237
Western Isles	LAB	1,295	195	46	1,100	207
Westmorland & Lonsdale	CON	791	195	27	596	54
Weston-Super-Mare	LD	1,662	446	127	1,216	202
Wigan	LAB	2,025	592	181	1,433	316
Wimbledon	LAB	1,538	310	89	1,228	266
Winchester	VAC	862	213	34	649	104
Windsor	CON	877	138	18	739	132
Wirral South	LAB	1,618	450	139	1,168	289
Wirral West	LAB	1,811	505	159	1,306	257
Witney	CON	621	137	21	484	65
Woking	CON	645	116	19	529	73
Wokingham	CON	477	102	17	375	39
Wolverhampton North East	LAB	2,717	777	299	1,940	508
Wolverhampton South East	LAB	2,712	815	304	1,897	423
Wolverhampton South West	LAB	2,601	747	248	1,854	433
Woodspring	CON	737	157	26	580	78
Worcester	LAB	1,648	442	107	1,206	221
Workington	LAB	2,656	687	254	1,969	609
Worsley	LAB	1,552	494	150	1,058	140
Worthing West	CON	947	167	35	780	172
Wrekin, The	LAB	1,042	312	65	730	84
Wrexham	LAB	1,328	394	109	934	181
Wycombe	CON	1,415	349	81	1,066	222
Wyre Forest	LAB	1,604	408	92	1,196	218
Wythenshawe & Sale East	LAB	2,744	797	268	1,947	528
Yeovil *	LD	1,338	332	79	1,006	211
Ynys-Mon	PC	2,318	597	227	1,721	551
York, City of	LAB	2,601	705	186	1,896	394
United Kingdom		1,417,277	371,345	122,096	1,045,932	243,653

Note: (a) As a result of local government boundary changes, 1991 wards have been allocated to the constituency on a best-fit basis.

Source: ONS - NOMIS database

Table 4

**Unemployed Claimants: October 1997**  
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Constituency	Party	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
			All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
Aberavon	LAB	100.0%	31.9%	9.8%	68.1%	10.9%
Aberdeen Central	LAB	100.0%	26.0%	5.7%	74.0%	10.8%
Aberdeen North	LAB	100.0%	28.4%	6.1%	71.6%	10.5%
Aberdeen South	LAB	100.0%	25.2%	4.5%	74.8%	11.7%
Airdrie & Shotts	LAB	100.0%	32.0%	10.9%	68.0%	14.0%
Aldershot	CON	100.0%	24.3%	4.2%	75.7%	9.3%
Aldridge - Brownhills	CON	100.0%	28.0%	8.4%	72.0%	17.0%
Altrincham & Sale West	CON	100.0%	23.0%	5.0%	77.0%	15.8%
Alyn & Deeside	LAB	100.0%	26.6%	8.0%	73.4%	11.2%
Amber Valley	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	7.9%	73.1%	15.1%
Angus	SNP	100.0%	27.2%	8.9%	72.8%	15.9%
Argyll & Bute	LD	100.0%	21.2%	6.4%	78.8%	18.2%
Arundel & South Downs	CON	100.0%	23.6%	3.0%	76.4%	12.8%
Ashfield	LAB	100.0%	26.8%	9.3%	73.2%	20.3%
Ashford	CON	100.0%	24.7%	6.0%	75.3%	16.9%
Ashton under Lyne	LAB	100.0%	30.7%	8.3%	69.3%	10.8%
Aylesbury	CON	100.0%	25.0%	6.1%	75.0%	14.0%
Ayr	LAB	100.0%	25.9%	8.1%	74.1%	12.7%
Banbury	CON	100.0%	26.1%	4.5%	73.9%	8.7%
Banff & Buchan	SNP	100.0%	27.5%	3.4%	72.5%	7.4%
Barking (a)	LAB	100.0%	29.0%	10.9%	71.0%	14.2%
Barnsley Central	LAB	100.0%	29.0%	9.9%	71.0%	14.0%
Barnsley East & Mexborough	LAB	100.0%	28.1%	10.0%	71.9%	14.1%
Barnsley West & Penistone	LAB	100.0%	29.7%	10.3%	70.3%	12.8%
Barrow & Furness	LAB	100.0%	29.8%	11.6%	70.2%	15.0%
Basildon	LAB	100.0%	27.6%	9.4%	72.4%	15.5%
Basingstoke (a)	CON	100.0%	23.5%	5.3%	76.5%	16.1%
Bassetlaw	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	8.0%	72.9%	18.1%
Bath	LD	100.0%	21.7%	5.7%	78.3%	13.6%
Batley & Spen	LAB	100.0%	30.8%	7.7%	69.2%	10.3%
Battersea	LAB	100.0%	20.4%	6.8%	79.6%	19.8%
Beaconsfield	CON	100.0%	15.5%	2.6%	84.5%	15.1%
Beckenham	VAC	100.0%	20.0%	7.2%	80.0%	22.9%
Bedford	LAB	100.0%	29.0%	9.4%	71.0%	14.9%
Belfast East	DU	100.0%	25.8%	10.5%	74.2%	30.2%
Belfast North	UU	100.0%	26.8%	10.7%	73.2%	30.5%
Belfast South	UU	100.0%	36.7%	10.1%	63.3%	22.5%
Belfast West	SF	100.0%	27.9%	12.4%	72.1%	35.7%
Berwick-upon-Tweed	LD	100.0%	22.4%	6.7%	77.6%	18.8%
Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	100.0%	27.6%	10.2%	72.4%	17.6%
Beverley & Holderness	CON	100.0%	26.7%	6.6%	73.3%	6.6%
Bexhill & Battle	CON	100.0%	19.5%	4.0%	80.5%	16.8%
Bexleyheath & Crayford	LAB	100.0%	25.8%	8.2%	74.2%	17.2%
Billericay	CON	100.0%	26.4%	8.3%	73.6%	14.7%
Birkenhead	LAB	100.0%	28.9%	12.9%	71.1%	18.7%
Birmingham, Edgbaston	LAB	100.0%	26.4%	10.3%	73.6%	21.9%
Birmingham, Erdington	LAB	100.0%	22.5%	9.1%	77.5%	26.3%
Birmingham, Hall Green	LAB	100.0%	25.3%	10.3%	74.7%	22.7%
Birmingham, Hodge Hill	LAB	100.0%	30.7%	13.6%	69.3%	21.7%
Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	100.0%	31.7%	13.9%	68.3%	22.5%
Birmingham, Northfield	LAB	100.0%	25.0%	9.5%	75.0%	25.0%
Birmingham, Perry Barr	LAB	100.0%	30.3%	12.0%	69.7%	22.1%
Birmingham, Selly Oak	LAB	100.0%	28.1%	11.0%	71.9%	20.8%
Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	100.0%	32.7%	14.0%	67.3%	20.9%
Birmingham, Yardley	LAB	100.0%	24.4%	8.4%	75.6%	21.3%
Bishop Auckland	LAB	100.0%	30.2%	9.6%	69.8%	16.5%
Blaby	CON	100.0%	26.0%	6.6%	74.0%	14.1%
Blackburn	LAB	100.0%	30.7%	6.4%	69.3%	9.5%
Blackpool North & Fleetwood	LAB	100.0%	24.0%	5.8%	76.0%	10.1%
Blackpool South	LAB	100.0%	24.4%	6.6%	75.6%	8.5%
Blaenau Gwent	LAB	100.0%	25.9%	9.9%	74.1%	18.5%
Blaydon	LAB	100.0%	26.4%	7.8%	73.6%	19.3%

