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# Unemployment by Constituency, March 1998

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

The figures in this Paper are not affected by the move to using the International Labour Organisation (ILO) definition of unemployment as the headline measure. Data for the number of people claiming unemployment-related benefits will continue to be published.

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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.<sup>1</sup>

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 22 April 1998 the Office for National Statistics made changes to the way in which labour market statistics (including unemployment statistics) are presented. Greater weight is now given to data from the Labour Force Survey, and to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) definition of unemployment. The ILO definition is now used as the "headline" measure of unemployment, but 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. In March 1998 there were 1,375,700 people unemployed on the claimant count definition, compared to an average of 1,861,000 unemployed on the ILO definition over the three months December 1997 to February 1998.

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, in the process of 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. ONS intend to start publishing workplace-based unemployment rates for all local authority districts and unitary authorities later this year. This will supplement the workplace-based rates already published each month for travel-to-work areas (TTWAs). In the longer term,

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<sup>1</sup> 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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there is the possibility of ONS also publishing workplace-based unemployment rates for constituencies, and ILO unemployment rates for smaller areas than at present.

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 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, March 1998  
A. (not seasonally adjusted) - alphabetical listing**

Rank by overall  
unemployment rate

UK	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI	Party	Claimants			Rate			
						Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
227		18			Aberavon	LAB	1,287	326	1,613	8.2%	2.9%	6.0%
320			50		Aberdeen Central	LAB	1,195	328	1,523	6.8%	2.3%	4.8%
555			70		Aberdeen North	LAB	695	182	877	3.4%	1.2%	2.4%
535			69		Aberdeen South	LAB	786	254	1,040	3.5%	1.5%	2.6%
173			30		Airdrie & Shotts	LAB	1,943	546	2,489	9.2%	3.6%	6.9%
634	504				Aldershot	CON	727	219	946	2.0%	0.8%	1.5%
436	317				Aldridge - Brownhills	CON	1,097	404	1,501	4.6%	2.3%	3.6%
541	414				Altrincham & Sale West	CON	891	240	1,131	3.6%	1.3%	2.6%
413		36			Alyn & Deeside	LAB	1,058	355	1,413	5.0%	2.3%	3.8%
438	319				Amber Valley	LAB	1,262	387	1,649	4.7%	2.0%	3.6%
242			39		Angus	SNP	1,524	626	2,150	7.2%	3.9%	5.8%
183			31		Argyll & Bute	LD	1,494	548	2,042	8.4%	4.3%	6.7%
648	518				Arundel & South Downs	CON	382	136	518	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
259	182				Ashfield	LAB	1,999	514	2,513	7.7%	2.8%	5.7%
446	326				Ashford	CON	1,248	366	1,614	4.7%	1.9%	3.5%
344	245				Ashton under Lyne	LAB	1,741	416	2,157	6.4%	2.0%	4.5%
591	462				Aylesbury	CON	878	271	1,149	2.7%	1.1%	2.1%
171		29			Ayr	LAB	1,681	476	2,157	9.4%	3.5%	6.9%
624	494				Banbury	CON	637	237	874	2.1%	1.1%	1.6%
501			67		Banff & Buchan	SNP	804	263	1,067	3.6%	1.8%	2.9%
191	132				Barking *	LAB	1,491	495	1,986	8.4%	4.0%	6.6%
152	109				Barnsley Central	LAB	2,167	512	2,679	10.1%	3.2%	7.2%
110	82				Barnsley East & Mexborough	LAB	2,379	609	2,988	10.6%	3.9%	7.9%
255	178				Barnsley West & Penistone	LAB	1,684	442	2,126	7.9%	2.8%	5.7%
221	156				Barrow & Furness	LAB	2,215	467	2,682	8.6%	2.6%	6.1%
379	272				Basildon	LAB	1,577	575	2,152	5.3%	2.7%	4.2%
605	476				Basingstoke *	CON	781	265	1,046	2.5%	1.1%	1.9%
268	186				Bassettlaw	LAB	1,814	491	2,305	7.4%	2.9%	5.5%
410	296				Bath *>	LD	1,196	447	1,643	5.1%	2.3%	3.9%
363	259				Batley & Spen	LAB	1,424	389	1,813	5.9%	2.2%	4.3%
229	163				Battersea	LAB	2,196	826	3,022	8.2%	3.5%	6.0%
644	514				Beaconsfield	CON	486	165	651	1.8%	0.8%	1.4%
357	256				Beckenham	CON	1,678	511	2,189	6.0%	2.3%	4.4%
317	224				Bedford	LAB	1,622	570	2,192	6.2%	2.9%	4.8%
175			12		Belfast East	DU	2,021	524	2,545	9.6%	3.2%	6.8%
19			3		Belfast North	UU	3,156	661	3,817	17.4%	5.1%	12.3%
101			10		Belfast South	UU	2,400	813	3,213	11.1%	4.4%	8.0%
5			1		Belfast West	SF	4,642	713	5,355	22.8%	5.0%	15.4%
263	184				Berwick-upon-Tweed	LD	1,398	428	1,826	7.3%	3.1%	5.6%
11	9				Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	4,542	1,276	5,818	18.1%	7.7%	14.0%
360	257				Beverley & Holderness	CON	1,368	530	1,898	5.5%	2.9%	4.4%
466	345				Bexhill & Battle	CON	800	244	1,044	4.4%	1.7%	3.2%
449	329				Bexleyheath & Crayford	LAB	1,040	414	1,454	4.3%	2.3%	3.5%
470	349				Billericay	CON	1,184	367	1,551	4.1%	1.8%	3.2%
34	27				Birkenhead	LAB	3,315	854	4,169	15.7%	5.3%	11.2%
129	96				Birmingham, Edgbaston	LAB	2,379	720	3,099	10.4%	4.0%	7.6%
126	94				Birmingham, Erdington	LAB	2,697	678	3,375	10.4%	3.7%	7.6%
208	144				Birmingham, Hall Green	LAB	1,768	578	2,346	8.3%	3.6%	6.3%
50	42				Birmingham, Hodge Hill	LAB	2,593	703	3,296	13.4%	5.3%	10.1%
1	1				Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	5,927	1,661	7,588	24.2%	9.8%	18.3%
174	121				Birmingham, Northfield	LAB	1,741	532	2,273	9.2%	3.7%	6.9%
90	67				Birmingham, Perry Barr	LAB	2,807	865	3,672	11.0%	4.5%	8.2%
184	126				Birmingham, Selly Oak	LAB	2,198	711	2,909	9.0%	3.7%	6.7%
9	7				Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	4,921	1,417	6,338	18.8%	9.1%	15.2%
188	129				Birmingham, Yardley	LAB	1,696	510	2,206	8.8%	3.6%	6.6%
234	166				Bishop Auckland	LAB	1,889	513	2,402	8.1%	3.0%	5.9%
618	488				Blaby	CON	585	245	830	2.2%	1.2%	1.7%
230	164				Blackburn	LAB	2,115	488	2,603	8.3%	2.7%	6.0%
240	170				Blackpool North & Fleetwood	LAB	1,969	495	2,464	8.4%	2.6%	5.8%
151	108				Blackpool South	LAB	2,678	713	3,391	10.2%	3.4%	7.2%

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UK	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI	Party	Claimants			Rate		
						Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All
89		1			LAB	1,967	494	2,461	11.2%	4.1%	8.3%
288	203				LAB	1,732	405	2,137	7.6%	2.3%	5.3%
249	173				LAB	1,723	540	2,263	7.8%	3.1%	5.7%
514	388				CON	762	249	1,011	3.8%	1.6%	2.8%
276	193				LAB	1,696	395	2,091	7.4%	2.5%	5.4%
329	233				LAB	1,648	361	2,009	6.7%	2.0%	4.7%
297	210				LAB	1,681	399	2,080	7.2%	2.3%	5.2%
544	417				LAB	776	234	1,010	3.4%	1.4%	2.5%
30	24				LAB	3,199	749	3,948	16.1%	5.1%	11.4%
312	221				CON	1,412	502	1,914	6.3%	3.1%	4.9%
590	461				CON	656	278	934	2.5%	1.4%	2.1%
287	202				CON	1,461	448	1,909	7.2%	2.8%	5.3%
190	131				CON	1,752	451	2,203	9.1%	3.2%	6.6%
633	503				CON	666	196	862	2.1%	0.8%	1.6%
99	73				LAB	2,646	714	3,360	11.0%	4.0%	8.1%
256	179				LAB	1,993	607	2,600	7.8%	3.0%	5.7%
46	38				LAB	3,212	868	4,080	13.7%	5.4%	10.3%
451	331				LAB	1,127	468	1,595	4.1%	2.5%	3.4%
399		35			LD	863	321	1,184	5.0%	2.6%	4.0%
54	45				LAB	3,093	1,105	4,198	13.0%	5.8%	9.8%
293	206				LAB	1,395	564	1,959	6.5%	3.5%	5.2%
44	36				LAB	3,503	1,162	4,665	14.1%	5.9%	10.4%
401	289				LAB	1,647	641	2,288	5.2%	2.5%	4.0%
603	474				CON	599	227	826	2.4%	1.3%	1.9%
305		27			LAB	1,334	413	1,747	6.8%	2.8%	5.1%
310	219				CON	1,557	537	2,094	6.3%	3.1%	5.0%
298	211				LAB	1,528	463	1,991	6.7%	2.9%	5.2%
132	97				LAB	2,232	714	2,946	10.0%	4.2%	7.5%
71	55				LAB	2,743	964	3,707	11.8%	5.2%	8.9%
206	143				LAB	2,319	660	2,979	8.7%	3.2%	6.4%
428	311				LAB	1,359	381	1,740	5.1%	1.9%	3.7%
267	185				LAB	2,145	643	2,788	7.4%	3.0%	5.5%
271	189				LAB	2,017	743	2,760	7.2%	3.2%	5.4%
472	351				CON	1,098	359	1,457	4.2%	1.8%	3.2%
506	381				CON	968	395	1,363	3.6%	1.9%	2.9%
562	434				CON	805	297	1,102	3.0%	1.5%	2.4%
487	364				LAB	1,091	369	1,460	4.0%	1.8%	3.0%
651	521				CON	369	154	523	1.5%	0.9%	1.3%
457	336				LAB	1,101	313	1,414	4.6%	1.7%	3.3%
364	260				LAB	1,497	489	1,986	5.6%	2.6%	4.3%
547	420				LAB	906	254	1,160	3.5%	1.3%	2.5%
465	344				LAB	1,060	314	1,374	4.5%	1.7%	3.2%
564	436				CON	789	320	1,109	2.9%	1.6%	2.4%
91		2			PC	1,633	486	2,119	10.7%	4.6%	8.2%
201		17			LAB	1,869	505	2,374	8.7%	3.3%	6.4%
93			14		LD	1,559	508	2,067	10.2%	5.1%	8.2%
427	310				LAB	1,326	463	1,789	4.9%	2.2%	3.7%
12	10				LAB	3,739	1,304	5,043	18.1%	7.7%	13.4%
327	231				LAB	1,447	461	1,908	6.3%	2.6%	4.7%
387	277				LAB	1,396	512	1,908	5.1%	2.7%	4.1%
333	235				CON	1,489	463	1,952	6.3%	2.6%	4.7%
181		15			LAB	1,768	503	2,271	9.4%	3.3%	6.7%
490		40			LAB	769	229	998	4.2%	1.5%	3.0%
122		5			LAB	2,282	506	2,788	11.0%	3.3%	7.7%
156		11			LAB	2,041	475	2,516	10.2%	3.1%	7.1%
253	176				LAB	1,683	520	2,203	7.8%	3.0%	5.7%
374		32			LAB	915	295	1,210	5.5%	2.5%	4.3%
127		6			LAB	1,743	566	2,309	9.8%	4.5%	7.6%
166			26		LAB	2,188	600	2,788	9.4%	3.6%	6.9%
461	340				LD	1,117	357	1,474	4.4%	1.8%	3.3%

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

Rank by overall

unemployment rate					Claimants			Rate			
UK	Eng	Wal	Scot	NI	Party	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All
473	352				LAB	1,019	350	1,369	3.9%	2.0%	3.2%
113			15		LAB	2,131	619	2,750	10.7%	4.1%	7.8%
510	384				CON	906	302	1,208	3.7%	1.7%	2.9%
302		26			PC	1,046	365	1,411	6.5%	3.2%	5.1%
612	482				CON	662	226	888	2.4%	1.1%	1.8%
422	305				LAB	1,424	431	1,855	4.9%	2.1%	3.7%
615	485				CON	592	182	774	2.4%	1.0%	1.8%
385	276				LD	1,435	383	1,818	5.8%	2.0%	4.1%
654	524				CON	424	128	552	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
388	278				LAB	1,375	358	1,733	5.7%	2.0%	4.1%
209	145				LAB	2,186	597	2,783	8.6%	3.2%	6.3%
571	443				CON	735	264	999	3.0%	1.4%	2.3%
425	308				CON	1,077	400	1,477	4.8%	2.4%	3.7%
445	325				CON	1,140	473	1,613	4.4%	2.4%	3.5%
504	379				LAB	1,063	353	1,416	3.8%	1.7%	2.9%
561	433				CON	613	180	793	3.2%	1.3%	2.4%
262	183				CON	2,240	917	3,157	7.2%	3.6%	5.6%
192	133				LAB	2,120	654	2,774	8.5%	3.8%	6.6%
376		33			LAB	988	300	1,288	5.5%	2.4%	4.2%
323		29			LAB	1,053	316	1,369	6.4%	2.5%	4.7%
142			22		LAB	1,821	399	2,220	10.7%	3.0%	7.3%
285			46		LAB	1,609	449	2,058	7.2%	2.7%	5.3%
168			28		LAB	1,593	483	2,076	9.3%	3.8%	6.9%
439	320				LD	1,261	455	1,716	4.6%	2.3%	3.6%
415	299				LAB	1,318	452	1,770	5.0%	2.2%	3.8%
578	450				CON	722	245	967	2.9%	1.3%	2.3%
106		4			LAB	1,777	493	2,270	11.1%	3.9%	7.9%
114	85				LAB	2,141	562	2,703	10.5%	4.0%	7.8%
459	338				LAB	1,148	395	1,543	4.3%	2.0%	3.3%
621	491				CON	505	164	669	2.2%	1.0%	1.7%
147	105				LAB	2,702	740	3,442	9.8%	3.7%	7.2%
318	225				LAB	1,840	529	2,369	6.5%	2.5%	4.8%
222	157				LAB	2,013	557	2,570	8.3%	3.1%	6.1%
527	401				LAB	982	306	1,288	3.7%	1.5%	2.7%
408	294				LAB	1,321	355	1,676	5.3%	2.0%	3.9%
294	207				LAB	1,402	430	1,832	7.2%	2.8%	5.2%
280	197				LAB	2,344	722	3,066	7.3%	2.9%	5.4%
136	99				LAB	3,214	1,139	4,353	9.9%	4.4%	7.4%
549	422				CON	942	320	1,262	3.3%	1.5%	2.5%
266			44		LAB	1,401	396	1,797	7.8%	2.7%	5.6%
167			27		LAB	1,642	518	2,160	9.1%	4.0%	6.9%
88			13		LAB	1,963	649	2,612	10.9%	4.8%	8.3%
143		9			LAB	1,553	375	1,928	10.1%	3.4%	7.3%
304	214				LAB	1,386	456	1,842	6.6%	3.0%	5.1%
135	98				LAB	2,481	580	3,061	10.6%	3.3%	7.5%
391	280				LAB	1,440	443	1,883	5.4%	2.3%	4.1%
609	479				CON	694	276	970	2.2%	1.2%	1.8%
433		38			LAB	912	259	1,171	4.9%	1.9%	3.6%
419	302				LAB	1,345	382	1,727	5.2%	1.9%	3.8%
309	218				LAB	1,804	545	2,349	6.7%	2.7%	5.0%
98	72				LAB	3,010	838	3,848	10.9%	4.2%	8.1%
602	473				CON	699	294	993	2.3%	1.4%	1.9%
342	244				LAB	1,386	342	1,728	6.3%	2.1%	4.5%
220	155				LAB	1,914	499	2,413	8.2%	3.1%	6.1%
63	51				LAB	2,946	747	3,693	12.6%	4.5%	9.2%
94	69				LAB	2,412	543	2,955	11.2%	3.7%	8.2%
193	134				LAB	2,224	570	2,794	8.9%	3.2%	6.6%
273	190				LAB	1,795	558	2,353	6.9%	3.2%	5.4%
382	274				LAB	1,342	477	1,819	5.2%	2.6%	4.2%
84	64				LAB	3,062	1,157	4,219	11.4%	5.0%	8.4%



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130			18		Dumbarton	LAB	2,205	630	2,835	10.3%	3.9%	7.6%
265			43		Dumfries	LAB	1,638	560	2,198	7.3%	3.3%	5.6%
65			7		Dundee East	LAB	2,584	714	3,298	12.8%	4.4%	9.0%
80			11		Dundee West	LAB	2,196	612	2,808	12.4%	4.0%	8.5%
202			34		Dunfermline East	LAB	1,612	428	2,040	8.7%	3.2%	6.4%
264			42		Dunfermline West	LAB	1,408	424	1,832	7.5%	3.0%	5.6%
311	220				Durham, City of	LAB	1,465	438	1,903	6.8%	2.6%	5.0%
331	234				Ealing North *	LAB	1,853	663	2,516	6.2%	2.8%	4.7%
239	169				Ealing Southall	LAB	2,470	881	3,351	7.8%	3.5%	5.9%
97	71				Ealing, Acton & Shepherd's Bush	LAB	3,321	1,132	4,453	11.0%	4.6%	8.1%
215	151				Easington	LAB	1,740	393	2,133	8.9%	2.7%	6.2%
217			13		East Antrim	UU	1,903	582	2,485	8.1%	3.5%	6.2%
463	342				East Devon	CON	794	293	1,087	4.2%	2.0%	3.2%
42	34				East Ham	LAB	3,450	1,043	4,493	13.3%	6.1%	10.5%
565	437				East Hampshire	CON	898	270	1,168	3.2%	1.3%	2.4%
359			55		East Kilbride	LAB	1,442	473	1,915	5.9%	2.4%	4.4%
55			7		East Londonderry	UU	2,726	662	3,388	12.8%	4.9%	9.7%
404			61		East Lothian	LAB	1,074	278	1,352	5.5%	1.9%	4.0%
643	513				East Surrey	CON	529	177	706	1.9%	0.8%	1.4%
563	435				East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	749	273	1,022	3.1%	1.5%	2.4%
254	177				East Yorkshire	CON	1,699	543	2,242	7.4%	3.3%	5.7%
353	253				Eastbourne	CON	1,329	376	1,705	6.3%	2.2%	4.4%
592	463				Eastleigh	LD	738	223	961	2.7%	1.1%	2.0%
456			65		Eastwood	LAB	1,021	335	1,356	4.4%	1.9%	3.3%
337	239				Eccles	LAB	1,610	415	2,025	6.5%	2.2%	4.6%
498	374				Eddisbury	CON	881	277	1,158	3.8%	1.7%	2.9%
233			36		Edinburgh Central	LAB	1,547	485	2,032	8.5%	3.0%	6.0%
325			51		Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	LAB	1,366	320	1,686	7.0%	2.0%	4.7%
236			38		Edinburgh North & Leith	LAB	1,895	576	2,471	8.5%	3.0%	5.9%
384			57		Edinburgh Pentlands	LAB	1,208	336	1,544	5.9%	2.0%	4.2%
330			52		Edinburgh South	LAB	1,203	345	1,548	6.8%	2.3%	4.7%
485			66		Edinburgh West	LD	984	277	1,261	4.3%	1.5%	3.0%
124	92				Edmonton	LAB	2,419	808	3,227	10.0%	4.5%	7.6%
394	283				Ellesmere Port & Neston	LAB	1,336	368	1,704	5.5%	2.0%	4.0%
495	371				Elmet	LAB	997	350	1,347	3.9%	1.7%	3.0%
211	147				Eltham	LAB	1,732	575	2,307	8.3%	3.6%	6.2%
296	209				Enfield North	LAB	1,799	576	2,375	6.9%	2.9%	5.2%
307	216				Enfield, Southgate	LAB	1,524	621	2,145	6.3%	3.4%	5.1%
481	359				Epping Forest	CON	1,019	407	1,426	3.8%	2.1%	3.1%
642	512				Epsom & Ewell	CON	530	163	693	2.0%	0.8%	1.4%
426	309				Erewash	LAB	1,444	469	1,913	4.9%	2.2%	3.7%
75	59				Erith & Thamesmead	LAB	2,876	986	3,862	11.2%	5.3%	8.7%
639	509				Esher & Walton	CON	512	192	704	1.8%	1.0%	1.5%
290	204				Exeter	LAB	1,920	690	2,610	7.1%	3.1%	5.3%
250			41		Falkirk East	LAB	1,638	452	2,090	7.9%	2.8%	5.7%
160			23		Falkirk West	LAB	1,796	500	2,296	9.7%	3.5%	7.0%
107	79				Falmouth & Camborne	LAB	2,381	739	3,120	10.4%	4.5%	7.9%
614	484				Fareham	CON	582	204	786	2.3%	1.1%	1.8%
464	343				Faversham & Mid Kent	CON	1,050	366	1,416	4.1%	2.0%	3.2%
383	275				Feltham & Heston	LAB	1,577	511	2,088	5.4%	2.4%	4.2%
51			6		Fermanagh & South Tyrone	UU	2,715	759	3,474	12.5%	6.0%	10.1%
346	247				Finchley & Golders Green	LAB	1,569	697	2,266	5.5%	3.2%	4.5%
179	124				Folkestone & Hythe	CON	2,255	562	2,817	9.3%	3.2%	6.8%
494	370				Forest of Dean	LAB	814	334	1,148	3.5%	2.1%	3.0%
7			2		Foyle	SDLP	4,763	1,029	5,792	20.7%	6.9%	15.2%
598	469				Fylde	CON	602	199	801	2.6%	1.1%	2.0%
377	270				Gainsborough	CON	1,187	413	1,600	5.3%	2.7%	4.2%
235			37		Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	SNP	1,422	471	1,893	7.6%	3.6%	5.9%
283	200				Gateshead East & Washington West	LAB	1,796	425	2,221	7.6%	2.4%	5.4%
424	307				Gedling	LAB	1,272	454	1,726	5.0%	2.2%	3.7%

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434	315				Gillingham	LAB	1,251	490	1,741	4.4%	2.5%	3.6%
70			9		Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	1,961	415	2,376	13.5%	3.4%	8.9%
61			5		Glasgow Baillieston	LAB	2,336	546	2,882	13.2%	4.1%	9.2%
187			32		Glasgow Cathcart	LAB	1,541	368	1,909	9.7%	2.8%	6.6%
64			6		Glasgow Govan	LAB	2,298	632	2,930	12.6%	4.5%	9.0%
66			8		Glasgow Kelvin	LAB	2,134	637	2,771	12.5%	4.6%	9.0%
26			2		Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	2,863	757	3,620	16.7%	5.7%	11.9%
58			4		Glasgow Pollok	LAB	2,333	526	2,859	13.8%	4.0%	9.6%
161			24		Glasgow Rutherglen	LAB	1,556	388	1,944	9.9%	3.2%	7.0%
18			1		Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	2,394	533	2,927	17.4%	5.4%	12.4%
29			3		Glasgow Springburn	LAB	2,673	675	3,348	16.7%	5.2%	11.5%
348	248				Gloucester	LAB	1,794	535	2,329	6.1%	2.4%	4.5%
583			71		Gordon	LD	589	231	820	2.7%	1.5%	2.2%
453	333				Gosport	CON	1,152	396	1,548	4.4%	2.1%	3.4%
362		31			Gower	LAB	1,055	314	1,369	5.9%	2.3%	4.3%
471	350				Grantham & Stamford	CON	974	397	1,371	3.9%	2.2%	3.2%
306	215				Gravesham	LAB	1,722	631	2,353	6.3%	3.3%	5.1%
53	44				Great Grimsby	LAB	3,247	820	4,067	13.3%	4.9%	9.8%
59	48				Great Yarmouth	LAB	2,882	992	3,874	12.0%	5.9%	9.5%
284			45		Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	1,262	310	1,572	7.8%	2.4%	5.3%
40	32				Greenwich & Woolwich	LAB	3,273	1,106	4,379	14.0%	6.1%	10.5%
628	498				Guildford	CON	595	206	801	2.1%	0.9%	1.6%
6	5				Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	4,745	1,826	6,571	19.8%	9.8%	15.4%
4	4				Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	4,914	1,727	6,641	20.9%	9.0%	15.6%
365	261				Halesowen & Rowley Regis	LAB	1,384	445	1,829	5.6%	2.5%	4.3%
212	148				Halifax	LAB	2,327	572	2,899	8.9%	2.8%	6.2%
518	392				Haltemprice & Howden	CON	761	338	1,099	3.4%	2.0%	2.8%
159	115				Halton	LAB	2,187	583	2,770	9.6%	3.5%	7.0%
165			25		Hamilton North & Bellshill	LAB	1,920	503	2,423	9.5%	3.4%	6.9%
207			35		Hamilton South	LAB	1,372	355	1,727	8.8%	3.0%	6.3%
186	128				Hammersmith & Fulham	LAB	2,883	1,180	4,063	9.0%	4.0%	6.6%
141	102				Hampstead & Highgate	LAB	2,505	1,135	3,640	9.5%	4.9%	7.3%
586	457				Harborough	CON	698	281	979	2.7%	1.4%	2.2%
420	303				Harlow	LAB	1,239	446	1,685	4.8%	2.3%	3.8%
537	410				Harrogate & Knaresborough	LD	788	265	1,053	3.5%	1.4%	2.6%
402	290				Harrow East	LAB	1,475	629	2,104	4.9%	2.7%	4.0%
474	353				Harrow West	LAB	1,099	440	1,539	4.0%	2.0%	3.1%
36	29				Hartlepool	LAB	3,553	817	4,370	15.0%	4.8%	10.8%
162	116				Harwich	LAB	1,952	539	2,491	9.4%	3.6%	7.0%
144	103				Hastings & Rye	LAB	2,426	645	3,071	10.1%	3.5%	7.3%
356	255				Havant	CON	1,513	390	1,903	6.1%	2.1%	4.4%
393	282				Hayes & Harlington	LAB	1,237	421	1,658	5.2%	2.4%	4.0%
550	423				Hazel Grove	LD	798	236	1,034	3.4%	1.3%	2.5%
573	445				Hemel Hempstead	LAB	850	264	1,114	3.0%	1.3%	2.3%
258	181				Hemsworth	LAB	1,799	485	2,284	7.7%	2.8%	5.7%
277	194				Hendon	LAB	1,977	697	2,674	7.0%	3.2%	5.4%
656	526				Henley	CON	393	137	530	1.5%	0.7%	1.2%
397	286				Hereford *>	LD	1,243	484	1,727	5.0%	2.6%	4.0%
632	502				Hertford & Stortford	CON	552	217	769	2.0%	1.0%	1.6%
577	449				Hertsmere	CON	734	258	992	2.9%	1.4%	2.3%
477	356				Hexham	CON	837	254	1,091	4.1%	1.7%	3.1%
275	192				Heywood & Middleton	LAB	2,028	559	2,587	7.5%	2.7%	5.4%
505	380				High Peak	LAB	1,013	344	1,357	3.8%	1.7%	2.9%
596	467				Hitchin & Harpenden	CON	678	214	892	2.6%	1.2%	2.0%
28	23				Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	3,472	1,308	4,780	15.7%	7.1%	11.8%
500	376				Hornchurch	LAB	843	329	1,172	3.6%	1.9%	2.9%
100	74				Hornsey & Wood Green	LAB	3,322	1,200	4,522	10.9%	4.7%	8.0%
650	520				Horsham	CON	475	163	638	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
203	140				Houghton & Washington East	LAB	1,990	478	2,468	9.1%	2.9%	6.4%
224	159				Hove	LAB	1,817	675	2,492	7.9%	3.7%	6.1%

