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# Unemployment by Constituency, December 1997

This paper shows the number of unemployed claimants recorded as resident in each constituency in the United Kingdom in December 1997, together with comparisons with the level a year ago.

Official monthly unemployment rates for parliamentary constituencies only exist for those few constituencies that are self-contained labour markets. This paper also presents up-to-date residence-based unemployment rates not published elsewhere for all 659 constituencies in the United Kingdom (the constituencies on which the general election was contested). These rates are calculated using figures for the number of unemployed claimants from the monthly count and data for the economically active population from the 1991 Census of Population.

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## I Introduction and Summary

Official monthly unemployment statistics for parliamentary constituencies only exist for those few constituencies that are self-contained labour markets. This paper presents up-to-date unemployment rates not published elsewhere. These use figures for the number of unemployed claimants from the monthly count and figures for the number of people economically active derived from the 1991 Census of Population.

These residence-based rates should be regarded more as a social measure of relative deprivation than as an economic measure of the mismatch between the supply of and demand for labour, as they take no account of people's ability to seek work outside the constituency in which they live. For a full exposition of the methodology used to calculate these rates, see Research Paper 96/63, *New Unemployment Rates for Parliamentary Constituencies*.

Also shown in the paper are comparisons between the level of unemployment in each constituency presently with that in the same month last year. Data for the current constituencies are not available prior to January 1996.

Notes to tables:

1. The Boundary Commission reviews in 1995 defined 659 constituencies in the United Kingdom. These were defined in terms of electoral wards as they stood at the time of the review. For the purposes of the unemployment statistics however, constituencies represent a best-fit of frozen 1991 wards to the new constituencies.

Boundary alterations between 1991 and 1995 mean that there will inevitably be approximations to 1995 boundaries in many constituencies. In a number of cases however the changes to ward boundaries were substantial and some wards are now split between new constituencies. These constituencies are indicated with an asterisk in the following tables.

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2. 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	IND	Independent
IC	Independent Conservative		

**II Residence-based unemployment rates by parliamentary constituency,  
United Kingdom, December 1997  
A. (not seasonally adjusted) - alphabetical listing**

Rank by overall  
unemployment rate

UK	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI	Party	Claimants			Rate			
						Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
238		19			Aberavon	LAB	1,205	334	1,539	7.7%	3.0%	5.7%
337			51		Aberdeen Central	LAB	1,153	302	1,455	6.5%	2.1%	4.6%
548			69		Aberdeen North	LAB	703	193	896	3.5%	1.2%	2.5%
556			70		Aberdeen South	LAB	759	212	971	3.4%	1.2%	2.4%
171			26		Airdrie & Shotts	LAB	1,923	515	2,438	9.1%	3.4%	6.7%
641	511				Aldershot	CON	692	236	928	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
423	307				Aldridge - Brownhills	CON	1,137	400	1,537	4.7%	2.3%	3.7%
535	409				Altrincham & Sale West	CON	885	256	1,141	3.6%	1.3%	2.6%
409		36			Alyn & Deeside	LAB	1,083	321	1,404	5.1%	2.1%	3.8%
437	319				Amber Valley	LAB	1,248	388	1,636	4.7%	2.0%	3.6%
268			40		Angus	SNP	1,488	516	2,004	7.1%	3.2%	5.4%
173			27		Argyll & Bute	LD	1,496	556	2,052	8.4%	4.4%	6.7%
645	515				Arundel & South Downs	CON	423	126	549	1.9%	0.8%	1.4%
267	189				Ashfield	LAB	1,926	485	2,411	7.5%	2.6%	5.4%
430	312				Ashford	CON	1,318	356	1,674	4.9%	1.8%	3.6%
352	252				Ashton under Lyne	LAB	1,662	423	2,085	6.1%	2.0%	4.4%
596	466				Aylesbury	CON	855	260	1,115	2.7%	1.1%	2.0%
162		24			Ayr	LAB	1,662	490	2,152	9.3%	3.6%	6.9%
612	482				Banbury	CON	693	253	946	2.2%	1.1%	1.8%
499		67			Banff & Buchan	SNP	828	230	1,058	3.7%	1.6%	2.9%
163	118				Barking *	LAB	1,573	503	2,076	8.8%	4.1%	6.9%
182	131				Barnsley Central	LAB	2,031	444	2,475	9.5%	2.8%	6.6%
129	96				Barnsley East & Mexborough	LAB	2,274	573	2,847	10.1%	3.7%	7.5%
277	196				Barnsley West & Penistone	LAB	1,573	403	1,976	7.3%	2.5%	5.3%
241	170				Barrow & Furness	LAB	2,064	444	2,508	8.0%	2.5%	5.7%
377	273				Basildon	LAB	1,600	520	2,120	5.4%	2.4%	4.1%
604	474				Basingstoke *	CON	781	262	1,043	2.5%	1.1%	1.9%
249	176				Bassettlaw	LAB	1,832	500	2,332	7.5%	2.9%	5.6%
396	288				Bath *>	LD	1,238	424	1,662	5.3%	2.2%	3.9%
365	262				Batley & Spennings	LAB	1,414	364	1,778	5.9%	2.1%	4.2%
221	156				Battersea	LAB	2,202	833	3,035	8.2%	3.5%	6.0%
643	513				Beaconsfield	CON	484	191	675	1.8%	1.0%	1.4%
368	265				Beckenham	CON	1,635	477	2,112	5.9%	2.2%	4.2%
331	236				Bedford	LAB	1,588	523	2,111	6.1%	2.7%	4.6%
166			12		Belfast East	DU	2,036	518	2,554	9.7%	3.2%	6.9%
20			3		Belfast North	UU	3,130	633	3,763	17.3%	4.9%	12.2%
87			9		Belfast South	UU	2,450	917	3,367	11.3%	5.0%	8.4%
8			1		Belfast West	SF	4,635	681	5,316	22.8%	4.8%	15.3%
255	180				Berwick-upon-Tweed	LD	1,364	453	1,817	7.2%	3.3%	5.5%
11	9				Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	4,466	1,244	5,710	17.8%	7.5%	13.7%
345	247				Beverley & Holderness	CON	1,404	520	1,924	5.6%	2.8%	4.4%
453	334				Bexhill & Battle	CON	809	270	1,079	4.4%	1.9%	3.3%
445	327				Bexleyheath & Crayford	LAB	1,012	419	1,431	4.2%	2.3%	3.4%
466	345				Billericay	CON	1,149	388	1,537	4.0%	1.9%	3.1%
33	26				Birkenhead	LAB	3,340	810	4,150	15.8%	5.0%	11.2%
132	99				Birmingham, Edgbaston	LAB	2,369	680	3,049	10.3%	3.8%	7.5%
103	77				Birmingham, Erdington	LAB	2,816	709	3,525	10.8%	3.9%	8.0%
197	139				Birmingham, Hall Green	LAB	1,790	579	2,369	8.4%	3.7%	6.4%
48	40				Birmingham, Hodge Hill	LAB	2,643	680	3,323	13.6%	5.1%	10.2%
1	1				Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	5,862	1,590	7,452	23.9%	9.4%	18.0%
157	117				Birmingham, Northfield	LAB	1,751	550	2,301	9.3%	3.9%	6.9%
102	76				Birmingham, Perry Barr	LAB	2,734	832	3,566	10.7%	4.3%	8.0%
170	123				Birmingham, Selly Oak	LAB	2,284	690	2,974	9.4%	3.6%	6.8%
7	7				Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	4,973	1,435	6,408	19.0%	9.2%	15.4%
183	132				Birmingham, Yardley	LAB	1,694	512	2,206	8.8%	3.6%	6.6%
232	164				Bishop Auckland	LAB	1,895	465	2,360	8.1%	2.7%	5.8%
632	502				Blaby	CON	542	204	746	2.0%	1.0%	1.6%
257	182				Blackburn	LAB	1,968	438	2,406	7.8%	2.4%	5.5%
247	175				Blackpool North & Fleetwood	LAB	1,930	464	2,394	8.2%	2.5%	5.7%
145	108				Blackpool South	LAB	2,653	683	3,336	10.1%	3.3%	7.1%

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110		4			Blaenau Gwent	LAB	1,850	469	2,319	10.5%	3.9%	7.8%
284	202				Blaydon	LAB	1,712	379	2,091	7.5%	2.2%	5.2%
242	171				Blyth Valley	LAB	1,741	511	2,252	7.9%	2.9%	5.7%
492	369				Bognor Regis & Littlehampton	CON	820	242	1,062	4.1%	1.5%	2.9%
265	188				Bolsover	LAB	1,710	398	2,108	7.5%	2.5%	5.4%
340	242				Bolton North East	LAB	1,590	345	1,935	6.5%	1.9%	4.5%
316	225				Bolton South East	LAB	1,565	360	1,925	6.7%	2.1%	4.8%
558	430				Bolton West	LAB	753	194	947	3.3%	1.1%	2.4%
31	25				Bootle	LAB	3,220	686	3,906	16.2%	4.6%	11.2%
296	211				Boston & Skegness	CON	1,472	499	1,971	6.6%	3.1%	5.1%
610	480				Bosworth	CON	581	237	818	2.3%	1.2%	1.8%
287	205				Bournemouth East	CON	1,465	393	1,858	7.3%	2.5%	5.2%
189	134				Bournemouth West	CON	1,733	446	2,179	9.0%	3.2%	6.5%
633	503				Bracknell	CON	666	192	858	2.1%	0.8%	1.6%
91	68				Bradford North	LAB	2,720	726	3,446	11.3%	4.1%	8.3%
245	173				Bradford South	LAB	2,050	534	2,584	8.0%	2.7%	5.7%
49	41				Bradford West	LAB	3,128	867	3,995	13.3%	5.4%	10.1%
456	336				Braintree	LAB	1,107	409	1,516	4.0%	2.1%	3.3%
404		34			Brecon & Radnorshire	LD	829	315	1,144	4.8%	2.6%	3.8%
44	36				Brent East	LAB	3,310	1,165	4,475	13.9%	6.1%	10.4%
273	192				Brent North	LAB	1,421	584	2,005	6.7%	3.6%	5.3%
34	27				Brent South	LAB	3,705	1,196	4,901	14.9%	6.0%	11.0%
375	271				Brentford & Isleworth	LAB	1,689	700	2,389	5.3%	2.7%	4.2%
595	465				Brentwood & Ongar	CON	635	234	869	2.5%	1.3%	2.0%
290		26			Bridgend	LAB	1,319	444	1,763	6.7%	3.0%	5.1%
280	199				Bridgwater	CON	1,687	516	2,203	6.9%	3.0%	5.3%
286	204				Brigg & Goole	LAB	1,560	436	1,996	6.8%	2.8%	5.2%
126	94				Brighton, Kemptown	LAB	2,249	723	2,972	10.1%	4.3%	7.6%
65	53				Brighton, Pavilion	LAB	2,794	1,020	3,814	12.0%	5.5%	9.1%
215	150				Bristol East	LAB	2,197	669	2,866	8.3%	3.3%	6.1%
415	300				Bristol North West	LAB	1,378	389	1,767	5.1%	1.9%	3.7%
250	177				Bristol South	LAB	2,208	608	2,816	7.6%	2.9%	5.6%
246	174				Bristol West	LAB	2,109	765	2,874	7.6%	3.3%	5.7%
468	347				Bromley & Chislehurst	CON	1,114	331	1,445	4.3%	1.7%	3.1%
504	380				Bromsgrove	CON	937	420	1,357	3.5%	2.1%	2.9%
552	425				Broxbourne	CON	841	295	1,136	3.1%	1.5%	2.5%
498	375				Broxtowe	LAB	1,039	360	1,399	3.8%	1.7%	2.9%
650	520				Buckingham	CON	378	133	511	1.6%	0.8%	1.2%
493	370				Burnley	LAB	1,006	242	1,248	4.2%	1.3%	2.9%
350	250				Burton	LAB	1,526	481	2,007	5.7%	2.5%	4.4%
580	451				Bury North	LAB	798	219	1,017	3.1%	1.1%	2.2%
479	356				Bury South	LAB	984	313	1,297	4.1%	1.7%	3.1%
567	439				Bury St Edmunds	CON	752	326	1,078	2.8%	1.6%	2.3%
70		1			Caernarfon	PC	1,783	521	2,304	11.7%	4.9%	8.9%
203		17			Caerphilly	LAB	1,828	494	2,322	8.5%	3.2%	6.3%
77			9		Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	LD	1,685	514	2,199	11.0%	5.1%	8.7%
434	316				Calder Valley	LAB	1,305	428	1,733	4.8%	2.0%	3.6%
12	10				Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	3,660	1,324	4,984	17.8%	7.8%	13.2%
336	240				Cambridge	LAB	1,388	459	1,847	6.1%	2.6%	4.6%
373	269				Cannock Chase	LAB	1,437	506	1,943	5.3%	2.6%	4.2%
333	237				Canterbury	CON	1,454	467	1,921	6.1%	2.6%	4.6%
172		11			Cardiff Central	LAB	1,787	489	2,276	9.5%	3.2%	6.7%
474		39			Cardiff North	LAB	785	239	1,024	4.3%	1.6%	3.1%
115		5			Cardiff South & Penarth	LAB	2,331	476	2,807	11.2%	3.1%	7.7%
136		9			Cardiff West	LAB	2,111	487	2,598	10.5%	3.2%	7.3%
323	229				Carlisle	LAB	1,399	411	1,810	6.5%	2.4%	4.7%
348		31			Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	LAB	973	282	1,255	5.8%	2.4%	4.4%
95		3			Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	LAB	1,915	551	2,466	10.7%	4.4%	8.1%
159			21		Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	LAB	2,204	572	2,776	9.5%	3.4%	6.9%
447	329				Carshalton & Wallington	LD	1,165	360	1,525	4.6%	1.8%	3.4%

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Rank by overall  
unemployment rate

unemployment rate					Claimants			Rate			
UK	Eng	Wal	Scot	NI	Party	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All
461	341				LAB	1,042	353	1,395	4.0%	2.0%	3.2%
142			17		LAB	1,926	574	2,500	9.7%	3.8%	7.1%
517	393				CON	862	310	1,172	3.5%	1.8%	2.8%
262		23			PC	1,123	387	1,510	6.9%	3.4%	5.5%
618	488				CON	615	243	858	2.2%	1.1%	1.7%
421	305				LAB	1,409	425	1,834	4.8%	2.1%	3.7%
605	475				CON	594	211	805	2.4%	1.1%	1.8%
372	268				LD	1,446	401	1,847	5.8%	2.1%	4.2%
655	525				CON	407	117	524	1.5%	0.6%	1.1%
394	286				LAB	1,356	320	1,676	5.6%	1.8%	4.0%
217	152				LAB	2,145	552	2,697	8.4%	2.9%	6.1%
555	428				CON	794	270	1,064	3.2%	1.4%	2.4%
413	298				CON	1,076	411	1,487	4.8%	2.4%	3.8%
432	314				CON	1,149	505	1,654	4.4%	2.5%	3.6%
510	386				LAB	1,062	316	1,378	3.8%	1.5%	2.8%
545	419				CON	635	195	830	3.3%	1.4%	2.5%
254	179				CON	2,218	930	3,148	7.1%	3.7%	5.6%
181	130				LAB	2,183	623	2,806	8.7%	3.6%	6.6%
355		32			LAB	1,004	313	1,317	5.6%	2.5%	4.3%
313		28			LAB	1,079	315	1,394	6.5%	2.5%	4.8%
147			20		LAB	1,773	372	2,145	10.4%	2.8%	7.1%
288			42		LAB	1,576	416	1,992	7.1%	2.5%	5.2%
178			28		LAB	1,574	428	2,002	9.2%	3.3%	6.7%
451	333				LD	1,205	399	1,604	4.3%	2.0%	3.4%
411	296				LAB	1,288	489	1,777	4.9%	2.4%	3.8%
584	455				CON	690	242	932	2.8%	1.3%	2.2%
118		6			LAB	1,739	453	2,192	10.8%	3.6%	7.7%
135	102				LAB	2,074	492	2,566	10.1%	3.5%	7.4%
472	351				LAB	1,069	380	1,449	4.0%	1.9%	3.1%
639	509				CON	448	153	601	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
150	111				LAB	2,635	708	3,343	9.6%	3.5%	7.0%
329	234				LAB	1,750	543	2,293	6.2%	2.6%	4.6%
216	151				LAB	2,013	556	2,569	8.3%	3.1%	6.1%
566	438				LAB	855	250	1,105	3.2%	1.2%	2.3%
424	308				LAB	1,222	362	1,584	4.9%	2.0%	3.7%
291	207				LAB	1,387	417	1,804	7.1%	2.7%	5.1%
274	193				LAB	2,345	697	3,042	7.3%	2.8%	5.3%
121	90				LAB	3,345	1,113	4,458	10.3%	4.3%	7.6%
536	410				CON	967	348	1,315	3.4%	1.6%	2.6%
311			46		LAB	1,216	352	1,568	6.8%	2.4%	4.8%
168			25		LAB	1,606	524	2,130	8.9%	4.0%	6.8%
113			15		LAB	1,840	585	2,425	10.3%	4.4%	7.7%
184		12			LAB	1,423	332	1,755	9.2%	3.0%	6.6%
294	209				LAB	1,401	442	1,843	6.7%	2.9%	5.1%
139	104				LAB	2,401	562	2,963	10.2%	3.2%	7.2%
386	282				LAB	1,448	431	1,879	5.4%	2.2%	4.0%
622	492				CON	629	282	911	2.0%	1.3%	1.7%
426		38			LAB	918	262	1,180	4.9%	1.9%	3.6%
414	299				LAB	1,351	369	1,720	5.2%	1.8%	3.8%
312	223				LAB	1,752	510	2,262	6.5%	2.6%	4.8%
101	75				LAB	2,991	823	3,814	10.8%	4.2%	8.0%
599	469				CON	700	288	988	2.3%	1.4%	1.9%
358	257				LAB	1,310	325	1,635	6.0%	2.0%	4.3%
220	155				LAB	1,919	457	2,376	8.3%	2.8%	6.0%
61	50				LAB	2,961	743	3,704	12.6%	4.4%	9.2%
99	73				LAB	2,370	555	2,925	11.0%	3.8%	8.1%
209	146				LAB	2,098	530	2,628	8.4%	3.0%	6.2%
244	172				LAB	1,917	547	2,464	7.4%	3.1%	5.7%
370	267				LAB	1,390	448	1,838	5.4%	2.5%	4.2%
83	62				LAB	3,059	1,220	4,279	11.3%	5.2%	8.5%



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146			19		Dumbarton	LAB	2,060	581	2,641	9.6%	3.6%	7.1%
307			45		Dumfries	LAB	1,449	488	1,937	6.4%	2.9%	4.9%
78			10		Dundee East	LAB	2,445	715	3,160	12.1%	4.4%	8.7%
98			13		Dundee West	LAB	2,104	552	2,656	11.9%	3.6%	8.1%
207			33		Dunfermline East	LAB	1,570	396	1,966	8.4%	3.0%	6.2%
292			43		Dunfermline West	LAB	1,322	367	1,689	7.0%	2.6%	5.1%
276	195				Durham, City of	LAB	1,562	471	2,033	7.3%	2.8%	5.3%
310	222				Ealing North *	LAB	1,925	680	2,605	6.4%	2.9%	4.8%
233	165				Ealing Southall	LAB	2,467	856	3,323	7.8%	3.4%	5.8%
85	64				Ealing, Acton & Shepherd's Bush	LAB	3,405	1,248	4,653	11.3%	5.0%	8.5%
222	157				Easington	LAB	1,689	372	2,061	8.6%	2.5%	6.0%
205			13		East Antrim	UU	1,942	553	2,495	8.3%	3.3%	6.2%
439	321				East Devon	CON	858	322	1,180	4.5%	2.2%	3.5%
46	38				East Ham	LAB	3,380	1,054	4,434	13.0%	6.2%	10.3%
586	457				East Hampshire	CON	861	214	1,075	3.0%	1.0%	2.2%
389			54		East Kilbride	LAB	1,339	426	1,765	5.5%	2.2%	4.0%
59			7		East Londonderry	UU	2,673	634	3,307	12.6%	4.7%	9.5%
406			61		East Lothian	LAB	1,057	255	1,312	5.4%	1.7%	3.8%
642	512				East Surrey	CON	549	183	732	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
564	436				East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	754	246	1,000	3.1%	1.3%	2.3%
259	184				East Yorkshire	CON	1,655	509	2,164	7.2%	3.1%	5.5%
351	251				Eastbourne	CON	1,292	383	1,675	6.1%	2.2%	4.4%
602	472				Eastleigh	LD	670	218	888	2.5%	1.1%	1.9%
463			65		Eastwood	LAB	970	327	1,297	4.2%	1.9%	3.2%
356	255				Eccles	LAB	1,524	365	1,889	6.2%	1.9%	4.3%
539	413				Eddisbury	CON	761	256	1,017	3.3%	1.6%	2.6%
226			37		Edinburgh Central	LAB	1,557	460	2,017	8.6%	2.9%	5.9%
317			48		Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	LAB	1,412	293	1,705	7.3%	1.8%	4.8%
225			36		Edinburgh North & Leith	LAB	1,960	543	2,503	8.8%	2.8%	6.0%
393			57		Edinburgh Pentlands	LAB	1,151	328	1,479	5.7%	2.0%	4.0%
315			47		Edinburgh South	LAB	1,210	371	1,581	6.8%	2.4%	4.8%
477			66		Edinburgh West	LD	989	282	1,271	4.3%	1.5%	3.1%
125	93				Edmonton	LAB	2,407	792	3,199	9.9%	4.4%	7.6%
385	281				Ellesmere Port & Neston	LAB	1,348	370	1,718	5.5%	2.0%	4.0%
482	359				Elmet	LAB	1,033	342	1,375	4.0%	1.7%	3.0%
199	140				Eltham	LAB	1,776	576	2,352	8.5%	3.6%	6.4%
285	203				Enfield North	LAB	1,781	585	2,366	6.8%	3.0%	5.2%
298	212				Enfield, Southgate	LAB	1,528	590	2,118	6.4%	3.2%	5.0%
469	348				Epping Forest	CON	1,050	411	1,461	3.9%	2.1%	3.1%
635	505				Epsom & Ewell	CON	566	176	742	2.1%	0.8%	1.5%
420	304				Erewash	LAB	1,445	462	1,907	4.9%	2.1%	3.7%
79	60				Erith & Thamesmead	LAB	2,838	963	3,801	11.1%	5.2%	8.6%
630	500				Esher & Walton	CON	557	206	763	2.0%	1.0%	1.6%
302	216				Exeter	LAB	1,847	599	2,446	6.8%	2.7%	4.9%
281			41		Falkirk East	LAB	1,518	400	1,918	7.4%	2.5%	5.3%
186			30		Falkirk West	LAB	1,696	457	2,153	9.2%	3.2%	6.6%
104	78				Falmouth & Camborne	LAB	2,412	707	3,119	10.5%	4.3%	7.9%
611	481				Fareham	CON	595	203	798	2.3%	1.1%	1.8%
460	340				Faversham & Mid Kent	CON	1,032	376	1,408	4.0%	2.1%	3.2%
362	261				Feltham & Heston	LAB	1,639	503	2,142	5.7%	2.4%	4.3%
50			6		Fermanagh & South Tyrone	UU	2,689	764	3,453	12.3%	6.0%	10.0%
334	238				Finchley & Golders Green	LAB	1,638	672	2,310	5.8%	3.1%	4.6%
169	122				Folkestone & Hythe	CON	2,297	546	2,843	9.4%	3.1%	6.8%
462	342				Forest of Dean	LAB	892	349	1,241	3.9%	2.2%	3.2%
9			2		Foyle	SDLP	4,740	1,039	5,779	20.6%	6.9%	15.2%
591	462				Fylde	CON	656	190	846	2.8%	1.1%	2.1%
374	270				Gainsborough	CON	1,159	414	1,573	5.1%	2.7%	4.2%
234			39		Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	SNP	1,424	427	1,851	7.6%	3.3%	5.8%
283	201				Gateshead East & Washington West	LAB	1,778	388	2,166	7.6%	2.2%	5.2%
428	310				Gedling	LAB	1,262	416	1,678	4.9%	2.0%	3.6%

