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Unemployment by Constituency, January 1998

This paper shows the number of unemployed claimants recorded as resident in each constituency in the United Kingdom in January 1998, together with comparisons with the level in January 1997 and January 1996.

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 rates 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.¹

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 one year and two years previously. Data for the current constituencies are not available prior to January 1996.

On 3 February 1998 the Office for National Statistics announced that changes would be made to the way in which labour market statistics (including unemployment statistics) are presented. These changes will come into effect from April. Greater weight will be given to data from the Labour Force Survey, and to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) definition of unemployment. Figures from the monthly count of unemployed claimants will continue to be published. There will be no change to the way in which unemployment is calculated; only to the presentation of the statistics.

The changes outlined above will have no effect on the residence-based unemployment rates contained in this Paper. The Office for National Statistics is, however, considering making changes to the range of unemployment statistics published for small areas (including constituencies). A public consultation was conducted last year, and proposals are now being developed. It is expected that an announcement will be made later this year.

For readers interested in the number of unemployed claimants eligible for the Government's welfare-to-work plans for the unemployed, see Research Paper 98/23 *Unemployment by*

¹ These denominators are now rather out-of-date. To the extent that the economically active population resident in a particular constituency has grown since 1991, the unemployment rates in this Paper will over-estimate the true rate of unemployment. Likewise, where the economically population has declined since 1991 the rates shown will under-estimate the true rate of unemployment. The continued use of 1991 Census denominators will be reviewed once the Review of Small Area Unemployment Rates by ONS is concluded.

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Constituency: Welfare-to-Work Groups, January 1998. This contains figures for the number of claimants in each constituency in the target groups for the New Deal for the Young Unemployed and the New Deal for the Long-term Unemployed.

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.

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, January 1998**

A. (not seasonally adjusted) - alphabetical listing

Rank by overall
unemployment rate

unemployment rate					Claimants			Rate				
UK	Eng	Wal	Scot	NI	Party	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
237		18			Aberavon	LAB	1,281	377	1,658	8.2%	3.4%	6.2%
331			52		Aberdeen Central	LAB	1,243	332	1,575	7.0%	2.3%	4.9%
553			70		Aberdeen North	LAB	759	198	957	3.7%	1.3%	2.6%
549			69		Aberdeen South	LAB	846	228	1,074	3.7%	1.3%	2.7%
157			26		Airdrie & Shotts	LAB	2,121	573	2,694	10.0%	3.8%	7.4%
631	501				Aldershot	CON	793	263	1,056	2.2%	1.0%	1.7%
427	309				Aldridge - Brownhills	CON	1,212	444	1,656	5.0%	2.5%	4.0%
538	412				Altrincham & Sale West	CON	963	267	1,230	3.9%	1.4%	2.8%
408		36			Alyn & Deeside	LAB	1,173	359	1,532	5.5%	2.3%	4.2%
430	312				Amber Valley	LAB	1,380	428	1,808	5.2%	2.2%	3.9%
234			40		Angus	SNP	1,660	649	2,309	7.9%	4.1%	6.2%
165			28		Argyll & Bute	LD	1,598	630	2,228	9.0%	4.9%	7.3%
645	515				Arundel & South Downs	CON	444	129	573	2.0%	0.8%	1.5%
254	178				Ashfield	LAB	2,102	542	2,644	8.1%	2.9%	5.9%
445	325				Ashford	CON	1,360	358	1,718	5.1%	1.9%	3.7%
332	234				Ashton under Lyne	LAB	1,859	489	2,348	6.9%	2.4%	4.9%
593	464				Aylesbury	CON	953	292	1,245	3.0%	1.2%	2.2%
156		25			Ayr	LAB	1,804	521	2,325	10.1%	3.9%	7.4%
606	476				Banbury	CON	803	294	1,097	2.6%	1.3%	2.1%
482		66			Banff & Buchan	SNP	937	267	1,204	4.2%	1.9%	3.3%
185	129				Barking *	LAB	1,614	495	2,109	9.1%	4.0%	7.0%
168	117				Barnsley Central	LAB	2,196	504	2,700	10.2%	3.2%	7.2%
122	89				Barnsley East & Mexborough	LAB	2,441	627	3,068	10.9%	4.0%	8.1%
272	191				Barnsley West & Penistone	LAB	1,717	421	2,138	8.0%	2.7%	5.7%
241	170				Barrow & Furness	LAB	2,188	480	2,668	8.5%	2.7%	6.1%
376	269				Basildon	LAB	1,718	569	2,287	5.8%	2.6%	4.5%
609	479				Basingstoke *	CON	860	267	1,127	2.7%	1.1%	2.0%
245	173				Bassettlaw	LAB	1,986	525	2,511	8.1%	3.1%	6.0%
404	289				Bath *>	LD	1,329	456	1,785	5.7%	2.4%	4.2%
360	259				Batley & Spen	LAB	1,527	420	1,947	6.3%	2.4%	4.7%
238	167				Battersea	LAB	2,269	846	3,115	8.4%	3.6%	6.2%
642	512				Beaconsfield	CON	538	175	713	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
386	276				Beckenham	CON	1,690	506	2,196	6.1%	2.3%	4.4%
349	249				Bedford	LAB	1,624	544	2,168	6.2%	2.8%	4.7%
176			12		Belfast East	DU	2,112	549	2,661	10.1%	3.4%	7.1%
19			3		Belfast North	UU	3,246	662	3,908	17.9%	5.2%	12.6%
86			9		Belfast South	UU	2,567	929	3,496	11.9%	5.0%	8.7%
7			1		Belfast West	SF	4,761	727	5,488	23.4%	5.1%	15.8%
232	163				Berwick-upon-Tweed	LD	1,565	495	2,060	8.2%	3.6%	6.3%
11	9				Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	4,715	1,286	6,001	18.8%	7.8%	14.4%
350	250				Beverley & Holderness	CON	1,511	542	2,053	6.0%	3.0%	4.7%
456	336				Bexhill & Battle	CON	872	282	1,154	4.8%	2.0%	3.6%
452	332				Bexleyheath & Crayford	LAB	1,102	436	1,538	4.6%	2.4%	3.7%
483	361				Billericay	CON	1,191	413	1,604	4.1%	2.1%	3.3%
29	24				Birkenhead	LAB	3,587	890	4,477	17.0%	5.5%	12.0%
137	101				Birmingham, Edgbaston	LAB	2,458	704	3,162	10.7%	3.9%	7.7%
113	83				Birmingham, Erdington	LAB	2,894	727	3,621	11.1%	4.0%	8.2%
208	144				Birmingham, Hall Green	LAB	1,862	599	2,461	8.7%	3.8%	6.6%
51	43				Birmingham, Hodge Hill	LAB	2,666	695	3,361	13.8%	5.2%	10.3%
1	1				Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	5,974	1,630	7,604	24.3%	9.7%	18.4%
169	118				Birmingham, Northfield	LAB	1,812	583	2,395	9.6%	4.1%	7.2%
111	81				Birmingham, Perry Barr	LAB	2,812	851	3,663	11.0%	4.4%	8.2%
180	124				Birmingham, Selly Oak	LAB	2,336	737	3,073	9.6%	3.8%	7.0%
9	7				Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	5,027	1,428	6,455	19.2%	9.2%	15.5%
195	135				Birmingham, Yardley	LAB	1,767	519	2,286	9.2%	3.7%	6.9%
243	172				Bishop Auckland	LAB	1,947	498	2,445	8.3%	2.9%	6.1%
626	496				Blaby	CON	589	248	837	2.2%	1.2%	1.8%
247	174				Blackburn	LAB	2,125	497	2,622	8.4%	2.7%	6.0%
239	168				Blackpool North & Fleetwood	LAB	2,084	523	2,607	8.9%	2.8%	6.2%
144	104				Blackpool South	LAB	2,833	751	3,584	10.8%	3.6%	7.6%

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unemployment rate

UK	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI	Party	Claimants			Rate			
						Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
110			5		Blaenau Gwent	LAB	1,946	496	2,442	11.0%	4.1%	8.2%
279	197				Blaydon	LAB	1,862	423	2,285	8.2%	2.4%	5.7%
240	169				Blyth Valley	LAB	1,862	557	2,419	8.4%	3.2%	6.1%
478	357				Bognor Regis & Littlehampton	CON	916	274	1,190	4.5%	1.7%	3.3%
265	184				Bolsover	LAB	1,825	423	2,248	8.0%	2.6%	5.8%
324	230				Bolton North East	LAB	1,770	384	2,154	7.2%	2.1%	5.0%
303	214				Bolton South East	LAB	1,762	426	2,188	7.6%	2.5%	5.4%
539	413				Bolton West	LAB	874	237	1,111	3.9%	1.4%	2.8%
33	26				Bootle	LAB	3,330	720	4,050	16.7%	4.9%	11.7%
270	189				Boston & Skegness	CON	1,669	566	2,235	7.4%	3.5%	5.8%
604	474				Bosworth	CON	668	276	944	2.6%	1.4%	2.1%
290	205				Bournemouth East	CON	1,554	445	1,999	7.7%	2.8%	5.6%
188	132				Bournemouth West	CON	1,850	478	2,328	9.6%	3.4%	7.0%
639	509				Bracknell	CON	714	188	902	2.3%	0.8%	1.6%
96	68				Bradford North	LAB	2,799	742	3,541	11.7%	4.2%	8.5%
260	182				Bradford South	LAB	2,099	579	2,678	8.2%	2.9%	5.9%
49	41				Bradford West	LAB	3,231	901	4,132	13.7%	5.6%	10.5%
455	335				Braintree	LAB	1,238	447	1,685	4.5%	2.3%	3.6%
402		35			Brecon & Radnorshire	LD	920	334	1,254	5.3%	2.7%	4.2%
56	46				Brent East	LAB	3,241	1,148	4,389	13.6%	6.0%	10.2%
309	218				Brent North	LAB	1,425	571	1,996	6.7%	3.5%	5.3%
40	33				Brent South	LAB	3,700	1,197	4,897	14.9%	6.0%	11.0%
409	293				Brentford & Isleworth	LAB	1,704	679	2,383	5.3%	2.6%	4.1%
600	470				Brentwood & Ongar	CON	667	246	913	2.6%	1.4%	2.1%
302		27			Bridgend	LAB	1,377	485	1,862	7.0%	3.3%	5.4%
281	198				Bridgwater	CON	1,780	586	2,366	7.2%	3.4%	5.7%
291	206				Brigg & Goole	LAB	1,686	459	2,145	7.4%	2.9%	5.6%
131	97				Brighton, Kemptown	LAB	2,321	761	3,082	10.4%	4.5%	7.8%
70	54				Brighton, Pavilion	LAB	2,891	1,032	3,923	12.4%	5.6%	9.4%
210	146				Bristol East	LAB	2,355	727	3,082	8.9%	3.6%	6.6%
415	299				Bristol North West	LAB	1,500	421	1,921	5.6%	2.1%	4.1%
251	175				Bristol South	LAB	2,345	656	3,001	8.1%	3.1%	6.0%
268	187				Bristol West	LAB	2,170	771	2,941	7.8%	3.4%	5.8%
485	363				Bromley & Chislehurst	CON	1,151	357	1,508	4.4%	1.8%	3.3%
499	374				Bromsgrove	CON	1,018	463	1,481	3.8%	2.3%	3.1%
562	434				Broxbourne	CON	875	305	1,180	3.3%	1.6%	2.6%
477	356				Broxtowe	LAB	1,180	418	1,598	4.3%	2.0%	3.3%
651	521				Buckingham	CON	404	147	551	1.7%	0.9%	1.3%
475	354				Burnley	LAB	1,119	295	1,414	4.7%	1.6%	3.3%
338	240				Burton	LAB	1,693	536	2,229	6.3%	2.8%	4.9%
559	431				Bury North	LAB	941	262	1,203	3.6%	1.3%	2.6%
466	345				Bury South	LAB	1,115	343	1,458	4.7%	1.8%	3.4%
565	437				Bury St Edmunds	CON	828	339	1,167	3.1%	1.7%	2.5%
68		1			Caernarfon	PC	1,872	559	2,431	12.3%	5.3%	9.4%
191		15			Caerphilly	LAB	2,012	552	2,564	9.4%	3.6%	6.9%
80			11		Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	LD	1,755	552	2,307	11.5%	5.5%	9.1%
440	321				Calder Valley	LAB	1,362	479	1,841	5.0%	2.2%	3.8%
14	12				Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	3,698	1,312	5,010	17.9%	7.7%	13.3%
337	239				Cambridge	LAB	1,485	492	1,977	6.5%	2.8%	4.9%
368	264				Cannock Chase	LAB	1,551	551	2,102	5.7%	2.9%	4.5%
325	231				Canterbury	CON	1,587	501	2,088	6.7%	2.8%	5.0%
178		12			Cardiff Central	LAB	1,855	530	2,385	9.8%	3.5%	7.0%
488		39			Cardiff North	LAB	826	256	1,082	4.5%	1.7%	3.3%
118		6			Cardiff South & Penarth	LAB	2,435	515	2,950	11.7%	3.3%	8.1%
142		9			Cardiff West	LAB	2,195	492	2,687	11.0%	3.2%	7.6%
282	199				Carlisle	LAB	1,689	493	2,182	7.9%	2.9%	5.6%
348		30			Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	LAB	1,033	315	1,348	6.2%	2.7%	4.7%
92		3			Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	LAB	1,999	612	2,611	11.2%	4.9%	8.6%
163			27		Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	LAB	2,320	618	2,938	10.0%	3.7%	7.3%
457	337				Carshalton & Wallington	LD	1,210	375	1,585	4.8%	1.9%	3.5%

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

Rank by overall
unemployment rate

unemployment rate					Claimants			Rate			
UK	Eng	Wal	Scot	NI	Party	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All
468	347				LAB	1,103	374	1,477	4.3%	2.1%	3.4%
117			16		LAB	2,208	642	2,850	11.1%	4.2%	8.1%
508	383				CON	965	327	1,292	3.9%	1.9%	3.1%
276		24			PC	1,162	409	1,571	7.2%	3.6%	5.7%
617	487				CON	666	272	938	2.4%	1.3%	1.9%
431	313				LAB	1,480	457	1,937	5.1%	2.3%	3.9%
613	483				CON	634	207	841	2.6%	1.1%	1.9%
375	268				LD	1,531	440	1,971	6.2%	2.3%	4.5%
656	526				CON	443	138	581	1.7%	0.7%	1.3%
381	273				LAB	1,489	381	1,870	6.2%	2.1%	4.4%
215	150				LAB	2,275	609	2,884	9.0%	3.2%	6.5%
557	429				CON	856	294	1,150	3.5%	1.5%	2.6%
443	323				CON	1,078	410	1,488	4.8%	2.4%	3.8%
444	324				CON	1,191	521	1,712	4.6%	2.6%	3.7%
500	375				LAB	1,168	364	1,532	4.2%	1.7%	3.1%
541	415				CON	706	208	914	3.7%	1.5%	2.8%
295	209				CON	2,211	912	3,123	7.1%	3.6%	5.5%
186	130				LAB	2,281	667	2,948	9.1%	3.9%	7.0%
364		32			LAB	1,077	324	1,401	6.0%	2.6%	4.6%
326		29			LAB	1,103	341	1,444	6.7%	2.7%	5.0%
143			21		LAB	1,891	416	2,307	11.1%	3.1%	7.6%
292			45		LAB	1,675	467	2,142	7.5%	2.9%	5.5%
155			24		LAB	1,743	497	2,240	10.1%	3.9%	7.5%
451	331				LD	1,311	438	1,749	4.7%	2.2%	3.7%
419	303				LAB	1,370	505	1,875	5.2%	2.5%	4.0%
581	452				CON	764	267	1,031	3.1%	1.5%	2.4%
107		4			LAB	1,874	513	2,387	11.7%	4.1%	8.3%
123	90				LAB	2,214	560	2,774	10.8%	4.0%	8.0%
461	341				LAB	1,202	429	1,631	4.5%	2.1%	3.5%
627	497				CON	522	173	695	2.3%	1.0%	1.8%
153	110				LAB	2,802	755	3,557	10.2%	3.8%	7.5%
334	236				LAB	1,868	556	2,424	6.6%	2.6%	4.9%
227	159				LAB	2,089	571	2,660	8.6%	3.2%	6.3%
556	428				LAB	963	290	1,253	3.6%	1.4%	2.6%
410	294				LAB	1,379	390	1,769	5.6%	2.1%	4.1%
306	216				LAB	1,440	455	1,895	7.4%	2.9%	5.4%
294	208				LAB	2,427	716	3,143	7.6%	2.9%	5.5%
145	105				LAB	3,325	1,099	4,424	10.3%	4.2%	7.6%
552	425				CON	1,010	331	1,341	3.5%	1.5%	2.6%
298			46		LAB	1,379	393	1,772	7.7%	2.7%	5.5%
151			23		LAB	1,786	554	2,340	9.9%	4.2%	7.5%
89			13		LAB	2,066	645	2,711	11.5%	4.8%	8.6%
164		11			LAB	1,560	383	1,943	10.1%	3.4%	7.3%
313	222				LAB	1,439	455	1,894	6.9%	3.0%	5.2%
134	98				LAB	2,580	619	3,199	11.0%	3.5%	7.8%
393	282				LAB	1,550	477	2,027	5.8%	2.4%	4.4%
605	475				CON	788	321	1,109	2.5%	1.4%	2.1%
435		38			LAB	992	265	1,257	5.3%	1.9%	3.9%
412	296				LAB	1,458	411	1,869	5.7%	2.0%	4.1%
311	220				LAB	1,940	546	2,486	7.2%	2.7%	5.3%
102	74				LAB	3,114	889	4,003	11.2%	4.5%	8.4%
595	466				CON	775	327	1,102	2.6%	1.5%	2.2%
362	261				LAB	1,418	346	1,764	6.5%	2.2%	4.6%
217	152				LAB	2,055	505	2,560	8.8%	3.1%	6.5%
61	50				LAB	3,132	792	3,924	13.3%	4.7%	9.8%
95	67				LAB	2,518	579	3,097	11.7%	3.9%	8.5%
204	141				LAB	2,277	573	2,850	9.1%	3.2%	6.7%
252	176				LAB	1,996	593	2,589	7.7%	3.4%	6.0%
385	275				LAB	1,452	472	1,924	5.7%	2.6%	4.4%
94	66				LAB	3,081	1,225	4,306	11.4%	5.3%	8.6%

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133			18	Dumbarton	LAB	2,271	651	2,922	10.6%	4.1%	7.8%
250			42	Dumfries	LAB	1,790	582	2,372	7.9%	3.4%	6.0%
75			9	Dundee East	LAB	2,640	726	3,366	13.0%	4.5%	9.2%
91			14	Dundee West	LAB	2,245	590	2,835	12.7%	3.9%	8.6%
201			34	Dunfermline East	LAB	1,720	444	2,164	9.3%	3.4%	6.8%
286			44	Dunfermline West	LAB	1,462	387	1,849	7.8%	2.7%	5.6%
285	201			Durham, City of	LAB	1,640	512	2,152	7.6%	3.0%	5.6%
341	243			Ealing North *	LAB	1,924	666	2,590	6.4%	2.8%	4.8%
257	180			Ealing Southall	LAB	2,484	883	3,367	7.8%	3.5%	5.9%
98	70			Ealing, Acton & Shepherd's Bush	LAB	3,420	1,228	4,648	11.4%	5.0%	8.5%
213	148			Easington	LAB	1,835	411	2,246	9.3%	2.8%	6.5%
220			13	East Antrim	UU	2,010	591	2,601	8.5%	3.5%	6.5%
432	314			East Devon	CON	958	348	1,306	5.0%	2.4%	3.9%
46	38			East Ham	LAB	3,516	1,053	4,569	13.5%	6.2%	10.6%
588	459			East Hampshire	CON	942	228	1,170	3.3%	1.1%	2.4%
377			57	East Kilbride	LAB	1,490	464	1,954	6.1%	2.4%	4.5%
59			7	East Londonderry	UU	2,807	687	3,494	13.2%	5.1%	10.0%
399			61	East Lothian	LAB	1,162	297	1,459	6.0%	2.0%	4.3%
643	513			East Surrey	CON	566	190	756	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
568	440			East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	791	276	1,067	3.3%	1.5%	2.5%
259	181			East Yorkshire	CON	1,770	537	2,307	7.7%	3.3%	5.9%
336	238			Eastbourne	CON	1,445	433	1,878	6.9%	2.5%	4.9%
599	469			Eastleigh	LD	748	248	996	2.8%	1.2%	2.1%
464			65	Eastwood	LAB	1,064	333	1,397	4.6%	1.9%	3.4%
342	244			Eccles	LAB	1,685	418	2,103	6.8%	2.2%	4.8%
511	386			Eddisbury	CON	923	285	1,208	3.9%	1.8%	3.0%
230			39	Edinburgh Central	LAB	1,643	499	2,142	9.1%	3.1%	6.3%
317			50	Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	LAB	1,473	344	1,817	7.6%	2.1%	5.1%
219			37	Edinburgh North & Leith	LAB	2,118	589	2,707	9.5%	3.0%	6.5%
383			58	Edinburgh Pentlands	LAB	1,276	365	1,641	6.3%	2.2%	4.4%
315			49	Edinburgh South	LAB	1,295	409	1,704	7.3%	2.7%	5.2%
496			67	Edinburgh West	LD	1,023	291	1,314	4.5%	1.6%	3.2%
140	103			Edmonton	LAB	2,424	803	3,227	10.0%	4.5%	7.6%
379	271			Ellesmere Port & Neston	LAB	1,486	405	1,891	6.1%	2.2%	4.5%
479	358			Elmet	LAB	1,134	372	1,506	4.4%	1.9%	3.3%
224	157			Eltham	LAB	1,796	562	2,358	8.6%	3.5%	6.4%
312	221			Enfield North	LAB	1,824	598	2,422	7.0%	3.1%	5.3%
316	224			Enfield, Southgate	LAB	1,565	596	2,161	6.5%	3.3%	5.1%
490	367			Epping Forest	CON	1,081	425	1,506	4.0%	2.2%	3.2%
637	507			Epsom & Ewell	CON	619	180	799	2.3%	0.9%	1.7%
406	291			Erewash	LAB	1,649	513	2,162	5.5%	2.4%	4.2%
84	63			Erith & Thamesmead	LAB	2,906	989	3,895	11.4%	5.3%	8.8%
633	503			Esher & Walton	CON	589	216	805	2.1%	1.1%	1.7%
299	212			Exeter	LAB	2,031	679	2,710	7.5%	3.0%	5.5%
261			43	Falkirk East	LAB	1,669	465	2,134	8.1%	2.9%	5.8%
175			31	Falkirk West	LAB	1,838	497	2,335	10.0%	3.5%	7.1%
112	82			Falmouth & Camborne	LAB	2,457	767	3,224	10.7%	4.7%	8.2%
616	486			Fareham	CON	649	195	844	2.5%	1.0%	1.9%
459	339			Faversham & Mid Kent	CON	1,136	388	1,524	4.4%	2.1%	3.5%
396	284			Feltham & Heston	LAB	1,661	502	2,163	5.7%	2.4%	4.3%
53			6	Fermanagh & South Tyrone	UU	2,751	783	3,534	12.6%	6.2%	10.3%
357	256			Finchley & Golders Green	LAB	1,668	687	2,355	5.9%	3.1%	4.7%
170	119			Folkestone & Hythe	CON	2,389	617	3,006	9.8%	3.6%	7.2%
465	344			Forest of Dean	LAB	963	371	1,334	4.2%	2.4%	3.4%
8			2	Foyle	SDLP	4,813	1,070	5,883	20.9%	7.1%	15.5%
590	461			Fylde	CON	726	204	930	3.1%	1.1%	2.3%
373	267			Gainsborough	CON	1,257	447	1,704	5.6%	2.9%	4.5%
225			38	Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	SNP	1,538	488	2,026	8.2%	3.7%	6.3%
275	194			Gateshead East & Washington West	LAB	1,939	426	2,365	8.2%	2.4%	5.7%
433	315			Gedling	LAB	1,338	459	1,797	5.2%	2.2%	3.9%