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105	78				Huddersfield	LAB	2,353	750	3,103	10.5%	4.5%	7.9%
575	447				Huntingdon	CON	857	374	1,231	2.7%	1.7%	2.3%
423	306				Hyndburn	LAB	1,221	357	1,578	5.2%	1.9%	3.7%
414	298				Ilford North	LAB	1,158	511	1,669	4.7%	2.7%	3.8%
185	127				Ilford South *	LAB	2,464	850	3,314	8.5%	4.1%	6.6%
246			40		Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	LAB	1,760	633	2,393	7.5%	3.5%	5.8%
251	174				Ipswich	LAB	1,989	510	2,499	7.9%	2.8%	5.7%
102	75				Isle of Wight	LD	3,220	1,114	4,334	10.3%	4.8%	8.0%
17	15				Islington North	LAB	4,034	1,644	5,678	16.9%	7.9%	12.7%
32	25				Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	3,222	1,256	4,478	14.6%	7.2%	11.3%
380		34			Islwyn	LAB	905	325	1,230	5.3%	2.6%	4.2%
125	93				Jarrow	LAB	2,286	577	2,863	10.6%	3.6%	7.6%
341	243				Keighley	LAB	1,393	514	1,907	6.0%	2.8%	4.6%
381	273				Kensington & Chelsea	CON	1,571	854	2,425	4.9%	3.3%	4.2%
538	411				Kettering	LAB	922	327	1,249	3.4%	1.6%	2.6%
133			20		Kilmarnock & Loudoun	LAB	2,177	690	2,867	10.0%	4.2%	7.5%
483	361				Kingston & Surbiton	LD	1,149	457	1,606	3.9%	2.0%	3.1%
57	47				Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	3,086	785	3,871	12.9%	4.8%	9.6%
41	33				Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	3,537	919	4,456	14.1%	5.2%	10.5%
52	43				Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	3,068	830	3,898	13.3%	5.0%	9.8%
539	412				Kingswood	LAB	968	313	1,281	3.4%	1.5%	2.6%
79			10		Kirkcaldy	LAB	2,067	618	2,685	11.6%	4.6%	8.6%
123	91				Knowsley North & Sefton East	LAB	2,646	781	3,427	10.4%	4.0%	7.7%
49	41				Knowsley South	LAB	3,414	886	4,300	14.1%	4.9%	10.2%
358			18		Lagan Valley	UU	1,408	512	1,920	5.4%	2.9%	4.4%
437	318				Lancaster & Wyre	LAB	1,116	417	1,533	4.7%	2.2%	3.6%
25	21				Leeds Central	LAB	4,024	936	4,960	16.9%	5.3%	12.0%
60	49				Leeds East	LAB	2,788	712	3,500	13.2%	4.5%	9.5%
252	175				Leeds North East	LAB	1,757	521	2,278	7.9%	2.9%	5.7%
369	265				Leeds North West	LAB	1,269	341	1,610	6.1%	2.0%	4.3%
197	137				Leeds West	LAB	2,204	500	2,704	9.3%	2.8%	6.5%
257	180				Leicester East	LAB	1,601	611	2,212	7.3%	3.6%	5.7%
150	107				Leicester South	LAB	2,474	683	3,157	9.9%	3.6%	7.2%
164	117				Leicester West	LAB	2,212	671	2,883	9.4%	3.7%	7.0%
368	264				Leigh	LAB	1,419	442	1,861	5.7%	2.4%	4.3%
497	373				Leominster <*	CON	811	323	1,134	3.5%	2.1%	2.9%
469	348				Lewes	LD	828	309	1,137	4.1%	2.0%	3.2%
119	89				Lewisham East	LAB	2,093	721	2,814	10.4%	4.5%	7.7%
72	56				Lewisham West	LAB	2,738	825	3,563	12.5%	4.5%	8.8%
21	17				Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	3,731	1,257	4,988	16.8%	6.8%	12.2%
149	106				Leyton & Wanstead	LAB	2,289	786	3,075	9.6%	4.2%	7.2%
553	426				Lichfield	CON	756	291	1,047	3.1%	1.6%	2.5%
138	101				Lincoln	LAB	2,360	647	3,007	10.1%	3.8%	7.4%
343			53		Linlithgow	LAB	1,276	347	1,623	6.3%	2.2%	4.5%
95	70				Liverpool, Garston	LAB	2,516	659	3,175	11.5%	3.9%	8.1%
2	2				Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	4,825	1,335	6,160	23.4%	8.6%	17.0%
22	18				Liverpool, Walton	LAB	3,866	997	4,863	17.1%	5.8%	12.2%
45	37				Liverpool, Wavertree	LAB	3,430	926	4,356	14.7%	4.9%	10.3%
20	16				Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	3,792	933	4,725	17.2%	5.7%	12.3%
347			54		Livingston	LAB	1,397	381	1,778	6.4%	2.2%	4.5%
195		16			Llanelli	LAB	1,552	414	1,966	8.8%	3.3%	6.5%
440	321				Loughborough	LAB	1,082	401	1,483	4.6%	2.3%	3.6%
314	223				Louth & Horncastle	CON	1,302	514	1,816	5.8%	3.4%	4.8%
529	403				Ludlow	CON	717	271	988	3.3%	1.8%	2.7%
350	250				Luton North	LAB	1,545	478	2,023	5.9%	2.5%	4.5%
228	162				Luton South	LAB	2,095	598	2,693	7.8%	3.3%	6.0%
584	455				Macclesfield	CON	834	205	1,039	3.1%	1.0%	2.2%
617	487				Maidenhead	CON	629	187	816	2.4%	0.9%	1.8%
534	408				Maidstone & The Weald	CON	941	318	1,259	3.4%	1.5%	2.6%
378	271				Makerfield	LAB	1,402	413	1,815	5.6%	2.3%	4.2%

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512	386				Maldon & East Chelmsford	CON	879	316	1,195	3.5%	1.8%	2.8%
67	52				Manchester, Blackley	LAB	2,693	595	3,288	12.6%	3.9%	9.0%
8	6				Manchester, Central	LAB	4,282	1,161	5,443	20.4%	7.9%	15.2%
16	14				Manchester, Gorton	LAB	3,275	877	4,152	17.4%	6.4%	12.8%
86	65				Manchester, Withington	LAB	2,376	757	3,133	11.5%	4.5%	8.3%
214	150				Mansfield	LAB	1,974	555	2,529	8.4%	3.2%	6.2%
308	217				Medway	LAB	1,580	551	2,131	6.2%	3.2%	5.0%
163		12			Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	PC	931	373	1,304	8.5%	4.8%	7.0%
361	258				Meriden	CON	1,709	554	2,263	5.7%	2.5%	4.4%
140		8			Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	LAB	1,819	424	2,243	10.1%	3.4%	7.3%
622	492				Mid Bedfordshire	CON	512	223	735	2.0%	1.2%	1.7%
585	456				Mid Dorset & North Poole	CON	691	226	917	2.8%	1.2%	2.2%
468	347				Mid Norfolk	CON	1,078	377	1,455	4.1%	2.0%	3.2%
646	516				Mid Sussex	CON	455	186	641	1.7%	0.9%	1.4%
77				8	Mid Ulster	SF	2,205	526	2,731	11.0%	4.5%	8.6%
551	424				Mid Worcestershire	CON	701	340	1,041	2.9%	1.9%	2.5%
13	11				Middlesbrough	LAB	4,544	958	5,502	18.6%	5.5%	13.2%
112	84				Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland	LAB	2,615	656	3,271	10.8%	3.8%	7.8%
412			62		Midlothian	LAB	944	231	1,175	5.6%	1.7%	3.8%
454	334				Milton Keynes South West	LAB	1,203	396	1,599	4.5%	2.0%	3.4%
274	191				Mitcham & Morden	LAB	1,789	586	2,375	7.2%	3.1%	5.4%
657	527				Mole Valley	CON	355	123	478	1.4%	0.7%	1.1%
417		37			Monmouth	LAB	984	348	1,332	4.9%	2.3%	3.8%
479		39			Montgomeryshire	LD	550	237	787	3.6%	2.3%	3.1%
301			48		Moray	SNP	1,338	551	1,889	6.0%	3.8%	5.1%
213	149				Morecambe & Lunesdale	LAB	1,812	553	2,365	8.3%	3.4%	6.2%
405	291				Morley & Rothwell	LAB	1,347	393	1,740	5.4%	2.0%	3.9%
131				19	Motherwell & Wishaw	LAB	1,740	439	2,179	10.6%	3.5%	7.6%
248		22			Neath	LAB	1,332	416	1,748	7.5%	3.3%	5.7%
568	440				New Forest East	CON	750	232	982	3.1%	1.3%	2.3%
519	393				New Forest West	CON	704	209	913	3.7%	1.5%	2.8%
339	241				Newark	LAB	1,464	505	1,969	5.9%	2.8%	4.6%
652	522				Newbury	LD	477	139	616	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
69	54				Newcastle upon Tyne Central	LAB	2,568	664	3,232	12.7%	4.2%	8.9%
43	35				Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	3,145	732	3,877	15.0%	4.5%	10.4%
216	152				Newcastle upon Tyne North	LAB	2,039	472	2,511	9.0%	2.6%	6.2%
460	339				Newcastle-under-Lyme	LAB	978	356	1,334	4.2%	2.0%	3.3%
231		19			Newport East	LAB	1,557	438	1,995	8.0%	3.1%	6.0%
180		14			Newport West	LAB	1,828	520	2,348	9.2%	3.5%	6.7%
39				5	Newry & Armagh	SDLP	3,408	778	4,186	13.8%	5.2%	10.6%
400	288				Normanton	LAB	1,185	398	1,583	5.3%	2.3%	4.0%
146				11	North Antrim	DU	2,403	630	3,033	9.4%	3.8%	7.2%
169	118				North Cornwall	LD	2,165	944	3,109	8.1%	5.1%	6.9%
338	240				North Devon	LD	1,434	537	1,971	5.8%	3.0%	4.6%
610	480				North Dorset	CON	500	197	697	2.2%	1.2%	1.8%
244				14	North Down	UKU	1,545	568	2,113	7.3%	3.7%	5.8%
241	171				North Durham	LAB	1,904	454	2,358	8.2%	2.6%	5.8%
601	472				North East Bedfordshire	CON	599	235	834	2.4%	1.3%	1.9%
406	292				North East Cambridgeshire	CON	1,337	480	1,817	4.9%	2.5%	3.9%
349	249				North East Derbyshire	LAB	1,557	434	1,991	6.0%	2.3%	4.5%
403			60		North East Fife	LD	902	360	1,262	4.9%	2.7%	4.0%
649	519				North East Hampshire	CON	472	157	629	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
604	475				North East Hertfordshire	CON	623	224	847	2.4%	1.2%	1.9%
524	398				North East Milton Keynes	LAB	919	325	1,244	3.5%	1.7%	2.7%
579	451				North Essex	CON	659	264	923	2.7%	1.6%	2.3%
373	268				North Norfolk	CON	1,287	439	1,726	5.4%	2.7%	4.3%
482	360				North Shropshire	CON	914	364	1,278	3.7%	2.1%	3.1%
27	22				North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	3,709	1,308	5,017	15.7%	7.1%	11.9%
570	442				North Swindon	LAB	790	254	1,044	3.1%	1.3%	2.3%
370			56		North Tayside	SNP	1,150	451	1,601	5.4%	2.8%	4.3%

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104	77				North Thanet	CON	2,314	654	2,968	10.8%	4.1%	8.0%
109	81				North Tyneside	LAB	2,534	615	3,149	11.2%	3.5%	7.9%
499	375				North Warwickshire	LAB	986	404	1,390	3.5%	2.0%	2.9%
542	415				North West Cambridgeshire	CON	892	333	1,225	3.2%	1.7%	2.6%
232	165				North West Durham	LAB	1,829	467	2,296	8.2%	2.9%	6.0%
645	515				North West Hampshire *	CON	491	215	706	1.6%	1.0%	1.4%
480	358				North West Leicestershire	LAB	908	314	1,222	3.9%	1.9%	3.1%
335	237				North West Norfolk	LAB	1,565	554	2,119	5.9%	2.9%	4.7%
611	481				North Wiltshire	CON	616	268	884	2.1%	1.3%	1.8%
392	281				Northampton North	LAB	1,477	515	1,992	5.3%	2.4%	4.0%
432	314				Northampton South	LAB	1,430	441	1,871	4.9%	2.0%	3.6%
641	511				Northavon	LD	571	206	777	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
324	229				Norwich North	LAB	1,644	538	2,182	6.2%	2.7%	4.7%
137	100				Norwich South	LAB	2,448	737	3,185	10.0%	4.0%	7.4%
33	26				Nottingham East	LAB	3,589	1,017	4,606	15.4%	5.7%	11.2%
76	60				Nottingham North	LAB	2,751	781	3,532	11.7%	4.5%	8.7%
111	83				Nottingham South	LAB	2,478	686	3,164	10.8%	4.0%	7.9%
447	327				Nuneaton	LAB	1,223	414	1,637	4.5%	2.1%	3.5%
198			33		Ochil	LAB	1,659	509	2,168	8.7%	3.5%	6.5%
261		23			Ogmore	LAB	1,323	369	1,692	7.5%	2.9%	5.6%
533	407				Old Bexley & Sidcup	CON	819	346	1,165	3.2%	1.8%	2.6%
416	300				Oldham East & Saddleworth	LAB	1,470	417	1,887	5.3%	1.9%	3.8%
303	213				Oldham West & Royton	LAB	1,843	479	2,322	7.2%	2.4%	5.1%
431			63		Orkney & Shetland	LD	565	205	770	4.4%	2.4%	3.6%
540	413				Orpington	CON	1,009	356	1,365	3.3%	1.6%	2.6%
345	246				Oxford East	LAB	1,479	450	1,929	6.2%	2.4%	4.5%
629	499				Oxford West & Abingdon	LD	577	213	790	2.1%	1.0%	1.6%
120			17		Paisley North	LAB	1,795	482	2,277	11.2%	3.6%	7.7%
139			21		Paisley South	LAB	1,970	500	2,470	10.6%	3.3%	7.3%
444	324				Pendle	LAB	1,086	293	1,379	4.9%	1.8%	3.5%
552	425				Penrith & The Border	CON	699	318	1,017	2.9%	1.9%	2.5%
316			49		Perth	SNP	1,358	402	1,760	6.7%	2.5%	4.8%
319	226				Peterborough	LAB	1,735	508	2,243	6.4%	2.5%	4.8%
199	138				Plymouth, Devonport	LAB	2,460	676	3,136	8.4%	3.5%	6.5%
38	31				Plymouth, Sutton	LAB	3,397	1,038	4,435	14.0%	5.9%	10.6%
218	153				Pontefract & Castleford	LAB	1,825	575	2,400	8.1%	3.5%	6.2%
315		28			Pontypridd	LAB	1,464	409	1,873	6.6%	2.4%	4.8%
441	322				Poole	CON	1,064	276	1,340	4.9%	1.7%	3.6%
14	12				Poplar & Canning Town	LAB	4,111	1,169	5,280	17.0%	7.1%	13.0%
367	263				Portsmouth North	LAB	1,351	407	1,758	5.7%	2.4%	4.3%
153	110				Portsmouth South	LD	2,525	701	3,226	9.5%	3.8%	7.1%
134		7			Preseli Pembrokeshire	LAB	1,795	546	2,341	9.6%	4.4%	7.5%
194	135				Preston	LAB	2,274	609	2,883	8.9%	3.2%	6.5%
580	452				Pudsey	LAB	778	270	1,048	3.0%	1.3%	2.2%
326	230				Putney	LAB	1,413	545	1,958	6.3%	2.8%	4.7%
559	431				Rayleigh	CON	781	297	1,078	3.0%	1.6%	2.4%
543	416				Reading East	LAB	985	268	1,253	3.5%	1.3%	2.5%
576	448				Reading West	LAB	877	245	1,122	3.1%	1.2%	2.3%
68	53				Redcar	LAB	3,126	667	3,793	12.6%	3.8%	8.9%
396	285				Redditch	LAB	1,226	471	1,697	5.1%	2.6%	4.0%
73	57				Regent's Park & Kensington North	LAB	3,644	1,547	5,191	11.3%	5.8%	8.8%
637	507				Reigate	CON	487	140	627	2.0%	0.8%	1.5%
148		10			Rhondda	LAB	1,742	462	2,204	9.6%	3.7%	7.2%
636	506				Ribble Valley	CON	530	163	693	2.1%	0.8%	1.5%
522	396				Richmond	CON	828	355	1,183	3.2%	2.0%	2.8%
503	378				Richmond Park	LD	1,074	441	1,515	3.7%	1.9%	2.9%
158	114				Rochdale	LAB	2,371	575	2,946	9.9%	3.2%	7.1%
82	62				Rochford & Southend East	CON	2,806	809	3,615	11.3%	4.5%	8.5%
484	362				Romford	LAB	912	289	1,201	4.0%	1.7%	3.0%
619	489				Romsey	CON	556	179	735	2.3%	1.0%	1.7%

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118			16		Ross, Skye & Inverness West	LD	1,855	742	2,597	9.4%	5.4%	7.8%
525	399				Rossendale & Darwen	LAB	929	315	1,244	3.6%	1.6%	2.7%
237	167				Rother Valley	LAB	2,001	549	2,550	8.0%	3.0%	5.9%
62	50				Rotherham	LAB	2,688	645	3,333	12.7%	4.3%	9.2%
389			59		Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	873	343	1,216	5.2%	2.7%	4.1%
516	390				Rugby & Kenilworth	LAB	1,078	359	1,437	3.7%	1.6%	2.8%
560	432				Ruislip - Northwood	CON	729	238	967	3.2%	1.3%	2.4%
635	505				Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	551	175	726	2.0%	0.8%	1.5%
528	402				Rushcliffe	CON	1,008	332	1,340	3.6%	1.6%	2.7%
627	497				Rutland & Melton	CON	504	229	733	1.9%	1.2%	1.6%
521	395				Ryedale	CON	743	299	1,042	3.4%	1.9%	2.8%
600	471				Saffron Walden	CON	642	288	930	2.3%	1.5%	1.9%
172	120				Salford	LAB	1,925	449	2,374	9.6%	3.1%	6.9%
587	458				Salisbury	CON	838	262	1,100	2.8%	1.2%	2.1%
178	123				Scarborough & Whitby	LAB	2,215	727	2,942	9.0%	3.9%	6.8%
226	161				Scunthorpe	LAB	1,754	546	2,300	7.8%	3.5%	6.1%
328	232				Sedgefield	LAB	1,413	424	1,837	6.3%	2.6%	4.7%
421	304				Selby	LAB	1,249	453	1,702	4.7%	2.4%	3.8%
572	444				Sevenoaks	CON	720	273	993	2.8%	1.5%	2.3%
223	158				Sheffield, Attercliffe	LAB	1,963	576	2,539	8.2%	3.2%	6.1%
47	39				Sheffield, Brightside	LAB	3,017	713	3,730	14.3%	4.7%	10.3%
10	8				Sheffield, Central	LAB	4,165	1,088	5,253	19.0%	7.0%	14.1%
430	313				Sheffield, Hallam	LD	877	335	1,212	4.8%	2.3%	3.7%
117	88				Sheffield, Heeley	LAB	2,496	679	3,175	10.7%	3.9%	7.8%
336	238				Sheffield, Hillsborough	LAB	1,747	576	2,323	6.2%	2.6%	4.7%
355	254				Sherwood	LAB	1,546	478	2,024	5.9%	2.5%	4.4%
450	330				Shipley	LAB	1,126	386	1,512	4.6%	2.0%	3.4%
523	397				Shrewsbury & Atcham	LAB	936	313	1,249	3.6%	1.6%	2.7%
270	188				Sittingbourne & Sheppey	LAB	1,705	566	2,271	6.8%	3.4%	5.4%
595	466				Skipton & Ripon	CON	660	242	902	2.6%	1.3%	2.0%
513	387				Sleaford & North Hykeham	CON	856	329	1,185	3.5%	1.9%	2.8%
340	242				Slough	LAB	1,730	497	2,227	6.2%	2.4%	4.6%
581	453				Solihull	CON	823	303	1,126	2.9%	1.4%	2.2%
566	438				Somerton & Frome *	LD	759	294	1,053	2.9%	1.6%	2.4%
332			17		South Antrim	UU	1,545	533	2,078	6.0%	2.9%	4.7%
625	495				South Cambridgeshire	CON	566	190	756	2.1%	1.0%	1.6%
455	335				South Derbyshire	LAB	1,203	404	1,607	4.4%	2.0%	3.4%
351	251				South Dorset	CON	1,389	407	1,796	5.9%	2.4%	4.4%
85			9		South Down	SDLP	2,505	724	3,229	10.6%	4.9%	8.4%
599	470				South East Cambridgeshire	CON	704	264	968	2.5%	1.3%	1.9%
334	236				South East Cornwall	LD	1,420	587	2,007	5.6%	3.3%	4.7%
589	460				South Holland & The Deepings	CON	575	253	828	2.4%	1.5%	2.1%
488	365				South Norfolk	CON	1,024	419	1,443	3.6%	2.1%	3.0%
574	446				South Ribble	LAB	786	288	1,074	3.0%	1.4%	2.3%
35	28				South Shields	LAB	3,071	773	3,844	14.8%	5.2%	10.8%
517	391				South Staffordshire	CON	980	376	1,356	3.5%	1.8%	2.8%
502	377				South Suffolk	CON	900	300	1,200	3.7%	1.8%	2.9%
467	346				South Swindon	LAB	1,234	375	1,609	4.4%	1.7%	3.2%
154	111				South Thanet	LAB	1,995	514	2,509	9.8%	3.5%	7.1%
567	439				South West Bedfordshire	CON	807	353	1,160	2.8%	1.7%	2.3%
508	382				South West Devon	CON	887	345	1,232	3.6%	1.9%	2.9%
606	477				South West Hertfordshire	CON	669	211	880	2.4%	1.1%	1.9%
458	337				South West Norfolk	CON	1,155	515	1,670	3.8%	2.5%	3.3%
647	517				South West Surrey	CON	468	150	618	1.8%	0.8%	1.3%
210	146				Southampton, Itchen	LAB	2,300	523	2,823	8.6%	2.8%	6.3%
204	141				Southampton, Test	LAB	2,287	551	2,838	8.9%	2.9%	6.4%
281	198				Southend West	CON	1,595	490	2,085	7.2%	3.0%	5.4%
286	201				Southport	LD	1,638	530	2,168	7.3%	2.9%	5.3%
630	500				Spelthorne	CON	581	220	801	2.0%	1.0%	1.6%
623	493				St Albans	LAB	567	193	760	2.2%	1.0%	1.7%