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417	302				Gillingham	LAB	1,324	470	1,794	4.7%	2.4%	3.7%
82			12		Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	1,917	367	2,284	13.2%	3.0%	8.5%
75			8		Glasgow Baillieston	LAB	2,238	496	2,734	12.6%	3.7%	8.8%
198			32		Glasgow Cathcart	LAB	1,471	362	1,833	9.3%	2.8%	6.4%
66			6		Glasgow Govan	LAB	2,365	572	2,937	13.0%	4.0%	9.1%
62			5		Glasgow Kelvin	LAB	2,204	628	2,832	13.0%	4.6%	9.2%
21			1		Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	2,920	778	3,698	17.0%	5.9%	12.2%
67			7		Glasgow Pollok	LAB	2,234	474	2,708	13.2%	3.6%	9.1%
185			29		Glasgow Rutherglen	LAB	1,462	369	1,831	9.3%	3.1%	6.6%
29			2		Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	2,300	472	2,772	16.7%	4.8%	11.8%
32			3		Glasgow Springburn	LAB	2,606	639	3,245	16.3%	4.9%	11.2%
330	235				Gloucester	LAB	1,856	535	2,391	6.3%	2.4%	4.6%
577			71		Gordon	LD	603	234	837	2.7%	1.5%	2.2%
450	332				Gosport	CON	1,143	381	1,524	4.3%	2.0%	3.4%
363		33			Gower	LAB	1,030	313	1,343	5.7%	2.3%	4.3%
475	353				Grantham & Stamford	CON	945	386	1,331	3.8%	2.1%	3.1%
289	206				Gravesham	LAB	1,771	607	2,378	6.5%	3.2%	5.2%
54	44				Great Grimsby	LAB	3,307	759	4,066	13.5%	4.5%	9.8%
57	47				Great Yarmouth	LAB	2,917	998	3,915	12.2%	6.0%	9.6%
319			49		Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	1,129	261	1,390	6.9%	2.0%	4.7%
38	31				Greenwich & Woolwich	LAB	3,349	1,112	4,461	14.3%	6.1%	10.7%
636	506				Guildford	CON	564	205	769	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
4	4				Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	4,818	1,857	6,675	20.1%	10.0%	15.6%
5	5				Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	4,961	1,713	6,674	21.1%	9.0%	15.6%
380	276				Halesowen & Rowley Regis	LAB	1,325	412	1,737	5.4%	2.3%	4.1%
224	159				Halifax	LAB	2,185	599	2,784	8.4%	2.9%	6.0%
495	372				Haltemprice & Howden	CON	831	319	1,150	3.7%	1.9%	2.9%
156	116				Halton	LAB	2,159	575	2,734	9.5%	3.5%	6.9%
193			31		Hamilton North & Bellshill	LAB	1,790	470	2,260	8.9%	3.2%	6.5%
212			35		Hamilton South	LAB	1,304	365	1,669	8.4%	3.1%	6.1%
175	125				Hammersmith & Fulham	LAB	2,880	1,224	4,104	9.0%	4.2%	6.7%
116	86				Hampstead & Highgate	LAB	2,594	1,222	3,816	9.8%	5.3%	7.7%
601	471				Harborough	CON	638	237	875	2.5%	1.2%	1.9%
416	301				Harlow	LAB	1,249	427	1,676	4.9%	2.2%	3.7%
543	417				Harrogate & Knaresborough	LD	772	253	1,025	3.5%	1.4%	2.5%
387	283				Harrow East	LAB	1,514	627	2,141	5.1%	2.7%	4.0%
467	346				Harrow West	LAB	1,096	447	1,543	4.0%	2.1%	3.1%
41	33				Hartlepool	LAB	3,548	755	4,303	15.0%	4.5%	10.6%
164	119				Harwich	LAB	1,951	495	2,446	9.4%	3.3%	6.9%
130	97				Hastings & Rye	LAB	2,487	684	3,171	10.4%	3.7%	7.5%
359	258				Havant	CON	1,488	373	1,861	6.0%	2.0%	4.3%
381	277				Hayes & Harlington	LAB	1,276	410	1,686	5.4%	2.4%	4.1%
557	429				Hazel Grove	LD	778	223	1,001	3.3%	1.2%	2.4%
578	449				Hemel Hempstead	LAB	833	251	1,084	3.0%	1.2%	2.2%
299	213				Hemsworth	LAB	1,601	411	2,012	6.9%	2.4%	5.0%
263	186				Hendon	LAB	2,000	715	2,715	7.1%	3.3%	5.5%
652	522				Henley	CON	423	139	562	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
412	297				Hereford *>	LD	1,218	429	1,647	4.9%	2.3%	3.8%
624	494				Hertford & Stortford	CON	593	223	816	2.1%	1.1%	1.7%
568	440				Hertsmere	CON	753	258	1,011	3.0%	1.4%	2.3%
471	350				Hexham	CON	828	267	1,095	4.1%	1.8%	3.1%
303	217				Heywood & Middleton	LAB	1,849	508	2,357	6.9%	2.4%	4.9%
496	373				High Peak	LAB	1,045	320	1,365	3.9%	1.6%	2.9%
600	470				Hitchin & Harpenden	CON	633	219	852	2.5%	1.2%	1.9%
24	20				Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	3,552	1,313	4,865	16.1%	7.1%	12.0%
516	392				Hornchurch	LAB	842	278	1,120	3.6%	1.6%	2.8%
86	65				Hornsey & Wood Green	LAB	3,425	1,327	4,752	11.2%	5.2%	8.4%
651	521				Horsham	CON	443	166	609	1.6%	0.8%	1.2%
200	141				Houghton & Washington East	LAB	1,993	451	2,444	9.1%	2.7%	6.3%
204	143				Hove	LAB	1,849	727	2,576	8.0%	4.0%	6.3%

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108	82				Huddersfield	LAB	2,359	707	3,066	10.5%	4.2%	7.8%
582	453				Huntingdon	CON	833	357	1,190	2.6%	1.6%	2.2%
458	338				Hyndburn	LAB	1,087	280	1,367	4.6%	1.5%	3.2%
382	278				Ilford North	LAB	1,249	529	1,778	5.0%	2.8%	4.1%
155	115				Ilford South *	LAB	2,589	875	3,464	8.9%	4.2%	6.9%
229			38		Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	LAB	1,758	677	2,435	7.5%	3.8%	5.9%
269	190				Ipswich	LAB	1,882	483	2,365	7.4%	2.6%	5.4%
88	66				Isle of Wight	LD	3,361	1,159	4,520	10.8%	5.0%	8.3%
15	13				Islington North	LAB	4,097	1,698	5,795	17.2%	8.2%	13.0%
30	24				Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	3,280	1,318	4,598	14.9%	7.5%	11.6%
407		35			Islwyn	LAB	822	303	1,125	4.8%	2.4%	3.8%
127	95				Jarrow	LAB	2,313	516	2,829	10.7%	3.2%	7.5%
357	256				Keighley	LAB	1,328	463	1,791	5.7%	2.6%	4.3%
361	260				Kensington & Chelsea	CON	1,606	882	2,488	5.0%	3.4%	4.3%
540	414				Kettering	LAB	902	333	1,235	3.3%	1.6%	2.6%
161			23		Kilmarnock & Loudoun	LAB	2,043	592	2,635	9.4%	3.6%	6.9%
489	366				Kingston & Surbiton	LD	1,123	436	1,559	3.8%	1.9%	3.0%
63	51				Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	2,962	723	3,685	12.4%	4.4%	9.2%
45	37				Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	3,473	935	4,408	13.9%	5.3%	10.4%
55	45				Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	3,068	824	3,892	13.3%	5.0%	9.8%
522	396				Kingswood	LAB	1,026	326	1,352	3.6%	1.5%	2.7%
80			11		Kirkcaldy	LAB	2,060	618	2,678	11.6%	4.6%	8.5%
123	91				Knowsley North & Sefton East	LAB	2,689	715	3,404	10.6%	3.7%	7.6%
51	42				Knowsley South	LAB	3,361	852	4,213	13.8%	4.7%	10.0%
364			18		Lagan Valley	UU	1,382	483	1,865	5.3%	2.7%	4.3%
418	303				Lancaster & Wyre	LAB	1,202	377	1,579	5.1%	2.0%	3.7%
25	21				Leeds Central	LAB	4,034	932	4,966	16.9%	5.3%	12.0%
58	48				Leeds East	LAB	2,851	677	3,528	13.5%	4.3%	9.6%
237	167				Leeds North East	LAB	1,747	551	2,298	7.9%	3.1%	5.8%
343	245				Leeds North West	LAB	1,253	415	1,668	6.0%	2.5%	4.4%
191	135				Leeds West	LAB	2,149	566	2,715	9.1%	3.1%	6.5%
264	187				Leicester East	LAB	1,586	534	2,120	7.3%	3.1%	5.5%
165	120				Leicester South	LAB	2,394	622	3,016	9.6%	3.3%	6.9%
174	124				Leicester West	LAB	2,198	577	2,775	9.4%	3.2%	6.7%
398	290				Leigh	LAB	1,331	367	1,698	5.3%	2.0%	3.9%
491	368				Leominster <*	IC	825	318	1,143	3.6%	2.0%	3.0%
476	354				Lewes	LD	815	286	1,101	4.0%	1.8%	3.1%
106	80				Lewisham East	LAB	2,156	708	2,864	10.7%	4.4%	7.9%
64	52				Lewisham West	LAB	2,815	865	3,680	12.8%	4.7%	9.1%
22	18				Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	3,697	1,247	4,944	16.7%	6.7%	12.1%
114	85				Leyton & Wanstead	LAB	2,456	832	3,288	10.3%	4.4%	7.7%
537	411				Lichfield	CON	767	327	1,094	3.1%	1.8%	2.6%
131	98				Lincoln	LAB	2,392	638	3,030	10.2%	3.7%	7.5%
402			59		Linlithgow	LAB	1,126	266	1,392	5.6%	1.7%	3.9%
97	72				Liverpool, Garston	LAB	2,521	629	3,150	11.5%	3.7%	8.1%
2	2				Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	4,856	1,322	6,178	23.5%	8.5%	17.1%
28	23				Liverpool, Walton	LAB	3,785	924	4,709	16.7%	5.3%	11.8%
42	34				Liverpool, Wavertree	LAB	3,512	890	4,402	15.1%	4.7%	10.4%
18	16				Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	3,774	907	4,681	17.1%	5.5%	12.2%
405			60		Livingston	LAB	1,200	320	1,520	5.5%	1.8%	3.8%
196		15			Llanelli	LAB	1,522	409	1,931	8.7%	3.2%	6.4%
443	325				Loughborough	LAB	1,040	381	1,421	4.4%	2.1%	3.4%
300	214				Louth & Horncastle	CON	1,360	519	1,879	6.0%	3.4%	5.0%
528	402				Ludlow	CON	721	266	987	3.3%	1.8%	2.7%
344	246				Luton North	LAB	1,516	492	2,008	5.8%	2.6%	4.4%
219	154				Luton South	LAB	2,114	602	2,716	7.9%	3.4%	6.1%
587	458				Macclesfield	CON	833	194	1,027	3.1%	0.9%	2.2%
619	489				Maidenhead	CON	627	178	805	2.3%	0.9%	1.7%
533	407				Maidstone & The Weald	CON	984	293	1,277	3.6%	1.4%	2.7%
408	294				Makerfield	LAB	1,291	354	1,645	5.2%	1.9%	3.8%

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501	377				Maldon & East Chelmsford	CON	949	274	1,223	3.8%	1.6%	2.9%
69	54				Manchester, Blackley	LAB	2,678	592	3,270	12.6%	3.9%	8.9%
6	6				Manchester, Central	LAB	4,363	1,145	5,508	20.8%	7.8%	15.4%
14	12				Manchester, Gorton	LAB	3,370	878	4,248	18.0%	6.4%	13.1%
71	55				Manchester, Withington	LAB	2,490	816	3,306	12.0%	4.9%	8.8%
227	160				Mansfield	LAB	1,899	508	2,407	8.1%	2.9%	5.9%
282	200				Medway	LAB	1,650	568	2,218	6.5%	3.3%	5.2%
128		8			Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	PC	1,040	362	1,402	9.5%	4.7%	7.5%
325	231				Meriden	CON	1,812	598	2,410	6.1%	2.7%	4.7%
158		10			Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	LAB	1,718	396	2,114	9.6%	3.1%	6.9%
621	491				Mid Bedfordshire	CON	520	232	752	2.0%	1.3%	1.7%
579	450				Mid Dorset & North Poole	CON	706	238	944	2.9%	1.3%	2.2%
470	349				Mid Norfolk	CON	1,070	343	1,413	4.0%	1.8%	3.1%
646	516				Mid Sussex	CON	462	167	629	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
68			8		Mid Ulster	SF	2,298	544	2,842	11.5%	4.6%	8.9%
573	445				Mid Worcestershire	CON	639	311	950	2.6%	1.7%	2.3%
16	14				Middlesbrough	LAB	4,505	908	5,413	18.5%	5.2%	12.9%
109	83				Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland	LAB	2,640	622	3,262	10.9%	3.6%	7.8%
399			58		Midlothian	LAB	982	215	1,197	5.8%	1.6%	3.9%
459	339				Milton Keynes South West	LAB	1,165	358	1,523	4.3%	1.8%	3.2%
251	178				Mitcham & Morden	LAB	1,835	622	2,457	7.4%	3.3%	5.6%
658	528				Mole Valley	CON	375	109	484	1.4%	0.6%	1.1%
419		37			Monmouth	LAB	941	362	1,303	4.7%	2.4%	3.7%
520		40			Montgomeryshire	LD	520	179	699	3.4%	1.7%	2.7%
332			50		Moray	SNP	1,273	425	1,698	5.7%	2.9%	4.6%
176	126				Morecambe & Lunesdale	LAB	1,972	575	2,547	9.1%	3.5%	6.7%
403	293				Morley & Rothwell	LAB	1,333	376	1,709	5.4%	1.9%	3.9%
160			22		Motherwell & Wishaw	LAB	1,609	379	1,988	9.8%	3.1%	6.9%
252		21			Neath	LAB	1,295	402	1,697	7.3%	3.1%	5.6%
560	432				New Forest East	CON	744	252	996	3.0%	1.4%	2.4%
514	390				New Forest West	CON	698	226	924	3.7%	1.6%	2.8%
366	263				Newark	LAB	1,356	459	1,815	5.4%	2.6%	4.2%
653	523				Newbury	LD	460	131	591	1.6%	0.6%	1.2%
74	58				Newcastle upon Tyne Central	LAB	2,537	649	3,186	12.5%	4.1%	8.8%
52	43				Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	3,009	684	3,693	14.4%	4.2%	9.9%
218	153				Newcastle upon Tyne North	LAB	2,012	451	2,463	8.9%	2.5%	6.1%
473	352				Newcastle-under-Lyme	LAB	972	281	1,253	4.2%	1.6%	3.1%
266		24			Newport East	LAB	1,398	415	1,813	7.2%	3.0%	5.4%
201		16			Newport West	LAB	1,734	472	2,206	8.7%	3.2%	6.3%
40			5		Newry & Armagh	SDLP	3,401	805	4,206	13.8%	5.4%	10.6%
395	287				Normanton	LAB	1,194	375	1,569	5.3%	2.2%	3.9%
153			11		North Antrim	DU	2,349	575	2,924	9.2%	3.5%	7.0%
137	103				North Cornwall	LD	2,270	1,008	3,278	8.5%	5.5%	7.3%
324	230				North Devon	LD	1,439	559	1,998	5.8%	3.1%	4.7%
620	490				North Dorset	CON	487	174	661	2.2%	1.1%	1.7%
253			15		North Down	UKU	1,513	516	2,029	7.2%	3.4%	5.6%
239	168				North Durham	LAB	1,892	432	2,324	8.2%	2.5%	5.7%
603	473				North East Bedfordshire	CON	562	238	800	2.2%	1.3%	1.9%
397	289				North East Cambridgeshire	CON	1,350	456	1,806	5.0%	2.4%	3.9%
341	243				North East Derbyshire	LAB	1,561	433	1,994	6.0%	2.3%	4.5%
392			56		North East Fife	LD	923	345	1,268	5.0%	2.6%	4.0%
647	517				North East Hampshire	CON	468	143	611	1.7%	0.7%	1.3%
607	477				North East Hertfordshire	CON	622	197	819	2.4%	1.1%	1.8%
530	404				North East Milton Keynes	LAB	911	311	1,222	3.5%	1.6%	2.7%
571	443				North Essex	CON	684	246	930	2.8%	1.5%	2.3%
354	254				North Norfolk	CON	1,311	445	1,756	5.5%	2.7%	4.3%
481	358				North Shropshire	CON	915	351	1,266	3.7%	2.0%	3.0%
23	19				North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	3,790	1,318	5,108	16.0%	7.1%	12.1%
589	460				North Swindon	LAB	724	235	959	2.8%	1.2%	2.1%
371			53		North Tayside	SNP	1,151	416	1,567	5.4%	2.6%	4.2%