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423	307				Gillingham	LAB	1,415	511	1,926	5.0%	2.6%	4.0%
81			12		Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	2,021	417	2,438	13.9%	3.4%	9.1%
66			8		Glasgow Baillieston	LAB	2,411	533	2,944	13.6%	4.0%	9.4%
192			32		Glasgow Cathcart	LAB	1,614	372	1,986	10.2%	2.9%	6.9%
64			6		Glasgow Govan	LAB	2,461	628	3,089	13.5%	4.4%	9.5%
65			7		Glasgow Kelvin	LAB	2,254	676	2,930	13.3%	4.9%	9.5%
20			1		Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	3,017	805	3,822	17.6%	6.1%	12.6%
63			5		Glasgow Pollok	LAB	2,352	507	2,859	13.9%	3.9%	9.6%
171			30		Glasgow Rutherglen	LAB	1,598	396	1,994	10.2%	3.3%	7.2%
24			2		Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	2,409	514	2,923	17.5%	5.3%	12.4%
31			3		Glasgow Springburn	LAB	2,775	667	3,442	17.4%	5.1%	11.9%
333	235				Gloucester	LAB	1,968	572	2,540	6.7%	2.5%	4.9%
577			71		Gordon	LD	651	255	906	2.9%	1.7%	2.4%
453	333				Gosport	CON	1,245	411	1,656	4.7%	2.2%	3.7%
369		33			Gower	LAB	1,094	335	1,429	6.1%	2.5%	4.5%
472	351				Grantham & Stamford	CON	1,036	421	1,457	4.2%	2.3%	3.4%
300	213				Gravesham	LAB	1,866	659	2,525	6.8%	3.5%	5.5%
47	39				Great Grimsby	LAB	3,538	825	4,363	14.5%	4.9%	10.6%
57	47				Great Yarmouth	LAB	3,048	1,063	4,111	12.7%	6.4%	10.1%
246			41		Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	1,432	343	1,775	8.8%	2.6%	6.0%
43	35				Greenwich & Woolwich	LAB	3,348	1,125	4,473	14.3%	6.2%	10.7%
630	500				Guildford	CON	628	223	851	2.2%	1.0%	1.7%
3	3				Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	4,921	1,887	6,808	20.5%	10.1%	16.0%
6	6				Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	5,057	1,718	6,775	21.5%	9.0%	15.9%
378	270				Halesowen & Rowley Regis	LAB	1,426	461	1,887	5.8%	2.6%	4.5%
236	166				Halifax	LAB	2,290	595	2,885	8.8%	2.9%	6.2%
484	362				Haltemprice & Howden	CON	926	364	1,290	4.1%	2.2%	3.3%
154	111				Halton	LAB	2,300	637	2,937	10.1%	3.8%	7.5%
166			29		Hamilton North & Bellshill	LAB	2,009	531	2,540	10.0%	3.6%	7.3%
193			33		Hamilton South	LAB	1,474	402	1,876	9.5%	3.4%	6.9%
205	142				Hammersmith & Fulham	LAB	2,904	1,178	4,082	9.1%	4.0%	6.7%
150	108				Hampstead & Highgate	LAB	2,572	1,161	3,733	9.7%	5.0%	7.5%
596	467				Harborough	CON	700	277	977	2.7%	1.4%	2.1%
420	304				Harlow	LAB	1,336	466	1,802	5.2%	2.4%	4.0%
547	421				Harrogate & Knaresborough	LD	822	276	1,098	3.7%	1.5%	2.7%
417	301				Harrow East	LAB	1,543	602	2,145	5.2%	2.6%	4.1%
476	355				Harrow West	LAB	1,141	485	1,626	4.1%	2.3%	3.3%
37	30				Hartlepool	LAB	3,757	815	4,572	15.9%	4.8%	11.3%
167	116				Harwich	LAB	2,034	539	2,573	9.8%	3.6%	7.2%
136	100				Hastings & Rye	LAB	2,582	700	3,282	10.8%	3.8%	7.8%
363	262				Havant	CON	1,586	415	2,001	6.4%	2.3%	4.6%
407	292				Hayes & Harlington	LAB	1,296	434	1,730	5.4%	2.5%	4.2%
545	419				Hazel Grove	LD	879	256	1,135	3.7%	1.4%	2.7%
587	458				Hemel Hempstead	LAB	889	270	1,159	3.2%	1.3%	2.4%
278	196				Hemsworth	LAB	1,802	489	2,291	7.7%	2.9%	5.7%
293	207				Hendon	LAB	2,019	718	2,737	7.2%	3.3%	5.5%
655	525				Henley	CON	436	159	595	1.6%	0.8%	1.3%
397	285				Hereford *>	LD	1,360	497	1,857	5.5%	2.7%	4.3%
628	498				Hertford & Stortford	CON	626	224	850	2.2%	1.1%	1.7%
575	447				Hertsmere	CON	796	272	1,068	3.2%	1.5%	2.4%
473	352				Hexham	CON	882	301	1,183	4.3%	2.0%	3.4%
289	204				Heywood & Middleton	LAB	2,085	582	2,667	7.7%	2.8%	5.6%
498	373				High Peak	LAB	1,126	350	1,476	4.2%	1.7%	3.1%
602	472				Hitchin & Harpenden	CON	682	247	929	2.7%	1.3%	2.1%
28	23				Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	3,583	1,306	4,889	16.2%	7.1%	12.0%
522	396				Hornchurch	LAB	890	294	1,184	3.8%	1.7%	2.9%
105	77				Hornsey & Wood Green	LAB	3,420	1,292	4,712	11.2%	5.0%	8.4%
652	522				Horsham	CON	487	172	659	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
183	127				Houghton & Washington East	LAB	2,176	516	2,692	9.9%	3.1%	7.0%
222	155				Hove	LAB	1,901	742	2,643	8.3%	4.1%	6.4%

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121	88				Huddersfield	LAB	2,414	748	3,162	10.8%	4.5%	8.1%
583	454				Huntingdon	CON	924	379	1,303	2.9%	1.7%	2.4%
454	334				Hyndburn	LAB	1,202	331	1,533	5.1%	1.8%	3.6%
416	300				Ilford North	LAB	1,239	528	1,767	5.0%	2.8%	4.1%
194	134				Ilford South *	LAB	2,551	871	3,422	8.8%	4.2%	6.9%
211			36		Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	LAB	1,990	725	2,715	8.5%	4.0%	6.5%
266	185				Ipswich	LAB	2,030	502	2,532	8.0%	2.7%	5.8%
74	57				Isle of Wight	LD	3,707	1,298	5,005	11.9%	5.6%	9.2%
17	15				Islington North	LAB	4,116	1,714	5,830	17.3%	8.3%	13.1%
32	25				Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	3,312	1,349	4,661	15.0%	7.7%	11.8%
395		34			Islwyn	LAB	946	330	1,276	5.6%	2.7%	4.3%
106	78				Jarrow	LAB	2,554	576	3,130	11.8%	3.6%	8.3%
347	248				Keighley	LAB	1,455	526	1,981	6.2%	2.9%	4.8%
400	287				Kensington & Chelsea	CON	1,593	888	2,481	5.0%	3.4%	4.3%
537	411				Kettering	LAB	986	367	1,353	3.6%	1.8%	2.8%
149			22		Kilmarnock & Loudoun	LAB	2,234	644	2,878	10.3%	3.9%	7.5%
501	376				Kingston & Surbiton	LD	1,187	465	1,652	4.0%	2.0%	3.1%
60	49				Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	3,172	776	3,948	13.3%	4.7%	9.8%
39	32				Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	3,639	1,030	4,669	14.5%	5.9%	11.0%
50	42				Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	3,225	885	4,110	14.0%	5.4%	10.4%
519	393				Kingswood	LAB	1,144	348	1,492	4.1%	1.6%	3.0%
76			10		Kirkcaldy	LAB	2,213	661	2,874	12.4%	4.9%	9.2%
114	84				Knowsley North & Sefton East	LAB	2,849	808	3,657	11.2%	4.2%	8.2%
48	40				Knowsley South	LAB	3,542	894	4,436	14.6%	5.0%	10.5%
366			18		Lagan Valley	UU	1,487	520	2,007	5.7%	2.9%	4.6%
428	310				Lancaster & Wyre	LAB	1,283	397	1,680	5.4%	2.1%	4.0%
21	17				Leeds Central	LAB	4,216	978	5,194	17.7%	5.5%	12.5%
58	48				Leeds East	LAB	3,003	703	3,706	14.2%	4.4%	10.0%
253	177				Leeds North East	LAB	1,798	578	2,376	8.1%	3.2%	6.0%
361	260				Leeds North West	LAB	1,304	439	1,743	6.3%	2.6%	4.6%
182	126				Leeds West	LAB	2,333	589	2,922	9.9%	3.3%	7.0%
277	195				Leicester East	LAB	1,632	578	2,210	7.5%	3.4%	5.7%
174	122				Leicester South	LAB	2,504	648	3,152	10.0%	3.4%	7.2%
187	131				Leicester West	LAB	2,268	625	2,893	9.7%	3.5%	7.0%
380	272				Leigh	LAB	1,490	435	1,925	5.9%	2.4%	4.4%
492	369				Leominster <*	CON	905	345	1,250	3.9%	2.2%	3.2%
487	365				Lewes	LD	870	299	1,169	4.3%	1.9%	3.3%
125	92				Lewisham East	LAB	2,196	716	2,912	10.9%	4.4%	8.0%
77	58				Lewisham West	LAB	2,814	867	3,681	12.8%	4.7%	9.1%
27	22				Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	3,703	1,226	4,929	16.7%	6.6%	12.1%
135	99				Leyton & Wanstead	LAB	2,475	837	3,312	10.4%	4.5%	7.8%
536	410				Lichfield	CON	847	347	1,194	3.4%	2.0%	2.8%
128	95				Lincoln	LAB	2,548	676	3,224	10.9%	4.0%	8.0%
344			53		Linlithgow	LAB	1,373	350	1,723	6.8%	2.2%	4.8%
97	69				Liverpool, Garston	LAB	2,628	684	3,312	12.0%	4.0%	8.5%
2	2				Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	4,946	1,376	6,322	23.9%	8.8%	17.5%
23	19				Liverpool, Walton	LAB	3,957	1,017	4,974	17.5%	5.9%	12.4%
42	34				Liverpool, Wavertree	LAB	3,635	956	4,591	15.6%	5.1%	10.9%
18	16				Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	3,937	961	4,898	17.8%	5.9%	12.7%
367			54		Livingston	LAB	1,407	398	1,805	6.4%	2.3%	4.6%
196		16			Llanelli	LAB	1,635	435	2,070	9.3%	3.4%	6.9%
447	327				Loughborough	LAB	1,124	417	1,541	4.7%	2.3%	3.7%
305	215				Louth & Horncastle	CON	1,490	551	2,041	6.6%	3.6%	5.4%
532	406				Ludlow	CON	768	280	1,048	3.5%	1.9%	2.9%
358	257				Luton North	LAB	1,587	530	2,117	6.1%	2.8%	4.7%
233	164				Luton South	LAB	2,196	611	2,807	8.2%	3.4%	6.3%
586	457				Macclesfield	CON	922	209	1,131	3.4%	1.0%	2.4%
625	495				Maidenhead	CON	646	172	818	2.4%	0.9%	1.8%
524	398				Maidstone & The Weald	CON	1,080	336	1,416	3.9%	1.6%	2.9%
390	280				Makerfield	LAB	1,455	433	1,888	5.9%	2.4%	4.4%

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525	399				Maldon & East Chelmsford	CON	935	301	1,236	3.7%	1.7%	2.9%
71	55				Manchester, Blackley	LAB	2,807	603	3,410	13.2%	3.9%	9.3%
4	4				Manchester, Central	LAB	4,486	1,209	5,695	21.4%	8.2%	15.9%
13	11				Manchester, Gorton	LAB	3,426	901	4,327	18.3%	6.6%	13.3%
82	61				Manchester, Withington	LAB	2,540	842	3,382	12.2%	5.0%	9.0%
214	149				Mansfield	LAB	2,095	566	2,661	8.9%	3.3%	6.5%
296	210				Medway	LAB	1,731	601	2,332	6.8%	3.5%	5.5%
129		8			Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	PC	1,076	411	1,487	9.8%	5.3%	8.0%
345	246				Meriden	CON	1,847	629	2,476	6.2%	2.9%	4.8%
148		10			Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	LAB	1,845	455	2,300	10.3%	3.6%	7.5%
624	494				Mid Bedfordshire	CON	546	243	789	2.1%	1.3%	1.8%
569	441				Mid Dorset & North Poole	CON	794	262	1,056	3.2%	1.4%	2.5%
469	348				Mid Norfolk	CON	1,140	395	1,535	4.3%	2.1%	3.4%
648	518				Mid Sussex	CON	493	191	684	1.8%	0.9%	1.4%
73			8		Mid Ulster	SF	2,368	561	2,929	11.8%	4.8%	9.2%
551	424				Mid Worcestershire	CON	767	353	1,120	3.2%	2.0%	2.7%
12	10				Middlesbrough	LAB	4,786	991	5,777	19.6%	5.7%	13.8%
100	72				Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland	LAB	2,864	657	3,521	11.8%	3.8%	8.4%
374			56		Midlothian	LAB	1,122	250	1,372	6.6%	1.8%	4.5%
463	343				Milton Keynes South West	LAB	1,228	398	1,626	4.6%	2.0%	3.4%
274	193				Mitcham & Morden	LAB	1,893	613	2,506	7.6%	3.2%	5.7%
658	528				Mole Valley	CON	407	115	522	1.6%	0.6%	1.2%
426		37			Monmouth	LAB	1,020	381	1,401	5.0%	2.6%	4.0%
514		40			Montgomeryshire	LD	562	210	772	3.7%	2.0%	3.0%
304			47		Moray	SNP	1,458	543	2,001	6.5%	3.7%	5.4%
200	138				Morecambe & Lunesdale	LAB	1,995	597	2,592	9.2%	3.7%	6.8%
405	290				Morley & Rothwell	LAB	1,446	411	1,857	5.8%	2.1%	4.2%
141			20		Motherwell & Wishaw	LAB	1,797	391	2,188	11.0%	3.2%	7.6%
263		23			Neath	LAB	1,374	404	1,778	7.8%	3.2%	5.8%
555	427				New Forest East	CON	823	283	1,106	3.4%	1.6%	2.6%
512	387				New Forest West	CON	772	231	1,003	4.1%	1.6%	3.0%
351	251				Newark	LAB	1,511	508	2,019	6.0%	2.9%	4.7%
650	520				Newbury	LD	534	159	693	1.8%	0.8%	1.4%
72	56				Newcastle upon Tyne Central	LAB	2,674	693	3,367	13.2%	4.3%	9.3%
44	36				Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	3,223	751	3,974	15.4%	4.6%	10.7%
203	140				Newcastle upon Tyne North	LAB	2,217	494	2,711	9.8%	2.8%	6.7%
462	342				Newcastle-under-Lyme	LAB	1,079	323	1,402	4.6%	1.9%	3.5%
248		20			Newport East	LAB	1,549	459	2,008	8.0%	3.3%	6.0%
190		14			Newport West	LAB	1,898	524	2,422	9.6%	3.5%	7.0%
41			5		Newry & Armagh	SDLP	3,493	830	4,323	14.2%	5.6%	10.9%
391	281				Normanton	LAB	1,307	436	1,743	5.8%	2.5%	4.4%
159			11		North Antrim	DU	2,474	635	3,109	9.7%	3.9%	7.4%
127	94				North Cornwall	LD	2,463	1,124	3,587	9.2%	6.1%	8.0%
323	229				North Devon	LD	1,571	579	2,150	6.3%	3.2%	5.0%
610	480				North Dorset	CON	552	205	757	2.5%	1.3%	2.0%
262			15		North Down	UKU	1,568	565	2,133	7.4%	3.7%	5.8%
229	161				North Durham	LAB	2,059	492	2,551	8.9%	2.8%	6.3%
601	471				North East Bedfordshire	CON	642	261	903	2.6%	1.5%	2.1%
398	286				North East Cambridgeshire	CON	1,471	505	1,976	5.4%	2.7%	4.3%
343	245				North East Derbyshire	LAB	1,650	483	2,133	6.4%	2.6%	4.8%
401			62		North East Fife	LD	996	360	1,356	5.4%	2.7%	4.3%
649	519				North East Hampshire	CON	504	167	671	1.8%	0.9%	1.4%
608	478				North East Hertfordshire	CON	697	221	918	2.7%	1.2%	2.1%
534	408				North East Milton Keynes	LAB	958	334	1,292	3.7%	1.7%	2.8%
572	444				North Essex	CON	750	259	1,009	3.1%	1.5%	2.5%
339	241				North Norfolk	CON	1,447	504	1,951	6.0%	3.1%	4.8%
467	346				North Shropshire	CON	1,030	405	1,435	4.2%	2.4%	3.4%
26	21				North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	3,822	1,318	5,140	16.1%	7.1%	12.2%
579	450				North Swindon	LAB	817	280	1,097	3.2%	1.4%	2.4%
370			55		North Tayside	SNP	1,238	450	1,688	5.8%	2.8%	4.5%

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103	75				CON	2,441	695	3,136	11.4%	4.4%	8.4%
108	79				LAB	2,662	657	3,319	11.7%	3.8%	8.3%
486	364				LAB	1,121	434	1,555	4.0%	2.2%	3.3%
533	407				CON	1,003	361	1,364	3.6%	1.8%	2.9%
231	162				LAB	1,943	474	2,417	8.7%	2.9%	6.3%
646	516				CON	525	224	749	1.8%	1.0%	1.5%
470	349				LAB	1,006	345	1,351	4.3%	2.1%	3.4%
340	242				LAB	1,664	532	2,196	6.3%	2.8%	4.8%
619	489				CON	657	266	923	2.3%	1.3%	1.9%
382	274				LAB	1,670	518	2,188	6.0%	2.4%	4.4%
442	322				LAB	1,457	484	1,941	5.0%	2.2%	3.8%
635	505				LD	642	250	892	2.1%	1.1%	1.7%
330	233				LAB	1,751	525	2,276	6.6%	2.7%	4.9%
139	102				LAB	2,558	744	3,302	10.4%	4.1%	7.7%
36	29				LAB	3,680	1,036	4,716	15.8%	5.8%	11.5%
90	65				LAB	2,750	772	3,522	11.7%	4.5%	8.6%
126	93				LAB	2,540	670	3,210	11.0%	3.9%	8.0%
450	330				LAB	1,298	421	1,719	4.8%	2.1%	3.7%
207			35		LAB	1,719	507	2,226	9.1%	3.5%	6.7%
256		22			LAB	1,420	373	1,793	8.1%	2.9%	5.9%
527	401				CON	914	380	1,294	3.6%	2.0%	2.9%
425	308				LAB	1,572	413	1,985	5.6%	1.9%	4.0%
307	217				LAB	1,905	546	2,451	7.4%	2.8%	5.4%
441			64		LD	602	199	801	4.7%	2.3%	3.8%
542	416				CON	1,072	375	1,447	3.5%	1.7%	2.7%
346	247				LAB	1,551	498	2,049	6.5%	2.6%	4.8%
629	499				LD	639	222	861	2.3%	1.0%	1.7%
132			17		LAB	1,825	483	2,308	11.4%	3.6%	7.8%
138			19		LAB	2,093	503	2,596	11.3%	3.3%	7.7%
437	318				LAB	1,147	341	1,488	5.1%	2.0%	3.8%
546	420				CON	774	333	1,107	3.2%	2.0%	2.7%
327			51		SNP	1,419	408	1,827	7.0%	2.5%	5.0%
310	219				LAB	1,936	557	2,493	7.2%	2.8%	5.3%
197	136				LAB	2,620	696	3,316	9.0%	3.6%	6.8%
38	31				LAB	3,573	1,095	4,668	14.7%	6.3%	11.2%
228	160				LAB	1,895	560	2,455	8.4%	3.4%	6.3%
320		28			LAB	1,556	424	1,980	7.0%	2.5%	5.1%
436	317				CON	1,155	298	1,453	5.3%	1.9%	3.9%
16	14				LAB	4,192	1,163	5,355	17.3%	7.0%	13.1%
387	277				LAB	1,404	396	1,800	5.9%	2.3%	4.4%
152	109				LD	2,651	732	3,383	10.0%	3.9%	7.5%
119		7			LAB	1,966	562	2,528	10.5%	4.5%	8.1%
189	133				LAB	2,469	613	3,082	9.7%	3.3%	7.0%
578	449				LAB	867	262	1,129	3.3%	1.3%	2.4%
329	232				LAB	1,499	560	2,059	6.7%	2.9%	5.0%
560	432				CON	865	301	1,166	3.3%	1.6%	2.6%
540	414				LAB	1,081	292	1,373	3.8%	1.4%	2.8%
574	446				LAB	957	255	1,212	3.4%	1.2%	2.4%
67	52				LAB	3,325	683	4,008	13.4%	3.9%	9.4%
389	279				LAB	1,318	546	1,864	5.5%	3.0%	4.4%
85	64				LAB	3,648	1,537	5,185	11.3%	5.8%	8.8%
634	504				CON	547	156	703	2.3%	0.9%	1.7%
179		13			LAB	1,721	425	2,146	9.5%	3.4%	7.0%
644	514				CON	514	168	682	2.0%	0.8%	1.5%
513	388				CON	926	378	1,304	3.6%	2.2%	3.0%
515	389				LD	1,117	459	1,576	3.8%	2.0%	3.0%
177	123				LAB	2,376	596	2,972	9.9%	3.4%	7.1%
83	62				CON	3,022	808	3,830	12.2%	4.5%	9.0%
520	394				LAB	891	279	1,170	3.9%	1.7%	3.0%
615	485				CON	619	196	815	2.5%	1.1%	1.9%

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93			15		LD	2,098	766	2,864	10.7%	5.6%	8.6%
543	417				LAB	952	296	1,248	3.7%	1.5%	2.7%
235	165				LAB	2,106	578	2,684	8.4%	3.2%	6.2%
62	51				LAB	2,806	670	3,476	13.3%	4.5%	9.6%
384			59		LD	993	320	1,313	5.9%	2.5%	4.4%
518	392				LAB	1,151	391	1,542	3.9%	1.8%	3.0%
570	442				CON	771	228	999	3.4%	1.3%	2.5%
641	511				CON	572	195	767	2.1%	0.9%	1.6%
529	403				CON	1,074	356	1,430	3.8%	1.7%	2.9%
618	488				CON	606	251	857	2.3%	1.3%	1.9%
510	385				CON	829	325	1,154	3.8%	2.0%	3.0%
598	468				CON	711	306	1,017	2.5%	1.6%	2.1%
161	114				LAB	2,093	439	2,532	10.5%	3.0%	7.3%
582	453				CON	949	289	1,238	3.2%	1.3%	2.4%
172	120				LAB	2,332	801	3,133	9.4%	4.3%	7.2%
206	143				LAB	1,977	551	2,528	8.8%	3.6%	6.7%
314	223				LAB	1,584	450	2,034	7.0%	2.7%	5.2%
434	316				LAB	1,308	455	1,763	4.9%	2.4%	3.9%
571	443				CON	776	301	1,077	3.1%	1.7%	2.5%
223	156				LAB	2,051	610	2,661	8.6%	3.4%	6.4%
45	37				LAB	3,164	718	3,882	15.0%	4.7%	10.7%
10	8				LAB	4,253	1,155	5,408	19.4%	7.5%	14.5%
421	305				LD	935	388	1,323	5.1%	2.7%	4.0%
116	86				LAB	2,608	711	3,319	11.2%	4.1%	8.1%
335	237				LAB	1,855	586	2,441	6.6%	2.7%	4.9%
354	253				LAB	1,633	525	2,158	6.2%	2.7%	4.7%
446	326				LAB	1,221	416	1,637	5.0%	2.1%	3.7%
523	397				LAB	1,017	321	1,338	3.9%	1.6%	2.9%
242	171				LAB	1,889	645	2,534	7.5%	3.9%	6.1%
591	462				CON	748	268	1,016	2.9%	1.4%	2.3%
507	382				CON	923	371	1,294	3.7%	2.2%	3.1%
356	255				LAB	1,792	476	2,268	6.4%	2.3%	4.7%
584	455				CON	860	343	1,203	3.0%	1.6%	2.4%
550	423				LD	904	300	1,204	3.4%	1.6%	2.7%
328			17		UU	1,656	548	2,204	6.4%	3.0%	5.0%
623	493				CON	609	243	852	2.3%	1.2%	1.8%
448	328				LAB	1,333	431	1,764	4.8%	2.1%	3.7%
355	254				CON	1,455	440	1,895	6.2%	2.6%	4.7%
87			10		SDLP	2,608	765	3,373	11.0%	5.1%	8.7%
603	473				CON	749	292	1,041	2.6%	1.4%	2.1%
322	228				LD	1,575	600	2,175	6.2%	3.4%	5.0%
576	448				CON	658	314	972	2.8%	1.9%	2.4%
504	379				CON	1,067	421	1,488	3.8%	2.1%	3.1%
567	439				LAB	839	334	1,173	3.2%	1.6%	2.5%
34	27				LAB	3,306	833	4,139	15.9%	5.7%	11.6%
516	390				CON	1,087	378	1,465	3.9%	1.8%	3.0%
503	378				CON	951	328	1,279	3.9%	1.9%	3.1%
474	353				LAB	1,277	385	1,662	4.5%	1.8%	3.3%
162	115				LAB	2,045	541	2,586	10.0%	3.7%	7.3%
566	438				CON	875	365	1,240	3.0%	1.8%	2.5%
493	370				CON	993	378	1,371	4.1%	2.1%	3.2%
614	484				CON	684	221	905	2.5%	1.1%	1.9%
460	340				CON	1,227	532	1,759	4.1%	2.6%	3.5%
647	517				CON	510	161	671	1.9%	0.8%	1.5%
216	151				LAB	2,403	529	2,932	9.0%	2.9%	6.5%
209	145				LAB	2,366	573	2,939	9.2%	3.1%	6.6%
271	190				CON	1,715	516	2,231	7.7%	3.1%	5.8%
288	203				LD	1,733	539	2,272	7.7%	2.9%	5.6%
636	506				CON	634	211	845	2.2%	1.0%	1.7%
622	492				LAB	637	200	837	2.5%	1.0%	1.8%