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295	208				LAB	1,694	533	2,227	6.9%	3.0%	5.2%
196	136				LAB	2,075	552	2,627	8.9%	3.2%	6.5%
87	66				LD	2,271	1,048	3,319	9.7%	6.4%	8.3%
486	363				LAB	964	349	1,313	3.9%	1.9%	3.0%
531	405				LAB	865	312	1,177	3.4%	1.7%	2.7%
375	269				LAB	1,443	408	1,851	5.8%	2.2%	4.3%
448	328				LAB	1,177	410	1,587	4.4%	2.1%	3.5%
299			47		LAB	1,259	382	1,641	7.1%	2.7%	5.1%
371	266				LAB	1,504	364	1,868	6.1%	1.9%	4.3%
37	30				LAB	3,426	813	4,239	14.9%	4.9%	10.7%
170	119				LAB	2,309	580	2,889	9.6%	3.3%	6.9%
205	142				LAB	1,915	536	2,451	8.6%	3.3%	6.4%
366	262				LAB	1,211	383	1,594	5.6%	2.5%	4.3%
352	252				LAB	1,464	526	1,990	5.7%	2.7%	4.4%
594	465				CON	580	289	869	2.4%	1.6%	2.0%
429	312				LAB	1,196	412	1,608	4.7%	2.2%	3.7%
272			16		UU	1,655	533	2,188	7.0%	3.2%	5.4%
597	468				CON	732	288	1,020	2.5%	1.3%	2.0%
386			58		LAB	1,331	385	1,716	5.7%	2.1%	4.1%
48	40				LAB	4,047	1,532	5,579	13.7%	6.1%	10.2%
313	222				LAB	1,774	485	2,259	6.8%	2.4%	4.9%
532	406				LAB	900	364	1,264	3.3%	1.8%	2.7%
452	332				CON	1,116	409	1,525	4.2%	2.2%	3.4%
74	58				LAB	2,600	504	3,104	12.7%	3.4%	8.8%
56	46				LAB	3,142	618	3,760	14.0%	3.8%	9.7%
658	528				CON	403	146	549	1.3%	0.6%	1.0%
569	441				LD	727	266	993	3.0%	1.4%	2.3%
520	394				CON	881	397	1,278	3.4%	1.9%	2.8%
243		20			LAB	1,628	382	2,010	8.2%	2.6%	5.8%
176		13			LAB	1,639	451	2,090	9.4%	3.4%	6.8%
435	316				LAB	1,151	451	1,602	4.4%	2.5%	3.6%
588	459				IND	607	217	824	2.7%	1.3%	2.1%
409	295				LD	1,388	462	1,850	5.2%	2.2%	3.9%
372	267				CON	1,391	513	1,904	5.5%	2.7%	4.3%
411	297				LAB	1,192	329	1,521	5.3%	2.0%	3.9%
582	454				CON	677	265	942	2.8%	1.4%	2.2%
247	172				LAB	1,964	626	2,590	7.4%	3.4%	5.7%
509	383				CON	922	349	1,271	3.6%	1.9%	2.9%
554	427				CON	784	247	1,031	3.2%	1.4%	2.4%
177	122				LAB	2,514	850	3,364	9.4%	3.7%	6.8%
108	80				LD	2,479	700	3,179	10.9%	4.0%	7.9%
291		25			LAB	1,487	422	1,909	7.1%	2.8%	5.3%
322	228				LD	1,508	565	2,073	5.8%	3.1%	4.7%
300	212				CON	1,319	555	1,874	6.2%	3.6%	5.1%
3	3				LAB	6,075	1,946	8,021	21.8%	9.0%	16.2%
238	168				LD	1,814	721	2,535	7.3%	4.0%	5.9%
558	430				CON	807	252	1,059	3.3%	1.3%	2.4%
507			68		LD	708	221	929	4.0%	1.6%	2.9%
548	421				LD	937	350	1,287	3.3%	1.5%	2.5%
24	20				LAB	3,837	762	4,599	17.2%	4.8%	12.1%
200	139				LAB	2,016	515	2,531	9.1%	3.0%	6.4%
478	357				LAB	844	255	1,099	4.1%	1.7%	3.1%
260			15		UU	1,834	543	2,377	7.4%	3.1%	5.6%
526	400				CON	822	294	1,116	3.5%	1.7%	2.7%
245		21			LAB	1,298	329	1,627	8.2%	2.7%	5.8%
289		24			LAB	1,720	527	2,247	7.0%	2.9%	5.3%
613	483				CON	540	244	784	2.1%	1.3%	1.8%
15	13				LAB	4,994	1,769	6,763	17.7%	7.4%	12.9%
279	196				LAB	1,908	543	2,451	7.3%	2.8%	5.4%
78	61				LAB	2,627	716	3,343	12.0%	4.2%	8.6%

**II Residence-based unemployment rates by parliamentary constituency,  
United Kingdom, March 1998  
A. (not seasonally adjusted) - alphabetical listing**

Rank by overall  
unemployment rate

UK	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI	Party	Claimants			Rate		
						Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All
128	95				LAB	2,584	709	3,293	10.0%	4.1%	7.6%
92	68				LAB	2,497	778	3,275	10.6%	4.8%	8.2%
83	63				LAB	2,734	965	3,699	11.1%	5.1%	8.5%
155	112				LAB	2,045	544	2,589	10.0%	3.4%	7.1%
616	486				LAB	548	245	793	2.1%	1.3%	1.8%
640	510				CON	516	188	704	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
116	87				LAB	2,170	713	2,883	10.1%	4.6%	7.8%
407	293				LAB	1,412	409	1,821	5.3%	2.1%	3.9%
491	367				LAB	1,006	344	1,350	3.9%	1.8%	3.0%
476	355				LAB	1,233	359	1,592	4.3%	1.6%	3.1%
515	389				LAB	1,089	347	1,436	3.7%	1.6%	2.8%
103	76				LAB	2,528	940	3,468	9.9%	5.3%	8.0%
631	501				CON	584	173	757	2.1%	0.9%	1.6%
269	187				LAB	1,695	492	2,187	7.3%	2.9%	5.5%
475	354				LAB	1,203	369	1,572	4.2%	1.7%	3.1%
462	341				CON	953	411	1,364	3.9%	2.3%	3.3%
608	478				LAB	626	208	834	2.4%	1.1%	1.8%
115	86				LAB	2,393	597	2,990	10.8%	3.7%	7.8%
607			72		LD	499	204	703	2.2%	1.3%	1.8%
189	130				LAB	2,048	665	2,713	8.5%	3.9%	6.6%
145	104				SPKR	2,270	718	2,988	9.2%	4.4%	7.2%
511	385				CON	1,089	367	1,456	3.7%	1.7%	2.9%
556	428				CON	776	276	1,052	3.1%	1.5%	2.4%
492	368				CON	799	312	1,111	3.7%	2.0%	3.0%
23	19				LAB	3,610	1,102	4,712	15.8%	6.8%	12.1%
282	199				LAB	1,868	555	2,423	7.3%	2.9%	5.4%
442			64		LAB	939	238	1,177	5.1%	1.6%	3.6%
546	419				CON	945	375	1,320	3.0%	1.8%	2.5%
31				4	UU	3,039	630	3,669	14.9%	5.3%	11.4%
545	418				CON	728	248	976	3.3%	1.5%	2.5%
496	372				CON	1,000	406	1,406	3.6%	2.0%	2.9%
81			12		LAB	903	243	1,146	10.8%	4.7%	8.5%
593	464				CON	586	238	824	2.6%	1.3%	2.0%
395	284				LD	1,198	466	1,664	5.0%	2.6%	4.0%
292	205				LAB	1,590	458	2,048	7.0%	2.8%	5.3%
493	369				LAB	961	368	1,329	3.9%	1.9%	3.0%
620	490				LD	616	218	834	2.2%	1.1%	1.7%
626	496				CON	608	197	805	2.2%	0.9%	1.6%
390	279				LAB	1,105	401	1,506	5.4%	2.5%	4.1%
321	227				LAB	1,275	445	1,720	6.3%	2.8%	4.7%
655	525				CON	414	176	590	1.4%	0.8%	1.2%
653	523				CON	462	141	603	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
659	529				CON	355	102	457	1.3%	0.5%	0.9%
182	125				LAB	2,044	556	2,600	8.8%	3.5%	6.7%
121	90				LAB	2,007	553	2,560	10.1%	4.2%	7.7%
219	154				LAB	1,893	552	2,445	8.2%	3.3%	6.1%
638	508				CON	482	173	655	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
398	287				LAB	1,277	411	1,688	5.3%	2.2%	4.0%
157	113				LAB	2,272	585	2,857	9.6%	3.5%	7.1%
418	301				LAB	1,287	352	1,639	5.2%	1.9%	3.8%
530	404				CON	758	198	956	3.8%	1.2%	2.7%
536	409				LAB	767	220	987	3.5%	1.4%	2.6%
354		30			LAB	1,031	315	1,346	5.9%	2.4%	4.4%
557	429				CON	1,006	245	1,251	3.3%	1.1%	2.4%
443	323				LAB	1,225	456	1,681	4.5%	2.3%	3.5%
225	160				LAB	2,211	511	2,722	8.7%	2.6%	6.1%
489	366				LD	1,011	344	1,355	3.9%	1.8%	3.0%
96		3			PC	1,886	545	2,431	10.5%	4.6%	8.1%
278	195				LAB	2,045	603	2,648	7.5%	2.7%	5.4%
					United Kingdom	1,076,534	329,372	1,405,906	6.8%	2.8%	5.1%



**II Residence-based unemployment rates by parliamentary constituency,  
United Kingdom, March 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	5,927	1,661	7,588	24.2%	9.8%	18.3%
2	2				Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	4,825	1,335	6,160	23.4%	8.6%	17.0%
3	3				Tottenham	LAB	6,075	1,946	8,021	21.8%	9.0%	16.2%
4	4				Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	4,914	1,727	6,641	20.9%	9.0%	15.6%
5				1	Belfast West	SF	4,642	713	5,355	22.8%	5.0%	15.4%
6	5				Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	4,745	1,826	6,571	19.8%	9.8%	15.4%
7				2	Foyle	SDLP	4,763	1,029	5,792	20.7%	6.9%	15.2%
8	6				Manchester, Central	LAB	4,282	1,161	5,443	20.4%	7.9%	15.2%
9	7				Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	4,921	1,417	6,338	18.8%	9.1%	15.2%
10	8				Sheffield, Central	LAB	4,165	1,088	5,253	19.0%	7.0%	14.1%
11	9				Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	4,542	1,276	5,818	18.1%	7.7%	14.0%
12	10				Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	3,739	1,304	5,043	18.1%	7.7%	13.4%
13	11				Middlesbrough	LAB	4,544	958	5,502	18.6%	5.5%	13.2%
14	12				Poplar & Canning Town	LAB	4,111	1,169	5,280	17.0%	7.1%	13.0%
15	13				Vauxhall	LAB	4,994	1,769	6,763	17.7%	7.4%	12.9%
16	14				Manchester, Gorton	LAB	3,275	877	4,152	17.4%	6.4%	12.8%
17	15				Islington North	LAB	4,034	1,644	5,678	16.9%	7.9%	12.7%
18			1		Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	2,394	533	2,927	17.4%	5.4%	12.4%
19				3	Belfast North	UU	3,156	661	3,817	17.4%	5.1%	12.3%
20	16				Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	3,792	933	4,725	17.2%	5.7%	12.3%
21	17				Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	3,731	1,257	4,988	16.8%	6.8%	12.2%
22	18				Liverpool, Walton	LAB	3,866	997	4,863	17.1%	5.8%	12.2%
23	19				West Ham	LAB	3,610	1,102	4,712	15.8%	6.8%	12.1%
24	20				Tyne Bridge	LAB	3,837	762	4,599	17.2%	4.8%	12.1%
25	21				Leeds Central	LAB	4,024	936	4,960	16.9%	5.3%	12.0%
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635	505				Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	551	175	726	2.0%	0.8%	1.5%
636	506				Ribble Valley	CON	530	163	693	2.1%	0.8%	1.5%
637	507				Reigate	CON	487	140	627	2.0%	0.8%	1.5%
638	508				Woodspring	CON	482	173	655	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
639	509				Esher & Walton	CON	512	192	704	1.8%	1.0%	1.5%
640	510				Wantage	CON	516	188	704	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
641	511				Northavon	LD	571	206	777	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
642	512				Epsom & Ewell	CON	530	163	693	2.0%	0.8%	1.4%
643	513				East Surrey	CON	529	177	706	1.9%	0.8%	1.4%
644	514				Beaconsfield	CON	486	165	651	1.8%	0.8%	1.4%
645	515				North West Hampshire *	CON	491	215	706	1.6%	1.0%	1.4%
646	516				Mid Sussex	CON	455	186	641	1.7%	0.9%	1.4%
647	517				South West Surrey	CON	468	150	618	1.8%	0.8%	1.3%
648	518				Arundel & South Downs	CON	382	136	518	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
649	519				North East Hampshire	CON	472	157	629	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
650	520				Horsham	CON	475	163	638	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
651	521				Buckingham	CON	369	154	523	1.5%	0.9%	1.3%
652	522				Newbury	LD	477	139	616	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
653	523				Woking	CON	462	141	603	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
654	524				Chesham & Amersham	CON	424	128	552	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
655	525				Witney	CON	414	176	590	1.4%	0.8%	1.2%
656	526				Henley	CON	393	137	530	1.5%	0.7%	1.2%
657	527				Mole Valley	CON	355	123	478	1.4%	0.7%	1.1%
658	528				Surrey Heath	CON	403	146	549	1.3%	0.6%	1.0%
659	529				Wokingham	CON	355	102	457	1.3%	0.5%	0.9%
					United Kingdom		1,076,534	329,372	1,405,906	6.8%	2.8%	5.1%

**III Residence-based unemployment rates, March 1998**  
**ranked listing of constituencies by country**  
**A. England (not seasonally adjusted)**

Rank by overall

unemployment rate					Claimants			Rate				
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1	1				Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	5,927	1,661	7,588	24.2%	9.8%	18.3%
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4	4				Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	4,914	1,727	6,641	20.9%	9.0%	15.6%
6	5				Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	4,745	1,826	6,571	19.8%	9.8%	15.4%
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12	10				Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	3,739	1,304	5,043	18.1%	7.7%	13.4%
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24	20				Tyne Bridge	LAB	3,837	762	4,599	17.2%	4.8%	12.1%
25	21				Leeds Central	LAB	4,024	936	4,960	16.9%	5.3%	12.0%
27	22				North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	3,709	1,308	5,017	15.7%	7.1%	11.9%
28	23				Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	3,472	1,308	4,780	15.7%	7.1%	11.8%
30	24				Bootle	LAB	3,199	749	3,948	16.1%	5.1%	11.4%
32	25				Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	3,222	1,256	4,478	14.6%	7.2%	11.3%
33	26				Nottingham East	LAB	3,589	1,017	4,606	15.4%	5.7%	11.2%
34	27				Birkenhead	LAB	3,315	854	4,169	15.7%	5.3%	11.2%
35	28				South Shields	LAB	3,071	773	3,844	14.8%	5.2%	10.8%
36	29				Hartlepool	LAB	3,553	817	4,370	15.0%	4.8%	10.8%
37	30				Stockton North	LAB	3,426	813	4,239	14.9%	4.9%	10.7%
38	31				Plymouth, Sutton	LAB	3,397	1,038	4,435	14.0%	5.9%	10.6%
40	32				Greenwich & Woolwich	LAB	3,273	1,106	4,379	14.0%	6.1%	10.5%
41	33				Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	3,537	919	4,456	14.1%	5.2%	10.5%
42	34				East Ham	LAB	3,450	1,043	4,493	13.3%	6.1%	10.5%
43	35				Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	3,145	732	3,877	15.0%	4.5%	10.4%
44	36				Brent South	LAB	3,503	1,162	4,665	14.1%	5.9%	10.4%
45	37				Liverpool, Wavertree	LAB	3,430	926	4,356	14.7%	4.9%	10.3%
46	38				Bradford West	LAB	3,212	868	4,080	13.7%	5.4%	10.3%
47	39				Sheffield, Brightside	LAB	3,017	713	3,730	14.3%	4.7%	10.3%
48	40				Streatham	LAB	4,047	1,532	5,579	13.7%	6.1%	10.2%
49	41				Knowsley South	LAB	3,414	886	4,300	14.1%	4.9%	10.2%
50	42				Birmingham, Hodge Hill	LAB	2,593	703	3,296	13.4%	5.3%	10.1%
52	43				Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	3,068	830	3,898	13.3%	5.0%	9.8%
53	44				Great Grimsby	LAB	3,247	820	4,067	13.3%	4.9%	9.8%
54	45				Brent East	LAB	3,093	1,105	4,198	13.0%	5.8%	9.8%
56	46				Sunderland South	LAB	3,142	618	3,760	14.0%	3.8%	9.7%
57	47				Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	3,086	785	3,871	12.9%	4.8%	9.6%
59	48				Great Yarmouth	LAB	2,882	992	3,874	12.0%	5.9%	9.5%
60	49				Leeds East	LAB	2,788	712	3,500	13.2%	4.5%	9.5%
62	50				Rotherham	LAB	2,688	645	3,333	12.7%	4.3%	9.2%
63	51				Doncaster Central	LAB	2,946	747	3,693	12.6%	4.5%	9.2%
67	52				Manchester, Blackley	LAB	2,693	595	3,288	12.6%	3.9%	9.0%
68	53				Redcar	LAB	3,126	667	3,793	12.6%	3.8%	8.9%
69	54				Newcastle upon Tyne Central	LAB	2,568	664	3,232	12.7%	4.2%	8.9%
71	55				Brighton, Pavilion	LAB	2,743	964	3,707	11.8%	5.2%	8.9%
72	56				Lewisham West	LAB	2,738	825	3,563	12.5%	4.5%	8.8%

**III Residence-based unemployment rates, March 1998**  
**ranked listing of constituencies by country**  
**A. England (not seasonally adjusted)**

Rank by overall

unemployment rate					Claimants			Rate			
UK	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI	Party	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All
73	57				LAB	3,644	1,547	5,191	11.3%	5.8%	8.8%
74	58				LAB	2,600	504	3,104	12.7%	3.4%	8.8%
75	59				LAB	2,876	986	3,862	11.2%	5.3%	8.7%
76	60				LAB	2,751	781	3,532	11.7%	4.5%	8.7%
78	61				LAB	2,627	716	3,343	12.0%	4.2%	8.6%
82	62				CON	2,806	809	3,615	11.3%	4.5%	8.5%
83	63				LAB	2,734	965	3,699	11.1%	5.1%	8.5%
84	64				LAB	3,062	1,157	4,219	11.4%	5.0%	8.4%
86	65				LAB	2,376	757	3,133	11.5%	4.5%	8.3%
87	66				LD	2,271	1,048	3,319	9.7%	6.4%	8.3%
90	67				LAB	2,807	865	3,672	11.0%	4.5%	8.2%
92	68				LAB	2,497	778	3,275	10.6%	4.8%	8.2%
94	69				LAB	2,412	543	2,955	11.2%	3.7%	8.2%
95	70				LAB	2,516	659	3,175	11.5%	3.9%	8.1%
97	71				LAB	3,321	1,132	4,453	11.0%	4.6%	8.1%
98	72				LAB	3,010	838	3,848	10.9%	4.2%	8.1%
99	73				LAB	2,646	714	3,360	11.0%	4.0%	8.1%
100	74				LAB	3,322	1,200	4,522	10.9%	4.7%	8.0%
102	75				LD	3,220	1,114	4,334	10.3%	4.8%	8.0%
103	76				LAB	2,528	940	3,468	9.9%	5.3%	8.0%
104	77				CON	2,314	654	2,968	10.8%	4.1%	8.0%
105	78				LAB	2,353	750	3,103	10.5%	4.5%	7.9%
107	79				LAB	2,381	739	3,120	10.4%	4.5%	7.9%
108	80				LD	2,479	700	3,179	10.9%	4.0%	7.9%
109	81				LAB	2,534	615	3,149	11.2%	3.5%	7.9%
110	82				LAB	2,379	609	2,988	10.6%	3.9%	7.9%
111	83				LAB	2,478	686	3,164	10.8%	4.0%	7.9%
112	84				LAB	2,615	656	3,271	10.8%	3.8%	7.9%
114	85				LAB	2,141	562	2,703	10.5%	4.0%	7.8%
115	86				LAB	2,393	597	2,990	10.8%	3.7%	7.8%
116	87				LAB	2,170	713	2,883	10.1%	4.6%	7.8%
117	88				LAB	2,496	679	3,175	10.7%	3.9%	7.8%
119	89				LAB	2,093	721	2,814	10.4%	4.5%	7.7%
121	90				LAB	2,007	553	2,560	10.1%	4.2%	7.7%
123	91				LAB	2,646	781	3,427	10.4%	4.0%	7.7%
124	92				LAB	2,419	808	3,227	10.0%	4.5%	7.6%
125	93				LAB	2,286	577	2,863	10.6%	3.6%	7.6%
126	94				LAB	2,697	678	3,375	10.4%	3.7%	7.6%
128	95				LAB	2,584	709	3,293	10.0%	4.1%	7.6%
129	96				LAB	2,379	720	3,099	10.4%	4.0%	7.6%
132	97				LAB	2,232	714	2,946	10.0%	4.2%	7.5%
135	98				LAB	2,481	580	3,061	10.6%	3.3%	7.5%
136	99				LAB	3,214	1,139	4,353	9.9%	4.4%	7.4%
137	100				LAB	2,448	737	3,185	10.0%	4.0%	7.4%
138	101				LAB	2,360	647	3,007	10.1%	3.8%	7.4%
141	102				LAB	2,505	1,135	3,640	9.5%	4.9%	7.3%
144	103				LAB	2,426	645	3,071	10.1%	3.5%	7.3%
145	104				SPKR	2,270	718	2,988	9.2%	4.4%	7.2%
147	105				LAB	2,702	740	3,442	9.8%	3.7%	7.2%
149	106				LAB	2,289	786	3,075	9.6%	4.2%	7.2%
150	107				LAB	2,474	683	3,157	9.9%	3.6%	7.2%
151	108				LAB	2,678	713	3,391	10.2%	3.4%	7.2%
152	109				LAB	2,167	512	2,679	10.1%	3.2%	7.2%
153	110				LD	2,525	701	3,226	9.5%	3.8%	7.1%
154	111				LAB	1,995	514	2,509	9.8%	3.5%	7.1%
155	112				LAB	2,045	544	2,589	10.0%	3.4%	7.1%

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157	113				Workington	LAB	2,272	585	2,857	9.6%	3.5%	7.1%
158	114				Rochdale	LAB	2,371	575	2,946	9.9%	3.2%	7.1%
159	115				Halton	LAB	2,187	583	2,770	9.6%	3.5%	7.0%
162	116				Harwich	LAB	1,952	539	2,491	9.4%	3.6%	7.0%
164	117				Leicester West	LAB	2,212	671	2,883	9.4%	3.7%	7.0%
169	118				North Cornwall	LD	2,165	944	3,109	8.1%	5.1%	6.9%
170	119				Stockton South	LAB	2,309	580	2,889	9.6%	3.3%	6.9%
172	120				Salford	LAB	1,925	449	2,374	9.6%	3.1%	6.9%
174	121				Birmingham, Northfield	LAB	1,741	532	2,273	9.2%	3.7%	6.9%
177	122				Tooting	LAB	2,514	850	3,364	9.4%	3.7%	6.8%
178	123				Scarborough & Whitby	LAB	2,215	727	2,942	9.0%	3.9%	6.8%
179	124				Folkestone & Hythe	CON	2,255	562	2,817	9.3%	3.2%	6.8%
182	125				Wolverhampton North East	LAB	2,044	556	2,600	8.8%	3.5%	6.7%
184	126				Birmingham, Selly Oak	LAB	2,198	711	2,909	9.0%	3.7%	6.7%
185	127				Ilford South *	LAB	2,464	850	3,314	8.5%	4.1%	6.6%
186	128				Hammersmith & Fulham	LAB	2,883	1,180	4,063	9.0%	4.0%	6.6%
188	129				Birmingham, Yardley	LAB	1,696	510	2,206	8.8%	3.6%	6.6%
189	130				West Bromwich East	LAB	2,048	665	2,713	8.5%	3.9%	6.6%
190	131				Bournemouth West	CON	1,752	451	2,203	9.1%	3.2%	6.6%
191	132				Barking *	LAB	1,491	495	1,986	8.4%	4.0%	6.6%
192	133				Cleethorpes	LAB	2,120	654	2,774	8.5%	3.8%	6.6%
193	134				Dover	LAB	2,224	570	2,794	8.9%	3.2%	6.6%
194	135				Preston	LAB	2,274	609	2,883	8.9%	3.2%	6.5%
196	136				St Helens South	LAB	2,075	552	2,627	8.9%	3.2%	6.5%
197	137				Leeds West	LAB	2,204	500	2,704	9.3%	2.8%	6.5%
199	138				Plymouth, Devonport	LAB	2,460	676	3,136	8.4%	3.5%	6.5%
200	139				Tynemouth	LAB	2,016	515	2,531	9.1%	3.0%	6.4%
203	140				Houghton & Washington East	LAB	1,990	478	2,468	9.1%	2.9%	6.4%
204	141				Southampton, Test	LAB	2,287	551	2,838	8.9%	2.9%	6.4%
205	142				Stoke-on-Trent Central	LAB	1,915	536	2,451	8.6%	3.3%	6.4%
206	143				Bristol East	LAB	2,319	660	2,979	8.7%	3.2%	6.4%
208	144				Birmingham, Hall Green	LAB	1,768	578	2,346	8.3%	3.6%	6.3%
209	145				Chesterfield	LAB	2,186	597	2,783	8.6%	3.2%	6.3%
210	146				Southampton, Itchen	LAB	2,300	523	2,823	8.6%	2.8%	6.3%
211	147				Eltham	LAB	1,732	575	2,307	8.3%	3.6%	6.2%
212	148				Halifax	LAB	2,327	572	2,899	8.9%	2.8%	6.2%
213	149				Morecambe & Lunesdale	LAB	1,812	553	2,365	8.3%	3.4%	6.2%
214	150				Mansfield	LAB	1,974	555	2,529	8.4%	3.2%	6.2%
215	151				Easington	LAB	1,740	393	2,133	8.9%	2.7%	6.2%
216	152				Newcastle upon Tyne North	LAB	2,039	472	2,511	9.0%	2.6%	6.2%
218	153				Pontefract & Castleford	LAB	1,825	575	2,400	8.1%	3.5%	6.2%
219	154				Wolverhampton South West	LAB	1,893	552	2,445	8.2%	3.3%	6.1%
220	155				Don Valley	LAB	1,914	499	2,413	8.2%	3.1%	6.1%
221	156				Barrow & Furness	LAB	2,215	467	2,682	8.6%	2.6%	6.1%
222	157				Coventry South	LAB	2,013	557	2,570	8.3%	3.1%	6.1%
223	158				Sheffield, Attercliffe	LAB	1,963	576	2,539	8.2%	3.2%	6.1%
224	159				Hove	LAB	1,817	675	2,492	7.9%	3.7%	6.1%
225	160				Wythenshawe & Sale East	LAB	2,211	511	2,722	8.7%	2.6%	6.1%
226	161				Scunthorpe	LAB	1,754	546	2,300	7.8%	3.5%	6.1%
228	162				Luton South	LAB	2,095	598	2,693	7.8%	3.3%	6.0%
229	163				Battersea	LAB	2,196	826	3,022	8.2%	3.5%	6.0%
230	164				Blackburn	LAB	2,115	488	2,603	8.3%	2.7%	6.0%
232	165				North West Durham	LAB	1,829	467	2,296	8.2%	2.9%	6.0%
234	166				Bishop Auckland	LAB	1,889	513	2,402	8.1%	3.0%	5.9%
237	167				Rother Valley	LAB	2,001	549	2,550	8.0%	3.0%	5.9%
238	168				Truro & St Austell	LD	1,814	721	2,535	7.3%	4.0%	5.9%