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Blyth Valley	LAB	100.0%	30.0%	9.3%	70.0%	17.3%
Bognor Regis & Littlehampton	CON	100.0%	18.8%	3.0%	81.2%	11.4%
Bolsover	LAB	100.0%	28.5%	9.1%	71.5%	17.4%
Bolton North East	LAB	100.0%	29.4%	7.7%	70.6%	7.0%
Bolton South East	LAB	100.0%	31.6%	6.9%	68.4%	6.2%
Bolton West	LAB	100.0%	29.1%	4.4%	70.9%	5.3%
Bootle	LAB	100.0%	29.4%	14.0%	70.6%	22.5%
Boston & Skegness	CON	100.0%	25.9%	3.1%	74.1%	8.0%
Bosworth	CON	100.0%	28.0%	4.7%	72.0%	8.1%
Bournemouth East	CON	100.0%	20.7%	6.2%	79.3%	19.2%
Bournemouth West	CON	100.0%	20.5%	6.6%	79.5%	21.1%
Bracknell	CON	100.0%	23.0%	4.0%	77.0%	7.6%
Bradford North	LAB	100.0%	32.0%	12.3%	68.0%	14.3%
Bradford South	LAB	100.0%	26.5%	8.9%	73.5%	15.9%
Bradford West	LAB	100.0%	35.3%	12.4%	64.7%	13.6%
Braintree	LAB	100.0%	27.3%	5.8%	72.7%	13.4%
Brecon & Radnorshire	LD	100.0%	25.5%	6.3%	74.5%	12.5%
Brent East	LAB	100.0%	20.0%	8.3%	80.0%	21.3%
Brent North	LAB	100.0%	21.7%	7.2%	78.3%	18.6%
Brent South	LAB	100.0%	22.7%	9.4%	77.3%	20.7%
Brentford & Isleworth	LAB	100.0%	22.3%	6.0%	77.7%	14.5%
Brentwood & Ongar	CON	100.0%	21.1%	5.1%	78.9%	16.2%
Bridgend	LAB	100.0%	29.6%	7.7%	70.4%	13.5%
Bridgwater	CON	100.0%	25.7%	7.8%	74.3%	15.7%
Brigg & Goole	LAB	100.0%	24.3%	6.4%	75.7%	16.1%
Brighton, Kemptown	LAB	100.0%	20.6%	7.5%	79.4%	27.1%
Brighton, Pavilion	LAB	100.0%	21.5%	7.4%	78.5%	23.2%
Bristol East	LAB	100.0%	25.0%	8.8%	75.0%	10.6%
Bristol North West	LAB	100.0%	26.6%	7.8%	73.4%	13.3%
Bristol South	LAB	100.0%	24.7%	8.7%	75.3%	13.6%
Bristol West	LAB	100.0%	24.4%	6.5%	75.6%	12.7%
Bromley & Chislehurst	CON	100.0%	21.0%	5.6%	79.0%	19.0%
Bromsgrove	CON	100.0%	27.4%	8.8%	72.6%	16.1%
Broxbourne	CON	100.0%	21.3%	6.9%	78.7%	21.8%
Broxtowe	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	7.5%	72.9%	11.8%
Buckingham	CON	100.0%	19.6%	4.1%	80.4%	16.8%
Burnley	LAB	100.0%	26.6%	4.8%	73.4%	6.1%
Burton	LAB	100.0%	26.7%	7.3%	73.3%	13.9%
Bury North	LAB	100.0%	34.5%	3.9%	65.5%	3.3%
Bury South	LAB	100.0%	30.0%	5.3%	70.0%	10.4%
Bury St Edmunds	CON	100.0%	26.5%	5.7%	73.5%	11.4%
Caernarfon	PC	100.0%	26.1%	9.6%	73.9%	19.1%
Caerphilly	LAB	100.0%	32.2%	9.1%	67.8%	16.8%
Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	LD	100.0%	19.5%	5.3%	80.5%	18.4%
Calder Valley	LAB	100.0%	24.1%	6.8%	75.9%	12.9%
Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	100.0%	22.6%	9.5%	77.4%	20.1%
Cambridge	LAB	100.0%	23.7%	6.8%	76.3%	14.8%
Cannock Chase	LAB	100.0%	29.6%	7.8%	70.4%	14.4%
Canterbury	CON	100.0%	27.6%	6.8%	72.4%	17.5%
Cardiff Central	LAB	100.0%	30.5%	9.0%	69.5%	15.4%
Cardiff North	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	5.6%	73.1%	12.2%
Cardiff South & Penarth	LAB	100.0%	27.2%	10.7%	72.8%	19.0%
Cardiff West	LAB	100.0%	25.8%	9.9%	74.2%	18.9%
Carlisle	LAB	100.0%	28.1%	9.2%	71.9%	17.8%
Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	LAB	100.0%	27.3%	7.3%	72.7%	14.9%
Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	LAB	100.0%	26.4%	8.2%	73.6%	15.9%
Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	LAB	100.0%	27.5%	9.5%	72.5%	14.7%
Carshalton & Wallington	LD	100.0%	22.7%	6.7%	77.3%	18.0%
Castle Point	LAB	100.0%	24.9%	6.7%	75.1%	18.3%
Central Fife	LAB	100.0%	26.6%	8.7%	73.4%	15.2%
Central Suffolk & North Ipswich	CON	100.0%	23.9%	6.8%	76.1%	15.5%
Ceredigion	PC	100.0%	28.1%	7.3%	71.9%	10.9%