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297	211				LAB	1,792	547	2,339	7.3%	3.0%	5.5%
173	121				LAB	2,313	585	2,898	10.0%	3.4%	7.2%
69	53				LD	2,552	1,190	3,742	10.9%	7.3%	9.4%
481	360				LAB	1,074	355	1,429	4.3%	1.9%	3.3%
517	391				LAB	972	356	1,328	3.8%	1.9%	3.0%
359	258				LAB	1,554	476	2,030	6.3%	2.5%	4.7%
449	329				LAB	1,276	418	1,694	4.8%	2.2%	3.7%
308			48		LAB	1,331	388	1,719	7.5%	2.7%	5.4%
352	252				LAB	1,665	389	2,054	6.7%	2.1%	4.7%
35	28				LAB	3,691	871	4,562	16.1%	5.3%	11.5%
147	107				LAB	2,535	619	3,154	10.5%	3.5%	7.5%
221	154				LAB	1,970	520	2,490	8.9%	3.2%	6.5%
394	283				LAB	1,260	356	1,616	5.9%	2.3%	4.4%
372	266				LAB	1,533	487	2,020	6.0%	2.5%	4.5%
589	460				CON	639	352	991	2.6%	2.0%	2.3%
429	311				LAB	1,320	406	1,726	5.2%	2.2%	3.9%
284			16		UU	1,709	559	2,268	7.2%	3.3%	5.6%
594	465				CON	830	302	1,132	2.8%	1.4%	2.2%
392			60		LAB	1,422	399	1,821	6.1%	2.2%	4.4%
55	45				LAB	4,024	1,554	5,578	13.6%	6.2%	10.2%
319	226				LAB	1,843	494	2,337	7.1%	2.5%	5.1%
521	395				LAB	1,019	388	1,407	3.7%	1.9%	3.0%
422	306				CON	1,316	473	1,789	5.0%	2.6%	4.0%
78	59				LAB	2,717	511	3,228	13.2%	3.4%	9.1%
52	44				LAB	3,332	657	3,989	14.9%	4.0%	10.3%
657	527				CON	481	158	639	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
573	445				LD	804	254	1,058	3.3%	1.3%	2.5%
535	409				CON	928	384	1,312	3.6%	1.9%	2.8%
244		19			LAB	1,700	393	2,093	8.6%	2.7%	6.0%
198		17			LAB	1,658	437	2,095	9.5%	3.3%	6.8%
438	319				LAB	1,229	460	1,689	4.7%	2.5%	3.8%
592	463				IND	671	222	893	3.0%	1.3%	2.3%
411	295				LD	1,483	471	1,954	5.5%	2.3%	4.1%
371	265				CON	1,494	517	2,011	5.9%	2.7%	4.5%
388	278				LAB	1,334	389	1,723	5.9%	2.3%	4.4%
580	451				CON	740	285	1,025	3.1%	1.6%	2.4%
264	183				LAB	2,040	575	2,615	7.7%	3.1%	5.8%
502	377				CON	1,007	376	1,383	3.9%	2.0%	3.1%
558	430				CON	834	274	1,108	3.4%	1.6%	2.6%
184	128				LAB	2,565	884	3,449	9.6%	3.9%	7.0%
104	76				LD	2,599	798	3,397	11.4%	4.5%	8.4%
301		26			LAB	1,536	439	1,975	7.3%	2.9%	5.4%
318	225				LD	1,622	603	2,225	6.3%	3.4%	5.1%
287	202				CON	1,453	594	2,047	6.9%	3.9%	5.6%
5	5				LAB	5,933	1,949	7,882	21.3%	9.0%	15.9%
218	153				LD	2,016	771	2,787	8.1%	4.3%	6.5%
563	435				CON	844	271	1,115	3.4%	1.4%	2.5%
497			68		LD	779	237	1,016	4.4%	1.7%	3.2%
554	426				LD	993	361	1,354	3.5%	1.6%	2.6%
22	18				LAB	3,937	803	4,740	17.7%	5.1%	12.5%
202	139				LAB	2,161	509	2,670	9.8%	3.0%	6.8%
480	359				LAB	894	274	1,168	4.3%	1.8%	3.3%
258			14		UU	1,932	547	2,479	7.8%	3.2%	5.9%
509	384				CON	928	331	1,259	4.0%	1.9%	3.1%
249		21			LAB	1,363	325	1,688	8.6%	2.6%	6.0%
280		25			LAB	1,855	555	2,410	7.5%	3.1%	5.7%
607	477				CON	607	295	902	2.4%	1.6%	2.1%
15	13				LAB	5,129	1,784	6,913	18.2%	7.4%	13.2%
273	192				LAB	2,008	598	2,606	7.6%	3.1%	5.7%
79	60				LAB	2,812	743	3,555	12.9%	4.3%	9.1%

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130	96				LAB	2,684	731	3,415	10.3%	4.2%	7.9%
101	73				LAB	2,586	793	3,379	10.9%	4.8%	8.4%
109	80				LAB	2,702	907	3,609	11.0%	4.8%	8.3%
146	106				LAB	2,197	554	2,751	10.8%	3.5%	7.6%
611	481				LAB	629	248	877	2.4%	1.3%	1.9%
640	510				CON	581	199	780	2.1%	1.0%	1.6%
124	91				LAB	2,246	721	2,967	10.5%	4.6%	8.0%
414	298				LAB	1,475	414	1,889	5.5%	2.1%	4.1%
489	366				LAB	1,096	367	1,463	4.3%	1.9%	3.2%
494	371				LAB	1,265	375	1,640	4.4%	1.7%	3.2%
531	405				LAB	1,119	349	1,468	3.8%	1.6%	2.9%
99	71				LAB	2,724	956	3,680	10.6%	5.4%	8.5%
632	502				CON	611	198	809	2.2%	1.0%	1.7%
255	179				LAB	1,828	547	2,375	7.9%	3.2%	5.9%
471	350				LAB	1,304	401	1,705	4.5%	1.9%	3.4%
439	320				CON	1,145	447	1,592	4.7%	2.5%	3.8%
612	482				LAB	665	213	878	2.6%	1.1%	1.9%
120	87				LAB	2,508	579	3,087	11.3%	3.6%	8.1%
597			72		LD	562	254	816	2.5%	1.6%	2.1%
199	137				LAB	2,100	700	2,800	8.7%	4.1%	6.8%
158	112				SPKR	2,362	696	3,058	9.5%	4.2%	7.4%
528	402				CON	1,103	364	1,467	3.7%	1.7%	2.9%
561	433				CON	830	304	1,134	3.3%	1.7%	2.6%
506	381				CON	812	335	1,147	3.8%	2.1%	3.1%
25	20				LAB	3,631	1,133	4,764	15.9%	7.0%	12.2%
269	188				LAB	2,041	564	2,605	7.9%	2.9%	5.8%
424			63		LAB	1,057	264	1,321	5.7%	1.8%	4.0%
548	422				CON	1,035	372	1,407	3.3%	1.8%	2.7%
30				4	UU	3,186	686	3,872	15.6%	5.8%	12.0%
544	418				CON	772	281	1,053	3.5%	1.7%	2.7%
491	368				CON	1,124	424	1,548	4.1%	2.1%	3.2%
54			4		LAB	1,109	275	1,384	13.3%	5.4%	10.2%
585	456				CON	685	276	961	3.1%	1.5%	2.4%
403	288				LD	1,298	451	1,749	5.4%	2.6%	4.2%
283	200				LAB	1,706	494	2,200	7.5%	3.0%	5.6%
495	372				LAB	999	419	1,418	4.0%	2.1%	3.2%
620	490				LD	666	236	902	2.4%	1.1%	1.9%
621	491				CON	679	231	910	2.4%	1.1%	1.8%
365	263				LAB	1,262	432	1,694	6.1%	2.6%	4.6%
321	227				LAB	1,354	482	1,836	6.7%	3.0%	5.1%
654	524				CON	469	194	663	1.6%	0.9%	1.3%
653	523				CON	486	170	656	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
659	529				CON	395	112	507	1.4%	0.5%	1.0%
181	125				LAB	2,166	561	2,727	9.4%	3.6%	7.0%
115	85				LAB	2,144	565	2,709	10.7%	4.3%	8.1%
226	158				LAB	1,940	587	2,527	8.4%	3.5%	6.3%
638	508				CON	530	195	725	2.1%	1.0%	1.6%
413	297				LAB	1,349	375	1,724	5.6%	2.1%	4.1%
160	113				LAB	2,367	627	2,994	10.0%	3.7%	7.4%
418	302				LAB	1,390	355	1,745	5.6%	1.9%	4.0%
530	404				CON	812	215	1,027	4.1%	1.4%	2.9%
526	400				LAB	840	267	1,107	3.8%	1.7%	2.9%
353		31			LAB	1,114	323	1,437	6.4%	2.5%	4.7%
564	436				CON	1,023	279	1,302	3.4%	1.3%	2.5%
458	338				LAB	1,207	449	1,656	4.4%	2.2%	3.5%
212	147				LAB	2,359	576	2,935	9.3%	2.9%	6.5%
505	380				LD	1,042	347	1,389	4.0%	1.8%	3.1%
88		2			PC	2,000	585	2,585	11.1%	4.9%	8.6%
267	186				LAB	2,205	648	2,853	8.1%	2.9%	5.8%
					United Kingdom	1,136,662	342,601	1,479,263	7.2%	2.9%	5.4%

**II Residence-based unemployment rates by parliamentary constituency,
United Kingdom, January 1998
B. (not seasonally adjusted) - highest and lowest**

Rank by overall
unemployment rate

unemployment rate					Claimants			Rate				
UK	Eng	Wal	Scot	NI	Party	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
1	1				Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	5,974	1,630	7,604	24.3%	9.7%	18.4%
2	2				Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	4,946	1,376	6,322	23.9%	8.8%	17.5%
3	3				Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	4,921	1,887	6,808	20.5%	10.1%	16.0%
4	4				Manchester, Central	LAB	4,486	1,209	5,695	21.4%	8.2%	15.9%
5	5				Tottenham	LAB	5,933	1,949	7,882	21.3%	9.0%	15.9%
6	6				Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	5,057	1,718	6,775	21.5%	9.0%	15.9%
7				1	Belfast West	SF	4,761	727	5,488	23.4%	5.1%	15.8%
8				2	Foyle	SDLP	4,813	1,070	5,883	20.9%	7.1%	15.5%
9	7				Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	5,027	1,428	6,455	19.2%	9.2%	15.5%
10	8				Sheffield, Central	LAB	4,253	1,155	5,408	19.4%	7.5%	14.5%
11	9				Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	4,715	1,286	6,001	18.8%	7.8%	14.4%
12	10				Middlesbrough	LAB	4,786	991	5,777	19.6%	5.7%	13.8%
13	11				Manchester, Gorton	LAB	3,426	901	4,327	18.3%	6.6%	13.3%
14	12				Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	3,698	1,312	5,010	17.9%	7.7%	13.3%
15	13				Vauxhall	LAB	5,129	1,784	6,913	18.2%	7.4%	13.2%
16	14				Poplar & Canning Town	LAB	4,192	1,163	5,355	17.3%	7.0%	13.1%
17	15				Islington North	LAB	4,116	1,714	5,830	17.3%	8.3%	13.1%
18	16				Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	3,937	961	4,898	17.8%	5.9%	12.7%
19				3	Belfast North	UU	3,246	662	3,908	17.9%	5.2%	12.6%
20			1		Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	3,017	805	3,822	17.6%	6.1%	12.6%
21	17				Leeds Central	LAB	4,216	978	5,194	17.7%	5.5%	12.5%
22	18				Tyne Bridge	LAB	3,937	803	4,740	17.7%	5.1%	12.5%
23	19				Liverpool, Walton	LAB	3,957	1,017	4,974	17.5%	5.9%	12.4%
24			2		Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	2,409	514	2,923	17.5%	5.3%	12.4%
25	20				West Ham	LAB	3,631	1,133	4,764	15.9%	7.0%	12.2%
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635	505				Northavon	LD	642	250	892	2.1%	1.1%	1.7%
636	506				Spelthorne	CON	634	211	845	2.2%	1.0%	1.7%
637	507				Epsom & Ewell	CON	619	180	799	2.3%	0.9%	1.7%
638	508				Woodspring	CON	530	195	725	2.1%	1.0%	1.6%
639	509				Bracknell	CON	714	188	902	2.3%	0.8%	1.6%
640	510				Wantage	CON	581	199	780	2.1%	1.0%	1.6%
641	511				Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	572	195	767	2.1%	0.9%	1.6%
642	512				Beaconsfield	CON	538	175	713	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
643	513				East Surrey	CON	566	190	756	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
644	514				Ribble Valley	CON	514	168	682	2.0%	0.8%	1.5%
645	515				Arundel & South Downs	CON	444	129	573	2.0%	0.8%	1.5%
646	516				North West Hampshire *	CON	525	224	749	1.8%	1.0%	1.5%
647	517				South West Surrey	CON	510	161	671	1.9%	0.8%	1.5%
648	518				Mid Sussex	CON	493	191	684	1.8%	0.9%	1.4%
649	519				North East Hampshire	CON	504	167	671	1.8%	0.9%	1.4%
650	520				Newbury	LD	534	159	693	1.8%	0.8%	1.4%
651	521				Buckingham	CON	404	147	551	1.7%	0.9%	1.3%
652	522				Horsham	CON	487	172	659	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
653	523				Woking	CON	486	170	656	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
654	524				Witney	CON	469	194	663	1.6%	0.9%	1.3%
655	525				Henley	CON	436	159	595	1.6%	0.8%	1.3%
656	526				Chesham & Amersham	CON	443	138	581	1.7%	0.7%	1.3%
657	527				Surrey Heath	CON	481	158	639	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
658	528				Mole Valley	CON	407	115	522	1.6%	0.6%	1.2%
659	529				Wokingham	CON	395	112	507	1.4%	0.5%	1.0%
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23	19				Liverpool, Walton	LAB	3,957	1,017	4,974	17.5%	5.9%	12.4%
25	20				West Ham	LAB	3,631	1,133	4,764	15.9%	7.0%	12.2%
26	21				North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	3,822	1,318	5,140	16.1%	7.1%	12.2%
27	22				Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	3,703	1,226	4,929	16.7%	6.6%	12.1%
28	23				Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	3,583	1,306	4,889	16.2%	7.1%	12.0%
29	24				Birkenhead	LAB	3,587	890	4,477	17.0%	5.5%	12.0%
32	25				Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	3,312	1,349	4,661	15.0%	7.7%	11.8%
33	26				Bootle	LAB	3,330	720	4,050	16.7%	4.9%	11.7%
34	27				South Shields	LAB	3,306	833	4,139	15.9%	5.7%	11.6%
35	28				Stockton North	LAB	3,691	871	4,562	16.1%	5.3%	11.5%
36	29				Nottingham East	LAB	3,680	1,036	4,716	15.8%	5.8%	11.5%
37	30				Hartlepool	LAB	3,757	815	4,572	15.9%	4.8%	11.3%
38	31				Plymouth, Sutton	LAB	3,573	1,095	4,668	14.7%	6.3%	11.2%
39	32				Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	3,639	1,030	4,669	14.5%	5.9%	11.0%
40	33				Brent South	LAB	3,700	1,197	4,897	14.9%	6.0%	11.0%
42	34				Liverpool, Wavertree	LAB	3,635	956	4,591	15.6%	5.1%	10.9%
43	35				Greenwich & Woolwich	LAB	3,348	1,125	4,473	14.3%	6.2%	10.7%
44	36				Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	3,223	751	3,974	15.4%	4.6%	10.7%
45	37				Sheffield, Brightside	LAB	3,164	718	3,882	15.0%	4.7%	10.7%
46	38				East Ham	LAB	3,516	1,053	4,569	13.5%	6.2%	10.6%
47	39				Great Grimsby	LAB	3,538	825	4,363	14.5%	4.9%	10.6%
48	40				Knowsley South	LAB	3,542	894	4,436	14.6%	5.0%	10.5%
49	41				Bradford West	LAB	3,231	901	4,132	13.7%	5.6%	10.5%
50	42				Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	3,225	885	4,110	14.0%	5.4%	10.4%
51	43				Birmingham, Hodge Hill	LAB	2,666	695	3,361	13.8%	5.2%	10.3%
52	44				Sunderland South	LAB	3,332	657	3,989	14.9%	4.0%	10.3%
55	45				Streatham	LAB	4,024	1,554	5,578	13.6%	6.2%	10.2%
56	46				Brent East	LAB	3,241	1,148	4,389	13.6%	6.0%	10.2%
57	47				Great Yarmouth	LAB	3,048	1,063	4,111	12.7%	6.4%	10.1%
58	48				Leeds East	LAB	3,003	703	3,706	14.2%	4.4%	10.0%
60	49				Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	3,172	776	3,948	13.3%	4.7%	9.8%
61	50				Doncaster Central	LAB	3,132	792	3,924	13.3%	4.7%	9.8%
62	51				Rotherham	LAB	2,806	670	3,476	13.3%	4.5%	9.6%
67	52				Redcar	LAB	3,325	683	4,008	13.4%	3.9%	9.4%
69	53				St Ives	LD	2,552	1,190	3,742	10.9%	7.3%	9.4%
70	54				Brighton, Pavilion	LAB	2,891	1,032	3,923	12.4%	5.6%	9.4%
71	55				Manchester, Blackley	LAB	2,807	603	3,410	13.2%	3.9%	9.3%
72	56				Newcastle upon Tyne Central	LAB	2,674	693	3,367	13.2%	4.3%	9.3%

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unemployment rate					Claimants			Rate			
UK	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI	Party	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All
74	57				LD	3,707	1,298	5,005	11.9%	5.6%	9.2%
77	58				LAB	2,814	867	3,681	12.8%	4.7%	9.1%
78	59				LAB	2,717	511	3,228	13.2%	3.4%	9.1%
79	60				LAB	2,812	743	3,555	12.9%	4.3%	9.1%
82	61				LAB	2,540	842	3,382	12.2%	5.0%	9.0%
83	62				CON	3,022	808	3,830	12.2%	4.5%	9.0%
84	63				LAB	2,906	989	3,895	11.4%	5.3%	8.8%
85	64				LAB	3,648	1,537	5,185	11.3%	5.8%	8.8%
90	65				LAB	2,750	772	3,522	11.7%	4.5%	8.6%
94	66				LAB	3,081	1,225	4,306	11.4%	5.3%	8.6%
95	67				LAB	2,518	579	3,097	11.7%	3.9%	8.5%
96	68				LAB	2,799	742	3,541	11.7%	4.2%	8.5%
97	69				LAB	2,628	684	3,312	12.0%	4.0%	8.5%
98	70				LAB	3,420	1,228	4,648	11.4%	5.0%	8.5%
99	71				LAB	2,724	956	3,680	10.6%	5.4%	8.5%
100	72				LAB	2,864	657	3,521	11.8%	3.8%	8.4%
101	73				LAB	2,586	793	3,379	10.9%	4.8%	8.4%
102	74				LAB	3,114	889	4,003	11.2%	4.5%	8.4%
103	75				CON	2,441	695	3,136	11.4%	4.4%	8.4%
104	76				LD	2,599	798	3,397	11.4%	4.5%	8.4%
105	77				LAB	3,420	1,292	4,712	11.2%	5.0%	8.4%
106	78				LAB	2,554	576	3,130	11.8%	3.6%	8.3%
108	79				LAB	2,662	657	3,319	11.7%	3.8%	8.3%
109	80				LAB	2,702	907	3,609	11.0%	4.8%	8.3%
111	81				LAB	2,812	851	3,663	11.0%	4.4%	8.2%
112	82				LAB	2,457	767	3,224	10.7%	4.7%	8.2%
113	83				LAB	2,894	727	3,621	11.1%	4.0%	8.2%
114	84				LAB	2,849	808	3,657	11.2%	4.2%	8.2%
115	85				LAB	2,144	565	2,709	10.7%	4.3%	8.1%
116	86				LAB	2,608	711	3,319	11.2%	4.1%	8.1%
120	87				LAB	2,508	579	3,087	11.3%	3.6%	8.1%
121	88				LAB	2,414	748	3,162	10.8%	4.5%	8.1%
122	89				LAB	2,441	627	3,068	10.9%	4.0%	8.1%
123	90				LAB	2,214	560	2,774	10.8%	4.0%	8.0%
124	91				LAB	2,246	721	2,967	10.5%	4.6%	8.0%
125	92				LAB	2,196	716	2,912	10.9%	4.4%	8.0%
126	93				LAB	2,540	670	3,210	11.0%	3.9%	8.0%
127	94				LD	2,463	1,124	3,587	9.2%	6.1%	8.0%
128	95				LAB	2,548	676	3,224	10.9%	4.0%	8.0%
130	96				LAB	2,684	731	3,415	10.3%	4.2%	7.9%
131	97				LAB	2,321	761	3,082	10.4%	4.5%	7.8%
134	98				LAB	2,580	619	3,199	11.0%	3.5%	7.8%
135	99				LAB	2,475	837	3,312	10.4%	4.5%	7.8%
136	100				LAB	2,582	700	3,282	10.8%	3.8%	7.8%
137	101				LAB	2,458	704	3,162	10.7%	3.9%	7.7%
139	102				LAB	2,558	744	3,302	10.4%	4.1%	7.7%
140	103				LAB	2,424	803	3,227	10.0%	4.5%	7.6%
144	104				LAB	2,833	751	3,584	10.8%	3.6%	7.6%
145	105				LAB	3,325	1,099	4,424	10.3%	4.2%	7.6%
146	106				LAB	2,197	554	2,751	10.8%	3.5%	7.6%
147	107				LAB	2,535	619	3,154	10.5%	3.5%	7.5%
150	108				LAB	2,572	1,161	3,733	9.7%	5.0%	7.5%
152	109				LD	2,651	732	3,383	10.0%	3.9%	7.5%
153	110				LAB	2,802	755	3,557	10.2%	3.8%	7.5%
154	111				LAB	2,300	637	2,937	10.1%	3.8%	7.5%
158	112				SPKR	2,362	696	3,058	9.5%	4.2%	7.4%

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160	113				LAB	2,367	627	2,994	10.0%	3.7%	7.4%
161	114				LAB	2,093	439	2,532	10.5%	3.0%	7.3%
162	115				LAB	2,045	541	2,586	10.0%	3.7%	7.3%
167	116				LAB	2,034	539	2,573	9.8%	3.6%	7.2%
168	117				LAB	2,196	504	2,700	10.2%	3.2%	7.2%
169	118				LAB	1,812	583	2,395	9.6%	4.1%	7.2%
170	119				CON	2,389	617	3,006	9.8%	3.6%	7.2%
172	120				LAB	2,332	801	3,133	9.4%	4.3%	7.2%
173	121				LAB	2,313	585	2,898	10.0%	3.4%	7.2%
174	122				LAB	2,504	648	3,152	10.0%	3.4%	7.2%
177	123				LAB	2,376	596	2,972	9.9%	3.4%	7.1%
180	124				LAB	2,336	737	3,073	9.6%	3.8%	7.0%
181	125				LAB	2,166	561	2,727	9.4%	3.6%	7.0%
182	126				LAB	2,333	589	2,922	9.9%	3.3%	7.0%
183	127				LAB	2,176	516	2,692	9.9%	3.1%	7.0%
184	128				LAB	2,565	884	3,449	9.6%	3.9%	7.0%
185	129				LAB	1,614	495	2,109	9.1%	4.0%	7.0%
186	130				LAB	2,281	667	2,948	9.1%	3.9%	7.0%
187	131				LAB	2,268	625	2,893	9.7%	3.5%	7.0%
188	132				CON	1,850	478	2,328	9.6%	3.4%	7.0%
189	133				LAB	2,469	613	3,082	9.7%	3.3%	7.0%
194	134				LAB	2,551	871	3,422	8.8%	4.2%	6.9%
195	135				LAB	1,767	519	2,286	9.2%	3.7%	6.9%
197	136				LAB	2,620	696	3,316	9.0%	3.6%	6.8%
199	137				LAB	2,100	700	2,800	8.7%	4.1%	6.8%
200	138				LAB	1,995	597	2,592	9.2%	3.7%	6.8%
202	139				LAB	2,161	509	2,670	9.8%	3.0%	6.8%
203	140				LAB	2,217	494	2,711	9.8%	2.8%	6.7%
204	141				LAB	2,277	573	2,850	9.1%	3.2%	6.7%
205	142				LAB	2,904	1,178	4,082	9.1%	4.0%	6.7%
206	143				LAB	1,977	551	2,528	8.8%	3.6%	6.7%
208	144				LAB	1,862	599	2,461	8.7%	3.8%	6.6%
209	145				LAB	2,366	573	2,939	9.2%	3.1%	6.6%
210	146				LAB	2,355	727	3,082	8.9%	3.6%	6.6%
212	147				LAB	2,359	576	2,935	9.3%	2.9%	6.5%
213	148				LAB	1,835	411	2,246	9.3%	2.8%	6.5%
214	149				LAB	2,095	566	2,661	8.9%	3.3%	6.5%
215	150				LAB	2,275	609	2,884	9.0%	3.2%	6.5%
216	151				LAB	2,403	529	2,932	9.0%	2.9%	6.5%
217	152				LAB	2,055	505	2,560	8.8%	3.1%	6.5%
218	153				LD	2,016	771	2,787	8.1%	4.3%	6.5%
221	154				LAB	1,970	520	2,490	8.9%	3.2%	6.5%
222	155				LAB	1,901	742	2,643	8.3%	4.1%	6.4%
223	156				LAB	2,051	610	2,661	8.6%	3.4%	6.4%
224	157				LAB	1,796	562	2,358	8.6%	3.5%	6.4%
226	158				LAB	1,940	587	2,527	8.4%	3.5%	6.3%
227	159				LAB	2,089	571	2,660	8.6%	3.2%	6.3%
228	160				LAB	1,895	560	2,455	8.4%	3.4%	6.3%
229	161				LAB	2,059	492	2,551	8.9%	2.8%	6.3%
231	162				LAB	1,943	474	2,417	8.7%	2.9%	6.3%
232	163				LD	1,565	495	2,060	8.2%	3.6%	6.3%
233	164				LAB	2,196	611	2,807	8.2%	3.4%	6.3%
235	165				LAB	2,106	578	2,684	8.4%	3.2%	6.2%
236	166				LAB	2,290	595	2,885	8.8%	2.9%	6.2%
238	167				LAB	2,269	846	3,115	8.4%	3.6%	6.2%
239	168				LAB	2,084	523	2,607	8.9%	2.8%	6.2%