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239	169				Ealing Southall	LAB	2,470	881	3,351	7.8%	3.5%	5.9%
240	170				Blackpool North & Fleetwood	LAB	1,969	495	2,464	8.4%	2.6%	5.8%
241	171				North Durham	LAB	1,904	454	2,358	8.2%	2.6%	5.8%
247	172				Thurrock	LAB	1,964	626	2,590	7.4%	3.4%	5.7%
249	173				Blyth Valley	LAB	1,723	540	2,263	7.8%	3.1%	5.7%
251	174				Ipswich	LAB	1,989	510	2,499	7.9%	2.8%	5.7%
252	175				Leeds North East	LAB	1,757	521	2,278	7.9%	2.9%	5.7%
253	176				Carlisle	LAB	1,683	520	2,203	7.8%	3.0%	5.7%
254	177				East Yorkshire	CON	1,699	543	2,242	7.4%	3.3%	5.7%
255	178				Barnsley West & Penistone	LAB	1,684	442	2,126	7.9%	2.8%	5.7%
256	179				Bradford South	LAB	1,993	607	2,600	7.8%	3.0%	5.7%
257	180				Leicester East	LAB	1,601	611	2,212	7.3%	3.6%	5.7%
258	181				Hemsworth	LAB	1,799	485	2,284	7.7%	2.8%	5.7%
259	182				Ashfield	LAB	1,999	514	2,513	7.7%	2.8%	5.7%
262	183				Cities of London & Westminster	CON	2,240	917	3,157	7.2%	3.6%	5.6%
263	184				Berwick-upon-Tweed	LD	1,398	428	1,826	7.3%	3.1%	5.6%
267	185				Bristol South	LAB	2,145	643	2,788	7.4%	3.0%	5.5%
268	186				Bassetlaw	LAB	1,814	491	2,305	7.4%	2.9%	5.5%
269	187				Weaver Vale	LAB	1,695	492	2,187	7.3%	2.9%	5.5%
270	188				Sittingbourne & Sheppey	LAB	1,705	566	2,271	6.8%	3.4%	5.4%
271	189				Bristol West	LAB	2,017	743	2,760	7.2%	3.2%	5.4%
273	190				Dudley North	LAB	1,795	558	2,353	6.9%	3.2%	5.4%
274	191				Mitcham & Morden	LAB	1,789	586	2,375	7.2%	3.1%	5.4%
275	192				Heywood & Middleton	LAB	2,028	559	2,587	7.5%	2.7%	5.4%
276	193				Bolsover	LAB	1,696	395	2,091	7.4%	2.5%	5.4%
277	194				Hendon	LAB	1,977	697	2,674	7.0%	3.2%	5.4%
278	195				York, City of	LAB	2,045	603	2,648	7.5%	2.7%	5.4%
279	196				Wakefield	LAB	1,908	543	2,451	7.3%	2.8%	5.4%
280	197				Croydon Central	LAB	2,344	722	3,066	7.3%	2.9%	5.4%
281	198				Southend West	CON	1,595	490	2,085	7.2%	3.0%	5.4%
282	199				West Lancashire	LAB	1,868	555	2,423	7.3%	2.9%	5.4%
283	200				Gateshead East & Washington West	LAB	1,796	425	2,221	7.6%	2.4%	5.4%
286	201				Southport	LD	1,638	530	2,168	7.3%	2.9%	5.3%
287	202				Bournemouth East	CON	1,461	448	1,909	7.2%	2.8%	5.3%
288	203				Blaydon	LAB	1,732	405	2,137	7.6%	2.3%	5.3%
290	204				Exeter	LAB	1,920	690	2,610	7.1%	3.1%	5.3%
292	205				Wigan	LAB	1,590	458	2,048	7.0%	2.8%	5.3%
293	206				Brent North	LAB	1,395	564	1,959	6.5%	3.5%	5.2%
294	207				Crosby	LAB	1,402	430	1,832	7.2%	2.8%	5.2%
295	208				St Helens North	LAB	1,694	533	2,227	6.9%	3.0%	5.2%
296	209				Enfield North	LAB	1,799	576	2,375	6.9%	2.9%	5.2%
297	210				Bolton South East	LAB	1,681	399	2,080	7.2%	2.3%	5.2%
298	211				Brigg & Goole	LAB	1,528	463	1,991	6.7%	2.9%	5.2%
300	212				Totnes	CON	1,319	555	1,874	6.2%	3.6%	5.1%
303	213				Oldham West & Royton	LAB	1,843	479	2,322	7.2%	2.4%	5.1%
304	214				Dagenham	LAB	1,386	456	1,842	6.6%	3.0%	5.1%
306	215				Gravesham	LAB	1,722	631	2,353	6.3%	3.3%	5.1%
307	216				Enfield, Southgate	LAB	1,524	621	2,145	6.3%	3.4%	5.1%
308	217				Medway	LAB	1,580	551	2,131	6.2%	3.2%	5.0%
309	218				Derby North	LAB	1,804	545	2,349	6.7%	2.7%	5.0%
310	219				Bridgwater	CON	1,557	537	2,094	6.3%	3.1%	5.0%
311	220				Durham, City of	LAB	1,465	438	1,903	6.8%	2.6%	5.0%
312	221				Boston & Skegness	CON	1,412	502	1,914	6.3%	3.1%	4.9%
313	222				Stretford & Urmston	LAB	1,774	485	2,259	6.8%	2.4%	4.9%
314	223				Louth & Horncastle	CON	1,302	514	1,816	5.8%	3.4%	4.8%
317	224				Bedford	LAB	1,622	570	2,192	6.2%	2.9%	4.8%

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318	225				LAB	1,840	529	2,369	6.5%	2.5%	4.8%
319	226				LAB	1,735	508	2,243	6.4%	2.5%	4.8%
321	227				LAB	1,275	445	1,720	6.3%	2.8%	4.7%
322	228				LD	1,508	565	2,073	5.8%	3.1%	4.7%
324	229				LAB	1,644	538	2,182	6.2%	2.7%	4.7%
326	230				LAB	1,413	545	1,958	6.3%	2.8%	4.7%
327	231				LAB	1,447	461	1,908	6.3%	2.6%	4.7%
328	232				LAB	1,413	424	1,837	6.3%	2.6%	4.7%
329	233				LAB	1,648	361	2,009	6.7%	2.0%	4.7%
331	234				LAB	1,853	663	2,516	6.2%	2.8%	4.7%
333	235				CON	1,489	463	1,952	6.3%	2.6%	4.7%
334	236				LD	1,420	587	2,007	5.6%	3.3%	4.7%
335	237				LAB	1,565	554	2,119	5.9%	2.9%	4.7%
336	238				LAB	1,747	576	2,323	6.2%	2.6%	4.7%
337	239				LAB	1,610	415	2,025	6.5%	2.2%	4.6%
338	240				LD	1,434	537	1,971	5.8%	3.0%	4.6%
339	241				LAB	1,464	505	1,969	5.9%	2.8%	4.6%
340	242				LAB	1,730	497	2,227	6.2%	2.4%	4.6%
341	243				LAB	1,393	514	1,907	6.0%	2.8%	4.6%
342	244				LAB	1,386	342	1,728	6.3%	2.1%	4.5%
344	245				LAB	1,741	416	2,157	6.4%	2.0%	4.5%
345	246				LAB	1,479	450	1,929	6.2%	2.4%	4.5%
346	247				LAB	1,569	697	2,266	5.5%	3.2%	4.5%
348	248				LAB	1,794	535	2,329	6.1%	2.4%	4.5%
349	249				LAB	1,557	434	1,991	6.0%	2.3%	4.5%
350	250				LAB	1,545	478	2,023	5.9%	2.5%	4.5%
351	251				CON	1,389	407	1,796	5.9%	2.4%	4.4%
352	252				LAB	1,464	526	1,990	5.7%	2.7%	4.4%
353	253				CON	1,329	376	1,705	6.3%	2.2%	4.4%
355	254				LAB	1,546	478	2,024	5.9%	2.5%	4.4%
356	255				CON	1,513	390	1,903	6.1%	2.1%	4.4%
357	256				CON	1,678	511	2,189	6.0%	2.3%	4.4%
360	257				CON	1,368	530	1,898	5.5%	2.9%	4.4%
361	258				CON	1,709	554	2,263	5.7%	2.5%	4.4%
363	259				LAB	1,424	389	1,813	5.9%	2.2%	4.3%
364	260				LAB	1,497	489	1,986	5.6%	2.6%	4.3%
365	261				LAB	1,384	445	1,829	5.6%	2.5%	4.3%
366	262				LAB	1,211	383	1,594	5.6%	2.5%	4.3%
367	263				LAB	1,351	407	1,758	5.7%	2.4%	4.3%
368	264				LAB	1,419	442	1,861	5.7%	2.4%	4.3%
369	265				LAB	1,269	341	1,610	6.1%	2.0%	4.3%
371	266				LAB	1,504	364	1,868	6.1%	1.9%	4.3%
372	267				CON	1,391	513	1,904	5.5%	2.7%	4.3%
373	268				CON	1,287	439	1,726	5.4%	2.7%	4.3%
375	269				LAB	1,443	408	1,851	5.8%	2.2%	4.3%
377	270				CON	1,187	413	1,600	5.3%	2.7%	4.2%
378	271				LAB	1,402	413	1,815	5.6%	2.3%	4.2%
379	272				LAB	1,577	575	2,152	5.3%	2.7%	4.2%
381	273				CON	1,571	854	2,425	4.9%	3.3%	4.2%
382	274				LAB	1,342	477	1,819	5.2%	2.6%	4.2%
383	275				LAB	1,577	511	2,088	5.4%	2.4%	4.2%
385	276				LD	1,435	383	1,818	5.8%	2.0%	4.1%
387	277				LAB	1,396	512	1,908	5.1%	2.7%	4.1%
388	278				LAB	1,375	358	1,733	5.7%	2.0%	4.1%
390	279				LAB	1,105	401	1,506	5.4%	2.5%	4.1%
391	280				LAB	1,440	443	1,883	5.4%	2.3%	4.1%

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392	281				Northampton North	LAB	1,477	515	1,992	5.3%	2.4%	4.0%
393	282				Hayes & Harlington	LAB	1,237	421	1,658	5.2%	2.4%	4.0%
394	283				Ellesmere Port & Neston	LAB	1,336	368	1,704	5.5%	2.0%	4.0%
395	284				Weston-Super-Mare	LD	1,198	466	1,664	5.0%	2.6%	4.0%
396	285				Redditch	LAB	1,226	471	1,697	5.1%	2.6%	4.0%
397	286				Hereford *>	LD	1,243	484	1,727	5.0%	2.6%	4.0%
398	287				Worcester	LAB	1,277	411	1,688	5.3%	2.2%	4.0%
400	288				Normanton	LAB	1,185	398	1,583	5.3%	2.3%	4.0%
401	289				Brentford & Isleworth	LAB	1,647	641	2,288	5.2%	2.5%	4.0%
402	290				Harrow East	LAB	1,475	629	2,104	4.9%	2.7%	4.0%
405	291				Morley & Rothwell	LAB	1,347	393	1,740	5.4%	2.0%	3.9%
406	292				North East Cambridgeshire	CON	1,337	480	1,817	4.9%	2.5%	3.9%
407	293				Warrington North	LAB	1,412	409	1,821	5.3%	2.1%	3.9%
408	294				Crewe & Nantwich	LAB	1,321	355	1,676	5.3%	2.0%	3.9%
409	295				Taunton *	LD	1,388	462	1,850	5.2%	2.2%	3.9%
410	296				Bath *>	LD	1,196	447	1,643	5.1%	2.3%	3.9%
411	297				Telford	LAB	1,192	329	1,521	5.3%	2.0%	3.9%
414	298				Ilford North	LAB	1,158	511	1,669	4.7%	2.7%	3.8%
415	299				Colne Valley	LAB	1,318	452	1,770	5.0%	2.2%	3.8%
416	300				Oldham East & Saddleworth	LAB	1,470	417	1,887	5.3%	1.9%	3.8%
418	301				Worsley	LAB	1,287	352	1,639	5.2%	1.9%	3.8%
419	302				Denton & Reddish	LAB	1,345	382	1,727	5.2%	1.9%	3.8%
420	303				Harlow	LAB	1,239	446	1,685	4.8%	2.3%	3.8%
421	304				Selby	LAB	1,249	453	1,702	4.7%	2.4%	3.8%
422	305				Chatham & Aylesford	LAB	1,424	431	1,855	4.9%	2.1%	3.7%
423	306				Hyndburn	LAB	1,221	357	1,578	5.2%	1.9%	3.7%
424	307				Gedling	LAB	1,272	454	1,726	5.0%	2.2%	3.7%
425	308				Chingford & Woodford Green	CON	1,077	400	1,477	4.8%	2.4%	3.7%
426	309				Erewash	LAB	1,444	469	1,913	4.9%	2.2%	3.7%
427	310				Calder Valley	LAB	1,326	463	1,789	4.9%	2.2%	3.7%
428	311				Bristol North West	LAB	1,359	381	1,740	5.1%	1.9%	3.7%
429	312				Stourbridge	LAB	1,196	412	1,608	4.7%	2.2%	3.7%
430	313				Sheffield, Hallam	LD	877	335	1,212	4.8%	2.3%	3.7%
432	314				Northampton South	LAB	1,430	441	1,871	4.9%	2.0%	3.6%
434	315				Gillingham	LAB	1,251	490	1,741	4.4%	2.5%	3.6%
435	316				Tamworth	LAB	1,151	451	1,602	4.4%	2.5%	3.6%
436	317				Aldridge - Brownhills	CON	1,097	404	1,501	4.6%	2.3%	3.6%
437	318				Lancaster & Wyre	LAB	1,116	417	1,533	4.7%	2.2%	3.6%
438	319				Amber Valley	LAB	1,262	387	1,649	4.7%	2.0%	3.6%
439	320				Colchester	LD	1,261	455	1,716	4.6%	2.3%	3.6%
440	321				Loughborough	LAB	1,082	401	1,483	4.6%	2.3%	3.6%
441	322				Poole	CON	1,064	276	1,340	4.9%	1.7%	3.6%
443	323				Wyre Forest	LAB	1,225	456	1,681	4.5%	2.3%	3.5%
444	324				Pendle	LAB	1,086	293	1,379	4.9%	1.8%	3.5%
445	325				Chipping Barnet	CON	1,140	473	1,613	4.4%	2.4%	3.5%
446	326				Ashford	CON	1,248	366	1,614	4.7%	1.9%	3.5%
447	327				Nuneaton	LAB	1,223	414	1,637	4.5%	2.1%	3.5%
448	328				Stevenage	LAB	1,177	410	1,587	4.4%	2.1%	3.5%
449	329				Bexleyheath & Crayford	LAB	1,040	414	1,454	4.3%	2.3%	3.5%
450	330				Shipley	LAB	1,126	386	1,512	4.6%	2.0%	3.4%
451	331				Braintree	LAB	1,127	468	1,595	4.1%	2.5%	3.4%
452	332				Suffolk Coastal	CON	1,116	409	1,525	4.2%	2.2%	3.4%
453	333				Gosport	CON	1,152	396	1,548	4.4%	2.1%	3.4%
454	334				Milton Keynes South West	LAB	1,203	396	1,599	4.5%	2.0%	3.4%
455	335				South Derbyshire	LAB	1,203	404	1,607	4.4%	2.0%	3.4%
457	336				Burnley	LAB	1,101	313	1,414	4.6%	1.7%	3.3%

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458	337				CON	1,155	515	1,670	3.8%	2.5%	3.3%
459	338				LAB	1,148	395	1,543	4.3%	2.0%	3.3%
460	339				LAB	978	356	1,334	4.2%	2.0%	3.3%
461	340				LD	1,117	357	1,474	4.4%	1.8%	3.3%
462	341				CON	953	411	1,364	3.9%	2.3%	3.3%
463	342				CON	794	293	1,087	4.2%	2.0%	3.2%
464	343				CON	1,050	366	1,416	4.1%	2.0%	3.2%
465	344				LAB	1,060	314	1,374	4.5%	1.7%	3.2%
466	345				CON	800	244	1,044	4.4%	1.7%	3.2%
467	346				LAB	1,234	375	1,609	4.4%	1.7%	3.2%
468	347				CON	1,078	377	1,455	4.1%	2.0%	3.2%
469	348				LD	828	309	1,137	4.1%	2.0%	3.2%
470	349				CON	1,184	367	1,551	4.1%	1.8%	3.2%
471	350				CON	974	397	1,371	3.9%	2.2%	3.2%
472	351				CON	1,098	359	1,457	4.2%	1.8%	3.2%
473	352				LAB	1,019	350	1,369	3.9%	2.0%	3.2%
474	353				LAB	1,099	440	1,539	4.0%	2.0%	3.1%
475	354				LAB	1,203	369	1,572	4.2%	1.7%	3.1%
476	355				LAB	1,233	359	1,592	4.3%	1.6%	3.1%
477	356				CON	837	254	1,091	4.1%	1.7%	3.1%
478	357				LAB	844	255	1,099	4.1%	1.7%	3.1%
480	358				LAB	908	314	1,222	3.9%	1.9%	3.1%
481	359				CON	1,019	407	1,426	3.8%	2.1%	3.1%
482	360				CON	914	364	1,278	3.7%	2.1%	3.1%
483	361				LD	1,149	457	1,606	3.9%	2.0%	3.1%
484	362				LAB	912	289	1,201	4.0%	1.7%	3.0%
486	363				LAB	964	349	1,313	3.9%	1.9%	3.0%
487	364				LAB	1,091	369	1,460	4.0%	1.8%	3.0%
488	365				CON	1,024	419	1,443	3.6%	2.1%	3.0%
489	366				LD	1,011	344	1,355	3.9%	1.8%	3.0%
491	367				LAB	1,006	344	1,350	3.9%	1.8%	3.0%
492	368				CON	799	312	1,111	3.7%	2.0%	3.0%
493	369				LAB	961	368	1,329	3.9%	1.9%	3.0%
494	370				LAB	814	334	1,148	3.5%	2.1%	3.0%
495	371				LAB	997	350	1,347	3.9%	1.7%	3.0%
496	372				CON	1,000	406	1,406	3.6%	2.0%	2.9%
497	373				CON	811	323	1,134	3.5%	2.1%	2.9%
498	374				CON	881	277	1,158	3.8%	1.7%	2.9%
499	375				LAB	986	404	1,390	3.5%	2.0%	2.9%
500	376				LAB	843	329	1,172	3.6%	1.9%	2.9%
502	377				CON	900	300	1,200	3.7%	1.8%	2.9%
503	378				LD	1,074	441	1,515	3.7%	1.9%	2.9%
504	379				LAB	1,063	353	1,416	3.8%	1.7%	2.9%
505	380				LAB	1,013	344	1,357	3.8%	1.7%	2.9%
506	381				CON	968	395	1,363	3.6%	1.9%	2.9%
508	382				CON	887	345	1,232	3.6%	1.9%	2.9%
509	383				CON	922	349	1,271	3.6%	1.9%	2.9%
510	384				CON	906	302	1,208	3.7%	1.7%	2.9%
511	385				CON	1,089	367	1,456	3.7%	1.7%	2.9%
512	386				CON	879	316	1,195	3.5%	1.8%	2.8%
513	387				CON	856	329	1,185	3.5%	1.9%	2.8%
514	388				CON	762	249	1,011	3.8%	1.6%	2.8%
515	389				LAB	1,089	347	1,436	3.7%	1.6%	2.8%
516	390				LAB	1,078	359	1,437	3.7%	1.6%	2.8%
517	391				CON	980	376	1,356	3.5%	1.8%	2.8%
518	392				CON	761	338	1,099	3.4%	2.0%	2.8%



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519	393				CON	704	209	913	3.7%	1.5%	2.8%
520	394				CON	881	397	1,278	3.4%	1.9%	2.8%
521	395				CON	743	299	1,042	3.4%	1.9%	2.8%
522	396				CON	828	355	1,183	3.2%	2.0%	2.8%
523	397				LAB	936	313	1,249	3.6%	1.6%	2.7%
524	398				LAB	919	325	1,244	3.5%	1.7%	2.7%
525	399				LAB	929	315	1,244	3.6%	1.6%	2.7%
526	400				CON	822	294	1,116	3.5%	1.7%	2.7%
527	401				LAB	982	306	1,288	3.7%	1.5%	2.7%
528	402				CON	1,008	332	1,340	3.6%	1.6%	2.7%
529	403				CON	717	271	988	3.3%	1.8%	2.7%
530	404				CON	758	198	956	3.8%	1.2%	2.7%
531	405				LAB	865	312	1,177	3.4%	1.7%	2.7%
532	406				LAB	900	364	1,264	3.3%	1.8%	2.7%
533	407				CON	819	346	1,165	3.2%	1.8%	2.6%
534	408				CON	941	318	1,259	3.4%	1.5%	2.6%
536	409				LAB	767	220	987	3.5%	1.4%	2.6%
537	410				LD	788	265	1,053	3.5%	1.4%	2.6%
538	411				LAB	922	327	1,249	3.4%	1.6%	2.6%
539	412				LAB	968	313	1,281	3.4%	1.5%	2.6%
540	413				CON	1,009	356	1,365	3.3%	1.6%	2.6%
541	414				CON	891	240	1,131	3.6%	1.3%	2.6%
542	415				CON	892	333	1,225	3.2%	1.7%	2.6%
543	416				LAB	985	268	1,253	3.5%	1.3%	2.5%
544	417				LAB	776	234	1,010	3.4%	1.4%	2.5%
545	418				CON	728	248	976	3.3%	1.5%	2.5%
546	419				CON	945	375	1,320	3.0%	1.8%	2.5%
547	420				LAB	906	254	1,160	3.5%	1.3%	2.5%
548	421				LD	937	350	1,287	3.3%	1.5%	2.5%
549	422				CON	942	320	1,262	3.3%	1.5%	2.5%
550	423				LD	798	236	1,034	3.4%	1.3%	2.5%
551	424				CON	701	340	1,041	2.9%	1.9%	2.5%
552	425				CON	699	318	1,017	2.9%	1.9%	2.5%
553	426				CON	756	291	1,047	3.1%	1.6%	2.5%
554	427				CON	784	247	1,031	3.2%	1.4%	2.4%
556	428				CON	776	276	1,052	3.1%	1.5%	2.4%
557	429				CON	1,006	245	1,251	3.3%	1.1%	2.4%
558	430				CON	807	252	1,059	3.3%	1.3%	2.4%
559	431				CON	781	297	1,078	3.0%	1.6%	2.4%
560	432				CON	729	238	967	3.2%	1.3%	2.4%
561	433				CON	613	180	793	3.2%	1.3%	2.4%
562	434				CON	805	297	1,102	3.0%	1.5%	2.4%
563	435				CON	749	273	1,022	3.1%	1.5%	2.4%
564	436				CON	789	320	1,109	2.9%	1.6%	2.4%
565	437				CON	898	270	1,168	3.2%	1.3%	2.4%
566	438				LD	759	294	1,053	2.9%	1.6%	2.4%
567	439				CON	807	353	1,160	2.8%	1.7%	2.3%
568	440				CON	750	232	982	3.1%	1.3%	2.3%
569	441				LD	727	266	993	3.0%	1.4%	2.3%
570	442				LAB	790	254	1,044	3.1%	1.3%	2.3%
571	443				CON	735	264	999	3.0%	1.4%	2.3%
572	444				CON	720	273	993	2.8%	1.5%	2.3%
573	445				LAB	850	264	1,114	3.0%	1.3%	2.3%
574	446				LAB	786	288	1,074	3.0%	1.4%	2.3%
575	447				CON	857	374	1,231	2.7%	1.7%	2.3%
576	448				LAB	877	245	1,122	3.1%	1.2%	2.3%

