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# Unemployment by Constituency, May 1998

This paper shows the number of unemployed claimants recorded as resident in each constituency in the United Kingdom in May 1998, together with comparisons with the level in May 1997 and May 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 May 1998 there were 1,364,300 people unemployed on the claimant count definition, compared to an average of 1,835,000 unemployed on the ILO definition over the three months February to April 1998.<sup>2</sup>

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.

<sup>2</sup> Both figures are given on a seasonally adjusted basis.

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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, May 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	
234		20			Aberavon	LAB	1,218	301	1,519	7.8%	2.7%	5.7%
311			47		Aberdeen Central	LAB	1,157	319	1,476	6.6%	2.2%	4.6%
550			70		Aberdeen North	LAB	663	181	844	3.3%	1.1%	2.3%
534			69		Aberdeen South	LAB	747	245	992	3.3%	1.4%	2.5%
146			23		Airdrie & Shotts	LAB	1,978	569	2,547	9.4%	3.8%	7.0%
636	506				Aldershot	CON	658	228	886	1.8%	0.9%	1.4%
427	310				Aldridge - Brownhills	CON	1,064	389	1,453	4.4%	2.2%	3.5%
528	402				Altrincham & Sale West	CON	866	250	1,116	3.5%	1.3%	2.5%
398		35			Alyn & Deeside	LAB	1,067	335	1,402	5.0%	2.1%	3.8%
436	318				Amber Valley	LAB	1,184	371	1,555	4.4%	1.9%	3.4%
244			41		Angus	SNP	1,454	595	2,049	6.9%	3.7%	5.5%
243			40		Argyll & Bute	LD	1,325	371	1,696	7.4%	2.9%	5.5%
647	517				Arundel & South Downs	CON	356	136	492	1.6%	0.8%	1.3%
265	186				Ashfield	LAB	1,887	471	2,358	7.3%	2.5%	5.3%
447	327				Ashford	CON	1,173	335	1,508	4.4%	1.7%	3.3%
341	244				Ashton under Lyne	LAB	1,642	432	2,074	6.1%	2.1%	4.3%
585	457				Aylesbury	CON	848	256	1,104	2.6%	1.1%	2.0%
165			29		Ayr	LAB	1,632	462	2,094	9.2%	3.4%	6.7%
623	493				Banbury	CON	618	219	837	2.0%	1.0%	1.6%
481			67		Banff & Buchan	SNP	810	249	1,059	3.6%	1.7%	2.9%
158	111				Barking *	LAB	1,544	508	2,052	8.7%	4.1%	6.8%
157	110				Barnsley Central	LAB	2,059	482	2,541	9.6%	3.0%	6.8%
111	84				Barnsley East & Mexborough	LAB	2,248	572	2,820	10.0%	3.7%	7.4%
254	176				Barnsley West & Penistone	LAB	1,581	441	2,022	7.4%	2.8%	5.4%
236	165				Barrow & Furness	LAB	2,037	441	2,478	7.9%	2.4%	5.7%
372	267				Basildon	LAB	1,517	542	2,059	5.1%	2.5%	4.0%
610	481				Basingstoke *	CON	718	235	953	2.3%	1.0%	1.7%
261	182				Bassettlaw	LAB	1,724	500	2,224	7.1%	2.9%	5.3%
394	283				Bath *>	LD	1,191	430	1,621	5.1%	2.3%	3.8%
342	245				Batley & Spen	LAB	1,458	354	1,812	6.0%	2.0%	4.3%
231	163				Battersea	LAB	2,120	755	2,875	7.9%	3.2%	5.7%
640	510				Beaconsfield	CON	469	160	629	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
337	240				Beckenham	CON	1,653	519	2,172	5.9%	2.4%	4.4%
310	222				Bedford	LAB	1,585	545	2,130	6.1%	2.8%	4.7%
174			12		Belfast East	DU	1,918	522	2,440	9.1%	3.2%	6.5%
22			3		Belfast North	UU	3,099	632	3,731	17.1%	4.9%	12.1%
115			10		Belfast South	UU	2,197	747	2,944	10.2%	4.1%	7.4%
7			1		Belfast West	SF	4,545	695	5,240	22.3%	4.9%	15.1%
303	217				Berwick-upon-Tweed	LD	1,183	380	1,563	6.2%	2.8%	4.8%
10	8				Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	4,703	1,287	5,990	18.8%	7.8%	14.4%
338	241				Beverley & Holderness	CON	1,402	488	1,890	5.6%	2.7%	4.4%
458	337				Bexhill & Battle	CON	756	250	1,006	4.1%	1.8%	3.1%
444	324				Bexleyheath & Crayford	LAB	990	415	1,405	4.1%	2.3%	3.3%
471	350				Billericay	CON	1,095	370	1,465	3.8%	1.8%	3.0%
29	23				Birkenhead	LAB	3,381	869	4,250	16.0%	5.4%	11.4%
105	80				Birmingham, Edgbaston	LAB	2,362	720	3,082	10.3%	4.0%	7.5%
120	89				Birmingham, Erdington	LAB	2,606	638	3,244	10.0%	3.5%	7.3%
205	142				Birmingham, Hall Green	LAB	1,729	540	2,269	8.1%	3.4%	6.1%
42	35				Birmingham, Hodge Hill	LAB	2,641	711	3,352	13.6%	5.4%	10.3%
1	1				Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	5,960	1,628	7,588	24.3%	9.7%	18.3%
163	114				Birmingham, Northfield	LAB	1,728	507	2,235	9.1%	3.6%	6.7%
86	66				Birmingham, Perry Barr	LAB	2,756	835	3,591	10.8%	4.4%	8.0%
167	117				Birmingham, Selly Oak	LAB	2,155	734	2,889	8.8%	3.8%	6.6%
6	6				Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	4,950	1,432	6,382	18.9%	9.2%	15.3%
173	123				Birmingham, Yardley	LAB	1,683	501	2,184	8.7%	3.6%	6.6%
212	149				Bishop Auckland	LAB	1,900	513	2,413	8.1%	3.0%	6.0%
622	492				Blaby	CON	537	219	756	2.0%	1.1%	1.6%
189	132				Blackburn	LAB	2,248	515	2,763	8.9%	2.8%	6.3%
296	211				Blackpool North & Fleetwood	LAB	1,685	398	2,083	7.2%	2.1%	4.9%
215	152				Blackpool South	LAB	2,248	547	2,795	8.6%	2.6%	5.9%

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92		1			Blaenau Gwent	LAB	1,911	448	2,359	10.9%	3.7%	7.9%
298	213				Blaydon	LAB	1,591	374	1,965	7.0%	2.1%	4.9%
252	175				Blyth Valley	LAB	1,629	508	2,137	7.4%	2.9%	5.4%
529	403				Bognor Regis & Littlehampton	CON	705	206	911	3.5%	1.3%	2.5%
279	197				Bolsover	LAB	1,594	379	1,973	7.0%	2.4%	5.1%
330	235				Bolton North East	LAB	1,534	367	1,901	6.3%	2.0%	4.4%
278	196				Bolton South East	LAB	1,656	398	2,054	7.1%	2.3%	5.1%
547	420				Bolton West	LAB	745	203	948	3.3%	1.2%	2.4%
33	26				Bootle	LAB	3,121	741	3,862	15.7%	5.0%	11.1%
446	326				Boston & Skegness	CON	982	304	1,286	4.4%	1.9%	3.3%
587	459				Bosworth	CON	609	264	873	2.4%	1.4%	1.9%
295	210				Bournemouth East	CON	1,353	416	1,769	6.7%	2.6%	4.9%
196	135				Bournemouth West	CON	1,652	418	2,070	8.6%	3.0%	6.2%
632	502				Bracknell	CON	628	171	799	2.0%	0.7%	1.5%
82	62				Bradford North	LAB	2,697	744	3,441	11.2%	4.2%	8.3%
248	172				Bradford South	LAB	1,919	591	2,510	7.5%	3.0%	5.5%
38	31				Bradford West	LAB	3,237	874	4,111	13.8%	5.5%	10.4%
453	332				Braintree	LAB	1,054	426	1,480	3.9%	2.2%	3.2%
411		36			Brecon & Radnorshire	LD	807	302	1,109	4.6%	2.5%	3.7%
55	45				Brent East	LAB	3,001	1,036	4,037	12.6%	5.4%	9.4%
281	198				Brent North	LAB	1,357	549	1,906	6.4%	3.4%	5.1%
41	34				Brent South	LAB	3,446	1,153	4,599	13.9%	5.8%	10.3%
388	278				Brentford & Isleworth	LAB	1,596	631	2,227	5.0%	2.5%	3.9%
590	462				Brentwood & Ongar	CON	621	213	834	2.5%	1.2%	1.9%
300		25			Bridgend	LAB	1,239	409	1,648	6.3%	2.8%	4.8%
315	225				Bridgwater	CON	1,442	469	1,911	5.9%	2.7%	4.6%
297	212				Brigg & Goole	LAB	1,440	452	1,892	6.3%	2.9%	4.9%
118	87				Brighton, Kemptown	LAB	2,185	700	2,885	9.8%	4.1%	7.3%
66	50				Brighton, Pavilion	LAB	2,709	965	3,674	11.6%	5.2%	8.8%
209	146				Bristol East	LAB	2,225	609	2,834	8.4%	3.0%	6.0%
423	306				Bristol North West	LAB	1,322	351	1,673	4.9%	1.7%	3.5%
256	177				Bristol South	LAB	2,119	601	2,720	7.3%	2.8%	5.4%
266	187				Bristol West	LAB	1,986	709	2,695	7.1%	3.1%	5.3%
465	344				Bromley & Chislehurst	CON	1,031	373	1,404	4.0%	1.9%	3.0%
488	365				Bromsgrove	CON	948	385	1,333	3.5%	1.9%	2.8%
554	426				Broxbourne	CON	767	297	1,064	2.9%	1.5%	2.3%
485	362				Broxtowe	LAB	1,025	348	1,373	3.7%	1.7%	2.8%
650	520				Buckingham	CON	355	149	504	1.5%	0.9%	1.2%
452	331				Burnley	LAB	1,072	290	1,362	4.5%	1.5%	3.2%
354	253				Burton	LAB	1,445	475	1,920	5.4%	2.5%	4.2%
548	421				Bury North	LAB	841	252	1,093	3.2%	1.2%	2.4%
454	333				Bury South	LAB	1,054	295	1,349	4.4%	1.6%	3.2%
572	444				Bury St Edmunds	CON	713	296	1,009	2.7%	1.5%	2.2%
137		7			Caernarfon	PC	1,457	383	1,840	9.6%	3.6%	7.1%
181		12			Caerphilly	LAB	1,870	510	2,380	8.7%	3.3%	6.4%
141			21		Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	LD	1,398	398	1,796	9.2%	4.0%	7.1%
421	304				Calder Valley	LAB	1,321	428	1,749	4.9%	2.0%	3.6%
13	11				Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	3,731	1,276	5,007	18.1%	7.5%	13.3%
312	223				Cambridge	LAB	1,419	446	1,865	6.2%	2.5%	4.6%
376	271				Cannock Chase	LAB	1,343	511	1,854	4.9%	2.7%	4.0%
320	228				Canterbury	CON	1,463	433	1,896	6.2%	2.4%	4.5%
192		14			Cardiff Central	LAB	1,661	465	2,126	8.8%	3.1%	6.3%
502		40			Cardiff North	LAB	698	211	909	3.8%	1.4%	2.7%
117		4			Cardiff South & Penarth	LAB	2,175	498	2,673	10.4%	3.2%	7.3%
151		9			Cardiff West	LAB	2,009	445	2,454	10.0%	2.9%	6.9%
273	192				Carlisle	LAB	1,547	450	1,997	7.2%	2.6%	5.2%
379		32			Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	LAB	842	287	1,129	5.0%	2.5%	4.0%
194		15			Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	LAB	1,476	416	1,892	8.3%	3.3%	6.2%
156			27		Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	LAB	2,188	546	2,734	9.4%	3.2%	6.8%
473	352				Carshalton & Wallington	LD	1,023	323	1,346	4.0%	1.6%	3.0%

