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Unemployment by Constituency: Welfare-to- Work Groups January 1998

An analysis of the full count of unemployed claimants by age and duration of unemployment is conducted four times per year. This paper summarises the data relating to the January 1998 count to show the number of unemployed claimants in each constituency in the target groups for the Government's New Deals for young unemployed and long-term unemployed people.

This paper replaces Research Paper No. 97/117. A paper providing a detailed commentary on these schemes – and also the New Deal for lone parents – is also available (Research Paper 97/118 *Welfare-to-Work: The New Deal*).

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I Introduction & Summary

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

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

II The Government's Welfare-to-Work Proposals

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

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

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

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

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

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

III Description of Data

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

The data contained in the following tables are taken from the monthly count of unemployed claimants. This measures the number of people claiming unemployment-related benefits – presently Jobseeker's Allowance or National Insurance credits. The tables will therefore overstate the number of people eligible to enter the New Deal schemes, as only those claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (but not those signing for National Insurance credits) will be eligible. Nationally, there are 144,000 unemployed claimants who do not receive Jobseeker's Allowance but who do sign for National Insurance credits – just under ten per cent of the total count.² Whilst statistics from the monthly count of unemployed claimants are available on a monthly basis, an analysis of the full count by age and duration is only made every third month, in January, April, July and October.

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

The other measure of unemployment in the United Kingdom is derived from the results of the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which uses the International Labour Organisation (ILO) definition of unemployment.³ Other categories of people can also be identified from the LFS, for example those who want to work and are available but have not looked in the previous four weeks. It would not be possible to use the LFS for selecting participants though; whilst it can quantify the numbers in certain labour market categories, it cannot identify the individual people. This is because the LFS is a survey where the results from the sample are weighted and grossed up so as to be representative of the country as a whole.

² Jobseeker's Allowance Summary Statistics: August 1997 Quarterly Statistical Enquiry (dated 13 November 1997)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table 1

Unemployed Claimants: January 1998
not seasonally adjusted

Government Office Region	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
		All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
South East	119,645	27,310	7,208	92,335	15,407
Eastern	93,979	22,822	6,359	71,157	12,626
London	235,279	50,008	19,276	185,271	43,534
South West	96,170	24,183	5,781	71,987	11,677
West Midlands	130,085	35,171	12,055	94,914	20,062
East Midlands	87,950	23,641	6,756	64,309	10,155
Yorkshire and the Humber	144,498	39,486	12,571	105,012	18,886
Merseyside	56,672	16,642	6,700	40,030	10,777
North West	122,548	35,001	9,190	87,547	12,991
North East	92,466	25,306	8,691	67,160	15,143
Wales	75,564	21,689	6,360	53,875	9,426
Scotland	149,152	38,807	11,289	110,345	17,154
Northern Ireland	59,683	15,173	6,181	44,510	18,426
United Kingdom	1,463,691	375,239	118,417	1,088,452	216,264

Source: ONS - NOMIS database

Table 2

Unemployed Claimants: January 1998
not seasonally adjusted

Government Office Region	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
		All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
South East	100.0%	22.8%	6.0%	77.2%	12.9%
Eastern	100.0%	24.3%	6.8%	75.7%	13.4%
London	100.0%	21.3%	8.2%	78.7%	18.5%
South West	100.0%	25.1%	6.0%	74.9%	12.1%
West Midlands	100.0%	27.0%	9.3%	73.0%	15.4%
East Midlands	100.0%	26.9%	7.7%	73.1%	11.5%
Yorkshire and the Humber	100.0%	27.3%	8.7%	72.7%	13.1%
Merseyside	100.0%	29.4%	11.8%	70.6%	19.0%
North West	100.0%	28.6%	7.5%	71.4%	10.6%
North East	100.0%	27.4%	9.4%	72.6%	16.4%
Wales	100.0%	28.7%	8.4%	71.3%	12.5%
Scotland	100.0%	26.0%	7.6%	74.0%	11.5%
Northern Ireland	100.0%	25.4%	10.4%	74.6%	30.9%
United Kingdom	100.0%	25.6%	8.1%	74.4%	14.8%

Source: ONS - NOMIS database

Table 3

Unemployed Claimants: January 1998
not seasonally adjusted

Constituency	Party	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
			All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
Aberavon	LAB	1,629	583	140	1,046	97
Aberdeen Central	LAB	1,550	421	84	1,129	161
Aberdeen North	LAB	941	262	40	679	78
Aberdeen South	LAB	1,056	262	44	794	114
Airdrie & Shotts	LAB	2,629	874	272	1,755	244
Aldershot	CON	1,045	239	54	806	74
Aldridge - Brownhills	CON	1,647	439	128	1,208	254
Altrincham & Sale West	CON	1,226	256	58	970	174
Alyn & Deeside	LAB	1,518	408	113	1,110	158
Amber Valley	LAB	1,779	498	133	1,281	183
Angus	SNP	2,248	639	184	1,609	280
Argyll & Bute	LD	2,207	517	110	1,690	293
Arundel & South Downs	CON	571	114	20	457	60
Ashfield	LAB	2,607	690	217	1,917	420
Ashford	CON	1,689	388	90	1,301	274
Ashton under Lyne	LAB	2,331	726	165	1,605	210
Aylesbury	CON	1,240	291	60	949	153
Ayr	LAB	2,256	579	161	1,677	244
Banbury	CON	1,089	279	50	810	62
Banff & Buchan	SNP	1,181	333	40	848	54
Barking *	LAB	2,072	585	188	1,487	231
Barnsley Central	LAB	2,676	803	232	1,873	301
Barnsley East & Mexborough	LAB	3,030	826	268	2,204	367
Barnsley West & Penistone	LAB	2,130	598	163	1,532	242
Barrow & Furness	LAB	2,634	755	285	1,879	341
Basildon	LAB	2,252	594	176	1,658	308
Basingstoke *	CON	1,113	221	59	892	155
Bassetlaw	LAB	2,490	662	201	1,828	386
Bath *>	LD	1,766	385	77	1,381	184
Batley & Spen	LAB	1,938	580	136	1,358	155
Battersea	LAB	3,100	567	189	2,533	539
Beaconsfield	CON	711	109	17	602	100
Beckenham	VAC	2,187	409	157	1,778	467
Bedford	LAB	2,139	580	212	1,559	287
Belfast East	DU	2,652	643	304	2,009	750
Belfast North	UU	3,903	1,002	441	2,901	1,161
Belfast South	UU	3,489	1,154	423	2,335	787
Belfast West	SF	5,485	1,559	690	3,926	1,877
Berwick-upon-Tweed	LD	2,051	528	95	1,523	276
Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	5,982	1,590	586	4,392	784
Beverley & Holderness	CON	2,040	538	129	1,502	118
Bexhill & Battle	CON	1,144	221	48	923	154
Bexleyheath & Crayford	LAB	1,532	384	117	1,148	248
Billericay	CON	1,588	389	117	1,199	228
Birkenhead	LAB	4,375	1,303	530	3,072	708
Birmingham, Edgbaston	LAB	3,127	801	335	2,326	641
Birmingham, Erdington	LAB	3,582	806	321	2,776	877
Birmingham, Hall Green	LAB	2,453	612	231	1,841	505
Birmingham, Hodge Hill	LAB	3,318	984	434	2,334	679
Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	7,543	2,348	1,115	5,195	1,592
Birmingham, Northfield	LAB	2,363	586	231	1,777	525
Birmingham, Perry Barr	LAB	3,644	1,076	436	2,568	764
Birmingham, Selly Oak	LAB	3,052	814	322	2,238	601
Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	6,398	2,062	933	4,336	1,307
Birmingham, Yardley	LAB	2,265	560	191	1,705	432
Bishop Auckland	LAB	2,427	758	231	1,669	362
Blaby	CON	834	206	40	628	75
Blackburn	LAB	2,580	820	146	1,760	205
Blackpool North & Fleetwood	LAB	2,577	658	103	1,919	155
Blackpool South	LAB	3,537	881	145	2,656	170
Blaenau Gwent	LAB	2,428	623	194	1,805	428
Blaydon	LAB	2,273	563	170	1,710	375

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Constituency	Party	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
			All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
Blyth Valley	LAB	2,398	724	195	1,674	347
Bognor Regis & Littlehampton	CON	1,180	274	26	906	81
Bolsover	LAB	2,233	628	187	1,605	319
Bolton North East	LAB	2,110	607	154	1,503	101
Bolton South East	LAB	2,158	665	154	1,493	89
Bolton West	LAB	1,103	298	40	805	48
Bootle	LAB	3,987	1,191	564	2,796	826
Boston & Skegness	CON	2,213	566	49	1,647	83
Bosworth	CON	937	237	37	700	69
Bournemouth East	CON	1,982	385	97	1,597	340
Bournemouth West	CON	2,298	490	125	1,808	425
Bracknell	CON	899	188	38	711	64
Bradford North	LAB	3,486	1,070	395	2,416	389
Bradford South	LAB	2,639	738	241	1,901	293
Bradford West	LAB	4,075	1,403	491	2,672	404
Braintree	LAB	1,673	462	103	1,211	191
Brecon & Radnorshire	LD	1,241	335	90	906	127
Brent East	LAB	4,377	848	351	3,529	883
Brent North	LAB	1,992	413	159	1,579	349
Brent South	LAB	4,879	1,079	480	3,800	952
Brentford & Isleworth	LAB	2,349	482	151	1,867	320
Brentwood & Ongar	CON	908	188	46	720	115
Bridgend	LAB	1,823	526	150	1,297	212
Bridgwater	CON	2,344	615	137	1,729	302
Brigg & Goole	LAB	2,125	508	133	1,617	304
Brighton, Kemptown	LAB	3,047	651	214	2,396	603
Brighton, Pavilion	LAB	3,898	822	271	3,076	688
Bristol East	LAB	3,043	790	238	2,253	234
Bristol North West	LAB	1,896	468	125	1,428	158
Bristol South	LAB	2,950	739	221	2,211	264
Bristol West	LAB	2,925	664	204	2,261	277
Bromley & Chislehurst	CON	1,502	268	85	1,234	272
Bromsgrove	CON	1,475	404	120	1,071	206
Broxbourne	CON	1,175	251	59	924	194
Broxtowe	LAB	1,585	438	109	1,147	129
Buckingham	CON	550	94	26	456	74
Burnley	LAB	1,398	405	57	993	63
Burton	LAB	2,208	583	142	1,625	244
Bury North	LAB	1,178	386	41	792	29
Bury South	LAB	1,448	402	80	1,046	128
Bury St Edmunds	CON	1,160	307	63	853	117
Caernarfon	PC	2,410	657	207	1,753	369
Caerphilly	LAB	2,532	799	226	1,733	348
Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	LD	2,272	468	131	1,804	391
Calder Valley	LAB	1,819	430	118	1,389	201
Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	4,971	1,143	474	3,828	947
Cambridge	LAB	1,952	434	118	1,518	254
Cannock Chase	LAB	2,092	606	161	1,486	252
Canterbury	CON	2,055	547	142	1,508	297
Cardiff Central	LAB	2,363	645	229	1,718	368
Cardiff North	LAB	1,077	267	71	810	112
Cardiff South & Penarth	LAB	2,908	763	266	2,145	508
Cardiff West	LAB	2,654	689	244	1,965	468
Carlisle	LAB	2,150	645	143	1,505	268
Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	LAB	1,342	362	94	980	183
Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	LAB	2,586	702	212	1,884	351
Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	LAB	2,868	786	234	2,082	367
Carshalton & Wallington	LD	1,560	333	99	1,227	250
Castle Point	LAB	1,468	353	90	1,115	246
Central Fife	LAB	2,761	738	220	2,023	353
Central Suffolk & North Ipswich	CON	1,287	304	70	983	182
Ceredigion	PC	1,559	430	107	1,129	153