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Charnwood	CON	100.0%	20.1%	4.2%	79.9%	11.7%
Chatham & Aylesford	LAB	100.0%	27.6%	9.6%	72.4%	7.3%
Cheadle	CON	100.0%	26.3%	5.0%	73.7%	9.6%
Cheltenham	LD	100.0%	20.8%	6.0%	79.2%	21.6%
Chesham & Amersham	CON	100.0%	20.2%	2.4%	79.8%	14.2%
Chester, City of	LAB	100.0%	26.6%	7.7%	73.4%	15.4%
Chesterfield	LAB	100.0%	30.2%	9.6%	69.8%	16.1%
Chichester	CON	100.0%	19.1%	2.6%	80.9%	13.9%
Chingford & Woodford Green	CON	100.0%	24.3%	8.9%	75.7%	17.1%
Chipping Barnet	CON	100.0%	20.1%	5.6%	79.9%	15.6%
Chorley	LAB	100.0%	28.9%	5.9%	71.1%	7.2%
Christchurch	CON	100.0%	18.0%	3.2%	82.0%	12.6%
Cities of London & Westminster	CON	100.0%	17.4%	6.5%	82.6%	13.2%
Cleethorpes	LAB	100.0%	27.3%	7.4%	72.7%	13.1%
Clwyd South	LAB	100.0%	28.2%	6.5%	71.8%	11.8%
Clwyd West	LAB	100.0%	26.3%	8.0%	73.7%	16.8%
Clydebank & Milngavie	LAB	100.0%	25.8%	9.8%	74.2%	17.7%
Clydesdale	LAB	100.0%	29.0%	8.7%	71.0%	15.6%
Coatbridge & Chryston	LAB	100.0%	28.0%	8.0%	72.0%	13.0%
Colchester	LD	100.0%	30.1%	7.6%	69.9%	9.9%
Colne Valley	LAB	100.0%	29.1%	7.6%	70.9%	10.0%
Congleton	CON	100.0%	29.9%	7.1%	70.1%	9.7%
Conwy	LAB	100.0%	28.2%	9.0%	71.8%	17.0%
Copeland	LAB	100.0%	28.6%	10.8%	71.4%	21.1%
Corby	LAB	100.0%	25.0%	7.0%	75.0%	13.1%
Cotswold	CON	100.0%	21.3%	4.5%	78.7%	11.3%
Coventry North East	LAB	100.0%	30.3%	11.3%	69.7%	17.6%
Coventry North West	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	8.8%	72.9%	17.0%
Coventry South	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	9.1%	72.9%	17.6%
Crawley	LAB	100.0%	22.6%	6.6%	77.4%	14.4%
Crewe & Nantwich	LAB	100.0%	29.8%	7.9%	70.2%	9.5%
Crosby	LAB	100.0%	26.0%	8.0%	74.0%	18.0%
Croydon Central	LAB	100.0%	23.0%	8.8%	77.0%	23.2%
Croydon North	LAB	100.0%	21.3%	8.6%	78.7%	23.9%
Croydon South	CON	100.0%	21.5%	5.9%	78.5%	18.1%
Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	LAB	100.0%	28.8%	8.1%	71.2%	7.5%
Cunninghame North	LAB	100.0%	26.0%	7.1%	74.0%	10.5%
Cunninghame South	LAB	100.0%	26.5%	7.9%	73.5%	12.9%
Cynon Valley	LAB	100.0%	32.2%	10.0%	67.8%	12.5%
Dagenham	LAB	100.0%	26.7%	9.3%	73.3%	18.4%
Darlington	LAB	100.0%	26.0%	9.3%	74.0%	17.3%
Dartford	LAB	100.0%	25.6%	8.8%	74.4%	18.6%
Daventry	CON	100.0%	21.3%	3.2%	78.7%	10.9%
Delyn	LAB	100.0%	28.5%	7.2%	71.5%	12.2%
Denton & Reddish	LAB	100.0%	26.0%	6.9%	74.0%	14.6%
Derby North	LAB	100.0%	28.7%	9.7%	71.3%	14.8%
Derby South	LAB	100.0%	31.9%	12.0%	68.1%	14.9%
Devizes	CON	100.0%	23.6%	4.1%	76.4%	11.5%
Dewsbury	LAB	100.0%	32.6%	7.4%	67.4%	6.9%
Don Valley	LAB	100.0%	27.4%	9.9%	72.6%	16.9%
Doncaster Central	LAB	100.0%	26.7%	10.6%	73.3%	20.2%
Doncaster North	LAB	100.0%	27.6%	9.3%	72.4%	19.1%
Dover	LAB	100.0%	24.9%	9.6%	75.1%	19.3%
Dudley North	LAB	100.0%	27.2%	10.7%	72.8%	21.2%
Dudley South	LAB	100.0%	24.0%	9.2%	76.0%	15.9%
Dulwich & West Norwood	LAB	100.0%	21.1%	8.0%	78.9%	21.4%
Dumbarton	LAB	100.0%	26.6%	9.9%	73.4%	16.5%
Dumfries	LAB	100.0%	26.4%	8.6%	73.6%	14.3%
Dundee East	LAB	100.0%	26.8%	11.1%	73.2%	15.8%
Dundee West	LAB	100.0%	30.4%	11.9%	69.6%	13.8%
Dunfermline East	LAB	100.0%	27.0%	8.0%	73.0%	13.0%
Dunfermline West	LAB	100.0%	26.2%	7.6%	73.8%	10.8%

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Constituency	Party	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
			All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
Durham, City of	LAB	100.0%	30.7%	8.2%	69.3%	12.8%
Ealing North (a)	LAB	100.0%	21.4%	7.3%	78.6%	19.6%
Ealing Southall	LAB	100.0%	24.9%	8.0%	75.1%	15.2%
Ealing, Acton & Shepherd's Bush	LAB	100.0%	19.3%	7.3%	80.7%	24.0%
Easington	LAB	100.0%	32.6%	10.2%	67.4%	13.0%
East Antrim	UU	100.0%	24.5%	7.9%	75.5%	26.0%
East Devon	CON	100.0%	27.5%	5.4%	72.5%	12.2%
East Ham	LAB	100.0%	29.7%	11.3%	70.3%	13.0%
East Hampshire	CON	100.0%	21.9%	6.2%	78.1%	15.8%
East Kilbride	LAB	100.0%	20.9%	4.9%	79.1%	14.4%
East Londonderry	UU	100.0%	25.6%	9.8%	74.4%	32.7%
East Lothian	LAB	100.0%	22.7%	4.9%	77.3%	9.0%
East Surrey	CON	100.0%	19.9%	3.3%	80.1%	11.3%
East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	100.0%	20.9%	4.9%	79.1%	16.7%
East Yorkshire	CON	100.0%	23.4%	7.0%	76.6%	15.8%
Eastbourne	CON	100.0%	21.0%	5.5%	79.0%	14.2%
Eastleigh	LD	100.0%	21.1%	4.6%	78.9%	14.1%
Eastwood	LAB	100.0%	26.1%	7.5%	73.9%	11.6%
Eccles	LAB	100.0%	28.4%	7.3%	71.6%	13.3%
Eddisbury	CON	100.0%	26.2%	6.3%	73.8%	10.8%
Edinburgh Central	LAB	100.0%	22.7%	6.6%	77.3%	12.4%
Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	LAB	100.0%	24.9%	7.7%	75.1%	8.3%
Edinburgh North & Leith	LAB	100.0%	21.3%	6.7%	78.7%	13.8%
Edinburgh Pentlands	LAB	100.0%	29.0%	9.4%	71.0%	7.6%
Edinburgh South	LAB	100.0%	27.0%	7.7%	73.0%	9.8%
Edinburgh West	LD	100.0%	22.9%	6.0%	77.1%	12.6%
Edmonton	LAB	100.0%	24.0%	10.2%	76.0%	25.2%
Ellesmere Port & Neston	LAB	100.0%	27.3%	8.1%	72.7%	11.1%
Elmet	LAB	100.0%	24.6%	6.3%	75.4%	14.5%
Eltham	LAB	100.0%	26.2%	9.6%	73.8%	23.2%
Enfield North	LAB	100.0%	21.6%	8.6%	78.4%	23.2%
Enfield, Southgate	LAB	100.0%	23.7%	7.1%	76.3%	18.6%
Epping Forest	CON	100.0%	21.6%	5.8%	78.4%	17.2%
Epsom & Ewell	CON	100.0%	21.6%	4.5%	78.4%	11.9%
Erewash	LAB	100.0%	26.8%	7.4%	73.2%	11.0%
Erith & Thamesmead	LAB	100.0%	26.4%	11.4%	73.6%	21.1%
Esher & Walton	CON	100.0%	17.9%	3.4%	82.1%	16.0%
Exeter	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	8.1%	73.1%	15.9%
Falkirk East	LAB	100.0%	27.0%	7.1%	73.0%	11.0%
Falkirk West	LAB	100.0%	28.0%	8.5%	72.0%	13.4%
Falmouth & Camborne	LAB	100.0%	25.3%	7.4%	74.7%	13.8%
Fareham	CON	100.0%	23.9%	3.9%	76.1%	12.2%
Faversham & Mid Kent	CON	100.0%	27.9%	8.0%	72.1%	10.7%
Feltham & Heston	LAB	100.0%	26.7%	7.1%	73.3%	12.8%
Fermanagh & South Tyrone	UU	100.0%	21.5%	8.3%	78.5%	40.8%
Finchley & Golders Green	LAB	100.0%	19.5%	5.9%	80.5%	17.1%
Folkestone & Hythe	CON	100.0%	21.2%	7.6%	78.8%	21.4%
Forest of Dean	LAB	100.0%	25.1%	5.7%	74.9%	15.7%
Foyle	SDLP	100.0%	28.0%	10.9%	72.0%	33.6%
Fylde	CON	100.0%	26.4%	4.8%	73.6%	6.9%
Gainsborough	CON	100.0%	28.8%	7.3%	71.2%	13.5%
Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	SNP	100.0%	23.2%	6.8%	76.8%	18.3%
Gateshead East & Washington West	LAB	100.0%	30.9%	9.5%	69.1%	14.3%
Gedling	LAB	100.0%	24.7%	6.2%	75.3%	13.9%
Gillingham	LAB	100.0%	27.5%	6.2%	72.5%	8.6%
Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	100.0%	26.8%	9.5%	73.2%	16.2%
Glasgow Baillieston	LAB	100.0%	30.4%	13.2%	69.6%	17.6%
Glasgow Cathcart	LAB	100.0%	27.4%	9.7%	72.6%	15.2%
Glasgow Govan	LAB	100.0%	25.4%	10.1%	74.6%	15.3%
Glasgow Kelvin	LAB	100.0%	25.0%	7.2%	75.0%	15.7%
Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	10.4%	73.1%	18.8%
Glasgow Pollok	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	9.9%	73.1%	17.4%

