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# Unemployment by Constituency, April 1998

This paper shows the number of unemployed claimants recorded as resident in each constituency in the United Kingdom in April 1998, together with comparisons with the level in April 1997 and April 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 April 1998 there were 1,356,100 people unemployed on the claimant count definition, compared to an average of 1,860,000 unemployed on the ILO definition over the three months January to March 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 98/60 *Unemployment by Constituency: Welfare-to-Work Groups, April 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, April 1998  
A. (not seasonally adjusted) - alphabetical listing**

Rank by overall  
unemployment rate

unemployment rate					Claimants			Rate				
UK	Eng	Wal	Scot	NI	Party	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
238		20			Aberavon	LAB	1,246	321	1,567	8.0%	2.9%	5.9%
330			51		Aberdeen Central	LAB	1,165	303	1,468	6.6%	2.1%	4.6%
554			70		Aberdeen North	LAB	682	186	868	3.3%	1.2%	2.4%
533			69		Aberdeen South	LAB	786	254	1,040	3.5%	1.5%	2.6%
147			23		Airdrie & Shotts	LAB	1,979	618	2,597	9.4%	4.1%	7.2%
635	505				Aldershot	CON	713	231	944	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
432	314				Aldridge - Brownhills	CON	1,049	443	1,492	4.4%	2.5%	3.6%
547	420				Altrincham & Sale West	CON	845	241	1,086	3.4%	1.3%	2.5%
398		36			Alyn & Deeside	LAB	1,051	405	1,456	5.0%	2.6%	4.0%
444	324				Amber Valley	LAB	1,202	390	1,592	4.5%	2.0%	3.5%
252			42		Angus	SNP	1,466	620	2,086	7.0%	3.9%	5.6%
220			36		Argyll & Bute	LD	1,406	445	1,851	7.9%	3.5%	6.1%
648	518				Arundel & South Downs	CON	371	126	497	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
259	181				Ashfield	LAB	1,950	516	2,466	7.6%	2.8%	5.5%
453	332				Ashford	CON	1,191	348	1,539	4.4%	1.8%	3.3%
335	238				Ashton under Lyne	LAB	1,693	477	2,170	6.2%	2.3%	4.5%
589	460				Aylesbury	CON	870	267	1,137	2.7%	1.1%	2.0%
171			30		Ayr	LAB	1,657	469	2,126	9.3%	3.5%	6.8%
621	491				Banbury	CON	645	234	879	2.1%	1.1%	1.7%
478			66		Banff & Buchan	SNP	831	279	1,110	3.7%	2.0%	3.0%
188	131				Barking *	LAB	1,474	488	1,962	8.3%	3.9%	6.5%
146	107				Barnsley Central	LAB	2,120	559	2,679	9.9%	3.5%	7.2%
106	80				Barnsley East & Mexborough	LAB	2,341	629	2,970	10.4%	4.0%	7.8%
246	172				Barnsley West & Penistone	LAB	1,645	486	2,131	7.7%	3.1%	5.7%
227	161				Barrow & Furness	LAB	2,190	442	2,632	8.5%	2.4%	6.0%
380	272				Basildon	LAB	1,566	542	2,108	5.3%	2.5%	4.1%
607	478				Basingstoke *	CON	762	262	1,024	2.4%	1.1%	1.8%
261	182				Bassettlaw	LAB	1,797	500	2,297	7.4%	2.9%	5.5%
407	293				Bath *>	LD	1,198	443	1,641	5.1%	2.3%	3.9%
360	258				Batley & Spen	LAB	1,401	393	1,794	5.8%	2.2%	4.3%
233	165				Battersea	LAB	2,171	825	2,996	8.1%	3.5%	5.9%
643	513				Beaconsfield	CON	464	168	632	1.7%	0.9%	1.4%
354	253				Beckenham	CON	1,653	517	2,170	5.9%	2.4%	4.4%
314	222				Bedford	LAB	1,602	565	2,167	6.1%	2.9%	4.7%
168			12		Belfast East	DU	1,990	549	2,539	9.5%	3.4%	6.8%
20					Belfast North	UU	3,157	680	3,837	17.4%	5.3%	12.4%
96			10		Belfast South	UU	2,343	842	3,185	10.8%	4.6%	8.0%
6			1		Belfast West	SF	4,645	719	5,364	22.8%	5.0%	15.5%
294	208				Berwick-upon-Tweed	LD	1,297	389	1,686	6.8%	2.8%	5.1%
10	8				Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	4,559	1,267	5,826	18.2%	7.7%	14.0%
329	235				Beverley & Holderness	CON	1,485	527	2,012	5.9%	2.9%	4.6%
462	341				Bexhill & Battle	CON	781	258	1,039	4.3%	1.8%	3.2%
452	331				Bexleyheath & Crayford	LAB	1,001	405	1,406	4.1%	2.3%	3.3%
467	346				Billericay	CON	1,170	370	1,540	4.1%	1.8%	3.1%
31	25				Birkenhead	LAB	3,379	862	4,241	16.0%	5.4%	11.4%
117	90				Birmingham, Edgbaston	LAB	2,403	734	3,137	10.5%	4.1%	7.7%
125	94				Birmingham, Erdington	LAB	2,687	654	3,341	10.4%	3.6%	7.5%
202	139				Birmingham, Hall Green	LAB	1,778	575	2,353	8.4%	3.6%	6.3%
46	38				Birmingham, Hodge Hill	LAB	2,631	717	3,348	13.6%	5.4%	10.3%
1	1				Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	5,976	1,645	7,621	24.4%	9.8%	18.4%
170	118				Birmingham, Northfield	LAB	1,725	528	2,253	9.1%	3.7%	6.8%
91	68				Birmingham, Perry Barr	LAB	2,761	839	3,600	10.8%	4.4%	8.1%
177	123				Birmingham, Selly Oak	LAB	2,187	742	2,929	9.0%	3.8%	6.7%
8	6				Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	4,896	1,453	6,349	18.7%	9.3%	15.2%
169	117				Birmingham, Yardley	LAB	1,750	516	2,266	9.1%	3.7%	6.8%
228	162				Bishop Auckland	LAB	1,902	521	2,423	8.2%	3.1%	6.0%
620	490				Blaby	CON	556	235	791	2.1%	1.1%	1.7%
213	149				Blackburn	LAB	2,137	529	2,666	8.4%	2.9%	6.1%
285	202				Blackpool North & Fleetwood	LAB	1,782	437	2,219	7.6%	2.3%	5.2%
194	135				Blackpool South	LAB	2,427	596	3,023	9.2%	2.8%	6.4%

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UK	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI	Party	Claimants			Rate			
						Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
83		1			Blaenau Gwent	LAB	1,999	492	2,491	11.4%	4.1%	8.4%
288	204				Blaydon	LAB	1,696	406	2,102	7.5%	2.3%	5.2%
236	167				Blyth Valley	LAB	1,776	548	2,324	8.1%	3.2%	5.9%
521	395				Bognor Regis & Littlehampton	CON	734	233	967	3.6%	1.5%	2.7%
270	190				Bolsover	LAB	1,673	421	2,094	7.3%	2.6%	5.4%
333	236				Bolton North East	LAB	1,587	364	1,951	6.5%	2.0%	4.6%
297	211				Bolton South East	LAB	1,659	403	2,062	7.2%	2.4%	5.1%
546	419				Bolton West	LAB	759	228	987	3.4%	1.3%	2.5%
29	24				Bootle	LAB	3,231	767	3,998	16.2%	5.2%	11.5%
408	294				Boston & Skegness	CON	1,124	376	1,500	5.0%	2.3%	3.9%
592	463				Bosworth	CON	634	280	914	2.5%	1.4%	2.0%
289	205				Bournemouth East	CON	1,422	450	1,872	7.0%	2.9%	5.2%
190	132				Bournemouth West	CON	1,714	451	2,165	8.9%	3.2%	6.5%
632	502				Bracknell	CON	649	194	843	2.1%	0.8%	1.5%
88	66				Bradford North	LAB	2,629	778	3,407	11.0%	4.4%	8.2%
248	174				Bradford South	LAB	1,939	644	2,583	7.5%	3.2%	5.7%
48	40				Bradford West	LAB	3,087	919	4,006	13.1%	5.7%	10.1%
450	329				Braintree	LAB	1,103	469	1,572	4.0%	2.5%	3.4%
390		35			Brecon & Radnorshire	LD	850	340	1,190	4.9%	2.8%	4.0%
55	46				Brent East	LAB	3,061	1,085	4,146	12.8%	5.7%	9.6%
303	214				Brent North	LAB	1,349	524	1,873	6.3%	3.2%	5.0%
45	37				Brent South	LAB	3,466	1,128	4,594	13.9%	5.7%	10.3%
402	288				Brentford & Isleworth	LAB	1,611	639	2,250	5.0%	2.5%	3.9%
598	469				Brentwood & Ongar	CON	624	222	846	2.5%	1.2%	2.0%
300		25			Bridgend	LAB	1,295	436	1,731	6.6%	3.0%	5.1%
315	223				Bridgwater	CON	1,502	477	1,979	6.1%	2.8%	4.7%
295	209				Brigg & Goole	LAB	1,523	457	1,980	6.7%	2.9%	5.1%
127	95				Brighton, Kemptown	LAB	2,244	711	2,955	10.0%	4.2%	7.5%
72	56				Brighton, Pavilion	LAB	2,712	978	3,690	11.6%	5.3%	8.8%
205	141				Bristol East	LAB	2,299	645	2,944	8.7%	3.2%	6.3%
426	308				Bristol North West	LAB	1,373	353	1,726	5.1%	1.7%	3.6%
257	180				Bristol South	LAB	2,180	625	2,805	7.5%	2.9%	5.6%
268	188				Bristol West	LAB	2,016	752	2,768	7.2%	3.3%	5.4%
466	345				Bromley & Chislehurst	CON	1,089	365	1,454	4.2%	1.8%	3.2%
488	365				Bromsgrove	CON	983	413	1,396	3.7%	2.0%	3.0%
562	434				Broxbourne	CON	778	302	1,080	2.9%	1.6%	2.3%
496	372				Broxtowe	LAB	1,050	356	1,406	3.8%	1.7%	2.9%
645	515				Buckingham	CON	381	155	536	1.6%	0.9%	1.3%
447	327				Burnley	LAB	1,120	339	1,459	4.7%	1.8%	3.4%
362	260				Burton	LAB	1,482	484	1,966	5.5%	2.5%	4.3%
543	416				Bury North	LAB	914	257	1,171	3.5%	1.3%	2.5%
463	342				Bury South	LAB	1,042	320	1,362	4.4%	1.7%	3.2%
564	436				Bury St Edmunds	CON	764	323	1,087	2.8%	1.6%	2.3%
119		3			Caernarfon	PC	1,545	426	1,971	10.1%	4.0%	7.6%
192		16			Caerphilly	LAB	1,875	513	2,388	8.8%	3.3%	6.5%
122			17		Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	LD	1,468	454	1,922	9.6%	4.5%	7.6%
422	304				Calder Valley	LAB	1,347	471	1,818	5.0%	2.2%	3.8%
12	10				Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	3,794	1,308	5,102	18.4%	7.7%	13.6%
316	224				Cambridge	LAB	1,466	449	1,915	6.4%	2.5%	4.7%
375	269				Cannock Chase	LAB	1,394	525	1,919	5.1%	2.7%	4.1%
327	234				Canterbury	CON	1,480	463	1,943	6.2%	2.6%	4.6%
189		15			Cardiff Central	LAB	1,746	453	2,199	9.3%	3.0%	6.5%
502		40			Cardiff North	LAB	736	222	958	4.0%	1.5%	2.9%
129		6			Cardiff South & Penarth	LAB	2,239	497	2,736	10.8%	3.2%	7.5%
166		11			Cardiff West	LAB	1,962	456	2,418	9.8%	3.0%	6.8%
265	185				Carlisle	LAB	1,620	488	2,108	7.5%	2.8%	5.5%
385		34			Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	LAB	864	295	1,159	5.2%	2.5%	4.1%
164		10			Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	LAB	1,603	483	2,086	9.0%	3.9%	6.9%
163			29		Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	LAB	2,194	579	2,773	9.4%	3.4%	6.9%
472	351				Carshalton & Wallington	LD	1,062	331	1,393	4.2%	1.7%	3.1%

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

Rank by overall  
unemployment rate

unemployment rate					Claimants			Rate			
UK	Eng	Wal	Scot	N.I.	Party	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All
471	350				LAB	987	356	1,343	3.8%	2.0%	3.1%
100			15		LAB	2,110	663	2,773	10.6%	4.4%	7.9%
511	385				CON	906	290	1,196	3.7%	1.7%	2.8%
310		27			PC	1,007	332	1,339	6.2%	2.9%	4.9%
610	481				CON	643	237	880	2.3%	1.1%	1.8%
425	307				LAB	1,383	429	1,812	4.7%	2.1%	3.7%
609	480				CON	595	184	779	2.4%	1.0%	1.8%
377	270				LD	1,435	384	1,819	5.8%	2.0%	4.1%
652	522				CON	436	136	572	1.7%	0.7%	1.3%
395	283				LAB	1,331	341	1,672	5.5%	1.9%	4.0%
207	143				LAB	2,152	609	2,761	8.5%	3.2%	6.2%
574	446				CON	731	256	987	3.0%	1.3%	2.3%
421	303				CON	1,094	395	1,489	4.8%	2.3%	3.8%
441	321				CON	1,146	468	1,614	4.4%	2.3%	3.5%
503	377				LAB	1,056	348	1,404	3.8%	1.7%	2.9%
569	441				CON	591	172	763	3.1%	1.2%	2.3%
250	176				CON	2,280	917	3,197	7.3%	3.6%	5.6%
198	137				LAB	2,031	653	2,684	8.1%	3.8%	6.4%
372		32			LAB	966	305	1,271	5.4%	2.4%	4.2%
332		29			LAB	1,033	291	1,324	6.3%	2.3%	4.6%
136			20		LAB	1,815	411	2,226	10.6%	3.1%	7.3%
287			45		LAB	1,574	438	2,012	7.1%	2.7%	5.2%
145			22		LAB	1,629	529	2,158	9.5%	4.1%	7.2%
430	312				LD	1,279	457	1,736	4.6%	2.3%	3.6%
411	297				LAB	1,318	472	1,790	5.0%	2.3%	3.8%
576	448				CON	710	239	949	2.9%	1.3%	2.2%
126		5			LAB	1,697	461	2,158	10.6%	3.7%	7.5%
104	78				LAB	2,132	573	2,705	10.4%	4.1%	7.8%
461	340				LAB	1,141	377	1,518	4.3%	1.9%	3.2%
626	496				CON	478	161	639	2.1%	1.0%	1.6%
140	102				LAB	2,705	730	3,435	9.8%	3.6%	7.2%
313	221				LAB	1,815	535	2,350	6.4%	2.5%	4.7%
212	148				LAB	2,041	552	2,593	8.4%	3.1%	6.2%
534	407				LAB	945	292	1,237	3.5%	1.4%	2.6%
406	292				LAB	1,278	385	1,663	5.2%	2.1%	3.9%
282	199				LAB	1,423	436	1,859	7.3%	2.8%	5.3%
272	192				LAB	2,349	721	3,070	7.3%	2.9%	5.4%
133	98				LAB	3,170	1,135	4,305	9.8%	4.3%	7.4%
544	417				CON	971	313	1,284	3.4%	1.4%	2.5%
254			43		LAB	1,408	413	1,821	7.8%	2.9%	5.6%
152			26		LAB	1,682	532	2,214	9.3%	4.1%	7.1%
73			10		LAB	2,068	697	2,765	11.5%	5.2%	8.8%
138		7			LAB	1,565	373	1,938	10.2%	3.3%	7.3%
296	210				LAB	1,389	462	1,851	6.6%	3.0%	5.1%
132	97				LAB	2,412	603	3,015	10.3%	3.4%	7.4%
410	296				LAB	1,363	428	1,791	5.1%	2.2%	3.9%
613	484				CON	654	267	921	2.1%	1.2%	1.7%
434		38			LAB	870	290	1,160	4.6%	2.1%	3.6%
424	306				LAB	1,303	374	1,677	5.1%	1.9%	3.7%
309	220				LAB	1,736	543	2,279	6.4%	2.7%	4.9%
102	76				LAB	2,921	818	3,739	10.5%	4.1%	7.9%
599	470				CON	698	296	994	2.3%	1.4%	1.9%
341	243				LAB	1,366	340	1,706	6.2%	2.1%	4.5%
217	152				LAB	1,899	505	2,404	8.2%	3.1%	6.1%
60	49				LAB	2,942	791	3,733	12.5%	4.7%	9.3%
94	71				LAB	2,346	568	2,914	10.9%	3.9%	8.0%
178	124				LAB	2,243	601	2,844	9.0%	3.4%	6.7%
267	187				LAB	1,797	569	2,366	7.0%	3.2%	5.4%
381	273				LAB	1,333	464	1,797	5.2%	2.6%	4.1%
86	65				LAB	2,992	1,166	4,158	11.1%	5.0%	8.3%



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131			19		Dumbarton	LAB	2,180	607	2,787	10.2%	3.8%	7.4%
280			44		Dumfries	LAB	1,540	562	2,102	6.8%	3.3%	5.3%
65			8		Dundee East	LAB	2,515	732	3,247	12.4%	4.5%	8.9%
79			12		Dundee West	LAB	2,227	619	2,846	12.6%	4.1%	8.6%
179			31		Dunfermline East	LAB	1,650	465	2,115	8.9%	3.5%	6.7%
241			39		Dunfermline West	LAB	1,448	467	1,915	7.7%	3.3%	5.8%
307	218				Durham, City of	LAB	1,375	501	1,876	6.4%	3.0%	4.9%
326	233				Ealing North *	LAB	1,840	656	2,496	6.1%	2.8%	4.6%
234	166				Ealing Southall	LAB	2,457	917	3,374	7.7%	3.6%	5.9%
93	70				Ealing, Acton & Shepherd's Bush	LAB	3,270	1,150	4,420	10.9%	4.6%	8.1%
209	145				Easington	LAB	1,720	411	2,131	8.8%	2.8%	6.2%
215			13		East Antrim	UU	1,899	559	2,458	8.1%	3.4%	6.1%
480	358				East Devon	CON	738	276	1,014	3.9%	1.9%	3.0%
38	31				East Ham	LAB	3,504	1,035	4,539	13.5%	6.1%	10.6%
578	450				East Hampshire	CON	850	247	1,097	3.0%	1.2%	2.2%
347			54		East Kilbride	LAB	1,434	492	1,926	5.9%	2.5%	4.4%
56			7		East Londonderry	UU	2,630	694	3,324	12.4%	5.1%	9.5%
420			63		East Lothian	LAB	1,029	256	1,285	5.3%	1.7%	3.8%
644	514				East Surrey	CON	497	166	663	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
577	449				East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	701	248	949	2.9%	1.3%	2.2%
271	191				East Yorkshire	CON	1,613	509	2,122	7.0%	3.1%	5.4%
382	274				Eastbourne	CON	1,205	374	1,579	5.7%	2.2%	4.1%
593	464				Eastleigh	LD	706	222	928	2.6%	1.1%	2.0%
449			65		Eastwood	LAB	1,033	350	1,383	4.5%	2.0%	3.4%
320	228				Eccles	LAB	1,626	415	2,041	6.6%	2.2%	4.7%
498	373				Eddisbury	CON	868	281	1,149	3.7%	1.7%	2.9%
230			37		Edinburgh Central	LAB	1,541	494	2,035	8.5%	3.1%	6.0%
325			49		Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	LAB	1,335	325	1,660	6.9%	2.0%	4.6%
239			38		Edinburgh North & Leith	LAB	1,904	542	2,446	8.5%	2.8%	5.8%
368			56		Edinburgh Pentlands	LAB	1,227	343	1,570	6.0%	2.0%	4.2%
328			50		Edinburgh South	LAB	1,174	358	1,532	6.6%	2.3%	4.6%
485			67		Edinburgh West	LD	976	260	1,236	4.3%	1.4%	3.0%
101	75				Edmonton	LAB	2,468	860	3,328	10.2%	4.8%	7.9%
393	281				Ellesmere Port & Neston	LAB	1,338	347	1,685	5.5%	1.9%	4.0%
490	366				Elmet	LAB	1,014	333	1,347	4.0%	1.7%	3.0%
206	142				Eltham	LAB	1,736	571	2,307	8.3%	3.5%	6.2%
275	195				Enfield North	LAB	1,757	693	2,450	6.7%	3.5%	5.4%
298	212				Enfield, Southgate	LAB	1,524	635	2,159	6.3%	3.5%	5.1%
491	367				Epping Forest	CON	989	384	1,373	3.7%	2.0%	2.9%
640	510				Epsom & Ewell	CON	525	166	691	1.9%	0.8%	1.4%
436	317				Erewash	LAB	1,386	442	1,828	4.7%	2.0%	3.6%
75	58				Erith & Thamesmead	LAB	2,857	1,002	3,859	11.2%	5.4%	8.7%
641	511				Esher & Walton	CON	498	188	686	1.8%	0.9%	1.4%
284	201				Exeter	LAB	1,922	691	2,613	7.1%	3.1%	5.3%
242			40		Falkirk East	LAB	1,641	477	2,118	8.0%	3.0%	5.8%
149			25		Falkirk West	LAB	1,788	548	2,336	9.7%	3.9%	7.2%
98	74				Falmouth & Camborne	LAB	2,401	723	3,124	10.4%	4.4%	7.9%
612	483				Fareham	CON	574	203	777	2.3%	1.1%	1.8%
464	343				Faversham & Mid Kent	CON	1,026	365	1,391	4.0%	2.0%	3.2%
370	265				Feltham & Heston	LAB	1,585	527	2,112	5.5%	2.5%	4.2%
51			6		Fermanagh & South Tyrone	UU	2,688	748	3,436	12.3%	5.9%	10.0%
351	250				Finchley & Golders Green	LAB	1,519	677	2,196	5.4%	3.1%	4.4%
185	129				Folkestone & Hythe	CON	2,148	575	2,723	8.8%	3.3%	6.5%
513	387				Forest of Dean	LAB	770	315	1,085	3.3%	2.0%	2.8%
7			2		Foyle	SDLP	4,769	1,021	5,790	20.7%	6.8%	15.2%
596	467				Fylde	CON	604	196	800	2.6%	1.1%	2.0%
371	266				Gainsborough	CON	1,164	422	1,586	5.2%	2.8%	4.2%
244			41		Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	SNP	1,370	468	1,838	7.3%	3.6%	5.8%
266	186				Gateshead East & Washington West	LAB	1,796	465	2,261	7.6%	2.6%	5.4%
416	301				Gedling	LAB	1,274	473	1,747	5.0%	2.3%	3.8%