**II Residence-based unemployment rates by parliamentary constituency,  
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Rank by overall  
unemployment rate

unemployment rate					Claimants			Rate			
UK	Eng	Wal	Scot	NI	Party	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All
477	355				LAB	966	320	1,286	3.7%	1.8%	3.0%
93			13		LAB	2,142	636	2,778	10.8%	4.2%	7.9%
507	382				CON	858	287	1,145	3.5%	1.7%	2.7%
314		27			PC	969	298	1,267	6.0%	2.6%	4.6%
606	477				CON	627	248	875	2.2%	1.2%	1.8%
424	307				LAB	1,331	415	1,746	4.5%	2.0%	3.5%
611	482				CON	564	172	736	2.3%	0.9%	1.7%
370	266				LD	1,403	388	1,791	5.7%	2.0%	4.1%
651	521				CON	411	135	546	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
401	289				LAB	1,279	321	1,600	5.3%	1.8%	3.8%
203	140				LAB	2,132	587	2,719	8.4%	3.1%	6.1%
576	448				CON	702	227	929	2.8%	1.2%	2.1%
405	292				CON	1,089	398	1,487	4.8%	2.3%	3.8%
435	317				CON	1,116	446	1,562	4.3%	2.2%	3.4%
493	369				LAB	1,030	329	1,359	3.7%	1.6%	2.8%
564	436				CON	574	168	742	3.0%	1.2%	2.2%
239	168				CON	2,268	920	3,188	7.3%	3.6%	5.6%
200	138				LAB	1,982	623	2,605	7.9%	3.6%	6.2%
381		33			LAB	910	291	1,201	5.1%	2.3%	4.0%
351		29			LAB	976	257	1,233	5.9%	2.1%	4.3%
129			18		LAB	1,773	415	2,188	10.4%	3.1%	7.2%
286			45		LAB	1,527	431	1,958	6.9%	2.6%	5.1%
140			20		LAB	1,645	487	2,132	9.6%	3.8%	7.1%
431	313				LD	1,246	423	1,669	4.5%	2.1%	3.5%
410	297				LAB	1,285	458	1,743	4.9%	2.3%	3.7%
562	434				CON	717	244	961	2.9%	1.3%	2.2%
134		6			LAB	1,632	416	2,048	10.2%	3.3%	7.1%
100	77				LAB	2,122	544	2,666	10.4%	3.9%	7.7%
475	354				LAB	1,062	334	1,396	4.0%	1.7%	3.0%
631	501				CON	433	153	586	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
131	98				LAB	2,690	733	3,423	9.8%	3.7%	7.2%
308	220				LAB	1,799	521	2,320	6.4%	2.5%	4.7%
206	143				LAB	2,025	538	2,563	8.3%	3.0%	6.1%
536	409				LAB	898	284	1,182	3.4%	1.4%	2.5%
400	288				LAB	1,258	371	1,629	5.1%	2.0%	3.8%
284	201				LAB	1,384	397	1,781	7.1%	2.5%	5.1%
267	188				LAB	2,280	705	2,985	7.1%	2.8%	5.2%
126	94				LAB	3,153	1,092	4,245	9.7%	4.2%	7.3%
533	407				CON	951	308	1,259	3.3%	1.4%	2.5%
255			43		LAB	1,365	386	1,751	7.6%	2.7%	5.4%
147			24		LAB	1,642	527	2,169	9.1%	4.0%	7.0%
65			9		LAB	2,059	701	2,760	11.5%	5.2%	8.8%
125		5			LAB	1,572	354	1,926	10.2%	3.2%	7.3%
287	203				LAB	1,383	448	1,831	6.6%	3.0%	5.1%
133	100				LAB	2,342	593	2,935	10.0%	3.4%	7.2%
409	296				LAB	1,338	397	1,735	5.0%	2.0%	3.7%
613	484				CON	610	274	884	2.0%	1.2%	1.7%
450		38			LAB	810	241	1,051	4.3%	1.8%	3.2%
422	305				LAB	1,271	358	1,629	4.9%	1.8%	3.6%
302	216				LAB	1,727	507	2,234	6.4%	2.5%	4.8%
98	75				LAB	2,891	791	3,682	10.4%	4.0%	7.8%
591	463				CON	690	283	973	2.3%	1.3%	1.9%
324	231				LAB	1,363	344	1,707	6.2%	2.1%	4.5%
221	156				LAB	1,828	491	2,319	7.9%	3.0%	5.9%
60	49				LAB	2,897	754	3,651	12.3%	4.5%	9.1%
97	74				LAB	2,274	556	2,830	10.6%	3.8%	7.8%
186	129				LAB	2,183	551	2,734	8.8%	3.1%	6.4%
263	184				LAB	1,788	519	2,307	6.9%	2.9%	5.3%
363	260				LAB	1,358	446	1,804	5.3%	2.5%	4.1%
84	64				LAB	2,970	1,137	4,107	11.0%	4.9%	8.2%