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240	169				LAB	1,862	557	2,419	8.4%	3.2%	6.1%
241	170				LAB	2,188	480	2,668	8.5%	2.7%	6.1%
242	171				LAB	1,889	645	2,534	7.5%	3.9%	6.1%
243	172				LAB	1,947	498	2,445	8.3%	2.9%	6.1%
245	173				LAB	1,986	525	2,511	8.1%	3.1%	6.0%
247	174				LAB	2,125	497	2,622	8.4%	2.7%	6.0%
251	175				LAB	2,345	656	3,001	8.1%	3.1%	6.0%
252	176				LAB	1,996	593	2,589	7.7%	3.4%	6.0%
253	177				LAB	1,798	578	2,376	8.1%	3.2%	6.0%
254	178				LAB	2,102	542	2,644	8.1%	2.9%	5.9%
255	179				LAB	1,828	547	2,375	7.9%	3.2%	5.9%
257	180				LAB	2,484	883	3,367	7.8%	3.5%	5.9%
259	181				CON	1,770	537	2,307	7.7%	3.3%	5.9%
260	182				LAB	2,099	579	2,678	8.2%	2.9%	5.9%
264	183				LAB	2,040	575	2,615	7.7%	3.1%	5.8%
265	184				LAB	1,825	423	2,248	8.0%	2.6%	5.8%
266	185				LAB	2,030	502	2,532	8.0%	2.7%	5.8%
267	186				LAB	2,205	648	2,853	8.1%	2.9%	5.8%
268	187				LAB	2,170	771	2,941	7.8%	3.4%	5.8%
269	188				LAB	2,041	564	2,605	7.9%	2.9%	5.8%
270	189				CON	1,669	566	2,235	7.4%	3.5%	5.8%
271	190				CON	1,715	516	2,231	7.7%	3.1%	5.8%
272	191				LAB	1,717	421	2,138	8.0%	2.7%	5.7%
273	192				LAB	2,008	598	2,606	7.6%	3.1%	5.7%
274	193				LAB	1,893	613	2,506	7.6%	3.2%	5.7%
275	194				LAB	1,939	426	2,365	8.2%	2.4%	5.7%
277	195				LAB	1,632	578	2,210	7.5%	3.4%	5.7%
278	196				LAB	1,802	489	2,291	7.7%	2.9%	5.7%
279	197				LAB	1,862	423	2,285	8.2%	2.4%	5.7%
281	198				CON	1,780	586	2,366	7.2%	3.4%	5.7%
282	199				LAB	1,689	493	2,182	7.9%	2.9%	5.6%
283	200				LAB	1,706	494	2,200	7.5%	3.0%	5.6%
285	201				LAB	1,640	512	2,152	7.6%	3.0%	5.6%
287	202				CON	1,453	594	2,047	6.9%	3.9%	5.6%
288	203				LD	1,733	539	2,272	7.7%	2.9%	5.6%
289	204				LAB	2,085	582	2,667	7.7%	2.8%	5.6%
290	205				CON	1,554	445	1,999	7.7%	2.8%	5.6%
291	206				LAB	1,686	459	2,145	7.4%	2.9%	5.6%
293	207				LAB	2,019	718	2,737	7.2%	3.3%	5.5%
294	208				LAB	2,427	716	3,143	7.6%	2.9%	5.5%
295	209				CON	2,211	912	3,123	7.1%	3.6%	5.5%
296	210				LAB	1,731	601	2,332	6.8%	3.5%	5.5%
297	211				LAB	1,792	547	2,339	7.3%	3.0%	5.5%
299	212				LAB	2,031	679	2,710	7.5%	3.0%	5.5%
300	213				LAB	1,866	659	2,525	6.8%	3.5%	5.5%
303	214				LAB	1,762	426	2,188	7.6%	2.5%	5.4%
305	215				CON	1,490	551	2,041	6.6%	3.6%	5.4%
306	216				LAB	1,440	455	1,895	7.4%	2.9%	5.4%
307	217				LAB	1,905	546	2,451	7.4%	2.8%	5.4%
309	218				LAB	1,425	571	1,996	6.7%	3.5%	5.3%
310	219				LAB	1,936	557	2,493	7.2%	2.8%	5.3%
311	220				LAB	1,940	546	2,486	7.2%	2.7%	5.3%
312	221				LAB	1,824	598	2,422	7.0%	3.1%	5.3%
313	222				LAB	1,439	455	1,894	6.9%	3.0%	5.2%
314	223				LAB	1,584	450	2,034	7.0%	2.7%	5.2%
316	224				LAB	1,565	596	2,161	6.5%	3.3%	5.1%

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318	225				Torridge & West Devon	LD	1,622	603	2,225	6.3%	3.4%	5.1%
319	226				Stretford & Urmston	LAB	1,843	494	2,337	7.1%	2.5%	5.1%
321	227				Wirral West	LAB	1,354	482	1,836	6.7%	3.0%	5.1%
322	228				South East Cornwall	LD	1,575	600	2,175	6.2%	3.4%	5.0%
323	229				North Devon	LD	1,571	579	2,150	6.3%	3.2%	5.0%
324	230				Bolton North East	LAB	1,770	384	2,154	7.2%	2.1%	5.0%
325	231				Canterbury	CON	1,587	501	2,088	6.7%	2.8%	5.0%
329	232				Putney	LAB	1,499	560	2,059	6.7%	2.9%	5.0%
330	233				Norwich North	LAB	1,751	525	2,276	6.6%	2.7%	4.9%
332	234				Ashton under Lyne	LAB	1,859	489	2,348	6.9%	2.4%	4.9%
333	235				Gloucester	LAB	1,968	572	2,540	6.7%	2.5%	4.9%
334	236				Coventry North West	LAB	1,868	556	2,424	6.6%	2.6%	4.9%
335	237				Sheffield, Hillsborough	LAB	1,855	586	2,441	6.6%	2.7%	4.9%
336	238				Eastbourne	CON	1,445	433	1,878	6.9%	2.5%	4.9%
337	239				Cambridge	LAB	1,485	492	1,977	6.5%	2.8%	4.9%
338	240				Burton	LAB	1,693	536	2,229	6.3%	2.8%	4.9%
339	241				North Norfolk	CON	1,447	504	1,951	6.0%	3.1%	4.8%
340	242				North West Norfolk	LAB	1,664	532	2,196	6.3%	2.8%	4.8%
341	243				Ealing North *	LAB	1,924	666	2,590	6.4%	2.8%	4.8%
342	244				Eccles	LAB	1,685	418	2,103	6.8%	2.2%	4.8%
343	245				North East Derbyshire	LAB	1,650	483	2,133	6.4%	2.6%	4.8%
345	246				Meriden	CON	1,847	629	2,476	6.2%	2.9%	4.8%
346	247				Oxford East	LAB	1,551	498	2,049	6.5%	2.6%	4.8%
347	248				Keighley	LAB	1,455	526	1,981	6.2%	2.9%	4.8%
349	249				Bedford	LAB	1,624	544	2,168	6.2%	2.8%	4.7%
350	250				Beverley & Holderness	CON	1,511	542	2,053	6.0%	3.0%	4.7%
351	251				Newark	LAB	1,511	508	2,019	6.0%	2.9%	4.7%
352	252				Stockport	LAB	1,665	389	2,054	6.7%	2.1%	4.7%
354	253				Sherwood	LAB	1,633	525	2,158	6.2%	2.7%	4.7%
355	254				South Dorset	CON	1,455	440	1,895	6.2%	2.6%	4.7%
356	255				Slough	LAB	1,792	476	2,268	6.4%	2.3%	4.7%
357	256				Finchley & Golders Green	LAB	1,668	687	2,355	5.9%	3.1%	4.7%
358	257				Luton North	LAB	1,587	530	2,117	6.1%	2.8%	4.7%
359	258				Stalybridge & Hyde	LAB	1,554	476	2,030	6.3%	2.5%	4.7%
360	259				Batley & Spen	LAB	1,527	420	1,947	6.3%	2.4%	4.7%
361	260				Leeds North West	LAB	1,304	439	1,743	6.3%	2.6%	4.6%
362	261				Dewsbury	LAB	1,418	346	1,764	6.5%	2.2%	4.6%
363	262				Havant	CON	1,586	415	2,001	6.4%	2.3%	4.6%
365	263				Wirral South	LAB	1,262	432	1,694	6.1%	2.6%	4.6%
368	264				Cannock Chase	LAB	1,551	551	2,102	5.7%	2.9%	4.5%
371	265				Teignbridge	CON	1,494	517	2,011	5.9%	2.7%	4.5%
372	266				Stoke-on-Trent South	LAB	1,533	487	2,020	6.0%	2.5%	4.5%
373	267				Gainsborough	CON	1,257	447	1,704	5.6%	2.9%	4.5%
375	268				Cheltenham	LD	1,531	440	1,971	6.2%	2.3%	4.5%
376	269				Basildon	LAB	1,718	569	2,287	5.8%	2.6%	4.5%
378	270				Halesowen & Rowley Regis	LAB	1,426	461	1,887	5.8%	2.6%	4.5%
379	271				Ellesmere Port & Neston	LAB	1,486	405	1,891	6.1%	2.2%	4.5%
380	272				Leigh	LAB	1,490	435	1,925	5.9%	2.4%	4.4%
381	273				Chester, City of	LAB	1,489	381	1,870	6.2%	2.1%	4.4%
382	274				Northampton North	LAB	1,670	518	2,188	6.0%	2.4%	4.4%
385	275				Dudley South	LAB	1,452	472	1,924	5.7%	2.6%	4.4%
386	276				Beckenham	CON	1,690	506	2,196	6.1%	2.3%	4.4%
387	277				Portsmouth North	LAB	1,404	396	1,800	5.9%	2.3%	4.4%
388	278				Telford	LAB	1,334	389	1,723	5.9%	2.3%	4.4%
389	279				Redditch	LAB	1,318	546	1,864	5.5%	3.0%	4.4%
390	280				Makerfield	LAB	1,455	433	1,888	5.9%	2.4%	4.4%

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391	281				LAB	1,307	436	1,743	5.8%	2.5%	4.4%
393	282				LAB	1,550	477	2,027	5.8%	2.4%	4.4%
394	283				LAB	1,260	356	1,616	5.9%	2.3%	4.4%
396	284				LAB	1,661	502	2,163	5.7%	2.4%	4.3%
397	285				LD	1,360	497	1,857	5.5%	2.7%	4.3%
398	286				CON	1,471	505	1,976	5.4%	2.7%	4.3%
400	287				CON	1,593	888	2,481	5.0%	3.4%	4.3%
403	288				LD	1,298	451	1,749	5.4%	2.6%	4.2%
404	289				LD	1,329	456	1,785	5.7%	2.4%	4.2%
405	290				LAB	1,446	411	1,857	5.8%	2.1%	4.2%
406	291				LAB	1,649	513	2,162	5.5%	2.4%	4.2%
407	292				LAB	1,296	434	1,730	5.4%	2.5%	4.2%
409	293				LAB	1,704	679	2,383	5.3%	2.6%	4.1%
410	294				LAB	1,379	390	1,769	5.6%	2.1%	4.1%
411	295				LD	1,483	471	1,954	5.5%	2.3%	4.1%
412	296				LAB	1,458	411	1,869	5.7%	2.0%	4.1%
413	297				LAB	1,349	375	1,724	5.6%	2.1%	4.1%
414	298				LAB	1,475	414	1,889	5.5%	2.1%	4.1%
415	299				LAB	1,500	421	1,921	5.6%	2.1%	4.1%
416	300				LAB	1,239	528	1,767	5.0%	2.8%	4.1%
417	301				LAB	1,543	602	2,145	5.2%	2.6%	4.1%
418	302				LAB	1,390	355	1,745	5.6%	1.9%	4.0%
419	303				LAB	1,370	505	1,875	5.2%	2.5%	4.0%
420	304				LAB	1,336	466	1,802	5.2%	2.4%	4.0%
421	305				LD	935	388	1,323	5.1%	2.7%	4.0%
422	306				CON	1,316	473	1,789	5.0%	2.6%	4.0%
423	307				LAB	1,415	511	1,926	5.0%	2.6%	4.0%
425	308				LAB	1,572	413	1,985	5.6%	1.9%	4.0%
427	309				CON	1,212	444	1,656	5.0%	2.5%	4.0%
428	310				LAB	1,283	397	1,680	5.4%	2.1%	4.0%
429	311				LAB	1,320	406	1,726	5.2%	2.2%	3.9%
430	312				LAB	1,380	428	1,808	5.2%	2.2%	3.9%
431	313				LAB	1,480	457	1,937	5.1%	2.3%	3.9%
432	314				CON	958	348	1,306	5.0%	2.4%	3.9%
433	315				LAB	1,338	459	1,797	5.2%	2.2%	3.9%
434	316				LAB	1,308	455	1,763	4.9%	2.4%	3.9%
436	317				CON	1,155	298	1,453	5.3%	1.9%	3.9%
437	318				LAB	1,147	341	1,488	5.1%	2.0%	3.8%
438	319				LAB	1,229	460	1,689	4.7%	2.5%	3.8%
439	320				CON	1,145	447	1,592	4.7%	2.5%	3.8%
440	321				LAB	1,362	479	1,841	5.0%	2.2%	3.8%
442	322				LAB	1,457	484	1,941	5.0%	2.2%	3.8%
443	323				CON	1,078	410	1,488	4.8%	2.4%	3.8%
444	324				CON	1,191	521	1,712	4.6%	2.6%	3.7%
445	325				CON	1,360	358	1,718	5.1%	1.9%	3.7%
446	326				LAB	1,221	416	1,637	5.0%	2.1%	3.7%
447	327				LAB	1,124	417	1,541	4.7%	2.3%	3.7%
448	328				LAB	1,333	431	1,764	4.8%	2.1%	3.7%
449	329				LAB	1,276	418	1,694	4.8%	2.2%	3.7%
450	330				LAB	1,298	421	1,719	4.8%	2.1%	3.7%
451	331				LD	1,311	438	1,749	4.7%	2.2%	3.7%
452	332				LAB	1,102	436	1,538	4.6%	2.4%	3.7%
453	333				CON	1,245	411	1,656	4.7%	2.2%	3.7%
454	334				LAB	1,202	331	1,533	5.1%	1.8%	3.6%
455	335				LAB	1,238	447	1,685	4.5%	2.3%	3.6%
456	336				CON	872	282	1,154	4.8%	2.0%	3.6%

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457	337				LD	1,210	375	1,585	4.8%	1.9%	3.5%
458	338				LAB	1,207	449	1,656	4.4%	2.2%	3.5%
459	339				CON	1,136	388	1,524	4.4%	2.1%	3.5%
460	340				CON	1,227	532	1,759	4.1%	2.6%	3.5%
461	341				LAB	1,202	429	1,631	4.5%	2.1%	3.5%
462	342				LAB	1,079	323	1,402	4.6%	1.9%	3.5%
463	343				LAB	1,228	398	1,626	4.6%	2.0%	3.4%
465	344				LAB	963	371	1,334	4.2%	2.4%	3.4%
466	345				LAB	1,115	343	1,458	4.7%	1.8%	3.4%
467	346				CON	1,030	405	1,435	4.2%	2.4%	3.4%
468	347				LAB	1,103	374	1,477	4.3%	2.1%	3.4%
469	348				CON	1,140	395	1,535	4.3%	2.1%	3.4%
470	349				LAB	1,006	345	1,351	4.3%	2.1%	3.4%
471	350				LAB	1,304	401	1,705	4.5%	1.9%	3.4%
472	351				CON	1,036	421	1,457	4.2%	2.3%	3.4%
473	352				CON	882	301	1,183	4.3%	2.0%	3.4%
474	353				LAB	1,277	385	1,662	4.5%	1.8%	3.3%
475	354				LAB	1,119	295	1,414	4.7%	1.6%	3.3%
476	355				LAB	1,141	485	1,626	4.1%	2.3%	3.3%
477	356				LAB	1,180	418	1,598	4.3%	2.0%	3.3%
478	357				CON	916	274	1,190	4.5%	1.7%	3.3%
479	358				LAB	1,134	372	1,506	4.4%	1.9%	3.3%
480	359				LAB	894	274	1,168	4.3%	1.8%	3.3%
481	360				LAB	1,074	355	1,429	4.3%	1.9%	3.3%
483	361				CON	1,191	413	1,604	4.1%	2.1%	3.3%
484	362				CON	926	364	1,290	4.1%	2.2%	3.3%
485	363				CON	1,151	357	1,508	4.4%	1.8%	3.3%
486	364				LAB	1,121	434	1,555	4.0%	2.2%	3.3%
487	365				LD	870	299	1,169	4.3%	1.9%	3.3%
489	366				LAB	1,096	367	1,463	4.3%	1.9%	3.2%
490	367				CON	1,081	425	1,506	4.0%	2.2%	3.2%
491	368				CON	1,124	424	1,548	4.1%	2.1%	3.2%
492	369				CON	905	345	1,250	3.9%	2.2%	3.2%
493	370				CON	993	378	1,371	4.1%	2.1%	3.2%
494	371				LAB	1,265	375	1,640	4.4%	1.7%	3.2%
495	372				LAB	999	419	1,418	4.0%	2.1%	3.2%
498	373				LAB	1,126	350	1,476	4.2%	1.7%	3.1%
499	374				CON	1,018	463	1,481	3.8%	2.3%	3.1%
500	375				LAB	1,168	364	1,532	4.2%	1.7%	3.1%
501	376				LD	1,187	465	1,652	4.0%	2.0%	3.1%
502	377				CON	1,007	376	1,383	3.9%	2.0%	3.1%
503	378				CON	951	328	1,279	3.9%	1.9%	3.1%
504	379				CON	1,067	421	1,488	3.8%	2.1%	3.1%
505	380				LD	1,042	347	1,389	4.0%	1.8%	3.1%
506	381				CON	812	335	1,147	3.8%	2.1%	3.1%
507	382				CON	923	371	1,294	3.7%	2.2%	3.1%
508	383				CON	965	327	1,292	3.9%	1.9%	3.1%
509	384				CON	928	331	1,259	4.0%	1.9%	3.1%
510	385				CON	829	325	1,154	3.8%	2.0%	3.0%
511	386				CON	923	285	1,208	3.9%	1.8%	3.0%
512	387				CON	772	231	1,003	4.1%	1.6%	3.0%
513	388				CON	926	378	1,304	3.6%	2.2%	3.0%
515	389				LD	1,117	459	1,576	3.8%	2.0%	3.0%
516	390				CON	1,087	378	1,465	3.9%	1.8%	3.0%
517	391				LAB	972	356	1,328	3.8%	1.9%	3.0%
518	392				LAB	1,151	391	1,542	3.9%	1.8%	3.0%

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519	393				Kingswood	LAB	1,144	348	1,492	4.1%	1.6%	3.0%
520	394				Romford	LAB	891	279	1,170	3.9%	1.7%	3.0%
521	395				Stroud	LAB	1,019	388	1,407	3.7%	1.9%	3.0%
522	396				Hornchurch	LAB	890	294	1,184	3.8%	1.7%	2.9%
523	397				Shrewsbury & Atcham	LAB	1,017	321	1,338	3.9%	1.6%	2.9%
524	398				Maidstone & The Weald	CON	1,080	336	1,416	3.9%	1.6%	2.9%
525	399				Maldon & East Chelmsford	CON	935	301	1,236	3.7%	1.7%	2.9%
526	400				Wrekin, The	LAB	840	267	1,107	3.8%	1.7%	2.9%
527	401				Old Bexley & Sidcup	CON	914	380	1,294	3.6%	2.0%	2.9%
528	402				West Chelmsford	CON	1,103	364	1,467	3.7%	1.7%	2.9%
529	403				Rushcliffe	CON	1,074	356	1,430	3.8%	1.7%	2.9%
530	404				Worthing West	CON	812	215	1,027	4.1%	1.4%	2.9%
531	405				Watford	LAB	1,119	349	1,468	3.8%	1.6%	2.9%
532	406				Ludlow	CON	768	280	1,048	3.5%	1.9%	2.9%
533	407				North West Cambridgeshire	CON	1,003	361	1,364	3.6%	1.8%	2.9%
534	408				North East Milton Keynes	LAB	958	334	1,292	3.7%	1.7%	2.8%
535	409				Sutton Coldfield	CON	928	384	1,312	3.6%	1.9%	2.8%
536	410				Lichfield	CON	847	347	1,194	3.4%	2.0%	2.8%
537	411				Kettering	LAB	986	367	1,353	3.6%	1.8%	2.8%
538	412				Altrincham & Sale West	CON	963	267	1,230	3.9%	1.4%	2.8%
539	413				Bolton West	LAB	874	237	1,111	3.9%	1.4%	2.8%
540	414				Reading East	LAB	1,081	292	1,373	3.8%	1.4%	2.8%
541	415				Christchurch	CON	706	208	914	3.7%	1.5%	2.8%
542	416				Orpington	CON	1,072	375	1,447	3.5%	1.7%	2.7%
543	417				Rossendale & Darwen	LAB	952	296	1,248	3.7%	1.5%	2.7%
544	418				West Worcestershire	CON	772	281	1,053	3.5%	1.7%	2.7%
545	419				Hazel Grove	LD	879	256	1,135	3.7%	1.4%	2.7%
546	420				Penrith & The Border	CON	774	333	1,107	3.2%	2.0%	2.7%
547	421				Harrogate & Knaresborough	LD	822	276	1,098	3.7%	1.5%	2.7%
548	422				West Suffolk	CON	1,035	372	1,407	3.3%	1.8%	2.7%
550	423				Somerton & Frome *	LD	904	300	1,204	3.4%	1.6%	2.7%
551	424				Mid Worcestershire	CON	767	353	1,120	3.2%	2.0%	2.7%
552	425				Croydon South	CON	1,010	331	1,341	3.5%	1.5%	2.6%
554	426				Twickenham	LD	993	361	1,354	3.5%	1.6%	2.6%
555	427				New Forest East	CON	823	283	1,106	3.4%	1.6%	2.6%
556	428				Crawley	LAB	963	290	1,253	3.6%	1.4%	2.6%
557	429				Chichester	CON	856	294	1,150	3.5%	1.5%	2.6%
558	430				Tonbridge & Malling	CON	834	274	1,108	3.4%	1.6%	2.6%
559	431				Bury North	LAB	941	262	1,203	3.6%	1.3%	2.6%
560	432				Rayleigh	CON	865	301	1,166	3.3%	1.6%	2.6%
561	433				West Derbyshire	CON	830	304	1,134	3.3%	1.7%	2.6%
562	434				Broxbourne	CON	875	305	1,180	3.3%	1.6%	2.6%
563	435				Tunbridge Wells	CON	844	271	1,115	3.4%	1.4%	2.5%
564	436				Wycombe	CON	1,023	279	1,302	3.4%	1.3%	2.5%
565	437				Bury St Edmunds	CON	828	339	1,167	3.1%	1.7%	2.5%
566	438				South West Bedfordshire	CON	875	365	1,240	3.0%	1.8%	2.5%
567	439				South Ribble	LAB	839	334	1,173	3.2%	1.6%	2.5%
568	440				East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	791	276	1,067	3.3%	1.5%	2.5%
569	441				Mid Dorset & North Poole	CON	794	262	1,056	3.2%	1.4%	2.5%
570	442				Ruislip - Northwood	CON	771	228	999	3.4%	1.3%	2.5%
571	443				Sevenoaks	CON	776	301	1,077	3.1%	1.7%	2.5%
572	444				North Essex	CON	750	259	1,009	3.1%	1.5%	2.5%
573	445				Sutton & Cheam	LD	804	254	1,058	3.3%	1.3%	2.5%
574	446				Reading West	LAB	957	255	1,212	3.4%	1.2%	2.4%
575	447				Hertsmere	CON	796	272	1,068	3.2%	1.5%	2.4%
576	448				South Holland & The Deepings	CON	658	314	972	2.8%	1.9%	2.4%