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Glasgow Rutherglen	LAB	100.0%	26.8%	9.1%	73.2%	15.1%
Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	100.0%	22.8%	9.3%	77.2%	18.3%
Glasgow Springburn	LAB	100.0%	26.0%	12.3%	74.0%	21.6%
Gloucester	LAB	100.0%	26.2%	9.1%	73.8%	19.6%
Gordon	LD	100.0%	24.6%	6.2%	75.4%	14.7%
Gosport	CON	100.0%	30.1%	8.9%	69.9%	11.4%
Gower	LAB	100.0%	31.8%	7.1%	68.2%	8.4%
Grantham & Stamford	CON	100.0%	27.5%	6.5%	72.5%	10.1%
Gravesham	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	9.2%	72.9%	11.0%
Great Grimsby	LAB	100.0%	26.7%	9.0%	73.3%	18.4%
Great Yarmouth	LAB	100.0%	27.7%	9.8%	72.3%	16.4%
Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	100.0%	28.7%	5.9%	71.3%	9.3%
Greenwich & Woolwich	LAB	100.0%	25.9%	11.2%	74.1%	22.7%
Guildford	CON	100.0%	20.1%	3.3%	79.9%	12.7%
Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	100.0%	22.8%	9.7%	77.2%	21.3%
Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	100.0%	24.0%	10.9%	76.0%	22.6%
Halesowen & Rowley Regis	LAB	100.0%	25.0%	7.3%	75.0%	16.5%
Halifax	LAB	100.0%	29.1%	10.4%	70.9%	15.8%
Haltemprice & Howden	CON	100.0%	28.4%	5.0%	71.6%	8.6%
Halton	LAB	100.0%	31.1%	10.4%	68.9%	15.0%
Hamilton North & Bellshill	LAB	100.0%	28.0%	9.6%	72.0%	14.5%
Hamilton South	LAB	100.0%	25.7%	9.8%	74.3%	16.8%
Hammersmith & Fulham	LAB	100.0%	16.4%	6.2%	83.6%	24.9%
Hampstead & Highgate	LAB	100.0%	17.9%	6.3%	82.1%	21.9%
Harborough	CON	100.0%	29.6%	6.5%	70.4%	9.9%
Harlow	LAB	100.0%	24.0%	8.5%	76.0%	20.3%
Harrogate & Knaresborough	LD	100.0%	23.5%	3.4%	76.5%	9.1%
Harrow East	LAB	100.0%	21.7%	6.4%	78.3%	15.7%
Harrow West	LAB	100.0%	23.3%	5.7%	76.7%	16.4%
Hartlepool	LAB	100.0%	28.1%	10.8%	71.9%	19.0%
Harwich	LAB	100.0%	25.4%	7.1%	74.6%	14.8%
Hastings & Rye	LAB	100.0%	25.2%	9.3%	74.8%	18.5%
Havant	CON	100.0%	26.5%	7.2%	73.5%	13.4%
Hayes & Harlington	LAB	100.0%	23.4%	7.1%	76.6%	16.3%
Hazel Grove	LD	100.0%	26.5%	7.1%	73.5%	11.0%
Hemel Hempstead	LAB	100.0%	20.1%	5.1%	79.9%	11.3%
Hemsworth	LAB	100.0%	29.8%	8.1%	70.2%	13.6%
Hendon	LAB	100.0%	22.0%	7.4%	78.0%	17.8%
Henley	CON	100.0%	19.5%	4.7%	80.5%	15.3%
Hereford	LD	100.0%	27.3%	5.8%	72.7%	8.3%
Hertford & Stortford	CON	100.0%	20.5%	3.4%	79.5%	13.5%
Hertsmere	CON	100.0%	19.6%	3.8%	80.4%	14.2%
Hexham	CON	100.0%	26.1%	6.5%	73.9%	13.3%
Heywood & Middleton	LAB	100.0%	30.9%	9.6%	69.1%	14.3%
High Peak	LAB	100.0%	25.5%	6.6%	74.5%	14.2%
Hitchin & Harpenden	CON	100.0%	21.9%	5.2%	78.1%	13.0%
Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	100.0%	20.0%	8.4%	80.0%	21.3%
Hornchurch	LAB	100.0%	23.5%	7.0%	76.5%	16.1%
Hornsey & Wood Green	LAB	100.0%	19.5%	7.1%	80.5%	21.2%
Horsham	CON	100.0%	18.2%	1.6%	81.8%	10.9%
Houghton & Washington East	LAB	100.0%	33.2%	10.4%	66.8%	15.8%
Hove	LAB	100.0%	18.7%	5.7%	81.3%	22.3%
Huddersfield	LAB	100.0%	32.5%	10.8%	67.5%	11.4%
Huntingdon	CON	100.0%	24.3%	5.1%	75.7%	9.2%
Hyndburn	LAB	100.0%	30.7%	6.9%	69.3%	5.3%
Ilford North	LAB	100.0%	23.8%	7.4%	76.2%	15.9%
Ilford South (a)	LAB	100.0%	27.0%	8.6%	73.0%	12.2%
Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	LAB	100.0%	21.5%	5.2%	78.5%	11.9%
Ipswich	LAB	100.0%	27.8%	10.3%	72.2%	16.8%
Isle of Wight	LD	100.0%	24.0%	8.1%	76.0%	22.6%
Islington North	LAB	100.0%	21.0%	9.7%	79.0%	27.0%
Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	100.0%	20.0%	8.5%	80.0%	27.5%