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135			19		Dumbarton	LAB	2,109	564	2,673	9.8%	3.5%	7.1%
269			44		Dumfries	LAB	1,521	541	2,062	6.8%	3.2%	5.2%
63			7		Dundee East	LAB	2,504	711	3,215	12.4%	4.4%	8.8%
77			12		Dundee West	LAB	2,232	579	2,811	12.6%	3.8%	8.5%
175			30		Dunfermline East	LAB	1,643	431	2,074	8.8%	3.3%	6.5%
232			38		Dunfermline West	LAB	1,452	424	1,876	7.7%	3.0%	5.7%
316	226				Durham, City of	LAB	1,340	412	1,752	6.2%	2.4%	4.6%
309	221				Ealing North *	LAB	1,844	669	2,513	6.2%	2.8%	4.7%
211	148				Ealing Southall	LAB	2,508	926	3,434	7.9%	3.7%	6.0%
91	70				Ealing, Acton & Shepherd's Bush	LAB	3,248	1,110	4,358	10.8%	4.5%	7.9%
224	159				Easington	LAB	1,634	368	2,002	8.3%	2.5%	5.8%
218			13		East Antrim	UU	1,839	536	2,375	7.8%	3.2%	5.9%
515	389				East Devon	CON	666	226	892	3.5%	1.6%	2.7%
35	28				East Ham	LAB	3,633	1,048	4,681	14.0%	6.2%	10.9%
577	449				East Hampshire	CON	808	237	1,045	2.8%	1.1%	2.1%
345			54		East Kilbride	LAB	1,412	473	1,885	5.8%	2.4%	4.3%
57			7		East Londonderry	UU	2,570	651	3,221	12.1%	4.8%	9.2%
413			61		East Lothian	LAB	1,008	263	1,271	5.2%	1.8%	3.7%
645	515				East Surrey	CON	474	179	653	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
575	447				East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	681	232	913	2.8%	1.2%	2.1%
276	194				East Yorkshire	CON	1,533	494	2,027	6.7%	3.0%	5.2%
383	275				Eastbourne	CON	1,171	341	1,512	5.6%	2.0%	3.9%
589	461				Eastleigh	LD	701	204	905	2.6%	1.0%	1.9%
443			65		Eastwood	LAB	1,010	352	1,362	4.4%	2.0%	3.4%
335	238				Eccles	LAB	1,537	375	1,912	6.2%	2.0%	4.4%
503	378				Eddisbury	CON	827	256	1,083	3.5%	1.6%	2.7%
216			36		Edinburgh Central	LAB	1,570	446	2,016	8.7%	2.8%	5.9%
331			52		Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	LAB	1,275	309	1,584	6.6%	1.9%	4.4%
228			37		Edinburgh North & Leith	LAB	1,876	517	2,393	8.4%	2.7%	5.7%
369			56		Edinburgh Pentlands	LAB	1,190	323	1,513	5.8%	1.9%	4.1%
327			51		Edinburgh South	LAB	1,132	348	1,480	6.4%	2.3%	4.5%
476			66		Edinburgh West	LD	953	280	1,233	4.2%	1.5%	3.0%
99	76				Edmonton	LAB	2,462	809	3,271	10.2%	4.5%	7.7%
393	282				Ellesmere Port & Neston	LAB	1,292	336	1,628	5.3%	1.9%	3.8%
505	380				Elmet	LAB	944	298	1,242	3.7%	1.5%	2.7%
195	134				Eltham	LAB	1,737	566	2,303	8.3%	3.5%	6.2%
277	195				Enfield North	LAB	1,752	587	2,339	6.7%	3.0%	5.1%
291	206				Enfield, Southgate	LAB	1,522	571	2,093	6.3%	3.1%	5.0%
480	358				Epping Forest	CON	974	379	1,353	3.6%	1.9%	2.9%
642	512				Epsom & Ewell	CON	487	158	645	1.8%	0.8%	1.3%
434	316				Erewash	LAB	1,341	417	1,758	4.5%	1.9%	3.4%
74	57				Erith & Thamesmead	LAB	2,814	988	3,802	11.0%	5.3%	8.6%
641	511				Esher & Walton	CON	469	175	644	1.7%	0.9%	1.3%
294	209				Exeter	LAB	1,813	623	2,436	6.7%	2.8%	4.9%
240			39		Falkirk East	LAB	1,586	454	2,040	7.7%	2.9%	5.6%
162			28		Falkirk West	LAB	1,708	497	2,205	9.3%	3.5%	6.7%
155	109				Falmouth & Camborne	LAB	2,036	649	2,685	8.9%	4.0%	6.8%
617	488				Fareham	CON	528	189	717	2.1%	1.0%	1.6%
468	347				Faversham & Mid Kent	CON	1,010	318	1,328	3.9%	1.8%	3.0%
364	261				Feltham & Heston	LAB	1,570	496	2,066	5.4%	2.3%	4.1%
53			6		Fermanagh & South Tyrone	UU	2,617	704	3,321	12.0%	5.5%	9.6%
349	250				Finchley & Golders Green	LAB	1,518	637	2,155	5.4%	2.9%	4.3%
178	125				Folkestone & Hythe	CON	2,137	566	2,703	8.8%	3.3%	6.5%
494	370				Forest of Dean	LAB	786	295	1,081	3.4%	1.9%	2.8%
8			2		Foyle	SDLP	4,645	977	5,622	20.2%	6.5%	14.8%
599	470				Fylde	CON	575	170	745	2.5%	1.0%	1.8%
365	262				Gainsborough	CON	1,134	420	1,554	5.0%	2.7%	4.1%
246			42		Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	SNP	1,317	442	1,759	7.0%	3.4%	5.5%
283	200				Gateshead East & Washington West	LAB	1,673	434	2,107	7.1%	2.4%	5.1%
416	300				Gedling	LAB	1,236	460	1,696	4.8%	2.2%	3.7%

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437	319				Gillingham	LAB	1,201	429	1,630	4.2%	2.2%	3.4%
76			11		Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	1,891	397	2,288	13.0%	3.2%	8.5%
64			8		Glasgow Baillieston	LAB	2,209	534	2,743	12.4%	4.0%	8.8%
190			33		Glasgow Cathcart	LAB	1,456	366	1,822	9.2%	2.8%	6.3%
62			6		Glasgow Govan	LAB	2,270	606	2,876	12.5%	4.3%	8.9%
61			5		Glasgow Kelvin	LAB	2,147	615	2,762	12.6%	4.5%	9.0%
27			2		Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	2,800	761	3,561	16.3%	5.7%	11.7%
54			4		Glasgow Pollok	LAB	2,306	532	2,838	13.6%	4.1%	9.5%
153			26		Glasgow Rutherglen	LAB	1,525	374	1,899	9.8%	3.1%	6.9%
18			1		Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	2,359	522	2,881	17.1%	5.3%	12.2%
28			3		Glasgow Springburn	LAB	2,666	684	3,350	16.7%	5.3%	11.6%
334	237				Gloucester	LAB	1,712	564	2,276	5.8%	2.5%	4.4%
595			71		Gordon	LD	499	201	700	2.3%	1.3%	1.9%
456	335				Gosport	CON	1,083	341	1,424	4.1%	1.8%	3.1%
377		31			Gower	LAB	974	286	1,260	5.4%	2.1%	4.0%
483	360				Grantham & Stamford	CON	870	364	1,234	3.5%	2.0%	2.9%
299	214				Gravesham	LAB	1,677	558	2,235	6.1%	3.0%	4.8%
58	47				Great Grimsby	LAB	3,079	736	3,815	12.6%	4.4%	9.2%
85	65				Great Yarmouth	LAB	2,491	799	3,290	10.4%	4.8%	8.1%
185			32		Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	1,502	392	1,894	9.2%	3.0%	6.4%
36	29				Greenwich & Woolwich	LAB	3,278	1,118	4,396	14.0%	6.1%	10.6%
635	505				Guildford	CON	541	175	716	1.9%	0.8%	1.4%
5	5				Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	4,813	1,839	6,652	20.1%	9.9%	15.6%
4	4				Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	4,995	1,708	6,703	21.2%	8.9%	15.7%
336	239				Halesowen & Rowley Regis	LAB	1,398	450	1,848	5.7%	2.6%	4.4%
193	133				Halifax	LAB	2,321	587	2,908	8.9%	2.9%	6.3%
498	374				Haltemprice & Howden	CON	771	312	1,083	3.4%	1.9%	2.8%
168	118				Halton	LAB	2,035	561	2,596	8.9%	3.4%	6.6%
152			25		Hamilton North & Bellshill	LAB	1,893	508	2,401	9.4%	3.5%	6.9%
180			31		Hamilton South	LAB	1,407	353	1,760	9.0%	3.0%	6.5%
172	122				Hammersmith & Fulham	LAB	2,873	1,149	4,022	9.0%	3.9%	6.6%
132	99				Hampstead & Highgate	LAB	2,470	1,088	3,558	9.3%	4.7%	7.2%
582	454				Harborough	CON	661	270	931	2.6%	1.4%	2.0%
425	308				Harlow	LAB	1,164	415	1,579	4.5%	2.2%	3.5%
558	430				Harrogate & Knaresborough	LD	679	244	923	3.1%	1.3%	2.3%
389	279				Harrow East	LAB	1,429	619	2,048	4.8%	2.7%	3.9%
469	348				Harrow West	LAB	1,092	399	1,491	4.0%	1.9%	3.0%
37	30				Hartlepool	LAB	3,442	803	4,245	14.5%	4.8%	10.5%
188	131				Harwich	LAB	1,774	491	2,265	8.6%	3.3%	6.4%
154	108				Hastings & Rye	LAB	2,321	579	2,900	9.7%	3.2%	6.8%
359	257				Havant	CON	1,397	402	1,799	5.6%	2.2%	4.2%
380	273				Hayes & Harlington	LAB	1,213	417	1,630	5.1%	2.4%	4.0%
568	440				Hazel Grove	LD	716	201	917	3.1%	1.1%	2.2%
565	437				Hemel Hempstead	LAB	839	251	1,090	3.0%	1.2%	2.2%
257	178				Hemsworth	LAB	1,736	446	2,182	7.5%	2.6%	5.4%
259	180				Hendon	LAB	1,958	708	2,666	7.0%	3.3%	5.4%
655	525				Henley	CON	370	126	496	1.4%	0.6%	1.1%
404	291				Hereford *>	LD	1,198	433	1,631	4.8%	2.4%	3.8%
628	498				Hertford & Stortford	CON	531	206	737	1.9%	1.0%	1.5%
570	442				Hertsmere	CON	734	221	955	2.9%	1.2%	2.2%
492	368				Hexham	CON	746	239	985	3.7%	1.6%	2.8%
274	193				Heywood & Middleton	LAB	1,939	533	2,472	7.2%	2.6%	5.2%
516	390				High Peak	LAB	953	292	1,245	3.5%	1.5%	2.7%
596	467				Hitchin & Harpenden	CON	631	188	819	2.5%	1.0%	1.9%
25	21				Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	3,475	1,309	4,784	15.7%	7.1%	11.8%
482	359				Hornchurch	LAB	840	315	1,155	3.6%	1.9%	2.9%
87	67				Hornsey & Wood Green	LAB	3,279	1,240	4,519	10.7%	4.8%	8.0%
648	518				Horsham	CON	459	156	615	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
208	145				Houghton & Washington East	LAB	1,860	469	2,329	8.5%	2.8%	6.1%
199	137				Hove	LAB	1,867	664	2,531	8.1%	3.7%	6.2%