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445	325				Gillingham	LAB	1,194	463	1,657	4.2%	2.3%	3.4%
68			9		Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	1,949	423	2,372	13.4%	3.5%	8.9%
61			5		Glasgow Baillieston	LAB	2,267	557	2,824	12.8%	4.2%	9.1%
197			33		Glasgow Cathcart	LAB	1,482	354	1,836	9.4%	2.7%	6.4%
64			7		Glasgow Govan	LAB	2,270	617	2,887	12.5%	4.3%	8.9%
62			6		Glasgow Kelvin	LAB	2,132	635	2,767	12.5%	4.6%	9.0%
28			2		Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	2,787	778	3,565	16.3%	5.9%	11.7%
58			4		Glasgow Pollok	LAB	2,291	543	2,834	13.6%	4.2%	9.5%
148			24		Glasgow Rutherglen	LAB	1,586	396	1,982	10.1%	3.3%	7.2%
21			1		Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	2,376	535	2,911	17.2%	5.5%	12.3%
30			3		Glasgow Springburn	LAB	2,658	657	3,315	16.6%	5.1%	11.4%
346	247				Gloucester	LAB	1,754	537	2,291	6.0%	2.4%	4.4%
585			71		Gordon	LD	548	229	777	2.5%	1.5%	2.1%
456	335				Gosport	CON	1,125	366	1,491	4.3%	1.9%	3.3%
367		31			Gower	LAB	1,029	313	1,342	5.7%	2.3%	4.3%
477	356				Grantham & Stamford	CON	921	401	1,322	3.7%	2.2%	3.1%
304	215				Gravesham	LAB	1,704	590	2,294	6.2%	3.1%	5.0%
57	47				Great Grimsby	LAB	3,123	802	3,925	12.8%	4.7%	9.5%
77	59				Great Yarmouth	LAB	2,658	875	3,533	11.1%	5.2%	8.7%
199			34		Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	1,452	419	1,871	8.9%	3.2%	6.4%
36	29				Greenwich & Woolwich	LAB	3,293	1,160	4,453	14.1%	6.4%	10.7%
637	507				Guildford	CON	545	197	742	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
5	5				Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	4,754	1,848	6,602	19.8%	9.9%	15.5%
4	4				Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	4,969	1,731	6,700	21.1%	9.1%	15.7%
352	251				Halesowen & Rowley Regis	LAB	1,399	443	1,842	5.7%	2.5%	4.4%
203	140				Halifax	LAB	2,315	615	2,930	8.9%	3.0%	6.3%
507	381				Haltemprice & Howden	CON	798	325	1,123	3.5%	2.0%	2.9%
161	114				Halton	LAB	2,138	609	2,747	9.4%	3.7%	7.0%
162			28		Hamilton North & Bellshill	LAB	1,902	511	2,413	9.4%	3.5%	6.9%
200			35		Hamilton South	LAB	1,364	364	1,728	8.8%	3.1%	6.3%
176	122				Hammersmith & Fulham	LAB	2,917	1,194	4,111	9.1%	4.1%	6.7%
135	100				Hampstead & Highgate	LAB	2,496	1,149	3,645	9.4%	4.9%	7.3%
583	455				Harborough	CON	684	281	965	2.7%	1.4%	2.1%
437	318				Harlow	LAB	1,167	423	1,590	4.5%	2.2%	3.5%
540	413				Harrogate & Knaresborough	LD	765	271	1,036	3.4%	1.5%	2.5%
401	287				Harrow East	LAB	1,453	620	2,073	4.9%	2.7%	3.9%
473	352				Harrow West	LAB	1,097	420	1,517	4.0%	2.0%	3.1%
35	28				Hartlepool	LAB	3,597	835	4,432	15.2%	4.9%	10.9%
172	119				Harwich	LAB	1,863	542	2,405	9.0%	3.6%	6.8%
154	110				Hastings & Rye	LAB	2,362	645	3,007	9.8%	3.5%	7.1%
349	249				Havant	CON	1,478	414	1,892	5.9%	2.3%	4.4%
397	285				Hayes & Harlington	LAB	1,210	422	1,632	5.1%	2.4%	4.0%
552	425				Hazel Grove	LD	771	233	1,004	3.3%	1.3%	2.4%
567	439				Hemel Hempstead	LAB	847	283	1,130	3.0%	1.4%	2.3%
245	171				Hemsworth	LAB	1,785	522	2,307	7.7%	3.1%	5.7%
269	189				Hendon	LAB	1,984	713	2,697	7.1%	3.3%	5.4%
655	525				Henley	CON	373	135	508	1.4%	0.7%	1.1%
412	298				Hereford *>	LD	1,198	458	1,656	4.8%	2.5%	3.8%
629	499				Hertford & Stortford	CON	544	227	771	1.9%	1.1%	1.6%
580	452				Hertsmere	CON	730	232	962	2.9%	1.2%	2.2%
482	360				Hexham	CON	811	247	1,058	4.0%	1.7%	3.0%
273	193				Heywood & Middleton	LAB	2,007	563	2,570	7.4%	2.7%	5.4%
509	383				High Peak	LAB	1,002	332	1,334	3.7%	1.7%	2.8%
594	465				Hitchin & Harpenden	CON	656	217	873	2.6%	1.2%	2.0%
27	23				Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	3,470	1,345	4,815	15.7%	7.3%	11.9%
486	363				Hornchurch	LAB	857	337	1,194	3.7%	2.0%	3.0%
95	72				Hornsey & Wood Green	LAB	3,277	1,241	4,518	10.7%	4.8%	8.0%
646	516				Horsham	CON	474	163	637	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
201	138				Houghton & Washington East	LAB	1,897	543	2,440	8.7%	3.3%	6.3%
222	156				Hove	LAB	1,817	661	2,478	7.9%	3.7%	6.0%

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97	73				Huddersfield	LAB	2,353	754	3,107	10.5%	4.5%	7.9%
582	454				Huntingdon	CON	825	351	1,176	2.6%	1.6%	2.2%
428	310				Hyndburn	LAB	1,194	342	1,536	5.1%	1.8%	3.6%
417	302				Ilford North	LAB	1,134	515	1,649	4.6%	2.7%	3.8%
182	127				Ilford South *	LAB	2,424	865	3,289	8.4%	4.2%	6.6%
290			46		Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	LAB	1,613	536	2,149	6.9%	3.0%	5.2%
240	169				Ipswich	LAB	2,004	536	2,540	7.9%	2.9%	5.8%
143	105				Isle of Wight	LD	2,928	976	3,904	9.4%	4.2%	7.2%
15	13				Islington North	LAB	4,027	1,662	5,689	16.9%	8.0%	12.8%
34	27				Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	3,198	1,239	4,437	14.5%	7.1%	11.2%
376		33			Islwyn	LAB	900	315	1,215	5.3%	2.5%	4.1%
120	91				Jarrow	LAB	2,287	568	2,855	10.6%	3.6%	7.6%
322	230				Keighley	LAB	1,402	534	1,936	6.0%	3.0%	4.7%
374	268				Kensington & Chelsea	CON	1,583	834	2,417	4.9%	3.2%	4.2%
537	410				Kettering	LAB	904	339	1,243	3.3%	1.6%	2.6%
128			18		Kilmarnock & Loudoun	LAB	2,173	705	2,878	10.0%	4.3%	7.5%
493	369				Kingston & Surbiton	LD	1,112	431	1,543	3.7%	1.9%	2.9%
54	45				Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	3,092	793	3,885	13.0%	4.9%	9.7%
42	35				Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	3,551	919	4,470	14.2%	5.2%	10.5%
52	43				Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	3,061	866	3,927	13.2%	5.3%	9.9%
536	409				Kingswood	LAB	978	305	1,283	3.5%	1.4%	2.6%
76			11		Kirkcaldy	LAB	2,067	660	2,727	11.6%	4.9%	8.7%
116	89				Knowsley North & Sefton East	LAB	2,662	777	3,439	10.5%	4.0%	7.7%
47	39				Knowsley South	LAB	3,408	915	4,323	14.0%	5.1%	10.2%
356			18		Lagan Valley	UU	1,395	507	1,902	5.4%	2.8%	4.3%
433	315				Lancaster & Wyre	LAB	1,112	412	1,524	4.7%	2.2%	3.6%
24	20				Leeds Central	LAB	4,041	959	5,000	17.0%	5.4%	12.0%
59	48				Leeds East	LAB	2,719	734	3,453	12.9%	4.6%	9.4%
243	170				Leeds North East	LAB	1,749	554	2,303	7.9%	3.1%	5.8%
366	263				Leeds North West	LAB	1,231	364	1,595	5.9%	2.2%	4.3%
193	134				Leeds West	LAB	2,164	531	2,695	9.2%	2.9%	6.5%
247	173				Leicester East	LAB	1,589	625	2,214	7.3%	3.7%	5.7%
142	104				Leicester South	LAB	2,480	684	3,164	9.9%	3.6%	7.2%
159	113				Leicester West	LAB	2,268	650	2,918	9.7%	3.6%	7.0%
357	255				Leigh	LAB	1,415	455	1,870	5.6%	2.5%	4.3%
505	379				Leominster <*	CON	799	310	1,109	3.5%	2.0%	2.9%
479	357				Lewes	LD	785	302	1,087	3.9%	1.9%	3.0%
109	83				Lewisham East	LAB	2,107	729	2,836	10.4%	4.5%	7.8%
70	54				Lewisham West	LAB	2,724	836	3,560	12.4%	4.6%	8.8%
18	16				Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	3,779	1,291	5,070	17.0%	6.9%	12.4%
141	103				Leyton & Wanstead	LAB	2,298	772	3,070	9.7%	4.1%	7.2%
551	424				Lichfield	CON	735	292	1,027	3.0%	1.6%	2.4%
134	99				Lincoln	LAB	2,319	658	2,977	9.9%	3.9%	7.4%
350			55		Linlithgow	LAB	1,228	340	1,568	6.1%	2.2%	4.4%
92	69				Liverpool, Garston	LAB	2,488	657	3,145	11.3%	3.8%	8.1%
2	2				Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	4,753	1,332	6,085	23.0%	8.6%	16.8%
23	19				Liverpool, Walton	LAB	3,842	1,034	4,876	17.0%	6.0%	12.2%
43	36				Liverpool, Wavertree	LAB	3,426	952	4,378	14.7%	5.1%	10.4%
22	18				Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	3,794	937	4,731	17.2%	5.7%	12.3%
342			53		Livingston	LAB	1,394	378	1,772	6.4%	2.1%	4.5%
187		14			Llanelli	LAB	1,537	430	1,967	8.7%	3.4%	6.5%
431	313				Loughborough	LAB	1,083	414	1,497	4.6%	2.3%	3.6%
353	252				Louth & Horncastle	CON	1,201	443	1,644	5.3%	2.9%	4.4%
528	402				Ludlow	CON	699	266	965	3.2%	1.8%	2.6%
344	245				Luton North	LAB	1,521	500	2,021	5.8%	2.6%	4.5%
231	163				Luton South	LAB	2,071	592	2,663	7.7%	3.3%	5.9%
584	456				Macclesfield	CON	798	205	1,003	3.0%	1.0%	2.1%
618	488				Maidenhead	CON	603	185	788	2.3%	0.9%	1.7%
532	406				Maidstone & The Weald	CON	930	325	1,255	3.4%	1.6%	2.6%
355	254				Makerfield	LAB	1,424	447	1,871	5.7%	2.5%	4.3%

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494	370				Maldon & East Chelmsford	CON	901	335	1,236	3.6%	1.9%	2.9%
63	50				Manchester, Blackley	LAB	2,672	593	3,265	12.5%	3.9%	8.9%
9	7				Manchester, Central	LAB	4,223	1,148	5,371	20.1%	7.8%	15.0%
17	15				Manchester, Gorton	LAB	3,186	861	4,047	17.0%	6.3%	12.5%
85	64				Manchester, Withington	LAB	2,369	766	3,135	11.4%	4.6%	8.3%
214	150				Mansfield	LAB	1,925	566	2,491	8.2%	3.3%	6.1%
305	216				Medway	LAB	1,555	529	2,084	6.1%	3.1%	4.9%
204		17			Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	PC	865	309	1,174	7.9%	4.0%	6.3%
340	242				Meriden	CON	1,749	578	2,327	5.9%	2.6%	4.5%
123		4			Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	LAB	1,870	443	2,313	10.4%	3.5%	7.6%
623	493				Mid Bedfordshire	CON	503	211	714	2.0%	1.2%	1.6%
587	458				Mid Dorset & North Poole	CON	657	222	879	2.7%	1.2%	2.1%
465	344				Mid Norfolk	CON	1,052	386	1,438	4.0%	2.1%	3.2%
650	520				Mid Sussex	CON	441	161	602	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
81			8		Mid Ulster	SF	2,207	531	2,738	11.0%	4.5%	8.6%
570	442				Mid Worcestershire	CON	656	307	963	2.7%	1.7%	2.3%
14	12				Middlesbrough	LAB	4,430	963	5,393	18.1%	5.5%	12.9%
114	87				Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland	LAB	2,568	649	3,217	10.6%	3.7%	7.7%
440			64		Midlothian	LAB	862	217	1,079	5.1%	1.6%	3.5%
454	333				Milton Keynes South West	LAB	1,191	382	1,573	4.4%	1.9%	3.3%
283	200				Mitcham & Morden	LAB	1,757	565	2,322	7.1%	3.0%	5.3%
656	526				Mole Valley	CON	365	119	484	1.4%	0.6%	1.1%
413		37			Monmouth	LAB	977	359	1,336	4.8%	2.4%	3.8%
489		39			Montgomeryshire	LD	529	225	754	3.5%	2.2%	3.0%
311			48		Moray	SNP	1,273	514	1,787	5.7%	3.5%	4.8%
216	151				Morecambe & Lunesdale	LAB	1,803	519	2,322	8.3%	3.2%	6.1%
400	286				Morley & Rothwell	LAB	1,328	412	1,740	5.4%	2.1%	3.9%
118			16		Motherwell & Wishaw	LAB	1,738	461	2,199	10.6%	3.7%	7.6%
263		22			Neath	LAB	1,284	388	1,672	7.3%	3.0%	5.5%
586	457				New Forest East	CON	670	199	869	2.7%	1.1%	2.1%
529	403				New Forest West	CON	658	209	867	3.5%	1.5%	2.6%
345	246				Newark	LAB	1,419	483	1,902	5.7%	2.7%	4.5%
653	523				Newbury	LD	478	146	624	1.6%	0.7%	1.3%
74	57				Newcastle upon Tyne Central	LAB	2,528	659	3,187	12.5%	4.1%	8.8%
39	32				Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	3,165	748	3,913	15.1%	4.6%	10.5%
224	158				Newcastle upon Tyne North	LAB	1,973	467	2,440	8.8%	2.6%	6.0%
460	339				Newcastle-under-Lyme	LAB	991	331	1,322	4.3%	1.9%	3.3%
229		18			Newport East	LAB	1,559	436	1,995	8.0%	3.1%	6.0%
173		12			Newport West	LAB	1,813	536	2,349	9.1%	3.6%	6.8%
44			5		Newry & Armagh	SDLP	3,324	766	4,090	13.5%	5.2%	10.3%
378	271				Normanton	LAB	1,174	465	1,639	5.2%	2.7%	4.1%
158			11		North Antrim	DU	2,333	625	2,958	9.1%	3.8%	7.1%
218	153				North Cornwall	LD	1,950	792	2,742	7.3%	4.3%	6.1%
359	257				North Devon	LD	1,376	465	1,841	5.6%	2.6%	4.3%
615	485				North Dorset	CON	472	188	660	2.1%	1.2%	1.7%
253			14		North Down	UKU	1,487	569	2,056	7.0%	3.7%	5.6%
249	175				North Durham	LAB	1,846	446	2,292	8.0%	2.6%	5.7%
597	468				North East Bedfordshire	CON	577	260	837	2.3%	1.5%	2.0%
389	278				North East Cambridgeshire	CON	1,313	532	1,845	4.8%	2.8%	4.0%
339	241				North East Derbyshire	LAB	1,559	435	1,994	6.0%	2.3%	4.5%
419			62		North East Fife	LD	846	354	1,200	4.6%	2.6%	3.8%
651	521				North East Hampshire	CON	454	141	595	1.6%	0.7%	1.3%
602	473				North East Hertfordshire	CON	615	221	836	2.4%	1.2%	1.9%
519	393				North East Milton Keynes	LAB	920	318	1,238	3.5%	1.6%	2.7%
579	451				North Essex	CON	652	245	897	2.7%	1.5%	2.2%
392	280				North Norfolk	CON	1,216	393	1,609	5.1%	2.4%	4.0%
476	355				North Shropshire	CON	912	372	1,284	3.7%	2.2%	3.1%
26	22				North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	3,719	1,305	5,024	15.7%	7.0%	11.9%
550	423				North Swindon	LAB	817	283	1,100	3.2%	1.5%	2.4%
384			59		North Tayside	SNP	1,115	413	1,528	5.3%	2.6%	4.1%

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105	79				CON	2,253	657	2,910	10.5%	4.1%	7.8%
107	81				LAB	2,515	613	3,128	11.1%	3.5%	7.8%
500	375				LAB	975	399	1,374	3.5%	2.0%	2.9%
535	408				CON	901	337	1,238	3.2%	1.7%	2.6%
237	168				LAB	1,795	468	2,263	8.0%	2.9%	5.9%
642	512				CON	513	199	712	1.7%	0.9%	1.4%
487	364				LAB	873	310	1,183	3.8%	1.9%	3.0%
336	239				LAB	1,525	536	2,061	5.8%	2.8%	4.5%
605	476				CON	616	287	903	2.1%	1.4%	1.8%
388	277				LAB	1,472	523	1,995	5.3%	2.4%	4.0%
446	326				LAB	1,355	417	1,772	4.6%	1.9%	3.4%
647	517				LD	507	177	684	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
324	232				LAB	1,619	528	2,147	6.1%	2.7%	4.6%
151	109				LAB	2,342	710	3,052	9.5%	3.9%	7.1%
33	26				LAB	3,631	998	4,629	15.5%	5.6%	11.3%
71	55				LAB	2,806	793	3,599	12.0%	4.6%	8.8%
108	82				LAB	2,466	676	3,142	10.7%	3.9%	7.8%
443	323				LAB	1,206	433	1,639	4.4%	2.2%	3.5%
195			32		LAB	1,611	525	2,136	8.5%	3.6%	6.4%
260		21			LAB	1,303	372	1,675	7.4%	2.9%	5.5%
539	412				CON	809	326	1,135	3.2%	1.7%	2.5%
403	289				LAB	1,501	443	1,944	5.4%	2.0%	3.9%
291	206				LAB	1,856	493	2,349	7.2%	2.5%	5.2%
418			61		LD	590	211	801	4.6%	2.5%	3.8%
538	411				CON	996	365	1,361	3.3%	1.6%	2.6%
343	244				LAB	1,476	443	1,919	6.2%	2.3%	4.5%
630	500				LD	568	208	776	2.0%	1.0%	1.6%
99			14		LAB	1,823	510	2,333	11.4%	3.8%	7.9%
137			21		LAB	1,943	514	2,457	10.5%	3.4%	7.3%
429	311				LAB	1,095	321	1,416	4.9%	1.9%	3.6%
560	432				CON	692	277	969	2.9%	1.6%	2.4%
338			52		SNP	1,290	373	1,663	6.3%	2.3%	4.5%
323	231				LAB	1,680	505	2,185	6.2%	2.5%	4.7%
196	136				LAB	2,414	675	3,089	8.3%	3.5%	6.4%
41	34				LAB	3,374	1,020	4,394	13.9%	5.8%	10.5%
208	144				LAB	1,811	610	2,421	8.0%	3.7%	6.2%
312		28			LAB	1,463	416	1,879	6.6%	2.5%	4.8%
439	320				CON	1,047	277	1,324	4.8%	1.7%	3.5%
13	11				LAB	4,129	1,193	5,322	17.1%	7.2%	13.1%
358	256				LAB	1,365	398	1,763	5.8%	2.3%	4.3%
144	106				LD	2,552	701	3,253	9.6%	3.8%	7.2%
156		9			LAB	1,711	501	2,212	9.1%	4.0%	7.1%
181	126				LAB	2,303	621	2,924	9.0%	3.3%	6.6%
572	444				LAB	764	293	1,057	3.0%	1.4%	2.3%
318	226				LAB	1,418	534	1,952	6.4%	2.8%	4.7%
559	431				CON	766	292	1,058	2.9%	1.6%	2.4%
542	415				LAB	968	284	1,252	3.4%	1.4%	2.5%
566	438				LAB	900	252	1,152	3.2%	1.2%	2.3%
66	51				LAB	3,092	671	3,763	12.5%	3.8%	8.9%
396	284				LAB	1,195	486	1,681	4.9%	2.7%	4.0%
80	61				LAB	3,603	1,502	5,105	11.1%	5.6%	8.6%
636	506				CON	490	139	629	2.1%	0.8%	1.5%
153		8			LAB	1,694	474	2,168	9.3%	3.8%	7.1%
634	504				CON	522	176	698	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
530	404				CON	774	353	1,127	3.0%	2.0%	2.6%
515	389				LD	1,012	438	1,450	3.5%	1.9%	2.8%
150	108				LAB	2,388	591	2,979	10.0%	3.3%	7.1%
84	63				CON	2,755	809	3,564	11.1%	4.5%	8.4%
481	359				LAB	904	288	1,192	4.0%	1.7%	3.0%
619	489				CON	535	174	709	2.2%	1.0%	1.7%

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160			27		Ross, Skye & Inverness West	LD	1,717	619	2,336	8.7%	4.5%	7.0%
492	368				Rossendale & Darwen	LAB	996	347	1,343	3.9%	1.7%	2.9%
256	179				Rother Valley	LAB	1,875	549	2,424	7.5%	3.0%	5.6%
67	52				Rotherham	LAB	2,570	634	3,204	12.2%	4.2%	8.9%
399			60		Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	852	325	1,177	5.1%	2.5%	4.0%
516	390				Rugby & Kenilworth	LAB	1,064	356	1,420	3.6%	1.6%	2.8%
558	430				Ruislip - Northwood	CON	703	258	961	3.1%	1.5%	2.4%
639	509				Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	531	169	700	1.9%	0.8%	1.5%
520	394				Rushcliffe	CON	1,014	330	1,344	3.6%	1.5%	2.7%
631	501				Rutland & Melton	CON	484	220	704	1.8%	1.2%	1.6%
556	428				Ryedale	CON	658	248	906	3.0%	1.6%	2.4%
601	472				Saffron Walden	CON	627	287	914	2.2%	1.5%	1.9%
165	115				Salford	LAB	1,914	450	2,364	9.6%	3.1%	6.9%
581	453				Salisbury	CON	843	283	1,126	2.8%	1.3%	2.2%
211	147				Scarborough & Whitby	LAB	2,034	656	2,690	8.2%	3.5%	6.2%
223	157				Scunthorpe	LAB	1,750	541	2,291	7.8%	3.5%	6.0%
308	219				Sedgefield	LAB	1,442	468	1,910	6.4%	2.8%	4.9%
438	319				Selby	LAB	1,172	429	1,601	4.4%	2.3%	3.5%
573	445				Sevenoaks	CON	710	274	984	2.8%	1.5%	2.3%
226	160				Sheffield, Attercliffe	LAB	1,965	545	2,510	8.2%	3.1%	6.0%
50	42				Sheffield, Brightside	LAB	2,966	682	3,648	14.1%	4.5%	10.1%
11	9				Sheffield, Central	LAB	4,052	1,100	5,152	18.5%	7.1%	13.8%
423	305				Sheffield, Hallam	LD	880	331	1,211	4.8%	2.3%	3.7%
110	84				Sheffield, Heeley	LAB	2,496	679	3,175	10.7%	3.9%	7.8%
337	240				Sheffield, Hillsborough	LAB	1,688	572	2,260	6.0%	2.6%	4.5%
348	248				Sherwood	LAB	1,516	491	2,007	5.7%	2.5%	4.4%
435	316				Shipley	LAB	1,151	421	1,572	4.7%	2.2%	3.6%
522	396				Shrewsbury & Atcham	LAB	909	311	1,220	3.5%	1.6%	2.7%
281	198				Sittingbourne & Sheppey	LAB	1,649	568	2,217	6.6%	3.4%	5.3%
591	462				Skipton & Ripon	CON	668	238	906	2.6%	1.3%	2.0%
526	400				Sleaford & North Hykeham	CON	797	310	1,107	3.2%	1.8%	2.6%
334	237				Slough	LAB	1,710	484	2,194	6.1%	2.4%	4.5%
561	433				Solihull	CON	851	325	1,176	3.0%	1.5%	2.3%
557	429				Somerton & Frome *	LD	765	303	1,068	2.9%	1.6%	2.4%
331			17		South Antrim	UU	1,500	540	2,040	5.8%	2.9%	4.6%
628	498				South Cambridgeshire	CON	552	188	740	2.1%	1.0%	1.6%
455	334				South Derbyshire	LAB	1,185	387	1,572	4.3%	1.9%	3.3%
387	276				South Dorset	CON	1,306	329	1,635	5.6%	2.0%	4.1%
87			9		South Down	SDLP	2,460	734	3,194	10.4%	4.9%	8.3%
595	466				South East Cambridgeshire	CON	702	277	979	2.5%	1.3%	2.0%
364	262				South East Cornwall	LD	1,323	514	1,837	5.2%	2.9%	4.3%
590	461				South Holland & The Deepings	CON	550	262	812	2.3%	1.6%	2.0%
495	371				South Norfolk	CON	981	417	1,398	3.5%	2.1%	2.9%
571	443				South Ribble	LAB	780	297	1,077	2.9%	1.4%	2.3%
37	30				South Shields	LAB	3,000	772	3,772	14.4%	5.2%	10.6%
512	386				South Staffordshire	CON	973	386	1,359	3.5%	1.9%	2.8%
506	380				South Suffolk	CON	871	305	1,176	3.6%	1.8%	2.9%
451	330				South Swindon	LAB	1,284	396	1,680	4.6%	1.8%	3.4%
155	111				South Thanet	LAB	1,971	521	2,492	9.7%	3.5%	7.1%
565	437				South West Bedfordshire	CON	818	337	1,155	2.8%	1.6%	2.3%
508	382				South West Devon	CON	863	351	1,214	3.5%	1.9%	2.8%
606	477				South West Hertfordshire	CON	664	202	866	2.4%	1.0%	1.8%
458	337				South West Norfolk	CON	1,132	515	1,647	3.7%	2.5%	3.3%
649	519				South West Surrey	CON	440	148	588	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
225	159				Southampton, Itchen	LAB	2,214	505	2,719	8.3%	2.7%	6.0%
219	154				Southampton, Test	LAB	2,175	531	2,706	8.4%	2.8%	6.1%
286	203				Southend West	CON	1,560	467	2,027	7.0%	2.8%	5.2%
301	213				Southport	LD	1,538	517	2,055	6.9%	2.8%	5.0%
627	497				Spelthorne	CON	596	215	811	2.1%	1.0%	1.6%
625	495				St Albans	LAB	534	198	732	2.1%	1.0%	1.6%