Table 3

Unemployed Claimants: January 1998
not seasonally adjusted

Constituency	Party	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
			All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
Charnwood	CON	934	199	38	735	91
Chatham & Aylesford	LAB	1,921	470	147	1,451	129
Cheadle	CON	840	200	37	640	74
Cheltenham	LD	1,960	422	120	1,538	380
Chesham & Amersham	CON	579	116	20	463	74
Chester, City of	LAB	1,861	471	120	1,390	254
Chesterfield	LAB	2,843	836	249	2,007	400
Chichester	CON	1,145	225	29	920	136
Chingford & Woodford Green	CON	1,479	334	135	1,145	177
Chipping Barnet	CON	1,704	315	88	1,389	243
Chorley	LAB	1,519	419	71	1,100	81
Christchurch	CON	909	169	35	740	95
Cities of London & Westminster	CON	3,097	503	184	2,594	408
Cleethorpes	LAB	2,908	812	239	2,096	309
Clwyd South *>	LAB	1,379	393	95	986	127
Clwyd West <*	LAB	1,424	382	107	1,042	218
Clydebank & Milngavie	LAB	2,274	589	219	1,685	352
Clydesdale	LAB	2,100	624	192	1,476	205
Coatbridge & Chryston	LAB	2,216	631	159	1,585	202
Colchester	LD	1,720	512	107	1,208	144
Colne Valley	LAB	1,862	494	150	1,368	113
Congleton	CON	1,028	274	64	754	86
Conwy	LAB	2,381	682	205	1,699	327
Copeland	LAB	2,763	762	285	2,001	529
Corby	LAB	1,621	436	93	1,185	175
Cotswold	CON	693	149	25	544	71
Coventry North East	LAB	3,520	1,017	399	2,503	580
Coventry North West	LAB	2,409	622	217	1,787	383
Coventry South	LAB	2,632	694	249	1,938	427
Crawley	LAB	1,234	260	73	974	151
Crewe & Nantwich	LAB	1,752	501	116	1,251	145
Crosby	LAB	1,880	451	129	1,429	323
Croydon Central	LAB	3,120	653	254	2,467	690
Croydon North	LAB	4,406	914	383	3,492	1,039
Croydon South	CON	1,335	277	74	1,058	210
Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	LAB	1,737	543	121	1,194	114
Cunninghame North	LAB	2,300	599	138	1,701	192
Cunninghame South	LAB	2,670	696	186	1,974	288
Cynon Valley	LAB	1,929	650	190	1,279	203
Dagenham	LAB	1,866	477	164	1,389	233
Darlington	LAB	3,152	832	269	2,320	495
Dartford	LAB	2,007	479	162	1,528	316
Daventry	CON	1,103	261	32	842	99
Delyn	LAB	1,247	348	84	899	140
Denton & Reddish	LAB	1,851	517	117	1,334	205
Derby North	LAB	2,453	630	214	1,823	280
Derby South	LAB	3,941	1,192	411	2,749	450
Devizes	CON	1,089	248	37	841	98
Dewsbury	LAB	1,758	553	105	1,205	92
Don Valley	LAB	2,529	676	240	1,853	363
Doncaster Central	LAB	3,852	1,030	359	2,822	698
Doncaster North	LAB	3,051	831	259	2,220	486
Dover	LAB	2,794	713	232	2,081	476
Dudley North	LAB	2,562	630	217	1,932	400
Dudley South	LAB	1,916	439	157	1,477	256
Dulwich & West Norwood	LAB	4,283	879	339	3,404	848
Dumbarton	LAB	2,848	772	235	2,076	386
Dumfries	LAB	2,306	622	139	1,684	255
Dundee East	LAB	3,268	855	350	2,413	361
Dundee West	LAB	2,749	785	331	1,964	269
Dunfermline East	LAB	2,096	552	153	1,544	184
Dunfermline West	LAB	1,816	473	135	1,343	116

Table 3

Unemployed Claimants: January 1998
not seasonally adjusted

Constituency	Party	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
			All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
Durham, City of	LAB	2,132	652	192	1,480	222
Ealing North *	LAB	2,579	509	175	2,070	475
Ealing Southall	LAB	3,350	772	260	2,578	503
Ealing, Acton & Shepherd's Bush	LAB	4,623	844	333	3,779	1,068
Easington	LAB	2,212	702	229	1,510	251
East Antrim	UU	2,601	591	195	2,010	640
East Devon	CON	1,288	345	62	943	127
East Ham	LAB	4,555	1,266	484	3,289	420
East Hampshire	CON	1,165	243	63	922	128
East Kilbride	LAB	1,944	394	85	1,550	244
East Londonderry	UU	3,488	830	339	2,658	1,086
East Lothian	LAB	1,442	324	62	1,118	96
East Surrey	CON	748	147	36	601	73
East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	1,055	227	49	828	137
East Yorkshire	CON	2,294	574	148	1,720	306
Eastbourne	CON	1,859	420	90	1,439	210
Eastleigh	LD	990	231	48	759	115
Eastwood	LAB	1,382	332	88	1,050	144
Eccles	LAB	2,082	619	165	1,463	228
Eddisbury	CON	1,196	332	58	864	97
Edinburgh Central	LAB	2,105	462	123	1,643	222
Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	LAB	1,777	432	141	1,345	118
Edinburgh North & Leith	LAB	2,644	559	164	2,085	268
Edinburgh Pentlands	LAB	1,561	455	137	1,106	87
Edinburgh South	LAB	1,672	435	124	1,237	112
Edinburgh West	LD	1,286	261	67	1,025	124
Edmonton	LAB	3,215	716	284	2,499	777
Ellesmere Port & Neston	LAB	1,870	489	118	1,381	166
Elmet	LAB	1,487	385	97	1,102	183
Eltham	LAB	2,341	582	237	1,759	531
Enfield North	LAB	2,419	494	185	1,925	528
Enfield, Southgate	LAB	2,153	455	169	1,698	358
Epping Forest	CON	1,496	286	81	1,210	193
Epsom & Ewell	CON	797	166	35	631	85
Erewash	LAB	2,126	544	131	1,582	148
Erith & Thamesmead	LAB	3,865	956	412	2,909	792
Esher & Walton	CON	802	137	26	665	109
Exeter	LAB	2,670	722	185	1,948	391
Falkirk East	LAB	2,096	566	151	1,530	200
Falkirk West	LAB	2,281	619	198	1,662	247
Falmouth & Camborne	LAB	3,204	853	257	2,351	378
Fareham	CON	839	166	32	673	90
Faversham & Mid Kent	CON	1,516	386	102	1,130	153
Feltham & Heston	LAB	2,125	528	153	1,597	241
Fermanagh & South Tyrone	UU	3,530	697	298	2,833	1,373
Finchley & Golders Green	LAB	2,347	384	138	1,963	394
Folkestone & Hythe	CON	2,983	654	204	2,329	539
Forest of Dean	LAB	1,324	322	67	1,002	172
Foyle	SDLP	5,881	1,575	726	4,306	2,013
Fylde	CON	926	239	38	687	35
Gainsborough	CON	1,690	452	121	1,238	191
Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	SNP	1,994	462	128	1,532	308
Gateshead East & Washington West	LAB	2,343	683	203	1,660	289
Gedling	LAB	1,787	419	112	1,368	193
Gillingham	LAB	1,917	491	130	1,426	146
Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	2,393	596	235	1,797	345
Glasgow Baillieston	LAB	2,866	885	355	1,981	440
Glasgow Cathcart	LAB	1,957	513	173	1,444	262
Glasgow Govan	LAB	3,010	776	303	2,234	421
Glasgow Kelvin	LAB	2,891	658	221	2,233	394
Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	3,725	962	385	2,763	670
Glasgow Pollok	LAB	2,767	744	306	2,023	437

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Glasgow Rutherglen	LAB	1,958	497	164	1,461	277
Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	2,857	670	258	2,187	484
Glasgow Springburn	LAB	3,344	871	373	2,473	641
Gloucester	LAB	2,506	636	201	1,870	465
Gordon	LD	899	247	54	652	106
Gosport	CON	1,652	481	134	1,171	178
Gower	LAB	1,423	420	86	1,003	87
Grantham & Stamford	CON	1,449	374	78	1,075	130
Gravesham	LAB	2,499	621	206	1,878	259
Great Grimsby	LAB	4,288	1,168	376	3,120	599
Great Yarmouth	LAB	4,082	1,148	344	2,934	586
Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	1,733	493	90	1,240	107
Greenwich & Woolwich	LAB	4,418	1,148	490	3,270	957
Guildford	CON	845	160	27	685	96
Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	6,757	1,551	657	5,206	1,264
Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	6,722	1,565	711	5,157	1,272
Halesowen & Rowley Regis	LAB	1,881	437	129	1,444	202
Halifax	LAB	2,862	788	271	2,074	406
Haltemprice & Howden	CON	1,286	354	76	932	75
Halton	LAB	2,892	934	284	1,958	364
Hamilton North & Bellshill	LAB	2,506	724	200	1,782	253
Hamilton South	LAB	1,844	503	138	1,341	206
Hammersmith & Fulham	LAB	4,070	621	228	3,449	952
Hampstead & Highgate	LAB	3,726	626	254	3,100	812
Harborough	CON	972	250	54	722	78
Harlow	LAB	1,777	386	120	1,391	258
Harrogate & Knaresborough	LD	1,091	227	35	864	80
Harrow East	LAB	2,141	415	141	1,726	356
Harrow West	LAB	1,622	334	105	1,288	247
Hartlepool	LAB	4,548	1,287	452	3,261	777
Harwich	LAB	2,513	671	169	1,842	339
Hastings & Rye	LAB	3,236	829	274	2,407	516
Havant	CON	1,991	540	148	1,451	179
Hayes & Harlington	LAB	1,720	390	120	1,330	241
Hazel Grove	LD	1,121	297	61	824	104
Hemel Hempstead	LAB	1,151	234	61	917	110
Hemsworth	LAB	2,254	652	156	1,602	264
Hendon	LAB	2,720	536	200	2,184	464
Henley	CON	594	108	30	486	76
Hereford *>	LD	1,833	466	83	1,367	124
Hertford & Stortford	CON	840	174	30	666	98
Hertsmere	CON	1,066	189	42	877	130
Hexham	CON	1,167	274	64	893	134
Heywood & Middleton	LAB	2,638	787	198	1,851	317
High Peak	LAB	1,472	377	74	1,095	168
Hitchin & Harpenden	CON	926	209	48	717	115
Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	4,841	927	360	3,914	976
Hornchurch	LAB	1,178	277	82	901	133
Hornsey & Wood Green	LAB	4,698	900	328	3,798	890
Horsham	CON	658	115	14	543	61
Houghton & Washington East	LAB	2,630	865	274	1,765	350
Hove	LAB	2,631	465	141	2,166	426
Huddersfield	LAB	3,112	936	345	2,176	243
Huntingdon	CON	1,293	314	61	979	98
Hyndburn	LAB	1,493	500	90	993	70
Ilford North	LAB	1,760	398	137	1,362	209
Ilford South *	LAB	3,405	872	333	2,533	316
Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	LAB	2,680	604	107	2,076	230
Ipswich	LAB	2,507	693	235	1,814	400
Isle of Wight	LD	4,969	1,250	333	3,719	822
Islington North	LAB	5,804	1,181	533	4,623	1,490
Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	4,630	891	358	3,739	1,176

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Islwyn	LAB	1,262	428	92	834	87
Jarrow	LAB	3,082	750	250	2,332	273
Keighley	LAB	1,941	561	153	1,380	188
Kensington & Chelsea	CON	2,478	330	126	2,148	551
Kettering	LAB	1,337	345	94	992	207
Kilmarnock & Loudoun	LAB	2,820	696	199	2,124	519
Kingston & Surbiton	LD	1,637	311	100	1,326	215
Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	3,891	1,144	395	2,747	225
Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	4,573	1,460	519	3,113	256
Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	4,040	1,175	362	2,865	251
Kingswood	LAB	1,484	380	89	1,104	116
Kirkcaldy	LAB	2,804	667	217	2,137	490
Knowsley North & Sefton East	LAB	3,642	1,170	465	2,472	655
Knowsley South	LAB	4,415	1,344	598	3,071	857
Lagan Valley	UU	2,004	470	154	1,534	507
Lancaster & Wyre	LAB	1,672	451	105	1,221	150
Leeds Central	LAB	5,085	1,275	451	3,810	1,031
Leeds East	LAB	3,618	977	366	2,641	664
Leeds North East	LAB	2,343	585	219	1,758	484
Leeds North West	LAB	1,725	479	159	1,246	252
Leeds West	LAB	2,875	770	247	2,105	443
Leicester East	LAB	2,178	591	193	1,587	234
Leicester South	LAB	3,116	886	282	2,230	383
Leicester West	LAB	2,854	820	271	2,034	386
Leigh	LAB	1,891	549	117	1,342	148
Leominster <*	CON	1,236	284	54	952	111
Lewes	LD	1,158	222	60	936	146
Lewisham East	LAB	2,888	560	205	2,328	759
Lewisham West	LAB	3,658	775	326	2,883	904
Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	4,891	1,032	463	3,859	1,115
Leyton & Wanstead	LAB	3,293	774	288	2,519	415
Lichfield	CON	1,187	329	87	858	108
Lincoln	LAB	3,188	910	272	2,278	539
Linlithgow	LAB	1,675	520	96	1,155	94
Liverpool, Garston	LAB	3,298	982	400	2,316	703
Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	6,239	1,834	891	4,405	1,498
Liverpool, Walton	LAB	4,937	1,474	633	3,463	1,070
Liverpool, Wavertree	LAB	4,541	1,281	560	3,260	1,017
Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	4,869	1,427	618	3,442	1,167
Livingston	LAB	1,764	554	85	1,210	62
Llanelli	LAB	2,054	641	230	1,413	291
Loughborough	LAB	1,528	397	99	1,131	154
Louth & Horncastle	CON	2,018	500	97	1,518	175
Ludlow	CON	1,042	228	42	814	121
Luton North	LAB	2,100	477	170	1,623	370
Luton South	LAB	2,784	655	221	2,129	537
Macclesfield	CON	1,128	266	58	862	84
Maidenhead	CON	816	149	34	667	134
Maidstone & The Weald	CON	1,406	317	84	1,089	100
Makerfield	LAB	1,876	592	109	1,284	121
Maldon & East Chelmsford	CON	1,225	278	101	947	225
Manchester, Blackley	LAB	3,344	948	324	2,396	511
Manchester, Central	LAB	5,580	1,536	645	4,044	988
Manchester, Gorton	LAB	4,249	1,330	570	2,919	646
Manchester, Withington	LAB	3,350	874	315	2,476	549
Mansfield	LAB	2,599	731	212	1,868	258
Medway	LAB	2,321	550	183	1,771	158
Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	PC	1,478	373	103	1,105	187
Meriden	CON	2,452	629	228	1,823	499
Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	LAB	2,273	747	223	1,526	189
Mid Bedfordshire	CON	782	147	34	635	86
Mid Dorset & North Poole	CON	1,050	224	52	826	143