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94	71				Huddersfield	LAB	2,345	745	3,090	10.5%	4.4%	7.9%
574	446				Huntingdon	CON	822	344	1,166	2.6%	1.5%	2.1%
429	311				Hyndburn	LAB	1,153	320	1,473	4.9%	1.7%	3.5%
420	303				Ilford North	LAB	1,088	488	1,576	4.4%	2.6%	3.6%
171	121				Ilford South *	LAB	2,413	860	3,273	8.3%	4.1%	6.6%
318			48		Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	LAB	1,458	430	1,888	6.2%	2.4%	4.6%
237	166				Ipswich	LAB	1,939	522	2,461	7.7%	2.8%	5.6%
183	128				Isle of Wight	LD	2,653	844	3,497	8.5%	3.6%	6.4%
14	12				Islington North	LAB	4,030	1,653	5,683	16.9%	8.0%	12.7%
34	27				Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	3,169	1,224	4,393	14.4%	7.0%	11.1%
384		34			Islwyn	LAB	878	278	1,156	5.2%	2.2%	3.9%
139	103				Jarrow	LAB	2,141	523	2,664	9.9%	3.3%	7.1%
329	234				Keighley	LAB	1,369	487	1,856	5.8%	2.7%	4.5%
360	258				Kensington & Chelsea	CON	1,568	842	2,410	4.9%	3.2%	4.1%
544	417				Kettering	LAB	865	299	1,164	3.1%	1.4%	2.4%
114			17		Kilmarnock & Loudoun	LAB	2,140	678	2,818	9.9%	4.1%	7.4%
499	375				Kingston & Surbiton	LD	1,054	395	1,449	3.6%	1.7%	2.8%
51	43				Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	3,089	802	3,891	13.0%	4.9%	9.7%
40	33				Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	3,524	872	4,396	14.1%	5.0%	10.3%
49	41				Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	3,029	832	3,861	13.1%	5.1%	9.8%
538	411				Kingswood	LAB	939	279	1,218	3.3%	1.3%	2.5%
71			10		Kirkcaldy	LAB	2,066	648	2,714	11.6%	4.8%	8.7%
106	81				Knowsley North & Sefton East	LAB	2,626	749	3,375	10.3%	3.9%	7.5%
46	38				Knowsley South	LAB	3,353	866	4,219	13.8%	4.8%	10.0%
362			18		Lagan Valley	UU	1,334	480	1,814	5.1%	2.7%	4.1%
445	325				Lancaster & Wyre	LAB	1,061	353	1,414	4.5%	1.9%	3.3%
24	20				Leeds Central	LAB	4,007	904	4,911	16.8%	5.1%	11.8%
59	48				Leeds East	LAB	2,686	695	3,381	12.7%	4.4%	9.2%
245	171				Leeds North East	LAB	1,694	512	2,206	7.7%	2.9%	5.5%
368	265				Leeds North West	LAB	1,168	358	1,526	5.6%	2.1%	4.1%
198	136				Leeds West	LAB	2,083	501	2,584	8.8%	2.8%	6.2%
226	161				Leicester East	LAB	1,616	639	2,255	7.4%	3.7%	5.8%
128	96				Leicester South	LAB	2,500	667	3,167	10.0%	3.5%	7.2%
144	104				Leicester West	LAB	2,284	646	2,930	9.7%	3.6%	7.1%
366	263				Leigh	LAB	1,367	400	1,767	5.5%	2.2%	4.1%
519	393				Leominster <*	CON	737	283	1,020	3.2%	1.8%	2.6%
487	364				Lewes	LD	740	277	1,017	3.7%	1.8%	2.8%
103	79				Lewisham East	LAB	2,082	709	2,791	10.3%	4.4%	7.7%
72	55				Lewisham West	LAB	2,669	808	3,477	12.1%	4.4%	8.6%
21	18				Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	3,710	1,231	4,941	16.7%	6.6%	12.1%
112	85				Leyton & Wanstead	LAB	2,392	765	3,157	10.0%	4.1%	7.4%
557	429				Lichfield	CON	694	274	968	2.8%	1.5%	2.3%
127	95				Lincoln	LAB	2,311	621	2,932	9.9%	3.6%	7.2%
325			50		Linlithgow	LAB	1,266	345	1,611	6.3%	2.2%	4.5%
89	69				Liverpool, Garston	LAB	2,483	641	3,124	11.3%	3.8%	8.0%
2	2				Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	4,715	1,310	6,025	22.8%	8.4%	16.6%
19	16				Liverpool, Walton	LAB	3,826	1,042	4,868	16.9%	6.0%	12.2%
39	32				Liverpool, Wavertree	LAB	3,441	918	4,359	14.8%	4.9%	10.3%
23	19				Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	3,717	897	4,614	16.8%	5.5%	12.0%
323			49		Livingston	LAB	1,401	379	1,780	6.4%	2.1%	4.5%
197		16			Llanelli	LAB	1,466	406	1,872	8.3%	3.2%	6.2%
433	315				Loughborough	LAB	1,067	365	1,432	4.5%	2.1%	3.5%
374	269				Louth & Horncastle	CON	1,114	402	1,516	5.0%	2.6%	4.0%
525	399				Ludlow	CON	684	258	942	3.1%	1.7%	2.6%
347	249				Luton North	LAB	1,488	457	1,945	5.7%	2.4%	4.3%
217	153				Luton South	LAB	2,076	571	2,647	7.7%	3.2%	5.9%
588	460				Macclesfield	CON	728	191	919	2.7%	0.9%	1.9%
616	487				Maidenhead	CON	593	163	756	2.2%	0.8%	1.6%
530	404				Maidstone & The Weald	CON	900	316	1,216	3.3%	1.5%	2.5%
361	259				Makerfield	LAB	1,368	413	1,781	5.5%	2.3%	4.1%

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500	376				Maldon & East Chelmsford	CON	845	320	1,165	3.4%	1.9%	2.8%
67	51				Manchester, Blackley	LAB	2,637	577	3,214	12.4%	3.8%	8.8%
9	7				Manchester, Central	LAB	4,154	1,113	5,267	19.8%	7.6%	14.7%
20	17				Manchester, Gorton	LAB	3,112	828	3,940	16.6%	6.0%	12.1%
88	68				Manchester, Withington	LAB	2,284	723	3,007	11.0%	4.3%	8.0%
223	158				Mansfield	LAB	1,822	561	2,383	7.8%	3.2%	5.9%
301	215				Medway	LAB	1,523	511	2,034	6.0%	3.0%	4.8%
230		18			Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	PC	794	271	1,065	7.3%	3.5%	5.7%
339	242				Meriden	CON	1,711	532	2,243	5.7%	2.4%	4.3%
110			2		Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	LAB	1,850	421	2,271	10.3%	3.3%	7.4%
619	490				Mid Bedfordshire	CON	511	189	700	2.0%	1.0%	1.6%
586	458				Mid Dorset & North Poole	CON	640	190	830	2.6%	1.1%	2.0%
462	341				Mid Norfolk	CON	1,028	363	1,391	3.9%	1.9%	3.1%
652	522				Mid Sussex	CON	418	138	556	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
80				8	Mid Ulster	SF	2,136	511	2,647	10.7%	4.3%	8.3%
566	438				Mid Worcestershire	CON	642	289	931	2.7%	1.6%	2.2%
16	14				Middlesbrough	LAB	4,239	930	5,169	17.4%	5.3%	12.4%
116	86				Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland	LAB	2,423	645	3,068	10.0%	3.7%	7.4%
440			64		Midlothian	LAB	833	196	1,029	4.9%	1.4%	3.4%
455	334				Milton Keynes South West	LAB	1,126	369	1,495	4.2%	1.8%	3.2%
264	185				Mitcham & Morden	LAB	1,769	562	2,331	7.1%	2.9%	5.3%
656	526				Mole Valley	CON	334	110	444	1.3%	0.6%	1.0%
415		37			Monmouth	LAB	973	324	1,297	4.8%	2.2%	3.7%
490		39			Montgomeryshire	LD	506	211	717	3.4%	2.0%	2.8%
332			53		Moray	SNP	1,174	457	1,631	5.3%	3.1%	4.4%
219	154				Morecambe & Lunesdale	LAB	1,740	505	2,245	8.0%	3.1%	5.9%
402	290				Morley & Rothwell	LAB	1,269	399	1,668	5.1%	2.1%	3.8%
101			14		Motherwell & Wishaw	LAB	1,750	465	2,215	10.7%	3.8%	7.7%
250		21			Neath	LAB	1,271	385	1,656	7.2%	3.0%	5.4%
584	456				New Forest East	CON	654	201	855	2.7%	1.2%	2.0%
541	414				New Forest West	CON	611	193	804	3.2%	1.4%	2.4%
355	254				Newark	LAB	1,313	472	1,785	5.3%	2.7%	4.2%
646	516				Newbury	LD	501	139	640	1.7%	0.7%	1.3%
81	61				Newcastle upon Tyne Central	LAB	2,389	615	3,004	11.8%	3.9%	8.3%
50	42				Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	2,936	682	3,618	14.0%	4.2%	9.7%
238	167				Newcastle upon Tyne North	LAB	1,854	424	2,278	8.2%	2.4%	5.6%
457	336				Newcastle-under-Lyme	LAB	955	320	1,275	4.1%	1.8%	3.1%
233		19			Newport East	LAB	1,485	416	1,901	7.6%	3.0%	5.7%
184		13			Newport West	LAB	1,734	507	2,241	8.7%	3.4%	6.4%
43			5		Newry & Armagh	SDLP	3,271	774	4,045	13.3%	5.2%	10.2%
382	274				Normanton	LAB	1,158	409	1,567	5.2%	2.4%	3.9%
149			11		North Antrim	DU	2,291	620	2,911	9.0%	3.8%	6.9%
258	179				North Cornwall	LD	1,761	667	2,428	6.6%	3.6%	5.4%
353	252				North Devon	LD	1,345	444	1,789	5.4%	2.5%	4.2%
612	483				North Dorset	CON	457	185	642	2.0%	1.2%	1.7%
253			15		North Down	UKU	1,437	540	1,977	6.8%	3.5%	5.4%
249	173				North Durham	LAB	1,787	424	2,211	7.7%	2.4%	5.5%
598	469				North East Bedfordshire	CON	564	224	788	2.3%	1.3%	1.8%
385	276				North East Cambridgeshire	CON	1,286	511	1,797	4.7%	2.7%	3.9%
343	246				North East Derbyshire	LAB	1,502	417	1,919	5.8%	2.3%	4.3%
418			62		North East Fife	LD	815	347	1,162	4.4%	2.6%	3.6%
653	523				North East Hampshire	CON	428	116	544	1.5%	0.6%	1.2%
600	471				North East Hertfordshire	CON	601	205	806	2.3%	1.1%	1.8%
523	397				North East Milton Keynes	LAB	879	302	1,181	3.4%	1.5%	2.6%
578	450				North Essex	CON	628	229	857	2.6%	1.4%	2.1%
406	293				North Norfolk	CON	1,159	359	1,518	4.8%	2.2%	3.8%
461	340				North Shropshire	CON	937	356	1,293	3.8%	2.1%	3.1%
26	22				North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	3,704	1,267	4,971	15.6%	6.8%	11.8%
532	406				North Swindon	LAB	834	308	1,142	3.2%	1.6%	2.5%
391			59		North Tayside	SNP	1,058	380	1,438	5.0%	2.4%	3.9%