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577	449				Hertsmere	CON	734	258	992	2.9%	1.4%	2.3%
578	450				Congleton	CON	722	245	967	2.9%	1.3%	2.3%
579	451				North Essex	CON	659	264	923	2.7%	1.6%	2.3%
580	452				Pudsey	LAB	778	270	1,048	3.0%	1.3%	2.2%
581	453				Solihull	CON	823	303	1,126	2.9%	1.4%	2.2%
582	454				Tewkesbury	CON	677	265	942	2.8%	1.4%	2.2%
584	455				Macclesfield	CON	834	205	1,039	3.1%	1.0%	2.2%
585	456				Mid Dorset & North Poole	CON	691	226	917	2.8%	1.2%	2.2%
586	457				Harborough	CON	698	281	979	2.7%	1.4%	2.2%
587	458				Salisbury	CON	838	262	1,100	2.8%	1.2%	2.1%
588	459				Tatton	IND	607	217	824	2.7%	1.3%	2.1%
589	460				South Holland & The Deepings	CON	575	253	828	2.4%	1.5%	2.1%
590	461				Bosworth	CON	656	278	934	2.5%	1.4%	2.1%
591	462				Aylesbury	CON	878	271	1,149	2.7%	1.1%	2.1%
592	463				Eastleigh	LD	738	223	961	2.7%	1.1%	2.0%
593	464				Westmorland & Lonsdale	CON	586	238	824	2.6%	1.3%	2.0%
594	465				Stone	CON	580	289	869	2.4%	1.6%	2.0%
595	466				Skipton & Ripon	CON	660	242	902	2.6%	1.3%	2.0%
596	467				Hitchin & Harpenden	CON	678	214	892	2.6%	1.2%	2.0%
597	468				Stratford-on-Avon	CON	732	288	1,020	2.5%	1.3%	2.0%
598	469				Fylde	CON	602	199	801	2.6%	1.1%	2.0%
599	470				South East Cambridgeshire	CON	704	264	968	2.5%	1.3%	1.9%
600	471				Saffron Walden	CON	642	288	930	2.3%	1.5%	1.9%
601	472				North East Bedfordshire	CON	599	235	834	2.4%	1.3%	1.9%
602	473				Devizes	CON	699	294	993	2.3%	1.4%	1.9%
603	474				Brentwood & Ongar	CON	599	227	826	2.4%	1.3%	1.9%
604	475				North East Hertfordshire	CON	623	224	847	2.4%	1.2%	1.9%
605	476				Basingstoke *	CON	781	265	1,046	2.5%	1.1%	1.9%
606	477				South West Hertfordshire	CON	669	211	880	2.4%	1.1%	1.9%
608	478				Welwyn Hatfield	LAB	626	208	834	2.4%	1.1%	1.8%
609	479				Daventry	CON	694	276	970	2.2%	1.2%	1.8%
610	480				North Dorset	CON	500	197	697	2.2%	1.2%	1.8%
611	481				North Wiltshire	CON	616	268	884	2.1%	1.3%	1.8%
612	482				Charnwood	CON	662	226	888	2.4%	1.1%	1.8%
613	483				Vale of York	CON	540	244	784	2.1%	1.3%	1.8%
614	484				Fareham	CON	582	204	786	2.3%	1.1%	1.8%
615	485				Cheadle	CON	592	182	774	2.4%	1.0%	1.8%
616	486				Wansdyke <*	LAB	548	245	793	2.1%	1.3%	1.8%
617	487				Maidenhead	CON	629	187	816	2.4%	0.9%	1.8%
618	488				Blaby	CON	585	245	830	2.2%	1.2%	1.7%
619	489				Romsey	CON	556	179	735	2.3%	1.0%	1.7%
620	490				Winchester	LD	616	218	834	2.2%	1.1%	1.7%
621	491				Cotswold	CON	505	164	669	2.2%	1.0%	1.7%
622	492				Mid Bedfordshire	CON	512	223	735	2.0%	1.2%	1.7%
623	493				St Albans	LAB	567	193	760	2.2%	1.0%	1.7%
624	494				Banbury	CON	637	237	874	2.1%	1.1%	1.6%
625	495				South Cambridgeshire	CON	566	190	756	2.1%	1.0%	1.6%
626	496				Windsor	CON	608	197	805	2.2%	0.9%	1.6%
627	497				Rutland & Melton	CON	504	229	733	1.9%	1.2%	1.6%
628	498				Guildford	CON	595	206	801	2.1%	0.9%	1.6%
629	499				Oxford West & Abingdon	LD	577	213	790	2.1%	1.0%	1.6%
630	500				Spelthorne	CON	581	220	801	2.0%	1.0%	1.6%
631	501				Wealden	CON	584	173	757	2.1%	0.9%	1.6%
632	502				Hertford & Stortford	CON	552	217	769	2.0%	1.0%	1.6%
633	503				Bracknell	CON	666	196	862	2.1%	0.8%	1.6%
634	504				Aldershot	CON	727	219	946	2.0%	0.8%	1.5%

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635	505				Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	551	175	726	2.0%	0.8%	1.5%
636	506				Ribble Valley	CON	530	163	693	2.1%	0.8%	1.5%
637	507				Reigate	CON	487	140	627	2.0%	0.8%	1.5%
638	508				Woodspring	CON	482	173	655	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
639	509				Esher & Walton	CON	512	192	704	1.8%	1.0%	1.5%
640	510				Wantage	CON	516	188	704	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
641	511				Northavon	LD	571	206	777	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
642	512				Epsom & Ewell	CON	530	163	693	2.0%	0.8%	1.4%
643	513				East Surrey	CON	529	177	706	1.9%	0.8%	1.4%
644	514				Beaconsfield	CON	486	165	651	1.8%	0.8%	1.4%
645	515				North West Hampshire *	CON	491	215	706	1.6%	1.0%	1.4%
646	516				Mid Sussex	CON	455	186	641	1.7%	0.9%	1.4%
647	517				South West Surrey	CON	468	150	618	1.8%	0.8%	1.3%
648	518				Arundel & South Downs	CON	382	136	518	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
649	519				North East Hampshire	CON	472	157	629	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
650	520				Horsham	CON	475	163	638	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
651	521				Buckingham	CON	369	154	523	1.5%	0.9%	1.3%
652	522				Newbury	LD	477	139	616	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
653	523				Woking	CON	462	141	603	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
654	524				Chesham & Amersham	CON	424	128	552	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
655	525				Witney	CON	414	176	590	1.4%	0.8%	1.2%
656	526				Henley	CON	393	137	530	1.5%	0.7%	1.2%
657	527				Mole Valley	CON	355	123	478	1.4%	0.7%	1.1%
658	528				Surrey Heath	CON	403	146	549	1.3%	0.6%	1.0%
659	529				Wokingham	CON	355	102	457	1.3%	0.5%	0.9%
England							862,312	269,011	1,131,323	6.5%	2.7%	4.9%

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UK	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI	Party	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
89		1			Blaenau Gwent	LAB	1,967	494	2,461	11.2%	4.1%	8.3%
91		2			Caernarfon	PC	1,633	486	2,119	10.7%	4.6%	8.2%
96		3			Ynys-Mon	PC	1,886	545	2,431	10.5%	4.6%	8.1%
106		4			Conwy	LAB	1,777	493	2,270	11.1%	3.9%	7.9%
122		5			Cardiff South & Penarth	LAB	2,282	506	2,788	11.0%	3.3%	7.7%
127		6			Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	LAB	1,743	566	2,309	9.8%	4.5%	7.6%
134		7			Preseli Pembrokeshire	LAB	1,795	546	2,341	9.6%	4.4%	7.5%
140		8			Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	LAB	1,819	424	2,243	10.1%	3.4%	7.3%
143		9			Cynon Valley	LAB	1,553	375	1,928	10.1%	3.4%	7.3%
148		10			Rhondda	LAB	1,742	462	2,204	9.6%	3.7%	7.2%
156		11			Cardiff West	LAB	2,041	475	2,516	10.2%	3.1%	7.1%
163		12			Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	PC	931	373	1,304	8.5%	4.8%	7.0%
176		13			Swansea West	LAB	1,639	451	2,090	9.4%	3.4%	6.8%
180		14			Newport West	LAB	1,828	520	2,348	9.2%	3.5%	6.7%
181		15			Cardiff Central	LAB	1,768	503	2,271	9.4%	3.3%	6.7%
195		16			Llanelli	LAB	1,552	414	1,966	8.8%	3.3%	6.5%
201		17			Caerphilly	LAB	1,869	505	2,374	8.7%	3.3%	6.4%
227		18			Aberavon	LAB	1,287	326	1,613	8.2%	2.9%	6.0%
231		19			Newport East	LAB	1,557	438	1,995	8.0%	3.1%	6.0%
243		20			Swansea East	LAB	1,628	382	2,010	8.2%	2.6%	5.8%
245		21			Vale of Clwyd	LAB	1,298	329	1,627	8.2%	2.7%	5.8%
248		22			Neath	LAB	1,332	416	1,748	7.5%	3.3%	5.7%
261		23			Ogmore	LAB	1,323	369	1,692	7.5%	2.9%	5.6%
289		24			Vale of Glamorgan	LAB	1,720	527	2,247	7.0%	2.9%	5.3%
291		25			Torfaen	LAB	1,487	422	1,909	7.1%	2.8%	5.3%
302		26			Ceredigion	PC	1,046	365	1,411	6.5%	3.2%	5.1%
305		27			Bridgend	LAB	1,334	413	1,747	6.8%	2.8%	5.1%
315		28			Pontypridd	LAB	1,464	409	1,873	6.6%	2.4%	4.8%
323		29			Clwyd West <*	LAB	1,053	316	1,369	6.4%	2.5%	4.7%
354		30			Wrexham	LAB	1,031	315	1,346	5.9%	2.4%	4.4%
362		31			Gower	LAB	1,055	314	1,369	5.9%	2.3%	4.3%
374		32			Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	LAB	915	295	1,210	5.5%	2.5%	4.3%
376		33			Clwyd South *>	LAB	988	300	1,288	5.5%	2.4%	4.2%
380		34			Islwyn	LAB	905	325	1,230	5.3%	2.6%	4.2%
399		35			Brecon & Radnorshire	LD	863	321	1,184	5.0%	2.6%	4.0%
413		36			Alyn & Deeside	LAB	1,058	355	1,413	5.0%	2.3%	3.8%
417		37			Monmouth	LAB	984	348	1,332	4.9%	2.3%	3.8%
433		38			Delyn	LAB	912	259	1,171	4.9%	1.9%	3.6%
479		39			Montgomeryshire	LD	550	237	787	3.6%	2.3%	3.1%
490		40			Cardiff North	LAB	769	229	998	4.2%	1.5%	3.0%
					Wales		56,384	16,148	72,532	7.8%	3.0%	5.8%

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unemployment rate					Claimants			Rate				
UK	Eng	Wal	SCO	NI	Party	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
18			1		Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	2,394	533	2,927	17.4%	5.4%	12.4%
26			2		Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	2,863	757	3,620	16.7%	5.7%	11.9%
29			3		Glasgow Springburn	LAB	2,673	675	3,348	16.7%	5.2%	11.5%
58			4		Glasgow Pollok	LAB	2,333	526	2,859	13.8%	4.0%	9.6%
61			5		Glasgow Baillieston	LAB	2,336	546	2,882	13.2%	4.1%	9.2%
64			6		Glasgow Govan	LAB	2,298	632	2,930	12.6%	4.5%	9.0%
65			7		Dundee East	LAB	2,584	714	3,298	12.8%	4.4%	9.0%
66			8		Glasgow Kelvin	LAB	2,134	637	2,771	12.5%	4.6%	9.0%
70			9		Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	1,961	415	2,376	13.5%	3.4%	8.9%
79			10		Kirkcaldy	LAB	2,067	618	2,685	11.6%	4.6%	8.6%
80			11		Dundee West	LAB	2,196	612	2,808	12.4%	4.0%	8.5%
81			12		Western Isles	LAB	903	243	1,146	10.8%	4.7%	8.5%
88			13		Cunninghame South	LAB	1,963	649	2,612	10.9%	4.8%	8.3%
93			14		Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	LD	1,559	508	2,067	10.2%	5.1%	8.2%
113			15		Central Fife	LAB	2,131	619	2,750	10.7%	4.1%	7.8%
118			16		Ross, Skye & Inverness West	LD	1,855	742	2,597	9.4%	5.4%	7.8%
120			17		Paisley North	LAB	1,795	482	2,277	11.2%	3.6%	7.7%
130			18		Dumbarton	LAB	2,205	630	2,835	10.3%	3.9%	7.6%
131			19		Motherwell & Wishaw	LAB	1,740	439	2,179	10.6%	3.5%	7.6%
133			20		Kilmarnock & Loudoun	LAB	2,177	690	2,867	10.0%	4.2%	7.5%
139			21		Paisley South	LAB	1,970	500	2,470	10.6%	3.3%	7.3%
142			22		Clydebank & Milngavie	LAB	1,821	399	2,220	10.7%	3.0%	7.3%
160			23		Falkirk West	LAB	1,796	500	2,296	9.7%	3.5%	7.0%
161			24		Glasgow Rutherglen	LAB	1,556	388	1,944	9.9%	3.2%	7.0%
165			25		Hamilton North & Bellshill	LAB	1,920	503	2,423	9.5%	3.4%	6.9%
166			26		Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	LAB	2,188	600	2,788	9.4%	3.6%	6.9%
167			27		Cunninghame North	LAB	1,642	518	2,160	9.1%	4.0%	6.9%
168			28		Coatbridge & Chryston	LAB	1,593	483	2,076	9.3%	3.8%	6.9%
171			29		Ayr	LAB	1,681	476	2,157	9.4%	3.5%	6.9%
173			30		Airdrie & Shotts	LAB	1,943	546	2,489	9.2%	3.6%	6.9%
183			31		Argyll & Bute	LD	1,494	548	2,042	8.4%	4.3%	6.7%
187			32		Glasgow Cathcart	LAB	1,541	368	1,909	9.7%	2.8%	6.6%
198			33		Ochil	LAB	1,659	509	2,168	8.7%	3.5%	6.5%
202			34		Dunfermline East	LAB	1,612	428	2,040	8.7%	3.2%	6.4%
207			35		Hamilton South	LAB	1,372	355	1,727	8.8%	3.0%	6.3%
233			36		Edinburgh Central	LAB	1,547	485	2,032	8.5%	3.0%	6.0%
235			37		Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	SNP	1,422	471	1,893	7.6%	3.6%	5.9%
236			38		Edinburgh North & Leith	LAB	1,895	576	2,471	8.5%	3.0%	5.9%
242			39		Angus	SNP	1,524	626	2,150	7.2%	3.9%	5.8%
246			40		Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	LAB	1,760	633	2,393	7.5%	3.5%	5.8%
250			41		Falkirk East	LAB	1,638	452	2,090	7.9%	2.8%	5.7%
264			42		Dunfermline West	LAB	1,408	424	1,832	7.5%	3.0%	5.6%
265			43		Dumfries	LAB	1,638	560	2,198	7.3%	3.3%	5.6%
266			44		Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	LAB	1,401	396	1,797	7.8%	2.7%	5.6%
284			45		Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	1,262	310	1,572	7.8%	2.4%	5.3%
285			46		Clydesdale	LAB	1,609	449	2,058	7.2%	2.7%	5.3%
299			47		Stirling	LAB	1,259	382	1,641	7.1%	2.7%	5.1%
301			48		Moray	SNP	1,338	551	1,889	6.0%	3.8%	5.1%
316			49		Perth	SNP	1,358	402	1,760	6.7%	2.5%	4.8%
320			50		Aberdeen Central	LAB	1,195	328	1,523	6.8%	2.3%	4.8%
325			51		Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	LAB	1,366	320	1,686	7.0%	2.0%	4.7%
330			52		Edinburgh South	LAB	1,203	345	1,548	6.8%	2.3%	4.7%
343			53		Linlithgow	LAB	1,276	347	1,623	6.3%	2.2%	4.5%
347			54		Livingston	LAB	1,397	381	1,778	6.4%	2.2%	4.5%
359			55		East Kilbride	LAB	1,442	473	1,915	5.9%	2.4%	4.4%
370			56		North Tayside	SNP	1,150	451	1,601	5.4%	2.8%	4.3%

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unemployment rate					Claimants			Rate				
UK	Eng	Wal	SCO	NI	Party	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
384			57		Edinburgh Pentlands	LAB	1,208	336	1,544	5.9%	2.0%	4.2%
386			58		Strathkelvin & Bearsden	LAB	1,331	385	1,716	5.7%	2.1%	4.1%
389			59		Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	873	343	1,216	5.2%	2.7%	4.1%
403			60		North East Fife	LD	902	360	1,262	4.9%	2.7%	4.0%
404			61		East Lothian	LAB	1,074	278	1,352	5.5%	1.9%	4.0%
412			62		Midlothian	LAB	944	231	1,175	5.6%	1.7%	3.8%
431			63		Orkney & Shetland	LD	565	205	770	4.4%	2.4%	3.6%
442			64		West Renfrewshire	LAB	939	238	1,177	5.1%	1.6%	3.6%
456			65		Eastwood	LAB	1,021	335	1,356	4.4%	1.9%	3.3%
485			66		Edinburgh West	LD	984	277	1,261	4.3%	1.5%	3.0%
501			67		Banff & Buchan	SNP	804	263	1,067	3.6%	1.8%	2.9%
507			68		Tweeddale, Ettrick & Lauderdale	LD	708	221	929	4.0%	1.6%	2.9%
535			69		Aberdeen South	LAB	786	254	1,040	3.5%	1.5%	2.6%
555			70		Aberdeen North	LAB	695	182	877	3.4%	1.2%	2.4%
583			71		Gordon	LD	589	231	820	2.7%	1.5%	2.2%
607			72		West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	LD	499	204	703	2.2%	1.3%	1.8%
Scotland							111,965	32,493	144,458	8.2%	3.1%	6.0%

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**D. Northern Ireland (not seasonally adjusted)**

UK	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI	Party	Claimants			Rate			
						Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
5				1	Belfast West	SF	4,642	713	5,355	22.8%	5.0%	15.4%
7				2	Foyle	SDLP	4,763	1,029	5,792	20.7%	6.9%	15.2%
19				3	Belfast North	UU	3,156	661	3,817	17.4%	5.1%	12.3%
31				4	West Tyrone	UU	3,039	630	3,669	14.9%	5.3%	11.4%
39				5	Newry & Armagh	SDLP	3,408	778	4,186	13.8%	5.2%	10.6%
51				6	Fermanagh & South Tyrone	UU	2,715	759	3,474	12.5%	6.0%	10.1%
55				7	East Londonderry	UU	2,726	662	3,388	12.8%	4.9%	9.7%
77				8	Mid Ulster	SF	2,205	526	2,731	11.0%	4.5%	8.6%
85				9	South Down	SDLP	2,505	724	3,229	10.6%	4.9%	8.4%
101				10	Belfast South	UU	2,400	813	3,213	11.1%	4.4%	8.0%
146				11	North Antrim	DU	2,403	630	3,033	9.4%	3.8%	7.2%
175				12	Belfast East	DU	2,021	524	2,545	9.6%	3.2%	6.8%
217				13	East Antrim	UU	1,903	582	2,485	8.1%	3.5%	6.2%
244				14	North Down	UKU	1,545	568	2,113	7.3%	3.7%	5.8%
260				15	Upper Bann	UU	1,834	543	2,377	7.4%	3.1%	5.6%
272				16	Strangford	UU	1,655	533	2,188	7.0%	3.2%	5.4%
332				17	South Antrim	UU	1,545	533	2,078	6.0%	2.9%	4.7%
358				18	Lagan Valley	UU	1,408	512	1,920	5.4%	2.9%	4.4%
					Northern Ireland		45,873	11,720	57,593	11.3%	4.3%	8.4%

## IV Change in Unemployed Claimants Mar 1996 - 1998,

### United Kingdom Constituencies

#### A. (not seasonally adjusted) - alphabetical listing

Rank by %  
change in UK  
(largest fall first)

		Party	Unemployed Claimants			Change Mar 96 -98		Change Mar 97 -98		
97-98	96-98		Mar-96	Mar-97	Mar-98	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
411	618	Aberavon	LAB	2,102	1,969	1,613	-489	-23.3%	-356	-18.1%
120	235	Aberdeen Central	LAB	2,632	2,121	1,523	-1,109	-42.1%	-598	-28.2%
24	133	Aberdeen North	LAB	1,679	1,380	877	-802	-47.8%	-503	-36.4%
49	111	Aberdeen South	LAB	2,046	1,552	1,040	-1,006	-49.2%	-512	-33.0%
319	606	Airdrie & Shotts	LAB	3,305	3,132	2,489	-816	-24.7%	-643	-20.5%
193	90	Aldershot	CON	1,905	1,261	946	-959	-50.3%	-315	-25.0%
435	296	Aldridge - Brownhills	CON	2,502	1,815	1,501	-1,001	-40.0%	-314	-17.3%
75	114	Altrincham & Sale West	CON	2,214	1,638	1,131	-1,083	-48.9%	-507	-31.0%
572	479	Alyn & Deeside	LAB	2,078	1,617	1,413	-665	-32.0%	-204	-12.6%
263	188	Amber Valley	LAB	2,977	2,133	1,649	-1,328	-44.6%	-484	-22.7%
586	598	Angus	SNP	2,877	2,428	2,150	-727	-25.3%	-278	-11.4%
597	593	Argyll & Bute	LD	2,744	2,295	2,042	-702	-25.6%	-253	-11.0%
5	8	Arundel & South Downs	CON	1,408	910	518	-890	-63.2%	-392	-43.1%
409	331	Ashfield	LAB	4,064	3,069	2,513	-1,551	-38.2%	-556	-18.1%
57	176	Ashford	CON	2,954	2,379	1,614	-1,340	-45.4%	-765	-32.2%
181	207	Ashton under Lyne	LAB	3,814	2,890	2,157	-1,657	-43.4%	-733	-25.4%
97	60	Aylesbury	CON	2,479	1,633	1,149	-1,330	-53.7%	-484	-29.6%
394	636	Ayr	LAB	2,760	2,643	2,157	-603	-21.8%	-486	-18.4%
23	13	Banbury	CON	2,306	1,377	874	-1,432	-62.1%	-503	-36.5%
221	180	Banff & Buchan	SNP	1,946	1,405	1,067	-879	-45.2%	-338	-24.1%
68	206	Barking *	LAB	3,516	2,895	1,986	-1,530	-43.5%	-909	-31.4%
609	600	Barnsley Central	LAB	3,578	2,975	2,679	-899	-25.1%	-296	-9.9%
625	623	Barnsley East & Mexborough	LAB	3,877	3,282	2,988	-889	-22.9%	-294	-9.0%
587	541	Barnsley West & Penistone	LAB	2,998	2,400	2,126	-872	-29.1%	-274	-11.4%
525	443	Barrow & Furness	LAB	4,033	3,140	2,682	-1,351	-33.5%	-458	-14.6%
55	115	Basildon	LAB	4,210	3,180	2,152	-2,058	-48.9%	-1,028	-32.3%
53	50	Basingstoke *	CON	2,311	1,550	1,046	-1,265	-54.7%	-504	-32.5%
298	318	Bassetlaw	LAB	3,763	2,931	2,305	-1,458	-38.7%	-626	-21.4%
2	44	Bath *->	LD	3,715	2,924	1,643	-2,072	-55.8%	-1,281	-43.8%
289	295	Batley & Spen	LAB	3,025	2,321	1,813	-1,212	-40.1%	-508	-21.9%
158	163	Battersea	LAB	5,609	4,102	3,022	-2,587	-46.1%	-1,080	-26.3%
66	32	Beaconsfield	CON	1,537	951	651	-886	-57.6%	-300	-31.5%
226	241	Beckenham	CON	3,768	2,879	2,189	-1,579	-41.9%	-690	-24.0%
251	343	Bedford	LAB	3,524	2,852	2,192	-1,332	-37.8%	-660	-23.1%
359	373	Belfast East	DU	4,032	3,157	2,545	-1,487	-36.9%	-612	-19.4%
565	495	Belfast North	UU	5,564	4,387	3,817	-1,747	-31.4%	-570	-13.0%
314	311	Belfast South	UU	5,275	4,056	3,213	-2,062	-39.1%	-843	-20.8%
629	530	Belfast West	SF	7,626	5,855	5,355	-2,271	-29.8%	-500	-8.5%
495	497	Berwick-upon-Tweed	LD	2,656	2,165	1,826	-830	-31.3%	-339	-15.7%
466	459	Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	8,668	6,965	5,818	-2,850	-32.9%	-1,147	-16.5%
617	523	Beverley & Holderness	CON	2,715	2,092	1,898	-817	-30.1%	-194	-9.3%
137	122	Bexhill & Battle	CON	2,027	1,431	1,044	-983	-48.5%	-387	-27.0%
109	165	Bexleyheath & Crayford	LAB	2,694	2,040	1,454	-1,240	-46.0%	-586	-28.7%
22	55	Billericay	CON	3,364	2,446	1,551	-1,813	-53.9%	-895	-36.6%
378	549	Birkenhead	LAB	5,859	5,131	4,169	-1,690	-28.8%	-962	-18.7%
578	436	Birmingham, Edgbaston	LAB	4,687	3,522	3,099	-1,588	-33.9%	-423	-12.0%
266	395	Birmingham, Erdington	LAB	5,292	4,360	3,375	-1,917	-36.2%	-985	-22.6%
470	482	Birmingham, Hall Green	LAB	3,447	2,806	2,346	-1,101	-31.9%	-460	-16.4%
559	492	Birmingham, Hodge Hill	LAB	4,817	3,808	3,296	-1,521	-31.6%	-512	-13.4%
626	604	Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	10,115	8,321	7,588	-2,527	-25.0%	-733	-8.8%
557	477	Birmingham, Northfield	LAB	3,349	2,629	2,273	-1,076	-32.1%	-356	-13.5%
416	376	Birmingham, Perry Barr	LAB	5,808	4,472	3,672	-2,136	-36.8%	-800	-17.9%
508	348	Birmingham, Selly Oak	LAB	4,662	3,429	2,909	-1,753	-37.6%	-520	-15.2%
576	562	Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	8,770	7,223	6,338	-2,432	-27.7%	-885	-12.3%
389	347	Birmingham, Yardley	LAB	3,539	2,709	2,206	-1,333	-37.7%	-503	-18.6%
645	634	Bishop Auckland	LAB	3,077	2,557	2,402	-675	-21.9%	-155	-6.1%
147	108	Blaby	CON	1,644	1,131	830	-814	-49.5%	-301	-26.6%
445	516	Blackburn	LAB	3,739	3,137	2,603	-1,136	-30.4%	-534	-17.0%
447	583	Blackpool North & Fleetwood	LAB	3,338	2,963	2,464	-874	-26.2%	-499	-16.8%
391	484	Blackpool South	LAB	4,973	4,162	3,391	-1,582	-31.8%	-771	-18.5%