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Mid Norfolk	CON	1,529	370	87	1,159	162
Mid Sussex	CON	677	141	27	536	73
Mid Ulster	SF	2,927	700	295	2,227	1,039
Mid Worcestershire	CON	1,109	263	37	846	94
Middlesbrough	LAB	5,693	1,622	672	4,071	1,028
Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland	LAB	3,479	961	353	2,518	587
Midlothian	LAB	1,354	385	75	969	83
Milton Keynes South West	LAB	1,613	436	94	1,177	152
Mitcham & Morden	LAB	2,491	543	211	1,948	476
Mole Valley	CON	515	87	16	428	57
Monmouth	LAB	1,392	339	96	1,053	183
Montgomeryshire	LD	765	220	43	545	40
Moray	SNP	1,953	489	82	1,464	162
Morecambe & Lunesdale	LAB	2,558	687	203	1,871	337
Morley & Rothwell	LAB	1,840	440	118	1,400	288
Motherwell & Wishaw	LAB	2,141	685	212	1,456	202
Neath	LAB	1,766	531	161	1,235	111
New Forest East	CON	1,094	235	35	859	103
New Forest West	CON	996	212	36	784	118
Newark	LAB	2,001	539	127	1,462	221
Newbury	LD	690	145	24	545	47
Newcastle upon Tyne Central	LAB	3,339	867	363	2,472	697
Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	3,930	999	369	2,931	776
Newcastle upon Tyne North	LAB	2,673	719	243	1,954	485
Newcastle-under-Lyme	LAB	1,385	426	91	959	78
Newport East	LAB	1,945	546	147	1,399	309
Newport West	LAB	2,350	612	185	1,738	364
Newry & Armagh	SDLP	4,321	1,044	473	3,277	1,577
Normanton	LAB	1,723	424	101	1,299	216
North Antrim	DU	3,106	708	251	2,398	939
North Cornwall	LD	3,557	1,027	150	2,530	277
North Devon	LD	2,118	547	109	1,571	232
North Dorset	CON	755	176	15	579	72
North Down	UKU	2,127	532	184	1,595	482
North Durham	LAB	2,519	686	196	1,833	348
North East Bedfordshire	CON	899	205	39	694	72
North East Cambridgeshire	CON	1,959	500	121	1,459	219
North East Derbyshire	LAB	2,104	608	188	1,496	306
North East Fife	LD	1,342	327	88	1,015	147
North East Hampshire	CON	668	117	25	551	57
North East Hertfordshire	CON	914	203	31	711	90
North East Milton Keynes	LAB	1,276	337	87	939	127
North Essex	CON	1,001	252	57	749	93
North Norfolk	CON	1,939	441	75	1,498	203
North Shropshire	CON	1,426	361	90	1,065	133
North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	5,118	1,079	416	4,039	992
North Swindon	LAB	1,078	252	46	826	126
North Tayside	SNP	1,658	400	96	1,258	170
North Thanet	CON	3,085	755	239	2,330	544
North Tyneside	LAB	3,272	810	295	2,462	540
North Warwickshire	LAB	1,543	386	113	1,157	182
North West Cambridgeshire	CON	1,350	356	105	994	84
North West Durham	LAB	2,397	654	187	1,743	349
North West Hampshire *	CON	739	181	30	558	67
North West Leicestershire	LAB	1,347	344	81	1,003	184
North West Norfolk	LAB	2,181	589	156	1,592	250
North Wiltshire	CON	914	215	28	699	92
Northampton North	LAB	2,154	548	201	1,606	318
Northampton South	LAB	1,926	472	135	1,454	299
Northavon	LD	883	208	38	675	65
Norwich North	LAB	2,263	588	196	1,675	253
Norwich South	LAB	3,271	857	272	2,414	402

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Nottingham East	LAB	4,635	1,325	524	3,310	526
Nottingham North	LAB	3,477	976	388	2,501	402
Nottingham South	LAB	3,185	885	326	2,300	399
Nuneaton	LAB	1,695	493	129	1,202	210
Ochil	LAB	2,193	627	245	1,566	264
Ogmore	LAB	1,758	536	129	1,222	193
Old Bexley & Sidcup	CON	1,290	262	72	1,028	199
Oldham East & Saddleworth	LAB	1,963	576	133	1,387	224
Oldham West & Royton	LAB	2,431	787	166	1,644	224
Orkney & Shetland	LD	795	155	20	640	87
Orpington	CON	1,440	320	81	1,120	185
Oxford East	LAB	2,037	543	167	1,494	289
Oxford West & Abingdon	LD	855	191	38	664	96
Paisley North	LAB	2,248	596	189	1,652	287
Paisley South	LAB	2,527	663	197	1,864	381
Pendle	LAB	1,457	494	72	963	54
Penrith & The Border	CON	1,101	293	58	808	115
Perth	SNP	1,808	407	123	1,401	155
Peterborough	LAB	2,456	690	188	1,766	185
Plymouth, Devonport	LAB	3,252	985	311	2,267	471
Plymouth, Sutton	LAB	4,595	1,310	474	3,285	739
Pontefract & Castleford	LAB	2,424	682	147	1,742	225
Pontypridd	LAB	1,939	607	169	1,332	226
Poole	CON	1,449	268	53	1,181	196
Poplar & Canning Town	LAB	5,332	1,439	540	3,893	586
Portsmouth North	LAB	1,789	485	161	1,304	204
Portsmouth South	LD	3,345	815	257	2,530	453
Preseli Pembrokeshire	LAB	2,497	675	229	1,822	352
Preston	LAB	3,045	907	205	2,138	198
Pudsey	LAB	1,125	264	45	861	109
Putney	LAB	2,051	350	112	1,701	466
Rayleigh	CON	1,160	294	64	866	154
Reading East	LAB	1,358	307	70	1,051	147
Reading West	LAB	1,193	265	57	928	120
Redcar	LAB	3,956	1,145	416	2,811	641
Redditch	LAB	1,860	481	154	1,379	346
Regent's Park & Kensington North	LAB	5,171	973	420	4,198	1,141
Reigate	CON	694	144	29	550	54
Rhondda	LAB	2,110	670	237	1,440	261
Ribble Valley	CON	675	184	26	491	32
Richmond	CON	1,297	336	72	961	111
Richmond Park	LD	1,566	199	55	1,367	288
Rochdale	LAB	2,929	944	299	1,985	262
Rochford & Southend East	CON	3,793	844	344	2,949	846
Romford	LAB	1,166	305	74	861	101
Romsey	CON	812	211	40	601	96
Ross, Skye & Inverness West	LD	2,840	601	110	2,239	324
Rossendale & Darwen	LAB	1,234	377	47	857	48
Rother Valley	LAB	2,669	715	246	1,954	374
Rotherham	LAB	3,430	943	407	2,487	625
Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	1,284	369	67	915	76
Rugby & Kenilworth	LAB	1,531	387	116	1,144	177
Ruislip - Northwood	CON	994	195	65	799	162
Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	764	128	30	636	99
Rushcliffe	CON	1,429	329	98	1,100	159
Rutland & Melton	CON	853	222	27	631	51
Ryedale	CON	1,153	249	48	904	142
Saffron Walden	CON	1,010	209	46	801	119
Salford	LAB	2,498	742	219	1,756	306
Salisbury	CON	1,232	292	63	940	110
Scarborough & Whitby	LAB	3,114	751	167	2,363	396
Scunthorpe	LAB	2,480	702	196	1,778	338

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Sedgefield	LAB	2,005	617	164	1,388	192
Selby	LAB	1,758	443	137	1,315	210
Sevenoaks	CON	1,068	236	66	832	149
Sheffield, Attercliffe	LAB	2,639	660	229	1,979	492
Sheffield, Brightside	LAB	3,812	979	450	2,833	812
Sheffield, Central	LAB	5,332	1,463	628	3,869	1,131
Sheffield, Hallam	LD	1,317	387	132	930	183
Sheffield, Heeley	LAB	3,278	891	376	2,387	619
Sheffield, Hillsborough	LAB	2,430	594	202	1,836	416
Sherwood	LAB	2,141	582	166	1,559	217
Shipley	LAB	1,615	431	113	1,184	141
Shrewsbury & Atcham	LAB	1,328	347	96	981	129
Sittingbourne & Sheppey	LAB	2,497	679	175	1,818	391
Skipton & Ripon	CON	1,010	261	35	749	70
Sleaford & North Hykeham	CON	1,290	339	67	951	138
Slough	LAB	2,256	521	148	1,735	291
Solihull	CON	1,197	237	69	960	154
Somerton & Frome *	LD	1,201	275	60	926	171
South Antrim	UU	2,200	610	175	1,590	530
South Cambridgeshire	CON	849	175	29	674	101
South Derbyshire	LAB	1,744	463	151	1,281	224
South Dorset	CON	1,875	513	112	1,362	203
South Down	SDLP	3,364	908	347	2,456	929
South East Cambridgeshire	CON	1,029	216	56	813	126
South East Cornwall	LD	2,153	614	120	1,539	230
South Holland & The Deepings	CON	967	230	34	737	70
South Norfolk	CON	1,479	328	83	1,151	207
South Ribble	LAB	1,169	340	56	829	72
South Shields	LAB	4,086	1,022	407	3,064	452
South Staffordshire	CON	1,456	319	89	1,137	209
South Suffolk	CON	1,266	277	69	989	164
South Swindon	LAB	1,617	442	104	1,175	187
South Thanet	LAB	2,564	586	196	1,978	466
South West Bedfordshire	CON	1,224	311	65	913	104
South West Devon	CON	1,366	406	96	960	137
South West Hertfordshire	CON	897	195	58	702	115
South West Norfolk	CON	1,741	411	92	1,330	185
South West Surrey	CON	669	128	24	541	67
Southampton, Itchen	LAB	2,908	689	205	2,219	433
Southampton, Test	LAB	2,921	723	222	2,198	458
Southend West	CON	2,224	483	184	1,741	453
Southport	LD	2,258	559	152	1,699	319
Spelthorne	CON	842	170	32	672	121
St Albans	LAB	833	181	38	652	51
St Helens North	LAB	2,324	734	188	1,590	222
St Helens South	LAB	2,876	914	282	1,962	311
St Ives	LD	3,733	956	212	2,777	429
Stafford	LAB	1,410	418	103	992	153
Staffordshire Moorlands	LAB	1,315	335	75	980	103
Stalybridge & Hyde	LAB	2,012	569	149	1,443	245
Stevenage	LAB	1,643	392	91	1,251	152
Stirling	LAB	1,681	449	143	1,232	131
Stockport	LAB	2,007	472	147	1,535	271
Stockton North	LAB	4,461	1,114	405	3,347	885
Stockton South	LAB	3,110	815	249	2,295	515
Stoke-on-Trent Central	LAB	2,438	776	210	1,662	185
Stoke-on-Trent North	LAB	1,581	442	106	1,139	97
Stoke-on-Trent South	LAB	1,973	678	170	1,295	121
Stone	CON	985	261	45	724	54
Stourbridge	LAB	1,716	404	109	1,312	214
Strangford	UU	2,262	575	199	1,687	549
Stratford-on-Avon	CON	1,131	209	57	922	157