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293	207				LAB	1,667	534	2,201	6.7%	3.0%	5.2%
186	130				LAB	2,084	551	2,635	9.0%	3.2%	6.5%
113	86				LD	2,202	869	3,071	9.4%	5.3%	7.7%
474	353				LAB	985	351	1,336	4.0%	1.9%	3.1%
531	405				LAB	864	285	1,149	3.4%	1.5%	2.6%
363	261				LAB	1,437	423	1,860	5.8%	2.3%	4.3%
459	338				LAB	1,109	386	1,495	4.2%	2.0%	3.3%
299			47		LAB	1,210	405	1,615	6.8%	2.9%	5.1%
373	267				LAB	1,460	358	1,818	5.9%	1.9%	4.2%
40	33				LAB	3,375	790	4,165	14.7%	4.8%	10.5%
180	125				LAB	2,217	560	2,777	9.2%	3.1%	6.6%
232	164				LAB	1,796	492	2,288	8.1%	3.0%	5.9%
369	264				LAB	1,195	370	1,565	5.6%	2.4%	4.2%
361	259				LAB	1,407	512	1,919	5.5%	2.7%	4.3%
600	471				CON	574	252	826	2.3%	1.4%	1.9%
427	309				LAB	1,184	410	1,594	4.7%	2.2%	3.6%
279			16		UU	1,625	520	2,145	6.9%	3.1%	5.3%
604	475				CON	682	275	957	2.3%	1.2%	1.9%
383			58		LAB	1,302	408	1,710	5.6%	2.2%	4.1%
49	41				LAB	4,034	1,490	5,524	13.7%	6.0%	10.1%
306	217				LAB	1,765	486	2,251	6.8%	2.4%	4.9%
518	392				LAB	921	383	1,304	3.3%	1.9%	2.7%
457	336				CON	1,067	401	1,468	4.0%	2.2%	3.3%
69	53				LAB	2,574	551	3,125	12.5%	3.7%	8.8%
53	44				LAB	3,104	678	3,782	13.8%	4.1%	9.7%
657	527				CON	399	141	540	1.3%	0.6%	1.0%
568	440				LD	726	267	993	3.0%	1.4%	2.3%
523	397				CON	858	384	1,242	3.3%	1.9%	2.7%
235		19			LAB	1,669	375	2,044	8.4%	2.5%	5.9%
184		13			LAB	1,573	432	2,005	9.0%	3.3%	6.5%
442	322				LAB	1,104	445	1,549	4.2%	2.4%	3.5%
588	459				IND	606	203	809	2.7%	1.2%	2.1%
409	295				LD	1,378	461	1,839	5.1%	2.2%	3.9%
391	279				CON	1,289	485	1,774	5.1%	2.5%	4.0%
405	291				LAB	1,171	350	1,521	5.2%	2.1%	3.9%
575	447				CON	685	266	951	2.8%	1.4%	2.2%
255	178				LAB	1,912	621	2,533	7.2%	3.3%	5.6%
510	384				CON	917	341	1,258	3.6%	1.8%	2.8%
555	427				CON	763	248	1,011	3.1%	1.4%	2.4%
175	121				LAB	2,466	848	3,314	9.2%	3.7%	6.7%
121	92				LD	2,387	680	3,067	10.5%	3.8%	7.6%
292		24			LAB	1,463	414	1,877	7.0%	2.7%	5.2%
321	229				LD	1,488	555	2,043	5.8%	3.1%	4.7%
319	227				CON	1,229	482	1,711	5.8%	3.1%	4.7%
3	3				LAB	6,120	1,976	8,096	22.0%	9.1%	16.4%
251	177				LD	1,760	662	2,422	7.1%	3.7%	5.6%
553	426				CON	808	250	1,058	3.3%	1.3%	2.4%
497			68		LD	716	218	934	4.0%	1.5%	2.9%
541	414				LD	951	352	1,303	3.3%	1.5%	2.5%
25	21				LAB	3,762	767	4,529	16.9%	4.9%	11.9%
191	133				LAB	2,049	497	2,546	9.3%	2.9%	6.5%
470	349				LAB	844	252	1,096	4.1%	1.7%	3.1%
258			15		UU	1,821	520	2,341	7.3%	3.0%	5.6%
525	399				CON	791	299	1,090	3.4%	1.7%	2.6%
276		23			LAB	1,210	296	1,506	7.7%	2.4%	5.4%
302		26			LAB	1,632	518	2,150	6.6%	2.9%	5.0%
608	479				CON	544	249	793	2.1%	1.4%	1.8%
16	14				LAB	4,889	1,761	6,650	17.3%	7.3%	12.7%
262	183				LAB	1,914	601	2,515	7.3%	3.1%	5.5%
78	60				LAB	2,620	748	3,368	12.0%	4.4%	8.6%

**II Residence-based unemployment rates by parliamentary constituency,  
United Kingdom, April 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
130	96				LAB	2,498	737	3,235	9.6%	4.2%	7.5%
89	67				LAB	2,439	798	3,237	10.3%	4.9%	8.1%
82	62				LAB	2,735	949	3,684	11.1%	5.0%	8.4%
157	112				LAB	2,024	547	2,571	9.9%	3.4%	7.1%
616	486				LAB	543	225	768	2.1%	1.2%	1.7%
638	508				CON	506	191	697	1.8%	1.0%	1.5%
112	85				LAB	2,157	704	2,861	10.1%	4.5%	7.7%
404	290				LAB	1,401	403	1,804	5.2%	2.0%	3.9%
484	362				LAB	1,010	339	1,349	3.9%	1.7%	3.0%
468	347				LAB	1,205	396	1,601	4.2%	1.8%	3.1%
517	391				LAB	1,061	341	1,402	3.6%	1.5%	2.7%
124	93				LAB	2,419	864	3,283	9.4%	4.9%	7.6%
624	494				CON	590	183	773	2.1%	0.9%	1.6%
278	197				LAB	1,644	490	2,134	7.1%	2.9%	5.3%
469	348				LAB	1,190	372	1,562	4.1%	1.7%	3.1%
475	354				CON	889	395	1,284	3.7%	2.3%	3.1%
611	482				LAB	590	210	800	2.3%	1.1%	1.8%
115	88				LAB	2,338	598	2,936	10.5%	3.7%	7.7%
614			72		LD	466	187	653	2.1%	1.2%	1.7%
183	128				LAB	2,023	676	2,699	8.4%	4.0%	6.6%
139	101				SPKR	2,255	724	2,979	9.1%	4.4%	7.2%
501	376				CON	1,079	392	1,471	3.6%	1.8%	2.9%
563	435				CON	736	281	1,017	2.9%	1.5%	2.3%
504	378				CON	761	308	1,069	3.6%	1.9%	2.9%
19	17				LAB	3,701	1,133	4,834	16.2%	7.0%	12.4%
277	196				LAB	1,846	566	2,412	7.2%	2.9%	5.3%
379			57		LAB	1,063	298	1,361	5.7%	2.0%	4.1%
545	418				CON	938	367	1,305	3.0%	1.7%	2.5%
32				4	UU	3,021	641	3,662	14.8%	5.4%	11.3%
548	421				CON	710	232	942	3.2%	1.4%	2.4%
514	388				CON	952	386	1,338	3.4%	1.9%	2.8%
90			13		LAB	879	213	1,092	10.5%	4.1%	8.1%
603	474				CON	551	203	754	2.5%	1.1%	1.9%
414	299				LD	1,141	434	1,575	4.8%	2.5%	3.8%
274	194				LAB	1,609	483	2,092	7.1%	3.0%	5.4%
483	361				LAB	967	374	1,341	3.9%	1.9%	3.0%
617	487				LD	619	209	828	2.2%	1.0%	1.7%
622	492				CON	606	198	804	2.1%	0.9%	1.6%
386	275				LAB	1,106	395	1,501	5.4%	2.4%	4.1%
317	225				LAB	1,255	447	1,702	6.2%	2.8%	4.7%
658	528				CON	369	141	510	1.3%	0.7%	1.0%
654	524				CON	427	150	577	1.5%	0.7%	1.2%
659	529				CON	340	130	470	1.2%	0.6%	1.0%
167	116				LAB	2,077	577	2,654	9.0%	3.7%	6.8%
103	77				LAB	2,048	562	2,610	10.3%	4.2%	7.8%
210	146				LAB	1,910	560	2,470	8.3%	3.3%	6.2%
633	503				CON	503	168	671	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
394	282				LAB	1,279	400	1,679	5.3%	2.2%	4.0%
174	120				LAB	2,172	554	2,726	9.2%	3.3%	6.7%
415	300				LAB	1,291	357	1,648	5.2%	1.9%	3.8%
527	401				CON	752	189	941	3.8%	1.2%	2.6%
524	398				LAB	777	236	1,013	3.5%	1.5%	2.7%
365		30			LAB	981	316	1,297	5.7%	2.4%	4.3%
549	422				CON	999	264	1,263	3.3%	1.2%	2.4%
448	328				LAB	1,197	432	1,629	4.4%	2.1%	3.4%
221	155				LAB	2,182	528	2,710	8.6%	2.7%	6.0%
499	374				LD	958	345	1,303	3.7%	1.8%	2.9%
111			2		PC	1,797	526	2,323	10.0%	4.4%	7.8%
264	184				LAB	2,081	605	2,686	7.6%	2.7%	5.5%
						1,061,498	328,417	1,389,915	6.7%	2.8%	5.1%



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

Rank by overall  
unemployment rate

UK	unemployment rate				Party	Claimants			Rate			
	Eng	Wal	Scot	NI		Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
1	1				Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	5,976	1,645	7,621	24.4%	9.8%	18.4%
2	2				Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	4,753	1,332	6,085	23.0%	8.6%	16.8%
3	3				Tottenham	LAB	6,120	1,976	8,096	22.0%	9.1%	16.4%
4	4				Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	4,969	1,731	6,700	21.1%	9.1%	15.7%
5	5				Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	4,754	1,848	6,602	19.8%	9.9%	15.5%
6				1	Belfast West	SF	4,645	719	5,364	22.8%	5.0%	15.5%
7				2	Foyle	SDLP	4,769	1,021	5,790	20.7%	6.8%	15.2%
8	6				Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	4,896	1,453	6,349	18.7%	9.3%	15.2%
9	7				Manchester, Central	LAB	4,223	1,148	5,371	20.1%	7.8%	15.0%
10	8				Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	4,559	1,267	5,826	18.2%	7.7%	14.0%
11	9				Sheffield, Central	LAB	4,052	1,100	5,152	18.5%	7.1%	13.8%
12	10				Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	3,794	1,308	5,102	18.4%	7.7%	13.6%
13	11				Poplar & Canning Town	LAB	4,129	1,193	5,322	17.1%	7.2%	13.1%
14	12				Middlesbrough	LAB	4,430	963	5,393	18.1%	5.5%	12.9%
15	13				Islington North	LAB	4,027	1,662	5,689	16.9%	8.0%	12.8%
16	14				Vauxhall	LAB	4,889	1,761	6,650	17.3%	7.3%	12.7%
17	15				Manchester, Gorton	LAB	3,186	861	4,047	17.0%	6.3%	12.5%
18	16				Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	3,779	1,291	5,070	17.0%	6.9%	12.4%
19	17				West Ham	LAB	3,701	1,133	4,834	16.2%	7.0%	12.4%
20				3	Belfast North	UU	3,157	680	3,837	17.4%	5.3%	12.4%
21			1		Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	2,376	535	2,911	17.2%	5.5%	12.3%
22	18				Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	3,794	937	4,731	17.2%	5.7%	12.3%
23	19				Liverpool, Walton	LAB	3,842	1,034	4,876	17.0%	6.0%	12.2%
24	20				Leeds Central	LAB	4,041	959	5,000	17.0%	5.4%	12.0%
25	21				Tyne Bridge	LAB	3,762	767	4,529	16.9%	4.9%	11.9%
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635	505				Aldershot	CON	713	231	944	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
636	506				Reigate	CON	490	139	629	2.1%	0.8%	1.5%
637	507				Guildford	CON	545	197	742	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
638	508				Wantage	CON	506	191	697	1.8%	1.0%	1.5%
639	509				Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	531	169	700	1.9%	0.8%	1.5%
640	510				Epsom & Ewell	CON	525	166	691	1.9%	0.8%	1.4%
641	511				Esher & Walton	CON	498	188	686	1.8%	0.9%	1.4%
642	512				North West Hampshire *	CON	513	199	712	1.7%	0.9%	1.4%
643	513				Beaconsfield	CON	464	168	632	1.7%	0.9%	1.4%
644	514				East Surrey	CON	497	166	663	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
645	515				Buckingham	CON	381	155	536	1.6%	0.9%	1.3%
646	516				Horsham	CON	474	163	637	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
647	517				Northavon	LD	507	177	684	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
648	518				Arundel & South Downs	CON	371	126	497	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
649	519				South West Surrey	CON	440	148	588	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
650	520				Mid Sussex	CON	441	161	602	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
651	521				North East Hampshire	CON	454	141	595	1.6%	0.7%	1.3%
652	522				Chesham & Amersham	CON	436	136	572	1.7%	0.7%	1.3%
653	523				Newbury	LD	478	146	624	1.6%	0.7%	1.3%
654	524				Woking	CON	427	150	577	1.5%	0.7%	1.2%
655	525				Henley	CON	373	135	508	1.4%	0.7%	1.1%
656	526				Mole Valley	CON	365	119	484	1.4%	0.6%	1.1%
657	527				Surrey Heath	CON	399	141	540	1.3%	0.6%	1.0%
658	528				Witney	CON	369	141	510	1.3%	0.7%	1.0%
659	529				Wokingham	CON	340	130	470	1.2%	0.6%	1.0%
					United Kingdom		1,061,498	328,417	1,389,915	6.7%	2.8%	5.1%

**III Residence-based unemployment rates, April 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	5,976	1,645	7,621	24.4%	9.8%	18.4%
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3	3				Tottenham	LAB	6,120	1,976	8,096	22.0%	9.1%	16.4%
4	4				Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	4,969	1,731	6,700	21.1%	9.1%	15.7%
5	5				Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	4,754	1,848	6,602	19.8%	9.9%	15.5%
8	6				Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	4,896	1,453	6,349	18.7%	9.3%	15.2%
9	7				Manchester, Central	LAB	4,223	1,148	5,371	20.1%	7.8%	15.0%
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25	21				Tyne Bridge	LAB	3,762	767	4,529	16.9%	4.9%	11.9%
26	22				North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	3,719	1,305	5,024	15.7%	7.0%	11.9%
27	23				Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	3,470	1,345	4,815	15.7%	7.3%	11.9%
29	24				Bootle	LAB	3,231	767	3,998	16.2%	5.2%	11.5%
31	25				Birkenhead	LAB	3,379	862	4,241	16.0%	5.4%	11.4%
33	26				Nottingham East	LAB	3,631	998	4,629	15.5%	5.6%	11.3%
34	27				Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	3,198	1,239	4,437	14.5%	7.1%	11.2%
35	28				Hartlepool	LAB	3,597	835	4,432	15.2%	4.9%	10.9%
36	29				Greenwich & Woolwich	LAB	3,293	1,160	4,453	14.1%	6.4%	10.7%
37	30				South Shields	LAB	3,000	772	3,772	14.4%	5.2%	10.6%
38	31				East Ham	LAB	3,504	1,035	4,539	13.5%	6.1%	10.6%
39	32				Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	3,165	748	3,913	15.1%	4.6%	10.5%
40	33				Stockton North	LAB	3,375	790	4,165	14.7%	4.8%	10.5%
41	34				Plymouth, Sutton	LAB	3,374	1,020	4,394	13.9%	5.8%	10.5%
42	35				Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	3,551	919	4,470	14.2%	5.2%	10.5%
43	36				Liverpool, Wavertree	LAB	3,426	952	4,378	14.7%	5.1%	10.4%
45	37				Brent South	LAB	3,466	1,128	4,594	13.9%	5.7%	10.3%
46	38				Birmingham, Hodge Hill	LAB	2,631	717	3,348	13.6%	5.4%	10.3%
47	39				Knowsley South	LAB	3,408	915	4,323	14.0%	5.1%	10.2%
48	40				Bradford West	LAB	3,087	919	4,006	13.1%	5.7%	10.1%
49	41				Streatham	LAB	4,034	1,490	5,524	13.7%	6.0%	10.1%
50	42				Sheffield, Brightside	LAB	2,966	682	3,648	14.1%	4.5%	10.1%
52	43				Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	3,061	866	3,927	13.2%	5.3%	9.9%
53	44				Sunderland South	LAB	3,104	678	3,782	13.8%	4.1%	9.7%
54	45				Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	3,092	793	3,885	13.0%	4.9%	9.7%
55	46				Brent East	LAB	3,061	1,085	4,146	12.8%	5.7%	9.6%
57	47				Great Grimsby	LAB	3,123	802	3,925	12.8%	4.7%	9.5%
59	48				Leeds East	LAB	2,719	734	3,453	12.9%	4.6%	9.4%
60	49				Doncaster Central	LAB	2,942	791	3,733	12.5%	4.7%	9.3%
63	50				Manchester, Blackley	LAB	2,672	593	3,265	12.5%	3.9%	8.9%
66	51				Redcar	LAB	3,092	671	3,763	12.5%	3.8%	8.9%
67	52				Rotherham	LAB	2,570	634	3,204	12.2%	4.2%	8.9%
69	53				Sunderland North	LAB	2,574	551	3,125	12.5%	3.7%	8.8%
70	54				Lewisham West	LAB	2,724	836	3,560	12.4%	4.6%	8.8%
71	55				Nottingham North	LAB	2,806	793	3,599	12.0%	4.6%	8.8%
72	56				Brighton, Pavilion	LAB	2,712	978	3,690	11.6%	5.3%	8.8%

**III Residence-based unemployment rates, April 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	
74	57				Newcastle upon Tyne Central	LAB	2,528	659	3,187	12.5%	4.1%	8.8%
75	58				Erith & Thamesmead	LAB	2,857	1,002	3,859	11.2%	5.4%	8.7%
77	59				Great Yarmouth	LAB	2,658	875	3,533	11.1%	5.2%	8.7%
78	60				Wallasey	LAB	2,620	748	3,368	12.0%	4.4%	8.6%
80	61				Regent's Park & Kensington North	LAB	3,603	1,502	5,105	11.1%	5.6%	8.6%
82	62				Walthamstow	LAB	2,735	949	3,684	11.1%	5.0%	8.4%
84	63				Rochford & Southend East	CON	2,755	809	3,564	11.1%	4.5%	8.4%
85	64				Manchester, Withington	LAB	2,369	766	3,135	11.4%	4.6%	8.3%
86	65				Dulwich & West Norwood	LAB	2,992	1,166	4,158	11.1%	5.0%	8.3%
88	66				Bradford North	LAB	2,629	778	3,407	11.0%	4.4%	8.2%
89	67				Walsall South	LAB	2,439	798	3,237	10.3%	4.9%	8.1%
91	68				Birmingham, Perry Barr	LAB	2,761	839	3,600	10.8%	4.4%	8.1%
92	69				Liverpool, Garston	LAB	2,488	657	3,145	11.3%	3.8%	8.1%
93	70				Ealing, Acton & Shepherd's Bush	LAB	3,270	1,150	4,420	10.9%	4.6%	8.1%
94	71				Doncaster North	LAB	2,346	568	2,914	10.9%	3.9%	8.0%
95	72				Hornsey & Wood Green	LAB	3,277	1,241	4,518	10.7%	4.8%	8.0%
97	73				Huddersfield	LAB	2,353	754	3,107	10.5%	4.5%	7.9%
98	74				Falmouth & Camborne	LAB	2,401	723	3,124	10.4%	4.4%	7.9%
101	75				Edmonton	LAB	2,468	860	3,328	10.2%	4.8%	7.9%
102	76				Derby South	LAB	2,921	818	3,739	10.5%	4.1%	7.9%
103	77				Wolverhampton South East	LAB	2,048	562	2,610	10.3%	4.2%	7.8%
104	78				Copeland	LAB	2,132	573	2,705	10.4%	4.1%	7.8%
105	79				North Thanet	CON	2,253	657	2,910	10.5%	4.1%	7.8%
106	80				Barnsley East & Mexborough	LAB	2,341	629	2,970	10.4%	4.0%	7.8%
107	81				North Tyneside	LAB	2,515	613	3,128	11.1%	3.5%	7.8%
108	82				Nottingham South	LAB	2,466	676	3,142	10.7%	3.9%	7.8%
109	83				Lewisham East	LAB	2,107	729	2,836	10.4%	4.5%	7.8%
110	84				Sheffield, Heeley	LAB	2,496	679	3,175	10.7%	3.9%	7.8%
112	85				Warley	LAB	2,157	704	2,861	10.1%	4.5%	7.7%
113	86				St Ives	LD	2,202	869	3,071	9.4%	5.3%	7.7%
114	87				Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland	LAB	2,568	649	3,217	10.6%	3.7%	7.7%
115	88				Wentworth	LAB	2,338	598	2,936	10.5%	3.7%	7.7%
116	89				Knowsley North & Sefton East	LAB	2,662	777	3,439	10.5%	4.0%	7.7%
117	90				Birmingham, Edgbaston	LAB	2,403	734	3,137	10.5%	4.1%	7.7%
120	91				Jarrow	LAB	2,287	568	2,855	10.6%	3.6%	7.6%
121	92				Torbay	LD	2,387	680	3,067	10.5%	3.8%	7.6%
124	93				Waveney	LAB	2,419	864	3,283	9.4%	4.9%	7.6%
125	94				Birmingham, Erdington	LAB	2,687	654	3,341	10.4%	3.6%	7.5%
127	95				Brighton, Kemptown	LAB	2,244	711	2,955	10.0%	4.2%	7.5%
130	96				Walsall North	LAB	2,498	737	3,235	9.6%	4.2%	7.5%
132	97				Darlington	LAB	2,412	603	3,015	10.3%	3.4%	7.4%
133	98				Croydon North	LAB	3,170	1,135	4,305	9.8%	4.3%	7.4%
134	99				Lincoln	LAB	2,319	658	2,977	9.9%	3.9%	7.4%
135	100				Hampstead & Highgate	LAB	2,496	1,149	3,645	9.4%	4.9%	7.3%
139	101				West Bromwich West	SPKR	2,255	724	2,979	9.1%	4.4%	7.2%
140	102				Coventry North East	LAB	2,705	730	3,435	9.8%	3.6%	7.2%
141	103				Leyton & Wanstead	LAB	2,298	772	3,070	9.7%	4.1%	7.2%
142	104				Leicester South	LAB	2,480	684	3,164	9.9%	3.6%	7.2%
143	105				Isle of Wight	LD	2,928	976	3,904	9.4%	4.2%	7.2%
144	106				Portsmouth South	LD	2,552	701	3,253	9.6%	3.8%	7.2%
146	107				Barnsley Central	LAB	2,120	559	2,679	9.9%	3.5%	7.2%
150	108				Rochdale	LAB	2,388	591	2,979	10.0%	3.3%	7.1%
151	109				Norwich South	LAB	2,342	710	3,052	9.5%	3.9%	7.1%
154	110				Hastings & Rye	LAB	2,362	645	3,007	9.8%	3.5%	7.1%
155	111				South Thanet	LAB	1,971	521	2,492	9.7%	3.5%	7.1%
157	112				Wansbeck	LAB	2,024	547	2,571	9.9%	3.4%	7.1%

