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# Unemployment by Constituency: Welfare-to- Work Groups April 1998

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

This paper replaces Research Paper No. 98/23. A paper providing a detailed commentary on these schemes – and also the New Deal for lone parents – is also available (Research Paper 97/118 *Welfare-to-Work: The New Deal*).

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## **I Introduction and Summary**

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

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

## **II The Government's Welfare-to-Work Proposals**

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

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

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

The New Deal for the long-term unemployed will begin on 29 June 1998. Employers will be offered a subsidy of £75 per week for taking on unemployed claimants aged 25 and over who have been out of work for at least two years.

It is envisaged that over the lifetime of the Parliament, the New Deal for the young unemployed will cost £2,620 million and the New Deal for the long-term unemployed £450 million.<sup>1</sup> The Welfare-to-Work programme as a whole will be funded by a one-off "windfall" tax on the excess profits of the privatised utilities. The Government forecasts that this will eventually raise £5,200 million (the remaining £2,130 million will be used to finance the New Deals for lone parents, the disabled, partners of the unemployed, and schools, and will also contribute towards out-of-school childcare and the University for Industry).

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<sup>1</sup> HM Treasury, *Financial Statement and Budget Report, March 1998*, HC 620 1997/98 table 3.1

### III Description of Data

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

The data contained in the following tables are taken from the monthly count of unemployed claimants. This measures the number of people claiming unemployment-related benefits – presently Jobseeker's Allowance or National Insurance credits. The tables will therefore overstate the number of people eligible to enter the New Deal schemes, as only those claiming Jobseeker's Allowance (but not those signing for National Insurance credits) will be eligible. Nationally, there are 127,000 unemployed claimants who do not receive Jobseeker's Allowance; either because they only sign for National Insurance credits or because their claim had not been fully assessed at the time of the enquiry – under ten per cent of the total count.<sup>2</sup> Whilst statistics from the monthly count of unemployed claimants are available on a monthly basis, an analysis of the full count by age and duration is only made every third month, in January, April, July and October.

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

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

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<sup>2</sup> Jobseeker's Allowance Summary Statistics: November 1997 Quarterly Statistical Enquiry (DSS press release 98/042 dated 3 March 1998)

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

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

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

Table 2 expresses the number of claimants in each of these categories as a percentage of the total number of claimants aged 18 and over resident in the GOR. The 16,000 unemployed people aged 16 and 17 are excluded from all the tables. This is because, at a constituency level, the numbers fall below the confidentiality threshold in many cases. To make all the tables consistent with each other, 16 and 17 year olds have been excluded from the regional tables as well. Tables 3 and 4 contain data equivalent to that given in tables 1 and 2, but on a constituency basis. The political parties shown against each party are as they stand currently. The following abbreviations for parties have been used:

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

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

Table 1

**Unemployed Claimants: April 1998**  
**not seasonally adjusted**

Government Office Region	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
		All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
South East	108,963	24,002	7,045	84,961	13,310
Eastern	86,872	20,704	6,282	66,168	11,269
London	229,196	48,417	19,486	180,779	39,208
South West	86,269	20,611	6,033	65,658	10,522
West Midlands	123,200	32,709	12,133	90,491	18,263
East Midlands	81,551	21,826	6,698	59,725	8,448
Yorkshire and the Humber	136,384	36,372	12,866	100,012	16,987
Merseyside	53,976	15,695	6,872	38,281	9,737
North West	114,599	32,156	9,352	82,443	11,597
North East	86,104	23,276	8,994	62,828	13,926
Wales	69,901	19,496	6,580	50,405	8,623
Scotland	139,878	36,445	11,126	103,433	15,131
Northern Ireland	56,986	14,176	6,448	42,810	17,458
United Kingdom	1,373,879	345,885	119,915	1,027,994	194,479

Source: ONS - NOMIS database

Table 2

**Unemployed Claimants: April 1998**  
**not seasonally adjusted**

Government Office Region	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
		All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
South East	100.0%	22.0%	6.5%	78.0%	12.2%
Eastern	100.0%	23.8%	7.2%	76.2%	13.0%
London	100.0%	21.1%	8.5%	78.9%	17.1%
South West	100.0%	23.9%	7.0%	76.1%	12.2%
West Midlands	100.0%	26.5%	9.8%	73.5%	14.8%
East Midlands	100.0%	26.8%	8.2%	73.2%	10.4%
Yorkshire and the Humber	100.0%	26.7%	9.4%	73.3%	12.5%
Merseyside	100.0%	29.1%	12.7%	70.9%	18.0%
North West	100.0%	28.1%	8.2%	71.9%	10.1%
North East	100.0%	27.0%	10.4%	73.0%	16.2%
Wales	100.0%	27.9%	9.4%	72.1%	12.3%
Scotland	100.0%	26.1%	8.0%	73.9%	10.8%
Northern Ireland	100.0%	24.9%	11.3%	75.1%	30.6%
United Kingdom	100.0%	25.2%	8.7%	74.8%	14.2%

Source: ONS - NOMIS database



Table 3

**Unemployed Claimants: April 1998**  
**not seasonally adjusted**

Constituency	Party	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
			All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
Aberavon	LAB	1,543	493	145	1,050	80
Aberdeen Central	LAB	1,436	407	85	1,029	129
Aberdeen North	LAB	858	227	40	631	70
Aberdeen South	LAB	1,018	240	43	778	96
Airdrie & Shotts	LAB	2,525	799	242	1,726	135
Aldershot	CON	938	209	42	729	55
Aldridge - Brownhills	CON	1,479	336	120	1,143	223
Altrincham & Sale West	CON	1,078	238	58	840	139
Alyn & Deeside	LAB	1,437	390	109	1,047	144
Amber Valley	LAB	1,576	441	131	1,135	161
Angus	SNP	2,023	532	157	1,491	262
Argyll & Bute	LD	1,829	385	115	1,444	274
Arundel & South Downs	CON	496	76	20	420	52
Ashfield	LAB	2,433	641	196	1,792	385
Ashford	CON	1,525	337	87	1,188	235
Ashton under Lyne	LAB	2,140	646	155	1,494	165
Aylesbury	CON	1,132	265	60	867	108
Ayr	LAB	2,052	505	157	1,547	240
Banbury	CON	868	195	44	673	54
Banff & Buchan	SNP	1,092	330	46	762	43
Barking *	LAB	1,920	560	181	1,360	162
Barnsley Central	LAB	2,664	780	264	1,884	291
Barnsley East & Mexborough	LAB	2,929	800	282	2,129	339
Barnsley West & Penistone	LAB	2,120	584	199	1,536	213
Barrow & Furness	LAB	2,593	744	296	1,849	308
Basildon	LAB	2,075	534	159	1,541	285
Basingstoke *	CON	1,018	218	63	800	136
Bassetlaw	LAB	2,270	580	196	1,690	345
Bath *>	LD	1,622	323	76	1,299	137
Batley & Spen	LAB	1,788	504	137	1,284	123
Battersea	LAB	2,980	567	191	2,413	458
Beaconsfield	CON	629	87	28	542	87
Beckenham	VAC	2,162	395	148	1,767	452
Bedford	LAB	2,138	599	217	1,539	285
Belfast East	DU	2,531	604	292	1,927	719
Belfast North	UU	3,832	984	433	2,848	1,095
Belfast South	UU	3,172	1,016	481	2,156	698
Belfast West	SF	5,364	1,484	698	3,880	1,771
Berwick-upon-Tweed	LD	1,675	429	123	1,246	237
Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	5,807	1,461	630	4,346	622
Beverley & Holderness	CON	1,992	493	156	1,499	110
Bexhill & Battle	CON	1,027	166	44	861	131
Bexleyheath & Crayford	LAB	1,401	346	122	1,055	202
Billericay	CON	1,525	368	99	1,157	200
Birkenhead	LAB	4,142	1,191	487	2,951	654
Birmingham, Edgbaston	LAB	3,106	779	362	2,327	626
Birmingham, Erdington	LAB	3,293	748	297	2,545	786
Birmingham, Hall Green	LAB	2,338	554	221	1,784	485
Birmingham, Hodge Hill	LAB	3,313	1,018	447	2,295	643
Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	7,560	2,354	1,201	5,206	1,492
Birmingham, Northfield	LAB	2,232	554	232	1,678	505
Birmingham, Perry Barr	LAB	3,577	1,021	478	2,556	715
Birmingham, Selly Oak	LAB	2,906	774	339	2,132	566
Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	6,277	2,038	1,023	4,239	1,245
Birmingham, Yardley	LAB	2,239	553	204	1,686	400
Bishop Auckland	LAB	2,390	714	227	1,676	331
Blaby	CON	788	190	33	598	57
Blackburn	LAB	2,620	797	160	1,823	182
Blackpool North & Fleetwood	LAB	2,193	539	126	1,654	136
Blackpool South	LAB	2,995	721	148	2,274	137
Blaenau Gwent	LAB	2,480	668	216	1,812	424
Blaydon	LAB	2,090	516	179	1,574	357

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Constituency	Party	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
			All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
Blyth Valley	LAB	2,295	682	195	1,613	326
Bognor Regis & Littlehampton	CON	961	194	36	767	56
Bolsover	LAB	2,084	568	189	1,516	276
Bolton North East	LAB	1,904	551	159	1,353	82
Bolton South East	LAB	2,041	614	161	1,427	85
Bolton West	LAB	979	249	47	730	33
Bootle	LAB	3,923	1,181	559	2,742	746
Boston & Skegness	CON	1,485	366	64	1,119	72
Bosworth	CON	908	217	36	691	66
Bournemouth East	CON	1,854	374	108	1,480	315
Bournemouth West	CON	2,147	418	121	1,729	403
Bracknell	CON	838	178	44	660	52
Bradford North	LAB	3,349	1,035	356	2,314	267
Bradford South	LAB	2,531	690	220	1,841	202
Bradford West	LAB	3,914	1,338	488	2,576	290
Braintree	LAB	1,563	410	105	1,153	179
Brecon & Radnorshire	LD	1,179	298	108	881	111
Brent East	LAB	4,137	793	354	3,344	787
Brent North	LAB	1,863	361	137	1,502	305
Brent South	LAB	4,574	1,000	489	3,574	870
Brentford & Isleworth	LAB	2,219	464	148	1,755	268
Brentwood & Ongar	CON	842	189	48	653	107
Bridgend	LAB	1,703	457	156	1,246	201
Bridgwater	CON	1,966	477	140	1,489	282
Brigg & Goole	LAB	1,962	452	135	1,510	294
Brighton, Kemptown	LAB	2,928	577	225	2,351	484
Brighton, Pavilion	LAB	3,661	721	287	2,940	527
Bristol East	LAB	2,911	721	223	2,190	198
Bristol North West	LAB	1,708	434	111	1,274	119
Bristol South	LAB	2,750	666	200	2,084	196
Bristol West	LAB	2,749	617	205	2,132	237
Bromley & Chislehurst	CON	1,445	272	91	1,173	252
Bromsgrove	CON	1,386	342	112	1,044	189
Broxbourne	CON	1,075	229	55	846	121
Broxtowe	LAB	1,399	383	98	1,016	90
Buckingham	CON	535	98	31	437	64
Burnley	LAB	1,428	418	51	1,010	59
Burton	LAB	1,947	510	157	1,437	222
Bury North	LAB	1,153	372	49	781	20
Bury South	LAB	1,342	360	81	982	110
Bury St Edmunds	CON	1,083	266	61	817	98
Caernarfon	PC	1,949	506	219	1,443	347
Caerphilly	LAB	2,351	762	241	1,589	308
Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	LD	1,891	379	133	1,512	357
Calder Valley	LAB	1,797	418	114	1,379	194
Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	5,058	1,126	492	3,932	894
Cambridge	LAB	1,893	411	123	1,482	226
Cannock Chase	LAB	1,910	541	161	1,369	234
Canterbury	CON	1,917	491	153	1,426	258
Cardiff Central	LAB	2,176	563	207	1,613	333
Cardiff North	LAB	955	243	65	712	104
Cardiff South & Penarth	LAB	2,707	718	247	1,989	437
Cardiff West	LAB	2,397	646	227	1,751	422
Carlisle	LAB	2,072	618	165	1,454	255
Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	LAB	1,148	276	91	872	170
Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	LAB	2,053	497	207	1,556	320
Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	LAB	2,675	704	243	1,971	361
Carshalton & Wallington	LD	1,375	285	98	1,090	212
Castle Point	LAB	1,337	337	91	1,000	205
Central Fife	LAB	2,675	739	208	1,936	321
Central Suffolk & North Ipswich	CON	1,192	288	70	904	163
Ceredigion	PC	1,327	345	119	982	151

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**Unemployed Claimants: April 1998**  
**not seasonally adjusted**