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Strathkelvin & Bearsden	LAB	1,807	486	141	1,321	164
Streatham	LAB	5,547	1,025	390	4,522	1,082
Stretford & Urmston	LAB	2,306	598	184	1,708	280
Stroud	LAB	1,395	322	77	1,073	168
Suffolk Coastal	CON	1,781	441	103	1,340	201
Sunderland North	LAB	3,164	863	320	2,301	590
Sunderland South	LAB	3,910	1,070	435	2,840	815
Surrey Heath	CON	638	130	26	508	38
Sutton & Cheam	LD	1,047	172	52	875	160
Sutton Coldfield	CON	1,307	251	81	1,056	245
Swansea East	LAB	2,064	640	196	1,424	118
Swansea West	LAB	2,078	554	174	1,524	153
Tamworth	LAB	1,675	484	114	1,191	169
Tatton	IND	890	159	28	731	78
Taunton *	LD	1,931	514	130	1,417	290
Teignbridge	CON	1,995	501	112	1,494	272
Telford	LAB	1,704	545	113	1,159	124
Tewkesbury	CON	1,019	204	51	815	133
Thurrock	LAB	2,581	680	216	1,901	451
Tiverton & Honiton	CON	1,370	343	63	1,027	161
Tonbridge & Malling	CON	1,104	225	47	879	101
Tooting	LAB	3,437	678	276	2,759	739
Torbay	LD	3,358	882	179	2,476	415
Torfaen	LAB	1,952	595	145	1,357	187
Torrige & West Devon	LD	2,209	523	121	1,686	340
Totnes	CON	2,033	468	80	1,565	255
Tottenham	LAB	7,845	1,659	779	6,186	1,837
Truro & St Austell	LD	2,768	703	175	2,065	321
Tunbridge Wells	CON	1,112	216	49	896	93
Tweeddale, Ettrick & Lauderdale	LD	994	271	39	723	54
Twickenham	LD	1,350	216	60	1,134	223
Tyne Bridge	LAB	4,683	1,261	493	3,422	1,092
Tynemouth	LAB	2,649	644	191	2,005	440
Upminster	LAB	1,164	266	79	898	127
Upper Bann	UU	2,474	573	174	1,901	729
Uxbridge	CON	1,240	287	93	953	184
Vale of Clwyd	LAB	1,660	549	132	1,111	220
Vale of Glamorgan	LAB	2,392	662	199	1,730	241
Vale of York	CON	900	193	34	707	78
Vauxhall	LAB	6,869	1,312	574	5,557	1,538
Wakefield	LAB	2,556	690	202	1,866	291
Wallasey	LAB	3,525	1,015	380	2,510	601
Walsall North	LAB	3,381	915	398	2,466	698
Walsall South	LAB	3,340	937	391	2,403	567
Walthamstow	LAB	3,582	820	314	2,762	423
Wansbeck	LAB	2,725	819	309	1,906	560
Wansdyke <*	LAB	872	225	38	647	68
Wantage	CON	777	151	28	626	72
Warley	LAB	2,935	781	318	2,154	622
Warrington North	LAB	1,875	539	125	1,336	174
Warrington South	LAB	1,447	364	80	1,083	119
Warwick & Leamington	LAB	1,627	353	106	1,274	211
Watford	LAB	1,456	294	81	1,162	234
Waveney	LAB	3,660	952	330	2,708	611
Wealden	CON	804	146	28	658	87
Weaver Vale	LAB	2,342	814	260	1,528	281
Wellingborough	LAB	1,682	447	100	1,235	155
Wells	CON	1,580	384	79	1,196	196
Welwyn Hatfield	LAB	868	198	36	670	74
Wentworth	LAB	3,070	817	283	2,253	506
West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	LD	811	192	40	619	74
West Bromwich East	LAB	2,788	764	301	2,024	400

Table 3

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Constituency	Party	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
			All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
West Bromwich West	SPKR	3,053	804	303	2,249	364
West Chelmsford	CON	1,459	319	100	1,140	264
West Derbyshire	CON	1,128	257	43	871	83
West Dorset	CON	1,136	279	41	857	112
West Ham	LAB	4,746	1,273	504	3,473	499
West Lancashire	LAB	2,594	808	259	1,786	330
West Renfrewshire	LAB	1,314	375	66	939	96
West Suffolk	CON	1,400	336	69	1,064	190
West Tyrone	UU	3,869	1,002	513	2,867	1,458
West Worcestershire	CON	1,042	262	58	780	118
Westbury	CON	1,525	386	86	1,139	221
Western Isles	LAB	1,376	229	51	1,147	186
Westmorland & Lonsdale	CON	957	221	25	736	54
Weston-Super-Mare	LD	1,720	455	107	1,265	120
Wigan	LAB	2,178	642	157	1,536	215
Wimbledon	LAB	1,411	262	77	1,149	235
Winchester	VAC	891	204	35	687	100
Windsor	CON	906	152	26	754	109
Wirral South	LAB	1,679	463	149	1,216	257
Wirral West	LAB	1,827	500	161	1,327	243
Witney	CON	660	140	35	520	50
Woking	CON	652	108	19	544	53
Wokingham	CON	506	93	19	413	36
Wolverhampton North East	LAB	2,694	771	280	1,923	417
Wolverhampton South East	LAB	2,673	788	263	1,885	368
Wolverhampton South West	LAB	2,499	676	230	1,823	392
Woodspring	CON	720	149	18	571	55
Worcester	LAB	1,704	416	108	1,288	209
Workington	LAB	2,973	763	248	2,210	562
Worsley	LAB	1,719	513	137	1,206	84
Worthing West	CON	1,013	189	31	824	150
Wrekin, The	LAB	1,097	324	63	773	70
Wrexham	LAB	1,415	418	113	997	171
Wycombe	CON	1,299	313	74	986	182
Wyre Forest	LAB	1,650	421	107	1,229	202
Wythenshawe & Sale East	LAB	2,836	817	271	2,019	493
Yeovil *	LD	1,380	353	79	1,027	193
Ynys-Mon	PC	2,561	682	247	1,879	559
York, City of	LAB	2,843	771	170	2,072	328
United Kingdom		1,463,691	375,239	118,417	1,088,452	216,264

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

Source: ONS - NOMIS database

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Constituency	Party	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
			All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
Aberavon	LAB	100.0%	35.8%	8.6%	64.2%	6.0%
Aberdeen Central	LAB	100.0%	27.2%	5.4%	72.8%	10.4%
Aberdeen North	LAB	100.0%	27.8%	4.3%	72.2%	8.3%
Aberdeen South	LAB	100.0%	24.8%	4.2%	75.2%	10.8%
Airdrie & Shotts	LAB	100.0%	33.2%	10.3%	66.8%	9.3%
Aldershot	CON	100.0%	22.9%	5.2%	77.1%	7.1%
Aldridge - Brownhills	CON	100.0%	26.7%	7.8%	73.3%	15.4%
Altrincham & Sale West	CON	100.0%	20.9%	4.7%	79.1%	14.2%
Alyn & Deeside	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	7.4%	73.1%	10.4%
Amber Valley	LAB	100.0%	28.0%	7.5%	72.0%	10.3%
Angus	SNP	100.0%	28.4%	8.2%	71.6%	12.5%
Argyll & Bute	LD	100.0%	23.4%	5.0%	76.6%	13.3%
Arundel & South Downs	CON	100.0%	20.0%	3.5%	80.0%	10.5%
Ashfield	LAB	100.0%	26.5%	8.3%	73.5%	16.1%
Ashford	CON	100.0%	23.0%	5.3%	77.0%	16.2%
Ashton under Lyne	LAB	100.0%	31.1%	7.1%	68.9%	9.0%
Aylesbury	CON	100.0%	23.5%	4.8%	76.5%	12.3%
Ayr	LAB	100.0%	25.7%	7.1%	74.3%	10.8%
Banbury	CON	100.0%	25.6%	4.6%	74.4%	5.7%
Banff & Buchan	SNP	100.0%	28.2%	3.4%	71.8%	4.6%
Barking (a)	LAB	100.0%	28.2%	9.1%	71.8%	11.1%
Barnsley Central	LAB	100.0%	30.0%	8.7%	70.0%	11.2%
Barnsley East & Mexborough	LAB	100.0%	27.3%	8.8%	72.7%	12.1%
Barnsley West & Penistone	LAB	100.0%	28.1%	7.7%	71.9%	11.4%
Barrow & Furness	LAB	100.0%	28.7%	10.8%	71.3%	12.9%
Basildon	LAB	100.0%	26.4%	7.8%	73.6%	13.7%
Basingstoke (a)	CON	100.0%	19.9%	5.3%	80.1%	13.9%
Bassetlaw	LAB	100.0%	26.6%	8.1%	73.4%	15.5%
Bath	LD	100.0%	21.8%	4.4%	78.2%	10.4%
Batley & Spen	LAB	100.0%	29.9%	7.0%	70.1%	8.0%
Battersea	LAB	100.0%	18.3%	6.1%	81.7%	17.4%
Beaconsfield	CON	100.0%	15.3%	2.4%	84.7%	14.1%
Beckenham	VAC	100.0%	18.7%	7.2%	81.3%	21.4%
Bedford	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	9.9%	72.9%	13.4%
Belfast East	DU	100.0%	24.2%	11.5%	75.8%	28.3%
Belfast North	UU	100.0%	25.7%	11.3%	74.3%	29.7%
Belfast South	UU	100.0%	33.1%	12.1%	66.9%	22.6%
Belfast West	SF	100.0%	28.4%	12.6%	71.6%	34.2%
Berwick-upon-Tweed	LD	100.0%	25.7%	4.6%	74.3%	13.5%
Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	100.0%	26.6%	9.8%	73.4%	13.1%
Beverley & Holderness	CON	100.0%	26.4%	6.3%	73.6%	5.8%
Bexhill & Battle	CON	100.0%	19.3%	4.2%	80.7%	13.5%
Bexleyheath & Crayford	LAB	100.0%	25.1%	7.6%	74.9%	16.2%
Billericay	CON	100.0%	24.5%	7.4%	75.5%	14.4%
Birkenhead	LAB	100.0%	29.8%	12.1%	70.2%	16.2%
Birmingham, Edgbaston	LAB	100.0%	25.6%	10.7%	74.4%	20.5%
Birmingham, Erdington	LAB	100.0%	22.5%	9.0%	77.5%	24.5%
Birmingham, Hall Green	LAB	100.0%	24.9%	9.4%	75.1%	20.6%
Birmingham, Hodge Hill	LAB	100.0%	29.7%	13.1%	70.3%	20.5%
Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	100.0%	31.1%	14.8%	68.9%	21.1%
Birmingham, Northfield	LAB	100.0%	24.8%	9.8%	75.2%	22.2%
Birmingham, Perry Barr	LAB	100.0%	29.5%	12.0%	70.5%	21.0%
Birmingham, Selly Oak	LAB	100.0%	26.7%	10.6%	73.3%	19.7%
Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	100.0%	32.2%	14.6%	67.8%	20.4%
Birmingham, Yardley	LAB	100.0%	24.7%	8.4%	75.3%	19.1%
Bishop Auckland	LAB	100.0%	31.2%	9.5%	68.8%	14.9%
Blaby	CON	100.0%	24.7%	4.8%	75.3%	9.0%
Blackburn	LAB	100.0%	31.8%	5.7%	68.2%	7.9%
Blackpool North & Fleetwood	LAB	100.0%	25.5%	4.0%	74.5%	6.0%
Blackpool South	LAB	100.0%	24.9%	4.1%	75.1%	4.8%
Blaenau Gwent	LAB	100.0%	25.7%	8.0%	74.3%	17.6%
Blaydon	LAB	100.0%	24.8%	7.5%	75.2%	16.5%