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159	113				LAB	2,268	650	2,918	9.7%	3.6%	7.0%
161	114				LAB	2,138	609	2,747	9.4%	3.7%	7.0%
165	115				LAB	1,914	450	2,364	9.6%	3.1%	6.9%
167	116				LAB	2,077	577	2,654	9.0%	3.7%	6.8%
169	117				LAB	1,750	516	2,266	9.1%	3.7%	6.8%
170	118				LAB	1,725	528	2,253	9.1%	3.7%	6.8%
172	119				LAB	1,863	542	2,405	9.0%	3.6%	6.8%
174	120				LAB	2,172	554	2,726	9.2%	3.3%	6.7%
175	121				LAB	2,466	848	3,314	9.2%	3.7%	6.7%
176	122				LAB	2,917	1,194	4,111	9.1%	4.1%	6.7%
177	123				LAB	2,187	742	2,929	9.0%	3.8%	6.7%
178	124				LAB	2,243	601	2,844	9.0%	3.4%	6.7%
180	125				LAB	2,217	560	2,777	9.2%	3.1%	6.6%
181	126				LAB	2,303	621	2,924	9.0%	3.3%	6.6%
182	127				LAB	2,424	865	3,289	8.4%	4.2%	6.6%
183	128				LAB	2,023	676	2,699	8.4%	4.0%	6.6%
185	129				CON	2,148	575	2,723	8.8%	3.3%	6.5%
186	130				LAB	2,084	551	2,635	9.0%	3.2%	6.5%
188	131				LAB	1,474	488	1,962	8.3%	3.9%	6.5%
190	132				CON	1,714	451	2,165	8.9%	3.2%	6.5%
191	133				LAB	2,049	497	2,546	9.3%	2.9%	6.5%
193	134				LAB	2,164	531	2,695	9.2%	2.9%	6.5%
194	135				LAB	2,427	596	3,023	9.2%	2.8%	6.4%
196	136				LAB	2,414	675	3,089	8.3%	3.5%	6.4%
198	137				LAB	2,031	653	2,684	8.1%	3.8%	6.4%
201	138				LAB	1,897	543	2,440	8.7%	3.3%	6.3%
202	139				LAB	1,778	575	2,353	8.4%	3.6%	6.3%
203	140				LAB	2,315	615	2,930	8.9%	3.0%	6.3%
205	141				LAB	2,299	645	2,944	8.7%	3.2%	6.3%
206	142				LAB	1,736	571	2,307	8.3%	3.5%	6.2%
207	143				LAB	2,152	609	2,761	8.5%	3.2%	6.2%
208	144				LAB	1,811	610	2,421	8.0%	3.7%	6.2%
209	145				LAB	1,720	411	2,131	8.8%	2.8%	6.2%
210	146				LAB	1,910	560	2,470	8.3%	3.3%	6.2%
211	147				LAB	2,034	656	2,690	8.2%	3.5%	6.2%
212	148				LAB	2,041	552	2,593	8.4%	3.1%	6.2%
213	149				LAB	2,137	529	2,666	8.4%	2.9%	6.1%
214	150				LAB	1,925	566	2,491	8.2%	3.3%	6.1%
216	151				LAB	1,803	519	2,322	8.3%	3.2%	6.1%
217	152				LAB	1,899	505	2,404	8.2%	3.1%	6.1%
218	153				LD	1,950	792	2,742	7.3%	4.3%	6.1%
219	154				LAB	2,175	531	2,706	8.4%	2.8%	6.1%
221	155				LAB	2,182	528	2,710	8.6%	2.7%	6.0%
222	156				LAB	1,817	661	2,478	7.9%	3.7%	6.0%
223	157				LAB	1,750	541	2,291	7.8%	3.5%	6.0%
224	158				LAB	1,973	467	2,440	8.8%	2.6%	6.0%
225	159				LAB	2,214	505	2,719	8.3%	2.7%	6.0%
226	160				LAB	1,965	545	2,510	8.2%	3.1%	6.0%
227	161				LAB	2,190	442	2,632	8.5%	2.4%	6.0%
228	162				LAB	1,902	521	2,423	8.2%	3.1%	6.0%
231	163				LAB	2,071	592	2,663	7.7%	3.3%	5.9%
232	164				LAB	1,796	492	2,288	8.1%	3.0%	5.9%
233	165				LAB	2,171	825	2,996	8.1%	3.5%	5.9%
234	166				LAB	2,457	917	3,374	7.7%	3.6%	5.9%
236	167				LAB	1,776	548	2,324	8.1%	3.2%	5.9%
237	168				LAB	1,795	468	2,263	8.0%	2.9%	5.9%

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240	169				Ipswich	LAB	2,004	536	2,540	7.9%	2.9%	5.8%
243	170				Leeds North East	LAB	1,749	554	2,303	7.9%	3.1%	5.8%
245	171				Hemsworth	LAB	1,785	522	2,307	7.7%	3.1%	5.7%
246	172				Barnsley West & Penistone	LAB	1,645	486	2,131	7.7%	3.1%	5.7%
247	173				Leicester East	LAB	1,589	625	2,214	7.3%	3.7%	5.7%
248	174				Bradford South	LAB	1,939	644	2,583	7.5%	3.2%	5.7%
249	175				North Durham	LAB	1,846	446	2,292	8.0%	2.6%	5.7%
250	176				Cities of London & Westminster	CON	2,280	917	3,197	7.3%	3.6%	5.6%
251	177				Truro & St Austell	LD	1,760	662	2,422	7.1%	3.7%	5.6%
255	178				Thurrock	LAB	1,912	621	2,533	7.2%	3.3%	5.6%
256	179				Rother Valley	LAB	1,875	549	2,424	7.5%	3.0%	5.6%
257	180				Bristol South	LAB	2,180	625	2,805	7.5%	2.9%	5.6%
259	181				Ashfield	LAB	1,950	516	2,466	7.6%	2.8%	5.5%
261	182				Bassetlaw	LAB	1,797	500	2,297	7.4%	2.9%	5.5%
262	183				Wakefield	LAB	1,914	601	2,515	7.3%	3.1%	5.5%
264	184				York, City of	LAB	2,081	605	2,686	7.6%	2.7%	5.5%
265	185				Carlisle	LAB	1,620	488	2,108	7.5%	2.8%	5.5%
266	186				Gateshead East & Washington West	LAB	1,796	465	2,261	7.6%	2.6%	5.4%
267	187				Dudley North	LAB	1,797	569	2,366	7.0%	3.2%	5.4%
268	188				Bristol West	LAB	2,016	752	2,768	7.2%	3.3%	5.4%
269	189				Hendon	LAB	1,984	713	2,697	7.1%	3.3%	5.4%
270	190				Bolsover	LAB	1,673	421	2,094	7.3%	2.6%	5.4%
271	191				East Yorkshire	CON	1,613	509	2,122	7.0%	3.1%	5.4%
272	192				Croydon Central	LAB	2,349	721	3,070	7.3%	2.9%	5.4%
273	193				Heywood & Middleton	LAB	2,007	563	2,570	7.4%	2.7%	5.4%
274	194				Wigan	LAB	1,609	483	2,092	7.1%	3.0%	5.4%
275	195				Enfield North	LAB	1,757	693	2,450	6.7%	3.5%	5.4%
277	196				West Lancashire	LAB	1,846	566	2,412	7.2%	2.9%	5.3%
278	197				Weaver Vale	LAB	1,644	490	2,134	7.1%	2.9%	5.3%
281	198				Sittingbourne & Sheppey	LAB	1,649	568	2,217	6.6%	3.4%	5.3%
282	199				Crosby	LAB	1,423	436	1,859	7.3%	2.8%	5.3%
283	200				Mitcham & Morden	LAB	1,757	565	2,322	7.1%	3.0%	5.3%
284	201				Exeter	LAB	1,922	691	2,613	7.1%	3.1%	5.3%
285	202				Blackpool North & Fleetwood	LAB	1,782	437	2,219	7.6%	2.3%	5.2%
286	203				Southend West	CON	1,560	467	2,027	7.0%	2.8%	5.2%
288	204				Blaydon	LAB	1,696	406	2,102	7.5%	2.3%	5.2%
289	205				Bournemouth East	CON	1,422	450	1,872	7.0%	2.9%	5.2%
291	206				Oldham West & Royton	LAB	1,856	493	2,349	7.2%	2.5%	5.2%
293	207				St Helens North	LAB	1,667	534	2,201	6.7%	3.0%	5.2%
294	208				Berwick-upon-Tweed	LD	1,297	389	1,686	6.8%	2.8%	5.1%
295	209				Brigg & Goole	LAB	1,523	457	1,980	6.7%	2.9%	5.1%
296	210				Dagenham	LAB	1,389	462	1,851	6.6%	3.0%	5.1%
297	211				Bolton South East	LAB	1,659	403	2,062	7.2%	2.4%	5.1%
298	212				Enfield, Southgate	LAB	1,524	635	2,159	6.3%	3.5%	5.1%
301	213				Southport	LD	1,538	517	2,055	6.9%	2.8%	5.0%
303	214				Brent North	LAB	1,349	524	1,873	6.3%	3.2%	5.0%
304	215				Gravesham	LAB	1,704	590	2,294	6.2%	3.1%	5.0%
305	216				Medway	LAB	1,555	529	2,084	6.1%	3.1%	4.9%
306	217				Stretford & Urmston	LAB	1,765	486	2,251	6.8%	2.4%	4.9%
307	218				Durham, City of	LAB	1,375	501	1,876	6.4%	3.0%	4.9%
308	219				Sedgefield	LAB	1,442	468	1,910	6.4%	2.8%	4.9%
309	220				Derby North	LAB	1,736	543	2,279	6.4%	2.7%	4.9%
313	221				Coventry North West	LAB	1,815	535	2,350	6.4%	2.5%	4.7%
314	222				Bedford	LAB	1,602	565	2,167	6.1%	2.9%	4.7%
315	223				Bridgwater	CON	1,502	477	1,979	6.1%	2.8%	4.7%
316	224				Cambridge	LAB	1,466	449	1,915	6.4%	2.5%	4.7%

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317	225				LAB	1,255	447	1,702	6.2%	2.8%	4.7%
318	226				LAB	1,418	534	1,952	6.4%	2.8%	4.7%
319	227				CON	1,229	482	1,711	5.8%	3.1%	4.7%
320	228				LAB	1,626	415	2,041	6.6%	2.2%	4.7%
321	229				LD	1,488	555	2,043	5.8%	3.1%	4.7%
322	230				LAB	1,402	534	1,936	6.0%	3.0%	4.7%
323	231				LAB	1,680	505	2,185	6.2%	2.5%	4.7%
324	232				LAB	1,619	528	2,147	6.1%	2.7%	4.6%
326	233				LAB	1,840	656	2,496	6.1%	2.8%	4.6%
327	234				CON	1,480	463	1,943	6.2%	2.6%	4.6%
329	235				CON	1,485	527	2,012	5.9%	2.9%	4.6%
333	236				LAB	1,587	364	1,951	6.5%	2.0%	4.6%
334	237				LAB	1,710	484	2,194	6.1%	2.4%	4.5%
335	238				LAB	1,693	477	2,170	6.2%	2.3%	4.5%
336	239				LAB	1,525	536	2,061	5.8%	2.8%	4.5%
337	240				LAB	1,688	572	2,260	6.0%	2.6%	4.5%
339	241				LAB	1,559	435	1,994	6.0%	2.3%	4.5%
340	242				CON	1,749	578	2,327	5.9%	2.6%	4.5%
341	243				LAB	1,366	340	1,706	6.2%	2.1%	4.5%
343	244				LAB	1,476	443	1,919	6.2%	2.3%	4.5%
344	245				LAB	1,521	500	2,021	5.8%	2.6%	4.5%
345	246				LAB	1,419	483	1,902	5.7%	2.7%	4.5%
346	247				LAB	1,754	537	2,291	6.0%	2.4%	4.4%
348	248				LAB	1,516	491	2,007	5.7%	2.5%	4.4%
349	249				CON	1,478	414	1,892	5.9%	2.3%	4.4%
351	250				LAB	1,519	677	2,196	5.4%	3.1%	4.4%
352	251				LAB	1,399	443	1,842	5.7%	2.5%	4.4%
353	252				CON	1,201	443	1,644	5.3%	2.9%	4.4%
354	253				CON	1,653	517	2,170	5.9%	2.4%	4.4%
355	254				LAB	1,424	447	1,871	5.7%	2.5%	4.3%
357	255				LAB	1,415	455	1,870	5.6%	2.5%	4.3%
358	256				LAB	1,365	398	1,763	5.8%	2.3%	4.3%
359	257				LD	1,376	465	1,841	5.6%	2.6%	4.3%
360	258				LAB	1,401	393	1,794	5.8%	2.2%	4.3%
361	259				LAB	1,407	512	1,919	5.5%	2.7%	4.3%
362	260				LAB	1,482	484	1,966	5.5%	2.5%	4.3%
363	261				LAB	1,437	423	1,860	5.8%	2.3%	4.3%
364	262				LD	1,323	514	1,837	5.2%	2.9%	4.3%
366	263				LAB	1,231	364	1,595	5.9%	2.2%	4.3%
369	264				LAB	1,195	370	1,565	5.6%	2.4%	4.2%
370	265				LAB	1,585	527	2,112	5.5%	2.5%	4.2%
371	266				CON	1,164	422	1,586	5.2%	2.8%	4.2%
373	267				LAB	1,460	358	1,818	5.9%	1.9%	4.2%
374	268				CON	1,583	834	2,417	4.9%	3.2%	4.2%
375	269				LAB	1,394	525	1,919	5.1%	2.7%	4.1%
377	270				LD	1,435	384	1,819	5.8%	2.0%	4.1%
378	271				LAB	1,174	465	1,639	5.2%	2.7%	4.1%
380	272				LAB	1,566	542	2,108	5.3%	2.5%	4.1%
381	273				LAB	1,333	464	1,797	5.2%	2.6%	4.1%
382	274				CON	1,205	374	1,579	5.7%	2.2%	4.1%
386	275				LAB	1,106	395	1,501	5.4%	2.4%	4.1%
387	276				CON	1,306	329	1,635	5.6%	2.0%	4.1%
388	277				LAB	1,472	523	1,995	5.3%	2.4%	4.0%
389	278				CON	1,313	532	1,845	4.8%	2.8%	4.0%
391	279				CON	1,289	485	1,774	5.1%	2.5%	4.0%
392	280				CON	1,216	393	1,609	5.1%	2.4%	4.0%

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393	281				Ellesmere Port & Neston	LAB	1,338	347	1,685	5.5%	1.9%	4.0%
394	282				Worcester	LAB	1,279	400	1,679	5.3%	2.2%	4.0%
395	283				Chester, City of	LAB	1,331	341	1,672	5.5%	1.9%	4.0%
396	284				Redditch	LAB	1,195	486	1,681	4.9%	2.7%	4.0%
397	285				Hayes & Harlington	LAB	1,210	422	1,632	5.1%	2.4%	4.0%
400	286				Morley & Rothwell	LAB	1,328	412	1,740	5.4%	2.1%	3.9%
401	287				Harrow East	LAB	1,453	620	2,073	4.9%	2.7%	3.9%
402	288				Brentford & Isleworth	LAB	1,611	639	2,250	5.0%	2.5%	3.9%
403	289				Oldham East & Saddleworth	LAB	1,501	443	1,944	5.4%	2.0%	3.9%
404	290				Warrington North	LAB	1,401	403	1,804	5.2%	2.0%	3.9%
405	291				Telford	LAB	1,171	350	1,521	5.2%	2.1%	3.9%
406	292				Crewe & Nantwich	LAB	1,278	385	1,663	5.2%	2.1%	3.9%
407	293				Bath *>	LD	1,198	443	1,641	5.1%	2.3%	3.9%
408	294				Boston & Skegness	CON	1,124	376	1,500	5.0%	2.3%	3.9%
409	295				Taunton *	LD	1,378	461	1,839	5.1%	2.2%	3.9%
410	296				Dartford	LAB	1,363	428	1,791	5.1%	2.2%	3.9%
411	297				Colne Valley	LAB	1,318	472	1,790	5.0%	2.3%	3.8%
412	298				Hereford *>	LD	1,198	458	1,656	4.8%	2.5%	3.8%
414	299				Weston-Super-Mare	LD	1,141	434	1,575	4.8%	2.5%	3.8%
415	300				Worsley	LAB	1,291	357	1,648	5.2%	1.9%	3.8%
416	301				Gedling	LAB	1,274	473	1,747	5.0%	2.3%	3.8%
417	302				Ilford North	LAB	1,134	515	1,649	4.6%	2.7%	3.8%
421	303				Chingford & Woodford Green	CON	1,094	395	1,489	4.8%	2.3%	3.8%
422	304				Calder Valley	LAB	1,347	471	1,818	5.0%	2.2%	3.8%
423	305				Sheffield, Hallam	LD	880	331	1,211	4.8%	2.3%	3.7%
424	306				Denton & Reddish	LAB	1,303	374	1,677	5.1%	1.9%	3.7%
425	307				Chatham & Aylesford	LAB	1,383	429	1,812	4.7%	2.1%	3.7%
426	308				Bristol North West	LAB	1,373	353	1,726	5.1%	1.7%	3.6%
427	309				Stourbridge	LAB	1,184	410	1,594	4.7%	2.2%	3.6%
428	310				Hyndburn	LAB	1,194	342	1,536	5.1%	1.8%	3.6%
429	311				Pendle	LAB	1,095	321	1,416	4.9%	1.9%	3.6%
430	312				Colchester	LD	1,279	457	1,736	4.6%	2.3%	3.6%
431	313				Loughborough	LAB	1,083	414	1,497	4.6%	2.3%	3.6%
432	314				Aldridge - Brownhills	CON	1,049	443	1,492	4.4%	2.5%	3.6%
433	315				Lancaster & Wyre	LAB	1,112	412	1,524	4.7%	2.2%	3.6%
435	316				Shipley	LAB	1,151	421	1,572	4.7%	2.2%	3.6%
436	317				Erewash	LAB	1,386	442	1,828	4.7%	2.0%	3.6%
437	318				Harlow	LAB	1,167	423	1,590	4.5%	2.2%	3.5%
438	319				Selby	LAB	1,172	429	1,601	4.4%	2.3%	3.5%
439	320				Poole	CON	1,047	277	1,324	4.8%	1.7%	3.5%
441	321				Chipping Barnet	CON	1,146	468	1,614	4.4%	2.3%	3.5%
442	322				Tamworth	LAB	1,104	445	1,549	4.2%	2.4%	3.5%
443	323				Nuneaton	LAB	1,206	433	1,639	4.4%	2.2%	3.5%
444	324				Amber Valley	LAB	1,202	390	1,592	4.5%	2.0%	3.5%
445	325				Gillingham	LAB	1,194	463	1,657	4.2%	2.3%	3.4%
446	326				Northampton South	LAB	1,355	417	1,772	4.6%	1.9%	3.4%
447	327				Burnley	LAB	1,120	339	1,459	4.7%	1.8%	3.4%
448	328				Wyre Forest	LAB	1,197	432	1,629	4.4%	2.1%	3.4%
450	329				Braintree	LAB	1,103	469	1,572	4.0%	2.5%	3.4%
451	330				South Swindon	LAB	1,284	396	1,680	4.6%	1.8%	3.4%
452	331				Bexleyheath & Crayford	LAB	1,001	405	1,406	4.1%	2.3%	3.3%
453	332				Ashford	CON	1,191	348	1,539	4.4%	1.8%	3.3%
454	333				Milton Keynes South West	LAB	1,191	382	1,573	4.4%	1.9%	3.3%
455	334				South Derbyshire	LAB	1,185	387	1,572	4.3%	1.9%	3.3%
456	335				Gosport	CON	1,125	366	1,491	4.3%	1.9%	3.3%
457	336				Suffolk Coastal	CON	1,067	401	1,468	4.0%	2.2%	3.3%

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458	337				CON	1,132	515	1,647	3.7%	2.5%	3.3%
459	338				LAB	1,109	386	1,495	4.2%	2.0%	3.3%
460	339				LAB	991	331	1,322	4.3%	1.9%	3.3%
461	340				LAB	1,141	377	1,518	4.3%	1.9%	3.2%
462	341				CON	781	258	1,039	4.3%	1.8%	3.2%
463	342				LAB	1,042	320	1,362	4.4%	1.7%	3.2%
464	343				CON	1,026	365	1,391	4.0%	2.0%	3.2%
465	344				CON	1,052	386	1,438	4.0%	2.1%	3.2%
466	345				CON	1,089	365	1,454	4.2%	1.8%	3.2%
467	346				CON	1,170	370	1,540	4.1%	1.8%	3.1%
468	347				LAB	1,205	396	1,601	4.2%	1.8%	3.1%
469	348				LAB	1,190	372	1,562	4.1%	1.7%	3.1%
470	349				LAB	844	252	1,096	4.1%	1.7%	3.1%
471	350				LAB	987	356	1,343	3.8%	2.0%	3.1%
472	351				LD	1,062	331	1,393	4.2%	1.7%	3.1%
473	352				LAB	1,097	420	1,517	4.0%	2.0%	3.1%
474	353				LAB	985	351	1,336	4.0%	1.9%	3.1%
475	354				CON	889	395	1,284	3.7%	2.3%	3.1%
476	355				CON	912	372	1,284	3.7%	2.2%	3.1%
477	356				CON	921	401	1,322	3.7%	2.2%	3.1%
479	357				LD	785	302	1,087	3.9%	1.9%	3.0%
480	358				CON	738	276	1,014	3.9%	1.9%	3.0%
481	359				LAB	904	288	1,192	4.0%	1.7%	3.0%
482	360				CON	811	247	1,058	4.0%	1.7%	3.0%
483	361				LAB	967	374	1,341	3.9%	1.9%	3.0%
484	362				LAB	1,010	339	1,349	3.9%	1.7%	3.0%
486	363				LAB	857	337	1,194	3.7%	2.0%	3.0%
487	364				LAB	873	310	1,183	3.8%	1.9%	3.0%
488	365				CON	983	413	1,396	3.7%	2.0%	3.0%
490	366				LAB	1,014	333	1,347	4.0%	1.7%	3.0%
491	367				CON	989	384	1,373	3.7%	2.0%	2.9%
492	368				LAB	996	347	1,343	3.9%	1.7%	2.9%
493	369				LD	1,112	431	1,543	3.7%	1.9%	2.9%
494	370				CON	901	335	1,236	3.6%	1.9%	2.9%
495	371				CON	981	417	1,398	3.5%	2.1%	2.9%
496	372				LAB	1,050	356	1,406	3.8%	1.7%	2.9%
498	373				CON	868	281	1,149	3.7%	1.7%	2.9%
499	374				LD	958	345	1,303	3.7%	1.8%	2.9%
500	375				LAB	975	399	1,374	3.5%	2.0%	2.9%
501	376				CON	1,079	392	1,471	3.6%	1.8%	2.9%
503	377				LAB	1,056	348	1,404	3.8%	1.7%	2.9%
504	378				CON	761	308	1,069	3.6%	1.9%	2.9%
505	379				CON	799	310	1,109	3.5%	2.0%	2.9%
506	380				CON	871	305	1,176	3.6%	1.8%	2.9%
507	381				CON	798	325	1,123	3.5%	2.0%	2.9%
508	382				CON	863	351	1,214	3.5%	1.9%	2.8%
509	383				LAB	1,002	332	1,334	3.7%	1.7%	2.8%
510	384				CON	917	341	1,258	3.6%	1.8%	2.8%
511	385				CON	906	290	1,196	3.7%	1.7%	2.8%
512	386				CON	973	386	1,359	3.5%	1.9%	2.8%
513	387				LAB	770	315	1,085	3.3%	2.0%	2.8%
514	388				CON	952	386	1,338	3.4%	1.9%	2.8%
515	389				LD	1,012	438	1,450	3.5%	1.9%	2.8%
516	390				LAB	1,064	356	1,420	3.6%	1.6%	2.8%
517	391				LAB	1,061	341	1,402	3.6%	1.5%	2.7%
518	392				LAB	921	383	1,304	3.3%	1.9%	2.7%



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519	393				LAB	920	318	1,238	3.5%	1.6%	2.7%
520	394				CON	1,014	330	1,344	3.6%	1.5%	2.7%
521	395				CON	734	233	967	3.6%	1.5%	2.7%
522	396				LAB	909	311	1,220	3.5%	1.6%	2.7%
523	397				CON	858	384	1,242	3.3%	1.9%	2.7%
524	398				LAB	777	236	1,013	3.5%	1.5%	2.7%
525	399				CON	791	299	1,090	3.4%	1.7%	2.6%
526	400				CON	797	310	1,107	3.2%	1.8%	2.6%
527	401				CON	752	189	941	3.8%	1.2%	2.6%
528	402				CON	699	266	965	3.2%	1.8%	2.6%
529	403				CON	658	209	867	3.5%	1.5%	2.6%
530	404				CON	774	353	1,127	3.0%	2.0%	2.6%
531	405				LAB	864	285	1,149	3.4%	1.5%	2.6%
532	406				CON	930	325	1,255	3.4%	1.6%	2.6%
534	407				LAB	945	292	1,237	3.5%	1.4%	2.6%
535	408				CON	901	337	1,238	3.2%	1.7%	2.6%
536	409				LAB	978	305	1,283	3.5%	1.4%	2.6%
537	410				LAB	904	339	1,243	3.3%	1.6%	2.6%
538	411				CON	996	365	1,361	3.3%	1.6%	2.6%
539	412				CON	809	326	1,135	3.2%	1.7%	2.5%
540	413				LD	765	271	1,036	3.4%	1.5%	2.5%
541	414				LD	951	352	1,303	3.3%	1.5%	2.5%
542	415				LAB	968	284	1,252	3.4%	1.4%	2.5%
543	416				LAB	914	257	1,171	3.5%	1.3%	2.5%
544	417				CON	971	313	1,284	3.4%	1.4%	2.5%
545	418				CON	938	367	1,305	3.0%	1.7%	2.5%
546	419				LAB	759	228	987	3.4%	1.3%	2.5%
547	420				CON	845	241	1,086	3.4%	1.3%	2.5%
548	421				CON	710	232	942	3.2%	1.4%	2.4%
549	422				CON	999	264	1,263	3.3%	1.2%	2.4%
550	423				LAB	817	283	1,100	3.2%	1.5%	2.4%
551	424				CON	735	292	1,027	3.0%	1.6%	2.4%
552	425				LD	771	233	1,004	3.3%	1.3%	2.4%
553	426				CON	808	250	1,058	3.3%	1.3%	2.4%
555	427				CON	763	248	1,011	3.1%	1.4%	2.4%
556	428				CON	658	248	906	3.0%	1.6%	2.4%
557	429				LD	765	303	1,068	2.9%	1.6%	2.4%
558	430				CON	703	258	961	3.1%	1.5%	2.4%
559	431				CON	766	292	1,058	2.9%	1.6%	2.4%
560	432				CON	692	277	969	2.9%	1.6%	2.4%
561	433				CON	851	325	1,176	3.0%	1.5%	2.3%
562	434				CON	778	302	1,080	2.9%	1.6%	2.3%
563	435				CON	736	281	1,017	2.9%	1.5%	2.3%
564	436				CON	764	323	1,087	2.8%	1.6%	2.3%
565	437				CON	818	337	1,155	2.8%	1.6%	2.3%
566	438				LAB	900	252	1,152	3.2%	1.2%	2.3%
567	439				LAB	847	283	1,130	3.0%	1.4%	2.3%
568	440				LD	726	267	993	3.0%	1.4%	2.3%
569	441				CON	591	172	763	3.1%	1.2%	2.3%
570	442				CON	656	307	963	2.7%	1.7%	2.3%
571	443				LAB	780	297	1,077	2.9%	1.4%	2.3%
572	444				LAB	764	293	1,057	3.0%	1.4%	2.3%
573	445				CON	710	274	984	2.8%	1.5%	2.3%
574	446				CON	731	256	987	3.0%	1.3%	2.3%
575	447				CON	685	266	951	2.8%	1.4%	2.2%
576	448				CON	710	239	949	2.9%	1.3%	2.2%