Constituency	Party	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
			All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
Charnwood	CON	879	187	44	692	70
Chatham & Aylesford	LAB	1,800	483	160	1,317	103
Cheadle	CON	775	181	34	594	69
Cheltenham	LD	1,802	380	115	1,422	353
Chesham & Amersham	CON	571	108	15	463	64
Chester, City of	LAB	1,671	413	111	1,258	227
Chesterfield	LAB	2,718	792	294	1,926	387
Chichester	CON	985	171	37	814	105
Chingford & Woodford Green	CON	1,475	324	138	1,151	146
Chipping Barnet	CON	1,611	290	94	1,321	233
Chorley	LAB	1,386	373	80	1,013	84
Christchurch	CON	756	144	34	612	87
Cities of London & Westminster	CON	3,161	525	191	2,636	400
Cleethorpes	LAB	2,650	684	240	1,966	246
Clwyd South *>	LAB	1,254	355	103	899	116
Clwyd West <*	LAB	1,307	357	114	950	196
Clydebank & Milngavie	LAB	2,190	559	227	1,631	331
Clydesdale	LAB	1,954	588	189	1,366	126
Coatbridge & Chryston	LAB	2,127	638	189	1,489	141
Colchester	LD	1,712	489	102	1,223	129
Colne Valley	LAB	1,777	460	160	1,317	100
Congleton	CON	945	234	56	711	69
Conwy	LAB	2,147	622	259	1,525	300
Copeland	LAB	2,698	703	305	1,995	529
Corby	LAB	1,504	403	84	1,101	163
Cotswold	CON	637	126	25	511	62
Coventry North East	LAB	3,392	972	404	2,420	555
Coventry North West	LAB	2,327	551	223	1,776	349
Coventry South	LAB	2,572	699	260	1,873	397
Crawley	LAB	1,222	265	65	957	144
Crewe & Nantwich	LAB	1,655	463	119	1,192	129
Crosby	LAB	1,845	463	161	1,382	276
Croydon Central	LAB	3,050	631	239	2,419	651
Croydon North	LAB	4,274	898	370	3,376	956
Croydon South	CON	1,277	243	66	1,034	177
Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	LAB	1,773	548	130	1,225	106
Cunninghame North	LAB	2,164	599	170	1,565	172
Cunninghame South	LAB	2,702	749	207	1,953	276
Cynon Valley	LAB	1,903	601	217	1,302	193
Dagenham	LAB	1,823	476	152	1,347	187
Darlington	LAB	2,948	797	279	2,151	472
Dartford	LAB	1,775	398	145	1,377	282
Daventry	CON	916	199	40	717	82
Delyn	LAB	1,148	290	93	858	134
Denton & Reddish	LAB	1,657	447	111	1,210	164
Derby North	LAB	2,246	605	205	1,641	212
Derby South	LAB	3,675	1,112	399	2,563	318
Devizes	CON	984	219	40	765	75
Dewsbury	LAB	1,698	519	114	1,179	70
Don Valley	LAB	2,367	621	235	1,746	363
Doncaster Central	LAB	3,669	973	375	2,696	641
Doncaster North	LAB	2,885	778	273	2,107	446
Dover	LAB	2,783	690	236	2,093	428
Dudley North	LAB	2,347	540	204	1,807	293
Dudley South	LAB	1,786	367	123	1,419	202
Dulwich & West Norwood	LAB	4,134	852	356	3,282	752
Dumbarton	LAB	2,715	777	261	1,938	350
Dumfries	LAB	2,045	561	141	1,484	243
Dundee East	LAB	3,107	825	343	2,282	310
Dundee West	LAB	2,719	747	298	1,972	213
Dunfermline East	LAB	2,049	561	162	1,488	123
Dunfermline West	LAB	1,867	478	117	1,389	104

Table 3

**Unemployed Claimants: April 1998**  
**not seasonally adjusted**

Constituency	Party	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
			All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
Durham, City of	LAB	1,861	516	196	1,345	194
Ealing North *	LAB	2,483	500	183	1,983	427
Ealing Southall	LAB	3,350	806	291	2,544	462
Ealing, Acton & Shepherd's Bush	LAB	4,394	807	339	3,587	977
Easington	LAB	2,101	656	221	1,445	245
East Antrim	UU	2,455	582	194	1,873	594
East Devon	CON	1,000	233	60	767	123
East Ham	LAB	4,519	1,247	508	3,272	344
East Hampshire	CON	1,093	221	58	872	122
East Kilbride	LAB	1,911	378	88	1,533	231
East Londonderry	UU	3,321	774	341	2,547	1,031
East Lothian	LAB	1,275	291	77	984	86
East Surrey	CON	656	137	32	519	63
East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	926	205	51	721	108
East Yorkshire	CON	2,108	497	181	1,611	300
Eastbourne	CON	1,563	338	90	1,225	179
Eastleigh	LD	923	213	53	710	100
Eastwood	LAB	1,375	341	85	1,034	133
Eccles	LAB	2,018	563	160	1,455	214
Eddisbury	CON	1,131	303	53	828	75
Edinburgh Central	LAB	1,997	446	124	1,551	174
Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	LAB	1,617	379	125	1,238	95
Edinburgh North & Leith	LAB	2,393	483	157	1,910	198
Edinburgh Pentlands	LAB	1,512	434	115	1,078	70
Edinburgh South	LAB	1,491	353	114	1,138	80
Edinburgh West	LD	1,205	245	64	960	97
Edmonton	LAB	3,306	700	280	2,606	732
Ellesmere Port & Neston	LAB	1,662	450	120	1,212	155
Elmet	LAB	1,334	309	90	1,025	160
Eltham	LAB	2,283	573	244	1,710	491
Enfield North	LAB	2,444	494	186	1,950	481
Enfield, Southgate	LAB	2,150	458	188	1,692	363
Epping Forest	CON	1,366	268	73	1,098	139
Epsom & Ewell	CON	688	131	27	557	71
Erewash	LAB	1,792	456	119	1,336	102
Erith & Thamesmead	LAB	3,827	952	389	2,875	753
Esher & Walton	CON	682	91	16	591	85
Exeter	LAB	2,570	696	216	1,874	370
Falkirk East	LAB	2,088	568	149	1,520	178
Falkirk West	LAB	2,279	632	220	1,647	217
Falmouth & Camborne	LAB	3,099	706	257	2,393	366
Fareham	CON	773	161	27	612	74
Faversham & Mid Kent	CON	1,379	361	113	1,018	139
Feltham & Heston	LAB	2,080	551	152	1,529	201
Fermanagh & South Tyrone	UU	3,431	688	304	2,743	1,306
Finchley & Golders Green	LAB	2,190	350	119	1,840	366
Folkestone & Hythe	CON	2,698	597	206	2,101	500
Forest of Dean	LAB	1,076	243	70	833	150
Foyle	SDLP	5,789	1,565	774	4,224	1,944
Fylde	CON	794	212	34	582	29
Gainsborough	CON	1,571	382	112	1,189	184
Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	SNP	1,791	392	138	1,399	287
Gateshead East & Washington West	LAB	2,224	602	192	1,622	260
Gedling	LAB	1,739	423	135	1,316	155
Gillingham	LAB	1,642	408	115	1,234	129
Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	2,324	630	246	1,694	314
Glasgow Baillieston	LAB	2,723	841	339	1,882	386
Glasgow Cathcart	LAB	1,815	477	169	1,338	244
Glasgow Govan	LAB	2,787	670	281	2,117	410
Glasgow Kelvin	LAB	2,730	643	216	2,087	339
Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	3,460	890	345	2,570	585
Glasgow Pollok	LAB	2,708	740	315	1,968	408

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Glasgow Rutherglen	LAB	1,945	526	165	1,419	240
Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	2,844	682	266	2,162	438
Glasgow Springburn	LAB	3,199	868	339	2,331	564
Gloucester	LAB	2,249	506	167	1,743	426
Gordon	LD	770	181	45	589	107
Gosport	CON	1,481	419	121	1,062	170
Gower	LAB	1,334	348	86	986	77
Grantham & Stamford	CON	1,310	362	77	948	121
Gravesham	LAB	2,266	564	194	1,702	247
Great Grimsby	LAB	3,849	1,065	415	2,784	483
Great Yarmouth	LAB	3,504	955	386	2,549	550
Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	1,823	535	90	1,288	99
Greenwich & Woolwich	LAB	4,397	1,163	515	3,234	888
Guildford	CON	733	122	28	611	86
Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	6,541	1,496	722	5,045	1,086
Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	6,646	1,522	751	5,124	1,051
Halesowen & Rowley Regis	LAB	1,837	416	115	1,421	161
Halifax	LAB	2,900	791	291	2,109	390
Haltemprice & Howden	CON	1,116	277	89	839	77
Halton	LAB	2,702	862	302	1,840	351
Hamilton North & Bellshill	LAB	2,372	727	188	1,645	175
Hamilton South	LAB	1,675	445	118	1,230	135
Hammersmith & Fulham	LAB	4,096	628	242	3,468	877
Hampstead & Highgate	LAB	3,633	615	253	3,018	780
Harborough	CON	961	239	46	722	64
Harlow	LAB	1,570	341	107	1,229	194
Harrogate & Knaresborough	LD	1,028	232	32	796	59
Harrow East	LAB	2,065	402	125	1,663	317
Harrow West	LAB	1,513	299	99	1,214	220
Hartlepool	LAB	4,414	1,261	504	3,153	770
Harwich	LAB	2,350	619	220	1,731	305
Hastings & Rye	LAB	2,959	690	235	2,269	455
Havant	CON	1,871	498	132	1,373	136
Hayes & Harlington	LAB	1,626	400	123	1,226	193
Hazel Grove	LD	994	263	60	731	96
Hemel Hempstead	LAB	1,125	220	49	905	102
Hemsworth	LAB	2,258	661	181	1,597	244
Hendon	LAB	2,681	538	195	2,143	425
Henley	CON	507	91	25	416	57
Hereford *>	LD	1,635	423	100	1,212	110
Hertford & Stortford	CON	766	148	34	618	79
Hertsmere	CON	956	160	42	796	123
Hexham	CON	1,044	255	74	789	128
Heywood & Middleton	LAB	2,531	703	212	1,828	298
High Peak	LAB	1,325	335	74	990	140
Hitchin & Harpenden	CON	868	178	54	690	106
Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	4,759	858	365	3,901	924
Hornchurch	LAB	1,186	293	75	893	93
Hornsey & Wood Green	LAB	4,505	856	337	3,649	836
Horsham	CON	633	120	20	513	59
Houghton & Washington East	LAB	2,383	763	279	1,620	320
Hove	LAB	2,465	405	122	2,060	319
Huddersfield	LAB	3,064	898	379	2,166	195
Huntingdon	CON	1,162	269	67	893	85
Hyndburn	LAB	1,514	474	93	1,040	78
Ilford North	LAB	1,642	343	129	1,299	161
Ilford South *	LAB	3,275	826	300	2,449	217
Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	LAB	2,108	470	103	1,638	198
Ipswich	LAB	2,514	724	232	1,790	392
Isle of Wight	LD	3,876	888	364	2,988	807
Islington North	LAB	5,654	1,115	519	4,539	1,386
Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	4,410	851	394	3,559	1,059