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Blyth Valley	LAB	100.0%	30.2%	8.1%	69.8%	14.5%
Bognor Regis & Littlehampton	CON	100.0%	23.2%	2.2%	76.8%	6.9%
Bolsover	LAB	100.0%	28.1%	8.4%	71.9%	14.3%
Bolton North East	LAB	100.0%	28.8%	7.3%	71.2%	4.8%
Bolton South East	LAB	100.0%	30.8%	7.1%	69.2%	4.1%
Bolton West	LAB	100.0%	27.0%	3.6%	73.0%	4.4%
Bootle	LAB	100.0%	29.9%	14.1%	70.1%	20.7%
Boston & Skegness	CON	100.0%	25.6%	2.2%	74.4%	3.8%
Bosworth	CON	100.0%	25.3%	3.9%	74.7%	7.4%
Bournemouth East	CON	100.0%	19.4%	4.9%	80.6%	17.2%
Bournemouth West	CON	100.0%	21.3%	5.4%	78.7%	18.5%
Bracknell	CON	100.0%	20.9%	4.2%	79.1%	7.1%
Bradford North	LAB	100.0%	30.7%	11.3%	69.3%	11.2%
Bradford South	LAB	100.0%	28.0%	9.1%	72.0%	11.1%
Bradford West	LAB	100.0%	34.4%	12.0%	65.6%	9.9%
Braintree	LAB	100.0%	27.6%	6.2%	72.4%	11.4%
Brecon & Radnorshire	LD	100.0%	27.0%	7.3%	73.0%	10.2%
Brent East	LAB	100.0%	19.4%	8.0%	80.6%	20.2%
Brent North	LAB	100.0%	20.7%	8.0%	79.3%	17.5%
Brent South	LAB	100.0%	22.1%	9.8%	77.9%	19.5%
Brentford & Isleworth	LAB	100.0%	20.5%	6.4%	79.5%	13.6%
Brentwood & Ongar	CON	100.0%	20.7%	5.1%	79.3%	12.7%
Bridgend	LAB	100.0%	28.9%	8.2%	71.1%	11.6%
Bridgwater	CON	100.0%	26.2%	5.8%	73.8%	12.9%
Brigg & Goole	LAB	100.0%	23.9%	6.3%	76.1%	14.3%
Brighton, Kemptown	LAB	100.0%	21.4%	7.0%	78.6%	19.8%
Brighton, Pavilion	LAB	100.0%	21.1%	7.0%	78.9%	17.7%
Bristol East	LAB	100.0%	26.0%	7.8%	74.0%	7.7%
Bristol North West	LAB	100.0%	24.7%	6.6%	75.3%	8.3%
Bristol South	LAB	100.0%	25.1%	7.5%	74.9%	8.9%
Bristol West	LAB	100.0%	22.7%	7.0%	77.3%	9.5%
Bromley & Chislehurst	CON	100.0%	17.8%	5.7%	82.2%	18.1%
Bromsgrove	CON	100.0%	27.4%	8.1%	72.6%	14.0%
Broxbourne	CON	100.0%	21.4%	5.0%	78.6%	16.5%
Broxtowe	LAB	100.0%	27.6%	6.9%	72.4%	8.1%
Buckingham	CON	100.0%	17.1%	4.7%	82.9%	13.5%
Burnley	LAB	100.0%	29.0%	4.1%	71.0%	4.5%
Burton	LAB	100.0%	26.4%	6.4%	73.6%	11.1%
Bury North	LAB	100.0%	32.8%	3.5%	67.2%	2.5%
Bury South	LAB	100.0%	27.8%	5.5%	72.2%	8.8%
Bury St Edmunds	CON	100.0%	26.5%	5.4%	73.5%	10.1%
Caernarfon	PC	100.0%	27.3%	8.6%	72.7%	15.3%
Caerphilly	LAB	100.0%	31.6%	8.9%	68.4%	13.7%
Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	LD	100.0%	20.6%	5.8%	79.4%	17.2%
Calder Valley	LAB	100.0%	23.6%	6.5%	76.4%	11.1%
Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	100.0%	23.0%	9.5%	77.0%	19.1%
Cambridge	LAB	100.0%	22.2%	6.0%	77.8%	13.0%
Cannock Chase	LAB	100.0%	29.0%	7.7%	71.0%	12.0%
Canterbury	CON	100.0%	26.6%	6.9%	73.4%	14.5%
Cardiff Central	LAB	100.0%	27.3%	9.7%	72.7%	15.6%
Cardiff North	LAB	100.0%	24.8%	6.6%	75.2%	10.4%
Cardiff South & Penarth	LAB	100.0%	26.2%	9.1%	73.8%	17.5%
Cardiff West	LAB	100.0%	26.0%	9.2%	74.0%	17.6%
Carlisle	LAB	100.0%	30.0%	6.7%	70.0%	12.5%
Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	LAB	100.0%	27.0%	7.0%	73.0%	13.6%
Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	8.2%	72.9%	13.6%
Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	LAB	100.0%	27.4%	8.2%	72.6%	12.8%
Carshalton & Wallington	LD	100.0%	21.3%	6.3%	78.7%	16.0%
Castle Point	LAB	100.0%	24.0%	6.1%	76.0%	16.8%
Central Fife	LAB	100.0%	26.7%	8.0%	73.3%	12.8%
Central Suffolk & North Ipswich	CON	100.0%	23.6%	5.4%	76.4%	14.1%
Ceredigion	PC	100.0%	27.6%	6.9%	72.4%	9.8%

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Charnwood	CON	100.0%	21.3%	4.1%	78.7%	9.7%
Chatham & Aylesford	LAB	100.0%	24.5%	7.7%	75.5%	6.7%
Cheadle	CON	100.0%	23.8%	4.4%	76.2%	8.8%
Cheltenham	LD	100.0%	21.5%	6.1%	78.5%	19.4%
Chesham & Amersham	CON	100.0%	20.0%	3.5%	80.0%	12.8%
Chester, City of	LAB	100.0%	25.3%	6.4%	74.7%	13.6%
Chesterfield	LAB	100.0%	29.4%	8.8%	70.6%	14.1%
Chichester	CON	100.0%	19.7%	2.5%	80.3%	11.9%
Chingford & Woodford Green	CON	100.0%	22.6%	9.1%	77.4%	12.0%
Chipping Barnet	CON	100.0%	18.5%	5.2%	81.5%	14.3%
Chorley	LAB	100.0%	27.6%	4.7%	72.4%	5.3%
Christchurch	CON	100.0%	18.6%	3.9%	81.4%	10.5%
Cities of London & Westminster	CON	100.0%	16.2%	5.9%	83.8%	13.2%
Cleethorpes	LAB	100.0%	27.9%	8.2%	72.1%	10.6%
Clwyd South	LAB	100.0%	28.5%	6.9%	71.5%	9.2%
Clwyd West	LAB	100.0%	26.8%	7.5%	73.2%	15.3%
Clydebank & Milngavie	LAB	100.0%	25.9%	9.6%	74.1%	15.5%
Clydesdale	LAB	100.0%	29.7%	9.1%	70.3%	9.8%
Coatbridge & Chryston	LAB	100.0%	28.5%	7.2%	71.5%	9.1%
Colchester	LD	100.0%	29.8%	6.2%	70.2%	8.4%
Colne Valley	LAB	100.0%	26.5%	8.1%	73.5%	6.1%
Congleton	CON	100.0%	26.7%	6.2%	73.3%	8.4%
Conwy	LAB	100.0%	28.6%	8.6%	71.4%	13.7%
Copeland	LAB	100.0%	27.6%	10.3%	72.4%	19.1%
Corby	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	5.7%	73.1%	10.8%
Cotswold	CON	100.0%	21.5%	3.6%	78.5%	10.2%
Coventry North East	LAB	100.0%	28.9%	11.3%	71.1%	16.5%
Coventry North West	LAB	100.0%	25.8%	9.0%	74.2%	15.9%
Coventry South	LAB	100.0%	26.4%	9.5%	73.6%	16.2%
Crawley	LAB	100.0%	21.1%	5.9%	78.9%	12.2%
Crewe & Nantwich	LAB	100.0%	28.6%	6.6%	71.4%	8.3%
Crosby	LAB	100.0%	24.0%	6.9%	76.0%	17.2%
Croydon Central	LAB	100.0%	20.9%	8.1%	79.1%	22.1%
Croydon North	LAB	100.0%	20.7%	8.7%	79.3%	23.6%
Croydon South	CON	100.0%	20.7%	5.5%	79.3%	15.7%
Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	LAB	100.0%	31.3%	7.0%	68.7%	6.6%
Cunninghame North	LAB	100.0%	26.0%	6.0%	74.0%	8.3%
Cunninghame South	LAB	100.0%	26.1%	7.0%	73.9%	10.8%
Cynon Valley	LAB	100.0%	33.7%	9.8%	66.3%	10.5%
Dagenham	LAB	100.0%	25.6%	8.8%	74.4%	12.5%
Darlington	LAB	100.0%	26.4%	8.5%	73.6%	15.7%
Dartford	LAB	100.0%	23.9%	8.1%	76.1%	15.7%
Daventry	CON	100.0%	23.7%	2.9%	76.3%	9.0%
Delyn	LAB	100.0%	27.9%	6.7%	72.1%	11.2%
Denton & Reddish	LAB	100.0%	27.9%	6.3%	72.1%	11.1%
Derby North	LAB	100.0%	25.7%	8.7%	74.3%	11.4%
Derby South	LAB	100.0%	30.2%	10.4%	69.8%	11.4%
Devizes	CON	100.0%	22.8%	3.4%	77.2%	9.0%
Dewsbury	LAB	100.0%	31.5%	6.0%	68.5%	5.2%
Don Valley	LAB	100.0%	26.7%	9.5%	73.3%	14.4%
Doncaster Central	LAB	100.0%	26.7%	9.3%	73.3%	18.1%
Doncaster North	LAB	100.0%	27.2%	8.5%	72.8%	15.9%
Dover	LAB	100.0%	25.5%	8.3%	74.5%	17.0%
Dudley North	LAB	100.0%	24.6%	8.5%	75.4%	15.6%
Dudley South	LAB	100.0%	22.9%	8.2%	77.1%	13.4%
Dulwich & West Norwood	LAB	100.0%	20.5%	7.9%	79.5%	19.8%
Dumbarton	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	8.3%	72.9%	13.6%
Dumfries	LAB	100.0%	27.0%	6.0%	73.0%	11.1%
Dundee East	LAB	100.0%	26.2%	10.7%	73.8%	11.0%
Dundee West	LAB	100.0%	28.6%	12.0%	71.4%	9.8%
Dunfermline East	LAB	100.0%	26.3%	7.3%	73.7%	8.8%
Dunfermline West	LAB	100.0%	26.0%	7.4%	74.0%	6.4%

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Durham, City of	LAB	100.0%	30.6%	9.0%	69.4%	10.4%
Ealing North (a)	LAB	100.0%	19.7%	6.8%	80.3%	18.4%
Ealing Southall	LAB	100.0%	23.0%	7.8%	77.0%	15.0%
Ealing, Acton & Shepherd's Bush	LAB	100.0%	18.3%	7.2%	81.7%	23.1%
Easington	LAB	100.0%	31.7%	10.4%	68.3%	11.3%
East Antrim	UU	100.0%	22.7%	7.5%	77.3%	24.6%
East Devon	CON	100.0%	26.8%	4.8%	73.2%	9.9%
East Ham	LAB	100.0%	27.8%	10.6%	72.2%	9.2%
East Hampshire	CON	100.0%	20.9%	5.4%	79.1%	11.0%
East Kilbride	LAB	100.0%	20.3%	4.4%	79.7%	12.6%
East Londonderry	UU	100.0%	23.8%	9.7%	76.2%	31.1%
East Lothian	LAB	100.0%	22.5%	4.3%	77.5%	6.7%
East Surrey	CON	100.0%	19.7%	4.8%	80.3%	9.8%
East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	100.0%	21.5%	4.6%	78.5%	13.0%
East Yorkshire	CON	100.0%	25.0%	6.5%	75.0%	13.3%
Eastbourne	CON	100.0%	22.6%	4.8%	77.4%	11.3%
Eastleigh	LD	100.0%	23.3%	4.8%	76.7%	11.6%
Eastwood	LAB	100.0%	24.0%	6.4%	76.0%	10.4%
Eccles	LAB	100.0%	29.7%	7.9%	70.3%	11.0%
Eddisbury	CON	100.0%	27.8%	4.8%	72.2%	8.1%
Edinburgh Central	LAB	100.0%	21.9%	5.8%	78.1%	10.5%
Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	LAB	100.0%	24.3%	7.9%	75.7%	6.6%
Edinburgh North & Leith	LAB	100.0%	21.1%	6.2%	78.9%	10.1%
Edinburgh Pentlands	LAB	100.0%	29.1%	8.8%	70.9%	5.6%
Edinburgh South	LAB	100.0%	26.0%	7.4%	74.0%	6.7%
Edinburgh West	LD	100.0%	20.3%	5.2%	79.7%	9.6%
Edmonton	LAB	100.0%	22.3%	8.8%	77.7%	24.2%
Ellesmere Port & Neston	LAB	100.0%	26.1%	6.3%	73.9%	8.9%
Elmet	LAB	100.0%	25.9%	6.5%	74.1%	12.3%
Eltham	LAB	100.0%	24.9%	10.1%	75.1%	22.7%
Enfield North	LAB	100.0%	20.4%	7.6%	79.6%	21.8%
Enfield, Southgate	LAB	100.0%	21.1%	7.8%	78.9%	16.6%
Epping Forest	CON	100.0%	19.1%	5.4%	80.9%	12.9%
Epsom & Ewell	CON	100.0%	20.8%	4.4%	79.2%	10.7%
Erewash	LAB	100.0%	25.6%	6.2%	74.4%	7.0%
Erith & Thamesmead	LAB	100.0%	24.7%	10.7%	75.3%	20.5%
Esher & Walton	CON	100.0%	17.1%	3.2%	82.9%	13.6%
Exeter	LAB	100.0%	27.0%	6.9%	73.0%	14.6%
Falkirk East	LAB	100.0%	27.0%	7.2%	73.0%	9.5%
Falkirk West	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	8.7%	72.9%	10.8%
Falmouth & Camborne	LAB	100.0%	26.6%	8.0%	73.4%	11.8%
Fareham	CON	100.0%	19.8%	3.8%	80.2%	10.7%
Faversham & Mid Kent	CON	100.0%	25.5%	6.7%	74.5%	10.1%
Feltham & Heston	LAB	100.0%	24.8%	7.2%	75.2%	11.3%
Fermanagh & South Tyrone	UU	100.0%	19.7%	8.4%	80.3%	38.9%
Finchley & Golders Green	LAB	100.0%	16.4%	5.9%	83.6%	16.8%
Folkestone & Hythe	CON	100.0%	21.9%	6.8%	78.1%	18.1%
Forest of Dean	LAB	100.0%	24.3%	5.1%	75.7%	13.0%
Foyle	SDLP	100.0%	26.8%	12.3%	73.2%	34.2%
Fylde	CON	100.0%	25.8%	4.1%	74.2%	3.8%
Gainsborough	CON	100.0%	26.7%	7.2%	73.3%	11.3%
Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	SNP	100.0%	23.2%	6.4%	76.8%	15.4%
Gateshead East & Washington West	LAB	100.0%	29.2%	8.7%	70.8%	12.3%
Gedling	LAB	100.0%	23.4%	6.3%	76.6%	10.8%
Gillingham	LAB	100.0%	25.6%	6.8%	74.4%	7.6%
Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	100.0%	24.9%	9.8%	75.1%	14.4%
Glasgow Baillieston	LAB	100.0%	30.9%	12.4%	69.1%	15.4%
Glasgow Cathcart	LAB	100.0%	26.2%	8.8%	73.8%	13.4%
Glasgow Govan	LAB	100.0%	25.8%	10.1%	74.2%	14.0%
Glasgow Kelvin	LAB	100.0%	22.8%	7.6%	77.2%	13.6%
Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	100.0%	25.8%	10.3%	74.2%	18.0%
Glasgow Pollok	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	11.1%	73.1%	15.8%