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107	81				CON	2,302	620	2,922	10.8%	3.9%	7.9%
120	89				LAB	2,442	608	3,050	10.8%	3.5%	7.6%
484	361				LAB	1,019	407	1,426	3.7%	2.1%	3.0%
529	403				CON	939	343	1,282	3.4%	1.7%	2.7%
231	163				LAB	1,819	435	2,254	8.2%	2.7%	5.9%
648	518				CON	471	188	659	1.6%	0.9%	1.3%
483	360				LAB	906	289	1,195	3.9%	1.7%	3.0%
353	253				LAB	1,470	511	1,981	5.6%	2.7%	4.4%
617	487				CON	600	254	854	2.1%	1.2%	1.7%
379	275				LAB	1,562	474	2,036	5.6%	2.2%	4.1%
440	322				LAB	1,347	464	1,811	4.6%	2.1%	3.5%
634	504				LD	589	237	826	1.9%	1.0%	1.6%
342	244				LAB	1,598	475	2,073	6.0%	2.4%	4.5%
149	110				LAB	2,359	654	3,013	9.6%	3.6%	7.0%
36	29				LAB	3,511	951	4,462	15.0%	5.4%	10.9%
94	70				LAB	2,600	716	3,316	11.1%	4.1%	8.1%
124	92				LAB	2,423	624	3,047	10.5%	3.6%	7.6%
448	330				LAB	1,211	372	1,583	4.5%	1.9%	3.4%
211			34		LAB	1,607	450	2,057	8.5%	3.1%	6.1%
261		22			LAB	1,335	329	1,664	7.6%	2.6%	5.5%
497	374				CON	908	388	1,296	3.6%	2.0%	2.9%
436	318				LAB	1,396	382	1,778	5.0%	1.8%	3.6%
321	228				LAB	1,711	419	2,130	6.7%	2.1%	4.7%
452			63		LD	528	183	711	4.2%	2.2%	3.4%
553	426				CON	958	343	1,301	3.1%	1.5%	2.5%
326	232				LAB	1,513	480	1,993	6.4%	2.5%	4.6%
625	495				LD	609	218	827	2.2%	1.0%	1.7%
138			16		LAB	1,674	456	2,130	10.5%	3.4%	7.2%
143			18		LAB	1,937	450	2,387	10.5%	3.0%	7.1%
449	331				LAB	1,010	302	1,312	4.5%	1.8%	3.4%
565	437				CON	688	267	955	2.9%	1.6%	2.3%
338			52		SNP	1,303	369	1,672	6.4%	2.2%	4.6%
306	220				LAB	1,789	516	2,305	6.6%	2.6%	4.9%
194	137				LAB	2,459	646	3,105	8.4%	3.4%	6.4%
37	30				LAB	3,414	1,062	4,476	14.1%	6.1%	10.7%
260	185				LAB	1,683	458	2,141	7.4%	2.8%	5.5%
322		29			LAB	1,445	382	1,827	6.5%	2.3%	4.7%
433	315				CON	1,061	283	1,344	4.9%	1.8%	3.6%
17	15				LAB	4,022	1,113	5,135	16.6%	6.7%	12.6%
383	279				LAB	1,298	367	1,665	5.5%	2.1%	4.1%
141	106				LD	2,545	682	3,227	9.6%	3.6%	7.1%
122		7			LAB	1,853	527	2,380	9.9%	4.2%	7.6%
202	142				LAB	2,297	507	2,804	9.0%	2.7%	6.3%
569	441				LAB	804	259	1,063	3.1%	1.2%	2.3%
305	219				LAB	1,481	560	2,041	6.6%	2.9%	4.9%
550	423				CON	825	277	1,102	3.1%	1.5%	2.5%
542	416				LAB	980	266	1,246	3.4%	1.3%	2.5%
576	448				LAB	889	229	1,118	3.1%	1.1%	2.3%
76	59				LAB	3,065	632	3,697	12.4%	3.6%	8.7%
378	274				LAB	1,238	514	1,752	5.1%	2.8%	4.1%
72	56				LAB	3,636	1,563	5,199	11.2%	5.9%	8.8%
629	499				CON	518	150	668	2.2%	0.8%	1.6%
188		13			LAB	1,607	387	1,994	8.9%	3.1%	6.5%
649	519				CON	429	158	587	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
506	382				CON	879	357	1,236	3.4%	2.0%	2.9%
490	367				LD	1,083	454	1,537	3.7%	2.0%	3.0%
187	133				LAB	2,198	533	2,731	9.2%	3.0%	6.5%
81	61				CON	2,864	771	3,635	11.6%	4.3%	8.5%
518	394				LAB	825	267	1,092	3.6%	1.6%	2.8%
613	483				CON	567	185	752	2.3%	1.0%	1.8%

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112			14		LD	1,870	716	2,586	9.5%	5.2%	7.7%
559	431				LAB	816	273	1,089	3.2%	1.4%	2.4%
240	169				LAB	1,948	524	2,472	7.8%	2.9%	5.7%
60	49				LAB	2,717	626	3,343	12.9%	4.2%	9.3%
425			62		LD	823	267	1,090	4.9%	2.1%	3.7%
513	389				LAB	1,066	367	1,433	3.6%	1.7%	2.8%
546	420				CON	771	234	1,005	3.4%	1.3%	2.5%
638	508				CON	548	182	730	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
509	385				CON	1,052	358	1,410	3.7%	1.7%	2.8%
627	497				CON	508	228	736	1.9%	1.2%	1.6%
494	371				CON	790	318	1,108	3.6%	2.0%	2.9%
598	468				CON	629	295	924	2.2%	1.5%	1.9%
154	114				LAB	1,977	420	2,397	9.9%	2.9%	7.0%
574	446				CON	885	276	1,161	3.0%	1.3%	2.3%
177	127				LAB	2,219	692	2,911	9.0%	3.7%	6.7%
208	145				LAB	1,831	518	2,349	8.2%	3.3%	6.2%
304	218				LAB	1,499	421	1,920	6.7%	2.5%	4.9%
435	317				LAB	1,201	422	1,623	4.5%	2.2%	3.6%
561	433				CON	747	276	1,023	2.9%	1.5%	2.4%
223	158				LAB	1,946	551	2,497	8.1%	3.1%	6.0%
43	35				LAB	3,087	692	3,779	14.7%	4.5%	10.4%
10	8				LAB	4,123	1,136	5,259	18.8%	7.4%	14.1%
401	292				LD	904	382	1,286	4.9%	2.6%	3.9%
105	79				LAB	2,533	684	3,217	10.9%	3.9%	7.9%
327	233				LAB	1,763	558	2,321	6.3%	2.5%	4.6%
367	264				LAB	1,514	433	1,947	5.7%	2.2%	4.2%
442	324				LAB	1,143	378	1,521	4.7%	1.9%	3.5%
523	397				LAB	931	306	1,237	3.6%	1.6%	2.7%
235	166				LAB	1,804	610	2,414	7.2%	3.7%	5.8%
593	464				CON	666	245	911	2.6%	1.3%	2.0%
521	395				CON	836	315	1,151	3.4%	1.8%	2.7%
339	241				LAB	1,722	472	2,194	6.2%	2.3%	4.5%
570	442				CON	825	319	1,144	2.9%	1.5%	2.3%
547	421				LD	787	323	1,110	3.0%	1.8%	2.5%
328			17		UU	1,518	543	2,061	5.9%	2.9%	4.6%
623	493				CON	554	222	776	2.1%	1.1%	1.7%
454	335				LAB	1,201	373	1,574	4.4%	1.8%	3.3%
347	248				CON	1,389	396	1,785	5.9%	2.4%	4.4%
90			10		SDLP	2,485	723	3,208	10.5%	4.8%	8.3%
597	467				CON	696	268	964	2.4%	1.3%	1.9%
314	224				LD	1,502	570	2,072	5.9%	3.2%	4.8%
581	452				CON	593	285	878	2.5%	1.7%	2.2%
515	391				CON	960	379	1,339	3.4%	1.9%	2.8%
583	454				LAB	749	279	1,028	2.8%	1.3%	2.2%
35	28				LAB	3,104	764	3,868	14.9%	5.2%	10.9%
508	384				CON	1,034	352	1,386	3.7%	1.7%	2.9%
502	378				CON	881	306	1,187	3.6%	1.8%	2.9%
488	365				LAB	1,145	329	1,474	4.1%	1.5%	3.0%
152	113				LAB	1,950	516	2,466	9.6%	3.5%	7.0%
572	444				CON	797	327	1,124	2.8%	1.6%	2.3%
485	362				CON	934	339	1,273	3.8%	1.9%	3.0%
609	479				CON	641	219	860	2.3%	1.1%	1.8%
457	337				CON	1,142	506	1,648	3.8%	2.5%	3.3%
644	514				CON	495	156	651	1.9%	0.8%	1.4%
228	161				LAB	2,157	497	2,654	8.1%	2.7%	5.9%
210	147				LAB	2,211	538	2,749	8.6%	2.9%	6.2%
258	183				CON	1,656	487	2,143	7.4%	2.9%	5.5%
279	198				LD	1,650	498	2,148	7.4%	2.7%	5.3%
631	501				CON	616	189	805	2.1%	0.9%	1.6%
616	486				LAB	616	179	795	2.4%	0.9%	1.8%

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301	215				LAB	1,648	467	2,115	6.7%	2.6%	5.0%
179	128				LAB	2,157	533	2,690	9.3%	3.1%	6.7%
73	57				LD	2,442	1,060	3,502	10.4%	6.5%	8.8%
487	364				LAB	964	322	1,286	3.9%	1.7%	3.0%
526	400				LAB	894	296	1,190	3.5%	1.6%	2.7%
369	266				LAB	1,417	423	1,840	5.7%	2.3%	4.2%
446	328				LAB	1,171	382	1,553	4.4%	2.0%	3.4%
297			44		LAB	1,255	346	1,601	7.0%	2.4%	5.0%
349	249				LAB	1,542	374	1,916	6.2%	2.0%	4.4%
39	32				LAB	3,393	836	4,229	14.8%	5.0%	10.7%
151	112				LAB	2,338	597	2,935	9.7%	3.4%	7.0%
230	162				LAB	1,825	437	2,262	8.2%	2.7%	5.9%
384	280				LAB	1,179	329	1,508	5.5%	2.1%	4.1%
388	284				LAB	1,395	412	1,807	5.5%	2.1%	4.0%
588	459				CON	598	308	906	2.4%	1.7%	2.1%
427	309				LAB	1,235	357	1,592	4.9%	1.9%	3.6%
271			16		UU	1,643	526	2,169	7.0%	3.1%	5.4%
590	461				CON	780	296	1,076	2.6%	1.3%	2.1%
391			55		LAB	1,307	350	1,657	5.6%	1.9%	4.0%
47	39				LAB	4,045	1,524	5,569	13.7%	6.1%	10.2%
318	226				LAB	1,720	457	2,177	6.6%	2.3%	4.7%
531	405				LAB	911	363	1,274	3.3%	1.8%	2.7%
422	306				CON	1,212	440	1,652	4.6%	2.4%	3.7%
84	63				LAB	2,531	468	2,999	12.3%	3.2%	8.5%
56	46				LAB	3,198	601	3,799	14.3%	3.7%	9.8%
657	527				CON	459	142	601	1.5%	0.6%	1.1%
551	424				LD	795	264	1,059	3.3%	1.4%	2.5%
524	398				CON	889	365	1,254	3.4%	1.8%	2.7%
243		20			LAB	1,617	347	1,964	8.1%	2.4%	5.7%
190		14			LAB	1,586	413	1,999	9.1%	3.1%	6.5%
441	323				LAB	1,127	414	1,541	4.3%	2.3%	3.5%
592	463				IND	615	195	810	2.7%	1.2%	2.1%
410	295				LD	1,378	437	1,815	5.1%	2.1%	3.8%
376	272				CON	1,355	488	1,843	5.4%	2.5%	4.1%
390	285				LAB	1,203	360	1,563	5.3%	2.2%	4.0%
575	447				CON	699	260	959	2.9%	1.4%	2.3%
272	191				LAB	1,905	514	2,419	7.2%	2.8%	5.4%
512	388				CON	909	334	1,243	3.5%	1.8%	2.8%
544	418				CON	792	268	1,060	3.2%	1.5%	2.5%
148	109				LAB	2,582	898	3,480	9.7%	4.0%	7.1%
119	88				LD	2,414	663	3,077	10.6%	3.8%	7.6%
309		27			LAB	1,414	354	1,768	6.7%	2.3%	4.9%
335	239				LD	1,466	541	2,007	5.7%	3.0%	4.6%
295	210				CON	1,335	526	1,861	6.3%	3.4%	5.1%
3	3				LAB	5,874	1,941	7,815	21.1%	9.0%	15.8%
214	149				LD	1,923	703	2,626	7.7%	3.9%	6.1%
562	434				CON	796	232	1,028	3.2%	1.2%	2.3%
519			68		LD	696	189	885	3.9%	1.3%	2.8%
538	412				LD	971	345	1,316	3.4%	1.5%	2.6%
26	22				LAB	3,781	757	4,538	17.0%	4.8%	11.9%
195	138				LAB	2,036	477	2,513	9.2%	2.8%	6.4%
478	355				LAB	816	268	1,084	4.0%	1.8%	3.1%
248			14		UU	1,868	506	2,374	7.5%	2.9%	5.6%
500	376				CON	882	308	1,190	3.8%	1.7%	2.9%
236		18			LAB	1,314	312	1,626	8.3%	2.5%	5.8%
270		25			LAB	1,761	542	2,303	7.1%	3.0%	5.4%
606	476				CON	552	253	805	2.2%	1.4%	1.8%
13	11				LAB	5,103	1,800	6,903	18.1%	7.5%	13.2%
275	194				LAB	1,883	543	2,426	7.2%	2.8%	5.3%
89	67				LAB	2,574	664	3,238	11.8%	3.9%	8.3%

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134	101				LAB	2,534	696	3,230	9.8%	4.0%	7.4%
100	74				LAB	2,483	733	3,216	10.5%	4.5%	8.0%
93	69				LAB	2,656	907	3,563	10.8%	4.8%	8.2%
140	105				LAB	2,089	509	2,598	10.2%	3.2%	7.1%
608	478				LAB	581	244	825	2.3%	1.3%	1.8%
640	510				CON	541	175	716	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
117	87				LAB	2,156	679	2,835	10.1%	4.4%	7.7%
429	311				LAB	1,325	363	1,688	5.0%	1.8%	3.6%
507	383				LAB	965	331	1,296	3.8%	1.7%	2.9%
480	357				LAB	1,203	352	1,555	4.2%	1.6%	3.1%
527	401				LAB	1,056	321	1,377	3.6%	1.5%	2.7%
96	71				LAB	2,610	906	3,516	10.2%	5.1%	8.1%
637	507				CON	546	184	730	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
256	181				LAB	1,739	481	2,220	7.5%	2.8%	5.5%
486	363				LAB	1,138	356	1,494	4.0%	1.7%	3.0%
444	326				CON	1,001	428	1,429	4.1%	2.4%	3.4%
614	484				LAB	589	204	793	2.3%	1.0%	1.8%
133	100				LAB	2,327	522	2,849	10.5%	3.3%	7.5%
594			72		LD	535	237	772	2.4%	1.5%	2.0%
192	136				LAB	2,005	657	2,662	8.3%	3.9%	6.5%
144	107				SPKR	2,252	661	2,913	9.1%	4.0%	7.1%
525	399				CON	1,028	350	1,378	3.5%	1.6%	2.7%
563	435				CON	738	277	1,015	2.9%	1.5%	2.3%
505	381				CON	778	293	1,071	3.6%	1.8%	2.9%
19	17				LAB	3,567	1,169	4,736	15.7%	7.2%	12.2%
278	197				LAB	1,877	512	2,389	7.3%	2.6%	5.3%
455			64		LAB	882	201	1,083	4.8%	1.4%	3.3%
541	415				CON	966	365	1,331	3.1%	1.7%	2.5%
27				4	UU	3,123	697	3,820	15.3%	5.9%	11.8%
554	427				CON	703	242	945	3.2%	1.5%	2.4%
503	379				CON	992	389	1,381	3.6%	1.9%	2.9%
53			4		LAB	1,076	267	1,343	12.9%	5.2%	9.9%
585	456				CON	635	241	876	2.8%	1.3%	2.2%
400	291				LD	1,223	396	1,619	5.1%	2.2%	3.9%
308	221				LAB	1,486	423	1,909	6.6%	2.6%	4.9%
465	344				LAB	999	410	1,409	4.0%	2.1%	3.2%
626	496				LD	600	205	805	2.1%	1.0%	1.7%
615	485				CON	648	215	863	2.3%	1.0%	1.8%
360	259				LAB	1,178	407	1,585	5.7%	2.5%	4.3%
320	227				LAB	1,259	450	1,709	6.3%	2.8%	4.7%
654	524				CON	436	160	596	1.5%	0.8%	1.2%
656	526				CON	423	135	558	1.5%	0.7%	1.1%
659	529				CON	333	110	443	1.2%	0.5%	0.9%
180	129				LAB	2,043	547	2,590	8.8%	3.5%	6.7%
111	84				LAB	2,045	540	2,585	10.2%	4.1%	7.8%
206	144				LAB	1,906	562	2,468	8.3%	3.3%	6.2%
628	498				CON	508	198	706	2.0%	1.0%	1.6%
431	313				LAB	1,204	326	1,530	5.0%	1.8%	3.6%
167	121				LAB	2,194	578	2,772	9.3%	3.4%	6.8%
438	320				LAB	1,225	314	1,539	5.0%	1.7%	3.5%
532	406				CON	750	201	951	3.8%	1.3%	2.7%
534	408				LAB	775	226	1,001	3.5%	1.4%	2.6%
346		30			LAB	1,064	287	1,351	6.1%	2.2%	4.4%
549	422				CON	1,004	273	1,277	3.3%	1.3%	2.5%
464	343				LAB	1,117	387	1,504	4.1%	1.9%	3.2%
213	148				LAB	2,222	523	2,745	8.8%	2.7%	6.1%
511	387				LD	928	342	1,270	3.5%	1.8%	2.8%
92		2			PC	1,889	562	2,451	10.5%	4.7%	8.2%
293	208				LAB	1,960	555	2,515	7.2%	2.5%	5.1%
					United Kingdom	1,070,999	320,381	1,391,380	6.8%	2.7%	5.1%



**II Residence-based unemployment rates by parliamentary constituency,  
United Kingdom, December 1997  
B. (not seasonally adjusted) - highest and lowest**

Rank by overall  
unemployment rate

UK	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI	Party	Claimants			Rate			
						Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
1	1				Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	5,862	1,590	7,452	23.9%	9.4%	18.0%
2	2				Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	4,856	1,322	6,178	23.5%	8.5%	17.1%
3	3				Tottenham	LAB	5,874	1,941	7,815	21.1%	9.0%	15.8%
4	4				Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	4,818	1,857	6,675	20.1%	10.0%	15.6%
5	5				Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	4,961	1,713	6,674	21.1%	9.0%	15.6%
6	6				Manchester, Central	LAB	4,363	1,145	5,508	20.8%	7.8%	15.4%
7	7				Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	4,973	1,435	6,408	19.0%	9.2%	15.4%
8				1	Belfast West	SF	4,635	681	5,316	22.8%	4.8%	15.3%
9				2	Foyle	SDLP	4,740	1,039	5,779	20.6%	6.9%	15.2%
10	8				Sheffield, Central	LAB	4,123	1,136	5,259	18.8%	7.4%	14.1%
11	9				Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	4,466	1,244	5,710	17.8%	7.5%	13.7%
12	10				Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	3,660	1,324	4,984	17.8%	7.8%	13.2%
13	11				Vauxhall	LAB	5,103	1,800	6,903	18.1%	7.5%	13.2%
14	12				Manchester, Gorton	LAB	3,370	878	4,248	18.0%	6.4%	13.1%
15	13				Islington North	LAB	4,097	1,698	5,795	17.2%	8.2%	13.0%
16	14				Middlesbrough	LAB	4,505	908	5,413	18.5%	5.2%	12.9%
17	15				Poplar & Canning Town	LAB	4,022	1,113	5,135	16.6%	6.7%	12.6%
18	16				Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	3,774	907	4,681	17.1%	5.5%	12.2%
19	17				West Ham	LAB	3,567	1,169	4,736	15.7%	7.2%	12.2%
20				3	Belfast North	UU	3,130	633	3,763	17.3%	4.9%	12.2%
21			1		Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	2,920	778	3,698	17.0%	5.9%	12.2%
22	18				Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	3,697	1,247	4,944	16.7%	6.7%	12.1%
23	19				North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	3,790	1,318	5,108	16.0%	7.1%	12.1%
24	20				Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	3,552	1,313	4,865	16.1%	7.1%	12.0%
25	21				Leeds Central	LAB	4,034	932	4,966	16.9%	5.3%	12.0%
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635	505				Epsom & Ewell	CON	566	176	742	2.1%	0.8%	1.5%
636	506				Guildford	CON	564	205	769	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
637	507				Wealden	CON	546	184	730	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
638	508				Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	548	182	730	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
639	509				Cotswold	CON	448	153	601	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
640	510				Wantage	CON	541	175	716	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
641	511				Aldershot	CON	692	236	928	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
642	512				East Surrey	CON	549	183	732	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
643	513				Beaconsfield	CON	484	191	675	1.8%	1.0%	1.4%
644	514				South West Surrey	CON	495	156	651	1.9%	0.8%	1.4%
645	515				Arundel & South Downs	CON	423	126	549	1.9%	0.8%	1.4%
646	516				Mid Sussex	CON	462	167	629	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
647	517				North East Hampshire	CON	468	143	611	1.7%	0.7%	1.3%
648	518				North West Hampshire *	CON	471	188	659	1.6%	0.9%	1.3%
649	519				Ribble Valley	CON	429	158	587	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
650	520				Buckingham	CON	378	133	511	1.6%	0.8%	1.2%
651	521				Horsham	CON	443	166	609	1.6%	0.8%	1.2%
652	522				Henley	CON	423	139	562	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
653	523				Newbury	LD	460	131	591	1.6%	0.6%	1.2%
654	524				Witney	CON	436	160	596	1.5%	0.8%	1.2%
655	525				Chesham & Amersham	CON	407	117	524	1.5%	0.6%	1.1%
656	526				Woking	CON	423	135	558	1.5%	0.7%	1.1%
657	527				Surrey Heath	CON	459	142	601	1.5%	0.6%	1.1%
658	528				Mole Valley	CON	375	109	484	1.4%	0.6%	1.1%
659	529				Wokingham	CON	333	110	443	1.2%	0.5%	0.9%
					United Kingdom		1,070,999	320,381	1,391,380	6.8%	2.7%	5.1%

**III Residence-based unemployment rates, December 1997**  
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Rank by overall