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Islwyn	LAB	1,207	393	79	814	78
Jarrow	LAB	2,806	702	262	2,104	206
Keighley	LAB	1,896	541	156	1,355	170
Kensington & Chelsea	CON	2,410	294	110	2,116	517
Kettering	LAB	1,229	307	81	922	183
Kilmarnock & Loudoun	LAB	2,806	691	212	2,115	487
Kingston & Surbiton	LD	1,524	280	95	1,244	195
Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	3,813	1,088	413	2,725	214
Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	4,387	1,370	562	3,017	242
Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	3,859	1,100	402	2,759	244
Kingswood	LAB	1,277	314	89	963	87
Kirkcaldy	LAB	2,658	653	210	2,005	460
Knowsley North & Sefton East	LAB	3,418	1,073	468	2,345	599
Knowsley South	LAB	4,300	1,315	620	2,985	808
Lagan Valley	UU	1,899	427	172	1,472	495
Lancaster & Wyre	LAB	1,514	409	115	1,105	133
Leeds Central	LAB	4,913	1,238	452	3,675	902
Leeds East	LAB	3,369	893	334	2,476	626
Leeds North East	LAB	2,283	549	229	1,734	433
Leeds North West	LAB	1,584	408	147	1,176	233
Leeds West	LAB	2,656	689	245	1,967	400
Leicester East	LAB	2,189	622	172	1,567	165
Leicester South	LAB	3,131	882	260	2,249	268
Leicester West	LAB	2,877	833	258	2,044	280
Leigh	LAB	1,846	535	123	1,311	120
Leominster <*	CON	1,095	234	64	861	100
Lewes	LD	1,074	199	55	875	114
Lewisham East	LAB	2,811	562	212	2,249	705
Lewisham West	LAB	3,535	764	326	2,771	831
Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	5,036	1,079	481	3,957	1,079
Leyton & Wanstead	LAB	3,056	685	282	2,371	336
Lichfield	CON	1,022	278	74	744	94
Lincoln	LAB	2,930	814	239	2,116	426
Linlithgow	LAB	1,524	475	87	1,049	76
Liverpool, Garston	LAB	3,126	880	395	2,246	653
Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	6,021	1,740	914	4,281	1,356
Liverpool, Walton	LAB	4,825	1,437	660	3,388	988
Liverpool, Wavertree	LAB	4,339	1,250	623	3,089	929
Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	4,694	1,399	650	3,295	1,052
Livingston	LAB	1,718	543	87	1,175	63
Llanelli	LAB	1,953	540	191	1,413	285
Loughborough	LAB	1,488	393	106	1,095	154
Louth & Horncastle	CON	1,620	378	119	1,242	154
Ludlow	CON	960	205	38	755	109
Luton North	LAB	2,004	482	159	1,522	351
Luton South	LAB	2,635	603	216	2,032	494
Macclesfield	CON	997	220	42	777	57
Maidenhead	CON	786	163	37	623	126
Maidstone & The Weald	CON	1,249	273	72	976	88
Makerfield	LAB	1,856	573	116	1,283	104
Maldon & East Chelmsford	CON	1,228	265	102	963	215
Manchester, Blackley	LAB	3,190	918	332	2,272	449
Manchester, Central	LAB	5,244	1,441	674	3,803	877
Manchester, Gorton	LAB	3,975	1,213	541	2,762	564
Manchester, Withington	LAB	3,098	807	311	2,291	494
Mansfield	LAB	2,456	673	228	1,783	233
Medway	LAB	2,061	496	161	1,565	158
Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	PC	1,167	262	114	905	169
Meriden	CON	2,303	608	246	1,695	422
Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	LAB	2,285	777	252	1,508	135
Mid Bedfordshire	CON	711	129	35	582	72
Mid Dorset & North Poole	CON	876	189	39	687	126

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Mid Norfolk	CON	1,431	347	85	1,084	136
Mid Sussex	CON	594	108	26	486	52
Mid Ulster	SF	2,736	614	282	2,122	979
Mid Worcestershire	CON	951	206	41	745	87
Middlesbrough	LAB	5,323	1,510	687	3,813	936
Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland	LAB	3,168	910	357	2,258	549
Midlothian	LAB	1,057	283	71	774	59
Milton Keynes South West	LAB	1,553	426	89	1,127	129
Mitcham & Morden	LAB	2,311	505	187	1,806	386
Mole Valley	CON	481	78	15	403	54
Monmouth	LAB	1,325	321	86	1,004	167
Montgomeryshire	LD	744	199	54	545	40
Moray	SNP	1,728	436	93	1,292	147
Morecambe & Lunesdale	LAB	2,304	584	220	1,720	311
Morley & Rothwell	LAB	1,725	373	109	1,352	256
Motherwell & Wishaw	LAB	2,147	671	184	1,476	121
Neath	LAB	1,655	458	158	1,197	90
New Forest East	CON	864	193	40	671	86
New Forest West	CON	861	173	45	688	101
Newark	LAB	1,888	506	141	1,382	203
Newbury	LD	619	109	21	510	43
Newcastle upon Tyne Central	LAB	3,150	807	358	2,343	649
Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	3,860	953	403	2,907	721
Newcastle upon Tyne North	LAB	2,419	622	253	1,797	440
Newcastle-under-Lyme	LAB	1,303	383	87	920	56
Newport East	LAB	1,938	560	149	1,378	267
Newport West	LAB	2,291	611	191	1,680	327
Newry & Armagh	SDLP	4,088	974	515	3,114	1,489
Normanton	LAB	1,625	396	110	1,229	175
North Antrim	DU	2,957	648	262	2,309	888
North Cornwall	LD	2,720	699	197	2,021	257
North Devon	LD	1,826	491	111	1,335	214
North Dorset	CON	654	146	32	508	64
North Down	UKU	2,052	477	197	1,575	469
North Durham	LAB	2,276	619	201	1,657	333
North East Bedfordshire	CON	833	191	40	642	58
North East Cambridgeshire	CON	1,822	463	122	1,359	174
North East Derbyshire	LAB	1,975	540	188	1,435	280
North East Fife	LD	1,184	276	91	908	147
North East Hampshire	CON	594	105	23	489	47
North East Hertfordshire	CON	827	180	37	647	67
North East Milton Keynes	LAB	1,223	306	73	917	126
North Essex	CON	891	222	58	669	81
North Norfolk	CON	1,600	351	79	1,249	178
North Shropshire	CON	1,274	308	90	966	118
North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	5,007	1,051	422	3,956	895
North Swindon	LAB	1,079	255	52	824	106
North Tayside	SNP	1,493	350	92	1,143	160
North Thanet	CON	2,848	692	253	2,156	482
North Tyneside	LAB	3,071	751	300	2,320	509
North Warwickshire	LAB	1,363	355	91	1,008	146
North West Cambridgeshire	CON	1,220	325	84	895	66
North West Durham	LAB	2,244	626	198	1,618	323
North West Hampshire *	CON	701	161	30	540	63
North West Leicestershire	LAB	1,176	313	98	863	145
North West Norfolk	LAB	2,050	549	161	1,501	233
North Wiltshire	CON	895	194	30	701	77
Northampton North	LAB	1,979	531	163	1,448	272
Northampton South	LAB	1,761	436	130	1,325	249
Northavon	LD	676	153	31	523	43
Norwich North	LAB	2,130	529	175	1,601	235
Norwich South	LAB	3,008	803	292	2,205	339

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Nottingham East	LAB	4,551	1,312	527	3,239	393
Nottingham North	LAB	3,553	1,001	385	2,552	353
Nottingham South	LAB	3,111	894	351	2,217	301
Nuneaton	LAB	1,611	448	125	1,163	201
Ochil	LAB	2,085	568	227	1,517	265
Ogmore	LAB	1,649	486	143	1,163	181
Old Bexley & Sidcup	CON	1,129	237	63	892	187
Oldham East & Saddleworth	LAB	1,931	586	130	1,345	199
Oldham West & Royton	LAB	2,320	747	164	1,573	198
Orkney & Shetland	LD	795	157	34	638	83
Orpington	CON	1,352	279	53	1,073	167
Oxford East	LAB	1,905	529	158	1,376	264
Oxford West & Abingdon	LD	775	152	32	623	92
Paisley North	LAB	2,261	588	173	1,673	268
Paisley South	LAB	2,376	607	197	1,769	361
Pendle	LAB	1,394	485	88	909	49
Penrith & The Border	CON	962	258	67	704	101
Perth	SNP	1,634	373	114	1,261	149
Peterborough	LAB	2,158	641	171	1,517	121
Plymouth, Devonport	LAB	3,045	858	310	2,187	416
Plymouth, Sutton	LAB	4,317	1,208	513	3,109	678
Pontefract & Castleford	LAB	2,399	687	174	1,712	192
Pontypridd	LAB	1,841	572	176	1,269	219
Poole	CON	1,321	237	57	1,084	175
Poplar & Canning Town	LAB	5,295	1,426	563	3,869	429
Portsmouth North	LAB	1,750	464	151	1,286	166
Portsmouth South	LD	3,210	772	277	2,438	336
Preseli Pembrokeshire	LAB	2,186	566	225	1,620	318
Preston	LAB	2,895	886	215	2,009	154
Pudsey	LAB	1,048	202	43	846	94
Putney	LAB	1,950	326	106	1,624	412
Rayleigh	CON	1,055	222	55	833	139
Reading East	LAB	1,237	251	68	986	110
Reading West	LAB	1,133	244	66	889	92
Redcar	LAB	3,701	1,060	467	2,641	602
Redditch	LAB	1,677	390	140	1,287	316
Regent's Park & Kensington North	LAB	5,092	944	423	4,148	1,065
Reigate	CON	619	118	21	501	45
Rhondda	LAB	2,123	680	231	1,443	250
Ribble Valley	CON	695	173	28	522	30
Richmond	CON	1,120	293	66	827	103
Richmond Park	LD	1,438	189	54	1,249	255
Rochdale	LAB	2,932	944	329	1,988	259
Rochford & Southend East	CON	3,535	793	339	2,742	785
Romford	LAB	1,182	305	91	877	77
Romsey	CON	707	183	32	524	90
Ross, Skye & Inverness West	LD	2,309	497	105	1,812	291
Rossendale & Darwen	LAB	1,323	395	55	928	41
Rother Valley	LAB	2,414	670	249	1,744	356
Rotherham	LAB	3,173	844	377	2,329	589
Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	1,143	319	78	824	69
Rugby & Kenilworth	LAB	1,412	363	108	1,049	173
Ruislip - Northwood	CON	960	176	51	784	137
Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	699	115	21	584	75
Rushcliffe	CON	1,339	310	103	1,029	124
Rutland & Melton	CON	704	159	12	545	49
Ryedale	CON	904	182	53	722	119
Saffron Walden	CON	911	187	40	724	100
Salford	LAB	2,310	673	203	1,637	250
Salisbury	CON	1,116	268	53	848	94
Scarborough & Whitby	LAB	2,674	633	187	2,041	379
Scunthorpe	LAB	2,243	619	207	1,624	305



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Sedgefield	LAB	1,874	546	164	1,328	182
Selby	LAB	1,597	397	131	1,200	208
Sevenoaks	CON	975	215	65	760	138
Sheffield, Attercliffe	LAB	2,480	569	240	1,911	466
Sheffield, Brightside	LAB	3,568	960	419	2,608	737
Sheffield, Central	LAB	5,053	1,377	610	3,676	1,055
Sheffield, Hallam	LD	1,204	313	125	891	170
Sheffield, Heeley	LAB	3,127	818	369	2,309	569
Sheffield, Hillsborough	LAB	2,235	513	203	1,722	393
Sherwood	LAB	1,997	561	174	1,436	186
Shipley	LAB	1,548	396	107	1,152	102
Shrewsbury & Atcham	LAB	1,214	284	88	930	116
Sittingbourne & Sheppey	LAB	2,177	576	196	1,601	340
Skipton & Ripon	CON	902	208	46	694	56
Sleaford & North Hykeham	CON	1,102	255	67	847	118
Slough	LAB	2,188	492	140	1,696	244
Solihull	CON	1,176	222	59	954	137
Somerton & Frome *	LD	1,064	222	47	842	146
South Antrim	UU	2,034	520	196	1,514	482
South Cambridgeshire	CON	733	152	45	581	91
South Derbyshire	LAB	1,556	418	145	1,138	196
South Dorset	CON	1,619	422	117	1,197	192
South Down	SDLP	3,189	855	406	2,334	881
South East Cambridgeshire	CON	970	184	40	786	115
South East Cornwall	LD	1,824	470	151	1,354	209
South Holland & The Deepings	CON	810	193	39	617	62
South Norfolk	CON	1,391	284	82	1,107	177
South Ribble	LAB	1,072	280	59	792	67
South Shields	LAB	3,713	922	387	2,791	322
South Staffordshire	CON	1,350	320	108	1,030	173
South Suffolk	CON	1,168	258	72	910	156
South Swindon	LAB	1,642	468	106	1,174	156
South Thanet	LAB	2,456	542	163	1,914	413
South West Bedfordshire	CON	1,143	304	69	839	89
South West Devon	CON	1,202	337	105	865	122
South West Hertfordshire	CON	855	163	50	692	102
South West Norfolk	CON	1,631	389	76	1,242	159
South West Surrey	CON	584	100	19	484	64
Southampton, Itchen	LAB	2,699	642	204	2,057	379
Southampton, Test	LAB	2,686	628	206	2,058	439
Southend West	CON	2,017	397	161	1,620	427
Southport	LD	2,045	468	167	1,577	270
Spelthorne	CON	802	138	29	664	98
St Albans	LAB	727	146	38	581	52
St Helens North	LAB	2,187	681	207	1,506	178
St Helens South	LAB	2,603	836	316	1,767	230
St Ives	LD	3,061	717	265	2,344	409
Stafford	LAB	1,317	381	113	936	150
Staffordshire Moorlands	LAB	1,134	293	75	841	79
Stalybridge & Hyde	LAB	1,838	529	144	1,309	213
Stevenage	LAB	1,451	328	89	1,123	110
Stirling	LAB	1,566	404	149	1,162	138
Stockport	LAB	1,775	410	136	1,365	223
Stockton North	LAB	4,068	1,030	424	3,038	814
Stockton South	LAB	2,735	715	271	2,020	464
Stoke-on-Trent Central	LAB	2,234	704	215	1,530	135
Stoke-on-Trent North	LAB	1,535	449	96	1,086	65
Stoke-on-Trent South	LAB	1,863	608	192	1,255	91
Stone	CON	821	214	48	607	46
Stourbridge	LAB	1,584	346	109	1,238	171
Strangford	UU	2,138	508	207	1,630	525
Stratford-on-Avon	CON	956	168	40	788	138