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Glasgow Rutherglen	LAB	100.0%	25.4%	8.4%	74.6%	14.1%
Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	100.0%	23.5%	9.0%	76.5%	16.9%
Glasgow Springburn	LAB	100.0%	26.0%	11.2%	74.0%	19.2%
Gloucester	LAB	100.0%	25.4%	8.0%	74.6%	18.6%
Gordon	LD	100.0%	27.5%	6.0%	72.5%	11.8%
Gosport	CON	100.0%	29.1%	8.1%	70.9%	10.8%
Gower	LAB	100.0%	29.5%	6.0%	70.5%	6.1%
Grantham & Stamford	CON	100.0%	25.8%	5.4%	74.2%	9.0%
Gravesham	LAB	100.0%	24.8%	8.2%	75.2%	10.4%
Great Grimsby	LAB	100.0%	27.2%	8.8%	72.8%	14.0%
Great Yarmouth	LAB	100.0%	28.1%	8.4%	71.9%	14.4%
Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	100.0%	28.4%	5.2%	71.6%	6.2%
Greenwich & Woolwich	LAB	100.0%	26.0%	11.1%	74.0%	21.7%
Guildford	CON	100.0%	18.9%	3.2%	81.1%	11.4%
Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	100.0%	23.0%	9.7%	77.0%	18.7%
Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	100.0%	23.3%	10.6%	76.7%	18.9%
Halesowen & Rowley Regis	LAB	100.0%	23.2%	6.9%	76.8%	10.7%
Halifax	LAB	100.0%	27.5%	9.5%	72.5%	14.2%
Haltemprice & Howden	CON	100.0%	27.5%	5.9%	72.5%	5.8%
Halton	LAB	100.0%	32.3%	9.8%	67.7%	12.6%
Hamilton North & Bellshill	LAB	100.0%	28.9%	8.0%	71.1%	10.1%
Hamilton South	LAB	100.0%	27.3%	7.5%	72.7%	11.2%
Hammersmith & Fulham	LAB	100.0%	15.3%	5.6%	84.7%	23.4%
Hampstead & Highgate	LAB	100.0%	16.8%	6.8%	83.2%	21.8%
Harborough	CON	100.0%	25.7%	5.6%	74.3%	8.0%
Harlow	LAB	100.0%	21.7%	6.8%	78.3%	14.5%
Harrogate & Knaresborough	LD	100.0%	20.8%	3.2%	79.2%	7.3%
Harrow East	LAB	100.0%	19.4%	6.6%	80.6%	16.6%
Harrow West	LAB	100.0%	20.6%	6.5%	79.4%	15.2%
Hartlepool	LAB	100.0%	28.3%	9.9%	71.7%	17.1%
Harwich	LAB	100.0%	26.7%	6.7%	73.3%	13.5%
Hastings & Rye	LAB	100.0%	25.6%	8.5%	74.4%	15.9%
Havant	CON	100.0%	27.1%	7.4%	72.9%	9.0%
Hayes & Harlington	LAB	100.0%	22.7%	7.0%	77.3%	14.0%
Hazel Grove	LD	100.0%	26.5%	5.4%	73.5%	9.3%
Hemel Hempstead	LAB	100.0%	20.3%	5.3%	79.7%	9.6%
Hemsworth	LAB	100.0%	28.9%	6.9%	71.1%	11.7%
Hendon	LAB	100.0%	19.7%	7.4%	80.3%	17.1%
Henley	CON	100.0%	18.2%	5.1%	81.8%	12.8%
Hereford	LD	100.0%	25.4%	4.5%	74.6%	6.8%
Hertford & Stortford	CON	100.0%	20.7%	3.6%	79.3%	11.7%
Hertsmere	CON	100.0%	17.7%	3.9%	82.3%	12.2%
Hexham	CON	100.0%	23.5%	5.5%	76.5%	11.5%
Heywood & Middleton	LAB	100.0%	29.8%	7.5%	70.2%	12.0%
High Peak	LAB	100.0%	25.6%	5.0%	74.4%	11.4%
Hitchin & Harpenden	CON	100.0%	22.6%	5.2%	77.4%	12.4%
Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	100.0%	19.1%	7.4%	80.9%	20.2%
Hornchurch	LAB	100.0%	23.5%	7.0%	76.5%	11.3%
Hornsey & Wood Green	LAB	100.0%	19.2%	7.0%	80.8%	18.9%
Horsham	CON	100.0%	17.5%	2.1%	82.5%	9.3%
Houghton & Washington East	LAB	100.0%	32.9%	10.4%	67.1%	13.3%
Hove	LAB	100.0%	17.7%	5.4%	82.3%	16.2%
Huddersfield	LAB	100.0%	30.1%	11.1%	69.9%	7.8%
Huntingdon	CON	100.0%	24.3%	4.7%	75.7%	7.6%
Hyndburn	LAB	100.0%	33.5%	6.0%	66.5%	4.7%
Ilford North	LAB	100.0%	22.6%	7.8%	77.4%	11.9%
Ilford South (a)	LAB	100.0%	25.6%	9.8%	74.4%	9.3%
Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	LAB	100.0%	22.5%	4.0%	77.5%	8.6%
Ipswich	LAB	100.0%	27.6%	9.4%	72.4%	16.0%
Isle of Wight	LD	100.0%	25.2%	6.7%	74.8%	16.5%
Islington North	LAB	100.0%	20.3%	9.2%	79.7%	25.7%
Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	100.0%	19.2%	7.7%	80.8%	25.4%

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Islwyn	LAB	100.0%	33.9%	7.3%	66.1%	6.9%
Jarrow	LAB	100.0%	24.3%	8.1%	75.7%	8.9%
Keighley	LAB	100.0%	28.9%	7.9%	71.1%	9.7%
Kensington & Chelsea	CON	100.0%	13.3%	5.1%	86.7%	22.2%
Kettering	LAB	100.0%	25.8%	7.0%	74.2%	15.5%
Kilmarnock & Loudoun	LAB	100.0%	24.7%	7.1%	75.3%	18.4%
Kingston & Surbiton	LD	100.0%	19.0%	6.1%	81.0%	13.1%
Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	100.0%	29.4%	10.2%	70.6%	5.8%
Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	100.0%	31.9%	11.3%	68.1%	5.6%
Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	100.0%	29.1%	9.0%	70.9%	6.2%
Kingswood	LAB	100.0%	25.6%	6.0%	74.4%	7.8%
Kirkcaldy	LAB	100.0%	23.8%	7.7%	76.2%	17.5%
Knowsley North & Sefton East	LAB	100.0%	32.1%	12.8%	67.9%	18.0%
Knowsley South	LAB	100.0%	30.4%	13.5%	69.6%	19.4%
Lagan Valley	UU	100.0%	23.5%	7.7%	76.5%	25.3%
Lancaster & Wyre	LAB	100.0%	27.0%	6.3%	73.0%	9.0%
Leeds Central	LAB	100.0%	25.1%	8.9%	74.9%	20.3%
Leeds East	LAB	100.0%	27.0%	10.1%	73.0%	18.4%
Leeds North East	LAB	100.0%	25.0%	9.3%	75.0%	20.7%
Leeds North West	LAB	100.0%	27.8%	9.2%	72.2%	14.6%
Leeds West	LAB	100.0%	26.8%	8.6%	73.2%	15.4%
Leicester East	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	8.9%	72.9%	10.7%
Leicester South	LAB	100.0%	28.4%	9.1%	71.6%	12.3%
Leicester West	LAB	100.0%	28.7%	9.5%	71.3%	13.5%
Leigh	LAB	100.0%	29.0%	6.2%	71.0%	7.8%
Leominster	CON	100.0%	23.0%	4.4%	77.0%	9.0%
Lewes	LD	100.0%	19.2%	5.2%	80.8%	12.6%
Lewisham East	LAB	100.0%	19.4%	7.1%	80.6%	26.3%
Lewisham West	LAB	100.0%	21.2%	8.9%	78.8%	24.7%
Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	100.0%	21.1%	9.5%	78.9%	22.8%
Leyton & Wanstead	LAB	100.0%	23.5%	8.7%	76.5%	12.6%
Lichfield	CON	100.0%	27.7%	7.3%	72.3%	9.1%
Lincoln	LAB	100.0%	28.5%	8.5%	71.5%	16.9%
Linlithgow	LAB	100.0%	31.0%	5.7%	69.0%	5.6%
Liverpool, Garston	LAB	100.0%	29.8%	12.1%	70.2%	21.3%
Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	100.0%	29.4%	14.3%	70.6%	24.0%
Liverpool, Walton	LAB	100.0%	29.9%	12.8%	70.1%	21.7%
Liverpool, Wavertree	LAB	100.0%	28.2%	12.3%	71.8%	22.4%
Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	100.0%	29.3%	12.7%	70.7%	24.0%
Livingston	LAB	100.0%	31.4%	4.8%	68.6%	3.5%
Llanelli	LAB	100.0%	31.2%	11.2%	68.8%	14.2%
Loughborough	LAB	100.0%	26.0%	6.5%	74.0%	10.1%
Louth & Horncastle	CON	100.0%	24.8%	4.8%	75.2%	8.7%
Ludlow	CON	100.0%	21.9%	4.0%	78.1%	11.6%
Luton North	LAB	100.0%	22.7%	8.1%	77.3%	17.6%
Luton South	LAB	100.0%	23.5%	7.9%	76.5%	19.3%
Macclesfield	CON	100.0%	23.6%	5.1%	76.4%	7.4%
Maidenhead	CON	100.0%	18.3%	4.2%	81.7%	16.4%
Maidstone & The Weald	CON	100.0%	22.5%	6.0%	77.5%	7.1%
Makerfield	LAB	100.0%	31.6%	5.8%	68.4%	6.4%
Maldon & East Chelmsford	CON	100.0%	22.7%	8.2%	77.3%	18.4%
Manchester, Blackley	LAB	100.0%	28.3%	9.7%	71.7%	15.3%
Manchester, Central	LAB	100.0%	27.5%	11.6%	72.5%	17.7%
Manchester, Gorton	LAB	100.0%	31.3%	13.4%	68.7%	15.2%
Manchester, Withington	LAB	100.0%	26.1%	9.4%	73.9%	16.4%
Mansfield	LAB	100.0%	28.1%	8.2%	71.9%	9.9%
Medway	LAB	100.0%	23.7%	7.9%	76.3%	6.8%
Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	PC	100.0%	25.2%	7.0%	74.8%	12.7%
Meriden	CON	100.0%	25.7%	9.3%	74.3%	20.4%
Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	LAB	100.0%	32.9%	9.8%	67.1%	8.3%
Mid Bedfordshire	CON	100.0%	18.8%	4.3%	81.2%	11.0%
Mid Dorset & North Poole	CON	100.0%	21.3%	5.0%	78.7%	13.6%