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644	646	Blaenau Gwent	LAB	3,087	2,621	2,461	-626	-20.3%	-160	-6.1%
437	421	Blaydon	LAB	3,276	2,581	2,137	-1,139	-34.8%	-444	-17.2%
300	426	Blyth Valley	LAB	3,452	2,874	2,263	-1,189	-34.4%	-611	-21.3%
36	23	Bognor Regis & Littlehampton	CON	2,454	1,552	1,011	-1,443	-58.8%	-541	-34.9%
246	259	Bolsover	LAB	3,565	2,728	2,091	-1,474	-41.3%	-637	-23.4%
288	254	Bolton North East	LAB	3,428	2,572	2,009	-1,419	-41.4%	-563	-21.9%
459	317	Bolton South East	LAB	3,398	2,493	2,080	-1,318	-38.8%	-413	-16.6%
194	158	Bolton West	LAB	1,888	1,346	1,010	-878	-46.5%	-336	-25.0%
478	596	Bootle	LAB	5,293	4,707	3,948	-1,345	-25.4%	-759	-16.1%
283	144	Boston & Skegness	CON	3,621	2,453	1,914	-1,707	-47.1%	-539	-22.0%
598	422	Bosworth	CON	1,431	1,049	934	-497	-34.7%	-115	-11.0%
245	153	Bournemouth East	CON	3,585	2,494	1,909	-1,676	-46.8%	-585	-23.5%
156	228	Bournemouth West	CON	3,822	2,992	2,203	-1,619	-42.4%	-789	-26.4%
153	33	Bracknell	CON	2,032	1,172	862	-1,170	-57.6%	-310	-26.5%
374	487	Bradford North	LAB	4,924	4,140	3,360	-1,564	-31.8%	-780	-18.8%
356	431	Bradford South	LAB	3,947	3,228	2,600	-1,347	-34.1%	-628	-19.5%
463	533	Bradford West	LAB	5,801	4,887	4,080	-1,721	-29.7%	-807	-16.5%
387	184	Braintree	LAB	2,897	1,960	1,595	-1,302	-44.9%	-365	-18.6%
608	461	Brecon & Radnorshire	LD	1,762	1,315	1,184	-578	-32.8%	-131	-10.0%
264	230	Brent East	LAB	7,280	5,430	4,198	-3,082	-42.3%	-1,232	-22.7%
297	303	Brent North	LAB	3,242	2,493	1,959	-1,283	-39.6%	-534	-21.4%
361	385	Brent South	LAB	7,357	5,779	4,665	-2,692	-36.6%	-1,114	-19.3%
40	110	Brentford & Isleworth	LAB	4,520	3,476	2,288	-2,232	-49.4%	-1,188	-34.2%
29	36	Brentwood & Ongar	CON	1,907	1,282	826	-1,081	-56.7%	-456	-35.6%
652	592	Bridgend	LAB	2,349	1,835	1,747	-602	-25.6%	-88	-4.8%
235	328	Bridgwater	CON	3,391	2,747	2,094	-1,297	-38.2%	-653	-23.8%
521	538	Brigg & Goole	LAB	2,820	2,335	1,991	-829	-29.4%	-344	-14.7%
116	215	Brighton, Kemptown	LAB	5,172	4,113	2,946	-2,226	-43.0%	-1,167	-28.4%
100	239	Brighton, Pavilion	LAB	6,390	5,262	3,707	-2,683	-42.0%	-1,555	-29.6%
203	257	Bristol East	LAB	5,081	3,956	2,979	-2,102	-41.4%	-977	-24.7%
9	34	Bristol North West	LAB	4,032	2,888	1,740	-2,292	-56.8%	-1,148	-39.8%
74	167	Bristol South	LAB	5,152	4,038	2,788	-2,364	-45.9%	-1,250	-31.0%
93	157	Bristol West	LAB	5,167	3,930	2,760	-2,407	-46.6%	-1,170	-29.8%
243	192	Bromley & Chislehurst	CON	2,616	1,904	1,457	-1,159	-44.3%	-447	-23.5%
315	225	Bromsgrove	CON	2,370	1,720	1,363	-1,007	-42.5%	-357	-20.8%
6	18	Broxbourne	CON	2,776	1,930	1,102	-1,674	-60.3%	-828	-42.9%
63	132	Broxtowe	LAB	2,801	2,141	1,460	-1,341	-47.9%	-681	-31.8%
41	22	Buckingham	CON	1,290	793	523	-767	-59.5%	-270	-34.0%
522	478	Burnley	LAB	2,082	1,658	1,414	-668	-32.1%	-244	-14.7%
219	321	Burton	LAB	3,238	2,616	1,986	-1,252	-38.7%	-630	-24.1%
230	189	Bury North	LAB	2,094	1,525	1,160	-934	-44.6%	-365	-23.9%
211	222	Bury South	LAB	2,393	1,816	1,374	-1,019	-42.6%	-442	-24.3%
117	154	Bury St Edmunds	CON	2,082	1,548	1,109	-973	-46.7%	-439	-28.4%
519	586	Caernarfon	PC	2,861	2,486	2,119	-742	-25.9%	-367	-14.8%
448	387	Caerphilly	LAB	3,742	2,853	2,374	-1,368	-36.6%	-479	-16.8%
571	567	Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	LD	2,851	2,369	2,067	-784	-27.5%	-302	-12.7%
440	504	Calder Valley	LAB	2,592	2,158	1,789	-803	-31.0%	-369	-17.1%
499	452	Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	7,559	5,969	5,043	-2,516	-33.3%	-926	-15.5%
514	357	Cambridge	LAB	3,037	2,242	1,908	-1,129	-37.2%	-334	-14.9%
471	297	Cannock Chase	LAB	3,173	2,280	1,908	-1,265	-39.9%	-372	-16.3%
334	371	Canterbury	CON	3,094	2,442	1,952	-1,142	-36.9%	-490	-20.1%
284	369	Cardiff Central	LAB	3,602	2,910	2,271	-1,331	-37.0%	-639	-22.0%
218	247	Cardiff North	LAB	1,712	1,315	998	-714	-41.7%	-317	-24.1%
333	353	Cardiff South & Penarth	LAB	4,452	3,489	2,788	-1,664	-37.4%	-701	-20.1%
213	339	Cardiff West	LAB	4,048	3,324	2,516	-1,532	-37.8%	-808	-24.3%
369	526	Carlisle	LAB	3,142	2,721	2,203	-939	-29.9%	-518	-19.0%
114	390	Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	LAB	1,906	1,691	1,210	-696	-36.5%	-481	-28.4%
601	602	Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	LAB	3,082	2,585	2,309	-773	-25.1%	-276	-10.7%
468	559	Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	LAB	3,869	3,337	2,788	-1,081	-27.9%	-549	-16.5%
45	93	Carshalton & Wallington	LD	2,965	2,220	1,474	-1,491	-50.3%	-746	-33.6%

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31	46	Castle Point	LAB	3,053	2,120	1,369	-1,684	-55.2%	-751	-35.4%
622	642	Central Fife	LAB	3,473	3,025	2,750	-723	-20.8%	-275	-9.1%
129	216	Central Suffolk & North Ipswich	CON	2,120	1,664	1,208	-912	-43.0%	-456	-27.4%
560	556	Ceredigion	PC	1,965	1,628	1,411	-554	-28.2%	-217	-13.3%
142	113	Charmwood	CON	1,739	1,212	888	-851	-48.9%	-324	-26.7%
260	112	Chatham & Aylesford	LAB	3,640	2,402	1,855	-1,785	-49.0%	-547	-22.8%
196	91	Cheadle	CON	1,558	1,031	774	-784	-50.3%	-257	-24.9%
122	202	Cheltenham	LD	3,224	2,527	1,818	-1,406	-43.6%	-709	-28.1%
126	10	Chesham & Amersham	CON	1,484	761	552	-932	-62.8%	-209	-27.5%
241	224	Chester, City of	LAB	3,017	2,266	1,733	-1,284	-42.6%	-533	-23.5%
552	536	Chesterfield	LAB	3,949	3,222	2,783	-1,166	-29.5%	-439	-13.6%
252	104	Chichester	CON	1,985	1,299	999	-986	-49.7%	-300	-23.1%
115	123	Chingford & Woodford Green	CON	2,861	2,063	1,477	-1,384	-48.4%	-586	-28.4%
444	279	Chipping Barnet	CON	2,717	1,944	1,613	-1,104	-40.6%	-331	-17.0%
210	219	Chorley	LAB	2,483	1,874	1,416	-1,067	-43.0%	-458	-24.4%
28	37	Christchurch	CON	1,829	1,233	793	-1,036	-56.6%	-440	-35.7%
589	539	Cities of London & Westminster	CON	4,469	3,561	3,157	-1,312	-29.4%	-404	-11.3%
592	577	Cleethorpes	LAB	3,770	3,124	2,774	-996	-26.4%	-350	-11.2%
451	226	Clwyd South *>	LAB	2,239	1,546	1,288	-951	-42.5%	-258	-16.7%
304	307	Clwyd West <*	LAB	2,252	1,734	1,369	-883	-39.2%	-365	-21.0%
520	648	Clydebank & Milngavie	LAB	2,777	2,604	2,220	-557	-20.1%	-384	-14.7%
441	565	Clydesdale	LAB	2,843	2,482	2,058	-785	-27.6%	-424	-17.1%
548	644	Coatbridge & Chryston	LAB	2,607	2,405	2,076	-531	-20.4%	-329	-13.7%
207	105	Colchester	LD	3,406	2,273	1,716	-1,690	-49.6%	-557	-24.5%
546	407	Colne Valley	LAB	2,747	2,054	1,770	-977	-35.6%	-284	-13.8%
342	211	Congleton	CON	1,704	1,205	967	-737	-43.3%	-238	-19.8%
481	535	Conwy	LAB	3,224	2,705	2,270	-954	-29.6%	-435	-16.1%
636	609	Copeland	LAB	3,559	2,942	2,703	-856	-24.1%	-239	-8.1%
307	170	Corby	LAB	2,846	1,952	1,543	-1,303	-45.8%	-409	-21.0%
84	63	Cotswold	CON	1,437	960	669	-768	-53.4%	-291	-30.3%
551	406	Coventry North East	LAB	5,343	3,985	3,442	-1,901	-35.6%	-543	-13.6%
476	368	Coventry North West	LAB	3,759	2,825	2,369	-1,390	-37.0%	-456	-16.1%
505	375	Coventry South	LAB	4,066	3,034	2,570	-1,496	-36.8%	-464	-15.3%
139	95	Crawley	LAB	2,584	1,761	1,288	-1,296	-50.2%	-473	-26.9%
278	300	Crewe & Nantwich	LAB	2,786	2,153	1,676	-1,110	-39.8%	-477	-22.2%
321	372	Crosby	LAB	2,903	2,305	1,832	-1,071	-36.9%	-473	-20.5%
299	301	Croydon Central	LAB	5,077	3,894	3,066	-2,011	-39.6%	-828	-21.3%
340	383	Croydon North	LAB	6,873	5,429	4,353	-2,520	-36.7%	-1,076	-19.8%
107	56	Croydon South	CON	2,730	1,776	1,262	-1,468	-53.8%	-514	-28.9%
543	656	Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	LAB	2,114	2,088	1,797	-317	-15.0%	-291	-13.9%
475	554	Cunninghame North	LAB	3,014	2,578	2,160	-854	-28.3%	-418	-16.2%
611	647	Cunninghame South	LAB	3,276	2,896	2,612	-664	-20.3%	-284	-9.8%
584	457	Cynon Valley	LAB	2,877	2,182	1,928	-949	-33.0%	-254	-11.6%
198	177	Dagenham	LAB	3,366	2,451	1,842	-1,524	-45.3%	-609	-24.8%
613	603	Darlington	LAB	4,081	3,389	3,061	-1,020	-25.0%	-328	-9.7%
336	269	Dartford	LAB	3,194	2,354	1,883	-1,311	-41.0%	-471	-20.0%
165	147	Daventry	CON	1,832	1,311	970	-862	-47.1%	-341	-26.0%
352	349	Delyn	LAB	1,875	1,455	1,171	-704	-37.5%	-284	-19.5%
155	234	Denton & Reddish	LAB	2,988	2,347	1,727	-1,261	-42.2%	-620	-26.4%
136	282	Derby North	LAB	3,949	3,223	2,349	-1,600	-40.5%	-874	-27.1%
270	402	Derby South	LAB	5,992	4,963	3,848	-2,144	-35.8%	-1,115	-22.5%
35	43	Devizes	CON	2,255	1,525	993	-1,262	-56.0%	-532	-34.9%
528	315	Dewsbury	LAB	2,826	2,018	1,728	-1,098	-38.9%	-290	-14.4%
343	513	Don Valley	LAB	3,477	3,006	2,413	-1,064	-30.6%	-593	-19.7%
407	547	Doncaster Central	LAB	5,193	4,511	3,693	-1,500	-28.9%	-818	-18.1%
432	496	Doncaster North	LAB	4,305	3,578	2,955	-1,350	-31.4%	-623	-17.4%
415	563	Dover	LAB	3,862	3,407	2,794	-1,068	-27.7%	-613	-18.0%
233	319	Dudley North	LAB	3,841	3,091	2,353	-1,488	-38.7%	-738	-23.9%
237	330	Dudley South	LAB	2,944	2,385	1,819	-1,125	-38.2%	-566	-23.7%
225	286	Dulwich & West Norwood	LAB	7,076	5,549	4,219	-2,857	-40.4%	-1,330	-24.0%

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646	651	Dumbarton	LAB	3,487	3,012	2,835	-652	-18.7%	-177	-5.9%
563	584	Dumfries	LAB	2,975	2,529	2,198	-777	-26.1%	-331	-13.1%
513	625	Dundee East	LAB	4,275	3,876	3,298	-977	-22.9%	-578	-14.9%
477	629	Dundee West	LAB	3,627	3,348	2,808	-819	-22.6%	-540	-16.1%
272	400	Dunfermline East	LAB	3,178	2,628	2,040	-1,138	-35.8%	-588	-22.4%
517	544	Dunfermline West	LAB	2,579	2,151	1,832	-747	-29.0%	-319	-14.8%
545	532	Durham, City of	LAB	2,706	2,210	1,903	-803	-29.7%	-307	-13.9%
131	191	Ealing North *	LAB	4,522	3,462	2,516	-2,006	-44.4%	-946	-27.3%
484	326	Ealing Southall	LAB	5,432	3,988	3,351	-2,081	-38.3%	-637	-16.0%
309	425	Ealing, Acton & Shepherd's Bush	LAB	6,794	5,628	4,453	-2,341	-34.5%	-1,175	-20.9%
643	467	Easington	LAB	3,155	2,287	2,133	-1,022	-32.4%	-154	-6.7%
367	299	East Antrim	UU	4,131	3,070	2,485	-1,646	-39.8%	-585	-19.1%
258	271	East Devon	CON	1,839	1,410	1,087	-752	-40.9%	-323	-22.9%
465	420	East Ham	LAB	6,900	5,379	4,493	-2,407	-34.9%	-886	-16.5%
247	190	East Hampshire	CON	2,100	1,523	1,168	-932	-44.4%	-355	-23.3%
398	503	East Kilbride	LAB	2,777	2,344	1,915	-862	-31.0%	-429	-18.3%
575	507	East Londonderry	UU	4,896	3,863	3,388	-1,508	-30.8%	-475	-12.3%
316	401	East Lothian	LAB	2,106	1,703	1,352	-754	-35.8%	-351	-20.6%
12	15	East Surrey	CON	1,833	1,151	706	-1,127	-61.5%	-445	-38.7%
30	61	East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	2,202	1,585	1,022	-1,180	-53.6%	-563	-35.5%
603	560	East Yorkshire	CON	3,111	2,505	2,242	-869	-27.9%	-263	-10.5%
254	233	Eastbourne	CON	2,950	2,214	1,705	-1,245	-42.2%	-509	-23.0%
192	117	Eastleigh	LD	1,878	1,281	961	-917	-48.8%	-320	-25.0%
431	518	Eastwood	LAB	1,947	1,642	1,356	-591	-30.4%	-286	-17.4%
524	427	Eccles	LAB	3087	2371	2025	-1,062	-34.4%	-346	-14.6%
242	261	Eddisbury	CON	1,972	1,514	1,158	-814	-41.3%	-356	-23.5%
217	393	Edinburgh Central	LAB	3,192	2,679	2,032	-1,160	-36.3%	-647	-24.2%
175	430	Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	LAB	2,564	2,266	1,686	-878	-34.2%	-580	-25.6%
80	304	Edinburgh North & Leith	LAB	4,083	3,551	2,471	-1,612	-39.5%	-1,080	-30.4%
140	468	Edinburgh Pentlands	LAB	2,282	2,110	1,544	-738	-32.3%	-566	-26.8%
161	333	Edinburgh South	LAB	2,499	2,097	1,548	-951	-38.1%	-549	-26.2%
134	265	Edinburgh West	LD	2,143	1,732	1,261	-882	-41.2%	-471	-27.2%
354	413	Edmonton	LAB	4,990	4,008	3,227	-1,763	-35.3%	-781	-19.5%
370	236	Ellesmere Port & Neston	LAB	2,941	2,103	1,704	-1,237	-42.1%	-399	-19.0%
275	217	Elmet	LAB	2,363	1,734	1,347	-1,016	-43.0%	-387	-22.3%
303	419	Eltham	LAB	3,543	2,923	2,307	-1,236	-34.9%	-616	-21.1%
206	305	Enfield North	LAB	3,924	3,148	2,375	-1,549	-39.5%	-773	-24.6%
386	389	Enfield, Southgate	LAB	3,379	2,637	2,145	-1,234	-36.5%	-492	-18.7%
86	102	Epping Forest	CON	2,836	2,045	1,426	-1,410	-49.7%	-619	-30.3%
27	14	Epsom & Ewell	CON	1,803	1,079	693	-1,110	-61.6%	-386	-35.8%
167	159	Erewash	LAB	3,568	2,585	1,913	-1,655	-46.4%	-672	-26.0%
402	472	Erith & Thamesmead	LAB	5,695	4,721	3,862	-1,833	-32.2%	-859	-18.2%
19	11	Esher & Walton	CON	1,874	1,112	704	-1,170	-62.4%	-408	-36.7%
556	499	Exeter	LAB	3,792	3,019	2,610	-1,182	-31.2%	-409	-13.5%
642	652	Falkirk East	LAB	2,528	2,250	2,090	-438	-17.3%	-160	-7.1%
651	654	Falkirk West	LAB	2,731	2,429	2,296	-435	-15.9%	-133	-5.5%
628	537	Falmouth & Camborne	LAB	4,423	3,412	3,120	-1,303	-29.5%	-292	-8.6%
14	19	Fareham	CON	1,942	1,261	786	-1,156	-59.5%	-475	-37.7%
215	164	Faversham & Mid Kent	CON	2,627	1,868	1,416	-1,211	-46.1%	-452	-24.2%
37	129	Feltham & Heston	LAB	4,017	3,187	2,088	-1,929	-48.0%	-1,099	-34.5%
568	594	Fermanagh & South Tyrone	UU	4,665	3,987	3,474	-1,191	-25.5%	-513	-12.9%
236	290	Finchley & Golders Green	LAB	3,788	2,972	2,266	-1,522	-40.2%	-706	-23.8%
244	455	Folkestone & Hythe	CON	4,210	3,681	2,817	-1,393	-33.1%	-864	-23.5%
64	145	Forest of Dean	LAB	2,169	1,681	1,148	-1,021	-47.1%	-533	-31.7%
654	650	Foyle	SDLP	7,189	5,941	5,792	-1,397	-19.4%	-149	-2.5%
118	140	Fylde	CON	1,522	1,117	801	-721	-47.4%	-316	-28.3%
474	340	Gainsborough	CON	2,574	1,910	1,600	-974	-37.8%	-310	-16.2%
442	486	Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	SNP	2,775	2,282	1,893	-882	-31.8%	-389	-17.0%
438	292	Gateshead East & Washington West	LAB	3,709	2,680	2,221	-1,488	-40.1%	-459	-17.1%
172	160	Gedling	LAB	3,217	2,322	1,726	-1,491	-46.3%	-596	-25.7%