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Constituency	Party	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
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Islwyn	LAB	100.0%	31.5%	8.5%	68.5%	9.0%
Jarrow	LAB	100.0%	26.2%	9.1%	73.8%	13.7%
Keighley	LAB	100.0%	29.7%	8.2%	70.3%	11.8%
Kensington & Chelsea	CON	100.0%	13.4%	4.8%	86.6%	23.7%
Kettering	LAB	100.0%	27.0%	7.5%	73.0%	17.7%
Kilmarnock & Loudoun	LAB	100.0%	22.9%	7.1%	77.1%	21.0%
Kingston & Surbiton	LD	100.0%	22.5%	6.4%	77.5%	15.3%
Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	100.0%	29.6%	10.9%	70.4%	6.9%
Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	100.0%	33.0%	11.6%	67.0%	6.5%
Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	100.0%	29.1%	9.8%	70.9%	7.8%
Kingswood	LAB	100.0%	26.2%	7.1%	73.8%	10.7%
Kirkcaldy	LAB	100.0%	25.5%	8.0%	74.5%	19.5%
Knowsley North & Sefton East	LAB	100.0%	33.1%	13.6%	66.9%	20.5%
Knowsley South	LAB	100.0%	31.5%	14.1%	68.5%	21.7%
Lagan Valley	UU	100.0%	25.4%	6.9%	74.6%	27.9%
Lancaster & Wyre	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	4.6%	73.1%	11.4%
Leeds Central	LAB	100.0%	24.9%	9.1%	75.1%	21.8%
Leeds East	LAB	100.0%	27.9%	10.9%	72.1%	20.4%
Leeds North East	LAB	100.0%	26.2%	9.6%	73.8%	21.3%
Leeds North West	LAB	100.0%	29.6%	8.1%	70.4%	15.7%
Leeds West	LAB	100.0%	27.2%	8.3%	72.8%	18.4%
Leicester East	LAB	100.0%	28.8%	9.8%	71.2%	15.2%
Leicester South	LAB	100.0%	28.6%	9.2%	71.4%	16.2%
Leicester West	LAB	100.0%	29.2%	10.6%	70.8%	17.3%
Leigh	LAB	100.0%	29.7%	8.3%	70.3%	11.5%
Leominster	CON	100.0%	23.4%	4.7%	76.6%	10.9%
Lewes	LD	100.0%	21.4%	7.0%	78.6%	17.9%
Lewisham East	LAB	100.0%	20.4%	8.0%	79.6%	27.3%
Lewisham West	LAB	100.0%	22.0%	9.1%	78.0%	25.8%
Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	100.0%	22.5%	10.1%	77.5%	24.1%
Leyton & Wanstead	LAB	100.0%	25.5%	9.6%	74.5%	16.5%
Lichfield	CON	100.0%	27.7%	6.4%	72.3%	9.7%
Lincoln	LAB	100.0%	28.4%	8.9%	71.6%	20.6%
Linlithgow	LAB	100.0%	28.4%	5.6%	71.6%	8.1%
Liverpool, Garston	LAB	100.0%	30.4%	12.7%	69.6%	22.9%
Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	100.0%	29.6%	13.9%	70.4%	25.6%
Liverpool, Walton	LAB	100.0%	29.9%	13.8%	70.1%	23.5%
Liverpool, Wavertree	LAB	100.0%	29.5%	12.6%	70.5%	23.6%
Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	100.0%	29.3%	13.9%	70.7%	25.9%
Livingston	LAB	100.0%	32.3%	7.2%	67.7%	5.6%
Llanelli	LAB	100.0%	31.4%	11.7%	68.6%	14.9%
Loughborough	LAB	100.0%	27.2%	6.4%	72.8%	11.8%
Louth & Horncastle	CON	100.0%	24.8%	6.1%	75.2%	12.5%
Ludlow	CON	100.0%	24.8%	4.3%	75.2%	13.1%
Luton North	LAB	100.0%	24.3%	7.9%	75.7%	18.7%
Luton South	LAB	100.0%	24.8%	8.2%	75.2%	19.9%
Macclesfield	CON	100.0%	26.7%	5.9%	73.3%	8.7%
Maidenhead	CON	100.0%	20.3%	5.5%	79.7%	18.2%
Maidstone & The Weald	CON	100.0%	24.0%	6.1%	76.0%	8.6%
Makerfield	LAB	100.0%	31.8%	8.6%	68.2%	10.6%
Maldon & East Chelmsford	CON	100.0%	26.0%	7.9%	74.0%	18.9%
Manchester, Blackley	LAB	100.0%	29.9%	9.7%	70.1%	17.1%
Manchester, Central	LAB	100.0%	27.9%	11.4%	72.1%	19.8%
Manchester, Gorton	LAB	100.0%	32.3%	12.8%	67.7%	16.0%
Manchester, Withington	LAB	100.0%	29.6%	9.5%	70.4%	17.1%
Mansfield	LAB	100.0%	28.4%	8.9%	71.6%	13.1%
Medway	LAB	100.0%	25.6%	8.9%	74.4%	7.7%
Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	PC	100.0%	24.5%	7.6%	75.5%	16.0%
Meriden	CON	100.0%	25.9%	10.0%	74.1%	22.3%
Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	LAB	100.0%	33.5%	11.8%	66.5%	14.8%
Mid Bedfordshire	CON	100.0%	22.7%	6.0%	77.3%	13.2%
Mid Dorset & North Poole	CON	100.0%	20.9%	4.4%	79.1%	16.8%



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Mid Norfolk	CON	100.0%	23.7%	6.6%	76.3%	13.4%
Mid Sussex	CON	100.0%	20.2%	4.0%	79.8%	11.4%
Mid Ulster	SF	100.0%	23.9%	8.7%	76.1%	37.3%
Mid Worcestershire	CON	100.0%	24.2%	5.1%	75.8%	10.4%
Middlesbrough	LAB	100.0%	29.5%	12.1%	70.5%	20.2%
Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland	LAB	100.0%	28.6%	10.0%	71.4%	19.6%
Midlothian	LAB	100.0%	26.6%	6.5%	73.4%	8.5%
Milton Keynes South West	LAB	100.0%	28.7%	7.4%	71.3%	9.7%
Mitcham & Morden	LAB	100.0%	23.5%	9.3%	76.5%	20.9%
Mole Valley	CON	100.0%	16.5%	2.2%	83.5%	12.0%
Monmouth	LAB	100.0%	25.9%	6.1%	74.1%	14.1%
Montgomeryshire	LD	100.0%	29.3%	5.1%	70.7%	5.7%
Moray	SNP	100.0%	23.5%	5.2%	76.5%	11.4%
Morecambe & Lunesdale	LAB	100.0%	27.7%	8.1%	72.3%	14.8%
Morley & Rothwell	LAB	100.0%	24.3%	8.4%	75.7%	17.2%
Motherwell & Wishaw	LAB	100.0%	31.1%	10.3%	68.9%	12.4%
Neath	LAB	100.0%	31.4%	8.5%	68.6%	9.6%
New Forest East	CON	100.0%	22.6%	4.4%	77.4%	11.8%
New Forest West	CON	100.0%	20.8%	4.1%	79.2%	14.2%
Newark	LAB	100.0%	26.0%	7.8%	74.0%	13.2%
Newbury	LD	100.0%	22.4%	4.1%	77.6%	10.9%
Newcastle upon Tyne Central	LAB	100.0%	27.5%	10.3%	72.5%	23.4%
Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	100.0%	27.0%	9.6%	73.0%	22.1%
Newcastle upon Tyne North	LAB	100.0%	27.2%	10.5%	72.8%	21.9%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	LAB	100.0%	30.6%	8.2%	69.4%	9.6%
Newport East	LAB	100.0%	28.9%	9.0%	71.1%	19.1%
Newport West	LAB	100.0%	27.5%	9.1%	72.5%	17.5%
Newry & Armagh	SDLP	100.0%	26.7%	9.9%	73.3%	36.6%
Normanton	LAB	100.0%	24.8%	6.1%	75.2%	15.3%
North Antrim	DU	100.0%	23.9%	8.4%	76.1%	32.6%
North Cornwall	LD	100.0%	27.6%	5.5%	72.4%	11.9%
North Devon	LD	100.0%	25.9%	6.8%	74.1%	15.5%
North Dorset	CON	100.0%	26.3%	2.5%	73.7%	10.2%
North Down	UKU	100.0%	27.6%	7.7%	72.4%	23.4%
North Durham	LAB	100.0%	28.9%	8.9%	71.1%	16.3%
North East Bedfordshire	CON	100.0%	24.6%	4.3%	75.4%	9.5%
North East Cambridgeshire	CON	100.0%	25.5%	6.4%	74.5%	13.8%
North East Derbyshire	LAB	100.0%	29.3%	8.7%	70.7%	15.8%
North East Fife	LD	100.0%	26.3%	5.6%	73.7%	11.9%
North East Hampshire	CON	100.0%	20.4%	3.5%	79.6%	10.5%
North East Hertfordshire	CON	100.0%	22.8%	4.5%	77.2%	12.1%
North East Milton Keynes	LAB	100.0%	26.8%	7.2%	73.2%	9.8%
North Essex	CON	100.0%	24.9%	5.4%	75.1%	12.0%
North Norfolk	CON	100.0%	22.5%	6.5%	77.5%	13.3%
North Shropshire	CON	100.0%	27.2%	6.8%	72.8%	10.2%
North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	100.0%	21.6%	7.6%	78.4%	21.0%
North Swindon	LAB	100.0%	23.1%	6.9%	76.9%	15.2%
North Tayside	SNP	100.0%	22.9%	6.2%	77.1%	12.7%
North Thanet	CON	100.0%	24.6%	8.4%	75.4%	21.0%
North Tyneside	LAB	100.0%	25.7%	9.5%	74.3%	18.9%
North Warwickshire	LAB	100.0%	27.6%	7.8%	72.4%	12.8%
North West Cambridgeshire	CON	100.0%	26.5%	8.4%	73.5%	8.6%
North West Durham	LAB	100.0%	27.9%	8.9%	72.1%	17.2%
North West Hampshire (a)	CON	100.0%	22.7%	5.6%	77.3%	11.1%
North West Leicestershire	LAB	100.0%	25.7%	7.0%	74.3%	16.0%
North West Norfolk	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	8.1%	73.1%	14.6%
North Wiltshire	CON	100.0%	23.6%	3.7%	76.4%	11.5%
Northampton North	LAB	100.0%	26.1%	10.3%	73.9%	16.7%
Northampton South	LAB	100.0%	23.6%	8.7%	76.4%	17.7%
Northavon	LD	100.0%	26.9%	4.6%	73.1%	9.9%
Norwich North	LAB	100.0%	27.4%	10.0%	72.6%	14.2%
Norwich South	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	9.4%	72.9%	14.5%