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Mid Norfolk	CON	100.0%	24.2%	5.7%	75.8%	10.6%
Mid Sussex	CON	100.0%	20.8%	4.0%	79.2%	10.8%
Mid Ulster	SF	100.0%	23.9%	10.1%	76.1%	35.5%
Mid Worcestershire	CON	100.0%	23.7%	3.3%	76.3%	8.5%
Middlesbrough	LAB	100.0%	28.5%	11.8%	71.5%	18.1%
Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland	LAB	100.0%	27.6%	10.1%	72.4%	16.9%
Midlothian	LAB	100.0%	28.4%	5.5%	71.6%	6.1%
Milton Keynes South West	LAB	100.0%	27.0%	5.8%	73.0%	9.4%
Mitcham & Morden	LAB	100.0%	21.8%	8.5%	78.2%	19.1%
Mole Valley	CON	100.0%	16.9%	3.1%	83.1%	11.1%
Monmouth	LAB	100.0%	24.4%	6.9%	75.6%	13.1%
Montgomeryshire	LD	100.0%	28.8%	5.6%	71.2%	5.2%
Moray	SNP	100.0%	25.0%	4.2%	75.0%	8.3%
Morecambe & Lunesdale	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	7.9%	73.1%	13.2%
Morley & Rothwell	LAB	100.0%	23.9%	6.4%	76.1%	15.7%
Motherwell & Wishaw	LAB	100.0%	32.0%	9.9%	68.0%	9.4%
Neath	LAB	100.0%	30.1%	9.1%	69.9%	6.3%
New Forest East	CON	100.0%	21.5%	3.2%	78.5%	9.4%
New Forest West	CON	100.0%	21.3%	3.6%	78.7%	11.8%
Newark	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	6.3%	73.1%	11.0%
Newbury	LD	100.0%	21.0%	3.5%	79.0%	6.8%
Newcastle upon Tyne Central	LAB	100.0%	26.0%	10.9%	74.0%	20.9%
Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	100.0%	25.4%	9.4%	74.6%	19.7%
Newcastle upon Tyne North	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	9.1%	73.1%	18.1%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	LAB	100.0%	30.8%	6.6%	69.2%	5.6%
Newport East	LAB	100.0%	28.1%	7.6%	71.9%	15.9%
Newport West	LAB	100.0%	26.0%	7.9%	74.0%	15.5%
Newry & Armagh	SDLP	100.0%	24.2%	10.9%	75.8%	36.5%
Normanton	LAB	100.0%	24.6%	5.9%	75.4%	12.5%
North Antrim	DU	100.0%	22.8%	8.1%	77.2%	30.2%
North Cornwall	LD	100.0%	28.9%	4.2%	71.1%	7.8%
North Devon	LD	100.0%	25.8%	5.1%	74.2%	11.0%
North Dorset	CON	100.0%	23.3%	2.0%	76.7%	9.5%
North Down	UKU	100.0%	25.0%	8.7%	75.0%	22.7%
North Durham	LAB	100.0%	27.2%	7.8%	72.8%	13.8%
North East Bedfordshire	CON	100.0%	22.8%	4.3%	77.2%	8.0%
North East Cambridgeshire	CON	100.0%	25.5%	6.2%	74.5%	11.2%
North East Derbyshire	LAB	100.0%	28.9%	8.9%	71.1%	14.5%
North East Fife	LD	100.0%	24.4%	6.6%	75.6%	11.0%
North East Hampshire	CON	100.0%	17.5%	3.7%	82.5%	8.5%
North East Hertfordshire	CON	100.0%	22.2%	3.4%	77.8%	9.8%
North East Milton Keynes	LAB	100.0%	26.4%	6.8%	73.6%	10.0%
North Essex	CON	100.0%	25.2%	5.7%	74.8%	9.3%
North Norfolk	CON	100.0%	22.7%	3.9%	77.3%	10.5%
North Shropshire	CON	100.0%	25.3%	6.3%	74.7%	9.3%
North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	100.0%	21.1%	8.1%	78.9%	19.4%
North Swindon	LAB	100.0%	23.4%	4.3%	76.6%	11.7%
North Tayside	SNP	100.0%	24.1%	5.8%	75.9%	10.3%
North Thanet	CON	100.0%	24.5%	7.7%	75.5%	17.6%
North Tyneside	LAB	100.0%	24.8%	9.0%	75.2%	16.5%
North Warwickshire	LAB	100.0%	25.0%	7.3%	75.0%	11.8%
North West Cambridgeshire	CON	100.0%	26.4%	7.8%	73.6%	6.2%
North West Durham	LAB	100.0%	27.3%	7.8%	72.7%	14.6%
North West Hampshire (a)	CON	100.0%	24.5%	4.1%	75.5%	9.1%
North West Leicestershire	LAB	100.0%	25.5%	6.0%	74.5%	13.7%
North West Norfolk	LAB	100.0%	27.0%	7.2%	73.0%	11.5%
North Wiltshire	CON	100.0%	23.5%	3.1%	76.5%	10.1%
Northampton North	LAB	100.0%	25.4%	9.3%	74.6%	14.8%
Northampton South	LAB	100.0%	24.5%	7.0%	75.5%	15.5%
Northavon	LD	100.0%	23.6%	4.3%	76.4%	7.4%
Norwich North	LAB	100.0%	26.0%	8.7%	74.0%	11.2%
Norwich South	LAB	100.0%	26.2%	8.3%	73.8%	12.3%

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Nottingham East	LAB	100.0%	28.6%	11.3%	71.4%	11.3%
Nottingham North	LAB	100.0%	28.1%	11.2%	71.9%	11.6%
Nottingham South	LAB	100.0%	27.8%	10.2%	72.2%	12.5%
Nuneaton	LAB	100.0%	29.1%	7.6%	70.9%	12.4%
Ochil	LAB	100.0%	28.6%	11.2%	71.4%	12.0%
Ogmore	LAB	100.0%	30.5%	7.3%	69.5%	11.0%
Old Bexley & Sidcup	CON	100.0%	20.3%	5.6%	79.7%	15.4%
Oldham East & Saddleworth	LAB	100.0%	29.3%	6.8%	70.7%	11.4%
Oldham West & Royton	LAB	100.0%	32.4%	6.8%	67.6%	9.2%
Orkney & Shetland	LD	100.0%	19.5%	2.5%	80.5%	10.9%
Orpington	CON	100.0%	22.2%	5.6%	77.8%	12.8%
Oxford East	LAB	100.0%	26.7%	8.2%	73.3%	14.2%
Oxford West & Abingdon	LD	100.0%	22.3%	4.4%	77.7%	11.2%
Paisley North	LAB	100.0%	26.5%	8.4%	73.5%	12.8%
Paisley South	LAB	100.0%	26.2%	7.8%	73.8%	15.1%
Pendle	LAB	100.0%	33.9%	4.9%	66.1%	3.7%
Penrith & The Border	CON	100.0%	26.6%	5.3%	73.4%	10.4%
Perth	SNP	100.0%	22.5%	6.8%	77.5%	8.6%
Peterborough	LAB	100.0%	28.1%	7.7%	71.9%	7.5%
Plymouth, Devonport	LAB	100.0%	30.3%	9.6%	69.7%	14.5%
Plymouth, Sutton	LAB	100.0%	28.5%	10.3%	71.5%	16.1%
Pontefract & Castleford	LAB	100.0%	28.1%	6.1%	71.9%	9.3%
Pontypridd	LAB	100.0%	31.3%	8.7%	68.7%	11.7%
Poole	CON	100.0%	18.5%	3.7%	81.5%	13.5%
Poplar & Canning Town	LAB	100.0%	27.0%	10.1%	73.0%	11.0%
Portsmouth North	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	9.0%	72.9%	11.4%
Portsmouth South	LD	100.0%	24.4%	7.7%	75.6%	13.5%
Preseli Pembrokeshire	LAB	100.0%	27.0%	9.2%	73.0%	14.1%
Preston	LAB	100.0%	29.8%	6.7%	70.2%	6.5%
Pudsey	LAB	100.0%	23.5%	4.0%	76.5%	9.7%
Putney	LAB	100.0%	17.1%	5.5%	82.9%	22.7%
Rayleigh	CON	100.0%	25.3%	5.5%	74.7%	13.3%
Reading East	LAB	100.0%	22.6%	5.2%	77.4%	10.8%
Reading West	LAB	100.0%	22.2%	4.8%	77.8%	10.1%
Redcar	LAB	100.0%	28.9%	10.5%	71.1%	16.2%
Redditch	LAB	100.0%	25.9%	8.3%	74.1%	18.6%
Regent's Park & Kensington North	LAB	100.0%	18.8%	8.1%	81.2%	22.1%
Reigate	CON	100.0%	20.7%	4.2%	79.3%	7.8%
Rhondda	LAB	100.0%	31.8%	11.2%	68.2%	12.4%
Ribble Valley	CON	100.0%	27.3%	3.9%	72.7%	4.7%
Richmond	CON	100.0%	25.9%	5.6%	74.1%	8.6%
Richmond Park	LD	100.0%	12.7%	3.5%	87.3%	18.4%
Rochdale	LAB	100.0%	32.2%	10.2%	67.8%	8.9%
Rochford & Southend East	CON	100.0%	22.3%	9.1%	77.7%	22.3%
Romford	LAB	100.0%	26.2%	6.3%	73.8%	8.7%
Romsey	CON	100.0%	26.0%	4.9%	74.0%	11.8%
Ross, Skye & Inverness West	LD	100.0%	21.2%	3.9%	78.8%	11.4%
Rossendale & Darwen	LAB	100.0%	30.6%	3.8%	69.4%	3.9%
Rother Valley	LAB	100.0%	26.8%	9.2%	73.2%	14.0%
Rotherham	LAB	100.0%	27.5%	11.9%	72.5%	18.2%
Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	100.0%	28.7%	5.2%	71.3%	5.9%
Rugby & Kenilworth	LAB	100.0%	25.3%	7.6%	74.7%	11.6%
Ruislip - Northwood	CON	100.0%	19.6%	6.5%	80.4%	16.3%
Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	100.0%	16.8%	3.9%	83.2%	13.0%
Rushcliffe	CON	100.0%	23.0%	6.9%	77.0%	11.1%
Rutland & Melton	CON	100.0%	26.0%	3.2%	74.0%	6.0%
Ryedale	CON	100.0%	21.6%	4.2%	78.4%	12.3%
Saffron Walden	CON	100.0%	20.7%	4.6%	79.3%	11.8%
Salford	LAB	100.0%	29.7%	8.8%	70.3%	12.2%
Salisbury	CON	100.0%	23.7%	5.1%	76.3%	8.9%
Scarborough & Whitby	LAB	100.0%	24.1%	5.4%	75.9%	12.7%
Scunthorpe	LAB	100.0%	28.3%	7.9%	71.7%	13.6%