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578	449				Pudsey	LAB	867	262	1,129	3.3%	1.3%	2.4%
579	450				North Swindon	LAB	817	280	1,097	3.2%	1.4%	2.4%
580	451				Tewkesbury	CON	740	285	1,025	3.1%	1.6%	2.4%
581	452				Congleton	CON	764	267	1,031	3.1%	1.5%	2.4%
582	453				Salisbury	CON	949	289	1,238	3.2%	1.3%	2.4%
583	454				Huntingdon	CON	924	379	1,303	2.9%	1.7%	2.4%
584	455				Solihull	CON	860	343	1,203	3.0%	1.6%	2.4%
585	456				Westmorland & Lonsdale	CON	685	276	961	3.1%	1.5%	2.4%
586	457				Macclesfield	CON	922	209	1,131	3.4%	1.0%	2.4%
587	458				Hemel Hempstead	LAB	889	270	1,159	3.2%	1.3%	2.4%
588	459				East Hampshire	CON	942	228	1,170	3.3%	1.1%	2.4%
589	460				Stone	CON	639	352	991	2.6%	2.0%	2.3%
590	461				Fylde	CON	726	204	930	3.1%	1.1%	2.3%
591	462				Skipton & Ripon	CON	748	268	1,016	2.9%	1.4%	2.3%
592	463				Tatton	IND	671	222	893	3.0%	1.3%	2.3%
593	464				Aylesbury	CON	953	292	1,245	3.0%	1.2%	2.2%
594	465				Stratford-on-Avon	CON	830	302	1,132	2.8%	1.4%	2.2%
595	466				Devizes	CON	775	327	1,102	2.6%	1.5%	2.2%
596	467				Harborough	CON	700	277	977	2.7%	1.4%	2.1%
598	468				Saffron Walden	CON	711	306	1,017	2.5%	1.6%	2.1%
599	469				Eastleigh	LD	748	248	996	2.8%	1.2%	2.1%
600	470				Brentwood & Ongar	CON	667	246	913	2.6%	1.4%	2.1%
601	471				North East Bedfordshire	CON	642	261	903	2.6%	1.5%	2.1%
602	472				Hitchin & Harpenden	CON	682	247	929	2.7%	1.3%	2.1%
603	473				South East Cambridgeshire	CON	749	292	1,041	2.6%	1.4%	2.1%
604	474				Bosworth	CON	668	276	944	2.6%	1.4%	2.1%
605	475				Daventry	CON	788	321	1,109	2.5%	1.4%	2.1%
606	476				Banbury	CON	803	294	1,097	2.6%	1.3%	2.1%
607	477				Vale of York	CON	607	295	902	2.4%	1.6%	2.1%
608	478				North East Hertfordshire	CON	697	221	918	2.7%	1.2%	2.1%
609	479				Basingstoke *	CON	860	267	1,127	2.7%	1.1%	2.0%
610	480				North Dorset	CON	552	205	757	2.5%	1.3%	2.0%
611	481				Wansdyke <*	LAB	629	248	877	2.4%	1.3%	1.9%
612	482				Welwyn Hatfield	LAB	665	213	878	2.6%	1.1%	1.9%
613	483				Cheadle	CON	634	207	841	2.6%	1.1%	1.9%
614	484				South West Hertfordshire	CON	684	221	905	2.5%	1.1%	1.9%
615	485				Romsey	CON	619	196	815	2.5%	1.1%	1.9%
616	486				Fareham	CON	649	195	844	2.5%	1.0%	1.9%
617	487				Charnwood	CON	666	272	938	2.4%	1.3%	1.9%
618	488				Rutland & Melton	CON	606	251	857	2.3%	1.3%	1.9%
619	489				North Wiltshire	CON	657	266	923	2.3%	1.3%	1.9%
620	490				Winchester	LD	666	236	902	2.4%	1.1%	1.9%
621	491				Windsor	CON	679	231	910	2.4%	1.1%	1.8%
622	492				St Albans	LAB	637	200	837	2.5%	1.0%	1.8%
623	493				South Cambridgeshire	CON	609	243	852	2.3%	1.2%	1.8%
624	494				Mid Bedfordshire	CON	546	243	789	2.1%	1.3%	1.8%
625	495				Maidenhead	CON	646	172	818	2.4%	0.9%	1.8%
626	496				Blaby	CON	589	248	837	2.2%	1.2%	1.8%
627	497				Cotswold	CON	522	173	695	2.3%	1.0%	1.8%
628	498				Hertford & Stortford	CON	626	224	850	2.2%	1.1%	1.7%
629	499				Oxford West & Abingdon	LD	639	222	861	2.3%	1.0%	1.7%
630	500				Guildford	CON	628	223	851	2.2%	1.0%	1.7%
631	501				Aldershot	CON	793	263	1,056	2.2%	1.0%	1.7%
632	502				Wealden	CON	611	198	809	2.2%	1.0%	1.7%
633	503				Esher & Walton	CON	589	216	805	2.1%	1.1%	1.7%
634	504				Reigate	CON	547	156	703	2.3%	0.9%	1.7%

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635	505				LD	642	250	892	2.1%	1.1%	1.7%
636	506				CON	634	211	845	2.2%	1.0%	1.7%
637	507				CON	619	180	799	2.3%	0.9%	1.7%
638	508				CON	530	195	725	2.1%	1.0%	1.6%
639	509				CON	714	188	902	2.3%	0.8%	1.6%
640	510				CON	581	199	780	2.1%	1.0%	1.6%
641	511				CON	572	195	767	2.1%	0.9%	1.6%
642	512				CON	538	175	713	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
643	513				CON	566	190	756	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
644	514				CON	514	168	682	2.0%	0.8%	1.5%
645	515				CON	444	129	573	2.0%	0.8%	1.5%
646	516				CON	525	224	749	1.8%	1.0%	1.5%
647	517				CON	510	161	671	1.9%	0.8%	1.5%
648	518				CON	493	191	684	1.8%	0.9%	1.4%
649	519				CON	504	167	671	1.8%	0.9%	1.4%
650	520				LD	534	159	693	1.8%	0.8%	1.4%
651	521				CON	404	147	551	1.7%	0.9%	1.3%
652	522				CON	487	172	659	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
653	523				CON	486	170	656	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
654	524				CON	469	194	663	1.6%	0.9%	1.3%
655	525				CON	436	159	595	1.6%	0.8%	1.3%
656	526				CON	443	138	581	1.7%	0.7%	1.3%
657	527				CON	481	158	639	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
658	528				CON	407	115	522	1.6%	0.6%	1.2%
659	529				CON	395	112	507	1.4%	0.5%	1.0%
England						910,711	280,061	1,190,772	6.9%	2.8%	5.2%

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68		1			Caernarfon	PC	1,872	559	2,431	12.3%	5.3%	9.4%
88		2			Ynys-Mon	PC	2,000	585	2,585	11.1%	4.9%	8.6%
92		3			Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	LAB	1,999	612	2,611	11.2%	4.9%	8.6%
107		4			Conwy	LAB	1,874	513	2,387	11.7%	4.1%	8.3%
110		5			Blaenau Gwent	LAB	1,946	496	2,442	11.0%	4.1%	8.2%
118		6			Cardiff South & Penarth	LAB	2,435	515	2,950	11.7%	3.3%	8.1%
119		7			Preseli Pembrokeshire	LAB	1,966	562	2,528	10.5%	4.5%	8.1%
129		8			Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	PC	1,076	411	1,487	9.8%	5.3%	8.0%
142		9			Cardiff West	LAB	2,195	492	2,687	11.0%	3.2%	7.6%
148		10			Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	LAB	1,845	455	2,300	10.3%	3.6%	7.5%
164		11			Cynon Valley	LAB	1,560	383	1,943	10.1%	3.4%	7.3%
178		12			Cardiff Central	LAB	1,855	530	2,385	9.8%	3.5%	7.0%
179		13			Rhondda	LAB	1,721	425	2,146	9.5%	3.4%	7.0%
190		14			Newport West	LAB	1,898	524	2,422	9.6%	3.5%	7.0%
191		15			Caerphilly	LAB	2,012	552	2,564	9.4%	3.6%	6.9%
196		16			Llanelli	LAB	1,635	435	2,070	9.3%	3.4%	6.9%
198		17			Swansea West	LAB	1,658	437	2,095	9.5%	3.3%	6.8%
237		18			Aberavon	LAB	1,281	377	1,658	8.2%	3.4%	6.2%
244		19			Swansea East	LAB	1,700	393	2,093	8.6%	2.7%	6.0%
248		20			Newport East	LAB	1,549	459	2,008	8.0%	3.3%	6.0%
249		21			Vale of Clwyd	LAB	1,363	325	1,688	8.6%	2.6%	6.0%
256		22			Ogmore	LAB	1,420	373	1,793	8.1%	2.9%	5.9%
263		23			Neath	LAB	1,374	404	1,778	7.8%	3.2%	5.8%
276		24			Ceredigion	PC	1,162	409	1,571	7.2%	3.6%	5.7%
280		25			Vale of Glamorgan	LAB	1,855	555	2,410	7.5%	3.1%	5.7%
301		26			Torfaen	LAB	1,536	439	1,975	7.3%	2.9%	5.4%
302		27			Bridgend	LAB	1,377	485	1,862	7.0%	3.3%	5.4%
320		28			Pontypridd	LAB	1,556	424	1,980	7.0%	2.5%	5.1%
326		29			Clwyd West <*	LAB	1,103	341	1,444	6.7%	2.7%	5.0%
348		30			Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	LAB	1,033	315	1,348	6.2%	2.7%	4.7%
353		31			Wrexham	LAB	1,114	323	1,437	6.4%	2.5%	4.7%
364		32			Clwyd South *>	LAB	1,077	324	1,401	6.0%	2.6%	4.6%
369		33			Gower	LAB	1,094	335	1,429	6.1%	2.5%	4.5%
395		34			Islwyn	LAB	946	330	1,276	5.6%	2.7%	4.3%
402		35			Brecon & Radnorshire	LD	920	334	1,254	5.3%	2.7%	4.2%
408		36			Alyn & Deeside	LAB	1,173	359	1,532	5.5%	2.3%	4.2%
426		37			Monmouth	LAB	1,020	381	1,401	5.0%	2.6%	4.0%
435		38			Delyn	LAB	992	265	1,257	5.3%	1.9%	3.9%
488		39			Cardiff North	LAB	826	256	1,082	4.5%	1.7%	3.3%
514		40			Montgomeryshire	LD	562	210	772	3.7%	2.0%	3.0%
					Wales		59,580	16,902	76,482	8.2%	3.2%	6.1%

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unemployment rate					Claimants			Rate				
UK	Eng	Wal	SCO	NI	Party	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
20			1		Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	3,017	805	3,822	17.6%	6.1%	12.6%
24			2		Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	2,409	514	2,923	17.5%	5.3%	12.4%
31			3		Glasgow Springburn	LAB	2,775	667	3,442	17.4%	5.1%	11.9%
54			4		Western Isles	LAB	1,109	275	1,384	13.3%	5.4%	10.2%
63			5		Glasgow Pollok	LAB	2,352	507	2,859	13.9%	3.9%	9.6%
64			6		Glasgow Govan	LAB	2,461	628	3,089	13.5%	4.4%	9.5%
65			7		Glasgow Kelvin	LAB	2,254	676	2,930	13.3%	4.9%	9.5%
66			8		Glasgow Baillieston	LAB	2,411	533	2,944	13.6%	4.0%	9.4%
75			9		Dundee East	LAB	2,640	726	3,366	13.0%	4.5%	9.2%
76			10		Kirkcaldy	LAB	2,213	661	2,874	12.4%	4.9%	9.2%
80			11		Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	LD	1,755	552	2,307	11.5%	5.5%	9.1%
81			12		Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	2,021	417	2,438	13.9%	3.4%	9.1%
89			13		Cunninghame South	LAB	2,066	645	2,711	11.5%	4.8%	8.6%
91			14		Dundee West	LAB	2,245	590	2,835	12.7%	3.9%	8.6%
93			15		Ross, Skye & Inverness West	LD	2,098	766	2,864	10.7%	5.6%	8.6%
117			16		Central Fife	LAB	2,208	642	2,850	11.1%	4.2%	8.1%
132			17		Paisley North	LAB	1,825	483	2,308	11.4%	3.6%	7.8%
133			18		Dumbarton	LAB	2,271	651	2,922	10.6%	4.1%	7.8%
138			19		Paisley South	LAB	2,093	503	2,596	11.3%	3.3%	7.7%
141			20		Motherwell & Wishaw	LAB	1,797	391	2,188	11.0%	3.2%	7.6%
143			21		Clydebank & Milngavie	LAB	1,891	416	2,307	11.1%	3.1%	7.6%
149			22		Kilmarnock & Loudoun	LAB	2,234	644	2,878	10.3%	3.9%	7.5%
151			23		Cunninghame North	LAB	1,786	554	2,340	9.9%	4.2%	7.5%
155			24		Coatbridge & Chryston	LAB	1,743	497	2,240	10.1%	3.9%	7.5%
156			25		Ayr	LAB	1,804	521	2,325	10.1%	3.9%	7.4%
157			26		Airdrie & Shotts	LAB	2,121	573	2,694	10.0%	3.8%	7.4%
163			27		Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	LAB	2,320	618	2,938	10.0%	3.7%	7.3%
165			28		Argyll & Bute	LD	1,598	630	2,228	9.0%	4.9%	7.3%
166			29		Hamilton North & Bellshill	LAB	2,009	531	2,540	10.0%	3.6%	7.3%
171			30		Glasgow Rutherglen	LAB	1,598	396	1,994	10.2%	3.3%	7.2%
175			31		Falkirk West	LAB	1,838	497	2,335	10.0%	3.5%	7.1%
192			32		Glasgow Cathcart	LAB	1,614	372	1,986	10.2%	2.9%	6.9%
193			33		Hamilton South	LAB	1,474	402	1,876	9.5%	3.4%	6.9%
201			34		Dunfermline East	LAB	1,720	444	2,164	9.3%	3.4%	6.8%
207			35		Ochil	LAB	1,719	507	2,226	9.1%	3.5%	6.7%
211			36		Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	LAB	1,990	725	2,715	8.5%	4.0%	6.5%
219			37		Edinburgh North & Leith	LAB	2,118	589	2,707	9.5%	3.0%	6.5%
225			38		Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	SNP	1,538	488	2,026	8.2%	3.7%	6.3%
230			39		Edinburgh Central	LAB	1,643	499	2,142	9.1%	3.1%	6.3%
234			40		Angus	SNP	1,660	649	2,309	7.9%	4.1%	6.2%
246			41		Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	1,432	343	1,775	8.8%	2.6%	6.0%
250			42		Dumfries	LAB	1,790	582	2,372	7.9%	3.4%	6.0%
261			43		Falkirk East	LAB	1,669	465	2,134	8.1%	2.9%	5.8%
286			44		Dunfermline West	LAB	1,462	387	1,849	7.8%	2.7%	5.6%
292			45		Clydesdale	LAB	1,675	467	2,142	7.5%	2.9%	5.5%
298			46		Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	LAB	1,379	393	1,772	7.7%	2.7%	5.5%
304			47		Moray	SNP	1,458	543	2,001	6.5%	3.7%	5.4%
308			48		Stirling	LAB	1,331	388	1,719	7.5%	2.7%	5.4%
315			49		Edinburgh South	LAB	1,295	409	1,704	7.3%	2.7%	5.2%
317			50		Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	LAB	1,473	344	1,817	7.6%	2.1%	5.1%
327			51		Perth	SNP	1,419	408	1,827	7.0%	2.5%	5.0%
331			52		Aberdeen Central	LAB	1,243	332	1,575	7.0%	2.3%	4.9%
344			53		Linlithgow	LAB	1,373	350	1,723	6.8%	2.2%	4.8%
367			54		Livingston	LAB	1,407	398	1,805	6.4%	2.3%	4.6%
370			55		North Tayside	SNP	1,238	450	1,688	5.8%	2.8%	4.5%
374			56		Midlothian	LAB	1,122	250	1,372	6.6%	1.8%	4.5%

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UK	Eng	Wal	SCO	NI	Party	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
377			57		East Kilbride	LAB	1,490	464	1,954	6.1%	2.4%	4.5%
383			58		Edinburgh Pentlands	LAB	1,276	365	1,641	6.3%	2.2%	4.4%
384			59		Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	993	320	1,313	5.9%	2.5%	4.4%
392			60		Strathkelvin & Bearsden	LAB	1,422	399	1,821	6.1%	2.2%	4.4%
399			61		East Lothian	LAB	1,162	297	1,459	6.0%	2.0%	4.3%
401			62		North East Fife	LD	996	360	1,356	5.4%	2.7%	4.3%
424			63		West Renfrewshire	LAB	1,057	264	1,321	5.7%	1.8%	4.0%
441			64		Orkney & Shetland	LD	602	199	801	4.7%	2.3%	3.8%
464			65		Eastwood	LAB	1,064	333	1,397	4.6%	1.9%	3.4%
482			66		Banff & Buchan	SNP	937	267	1,204	4.2%	1.9%	3.3%
496			67		Edinburgh West	LD	1,023	291	1,314	4.5%	1.6%	3.2%
497			68		Tweeddale, Ettrick & Lauderdale	LD	779	237	1,016	4.4%	1.7%	3.2%
549			69		Aberdeen South	LAB	846	228	1,074	3.7%	1.3%	2.7%
553			70		Aberdeen North	LAB	759	198	957	3.7%	1.3%	2.6%
577			71		Gordon	LD	651	255	906	2.9%	1.7%	2.4%
597			72		West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	LD	562	254	816	2.5%	1.6%	2.1%
Scotland							118,823	33,424	152,247	8.7%	3.2%	6.3%

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UK	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI	Party	Claimants			Rate			
						Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
7				1	Belfast West	SF	4,761	727	5,488	23.4%	5.1%	15.8%
8				2	Foyle	SDLP	4,813	1,070	5,883	20.9%	7.1%	15.5%
19				3	Belfast North	UU	3,246	662	3,908	17.9%	5.2%	12.6%
30				4	West Tyrone	UU	3,186	686	3,872	15.6%	5.8%	12.0%
41				5	Newry & Armagh	SDLP	3,493	830	4,323	14.2%	5.6%	10.9%
53				6	Fermanagh & South Tyrone	UU	2,751	783	3,534	12.6%	6.2%	10.3%
59				7	East Londonderry	UU	2,807	687	3,494	13.2%	5.1%	10.0%
73				8	Mid Ulster	SF	2,368	561	2,929	11.8%	4.8%	9.2%
86				9	Belfast South	UU	2,567	929	3,496	11.9%	5.0%	8.7%
87				10	South Down	SDLP	2,608	765	3,373	11.0%	5.1%	8.7%
159				11	North Antrim	DU	2,474	635	3,109	9.7%	3.9%	7.4%
176				12	Belfast East	DU	2,112	549	2,661	10.1%	3.4%	7.1%
220				13	East Antrim	UU	2,010	591	2,601	8.5%	3.5%	6.5%
258				14	Upper Bann	UU	1,932	547	2,479	7.8%	3.2%	5.9%
262				15	North Down	UKU	1,568	565	2,133	7.4%	3.7%	5.8%
284				16	Strangford	UU	1,709	559	2,268	7.2%	3.3%	5.6%
328				17	South Antrim	UU	1,656	548	2,204	6.4%	3.0%	5.0%
366				18	Lagan Valley	UU	1,487	520	2,007	5.7%	2.9%	4.6%
					Northern Ireland		47,548	12,214	59,762	11.7%	4.4%	8.8%

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97-98	96-98	Party	Unemployed Claimants			Change Jan 97 - 98		Change Jan 96 - 98		
			Jan-96	Jan-97	Jan-98	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
423	588	Aberavon	LAB	2,209	2,087	1,658	-429	-20.6%	-551	-24.9%
542	233	Aberdeen Central	LAB	2,670	1,888	1,575	-313	-16.6%	-1,095	-41.0%
51	149	Aberdeen North	LAB	1,754	1,512	957	-555	-36.7%	-797	-45.4%
228	97	Aberdeen South	LAB	2,107	1,471	1,074	-397	-27.0%	-1,033	-49.0%
507	639	Airdrie & Shotts	LAB	3,390	3,272	2,694	-578	-17.7%	-696	-20.5%
221	129	Aldershot	CON	1,973	1,452	1,056	-396	-27.3%	-917	-46.5%
433	377	Aldridge - Brownhills	CON	2,555	2,073	1,656	-417	-20.1%	-899	-35.2%
93	143	Altrincham & Sale West	CON	2,258	1,836	1,230	-606	-33.0%	-1,028	-45.5%
545	478	Alyn & Deeside	LAB	2,229	1,831	1,532	-299	-16.3%	-697	-31.3%
356	259	Amber Valley	LAB	3,010	2,336	1,808	-528	-22.6%	-1,202	-39.9%
634	641	Angus	SNP	2,900	2,581	2,309	-272	-10.5%	-591	-20.4%
574	592	Argyll & Bute	LD	2,962	2,627	2,228	-399	-15.2%	-734	-24.8%
4	1	Arundel & South Downs	CON	1,598	1,063	573	-490	-46.1%	-1,025	-64.1%
417	409	Ashfield	LAB	4,008	3,335	2,644	-691	-20.7%	-1,364	-34.0%
108	191	Ashford	CON	2,999	2,540	1,718	-822	-32.4%	-1,281	-42.7%
207	232	Ashton under Lyne	LAB	3,982	3,248	2,348	-900	-27.7%	-1,634	-41.0%
116	70	Aylesbury	CON	2,571	1,827	1,245	-582	-31.9%	-1,326	-51.6%
500	653	Ayr	LAB	2,825	2,833	2,325	-508	-17.9%	-500	-17.7%
155	37	Banbury	CON	2,446	1,569	1,097	-472	-30.1%	-1,349	-55.2%
225	165	Banff & Buchan	SNP	2,178	1,651	1,204	-447	-27.1%	-974	-44.7%
136	220	Barking *	LAB	3,609	3,059	2,109	-950	-31.1%	-1,500	-41.6%
549	545	Barnsley Central	LAB	3,737	3,224	2,700	-524	-16.3%	-1,037	-27.7%
575	612	Barnsley East & Mexborough	LAB	4,011	3,617	3,068	-549	-15.2%	-943	-23.5%
499	445	Barnsley West & Penistone	LAB	3,170	2,606	2,138	-468	-18.0%	-1,032	-32.6%
340	375	Barrow & Furness	LAB	4,119	3,459	2,668	-791	-22.9%	-1,451	-35.2%
128	116	Basildon	LAB	4,362	3,332	2,287	-1,045	-31.4%	-2,075	-47.6%
100	44	Basingstoke *	CON	2,460	1,679	1,127	-552	-32.9%	-1,333	-54.2%
321	400	Bassetlaw	LAB	3,829	3,275	2,511	-764	-23.3%	-1,318	-34.4%
6	49	Bath *>	LD	3,820	3,258	1,785	-1,473	-45.2%	-2,035	-53.3%
278	282	Batley & Spen	LAB	3,191	2,603	1,947	-656	-25.2%	-1,244	-39.0%
150	160	Battersea	LAB	5,645	4,463	3,115	-1,348	-30.2%	-2,530	-44.8%
47	34	Beaconsfield	CON	1,600	1,135	713	-422	-37.2%	-887	-55.4%
113	189	Beckenham	CON	3,840	3,236	2,196	-1,040	-32.1%	-1,644	-42.8%
198	245	Bedford	LAB	3,640	3,008	2,168	-840	-27.9%	-1,472	-40.4%
358	365	Belfast East	DU	4,135	3,434	2,661	-773	-22.5%	-1,474	-35.6%
607	485	Belfast North	UU	5,657	4,512	3,908	-604	-13.4%	-1,749	-30.9%
374	361	Belfast South	UU	5,441	4,483	3,496	-987	-22.0%	-1,945	-35.7%
636	513	Belfast West	SF	7,794	6,129	5,488	-641	-10.5%	-2,306	-29.6%
579	559	Berwick-upon-Tweed	LD	2,822	2,423	2,060	-363	-15.0%	-762	-27.0%
387	471	Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	8,785	7,652	6,001	-1,651	-21.6%	-2,784	-31.7%
562	490	Beverley & Holderness	CON	2,957	2,436	2,053	-383	-15.7%	-904	-30.6%
168	124	Bexhill & Battle	CON	2,164	1,633	1,154	-479	-29.3%	-1,010	-46.7%
156	140	Bexleyheath & Crayford	LAB	2,829	2,198	1,538	-660	-30.0%	-1,291	-45.6%
21	43	Billericay	CON	3,505	2,690	1,604	-1,086	-40.4%	-1,901	-54.2%
520	563	Birkenhead	LAB	6,112	5,410	4,477	-933	-17.2%	-1,635	-26.8%
541	415	Birmingham, Edgbaston	LAB	4,775	3,792	3,162	-630	-16.6%	-1,613	-33.8%
295	421	Birmingham, Erdington	LAB	5,451	4,788	3,621	-1,167	-24.4%	-1,830	-33.6%
496	506	Birmingham, Hall Green	LAB	3,512	3,002	2,461	-541	-18.0%	-1,051	-29.9%
510	474	Birmingham, Hodge Hill	LAB	4,906	4,076	3,361	-715	-17.5%	-1,545	-31.5%
616	584	Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	10,189	8,641	7,604	-1,037	-12.0%	-2,585	-25.4%
539	498	Birmingham, Northfield	LAB	3,437	2,877	2,395	-482	-16.8%	-1,042	-30.3%
332	313	Birmingham, Perry Barr	LAB	5,882	4,760	3,663	-1,097	-23.0%	-2,219	-37.7%
464	358	Birmingham, Selly Oak	LAB	4,796	3,804	3,073	-731	-19.2%	-1,723	-35.9%
602	561	Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	8,820	7,505	6,455	-1,050	-14.0%	-2,365	-26.8%
335	340	Birmingham, Yardley	LAB	3,619	2,968	2,286	-682	-23.0%	-1,333	-36.8%
633	613	Bishop Auckland	LAB	3,194	2,738	2,445	-293	-10.7%	-749	-23.5%
134	73	Blaby	CON	1,726	1,215	837	-378	-31.1%	-889	-51.5%
336	488	Blackburn	LAB	3,781	3,403	2,622	-781	-23.0%	-1,159	-30.7%
440	570	Blackpool North & Fleetwood	LAB	3,536	3,255	2,607	-648	-19.9%	-929	-26.3%
342	438	Blackpool South	LAB	5,331	4,646	3,584	-1,062	-22.9%	-1,747	-32.8%