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Constituency	Party	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
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Nottingham East	LAB	100.0%	28.9%	12.1%	71.1%	17.7%
Nottingham North	LAB	100.0%	29.6%	12.3%	70.4%	17.8%
Nottingham South	LAB	100.0%	28.5%	10.5%	71.5%	18.8%
Nuneaton	LAB	100.0%	30.3%	7.9%	69.7%	14.0%
Ochil	LAB	100.0%	29.1%	9.8%	70.9%	13.3%
Ogmore	LAB	100.0%	31.5%	7.7%	68.5%	12.6%
Old Bexley & Sidcup	CON	100.0%	23.2%	6.1%	76.8%	16.5%
Oldham East & Saddleworth	LAB	100.0%	30.4%	7.1%	69.6%	12.6%
Oldham West & Royton	LAB	100.0%	31.6%	7.6%	68.4%	11.1%
Orkney & Shetland	LD	100.0%	19.6%	3.1%	80.4%	12.9%
Orpington	CON	100.0%	22.7%	5.7%	77.3%	16.1%
Oxford East	LAB	100.0%	26.5%	8.1%	73.5%	16.6%
Oxford West & Abingdon	LD	100.0%	21.9%	3.6%	78.1%	10.6%
Paisley North	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	8.9%	72.9%	16.1%
Paisley South	LAB	100.0%	25.8%	7.9%	74.2%	18.6%
Pendle	LAB	100.0%	31.5%	5.5%	68.5%	5.8%
Penrith & The Border	CON	100.0%	23.8%	7.5%	76.2%	14.2%
Perth	SNP	100.0%	23.8%	6.8%	76.2%	10.2%
Peterborough	LAB	100.0%	30.0%	8.8%	70.0%	8.9%
Plymouth, Devonport	LAB	100.0%	30.3%	10.2%	69.7%	16.6%
Plymouth, Sutton	LAB	100.0%	29.8%	10.5%	70.2%	17.1%
Pontefract & Castleford	LAB	100.0%	29.0%	8.3%	71.0%	13.0%
Pontypridd	LAB	100.0%	31.2%	9.2%	68.8%	13.3%
Poole	CON	100.0%	18.0%	5.0%	82.0%	17.3%
Poplar & Canning Town	LAB	100.0%	28.8%	11.1%	71.2%	15.8%
Portsmouth North	LAB	100.0%	26.0%	9.0%	74.0%	17.9%
Portsmouth South	LD	100.0%	24.9%	9.3%	75.1%	17.9%
Preseli Pembrokeshire	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	8.9%	73.1%	15.2%
Preston	LAB	100.0%	30.6%	8.4%	69.4%	10.2%
Pudsey	LAB	100.0%	21.9%	3.5%	78.1%	12.6%
Putney	LAB	100.0%	18.6%	6.2%	81.4%	24.7%
Rayleigh	CON	100.0%	23.7%	4.9%	76.3%	16.0%
Reading East	LAB	100.0%	22.7%	5.9%	77.3%	13.6%
Reading West	LAB	100.0%	21.8%	6.1%	78.2%	13.6%
Redcar	LAB	100.0%	29.3%	10.6%	70.7%	18.7%
Redditch	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	9.2%	72.9%	20.8%
Regent's Park & Kensington North	LAB	100.0%	20.1%	8.3%	79.9%	22.3%
Reigate	CON	100.0%	22.8%	3.7%	77.2%	10.1%
Rhondda	LAB	100.0%	33.0%	12.1%	67.0%	14.8%
Ribble Valley	CON	100.0%	27.5%	4.4%	72.5%	5.9%
Richmond	CON	100.0%	31.1%	5.6%	68.9%	11.1%
Richmond Park	LD	100.0%	15.0%	4.5%	85.0%	19.4%
Rochdale	LAB	100.0%	32.9%	11.3%	67.1%	10.2%
Rochford & Southend East	CON	100.0%	23.0%	9.7%	77.0%	24.1%
Romford	LAB	100.0%	26.6%	7.8%	73.4%	12.4%
Romsey	CON	100.0%	24.7%	4.4%	75.3%	15.0%
Ross, Skye & Inverness West	LD	100.0%	18.9%	5.4%	81.1%	14.0%
Rossendale & Darwen	LAB	100.0%	33.5%	4.5%	66.5%	4.9%
Rother Valley	LAB	100.0%	27.7%	10.0%	72.3%	15.3%
Rotherham	LAB	100.0%	28.1%	12.9%	71.9%	19.0%
Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	100.0%	27.8%	6.8%	72.2%	9.4%
Rugby & Kenilworth	LAB	100.0%	27.0%	8.6%	73.0%	11.8%
Ruislip - Northwood	CON	100.0%	21.2%	5.7%	78.8%	17.2%
Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	100.0%	17.3%	5.5%	82.7%	14.8%
Rushcliffe	CON	100.0%	24.5%	6.1%	75.5%	14.5%
Rutland & Melton	CON	100.0%	23.3%	4.2%	76.7%	10.0%
Ryedale	CON	100.0%	21.1%	5.6%	78.9%	14.6%
Saffron Walden	CON	100.0%	23.2%	4.5%	76.8%	13.1%
Salford	LAB	100.0%	30.3%	9.7%	69.7%	15.8%
Salisbury	CON	100.0%	24.5%	5.4%	75.5%	10.0%
Scarborough & Whitby	LAB	100.0%	24.0%	5.5%	76.0%	16.0%
Scunthorpe	LAB	100.0%	28.9%	8.0%	71.1%	15.0%