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107	82				CON	2,181	612	2,793	10.2%	3.9%	7.5%
124	93				LAB	2,338	567	2,905	10.3%	3.3%	7.3%
491	367				LAB	967	369	1,336	3.5%	1.9%	2.8%
546	419				CON	854	289	1,143	3.1%	1.4%	2.4%
241	169				LAB	1,713	437	2,150	7.7%	2.7%	5.6%
638	508				CON	500	200	700	1.7%	0.9%	1.4%
489	366				LAB	835	287	1,122	3.6%	1.7%	2.8%
344	247				LAB	1,461	505	1,966	5.5%	2.6%	4.3%
601	472				CON	600	282	882	2.1%	1.4%	1.8%
373	268				LAB	1,456	529	1,985	5.2%	2.4%	4.0%
442	323				LAB	1,322	409	1,731	4.5%	1.8%	3.4%
643	513				LD	533	177	710	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
328	233				LAB	1,566	500	2,066	5.9%	2.5%	4.5%
148	106				LAB	2,305	678	2,983	9.4%	3.7%	7.0%
31	25				LAB	3,663	996	4,659	15.7%	5.6%	11.3%
73	56				LAB	2,750	760	3,510	11.7%	4.4%	8.6%
95	72				LAB	2,521	647	3,168	11.0%	3.8%	7.9%
438	320				LAB	1,169	418	1,587	4.3%	2.1%	3.4%
201			35		LAB	1,576	485	2,061	8.3%	3.3%	6.2%
275		22			LAB	1,226	339	1,565	7.0%	2.7%	5.2%
535	408				CON	802	304	1,106	3.2%	1.6%	2.5%
397	286				LAB	1,484	412	1,896	5.3%	1.9%	3.8%
268	189				LAB	1,878	491	2,369	7.3%	2.5%	5.2%
428			63		LD	541	200	741	4.3%	2.4%	3.5%
531	405				CON	979	358	1,337	3.2%	1.6%	2.5%
322	230				LAB	1,488	450	1,938	6.3%	2.4%	4.5%
630	500				LD	538	194	732	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
109			16		LAB	1,708	498	2,206	10.7%	3.7%	7.5%
143			22		LAB	1,889	496	2,385	10.2%	3.3%	7.1%
426	309				LAB	1,087	280	1,367	4.9%	1.7%	3.5%
571	443				CON	637	255	892	2.6%	1.5%	2.2%
350			55		SNP	1,220	350	1,570	6.0%	2.1%	4.3%
313	224				LAB	1,646	515	2,161	6.1%	2.6%	4.6%
204	141				LAB	2,300	669	2,969	7.9%	3.5%	6.1%
45	37				LAB	3,232	966	4,198	13.3%	5.5%	10.1%
229	162				LAB	1,711	512	2,223	7.6%	3.1%	5.7%
317		28			LAB	1,394	382	1,776	6.3%	2.3%	4.6%
451	330				CON	967	238	1,205	4.5%	1.5%	3.2%
12	10				LAB	4,266	1,211	5,477	17.6%	7.3%	13.4%
378	272				LAB	1,282	343	1,625	5.4%	2.0%	4.0%
160	112				LD	2,404	661	3,065	9.0%	3.5%	6.8%
159		10			LAB	1,657	464	2,121	8.8%	3.7%	6.8%
177	124				LAB	2,265	603	2,868	8.9%	3.2%	6.5%
579	451				LAB	729	242	971	2.8%	1.2%	2.1%
319	227				LAB	1,373	517	1,890	6.2%	2.7%	4.5%
563	435				CON	719	282	1,001	2.7%	1.5%	2.2%
542	415				LAB	939	256	1,195	3.3%	1.2%	2.4%
561	433				LAB	909	208	1,117	3.2%	1.0%	2.3%
78	59				LAB	2,967	652	3,619	12.0%	3.7%	8.5%
395	284				LAB	1,147	472	1,619	4.7%	2.6%	3.8%
70	54				LAB	3,606	1,514	5,120	11.1%	5.7%	8.7%
644	514				CON	442	109	551	1.9%	0.6%	1.3%
142		8			LAB	1,695	468	2,163	9.3%	3.8%	7.1%
634	504				CON	497	160	657	1.9%	0.8%	1.4%
537	410				CON	727	332	1,059	2.8%	1.9%	2.5%
512	386				LD	969	426	1,395	3.3%	1.9%	2.7%
145	105				LAB	2,361	589	2,950	9.8%	3.3%	7.1%
83	63				CON	2,727	770	3,497	11.0%	4.3%	8.2%
472	351				LAB	891	292	1,183	3.9%	1.7%	3.0%
618	489				CON	529	159	688	2.1%	0.9%	1.6%

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191			34		Ross, Skye & Inverness West	LD	1,551	551	2,102	7.9%	4.0%	6.3%
478	356				Rossendale & Darwen	LAB	992	351	1,343	3.9%	1.8%	2.9%
260	181				Rother Valley	LAB	1,807	511	2,318	7.2%	2.8%	5.4%
68	52				Rotherham	LAB	2,559	606	3,165	12.1%	4.0%	8.8%
403			60		Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	822	301	1,123	4.9%	2.3%	3.8%
518	392				Rugby & Kenilworth	LAB	1,003	356	1,359	3.4%	1.6%	2.7%
569	441				Ruislip - Northwood	CON	639	245	884	2.8%	1.4%	2.2%
639	509				Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	487	166	653	1.8%	0.8%	1.4%
522	396				Rushcliffe	CON	989	300	1,289	3.5%	1.4%	2.6%
633	503				Rutland & Melton	CON	449	199	648	1.7%	1.1%	1.4%
555	427				Ryedale	CON	622	245	867	2.8%	1.5%	2.3%
607	478				Saffron Walden	CON	580	265	845	2.0%	1.4%	1.8%
164	115				Salford	LAB	1,897	413	2,310	9.5%	2.9%	6.7%
580	452				Salisbury	CON	802	267	1,069	2.7%	1.2%	2.1%
235	164				Scarborough & Whitby	LAB	1,889	580	2,469	7.6%	3.1%	5.7%
210	147				Scunthorpe	LAB	1,752	539	2,291	7.8%	3.5%	6.0%
304	218				Sedgefield	LAB	1,425	434	1,859	6.3%	2.6%	4.8%
441	322				Selby	LAB	1,119	405	1,524	4.2%	2.1%	3.4%
581	453				Sevenoaks	CON	655	245	900	2.6%	1.3%	2.1%
222	157				Sheffield, Attercliffe	LAB	1,943	508	2,451	8.1%	2.9%	5.9%
52	44				Sheffield, Brightside	LAB	2,875	637	3,512	13.7%	4.2%	9.7%
11	9				Sheffield, Central	LAB	4,013	1,016	5,029	18.3%	6.6%	13.5%
439	321				Sheffield, Hallam	LD	806	306	1,112	4.4%	2.1%	3.4%
108	83				Sheffield, Heeley	LAB	2,426	635	3,061	10.4%	3.6%	7.5%
346	248				Sheffield, Hillsborough	LAB	1,627	519	2,146	5.8%	2.4%	4.3%
356	255				Sherwood	LAB	1,477	439	1,916	5.6%	2.3%	4.2%
432	314				Shipley	LAB	1,138	392	1,530	4.7%	2.0%	3.5%
514	388				Shrewsbury & Atcham	LAB	923	292	1,215	3.6%	1.5%	2.7%
293	208				Sittingbourne & Sheppey	LAB	1,550	509	2,059	6.2%	3.0%	4.9%
597	468				Skipton & Ripon	CON	596	227	823	2.3%	1.2%	1.8%
526	400				Sleaford & North Hykeham	CON	764	312	1,076	3.1%	1.8%	2.6%
326	232				Slough	LAB	1,687	482	2,169	6.1%	2.4%	4.5%
552	424				Solihull	CON	854	311	1,165	3.0%	1.4%	2.3%
549	422				Somerton & Frome *	LD	748	298	1,046	2.8%	1.6%	2.3%
348			17		South Antrim	UU	1,422	486	1,908	5.5%	2.6%	4.3%
624	494				South Cambridgeshire	CON	526	193	719	2.0%	1.0%	1.6%
464	343				South Derbyshire	LAB	1,089	367	1,456	4.0%	1.8%	3.0%
408	295				South Dorset	CON	1,217	293	1,510	5.2%	1.7%	3.7%
90			9		South Down	SDLP	2,374	715	3,089	10.0%	4.8%	8.0%
594	466				South East Cambridgeshire	CON	685	251	936	2.4%	1.2%	1.9%
390	280				South East Cornwall	LD	1,219	445	1,664	4.8%	2.5%	3.9%
592	464				South Holland & The Deepings	CON	525	236	761	2.2%	1.4%	1.9%
509	384				South Norfolk	CON	926	370	1,296	3.3%	1.9%	2.7%
573	445				South Ribble	LAB	740	273	1,013	2.8%	1.3%	2.1%
44	36				South Shields	LAB	2,850	747	3,597	13.7%	5.1%	10.1%
506	381				South Staffordshire	CON	950	369	1,319	3.4%	1.8%	2.7%
495	371				South Suffolk	CON	834	312	1,146	3.5%	1.8%	2.8%
430	312				South Swindon	LAB	1,336	402	1,738	4.7%	1.9%	3.5%
150	107				South Thanet	LAB	1,952	489	2,441	9.6%	3.3%	6.9%
560	432				South West Bedfordshire	CON	805	315	1,120	2.8%	1.5%	2.3%
504	379				South West Devon	CON	817	345	1,162	3.3%	1.9%	2.7%
603	474				South West Hertfordshire	CON	625	219	844	2.3%	1.1%	1.8%
459	338				South West Norfolk	CON	1,091	486	1,577	3.6%	2.4%	3.1%
649	519				South West Surrey	CON	437	137	574	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
225	160				Southampton, Itchen	LAB	2,114	514	2,628	7.9%	2.8%	5.8%
213	150				Southampton, Test	LAB	2,138	512	2,650	8.3%	2.7%	5.9%
289	204				Southend West	CON	1,511	439	1,950	6.8%	2.7%	5.0%
306	219				Southport	LD	1,448	487	1,935	6.5%	2.7%	4.8%
625	495				Spelthorne	CON	575	198	773	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
627	497				St Albans	LAB	516	174	690	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%