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577	449				East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	701	248	949	2.9%	1.3%	2.2%
578	450				East Hampshire	CON	850	247	1,097	3.0%	1.2%	2.2%
579	451				North Essex	CON	652	245	897	2.7%	1.5%	2.2%
580	452				Hertsmere	CON	730	232	962	2.9%	1.2%	2.2%
581	453				Salisbury	CON	843	283	1,126	2.8%	1.3%	2.2%
582	454				Huntingdon	CON	825	351	1,176	2.6%	1.6%	2.2%
583	455				Harborough	CON	684	281	965	2.7%	1.4%	2.1%
584	456				Macclesfield	CON	798	205	1,003	3.0%	1.0%	2.1%
586	457				New Forest East	CON	670	199	869	2.7%	1.1%	2.1%
587	458				Mid Dorset & North Poole	CON	657	222	879	2.7%	1.2%	2.1%
588	459				Tatton	IND	606	203	809	2.7%	1.2%	2.1%
589	460				Aylesbury	CON	870	267	1,137	2.7%	1.1%	2.0%
590	461				South Holland & The Deepings	CON	550	262	812	2.3%	1.6%	2.0%
591	462				Skipton & Ripon	CON	668	238	906	2.6%	1.3%	2.0%
592	463				Bosworth	CON	634	280	914	2.5%	1.4%	2.0%
593	464				Eastleigh	LD	706	222	928	2.6%	1.1%	2.0%
594	465				Hitchin & Harpenden	CON	656	217	873	2.6%	1.2%	2.0%
595	466				South East Cambridgeshire	CON	702	277	979	2.5%	1.3%	2.0%
596	467				Fylde	CON	604	196	800	2.6%	1.1%	2.0%
597	468				North East Bedfordshire	CON	577	260	837	2.3%	1.5%	2.0%
598	469				Brentwood & Ongar	CON	624	222	846	2.5%	1.2%	2.0%
599	470				Devizes	CON	698	296	994	2.3%	1.4%	1.9%
600	471				Stone	CON	574	252	826	2.3%	1.4%	1.9%
601	472				Saffron Walden	CON	627	287	914	2.2%	1.5%	1.9%
602	473				North East Hertfordshire	CON	615	221	836	2.4%	1.2%	1.9%
603	474				Westmorland & Lonsdale	CON	551	203	754	2.5%	1.1%	1.9%
604	475				Stratford-on-Avon	CON	682	275	957	2.3%	1.2%	1.9%
605	476				North Wiltshire	CON	616	287	903	2.1%	1.4%	1.8%
606	477				South West Hertfordshire	CON	664	202	866	2.4%	1.0%	1.8%
607	478				Basingstoke *	CON	762	262	1,024	2.4%	1.1%	1.8%
608	479				Vale of York	CON	544	249	793	2.1%	1.4%	1.8%
609	480				Cheadle	CON	595	184	779	2.4%	1.0%	1.8%
610	481				Charnwood	CON	643	237	880	2.3%	1.1%	1.8%
611	482				Welwyn Hatfield	LAB	590	210	800	2.3%	1.1%	1.8%
612	483				Fareham	CON	574	203	777	2.3%	1.1%	1.8%
613	484				Daventry	CON	654	267	921	2.1%	1.2%	1.7%
615	485				North Dorset	CON	472	188	660	2.1%	1.2%	1.7%
616	486				Wansdyke <*	LAB	543	225	768	2.1%	1.2%	1.7%
617	487				Winchester	LD	619	209	828	2.2%	1.0%	1.7%
618	488				Maidenhead	CON	603	185	788	2.3%	0.9%	1.7%
619	489				Romsey	CON	535	174	709	2.2%	1.0%	1.7%
620	490				Blaby	CON	556	235	791	2.1%	1.1%	1.7%
621	491				Banbury	CON	645	234	879	2.1%	1.1%	1.7%
622	492				Windsor	CON	606	198	804	2.1%	0.9%	1.6%
623	493				Mid Bedfordshire	CON	503	211	714	2.0%	1.2%	1.6%
624	494				Wealden	CON	590	183	773	2.1%	0.9%	1.6%
625	495				St Albans	LAB	534	198	732	2.1%	1.0%	1.6%
626	496				Cotswold	CON	478	161	639	2.1%	1.0%	1.6%
627	497				Spelthorne	CON	596	215	811	2.1%	1.0%	1.6%
628	498				South Cambridgeshire	CON	552	188	740	2.1%	1.0%	1.6%
629	499				Hertford & Stortford	CON	544	227	771	1.9%	1.1%	1.6%
630	500				Oxford West & Abingdon	LD	568	208	776	2.0%	1.0%	1.6%
631	501				Rutland & Melton	CON	484	220	704	1.8%	1.2%	1.6%
632	502				Bracknell	CON	649	194	843	2.1%	0.8%	1.5%
633	503				Woodspring	CON	503	168	671	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
634	504				Ribble Valley	CON	522	176	698	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%

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635	505				CON	713	231	944	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
636	506				CON	490	139	629	2.1%	0.8%	1.5%
637	507				CON	545	197	742	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
638	508				CON	506	191	697	1.8%	1.0%	1.5%
639	509				CON	531	169	700	1.9%	0.8%	1.5%
640	510				CON	525	166	691	1.9%	0.8%	1.4%
641	511				CON	498	188	686	1.8%	0.9%	1.4%
642	512				CON	513	199	712	1.7%	0.9%	1.4%
643	513				CON	464	168	632	1.7%	0.9%	1.4%
644	514				CON	497	166	663	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
645	515				CON	381	155	536	1.6%	0.9%	1.3%
646	516				CON	474	163	637	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
647	517				LD	507	177	684	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
648	518				CON	371	126	497	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
649	519				CON	440	148	588	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
650	520				CON	441	161	602	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
651	521				CON	454	141	595	1.6%	0.7%	1.3%
652	522				CON	436	136	572	1.7%	0.7%	1.3%
653	523				LD	478	146	624	1.6%	0.7%	1.3%
654	524				CON	427	150	577	1.5%	0.7%	1.2%
655	525				CON	373	135	508	1.4%	0.7%	1.1%
656	526				CON	365	119	484	1.4%	0.6%	1.1%
657	527				CON	399	141	540	1.3%	0.6%	1.0%
658	528				CON	369	141	510	1.3%	0.7%	1.0%
659	529				CON	340	130	470	1.2%	0.6%	1.0%
England						850,429	268,210	1,118,639	6.4%	2.7%	4.8%

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83		1			Blaenau Gwent	LAB	1,999	492	2,491	11.4%	4.1%	8.4%
111		2			Ynys-Mon	PC	1,797	526	2,323	10.0%	4.4%	7.8%
119		3			Caernarfon	PC	1,545	426	1,971	10.1%	4.0%	7.6%
123		4			Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	LAB	1,870	443	2,313	10.4%	3.5%	7.6%
126		5			Conwy	LAB	1,697	461	2,158	10.6%	3.7%	7.5%
129		6			Cardiff South & Penarth	LAB	2,239	497	2,736	10.8%	3.2%	7.5%
138		7			Cynon Valley	LAB	1,565	373	1,938	10.2%	3.3%	7.3%
153		8			Rhondda	LAB	1,694	474	2,168	9.3%	3.8%	7.1%
156		9			Preseli Pembrokeshire	LAB	1,711	501	2,212	9.1%	4.0%	7.1%
164		10			Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	LAB	1,603	483	2,086	9.0%	3.9%	6.9%
166		11			Cardiff West	LAB	1,962	456	2,418	9.8%	3.0%	6.8%
173		12			Newport West	LAB	1,813	536	2,349	9.1%	3.6%	6.8%
184		13			Swansea West	LAB	1,573	432	2,005	9.0%	3.3%	6.5%
187		14			Llanelli	LAB	1,537	430	1,967	8.7%	3.4%	6.5%
189		15			Cardiff Central	LAB	1,746	453	2,199	9.3%	3.0%	6.5%
192		16			Caerphilly	LAB	1,875	513	2,388	8.8%	3.3%	6.5%
204		17			Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	PC	865	309	1,174	7.9%	4.0%	6.3%
229		18			Newport East	LAB	1,559	436	1,995	8.0%	3.1%	6.0%
235		19			Swansea East	LAB	1,669	375	2,044	8.4%	2.5%	5.9%
238		20			Aberavon	LAB	1,246	321	1,567	8.0%	2.9%	5.9%
260		21			Ogmore	LAB	1,303	372	1,675	7.4%	2.9%	5.5%
263		22			Neath	LAB	1,284	388	1,672	7.3%	3.0%	5.5%
276		23			Vale of Clwyd	LAB	1,210	296	1,506	7.7%	2.4%	5.4%
292		24			Torfaen	LAB	1,463	414	1,877	7.0%	2.7%	5.2%
300		25			Bridgend	LAB	1,295	436	1,731	6.6%	3.0%	5.1%
302		26			Vale of Glamorgan	LAB	1,632	518	2,150	6.6%	2.9%	5.0%
310		27			Ceredigion	PC	1,007	332	1,339	6.2%	2.9%	4.9%
312		28			Pontypridd	LAB	1,463	416	1,879	6.6%	2.5%	4.8%
332		29			Clwyd West <*	LAB	1,033	291	1,324	6.3%	2.3%	4.6%
365		30			Wrexham	LAB	981	316	1,297	5.7%	2.4%	4.3%
367		31			Gower	LAB	1,029	313	1,342	5.7%	2.3%	4.3%
372		32			Clwyd South *>	LAB	966	305	1,271	5.4%	2.4%	4.2%
376		33			Islwyn	LAB	900	315	1,215	5.3%	2.5%	4.1%
385		34			Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	LAB	864	295	1,159	5.2%	2.5%	4.1%
390		35			Brecon & Radnorshire	LD	850	340	1,190	4.9%	2.8%	4.0%
398		36			Alyn & Deeside	LAB	1,051	405	1,456	5.0%	2.6%	4.0%
413		37			Monmouth	LAB	977	359	1,336	4.8%	2.4%	3.8%
434		38			Delyn	LAB	870	290	1,160	4.6%	2.1%	3.6%
489		39			Montgomeryshire	LD	529	225	754	3.5%	2.2%	3.0%
502		40			Cardiff North	LAB	736	222	958	4.0%	1.5%	2.9%
					Wales		55,008	15,785	70,793	7.6%	3.0%	5.6%

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unemployment rate					Claimants			Rate				
UK	Eng	Wal	SCO	NI	Party	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
21			1		Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	2,376	535	2,911	17.2%	5.5%	12.3%
28			2		Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	2,787	778	3,565	16.3%	5.9%	11.7%
30			3		Glasgow Springburn	LAB	2,658	657	3,315	16.6%	5.1%	11.4%
58			4		Glasgow Pollok	LAB	2,291	543	2,834	13.6%	4.2%	9.5%
61			5		Glasgow Baillieston	LAB	2,267	557	2,824	12.8%	4.2%	9.1%
62			6		Glasgow Kelvin	LAB	2,132	635	2,767	12.5%	4.6%	9.0%
64			7		Glasgow Govan	LAB	2,270	617	2,887	12.5%	4.3%	8.9%
65			8		Dundee East	LAB	2,515	732	3,247	12.4%	4.5%	8.9%
68			9		Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	1,949	423	2,372	13.4%	3.5%	8.9%
73			10		Cunninghame South	LAB	2,068	697	2,765	11.5%	5.2%	8.8%
76			11		Kirkcaldy	LAB	2,067	660	2,727	11.6%	4.9%	8.7%
79			12		Dundee West	LAB	2,227	619	2,846	12.6%	4.1%	8.6%
90			13		Western Isles	LAB	879	213	1,092	10.5%	4.1%	8.1%
99			14		Paisley North	LAB	1,823	510	2,333	11.4%	3.8%	7.9%
100			15		Central Fife	LAB	2,110	663	2,773	10.6%	4.4%	7.9%
118			16		Motherwell & Wishaw	LAB	1,738	461	2,199	10.6%	3.7%	7.6%
122			17		Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	LD	1,468	454	1,922	9.6%	4.5%	7.6%
128			18		Kilmarnock & Loudoun	LAB	2,173	705	2,878	10.0%	4.3%	7.5%
131			19		Dumbarton	LAB	2,180	607	2,787	10.2%	3.8%	7.4%
136			20		Clydebank & Milngavie	LAB	1,815	411	2,226	10.6%	3.1%	7.3%
137			21		Paisley South	LAB	1,943	514	2,457	10.5%	3.4%	7.3%
145			22		Coatbridge & Chryston	LAB	1,629	529	2,158	9.5%	4.1%	7.2%
147			23		Airdrie & Shotts	LAB	1,979	618	2,597	9.4%	4.1%	7.2%
148			24		Glasgow Rutherglen	LAB	1,586	396	1,982	10.1%	3.3%	7.2%
149			25		Falkirk West	LAB	1,788	548	2,336	9.7%	3.9%	7.2%
152			26		Cunninghame North	LAB	1,682	532	2,214	9.3%	4.1%	7.1%
160			27		Ross, Skye & Inverness West	LD	1,717	619	2,336	8.7%	4.5%	7.0%
162			28		Hamilton North & Bellshill	LAB	1,902	511	2,413	9.4%	3.5%	6.9%
163			29		Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	LAB	2,194	579	2,773	9.4%	3.4%	6.9%
171			30		Ayr	LAB	1,657	469	2,126	9.3%	3.5%	6.8%
179			31		Dunfermline East	LAB	1,650	465	2,115	8.9%	3.5%	6.7%
195			32		Ochil	LAB	1,611	525	2,136	8.5%	3.6%	6.4%
197			33		Glasgow Cathcart	LAB	1,482	354	1,836	9.4%	2.7%	6.4%
199			34		Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	1,452	419	1,871	8.9%	3.2%	6.4%
200			35		Hamilton South	LAB	1,364	364	1,728	8.8%	3.1%	6.3%
220			36		Argyll & Bute	LD	1,406	445	1,851	7.9%	3.5%	6.1%
230			37		Edinburgh Central	LAB	1,541	494	2,035	8.5%	3.1%	6.0%
239			38		Edinburgh North & Leith	LAB	1,904	542	2,446	8.5%	2.8%	5.8%
241			39		Dunfermline West	LAB	1,448	467	1,915	7.7%	3.3%	5.8%
242			40		Falkirk East	LAB	1,641	477	2,118	8.0%	3.0%	5.8%
244			41		Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	SNP	1,370	468	1,838	7.3%	3.6%	5.8%
252			42		Angus	SNP	1,466	620	2,086	7.0%	3.9%	5.6%
254			43		Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	LAB	1,408	413	1,821	7.8%	2.9%	5.6%
280			44		Dumfries	LAB	1,540	562	2,102	6.8%	3.3%	5.3%
287			45		Clydesdale	LAB	1,574	438	2,012	7.1%	2.7%	5.2%
290			46		Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	LAB	1,613	536	2,149	6.9%	3.0%	5.2%
299			47		Stirling	LAB	1,210	405	1,615	6.8%	2.9%	5.1%
311			48		Moray	SNP	1,273	514	1,787	5.7%	3.5%	4.8%
325			49		Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	LAB	1,335	325	1,660	6.9%	2.0%	4.6%
328			50		Edinburgh South	LAB	1,174	358	1,532	6.6%	2.3%	4.6%
330			51		Aberdeen Central	LAB	1,165	303	1,468	6.6%	2.1%	4.6%
338			52		Perth	SNP	1,290	373	1,663	6.3%	2.3%	4.5%
342			53		Livingston	LAB	1,394	378	1,772	6.4%	2.1%	4.5%
347			54		East Kilbride	LAB	1,434	492	1,926	5.9%	2.5%	4.4%
350			55		Linlithgow	LAB	1,228	340	1,568	6.1%	2.2%	4.4%
368			56		Edinburgh Pentlands	LAB	1,227	343	1,570	6.0%	2.0%	4.2%

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unemployment rate					Claimants			Rate				
UK	Eng	Wal	Scot	NI	Party	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
379			57		West Renfrewshire	LAB	1,063	298	1,361	5.7%	2.0%	4.1%
383			58		Strathkelvin & Bearsden	LAB	1,302	408	1,710	5.6%	2.2%	4.1%
384			59		North Tayside	SNP	1,115	413	1,528	5.3%	2.6%	4.1%
399			60		Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	852	325	1,177	5.1%	2.5%	4.0%
418			61		Orkney & Shetland	LD	590	211	801	4.6%	2.5%	3.8%
419			62		North East Fife	LD	846	354	1,200	4.6%	2.6%	3.8%
420			63		East Lothian	LAB	1,029	256	1,285	5.3%	1.7%	3.8%
440			64		Midlothian	LAB	862	217	1,079	5.1%	1.6%	3.5%
449			65		Eastwood	LAB	1,033	350	1,383	4.5%	2.0%	3.4%
478			66		Banff & Buchan	SNP	831	279	1,110	3.7%	2.0%	3.0%
485			67		Edinburgh West	LD	976	260	1,236	4.3%	1.4%	3.0%
497			68		Tweeddale, Etrick & Lauderdale	LD	716	218	934	4.0%	1.5%	2.9%
533			69		Aberdeen South	LAB	786	254	1,040	3.5%	1.5%	2.6%
554			70		Aberdeen North	LAB	682	186	868	3.3%	1.2%	2.4%
585			71		Gordon	LD	548	229	777	2.5%	1.5%	2.1%
614			72		West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	LD	466	187	653	2.1%	1.2%	1.7%
Scotland							110,767	32,657	143,424	8.1%	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	
6				1	Belfast West	SF	4,645	719	5,364	22.8%	5.0%	15.5%
7				2	Foyle	SDLP	4,769	1021	5,790	20.7%	6.8%	15.2%
20				3	Belfast North	UU	3,157	680	3,837	17.4%	5.3%	12.4%
32				4	West Tyrone	UU	3,021	641	3,662	14.8%	5.4%	11.3%
44				5	Newry & Armagh	SDLP	3,324	766	4,090	13.5%	5.2%	10.3%
51				6	Fermanagh & South Tyrone	UU	2,688	748	3,436	12.3%	5.9%	10.0%
56				7	East Londonderry	UU	2,630	694	3,324	12.4%	5.1%	9.5%
81				8	Mid Ulster	SF	2,207	531	2,738	11.0%	4.5%	8.6%
87				9	South Down	SDLP	2,460	734	3,194	10.4%	4.9%	8.3%
96				10	Belfast South	UU	2,343	842	3,185	10.8%	4.6%	8.0%
158				11	North Antrim	DU	2,333	625	2,958	9.1%	3.8%	7.1%
168				12	Belfast East	DU	1,990	549	2,539	9.5%	3.4%	6.8%
215				13	East Antrim	UU	1,899	559	2,458	8.1%	3.4%	6.1%
253				14	North Down	UKU	1,487	569	2,056	7.0%	3.7%	5.6%
258				15	Upper Bann	UU	1,821	520	2,341	7.3%	3.0%	5.6%
279				16	Strangford	UU	1,625	520	2,145	6.9%	3.1%	5.3%
331				17	South Antrim	UU	1,500	540	2,040	5.8%	2.9%	4.6%
356				18	Lagan Valley	UU	1,395	507	1,902	5.4%	2.8%	4.3%
					Northern Ireland		45,294	11,765	57,059	11.1%	4.3%	8.4%

## IV Change in Unemployed Claimants Apr 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 Apr 96 -98		Change Apr 97 -98		
			Apr-96	Apr-97	Apr-98	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
362	607	Aberavon	LAB	2,111	1,901	1,567	-544	-25.8%	-334	-17.6%
95	206	Aberdeen Central	LAB	2,633	2,022	1,468	-1,165	-44.2%	-554	-27.4%
25	117	Aberdeen North	LAB	1,711	1,308	868	-843	-49.3%	-440	-33.6%
89	103	Aberdeen South	LAB	2,075	1,439	1,040	-1,035	-49.9%	-399	-27.7%
543	643	Airdrie & Shotts	LAB	3,319	2,943	2,597	-722	-21.8%	-346	-11.8%
238	89	Aldershot	CON	1,921	1,208	944	-977	-50.9%	-264	-21.9%
348	301	Aldridge - Brownhills	CON	2,496	1,823	1,492	-1,004	-40.2%	-331	-18.2%
44	91	Altrincham & Sale West	CON	2,201	1,582	1,086	-1,115	-50.7%	-496	-31.4%
619	473	Alyn & Deeside	LAB	2,174	1,567	1,456	-718	-33.0%	-111	-7.1%
174	171	Amber Valley	LAB	2,938	2,087	1,592	-1,346	-45.8%	-495	-23.7%
509	553	Angus	SNP	2,932	2,398	2,086	-846	-28.9%	-312	-13.0%
607	563	Argyll & Bute	LD	2,584	2,025	1,851	-733	-28.4%	-174	-8.6%
5	7	Arundel & South Downs	CON	1,360	836	497	-863	-63.5%	-339	-40.6%
405	330	Ashfield	LAB	4,029	2,949	2,466	-1,563	-38.8%	-483	-16.4%
56	150	Ashford	CON	2,925	2,206	1,539	-1,386	-47.4%	-667	-30.2%
205	237	Ashton under Lyne	LAB	3,785	2,810	2,170	-1,615	-42.7%	-640	-22.8%
105	70	Aylesbury	CON	2,410	1,552	1,137	-1,273	-52.8%	-415	-26.7%
379	623	Ayr	LAB	2,807	2,565	2,126	-681	-24.3%	-439	-17.1%
31	16	Banbury	CON	2,283	1,310	879	-1,404	-61.5%	-431	-32.9%
275	258	Banff & Buchan	SNP	1,916	1,400	1,110	-806	-42.1%	-290	-20.7%
77	204	Barking *	LAB	3,530	2,749	1,962	-1,568	-44.4%	-787	-28.6%
595	621	Barnsley Central	LAB	3,562	2,955	2,679	-883	-24.8%	-276	-9.3%
603	615	Barnsley East & Mexborough	LAB	3,955	3,252	2,970	-985	-24.9%	-282	-8.7%
581	559	Barnsley West & Penistone	LAB	2,981	2,368	2,131	-850	-28.5%	-237	-10.0%
468	440	Barrow & Furness	LAB	4,016	3,073	2,632	-1,384	-34.5%	-441	-14.4%
62	115	Basildon	LAB	4,159	3,005	2,108	-2,051	-49.3%	-897	-29.9%
54	55	Basingstoke *	CON	2,264	1,475	1,024	-1,240	-54.8%	-451	-30.6%
351	339	Bassetlaw	LAB	3,739	2,801	2,297	-1,442	-38.6%	-504	-18.0%
6	43	Bath *->	LD	3,743	2,749	1,641	-2,102	-56.2%	-1,108	-40.3%
342	296	Batley & Spen	LAB	3,021	2,195	1,794	-1,227	-40.6%	-401	-18.3%
145	164	Battersea	LAB	5,570	3,991	2,996	-2,574	-46.2%	-995	-24.9%
104	31	Beaconsfield	CON	1,479	863	632	-847	-57.3%	-231	-26.8%
282	228	Beckenham	CON	3,807	2,728	2,170	-1,637	-43.0%	-558	-20.5%
271	325	Bedford	LAB	3,555	2,739	2,167	-1,388	-39.0%	-572	-20.9%
370	367	Belfast East	DU	4,074	3,067	2,539	-1,535	-37.7%	-528	-17.2%
536	488	Belfast North	UU	5,666	4,360	3,837	-1,829	-32.3%	-523	-12.0%
347	288	Belfast South	UU	5,383	3,892	3,185	-2,198	-40.8%	-707	-18.2%
617	543	Belfast West	SF	7,640	5,790	5,364	-2,276	-29.8%	-426	-7.4%
424	436	Berwick-upon-Tweed	LD	2,578	2,004	1,686	-892	-34.6%	-318	-15.9%
499	464	Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	8,746	6,717	5,826	-2,920	-33.4%	-891	-13.3%
655	574	Beverley & Holderness	CON	2,791	2,002	2,012	-779	-27.9%	10	0.5%
270	148	Bexhill & Battle	CON	1,987	1,314	1,039	-948	-47.7%	-275	-20.9%
78	135	Bexleyheath & Crayford	LAB	2,718	1,964	1,406	-1,312	-48.3%	-558	-28.4%
35	66	Billericay	CON	3,296	2,276	1,540	-1,756	-53.3%	-736	-32.3%
432	564	Birkenhead	LAB	5,918	5,029	4,241	-1,677	-28.3%	-788	-15.7%
587	452	Birmingham, Edgbaston	LAB	4,741	3,473	3,137	-1,604	-33.8%	-336	-9.7%
252	388	Birmingham, Erdington	LAB	5,309	4,244	3,341	-1,968	-37.1%	-903	-21.3%
454	490	Birmingham, Hall Green	LAB	3,470	2,758	2,353	-1,117	-32.2%	-405	-14.7%
553	536	Birmingham, Hodge Hill	LAB	4,797	3,776	3,348	-1,449	-30.2%	-428	-11.3%
614	618	Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	10,142	8,256	7,621	-2,521	-24.9%	-635	-7.7%
507	462	Birmingham, Northfield	LAB	3,391	2,591	2,253	-1,138	-33.6%	-338	-13.0%
332	354	Birmingham, Perry Barr	LAB	5,820	4,422	3,600	-2,220	-38.1%	-822	-18.6%
519	379	Birmingham, Selly Oak	LAB	4,678	3,353	2,929	-1,749	-37.4%	-424	-12.6%
560	576	Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	8,785	7,123	6,349	-2,436	-27.7%	-774	-10.9%
490	411	Birmingham, Yardley	LAB	3,530	2,621	2,266	-1,264	-35.8%	-355	-13.5%
648	644	Bishop Auckland	LAB	3,093	2,479	2,423	-670	-21.7%	-56	-2.3%
73	99	Blaby	CON	1,590	1,113	791	-799	-50.3%	-322	-28.9%
556	558	Blackburn	LAB	3,730	2,997	2,666	-1,064	-28.5%	-331	-11.0%
317	474	Blackpool North & Fleetwood	LAB	3,311	2,744	2,219	-1,092	-33.0%	-525	-19.1%
329	465	Blackpool South	LAB	4,536	3,717	3,023	-1,513	-33.4%	-694	-18.7%