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6	6				Manchester, Central	LAB	4,363	1,145	5,508	20.8%	7.8%	15.4%
7	7				Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	4,973	1,435	6,408	19.0%	9.2%	15.4%
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24	20				Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	3,552	1,313	4,865	16.1%	7.1%	12.0%
25	21				Leeds Central	LAB	4,034	932	4,966	16.9%	5.3%	12.0%
26	22				Tyne Bridge	LAB	3,781	757	4,538	17.0%	4.8%	11.9%
28	23				Liverpool, Walton	LAB	3,785	924	4,709	16.7%	5.3%	11.8%
30	24				Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	3,280	1,318	4,598	14.9%	7.5%	11.6%
31	25				Bootle	LAB	3,220	686	3,906	16.2%	4.6%	11.2%
33	26				Birkenhead	LAB	3,340	810	4,150	15.8%	5.0%	11.2%
34	27				Brent South	LAB	3,705	1,196	4,901	14.9%	6.0%	11.0%
35	28				South Shields	LAB	3,104	764	3,868	14.9%	5.2%	10.9%
36	29				Nottingham East	LAB	3,511	951	4,462	15.0%	5.4%	10.9%
37	30				Plymouth, Sutton	LAB	3,414	1,062	4,476	14.1%	6.1%	10.7%
38	31				Greenwich & Woolwich	LAB	3,349	1,112	4,461	14.3%	6.1%	10.7%
39	32				Stockton North	LAB	3,393	836	4,229	14.8%	5.0%	10.7%
41	33				Hartlepool	LAB	3,548	755	4,303	15.0%	4.5%	10.6%
42	34				Liverpool, Wavertree	LAB	3,512	890	4,402	15.1%	4.7%	10.4%
43	35				Sheffield, Brightside	LAB	3,087	692	3,779	14.7%	4.5%	10.4%
44	36				Brent East	LAB	3,310	1,165	4,475	13.9%	6.1%	10.4%
45	37				Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	3,473	935	4,408	13.9%	5.3%	10.4%
46	38				East Ham	LAB	3,380	1,054	4,434	13.0%	6.2%	10.3%
47	39				Streatham	LAB	4,045	1,524	5,569	13.7%	6.1%	10.2%
48	40				Birmingham, Hodge Hill	LAB	2,643	680	3,323	13.6%	5.1%	10.2%
49	41				Bradford West	LAB	3,128	867	3,995	13.3%	5.4%	10.1%
51	42				Knowsley South	LAB	3,361	852	4,213	13.8%	4.7%	10.0%
52	43				Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	3,009	684	3,693	14.4%	4.2%	9.9%
54	44				Great Grimsby	LAB	3,307	759	4,066	13.5%	4.5%	9.8%
55	45				Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	3,068	824	3,892	13.3%	5.0%	9.8%
56	46				Sunderland South	LAB	3,198	601	3,799	14.3%	3.7%	9.8%
57	47				Great Yarmouth	LAB	2,917	998	3,915	12.2%	6.0%	9.6%
58	48				Leeds East	LAB	2,851	677	3,528	13.5%	4.3%	9.6%
60	49				Rotherham	LAB	2,717	626	3,343	12.9%	4.2%	9.3%
61	50				Doncaster Central	LAB	2,961	743	3,704	12.6%	4.4%	9.2%
63	51				Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	2,962	723	3,685	12.4%	4.4%	9.2%
64	52				Lewisham West	LAB	2,815	865	3,680	12.8%	4.7%	9.1%
65	53				Brighton, Pavilion	LAB	2,794	1,020	3,814	12.0%	5.5%	9.1%
69	54				Manchester, Blackley	LAB	2,678	592	3,270	12.6%	3.9%	8.9%
71	55				Manchester, Withington	LAB	2,490	816	3,306	12.0%	4.9%	8.8%
72	56				Regent's Park & Kensington North	LAB	3,636	1,563	5,199	11.2%	5.9%	8.8%

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**A. England (not seasonally adjusted)**

Rank by overall

unemployment rate					Claimants			Rate			
UK	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI	Party	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All
73	57				LD	2,442	1,060	3,502	10.4%	6.5%	8.8%
74	58				LAB	2,537	649	3,186	12.5%	4.1%	8.8%
76	59				LAB	3,065	632	3,697	12.4%	3.6%	8.7%
79	60				LAB	2,838	963	3,801	11.1%	5.2%	8.6%
81	61				CON	2,864	771	3,635	11.6%	4.3%	8.5%
83	62				LAB	3,059	1,220	4,279	11.3%	5.2%	8.5%
84	63				LAB	2,531	468	2,999	12.3%	3.2%	8.5%
85	64				LAB	3,405	1,248	4,653	11.3%	5.0%	8.5%
86	65				LAB	3,425	1,327	4,752	11.2%	5.2%	8.4%
88	66				LD	3,361	1,159	4,520	10.8%	5.0%	8.3%
89	67				LAB	2,574	664	3,238	11.8%	3.9%	8.3%
91	68				LAB	2,720	726	3,446	11.3%	4.1%	8.3%
93	69				LAB	2,656	907	3,563	10.8%	4.8%	8.2%
94	70				LAB	2,600	716	3,316	11.1%	4.1%	8.1%
96	71				LAB	2,610	906	3,516	10.2%	5.1%	8.1%
97	72				LAB	2,521	629	3,150	11.5%	3.7%	8.1%
99	73				LAB	2,370	555	2,925	11.0%	3.8%	8.1%
100	74				LAB	2,483	733	3,216	10.5%	4.5%	8.0%
101	75				LAB	2,991	823	3,814	10.8%	4.2%	8.0%
102	76				LAB	2,734	832	3,566	10.7%	4.3%	8.0%
103	77				LAB	2,816	709	3,525	10.8%	3.9%	8.0%
104	78				LAB	2,412	707	3,119	10.5%	4.3%	7.9%
105	79				LAB	2,533	684	3,217	10.9%	3.9%	7.9%
106	80				LAB	2,156	708	2,864	10.7%	4.4%	7.9%
107	81				CON	2,302	620	2,922	10.8%	3.9%	7.9%
108	82				LAB	2,359	707	3,066	10.5%	4.2%	7.8%
109	83				LAB	2,640	622	3,262	10.9%	3.6%	7.8%
111	84				LAB	2,045	540	2,585	10.2%	4.1%	7.8%
114	85				LAB	2,456	832	3,288	10.3%	4.4%	7.7%
116	86				LAB	2,594	1,222	3,816	9.8%	5.3%	7.7%
117	87				LAB	2,156	679	2,835	10.1%	4.4%	7.7%
119	88				LD	2,414	663	3,077	10.6%	3.8%	7.6%
120	89				LAB	2,442	608	3,050	10.8%	3.5%	7.6%
121	90				LAB	3,345	1,113	4,458	10.3%	4.3%	7.6%
123	91				LAB	2,689	715	3,404	10.6%	3.7%	7.6%
124	92				LAB	2,423	624	3,047	10.5%	3.6%	7.6%
125	93				LAB	2,407	792	3,199	9.9%	4.4%	7.6%
126	94				LAB	2,249	723	2,972	10.1%	4.3%	7.6%
127	95				LAB	2,313	516	2,829	10.7%	3.2%	7.5%
129	96				LAB	2,274	573	2,847	10.1%	3.7%	7.5%
130	97				LAB	2,487	684	3,171	10.4%	3.7%	7.5%
131	98				LAB	2,392	638	3,030	10.2%	3.7%	7.5%
132	99				LAB	2,369	680	3,049	10.3%	3.8%	7.5%
133	100				LAB	2,327	522	2,849	10.5%	3.3%	7.5%
134	101				LAB	2,534	696	3,230	9.8%	4.0%	7.4%
135	102				LAB	2,074	492	2,566	10.1%	3.5%	7.4%
137	103				LD	2,270	1,008	3,278	8.5%	5.5%	7.3%
139	104				LAB	2,401	562	2,963	10.2%	3.2%	7.2%
140	105				LAB	2,089	509	2,598	10.2%	3.2%	7.1%
141	106				LD	2,545	682	3,227	9.6%	3.6%	7.1%
144	107				SPKR	2,252	661	2,913	9.1%	4.0%	7.1%
145	108				LAB	2,653	683	3,336	10.1%	3.3%	7.1%
148	109				LAB	2,582	898	3,480	9.7%	4.0%	7.1%
149	110				LAB	2,359	654	3,013	9.6%	3.6%	7.0%
150	111				LAB	2,635	708	3,343	9.6%	3.5%	7.0%
151	112				LAB	2,338	597	2,935	9.7%	3.4%	7.0%

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Rank by overall

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152	113				LAB	1,950	516	2,466	9.6%	3.5%	7.0%
154	114				LAB	1,977	420	2,397	9.9%	2.9%	7.0%
155	115				LAB	2,589	875	3,464	8.9%	4.2%	6.9%
156	116				LAB	2,159	575	2,734	9.5%	3.5%	6.9%
157	117				LAB	1,751	550	2,301	9.3%	3.9%	6.9%
163	118				LAB	1,573	503	2,076	8.8%	4.1%	6.9%
164	119				LAB	1,951	495	2,446	9.4%	3.3%	6.9%
165	120				LAB	2,394	622	3,016	9.6%	3.3%	6.9%
167	121				LAB	2,194	578	2,772	9.3%	3.4%	6.8%
169	122				CON	2,297	546	2,843	9.4%	3.1%	6.8%
170	123				LAB	2,284	690	2,974	9.4%	3.6%	6.8%
174	124				LAB	2,198	577	2,775	9.4%	3.2%	6.7%
175	125				LAB	2,880	1,224	4,104	9.0%	4.2%	6.7%
176	126				LAB	1,972	575	2,547	9.1%	3.5%	6.7%
177	127				LAB	2,219	692	2,911	9.0%	3.7%	6.7%
179	128				LAB	2,157	533	2,690	9.3%	3.1%	6.7%
180	129				LAB	2,043	547	2,590	8.8%	3.5%	6.7%
181	130				LAB	2,183	623	2,806	8.7%	3.6%	6.6%
182	131				LAB	2,031	444	2,475	9.5%	2.8%	6.6%
183	132				LAB	1,694	512	2,206	8.8%	3.6%	6.6%
187	133				LAB	2,198	533	2,731	9.2%	3.0%	6.5%
189	134				CON	1,733	446	2,179	9.0%	3.2%	6.5%
191	135				LAB	2,149	566	2,715	9.1%	3.1%	6.5%
192	136				LAB	2,005	657	2,662	8.3%	3.9%	6.5%
194	137				LAB	2,459	646	3,105	8.4%	3.4%	6.4%
195	138				LAB	2,036	477	2,513	9.2%	2.8%	6.4%
197	139				LAB	1,790	579	2,369	8.4%	3.7%	6.4%
199	140				LAB	1,776	576	2,352	8.5%	3.6%	6.4%
200	141				LAB	1,993	451	2,444	9.1%	2.7%	6.3%
202	142				LAB	2,297	507	2,804	9.0%	2.7%	6.3%
204	143				LAB	1,849	727	2,576	8.0%	4.0%	6.3%
206	144				LAB	1,906	562	2,468	8.3%	3.3%	6.2%
208	145				LAB	1,831	518	2,349	8.2%	3.3%	6.2%
209	146				LAB	2,098	530	2,628	8.4%	3.0%	6.2%
210	147				LAB	2,211	538	2,749	8.6%	2.9%	6.2%
213	148				LAB	2,222	523	2,745	8.8%	2.7%	6.1%
214	149				LD	1,923	703	2,626	7.7%	3.9%	6.1%
215	150				LAB	2,197	669	2,866	8.3%	3.3%	6.1%
216	151				LAB	2,013	556	2,569	8.3%	3.1%	6.1%
217	152				LAB	2,145	552	2,697	8.4%	2.9%	6.1%
218	153				LAB	2,012	451	2,463	8.9%	2.5%	6.1%
219	154				LAB	2,114	602	2,716	7.9%	3.4%	6.1%
220	155				LAB	1,919	457	2,376	8.3%	2.8%	6.0%
221	156				LAB	2,202	833	3,035	8.2%	3.5%	6.0%
222	157				LAB	1,689	372	2,061	8.6%	2.5%	6.0%
223	158				LAB	1,946	551	2,497	8.1%	3.1%	6.0%
224	159				LAB	2,185	599	2,784	8.4%	2.9%	6.0%
227	160				LAB	1,899	508	2,407	8.1%	2.9%	5.9%
228	161				LAB	2,157	497	2,654	8.1%	2.7%	5.9%
230	162				LAB	1,825	437	2,262	8.2%	2.7%	5.9%
231	163				LAB	1,819	435	2,254	8.2%	2.7%	5.9%
232	164				LAB	1,895	465	2,360	8.1%	2.7%	5.8%
233	165				LAB	2,467	856	3,323	7.8%	3.4%	5.8%
235	166				LAB	1,804	610	2,414	7.2%	3.7%	5.8%
237	167				LAB	1,747	551	2,298	7.9%	3.1%	5.8%
239	168				LAB	1,892	432	2,324	8.2%	2.5%	5.7%

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240	169				LAB	1,948	524	2,472	7.8%	2.9%	5.7%
241	170				LAB	2,064	444	2,508	8.0%	2.5%	5.7%
242	171				LAB	1,741	511	2,252	7.9%	2.9%	5.7%
244	172				LAB	1,917	547	2,464	7.4%	3.1%	5.7%
245	173				LAB	2,050	534	2,584	8.0%	2.7%	5.7%
246	174				LAB	2,109	765	2,874	7.6%	3.3%	5.7%
247	175				LAB	1,930	464	2,394	8.2%	2.5%	5.7%
249	176				LAB	1,832	500	2,332	7.5%	2.9%	5.6%
250	177				LAB	2,208	608	2,816	7.6%	2.9%	5.6%
251	178				LAB	1,835	622	2,457	7.4%	3.3%	5.6%
254	179				CON	2,218	930	3,148	7.1%	3.7%	5.6%
255	180				LD	1,364	453	1,817	7.2%	3.3%	5.5%
256	181				LAB	1,739	481	2,220	7.5%	2.8%	5.5%
257	182				LAB	1,968	438	2,406	7.8%	2.4%	5.5%
258	183				CON	1,656	487	2,143	7.4%	2.9%	5.5%
259	184				CON	1,655	509	2,164	7.2%	3.1%	5.5%
260	185				LAB	1,683	458	2,141	7.4%	2.8%	5.5%
263	186				LAB	2,000	715	2,715	7.1%	3.3%	5.5%
264	187				LAB	1,586	534	2,120	7.3%	3.1%	5.5%
265	188				LAB	1,710	398	2,108	7.5%	2.5%	5.4%
267	189				LAB	1,926	485	2,411	7.5%	2.6%	5.4%
269	190				LAB	1,882	483	2,365	7.4%	2.6%	5.4%
272	191				LAB	1,905	514	2,419	7.2%	2.8%	5.4%
273	192				LAB	1,421	584	2,005	6.7%	3.6%	5.3%
274	193				LAB	2,345	697	3,042	7.3%	2.8%	5.3%
275	194				LAB	1,883	543	2,426	7.2%	2.8%	5.3%
276	195				LAB	1,562	471	2,033	7.3%	2.8%	5.3%
277	196				LAB	1,573	403	1,976	7.3%	2.5%	5.3%
278	197				LAB	1,877	512	2,389	7.3%	2.6%	5.3%
279	198				LD	1,650	498	2,148	7.4%	2.7%	5.3%
280	199				CON	1,687	516	2,203	6.9%	3.0%	5.3%
282	200				LAB	1,650	568	2,218	6.5%	3.3%	5.2%
283	201				LAB	1,778	388	2,166	7.6%	2.2%	5.2%
284	202				LAB	1,712	379	2,091	7.5%	2.2%	5.2%
285	203				LAB	1,781	585	2,366	6.8%	3.0%	5.2%
286	204				LAB	1,560	436	1,996	6.8%	2.8%	5.2%
287	205				CON	1,465	393	1,858	7.3%	2.5%	5.2%
289	206				LAB	1,771	607	2,378	6.5%	3.2%	5.2%
291	207				LAB	1,387	417	1,804	7.1%	2.7%	5.1%
293	208				LAB	1,960	555	2,515	7.2%	2.5%	5.1%
294	209				LAB	1,401	442	1,843	6.7%	2.9%	5.1%
295	210				CON	1,335	526	1,861	6.3%	3.4%	5.1%
296	211				CON	1,472	499	1,971	6.6%	3.1%	5.1%
298	212				LAB	1,528	590	2,118	6.4%	3.2%	5.0%
299	213				LAB	1,601	411	2,012	6.9%	2.4%	5.0%
300	214				CON	1,360	519	1,879	6.0%	3.4%	5.0%
301	215				LAB	1,648	467	2,115	6.7%	2.6%	5.0%
302	216				LAB	1,847	599	2,446	6.8%	2.7%	4.9%
303	217				LAB	1,849	508	2,357	6.9%	2.4%	4.9%
304	218				LAB	1,499	421	1,920	6.7%	2.5%	4.9%
305	219				LAB	1,481	560	2,041	6.6%	2.9%	4.9%
306	220				LAB	1,789	516	2,305	6.6%	2.6%	4.9%
308	221				LAB	1,486	423	1,909	6.6%	2.6%	4.9%
310	222				LAB	1,925	680	2,605	6.4%	2.9%	4.8%
312	223				LAB	1,752	510	2,262	6.5%	2.6%	4.8%
314	224				LD	1,502	570	2,072	5.9%	3.2%	4.8%

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316	225				LAB	1,565	360	1,925	6.7%	2.1%	4.8%
318	226				LAB	1,720	457	2,177	6.6%	2.3%	4.7%
320	227				LAB	1,259	450	1,709	6.3%	2.8%	4.7%
321	228				LAB	1,711	419	2,130	6.7%	2.1%	4.7%
323	229				LAB	1,399	411	1,810	6.5%	2.4%	4.7%
324	230				LD	1,439	559	1,998	5.8%	3.1%	4.7%
325	231				CON	1,812	598	2,410	6.1%	2.7%	4.7%
326	232				LAB	1,513	480	1,993	6.4%	2.5%	4.6%
327	233				LAB	1,763	558	2,321	6.3%	2.5%	4.6%
329	234				LAB	1,750	543	2,293	6.2%	2.6%	4.6%
330	235				LAB	1,856	535	2,391	6.3%	2.4%	4.6%
331	236				LAB	1,588	523	2,111	6.1%	2.7%	4.6%
333	237				CON	1,454	467	1,921	6.1%	2.6%	4.6%
334	238				LAB	1,638	672	2,310	5.8%	3.1%	4.6%
335	239				LD	1,466	541	2,007	5.7%	3.0%	4.6%
336	240				LAB	1,388	459	1,847	6.1%	2.6%	4.6%
339	241				LAB	1,722	472	2,194	6.2%	2.3%	4.5%
340	242				LAB	1,590	345	1,935	6.5%	1.9%	4.5%
341	243				LAB	1,561	433	1,994	6.0%	2.3%	4.5%
342	244				LAB	1,598	475	2,073	6.0%	2.4%	4.5%
343	245				LAB	1,253	415	1,668	6.0%	2.5%	4.4%
344	246				LAB	1,516	492	2,008	5.8%	2.6%	4.4%
345	247				CON	1,404	520	1,924	5.6%	2.8%	4.4%
347	248				CON	1,389	396	1,785	5.9%	2.4%	4.4%
349	249				LAB	1,542	374	1,916	6.2%	2.0%	4.4%
350	250				LAB	1,526	481	2,007	5.7%	2.5%	4.4%
351	251				CON	1,292	383	1,675	6.1%	2.2%	4.4%
352	252				LAB	1,662	423	2,085	6.1%	2.0%	4.4%
353	253				LAB	1,470	511	1,981	5.6%	2.7%	4.4%
354	254				CON	1,311	445	1,756	5.5%	2.7%	4.3%
356	255				LAB	1,524	365	1,889	6.2%	1.9%	4.3%
357	256				LAB	1,328	463	1,791	5.7%	2.6%	4.3%
358	257				LAB	1,310	325	1,635	6.0%	2.0%	4.3%
359	258				CON	1,488	373	1,861	6.0%	2.0%	4.3%
360	259				LAB	1,178	407	1,585	5.7%	2.5%	4.3%
361	260				CON	1,606	882	2,488	5.0%	3.4%	4.3%
362	261				LAB	1,639	503	2,142	5.7%	2.4%	4.3%
365	262				LAB	1,414	364	1,778	5.9%	2.1%	4.2%
366	263				LAB	1,356	459	1,815	5.4%	2.6%	4.2%
367	264				LAB	1,514	433	1,947	5.7%	2.2%	4.2%
368	265				CON	1,635	477	2,112	5.9%	2.2%	4.2%
369	266				LAB	1,417	423	1,840	5.7%	2.3%	4.2%
370	267				LAB	1,390	448	1,838	5.4%	2.5%	4.2%
372	268				LD	1,446	401	1,847	5.8%	2.1%	4.2%
373	269				LAB	1,437	506	1,943	5.3%	2.6%	4.2%
374	270				CON	1,159	414	1,573	5.1%	2.7%	4.2%
375	271				LAB	1,689	700	2,389	5.3%	2.7%	4.2%
376	272				CON	1,355	488	1,843	5.4%	2.5%	4.1%
377	273				LAB	1,600	520	2,120	5.4%	2.4%	4.1%
378	274				LAB	1,238	514	1,752	5.1%	2.8%	4.1%
379	275				LAB	1,562	474	2,036	5.6%	2.2%	4.1%
380	276				LAB	1,325	412	1,737	5.4%	2.3%	4.1%
381	277				LAB	1,276	410	1,686	5.4%	2.4%	4.1%
382	278				LAB	1,249	529	1,778	5.0%	2.8%	4.1%
383	279				LAB	1,298	367	1,665	5.5%	2.1%	4.1%
384	280				LAB	1,179	329	1,508	5.5%	2.1%	4.1%