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Constituency	Party	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
			All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
Strathkelvin & Bearsden	LAB	1,690	426	125	1,264	149
Streatham	LAB	5,492	1,029	390	4,463	972
Stretford & Urmston	LAB	2,223	598	166	1,625	254
Stroud	LAB	1,295	285	61	1,010	150
Suffolk Coastal	CON	1,457	361	108	1,096	183
Sunderland North	LAB	3,064	825	349	2,239	550
Sunderland South	LAB	3,683	986	441	2,697	747
Surrey Heath	CON	537	107	33	430	29
Sutton & Cheam	LD	985	152	41	833	135
Sutton Coldfield	CON	1,237	249	70	988	234
Swansea East	LAB	2,012	586	204	1,426	105
Swansea West	LAB	1,984	526	177	1,458	136
Tamworth	LAB	1,536	432	115	1,104	153
Tatton	IND	804	156	32	648	62
Taunton *	LD	1,820	473	137	1,347	266
Teignbridge	CON	1,760	426	143	1,334	258
Telford	LAB	1,498	474	125	1,024	123
Tewkesbury	CON	945	189	45	756	122
Thurrock	LAB	2,477	620	210	1,857	421
Tiverton & Honiton	CON	1,247	312	77	935	144
Tonbridge & Malling	CON	1,006	179	42	827	92
Tooting	LAB	3,299	613	252	2,686	688
Torbay	LD	3,036	724	207	2,312	394
Torfaen	LAB	1,853	577	162	1,276	163
Torrige & West Devon	LD	2,024	485	137	1,539	315
Totnes	CON	1,702	364	95	1,338	236
Tottenham	LAB	8,072	1,698	863	6,374	1,822
Truro & St Austell	LD	2,407	571	196	1,836	304
Tunbridge Wells	CON	1,056	206	43	850	82
Tweeddale, Ettrick & Lauderdale	LD	913	260	47	653	43
Twickenham	LD	1,294	192	58	1,102	202
Tyne Bridge	LAB	4,464	1,176	516	3,288	1,001
Tynemouth	LAB	2,507	585	200	1,922	414
Upminster	LAB	1,086	261	72	825	85
Upper Bann	UU	2,340	526	184	1,814	691
Uxbridge	CON	1,072	220	72	852	168
Vale of Clwyd	LAB	1,485	432	155	1,053	194
Vale of Glamorgan	LAB	2,137	597	219	1,540	228
Vale of York	CON	791	159	46	632	73
Vauxhall	LAB	6,612	1,264	570	5,348	1,426
Wakefield	LAB	2,456	636	206	1,820	266
Wallasey	LAB	3,331	940	342	2,391	561
Walsall North	LAB	3,203	848	360	2,355	658
Walsall South	LAB	3,200	882	361	2,318	553
Walthamstow	LAB	3,648	858	345	2,790	335
Wansbeck	LAB	2,553	740	287	1,813	524
Wansdyke <*	LAB	761	182	31	579	47
Wantage	CON	696	152	38	544	60
Warley	LAB	2,826	746	326	2,080	553
Warrington North	LAB	1,797	508	144	1,289	147
Warrington South	LAB	1,339	344	87	995	111
Warwick & Leamington	LAB	1,578	324	113	1,254	190
Watford	LAB	1,391	260	78	1,131	206
Waveney	LAB	3,253	783	315	2,470	591
Wealden	CON	770	128	32	642	67
Weaver Vale	LAB	2,117	702	235	1,415	272
Wellingborough	LAB	1,540	395	81	1,145	134
Wells	CON	1,274	274	64	1,000	165
Welwyn Hatfield	LAB	787	178	41	609	54
Wentworth	LAB	2,912	753	285	2,159	466
West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	LD	652	154	38	498	57
West Bromwich East	LAB	2,681	720	282	1,961	345

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Constituency	Party	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
			All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
West Bromwich West	SPKR	2,968	758	272	2,210	288
West Chelmsford	CON	1,457	322	106	1,135	248
West Derbyshire	CON	1,010	219	59	791	70
West Dorset	CON	1,061	232	59	829	113
West Ham	LAB	4,810	1,296	527	3,514	392
West Lancashire	LAB	2,402	678	258	1,724	323
West Renfrewshire	LAB	1,350	403	70	947	88
West Suffolk	CON	1,299	291	58	1,008	171
West Tyrone	UU	3,658	930	510	2,728	1,401
West Worcestershire	CON	932	206	58	726	114
Westbury	CON	1,322	319	85	1,003	191
Western Isles	LAB	1,086	167	58	919	179
Westmorland & Lonsdale	CON	749	176	33	573	49
Weston-Super-Mare	LD	1,557	392	107	1,165	100
Wigan	LAB	2,071	564	147	1,507	170
Wimbledon	LAB	1,337	220	67	1,117	214
Winchester	VAC	824	184	35	640	101
Windsor	CON	803	124	34	679	92
Wirral South	LAB	1,485	369	141	1,116	233
Wirral West	LAB	1,692	472	162	1,220	204
Witney	CON	510	98	23	412	38
Woking	CON	570	89	12	481	50
Wokingham	CON	469	66	14	403	32
Wolverhampton North East	LAB	2,623	761	253	1,862	379
Wolverhampton South East	LAB	2,580	751	271	1,829	348
Wolverhampton South West	LAB	2,447	640	220	1,807	347
Woodspring	CON	670	128	20	542	52
Worcester	LAB	1,646	418	111	1,228	201
Workington	LAB	2,714	665	257	2,049	544
Worsley	LAB	1,627	470	127	1,157	79
Worthing West	CON	930	168	30	762	124
Wrekin, The	LAB	1,006	282	61	724	68
Wrexham	LAB	1,275	338	114	937	163
Wycombe	CON	1,259	271	70	988	158
Wyre Forest	LAB	1,625	361	105	1,264	188
Wythenshawe & Sale East	LAB	2,614	718	268	1,896	415
Yeovil *	LD	1,294	324	96	970	195
Ynys-Mon	PC	2,293	580	271	1,713	540
York, City of	LAB	2,677	639	158	2,038	297
United Kingdom		1,373,879	345,885	119,915	1,027,994	194,479

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

Source: ONS - NOMIS database

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Constituency	Party	Total aged 18+	Aged 18 to 24		Aged 25 and over	
			All	Unemployed over 6 months	All	Unemployed over 2 years
Aberavon	LAB	100.0%	32.0%	9.4%	68.0%	5.2%
Aberdeen Central	LAB	100.0%	28.3%	5.9%	71.7%	9.0%
Aberdeen North	LAB	100.0%	26.5%	4.7%	73.5%	8.2%
Aberdeen South	LAB	100.0%	23.6%	4.2%	76.4%	9.4%
Airdrie & Shotts	LAB	100.0%	31.6%	9.6%	68.4%	5.3%
Aldershot	CON	100.0%	22.3%	4.5%	77.7%	5.9%
Aldridge - Brownhills	CON	100.0%	22.7%	8.1%	77.3%	15.1%
Altrincham & Sale West	CON	100.0%	22.1%	5.4%	77.9%	12.9%
Alyn & Deeside	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	7.6%	72.9%	10.0%
Amber Valley	LAB	100.0%	28.0%	8.3%	72.0%	10.2%
Angus	SNP	100.0%	26.3%	7.8%	73.7%	13.0%
Argyll & Bute	LD	100.0%	21.0%	6.3%	79.0%	15.0%
Arundel & South Downs	CON	100.0%	15.3%	4.0%	84.7%	10.5%
Ashfield	LAB	100.0%	26.3%	8.1%	73.7%	15.8%
Ashford	CON	100.0%	22.1%	5.7%	77.9%	15.4%
Ashton under Lyne	LAB	100.0%	30.2%	7.2%	69.8%	7.7%
Aylesbury	CON	100.0%	23.4%	5.3%	76.6%	9.5%
Ayr	LAB	100.0%	24.6%	7.7%	75.4%	11.7%
Banbury	CON	100.0%	22.5%	5.1%	77.5%	6.2%
Banff & Buchan	SNP	100.0%	30.2%	4.2%	69.8%	3.9%
Barking (a)	LAB	100.0%	29.2%	9.4%	70.8%	8.4%
Barnsley Central	LAB	100.0%	29.3%	9.9%	70.7%	10.9%
Barnsley East & Mexborough	LAB	100.0%	27.3%	9.6%	72.7%	11.6%
Barnsley West & Penistone	LAB	100.0%	27.5%	9.4%	72.5%	10.0%
Barrow & Furness	LAB	100.0%	28.7%	11.4%	71.3%	11.9%
Basildon	LAB	100.0%	25.7%	7.7%	74.3%	13.7%
Basingstoke (a)	CON	100.0%	21.4%	6.2%	78.6%	13.4%
Bassetlaw	LAB	100.0%	25.6%	8.6%	74.4%	15.2%
Bath	LD	100.0%	19.9%	4.7%	80.1%	8.4%
Batley & Spen	LAB	100.0%	28.2%	7.7%	71.8%	6.9%
Battersea	LAB	100.0%	19.0%	6.4%	81.0%	15.4%
Beaconsfield	CON	100.0%	13.8%	4.5%	86.2%	13.8%
Beckenham	VAC	100.0%	18.3%	6.8%	81.7%	20.9%
Bedford	LAB	100.0%	28.0%	10.1%	72.0%	13.3%
Belfast East	DU	100.0%	23.9%	11.5%	76.1%	28.4%
Belfast North	UU	100.0%	25.7%	11.3%	74.3%	28.6%
Belfast South	UU	100.0%	32.0%	15.2%	68.0%	22.0%
Belfast West	SF	100.0%	27.7%	13.0%	72.3%	33.0%
Berwick-upon-Tweed	LD	100.0%	25.6%	7.3%	74.4%	14.1%
Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	100.0%	25.2%	10.8%	74.8%	10.7%
Beverley & Holderness	CON	100.0%	24.7%	7.8%	75.3%	5.5%
Bexhill & Battle	CON	100.0%	16.2%	4.3%	83.8%	12.8%
Bexleyheath & Crayford	LAB	100.0%	24.7%	8.7%	75.3%	14.4%
Billericay	CON	100.0%	24.1%	6.5%	75.9%	13.1%
Birkenhead	LAB	100.0%	28.8%	11.8%	71.2%	15.8%
Birmingham, Edgbaston	LAB	100.0%	25.1%	11.7%	74.9%	20.2%
Birmingham, Erdington	LAB	100.0%	22.7%	9.0%	77.3%	23.9%
Birmingham, Hall Green	LAB	100.0%	23.7%	9.5%	76.3%	20.7%
Birmingham, Hodge Hill	LAB	100.0%	30.7%	13.5%	69.3%	19.4%
Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	100.0%	31.1%	15.9%	68.9%	19.7%
Birmingham, Northfield	LAB	100.0%	24.8%	10.4%	75.2%	22.6%
Birmingham, Perry Barr	LAB	100.0%	28.5%	13.4%	71.5%	20.0%
Birmingham, Selly Oak	LAB	100.0%	26.6%	11.7%	73.4%	19.5%
Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	100.0%	32.5%	16.3%	67.5%	19.8%
Birmingham, Yardley	LAB	100.0%	24.7%	9.1%	75.3%	17.9%
Bishop Auckland	LAB	100.0%	29.9%	9.5%	70.1%	13.8%
Blaby	CON	100.0%	24.1%	4.2%	75.9%	7.2%
Blackburn	LAB	100.0%	30.4%	6.1%	69.6%	6.9%
Blackpool North & Fleetwood	LAB	100.0%	24.6%	5.7%	75.4%	6.2%
Blackpool South	LAB	100.0%	24.1%	4.9%	75.9%	4.6%
Blaenau Gwent	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	8.7%	73.1%	17.1%
Blaydon	LAB	100.0%	24.7%	8.6%	75.3%	17.1%