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642	646	Blaenau Gwent	LAB	3,036	2,696	2,442	-254	-9.4%	-594	-19.6%
544	447	Blaydon	LAB	3,386	2,734	2,285	-449	-16.4%	-1,101	-32.5%
351	411	Blyth Valley	LAB	3,664	3,129	2,419	-710	-22.7%	-1,245	-34.0%
17	16	Bognor Regis & Littlehampton	CON	2,925	2,053	1,190	-863	-42.0%	-1,735	-59.3%
289	311	Bolsover	LAB	3,610	2,983	2,248	-735	-24.6%	-1,362	-37.7%
366	322	Bolton North East	LAB	3,446	2,771	2,154	-617	-22.3%	-1,292	-37.5%
392	391	Bolton South East	LAB	3,355	2,787	2,188	-599	-21.5%	-1,167	-34.8%
188	211	Bolton West	LAB	1,911	1,550	1,111	-439	-28.3%	-800	-41.9%
488	591	Bootle	LAB	5,387	4,970	4,050	-920	-18.5%	-1,337	-24.8%
137	132	Boston & Skegness	CON	4,145	3,239	2,235	-1,004	-31.0%	-1,910	-46.1%
590	331	Bosworth	CON	1,504	1,106	944	-162	-14.6%	-560	-37.2%
178	122	Bournemouth East	CON	3,764	2,808	1,999	-809	-28.8%	-1,765	-46.9%
193	224	Bournemouth West	CON	3,971	3,239	2,328	-911	-28.1%	-1,643	-41.4%
85	27	Bracknell	CON	2,126	1,354	902	-452	-33.4%	-1,224	-57.6%
494	503	Bradford North	LAB	5,060	4,325	3,541	-784	-18.1%	-1,519	-30.0%
381	422	Bradford South	LAB	4,030	3,427	2,678	-749	-21.9%	-1,352	-33.5%
458	508	Bradford West	LAB	5,887	5,124	4,132	-992	-19.4%	-1,755	-29.8%
279	153	Braintree	LAB	3,079	2,250	1,685	-565	-25.1%	-1,394	-45.3%
612	434	Brecon & Radnorshire	LD	1,871	1,437	1,254	-183	-12.7%	-617	-33.0%
257	216	Brent East	LAB	7,525	5,936	4,389	-1,547	-26.1%	-3,136	-41.7%
251	257	Brent North	LAB	3,328	2,706	1,996	-710	-26.2%	-1,332	-40.0%
395	417	Brent South	LAB	7,382	6,232	4,897	-1,335	-21.4%	-2,485	-33.7%
30	117	Brentford & Isleworth	LAB	4,523	3,920	2,383	-1,537	-39.2%	-2,140	-47.3%
40	36	Brentwood & Ongar	CON	2,044	1,469	913	-556	-37.8%	-1,131	-55.3%
652	602	Bridgend	LAB	2,453	2,003	1,862	-141	-7.0%	-591	-24.1%
354	414	Bridgwater	CON	3,579	3,058	2,366	-692	-22.6%	-1,213	-33.9%
514	501	Brigg & Goole	LAB	3,070	2,597	2,145	-452	-17.4%	-925	-30.1%
118	202	Brighton, Kemptown	LAB	5,345	4,515	3,082	-1,433	-31.7%	-2,263	-42.3%
126	242	Brighton, Pavilion	LAB	6,615	5,721	3,923	-1,798	-31.4%	-2,692	-40.7%
185	235	Bristol East	LAB	5,224	4,308	3,082	-1,226	-28.5%	-2,142	-41.0%
34	41	Bristol North West	LAB	4,208	3,136	1,921	-1,215	-38.7%	-2,287	-54.3%
165	167	Bristol South	LAB	5,416	4,256	3,001	-1,255	-29.5%	-2,415	-44.6%
123	144	Bristol West	LAB	5,398	4,293	2,941	-1,352	-31.5%	-2,457	-45.5%
210	175	Bromley & Chislehurst	CON	2,704	2,082	1,508	-574	-27.6%	-1,196	-44.2%
385	261	Bromsgrove	CON	2,461	1,889	1,481	-408	-21.6%	-980	-39.8%
8	17	Broxbourne	CON	2,893	2,142	1,180	-962	-44.9%	-1,713	-59.2%
130	147	Broxtowe	LAB	2,929	2,324	1,598	-726	-31.2%	-1,331	-45.4%
35	19	Buckingham	CON	1,347	896	551	-345	-38.5%	-796	-59.1%
404	352	Burnley	LAB	2,223	1,793	1,414	-379	-21.1%	-809	-36.4%
288	376	Burton	LAB	3,440	2,958	2,229	-729	-24.6%	-1,211	-35.2%
97	173	Bury North	LAB	2,164	1,794	1,203	-591	-32.9%	-961	-44.4%
169	225	Bury South	LAB	2,483	2,061	1,458	-603	-29.3%	-1,025	-41.3%
62	133	Bury St Edmunds	CON	2,161	1,823	1,167	-656	-36.0%	-994	-46.0%
527	616	Caernarfon	PC	3,166	2,932	2,431	-501	-17.1%	-735	-23.2%
460	460	Caerphilly	LAB	3,777	3,177	2,564	-613	-19.3%	-1,213	-32.1%
548	556	Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	LD	3,167	2,755	2,307	-448	-16.3%	-860	-27.2%
393	486	Calder Valley	LAB	2,663	2,343	1,841	-502	-21.4%	-822	-30.9%
386	374	Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	7,742	6,390	5,010	-1,380	-21.6%	-2,732	-35.3%
487	441	Cambridge	LAB	2,934	2,428	1,977	-451	-18.6%	-957	-32.6%
498	348	Cannock Chase	LAB	3,311	2,563	2,102	-461	-18.0%	-1,209	-36.5%
379	410	Canterbury	CON	3,164	2,673	2,088	-585	-21.9%	-1,076	-34.0%
291	355	Cardiff Central	LAB	3,734	3,159	2,385	-774	-24.5%	-1,349	-36.1%
249	222	Cardiff North	LAB	1,847	1,468	1,082	-386	-26.3%	-765	-41.4%
412	373	Cardiff South & Penarth	LAB	4,560	3,733	2,950	-783	-21.0%	-1,610	-35.3%
300	354	Cardiff West	LAB	4,213	3,548	2,687	-861	-24.3%	-1,526	-36.2%
384	430	Carlisle	LAB	3,267	2,786	2,182	-604	-21.7%	-1,085	-33.2%
211	450	Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	LAB	1,995	1,859	1,348	-511	-27.5%	-647	-32.4%
591	608	Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	LAB	3,416	3,057	2,611	-446	-14.6%	-805	-23.6%
371	546	Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	LAB	4,064	3,769	2,938	-831	-22.0%	-1,126	-27.7%
81	99	Carshalton & Wallington	LD	3,092	2,398	1,585	-813	-33.9%	-1,507	-48.7%

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36	58	Castle Point	LAB	3,116	2,381	1,477	-904	-38.0%	-1,639	-52.6%
583	632	Central Fife	LAB	3,627	3,347	2,850	-497	-14.8%	-777	-21.4%
148	254	Central Suffolk & North Ipswich	CON	2,157	1,862	1,292	-570	-30.6%	-865	-40.1%
529	558	Ceredigion	PC	2,154	1,893	1,571	-322	-17.0%	-583	-27.1%
151	88	Charnwood	CON	1,857	1,342	938	-404	-30.1%	-919	-49.5%
203	112	Chatham & Aylesford	LAB	3,719	2,682	1,937	-745	-27.8%	-1,782	-47.9%
162	92	Cheadle	CON	1,656	1,195	841	-354	-29.6%	-815	-49.2%
208	250	Cheltenham	LD	3,301	2,726	1,971	-755	-27.7%	-1,330	-40.3%
32	7	Chesham & Amersham	CON	1,546	949	581	-368	-38.8%	-965	-62.4%
271	241	Chester, City of	LAB	3,156	2,510	1,870	-640	-25.5%	-1,286	-40.7%
523	521	Chesterfield	LAB	4,072	3,482	2,884	-598	-17.2%	-1,188	-29.2%
302	137	Chichester	CON	2,120	1,516	1,150	-366	-24.1%	-970	-45.8%
91	89	Chingford & Woodford Green	CON	2,944	2,226	1,488	-738	-33.2%	-1,456	-49.5%
491	255	Chipping Barnet	CON	2,858	2,093	1,712	-381	-18.2%	-1,146	-40.1%
173	264	Chorley	LAB	2,544	2,162	1,532	-630	-29.1%	-1,012	-39.8%
65	65	Christchurch	CON	1,911	1,422	914	-508	-35.7%	-997	-52.2%
568	466	Cities of London & Westminster	CON	4,581	3,692	3,123	-569	-15.4%	-1,458	-31.8%
560	593	Cleethorpes	LAB	3,919	3,500	2,948	-552	-15.8%	-971	-24.8%
349	269	Clwyd South >*	LAB	2,320	1,813	1,401	-412	-22.7%	-919	-39.6%
181	294	Clwyd West <*	LAB	2,348	2,027	1,444	-583	-28.8%	-904	-38.5%
502	619	Clydebank & Milngavie	LAB	2,983	2,807	2,307	-500	-17.8%	-676	-22.7%
489	573	Clydesdale	LAB	2,894	2,622	2,142	-480	-18.3%	-752	-26.0%
651	652	Coatbridge & Chryston	LAB	2,739	2,417	2,240	-177	-7.3%	-499	-18.2%
73	79	Colchester	LD	3,543	2,664	1,749	-915	-34.3%	-1,794	-50.6%
449	413	Colne Valley	LAB	2,839	2,331	1,875	-456	-19.6%	-964	-34.0%
213	205	Congleton	CON	1,787	1,421	1,031	-390	-27.4%	-756	-42.3%
461	533	Conwy	LAB	3,344	2,957	2,387	-570	-19.3%	-957	-28.6%
601	606	Copeland	LAB	3,636	3,226	2,774	-452	-14.0%	-862	-23.7%
405	161	Corby	LAB	2,955	2,068	1,631	-437	-21.1%	-1,324	-44.8%
37	46	Cotswold	CON	1,499	1,120	695	-425	-37.9%	-804	-53.6%
508	364	Coventry North East	LAB	5,530	4,319	3,557	-762	-17.6%	-1,973	-35.7%
403	303	Coventry North West	LAB	3,912	3,075	2,424	-651	-21.2%	-1,488	-38.0%
382	347	Coventry South	LAB	4,190	3,403	2,660	-743	-21.8%	-1,530	-36.5%
55	64	Crawley	LAB	2,622	1,972	1,253	-719	-36.5%	-1,369	-52.2%
231	288	Crewe & Nantwich	LAB	2,892	2,418	1,769	-649	-26.8%	-1,123	-38.8%
293	335	Crosby	LAB	3,013	2,509	1,895	-614	-24.5%	-1,118	-37.1%
260	267	Croydon Central	LAB	5,214	4,249	3,143	-1,106	-26.0%	-2,071	-39.7%
259	337	Croydon North	LAB	7,014	5,982	4,424	-1,558	-26.0%	-2,590	-36.9%
106	56	Croydon South	CON	2,836	1,984	1,341	-643	-32.4%	-1,495	-52.7%
557	631	Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	LAB	2,256	2,109	1,772	-337	-16.0%	-484	-21.5%
455	580	Cunninghame North	LAB	3,142	2,902	2,340	-562	-19.4%	-802	-25.5%
596	650	Cunninghame South	LAB	3,361	3,168	2,711	-457	-14.4%	-650	-19.3%
480	439	Cynon Valley	LAB	2,890	2,391	1,943	-448	-18.7%	-947	-32.8%
140	138	Dagenham	LAB	3,488	2,738	1,894	-844	-30.8%	-1,594	-45.7%
581	627	Darlington	LAB	4,093	3,759	3,199	-560	-14.9%	-894	-21.8%
304	336	Dartford	LAB	3,215	2,671	2,027	-644	-24.1%	-1,188	-37.0%
263	154	Daventry	CON	2,026	1,494	1,109	-385	-25.8%	-917	-45.3%
258	350	Delyn	LAB	1,977	1,700	1,257	-443	-26.1%	-720	-36.4%
223	304	Denton & Reddish	LAB	3,016	2,566	1,869	-697	-27.2%	-1,147	-38.0%
186	262	Derby North	LAB	4,131	3,472	2,486	-986	-28.4%	-1,645	-39.8%
310	369	Derby South	LAB	6,206	5,252	4,003	-1,249	-23.8%	-2,203	-35.5%
59	55	Devizes	CON	2,334	1,726	1,102	-624	-36.2%	-1,232	-52.8%
313	209	Dewsbury	LAB	3,044	2,309	1,764	-545	-23.6%	-1,280	-42.0%
398	505	Don Valley	LAB	3,654	3,255	2,560	-695	-21.4%	-1,094	-29.9%
518	562	Doncaster Central	LAB	5,359	4,744	3,924	-820	-17.3%	-1,435	-26.8%
409	470	Doncaster North	LAB	4,534	3,922	3,097	-825	-21.0%	-1,437	-31.7%
439	520	Dover	LAB	4,025	3,560	2,850	-710	-19.9%	-1,175	-29.2%
339	389	Dudley North	LAB	3,971	3,358	2,589	-769	-22.9%	-1,382	-34.8%
274	300	Dudley South	LAB	3,110	2,576	1,924	-652	-25.3%	-1,186	-38.1%
262	226	Dulwich & West Norwood	LAB	7,330	5,807	4,306	-1,501	-25.8%	-3,024	-41.3%

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630	638	Dumbarton	LAB	3,678	3,282	2,922	-360	-11.0%	-756	-20.6%
631	637	Dumfries	LAB	2,999	2,664	2,372	-292	-11.0%	-627	-20.9%
466	623	Dundee East	LAB	4,322	4,161	3,366	-795	-19.1%	-956	-22.1%
478	596	Dundee West	LAB	3,755	3,491	2,835	-656	-18.8%	-920	-24.5%
315	431	Dunfermline East	LAB	3,237	2,830	2,164	-666	-23.5%	-1,073	-33.1%
428	492	Dunfermline West	LAB	2,661	2,323	1,849	-474	-20.4%	-812	-30.5%
605	583	Durham, City of	LAB	2,884	2,491	2,152	-339	-13.6%	-732	-25.4%
114	168	Ealing North *	LAB	4,670	3,808	2,590	-1,218	-32.0%	-2,080	-44.5%
399	266	Ealing Southall	LAB	5,588	4,280	3,367	-913	-21.3%	-2,221	-39.7%
362	402	Ealing, Acton & Shepherd's Bush	LAB	7,083	5,985	4,648	-1,337	-22.3%	-2,435	-34.4%
648	507	Easington	LAB	3,200	2,436	2,246	-190	-7.8%	-954	-29.8%
400	320	East Antrim	UU	4,163	3,304	2,601	-703	-21.3%	-1,562	-37.5%
290	343	East Devon	CON	2,061	1,731	1,306	-425	-24.6%	-755	-36.6%
410	379	East Ham	LAB	7,038	5,785	4,569	-1,216	-21.0%	-2,469	-35.1%
104	109	East Hampshire	CON	2,252	1,737	1,170	-567	-32.6%	-1,082	-48.0%
215	432	East Kilbride	LAB	2,920	2,692	1,954	-738	-27.4%	-966	-33.1%
484	489	East Londonderry	UU	5,033	4,295	3,494	-801	-18.6%	-1,539	-30.6%
247	423	East Lothian	LAB	2,192	1,980	1,459	-521	-26.3%	-733	-33.4%
23	10	East Surrey	CON	1,947	1,264	756	-508	-40.2%	-1,191	-61.2%
20	45	East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	2,302	1,794	1,067	-727	-40.5%	-1,235	-53.6%
534	457	East Yorkshire	CON	3,404	2,777	2,307	-470	-16.9%	-1,097	-32.2%
286	276	Eastbourne	CON	3,084	2,494	1,878	-616	-24.7%	-1,206	-39.1%
103	76	Eastleigh	LD	2,041	1,480	996	-484	-32.7%	-1,045	-51.2%
353	436	Eastwood	LAB	2,081	1,806	1,397	-409	-22.6%	-684	-32.9%
554	398	Eccles	LAB	3,211	2,505	2,103	-402	-16.0%	-1,108	-34.5%
217	196	Eddisbury	CON	2,101	1,663	1,208	-455	-27.4%	-893	-42.5%
236	399	Edinburgh Central	LAB	3,269	2,921	2,142	-779	-26.7%	-1,127	-34.5%
375	477	Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	LAB	2,644	2,329	1,817	-512	-22.0%	-827	-31.3%
232	385	Edinburgh North & Leith	LAB	4,159	3,699	2,707	-992	-26.8%	-1,452	-34.9%
267	535	Edinburgh Pentlands	LAB	2,293	2,207	1,641	-566	-25.6%	-652	-28.4%
294	353	Edinburgh South	LAB	2,677	2,255	1,704	-551	-24.4%	-973	-36.3%
177	273	Edinburgh West	LD	2,170	1,846	1,314	-532	-28.8%	-856	-39.4%
180	396	Edmonton	LAB	4,935	4,532	3,227	-1,305	-28.8%	-1,708	-34.6%
355	258	Ellesmere Port & Neston	LAB	3,149	2,444	1,891	-553	-22.6%	-1,258	-39.9%
365	244	Elmet	LAB	2,530	1,938	1,506	-432	-22.3%	-1,024	-40.5%
329	381	Eltham	LAB	3,628	3,070	2,358	-712	-23.2%	-1,270	-35.0%
199	283	Enfield North	LAB	3,969	3,358	2,422	-936	-27.9%	-1,547	-39.0%
359	306	Enfield, Southgate	LAB	3,485	2,787	2,161	-626	-22.5%	-1,324	-38.0%
110	78	Epping Forest	CON	3,072	2,221	1,506	-715	-32.2%	-1,566	-51.0%
14	24	Epsom & Ewell	CON	1,898	1,416	799	-617	-43.6%	-1,099	-57.9%
233	207	Erewash	LAB	3,733	2,952	2,162	-790	-26.8%	-1,571	-42.1%
328	449	Erith & Thamesmead	LAB	5,766	5,072	3,895	-1,177	-23.2%	-1,871	-32.4%
29	11	Esher & Walton	CON	2,027	1,326	805	-521	-39.3%	-1,222	-60.3%
522	446	Exeter	LAB	4,017	3,272	2,710	-562	-17.2%	-1,307	-32.5%
593	630	Falkirk East	LAB	2,717	2,497	2,134	-363	-14.5%	-583	-21.5%
622	655	Falkirk West	LAB	2,806	2,638	2,335	-303	-11.5%	-471	-16.8%
512	514	Falmouth & Camborne	LAB	4,572	3,905	3,224	-681	-17.4%	-1,348	-29.5%
9	13	Fareham	CON	2,101	1,531	844	-687	-44.9%	-1,257	-59.8%
175	170	Faversham & Mid Kent	CON	2,745	2,144	1,524	-620	-28.9%	-1,221	-44.5%
33	98	Feltham & Heston	LAB	4,227	3,533	2,163	-1,370	-38.8%	-2,064	-48.8%
555	577	Fermanagh & South Tyrone	UU	4,757	4,209	3,534	-675	-16.0%	-1,223	-25.7%
230	275	Finchley & Golders Green	LAB	3,876	3,225	2,355	-870	-27.0%	-1,521	-39.2%
317	487	Folkestone & Hythe	CON	4,335	3,927	3,006	-921	-23.5%	-1,329	-30.7%
109	223	Forest of Dean	LAB	2,277	1,972	1,334	-638	-32.4%	-943	-41.4%
654	651	Foyle	SDLP	7,280	6,174	5,883	-291	-4.7%	-1,397	-19.2%
122	163	Fylde	CON	1,684	1,358	930	-428	-31.5%	-754	-44.8%
350	356	Gainsborough	CON	2,667	2,205	1,704	-501	-22.7%	-963	-36.1%
452	469	Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	SNP	2,969	2,517	2,026	-491	-19.5%	-943	-31.8%
543	263	Gateshead East & Washington West	LAB	3,928	2,834	2,365	-469	-16.5%	-1,563	-39.8%
157	152	Gedling	LAB	3,285	2,568	1,797	-771	-30.0%	-1,488	-45.3%