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385	281				Ellesmere Port & Neston	LAB	1,348	370	1,718	5.5%	2.0%	4.0%
386	282				Dartford	LAB	1,448	431	1,879	5.4%	2.2%	4.0%
387	283				Harrow East	LAB	1,514	627	2,141	5.1%	2.7%	4.0%
388	284				Stoke-on-Trent South	LAB	1,395	412	1,807	5.5%	2.1%	4.0%
390	285				Telford	LAB	1,203	360	1,563	5.3%	2.2%	4.0%
394	286				Chester, City of	LAB	1,356	320	1,676	5.6%	1.8%	4.0%
395	287				Normanton	LAB	1,194	375	1,569	5.3%	2.2%	3.9%
396	288				Bath *>	LD	1,238	424	1,662	5.3%	2.2%	3.9%
397	289				North East Cambridgeshire	CON	1,350	456	1,806	5.0%	2.4%	3.9%
398	290				Leigh	LAB	1,331	367	1,698	5.3%	2.0%	3.9%
400	291				Weston-Super-Mare	LD	1,223	396	1,619	5.1%	2.2%	3.9%
401	292				Sheffield, Hallam	LD	904	382	1,286	4.9%	2.6%	3.9%
403	293				Morley & Rothwell	LAB	1,333	376	1,709	5.4%	1.9%	3.9%
408	294				Makerfield	LAB	1,291	354	1,645	5.2%	1.9%	3.8%
410	295				Taunton *	LD	1,378	437	1,815	5.1%	2.1%	3.8%
411	296				Colne Valley	LAB	1,288	489	1,777	4.9%	2.4%	3.8%
412	297				Hereford *>	LD	1,218	429	1,647	4.9%	2.3%	3.8%
413	298				Chingford & Woodford Green	CON	1,076	411	1,487	4.8%	2.4%	3.8%
414	299				Denton & Reddish	LAB	1,351	369	1,720	5.2%	1.8%	3.8%
415	300				Bristol North West	LAB	1,378	389	1,767	5.1%	1.9%	3.7%
416	301				Harlow	LAB	1,249	427	1,676	4.9%	2.2%	3.7%
417	302				Gillingham	LAB	1,324	470	1,794	4.7%	2.4%	3.7%
418	303				Lancaster & Wyre	LAB	1,202	377	1,579	5.1%	2.0%	3.7%
420	304				Erewash	LAB	1,445	462	1,907	4.9%	2.1%	3.7%
421	305				Chatham & Aylesford	LAB	1,409	425	1,834	4.8%	2.1%	3.7%
422	306				Suffolk Coastal	CON	1,212	440	1,652	4.6%	2.4%	3.7%
423	307				Aldridge - Brownhills	CON	1,137	400	1,537	4.7%	2.3%	3.7%
424	308				Crewe & Nantwich	LAB	1,222	362	1,584	4.9%	2.0%	3.7%
427	309				Stourbridge	LAB	1,235	357	1,592	4.9%	1.9%	3.6%
428	310				Gedling	LAB	1,262	416	1,678	4.9%	2.0%	3.6%
429	311				Warrington North	LAB	1,325	363	1,688	5.0%	1.8%	3.6%
430	312				Ashford	CON	1,318	356	1,674	4.9%	1.8%	3.6%
431	313				Worcester	LAB	1,204	326	1,530	5.0%	1.8%	3.6%
432	314				Chipping Barnet	CON	1,149	505	1,654	4.4%	2.5%	3.6%
433	315				Poole	CON	1,061	283	1,344	4.9%	1.8%	3.6%
434	316				Calder Valley	LAB	1,305	428	1,733	4.8%	2.0%	3.6%
435	317				Selby	LAB	1,201	422	1,623	4.5%	2.2%	3.6%
436	318				Oldham East & Saddleworth	LAB	1,396	382	1,778	5.0%	1.8%	3.6%
437	319				Amber Valley	LAB	1,248	388	1,636	4.7%	2.0%	3.6%
438	320				Worsley	LAB	1,225	314	1,539	5.0%	1.7%	3.5%
439	321				East Devon	CON	858	322	1,180	4.5%	2.2%	3.5%
440	322				Northampton South	LAB	1,347	464	1,811	4.6%	2.1%	3.5%
441	323				Tamworth	LAB	1,127	414	1,541	4.3%	2.3%	3.5%
442	324				Shipley	LAB	1,143	378	1,521	4.7%	1.9%	3.5%
443	325				Loughborough	LAB	1,040	381	1,421	4.4%	2.1%	3.4%
444	326				Wells	CON	1,001	428	1,429	4.1%	2.4%	3.4%
445	327				Bexleyheath & Crayford	LAB	1,012	419	1,431	4.2%	2.3%	3.4%
446	328				Stevenage	LAB	1,171	382	1,553	4.4%	2.0%	3.4%
447	329				Carshalton & Wallington	LD	1,165	360	1,525	4.6%	1.8%	3.4%
448	330				Nuneaton	LAB	1,211	372	1,583	4.5%	1.9%	3.4%
449	331				Pendle	LAB	1,010	302	1,312	4.5%	1.8%	3.4%
450	332				Gosport	CON	1,143	381	1,524	4.3%	2.0%	3.4%
451	333				Colchester	LD	1,205	399	1,604	4.3%	2.0%	3.4%
453	334				Bexhill & Battle	CON	809	270	1,079	4.4%	1.9%	3.3%
454	335				South Derbyshire	LAB	1,201	373	1,574	4.4%	1.8%	3.3%
456	336				Braintree	LAB	1,107	409	1,516	4.0%	2.1%	3.3%

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457	337				CON	1,142	506	1,648	3.8%	2.5%	3.3%
458	338				LAB	1,087	280	1,367	4.6%	1.5%	3.2%
459	339				LAB	1,165	358	1,523	4.3%	1.8%	3.2%
460	340				CON	1,032	376	1,408	4.0%	2.1%	3.2%
461	341				LAB	1,042	353	1,395	4.0%	2.0%	3.2%
462	342				LAB	892	349	1,241	3.9%	2.2%	3.2%
464	343				LAB	1,117	387	1,504	4.1%	1.9%	3.2%
465	344				LAB	999	410	1,409	4.0%	2.1%	3.2%
466	345				CON	1,149	388	1,537	4.0%	1.9%	3.1%
467	346				LAB	1,096	447	1,543	4.0%	2.1%	3.1%
468	347				CON	1,114	331	1,445	4.3%	1.7%	3.1%
469	348				CON	1,050	411	1,461	3.9%	2.1%	3.1%
470	349				CON	1,070	343	1,413	4.0%	1.8%	3.1%
471	350				CON	828	267	1,095	4.1%	1.8%	3.1%
472	351				LAB	1,069	380	1,449	4.0%	1.9%	3.1%
473	352				LAB	972	281	1,253	4.2%	1.6%	3.1%
475	353				CON	945	386	1,331	3.8%	2.1%	3.1%
476	354				LD	815	286	1,101	4.0%	1.8%	3.1%
478	355				LAB	816	268	1,084	4.0%	1.8%	3.1%
479	356				LAB	984	313	1,297	4.1%	1.7%	3.1%
480	357				LAB	1,203	352	1,555	4.2%	1.6%	3.1%
481	358				CON	915	351	1,266	3.7%	2.0%	3.0%
482	359				LAB	1,033	342	1,375	4.0%	1.7%	3.0%
483	360				LAB	906	289	1,195	3.9%	1.7%	3.0%
484	361				LAB	1,019	407	1,426	3.7%	2.1%	3.0%
485	362				CON	934	339	1,273	3.8%	1.9%	3.0%
486	363				LAB	1,138	356	1,494	4.0%	1.7%	3.0%
487	364				LAB	964	322	1,286	3.9%	1.7%	3.0%
488	365				LAB	1,145	329	1,474	4.1%	1.5%	3.0%
489	366				LD	1,123	436	1,559	3.8%	1.9%	3.0%
490	367				LD	1,083	454	1,537	3.7%	2.0%	3.0%
491	368				IC	825	318	1,143	3.6%	2.0%	3.0%
492	369				CON	820	242	1,062	4.1%	1.5%	2.9%
493	370				LAB	1,006	242	1,248	4.2%	1.3%	2.9%
494	371				CON	790	318	1,108	3.6%	2.0%	2.9%
495	372				CON	831	319	1,150	3.7%	1.9%	2.9%
496	373				LAB	1,045	320	1,365	3.9%	1.6%	2.9%
497	374				CON	908	388	1,296	3.6%	2.0%	2.9%
498	375				LAB	1,039	360	1,399	3.8%	1.7%	2.9%
500	376				CON	882	308	1,190	3.8%	1.7%	2.9%
501	377				CON	949	274	1,223	3.8%	1.6%	2.9%
502	378				CON	881	306	1,187	3.6%	1.8%	2.9%
503	379				CON	992	389	1,381	3.6%	1.9%	2.9%
504	380				CON	937	420	1,357	3.5%	2.1%	2.9%
505	381				CON	778	293	1,071	3.6%	1.8%	2.9%
506	382				CON	879	357	1,236	3.4%	2.0%	2.9%
507	383				LAB	965	331	1,296	3.8%	1.7%	2.9%
508	384				CON	1,034	352	1,386	3.7%	1.7%	2.9%
509	385				CON	1,052	358	1,410	3.7%	1.7%	2.8%
510	386				LAB	1,062	316	1,378	3.8%	1.5%	2.8%
511	387				LD	928	342	1,270	3.5%	1.8%	2.8%
512	388				CON	909	334	1,243	3.5%	1.8%	2.8%
513	389				LAB	1,066	367	1,433	3.6%	1.7%	2.8%
514	390				CON	698	226	924	3.7%	1.6%	2.8%
515	391				CON	960	379	1,339	3.4%	1.9%	2.8%
516	392				LAB	842	278	1,120	3.6%	1.6%	2.8%



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517	393				Central Suffolk & North Ipswich	CON	862	310	1,172	3.5%	1.8%	2.8%
518	394				Romford	LAB	825	267	1,092	3.6%	1.6%	2.8%
521	395				Sleaford & North Hykeham	CON	836	315	1,151	3.4%	1.8%	2.7%
522	396				Kingswood	LAB	1,026	326	1,352	3.6%	1.5%	2.7%
523	397				Shrewsbury & Atcham	LAB	931	306	1,237	3.6%	1.6%	2.7%
524	398				Sutton Coldfield	CON	889	365	1,254	3.4%	1.8%	2.7%
525	399				West Chelmsford	CON	1,028	350	1,378	3.5%	1.6%	2.7%
526	400				Staffordshire Moorlands	LAB	894	296	1,190	3.5%	1.6%	2.7%
527	401				Watford	LAB	1,056	321	1,377	3.6%	1.5%	2.7%
528	402				Ludlow	CON	721	266	987	3.3%	1.8%	2.7%
529	403				North West Cambridgeshire	CON	939	343	1,282	3.4%	1.7%	2.7%
530	404				North East Milton Keynes	LAB	911	311	1,222	3.5%	1.6%	2.7%
531	405				Stroud	LAB	911	363	1,274	3.3%	1.8%	2.7%
532	406				Worthing West	CON	750	201	951	3.8%	1.3%	2.7%
533	407				Maidstone & The Weald	CON	984	293	1,277	3.6%	1.4%	2.7%
534	408				Wrekin, The	LAB	775	226	1,001	3.5%	1.4%	2.6%
535	409				Altrincham & Sale West	CON	885	256	1,141	3.6%	1.3%	2.6%
536	410				Croydon South	CON	967	348	1,315	3.4%	1.6%	2.6%
537	411				Lichfield	CON	767	327	1,094	3.1%	1.8%	2.6%
538	412				Twickenham	LD	971	345	1,316	3.4%	1.5%	2.6%
539	413				Eddisbury	CON	761	256	1,017	3.3%	1.6%	2.6%
540	414				Kettering	LAB	902	333	1,235	3.3%	1.6%	2.6%
541	415				West Suffolk	CON	966	365	1,331	3.1%	1.7%	2.5%
542	416				Reading East	LAB	980	266	1,246	3.4%	1.3%	2.5%
543	417				Harrogate & Knaresborough	LD	772	253	1,025	3.5%	1.4%	2.5%
544	418				Tonbridge & Malling	CON	792	268	1,060	3.2%	1.5%	2.5%
545	419				Christchurch	CON	635	195	830	3.3%	1.4%	2.5%
546	420				Ruislip - Northwood	CON	771	234	1,005	3.4%	1.3%	2.5%
547	421				Somerton & Frome *	LD	787	323	1,110	3.0%	1.8%	2.5%
549	422				Wycombe	CON	1,004	273	1,277	3.3%	1.3%	2.5%
550	423				Rayleigh	CON	825	277	1,102	3.1%	1.5%	2.5%
551	424				Sutton & Cheam	LD	795	264	1,059	3.3%	1.4%	2.5%
552	425				Broxbourne	CON	841	295	1,136	3.1%	1.5%	2.5%
553	426				Orpington	CON	958	343	1,301	3.1%	1.5%	2.5%
554	427				West Worcestershire	CON	703	242	945	3.2%	1.5%	2.4%
555	428				Chichester	CON	794	270	1,064	3.2%	1.4%	2.4%
557	429				Hazel Grove	LD	778	223	1,001	3.3%	1.2%	2.4%
558	430				Bolton West	LAB	753	194	947	3.3%	1.1%	2.4%
559	431				Rossendale & Darwen	LAB	816	273	1,089	3.2%	1.4%	2.4%
560	432				New Forest East	CON	744	252	996	3.0%	1.4%	2.4%
561	433				Sevenoaks	CON	747	276	1,023	2.9%	1.5%	2.4%
562	434				Tunbridge Wells	CON	796	232	1,028	3.2%	1.2%	2.3%
563	435				West Derbyshire	CON	738	277	1,015	2.9%	1.5%	2.3%
564	436				East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	754	246	1,000	3.1%	1.3%	2.3%
565	437				Penrith & The Border	CON	688	267	955	2.9%	1.6%	2.3%
566	438				Crawley	LAB	855	250	1,105	3.2%	1.2%	2.3%
567	439				Bury St Edmunds	CON	752	326	1,078	2.8%	1.6%	2.3%
568	440				Hertsmere	CON	753	258	1,011	3.0%	1.4%	2.3%
569	441				Pudsey	LAB	804	259	1,063	3.1%	1.2%	2.3%
570	442				Solihull	CON	825	319	1,144	2.9%	1.5%	2.3%
571	443				North Essex	CON	684	246	930	2.8%	1.5%	2.3%
572	444				South West Bedfordshire	CON	797	327	1,124	2.8%	1.6%	2.3%
573	445				Mid Worcestershire	CON	639	311	950	2.6%	1.7%	2.3%
574	446				Salisbury	CON	885	276	1,161	3.0%	1.3%	2.3%
575	447				Tewkesbury	CON	699	260	959	2.9%	1.4%	2.3%
576	448				Reading West	LAB	889	229	1,118	3.1%	1.1%	2.3%

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578	449				LAB	833	251	1,084	3.0%	1.2%	2.2%
579	450				CON	706	238	944	2.9%	1.3%	2.2%
580	451				LAB	798	219	1,017	3.1%	1.1%	2.2%
581	452				CON	593	285	878	2.5%	1.7%	2.2%
582	453				CON	833	357	1,190	2.6%	1.6%	2.2%
583	454				LAB	749	279	1,028	2.8%	1.3%	2.2%
584	455				CON	690	242	932	2.8%	1.3%	2.2%
585	456				CON	635	241	876	2.8%	1.3%	2.2%
586	457				CON	861	214	1,075	3.0%	1.0%	2.2%
587	458				CON	833	194	1,027	3.1%	0.9%	2.2%
588	459				CON	598	308	906	2.4%	1.7%	2.1%
589	460				LAB	724	235	959	2.8%	1.2%	2.1%
590	461				CON	780	296	1,076	2.6%	1.3%	2.1%
591	462				CON	656	190	846	2.8%	1.1%	2.1%
592	463				IND	615	195	810	2.7%	1.2%	2.1%
593	464				CON	666	245	911	2.6%	1.3%	2.0%
595	465				CON	635	234	869	2.5%	1.3%	2.0%
596	466				CON	855	260	1,115	2.7%	1.1%	2.0%
597	467				CON	696	268	964	2.4%	1.3%	1.9%
598	468				CON	629	295	924	2.2%	1.5%	1.9%
599	469				CON	700	288	988	2.3%	1.4%	1.9%
600	470				CON	633	219	852	2.5%	1.2%	1.9%
601	471				CON	638	237	875	2.5%	1.2%	1.9%
602	472				LD	670	218	888	2.5%	1.1%	1.9%
603	473				CON	562	238	800	2.2%	1.3%	1.9%
604	474				CON	781	262	1,043	2.5%	1.1%	1.9%
605	475				CON	594	211	805	2.4%	1.1%	1.8%
606	476				CON	552	253	805	2.2%	1.4%	1.8%
607	477				CON	622	197	819	2.4%	1.1%	1.8%
608	478				LAB	581	244	825	2.3%	1.3%	1.8%
609	479				CON	641	219	860	2.3%	1.1%	1.8%
610	480				CON	581	237	818	2.3%	1.2%	1.8%
611	481				CON	595	203	798	2.3%	1.1%	1.8%
612	482				CON	693	253	946	2.2%	1.1%	1.8%
613	483				CON	567	185	752	2.3%	1.0%	1.8%
614	484				LAB	589	204	793	2.3%	1.0%	1.8%
615	485				CON	648	215	863	2.3%	1.0%	1.8%
616	486				LAB	616	179	795	2.4%	0.9%	1.8%
617	487				CON	600	254	854	2.1%	1.2%	1.7%
618	488				CON	615	243	858	2.2%	1.1%	1.7%
619	489				CON	627	178	805	2.3%	0.9%	1.7%
620	490				CON	487	174	661	2.2%	1.1%	1.7%
621	491				CON	520	232	752	2.0%	1.3%	1.7%
622	492				CON	629	282	911	2.0%	1.3%	1.7%
623	493				CON	554	222	776	2.1%	1.1%	1.7%
624	494				CON	593	223	816	2.1%	1.1%	1.7%
625	495				LD	609	218	827	2.2%	1.0%	1.7%
626	496				LD	600	205	805	2.1%	1.0%	1.7%
627	497				CON	508	228	736	1.9%	1.2%	1.6%
628	498				CON	508	198	706	2.0%	1.0%	1.6%
629	499				CON	518	150	668	2.2%	0.8%	1.6%
630	500				CON	557	206	763	2.0%	1.0%	1.6%
631	501				CON	616	189	805	2.1%	0.9%	1.6%
632	502				CON	542	204	746	2.0%	1.0%	1.6%
633	503				CON	666	192	858	2.1%	0.8%	1.6%
634	504				LD	589	237	826	1.9%	1.0%	1.6%

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635	505				Epsom & Ewell	CON	566	176	742	2.1%	0.8%	1.5%
636	506				Guildford	CON	564	205	769	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
637	507				Wealden	CON	546	184	730	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
638	508				Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	548	182	730	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
639	509				Cotswold	CON	448	153	601	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
640	510				Wantage	CON	541	175	716	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
641	511				Aldershot	CON	692	236	928	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
642	512				East Surrey	CON	549	183	732	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
643	513				Beaconsfield	CON	484	191	675	1.8%	1.0%	1.4%
644	514				South West Surrey	CON	495	156	651	1.9%	0.8%	1.4%
645	515				Arundel & South Downs	CON	423	126	549	1.9%	0.8%	1.4%
646	516				Mid Sussex	CON	462	167	629	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
647	517				North East Hampshire	CON	468	143	611	1.7%	0.7%	1.3%
648	518				North West Hampshire *	CON	471	188	659	1.6%	0.9%	1.3%
649	519				Ribble Valley	CON	429	158	587	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
650	520				Buckingham	CON	378	133	511	1.6%	0.8%	1.2%
651	521				Horsham	CON	443	166	609	1.6%	0.8%	1.2%
652	522				Henley	CON	423	139	562	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
653	523				Newbury	LD	460	131	591	1.6%	0.6%	1.2%
654	524				Witney	CON	436	160	596	1.5%	0.8%	1.2%
655	525				Chesham & Amersham	CON	407	117	524	1.5%	0.6%	1.1%
656	526				Woking	CON	423	135	558	1.5%	0.7%	1.1%
657	527				Surrey Heath	CON	459	142	601	1.5%	0.6%	1.1%
658	528				Mole Valley	CON	375	109	484	1.4%	0.6%	1.1%
659	529				Wokingham	CON	333	110	443	1.2%	0.5%	0.9%
England							860,328	262,945	1,123,273	6.5%	2.7%	4.9%