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Blyth Valley	LAB	100.0%	29.7%	8.5%	70.3%	14.2%
Bognor Regis & Littlehampton	CON	100.0%	20.2%	3.7%	79.8%	5.8%
Bolsover	LAB	100.0%	27.3%	9.1%	72.7%	13.2%
Bolton North East	LAB	100.0%	28.9%	8.4%	71.1%	4.3%
Bolton South East	LAB	100.0%	30.1%	7.9%	69.9%	4.2%
Bolton West	LAB	100.0%	25.4%	4.8%	74.6%	3.4%
Bootle	LAB	100.0%	30.1%	14.2%	69.9%	19.0%
Boston & Skegness	CON	100.0%	24.6%	4.3%	75.4%	4.8%
Bosworth	CON	100.0%	23.9%	4.0%	76.1%	7.3%
Bournemouth East	CON	100.0%	20.2%	5.8%	79.8%	17.0%
Bournemouth West	CON	100.0%	19.5%	5.6%	80.5%	18.8%
Bracknell	CON	100.0%	21.2%	5.3%	78.8%	6.2%
Bradford North	LAB	100.0%	30.9%	10.6%	69.1%	8.0%
Bradford South	LAB	100.0%	27.3%	8.7%	72.7%	8.0%
Bradford West	LAB	100.0%	34.2%	12.5%	65.8%	7.4%
Braintree	LAB	100.0%	26.2%	6.7%	73.8%	11.5%
Brecon & Radnorshire	LD	100.0%	25.3%	9.2%	74.7%	9.4%
Brent East	LAB	100.0%	19.2%	8.6%	80.8%	19.0%
Brent North	LAB	100.0%	19.4%	7.4%	80.6%	16.4%
Brent South	LAB	100.0%	21.9%	10.7%	78.1%	19.0%
Brentford & Isleworth	LAB	100.0%	20.9%	6.7%	79.1%	12.1%
Brentwood & Ongar	CON	100.0%	22.4%	5.7%	77.6%	12.7%
Bridgend	LAB	100.0%	26.8%	9.2%	73.2%	11.8%
Bridgwater	CON	100.0%	24.3%	7.1%	75.7%	14.3%
Brigg & Goole	LAB	100.0%	23.0%	6.9%	77.0%	15.0%
Brighton, Kemptown	LAB	100.0%	19.7%	7.7%	80.3%	16.5%
Brighton, Pavilion	LAB	100.0%	19.7%	7.8%	80.3%	14.4%
Bristol East	LAB	100.0%	24.8%	7.7%	75.2%	6.8%
Bristol North West	LAB	100.0%	25.4%	6.5%	74.6%	7.0%
Bristol South	LAB	100.0%	24.2%	7.3%	75.8%	7.1%
Bristol West	LAB	100.0%	22.4%	7.5%	77.6%	8.6%
Bromley & Chislehurst	CON	100.0%	18.8%	6.3%	81.2%	17.4%
Bromsgrove	CON	100.0%	24.7%	8.1%	75.3%	13.6%
Broxbourne	CON	100.0%	21.3%	5.1%	78.7%	11.3%
Broxtowe	LAB	100.0%	27.4%	7.0%	72.6%	6.4%
Buckingham	CON	100.0%	18.3%	5.8%	81.7%	12.0%
Burnley	LAB	100.0%	29.3%	3.6%	70.7%	4.1%
Burton	LAB	100.0%	26.2%	8.1%	73.8%	11.4%
Bury North	LAB	100.0%	32.3%	4.2%	67.7%	1.7%
Bury South	LAB	100.0%	26.8%	6.0%	73.2%	8.2%
Bury St Edmunds	CON	100.0%	24.6%	5.6%	75.4%	9.0%
Caernarfon	PC	100.0%	26.0%	11.2%	74.0%	17.8%
Caerphilly	LAB	100.0%	32.4%	10.3%	67.6%	13.1%
Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	LD	100.0%	20.0%	7.0%	80.0%	18.9%
Calder Valley	LAB	100.0%	23.3%	6.3%	76.7%	10.8%
Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	100.0%	22.3%	9.7%	77.7%	17.7%
Cambridge	LAB	100.0%	21.7%	6.5%	78.3%	11.9%
Cannock Chase	LAB	100.0%	28.3%	8.4%	71.7%	12.3%
Canterbury	CON	100.0%	25.6%	8.0%	74.4%	13.5%
Cardiff Central	LAB	100.0%	25.9%	9.5%	74.1%	15.3%
Cardiff North	LAB	100.0%	25.4%	6.8%	74.6%	10.9%
Cardiff South & Penarth	LAB	100.0%	26.5%	9.1%	73.5%	16.1%
Cardiff West	LAB	100.0%	27.0%	9.5%	73.0%	17.6%
Carlisle	LAB	100.0%	29.8%	8.0%	70.2%	12.3%
Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	LAB	100.0%	24.0%	7.9%	76.0%	14.8%
Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	LAB	100.0%	24.2%	10.1%	75.8%	15.6%
Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	LAB	100.0%	26.3%	9.1%	73.7%	13.5%
Carshalton & Wallington	LD	100.0%	20.7%	7.1%	79.3%	15.4%
Castle Point	LAB	100.0%	25.2%	6.8%	74.8%	15.3%
Central Fife	LAB	100.0%	27.6%	7.8%	72.4%	12.0%
Central Suffolk & North Ipswich	CON	100.0%	24.2%	5.9%	75.8%	13.7%
Ceredigion	PC	100.0%	26.0%	9.0%	74.0%	11.4%

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Charnwood	CON	100.0%	21.3%	5.0%	78.7%	8.0%
Chatham & Aylesford	LAB	100.0%	26.8%	8.9%	73.2%	5.7%
Cheadle	CON	100.0%	23.4%	4.4%	76.6%	8.9%
Cheltenham	LD	100.0%	21.1%	6.4%	78.9%	19.6%
Chesham & Amersham	CON	100.0%	18.9%	2.6%	81.1%	11.2%
Chester, City of	LAB	100.0%	24.7%	6.6%	75.3%	13.6%
Chesterfield	LAB	100.0%	29.1%	10.8%	70.9%	14.2%
Chichester	CON	100.0%	17.4%	3.8%	82.6%	10.7%
Chingford & Woodford Green	CON	100.0%	22.0%	9.4%	78.0%	9.9%
Chipping Barnet	CON	100.0%	18.0%	5.8%	82.0%	14.5%
Chorley	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	5.8%	73.1%	6.1%
Christchurch	CON	100.0%	19.0%	4.5%	81.0%	11.5%
Cities of London & Westminster	CON	100.0%	16.6%	6.0%	83.4%	12.7%
Cleethorpes	LAB	100.0%	25.8%	9.1%	74.2%	9.3%
Clwyd South	LAB	100.0%	28.3%	8.2%	71.7%	9.3%
Clwyd West	LAB	100.0%	27.3%	8.7%	72.7%	15.0%
Clydebank & Milngavie	LAB	100.0%	25.5%	10.4%	74.5%	15.1%
Clydesdale	LAB	100.0%	30.1%	9.7%	69.9%	6.4%
Coatbridge & Chryston	LAB	100.0%	30.0%	8.9%	70.0%	6.6%
Colchester	LD	100.0%	28.6%	6.0%	71.4%	7.5%
Colne Valley	LAB	100.0%	25.9%	9.0%	74.1%	5.6%
Congleton	CON	100.0%	24.8%	5.9%	75.2%	7.3%
Conwy	LAB	100.0%	29.0%	12.1%	71.0%	14.0%
Copeland	LAB	100.0%	26.1%	11.3%	73.9%	19.6%
Corby	LAB	100.0%	26.8%	5.6%	73.2%	10.8%
Cotswold	CON	100.0%	19.8%	3.9%	80.2%	9.7%
Coventry North East	LAB	100.0%	28.7%	11.9%	71.3%	16.4%
Coventry North West	LAB	100.0%	23.7%	9.6%	76.3%	15.0%
Coventry South	LAB	100.0%	27.2%	10.1%	72.8%	15.4%
Crawley	LAB	100.0%	21.7%	5.3%	78.3%	11.8%
Crewe & Nantwich	LAB	100.0%	28.0%	7.2%	72.0%	7.8%
Crosby	LAB	100.0%	25.1%	8.7%	74.9%	15.0%
Croydon Central	LAB	100.0%	20.7%	7.8%	79.3%	21.3%
Croydon North	LAB	100.0%	21.0%	8.7%	79.0%	22.4%
Croydon South	CON	100.0%	19.0%	5.2%	81.0%	13.9%
Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	LAB	100.0%	30.9%	7.3%	69.1%	6.0%
Cunninghame North	LAB	100.0%	27.7%	7.9%	72.3%	7.9%
Cunninghame South	LAB	100.0%	27.7%	7.7%	72.3%	10.2%
Cynon Valley	LAB	100.0%	31.6%	11.4%	68.4%	10.1%
Dagenham	LAB	100.0%	26.1%	8.3%	73.9%	10.3%
Darlington	LAB	100.0%	27.0%	9.5%	73.0%	16.0%
Dartford	LAB	100.0%	22.4%	8.2%	77.6%	15.9%
Daventry	CON	100.0%	21.7%	4.4%	78.3%	9.0%
Delyn	LAB	100.0%	25.3%	8.1%	74.7%	11.7%
Denton & Reddish	LAB	100.0%	27.0%	6.7%	73.0%	9.9%
Derby North	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	9.1%	73.1%	9.4%
Derby South	LAB	100.0%	30.3%	10.9%	69.7%	8.7%
Devizes	CON	100.0%	22.3%	4.1%	77.7%	7.6%
Dewsbury	LAB	100.0%	30.6%	6.7%	69.4%	4.1%
Don Valley	LAB	100.0%	26.2%	9.9%	73.8%	15.3%
Doncaster Central	LAB	100.0%	26.5%	10.2%	73.5%	17.5%
Doncaster North	LAB	100.0%	27.0%	9.5%	73.0%	15.5%
Dover	LAB	100.0%	24.8%	8.5%	75.2%	15.4%
Dudley North	LAB	100.0%	23.0%	8.7%	77.0%	12.5%
Dudley South	LAB	100.0%	20.5%	6.9%	79.5%	11.3%
Dulwich & West Norwood	LAB	100.0%	20.6%	8.6%	79.4%	18.2%
Dumbarton	LAB	100.0%	28.6%	9.6%	71.4%	12.9%
Dumfries	LAB	100.0%	27.4%	6.9%	72.6%	11.9%
Dundee East	LAB	100.0%	26.6%	11.0%	73.4%	10.0%
Dundee West	LAB	100.0%	27.5%	11.0%	72.5%	7.8%
Dunfermline East	LAB	100.0%	27.4%	7.9%	72.6%	6.0%
Dunfermline West	LAB	100.0%	25.6%	6.3%	74.4%	5.6%

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Durham, City of	LAB	100.0%	27.7%	10.5%	72.3%	10.4%
Ealing North (a)	LAB	100.0%	20.1%	7.4%	79.9%	17.2%
Ealing Southall	LAB	100.0%	24.1%	8.7%	75.9%	13.8%
Ealing, Acton & Shepherd's Bush	LAB	100.0%	18.4%	7.7%	81.6%	22.2%
Easington	LAB	100.0%	31.2%	10.5%	68.8%	11.7%
East Antrim	UU	100.0%	23.7%	7.9%	76.3%	24.2%
East Devon	CON	100.0%	23.3%	6.0%	76.7%	12.3%
East Ham	LAB	100.0%	27.6%	11.2%	72.4%	7.6%
East Hampshire	CON	100.0%	20.2%	5.3%	79.8%	11.2%
East Kilbride	LAB	100.0%	19.8%	4.6%	80.2%	12.1%
East Londonderry	UU	100.0%	23.3%	10.3%	76.7%	31.0%
East Lothian	LAB	100.0%	22.8%	6.0%	77.2%	6.7%
East Surrey	CON	100.0%	20.9%	4.9%	79.1%	9.6%
East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	100.0%	22.1%	5.5%	77.9%	11.7%
East Yorkshire	CON	100.0%	23.6%	8.6%	76.4%	14.2%
Eastbourne	CON	100.0%	21.6%	5.8%	78.4%	11.5%
Eastleigh	LD	100.0%	23.1%	5.7%	76.9%	10.8%
Eastwood	LAB	100.0%	24.8%	6.2%	75.2%	9.7%
Eccles	LAB	100.0%	27.9%	7.9%	72.1%	10.6%
Eddisbury	CON	100.0%	26.8%	4.7%	73.2%	6.6%
Edinburgh Central	LAB	100.0%	22.3%	6.2%	77.7%	8.7%
Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	LAB	100.0%	23.4%	7.7%	76.6%	5.9%
Edinburgh North & Leith	LAB	100.0%	20.2%	6.6%	79.8%	8.3%
Edinburgh Pentlands	LAB	100.0%	28.7%	7.6%	71.3%	4.6%
Edinburgh South	LAB	100.0%	23.7%	7.6%	76.3%	5.4%
Edinburgh West	LD	100.0%	20.3%	5.3%	79.7%	8.0%
Edmonton	LAB	100.0%	21.2%	8.5%	78.8%	22.1%
Ellesmere Port & Neston	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	7.2%	72.9%	9.3%
Elmet	LAB	100.0%	23.2%	6.7%	76.8%	12.0%
Eltham	LAB	100.0%	25.1%	10.7%	74.9%	21.5%
Enfield North	LAB	100.0%	20.2%	7.6%	79.8%	19.7%
Enfield, Southgate	LAB	100.0%	21.3%	8.7%	78.7%	16.9%
Epping Forest	CON	100.0%	19.6%	5.3%	80.4%	10.2%
Epsom & Ewell	CON	100.0%	19.0%	3.9%	81.0%	10.3%
Erewash	LAB	100.0%	25.4%	6.6%	74.6%	5.7%
Erith & Thamesmead	LAB	100.0%	24.9%	10.2%	75.1%	19.7%
Esher & Walton	CON	100.0%	13.3%	2.3%	86.7%	12.5%
Exeter	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	8.4%	72.9%	14.4%
Falkirk East	LAB	100.0%	27.2%	7.1%	72.8%	8.5%
Falkirk West	LAB	100.0%	27.7%	9.7%	72.3%	9.5%
Falmouth & Camborne	LAB	100.0%	22.8%	8.3%	77.2%	11.8%
Fareham	CON	100.0%	20.8%	3.5%	79.2%	9.6%
Faversham & Mid Kent	CON	100.0%	26.2%	8.2%	73.8%	10.1%
Feltham & Heston	LAB	100.0%	26.5%	7.3%	73.5%	9.7%
Fermanagh & South Tyrone	UU	100.0%	20.1%	8.9%	79.9%	38.1%
Finchley & Golders Green	LAB	100.0%	16.0%	5.4%	84.0%	16.7%
Folkestone & Hythe	CON	100.0%	22.1%	7.6%	77.9%	18.5%
Forest of Dean	LAB	100.0%	22.6%	6.5%	77.4%	13.9%
Foyle	SDLP	100.0%	27.0%	13.4%	73.0%	33.6%
Fylde	CON	100.0%	26.7%	4.3%	73.3%	3.7%
Gainsborough	CON	100.0%	24.3%	7.1%	75.7%	11.7%
Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	SNP	100.0%	21.9%	7.7%	78.1%	16.0%
Gateshead East & Washington West	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	8.6%	72.9%	11.7%
Gedling	LAB	100.0%	24.3%	7.8%	75.7%	8.9%
Gillingham	LAB	100.0%	24.8%	7.0%	75.2%	7.9%
Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	10.6%	72.9%	13.5%
Glasgow Baillieston	LAB	100.0%	30.9%	12.4%	69.1%	14.2%
Glasgow Cathcart	LAB	100.0%	26.3%	9.3%	73.7%	13.4%
Glasgow Govan	LAB	100.0%	24.0%	10.1%	76.0%	14.7%
Glasgow Kelvin	LAB	100.0%	23.6%	7.9%	76.4%	12.4%
Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	100.0%	25.7%	10.0%	74.3%	16.9%
Glasgow Pollok	LAB	100.0%	27.3%	11.6%	72.7%	15.1%