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Sedgefield	LAB	100.0%	31.2%	7.4%	68.8%	11.1%
Selby	LAB	100.0%	24.9%	8.0%	75.1%	13.7%
Sevenoaks	CON	100.0%	25.4%	7.9%	74.6%	15.1%
Sheffield, Attercliffe	LAB	100.0%	25.4%	9.5%	74.6%	19.7%
Sheffield, Brightside	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	12.1%	73.1%	22.6%
Sheffield, Central	LAB	100.0%	29.1%	12.1%	70.9%	21.5%
Sheffield, Hallam	LD	100.0%	30.9%	7.6%	69.1%	14.2%
Sheffield, Heeley	LAB	100.0%	27.2%	11.4%	72.8%	20.5%
Sheffield, Hillsborough	LAB	100.0%	25.6%	8.6%	74.4%	18.4%
Sherwood	LAB	100.0%	28.7%	8.5%	71.3%	15.4%
Shipley	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	8.2%	72.9%	10.3%
Shrewsbury & Atcham	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	6.0%	73.1%	10.5%
Sittingbourne & Sheppey	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	7.8%	73.1%	18.5%
Skipton & Ripon	CON	100.0%	24.6%	3.0%	75.4%	9.6%
Sleaford & North Hykeham	CON	100.0%	26.6%	6.4%	73.4%	14.5%
Slough	LAB	100.0%	24.7%	6.5%	75.3%	14.5%
Solihull	CON	100.0%	22.4%	5.9%	77.6%	12.6%
Somerton & Frome (a)	LD	100.0%	24.5%	5.6%	75.5%	16.1%
South Antrim	UU	100.0%	29.3%	8.7%	70.7%	26.5%
South Cambridgeshire	CON	100.0%	21.8%	4.2%	78.2%	14.0%
South Derbyshire	LAB	100.0%	27.3%	8.9%	72.7%	15.1%
South Dorset	CON	100.0%	26.3%	6.9%	73.7%	13.2%
South Down	SDLP	100.0%	29.3%	9.6%	70.7%	29.4%
South East Cambridgeshire	CON	100.0%	21.7%	5.1%	78.3%	15.5%
South East Cornwall	LD	100.0%	29.5%	7.0%	70.5%	13.1%
South Holland & The Deepings	CON	100.0%	25.2%	3.9%	74.8%	8.6%
South Norfolk	CON	100.0%	24.5%	5.7%	75.5%	16.3%
South Ribble	LAB	100.0%	30.2%	4.7%	69.8%	8.5%
South Shields	LAB	100.0%	26.8%	10.5%	73.2%	15.6%
South Staffordshire	CON	100.0%	24.9%	6.6%	75.1%	16.7%
South Suffolk	CON	100.0%	23.4%	6.7%	76.6%	15.9%
South Swindon	LAB	100.0%	25.7%	7.9%	74.3%	13.0%
South Thanet	LAB	100.0%	23.4%	8.3%	76.6%	21.3%
South West Bedfordshire	CON	100.0%	26.3%	6.0%	73.7%	10.6%
South West Devon	CON	100.0%	28.9%	5.8%	71.1%	12.3%
South West Hertfordshire	CON	100.0%	21.1%	6.1%	78.9%	15.1%
South West Norfolk	CON	100.0%	23.7%	5.0%	76.3%	12.6%
South West Surrey	CON	100.0%	20.9%	2.7%	79.1%	12.0%
Southampton, Itchen	LAB	100.0%	23.6%	7.4%	76.4%	17.3%
Southampton, Test	LAB	100.0%	25.9%	8.4%	74.1%	17.3%
Southend West	CON	100.0%	22.2%	8.7%	77.8%	22.4%
Southport	LD	100.0%	24.3%	6.4%	75.7%	16.1%
Spelthorne	CON	100.0%	19.1%	4.5%	80.9%	15.5%
St Albans	LAB	100.0%	25.5%	5.1%	74.5%	7.4%
St Helens North	LAB	100.0%	32.2%	8.6%	67.8%	14.3%
St Helens South	LAB	100.0%	32.9%	11.0%	67.1%	13.5%
St Ives	LD	100.0%	25.5%	6.6%	74.5%	14.4%
Stafford	LAB	100.0%	30.9%	8.2%	69.1%	11.7%
Staffordshire Moorlands	LAB	100.0%	26.8%	7.8%	73.2%	11.1%
Stalybridge & Hyde	LAB	100.0%	29.6%	7.2%	70.4%	13.8%
Stevenage	LAB	100.0%	22.9%	5.8%	77.1%	15.2%
Stirling	LAB	100.0%	28.8%	7.9%	71.2%	8.7%
Stockport	LAB	100.0%	24.4%	6.9%	75.6%	15.3%
Stockton North	LAB	100.0%	25.9%	9.4%	74.1%	22.1%
Stockton South	LAB	100.0%	26.1%	8.5%	73.9%	19.0%
Stoke-on-Trent Central	LAB	100.0%	31.8%	10.2%	68.2%	11.6%
Stoke-on-Trent North	LAB	100.0%	29.9%	8.8%	70.1%	9.6%
Stoke-on-Trent South	LAB	100.0%	33.4%	9.9%	66.6%	9.9%
Stone	CON	100.0%	28.2%	6.0%	71.8%	9.4%
Stourbridge	LAB	100.0%	25.1%	6.6%	74.9%	15.4%
Strangford	UU	100.0%	27.9%	8.9%	72.1%	25.5%
Stratford on Avon	CON	100.0%	21.7%	5.2%	78.3%	16.1%