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143	68	Gillingham	LAB	4,002	2,780	1,926	-854	-30.7%	-2,076	-51.9%
644	607	Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	3,194	2,678	2,438	-240	-9.0%	-756	-23.7%
420	540	Glasgow Baillieston	LAB	4,097	3,712	2,944	-768	-20.7%	-1,153	-28.1%
620	622	Glasgow Cathcart	LAB	2,555	2,246	1,986	-260	-11.6%	-569	-22.3%
645	647	Glasgow Govan	LAB	3,840	3,391	3,089	-302	-8.9%	-751	-19.6%
370	496	Glasgow Kelvin	LAB	4,207	3,763	2,930	-833	-22.1%	-1,277	-30.4%
513	609	Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	5,000	4,628	3,822	-806	-17.4%	-1,178	-23.6%
585	610	Glasgow Pollok	LAB	3,739	3,356	2,859	-497	-14.8%	-880	-23.5%
486	550	Glasgow Rutherglen	LAB	2,753	2,449	1,994	-455	-18.6%	-759	-27.6%
625	635	Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	3,702	3,292	2,923	-369	-11.2%	-779	-21.0%
592	629	Glasgow Springburn	LAB	4,393	4,028	3,442	-586	-14.5%	-951	-21.6%
227	287	Gloucester	LAB	4,157	3,479	2,540	-939	-27.0%	-1,617	-38.9%
22	248	Gordon	LD	1,519	1,517	906	-611	-40.3%	-613	-40.4%
467	342	Gosport	CON	2,615	2,047	1,656	-391	-19.1%	-959	-36.7%
200	483	Gower	LAB	2,070	1,981	1,429	-552	-27.9%	-641	-31.0%
368	367	Grantham & Stamford	CON	2,263	1,872	1,457	-415	-22.2%	-806	-35.6%
276	251	Gravesham	LAB	4,224	3,379	2,525	-854	-25.3%	-1,699	-40.2%
615	643	Great Grimsby	LAB	5,460	4,969	4,363	-606	-12.2%	-1,097	-20.1%
572	522	Great Yarmouth	LAB	5,803	4,850	4,111	-739	-15.2%	-1,692	-29.2%
556	614	Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	2,318	2,114	1,775	-339	-16.0%	-543	-23.4%
446	526	Greenwich & Woolwich	LAB	6,303	5,565	4,473	-1,092	-19.6%	-1,830	-29.0%
94	59	Guildford	CON	1,794	1,270	851	-419	-33.0%	-943	-52.6%
430	502	Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	9,730	8,546	6,808	-1,738	-20.3%	-2,922	-30.0%
377	480	Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	9,823	8,684	6,775	-1,909	-22.0%	-3,048	-31.0%
245	289	Halesowen & Rowley Regis	LAB	3,083	2,565	1,887	-678	-26.4%	-1,196	-38.8%
474	538	Halifax	LAB	4,026	3,562	2,885	-677	-19.0%	-1,141	-28.3%
611	455	Haltemprice & Howden	CON	1,904	1,482	1,290	-192	-13.0%	-614	-32.2%
558	594	Halton	LAB	3,899	3,495	2,937	-558	-16.0%	-962	-24.7%
588	649	Hamilton North & Bellshill	LAB	3,152	2,978	2,540	-438	-14.7%	-612	-19.4%
546	642	Hamilton South	LAB	2,353	2,242	1,876	-366	-16.3%	-477	-20.3%
152	270	Hammersmith & Fulham	LAB	6,759	5,840	4,082	-1,758	-30.1%	-2,677	-39.6%
470	330	Hampstead & Highgate	LAB	5,952	4,614	3,733	-881	-19.1%	-2,219	-37.3%
490	247	Harborough	CON	1,639	1,195	977	-218	-18.2%	-662	-40.4%
170	164	Harlow	LAB	3,260	2,545	1,802	-743	-29.2%	-1,458	-44.7%
77	81	Harrogate & Knaresborough	LD	2,215	1,665	1,098	-567	-34.1%	-1,117	-50.4%
201	201	Harrow East	LAB	3,720	2,972	2,145	-827	-27.8%	-1,575	-42.3%
283	237	Harrow West	LAB	2,753	2,162	1,626	-536	-24.8%	-1,127	-40.9%
656	657	Hartlepool	LAB	5,357	4,682	4,572	-110	-2.3%	-785	-14.7%
380	274	Harwich	LAB	4,240	3,293	2,573	-720	-21.9%	-1,667	-39.3%
411	403	Hastings & Rye	LAB	4,999	4,155	3,282	-873	-21.0%	-1,717	-34.3%
373	208	Havant	CON	3,454	2,566	2,001	-565	-22.0%	-1,453	-42.1%
161	192	Hayes & Harlington	LAB	3,018	2,465	1,730	-735	-29.8%	-1,288	-42.7%
475	308	Hazel Grove	LD	1,829	1,400	1,135	-265	-18.9%	-694	-37.9%
90	40	Hemel Hempstead	LAB	2,540	1,734	1,159	-575	-33.2%	-1,381	-54.4%
282	425	Hemsworth	LAB	3,440	3,049	2,291	-758	-24.9%	-1,149	-33.4%
352	382	Hendon	LAB	4,209	3,539	2,737	-802	-22.7%	-1,472	-35.0%
19	9	Henley	CON	1,545	1,004	595	-409	-40.7%	-950	-61.5%
176	271	Hereford *>	LD	3,074	2,610	1,857	-753	-28.9%	-1,217	-39.6%
61	22	Hertford & Stortford	CON	2,038	1,328	850	-478	-36.0%	-1,188	-58.3%
117	51	Hertsmere	CON	2,280	1,565	1,068	-497	-31.8%	-1,212	-53.2%
316	315	Hexham	CON	1,898	1,547	1,183	-364	-23.5%	-715	-37.7%
459	454	Heywood & Middleton	LAB	3,939	3,305	2,667	-638	-19.3%	-1,272	-32.3%
219	213	High Peak	LAB	2,537	2,031	1,476	-555	-27.3%	-1,061	-41.8%
120	74	Hitchin & Harpenden	CON	1,906	1,359	929	-430	-31.6%	-977	-51.3%
569	527	Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	6,887	5,779	4,889	-890	-15.4%	-1,998	-29.0%
45	75	Hornchurch	LAB	2,427	1,895	1,184	-711	-37.5%	-1,243	-51.2%
261	278	Hornsey & Wood Green	LAB	7,733	6,356	4,712	-1,644	-25.9%	-3,021	-39.1%
28	14	Horsham	CON	1,630	1,086	659	-427	-39.3%	-971	-59.6%
524	473	Houghton & Washington East	LAB	3,938	3,250	2,692	-558	-17.2%	-1,246	-31.6%
50	118	Hove	LAB	5,009	4,180	2,643	-1,537	-36.8%	-2,366	-47.2%

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516	564	Huddersfield	LAB	4,308	3,826	3,162	-664	-17.4%	-1,146	-26.6%
164	150	Huntingdon	CON	2,384	1,849	1,303	-546	-29.5%	-1,081	-45.3%
504	617	Hyndburn	LAB	1,995	1,864	1,533	-331	-17.8%	-462	-23.2%
212	139	Ilford North	LAB	3,251	2,436	1,767	-669	-27.5%	-1,484	-45.6%
312	372	Ilford South *	LAB	5,294	4,481	3,422	-1,059	-23.6%	-1,872	-35.4%
479	456	Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	LAB	4,007	3,343	2,715	-628	-18.8%	-1,292	-32.2%
338	509	Ipswich	LAB	3,603	3,286	2,532	-754	-22.9%	-1,071	-29.7%
614	597	Isle of Wight	LD	6,628	5,703	5,005	-698	-12.2%	-1,623	-24.5%
483	500	Islington North	LAB	8,348	7,168	5,830	-1,338	-18.7%	-2,518	-30.2%
485	499	Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	6,679	5,725	4,661	-1,064	-18.6%	-2,018	-30.2%
214	234	Islwyn	LAB	2,163	1,758	1,276	-482	-27.4%	-887	-41.0%
646	536	Jarrow	LAB	4,373	3,428	3,130	-298	-8.7%	-1,243	-28.4%
640	534	Keighley	LAB	2,773	2,195	1,981	-214	-9.7%	-792	-28.6%
280	172	Kensington & Chelsea	CON	4,464	3,310	2,481	-829	-25.0%	-1,983	-44.4%
160	125	Kettering	LAB	2,533	1,931	1,353	-578	-29.9%	-1,180	-46.6%
457	644	Kilmarnock & Loudoun	LAB	3,595	3,569	2,878	-691	-19.4%	-717	-19.9%
204	96	Kingston & Surbiton	LD	3,241	2,287	1,652	-635	-27.8%	-1,589	-49.0%
643	595	Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	5,238	4,356	3,948	-408	-9.4%	-1,290	-24.6%
635	586	Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	6,253	5,216	4,669	-547	-10.5%	-1,584	-25.3%
647	547	Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	5,683	4,497	4,110	-387	-8.6%	-1,573	-27.7%
80	71	Kingswood	LAB	3,081	2,258	1,492	-766	-33.9%	-1,589	-51.6%
619	648	Kirkcaldy	LAB	3,570	3,257	2,874	-383	-11.8%	-696	-19.5%
453	504	Knowsley North & Sefton East	LAB	5,221	4,543	3,657	-886	-19.5%	-1,564	-30.0%
637	625	Knowsley South	LAB	5,678	4,940	4,436	-504	-10.2%	-1,242	-21.9%
576	448	Lagan Valley	UU	2,972	2,363	2,007	-356	-15.1%	-965	-32.5%
394	517	Lancaster & Wyre	LAB	2,374	2,138	1,680	-458	-21.4%	-694	-29.2%
623	604	Leeds Central	LAB	6,821	5,863	5,194	-669	-11.4%	-1,627	-23.9%
573	524	Leeds East	LAB	5,226	4,371	3,706	-665	-15.2%	-1,520	-29.1%
495	444	Leeds North East	LAB	3,524	2,901	2,376	-525	-18.1%	-1,148	-32.6%
448	378	Leeds North West	LAB	2,685	2,167	1,743	-424	-19.6%	-942	-35.1%
639	551	Leeds West	LAB	4,031	3,242	2,922	-320	-9.9%	-1,109	-27.5%
190	157	Leicester East	LAB	4,015	3,080	2,210	-870	-28.2%	-1,805	-45.0%
250	218	Leicester South	LAB	5,404	4,274	3,152	-1,122	-26.3%	-2,252	-41.7%
166	169	Leicester West	LAB	5,215	4,101	2,893	-1,208	-29.5%	-2,322	-44.5%
195	329	Leigh	LAB	3,071	2,677	1,925	-752	-28.1%	-1,146	-37.3%
235	158	Leominster <*	CON	2,269	1,705	1,250	-455	-26.7%	-1,019	-44.9%
133	108	Lewes	LD	2,251	1,697	1,169	-528	-31.1%	-1,082	-48.1%
285	339	Lewisham East	LAB	4,613	3,868	2,912	-956	-24.7%	-1,701	-36.9%
255	390	Lewisham West	LAB	5,645	4,982	3,681	-1,301	-26.1%	-1,964	-34.8%
344	384	Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	7,578	6,386	4,929	-1,457	-22.8%	-2,649	-35.0%
101	120	Leyton & Wanstead	LAB	6,257	4,934	3,312	-1,622	-32.9%	-2,945	-47.1%
551	249	Lichfield	CON	2,000	1,424	1,194	-230	-16.2%	-806	-40.3%
265	318	Lincoln	LAB	5,165	4,338	3,224	-1,114	-25.7%	-1,941	-37.6%
553	464	Linlithgow	LAB	2,530	2,054	1,723	-331	-16.1%	-807	-31.9%
426	493	Liverpool, Garston	LAB	4,762	4,162	3,312	-850	-20.4%	-1,450	-30.4%
566	605	Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	8,298	7,481	6,322	-1,159	-15.5%	-1,976	-23.8%
578	620	Liverpool, Walton	LAB	6,414	5,851	4,974	-877	-15.0%	-1,440	-22.5%
561	589	Liverpool, Wavertree	LAB	6,107	5,448	4,591	-857	-15.7%	-1,516	-24.8%
552	587	Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	6,529	5,841	4,898	-943	-16.1%	-1,631	-25.0%
298	406	Livingston	LAB	2,744	2,384	1,805	-579	-24.3%	-939	-34.2%
330	633	Llanelli	LAB	2,634	2,694	2,070	-624	-23.2%	-564	-21.4%
450	380	Loughborough	LAB	2,373	1,915	1,541	-374	-19.5%	-832	-35.1%
297	428	Louth & Horncastle	CON	3,060	2,696	2,041	-655	-24.3%	-1,019	-33.3%
416	181	Ludlow	CON	1,863	1,322	1,048	-274	-20.7%	-815	-43.7%
408	323	Luton North	LAB	3,386	2,681	2,117	-564	-21.0%	-1,269	-37.5%
406	314	Luton South	LAB	4,507	3,559	2,807	-752	-21.1%	-1,700	-37.7%
264	319	Macclesfield	CON	1,811	1,522	1,131	-391	-25.7%	-680	-37.5%
63	47	Maidenhead	CON	1,764	1,275	818	-457	-35.8%	-946	-53.6%
144	111	Maidstone & The Weald	CON	2,720	2,043	1,416	-627	-30.7%	-1,304	-47.9%
183	298	Makerfield	LAB	3,064	2,640	1,888	-752	-28.5%	-1,176	-38.4%

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56	106	Maldon & East Chelmsford	CON	2,390	1,945	1,236	-709	-36.5%	-1,154	-48.3%
537	420	Manchester, Blackley	LAB	5,134	4,098	3,410	-688	-16.8%	-1,724	-33.6%
547	537	Manchester, Central	LAB	7,951	6,806	5,695	-1,111	-16.3%	-2,256	-28.4%
501	554	Manchester, Gorton	LAB	5,947	5,265	4,327	-938	-17.8%	-1,620	-27.2%
292	416	Manchester, Withington	LAB	5,100	4,478	3,382	-1,096	-24.5%	-1,718	-33.7%
443	418	Mansfield	LAB	4,008	3,315	2,661	-654	-19.7%	-1,347	-33.6%
345	265	Medway	LAB	3,872	3,020	2,332	-688	-22.8%	-1,540	-39.8%
618	618	Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	PC	1,932	1,687	1,487	-200	-11.9%	-445	-23.0%
192	228	Meriden	CON	4,205	3,446	2,476	-970	-28.1%	-1,729	-41.1%
396	351	Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	LAB	3,617	2,927	2,300	-627	-21.4%	-1,317	-36.4%
112	38	Mid Bedfordshire	CON	1,745	1,163	789	-374	-32.2%	-956	-54.8%
76	60	Mid Dorset & North Poole	CON	2,226	1,605	1,056	-549	-34.2%	-1,170	-52.6%
309	285	Mid Norfolk	CON	2,513	2,015	1,535	-480	-23.8%	-978	-38.9%
42	20	Mid Sussex	CON	1,662	1,099	684	-415	-37.8%	-978	-58.8%
346	302	Mid Ulster	SF	4,729	3,793	2,929	-864	-22.8%	-1,800	-38.1%
135	134	Mid Worcestershire	CON	2,069	1,625	1,120	-505	-31.1%	-949	-45.9%
641	615	Middlesbrough	LAB	7,536	6,386	5,777	-609	-9.5%	-1,759	-23.3%
627	567	Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland	LAB	4,786	3,962	3,521	-441	-11.1%	-1,265	-26.4%
621	401	Midlothian	LAB	2,092	1,551	1,372	-179	-11.5%	-720	-34.4%
67	114	Milton Keynes South West	LAB	3,110	2,502	1,626	-876	-35.0%	-1,484	-47.7%
127	180	Mitcham & Morden	LAB	4,463	3,654	2,506	-1,148	-31.4%	-1,957	-43.8%
18	6	Mole Valley	CON	1,391	899	522	-377	-41.9%	-869	-62.5%
444	458	Monmouth	LAB	2,067	1,745	1,401	-344	-19.7%	-666	-32.2%
649	569	Montgomeryshire	LD	1,048	834	772	-62	-7.4%	-276	-26.3%
391	523	Moray	SNP	2,822	2,549	2,001	-548	-21.5%	-821	-29.1%
431	531	Morecambe & Lunesdale	LAB	3,633	3,248	2,592	-656	-20.2%	-1,041	-28.7%
584	419	Morley & Rothwell	LAB	2,796	2,180	1,857	-323	-14.8%	-939	-33.6%
437	636	Motherwell & Wishaw	LAB	2,768	2,734	2,188	-546	-20.0%	-580	-21.0%
413	590	Neath	LAB	2,365	2,249	1,778	-471	-20.9%	-587	-24.8%
197	135	New Forest East	CON	2,040	1,535	1,106	-429	-27.9%	-934	-45.8%
102	128	New Forest West	CON	1,874	1,493	1,003	-490	-32.8%	-871	-46.5%
424	293	Newark	LAB	3,288	2,540	2,019	-521	-20.5%	-1,269	-38.6%
5	3	Newbury	LD	1,914	1,274	693	-581	-45.6%	-1,221	-63.8%
497	394	Newcastle upon Tyne Central	LAB	5,152	4,107	3,367	-740	-18.0%	-1,785	-34.6%
653	542	Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	5,518	4,226	3,974	-252	-6.0%	-1,544	-28.0%
577	412	Newcastle upon Tyne North	LAB	4,105	3,191	2,711	-480	-15.0%	-1,394	-34.0%
99	130	Newcastle-under-Lyme	LAB	2,603	2,089	1,402	-687	-32.9%	-1,201	-46.1%
337	324	Newport East	LAB	3,209	2,606	2,008	-598	-22.9%	-1,201	-37.4%
414	437	Newport West	LAB	3,604	3,060	2,422	-638	-20.8%	-1,182	-32.8%
604	484	Newry & Armagh	SDLP	6,262	5,005	4,323	-682	-13.6%	-1,939	-31.0%
427	475	Normanton	LAB	2,544	2,190	1,743	-447	-20.4%	-801	-31.5%
477	451	North Antrim	DU	4,601	3,831	3,109	-722	-18.8%	-1,492	-32.4%
389	495	North Cornwall	LD	5,155	4,572	3,587	-985	-21.5%	-1,568	-30.4%
243	260	North Devon	LD	3,575	2,924	2,150	-774	-26.5%	-1,425	-39.9%
70	94	North Dorset	CON	1,487	1,158	757	-401	-34.6%	-730	-49.1%
580	510	North Down	UKU	3,033	2,507	2,133	-374	-14.9%	-900	-29.7%
586	582	North Durham	LAB	3,425	2,993	2,551	-442	-14.8%	-874	-25.5%
71	31	North East Bedfordshire	CON	2,041	1,379	903	-476	-34.5%	-1,138	-55.8%
254	295	North East Cambridgeshire	CON	3,213	2,677	1,976	-701	-26.2%	-1,237	-38.5%
308	277	North East Derbyshire	LAB	3,501	2,801	2,133	-668	-23.8%	-1,368	-39.1%
419	442	North East Fife	LD	2,012	1,710	1,356	-354	-20.7%	-656	-32.6%
64	66	North East Hampshire	CON	1,400	1,045	671	-374	-35.8%	-729	-52.1%
27	23	North East Hertfordshire	CON	2,187	1,518	918	-600	-39.5%	-1,269	-58.0%
87	102	North East Milton Keynes	LAB	2,508	1,938	1,292	-646	-33.3%	-1,216	-48.5%
98	62	North Essex	CON	2,115	1,504	1,009	-495	-32.9%	-1,106	-52.3%
429	435	North Norfolk	CON	2,907	2,451	1,951	-500	-20.4%	-956	-32.9%
462	349	North Shropshire	CON	2,260	1,777	1,435	-342	-19.2%	-825	-36.5%
390	359	North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	8,007	6,550	5,140	-1,410	-21.5%	-2,867	-35.8%
58	80	North Swindon	LAB	2,220	1,724	1,097	-627	-36.4%	-1,123	-50.6%
550	568	North Tayside	SNP	2,293	2,014	1,688	-326	-16.2%	-605	-26.4%

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451	387	North Thanet	CON	4,813	3,897	3,136	-761	-19.5%	-1,677	-34.8%
628	479	North Tyneside	LAB	4,824	3,733	3,319	-414	-11.1%	-1,505	-31.2%
252	236	North Warwickshire	LAB	2,634	2,107	1,555	-552	-26.2%	-1,079	-41.0%
154	136	North West Cambridgeshire	CON	2,515	1,951	1,364	-587	-30.1%	-1,151	-45.8%
438	512	North West Durham	LAB	3,434	3,020	2,417	-603	-20.0%	-1,017	-29.6%
320	82	North West Hampshire *	CON	1,506	977	749	-228	-23.3%	-757	-50.3%
367	272	North West Leicestershire	LAB	2,234	1,736	1,351	-385	-22.2%	-883	-39.5%
348	433	North West Norfolk	LAB	3,279	2,842	2,196	-646	-22.7%	-1,083	-33.0%
7	25	North Wiltshire	CON	2,189	1,680	923	-757	-45.1%	-1,266	-57.8%
334	346	Northampton North	LAB	3,447	2,841	2,188	-653	-23.0%	-1,259	-36.5%
314	286	Northampton South	LAB	3,177	2,540	1,941	-599	-23.6%	-1,236	-38.9%
11	5	Northavon	LD	2,387	1,611	892	-719	-44.6%	-1,495	-62.6%
383	393	Norwich North	LAB	3,487	2,907	2,276	-631	-21.7%	-1,211	-34.7%
506	491	Norwich South	LAB	4,754	4,013	3,302	-711	-17.7%	-1,452	-30.5%
240	219	Nottingham East	LAB	8,076	6,421	4,716	-1,705	-26.6%	-3,360	-41.6%
306	370	Nottingham North	LAB	5,459	4,628	3,522	-1,106	-23.9%	-1,937	-35.5%
184	204	Nottingham South	LAB	5,566	4,487	3,210	-1,277	-28.5%	-2,356	-42.3%
322	297	Nuneaton	LAB	2,791	2,242	1,719	-523	-23.3%	-1,072	-38.4%
587	634	Ochil	LAB	2,827	2,610	2,226	-384	-14.7%	-601	-21.3%
655	579	Ogmore	LAB	2,412	1,850	1,793	-57	-3.1%	-619	-25.7%
49	91	Old Bexley & Sidcup	CON	2,550	2,052	1,294	-758	-36.9%	-1,256	-49.3%
191	183	Oldham East & Saddleworth	LAB	3,515	2,766	1,985	-781	-28.2%	-1,530	-43.5%
239	215	Oldham West & Royton	LAB	4,206	3,339	2,451	-888	-26.6%	-1,755	-41.7%
598	656	Orkney & Shetland	LD	948	935	801	-134	-14.3%	-147	-15.5%
41	72	Orpington	CON	2,985	2,325	1,447	-878	-37.8%	-1,538	-51.5%
142	113	Oxford East	LAB	3,929	2,958	2,049	-909	-30.7%	-1,880	-47.8%
96	83	Oxford West & Abingdon	LD	1,730	1,284	861	-423	-32.9%	-869	-50.2%
599	624	Paisley North	LAB	2,963	2,686	2,308	-378	-14.1%	-655	-22.1%
540	626	Paisley South	LAB	3,322	3,114	2,596	-518	-16.6%	-726	-21.9%
463	467	Pendle	LAB	2,182	1,842	1,488	-354	-19.2%	-694	-31.8%
163	214	Penrith & The Border	CON	1,901	1,571	1,107	-464	-29.5%	-794	-41.8%
532	574	Perth	SNP	2,465	2,201	1,827	-374	-17.0%	-638	-25.9%
132	198	Peterborough	LAB	4,335	3,620	2,493	-1,127	-31.1%	-1,842	-42.5%
369	366	Plymouth, Devonport	LAB	5,152	4,260	3,316	-944	-22.2%	-1,836	-35.6%
442	443	Plymouth, Sutton	LAB	6,925	5,816	4,668	-1,148	-19.7%	-2,257	-32.6%
422	541	Pontefract & Castleford	LAB	3,409	3,091	2,455	-636	-20.6%	-954	-38.0%
582	518	Pontypridd	LAB	2,797	2,326	1,980	-346	-14.9%	-817	-29.2%
92	101	Poole	CON	2,825	2,173	1,453	-720	-33.1%	-1,372	-48.6%
307	312	Poplar & Canning Town	LAB	8,599	7,033	5,355	-1,678	-23.9%	-3,244	-37.7%
53	100	Portsmouth North	LAB	3,503	2,840	1,800	-1,040	-36.6%	-1,703	-48.6%
205	290	Portsmouth South	LD	5,526	4,683	3,383	-1,300	-27.8%	-2,143	-38.8%
533	628	Preseli Pembrokeshire	LAB	3,228	3,044	2,528	-516	-17.0%	-700	-21.7%
397	408	Preston	LAB	4,672	3,920	3,082	-838	-21.4%	-1,590	-34.0%
305	246	Pudsey	LAB	1,895	1,484	1,129	-355	-23.9%	-766	-40.4%
129	197	Putney	LAB	3,581	2,996	2,059	-937	-31.3%	-1,522	-42.5%
43	52	Rayleigh	CON	2,486	1,871	1,166	-705	-37.7%	-1,320	-53.1%
60	35	Reading East	LAB	3,078	2,147	1,373	-774	-36.1%	-1,705	-55.4%
38	32	Reading West	LAB	2,736	1,953	1,212	-741	-37.9%	-1,524	-55.7%
610	528	Redcar	LAB	5,639	4,606	4,008	-598	-13.0%	-1,631	-28.9%
326	465	Redditch	LAB	2,737	2,429	1,864	-565	-23.3%	-873	-31.9%
469	405	Regent's Park & Kensington North	LAB	7,886	6,409	5,185	-1,224	-19.1%	-2,701	-34.3%
26	21	Reigate	CON	1,708	1,169	703	-466	-39.9%	-1,005	-58.8%
432	530	Rhondda	LAB	3,010	2,688	2,146	-542	-20.2%	-864	-28.7%
16	77	Ribble Valley	CON	1,392	1,184	682	-502	-42.4%	-710	-51.0%
445	252	Richmond	CON	2,178	1,623	1,304	-319	-19.7%	-874	-40.1%
167	127	Richmond Park	LD	2,947	2,232	1,576	-656	-29.4%	-1,371	-46.5%
597	621	Rochdale	LAB	3,830	3,470	2,972	-498	-14.4%	-858	-22.4%
509	515	Rochford & Southend East	CON	5,416	4,646	3,830	-816	-17.6%	-1,586	-29.3%
89	48	Romford	LAB	2,505	1,751	1,170	-581	-33.2%	-1,335	-53.3%
46	84	Romsey	CON	1,631	1,303	815	-488	-37.5%	-816	-50.0%