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unemployment rate					Claimants			Rate				
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70		1			Caernarfon	PC	1,783	521	2,304	11.7%	4.9%	8.9%
92		2			Ynys-Mon	PC	1,889	562	2,451	10.5%	4.7%	8.2%
95		3			Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	LAB	1,915	551	2,466	10.7%	4.4%	8.1%
110		4			Blaenau Gwent	LAB	1,850	469	2,319	10.5%	3.9%	7.8%
115		5			Cardiff South & Penarth	LAB	2,331	476	2,807	11.2%	3.1%	7.7%
118		6			Conwy	LAB	1,739	453	2,192	10.8%	3.6%	7.7%
122		7			Preseli Pembrokeshire	LAB	1,853	527	2,380	9.9%	4.2%	7.6%
128		8			Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	PC	1,040	362	1,402	9.5%	4.7%	7.5%
136		9			Cardiff West	LAB	2,111	487	2,598	10.5%	3.2%	7.3%
158		10			Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	LAB	1,718	396	2,114	9.6%	3.1%	6.9%
172		11			Cardiff Central	LAB	1,787	489	2,276	9.5%	3.2%	6.7%
184		12			Cynon Valley	LAB	1,423	332	1,755	9.2%	3.0%	6.6%
188		13			Rhondda	LAB	1,607	387	1,994	8.9%	3.1%	6.5%
190		14			Swansea West	LAB	1,586	413	1,999	9.1%	3.1%	6.5%
196		15			Llanelli	LAB	1,522	409	1,931	8.7%	3.2%	6.4%
201		16			Newport West	LAB	1,734	472	2,206	8.7%	3.2%	6.3%
203		17			Caerphilly	LAB	1,828	494	2,322	8.5%	3.2%	6.3%
236		18			Vale of Clwyd	LAB	1,314	312	1,626	8.3%	2.5%	5.8%
238		19			Aberavon	LAB	1,205	334	1,539	7.7%	3.0%	5.7%
243		20			Swansea East	LAB	1,617	347	1,964	8.1%	2.4%	5.7%
252		21			Neath	LAB	1,295	402	1,697	7.3%	3.1%	5.6%
261		22			Ogmore	LAB	1,335	329	1,664	7.6%	2.6%	5.5%
262		23			Ceredigion	PC	1,123	387	1,510	6.9%	3.4%	5.5%
266		24			Newport East	LAB	1,398	415	1,813	7.2%	3.0%	5.4%
270		25			Vale of Glamorgan	LAB	1,761	542	2,303	7.1%	3.0%	5.4%
290		26			Bridgend	LAB	1,319	444	1,763	6.7%	3.0%	5.1%
309		27			Torfaen	LAB	1,414	354	1,768	6.7%	2.3%	4.9%
313		28			Clwyd West <*	LAB	1,079	315	1,394	6.5%	2.5%	4.8%
322		29			Pontypridd	LAB	1,445	382	1,827	6.5%	2.3%	4.7%
346		30			Wrexham	LAB	1,064	287	1,351	6.1%	2.2%	4.4%
348		31			Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	LAB	973	282	1,255	5.8%	2.4%	4.4%
355		32			Clwyd South *>	LAB	1,004	313	1,317	5.6%	2.5%	4.3%
363		33			Gower	LAB	1,030	313	1,343	5.7%	2.3%	4.3%
404		34			Brecon & Radnorshire	LD	829	315	1,144	4.8%	2.6%	3.8%
407		35			Islwyn	LAB	822	303	1,125	4.8%	2.4%	3.8%
409		36			Alyn & Deeside	LAB	1,083	321	1,404	5.1%	2.1%	3.8%
419		37			Monmouth	LAB	941	362	1,303	4.7%	2.4%	3.7%
426		38			Delyn	LAB	918	262	1,180	4.9%	1.9%	3.6%
474		39			Cardiff North	LAB	785	239	1,024	4.3%	1.6%	3.1%
520		40			Montgomeryshire	LD	520	179	699	3.4%	1.7%	2.7%
					Wales		55,990	15,539	71,529	7.7%	2.9%	5.7%

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21			1		Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	2,920	778	3,698	17.0%	5.9%	12.2%
29			2		Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	2,300	472	2,772	16.7%	4.8%	11.8%
32			3		Glasgow Springburn	LAB	2,606	639	3,245	16.3%	4.9%	11.2%
53			4		Western Isles	LAB	1,076	267	1,343	12.9%	5.2%	9.9%
62			5		Glasgow Kelvin	LAB	2,204	628	2,832	13.0%	4.6%	9.2%
66			6		Glasgow Govan	LAB	2,365	572	2,937	13.0%	4.0%	9.1%
67			7		Glasgow Pollok	LAB	2,234	474	2,708	13.2%	3.6%	9.1%
75			8		Glasgow Baillieston	LAB	2,238	496	2,734	12.6%	3.7%	8.8%
77			9		Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	LD	1,685	514	2,199	11.0%	5.1%	8.7%
78			10		Dundee East	LAB	2,445	715	3,160	12.1%	4.4%	8.7%
80			11		Kirkcaldy	LAB	2,060	618	2,678	11.6%	4.6%	8.5%
82			12		Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	1,917	367	2,284	13.2%	3.0%	8.5%
98			13		Dundee West	LAB	2,104	552	2,656	11.9%	3.6%	8.1%
112			14		Ross, Skye & Inverness West	LD	1,870	716	2,586	9.5%	5.2%	7.7%
113			15		Cunninghame South	LAB	1,840	585	2,425	10.3%	4.4%	7.7%
138			16		Paisley North	LAB	1,674	456	2,130	10.5%	3.4%	7.2%
142			17		Central Fife	LAB	1,926	574	2,500	9.7%	3.8%	7.1%
143			18		Paisley South	LAB	1,937	450	2,387	10.5%	3.0%	7.1%
146			19		Dumbarton	LAB	2,060	581	2,641	9.6%	3.6%	7.1%
147			20		Clydebank & Milngavie	LAB	1,773	372	2,145	10.4%	2.8%	7.1%
159			21		Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	LAB	2,204	572	2,776	9.5%	3.4%	6.9%
160			22		Motherwell & Wishaw	LAB	1,609	379	1,988	9.8%	3.1%	6.9%
161			23		Kilmarnock & Loudoun	LAB	2,043	592	2,635	9.4%	3.6%	6.9%
162			24		Ayr	LAB	1,662	490	2,152	9.3%	3.6%	6.9%
168			25		Cunninghame North	LAB	1,606	524	2,130	8.9%	4.0%	6.8%
171			26		Airdrie & Shotts	LAB	1,923	515	2,438	9.1%	3.4%	6.7%
173			27		Argyll & Bute	LD	1,496	556	2,052	8.4%	4.4%	6.7%
178			28		Coatbridge & Chryston	LAB	1,574	428	2,002	9.2%	3.3%	6.7%
185			29		Glasgow Rutherglen	LAB	1,462	369	1,831	9.3%	3.1%	6.6%
186			30		Falkirk West	LAB	1,696	457	2,153	9.2%	3.2%	6.6%
193			31		Hamilton North & Bellshill	LAB	1,790	470	2,260	8.9%	3.2%	6.5%
198			32		Glasgow Cathcart	LAB	1,471	362	1,833	9.3%	2.8%	6.4%
207			33		Dunfermline East	LAB	1,570	396	1,966	8.4%	3.0%	6.2%
211			34		Ochil	LAB	1,607	450	2,057	8.5%	3.1%	6.1%
212			35		Hamilton South	LAB	1,304	365	1,669	8.4%	3.1%	6.1%
225			36		Edinburgh North & Leith	LAB	1,960	543	2,503	8.8%	2.8%	6.0%
226			37		Edinburgh Central	LAB	1,557	460	2,017	8.6%	2.9%	5.9%
229			38		Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	LAB	1,758	677	2,435	7.5%	3.8%	5.9%
234			39		Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	SNP	1,424	427	1,851	7.6%	3.3%	5.8%
268			40		Angus	SNP	1,488	516	2,004	7.1%	3.2%	5.4%
281			41		Falkirk East	LAB	1,518	400	1,918	7.4%	2.5%	5.3%
288			42		Clydesdale	LAB	1,576	416	1,992	7.1%	2.5%	5.2%
292			43		Dunfermline West	LAB	1,322	367	1,689	7.0%	2.6%	5.1%
297			44		Stirling	LAB	1,255	346	1,601	7.0%	2.4%	5.0%
307			45		Dumfries	LAB	1,449	488	1,937	6.4%	2.9%	4.9%
311			46		Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	LAB	1,216	352	1,568	6.8%	2.4%	4.8%
315			47		Edinburgh South	LAB	1,210	371	1,581	6.8%	2.4%	4.8%
317			48		Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	LAB	1,412	293	1,705	7.3%	1.8%	4.8%
319			49		Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	1,129	261	1,390	6.9%	2.0%	4.7%
332			50		Moray	SNP	1,273	425	1,698	5.7%	2.9%	4.6%
337			51		Aberdeen Central	LAB	1,153	302	1,455	6.5%	2.1%	4.6%
338			52		Perth	SNP	1,303	369	1,672	6.4%	2.2%	4.6%
371			53		North Tayside	SNP	1,151	416	1,567	5.4%	2.6%	4.2%
389			54		East Kilbride	LAB	1,339	426	1,765	5.5%	2.2%	4.0%
391			55		Strathkelvin & Bearsden	LAB	1,307	350	1,657	5.6%	1.9%	4.0%
392			56		North East Fife	LD	923	345	1,268	5.0%	2.6%	4.0%

**III Residence-based unemployment rates, December 1997**  
**ranked listing of constituencies by country**  
**C. Scotland (not seasonally adjusted)**

Rank by overall

unemployment rate					Claimants			Rate				
UK	Eng	Wal	SCO	NI	Party	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
393			57		Edinburgh Pentlands	LAB	1,151	328	1,479	5.7%	2.0%	4.0%
399			58		Midlothian	LAB	982	215	1,197	5.8%	1.6%	3.9%
402			59		Linlithgow	LAB	1,126	266	1,392	5.6%	1.7%	3.9%
405			60		Livingston	LAB	1,200	320	1,520	5.5%	1.8%	3.8%
406			61		East Lothian	LAB	1,057	255	1,312	5.4%	1.7%	3.8%
425			62		Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	823	267	1,090	4.9%	2.1%	3.7%
452			63		Orkney & Shetland	LD	528	183	711	4.2%	2.2%	3.4%
455			64		West Renfrewshire	LAB	882	201	1,083	4.8%	1.4%	3.3%
463			65		Eastwood	LAB	970	327	1,297	4.2%	1.9%	3.2%
477			66		Edinburgh West	LD	989	282	1,271	4.3%	1.5%	3.1%
499			67		Banff & Buchan	SNP	828	230	1,058	3.7%	1.6%	2.9%
519			68		Tweeddale, Etrick & Lauderdale	LD	696	189	885	3.9%	1.3%	2.8%
548			69		Aberdeen North	LAB	703	193	896	3.5%	1.2%	2.5%
556			70		Aberdeen South	LAB	759	212	971	3.4%	1.2%	2.4%
577			71		Gordon	LD	603	234	837	2.7%	1.5%	2.2%
594			72		West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	LD	535	237	772	2.4%	1.5%	2.0%
<b>Scotland</b>							108,806	30,240	139,046	8.0%	2.9%	5.8%

**III Residence-based unemployment rates, December 1997**  
**ranked listing of constituencies by country**  
**D. Northern Ireland (not seasonally adjusted)**

UK	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI	Party	Claimants			Rate			
						Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
8				1	Belfast West	SF	4,635	681	5,316	22.8%	4.8%	15.3%
9				2	Foyle	SDLP	4,740	1,039	5,779	20.6%	6.9%	15.2%
20				3	Belfast North	UU	3,130	633	3,763	17.3%	4.9%	12.2%
27				4	West Tyrone	UU	3,123	697	3,820	15.3%	5.9%	11.8%
40				5	Newry & Armagh	SDLP	3,401	805	4,206	13.8%	5.4%	10.6%
50				6	Fermanagh & South Tyrone	UU	2,689	764	3,453	12.3%	6.0%	10.0%
59				7	East Londonderry	UU	2,673	634	3,307	12.6%	4.7%	9.5%
68				8	Mid Ulster	SF	2,298	544	2,842	11.5%	4.6%	8.9%
87				9	Belfast South	UU	2,450	917	3,367	11.3%	5.0%	8.4%
90				10	South Down	SDLP	2,485	723	3,208	10.5%	4.8%	8.3%
153				11	North Antrim	DU	2,349	575	2,924	9.2%	3.5%	7.0%
166				12	Belfast East	DU	2,036	518	2,554	9.7%	3.2%	6.9%
205				13	East Antrim	UU	1,942	553	2,495	8.3%	3.3%	6.2%
248				14	Upper Bann	UU	1,868	506	2,374	7.5%	2.9%	5.6%
253				15	North Down	UKU	1,513	516	2,029	7.2%	3.4%	5.6%
271				16	Strangford	UU	1,643	526	2,169	7.0%	3.1%	5.4%
328				17	South Antrim	UU	1,518	543	2,061	5.9%	2.9%	4.6%
364				18	Lagan Valley	UU	1,382	483	1,865	5.3%	2.7%	4.3%
Northern Ireland							45,875	11,657	57,532	11.3%	4.2%	8.4%

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372		16			Aberavon	LAB	2,060	1,539	-521	-25.3%
360			19		Aberdeen Central	LAB	1,958	1,455	-503	-25.7%
67			3		Aberdeen North	LAB	1,457	896	-561	-38.5%
122			4		Aberdeen South	LAB	1,495	971	-524	-35.1%
555			49		Airdrie & Shotts	LAB	3,016	2,438	-578	-19.2%
156	151				Aldershot	CON	1,391	928	-463	-33.3%
492	420				Aldridge - Brownhills	CON	1,960	1,537	-423	-21.6%
90	87				Altrincham & Sale West	CON	1,798	1,141	-657	-36.5%
540		29			Alyn & Deeside	LAB	1,751	1,404	-347	-19.8%
324	294				Amber Valley	LAB	2,233	1,636	-597	-26.7%
615			65		Angus	SNP	2,366	2,004	-362	-15.3%
569			54		Argyll & Bute	LD	2,514	2,052	-462	-18.4%
10	10				Arundel & South Downs	CON	1,026	549	-477	-46.5%
393	350				Ashfield	LAB	3,203	2,411	-792	-24.7%
205	197				Ashford	CON	2,441	1,674	-767	-31.4%
177	170				Ashton under Lyne	LAB	3,080	2,085	-995	-32.3%
58	56				Aylesbury	CON	1,850	1,115	-735	-39.7%
479			36		Ayr	LAB	2,761	2,152	-609	-22.1%
65	63				Banbury	CON	1,540	946	-594	-38.6%
175			5		Banff & Buchan	SNP	1,565	1,058	-507	-32.4%
163	158				Barking *	LAB	3,091	2,076	-1,015	-32.8%
537	451				Barnsley Central	LAB	3,092	2,475	-617	-20.0%
567	469				Barnsley East & Mexborough	LAB	3,494	2,847	-647	-18.5%
524	441				Barnsley West & Penistone	LAB	2,477	1,976	-501	-20.2%
395	352				Barrow & Furness	LAB	3,331	2,508	-823	-24.7%
191	183				Basildon	LAB	3,114	2,120	-994	-31.9%
98	95				Basingstoke *	CON	1,635	1,043	-592	-36.2%
344	310				Bassetlaw	LAB	3,157	2,332	-825	-26.1%
6	6				Bath *->	LD	3,155	1,662	-1,493	-47.3%
271	252				Batley & Spennings	LAB	2,488	1,778	-710	-28.5%
135	130				Battersea	LAB	4,639	3,035	-1,604	-34.6%
52	50				Beaconsfield	CON	1,135	675	-460	-40.5%
82	79				Beckenham	CON	3,361	2,112	-1,249	-37.2%
208	200				Bedford	LAB	3,075	2,111	-964	-31.3%
280			2		Belfast East	DU	3,559	2,554	-1,005	-28.2%
591			15		Belfast North	UU	4,553	3,763	-790	-17.4%
277			1		Belfast South	UU	4,696	3,367	-1,329	-28.3%
642			17		Belfast West	SF	6,126	5,316	-810	-13.2%
481	412				Berwick-upon-Tweed	LD	2,329	1,817	-512	-22.0%
334	302				Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	7,753	5,710	-2,043	-26.4%
554	463				Beverley & Holderness	CON	2,381	1,924	-457	-19.2%
120	116				Bexhill & Battle	CON	1,662	1,079	-583	-35.1%
113	110				Bexleyheath & Crayford	LAB	2,217	1,431	-786	-35.5%
54	52				Billericay	CON	2,566	1,537	-1,029	-40.1%
505	429				Birkenhead	LAB	5,265	4,150	-1,115	-21.2%
534	449				Birmingham, Edgbaston	LAB	3,812	3,049	-763	-20.0%
385	344				Birmingham, Erdington	LAB	4,697	3,525	-1,172	-25.0%
560	467				Birmingham, Hall Green	LAB	2,922	2,369	-553	-18.9%
573	474				Birmingham, Hodge Hill	LAB	4,062	3,323	-739	-18.2%
617	502				Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	8,792	7,452	-1,340	-15.2%
572	473				Birmingham, Northfield	LAB	2,814	2,301	-513	-18.2%
317	288				Birmingham, Perry Barr	LAB	4,883	3,566	-1,317	-27.0%
509	432				Birmingham, Selly Oak	LAB	3,766	2,974	-792	-21.0%
618	503				Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	7,549	6,408	-1,141	-15.1%
416	369				Birmingham, Yardley	LAB	2,901	2,206	-695	-24.0%
639	519				Bishop Auckland	LAB	2,740	2,360	-380	-13.9%
126	121				Blaby	CON	1,147	746	-401	-35.0%
341	308				Blackburn	LAB	3,262	2,406	-856	-26.2%
467	405				Blackpool North & Fleetwood	LAB	3,095	2,394	-701	-22.6%
386	345				Blackpool South	LAB	4,443	3,336	-1,107	-24.9%



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653		39			Blaenau Gwent	LAB	2,555	2,319	-236	-9.2%
500	424				Blaydon	LAB	2,661	2,091	-570	-21.4%
406	362				Blyth Valley	LAB	2,979	2,252	-727	-24.4%
25	24				Bognor Regis & Littlehampton	CON	1,893	1,062	-831	-43.9%
335	303				Bolsover	LAB	2,862	2,108	-754	-26.3%
305	279				Bolton North East	LAB	2,662	1,935	-727	-27.3%
307	281				Bolton South East	LAB	2,645	1,925	-720	-27.2%
141	136				Bolton West	LAB	1,440	947	-493	-34.2%
528	445				Bootle	LAB	4,890	3,906	-984	-20.1%
199	191				Boston & Skegness	CON	2,890	1,971	-919	-31.8%
502	426				Bosworth	CON	1,039	818	-221	-21.3%
193	185				Bournemouth East	CON	2,729	1,858	-871	-31.9%
204	196				Bournemouth West	CON	3,178	2,179	-999	-31.4%
95	92				Bracknell	CON	1,348	858	-490	-36.4%
521	439				Bradford North	LAB	4,329	3,446	-883	-20.4%
489	418				Bradford South	LAB	3,302	2,584	-718	-21.7%
516	436				Bradford West	LAB	5,038	3,995	-1,043	-20.7%
211	203				Braintree	LAB	2,205	1,516	-689	-31.2%
566		32			Brecon & Radnorshire	LD	1,406	1,144	-262	-18.6%
351	316				Brent East	LAB	6,039	4,475	-1,564	-25.9%
291	267				Brent North	LAB	2,780	2,005	-775	-27.9%
448	390				Brent South	LAB	6,370	4,901	-1,469	-23.1%
55	53				Brentford & Isleworth	LAB	3,986	2,389	-1,597	-40.1%
46	44				Brentwood & Ongar	CON	1,474	869	-605	-41.0%
652		38			Bridgend	LAB	1,946	1,763	-183	-9.4%
356	321				Bridgwater	CON	2,966	2,203	-763	-25.7%
501	425				Brigg & Goole	LAB	2,540	1,996	-544	-21.4%
166	161				Brighton, Kemptown	LAB	4,414	2,972	-1,442	-32.7%
189	181				Brighton, Pavilion	LAB	5,604	3,814	-1,790	-31.9%
206	198				Bristol East	LAB	4,178	2,866	-1,312	-31.4%
48	46				Bristol North West	LAB	2,993	1,767	-1,226	-41.0%
187	179				Bristol South	LAB	4,139	2,816	-1,323	-32.0%
174	169				Bristol West	LAB	4,252	2,874	-1,378	-32.4%
210	202				Bromley & Chislehurst	CON	2,103	1,445	-658	-31.3%
375	335				Bromsgrove	CON	1,814	1,357	-457	-25.2%
16	15				Broxbourne	CON	2,096	1,136	-960	-45.8%
78	75				Broxtowe	LAB	2,238	1,399	-839	-37.5%
28	27				Buckingham	CON	900	511	-389	-43.2%
531	447				Burnley	LAB	1,562	1,248	-314	-20.1%
237	223				Burton	LAB	2,860	2,007	-853	-29.8%
57	55				Bury North	LAB	1,693	1,017	-676	-39.9%
123	118				Bury South	LAB	1,996	1,297	-699	-35.0%
97	94				Bury St Edmunds	CON	1,693	1,078	-615	-36.3%
546		30			Caernarfon	PC	2,862	2,304	-558	-19.5%
391		19			Caerphilly	LAB	3,086	2,322	-764	-24.8%
606			61		Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	LD	2,639	2,199	-440	-16.7%
425	375				Calder Valley	LAB	2,269	1,733	-536	-23.6%
465	403				Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	6,446	4,984	-1,462	-22.7%
355	320				Cambridge	LAB	2,487	1,847	-640	-25.7%
433	380				Cannock Chase	LAB	2,537	1,943	-594	-23.4%
361	325				Canterbury	CON	2,585	1,921	-664	-25.7%
330		13			Cardiff Central	LAB	3,098	2,276	-822	-26.5%
329		12			Cardiff North	LAB	1,394	1,024	-370	-26.5%
486		25			Cardiff South & Penarth	LAB	3,590	2,807	-783	-21.8%
379		18			Cardiff West	LAB	3,467	2,598	-869	-25.1%
258	241				Cardisle	LAB	2,550	1,810	-740	-29.0%
176		2			Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	LAB	1,855	1,255	-600	-32.3%
607		35			Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	LAB	2,958	2,466	-492	-16.6%
431			26		Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	LAB	3,629	2,776	-853	-23.5%
91	88				Carshalton & Wallington	LD	2,402	1,525	-877	-36.5%