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Sedgefield	LAB	100.0%	30.8%	8.2%	69.2%	9.6%
Selby	LAB	100.0%	25.2%	7.8%	74.8%	11.9%
Sevenoaks	CON	100.0%	22.1%	6.2%	77.9%	14.0%
Sheffield, Attercliffe	LAB	100.0%	25.0%	8.7%	75.0%	18.6%
Sheffield, Brightside	LAB	100.0%	25.7%	11.8%	74.3%	21.3%
Sheffield, Central	LAB	100.0%	27.4%	11.8%	72.6%	21.2%
Sheffield, Hallam	LD	100.0%	29.4%	10.0%	70.6%	13.9%
Sheffield, Heeley	LAB	100.0%	27.2%	11.5%	72.8%	18.9%
Sheffield, Hillsborough	LAB	100.0%	24.4%	8.3%	75.6%	17.1%
Sherwood	LAB	100.0%	27.2%	7.8%	72.8%	10.1%
Shipley	LAB	100.0%	26.7%	7.0%	73.3%	8.7%
Shrewsbury & Atcham	LAB	100.0%	26.1%	7.2%	73.9%	9.7%
Sittingbourne & Sheppey	LAB	100.0%	27.2%	7.0%	72.8%	15.7%
Skipton & Ripon	CON	100.0%	25.8%	3.5%	74.2%	6.9%
Sleaford & North Hykeham	CON	100.0%	26.3%	5.2%	73.7%	10.7%
Slough	LAB	100.0%	23.1%	6.6%	76.9%	12.9%
Solihull	CON	100.0%	19.8%	5.8%	80.2%	12.9%
Somerton & Frome (a)	LD	100.0%	22.9%	5.0%	77.1%	14.2%
South Antrim	UU	100.0%	27.7%	8.0%	72.3%	24.1%
South Cambridgeshire	CON	100.0%	20.6%	3.4%	79.4%	11.9%
South Derbyshire	LAB	100.0%	26.5%	8.7%	73.5%	12.8%
South Dorset	CON	100.0%	27.4%	6.0%	72.6%	10.8%
South Down	SDLP	100.0%	27.0%	10.3%	73.0%	27.6%
South East Cambridgeshire	CON	100.0%	21.0%	5.4%	79.0%	12.2%
South East Cornwall	LD	100.0%	28.5%	5.6%	71.5%	10.7%
South Holland & The Deepings	CON	100.0%	23.8%	3.5%	76.2%	7.2%
South Norfolk	CON	100.0%	22.2%	5.6%	77.8%	14.0%
South Ribble	LAB	100.0%	29.1%	4.8%	70.9%	6.2%
South Shields	LAB	100.0%	25.0%	10.0%	75.0%	11.1%
South Staffordshire	CON	100.0%	21.9%	6.1%	78.1%	14.4%
South Suffolk	CON	100.0%	21.9%	5.5%	78.1%	13.0%
South Swindon	LAB	100.0%	27.3%	6.4%	72.7%	11.6%
South Thanet	LAB	100.0%	22.9%	7.6%	77.1%	18.2%
South West Bedfordshire	CON	100.0%	25.4%	5.3%	74.6%	8.5%
South West Devon	CON	100.0%	29.7%	7.0%	70.3%	10.0%
South West Hertfordshire	CON	100.0%	21.7%	6.5%	78.3%	12.8%
South West Norfolk	CON	100.0%	23.6%	5.3%	76.4%	10.6%
South West Surrey	CON	100.0%	19.1%	3.6%	80.9%	10.0%
Southampton, Itchen	LAB	100.0%	23.7%	7.0%	76.3%	14.9%
Southampton, Test	LAB	100.0%	24.8%	7.6%	75.2%	15.7%
Southend West	CON	100.0%	21.7%	8.3%	78.3%	20.4%
Southport	LD	100.0%	24.8%	6.7%	75.2%	14.1%
Spelthorne	CON	100.0%	20.2%	3.8%	79.8%	14.4%
St Albans	LAB	100.0%	21.7%	4.6%	78.3%	6.1%
St Helens North	LAB	100.0%	31.6%	8.1%	68.4%	9.6%
St Helens South	LAB	100.0%	31.8%	9.8%	68.2%	10.8%
St Ives	LD	100.0%	25.6%	5.7%	74.4%	11.5%
Stafford	LAB	100.0%	29.6%	7.3%	70.4%	10.9%
Staffordshire Moorlands	LAB	100.0%	25.5%	5.7%	74.5%	7.8%
Stalybridge & Hyde	LAB	100.0%	28.3%	7.4%	71.7%	12.2%
Stevenage	LAB	100.0%	23.9%	5.5%	76.1%	9.3%
Stirling	LAB	100.0%	26.7%	8.5%	73.3%	7.8%
Stockport	LAB	100.0%	23.5%	7.3%	76.5%	13.5%
Stockton North	LAB	100.0%	25.0%	9.1%	75.0%	19.8%
Stockton South	LAB	100.0%	26.2%	8.0%	73.8%	16.6%
Stoke-on-Trent Central	LAB	100.0%	31.8%	8.6%	68.2%	7.6%
Stoke-on-Trent North	LAB	100.0%	28.0%	6.7%	72.0%	6.1%
Stoke-on-Trent South	LAB	100.0%	34.4%	8.6%	65.6%	6.1%
Stone	CON	100.0%	26.5%	4.6%	73.5%	5.5%
Stourbridge	LAB	100.0%	23.5%	6.4%	76.5%	12.5%
Strangford	UU	100.0%	25.4%	8.8%	74.6%	24.3%
Stratford on Avon	CON	100.0%	18.5%	5.0%	81.5%	13.9%

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Strathkelvin & Bearsden	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	7.8%	73.1%	9.1%
Streatham	LAB	100.0%	18.5%	7.0%	81.5%	19.5%
Stretford & Urmston	LAB	100.0%	25.9%	8.0%	74.1%	12.1%
Stroud	LAB	100.0%	23.1%	5.5%	76.9%	12.0%
Suffolk Coastal	CON	100.0%	24.8%	5.8%	75.2%	11.3%
Sunderland North	LAB	100.0%	27.3%	10.1%	72.7%	18.6%
Sunderland South	LAB	100.0%	27.4%	11.1%	72.6%	20.8%
Surrey Heath	CON	100.0%	20.4%	4.1%	79.6%	6.0%
Sutton & Cheam	LD	100.0%	16.4%	5.0%	83.6%	15.3%
Sutton Coldfield	CON	100.0%	19.2%	6.2%	80.8%	18.7%
Swansea East	LAB	100.0%	31.0%	9.5%	69.0%	5.7%
Swansea West	LAB	100.0%	26.7%	8.4%	73.3%	7.4%
Tamworth	LAB	100.0%	28.9%	6.8%	71.1%	10.1%
Tatton	IND	100.0%	17.9%	3.1%	82.1%	8.8%
Taunton (a)	LD	100.0%	26.6%	6.7%	73.4%	15.0%
Teignbridge	CON	100.0%	25.1%	5.6%	74.9%	13.6%
Telford	LAB	100.0%	32.0%	6.6%	68.0%	7.3%
Tewkesbury	CON	100.0%	20.0%	5.0%	80.0%	13.1%
Thurrock	LAB	100.0%	26.3%	8.4%	73.7%	17.5%
Tiverton & Honiton	CON	100.0%	25.0%	4.6%	75.0%	11.8%
Tonbridge & Malling	CON	100.0%	20.4%	4.3%	79.6%	9.1%
Tooting	LAB	100.0%	19.7%	8.0%	80.3%	21.5%
Torbay	LD	100.0%	26.3%	5.3%	73.7%	12.4%
Torfaen	LAB	100.0%	30.5%	7.4%	69.5%	9.6%
Torridge & West Devon	LD	100.0%	23.7%	5.5%	76.3%	15.4%
Totnes	CON	100.0%	23.0%	3.9%	77.0%	12.5%
Tottenham	LAB	100.0%	21.1%	9.9%	78.9%	23.4%
Truro & St Austell	LD	100.0%	25.4%	6.3%	74.6%	11.6%
Tunbridge Wells	CON	100.0%	19.4%	4.4%	80.6%	8.4%
Tweeddale, Ettrick & Lauderdale	LD	100.0%	27.3%	3.9%	72.7%	5.4%
Twickenham	LD	100.0%	16.0%	4.4%	84.0%	16.5%
Tyne Bridge	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	10.5%	73.1%	23.3%
Tynemouth	LAB	100.0%	24.3%	7.2%	75.7%	16.6%
Upminster	LAB	100.0%	22.9%	6.8%	77.1%	10.9%
Upper Bann	UU	100.0%	23.2%	7.0%	76.8%	29.5%
Uxbridge	CON	100.0%	23.1%	7.5%	76.9%	14.8%
Vale of Clwyd	LAB	100.0%	33.1%	8.0%	66.9%	13.3%
Vale of Glamorgan	LAB	100.0%	27.7%	8.3%	72.3%	10.1%
Vale of York	CON	100.0%	21.4%	3.8%	78.6%	8.7%
Vauxhall	LAB	100.0%	19.1%	8.4%	80.9%	22.4%
Wakefield	LAB	100.0%	27.0%	7.9%	73.0%	11.4%
Wallasey	LAB	100.0%	28.8%	10.8%	71.2%	17.0%
Walsall North	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	11.8%	72.9%	20.6%
Walsall South	LAB	100.0%	28.1%	11.7%	71.9%	17.0%
Walthamstow	LAB	100.0%	22.9%	8.8%	77.1%	11.8%
Wansbeck	LAB	100.0%	30.1%	11.3%	69.9%	20.6%
Wansdyke	LAB	100.0%	25.8%	4.4%	74.2%	7.8%
Wantage	CON	100.0%	19.4%	3.6%	80.6%	9.3%
Warley	LAB	100.0%	26.6%	10.8%	73.4%	21.2%
Warrington North	LAB	100.0%	28.7%	6.7%	71.3%	9.3%
Warrington South	LAB	100.0%	25.2%	5.5%	74.8%	8.2%
Warwick & Leamington	LAB	100.0%	21.7%	6.5%	78.3%	13.0%
Watford	LAB	100.0%	20.2%	5.6%	79.8%	16.1%
Waveney	LAB	100.0%	26.0%	9.0%	74.0%	16.7%
Wealden	CON	100.0%	18.2%	3.5%	81.8%	10.8%
Weaver Vale	LAB	100.0%	34.8%	11.1%	65.2%	12.0%
Wellingborough	LAB	100.0%	26.6%	5.9%	73.4%	9.2%
Wells	CON	100.0%	24.3%	5.0%	75.7%	12.4%
Welwyn Hatfield	LAB	100.0%	22.8%	4.1%	77.2%	8.5%
Wentworth	LAB	100.0%	26.6%	9.2%	73.4%	16.5%
West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	LD	100.0%	23.7%	4.9%	76.3%	9.1%
West Bromwich East	LAB	100.0%	27.4%	10.8%	72.6%	14.3%

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West Bromwich West	SPKR	100.0%	26.3%	9.9%	73.7%	11.9%
West Chelmsford	CON	100.0%	21.9%	6.9%	78.1%	18.1%
West Derbyshire	CON	100.0%	22.8%	3.8%	77.2%	7.4%
West Dorset	CON	100.0%	24.6%	3.6%	75.4%	9.9%
West Ham	LAB	100.0%	26.8%	10.6%	73.2%	10.5%
West Lancashire	LAB	100.0%	31.1%	10.0%	68.9%	12.7%
West Renfrewshire	LAB	100.0%	28.5%	5.0%	71.5%	7.3%
West Suffolk	CON	100.0%	24.0%	4.9%	76.0%	13.6%
West Tyrone	UU	100.0%	25.9%	13.3%	74.1%	37.7%
West Worcestershire	CON	100.0%	25.1%	5.6%	74.9%	11.3%
Westbury	CON	100.0%	25.3%	5.6%	74.7%	14.5%
Western Isles	LAB	100.0%	16.6%	3.7%	83.4%	13.5%
Westmorland & Lonsdale	CON	100.0%	23.1%	2.6%	76.9%	5.6%
Weston-Super-Mare	LD	100.0%	26.5%	6.2%	73.5%	7.0%
Wigan	LAB	100.0%	29.5%	7.2%	70.5%	9.9%
Wimbledon	LAB	100.0%	18.6%	5.5%	81.4%	16.7%
Winchester	VAC	100.0%	22.9%	3.9%	77.1%	11.2%
Windsor	CON	100.0%	16.8%	2.9%	83.2%	12.0%
Wirral South	LAB	100.0%	27.6%	8.9%	72.4%	15.3%
Wirral West	LAB	100.0%	27.4%	8.8%	72.6%	13.3%
Witney	CON	100.0%	21.2%	5.3%	78.8%	7.6%
Woking	CON	100.0%	16.6%	2.9%	83.4%	8.1%
Wokingham	CON	100.0%	18.4%	3.8%	81.6%	7.1%
Wolverhampton North East	LAB	100.0%	28.6%	10.4%	71.4%	15.5%
Wolverhampton South East	LAB	100.0%	29.5%	9.8%	70.5%	13.8%
Wolverhampton South West	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	9.2%	72.9%	15.7%
Woodspring	CON	100.0%	20.7%	2.5%	79.3%	7.6%
Worcester	LAB	100.0%	24.4%	6.3%	75.6%	12.3%
Workington	LAB	100.0%	25.7%	8.3%	74.3%	18.9%
Worsley	LAB	100.0%	29.8%	8.0%	70.2%	4.9%
Worthing West	CON	100.0%	18.7%	3.1%	81.3%	14.8%
Wrekin, The	LAB	100.0%	29.5%	5.7%	70.5%	6.4%
Wrexham	LAB	100.0%	29.5%	8.0%	70.5%	12.1%
Wycombe	CON	100.0%	24.1%	5.7%	75.9%	14.0%
Wyre Forest	LAB	100.0%	25.5%	6.5%	74.5%	12.2%
Wythenshawe & Sale East	LAB	100.0%	28.8%	9.6%	71.2%	17.4%
Yeovil (a)	LD	100.0%	25.6%	5.7%	74.4%	14.0%
Ynys-Mon	PC	100.0%	26.6%	9.6%	73.4%	21.8%
York, City of	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	6.0%	72.9%	11.5%
United Kingdom		100.0%	25.6%	8.1%	74.4%	14.8%

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

Source: ONS - NOMIS database