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482	552	Ross, Skye & Inverness West	LD	3,943	3,524	2,864	-660	-18.7%	-1,079	-27.4%
238	253	Rossendale & Darwen	LAB	2,084	1,701	1,248	-453	-26.6%	-836	-40.1%
434	481	Rother Valley	LAB	3,891	3,359	2,684	-675	-20.1%	-1,207	-31.0%
606	640	Rotherham	LAB	4,367	4,023	3,476	-547	-13.6%	-891	-20.4%
659	654	Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	1,591	1,302	1,313	11	0.8%	-278	-17.5%
275	280	Rugby & Kenilworth	LAB	2,529	2,064	1,542	-522	-25.3%	-987	-39.0%
172	142	Ruislip - Northwood	CON	1,834	1,410	999	-411	-29.1%	-835	-45.5%
10	18	Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	1,877	1,387	767	-620	-44.7%	-1,110	-59.1%
52	61	Rushcliffe	CON	3,004	2,258	1,430	-828	-36.7%	-1,574	-52.4%
270	131	Rutland & Melton	CON	1,591	1,151	857	-294	-25.5%	-734	-46.1%
248	333	Ryedale	CON	1,836	1,566	1,154	-412	-26.3%	-682	-37.1%
206	86	Saffron Walden	CON	2,021	1,407	1,017	-390	-27.7%	-1,004	-49.7%
241	162	Salford	LAB	4,586	3,444	2,532	-912	-26.5%	-2,054	-44.8%
147	103	Salisbury	CON	2,397	1,785	1,238	-547	-30.6%	-1,159	-48.4%
594	578	Scarborough & Whitby	LAB	4,217	3,664	3,133	-531	-14.5%	-1,084	-25.7%
624	560	Scunthorpe	LAB	3,460	2,849	2,528	-321	-11.3%	-932	-26.9%
638	599	Sedgefield	LAB	2,684	2,261	2,034	-227	-10.0%	-650	-24.2%
343	440	Selby	LAB	2,620	2,285	1,763	-522	-22.8%	-857	-32.7%
111	105	Sevenoaks	CON	2,084	1,588	1,077	-511	-32.2%	-1,007	-48.3%
503	472	Sheffield, Attercliffe	LAB	3,895	3,236	2,661	-575	-17.8%	-1,234	-31.7%
600	603	Sheffield, Brightside	LAB	5,104	4,515	3,882	-633	-14.0%	-1,222	-23.9%
528	529	Sheffield, Central	LAB	7,594	6,521	5,408	-1,113	-17.1%	-2,186	-28.8%
296	296	Sheffield, Hallam	LD	2,149	1,748	1,323	-425	-24.3%	-826	-38.4%
559	525	Sheffield, Heeley	LAB	4,677	3,946	3,319	-627	-15.9%	-1,358	-29.0%
318	371	Sheffield, Hillsborough	LAB	3,780	3,186	2,441	-745	-23.4%	-1,339	-35.4%
323	187	Sherwood	LAB	3,785	2,814	2,158	-656	-23.3%	-1,627	-43.0%
511	555	Shipley	LAB	2,249	1,985	1,637	-348	-17.5%	-612	-27.2%
269	126	Shrewsbury & Atcham	LAB	2,502	1,798	1,338	-460	-25.6%	-1,164	-46.5%
277	305	Sittingbourne & Sheppey	LAB	4,089	3,388	2,534	-854	-25.2%	-1,555	-38.0%
530	200	Skipton & Ripon	CON	1,763	1,224	1,016	-208	-17.0%	-747	-42.4%
242	155	Sleaford & North Hykeham	CON	2,360	1,760	1,294	-466	-26.5%	-1,066	-45.2%
141	206	Slough	LAB	3,920	3,276	2,268	-1,008	-30.8%	-1,652	-42.1%
124	119	Solihull	CON	2,273	1,755	1,203	-552	-31.5%	-1,070	-47.1%
25	69	Somerton & Frome *	LD	2,500	2,003	1,204	-799	-39.9%	-1,296	-51.8%
517	327	South Antrim	UU	3,518	2,665	2,204	-461	-17.3%	-1,314	-37.4%
281	141	South Cambridgeshire	CON	1,567	1,134	852	-282	-24.9%	-715	-45.6%
303	368	South Derbyshire	LAB	2,739	2,325	1,764	-561	-24.1%	-975	-35.6%
82	166	South Dorset	CON	3,422	2,866	1,895	-971	-33.9%	-1,527	-44.6%
567	461	South Down	SDLP	4,962	3,991	3,373	-618	-15.5%	-1,589	-32.0%
216	230	South East Cambridgeshire	CON	1,766	1,434	1,041	-393	-27.4%	-725	-41.1%
218	188	South East Cornwall	LD	3,805	2,994	2,175	-819	-27.4%	-1,630	-42.8%
125	146	South Holland & The Deepings	CON	1,782	1,418	972	-446	-31.5%	-810	-45.5%
149	184	South Norfolk	CON	2,629	2,141	1,488	-653	-30.5%	-1,141	-43.4%
139	178	South Ribble	LAB	2,097	1,696	1,173	-523	-30.8%	-924	-44.1%
650	598	South Shields	LAB	5,463	4,471	4,139	-332	-7.4%	-1,324	-24.2%
268	182	South Staffordshire	CON	2,595	1,970	1,465	-505	-25.6%	-1,130	-43.5%
421	186	South Suffolk	CON	2,248	1,611	1,279	-332	-20.6%	-969	-43.1%
86	174	South Swindon	LAB	2,985	2,494	1,662	-832	-33.4%	-1,323	-44.3%
401	468	South Thanet	LAB	3,792	3,284	2,586	-698	-21.3%	-1,206	-31.8%
146	87	South West Bedfordshire	CON	2,458	1,788	1,240	-548	-30.6%	-1,218	-49.6%
224	210	South West Devon	CON	2,362	1,881	1,371	-510	-27.1%	-991	-42.0%
79	53	South West Hertfordshire	CON	1,927	1,370	905	-465	-33.9%	-1,022	-53.0%
229	229	South West Norfolk	CON	2,987	2,409	1,759	-650	-27.0%	-1,228	-41.1%
68	30	South West Surrey	CON	1,526	1,032	671	-361	-35.0%	-855	-56.0%
299	307	Southampton, Itchen	LAB	4,727	3,872	2,932	-940	-24.3%	-1,795	-38.0%
324	284	Southampton, Test	LAB	4,815	3,832	2,939	-893	-23.3%	-1,876	-39.0%
256	281	Southend West	CON	3,658	3,018	2,231	-787	-26.1%	-1,427	-39.0%
407	459	Southport	LD	3,347	2,879	2,272	-607	-21.1%	-1,075	-32.1%
1	15	Spelthorne	CON	2,087	1,628	845	-783	-48.1%	-1,242	-59.5%
95	42	St Albans	LAB	1,833	1,249	837	-412	-33.0%	-996	-54.3%

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372	344	St Helens North	LAB	3,690	3,000	2,339	-661	-22.0%	-1,351	-36.6%
565	548	St Helens South	LAB	4,005	3,432	2898	-534	-15.6%	-1,107	-27.6%
595	601	St Ives	LD	4,931	4,375	3,742	-633	-14.5%	-1,189	-24.1%
311	309	Stafford	LAB	2,301	1,874	1,429	-445	-23.7%	-872	-37.9%
472	494	Staffordshire Moorlands	LAB	1,909	1,641	1,328	-313	-19.1%	-581	-30.4%
376	321	Stalybridge & Hyde	LAB	3,248	2,602	2,030	-572	-22.0%	-1,218	-37.5%
119	57	Stevenage	LAB	3,580	2,480	1,694	-786	-31.7%	-1,886	-52.7%
519	572	Stirling	LAB	2,325	2,078	1,719	-359	-17.3%	-606	-26.1%
441	386	Stockport	LAB	3,154	2,561	2,054	-507	-19.8%	-1,100	-34.9%
658	658	Stockton North	LAB	5,338	4,611	4,562	-49	-1.1%	-776	-14.5%
608	553	Stockton South	LAB	4,342	3,641	3,154	-487	-13.4%	-1,188	-27.4%
505	543	Stoke-on-Trent Central	LAB	3,457	3,027	2,490	-537	-17.7%	-967	-28.0%
538	279	Stoke-on-Trent North	LAB	2,652	1,942	1,616	-326	-16.8%	-1,036	-39.1%
571	549	Stoke-on-Trent South	LAB	2,791	2,385	2020	-365	-15.3%	-771	-27.6%
287	239	Stone	CON	1,676	1,316	991	-325	-24.7%	-685	-40.9%
357	338	Stourbridge	LAB	2,735	2,230	1,726	-504	-22.6%	-1,009	-36.9%
564	571	Strangford	UU	3,076	2,686	2,268	-418	-15.6%	-808	-26.3%
234	159	Stratford-on-Avon	CON	2,052	1,545	1,132	-413	-26.7%	-920	-44.8%
629	585	Strathkelvin & Bearsden	LAB	2,440	2,046	1821	-225	-11.0%	-619	-25.4%
284	310	Streatham	LAB	8,966	7,412	5,578	-1,834	-24.7%	-3,388	-37.8%
319	362	Stretford & Urmston	LAB	3,637	3,049	2,337	-712	-23.4%	-1,300	-35.7%
196	212	Stroud	LAB	2,419	1,954	1,407	-547	-28.0%	-1,012	-41.8%
363	397	Suffolk Coastal	CON	2,734	2,303	1,789	-514	-22.3%	-945	-34.6%
613	497	Sunderland North	LAB	4,634	3,685	3,228	-457	-12.4%	-1,406	-30.3%
536	452	Sunderland South	LAB	5,898	4,798	3,989	-809	-16.9%	-1,909	-32.4%
13	12	Surrey Heath	CON	1,601	1,134	639	-495	-43.7%	-962	-60.1%
54	50	Sutton & Cheam	LD	2,264	1,669	1,058	-611	-36.6%	-1,206	-53.3%
361	193	Sutton Coldfield	CON	2,288	1,690	1,312	-378	-22.4%	-976	-42.7%
331	516	Swansea East	LAB	2,959	2,723	2,093	-630	-23.1%	-866	-29.3%
159	360	Swansea West	LAB	3,261	2,991	2,095	-896	-30.0%	-1,166	-35.8%
436	179	Tamworth	LAB	3,011	2,113	1689	-424	-20.1%	-1,322	-43.9%
171	156	Tatton	IND	1,623	1,261	893	-368	-29.2%	-730	-45.0%
220	317	Taunton *	LD	3,131	2,687	1,954	-733	-27.3%	-1,177	-37.6%
325	325	Teignbridge	CON	3,211	2,621	2,011	-610	-23.3%	-1,200	-37.4%
525	429	Telford	LAB	2,581	2,080	1,723	-357	-17.2%	-858	-33.2%
88	151	Tewkesbury	CON	1,875	1,535	1,025	-510	-33.2%	-850	-45.3%
266	291	Thurrock	LAB	4,271	3,518	2,615	-903	-25.7%	-1,656	-38.8%
447	240	Tiverton & Honiton	CON	2,338	1,720	1383	-337	-19.6%	-955	-40.8%
121	121	Tonbridge & Malling	CON	2,093	1,618	1,108	-510	-31.5%	-985	-47.1%
272	231	Tooting	LAB	5,851	4,628	3,449	-1,179	-25.5%	-2,402	-41.1%
418	388	Torbay	LD	5,211	4,284	3,397	-887	-20.7%	-1,814	-34.8%
244	357	Torfaen	LAB	3,088	2,685	1,975	-710	-26.4%	-1,113	-36.0%
492	328	Torrige & West Devon	LD	3,550	2,719	2,225	-494	-18.2%	-1,325	-37.3%
388	301	Totnes	CON	3,308	2,610	2,047	-563	-21.6%	-1,261	-38.1%
589	581	Tottenham	LAB	10,583	9,235	7,882	-1,353	-14.7%	-2,701	-25.5%
301	424	Truro & St Austell	LD	4,187	3,674	2787	-887	-24.1%	-1,400	-33.4%
78	90	Tunbridge Wells	CON	2,204	1,689	1,115	-574	-34.0%	-1,089	-49.4%
531	463	Tweeddale, Ettrick & Lauderdale	LD	1,493	1,224	1016	-208	-17.0%	-477	-31.9%
48	104	Twickenham	LD	2,621	2,149	1,354	-795	-37.0%	-1,267	-48.3%
521	453	Tyne Bridge	LAB	7,002	5,727	4,740	-987	-17.2%	-2,262	-32.3%
603	426	Tynemouth	LAB	4,005	3,092	2,670	-422	-13.6%	-1,335	-33.3%
72	110	Upminster	LAB	2,245	1,783	1,168	-615	-34.5%	-1,077	-48.0%
515	407	Upper Bann	UU	3,758	3,001	2,479	-522	-17.4%	-1,279	-34.0%
153	123	Uxbridge	CON	2,362	1,801	1,259	-542	-30.1%	-1,103	-46.7%
84	221	Vale of Clwyd	LAB	2,885	2,550	1688	-862	-33.8%	-1,197	-41.5%
402	326	Vale of Glamorgan	LAB	3,847	3,059	2,410	-649	-21.2%	-1,437	-37.4%
179	115	Vale of York	CON	1721	1267	902	-365	-28.8%	-819	-47.6%
468	532	Vauxhall	LAB	9,687	8,545	6,913	-1,632	-19.1%	-2,774	-28.6%
476	519	Wakefield	LAB	3,681	3,212	2,606	-606	-18.9%	-1,075	-29.2%
364	511	Wallasey	LAB	5,052	4,576	3,555	-1,021	-22.3%	-1,497	-29.6%

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617	557	Walsall North	LAB	4,687	3,877	3,415	-462	-11.9%	-1,272	-27.1%
570	565	Walsall South	LAB	4,602	3,992	3,379	-613	-15.4%	-1,223	-26.6%
202	199	Walthamstow	LAB	6,266	4,999	3,609	-1,390	-27.8%	-2,657	-42.4%
493	482	Wansbeck	LAB	3,986	3,361	2,751	-610	-18.1%	-1,235	-31.0%
2	8	Wansdyke <*	LAB	2,288	1,670	877	-793	-47.5%	-1,411	-61.7%
107	67	Wantage	CON	1,627	1,154	780	-374	-32.4%	-847	-52.1%
471	462	Warley	LAB	4,360	3,667	2,967	-700	-19.1%	-1,393	-31.9%
347	299	Warrington North	LAB	3,062	2,446	1,889	-557	-22.8%	-1,173	-38.3%
273	203	Warrington South	LAB	2,537	1,962	1,463	-499	-25.4%	-1,074	-42.3%
481	238	Warwick & Leamington	LAB	2,775	2,018	1,640	-378	-18.7%	-1,135	-40.9%
145	95	Watford	LAB	2,882	2,117	1,468	-649	-30.7%	-1,414	-49.1%
535	566	Waveney	LAB	5,003	4,429	3,680	-749	-16.9%	-1,323	-26.4%
44	29	Wealden	CON	1,852	1,296	809	-487	-37.6%	-1,043	-56.3%
473	539	Weaver Vale	LAB	3,307	2,933	2,375	-558	-19.0%	-932	-28.2%
425	334	Wellingborough	LAB	2,712	2,144	1,705	-439	-20.5%	-1,007	-37.1%
57	148	Wells	CON	2,918	2,502	1,592	-910	-36.4%	-1,326	-45.4%
31	33	Welwyn Hatfield	LAB	1,981	1,439	878	-561	-39.0%	-1,103	-55.7%
626	576	Wentworth	LAB	4,159	3,474	3,087	-387	-11.1%	-1,072	-25.8%
12	227	West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	LD	1,386	1,455	816	-639	-43.9%	-570	-41.1%
327	392	West Bromwich East	LAB	4,290	3,647	2,800	-847	-23.2%	-1,490	-34.7%
378	427	West Bromwich West	SPKR	4,586	3,919	3,058	-861	-22.0%	-1,528	-33.3%
131	177	West Chelmsford	CON	2,623	2,133	1,467	-666	-31.2%	-1,156	-44.1%
209	194	West Derbyshire	CON	1,977	1,567	1,134	-433	-27.6%	-843	-42.6%
253	243	West Dorset	CON	1,934	1,554	1,147	-407	-26.2%	-787	-40.7%
226	332	West Ham	LAB	7,590	6,531	4,764	-1,767	-27.1%	-2,826	-37.2%
563	544	West Lancashire	LAB	3,612	3,086	2,605	-481	-15.6%	-1,007	-27.9%
526	575	West Renfrewshire	LAB	1,782	1,594	1,321	-273	-17.1%	-461	-25.9%
138	195	West Suffolk	CON	2,452	2,039	1,407	-632	-31.0%	-1,045	-42.6%
609	600	West Tyrone	UU	5,105	4,458	3,872	-586	-13.1%	-1,233	-24.2%
187	176	West Worcestershire	CON	1,886	1,470	1,053	-417	-28.4%	-833	-44.2%
194	145	Westbury	CON	2,839	2,153	1,548	-605	-28.1%	-1,291	-45.5%
657	659	Western Isles	LAB	1,519	1,399	1,384	-15	-1.1%	-135	-8.9%
115	185	Westmorland & Lonsdale	CON	1,697	1,411	961	-450	-31.9%	-736	-43.4%
24	93	Weston-Super-Mare	LD	3,439	2,915	1,749	-1,166	-40.0%	-1,690	-49.1%
158	404	Wigan	LAB	3,347	3,141	2,200	-941	-30.0%	-1,147	-34.3%
66	107	Wimbledon	LAB	2,740	2,201	1,418	-783	-35.6%	-1,322	-48.2%
75	54	Winchester	LD	1,918	1,371	902	-469	-34.2%	-1,016	-53.0%
83	85	Windsor	CON	1,812	1,376	910	-466	-33.9%	-902	-49.8%
341	476	Wirral South	LAB	2,471	2,196	1,694	-502	-22.9%	-777	-31.4%
246	395	Wirral West	LAB	2,808	2,494	1,836	-658	-26.4%	-972	-34.6%
15	26	Witney	CON	1,565	1,154	663	-491	-42.5%	-902	-57.6%
69	28	Woking	CON	1,544	1,005	656	-349	-34.7%	-888	-57.5%
39	2	Wokingham	CON	1,402	816	507	-309	-37.9%	-895	-63.8%
415	341	Wolverhampton North East	LAB	4,310	3,441	2,727	-714	-20.7%	-1,583	-36.7%
454	363	Wolverhampton South East	LAB	4,213	3,365	2,709	-656	-19.5%	-1,504	-35.7%
360	268	Wolverhampton South West	LAB	4,189	3,257	2,527	-730	-22.4%	-1,662	-39.7%
3	4	Woodspring	CON	1,974	1,357	725	-632	-46.6%	-1,249	-63.3%
174	190	Worcester	LAB	3,013	2,426	1,724	-702	-28.9%	-1,289	-42.8%
632	611	Workington	LAB	3,915	3,353	2,994	-359	-10.7%	-921	-23.5%
333	383	Worsley	LAB	2,683	2,266	1,745	-521	-23.0%	-938	-35.0%
74	63	Worthing West	CON	2,150	1,562	1,027	-535	-34.3%	-1,123	-52.2%
435	256	Wrekin, The	LAB	1,847	1,385	1,107	-278	-20.1%	-740	-40.1%
237	345	Wrexham	LAB	2,265	1,959	1,437	-522	-26.6%	-828	-36.6%
105	39	Wycombe	CON	2,855	1,929	1,302	-627	-32.5%	-1,553	-54.4%
222	171	Wyre Forest	LAB	2,981	2,276	1,656	-620	-27.2%	-1,325	-44.4%
189	217	Wythenshawe & Sale East	LAB	5,032	4,091	2,935	-1,156	-28.3%	-2,097	-41.7%
182	292	Yeovil *	LD	2,267	1,943	1,389	-554	-28.5%	-878	-38.7%
465	645	Ynys-Mon	PC	3,222	3,196	2,585	-611	-19.1%	-637	-19.8%
456	316	York, City of	LAB	4,576	3,538	2,853	-685	-19.4%	-1,723	-37.7%
		United Kingdom		2,310,483	1,907,756	1,479,263	-428,493	-22.5%	-831,220	-36.0%

IV Change in Unemployed Claimants Jan 1996 - 1998,
United Kingdom Constituencies
B. (not seasonally adjusted) - highest and lowest

Rank by 97/98
% change in UK
(largest fall first)

		Party	Unemployed Claimants			Change Jan 97 - 98		Change Jan 96 - 98		
97-98	96-98		Jan-96	Jan-97	Jan-98	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
1	15	Spelthorne	CON	2,087	1,628	845	-783	-48.1%	-1,242	-59.5%
2	8	Wansdyke <*	LAB	2,288	1,670	877	-793	-47.5%	-1,411	-61.7%
3	4	Woodspring	CON	1,974	1,357	725	-632	-46.6%	-1,249	-63.3%
4	1	Arundel & South Downs	CON	1,598	1,063	573	-490	-46.1%	-1,025	-64.1%
5	3	Newbury	LD	1,914	1,274	693	-581	-45.6%	-1,221	-63.8%
6	49	Bath *>	LD	3,820	3,258	1785	-1,473	-45.2%	-2,035	-53.3%
7	25	North Wiltshire	CON	2,189	1,680	923	-757	-45.1%	-1,266	-57.8%
8	17	Broxbourne	CON	2,893	2,142	1180	-962	-44.9%	-1,713	-59.2%
9	13	Fareham	CON	2,101	1,531	844	-687	-44.9%	-1,257	-59.8%
10	18	Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	1,877	1,387	767	-620	-44.7%	-1,110	-59.1%
11	5	Northavon	LD	2,387	1,611	892	-719	-44.6%	-1,495	-62.6%
12	227	West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	LD	1,386	1,455	816	-639	-43.9%	-570	-41.1%
13	12	Surrey Heath	CON	1,601	1,134	639	-495	-43.7%	-962	-60.1%
14	24	Epsom & Ewell	CON	1,898	1,416	799	-617	-43.6%	-1,099	-57.9%
15	26	Witney	CON	1,565	1,154	663	-491	-42.5%	-902	-57.6%
16	77	Ribble Valley	CON	1,392	1,184	682	-502	-42.4%	-710	-51.0%
17	16	Bognor Regis & Littlehampton	CON	2,925	2,053	1190	-863	-42.0%	-1,735	-59.3%
18	6	Mole Valley	CON	1,391	899	522	-377	-41.9%	-869	-62.5%
19	9	Henley	CON	1,545	1,004	595	-409	-40.7%	-950	-61.5%
20	45	East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	2,302	1,794	1,067	-727	-40.5%	-1,235	-53.6%
21	43	Billericay	CON	3,505	2,690	1604	-1,086	-40.4%	-1,901	-54.2%
22	248	Gordon	LD	1,519	1,517	906	-611	-40.3%	-613	-40.4%
23	10	East Surrey	CON	1,947	1,264	756	-508	-40.2%	-1,191	-61.2%
24	93	Weston-Super-Mare	LD	3,439	2,915	1,749	-1,166	-40.0%	-1,690	-49.1%
25	69	Somerton & Frome *	LD	2,500	2,003	1,204	-799	-39.9%	-1,296	-51.8%
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635	586	Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	6,253	5,216	4,669	-547	-10.5%	-1,584	-25.3%
636	513	Belfast West	SF	7,794	6,129	5,488	-641	-10.5%	-2,306	-29.6%
637	625	Knowsley South	LAB	5,678	4,940	4,436	-504	-10.2%	-1,242	-21.9%
638	599	Sedgefield	LAB	2,684	2,261	2,034	-227	-10.0%	-650	-24.2%
639	551	Leeds West	LAB	4,031	3,242	2,922	-320	-9.9%	-1,109	-27.5%
640	534	Keighley	LAB	2,773	2,195	1,981	-214	-9.7%	-792	-28.6%
641	615	Middlesbrough	LAB	7,536	6,386	5,777	-609	-9.5%	-1,759	-23.3%
642	646	Blaenau Gwent	LAB	3,036	2,696	2,442	-254	-9.4%	-594	-19.6%
643	595	Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	5,238	4,356	3,948	-408	-9.4%	-1,290	-24.6%
644	607	Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	3,194	2,678	2,438	-240	-9.0%	-756	-23.7%
645	647	Glasgow Govan	LAB	3,840	3,391	3,089	-302	-8.9%	-751	-19.6%
646	536	Jarrow	LAB	4,373	3,428	3,130	-298	-8.7%	-1,243	-28.4%
647	547	Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	5,683	4,497	4,110	-387	-8.6%	-1,573	-27.7%
648	507	Easington	LAB	3,200	2,436	2,246	-190	-7.8%	-954	-29.8%
649	569	Montgomeryshire	LD	1,048	834	772	-62	-7.4%	-276	-26.3%
650	598	South Shields	LAB	5,463	4,471	4,139	-332	-7.4%	-1,324	-24.2%
651	652	Coatbridge & Chryston	LAB	2,739	2,417	2,240	-177	-7.3%	-499	-18.2%
652	602	Bridgend	LAB	2,453	2,003	1,862	-141	-7.0%	-591	-24.1%
653	542	Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	5,518	4,226	3,974	-252	-6.0%	-1,544	-28.0%
654	651	Foyle	SDLP	7,280	6,174	5,883	-291	-4.7%	-1,397	-19.2%
655	579	Ogmore	LAB	2,412	1,850	1,793	-57	-3.1%	-619	-25.7%
656	657	Hartlepool	LAB	5,357	4,682	4,572	-110	-2.3%	-785	-14.7%
657	659	Western Isles	LAB	1,519	1,399	1,384	-15	-1.1%	-135	-8.9%
658	658	Stockton North	LAB	5,338	4,611	4,562	-49	-1.1%	-776	-14.5%
659	654	Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	1,591	1,302	1,313	11	0.8%	-278	-17.5%
United Kingdom				2,310,483	1,907,756	1,479,263	-428,493	-22.5%	-831,220	-36.0%