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Glasgow Rutherglen	LAB	100.0%	27.0%	8.5%	73.0%	12.3%
Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	100.0%	24.0%	9.4%	76.0%	15.4%
Glasgow Springburn	LAB	100.0%	27.1%	10.6%	72.9%	17.6%
Gloucester	LAB	100.0%	22.5%	7.4%	77.5%	18.9%
Gordon	LD	100.0%	23.5%	5.8%	76.5%	13.9%
Gosport	CON	100.0%	28.3%	8.2%	71.7%	11.5%
Gower	LAB	100.0%	26.1%	6.4%	73.9%	5.8%
Grantham & Stamford	CON	100.0%	27.6%	5.9%	72.4%	9.2%
Gravesham	LAB	100.0%	24.9%	8.6%	75.1%	10.9%
Great Grimsby	LAB	100.0%	27.7%	10.8%	72.3%	12.5%
Great Yarmouth	LAB	100.0%	27.3%	11.0%	72.7%	15.7%
Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	100.0%	29.3%	4.9%	70.7%	5.4%
Greenwich & Woolwich	LAB	100.0%	26.4%	11.7%	73.6%	20.2%
Guildford	CON	100.0%	16.6%	3.8%	83.4%	11.7%
Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	100.0%	22.9%	11.0%	77.1%	16.6%
Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	100.0%	22.9%	11.3%	77.1%	15.8%
Halesowen & Rowley Regis	LAB	100.0%	22.6%	6.3%	77.4%	8.8%
Halifax	LAB	100.0%	27.3%	10.0%	72.7%	13.4%
Haltemprice & Howden	CON	100.0%	24.8%	8.0%	75.2%	6.9%
Halton	LAB	100.0%	31.9%	11.2%	68.1%	13.0%
Hamilton North & Bellshill	LAB	100.0%	30.6%	7.9%	69.4%	7.4%
Hamilton South	LAB	100.0%	26.6%	7.0%	73.4%	8.1%
Hammersmith & Fulham	LAB	100.0%	15.3%	5.9%	84.7%	21.4%
Hampstead & Highgate	LAB	100.0%	16.9%	7.0%	83.1%	21.5%
Harborough	CON	100.0%	24.9%	4.8%	75.1%	6.7%
Harlow	LAB	100.0%	21.7%	6.8%	78.3%	12.4%
Harrogate & Knaresborough	LD	100.0%	22.6%	3.1%	77.4%	5.7%
Harrow East	LAB	100.0%	19.5%	6.1%	80.5%	15.4%
Harrow West	LAB	100.0%	19.8%	6.5%	80.2%	14.5%
Hartlepool	LAB	100.0%	28.6%	11.4%	71.4%	17.4%
Harwich	LAB	100.0%	26.3%	9.4%	73.7%	13.0%
Hastings & Rye	LAB	100.0%	23.3%	7.9%	76.7%	15.4%
Havant	CON	100.0%	26.6%	7.1%	73.4%	7.3%
Hayes & Harlington	LAB	100.0%	24.6%	7.6%	75.4%	11.9%
Hazel Grove	LD	100.0%	26.5%	6.0%	73.5%	9.7%
Hemel Hempstead	LAB	100.0%	19.6%	4.4%	80.4%	9.1%
Hemsworth	LAB	100.0%	29.3%	8.0%	70.7%	10.8%
Hendon	LAB	100.0%	20.1%	7.3%	79.9%	15.9%
Henley	CON	100.0%	17.9%	4.9%	82.1%	11.2%
Hereford	LD	100.0%	25.9%	6.1%	74.1%	6.7%
Hertford & Stortford	CON	100.0%	19.3%	4.4%	80.7%	10.3%
Hertsmere	CON	100.0%	16.7%	4.4%	83.3%	12.9%
Hexham	CON	100.0%	24.4%	7.1%	75.6%	12.3%
Heywood & Middleton	LAB	100.0%	27.8%	8.4%	72.2%	11.8%
High Peak	LAB	100.0%	25.3%	5.6%	74.7%	10.6%
Hitchin & Harpenden	CON	100.0%	20.5%	6.2%	79.5%	12.2%
Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	100.0%	18.0%	7.7%	82.0%	19.4%
Hornchurch	LAB	100.0%	24.7%	6.3%	75.3%	7.8%
Hornsey & Wood Green	LAB	100.0%	19.0%	7.5%	81.0%	18.6%
Horsham	CON	100.0%	19.0%	3.2%	81.0%	9.3%
Houghton & Washington East	LAB	100.0%	32.0%	11.7%	68.0%	13.4%
Hove	LAB	100.0%	16.4%	4.9%	83.6%	12.9%
Huddersfield	LAB	100.0%	29.3%	12.4%	70.7%	6.4%
Huntingdon	CON	100.0%	23.1%	5.8%	76.9%	7.3%
Hyndburn	LAB	100.0%	31.3%	6.1%	68.7%	5.2%
Ilford North	LAB	100.0%	20.9%	7.9%	79.1%	9.8%
Ilford South (a)	LAB	100.0%	25.2%	9.2%	74.8%	6.6%
Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	LAB	100.0%	22.3%	4.9%	77.7%	9.4%
Ipswich	LAB	100.0%	28.8%	9.2%	71.2%	15.6%
Isle of Wight	LD	100.0%	22.9%	9.4%	77.1%	20.8%
Islington North	LAB	100.0%	19.7%	9.2%	80.3%	24.5%
Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	100.0%	19.3%	8.9%	80.7%	24.0%



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Islwyn	LAB	100.0%	32.6%	6.5%	67.4%	6.5%
Jarrow	LAB	100.0%	25.0%	9.3%	75.0%	7.3%
Keighley	LAB	100.0%	28.5%	8.2%	71.5%	9.0%
Kensington & Chelsea	CON	100.0%	12.2%	4.6%	87.8%	21.5%
Kettering	LAB	100.0%	25.0%	6.6%	75.0%	14.9%
Kilmarnock & Loudoun	LAB	100.0%	24.6%	7.6%	75.4%	17.4%
Kingston & Surbiton	LD	100.0%	18.4%	6.2%	81.6%	12.8%
Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	100.0%	28.5%	10.8%	71.5%	5.6%
Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	100.0%	31.2%	12.8%	68.8%	5.5%
Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	100.0%	28.5%	10.4%	71.5%	6.3%
Kingswood	LAB	100.0%	24.6%	7.0%	75.4%	6.8%
Kirkcaldy	LAB	100.0%	24.6%	7.9%	75.4%	17.3%
Knowsley North & Sefton East	LAB	100.0%	31.4%	13.7%	68.6%	17.5%
Knowsley South	LAB	100.0%	30.6%	14.4%	69.4%	18.8%
Lagan Valley	UU	100.0%	22.5%	9.1%	77.5%	26.1%
Lancaster & Wyre	LAB	100.0%	27.0%	7.6%	73.0%	8.8%
Leeds Central	LAB	100.0%	25.2%	9.2%	74.8%	18.4%
Leeds East	LAB	100.0%	26.5%	9.9%	73.5%	18.6%
Leeds North East	LAB	100.0%	24.0%	10.0%	76.0%	19.0%
Leeds North West	LAB	100.0%	25.8%	9.3%	74.2%	14.7%
Leeds West	LAB	100.0%	25.9%	9.2%	74.1%	15.1%
Leicester East	LAB	100.0%	28.4%	7.9%	71.6%	7.5%
Leicester South	LAB	100.0%	28.2%	8.3%	71.8%	8.6%
Leicester West	LAB	100.0%	29.0%	9.0%	71.0%	9.7%
Leigh	LAB	100.0%	29.0%	6.7%	71.0%	6.5%
Leominster	CON	100.0%	21.4%	5.8%	78.6%	9.1%
Lewes	LD	100.0%	18.5%	5.1%	81.5%	10.6%
Lewisham East	LAB	100.0%	20.0%	7.5%	80.0%	25.1%
Lewisham West	LAB	100.0%	21.6%	9.2%	78.4%	23.5%
Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	100.0%	21.4%	9.6%	78.6%	21.4%
Leyton & Wanstead	LAB	100.0%	22.4%	9.2%	77.6%	11.0%
Lichfield	CON	100.0%	27.2%	7.2%	72.8%	9.2%
Lincoln	LAB	100.0%	27.8%	8.2%	72.2%	14.5%
Linlithgow	LAB	100.0%	31.2%	5.7%	68.8%	5.0%
Liverpool, Garston	LAB	100.0%	28.2%	12.6%	71.8%	20.9%
Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	100.0%	28.9%	15.2%	71.1%	22.5%
Liverpool, Walton	LAB	100.0%	29.8%	13.7%	70.2%	20.5%
Liverpool, Wavertree	LAB	100.0%	28.8%	14.4%	71.2%	21.4%
Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	100.0%	29.8%	13.8%	70.2%	22.4%
Livingston	LAB	100.0%	31.6%	5.1%	68.4%	3.7%
Llanelli	LAB	100.0%	27.6%	9.8%	72.4%	14.6%
Loughborough	LAB	100.0%	26.4%	7.1%	73.6%	10.3%
Louth & Horncastle	CON	100.0%	23.3%	7.3%	76.7%	9.5%
Ludlow	CON	100.0%	21.4%	4.0%	78.6%	11.4%
Luton North	LAB	100.0%	24.1%	7.9%	75.9%	17.5%
Luton South	LAB	100.0%	22.9%	8.2%	77.1%	18.7%
Macclesfield	CON	100.0%	22.1%	4.2%	77.9%	5.7%
Maidenhead	CON	100.0%	20.7%	4.7%	79.3%	16.0%
Maidstone & The Weald	CON	100.0%	21.9%	5.8%	78.1%	7.0%
Makerfield	LAB	100.0%	30.9%	6.3%	69.1%	5.6%
Maldon & East Chelmsford	CON	100.0%	21.6%	8.3%	78.4%	17.5%
Manchester, Blackley	LAB	100.0%	28.8%	10.4%	71.2%	14.1%
Manchester, Central	LAB	100.0%	27.5%	12.9%	72.5%	16.7%
Manchester, Gorton	LAB	100.0%	30.5%	13.6%	69.5%	14.2%
Manchester, Withington	LAB	100.0%	26.0%	10.0%	74.0%	15.9%
Mansfield	LAB	100.0%	27.4%	9.3%	72.6%	9.5%
Medway	LAB	100.0%	24.1%	7.8%	75.9%	7.7%
Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	PC	100.0%	22.5%	9.8%	77.5%	14.5%
Meriden	CON	100.0%	26.4%	10.7%	73.6%	18.3%
Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	LAB	100.0%	34.0%	11.0%	66.0%	5.9%
Mid Bedfordshire	CON	100.0%	18.1%	4.9%	81.9%	10.1%
Mid Dorset & North Poole	CON	100.0%	21.6%	4.5%	78.4%	14.4%