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640	651	Blaenau Gwent	LAB	3,076	2,613	2,491	-585	-19.0%	-122	-4.7%
409	393	Blaydon	LAB	3,331	2,511	2,102	-1,229	-36.9%	-409	-16.3%
400	457	Blyth Valley	LAB	3,504	2,783	2,324	-1,180	-33.7%	-459	-16.5%
23	22	Bognor Regis & Littlehampton	CON	2,404	1,467	967	-1,437	-59.8%	-500	-34.1%
292	278	Bolsover	LAB	3,568	2,615	2,094	-1,474	-41.3%	-521	-19.9%
217	238	Bolton North East	LAB	3,403	2,518	1,951	-1,452	-42.7%	-567	-22.5%
444	334	Bolton South East	LAB	3,362	2,432	2,062	-1,300	-38.7%	-370	-15.2%
137	160	Bolton West	LAB	1,855	1,324	987	-868	-46.8%	-337	-25.5%
529	617	Bootle	LAB	5,322	4,559	3,998	-1,324	-24.9%	-561	-12.3%
129	47	Boston & Skegness	CON	3,390	2,024	1,500	-1,890	-55.8%	-524	-25.9%
600	370	Bosworth	CON	1,466	1,003	914	-552	-37.7%	-89	-8.9%
331	172	Bournemouth East	CON	3,450	2,300	1,872	-1,578	-45.7%	-428	-18.6%
216	266	Bournemouth West	CON	3,714	2,796	2,165	-1,549	-41.7%	-631	-22.6%
172	29	Bracknell	CON	1,981	1,107	843	-1,138	-57.4%	-264	-23.8%
403	520	Bradford North	LAB	4,941	4,075	3,407	-1,534	-31.0%	-668	-16.4%
337	429	Bradford South	LAB	3,973	3,167	2,583	-1,390	-35.0%	-584	-18.4%
401	519	Bradford West	LAB	5,818	4,797	4,006	-1,812	-31.1%	-791	-16.5%
465	216	Braintree	LAB	2,787	1,837	1,572	-1,215	-43.6%	-265	-14.4%
637	513	Brecon & Radnorshire	LD	1,738	1,253	1,190	-548	-31.5%	-63	-5.0%
207	245	Brent East	LAB	7,207	5,367	4,146	-3,061	-42.5%	-1,221	-22.8%
204	254	Brent North	LAB	3,241	2,426	1,873	-1,368	-42.2%	-553	-22.8%
277	382	Brent South	LAB	7,323	5,789	4,594	-2,729	-37.3%	-1,195	-20.6%
34	104	Brentford & Isleworth	LAB	4,484	3,332	2,250	-2,234	-49.8%	-1,082	-32.5%
61	59	Brentwood & Ongar	CON	1,837	1,207	846	-991	-53.9%	-361	-29.9%
645	605	Bridgend	LAB	2,339	1,778	1,731	-608	-26.0%	-47	-2.6%
184	293	Bridgwater	CON	3,335	2,581	1,979	-1,356	-40.7%	-602	-23.3%
551	507	Brigg & Goole	LAB	2,897	2,234	1,980	-917	-31.7%	-254	-11.4%
143	251	Brighton, Kemptown	LAB	5,123	3,943	2,955	-2,168	-42.3%	-988	-25.1%
100	273	Brighton, Pavilion	LAB	6,307	5,070	3,690	-2,617	-41.5%	-1,380	-27.2%
179	256	Bristol East	LAB	5,089	3,847	2,944	-2,145	-42.1%	-903	-23.5%
9	27	Bristol North West	LAB	4,072	2,849	1,726	-2,346	-57.6%	-1,123	-39.4%
87	202	Bristol South	LAB	5,050	3,887	2,805	-2,245	-44.5%	-1,082	-27.8%
81	165	Bristol West	LAB	5,143	3,856	2,768	-2,375	-46.2%	-1,088	-28.2%
285	200	Bromley & Chislehurst	CON	2,623	1,824	1,454	-1,169	-44.6%	-370	-20.3%
418	307	Bromsgrove	CON	2,322	1,662	1,396	-926	-39.9%	-266	-16.0%
4	18	Broxbourne	CON	2,766	1,822	1,080	-1,686	-61.0%	-742	-40.7%
49	92	Broxtowe	LAB	2,849	2,033	1,406	-1,443	-50.6%	-627	-30.8%
92	36	Buckingham	CON	1,245	741	536	-709	-56.9%	-205	-27.7%
545	545	Burnley	LAB	2,073	1,651	1,459	-614	-29.6%	-192	-11.6%
203	332	Burton	LAB	3,208	2,547	1,966	-1,242	-38.7%	-581	-22.8%
291	207	Bury North	LAB	2,090	1,463	1,171	-919	-44.0%	-292	-20.0%
264	203	Bury South	LAB	2,452	1,726	1,362	-1,090	-44.5%	-364	-21.1%
110	158	Bury St Edmunds	CON	2,047	1,480	1,087	-960	-46.9%	-393	-26.6%
437	556	Caernarfon	PC	2,766	2,334	1,971	-795	-28.7%	-363	-15.6%
512	389	Caerphilly	LAB	3,794	2,740	2,388	-1,406	-37.1%	-352	-12.8%
528	549	Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	LD	2,723	2,192	1,922	-801	-29.4%	-270	-12.3%
517	542	Calder Valley	LAB	2,595	2,084	1,818	-777	-29.9%	-266	-12.8%
526	469	Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	7,643	5,823	5,102	-2,541	-33.2%	-721	-12.4%
533	361	Cambridge	LAB	3,089	2,181	1,915	-1,174	-38.0%	-266	-12.2%
479	345	Cannock Chase	LAB	3,113	2,232	1,919	-1,194	-38.4%	-313	-14.0%
422	402	Canterbury	CON	3,045	2,310	1,943	-1,102	-36.2%	-367	-15.9%
197	310	Cardiff Central	LAB	3,646	2,853	2,199	-1,447	-39.7%	-654	-22.9%
126	185	Cardiff North	LAB	1,744	1,294	958	-786	-45.1%	-336	-26.0%
327	351	Cardiff South & Penarth	LAB	4,427	3,369	2,736	-1,691	-38.2%	-633	-18.8%
160	299	Cardiff West	LAB	4,058	3,191	2,418	-1,640	-40.4%	-773	-24.2%
290	483	Carlisle	LAB	3,125	2,635	2,108	-1,017	-32.5%	-527	-20.0%
75	248	Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	LAB	2,012	1,627	1,159	-853	-42.4%	-468	-28.8%
394	530	Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	LAB	3,005	2,502	2,086	-919	-30.6%	-416	-16.6%
497	582	Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	LAB	3,826	3,199	2,773	-1,053	-27.5%	-426	-13.3%
26	67	Carshalton & Wallington	LD	2,978	2,085	1,393	-1,585	-53.2%	-692	-33.2%

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48	49	Castle Point	LAB	3,021	1,944	1,343	-1,678	-55.5%	-601	-30.9%
627	631	Central Fife	LAB	3,631	2,966	2,773	-858	-23.6%	-193	-6.5%
146	197	Central Suffolk & North Ipswich	CON	2,162	1,591	1,196	-966	-44.7%	-395	-24.8%
452	458	Ceredigion	PC	2,018	1,570	1,339	-679	-33.6%	-231	-14.7%
84	139	Charmwood	CON	1,696	1,224	880	-816	-48.1%	-344	-28.1%
232	113	Chatham & Aylesford	LAB	3,586	2,322	1,812	-1,774	-49.5%	-510	-22.0%
321	118	Cheadle	CON	1,535	961	779	-756	-49.3%	-182	-18.9%
107	201	Cheltenham	LD	3,280	2,482	1,819	-1,461	-44.5%	-663	-26.7%
226	14	Chesham & Amersham	CON	1,508	735	572	-936	-62.1%	-163	-22.2%
183	199	Chester, City of	LAB	3,018	2,181	1,672	-1,346	-44.6%	-509	-23.3%
520	551	Chesterfield	LAB	3,907	3,159	2,761	-1,146	-29.3%	-398	-12.6%
298	130	Chichester	CON	1,926	1,230	987	-939	-48.8%	-243	-19.8%
161	155	Chingford & Woodford Green	CON	2,809	1,965	1,489	-1,320	-47.0%	-476	-24.2%
366	298	Chipping Barnet	CON	2,711	1,955	1,614	-1,097	-40.5%	-341	-17.4%
279	208	Chorley	LAB	2,505	1,769	1,404	-1,101	-44.0%	-365	-20.6%
38	42	Christchurch	CON	1,741	1,125	763	-978	-56.2%	-362	-32.2%
613	570	Cities of London & Westminster	CON	4,440	3,464	3,197	-1,243	-28.0%	-267	-7.7%
590	567	Cleethorpes	LAB	3,734	2,967	2,684	-1,050	-28.1%	-283	-9.5%
567	220	Clwyd South *>	LAB	2,243	1,422	1,271	-972	-43.3%	-151	-10.6%
433	295	Clwyd West <*	LAB	2,230	1,570	1,324	-906	-40.6%	-246	-15.7%
538	638	Clydebank & Milngavie	LAB	2,871	2,528	2,226	-645	-22.5%	-302	-11.9%
502	550	Clydesdale	LAB	2,848	2,319	2,012	-836	-29.4%	-307	-13.2%
630	649	Coatbridge & Chryston	LAB	2,685	2,304	2,158	-527	-19.6%	-146	-6.3%
228	137	Colchester	LD	3,353	2,229	1,736	-1,617	-48.2%	-493	-22.1%
601	431	Colne Valley	LAB	2,747	1,964	1,790	-957	-34.8%	-174	-8.9%
261	190	Congleton	CON	1,722	1,203	949	-773	-44.9%	-254	-21.1%
449	533	Conwy	LAB	3,106	2,535	2,158	-948	-30.5%	-377	-14.9%
635	601	Copeland	LAB	3,678	2,851	2,705	-973	-26.5%	-146	-5.1%
307	170	Corby	LAB	2,808	1,883	1,518	-1,290	-45.9%	-365	-19.4%
85	50	Cotswold	CON	1,435	888	639	-796	-55.5%	-249	-28.0%
568	407	Coventry North East	LAB	5,357	3,837	3,435	-1,922	-35.9%	-402	-10.5%
389	349	Coventry North West	LAB	3,804	2,824	2,350	-1,454	-38.2%	-474	-16.8%
458	390	Coventry South	LAB	4,117	3,033	2,593	-1,524	-37.0%	-440	-14.5%
181	106	Crawley	LAB	2,459	1,615	1,237	-1,222	-49.7%	-378	-23.4%
157	252	Crewe & Nantwich	LAB	2,883	2,200	1,663	-1,220	-42.3%	-537	-24.4%
407	403	Crosby	LAB	2,910	2,221	1,859	-1,051	-36.1%	-362	-16.3%
293	321	Croydon Central	LAB	5,059	3,831	3,070	-1,989	-39.3%	-761	-19.9%
344	365	Croydon North	LAB	6,923	5,266	4,305	-2,618	-37.8%	-961	-18.2%
195	84	Croydon South	CON	2,640	1,668	1,284	-1,356	-51.4%	-384	-23.0%
596	652	Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	LAB	2,247	2,008	1,821	-426	-19.0%	-187	-9.3%
585	595	Cunninghame North	LAB	3,013	2,454	2,214	-799	-26.5%	-240	-9.8%
643	655	Cunninghame South	LAB	3,353	2,882	2,765	-588	-17.5%	-117	-4.1%
621	428	Cynon Valley	LAB	2,983	2,085	1,938	-1,045	-35.0%	-147	-7.1%
246	194	Dagenham	LAB	3,352	2,361	1,851	-1,501	-44.8%	-510	-21.6%
562	598	Darlington	LAB	4,100	3,381	3,015	-1,085	-26.5%	-366	-10.8%
215	227	Dartford	LAB	3,143	2,313	1,791	-1,352	-43.0%	-522	-22.6%
88	129	Daventry	CON	1,799	1,276	921	-878	-48.8%	-355	-27.8%
371	311	Delyn	LAB	1,922	1,401	1,160	-762	-39.6%	-241	-17.2%
153	230	Denton & Reddish	LAB	2,938	2,221	1,677	-1,261	-42.9%	-544	-24.5%
124	232	Derby North	LAB	3,991	3,081	2,279	-1,712	-42.9%	-802	-26.0%
233	383	Derby South	LAB	5,960	4,791	3,739	-2,221	-37.3%	-1,052	-22.0%
24	56	Devizes	CON	2,192	1,505	994	-1,198	-54.7%	-511	-34.0%
503	355	Dewsbury	LAB	2,758	1,966	1,706	-1,052	-38.1%	-260	-13.2%
324	499	Don Valley	LAB	3,528	2,961	2,404	-1,124	-31.9%	-557	-18.8%
431	554	Doncaster Central	LAB	5,243	4,428	3,733	-1,510	-28.8%	-695	-15.7%
395	467	Doncaster North	LAB	4,369	3,493	2,914	-1,455	-33.3%	-579	-16.6%
516	600	Dover	LAB	3,867	3,261	2,844	-1,023	-26.5%	-417	-12.8%
199	341	Dudley North	LAB	3,847	3,068	2,366	-1,481	-38.5%	-702	-22.9%
167	306	Dudley South	LAB	2,990	2,367	1,797	-1,193	-39.9%	-570	-24.1%
211	280	Dulwich & West Norwood	LAB	7,071	5,375	4,158	-2,913	-41.2%	-1,217	-22.6%

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639	646	Dumbarton	LAB	3,541	2,924	2,787	-754	-21.3%	-137	-4.7%
511	547	Dumfries	LAB	2,985	2,412	2,102	-883	-29.6%	-310	-12.9%
434	603	Dundee East	LAB	4,407	3,849	3,247	-1,160	-26.3%	-602	-15.6%
470	630	Dundee West	LAB	3,730	3,318	2,846	-884	-23.7%	-472	-14.2%
357	433	Dunfermline East	LAB	3,237	2,575	2,115	-1,122	-34.7%	-460	-17.9%
628	581	Dunfermline West	LAB	2,644	2,045	1,915	-729	-27.6%	-130	-6.4%
494	510	Durham, City of	LAB	2,742	2,165	1,876	-866	-31.6%	-289	-13.3%
169	198	Ealing North *	LAB	4,506	3,287	2,496	-2,010	-44.6%	-791	-24.1%
515	381	Ealing Southall	LAB	5,384	3,869	3,374	-2,010	-37.3%	-495	-12.8%
326	427	Ealing, Acton & Shepherd's Bush	LAB	6,809	5,444	4,420	-2,389	-35.1%	-1,024	-18.8%
620	496	Easington	LAB	3,136	2,293	2,131	-1,005	-32.0%	-162	-7.1%
346	264	East Antrim	UU	4,222	3,004	2,458	-1,764	-41.8%	-546	-18.2%
268	308	East Devon	CON	1,685	1,284	1,014	-671	-39.8%	-270	-21.0%
513	463	East Ham	LAB	6,828	5,207	4,539	-2,289	-33.5%	-668	-12.8%
224	163	East Hampshire	CON	2,050	1,411	1,097	-953	-46.5%	-314	-22.3%
436	501	East Kilbride	LAB	2,824	2,281	1,926	-898	-31.8%	-355	-15.6%
534	480	East Londonderry	UU	4,945	3,783	3,324	-1,621	-32.8%	-459	-12.1%
247	309	East Lothian	LAB	2,134	1,638	1,285	-849	-39.8%	-353	-21.6%
11	11	East Surrey	CON	1,780	1,073	663	-1,117	-62.8%	-410	-38.2%
12	41	East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	2,166	1,511	949	-1,217	-56.2%	-562	-37.2%
576	518	East Yorkshire	CON	3,086	2,366	2,122	-964	-31.2%	-244	-10.3%
186	182	Eastbourne	CON	2,884	2,059	1,579	-1,305	-45.2%	-480	-23.3%
187	85	Eastleigh	LD	1,902	1,210	928	-974	-51.2%	-282	-23.3%
448	508	Eastwood	LAB	2,022	1,628	1,383	-639	-31.6%	-245	-15.0%
577	444	Eccles	LAB	3,106	2,275	2,041	-1,065	-34.3%	-234	-10.3%
304	240	Eddisbury	CON	2,003	1,427	1,149	-854	-42.6%	-278	-19.5%
173	368	Edinburgh Central	LAB	3,265	2,668	2,035	-1,230	-37.7%	-633	-23.7%
125	397	Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	LAB	2,623	2,243	1,660	-963	-36.7%	-583	-26.0%
64	267	Edinburgh North & Leith	LAB	4,196	3,483	2,446	-1,750	-41.7%	-1,037	-29.8%
258	466	Edinburgh Pentlands	LAB	2,354	1,991	1,570	-784	-33.3%	-421	-21.1%
136	331	Edinburgh South	LAB	2,503	2,058	1,532	-971	-38.8%	-526	-25.6%
109	210	Edinburgh West	LD	2,202	1,684	1,236	-966	-43.9%	-448	-26.6%
443	475	Edmonton	LAB	4,961	3,927	3,328	-1,633	-32.9%	-599	-15.3%
363	265	Ellesmere Port & Neston	LAB	2,891	2,044	1,685	-1,206	-41.7%	-359	-17.6%
276	212	Elmet	LAB	2,398	1,698	1,347	-1,051	-43.8%	-351	-20.7%
311	430	Eltham	LAB	3,542	2,858	2,307	-1,235	-34.9%	-551	-19.3%
297	313	Enfield North	LAB	4,056	3,054	2,450	-1,606	-39.6%	-604	-19.8%
425	401	Enfield, Southgate	LAB	3,384	2,566	2,159	-1,225	-36.2%	-407	-15.9%
70	96	Epping Forest	CON	2,766	1,939	1,373	-1,393	-50.4%	-566	-29.2%
28	15	Epsom & Ewell	CON	1,821	1,032	691	-1,130	-62.1%	-341	-33.0%
116	122	Erewash	LAB	3,588	2,480	1,828	-1,760	-49.1%	-652	-26.3%
377	486	Erith & Thamesmead	LAB	5,712	4,656	3,859	-1,853	-32.4%	-797	-17.1%
13	8	Esher & Walton	CON	1,873	1,088	686	-1,187	-63.4%	-402	-36.9%
548	512	Exeter	LAB	3,818	2,952	2,613	-1,205	-31.6%	-339	-11.5%
654	640	Falkirk East	LAB	2,726	2,115	2,118	-608	-22.3%	3	0.1%
653	650	Falkirk West	LAB	2,891	2,341	2,336	-555	-19.2%	-5	-0.2%
572	587	Falmouth & Camborne	LAB	4,294	3,486	3,124	-1,170	-27.2%	-362	-10.4%
21	23	Fareham	CON	1,901	1,185	777	-1,124	-59.1%	-408	-34.4%
196	153	Faversham & Mid Kent	CON	2,640	1,806	1,391	-1,249	-47.3%	-415	-23.0%
53	154	Feltham & Heston	LAB	3,995	3,048	2,112	-1,883	-47.1%	-936	-30.7%
570	588	Fermanagh & South Tyrone	UU	4,713	3,835	3,436	-1,277	-27.1%	-399	-10.4%
148	282	Finchley & Golders Green	LAB	3,729	2,917	2,196	-1,533	-41.1%	-721	-24.7%
218	421	Folkestone & Hythe	CON	4,209	3,514	2,723	-1,486	-35.3%	-791	-22.5%
69	131	Forest of Dean	LAB	2,110	1,534	1,085	-1,025	-48.6%	-449	-29.3%
652	653	Foyle	SDLP	7,140	5,835	5,790	-1,350	-18.9%	-45	-0.8%
220	179	Fylde	CON	1,463	1,031	800	-663	-45.3%	-231	-22.4%
463	348	Gainsborough	CON	2,569	1,854	1,586	-983	-38.3%	-268	-14.5%
484	461	Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	SNP	2,767	2,134	1,838	-929	-33.6%	-296	-13.9%
398	346	Gateshead East & Washington West	LAB	3,665	2,709	2,261	-1,404	-38.3%	-448	-16.5%
231	186	Gedling	LAB	3,180	2,241	1,747	-1,433	-45.1%	-494	-22.0%