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108	48	Gillingham	LAB	3,855	2,450	1,741	-2,114	-54.8%	-709	-28.9%
635	635	Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	3,042	2,587	2,376	-666	-21.9%	-211	-8.2%
426	558	Glasgow Baillieston	LAB	4,005	3,499	2882	-1,123	-28.0%	-617	-17.6%
573	641	Glasgow Cathcart	LAB	2,416	2,182	1,909	-507	-21.0%	-273	-12.5%
579	630	Glasgow Govan	LAB	3,775	3,326	2,930	-845	-22.4%	-396	-11.9%
255	476	Glasgow Kelvin	LAB	4,083	3,597	2,771	-1,312	-32.1%	-826	-23.0%
383	579	Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	4,917	4,453	3,620	-1,297	-26.4%	-833	-18.7%
616	628	Glasgow Pollok	LAB	3,694	3,153	2,859	-835	-22.6%	-294	-9.3%
491	570	Glasgow Rutherglen	LAB	2,673	2,309	1,944	-729	-27.3%	-365	-15.8%
604	643	Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	3,690	3,265	2927	-763	-20.7%	-338	-10.4%
512	627	Glasgow Springburn	LAB	4,329	3,938	3,348	-981	-22.7%	-590	-15.0%
112	280	Gloucester	LAB	3,922	3,259	2,329	-1,593	-40.6%	-930	-28.5%
103	143	Gordon	LD	1,554	1,156	820	-734	-47.2%	-336	-29.1%
420	379	Gosport	CON	2,448	1,883	1,548	-900	-36.8%	-335	-17.8%
279	485	Gower	LAB	2,007	1,757	1369	-638	-31.8%	-388	-22.1%
332	310	Grantham & Stamford	CON	2,252	1,716	1,371	-881	-39.1%	-345	-20.1%
256	246	Gravesham	LAB	4,042	3,053	2,353	-1,689	-41.8%	-700	-22.9%
590	621	Great Grimsby	LAB	5,286	4,587	4,067	-1,219	-23.1%	-520	-11.3%
541	569	Great Yarmouth	LAB	5,332	4,507	3,874	-1,458	-27.3%	-633	-14.0%
405	494	Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	2,292	1,921	1,572	-720	-31.4%	-349	-18.2%
497	543	Greenwich & Woolwich	LAB	6,169	5,187	4,379	-1,790	-29.0%	-808	-15.6%
239	67	Guildford	CON	1,706	1,048	801	-905	-53.0%	-247	-23.6%
419	511	Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	9,473	7,994	6,571	-2,902	-30.6%	-1,423	-17.8%
331	514	Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	9,554	8,316	6,641	-2,913	-30.5%	-1,675	-20.1%
277	324	Halesowen & Rowley Regis	LAB	2,968	2,352	1,829	-1,139	-38.4%	-523	-22.2%
433	553	Halifax	LAB	4,048	3,510	2,899	-1,149	-28.4%	-611	-17.4%
413	370	Haltemprice & Howden	CON	1,742	1,341	1,099	-643	-36.9%	-242	-18.0%
534	561	Halton	LAB	3,843	3,231	2,770	-1,073	-27.9%	-461	-14.3%
561	639	Hamilton North & Bellshill	LAB	3,071	2,792	2,423	-648	-21.1%	-369	-13.2%
410	607	Hamilton South	LAB	2,281	2,109	1,727	-554	-24.3%	-382	-18.1%
143	309	Hammersmith & Fulham	LAB	6,676	5,545	4,063	-2,613	-39.1%	-1,482	-26.7%
472	408	Hampstead & Highgate	LAB	5,649	4,349	3,640	-2,009	-35.6%	-709	-16.3%
488	342	Harborough	CON	1,574	1,164	979	-595	-37.8%	-185	-15.9%
125	169	Harlow	LAB	3,108	2,332	1,685	-1,423	-45.8%	-647	-27.7%
106	78	Harrogate & Knaresborough	LD	2,176	1,482	1,053	-1,123	-51.6%	-429	-28.9%
164	264	Harrow East	LAB	3,577	2,846	2,104	-1,473	-41.2%	-742	-26.1%
229	229	Harrow West	LAB	2,670	2,024	1,539	-1,131	-42.4%	-485	-24.0%
657	658	Hartlepool	LAB	5,045	4,365	4,370	-675	-13.4%	5	0.1%
500	329	Harwich	LAB	4,033	2,945	2,491	-1,542	-38.2%	-454	-15.4%
395	381	Hastings & Rye	LAB	4,852	3,761	3,071	-1,781	-36.7%	-690	-18.3%
330	263	Havant	CON	3,237	2,383	1,903	-1,334	-41.2%	-480	-20.1%
205	200	Hayes & Harlington	LAB	2,948	2,198	1,658	-1,290	-43.8%	-540	-24.6%
348	227	Hazel Grove	LD	1,795	1,286	1,034	-761	-42.4%	-252	-19.6%
174	65	Hemel Hempstead	LAB	2,379	1,498	1,114	-1,265	-53.2%	-384	-25.6%
375	481	Hemsworth	LAB	3,357	2,813	2,284	-1,073	-32.0%	-529	-18.8%
376	451	Hendon	LAB	4,012	3,292	2,674	-1,338	-33.3%	-618	-18.8%
20	7	Henley	CON	1,451	837	530	-921	-63.5%	-307	-36.7%
162	240	Hereford *>	LD	2,976	2,339	1,727	-1,249	-42.0%	-612	-26.2%
21	16	Hertford & Stortford	CON	1,996	1,214	769	-1,227	-61.5%	-445	-36.7%
119	54	Hertsmere	CON	2,164	1,383	992	-1,172	-54.2%	-391	-28.3%
345	232	Hexham	CON	1,888	1,358	1,091	-797	-42.2%	-267	-19.7%
479	491	Heywood & Middleton	LAB	3,783	3,084	2,587	-1,196	-31.6%	-497	-16.1%
195	250	High Peak	LAB	2,322	1,808	1,357	-965	-41.6%	-451	-24.9%
146	100	Hitchin & Harpenden	CON	1,781	1,216	892	-889	-49.9%	-324	-26.6%
504	545	Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	6,723	5,646	4,780	-1,943	-28.9%	-866	-15.3%
94	88	Hornchurch	LAB	2,371	1,668	1,172	-1,199	-50.6%	-496	-29.7%
253	287	Hornsey & Wood Green	LAB	7,581	5,875	4,522	-3,059	-40.4%	-1,353	-23.0%
65	31	Horsham	CON	1,514	933	638	-876	-57.9%	-295	-31.6%
487	412	Houghton & Washington East	LAB	3,826	2,935	2,468	-1,358	-35.5%	-467	-15.9%
39	119	Hove	LAB	4,857	3,788	2,492	-2,365	-48.7%	-1,296	-34.2%

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599	571	Huddersfield	LAB	4,258	3,484	3,103	-1,155	-27.1%	-381	-10.9%
227	149	Huntingdon	CON	2,323	1,619	1,231	-1,092	-47.0%	-388	-24.0%
630	626	Hyndburn	LAB	2,045	1,725	1,578	-467	-22.8%	-147	-8.5%
132	134	Ilford North	LAB	3,194	2,296	1,669	-1,525	-47.7%	-627	-27.3%
358	382	Ilford South *	LAB	5,235	4,111	3,314	-1,921	-36.7%	-797	-19.4%
502	435	Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	LAB	3,626	2,828	2393	-1,233	-34.0%	-435	-15.4%
392	505	Ipswich	LAB	3,618	3,066	2,499	-1,119	-30.9%	-567	-18.5%
544	540	Isle of Wight	LD	6,124	5,035	4,334	-1,790	-29.2%	-701	-13.9%
503	440	Islington North	LAB	8,548	6,707	5,678	-2,870	-33.6%	-1,029	-15.3%
414	465	Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	6,633	5,464	4,478	-2,155	-32.5%	-986	-18.0%
240	256	Islwyn	LAB	2,098	1,609	1,230	-868	-41.4%	-379	-23.6%
562	510	Jarrow	LAB	4,129	3,295	2,863	-1,266	-30.7%	-432	-13.1%
633	522	Keighley	LAB	2,728	2,080	1907	-821	-30.1%	-173	-8.3%
248	196	Kensington & Chelsea	CON	4,339	3,161	2,425	-1,914	-44.1%	-736	-23.3%
154	106	Kettering	LAB	2,479	1,698	1,249	-1,230	-49.6%	-449	-26.4%
538	657	Kilmarnock & Loudoun	LAB	3,354	3,341	2,867	-487	-14.5%	-474	-14.2%
250	168	Kingston & Surbiton	LD	2,963	2,091	1,606	-1,357	-45.8%	-485	-23.2%
656	632	Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	4,979	3,891	3871	-1,108	-22.3%	-20	-0.5%
650	587	Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	6,012	4,715	4,456	-1,556	-25.9%	-259	-5.5%
648	551	Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	5,467	4,136	3,898	-1,569	-28.7%	-238	-5.8%
18	38	Kingswood	LAB	2,950	2,025	1,281	-1,669	-56.6%	-744	-36.7%
585	608	Kirkcaldy	LAB	3,541	3,034	2,685	-856	-24.2%	-349	-11.5%
360	444	Knowsley North & Sefton East	LAB	5,153	4,247	3,427	-1,726	-33.5%	-820	-19.3%
621	624	Knowsley South	LAB	5,579	4,730	4,300	-1,279	-22.9%	-430	-9.1%
637	450	Lagan Valley	UU	2,881	2,088	1,920	-961	-33.4%	-168	-8.0%
347	550	Lancaster & Wyre	LAB	2,154	1,907	1,533	-621	-28.8%	-374	-19.6%
607	585	Leeds Central	LAB	6,700	5,514	4,960	-1,740	-26.0%	-554	-10.0%
506	521	Leeds East	LAB	5,012	4,130	3,500	-1,512	-30.2%	-630	-15.3%
480	446	Leeds North East	LAB	3,423	2,715	2,278	-1,145	-33.5%	-437	-16.1%
385	361	Leeds North West	LAB	2,559	1,980	1,610	-949	-37.1%	-370	-18.7%
600	483	Leeds West	LAB	3,966	3,030	2,704	-1,262	-31.8%	-326	-10.8%
232	212	Leicester East	LAB	3,892	2,906	2,212	-1,680	-43.2%	-694	-23.9%
257	285	Leicester South	LAB	5,295	4,096	3,157	-2,138	-40.4%	-939	-22.9%
169	208	Leicester West	LAB	5,088	3,892	2,883	-2,205	-43.3%	-1,009	-25.9%
231	346	Leigh	LAB	2,986	2,446	1,861	-1,125	-37.7%	-585	-23.9%
184	139	Leominster <*	CON	2,156	1,518	1,134	-1,022	-47.4%	-384	-25.3%
259	136	Lewes	LD	2,167	1,473	1,137	-1,030	-47.5%	-336	-22.8%
317	344	Lewisham East	LAB	4,523	3,544	2,814	-1,709	-37.8%	-730	-20.6%
268	410	Lewisham West	LAB	5,527	4,600	3,563	-1,964	-35.5%	-1,037	-22.5%
449	474	Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	7,351	5,993	4,988	-2,363	-32.1%	-1,005	-16.8%
46	89	Leyton & Wanstead	LAB	6,203	4,631	3,075	-3,128	-50.4%	-1,556	-33.6%
399	182	Lichfield	CON	1,905	1,281	1,047	-858	-45.0%	-234	-18.3%
191	253	Lincoln	LAB	5,135	4,013	3,007	-2,128	-41.4%	-1,006	-25.1%
593	442	Linlithgow	LAB	2,441	1,826	1,623	-818	-33.5%	-203	-11.1%
390	515	Liverpool, Garston	LAB	4,562	3,898	3,175	-1,387	-30.4%	-723	-18.5%
535	597	Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	8,243	7,182	6,160	-2,083	-25.3%	-1,022	-14.2%
540	610	Liverpool, Walton	LAB	6,394	5,661	4,863	-1,531	-23.9%	-798	-14.1%
489	564	Liverpool, Wavertree	LAB	6,020	5,177	4,356	-1,664	-27.6%	-821	-15.9%
462	572	Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	6,475	5,661	4,725	-1,750	-27.0%	-936	-16.5%
439	438	Livingston	LAB	2,680	2,145	1,778	-902	-33.7%	-367	-17.1%
355	622	Llanelli	LAB	2,554	2,441	1,966	-588	-23.0%	-475	-19.5%
483	433	Loughborough	LAB	2,249	1,766	1,483	-766	-34.1%	-283	-16.0%
323	396	Louth & Horncastle	CON	2,847	2,281	1,816	-1,031	-36.2%	-465	-20.4%
473	221	Ludlow	CON	1,726	1,180	988	-738	-42.8%	-192	-16.3%
486	302	Luton North	LAB	3,348	2,406	2,023	-1,325	-39.6%	-383	-15.9%
338	316	Luton South	LAB	4,404	3,362	2,693	-1,711	-38.9%	-669	-19.9%
127	283	Macclesfield	CON	1,745	1,432	1,039	-706	-40.5%	-393	-27.4%
190	82	Maidenhead	CON	1,675	1,089	816	-859	-51.3%	-273	-25.1%
83	77	Maidstone & The Weald	CON	2,606	1,807	1,259	-1,347	-51.7%	-548	-30.3%
159	320	Makerfield	LAB	2,962	2,462	1,815	-1,147	-38.7%	-647	-26.3%

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145	98	Maldon & East Chelmsford	CON	2,388	1,630	1,195	-1,193	-50.0%	-435	-26.7%
547	417	Manchester, Blackley	LAB	5,068	3,811	3,288	-1,780	-35.1%	-523	-13.7%
453	500	Manchester, Central	LAB	7,905	6,530	5,443	-2,462	-31.1%	-1,087	-16.6%
443	548	Manchester, Gorton	LAB	5,836	5,005	4,152	-1,684	-28.9%	-853	-17.0%
186	351	Manchester, Withington	LAB	5,012	4,190	3,133	-1,879	-37.5%	-1,057	-25.2%
418	392	Mansfield	LAB	3,975	3,078	2,529	-1,446	-36.4%	-549	-17.8%
224	249	Medway	LAB	3,651	2,803	2,131	-1,520	-41.6%	-672	-24.0%
602	575	Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	PC	1,779	1,458	1,304	-475	-26.7%	-154	-10.6%
148	209	Meriden	CON	3,990	3,082	2,263	-1,727	-43.3%	-819	-26.6%
421	386	Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	LAB	3,536	2,728	2,243	-1,293	-36.6%	-485	-17.8%
82	53	Mid Bedfordshire	CON	1,606	1,055	735	-871	-54.2%	-320	-30.3%
47	45	Mid Dorset & North Poole	CON	2,070	1,380	917	-1,153	-55.7%	-463	-33.6%
325	270	Mid Norfolk	CON	2,464	1,824	1,455	-1,009	-40.9%	-369	-20.2%
51	26	Mid Sussex	CON	1,525	955	641	-884	-58.0%	-314	-32.9%
417	251	Mid Ulster	SF	4,670	3,325	2,731	-1,939	-41.5%	-594	-17.9%
291	138	Mid Worcestershire	CON	1,980	1,328	1,041	-939	-47.4%	-287	-21.6%
649	612	Middlesbrough	LAB	7,213	5,834	5,502	-1,711	-23.7%	-332	-5.7%
641	573	Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland	LAB	4,472	3,533	3,271	-1,201	-26.9%	-262	-7.4%
362	288	Midlothian	LAB	1,968	1,455	1,175	-793	-40.3%	-280	-19.2%
71	135	Milton Keynes South West	LAB	3,052	2,325	1,599	-1,453	-47.6%	-726	-31.2%
67	181	Mitcham & Morden	LAB	4,329	3,463	2,375	-1,954	-45.1%	-1,088	-31.4%
50	3	Mole Valley	CON	1,345	713	478	-867	-64.5%	-235	-33.0%
515	460	Monmouth	LAB	1,984	1,565	1,332	-652	-32.9%	-233	-14.9%
658	601	Montgomeryshire	LD	1,051	780	787	-264	-25.1%	7	0.9%
516	527	Moray	SNP	2,693	2,218	1,889	-804	-29.9%	-329	-14.8%
366	480	Morecambe & Lunesdale	LAB	3,477	2,923	2,365	-1,112	-32.0%	-558	-19.1%
574	448	Morley & Rothwell	LAB	2,612	1,988	1,740	-872	-33.4%	-248	-12.5%
511	640	Motherwell & Wishaw	LAB	2,759	2,566	2,179	-580	-21.0%	-387	-15.1%
555	617	Neath	LAB	2,279	2,022	1,748	-531	-23.3%	-274	-13.6%
201	156	New Forest East	CON	1,840	1,305	982	-858	-46.6%	-323	-24.8%
110	127	New Forest West	CON	1,763	1,280	913	-850	-48.2%	-367	-28.7%
455	338	Newark	LAB	3,168	2,362	1,969	-1,199	-37.8%	-393	-16.6%
3	1	Newbury	LD	1,877	1,092	616	-1,261	-67.2%	-476	-43.6%
510	424	Newcastle upon Tyne Central	LAB	4,937	3,807	3,232	-1,705	-34.5%	-575	-15.1%
647	590	Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	5,221	4,114	3,877	-1,344	-25.7%	-237	-5.8%
581	405	Newcastle upon Tyne North	LAB	3,906	2,846	2,511	-1,395	-35.7%	-335	-11.8%
99	124	Newcastle-under-Lyme	LAB	2,578	1,894	1,334	-1,244	-48.3%	-560	-29.6%
412	391	Newport East	LAB	3,138	2,435	1,995	-1,143	-36.4%	-440	-18.1%
452	489	Newport West	LAB	3,437	2,817	2,348	-1,089	-31.7%	-469	-16.6%
632	493	Newry & Armagh	SDLP	6,112	4,571	4,186	-1,926	-31.5%	-385	-8.4%
403	397	Normanton	LAB	2,471	1,935	1,583	-888	-35.9%	-352	-18.2%
554	456	North Antrim	DU	4,529	3,509	3,033	-1,496	-33.0%	-476	-13.6%
501	411	North Cornwall	LD	4,820	3,675	3,109	-1,711	-35.5%	-566	-15.4%
406	293	North Devon	LD	3,289	2,408	1,971	-1,318	-40.1%	-437	-18.1%
130	130	North Dorset	CON	1,339	960	697	-642	-47.9%	-263	-27.4%
605	552	North Down	UKU	2,960	2,355	2,113	-847	-28.6%	-242	-10.3%
529	542	North Durham	LAB	3,324	2,753	2,358	-966	-29.1%	-395	-14.3%
79	30	North East Bedfordshire	CON	1,982	1,201	834	-1,148	-57.9%	-367	-30.6%
357	277	North East Cambridgeshire	CON	3,066	2,254	1,817	-1,249	-40.7%	-437	-19.4%
318	274	North East Derbyshire	LAB	3,363	2,507	1,991	-1,372	-40.8%	-516	-20.6%
290	418	North East Fife	LD	1,944	1,613	1,262	-682	-35.1%	-351	-21.8%
101	76	North East Hampshire	CON	1,307	890	629	-678	-51.9%	-261	-29.3%
38	29	North East Hertfordshire	CON	2,014	1,289	847	-1,167	-57.9%	-442	-34.3%
58	118	North East Milton Keynes	LAB	2,430	1,832	1,244	-1,186	-48.8%	-588	-32.1%
152	49	North Essex	CON	2,041	1,255	923	-1,118	-54.8%	-332	-26.5%
349	377	North Norfolk	CON	2,730	2,146	1,726	-1,004	-36.8%	-420	-19.6%
328	276	North Shropshire	CON	2,157	1,601	1,278	-879	-40.8%	-323	-20.2%
397	404	North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	7,808	6,142	5,017	-2,791	-35.7%	-1,125	-18.3%
62	72	North Swindon	LAB	2,199	1,532	1,044	-1,155	-52.5%	-488	-31.9%
507	580	North Tayside	SNP	2,173	1,889	1,601	-572	-26.3%	-288	-15.2%

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423	365	North Thanet	CON	4,715	3,605	2,968	-1,747	-37.1%	-637	-17.7%	
594	512	North Tyneside	LAB	4,538	3,542	3,149	-1,389	-30.6%	-393	-11.1%	
149	193	North Warwickshire	LAB	2,492	1,892	1,390	-1,102	-44.2%	-502	-26.5%	
60	92	North West Cambridgeshire	CON	2,465	1,800	1,225	-1,240	-50.3%	-575	-31.9%	
408	531	North West Durham	LAB	3,268	2,804	2,296	-972	-29.7%	-508	-18.1%	
274	94	North West Hampshire *	CON	1,420	909	706	-714	-50.3%	-203	-22.3%	
261	204	North West Leicestershire	LAB	2,165	1,582	1,222	-943	-43.6%	-360	-22.8%	
404	502	North West Norfolk	LAB	3,077	2,590	2,119	-958	-31.1%	-471	-18.2%	
25	25	North Wiltshire	CON	2,124	1,391	884	-1,240	-58.4%	-507	-36.4%	
170	268	Northampton North	LAB	3,379	2,688	1,992	-1,387	-41.0%	-696	-25.9%	
295	323	Northampton South	LAB	3,044	2,382	1,871	-1,173	-38.5%	-511	-21.5%	
1	2	Northavon	LD	2,242	1,482	777	-1,465	-65.3%	-705	-47.6%	
436	471	Norwich North	LAB	3,220	2,638	2,182	-1,038	-32.2%	-456	-17.3%	
532	529	Norwich South	LAB	4,536	3,717	3,185	-1,351	-29.8%	-532	-14.3%	
208	244	Nottingham East	LAB	7,919	6,100	4,606	-3,313	-41.8%	-1,494	-24.5%	
320	409	Nottingham North	LAB	5,481	4,444	3,532	-1,949	-35.6%	-912	-20.5%	
182	260	Nottingham South	LAB	5,390	4,237	3,164	-2,226	-41.3%	-1,073	-25.3%	
302	336	Nuneaton	LAB	2,640	2,078	1,637	-1,003	-38.0%	-441	-21.2%	
634	645	Ochil	LAB	2,720	2,361	2,168	-552	-20.3%	-193	-8.2%	
653	620	Ogmore	LAB	2,203	1,758	1,692	-511	-23.2%	-66	-3.8%	
17	84	Old Bexley & Sidcup	CON	2,382	1,842	1,165	-1,217	-51.1%	-677	-36.8%	
350	179	Oldham East & Saddleworth	LAB	3,443	2,345	1,887	-1,556	-45.2%	-458	-19.5%	
365	255	Oldham West & Royton	LAB	3,962	2,871	2,322	-1,640	-41.4%	-549	-19.1%	
588	655	Orkney & Shetland	LD	913	869	770	-143	-15.7%	-99	-11.4%	
92	87	Orpington	CON	2,781	1,945	1,365	-1,416	-50.9%	-580	-29.8%	
98	107	Oxford East	LAB	3,828	2,741	1,929	-1,899	-49.6%	-812	-29.6%	
104	85	Oxford West & Abingdon	LD	1,613	1,113	790	-823	-51.0%	-323	-29.0%	
618	638	Paisley North	LAB	2,886	2,509	2,277	-609	-21.1%	-232	-9.2%	
527	599	Paisley South	LAB	3,300	2,887	2,470	-830	-25.2%	-417	-14.4%	
353	360	Pendle	LAB	2,192	1,713	1,379	-813	-37.1%	-334	-19.5%	
123	284	Penrith & The Border	CON	1,707	1,412	1,017	-690	-40.4%	-395	-28.0%	
373	576	Perth	SNP	2,394	2,169	1,760	-634	-26.5%	-409	-18.9%	
54	150	Peterborough	LAB	4,228	3,322	2,243	-1,985	-46.9%	-1,079	-32.5%	
393	354	Plymouth, Devonport	LAB	5,007	3,843	3,136	-1,871	-37.4%	-707	-18.4%	
428	428	Plymouth, Sutton	LAB	6,750	5,384	4,435	-2,315	-34.3%	-949	-17.6%	
526	557	Pontefract & Castleford	LAB	3,340	2,807	2,400	-940	-28.1%	-407	-14.5%	
567	508	Pontypridd	LAB	2,706	2,150	1,873	-833	-30.8%	-277	-12.9%	
105	109	Poole	CON	2,651	1,887	1,340	-1,311	-49.5%	-547	-29.0%	
424	362	Poplar & Canning Town	LAB	8,392	6,413	5,280	-3,112	-37.1%	-1,133	-17.7%	
90	120	Portsmouth North	LAB	3,419	2,514	1,758	-1,661	-48.6%	-756	-30.1%	
180	308	Portsmouth South	LD	5,304	4,323	3,226	-2,078	-39.2%	-1,097	-25.4%	
640	631	Preseli Pembrokeshire	LAB	3,013	2,536	2,341	-672	-22.3%	-195	-7.7%	
285	398	Preston	LAB	4,498	3,693	2,883	-1,615	-35.9%	-810	-21.9%	
364	278	Pudsey	LAB	1,766	1,296	1,048	-718	-40.7%	-248	-19.1%	
166	185	Putney	LAB	3,549	2,646	1,958	-1,591	-44.8%	-688	-26.0%	
85	42	Rayleigh	CON	2,457	1,546	1,078	-1,379	-56.1%	-468	-30.3%	
52	40	Reading East	LAB	2,875	1,863	1,253	-1,622	-56.4%	-610	-32.7%	
32	27	Reading West	LAB	2,669	1,736	1,122	-1,547	-58.0%	-614	-35.4%	
624	546	Redcar	LAB	5,334	4,169	3,793	-1,541	-28.9%	-376	-9.0%	
199	364	Redditch	LAB	2,696	2,258	1,697	-999	-37.1%	-561	-24.8%	
494	458	Regent's Park & Kensington North	LAB	7,734	6,156	5,191	-2,543	-32.9%	-965	-15.7%	
16	12	Reigate	CON	1,657	993	627	-1,030	-62.2%	-366	-36.9%	
583	615	Rhondda	LAB	2,879	2,495	2,204	-675	-23.4%	-291	-11.7%	
91	152	Ribble Valley	CON	1,303	990	693	-610	-46.8%	-297	-30.0%	
467	248	Richmond	CON	2,028	1,416	1,183	-845	-41.7%	-233	-16.5%	
212	175	Richmond Park	LD	2,778	2,002	1,515	-1,263	-45.5%	-487	-24.3%	
623	619	Rochdale	LAB	3,838	3,240	2,946	-892	-23.2%	-294	-9.1%	
382	466	Rochford & Southend East	CON	5,349	4,447	3,615	-1,734	-32.4%	-832	-18.7%	
271	83	Romford	LAB	2,463	1,548	1,201	-1,262	-51.2%	-347	-22.4%	
34	71	Romsey	CON	1,549	1,131	735	-814	-52.6%	-396	-35.0%	