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290	205				LAB	1,641	494	2,135	6.6%	2.7%	5.0%
170	120				LAB	2,100	556	2,656	9.0%	3.2%	6.6%
119	88				LD	2,105	816	2,921	9.0%	5.0%	7.3%
467	346				LAB	1,000	319	1,319	4.0%	1.7%	3.0%
513	387				LAB	906	273	1,179	3.6%	1.5%	2.7%
367	264				LAB	1,374	398	1,772	5.6%	2.1%	4.1%
463	342				LAB	1,068	337	1,405	4.0%	1.7%	3.1%
307			46		LAB	1,160	343	1,503	6.5%	2.4%	4.7%
375	270				LAB	1,430	314	1,744	5.8%	1.7%	4.0%
47	39				LAB	3,172	768	3,940	13.8%	4.6%	10.0%
187	130				LAB	2,124	544	2,668	8.8%	3.1%	6.4%
214	151				LAB	1,801	489	2,290	8.1%	3.0%	5.9%
357	256				LAB	1,191	352	1,543	5.5%	2.3%	4.2%
352	251				LAB	1,392	496	1,888	5.5%	2.6%	4.2%
602	473				CON	537	226	763	2.2%	1.3%	1.8%
419	302				LAB	1,199	384	1,583	4.7%	2.1%	3.6%
270			16		UU	1,591	508	2,099	6.7%	3.0%	5.2%
605	476				CON	672	248	920	2.3%	1.1%	1.8%
387			58		LAB	1,240	370	1,610	5.3%	2.0%	3.9%
48	40				LAB	3,953	1,472	5,425	13.4%	5.9%	9.9%
292	207				LAB	1,776	497	2,273	6.8%	2.5%	4.9%
520	394				LAB	908	331	1,239	3.3%	1.6%	2.6%
460	339				CON	1,025	365	1,390	3.9%	2.0%	3.1%
75	58				LAB	2,497	527	3,024	12.2%	3.6%	8.6%
56	46				LAB	2,980	617	3,597	13.3%	3.8%	9.3%
658	528				CON	385	137	522	1.2%	0.6%	1.0%
567	439				LD	689	260	949	2.8%	1.4%	2.2%
524	398				CON	848	344	1,192	3.3%	1.7%	2.6%
227		17			LAB	1,641	355	1,996	8.3%	2.4%	5.8%
176		11			LAB	1,594	405	1,999	9.1%	3.1%	6.5%
449	329				LAB	1,049	400	1,449	4.0%	2.2%	3.3%
593	465				IND	573	173	746	2.5%	1.0%	1.9%
417	301				LD	1,316	424	1,740	4.9%	2.0%	3.7%
396	285				CON	1,233	462	1,695	4.9%	2.4%	3.8%
386	277				LAB	1,211	315	1,526	5.4%	1.9%	3.9%
583	455				CON	621	249	870	2.6%	1.4%	2.0%
242	170				LAB	1,920	597	2,517	7.3%	3.2%	5.6%
508	383				CON	866	332	1,198	3.4%	1.8%	2.7%
553	425				CON	734	242	976	3.0%	1.4%	2.3%
169	119				LAB	2,416	833	3,249	9.1%	3.7%	6.6%
136	101				LD	2,270	609	2,879	10.0%	3.4%	7.1%
280		23			LAB	1,437	410	1,847	6.8%	2.7%	5.1%
333	236				LD	1,419	506	1,925	5.5%	2.8%	4.4%
340	243				CON	1,132	452	1,584	5.4%	2.9%	4.3%
3	3				LAB	6,101	1,945	8,046	21.9%	9.0%	16.3%
271	190				LD	1,633	598	2,231	6.6%	3.3%	5.2%
551	423				CON	785	236	1,021	3.2%	1.2%	2.3%
510			68		LD	669	199	868	3.7%	1.4%	2.7%
543	416				LD	889	347	1,236	3.1%	1.5%	2.4%
30	24				LAB	3,595	748	4,343	16.2%	4.7%	11.4%
202	139				LAB	1,921	496	2,417	8.7%	2.9%	6.2%
470	349				LAB	804	260	1,064	3.9%	1.8%	3.0%
247			14		UU	1,790	528	2,318	7.2%	3.0%	5.5%
517	391				CON	793	299	1,092	3.4%	1.7%	2.7%
288		24			LAB	1,132	287	1,419	7.2%	2.3%	5.0%
305		26			LAB	1,561	465	2,026	6.3%	2.6%	4.8%
604	475				CON	512	266	778	2.0%	1.5%	1.8%
17	15				LAB	4,727	1,724	6,451	16.7%	7.2%	12.3%
251	174				LAB	1,926	545	2,471	7.3%	2.8%	5.4%
79	60				LAB	2,560	725	3,285	11.7%	4.2%	8.4%

**II Residence-based unemployment rates by parliamentary constituency,  
United Kingdom, May 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
138	102				LAB	2,414	672	3,086	9.3%	3.9%	7.1%
96	73				LAB	2,412	727	3,139	10.2%	4.4%	7.8%
69	53				LAB	2,829	965	3,794	11.5%	5.1%	8.7%
166	116				LAB	1,944	489	2,433	9.5%	3.0%	6.7%
608	479				LAB	551	239	790	2.1%	1.2%	1.8%
637	507				CON	499	178	677	1.8%	0.9%	1.4%
121	90				LAB	2,071	627	2,698	9.7%	4.0%	7.3%
407	294				LAB	1,365	371	1,736	5.1%	1.9%	3.7%
484	361				LAB	980	305	1,285	3.8%	1.6%	2.8%
466	345				LAB	1,198	355	1,553	4.2%	1.6%	3.0%
511	385				LAB	1,042	339	1,381	3.6%	1.5%	2.7%
130	97				LAB	2,300	825	3,125	9.0%	4.6%	7.2%
629	499				CON	543	166	709	2.0%	0.8%	1.5%
282	199				LAB	1,582	456	2,038	6.8%	2.7%	5.1%
474	353				LAB	1,143	355	1,498	4.0%	1.7%	3.0%
479	357				CON	860	360	1,220	3.5%	2.1%	2.9%
609	480				LAB	565	214	779	2.2%	1.1%	1.7%
122	91				LAB	2,242	541	2,783	10.1%	3.4%	7.3%
620			72		LD	431	175	606	1.9%	1.1%	1.6%
179	126				LAB	2,028	627	2,655	8.4%	3.7%	6.5%
123	92				SPKR	2,278	723	3,001	9.2%	4.4%	7.3%
496	372				CON	1,040	373	1,413	3.5%	1.7%	2.8%
559	431				CON	726	259	985	2.9%	1.4%	2.3%
527	401				CON	670	282	952	3.1%	1.8%	2.6%
15	13				LAB	3,794	1,128	4,922	16.7%	7.0%	12.6%
262	183				LAB	1,848	552	2,400	7.2%	2.8%	5.3%
371			57		LAB	1,050	288	1,338	5.7%	2.0%	4.1%
539	412				CON	932	350	1,282	3.0%	1.7%	2.5%
32				4	UU	2,961	660	3,621	14.5%	5.6%	11.2%
556	428				CON	681	201	882	3.1%	1.2%	2.3%
497	373				CON	948	377	1,325	3.4%	1.9%	2.8%
104			15		LAB	823	210	1,033	9.8%	4.1%	7.7%
614	485				CON	477	188	665	2.1%	1.1%	1.6%
414	299				LD	1,126	412	1,538	4.7%	2.3%	3.7%
272	191				LAB	1,581	441	2,022	7.0%	2.7%	5.2%
486	363				LAB	923	342	1,265	3.7%	1.7%	2.8%
615	486				LD	604	194	798	2.2%	0.9%	1.6%
626	496				CON	573	179	752	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
399	287				LAB	1,048	356	1,404	5.1%	2.2%	3.8%
321	229				LAB	1,195	443	1,638	5.9%	2.7%	4.5%
657	527				CON	369	129	498	1.3%	0.6%	1.0%
654	524				CON	422	136	558	1.5%	0.7%	1.1%
659	529				CON	318	119	437	1.1%	0.6%	0.9%
161	113				LAB	2,062	567	2,629	8.9%	3.6%	6.8%
102	78				LAB	2,006	550	2,556	10.0%	4.1%	7.7%
207	144				LAB	1,874	554	2,428	8.1%	3.3%	6.1%
621	491				CON	517	184	701	2.1%	1.0%	1.6%
392	281				LAB	1,240	385	1,625	5.2%	2.1%	3.8%
182	127				LAB	2,101	507	2,608	8.9%	3.0%	6.4%
412	298				LAB	1,273	346	1,619	5.2%	1.8%	3.7%
540	413				CON	697	178	875	3.5%	1.1%	2.4%
521	395				LAB	776	209	985	3.5%	1.3%	2.6%
358		30			LAB	986	282	1,268	5.7%	2.1%	4.2%
545	418				CON	972	272	1,244	3.2%	1.2%	2.4%
448	328				LAB	1,140	410	1,550	4.2%	2.0%	3.3%
220	155				LAB	2,145	496	2,641	8.5%	2.5%	5.9%
501	377				LD	899	336	1,235	3.4%	1.8%	2.7%
113			3		PC	1,690	520	2,210	9.4%	4.4%	7.4%
285	202				LAB	1,946	550	2,496	7.2%	2.5%	5.1%
						1,036,318	313,059	1,349,377	6.6%	2.7%	4.9%