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67	39	Gillingham	LAB	3,795	2,347	1,657	-2,138	-56.3%	-690	-29.4%
618	641	Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	3,051	2,558	2,372	-679	-22.3%	-186	-7.3%
340	528	Glasgow Baillieston	LAB	4,078	3,457	2,824	-1,254	-30.8%	-633	-18.3%
477	609	Glasgow Cathcart	LAB	2,464	2,138	1,836	-628	-25.5%	-302	-14.1%
557	619	Glasgow Govan	LAB	3,840	3,245	2,887	-953	-24.8%	-358	-11.0%
234	491	Glasgow Kelvin	LAB	4,079	3,545	2,767	-1,312	-32.2%	-778	-21.9%
287	584	Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	4,916	4,466	3,565	-1,351	-27.5%	-901	-20.2%
569	634	Glasgow Pollok	LAB	3,689	3,164	2,834	-855	-23.2%	-330	-10.4%
542	577	Glasgow Rutherglen	LAB	2,742	2,247	1,982	-760	-27.7%	-265	-11.8%
586	645	Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	3,706	3,225	2,911	-795	-21.5%	-314	-9.7%
469	626	Glasgow Springburn	LAB	4,369	3,866	3,315	-1,054	-24.1%	-551	-14.3%
101	259	Gloucester	LAB	3,947	3,146	2,291	-1,656	-42.0%	-855	-27.2%
51	121	Gordon	LD	1,528	1,123	777	-751	-49.1%	-346	-30.8%
364	327	Gosport	CON	2,440	1,807	1,491	-949	-38.9%	-316	-17.5%
283	438	Gower	LAB	2,050	1,686	1,342	-708	-34.5%	-344	-20.4%
237	268	Grantham & Stamford	CON	2,267	1,692	1,322	-945	-41.7%	-370	-21.9%
295	224	Gravesham	LAB	4,034	2,861	2,294	-1,740	-43.1%	-567	-19.8%
561	624	Great Grimsby	LAB	5,179	4,403	3,925	-1,254	-24.2%	-478	-10.9%
483	560	Great Yarmouth	LAB	4,935	4,102	3,533	-1,402	-28.4%	-569	-13.9%
646	648	Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	2,339	1,918	1,871	-468	-20.0%	-47	-2.5%
500	583	Greenwich & Woolwich	LAB	6,143	5,134	4,453	-1,690	-27.5%	-681	-13.3%
122	38	Guildford	CON	1,706	1,004	742	-964	-56.5%	-262	-26.1%
411	525	Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	9,548	7,879	6,602	-2,946	-30.9%	-1,277	-16.2%
367	526	Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	9,687	8,109	6,700	-2,987	-30.8%	-1,409	-17.4%
303	347	Halesowen & Rowley Regis	LAB	2,984	2,289	1,842	-1,142	-38.3%	-447	-19.5%
442	575	Halifax	LAB	4,060	3,463	2,930	-1,130	-27.8%	-533	-15.4%
591	372	Haltemprice & Howden	CON	1,800	1,241	1,123	-677	-37.6%	-118	-9.5%
531	565	Halton	LAB	3,822	3,132	2,747	-1,075	-28.1%	-385	-12.3%
606	636	Hamilton North & Bellshill	LAB	3,122	2,640	2,413	-709	-22.7%	-227	-8.6%
462	614	Hamilton South	LAB	2,302	2,020	1,728	-574	-24.9%	-292	-14.5%
208	360	Hammersmith & Fulham	LAB	6,634	5,318	4,111	-2,523	-38.0%	-1,207	-22.7%
460	422	Hampstead & Highgate	LAB	5,631	4,262	3,645	-1,986	-35.3%	-617	-14.5%
262	284	Harborough	CON	1,638	1,223	965	-673	-41.1%	-258	-21.1%
66	132	Harlow	LAB	3,088	2,258	1,590	-1,498	-48.5%	-668	-29.6%
83	73	Harrogate & Knaresborough	LD	2,180	1,441	1,036	-1,144	-52.5%	-405	-28.1%
149	263	Harrow East	LAB	3,563	2,750	2,073	-1,490	-41.8%	-677	-24.6%
190	195	Harrow West	LAB	2,746	1,975	1,517	-1,229	-44.8%	-458	-23.2%
658	659	Hartlepool	LAB	5,045	4,269	4,432	-613	-12.2%	163	3.8%
485	329	Harwich	LAB	3,931	2,791	2,405	-1,526	-38.8%	-386	-13.8%
353	338	Hastings & Rye	LAB	4,898	3,665	3,007	-1,891	-38.6%	-658	-18.0%
354	255	Havant	CON	3,272	2,306	1,892	-1,380	-42.2%	-414	-18.0%
177	187	Hayes & Harlington	LAB	2,964	2,135	1,632	-1,332	-44.9%	-503	-23.6%
430	209	Hazel Grove	LD	1,791	1,192	1,004	-787	-43.9%	-188	-15.8%
259	83	Hemel Hempstead	LAB	2,328	1,433	1,130	-1,198	-51.5%	-303	-21.1%
474	502	Hemsworth	LAB	3,379	2,689	2,307	-1,072	-31.7%	-382	-14.2%
378	493	Hendon	LAB	3,974	3,254	2,697	-1,277	-32.1%	-557	-17.1%
27	6	Henley	CON	1,395	760	508	-887	-63.6%	-252	-33.2%
164	242	Hereford *>	LD	2,886	2,182	1,656	-1,230	-42.6%	-526	-24.1%
52	17	Hertford & Stortford	CON	1,996	1,113	771	-1,225	-61.4%	-342	-30.7%
121	54	Hertsmere	CON	2,129	1,302	962	-1,167	-54.8%	-340	-26.1%
391	236	Hexham	CON	1,850	1,271	1,058	-792	-42.8%	-213	-16.8%
493	455	Heywood & Middleton	LAB	3,877	2,969	2,570	-1,307	-33.7%	-399	-13.4%
278	250	High Peak	LAB	2,313	1,681	1,334	-979	-42.3%	-347	-20.6%
154	102	Hitchin & Harpenden	CON	1,742	1,156	873	-869	-49.9%	-283	-24.5%
506	566	Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	6,699	5,541	4,815	-1,884	-28.1%	-726	-13.1%
130	98	Hornchurch	LAB	2,404	1,610	1,194	-1,210	-50.3%	-416	-25.8%
299	314	Hornsey & Wood Green	LAB	7,473	5,627	4,518	-2,955	-39.5%	-1,109	-19.7%
68	46	Horsham	CON	1,442	902	637	-805	-55.8%	-265	-29.4%
439	386	Houghton & Washington East	LAB	3,884	2,888	2,440	-1,444	-37.2%	-448	-15.5%
40	140	Hove	LAB	4,763	3,634	2,478	-2,285	-48.0%	-1,156	-31.8%

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593	594	Huddersfield	LAB	4,237	3,430	3,107	-1,130	-26.7%	-323	-9.4%
191	120	Huntingdon	CON	2,314	1,530	1,176	-1,138	-49.2%	-354	-23.1%
631	572	Hyndburn	LAB	2,133	1,639	1,536	-597	-28.0%	-103	-6.3%
111	156	Ilford North	LAB	3,107	2,243	1,649	-1,458	-46.9%	-594	-26.5%
320	398	Ilford South *	LAB	5,196	4,059	3,289	-1,907	-36.7%	-770	-19.0%
388	406	Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	LAB	3,354	2,583	2,149	-1,205	-35.9%	-434	-16.8%
464	516	Ipswich	LAB	3,707	2,969	2,540	-1,167	-31.5%	-429	-14.4%
481	505	Isle of Wight	LD	5,716	4,540	3,904	-1,812	-31.7%	-636	-14.0%
480	509	Islington North	LAB	8,317	6,616	5,689	-2,628	-31.6%	-927	-14.0%
360	497	Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	6,523	5,395	4,437	-2,086	-32.0%	-958	-17.8%
170	300	Islwyn	LAB	2,037	1,597	1,215	-822	-40.4%	-382	-23.9%
473	506	Jarrow	LAB	4,179	3,328	2,855	-1,324	-31.7%	-473	-14.2%
633	538	Keighley	LAB	2,770	2,056	1,936	-834	-30.1%	-120	-5.8%
267	217	Kensington & Chelsea	CON	4,276	3,061	2,417	-1,859	-43.5%	-644	-21.0%
213	133	Kettering	LAB	2,412	1,606	1,243	-1,169	-48.5%	-363	-22.6%
523	657	Kilmarnock & Loudoun	LAB	3,417	3,292	2,878	-539	-15.8%	-414	-12.6%
171	159	Kingston & Surbiton	LD	2,900	2,028	1,543	-1,357	-46.8%	-485	-23.9%
656	637	Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	5,024	3,835	3,885	-1,139	-22.7%	50	1.3%
650	606	Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	6,025	4,568	4,470	-1,555	-25.8%	-98	-2.1%
644	555	Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	5,515	4,037	3,927	-1,588	-28.8%	-110	-2.7%
16	40	Kingswood	LAB	2,931	1,991	1,283	-1,648	-56.2%	-708	-35.6%
632	620	Kirkcaldy	LAB	3,627	2,900	2,727	-900	-24.8%	-173	-6.0%
399	454	Knowsley North & Sefton East	LAB	5,188	4,120	3,439	-1,749	-33.7%	-681	-16.5%
624	642	Knowsley South	LAB	5,534	4,634	4,323	-1,211	-21.9%	-311	-6.7%
629	410	Lagan Valley	UU	2,963	2,031	1,902	-1,061	-35.8%	-129	-6.4%
467	487	Lancaster & Wyre	LAB	2,254	1,780	1,524	-730	-32.4%	-256	-14.4%
615	612	Leeds Central	LAB	6,691	5,404	5,000	-1,691	-25.3%	-404	-7.5%
451	529	Leeds East	LAB	4,982	4,050	3,453	-1,529	-30.7%	-597	-14.7%
518	485	Leeds North East	LAB	3,409	2,638	2,303	-1,106	-32.4%	-335	-12.7%
382	353	Leeds North West	LAB	2,579	1,923	1,595	-984	-38.2%	-328	-17.1%
580	482	Leeds West	LAB	3,997	2,997	2,695	-1,302	-32.6%	-302	-10.1%
198	215	Leicester East	LAB	3,931	2,871	2,214	-1,717	-43.7%	-657	-22.9%
209	318	Leicester South	LAB	5,221	4,092	3,164	-2,057	-39.4%	-928	-22.7%
120	246	Leicester West	LAB	5,072	3,954	2,918	-2,154	-42.5%	-1,036	-26.2%
256	358	Leigh	LAB	3,021	2,372	1,870	-1,151	-38.1%	-502	-21.2%
369	141	Leominster <*	CON	2,131	1,341	1,109	-1,022	-48.0%	-232	-17.3%
272	127	Lewes	LD	2,124	1,373	1,087	-1,037	-48.8%	-286	-20.8%
350	374	Lewisham East	LAB	4,541	3,463	2,836	-1,705	-37.5%	-627	-18.1%
269	412	Lewisham West	LAB	5,539	4,507	3,560	-1,979	-35.7%	-947	-21.0%
476	522	Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	7,346	5,904	5,070	-2,276	-31.0%	-834	-14.1%
42	119	Leyton & Wanstead	LAB	6,049	4,489	3,070	-2,979	-49.2%	-1,419	-31.6%
373	167	Lichfield	CON	1,904	1,240	1,027	-877	-46.1%	-213	-17.2%
193	281	Lincoln	LAB	5,059	3,872	2,977	-2,082	-41.2%	-895	-23.1%
599	404	Linlithgow	LAB	2,453	1,723	1,568	-885	-36.1%	-155	-9.0%
375	515	Liverpool, Garston	LAB	4,591	3,795	3,145	-1,446	-31.5%	-650	-17.1%
492	602	Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	8,273	7,032	6085	-2,188	-26.4%	-947	-13.5%
539	627	Liverpool, Walton	LAB	6,424	5,531	4,876	-1,548	-24.1%	-655	-11.8%
488	585	Liverpool, Wavertree	LAB	6,036	5,069	4,378	-1,658	-27.5%	-691	-13.6%
461	592	Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	6,477	5,531	4,731	-1,746	-27.0%	-800	-14.5%
541	413	Livingston	LAB	2,755	2,009	1,772	-983	-35.7%	-237	-11.8%
318	611	Llanelli	LAB	2,638	2,432	1,967	-671	-25.4%	-465	-19.1%
549	443	Loughborough	LAB	2,279	1,690	1,497	-782	-34.3%	-193	-11.4%
396	336	Louth & Horncastle	CON	2,679	1,970	1,644	-1,035	-38.6%	-326	-16.5%
537	222	Ludlow	CON	1,702	1,096	965	-737	-43.3%	-131	-12.0%
487	305	Luton North	LAB	3,363	2,340	2,021	-1,342	-39.9%	-319	-13.6%
314	328	Luton South	LAB	4,353	3,298	2,663	-1,690	-38.8%	-635	-19.3%
80	229	Macclesfield	CON	1,758	1,398	1,003	-755	-42.9%	-395	-28.3%
219	82	Maidenhead	CON	1,625	1,016	788	-837	-51.5%	-228	-22.4%
98	74	Maidstone & The Weald	CON	2,635	1,726	1,255	-1,380	-52.4%	-471	-27.3%
257	369	Makerfield	LAB	3,001	2,373	1,871	-1,130	-37.7%	-502	-21.2%

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248	149	Maldon & East Chelmsford	CON	2,363	1,572	1,236	-1,127	-47.7%	-336	-21.4%
486	409	Manchester, Blackley	LAB	5,087	3,786	3,265	-1,822	-35.8%	-521	-13.8%
419	503	Manchester, Central	LAB	7,866	6,390	5,371	-2,495	-31.7%	-1,019	-15.9%
380	531	Manchester, Gorton	LAB	5,829	4,881	4,047	-1,782	-30.6%	-834	-17.1%
182	376	Manchester, Withington	LAB	5,011	4,090	3,135	-1,876	-37.4%	-955	-23.3%
421	371	Mansfield	LAB	3,995	2,962	2,491	-1,504	-37.6%	-471	-15.9%
158	225	Medway	LAB	3,664	2,752	2,084	-1,580	-43.1%	-668	-24.3%
604	586	Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	PC	1,615	1,285	1,174	-441	-27.3%	-111	-8.6%
202	271	Meriden	CON	3,985	3,015	2,327	-1,658	-41.6%	-688	-22.8%
559	448	Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	LAB	3,507	2,595	2,313	-1,194	-34.0%	-282	-10.9%
103	57	Mid Bedfordshire	CON	1,564	978	714	-850	-54.3%	-264	-27.0%
45	33	Mid Dorset & North Poole	CON	2,051	1,280	879	-1,172	-57.1%	-401	-31.3%
296	302	Mid Norfolk	CON	2,400	1,793	1,438	-962	-40.1%	-355	-19.8%
29	21	Mid Sussex	CON	1,514	898	602	-912	-60.2%	-296	-33.0%
459	270	Mid Ulster	SF	4,690	3,202	2,738	-1,952	-41.6%	-464	-14.5%
222	114	Mid Worcestershire	CON	1,900	1,240	963	-937	-49.3%	-277	-22.3%
622	596	Middlesbrough	LAB	7,338	5,787	5,393	-1,945	-26.5%	-394	-6.8%
608	546	Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland	LAB	4,569	3,516	3,217	-1,352	-29.6%	-299	-8.5%
284	191	Midlothian	LAB	1,957	1,354	1,079	-878	-44.9%	-275	-20.3%
74	147	Milton Keynes South West	LAB	3,009	2,212	1,573	-1,436	-47.7%	-639	-28.9%
43	157	Mitcham & Morden	LAB	4,373	3,386	2,322	-2,051	-46.9%	-1,064	-31.4%
194	10	Mole Valley	CON	1,308	629	484	-824	-63.0%	-145	-23.1%
563	432	Monmouth	LAB	2,048	1,498	1,336	-712	-34.8%	-162	-10.8%
657	573	Montgomeryshire	LD	1,046	738	754	-292	-27.9%	16	2.2%
428	439	Moray	SNP	2,727	2,122	1,787	-940	-34.5%	-335	-15.8%
343	435	Morecambe & Lunesdale	LAB	3,551	2,841	2,322	-1,229	-34.6%	-519	-18.3%
578	405	Morley & Rothwell	LAB	2,720	1,939	1,740	-980	-36.0%	-199	-10.3%
579	629	Motherwell & Wishaw	LAB	2,888	2,446	2,199	-689	-23.9%	-247	-10.1%
438	589	Neath	LAB	2,291	1,979	1,672	-619	-27.0%	-307	-15.5%
108	88	New Forest East	CON	1,770	1,184	869	-901	-50.9%	-315	-26.6%
152	111	New Forest West	CON	1,717	1,150	867	-850	-49.5%	-283	-24.6%
390	333	Newark	LAB	3,103	2,285	1,902	-1,201	-38.7%	-383	-16.8%
10	2	Newbury	LD	1,813	1,024	624	-1,189	-65.6%	-400	-39.1%
453	425	Newcastle upon Tyne Central	LAB	4,914	3,736	3,187	-1,727	-35.1%	-549	-14.7%
642	604	Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	5,300	4,081	3,913	-1,387	-26.2%	-168	-4.1%
524	364	Newcastle upon Tyne North	LAB	3,927	2,786	2,440	-1,487	-37.9%	-346	-12.4%
132	146	Newcastle-under-Lyme	LAB	2,530	1,782	1,322	-1,208	-47.7%	-460	-25.8%
510	442	Newport East	LAB	3,040	2,292	1,995	-1,045	-34.4%	-297	-13.0%
532	514	Newport West	LAB	3,430	2,677	2,349	-1,081	-31.5%	-328	-12.3%
612	450	Newry & Armagh	SDLP	6,184	4,433	4,090	-2,094	-33.9%	-343	-7.7%
571	446	Normanton	LAB	2,487	1,829	1,639	-848	-34.1%	-190	-10.4%
514	416	North Antrim	DU	4,590	3,392	2,958	-1,632	-35.6%	-434	-12.8%
498	343	North Cornwall	LD	4,453	3,162	2,742	-1,711	-38.4%	-420	-13.3%
335	297	North Devon	LD	3,095	2,260	1,841	-1,254	-40.5%	-419	-18.5%
180	105	North Dorset	CON	1,312	862	660	-652	-49.7%	-202	-23.4%
582	470	North Down	UKU	3,076	2,284	2,056	-1,020	-33.2%	-228	-10.0%
404	540	North Durham	LAB	3,274	2,741	2,292	-982	-30.0%	-449	-16.4%
114	32	North East Bedfordshire	CON	1,956	1,136	837	-1,119	-57.2%	-299	-26.3%
341	326	North East Cambridgeshire	CON	3,026	2,258	1,845	-1,181	-39.0%	-413	-18.3%
325	275	North East Derbyshire	LAB	3,400	2,456	1,994	-1,406	-41.4%	-462	-18.8%
310	337	North East Fife	LD	1,955	1,487	1,200	-755	-38.6%	-287	-19.3%
55	64	North East Hampshire	CON	1,282	855	595	-687	-53.6%	-260	-30.4%
32	25	North East Hertfordshire	CON	2,020	1,245	836	-1,184	-58.6%	-409	-32.9%
60	151	North East Milton Keynes	LAB	2,352	1,767	1,238	-1,114	-47.4%	-529	-29.9%
192	60	North Essex	CON	1,941	1,167	897	-1,044	-53.8%	-270	-23.1%
302	323	North Norfolk	CON	2,644	2,000	1,609	-1,035	-39.1%	-391	-19.6%
289	261	North Shropshire	CON	2,212	1,605	1,284	-928	-42.0%	-321	-20.0%
397	408	North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	7,832	6,020	5,024	-2,808	-35.9%	-996	-16.5%
90	87	North Swindon	LAB	2,244	1,522	1,100	-1,144	-51.0%	-422	-27.7%
491	580	North Tayside	SNP	2,112	1,766	1,528	-584	-27.7%	-238	-13.5%

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416	391	North Thanet	CON	4,617	3,466	2,910	-1,707	-37.0%	-556	-16.0%
584	504	North Tyneside	LAB	4,581	3,469	3,128	-1,453	-31.7%	-341	-9.8%
128	183	North Warwickshire	LAB	2,509	1,854	1,374	-1,135	-45.2%	-480	-25.9%
102	101	North West Cambridgeshire	CON	2,476	1,698	1,238	-1,238	-50.0%	-460	-27.1%
386	534	North West Durham	LAB	3,252	2,725	2,263	-989	-30.4%	-462	-17.0%
330	142	North West Hampshire *	CON	1,364	875	712	-652	-47.8%	-163	-18.6%
241	192	North West Leicestershire	LAB	2,145	1,512	1,183	-962	-44.8%	-329	-21.8%
384	492	North West Norfolk	LAB	3,037	2,484	2,061	-976	-32.1%	-423	-17.0%
36	35	North Wiltshire	CON	2,100	1,334	903	-1,197	-57.0%	-431	-32.3%
147	312	Northampton North	LAB	3,304	2,652	1,995	-1,309	-39.6%	-657	-24.8%
139	291	Northampton South	LAB	2,989	2,376	1,772	-1,217	-40.7%	-604	-25.4%
1	1	Northavon	LD	2,166	1,382	684	-1,482	-68.4%	-698	-50.5%
361	472	Norwich North	LAB	3,207	2,610	2,147	-1,060	-33.1%	-463	-17.7%
415	471	Norwich South	LAB	4,560	3,636	3,052	-1,508	-33.1%	-584	-16.1%
225	287	Nottingham East	LAB	7,826	5,949	4,629	-3,197	-40.9%	-1,320	-22.2%
435	481	Nottingham North	LAB	5,345	4,266	3,599	-1,746	-32.7%	-667	-15.6%
178	283	Nottingham South	LAB	5,335	4,109	3,142	-2,193	-41.1%	-967	-23.5%
301	396	Nuneaton	LAB	2,590	2,040	1,639	-951	-36.7%	-401	-19.7%
623	632	Ochil	LAB	2,787	2,290	2,136	-651	-23.4%	-154	-6.7%
647	628	Ogmore	LAB	2,206	1,716	1,675	-531	-24.1%	-41	-2.4%
19	65	Old Bexley & Sidcup	CON	2,430	1,743	1,135	-1,295	-53.3%	-608	-34.9%
447	218	Oldham East & Saddleworth	LAB	3,439	2,289	1,944	-1,495	-43.5%	-345	-15.1%
387	272	Oldham West & Royton	LAB	4,016	2,825	2,349	-1,667	-41.5%	-476	-16.8%
564	656	Orkney & Shetland	LD	963	898	801	-162	-16.8%	-97	-10.8%
115	90	Orpington	CON	2,760	1,847	1,361	-1,399	-50.7%	-486	-26.3%
123	124	Oxford East	LAB	3,761	2,596	1,919	-1,842	-49.0%	-677	-26.1%
71	76	Oxford West & Abingdon	LD	1,625	1,094	776	-849	-52.2%	-318	-29.1%
649	647	Paisley North	LAB	2,934	2,385	2,333	-601	-20.5%	-52	-2.2%
525	591	Paisley South	LAB	3,365	2,805	2,457	-908	-27.0%	-348	-12.4%
535	363	Pendle	LAB	2,281	1,611	1,416	-865	-37.9%	-195	-12.1%
127	276	Penrith & The Border	CON	1,652	1,308	969	-683	-41.3%	-339	-25.9%
200	524	Perth	SNP	2,409	2,156	1,663	-746	-31.0%	-493	-22.9%
30	126	Peterborough	LAB	4,273	3,257	2,185	-2,088	-48.9%	-1,072	-32.9%
359	352	Plymouth, Devonport	LAB	4,995	3,757	3,089	-1,906	-38.2%	-668	-17.8%
408	441	Plymouth, Sutton	LAB	6,696	5,249	4,394	-2,302	-34.4%	-855	-16.3%
588	548	Pontefract & Castleford	LAB	3,436	2,678	2,421	-1,015	-29.5%	-257	-9.6%
544	521	Pontypridd	LAB	2,724	2,129	1,879	-845	-31.0%	-250	-11.7%
142	136	Poole	CON	2,558	1,770	1,324	-1,234	-48.2%	-446	-25.2%
475	400	Poplar & Canning Town	LAB	8,372	6,203	5322	-3,050	-36.4%	-881	-14.2%
79	138	Portsmouth North	LAB	3,402	2,458	1,763	-1,639	-48.2%	-695	-28.3%
188	342	Portsmouth South	LD	5,284	4,239	3,253	-2,031	-38.4%	-986	-23.3%
457	569	Preseli Pembrokeshire	LAB	3,074	2,590	2212	-862	-28.0%	-378	-14.6%
355	420	Preston	LAB	4,520	3,563	2,924	-1,596	-35.3%	-639	-17.9%
550	253	Pudsey	LAB	1,830	1,193	1,057	-773	-42.2%	-136	-11.4%
155	173	Putney	LAB	3,591	2,583	1,952	-1,639	-45.6%	-631	-24.4%
91	44	Rayleigh	CON	2,399	1,463	1,058	-1,341	-55.9%	-405	-27.7%
59	45	Reading East	LAB	2,835	1,790	1,252	-1,583	-55.8%	-538	-30.1%
47	37	Reading West	LAB	2,654	1,669	1,152	-1,502	-56.6%	-517	-31.0%
597	544	Redcar	LAB	5,352	4,139	3,763	-1,589	-29.7%	-376	-9.1%
236	359	Redditch	LAB	2,714	2,152	1,681	-1,033	-38.1%	-471	-21.9%
450	477	Regent's Park & Kensington North	LAB	7,601	5,994	5,105	-2,496	-32.8%	-889	-14.8%
33	12	Reigate	CON	1,665	932	629	-1,036	-62.2%	-303	-32.5%
505	622	Rhondda	LAB	2,863	2,498	2,168	-695	-24.3%	-330	-13.2%
82	152	Ribble Valley	CON	1,325	971	698	-627	-47.3%	-273	-28.1%
417	233	Richmond	CON	1,973	1,342	1,127	-846	-42.9%	-215	-16.0%
113	143	Richmond Park	LD	2,777	1,968	1,450	-1,327	-47.8%	-518	-26.3%
605	625	Rochdale	LAB	3,927	3,260	2,979	-948	-24.1%	-281	-8.6%
328	479	Rochford & Southend East	CON	5,303	4,386	3,564	-1,739	-32.8%	-822	-18.7%
322	97	Romford	LAB	2,401	1,470	1192	-1,209	-50.4%	-278	-18.9%
39	69	Romsey	CON	1,503	1,044	709	-794	-52.8%	-335	-32.1%