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496	525	Ross, Skye & Inverness West	LD	3,706	3,079	2,597	-1,109	-29.9%	-482	-15.7%	
460	356	Rossendale & Darwen	LAB	1,981	1,491	1,244	-737	-37.2%	-247	-16.6%	
396	464	Rother Valley	LAB	3,778	3,122	2,550	-1,228	-32.5%	-572	-18.3%	
533	637	Rotherham	LAB	4,259	3,889	3,333	-926	-21.7%	-556	-14.3%	
659	649	Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	1,513	1,097	1,216	-297	-19.6%	119	10.8%	
267	237	Rugby & Kenilworth	LAB	2,479	1,856	1,437	-1,042	-42.0%	-419	-22.6%	
296	187	Ruislip - Northwood	CON	1,747	1,231	967	-780	-44.6%	-264	-21.4%	
15	20	Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	1,793	1,157	726	-1,067	-59.5%	-431	-37.3%	
69	62	Rushcliffe	CON	2,882	1,953	1,340	-1,542	-53.5%	-613	-31.4%	
135	74	Rutland & Melton	CON	1,539	1,006	733	-806	-52.4%	-273	-27.1%	
294	267	Ryedale	CON	1,768	1,327	1,042	-726	-41.1%	-285	-21.5%	
96	75	Saffron Walden	CON	1,951	1,322	930	-1,021	-52.3%	-392	-29.7%	
163	148	Salford	LAB	4,481	3,214	2,374	-2,107	-47.0%	-840	-26.1%	
150	81	Salisbury	CON	2,260	1,497	1,100	-1,160	-51.3%	-397	-26.5%	
614	589	Scarborough & Whitby	LAB	3,962	3,253	2,942	-1,020	-25.7%	-311	-9.6%	
595	520	Scunthorpe	LAB	3,300	2,586	2,300	-1,000	-30.3%	-286	-11.1%	
612	506	Sedgefield	LAB	2,658	2,036	1,837	-821	-30.9%	-199	-9.8%	
523	463	Selby	LAB	2,523	1,993	1,702	-821	-32.5%	-291	-14.6%	
178	86	Sevenoaks	CON	2,026	1,331	993	-1,033	-51.0%	-338	-25.4%	
456	473	Sheffield, Attercliffe	LAB	3,744	3,045	2,539	-1,205	-32.2%	-506	-16.6%	
549	605	Sheffield, Brightside	LAB	4,967	4,321	3,730	-1,237	-24.9%	-591	-13.7%	
530	534	Sheffield, Central	LAB	7,466	6,131	5,253	-2,213	-29.6%	-878	-14.3%	
249	298	Sheffield, Hallam	LD	2,015	1,579	1,212	-803	-39.9%	-367	-23.2%	
490	509	Sheffield, Heeley	LAB	4,579	3,773	3,175	-1,404	-30.7%	-598	-15.8%	
339	415	Sheffield, Hillsborough	LAB	3,587	2,899	2,323	-1,264	-35.2%	-576	-19.9%	
287	198	Sherwood	LAB	3,604	2,592	2,024	-1,580	-43.8%	-568	-21.9%	
450	469	Shipley	LAB	2,234	1,816	1,512	-722	-32.3%	-304	-16.7%	
269	128	Shrewsbury & Atcham	LAB	2,411	1,611	1,249	-1,162	-48.2%	-362	-22.5%	
197	242	Sittingbourne & Sheppey	LAB	3,909	3,024	2,271	-1,638	-41.9%	-753	-24.9%	
434	161	Skipton & Ripon	CON	1,681	1,091	902	-779	-46.3%	-189	-17.3%	
176	125	Sleaford & North Hykeham	CON	2,290	1,591	1,185	-1,105	-48.3%	-406	-25.5%	
306	172	Slough	LAB	4,100	2,819	2,227	-1,873	-45.7%	-592	-21.0%	
111	173	Solihull	CON	2,071	1,577	1,126	-945	-45.6%	-451	-28.6%	
10	41	Somerton & Frome *	LD	2,401	1,725	1,053	-1,348	-56.1%	-672	-39.0%	
569	313	South Antrim	UU	3,402	2,383	2,078	-1,324	-38.9%	-305	-12.8%	
173	64	South Cambridgeshire	CON	1,616	1,017	756	-860	-53.2%	-261	-25.7%	
311	325	South Derbyshire	LAB	2,605	2,030	1,607	-998	-38.3%	-423	-20.8%	
160	213	South Dorset	CON	3,158	2,435	1,796	-1,362	-43.1%	-639	-26.2%	
570	454	South Down	SDLP	4,832	3,701	3,229	-1,603	-33.2%	-472	-12.8%	
200	178	South East Cambridgeshire	CON	1,767	1,287	968	-799	-45.2%	-319	-24.8%	
312	214	South East Cornwall	LD	3,524	2,534	2,007	-1,517	-43.0%	-527	-20.8%	
234	121	South Holland & The Deepings	CON	1,608	1,087	828	-780	-48.5%	-259	-23.8%	
301	243	South Norfolk	CON	2,483	1,832	1,443	-1,040	-41.9%	-389	-21.2%	
202	195	South Ribble	LAB	1,923	1,427	1,074	-849	-44.1%	-353	-24.7%	
582	581	South Shields	LAB	5,214	4,354	3,844	-1,370	-26.3%	-510	-11.7%	
292	174	South Staffordshire	CON	2,493	1,729	1,356	-1,137	-45.6%	-373	-21.6%	
492	238	South Suffolk	CON	2,069	1,424	1,200	-869	-42.0%	-224	-15.7%	
124	142	South Swindon	LAB	3,050	2,229	1,609	-1,441	-47.2%	-620	-27.8%	
425	470	South Thanet	LAB	3,704	3,047	2,509	-1,195	-32.3%	-538	-17.7%	
144	57	South West Bedfordshire	CON	2,509	1,583	1,160	-1,349	-53.8%	-423	-26.7%	
188	155	South West Devon	CON	2,310	1,645	1,232	-1,078	-46.7%	-413	-25.1%	
183	73	South West Hertfordshire	CON	1,852	1,178	880	-972	-52.5%	-298	-25.3%	
286	205	South West Norfolk	CON	2,958	2,139	1,670	-1,288	-43.5%	-469	-21.9%	
238	47	South West Surrey	CON	1,373	810	618	-755	-55.0%	-192	-23.7%	
363	335	Southampton, Itchen	LAB	4,553	3,493	2,823	-1,730	-38.0%	-670	-19.2%	
276	322	Southampton, Test	LAB	4,619	3,650	2,838	-1,781	-38.6%	-812	-22.2%	
141	199	Southend West	CON	3,708	2,848	2,085	-1,623	-43.8%	-763	-26.8%	
482	432	Southport	LD	3,291	2,582	2,168	-1,123	-34.1%	-414	-16.0%	
7	17	Spelthorne	CON	2,066	1,378	801	-1,265	-61.2%	-577	-41.9%	
72	35	St Albans	LAB	1,756	1,104	760	-996	-56.7%	-344	-31.2%	



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344	359	St Helens North	LAB	3,540	2,773	2,227	-1,313	-37.1%	-546	-19.7%
388	449	St Helens South	LAB	3,943	3,226	2,627	-1,316	-33.4%	-599	-18.6%
627	595	St Ives	LD	4,452	3,637	3,319	-1,133	-25.4%	-318	-8.7%
371	337	Stafford	LAB	2,113	1,619	1,313	-800	-37.9%	-306	-18.9%
368	439	Staffordshire Moorlands	LAB	1,774	1,454	1,177	-597	-33.7%	-277	-19.1%
308	231	Stalybridge & Hyde	LAB	3,207	2,341	1,851	-1,356	-42.3%	-490	-20.9%
81	59	Stevenage	LAB	3,424	2,279	1,587	-1,837	-53.7%	-692	-30.4%
619	591	Stirling	LAB	2,208	1,807	1,641	-567	-25.7%	-166	-9.2%
327	314	Stockport	LAB	3,055	2,341	1,868	-1,187	-38.9%	-473	-20.2%
655	653	Stockton North	LAB	5,057	4,280	4,239	-818	-16.2%	-41	-1.0%
577	528	Stockton South	LAB	4,116	3,292	2,889	-1,227	-29.8%	-403	-12.2%
446	574	Stoke-on-Trent Central	LAB	3,344	2,949	2,451	-893	-26.7%	-498	-16.9%
558	350	Stoke-on-Trent North	LAB	2,551	1,842	1,594	-957	-37.5%	-248	-13.5%
638	568	Stoke-on-Trent South	LAB	2,744	2,159	1,990	-754	-27.5%	-169	-7.8%
427	183	Stone	CON	1,579	1,055	869	-710	-45.0%	-186	-17.6%
282	272	Stourbridge	LAB	2,720	2,062	1,608	-1,112	-40.9%	-454	-22.0%
553	566	Strangford	UU	3,020	2,532	2,188	-832	-27.5%	-344	-13.6%
187	151	Stratford-on-Avon	CON	1,922	1,362	1,020	-902	-46.9%	-342	-25.1%
606	614	Strathkelvin & Bearsden	LAB	2,244	1,908	1,716	-528	-23.5%	-192	-10.1%
337	388	Streatham	LAB	8,791	6,968	5,579	-3,212	-36.5%	-1,389	-19.9%
351	374	Stretford & Urmston	LAB	3,574	2,807	2,259	-1,315	-36.8%	-548	-19.5%
138	171	Stroud	LAB	2,331	1,732	1,264	-1,067	-45.8%	-468	-27.0%
128	245	Suffolk Coastal	CON	2,621	2,101	1,525	-1,096	-41.8%	-576	-27.4%
591	501	Sunderland North	LAB	4,508	3,496	3,104	-1,404	-31.1%	-392	-11.2%
537	437	Sunderland South	LAB	5,685	4,382	3,760	-1,925	-33.9%	-622	-14.2%
13	9	Surrey Heath	CON	1,478	895	549	-929	-62.9%	-346	-38.7%
48	51	Sutton & Cheam	LD	2,182	1,486	993	-1,189	-54.5%	-493	-33.2%
335	273	Sutton Coldfield	CON	2,159	1,598	1,278	-881	-40.8%	-320	-20.0%
329	519	Swansea East	LAB	2,885	2,518	2,010	-875	-30.3%	-508	-20.2%
179	423	Swansea West	LAB	3,199	2,801	2,090	-1,109	-34.7%	-711	-25.4%
380	223	Tamworth	LAB	2,790	1,971	1,602	-1,188	-42.6%	-369	-18.7%
133	162	Tatton	IND	1,535	1,133	824	-711	-46.3%	-309	-27.3%
185	294	Taunton *	LD	3,087	2,475	1,850	-1,237	-40.1%	-625	-25.3%
422	380	Teignbridge	CON	3,009	2,315	1,904	-1,105	-36.7%	-411	-17.8%
305	312	Telford	LAB	2,495	1,926	1,521	-974	-39.0%	-405	-21.0%
77	141	Tewkesbury	CON	1,788	1,360	942	-846	-47.3%	-418	-30.7%
209	332	Thurrock	LAB	4,182	3,430	2,590	-1,592	-38.1%	-840	-24.5%
400	262	Tiverton & Honiton	CON	2,164	1,555	1,271	-893	-41.3%	-284	-18.3%
265	126	Tonbridge & Malling	CON	1,992	1,332	1,031	-961	-48.2%	-301	-22.6%
262	291	Tooting	LAB	5,623	4,354	3,364	-2,259	-40.2%	-990	-22.7%
493	399	Torbay	LD	4,954	3,772	3,179	-1,775	-35.8%	-593	-15.7%
313	355	Torfaen	LAB	3,042	2,410	1,909	-1,133	-37.2%	-501	-20.8%
469	366	Torridge & West Devon	LD	3,292	2,480	2,073	-1,219	-37.0%	-407	-16.4%
464	306	Totnes	CON	3,090	2,244	1,874	-1,216	-39.4%	-370	-16.5%
639	616	Tottenham	LAB	10,474	8,691	8,021	-2,453	-23.4%	-670	-7.7%
384	441	Truro & St Austell	LD	3,815	3,118	2,535	-1,280	-33.6%	-583	-18.7%
177	99	Tunbridge Wells	CON	2,115	1,421	1,059	-1,056	-49.9%	-362	-25.5%
564	416	Tweeddale, Etrick & Lauderdale	LD	1,434	1,068	929	-505	-35.2%	-139	-13.0%
73	103	Twickenham	LD	2,559	1,868	1,287	-1,272	-49.7%	-581	-31.1%
518	447	Tyne Bridge	LAB	6,906	5,399	4,599	-2,307	-33.4%	-800	-14.8%
531	462	Tynemouth	LAB	3,760	2,954	2,531	-1,229	-32.7%	-423	-14.3%
43	97	Upminster	LAB	2,197	1,660	1,099	-1,098	-50.0%	-561	-33.8%
509	414	Upper Bann	UU	3,673	2,800	2,377	-1,296	-35.3%	-423	-15.1%
87	69	Uxbridge	CON	2,372	1,599	1,116	-1,256	-53.0%	-483	-30.2%
168	258	Vale of Clwyd	LAB	2,775	2,198	1,627	-1,148	-41.4%	-571	-26.0%
379	341	Vale of Glamorgan	LAB	3,614	2,765	2,247	-1,367	-37.8%	-518	-18.7%
102	66	Vale of York	CON	1,673	1,107	784	-889	-53.1%	-323	-29.2%
454	524	Vauxhall	LAB	9,652	8,113	6,763	-2,889	-29.9%	-1,350	-16.6%
550	490	Wakefield	LAB	3,587	2,838	2,451	-1,136	-31.7%	-387	-13.6%
216	517	Wallasey	LAB	4,801	4,409	3,343	-1,458	-30.4%	-1,066	-24.2%

## IV Change in Unemployed Claimants Mar 1996 - 1998,

### United Kingdom Constituencies

#### A. (not seasonally adjusted) - alphabetical listing

Rank by %  
change in UK  
(largest fall first)

97-98		96-98		Party	Unemployed Claimants			Change Mar 96-98		Change Mar 97-98	
					Mar-96	Mar-97	Mar-98	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
615	555	Walsall North	LAB	4,589	3,636	3,293	-1,296	-28.2%	-343	-9.4%	
596	578	Walsall South	LAB	4,450	3,682	3,275	-1,175	-26.4%	-407	-11.1%	
310	334	Walthamstow	LAB	5,968	4,674	3,699	-2,269	-38.0%	-975	-20.9%	
461	434	Wansbeck	LAB	3,926	3,103	2,589	-1,337	-34.1%	-514	-16.6%	
4	5	Wansdyke <*	LAB	2,180	1,405	793	-1,387	-63.6%	-612	-43.6%	
89	70	Wantage	CON	1,490	1,008	704	-786	-52.8%	-304	-30.2%	
458	453	Warley	LAB	4,319	3,456	2,883	-1,436	-33.2%	-573	-16.6%	
341	363	Warrington North	LAB	2,894	2,270	1,821	-1,073	-37.1%	-449	-19.8%	
204	210	Warrington South	LAB	2,379	1,790	1,350	-1,029	-43.3%	-440	-24.6%	
536	252	Warwick & Leamington	LAB	2,720	1,856	1,592	-1,128	-41.5%	-264	-14.2%	
220	131	Watford	LAB	2,756	1,891	1,436	-1,320	-47.9%	-455	-24.1%	
485	588	Waveney	LAB	4,673	4,125	3,468	-1,205	-25.8%	-657	-15.9%	
113	28	Wealden	CON	1,800	1,058	757	-1,043	-57.9%	-301	-28.4%	
429	475	Weaver Vale	LAB	3,223	2,653	2,187	-1,036	-32.1%	-466	-17.6%	
372	281	Wellingborough	LAB	2,646	1,938	1,572	-1,074	-40.6%	-366	-18.9%	
44	80	Wells	CON	2,803	2,055	1,364	-1,439	-51.3%	-691	-33.6%	
42	39	Welwyn Hatfield	LAB	1,916	1,262	834	-1,082	-56.5%	-428	-33.9%	
620	613	Wentworth	LAB	3,919	3,290	2,990	-929	-23.7%	-300	-9.1%	
61	137	West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	LD	1,339	1,032	703	-636	-47.5%	-329	-31.9%	
326	429	West Bromwich East	LAB	4,127	3,400	2,713	-1,414	-34.3%	-687	-20.2%	
401	445	West Bromwich West	SPKR	4,492	3,653	2,988	-1,504	-33.5%	-665	-18.2%	
281	194	West Chelmsford	CON	2,608	1,868	1,456	-1,152	-44.2%	-412	-22.1%	
189	201	West Derbyshire	CON	1,866	1,404	1,052	-814	-43.6%	-352	-25.1%	
542	378	West Dorset	CON	1,757	1,291	1,111	-646	-36.8%	-180	-13.9%	
293	384	West Ham	LAB	7,433	6,004	4,712	-2,721	-36.6%	-1,292	-21.5%	
539	498	West Lancashire	LAB	3,522	2,823	2,423	-1,099	-31.2%	-400	-14.2%	
377	488	West Renfrewshire	LAB	1,724	1,449	1,177	-547	-31.7%	-272	-18.8%	
228	166	West Suffolk	CON	2,440	1,736	1,320	-1,120	-45.9%	-416	-24.0%	
580	582	West Tyrone	UU	4,973	4,160	3,669	-1,304	-26.2%	-491	-11.8%	
273	197	West Worcestershire	CON	1,746	1,257	976	-770	-44.1%	-281	-22.4%	
95	146	Westbury	CON	2,656	1,999	1,406	-1,250	-47.1%	-593	-29.7%	
610	659	Western Isles	LAB	1,300	1,271	1,146	-154	-11.8%	-125	-9.8%	
157	116	Westmorland & Lonsdale	CON	1,611	1,119	824	-787	-48.9%	-295	-26.4%	
26	96	Weston-Super-Mare	LD	3,330	2,595	1,664	-1,666	-50.0%	-931	-35.9%	
88	352	Wigan	LAB	3,273	2,934	2,048	-1,225	-37.4%	-886	-30.2%	
76	101	Wimbleton	LAB	2,649	1,921	1,329	-1,320	-49.8%	-592	-30.8%	
78	58	Winchester	LD	1,803	1,202	834	-969	-53.7%	-368	-30.6%	
59	52	Windsor	CON	1,760	1,183	805	-955	-54.3%	-378	-32.0%	
151	394	Wirral South	LAB	2,363	2,049	1,506	-857	-36.3%	-543	-26.5%	
222	403	Wirral West	LAB	2,677	2,264	1,720	-957	-35.7%	-544	-24.0%	
11	21	Witney	CON	1,457	963	590	-867	-59.5%	-373	-38.7%	
33	24	Woking	CON	1,452	931	603	-849	-58.5%	-328	-35.2%	
70	6	Wokingham	CON	1,253	665	457	-796	-63.5%	-208	-31.3%	
430	327	Wolverhampton North East	LAB	4,214	3,152	2,600	-1,614	-38.3%	-552	-17.5%	
457	358	Wolverhampton South East	LAB	4,071	3,069	2,560	-1,511	-37.1%	-509	-16.6%	
381	289	Wolverhampton South West	LAB	4,092	3,008	2,445	-1,647	-40.2%	-563	-18.7%	
8	4	Woodspring	CON	1,839	1,123	655	-1,184	-64.4%	-468	-41.7%	
322	203	Worcester	LAB	2,991	2,123	1,688	-1,303	-43.6%	-435	-20.5%	
631	611	Workington	LAB	3,753	3,121	2,857	-896	-23.9%	-264	-8.5%	
223	345	Worsley	LAB	2,633	2,156	1,639	-994	-37.8%	-517	-24.0%	
56	79	Worthing West	CON	1,975	1,410	956	-1,019	-51.6%	-454	-32.2%	
346	218	Wrekin, The	LAB	1,731	1,228	987	-744	-43.0%	-241	-19.6%	
324	266	Wrexham	LAB	2,286	1,690	1,346	-940	-41.1%	-344	-20.4%	
121	68	Wycombe	CON	2,660	1,741	1,251	-1,409	-53.0%	-490	-28.1%	
498	220	Wyre Forest	LAB	2,939	1,990	1,681	-1,258	-42.8%	-309	-15.5%	
171	186	Wythenshawe & Sale East	LAB	4,924	3,670	2,722	-2,202	-44.7%	-948	-25.8%	
214	367	Yeovil *	LD	2,151	1,788	1,355	-796	-37.0%	-433	-24.2%	
566	633	Ynys-Mon	PC	3,124	2,794	2,431	-693	-22.2%	-363	-13.0%	
280	275	York, City of	LAB	4,472	3,398	2,648	-1,824	-40.8%	-750	-22.1%	
		United Kingdom		2,230,799	1,745,278	1,405,906	-824,893	-37.0%	-339,372	-19.4%	

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

Rank by %  
change in UK  
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97-98	96-98	Party	Unemployed Claimants			Change Mar 96-98		Change Mar 97-98		
			Mar-96	Mar-97	Mar-98	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
1	2	Northavon	LD	2,242	1,482	777	-1,465	-65.3%	-705	-47.6%
2	44	Bath *>	LD	3,715	2,924	1,643	-2,072	-55.8%	-1,281	-43.8%
3	1	Newbury	LD	1,877	1,092	616	-1,261	-67.2%	-476	-43.6%
4	5	Wansdyke <*	LAB	2,180	1,405	793	-1,387	-63.6%	-612	-43.6%
5	8	Arundel & South Downs	CON	1,408	910	518	-890	-63.2%	-392	-43.1%
6	18	Broxbourne	CON	2,776	1,930	1,102	-1,674	-60.3%	-828	-42.9%
7	17	Spelthorne	CON	2,066	1,378	801	-1,265	-61.2%	-577	-41.9%
8	4	Woodspring	CON	1,839	1,123	655	-1,184	-64.4%	-468	-41.7%
9	34	Bristol North West	LAB	4,032	2,888	1,740	-2,292	-56.8%	-1,148	-39.8%
10	41	Somerton & Frome *	LD	2,401	1,725	1,053	-1,348	-56.1%	-672	-39.0%
11	21	Witney	CON	1,457	963	590	-867	-59.5%	-373	-38.7%
12	15	East Surrey	CON	1,833	1,151	706	-1,127	-61.5%	-445	-38.7%
13	9	Surrey Heath	CON	1,478	895	549	-929	-62.9%	-346	-38.7%
14	19	Fareham	CON	1,942	1,261	786	-1,156	-59.5%	-475	-37.7%
15	20	Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	1,793	1,157	726	-1,067	-59.5%	-431	-37.3%
16	12	Reigate	CON	1,657	993	627	-1,030	-62.2%	-366	-36.9%
17	84	Old Bexley & Sidcup	CON	2,382	1,842	1,165	-1,217	-51.1%	-677	-36.8%
18	38	Kingswood	LAB	2,950	2,025	1,281	-1,669	-56.6%	-744	-36.7%
19	11	Esher & Walton	CON	1,874	1,112	704	-1,170	-62.4%	-408	-36.7%
20	7	Henley	CON	1,451	837	530	-921	-63.5%	-307	-36.7%
21	16	Hertford & Stortford	CON	1,996	1,214	769	-1,227	-61.5%	-445	-36.7%
22	55	Billericay	CON	3,364	2,446	1,551	-1,813	-53.9%	-895	-36.6%
23	13	Banbury	CON	2,306	1,377	874	-1,432	-62.1%	-503	-36.5%
24	133	Aberdeen North	LAB	1,679	1,380	877	-802	-47.8%	-503	-36.4%
25	25	North Wiltshire	CON	2,124	1,391	884	-1,240	-58.4%	-507	-36.4%
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635	635	Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	3,042	2,587	2,376	-666	-21.9%	-211	-8.2%
636	609	Copeland	LAB	3,559	2,942	2,703	-856	-24.1%	-239	-8.1%
637	450	Lagan Valley	UU	2,881	2,088	1,920	-961	-33.4%	-168	-8.0%
638	568	Stoke-on-Trent South	LAB	2,744	2,159	1,990	-754	-27.5%	-169	-7.8%
639	616	Tottenham	LAB	10,474	8,691	8,021	-2,453	-23.4%	-670	-7.7%
640	631	Preseli Pembrokeshire	LAB	3,013	2,536	2,341	-672	-22.3%	-195	-7.7%
641	573	Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland	LAB	4,472	3,533	3,271	-1,201	-26.9%	-262	-7.4%
642	652	Falkirk East	LAB	2,528	2,250	2,090	-438	-17.3%	-160	-7.1%
643	467	Easington	LAB	3,155	2,287	2,133	-1,022	-32.4%	-154	-6.7%
644	646	Blaenau Gwent	LAB	3,087	2,621	2,461	-626	-20.3%	-160	-6.1%
645	634	Bishop Auckland	LAB	3,077	2,557	2,402	-675	-21.9%	-155	-6.1%
646	651	Dumbarton	LAB	3,487	3,012	2,835	-652	-18.7%	-177	-5.9%
647	590	Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	5,221	4,114	3,877	-1,344	-25.7%	-237	-5.8%
648	551	Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	5,467	4,136	3,898	-1,569	-28.7%	-238	-5.8%
649	612	Middlesbrough	LAB	7,213	5,834	5,502	-1,711	-23.7%	-332	-5.7%
650	587	Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	6,012	4,715	4,456	-1,556	-25.9%	-259	-5.5%
651	654	Falkirk West	LAB	2,731	2,429	2,296	-435	-15.9%	-133	-5.5%
652	592	Bridgend	LAB	2,349	1,835	1,747	-602	-25.6%	-88	-4.8%
653	620	Ogmore	LAB	2,203	1,758	1,692	-511	-23.2%	-66	-3.8%
654	650	Foyle	SDLP	7,189	5,941	5,792	-1,397	-19.4%	-149	-2.5%
655	653	Stockton North	LAB	5,057	4,280	4,239	-818	-16.2%	-41	-1.0%
656	632	Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	4,979	3,891	3,871	-1,108	-22.3%	-20	-0.5%
657	658	Hartlepool	LAB	5,045	4,365	4,370	-675	-13.4%	5	0.1%
658	601	Montgomeryshire	LD	1,051	780	787	-264	-25.1%	7	0.9%
659	649	Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	1,513	1,097	1,216	-297	-19.6%	119	10.8%
United Kingdom				2,230,799	1,745,278	1,405,906	-824,893	-37.0%	-339,372	-19.4%