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68	65				Castle Point	LAB	2,266	1,395	-871 -38.4%
498			39		Central Fife	LAB	3,182	2,500	-682 -21.4%
136	131				Central Suffolk & North Ipswich	CON	1,787	1,172	-615 -34.4%
581		33			Ceredigion	PC	1,838	1,510	-328 -17.8%
140	135				Charnwood	CON	1,306	858	-448 -34.3%
254	237				Chatham & Aylesford	LAB	2,585	1,834	-751 -29.1%
173	168				Cheadle	CON	1,191	805	-386 -32.4%
225	212				Cheltenham	LD	2,654	1,847	-807 -30.4%
13	12				Chesham & Amersham	CON	974	524	-450 -46.2%
239	225				Chester, City of	LAB	2,387	1,676	-711 -29.8%
536	450				Chesterfield	LAB	3,371	2,697	-674 -20.0%
325	295				Chichester	CON	1,452	1,064	-388 -26.7%
142	137				Chingford & Woodford Green	CON	2,257	1,487	-770 -34.1%
514	435				Chipping Barnet	CON	2,087	1,654	-433 -20.7%
94	91				Chorley	LAB	2,166	1,378	-788 -36.4%
62	60				Christchurch	CON	1,363	830	-533 -39.1%
610	498				Cities of London & Westminster	CON	3,752	3,148	-604 -16.1%
587	485				Cleethorpes	LAB	3,403	2,806	-597 -17.5%
374		17			Clwyd South *>	LAB	1,761	1,317	-444 -25.2%
228		5			Clwyd West <*	LAB	1,997	1,394	-603 -30.2%
549			48		Clydebank & Milngavie	LAB	2,660	2,145	-515 -19.4%
497			38		Clydesdale	LAB	2,536	1,992	-544 -21.5%
645			69		Coatbridge & Chryston	LAB	2,289	2,002	-287 -12.5%
83	80				Colchester	LD	2,551	1,604	-947 -37.1%
485	415				Colne Valley	LAB	2,273	1,777	-496 -21.8%
212	204				Congleton	CON	1,355	932	-423 -31.2%
470		24			Conwy	LAB	2,830	2,192	-638 -22.5%
635	515				Copeland	LAB	2,992	2,566	-426 -14.2%
383	342				Corby	LAB	1,932	1,449	-483 -25.0%
29	28				Cotswold	CON	1,056	601	-455 -43.1%
469	406				Coventry North East	LAB	4,317	3,343	-974 -22.6%
370	332				Coventry North West	LAB	3,071	2,293	-778 -25.3%
435	381				Coventry South	LAB	3,353	2,569	-784 -23.4%
17	16				Crawley	LAB	2,038	1,105	-933 -45.8%
242	227				Crewe & Nantwich	LAB	2,248	1,584	-664 -29.5%
354	319				Crosby	LAB	2,430	1,804	-626 -25.8%
283	260				Croydon Central	LAB	4,235	3,042	-1,193 -28.2%
348	313				Croydon North	LAB	6,024	4,458	-1,566 -26.0%
110	107				Croydon South	CON	2,042	1,315	-727 -35.6%
597			58		Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	LAB	1,892	1,568	-324 -17.1%
417			23		Cunninghame North	LAB	2,801	2,130	-671 -24.0%
559			50		Cunninghame South	LAB	2,995	2,425	-570 -19.0%
434		21			Cynon Valley	LAB	2,291	1,755	-536 -23.4%
169	164				Dagenham	LAB	2,731	1,843	-888 -32.5%
594	489				Darlington	LAB	3,580	2,963	-617 -17.2%
269	251				Dartford	LAB	2,632	1,879	-753 -28.6%
195	187				Daventry	CON	1,337	911	-426 -31.9%
250		7			Delyn	LAB	1,667	1,180	-487 -29.2%
218	208				Denton & Reddish	LAB	2,485	1,720	-765 -30.8%
179	171				Derby North	LAB	3,336	2,262	-1,074 -32.2%
350	315				Derby South	LAB	5,147	3,814	-1,333 -25.9%
45	43				Dezizes	CON	1,683	988	-695 -41.3%
251	234				Dewsbury	LAB	2,309	1,635	-674 -29.2%
399	356				Don Valley	LAB	3,154	2,376	-778 -24.7%
530	446				Doncaster Central	LAB	4,636	3,704	-932 -20.1%
423	373				Doncaster North	LAB	3,836	2,925	-911 -23.7%
503	427				Dover	LAB	3,337	2,628	-709 -21.2%
321	291				Dudley North	LAB	3,365	2,464	-901 -26.8%
328	298				Dudley South	LAB	2,505	1,838	-667 -26.6%
276	255				Dulwich & West Norwood	LAB	5,969	4,279	-1,690 -28.3%

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625			66		Dumbarton	LAB	3,094	2,641	-453	-14.6%
589			56		Dumfries	LAB	2,345	1,937	-408	-17.4%
464			32		Dundee East	LAB	4,092	3,160	-932	-22.8%
456			30		Dundee West	LAB	3,444	2,656	-788	-22.9%
294			16		Dunfermline East	LAB	2,723	1,966	-757	-27.8%
421			24		Dunfermline West	LAB	2,217	1,689	-528	-23.8%
626	509				Durham, City of	LAB	2,381	2,033	-348	-14.6%
134	129				Ealing North *	LAB	3,984	2,605	-1,379	-34.6%
381	340				Ealing Southall	LAB	4,433	3,323	-1,110	-25.0%
424	374				Ealing, Acton & Shepherd's Bush	LAB	6,094	4,653	-1,441	-23.6%
616	501				Easington	LAB	2,433	2,061	-372	-15.3%
367				4	East Antrim	UU	3,343	2,495	-848	-25.4%
304	278				East Devon	CON	1,624	1,180	-444	-27.3%
392	349				East Ham	LAB	5,892	4,434	-1,458	-24.7%
74	71				East Hampshire	CON	1,737	1,075	-662	-38.1%
290			15		East Kilbride	LAB	2,449	1,765	-684	-27.9%
412				5	East Londonderry	UU	4,357	3,307	-1,050	-24.1%
216			7		East Lothian	LAB	1,898	1,312	-586	-30.9%
27	26				East Surrey	CON	1,290	732	-558	-43.3%
39	37				East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	1,725	1,000	-725	-42.0%
579	480				East Yorkshire	CON	2,636	2,164	-472	-17.9%
253	236				Eastbourne	CON	2,361	1,675	-686	-29.1%
73	70				Eastleigh	LD	1,436	888	-548	-38.2%
346			18		Eastwood	LAB	1,753	1,297	-456	-26.0%
445	388				Eccles	LAB	2,458	1,889	-569	-23.1%
153	148				Eddisbury	CON	1,530	1,017	-513	-33.5%
240			10		Edinburgh Central	LAB	2,865	2,017	-848	-29.6%
461			31		Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	LAB	2,209	1,705	-504	-22.8%
223			9		Edinburgh North & Leith	LAB	3,601	2,503	-1,098	-30.5%
221			8		Edinburgh Pentlands	LAB	2,129	1,479	-650	-30.5%
272			13		Edinburgh South	LAB	2,211	1,581	-630	-28.5%
270			12		Edinburgh West	LD	1,780	1,271	-509	-28.6%
257	240				Edmonton	LAB	4,507	3,199	-1,308	-29.0%
340	307				Ellesmere Port & Neston	LAB	2,331	1,718	-613	-26.3%
234	220				Elmet	LAB	1,961	1,375	-586	-29.9%
454	396				Eltham	LAB	3,050	2,352	-698	-22.9%
273	253				Enfield North	LAB	3,308	2,366	-942	-28.5%
362	326				Enfield, Southgate	LAB	2,849	2,118	-731	-25.7%
160	155				Epping Forest	CON	2,177	1,461	-716	-32.9%
12	11				Epsom & Ewell	CON	1,384	742	-642	-46.4%
172	167				Erewash	LAB	2,822	1,907	-915	-32.4%
365	328				Erith & Thamesmead	LAB	5,101	3,801	-1,300	-25.5%
31	30				Esher & Walton	CON	1,332	763	-569	-42.7%
512	434				Exeter	LAB	3,091	2,446	-645	-20.9%
510			41		Falkirk East	LAB	2,426	1,918	-508	-20.9%
611			63		Falkirk West	LAB	2,560	2,153	-407	-15.9%
588	486				Falmouth & Camborne	LAB	3,782	3,119	-663	-17.5%
19	18				Fareham	CON	1,462	798	-664	-45.4%
197	189				Faversham & Mid Kent	CON	2,065	1,408	-657	-31.8%
53	51				Feltham & Heston	LAB	3,581	2,142	-1,439	-40.2%
580			14		Fermanagh & South Tyrone	UU	4,204	3,453	-751	-17.9%
241	226				Finchley & Golders Green	LAB	3,279	2,310	-969	-29.6%
414	367				Folkestone & Hythe	CON	3,743	2,843	-900	-24.0%
102	99				Forest of Dean	LAB	1,938	1,241	-697	-36.0%
656			18		Foyle	SDLP	6,183	5,779	-404	-6.5%
132	127				Fylde	CON	1,298	846	-452	-34.8%
300	274				Gainsborough	CON	2,171	1,573	-598	-27.5%
533			45		Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	SNP	2,316	1,851	-465	-20.1%
466	404				Gateshead East & Washington West	LAB	2,801	2,166	-635	-22.7%
165	160				Gedling	LAB	2,494	1,678	-816	-32.7%

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158	153				Gillingham	LAB	2,680	1,794	-886	-33.1%
643			68		Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	2,626	2,284	-342	-13.0%
432			27		Glasgow Baillieston	LAB	3,570	2,734	-836	-23.4%
613			64		Glasgow Cathcart	LAB	2,176	1,833	-343	-15.8%
650			70		Glasgow Govan	LAB	3,299	2,937	-362	-11.0%
428			25		Glasgow Kelvin	LAB	3,704	2,832	-872	-23.5%
565			53		Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	4,547	3,698	-849	-18.7%
590			57		Glasgow Pollok	LAB	3,278	2,708	-570	-17.4%
519			43		Glasgow Rutherglen	LAB	2,306	1,831	-475	-20.6%
627			67		Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	3,244	2,772	-472	-14.5%
582			55		Glasgow Springburn	LAB	3,949	3,245	-704	-17.8%
248	232				Gloucester	LAB	3,382	2,391	-991	-29.3%
32			2		Gordon	LD	1,457	837	-620	-42.6%
494	421				Gosport	CON	1,942	1,524	-418	-21.5%
222		4			Gower	LAB	1,933	1,343	-590	-30.5%
342	309				Grantham & Stamford	CON	1,803	1,331	-472	-26.2%
284	261				Gravesham	LAB	3,309	2,378	-931	-28.1%
636	516				Great Grimsby	LAB	4,735	4,066	-669	-14.1%
629	511				Great Yarmouth	LAB	4,580	3,915	-665	-14.5%
339			17		Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	1,886	1,390	-496	-26.3%
556	464				Greenwich & Woolwich	LAB	5,515	4,461	-1,054	-19.1%
66	64				Guildford	CON	1,251	769	-482	-38.5%
442	386				Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	8,691	6,675	-2,016	-23.2%
419	371				Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	8,763	6,674	-2,089	-23.8%
231	217				Halesowen & Rowley Regis	LAB	2,482	1,737	-745	-30.0%
541	453				Halifax	LAB	3,472	2,784	-688	-19.8%
506	430				Haltemprice & Howden	CON	1,458	1,150	-308	-21.1%
577	478				Halton	LAB	3,336	2,734	-602	-18.0%
535			46		Hamilton North & Bellshill	LAB	2,825	2,260	-565	-20.0%
472			33		Hamilton South	LAB	2,153	1,669	-484	-22.5%
192	184				Hammersmith & Fulham	LAB	6,028	4,104	-1,924	-31.9%
551	460				Hampstead & Highgate	LAB	4,732	3,816	-916	-19.4%
459	400				Harborough	CON	1,134	875	-259	-22.8%
159	154				Harlow	LAB	2,502	1,676	-826	-33.0%
61	59				Harrogate & Knaresborough	LD	1,691	1,025	-666	-39.4%
226	213				Harrow East	LAB	3,072	2,141	-931	-30.3%
236	222				Harrow West	LAB	2,199	1,543	-656	-29.8%
657	528				Hartlepool	LAB	4,533	4,303	-230	-5.1%
415	368				Harwich	LAB	3,217	2,446	-771	-24.0%
471	407				Hastings & Rye	LAB	4,091	3,171	-920	-22.5%
394	351				Havant	CON	2,472	1,861	-611	-24.7%
201	193				Hayes & Harlington	LAB	2,469	1,686	-783	-31.7%
382	341				Hazel Grove	LD	1,335	1,001	-334	-25.0%
63	61				Hemel Hempstead	LAB	1,779	1,084	-695	-39.1%
245	229				Hemsworth	LAB	2,849	2,012	-837	-29.4%
401	358				Hendon	LAB	3,600	2,715	-885	-24.6%
26	25				Henley	CON	994	562	-432	-43.5%
139	134				Hereford *>	LD	2,508	1,647	-861	-34.3%
64	62				Hertford & Stortford	CON	1,339	816	-523	-39.1%
108	105				Hertsmere	CON	1,574	1,011	-563	-35.8%
326	296				Hexham	CON	1,494	1,095	-399	-26.7%
404	360				Heywood & Middleton	LAB	3,121	2,357	-764	-24.5%
229	215				High Peak	LAB	1,955	1,365	-590	-30.2%
116	112				Hitchin & Harpenden	CON	1,319	852	-467	-35.4%
592	487				Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	5,882	4,865	-1,017	-17.3%
59	57				Hornchurch	LAB	1,851	1,120	-731	-39.5%
301	275				Hornsey & Wood Green	LAB	6,548	4,752	-1,796	-27.4%
40	38				Horsham	CON	1,049	609	-440	-41.9%
476	410				Houghton & Washington East	LAB	3,140	2,444	-696	-22.2%
80	77				Hove	LAB	4,104	2,576	-1,528	-37.2%

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574	475				Huddersfield	LAB	3,744	3,066	-678	-18.1%
128	123				Huntingdon	CON	1,829	1,190	-639	-34.9%
483	414				Hyndburn	LAB	1,750	1,367	-383	-21.9%
261	244				Ilford North	LAB	2,500	1,778	-722	-28.9%
455	397				Ilford South *	LAB	4,492	3,464	-1,028	-22.9%
447			29		Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	LAB	3,165	2,435	-730	-23.1%
363	327				Ipswich	LAB	3,178	2,365	-813	-25.6%
575	476				Isle of Wight	LD	5,518	4,520	-998	-18.1%
511	433				Islington North	LAB	7,328	5,795	-1,533	-20.9%
496	423				Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	5,854	4,598	-1,256	-21.5%
244		6			Islwyn	LAB	1,594	1,125	-469	-29.4%
608	497				Jarrow	LAB	3,386	2,829	-557	-16.5%
631	512				Keighley	LAB	2,095	1,791	-304	-14.5%
243	228				Kensington & Chelsea	CON	3,529	2,488	-1,041	-29.5%
151	146				Kettering	LAB	1,862	1,235	-627	-33.7%
403			21		Kilmarnock & Loudoun	LAB	3,492	2,635	-857	-24.5%
182	174				Kingston & Surbiton	LD	2,297	1,559	-738	-32.1%
644	522				Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	4,233	3,685	-548	-12.9%
640	520				Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	5,101	4,408	-693	-13.6%
649	526				Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	4,390	3,892	-498	-11.3%
72	69				Kingswood	LAB	2,188	1,352	-836	-38.2%
601			59		Kirkcaldy	LAB	3,222	2,678	-544	-16.9%
446	389				Knowsley North & Sefton East	LAB	4,429	3,404	-1,025	-23.1%
646	523				Knowsley South	LAB	4,813	4,213	-600	-12.5%
520			12		Lagan Valley	UU	2,347	1,865	-482	-20.5%
429	378				Lancaster & Wyre	LAB	2,065	1,579	-486	-23.5%
628	510				Leeds Central	LAB	5,811	4,966	-845	-14.5%
578	479				Leeds East	LAB	4,304	3,528	-776	-18.0%
518	438				Leeds North East	LAB	2,895	2,298	-597	-20.6%
443	387				Leeds North West	LAB	2,171	1,668	-503	-23.2%
621	505				Leeds West	LAB	3,190	2,715	-475	-14.9%
219	209				Leicester East	LAB	3,062	2,120	-942	-30.8%
287	264				Leicester South	LAB	4,193	3,016	-1,177	-28.1%
171	166				Leicester West	LAB	4,108	2,775	-1,333	-32.4%
209	201				Leigh	LAB	2,473	1,698	-775	-31.3%
207	199				Leominster <*	IC	1,665	1,143	-522	-31.4%
137	132				Lewes	LD	1,678	1,101	-577	-34.4%
310	283				Lewisham East	LAB	3,932	2,864	-1,068	-27.2%
313	285				Lewisham West	LAB	5,041	3,680	-1,361	-27.0%
430	379				Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	6,464	4,944	-1,520	-23.5%
131	126				Leyton & Wanstead	LAB	5,046	3,288	-1,758	-34.8%
576	477				Lichfield	CON	1,335	1,094	-241	-18.1%
267	249				Lincoln	LAB	4,247	3,030	-1,217	-28.7%
274			14		Linlithgow	LAB	1,946	1,392	-554	-28.5%
453	395				Liverpool, Garston	LAB	4,085	3,150	-935	-22.9%
596	491				Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	7,457	6,178	-1,279	-17.2%
599	493				Liverpool, Walton	LAB	5,676	4,709	-967	-17.0%
583	481				Liverpool, Wavertree	LAB	5,357	4,402	-955	-17.8%
571	472				Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	5,732	4,681	-1,051	-18.3%
265			11		Livingston	LAB	2,135	1,520	-615	-28.8%
320		11			Llanelli	LAB	2,639	1,931	-708	-26.8%
373	334				Loughborough	LAB	1,901	1,421	-480	-25.2%
275	254				Louth & Horncastle	CON	2,623	1,879	-744	-28.4%
336	304				Ludlow	CON	1,340	987	-353	-26.3%
402	359				Luton North	LAB	2,662	2,008	-654	-24.6%
427	377				Luton South	LAB	3,554	2,716	-838	-23.6%
338	306				Macclesfield	CON	1,394	1,027	-367	-26.3%
76	73				Maidenhead	CON	1,298	805	-493	-38.0%
115	111				Maidstone & The Weald	CON	1,977	1,277	-700	-35.4%
180	172				Makerfield	LAB	2,425	1,645	-780	-32.2%

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86	83				Maldon & East Chelmsford	CON	1,936	1,223	-713	-36.8%
552	461				Manchester, Blackley	LAB	4,051	3,270	-781	-19.3%
568	470				Manchester, Central	LAB	6,750	5,508	-1,242	-18.4%
562	468				Manchester, Gorton	LAB	5,234	4,248	-986	-18.8%
368	330				Manchester, Withington	LAB	4,429	3,306	-1,123	-25.4%
440	384				Mansfield	LAB	3,136	2,407	-729	-23.2%
376	336				Medway	LAB	2,963	2,218	-745	-25.1%
630		37			Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	PC	1,640	1,402	-238	-14.5%
268	250				Meriden	CON	3,377	2,410	-967	-28.6%
364		15			Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	LAB	2,840	2,114	-726	-25.6%
105	102				Mid Bedfordshire	CON	1,172	752	-420	-35.8%
42	40				Mid Dorset & North Poole	CON	1,611	944	-667	-41.4%
390	348				Mid Norfolk	CON	1,880	1,413	-467	-24.8%
23	22				Mid Sussex	CON	1,124	629	-495	-44.0%
312			3		Mid Ulster	SF	3,897	2,842	-1,055	-27.1%
96	93				Mid Worcestershire	CON	1,492	950	-542	-36.3%
638	518				Middlesbrough	LAB	6,287	5,413	-874	-13.9%
624	508				Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland	LAB	3,823	3,262	-561	-14.7%
563			52		Midlothian	LAB	1,473	1,197	-276	-18.7%
87	84				Milton Keynes South West	LAB	2,408	1,523	-885	-36.8%
121	117				Mitcham & Morden	LAB	3,784	2,457	-1,327	-35.1%
18	17				Mole Valley	CON	891	484	-407	-45.7%
507		27			Monmouth	LAB	1,651	1,303	-348	-21.1%
619		36			Montgomeryshire	LD	823	699	-124	-15.1%
215			6		Moray	SNP	2,457	1,698	-759	-30.9%
525	442				Morecambe & Lunesdale	LAB	3,190	2,547	-643	-20.2%
542	454				Morley & Rothwell	LAB	2,128	1,709	-419	-19.7%
475			34		Motherwell & Wishaw	LAB	2,555	1,988	-567	-22.2%
468		23			Neath	LAB	2,192	1,697	-495	-22.6%
196	188				New Forest East	CON	1,461	996	-465	-31.8%
100	97				New Forest West	CON	1,444	924	-520	-36.0%
327	297				Newark	LAB	2,475	1,815	-660	-26.7%
1	1				Newbury	LD	1,229	591	-638	-51.9%
504	428				Newcastle upon Tyne Central	LAB	4,044	3,186	-858	-21.2%
651	527				Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	4,142	3,693	-449	-10.8%
532	448				Newcastle upon Tyne North	LAB	3,082	2,463	-619	-20.1%
89	86				Newcastle-under-Lyme	LAB	1,975	1,253	-722	-36.6%
343		14			Newport East	LAB	2,455	1,813	-642	-26.2%
410		20			Newport West	LAB	2,907	2,206	-701	-24.1%
564			13		Newry & Armagh	SDLP	5,175	4,206	-969	-18.7%
400	357				Normanton	LAB	2,081	1,569	-512	-24.6%
422			6		North Antrim	DU	3,837	2,924	-913	-23.8%
397	354				North Cornwall	LD	4,352	3,278	-1,074	-24.7%
279	257				North Devon	LD	2,785	1,998	-787	-28.3%
49	47				North Dorset	CON	1,118	661	-457	-40.9%
436			7		North Down	UKU	2,648	2,029	-619	-23.4%
586	484				North Durham	LAB	2,821	2,324	-497	-17.6%
43	41				North East Bedfordshire	CON	1,364	800	-564	-41.3%
190	182				North East Cambridgeshire	CON	2,653	1,806	-847	-31.9%
311	284				North East Derbyshire	LAB	2,737	1,994	-743	-27.1%
409			22		North East Fife	LD	1,673	1,268	-405	-24.2%
44	42				North East Hampshire	CON	1,041	611	-430	-41.3%
15	14				North East Hertfordshire	CON	1,517	819	-698	-46.0%
104	101				North East Milton Keynes	LAB	1,907	1,222	-685	-35.9%
106	103				North Essex	CON	1,449	930	-519	-35.8%
458	399				North Norfolk	CON	2,276	1,756	-520	-22.8%
298	272				North Shropshire	CON	1,750	1,266	-484	-27.7%
396	353				North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	6,782	5,108	-1,674	-24.7%
84	81				North Swindon	LAB	1,523	959	-564	-37.0%
493			37		North Tayside	SNP	1,998	1,567	-431	-21.6%