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372	537	Ross, Skye & Inverness West	LD	3,343	2,821	2,336	-1,007	-30.1%	-485	-17.2%	
625	476	Rossendale & Darwen	LAB	2,001	1,438	1,343	-658	-32.9%	-95	-6.6%	
288	414	Rother Valley	LAB	3,767	3,031	2,424	-1,343	-35.7%	-607	-20.0%	
349	610	Rotherham	LAB	4,297	3,913	3,204	-1,093	-25.4%	-709	-18.1%	
659	635	Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	1,524	1,055	1,177	-347	-22.8%	122	11.6%	
274	235	Rugby & Kenilworth	LAB	2,483	1,793	1,420	-1,063	-42.8%	-373	-20.8%	
356	168	Ruislip - Northwood	CON	1,780	1,171	961	-819	-46.0%	-210	-17.9%	
18	20	Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	1,772	1,076	700	-1,072	-60.5%	-376	-34.9%	
72	75	Rushcliffe	CON	2,817	1,892	1,344	-1,473	-52.3%	-548	-29.0%	
94	52	Rutland & Melton	CON	1,574	970	704	-870	-55.3%	-266	-27.4%	
117	181	Ryedale	CON	1,655	1,229	906	-749	-45.3%	-323	-26.3%	
253	80	Saffron Walden	CON	1,895	1,161	914	-981	-51.8%	-247	-21.3%	
156	162	Salford	LAB	4,439	3,128	2,364	-2,075	-46.7%	-764	-24.4%	
263	93	Salisbury	CON	2,279	1,427	1,126	-1,153	-50.6%	-301	-21.1%	
602	599	Scarborough & Whitby	LAB	3,658	2,946	2,690	-968	-26.5%	-256	-8.7%	
573	494	Scunthorpe	LAB	3,375	2,556	2,291	-1,084	-32.1%	-265	-10.4%	
638	562	Sedgefield	LAB	2,667	2,011	1,910	-757	-28.4%	-101	-5.0%	
429	356	Selby	LAB	2,588	1,901	1,601	-987	-38.1%	-300	-15.8%	
244	95	Sevenoaks	CON	1,983	1,257	984	-999	-50.4%	-273	-21.7%	
441	478	Sheffield, Attercliffe	LAB	3,736	2,968	2,510	-1,226	-32.8%	-458	-15.4%	
456	593	Sheffield, Brightside	LAB	4,993	4,272	3,648	-1,345	-26.9%	-624	-14.6%	
455	523	Sheffield, Central	LAB	7,464	6,038	5,152	-2,312	-31.0%	-886	-14.7%	
243	285	Sheffield, Hallam	LD	2,054	1,547	1,211	-843	-41.0%	-336	-21.7%	
445	527	Sheffield, Heeley	LAB	4,586	3,743	3,175	-1,411	-30.8%	-568	-15.2%	
281	373	Sheffield, Hillsborough	LAB	3,620	2,842	2,260	-1,360	-37.6%	-582	-20.5%	
334	249	Sherwood	LAB	3,480	2,464	2,007	-1,473	-42.3%	-457	-18.5%	
482	500	Shipley	LAB	2,305	1,828	1,572	-733	-31.8%	-256	-14.0%	
280	109	Shrewsbury & Atcham	LAB	2,421	1,536	1,220	-1,201	-49.6%	-316	-20.6%	
159	247	Sittingbourne & Sheppey	LAB	3,850	2,927	2,217	-1,633	-42.4%	-710	-24.3%	
583	175	Skipton & Ripon	CON	1,663	1,005	906	-757	-45.5%	-99	-9.9%	
144	112	Sleaford & North Hykeham	CON	2,191	1,475	1,107	-1,084	-49.5%	-368	-24.9%	
338	193	Slough	LAB	3,975	2,690	2,194	-1,781	-44.8%	-496	-18.4%	
163	269	Solihull	CON	2,015	1,551	1,176	-839	-41.6%	-375	-24.2%	
37	53	Somerton & Frome *	LD	2,387	1,576	1,068	-1,319	-55.3%	-508	-32.2%	
609	294	South Antrim	UU	3,436	2,227	2,040	-1,396	-40.6%	-187	-8.4%	
175	48	South Cambridgeshire	CON	1,670	970	740	-930	-55.7%	-230	-23.7%	
305	316	South Derbyshire	LAB	2,597	1,952	1,572	-1,025	-39.5%	-380	-19.5%	
131	174	South Dorset	CON	3,003	2,204	1,635	-1,368	-45.6%	-569	-25.8%	
565	426	South Down	SDLP	4,924	3,576	3,194	-1,730	-35.1%	-382	-10.7%	
412	176	South East Cambridgeshire	CON	1,794	1,167	979	-815	-45.4%	-188	-16.1%	
266	196	South East Cornwall	LD	3,323	2,327	1,837	-1,486	-44.7%	-490	-21.1%	
230	144	South Holland & The Deepings	CON	1,555	1,042	812	-743	-47.8%	-230	-22.1%	
306	231	South Norfolk	CON	2,449	1,735	1,398	-1,051	-42.9%	-337	-19.4%	
235	180	South Ribble	LAB	1,969	1,379	1,077	-892	-45.3%	-302	-21.9%	
508	568	South Shields	LAB	5,245	4,337	3,772	-1,473	-28.1%	-565	-13.0%	
319	177	South Staffordshire	CON	2,488	1,679	1,359	-1,129	-45.4%	-320	-19.1%	
472	226	South Suffolk	CON	2,064	1,371	1,176	-888	-43.0%	-195	-14.2%	
135	166	South Swindon	LAB	3,115	2,261	1,680	-1,435	-46.1%	-581	-25.7%	
402	489	South Thanet	LAB	3,678	2,981	2,492	-1,186	-32.2%	-489	-16.4%	
138	72	South West Bedfordshire	CON	2,436	1,549	1,155	-1,281	-52.6%	-394	-25.4%	
176	169	South West Devon	CON	2,247	1,589	1,214	-1,033	-46.0%	-375	-23.6%	
165	77	South West Hertfordshire	CON	1,802	1,141	866	-936	-51.9%	-275	-24.1%	
323	257	South West Norfolk	CON	2,843	2,029	1,647	-1,196	-42.1%	-382	-18.8%	
245	28	South West Surrey	CON	1,385	751	588	-797	-57.5%	-163	-21.7%	
316	274	Southampton, Itchen	LAB	4,640	3,363	2,719	-1,921	-41.4%	-644	-19.1%	
265	290	Southampton, Test	LAB	4,565	3,429	2,706	-1,859	-40.7%	-723	-21.1%	
106	205	Southend West	CON	3,646	2,766	2,027	-1,619	-44.4%	-739	-26.7%	
381	418	Southport	LD	3,184	2,478	2,055	-1,129	-35.5%	-423	-17.1%	
8	19	Spelthorne	CON	2,077	1,358	811	-1,266	-61.0%	-547	-40.3%	
65	30	St Albans	LAB	1,720	1,042	732	-988	-57.4%	-310	-29.8%	



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240	357	St Helens North	LAB	3,556	2,816	2,201	-1,355	-38.1%	-615	-21.8%
393	437	St Helens South	LAB	4,028	3,165	2,635	-1,393	-34.6%	-530	-16.7%
554	616	St Ives	LD	4,089	3,455	3,071	-1,018	-24.9%	-384	-11.1%
478	415	Stafford	LAB	2,075	1,555	1,336	-739	-35.6%	-219	-14.1%
383	460	Staffordshire Moorlands	LAB	1,731	1,385	1,149	-582	-33.6%	-236	-17.0%
286	241	Stalybridge & Hyde	LAB	3,242	2,332	1,860	-1,382	-42.6%	-472	-20.2%
58	51	Stevenage	LAB	3,343	2,140	1,495	-1,848	-55.3%	-645	-30.1%
616	579	Stirling	LAB	2,233	1,744	1,615	-618	-27.7%	-129	-7.4%
249	317	Stockport	LAB	3,002	2,312	1,818	-1,184	-39.4%	-494	-21.4%
651	654	Stockton North	LAB	5,076	4,228	4,165	-911	-17.9%	-63	-1.5%
466	459	Stockton South	LAB	4,185	3,244	2,777	-1,408	-33.6%	-467	-14.4%
242	535	Stoke-on-Trent Central	LAB	3,282	2,923	2,288	-994	-30.3%	-635	-21.7%
392	384	Stoke-on-Trent North	LAB	2,493	1,880	1,565	-928	-37.2%	-315	-16.8%
611	571	Stoke-on-Trent South	LAB	2,665	2,087	1,919	-746	-28.0%	-168	-8.0%
313	188	Stone	CON	1,500	1,023	826	-674	-44.9%	-197	-19.3%
255	262	Stourbridge	LAB	2,743	2,022	1,594	-1,149	-41.9%	-428	-21.2%
552	495	Strangford	UU	3,157	2,420	2,145	-1,012	-32.1%	-275	-11.4%
119	110	Stratford-on-Avon	CON	1,896	1,297	957	-939	-49.5%	-340	-26.2%
610	608	Strathkelvin & Bearsden	LAB	2,295	1,863	1,710	-585	-25.5%	-153	-8.2%
308	377	Streatham	LAB	8,827	6,852	5,524	-3,303	-37.4%	-1,328	-19.4%
333	417	Stretford & Urmston	LAB	3,492	2,764	2,251	-1,241	-35.5%	-513	-18.6%
254	214	Stroud	LAB	2,321	1,655	1,304	-1,017	-43.8%	-351	-21.2%
112	234	Suffolk Coastal	CON	2,569	1,996	1,468	-1,101	-42.9%	-528	-26.5%
594	498	Sunderland North	LAB	4,591	3,447	3,125	-1,466	-31.9%	-322	-9.3%
504	434	Sunderland South	LAB	5,784	4,358	3,782	-2,002	-34.6%	-576	-13.2%
17	9	Surrey Heath	CON	1,470	832	540	-930	-63.3%	-292	-35.1%
63	62	Sutton & Cheam	LD	2,145	1,414	993	-1,152	-53.7%	-421	-29.8%
410	223	Sutton Coldfield	CON	2,185	1,483	1,242	-943	-43.2%	-241	-16.3%
368	539	Swansea East	LAB	2,922	2,473	2,044	-878	-30.0%	-429	-17.3%
93	340	Swansea West	LAB	3,262	2,763	2,005	-1,257	-38.5%	-758	-27.4%
376	289	Tamworth	LAB	2,616	1,869	1,549	-1,067	-40.8%	-320	-17.1%
227	161	Tatton	IND	1,520	1,039	809	-711	-46.8%	-230	-22.1%
201	292	Taunton *	LD	3,101	2,383	1,839	-1,262	-40.7%	-544	-22.8%
423	350	Teignbridge	CON	2,871	2,109	1,774	-1,097	-38.2%	-335	-15.9%
294	304	Telford	LAB	2,531	1,898	1,521	-1,010	-39.9%	-377	-19.9%
140	134	Tewkesbury	CON	1,842	1,275	951	-891	-48.4%	-324	-25.4%
150	320	Thurrock	LAB	4,176	3,360	2,533	-1,643	-39.3%	-827	-24.6%
501	303	Tiverton & Honiton	CON	2,099	1,450	1,258	-841	-40.1%	-192	-13.2%
260	145	Tonbridge & Malling	CON	1,936	1,282	1,011	-925	-47.8%	-271	-21.1%
250	279	Tooting	LAB	5,637	4,214	3,314	-2,323	-41.2%	-900	-21.4%
521	451	Torbay	LD	4,637	3,509	3,067	-1,570	-33.9%	-442	-12.6%
339	324	Torfaen	LAB	3,080	2,300	1,877	-1,203	-39.1%	-423	-18.4%
522	399	Torridge & West Devon	LD	3,220	2,337	2,043	-1,177	-36.6%	-294	-12.6%
427	286	Totnes	CON	2,898	2,032	1,711	-1,187	-41.0%	-321	-15.8%
641	639	Tottenham	LAB	10,432	8,478	8,096	-2,336	-22.4%	-382	-4.5%
365	424	Truro & St Austell	LD	3,735	2,935	2,422	-1,313	-35.2%	-513	-17.5%
345	94	Tunbridge Wells	CON	2,136	1,294	1,058	-1,078	-50.5%	-236	-18.2%
634	484	Tweeddale, Etrick & Lauderdale	LD	1,384	991	934	-450	-32.5%	-57	-5.8%
97	128	Twickenham	LD	2,546	1,794	1,303	-1,243	-48.8%	-491	-27.4%
496	468	Tyne Bridge	LAB	6,789	5,225	4,529	-2,260	-33.3%	-696	-13.3%
530	447	Tynemouth	LAB	3,863	2,903	2,546	-1,317	-34.1%	-357	-12.3%
46	100	Upminster	LAB	2,197	1,591	1,096	-1,101	-50.1%	-495	-31.1%
495	385	Upper Bann	UU	3,727	2,701	2,341	-1,386	-37.2%	-360	-13.3%
76	71	Uxbridge	CON	2,299	1,529	1,090	-1,209	-52.6%	-439	-28.7%
206	239	Vale of Clwyd	LAB	2,626	1,950	1,506	-1,120	-42.7%	-444	-22.8%
414	344	Vale of Glamorgan	LAB	3,491	2,562	2,150	-1,341	-38.4%	-412	-16.1%
162	86	Vale of York	CON	1,618	1,046	793	-825	-51.0%	-253	-24.2%
413	517	Vauxhall	LAB	9,697	7,925	6,650	-3,047	-31.4%	-1,275	-16.1%
589	532	Wakefield	LAB	3,620	2,781	2,515	-1,105	-30.5%	-266	-9.6%
229	552	Wallasey	LAB	4,744	4,322	3,368	-1,376	-29.0%	-954	-22.1%

## IV Change in Unemployed Claimants Apr 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 Apr 96 -98		Change Apr 97 -98		
			Apr-96	Apr-97	Apr-98	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
575	541	Walsall North	LAB	4,620	3,607	3,235	-1,385	-30.0%	-372	-10.3%
547	557	Walsall South	LAB	4,535	3,661	3,237	-1,298	-28.6%	-424	-11.6%
336	375	Walthamstow	LAB	5,889	4,521	3,684	-2,205	-37.4%	-837	-18.5%
446	445	Wansbeck	LAB	3,903	3,028	2,571	-1,332	-34.1%	-457	-15.1%
3	4	Wansdyke <*	LAB	2,206	1,333	768	-1,438	-65.2%	-565	-42.4%
99	68	Wantage	CON	1,484	958	697	-787	-53.0%	-261	-27.2%
440	456	Warley	LAB	4,315	3,384	2861	-1,454	-33.7%	-523	-15.5%
358	392	Warrington North	LAB	2,862	2,195	1804	-1,058	-37.0%	-391	-17.8%
210	260	Warrington South	LAB	2,324	1,744	1349	-975	-42.0%	-395	-22.6%
574	315	Warwick & Leamington	LAB	2,645	1,786	1,601	-1,044	-39.5%	-185	-10.4%
223	125	Watford	LAB	2,746	1,805	1,402	-1,344	-48.9%	-403	-22.3%
385	597	Waveney	LAB	4,467	3,954	3,283	-1,184	-26.5%	-671	-17.0%
239	34	Wealden	CON	1,803	989	773	-1,030	-57.1%	-216	-21.8%
352	449	Weaver Vale	LAB	3,235	2,602	2,134	-1,101	-34.0%	-468	-18.0%
426	277	Wellingborough	LAB	2,662	1,856	1,562	-1,100	-41.3%	-294	-15.8%
22	61	Wells	CON	2,778	1,949	1,284	-1,494	-53.8%	-665	-34.1%
15	26	Welwyn Hatfield	LAB	1,904	1,249	800	-1,104	-58.0%	-449	-35.9%
592	613	Wentworth	LAB	3,912	3,243	2,936	-976	-24.9%	-307	-9.5%
41	108	West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	LD	1,296	956	653	-643	-49.6%	-303	-31.7%
300	419	West Bromwich East	LAB	4,174	3,360	2,699	-1,475	-35.3%	-661	-19.7%
374	453	West Bromwich West	SPKR	4,501	3,595	2,979	-1,522	-33.8%	-616	-17.1%
312	244	West Chelmsford	CON	2,561	1,822	1,471	-1,090	-42.6%	-351	-19.3%
151	184	West Derbyshire	CON	1,855	1,349	1,017	-838	-45.2%	-332	-24.6%
540	362	West Dorset	CON	1,723	1,212	1,069	-654	-38.0%	-143	-11.8%
406	423	West Ham	LAB	7,459	5,779	4,834	-2,625	-35.2%	-945	-16.4%
566	511	West Lancashire	LAB	3,525	2,700	2,412	-1,113	-31.6%	-288	-10.7%
636	633	West Renfrewshire	LAB	1,772	1,434	1,361	-411	-23.2%	-73	-5.1%
273	178	West Suffolk	CON	2,387	1,648	1,305	-1,082	-45.3%	-343	-20.8%
598	590	West Tyrone	UU	5,017	4,026	3,662	-1,355	-27.0%	-364	-9.0%
189	189	West Worcestershire	CON	1,710	1,227	942	-768	-44.9%	-285	-23.2%
50	107	Westbury	CON	2,658	1,934	1,338	-1,320	-49.7%	-596	-30.8%
626	658	Western Isles	LAB	1,270	1,169	1092	-178	-14.0%	-77	-6.6%
133	123	Westmorland & Lonsdale	CON	1,479	1,016	754	-725	-49.0%	-262	-25.8%
20	79	Weston-Super-Mare	LD	3,268	2,407	1,575	-1,693	-51.8%	-832	-34.6%
134	395	Wigan	LAB	3,307	2,817	2,092	-1,215	-36.7%	-725	-25.7%
118	116	Wimbleton	LAB	2,644	1,818	1,341	-1,303	-49.3%	-477	-26.2%
86	58	Winchester	LD	1,812	1,150	828	-984	-54.3%	-322	-28.0%
96	63	Windsor	CON	1,733	1,107	804	-929	-53.6%	-303	-27.4%
214	366	Wirral South	LAB	2,409	1,939	1,501	-908	-37.7%	-438	-22.6%
212	394	Wirral West	LAB	2,696	2,200	1,702	-994	-36.9%	-498	-22.6%
2	3	Witney	CON	1,472	896	510	-962	-65.4%	-386	-43.1%
14	24	Woking	CON	1,398	907	577	-821	-58.7%	-330	-36.4%
141	13	Wokingham	CON	1,242	630	470	-772	-62.2%	-160	-25.4%
489	387	Wolverhampton North East	LAB	4,220	3,071	2,654	-1,566	-37.1%	-417	-13.6%
527	378	Wolverhampton South East	LAB	4,170	2,978	2,610	-1,560	-37.4%	-368	-12.4%
420	322	Wolverhampton South West	LAB	4,065	2,938	2,470	-1,595	-39.2%	-468	-15.9%
7	5	Woodspring	CON	1,869	1,124	671	-1,198	-64.1%	-453	-40.3%
315	211	Worcester	LAB	2,990	2,077	1,679	-1,311	-43.8%	-398	-19.2%
555	561	Workington	LAB	3,807	3,066	2,726	-1,081	-28.4%	-340	-11.1%
221	380	Worsley	LAB	2,632	2,123	1,648	-984	-37.4%	-475	-22.4%
57	81	Worthing West	CON	1,941	1,348	941	-1,000	-51.5%	-407	-30.2%
471	243	Wrekin, The	LAB	1,765	1,181	1,013	-752	-42.6%	-168	-14.2%
251	219	Wrexham	LAB	2,290	1,648	1,297	-993	-43.4%	-351	-21.3%
185	78	Wycombe	CON	2,626	1,647	1,263	-1,363	-51.9%	-384	-23.3%
546	213	Wyre Forest	LAB	2,900	1,843	1,629	-1,271	-43.8%	-214	-11.6%
166	221	Wythenshawe & Sale East	LAB	4,781	3,570	2710	-2,071	-43.3%	-860	-24.1%
168	319	Yeovil *	LD	2,150	1,716	1,303	-847	-39.4%	-413	-24.1%
558	578	Ynys-Mon	PC	3,212	2,611	2,323	-889	-27.7%	-288	-11.0%
309	335	York, City of	LAB	4,378	3,331	2,686	-1,692	-38.6%	-645	-19.4%
		United Kingdom		2,223,919	1,687,961	1,389,915	-834,004	-37.5%	-298,046	-17.7%

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

Rank by %  
change in UK  
(largest fall first)

97-98	96-98	Party	Unemployed Claimants			Change Apr 96 -98		Change Apr 97 -98		
			Apr-96	Apr-97	Apr-98	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
1	1	Northavon	LD	2,166	1,382	684	-1,482	-68.4%	-698	-50.5%
2	3	Witney	CON	1,472	896	510	-962	-65.4%	-386	-43.1%
3	4	Wansdyke <*	LAB	2,206	1,333	768	-1,438	-65.2%	-565	-42.4%
4	18	Broxbourne	CON	2,766	1,822	1080	-1,686	-61.0%	-742	-40.7%
5	7	Arundel & South Downs	CON	1,360	836	497	-863	-63.5%	-339	-40.6%
6	43	Bath *>	LD	3,743	2,749	1641	-2,102	-56.2%	-1,108	-40.3%
7	5	Woodspring	CON	1,869	1,124	671	-1,198	-64.1%	-453	-40.3%
8	19	Spelthorne	CON	2,077	1,358	811	-1,266	-61.0%	-547	-40.3%
9	27	Bristol North West	LAB	4,072	2,849	1726	-2,346	-57.6%	-1,123	-39.4%
10	2	Newbury	LD	1,813	1,024	624	-1,189	-65.6%	-400	-39.1%
11	11	East Surrey	CON	1,780	1,073	663	-1,117	-62.8%	-410	-38.2%
12	41	East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	2,166	1,511	949	-1,217	-56.2%	-562	-37.2%
13	8	Esher & Walton	CON	1,873	1,088	686	-1,187	-63.4%	-402	-36.9%
14	24	Woking	CON	1,398	907	577	-821	-58.7%	-330	-36.4%
15	26	Welwyn Hatfield	LAB	1,904	1,249	800	-1,104	-58.0%	-449	-35.9%
16	40	Kingswood	LAB	2,931	1,991	1283	-1,648	-56.2%	-708	-35.6%
17	9	Surrey Heath	CON	1,470	832	540	-930	-63.3%	-292	-35.1%
18	20	Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	1,772	1,076	700	-1,072	-60.5%	-376	-34.9%
19	65	Old Bexley & Sidcup	CON	2,430	1,743	1,135	-1,295	-53.3%	-608	-34.9%
20	79	Weston-Super-Mare	LD	3,268	2,407	1,575	-1,693	-51.8%	-832	-34.6%
21	23	Fareham	CON	1,901	1,185	777	-1,124	-59.1%	-408	-34.4%
22	61	Wells	CON	2,778	1,949	1,284	-1,494	-53.8%	-665	-34.1%
23	22	Bognor Regis & Littlehampton	CON	2,404	1,467	967	-1,437	-59.8%	-500	-34.1%
24	56	Devizes	CON	2,192	1,505	994	-1,198	-54.7%	-511	-34.0%
25	117	Aberdeen North	LAB	1,711	1,308	868	-843	-49.3%	-440	-33.6%
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635	601	Copeland	LAB	3,678	2,851	2,705	-973	-26.5%	-146	-5.1%
636	633	West Renfrewshire	LAB	1,772	1,434	1,361	-411	-23.2%	-73	-5.1%
637	513	Brecon & Radnorshire	LD	1,738	1,253	1,190	-548	-31.5%	-63	-5.0%
638	562	Sedgefield	LAB	2,667	2,011	1,910	-757	-28.4%	-101	-5.0%
639	646	Dumbarton	LAB	3,541	2,924	2,787	-754	-21.3%	-137	-4.7%
640	651	Blaenau Gwent	LAB	3,076	2,613	2,491	-585	-19.0%	-122	-4.7%
641	639	Tottenham	LAB	10,432	8,478	8,096	-2,336	-22.4%	-382	-4.5%
642	604	Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	5,300	4,081	3,913	-1,387	-26.2%	-168	-4.1%
643	655	Cunninghame South	LAB	3,353	2,882	2,765	-588	-17.5%	-117	-4.1%
644	555	Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	5,515	4,037	3,927	-1,588	-28.8%	-110	-2.7%
645	605	Bridgend	LAB	2,339	1,778	1,731	-608	-26.0%	-47	-2.6%
646	648	Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	2,339	1,918	1,871	-468	-20.0%	-47	-2.5%
647	628	Ogmore	LAB	2,206	1,716	1,675	-531	-24.1%	-41	-2.4%
648	644	Bishop Auckland	LAB	3,093	2,479	2,423	-670	-21.7%	-56	-2.3%
649	647	Paisley North	LAB	2,934	2,385	2,333	-601	-20.5%	-52	-2.2%
650	606	Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	6,025	4,568	4,470	-1,555	-25.8%	-98	-2.1%
651	654	Stockton North	LAB	5,076	4,228	4,165	-911	-17.9%	-63	-1.5%
652	653	Foyle	SDLP	7140	5835	5790	-1,350	-18.9%	-45	-0.8%
653	650	Falkirk West	LAB	2,891	2,341	2,336	-555	-19.2%	-5	-0.2%
654	640	Falkirk East	LAB	2,726	2,115	2,118	-608	-22.3%	3	0.1%
655	574	Beverley & Holderness	CON	2,791	2,002	2,012	-779	-27.9%	10	0.5%
656	637	Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	5,024	3,835	3,885	-1,139	-22.7%	50	1.3%
657	573	Montgomeryshire	LD	1,046	738	754	-292	-27.9%	16	2.2%
658	659	Hartlepool	LAB	5,045	4,269	4,432	-613	-12.2%	163	3.8%
659	635	Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	1,524	1,055	1,177	-347	-22.8%	122	11.6%
United Kingdom				2,223,919	1,687,961	1,389,915	-834,004	-37.5%	-298,046	-17.7%