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Mid Norfolk	CON	100.0%	24.2%	5.9%	75.8%	9.5%
Mid Sussex	CON	100.0%	18.2%	4.4%	81.8%	8.8%
Mid Ulster	SF	100.0%	22.4%	10.3%	77.6%	35.8%
Mid Worcestershire	CON	100.0%	21.7%	4.3%	78.3%	9.1%
Middlesbrough	LAB	100.0%	28.4%	12.9%	71.6%	17.6%
Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland	LAB	100.0%	28.7%	11.3%	71.3%	17.3%
Midlothian	LAB	100.0%	26.8%	6.7%	73.2%	5.6%
Milton Keynes South West	LAB	100.0%	27.4%	5.7%	72.6%	8.3%
Mitcham & Morden	LAB	100.0%	21.9%	8.1%	78.1%	16.7%
Mole Valley	CON	100.0%	16.2%	3.1%	83.8%	11.2%
Monmouth	LAB	100.0%	24.2%	6.5%	75.8%	12.6%
Montgomeryshire	LD	100.0%	26.7%	7.3%	73.3%	5.4%
Moray	SNP	100.0%	25.2%	5.4%	74.8%	8.5%
Morecambe & Lunesdale	LAB	100.0%	25.3%	9.5%	74.7%	13.5%
Morley & Rothwell	LAB	100.0%	21.6%	6.3%	78.4%	14.8%
Motherwell & Wishaw	LAB	100.0%	31.3%	8.6%	68.7%	5.6%
Neath	LAB	100.0%	27.7%	9.5%	72.3%	5.4%
New Forest East	CON	100.0%	22.3%	4.6%	77.7%	10.0%
New Forest West	CON	100.0%	20.1%	5.2%	79.9%	11.7%
Newark	LAB	100.0%	26.8%	7.5%	73.2%	10.8%
Newbury	LD	100.0%	17.6%	3.4%	82.4%	6.9%
Newcastle upon Tyne Central	LAB	100.0%	25.6%	11.4%	74.4%	20.6%
Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	100.0%	24.7%	10.4%	75.3%	18.7%
Newcastle upon Tyne North	LAB	100.0%	25.7%	10.5%	74.3%	18.2%
Newcastle-under-Lyme	LAB	100.0%	29.4%	6.7%	70.6%	4.3%
Newport East	LAB	100.0%	28.9%	7.7%	71.1%	13.8%
Newport West	LAB	100.0%	26.7%	8.3%	73.3%	14.3%
Newry & Armagh	SDLP	100.0%	23.8%	12.6%	76.2%	36.4%
Normanton	LAB	100.0%	24.4%	6.8%	75.6%	10.8%
North Antrim	DU	100.0%	21.9%	8.9%	78.1%	30.0%
North Cornwall	LD	100.0%	25.7%	7.2%	74.3%	9.4%
North Devon	LD	100.0%	26.9%	6.1%	73.1%	11.7%
North Dorset	CON	100.0%	22.3%	4.9%	77.7%	9.8%
North Down	UKU	100.0%	23.2%	9.6%	76.8%	22.9%
North Durham	LAB	100.0%	27.2%	8.8%	72.8%	14.6%
North East Bedfordshire	CON	100.0%	22.9%	4.8%	77.1%	7.0%
North East Cambridgeshire	CON	100.0%	25.4%	6.7%	74.6%	9.5%
North East Derbyshire	LAB	100.0%	27.3%	9.5%	72.7%	14.2%
North East Fife	LD	100.0%	23.3%	7.7%	76.7%	12.4%
North East Hampshire	CON	100.0%	17.7%	3.9%	82.3%	7.9%
North East Hertfordshire	CON	100.0%	21.8%	4.5%	78.2%	8.1%
North East Milton Keynes	LAB	100.0%	25.0%	6.0%	75.0%	10.3%
North Essex	CON	100.0%	24.9%	6.5%	75.1%	9.1%
North Norfolk	CON	100.0%	21.9%	4.9%	78.1%	11.1%
North Shropshire	CON	100.0%	24.2%	7.1%	75.8%	9.3%
North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	100.0%	21.0%	8.4%	79.0%	17.9%
North Swindon	LAB	100.0%	23.6%	4.8%	76.4%	9.8%
North Tayside	SNP	100.0%	23.4%	6.2%	76.6%	10.7%
North Thanet	CON	100.0%	24.3%	8.9%	75.7%	16.9%
North Tyneside	LAB	100.0%	24.5%	9.8%	75.5%	16.6%
North Warwickshire	LAB	100.0%	26.0%	6.7%	74.0%	10.7%
North West Cambridgeshire	CON	100.0%	26.6%	6.9%	73.4%	5.4%
North West Durham	LAB	100.0%	27.9%	8.8%	72.1%	14.4%
North West Hampshire (a)	CON	100.0%	23.0%	4.3%	77.0%	9.0%
North West Leicestershire	LAB	100.0%	26.6%	8.3%	73.4%	12.3%
North West Norfolk	LAB	100.0%	26.8%	7.9%	73.2%	11.4%
North Wiltshire	CON	100.0%	21.7%	3.4%	78.3%	8.6%
Northampton North	LAB	100.0%	26.8%	8.2%	73.2%	13.7%
Northampton South	LAB	100.0%	24.8%	7.4%	75.2%	14.1%
Northavon	LD	100.0%	22.6%	4.6%	77.4%	6.4%
Norwich North	LAB	100.0%	24.8%	8.2%	75.2%	11.0%
Norwich South	LAB	100.0%	26.7%	9.7%	73.3%	11.3%

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Nottingham East	LAB	100.0%	28.8%	11.6%	71.2%	8.6%
Nottingham North	LAB	100.0%	28.2%	10.8%	71.8%	9.9%
Nottingham South	LAB	100.0%	28.7%	11.3%	71.3%	9.7%
Nuneaton	LAB	100.0%	27.8%	7.8%	72.2%	12.5%
Ochil	LAB	100.0%	27.2%	10.9%	72.8%	12.7%
Ogmore	LAB	100.0%	29.5%	8.7%	70.5%	11.0%
Old Bexley & Sidcup	CON	100.0%	21.0%	5.6%	79.0%	16.6%
Oldham East & Saddleworth	LAB	100.0%	30.3%	6.7%	69.7%	10.3%
Oldham West & Royton	LAB	100.0%	32.2%	7.1%	67.8%	8.5%
Orkney & Shetland	LD	100.0%	19.7%	4.3%	80.3%	10.4%
Orpington	CON	100.0%	20.6%	3.9%	79.4%	12.4%
Oxford East	LAB	100.0%	27.8%	8.3%	72.2%	13.9%
Oxford West & Abingdon	LD	100.0%	19.6%	4.1%	80.4%	11.9%
Paisley North	LAB	100.0%	26.0%	7.7%	74.0%	11.9%
Paisley South	LAB	100.0%	25.5%	8.3%	74.5%	15.2%
Pendle	LAB	100.0%	34.8%	6.3%	65.2%	3.5%
Penrith & The Border	CON	100.0%	26.8%	7.0%	73.2%	10.5%
Perth	SNP	100.0%	22.8%	7.0%	77.2%	9.1%
Peterborough	LAB	100.0%	29.7%	7.9%	70.3%	5.6%
Plymouth, Devonport	LAB	100.0%	28.2%	10.2%	71.8%	13.7%
Plymouth, Sutton	LAB	100.0%	28.0%	11.9%	72.0%	15.7%
Pontefract & Castleford	LAB	100.0%	28.6%	7.3%	71.4%	8.0%
Pontypridd	LAB	100.0%	31.1%	9.6%	68.9%	11.9%
Poole	CON	100.0%	17.9%	4.3%	82.1%	13.2%
Poplar & Canning Town	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	10.6%	73.1%	8.1%
Portsmouth North	LAB	100.0%	26.5%	8.6%	73.5%	9.5%
Portsmouth South	LD	100.0%	24.0%	8.6%	76.0%	10.5%
Preseli Pembrokeshire	LAB	100.0%	25.9%	10.3%	74.1%	14.5%
Preston	LAB	100.0%	30.6%	7.4%	69.4%	5.3%
Pudsey	LAB	100.0%	19.3%	4.1%	80.7%	9.0%
Putney	LAB	100.0%	16.7%	5.4%	83.3%	21.1%
Rayleigh	CON	100.0%	21.0%	5.2%	79.0%	13.2%
Reading East	LAB	100.0%	20.3%	5.5%	79.7%	8.9%
Reading West	LAB	100.0%	21.5%	5.8%	78.5%	8.1%
Redcar	LAB	100.0%	28.6%	12.6%	71.4%	16.3%
Redditch	LAB	100.0%	23.3%	8.3%	76.7%	18.8%
Regent's Park & Kensington North	LAB	100.0%	18.5%	8.3%	81.5%	20.9%
Reigate	CON	100.0%	19.1%	3.4%	80.9%	7.3%
Rhondda	LAB	100.0%	32.0%	10.9%	68.0%	11.8%
Ribble Valley	CON	100.0%	24.9%	4.0%	75.1%	4.3%
Richmond	CON	100.0%	26.2%	5.9%	73.8%	9.2%
Richmond Park	LD	100.0%	13.1%	3.8%	86.9%	17.7%
Rochdale	LAB	100.0%	32.2%	11.2%	67.8%	8.8%
Rochford & Southend East	CON	100.0%	22.4%	9.6%	77.6%	22.2%
Romford	LAB	100.0%	25.8%	7.7%	74.2%	6.5%
Romsey	CON	100.0%	25.9%	4.5%	74.1%	12.7%
Ross, Skye & Inverness West	LD	100.0%	21.5%	4.5%	78.5%	12.6%
Rossendale & Darwen	LAB	100.0%	29.9%	4.2%	70.1%	3.1%
Rother Valley	LAB	100.0%	27.8%	10.3%	72.2%	14.7%
Rotherham	LAB	100.0%	26.6%	11.9%	73.4%	18.6%
Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	100.0%	27.9%	6.8%	72.1%	6.0%
Rugby & Kenilworth	LAB	100.0%	25.7%	7.6%	74.3%	12.3%
Ruislip - Northwood	CON	100.0%	18.3%	5.3%	81.7%	14.3%
Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	100.0%	16.5%	3.0%	83.5%	10.7%
Rushcliffe	CON	100.0%	23.2%	7.7%	76.8%	9.3%
Rutland & Melton	CON	100.0%	22.6%	1.7%	77.4%	7.0%
Ryedale	CON	100.0%	20.1%	5.9%	79.9%	13.2%
Saffron Walden	CON	100.0%	20.5%	4.4%	79.5%	11.0%
Salford	LAB	100.0%	29.1%	8.8%	70.9%	10.8%
Salisbury	CON	100.0%	24.0%	4.7%	76.0%	8.4%
Scarborough & Whitby	LAB	100.0%	23.7%	7.0%	76.3%	14.2%
Scunthorpe	LAB	100.0%	27.6%	9.2%	72.4%	13.6%