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

Rank by overall  
unemployment rate

UK	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI	Party	Claimants			Rate			
						Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
1	1				Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	5,960	1,628	7,588	24.3%	9.7%	18.3%
2	2				Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	4,715	1,310	6,025	22.8%	8.4%	16.6%
3	3				Tottenham	LAB	6,101	1,945	8,046	21.9%	9.0%	16.3%
4	4				Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	4,995	1,708	6,703	21.2%	8.9%	15.7%
5	5				Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	4,813	1,839	6,652	20.1%	9.9%	15.6%
6	6				Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	4,950	1,432	6,382	18.9%	9.2%	15.3%
7				1	Belfast West	SF	4,545	695	5,240	22.3%	4.9%	15.1%
8				2	Foyle	SDLP	4,645	977	5,622	20.2%	6.5%	14.8%
9	7				Manchester, Central	LAB	4,154	1,113	5,267	19.8%	7.6%	14.7%
10	8				Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	4,703	1,287	5,990	18.8%	7.8%	14.4%
11	9				Sheffield, Central	LAB	4,013	1,016	5,029	18.3%	6.6%	13.5%
12	10				Poplar & Canning Town	LAB	4,266	1,211	5,477	17.6%	7.3%	13.4%
13	11				Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	3,731	1,276	5,007	18.1%	7.5%	13.3%
14	12				Islington North	LAB	4,030	1,653	5,683	16.9%	8.0%	12.7%
15	13				West Ham	LAB	3,794	1,128	4,922	16.7%	7.0%	12.6%
16	14				Middlesbrough	LAB	4,239	930	5,169	17.4%	5.3%	12.4%
17	15				Vauxhall	LAB	4,727	1,724	6,451	16.7%	7.2%	12.3%
18			1		Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	2,359	522	2,881	17.1%	5.3%	12.2%
19	16				Liverpool, Walton	LAB	3,826	1,042	4,868	16.9%	6.0%	12.2%
20	17				Manchester, Gorton	LAB	3,112	828	3,940	16.6%	6.0%	12.1%
21	18				Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	3,710	1,231	4,941	16.7%	6.6%	12.1%
22				3	Belfast North	UU	3,099	632	3,731	17.1%	4.9%	12.1%
23	19				Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	3,717	897	4,614	16.8%	5.5%	12.0%
24	20				Leeds Central	LAB	4,007	904	4,911	16.8%	5.1%	11.8%
25	21				Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	3,475	1,309	4,784	15.7%	7.1%	11.8%
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635	505				Guildford	CON	541	175	716	1.9%	0.8%	1.4%
636	506				Aldershot	CON	658	228	886	1.8%	0.9%	1.4%
637	507				Wantage	CON	499	178	677	1.8%	0.9%	1.4%
638	508				North West Hampshire *	CON	500	200	700	1.7%	0.9%	1.4%
639	509				Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	487	166	653	1.8%	0.8%	1.4%
640	510				Beaconsfield	CON	469	160	629	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
641	511				Esher & Walton	CON	469	175	644	1.7%	0.9%	1.3%
642	512				Epsom & Ewell	CON	487	158	645	1.8%	0.8%	1.3%
643	513				Northavon	LD	533	177	710	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
644	514				Reigate	CON	442	109	551	1.9%	0.6%	1.3%
645	515				East Surrey	CON	474	179	653	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
646	516				Newbury	LD	501	139	640	1.7%	0.7%	1.3%
647	517				Arundel & South Downs	CON	356	136	492	1.6%	0.8%	1.3%
648	518				Horsham	CON	459	156	615	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
649	519				South West Surrey	CON	437	137	574	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
650	520				Buckingham	CON	355	149	504	1.5%	0.9%	1.2%
651	521				Chesham & Amersham	CON	411	135	546	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
652	522				Mid Sussex	CON	418	138	556	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
653	523				North East Hampshire	CON	428	116	544	1.5%	0.6%	1.2%
654	524				Woking	CON	422	136	558	1.5%	0.7%	1.1%
655	525				Henley	CON	370	126	496	1.4%	0.6%	1.1%
656	526				Mole Valley	CON	334	110	444	1.3%	0.6%	1.0%
657	527				Witney	CON	369	129	498	1.3%	0.6%	1.0%
658	528				Surrey Heath	CON	385	137	522	1.2%	0.6%	1.0%
659	529				Wokingham	CON	318	119	437	1.1%	0.6%	0.9%
					United Kingdom		1,036,318	313,059	1,349,377	6.6%	2.7%	4.9%

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

Rank by overall

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1	1				Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	5,960	1,628	7,588	24.3%	9.7%	18.3%
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25	21				Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	3,475	1,309	4,784	15.7%	7.1%	11.8%
26	22				North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	3,704	1,267	4,971	15.6%	6.8%	11.8%
29	23				Birkenhead	LAB	3,381	869	4,250	16.0%	5.4%	11.4%
30	24				Tyne Bridge	LAB	3,595	748	4,343	16.2%	4.7%	11.4%
31	25				Nottingham East	LAB	3,663	996	4,659	15.7%	5.6%	11.3%
33	26				Bootle	LAB	3,121	741	3,862	15.7%	5.0%	11.1%
34	27				Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	3,169	1,224	4,393	14.4%	7.0%	11.1%
35	28				East Ham	LAB	3,633	1,048	4,681	14.0%	6.2%	10.9%
36	29				Greenwich & Woolwich	LAB	3,278	1,118	4,396	14.0%	6.1%	10.6%
37	30				Hartlepool	LAB	3,442	803	4,245	14.5%	4.8%	10.5%
38	31				Bradford West	LAB	3,237	874	4,111	13.8%	5.5%	10.4%
39	32				Liverpool, Wavertree	LAB	3,441	918	4,359	14.8%	4.9%	10.3%
40	33				Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	3,524	872	4,396	14.1%	5.0%	10.3%
41	34				Brent South	LAB	3,446	1,153	4,599	13.9%	5.8%	10.3%
42	35				Birmingham, Hodge Hill	LAB	2,641	711	3,352	13.6%	5.4%	10.3%
44	36				South Shields	LAB	2,850	747	3,597	13.7%	5.1%	10.1%
45	37				Plymouth, Sutton	LAB	3,232	966	4,198	13.3%	5.5%	10.1%
46	38				Knowsley South	LAB	3,353	866	4,219	13.8%	4.8%	10.0%
47	39				Stockton North	LAB	3,172	768	3,940	13.8%	4.6%	10.0%
48	40				Streatham	LAB	3,953	1,472	5,425	13.4%	5.9%	9.9%
49	41				Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	3,029	832	3,861	13.1%	5.1%	9.8%
50	42				Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	2,936	682	3,618	14.0%	4.2%	9.7%
51	43				Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	3,089	802	3,891	13.0%	4.9%	9.7%
52	44				Sheffield, Brightside	LAB	2,875	637	3,512	13.7%	4.2%	9.7%
55	45				Brent East	LAB	3,001	1,036	4,037	12.6%	5.4%	9.4%
56	46				Sunderland South	LAB	2,980	617	3,597	13.3%	3.8%	9.3%
58	47				Great Grimsby	LAB	3,079	736	3,815	12.6%	4.4%	9.2%
59	48				Leeds East	LAB	2,686	695	3,381	12.7%	4.4%	9.2%
60	49				Doncaster Central	LAB	2,897	754	3,651	12.3%	4.5%	9.1%
66	50				Brighton, Pavilion	LAB	2,709	965	3,674	11.6%	5.2%	8.8%
67	51				Manchester, Blackley	LAB	2,637	577	3,214	12.4%	3.8%	8.8%
68	52				Rotherham	LAB	2,559	606	3,165	12.1%	4.0%	8.8%
69	53				Walthamstow	LAB	2,829	965	3,794	11.5%	5.1%	8.7%
70	54				Regent's Park & Kensington North	LAB	3,606	1,514	5,120	11.1%	5.7%	8.7%
72	55				Lewisham West	LAB	2,669	808	3,477	12.1%	4.4%	8.6%
73	56				Nottingham North	LAB	2,750	760	3,510	11.7%	4.4%	8.6%