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387	346				CON	3,890	2,922	-968	-24.9%
612	499				LAB	3,624	3,050	-574	-15.8%
220	210				LAB	2,056	1,426	-630	-30.6%
133	128				CON	1,964	1,282	-682	-34.7%
482	413				LAB	2,887	2,254	-633	-21.9%
224	211				CON	947	659	-288	-30.4%
255	238				LAB	1,684	1,195	-489	-29.0%
322	292				LAB	2,705	1,981	-724	-26.8%
8	8				CON	1,606	854	-752	-46.8%
359	324				LAB	2,740	2,036	-704	-25.7%
318	289				LAB	2,477	1,811	-666	-26.9%
20	19				LD	1,504	826	-678	-45.1%
407	363				LAB	2,742	2,073	-669	-24.4%
495	422				LAB	3,838	3,013	-825	-21.5%
247	231				LAB	6,314	4,462	-1,852	-29.3%
388	347				LAB	4,414	3,316	-1,098	-24.9%
227	214				LAB	4,368	3,047	-1,321	-30.2%
331	299				LAB	2,154	1,583	-571	-26.5%
561			51		LAB	2,535	2,057	-478	-18.9%
655		40			LAB	1,782	1,664	-118	-6.6%
85	82				CON	2,057	1,296	-761	-37.0%
147	142				LAB	2,686	1,778	-908	-33.8%
181	173				LAB	3,139	2,130	-1,009	-32.1%
539			47		LD	887	711	-176	-19.8%
36	34				CON	2,250	1,301	-949	-42.2%
202	194				LAB	2,916	1,993	-923	-31.7%
125	120				LD	1,272	827	-445	-35.0%
602			60		LAB	2,562	2,130	-432	-16.9%
529			44		LAB	2,988	2,387	-601	-20.1%
473	408				LAB	1,691	1,312	-379	-22.4%
162	157				CON	1,422	955	-467	-32.8%
499			40		SNP	2,128	1,672	-456	-21.4%
127	122				LAB	3,543	2,305	-1,238	-34.9%
380	339				LAB	4,143	3,105	-1,038	-25.1%
449	391				LAB	5,814	4,476	-1,338	-23.0%
353	318				LAB	2,885	2,141	-744	-25.8%
604		34			LAB	2,197	1,827	-370	-16.8%
101	98				CON	2,100	1,344	-756	-36.0%
295	270				LAB	7,110	5,135	-1,975	-27.8%
47	45				LAB	2,821	1,665	-1,156	-41.0%
203	195				LD	4,707	3,227	-1,480	-31.4%
548		31			LAB	2,954	2,380	-574	-19.4%
345	311				LAB	3,790	2,804	-986	-26.0%
308	282				LAB	1,460	1,063	-397	-27.2%
152	147				LAB	3,075	2,041	-1,034	-33.6%
70	67				CON	1,789	1,102	-687	-38.4%
38	36				LAB	2,150	1,246	-904	-42.0%
34	32				LAB	1,943	1,118	-825	-42.5%
593	488				LAB	4,469	3,697	-772	-17.3%
398	355				LAB	2,326	1,752	-574	-24.7%
488	417				LAB	6,645	5,199	-1,446	-21.8%
37	35				CON	1,154	668	-486	-42.1%
490		26			LAB	2,548	1,994	-554	-21.7%
9	9				CON	1,101	587	-514	-46.7%
451	393				CON	1,604	1,236	-368	-22.9%
213	205				LD	2,234	1,537	-697	-31.2%
600	494				LAB	3,291	2,731	-560	-17.0%
538	452				CON	4,539	3,635	-904	-19.9%
93	90				LAB	1,718	1,092	-626	-36.4%
51	49				CON	1,266	752	-514	-40.6%

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439			28		Ross, Skye & Inverness West	LD	3,371	2,586	-785	-23.3%
185	177				Rossendale & Darwen	LAB	1,602	1,089	-513	-32.0%
426	376				Rother Valley	LAB	3,235	2,472	-763	-23.6%
634	514				Rotherham	LAB	3,899	3,343	-556	-14.3%
659			72		Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	1,136	1,090	-46	-4.0%
333	301				Rugby & Kenilworth	LAB	1,947	1,433	-514	-26.4%
230	216				Ruislip - Northwood	CON	1,437	1,005	-432	-30.1%
3	3				Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	1,419	730	-689	-48.6%
111	108				Rushcliffe	CON	2,188	1,410	-778	-35.6%
170	165				Rutland & Melton	CON	1,090	736	-354	-32.5%
319	290				Ryedale	CON	1,515	1,108	-407	-26.9%
161	156				Saffron Walden	CON	1,376	924	-452	-32.8%
252	235				Salford	LAB	3,383	2,397	-986	-29.1%
164	159				Salisbury	CON	1,728	1,161	-567	-32.8%
570	471				Scarborough & Whitby	LAB	3,565	2,911	-654	-18.3%
598	492				Scunthorpe	LAB	2,834	2,349	-485	-17.1%
647	524				Sedgefield	LAB	2,180	1,920	-260	-11.9%
377	337				Selby	LAB	2,168	1,623	-545	-25.1%
109	106				Sevenoaks	CON	1,589	1,023	-566	-35.6%
553	462				Sheffield, Attercliffe	LAB	3,092	2,497	-595	-19.2%
633	513				Sheffield, Brightside	LAB	4,409	3,779	-630	-14.3%
557	465				Sheffield, Central	LAB	6,501	5,259	-1,242	-19.1%
450	392				Sheffield, Hallam	LD	1,669	1,286	-383	-22.9%
595	490				Sheffield, Heeley	LAB	3,885	3,217	-668	-17.2%
405	361				Sheffield, Hillsborough	LAB	3,071	2,321	-750	-24.4%
289	266				Sherwood	LAB	2,705	1,947	-758	-28.0%
474	409				Shipley	LAB	1,956	1,521	-435	-22.2%
259	242				Shrewsbury & Atcham	LAB	1,741	1,237	-504	-28.9%
286	263				Sittingbourne & Sheppey	LAB	3,358	2,414	-944	-28.1%
293	269				Skipton & Ripon	CON	1,262	911	-351	-27.8%
262	245				Sleaford & North Hykeham	CON	1,618	1,151	-467	-28.9%
148	143				Slough	LAB	3,311	2,194	-1,117	-33.7%
168	163				Solihull	CON	1,696	1,144	-552	-32.5%
41	39				Somerton & Frome *	LD	1,896	1,110	-786	-41.5%
480			9		South Antrim	UU	2,644	2,061	-583	-22.0%
198	190				South Cambridgeshire	CON	1,138	776	-362	-31.8%
249	233				South Derbyshire	LAB	2,224	1,574	-650	-29.2%
75	72				South Dorset	CON	2,880	1,785	-1,095	-38.0%
513			11		South Down	SDLP	4,051	3,208	-843	-20.8%
167	162				South East Cambridgeshire	CON	1,431	964	-467	-32.6%
232	218				South East Cornwall	LD	2,958	2,072	-886	-30.0%
150	145				South Holland & The Deepings	CON	1,324	878	-446	-33.7%
143	138				South Norfolk	CON	2,029	1,339	-690	-34.0%
130	125				South Ribble	LAB	1,579	1,028	-551	-34.9%
637	517				South Shields	LAB	4,503	3,868	-635	-14.1%
302	276				South Staffordshire	CON	1,909	1,386	-523	-27.4%
411	365				South Suffolk	CON	1,564	1,187	-377	-24.1%
92	89				South Swindon	LAB	2,320	1,474	-846	-36.5%
487	416				South Thanet	LAB	3,152	2,466	-686	-21.8%
155	150				South West Bedfordshire	CON	1,685	1,124	-561	-33.3%
183	175				South West Devon	CON	1,874	1,273	-601	-32.1%
71	68				South West Hertfordshire	CON	1,394	860	-534	-38.3%
246	230				South West Norfolk	CON	2,333	1,648	-685	-29.4%
69	66				South West Surrey	CON	1,057	651	-406	-38.4%
264	247				Southampton, Itchen	LAB	3,729	2,654	-1,075	-28.8%
358	323				Southampton, Test	LAB	3,700	2,749	-951	-25.7%
292	268				Southend West	CON	2,970	2,143	-827	-27.8%
460	401				Southport	LD	2,783	2,148	-635	-22.8%
2	2				Spelthorne	CON	1,642	805	-837	-51.0%
144	139				St Albans	LAB	1,204	795	-409	-34.0%



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314	286				LAB	2,897	2,115	-782	-27.0%
544	456				LAB	3,347	2,690	-657	-19.6%
622	506				LD	4,114	3,502	-612	-14.9%
303	277				LAB	1,770	1,286	-484	-27.3%
463	402				LAB	1,541	1,190	-351	-22.8%
238	224				LAB	2,622	1,840	-782	-29.8%
117	113				LAB	2,399	1,553	-846	-35.3%
515			42		LAB	2,019	1,601	-418	-20.7%
420	372				LAB	2,515	1,916	-599	-23.8%
658	529				LAB	4,422	4,229	-193	-4.4%
605	496				LAB	3,525	2,935	-590	-16.7%
478	411				LAB	2,903	2,262	-641	-22.1%
550	459				LAB	1,870	1,508	-362	-19.4%
508	431				LAB	2,289	1,807	-482	-21.1%
266	248				CON	1,270	906	-364	-28.7%
357	322				LAB	2,143	1,592	-551	-25.7%
444				8	UU	2,823	2,169	-654	-23.2%
282	259				CON	1,498	1,076	-422	-28.2%
609			62		LAB	1,981	1,657	-324	-16.4%
288	265				LAB	7,739	5,569	-2,170	-28.0%
323	293				LAB	2,972	2,177	-795	-26.7%
188	180				LAB	1,872	1,274	-598	-31.9%
332	300				CON	2,246	1,652	-594	-26.4%
585	483				LAB	3,644	2,999	-645	-17.7%
543	455				LAB	4,729	3,799	-930	-19.7%
24	23				CON	1,073	601	-472	-44.0%
79	76				LD	1,693	1,059	-634	-37.4%
408	364				CON	1,656	1,254	-402	-24.3%
309		9			LAB	2,697	1,964	-733	-27.2%
178		3			LAB	2,951	1,999	-952	-32.3%
522	440				LAB	1,933	1,541	-392	-20.3%
146	141				IND	1,224	810	-414	-33.8%
217	207				LD	2,624	1,815	-809	-30.8%
371	333				CON	2,467	1,843	-624	-25.3%
558	466				LAB	1,932	1,563	-369	-19.1%
81	78				CON	1,527	959	-568	-37.2%
260	243				LAB	3,404	2,419	-985	-28.9%
296	271				CON	1,720	1,243	-477	-27.7%
154	149				CON	1,591	1,060	-531	-33.4%
299	273				LAB	4,804	3,480	-1,324	-27.6%
441	385				LD	4,007	3,077	-930	-23.2%
297		8			LAB	2,444	1,768	-676	-27.7%
349	314				LD	2,709	2,007	-702	-25.9%
384	343				CON	2,480	1,861	-619	-25.0%
620	504				LAB	9,199	7,815	-1,384	-15.0%
366	329				LD	3,523	2,626	-897	-25.5%
124	119				CON	1,582	1,028	-554	-35.0%
477			35		LD	1,136	885	-251	-22.1%
60	58				LD	2,173	1,316	-857	-39.4%
527	444				LAB	5,683	4,538	-1,145	-20.1%
584	482				LAB	3,056	2,513	-543	-17.8%
77	74				LAB	1,741	1,084	-657	-37.7%
484				10	UU	3,039	2,374	-665	-21.9%
129	124				CON	1,829	1,190	-639	-34.9%
114		1			LAB	2,519	1,626	-893	-35.5%
462		22			LAB	2,983	2,303	-680	-22.8%
99	96				CON	1,261	805	-456	-36.2%
547	458				LAB	8,574	6,903	-1,671	-19.5%
491	419				LAB	3,098	2,426	-672	-21.7%
315	287				LAB	4,435	3,238	-1,197	-27.0%

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623	507				Walsall North	LAB	3,789	3,230	-559	-14.8%
603	495				Walsall South	LAB	3,868	3,216	-652	-16.9%
281	258				Walthamstow	LAB	4,961	3,563	-1,398	-28.2%
452	394				Wansbeck	LAB	3,371	2,598	-773	-22.9%
4	4				Wansdyke <*	LAB	1,602	825	-777	-48.5%
103	100				Wantage	CON	1,118	716	-402	-36.0%
438	383				Warley	LAB	3,698	2,835	-863	-23.3%
352	317				Warrington North	LAB	2,275	1,688	-587	-25.8%
263	246				Warrington South	LAB	1,821	1,296	-525	-28.8%
517	437				Warwick & Leamington	LAB	1,959	1,555	-404	-20.6%
107	104				Watford	LAB	2,144	1,377	-767	-35.8%
641	521				Waveney	LAB	4,055	3,516	-539	-13.3%
33	31				Wealden	CON	1,270	730	-540	-42.5%
545	457				Weaver Vale	LAB	2,760	2,220	-540	-19.6%
347	312				Wellingborough	LAB	2,019	1,494	-525	-26.0%
50	48				Wells	CON	2,412	1,429	-983	-40.8%
22	21				Welwyn Hatfield	LAB	1,419	793	-626	-44.1%
614	500				Wentworth	LAB	3,382	2,849	-533	-15.8%
11			1		West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	LD	1,441	772	-669	-46.4%
306	280				West Bromwich East	LAB	3,658	2,662	-996	-27.2%
378	338				West Bromwich West	SPKR	3,890	2,913	-977	-25.1%
149	144				West Chelmsford	CON	2,078	1,378	-700	-33.7%
200	192				West Derbyshire	CON	1,487	1,015	-472	-31.7%
233	219				West Dorset	CON	1,528	1,071	-457	-29.9%
285	262				West Ham	LAB	6,590	4,736	-1,854	-28.1%
526	443				West Lancashire	LAB	2,992	2,389	-603	-20.2%
389			20		West Renfrewshire	LAB	1,441	1,083	-358	-24.8%
184	176				West Suffolk	CON	1,958	1,331	-627	-32.0%
632			16		West Tyrone	UU	4,458	3,820	-638	-14.3%
214	206				West Worcestershire	CON	1,373	945	-428	-31.2%
278	256				Westbury	CON	1,925	1,381	-544	-28.3%
654			71		Western Isles	LAB	1,448	1,343	-105	-7.3%
138	133				Westmorland & Lonsdale	CON	1,334	876	-458	-34.3%
30	29				Weston-Super-Mare	LD	2,827	1,619	-1,208	-42.7%
118	114				Wigan	LAB	2,945	1,909	-1,036	-35.2%
112	109				Wimbledon	LAB	2,183	1,409	-774	-35.5%
35	33				Winchester	LD	1,395	805	-590	-42.3%
88	85				Windsor	CON	1,363	863	-500	-36.7%
413	366				Wirral South	LAB	2,088	1,585	-503	-24.1%
256	239				Wirral West	LAB	2,408	1,709	-699	-29.0%
7	7				Witney	CON	1,124	596	-528	-47.0%
14	13				Woking	CON	1,034	558	-476	-46.0%
21	20				Wokingham	CON	795	443	-352	-44.3%
418	370				Wolverhampton North East	LAB	3,401	2,590	-811	-23.8%
457	398				Wolverhampton South East	LAB	3,351	2,585	-766	-22.9%
437	382				Wolverhampton South West	LAB	3,220	2,468	-752	-23.4%
5	5				Woodspring	CON	1,344	706	-638	-47.5%
145	140				Worcester	LAB	2,312	1,530	-782	-33.8%
648	525				Workington	LAB	3,130	2,772	-358	-11.4%
235	221				Worsley	LAB	2,194	1,539	-655	-29.9%
56	54				Worthing West	CON	1,586	951	-635	-40.0%
369	331				Wrekin, The	LAB	1,341	1,001	-340	-25.4%
316		10			Wrexham	LAB	1,850	1,351	-499	-27.0%
119	115				Wycombe	CON	1,968	1,277	-691	-35.1%
194	186				Wyre Forest	LAB	2,209	1,504	-705	-31.9%
157	152				Wythenshawe & Sale East	LAB	4,102	2,745	-1,357	-33.1%
186	178				Yeovil *	LD	1,868	1,270	-598	-32.0%
523		28			Ynys-Mon	PC	3,073	2,451	-622	-20.2%
337	305				York, City of	LAB	3,414	2,515	-899	-26.3%
					United Kingdom		1,868,206	1,391,380	-476,826	-25.5%

**IV Change in Unemployed Claimants Dec 1996 - 1997,  
United Kingdom Constituencies  
B. (not seasonally adjusted) -highest and lowest**

Rank by % change (largest fall first)					Unemployed Claimants		Change			
UK	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI	Party	Dec-96	Dec-97	Number	Percentage	
1	1				Newbury	LD	1,229	591	-638	-51.9%
2	2				Spelthorne	CON	1,642	805	-837	-51.0%
3	3				Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	1,419	730	-689	-48.6%
4	4				Wansdyke <*	LAB	1,602	825	-777	-48.5%
5	5				Woodspring	CON	1,344	706	-638	-47.5%
6	6				Bath *>	LD	3,155	1662	-1,493	-47.3%
7	7				Witney	CON	1,124	596	-528	-47.0%
8	8				North Wiltshire	CON	1,606	854	-752	-46.8%
9	9				Ribble Valley	CON	1,101	587	-514	-46.7%
10	10				Arundel & South Downs	CON	1,026	549	-477	-46.5%
11			1		West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	LD	1,441	772	-669	-46.4%
12	11				Epsom & Ewell	CON	1,384	742	-642	-46.4%
13	12				Chesham & Amersham	CON	974	524	-450	-46.2%
14	13				Woking	CON	1,034	558	-476	-46.0%
15	14				North East Hertfordshire	CON	1,517	819	-698	-46.0%
16	15				Broxbourne	CON	2,096	1136	-960	-45.8%
17	16				Crawley	LAB	2,038	1105	-933	-45.8%
18	17				Mole Valley	CON	891	484	-407	-45.7%
19	18				Fareham	CON	1,462	798	-664	-45.4%
20	19				Northavon	LD	1,504	826	-678	-45.1%
21	20				Wokingham	CON	795	443	-352	-44.3%
22	21				Welwyn Hatfield	LAB	1,419	793	-626	-44.1%
23	22				Mid Sussex	CON	1,124	629	-495	-44.0%
24	23				Surrey Heath	CON	1,073	601	-472	-44.0%
25	24				Bognor Regis & Littlehampton	CON	1,893	1,062	-831	-43.9%
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635	515				Copeland	LAB	2,992	2,566	-426	-14.2%
636	516				Great Grimsby	LAB	4,735	4,066	-669	-14.1%
637	517				South Shields	LAB	4,503	3,868	-635	-14.1%
638	518				Middlesbrough	LAB	6,287	5,413	-874	-13.9%
639	519				Bishop Auckland	LAB	2,740	2,360	-380	-13.9%
640	520				Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	5,101	4,408	-693	-13.6%
641	521				Waveney	LAB	4,055	3,516	-539	-13.3%
642			17		Belfast West	SF	6,126	5,316	-810	-13.2%
643			68		Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	2,626	2,284	-342	-13.0%
644	522				Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	4,233	3,685	-548	-12.9%
645			69		Coatbridge & Chryston	LAB	2,289	2,002	-287	-12.5%
646	523				Knowsley South	LAB	4,813	4,213	-600	-12.5%
647	524				Sedgefield	LAB	2,180	1,920	-260	-11.9%
648	525				Workington	LAB	3,130	2,772	-358	-11.4%
649	526				Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	4,390	3,892	-498	-11.3%
650			70		Glasgow Govan	LAB	3,299	2,937	-362	-11.0%
651	527				Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	4,142	3,693	-449	-10.8%
652		38			Bridgend	LAB	1,946	1,763	-183	-9.4%
653		39			Blaenau Gwent	LAB	2,555	2,319	-236	-9.2%
654			71		Western Isles	LAB	1,448	1,343	-105	-7.3%
655		40			Ogmore	LAB	1,782	1,664	-118	-6.6%
656			18		Foyle	SDLP	6,183	5,779	-404	-6.5%
657	528				Hartlepool	LAB	4,533	4,303	-230	-5.1%
658	529				Stockton North	LAB	4,422	4,229	-193	-4.4%
659			72		Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	1,136	1,090	-46	-4.0%
United Kingdom							1,868,206	1,391,380	-476,826	-25.5%