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Strathkelvin & Bearsden	LAB	100.0%	27.3%	7.1%	72.7%	10.4%
Streatham	LAB	100.0%	19.4%	7.8%	80.6%	21.0%
Stretford & Urmston	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	9.7%	72.9%	14.3%
Stroud	LAB	100.0%	25.0%	6.2%	75.0%	14.3%
Suffolk Coastal	CON	100.0%	26.5%	6.5%	73.5%	15.2%
Sunderland North	LAB	100.0%	28.0%	10.8%	72.0%	20.8%
Sunderland South	LAB	100.0%	26.2%	10.8%	73.8%	24.3%
Surrey Heath	CON	100.0%	23.2%	3.3%	76.8%	6.8%
Sutton & Cheam	LD	100.0%	19.9%	5.0%	80.1%	16.0%
Sutton Coldfield	CON	100.0%	22.3%	6.5%	77.7%	18.4%
Swansea East	LAB	100.0%	32.0%	10.3%	68.0%	8.8%
Swansea West	LAB	100.0%	30.8%	10.1%	69.2%	9.8%
Tamworth	LAB	100.0%	29.3%	8.2%	70.7%	11.3%
Tatton	IND	100.0%	20.2%	3.4%	79.8%	9.5%
Taunton (a)	LD	100.0%	26.4%	7.8%	73.6%	16.8%
Teignbridge	CON	100.0%	24.3%	6.5%	75.7%	15.7%
Telford	LAB	100.0%	32.4%	7.7%	67.6%	8.8%
Tewkesbury	CON	100.0%	24.3%	6.5%	75.7%	16.0%
Thurrock	LAB	100.0%	26.6%	11.2%	73.4%	20.7%
Tiverton & Honiton	CON	100.0%	25.3%	5.2%	74.7%	13.2%
Tonbridge & Malling	CON	100.0%	20.6%	5.3%	79.4%	9.2%
Tooting	LAB	100.0%	20.8%	8.5%	79.2%	22.6%
Torbay	LD	100.0%	24.7%	6.4%	75.3%	16.7%
Torfaen	LAB	100.0%	30.2%	8.2%	69.8%	12.8%
Torrige & West Devon	LD	100.0%	22.4%	6.7%	77.6%	19.6%
Totnes	CON	100.0%	22.6%	4.8%	77.4%	16.1%
Tottenham	LAB	100.0%	23.5%	10.8%	76.5%	24.5%
Truro & St Austell	LD	100.0%	25.7%	7.0%	74.3%	13.8%
Tunbridge Wells	CON	100.0%	20.9%	4.5%	79.1%	9.6%
Tweeddale, Ettrick & Lauderdale	LD	100.0%	23.8%	4.5%	76.2%	7.5%
Twickenham	LD	100.0%	17.6%	4.2%	82.4%	18.5%
Tyne Bridge	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	10.7%	73.1%	25.4%
Tynemouth	LAB	100.0%	25.3%	8.0%	74.7%	17.5%
Upminster	LAB	100.0%	24.6%	7.9%	75.4%	13.3%
Upper Bann	UU	100.0%	23.2%	6.9%	76.8%	30.8%
Uxbridge	CON	100.0%	23.3%	7.0%	76.7%	18.0%
Vale of Clwyd	LAB	100.0%	31.5%	9.8%	68.5%	15.0%
Vale of Glamorgan	LAB	100.0%	29.0%	8.0%	71.0%	12.0%
Vale of York	CON	100.0%	24.8%	5.2%	75.2%	11.4%
Vauxhall	LAB	100.0%	20.4%	8.7%	79.6%	23.1%
Wakefield	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	8.0%	72.9%	13.3%
Wallasey	LAB	100.0%	28.4%	12.2%	71.6%	19.0%
Walsall North	LAB	100.0%	27.3%	11.7%	72.7%	22.2%
Walsall South	LAB	100.0%	29.2%	11.7%	70.8%	17.7%
Walthamstow	LAB	100.0%	24.5%	9.2%	75.5%	16.2%
Wansbeck	LAB	100.0%	29.9%	12.5%	70.1%	23.8%
Wansdyke	LAB	100.0%	25.1%	4.2%	74.9%	10.4%
Wantage	CON	100.0%	22.2%	5.3%	77.8%	9.4%
Warley	LAB	100.0%	27.5%	10.5%	72.5%	23.3%
Warrington North	LAB	100.0%	27.2%	7.5%	72.8%	11.8%
Warrington South	LAB	100.0%	26.5%	5.8%	73.5%	10.1%
Warwick & Leamington	LAB	100.0%	23.3%	7.0%	76.7%	13.4%
Watford	LAB	100.0%	19.4%	5.6%	80.6%	17.2%
Waveney	LAB	100.0%	24.9%	9.5%	75.1%	18.2%
Wealden	CON	100.0%	19.5%	3.0%	80.5%	13.1%
Weaver Vale	LAB	100.0%	35.1%	11.6%	64.9%	13.9%
Wellingborough	LAB	100.0%	26.5%	7.0%	73.5%	13.1%
Wells	CON	100.0%	24.7%	6.3%	75.3%	16.1%
Welwyn Hatfield	LAB	100.0%	21.7%	5.2%	78.3%	12.5%
Wentworth	LAB	100.0%	26.7%	10.3%	73.3%	19.0%
West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	LD	100.0%	24.9%	5.1%	75.1%	11.1%
West Bromwich East	LAB	100.0%	28.2%	13.4%	71.8%	18.0%

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West Bromwich West	SPKR	100.0%	26.9%	10.7%	73.1%	15.5%
West Chelmsford	CON	100.0%	24.3%	7.7%	75.7%	18.3%
West Derbyshire	CON	100.0%	25.9%	5.7%	74.1%	9.5%
West Dorset	CON	100.0%	25.3%	4.5%	74.7%	12.4%
West Ham	LAB	100.0%	27.9%	10.4%	72.1%	14.8%
West Lancashire	LAB	100.0%	31.0%	10.6%	69.0%	14.4%
West Renfrewshire	LAB	100.0%	28.1%	5.8%	71.9%	9.5%
West Suffolk	CON	100.0%	23.2%	5.7%	76.8%	15.5%
West Tyrone	UU	100.0%	26.5%	12.1%	73.5%	39.1%
West Worcestershire	CON	100.0%	24.5%	6.6%	75.5%	13.8%
Westbury	CON	100.0%	25.7%	7.7%	74.3%	16.3%
Western Isles	LAB	100.0%	15.1%	3.6%	84.9%	16.0%
Westmorland & Lonsdale	CON	100.0%	24.7%	3.4%	75.3%	6.8%
Weston-Super-Mare	LD	100.0%	26.8%	7.6%	73.2%	12.2%
Wigan	LAB	100.0%	29.2%	8.9%	70.8%	15.6%
Wimbledon	LAB	100.0%	20.2%	5.8%	79.8%	17.3%
Winchester	VAC	100.0%	24.7%	3.9%	75.3%	12.1%
Windsor	CON	100.0%	15.7%	2.1%	84.3%	15.1%
Wirral South	LAB	100.0%	27.8%	8.6%	72.2%	17.9%
Wirral West	LAB	100.0%	27.9%	8.8%	72.1%	14.2%
Witney	CON	100.0%	22.1%	3.4%	77.9%	10.5%
Woking	CON	100.0%	18.0%	2.9%	82.0%	11.3%
Wokingham	CON	100.0%	21.4%	3.6%	78.6%	8.2%
Wolverhampton North East	LAB	100.0%	28.6%	11.0%	71.4%	18.7%
Wolverhampton South East	LAB	100.0%	30.1%	11.2%	69.9%	15.6%
Wolverhampton South West	LAB	100.0%	28.7%	9.5%	71.3%	16.6%
Woodspring	CON	100.0%	21.3%	3.5%	78.7%	10.6%
Worcester	LAB	100.0%	26.8%	6.5%	73.2%	13.4%
Workington	LAB	100.0%	25.9%	9.6%	74.1%	22.9%
Worsley	LAB	100.0%	31.8%	9.7%	68.2%	9.0%
Worthing West	CON	100.0%	17.6%	3.7%	82.4%	18.2%
Wrekin, The	LAB	100.0%	29.9%	6.2%	70.1%	8.1%
Wrexham	LAB	100.0%	29.7%	8.2%	70.3%	13.6%
Wycombe	CON	100.0%	24.7%	5.7%	75.3%	15.7%
Wyre Forest	LAB	100.0%	25.4%	5.7%	74.6%	13.6%
Wythenshawe & Sale East	LAB	100.0%	29.0%	9.8%	71.0%	19.2%
Yeovil (a)	LD	100.0%	24.8%	5.9%	75.2%	15.8%
Ynys-Mon	PC	100.0%	25.8%	9.8%	74.2%	23.8%
York, City of	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	7.2%	72.9%	15.1%
United Kingdom		100.0%	26.2%	8.6%	73.8%	17.2%

Note: (a) As a result of local government boundary changes, 1991 wards have been allocated to the constituency on a best-fit basis.

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