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Sedgefield	LAB	100.0%	29.1%	8.8%	70.9%	9.7%
Selby	LAB	100.0%	24.9%	8.2%	75.1%	13.0%
Sevenoaks	CON	100.0%	22.1%	6.7%	77.9%	14.2%
Sheffield, Attercliffe	LAB	100.0%	22.9%	9.7%	77.1%	18.8%
Sheffield, Brightside	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	11.7%	73.1%	20.7%
Sheffield, Central	LAB	100.0%	27.3%	12.1%	72.7%	20.9%
Sheffield, Hallam	LD	100.0%	26.0%	10.4%	74.0%	14.1%
Sheffield, Heeley	LAB	100.0%	26.2%	11.8%	73.8%	18.2%
Sheffield, Hillsborough	LAB	100.0%	23.0%	9.1%	77.0%	17.6%
Sherwood	LAB	100.0%	28.1%	8.7%	71.9%	9.3%
Shipley	LAB	100.0%	25.6%	6.9%	74.4%	6.6%
Shrewsbury & Atcham	LAB	100.0%	23.4%	7.2%	76.6%	9.6%
Sittingbourne & Sheppey	LAB	100.0%	26.5%	9.0%	73.5%	15.6%
Skipton & Ripon	CON	100.0%	23.1%	5.1%	76.9%	6.2%
Sleaford & North Hykeham	CON	100.0%	23.1%	6.1%	76.9%	10.7%
Slough	LAB	100.0%	22.5%	6.4%	77.5%	11.2%
Solihull	CON	100.0%	18.9%	5.0%	81.1%	11.6%
Somerton & Frome (a)	LD	100.0%	20.9%	4.4%	79.1%	13.7%
South Antrim	UU	100.0%	25.6%	9.6%	74.4%	23.7%
South Cambridgeshire	CON	100.0%	20.7%	6.1%	79.3%	12.4%
South Derbyshire	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	9.3%	73.1%	12.6%
South Dorset	CON	100.0%	26.1%	7.2%	73.9%	11.9%
South Down	SDLP	100.0%	26.8%	12.7%	73.2%	27.6%
South East Cambridgeshire	CON	100.0%	19.0%	4.1%	81.0%	11.9%
South East Cornwall	LD	100.0%	25.8%	8.3%	74.2%	11.5%
South Holland & The Deepings	CON	100.0%	23.8%	4.8%	76.2%	7.7%
South Norfolk	CON	100.0%	20.4%	5.9%	79.6%	12.7%
South Ribble	LAB	100.0%	26.1%	5.5%	73.9%	6.3%
South Shields	LAB	100.0%	24.8%	10.4%	75.2%	8.7%
South Staffordshire	CON	100.0%	23.7%	8.0%	76.3%	12.8%
South Suffolk	CON	100.0%	22.1%	6.2%	77.9%	13.4%
South Swindon	LAB	100.0%	28.5%	6.5%	71.5%	9.5%
South Thanet	LAB	100.0%	22.1%	6.6%	77.9%	16.8%
South West Bedfordshire	CON	100.0%	26.6%	6.0%	73.4%	7.8%
South West Devon	CON	100.0%	28.0%	8.7%	72.0%	10.1%
South West Hertfordshire	CON	100.0%	19.1%	5.8%	80.9%	11.9%
South West Norfolk	CON	100.0%	23.9%	4.7%	76.1%	9.7%
South West Surrey	CON	100.0%	17.1%	3.3%	82.9%	11.0%
Southampton, Itchen	LAB	100.0%	23.8%	7.6%	76.2%	14.0%
Southampton, Test	LAB	100.0%	23.4%	7.7%	76.6%	16.3%
Southend West	CON	100.0%	19.7%	8.0%	80.3%	21.2%
Southport	LD	100.0%	22.9%	8.2%	77.1%	13.2%
Spelthorne	CON	100.0%	17.2%	3.6%	82.8%	12.2%
St Albans	LAB	100.0%	20.1%	5.2%	79.9%	7.2%
St Helens North	LAB	100.0%	31.1%	9.5%	68.9%	8.1%
St Helens South	LAB	100.0%	32.1%	12.1%	67.9%	8.8%
St Ives	LD	100.0%	23.4%	8.7%	76.6%	13.4%
Stafford	LAB	100.0%	28.9%	8.6%	71.1%	11.4%
Staffordshire Moorlands	LAB	100.0%	25.8%	6.6%	74.2%	7.0%
Stalybridge & Hyde	LAB	100.0%	28.8%	7.8%	71.2%	11.6%
Stevenage	LAB	100.0%	22.6%	6.1%	77.4%	7.6%
Stirling	LAB	100.0%	25.8%	9.5%	74.2%	8.8%
Stockport	LAB	100.0%	23.1%	7.7%	76.9%	12.6%
Stockton North	LAB	100.0%	25.3%	10.4%	74.7%	20.0%
Stockton South	LAB	100.0%	26.1%	9.9%	73.9%	17.0%
Stoke-on-Trent Central	LAB	100.0%	31.5%	9.6%	68.5%	6.0%
Stoke-on-Trent North	LAB	100.0%	29.3%	6.3%	70.7%	4.2%
Stoke-on-Trent South	LAB	100.0%	32.6%	10.3%	67.4%	4.9%
Stone	CON	100.0%	26.1%	5.8%	73.9%	5.6%
Stourbridge	LAB	100.0%	21.8%	6.9%	78.2%	10.8%
Strangford	UU	100.0%	23.8%	9.7%	76.2%	24.6%
Stratford on Avon	CON	100.0%	17.6%	4.2%	82.4%	14.4%

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Strathkelvin & Bearsden	LAB	100.0%	25.2%	7.4%	74.8%	8.8%
Streatham	LAB	100.0%	18.7%	7.1%	81.3%	17.7%
Stretford & Urmston	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	7.5%	73.1%	11.4%
Stroud	LAB	100.0%	22.0%	4.7%	78.0%	11.6%
Suffolk Coastal	CON	100.0%	24.8%	7.4%	75.2%	12.6%
Sunderland North	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	11.4%	73.1%	18.0%
Sunderland South	LAB	100.0%	26.8%	12.0%	73.2%	20.3%
Surrey Heath	CON	100.0%	19.9%	6.1%	80.1%	5.4%
Sutton & Cheam	LD	100.0%	15.4%	4.2%	84.6%	13.7%
Sutton Coldfield	CON	100.0%	20.1%	5.7%	79.9%	18.9%
Swansea East	LAB	100.0%	29.1%	10.1%	70.9%	5.2%
Swansea West	LAB	100.0%	26.5%	8.9%	73.5%	6.9%
Tamworth	LAB	100.0%	28.1%	7.5%	71.9%	10.0%
Tatton	IND	100.0%	19.4%	4.0%	80.6%	7.7%
Taunton (a)	LD	100.0%	26.0%	7.5%	74.0%	14.6%
Teignbridge	CON	100.0%	24.2%	8.1%	75.8%	14.7%
Telford	LAB	100.0%	31.6%	8.3%	68.4%	8.2%
Tewkesbury	CON	100.0%	20.0%	4.8%	80.0%	12.9%
Thurrock	LAB	100.0%	25.0%	8.5%	75.0%	17.0%
Tiverton & Honiton	CON	100.0%	25.0%	6.2%	75.0%	11.5%
Tonbridge & Malling	CON	100.0%	17.8%	4.2%	82.2%	9.1%
Tooting	LAB	100.0%	18.6%	7.6%	81.4%	20.9%
Torbay	LD	100.0%	23.8%	6.8%	76.2%	13.0%
Torfaen	LAB	100.0%	31.1%	8.7%	68.9%	8.8%
Torridge & West Devon	LD	100.0%	24.0%	6.8%	76.0%	15.6%
Totnes	CON	100.0%	21.4%	5.6%	78.6%	13.9%
Tottenham	LAB	100.0%	21.0%	10.7%	79.0%	22.6%
Truro & St Austell	LD	100.0%	23.7%	8.1%	76.3%	12.6%
Tunbridge Wells	CON	100.0%	19.5%	4.1%	80.5%	7.8%
Tweeddale, Ettrick & Lauderdale	LD	100.0%	28.5%	5.1%	71.5%	4.7%
Twickenham	LD	100.0%	14.8%	4.5%	85.2%	15.6%
Tyne Bridge	LAB	100.0%	26.3%	11.6%	73.7%	22.4%
Tynemouth	LAB	100.0%	23.3%	8.0%	76.7%	16.5%
Upminster	LAB	100.0%	24.0%	6.6%	76.0%	7.8%
Upper Bann	UU	100.0%	22.5%	7.9%	77.5%	29.5%
Uxbridge	CON	100.0%	20.5%	6.7%	79.5%	15.7%
Vale of Clwyd	LAB	100.0%	29.1%	10.4%	70.9%	13.1%
Vale of Glamorgan	LAB	100.0%	27.9%	10.2%	72.1%	10.7%
Vale of York	CON	100.0%	20.1%	5.8%	79.9%	9.2%
Vauxhall	LAB	100.0%	19.1%	8.6%	80.9%	21.6%
Wakefield	LAB	100.0%	25.9%	8.4%	74.1%	10.8%
Wallasey	LAB	100.0%	28.2%	10.3%	71.8%	16.8%
Walsall North	LAB	100.0%	26.5%	11.2%	73.5%	20.5%
Walsall South	LAB	100.0%	27.6%	11.3%	72.4%	17.3%
Walthamstow	LAB	100.0%	23.5%	9.5%	76.5%	9.2%
Wansbeck	LAB	100.0%	29.0%	11.2%	71.0%	20.5%
Wansdyke	LAB	100.0%	23.9%	4.1%	76.1%	6.2%
Wantage	CON	100.0%	21.8%	5.5%	78.2%	8.6%
Warley	LAB	100.0%	26.4%	11.5%	73.6%	19.6%
Warrington North	LAB	100.0%	28.3%	8.0%	71.7%	8.2%
Warrington South	LAB	100.0%	25.7%	6.5%	74.3%	8.3%
Warwick & Leamington	LAB	100.0%	20.5%	7.2%	79.5%	12.0%
Watford	LAB	100.0%	18.7%	5.6%	81.3%	14.8%
Waveney	LAB	100.0%	24.1%	9.7%	75.9%	18.2%
Wealden	CON	100.0%	16.6%	4.2%	83.4%	8.7%
Weaver Vale	LAB	100.0%	33.2%	11.1%	66.8%	12.8%
Wellingborough	LAB	100.0%	25.6%	5.3%	74.4%	8.7%
Wells	CON	100.0%	21.5%	5.0%	78.5%	13.0%
Welwyn Hatfield	LAB	100.0%	22.6%	5.2%	77.4%	6.9%
Wentworth	LAB	100.0%	25.9%	9.8%	74.1%	16.0%
West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	LD	100.0%	23.6%	5.8%	76.4%	8.7%
West Bromwich East	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	10.5%	73.1%	12.9%

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West Bromwich West	SPKR	100.0%	25.5%	9.2%	74.5%	9.7%
West Chelmsford	CON	100.0%	22.1%	7.3%	77.9%	17.0%
West Derbyshire	CON	100.0%	21.7%	5.8%	78.3%	6.9%
West Dorset	CON	100.0%	21.9%	5.6%	78.1%	10.7%
West Ham	LAB	100.0%	26.9%	11.0%	73.1%	8.1%
West Lancashire	LAB	100.0%	28.2%	10.7%	71.8%	13.4%
West Renfrewshire	LAB	100.0%	29.9%	5.2%	70.1%	6.5%
West Suffolk	CON	100.0%	22.4%	4.5%	77.6%	13.2%
West Tyrone	UU	100.0%	25.4%	13.9%	74.6%	38.3%
West Worcestershire	CON	100.0%	22.1%	6.2%	77.9%	12.2%
Westbury	CON	100.0%	24.1%	6.4%	75.9%	14.4%
Western Isles	LAB	100.0%	15.4%	5.3%	84.6%	16.5%
Westmorland & Lonsdale	CON	100.0%	23.5%	4.4%	76.5%	6.5%
Weston-Super-Mare	LD	100.0%	25.2%	6.9%	74.8%	6.4%
Wigan	LAB	100.0%	27.2%	7.1%	72.8%	8.2%
Wimbledon	LAB	100.0%	16.5%	5.0%	83.5%	16.0%
Winchester	VAC	100.0%	22.3%	4.2%	77.7%	12.3%
Windsor	CON	100.0%	15.4%	4.2%	84.6%	11.5%
Wirral South	LAB	100.0%	24.8%	9.5%	75.2%	15.7%
Wirral West	LAB	100.0%	27.9%	9.6%	72.1%	12.1%
Witney	CON	100.0%	19.2%	4.5%	80.8%	7.5%
Woking	CON	100.0%	15.6%	2.1%	84.4%	8.8%
Wokingham	CON	100.0%	14.1%	3.0%	85.9%	6.8%
Wolverhampton North East	LAB	100.0%	29.0%	9.6%	71.0%	14.4%
Wolverhampton South East	LAB	100.0%	29.1%	10.5%	70.9%	13.5%
Wolverhampton South West	LAB	100.0%	26.2%	9.0%	73.8%	14.2%
Woodspring	CON	100.0%	19.1%	3.0%	80.9%	7.8%
Worcester	LAB	100.0%	25.4%	6.7%	74.6%	12.2%
Workington	LAB	100.0%	24.5%	9.5%	75.5%	20.0%
Worsley	LAB	100.0%	28.9%	7.8%	71.1%	4.9%
Worthing West	CON	100.0%	18.1%	3.2%	81.9%	13.3%
Wrekin, The	LAB	100.0%	28.0%	6.1%	72.0%	6.8%
Wrexham	LAB	100.0%	26.5%	8.9%	73.5%	12.8%
Wycombe	CON	100.0%	21.5%	5.6%	78.5%	12.5%
Wyre Forest	LAB	100.0%	22.2%	6.5%	77.8%	11.6%
Wythenshawe & Sale East	LAB	100.0%	27.5%	10.3%	72.5%	15.9%
Yeovil (a)	LD	100.0%	25.0%	7.4%	75.0%	15.1%
Ynys-Mon	PC	100.0%	25.3%	11.8%	74.7%	23.5%
York, City of	LAB	100.0%	23.9%	5.9%	76.1%	11.1%
United Kingdom		100.0%	25.2%	8.7%	74.8%	14.2%

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

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