**III Residence-based unemployment rates, May 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				LAB	2,814	988	3,802	11.0%	5.3%	8.6%
75	58				LAB	2,497	527	3,024	12.2%	3.6%	8.6%
78	59				LAB	2,967	652	3,619	12.0%	3.7%	8.5%
79	60				LAB	2,560	725	3,285	11.7%	4.2%	8.4%
81	61				LAB	2,389	615	3,004	11.8%	3.9%	8.3%
82	62				LAB	2,697	744	3,441	11.2%	4.2%	8.3%
83	63				CON	2,727	770	3,497	11.0%	4.3%	8.2%
84	64				LAB	2,970	1,137	4,107	11.0%	4.9%	8.2%
85	65				LAB	2,491	799	3,290	10.4%	4.8%	8.1%
86	66				LAB	2,756	835	3,591	10.8%	4.4%	8.0%
87	67				LAB	3,279	1,240	4,519	10.7%	4.8%	8.0%
88	68				LAB	2,284	723	3,007	11.0%	4.3%	8.0%
89	69				LAB	2,483	641	3,124	11.3%	3.8%	8.0%
91	70				LAB	3,248	1,110	4,358	10.8%	4.5%	7.9%
94	71				LAB	2,345	745	3,090	10.5%	4.4%	7.9%
95	72				LAB	2,521	647	3,168	11.0%	3.8%	7.9%
96	73				LAB	2,412	727	3,139	10.2%	4.4%	7.8%
97	74				LAB	2,274	556	2,830	10.6%	3.8%	7.8%
98	75				LAB	2,891	791	3,682	10.4%	4.0%	7.8%
99	76				LAB	2,462	809	3,271	10.2%	4.5%	7.7%
100	77				LAB	2,122	544	2,666	10.4%	3.9%	7.7%
102	78				LAB	2,006	550	2,556	10.0%	4.1%	7.7%
103	79				LAB	2,082	709	2,791	10.3%	4.4%	7.7%
105	80				LAB	2,362	720	3,082	10.3%	4.0%	7.5%
106	81				LAB	2,626	749	3,375	10.3%	3.9%	7.5%
107	82				CON	2,181	612	2,793	10.2%	3.9%	7.5%
108	83				LAB	2,426	635	3,061	10.4%	3.6%	7.5%
111	84				LAB	2,248	572	2,820	10.0%	3.7%	7.4%
112	85				LAB	2,392	765	3,157	10.0%	4.1%	7.4%
116	86				LAB	2,423	645	3,068	10.0%	3.7%	7.4%
118	87				LAB	2,185	700	2,885	9.8%	4.1%	7.3%
119	88				LD	2,105	816	2,921	9.0%	5.0%	7.3%
120	89				LAB	2,606	638	3,244	10.0%	3.5%	7.3%
121	90				LAB	2,071	627	2,698	9.7%	4.0%	7.3%
122	91				LAB	2,242	541	2,783	10.1%	3.4%	7.3%
123	92				SPKR	2,278	723	3,001	9.2%	4.4%	7.3%
124	93				LAB	2,338	567	2,905	10.3%	3.3%	7.3%
126	94				LAB	3,153	1,092	4,245	9.7%	4.2%	7.3%
127	95				LAB	2,311	621	2,932	9.9%	3.6%	7.2%
128	96				LAB	2,500	667	3,167	10.0%	3.5%	7.2%
130	97				LAB	2,300	825	3,125	9.0%	4.6%	7.2%
131	98				LAB	2,690	733	3,423	9.8%	3.7%	7.2%
132	99				LAB	2,470	1,088	3,558	9.3%	4.7%	7.2%
133	100				LAB	2,342	593	2,935	10.0%	3.4%	7.2%
136	101				LD	2,270	609	2,879	10.0%	3.4%	7.1%
138	102				LAB	2,414	672	3,086	9.3%	3.9%	7.1%
139	103				LAB	2,141	523	2,664	9.9%	3.3%	7.1%
144	104				LAB	2,284	646	2,930	9.7%	3.6%	7.1%
145	105				LAB	2,361	589	2,950	9.8%	3.3%	7.1%
148	106				LAB	2,305	678	2,983	9.4%	3.7%	7.0%
150	107				LAB	1,952	489	2,441	9.6%	3.3%	6.9%
154	108				LAB	2,321	579	2,900	9.7%	3.2%	6.8%
155	109				LAB	2,036	649	2,685	8.9%	4.0%	6.8%
157	110				LAB	2,059	482	2,541	9.6%	3.0%	6.8%
158	111				LAB	1,544	508	2,052	8.7%	4.1%	6.8%
160	112				LD	2,404	661	3,065	9.0%	3.5%	6.8%

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161	113				Wolverhampton North East	LAB	2,062	567	2,629	8.9%	3.6%	6.8%
163	114				Birmingham, Northfield	LAB	1,728	507	2,235	9.1%	3.6%	6.7%
164	115				Salford	LAB	1,897	413	2,310	9.5%	2.9%	6.7%
166	116				Wansbeck	LAB	1,944	489	2,433	9.5%	3.0%	6.7%
167	117				Birmingham, Selly Oak	LAB	2,155	734	2,889	8.8%	3.8%	6.6%
168	118				Halton	LAB	2,035	561	2,596	8.9%	3.4%	6.6%
169	119				Tooting	LAB	2,416	833	3,249	9.1%	3.7%	6.6%
170	120				St Helens South	LAB	2,100	556	2,656	9.0%	3.2%	6.6%
171	121				Ilford South *	LAB	2,413	860	3,273	8.3%	4.1%	6.6%
172	122				Hammersmith & Fulham	LAB	2,873	1,149	4,022	9.0%	3.9%	6.6%
173	123				Birmingham, Yardley	LAB	1,683	501	2,184	8.7%	3.6%	6.6%
177	124				Preston	LAB	2,265	603	2,868	8.9%	3.2%	6.5%
178	125				Folkestone & Hythe	CON	2,137	566	2,703	8.8%	3.3%	6.5%
179	126				West Bromwich East	LAB	2,028	627	2,655	8.4%	3.7%	6.5%
182	127				Workington	LAB	2,101	507	2,608	8.9%	3.0%	6.4%
183	128				Isle of Wight	LD	2,653	844	3,497	8.5%	3.6%	6.4%
186	129				Dover	LAB	2,183	551	2,734	8.8%	3.1%	6.4%
187	130				Stockton South	LAB	2,124	544	2,668	8.8%	3.1%	6.4%
188	131				Harwich	LAB	1,774	491	2,265	8.6%	3.3%	6.4%
189	132				Blackburn	LAB	2,248	515	2,763	8.9%	2.8%	6.3%
193	133				Halifax	LAB	2,321	587	2,908	8.9%	2.9%	6.3%
195	134				Eltham	LAB	1,737	566	2,303	8.3%	3.5%	6.2%
196	135				Bournemouth West	CON	1,652	418	2,070	8.6%	3.0%	6.2%
198	136				Leeds West	LAB	2,083	501	2,584	8.8%	2.8%	6.2%
199	137				Hove	LAB	1,867	664	2,531	8.1%	3.7%	6.2%
200	138				Cleethorpes	LAB	1,982	623	2,605	7.9%	3.6%	6.2%
202	139				Tynemouth	LAB	1,921	496	2,417	8.7%	2.9%	6.2%
203	140				Chesterfield	LAB	2,132	587	2,719	8.4%	3.1%	6.1%
204	141				Plymouth, Devonport	LAB	2,300	669	2,969	7.9%	3.5%	6.1%
205	142				Birmingham, Hall Green	LAB	1,729	540	2,269	8.1%	3.4%	6.1%
206	143				Coventry South	LAB	2,025	538	2,563	8.3%	3.0%	6.1%
207	144				Wolverhampton South West	LAB	1,874	554	2,428	8.1%	3.3%	6.1%
208	145				Houghton & Washington East	LAB	1,860	469	2,329	8.5%	2.8%	6.1%
209	146				Bristol East	LAB	2,225	609	2,834	8.4%	3.0%	6.0%
210	147				Scunthorpe	LAB	1,752	539	2,291	7.8%	3.5%	6.0%
211	148				Ealing Southall	LAB	2,508	926	3,434	7.9%	3.7%	6.0%
212	149				Bishop Auckland	LAB	1,900	513	2,413	8.1%	3.0%	6.0%
213	150				Southampton, Test	LAB	2,138	512	2,650	8.3%	2.7%	5.9%
214	151				Stoke-on-Trent Central	LAB	1,801	489	2,290	8.1%	3.0%	5.9%
215	152				Blackpool South	LAB	2,248	547	2,795	8.6%	2.6%	5.9%
217	153				Luton South	LAB	2,076	571	2,647	7.7%	3.2%	5.9%
219	154				Morecambe & Lunesdale	LAB	1,740	505	2,245	8.0%	3.1%	5.9%
220	155				Wythenshawe & Sale East	LAB	2,145	496	2,641	8.5%	2.5%	5.9%
221	156				Don Valley	LAB	1,828	491	2,319	7.9%	3.0%	5.9%
222	157				Sheffield, Attercliffe	LAB	1,943	508	2,451	8.1%	2.9%	5.9%
223	158				Mansfield	LAB	1,822	561	2,383	7.8%	3.2%	5.9%
224	159				Easington	LAB	1,634	368	2,002	8.3%	2.5%	5.8%
225	160				Southampton, Itchen	LAB	2,114	514	2,628	7.9%	2.8%	5.8%
226	161				Leicester East	LAB	1,616	639	2,255	7.4%	3.7%	5.8%
229	162				Pontefract & Castleford	LAB	1,711	512	2,223	7.6%	3.1%	5.7%
231	163				Battersea	LAB	2,120	755	2,875	7.9%	3.2%	5.7%
235	164				Scarborough & Whitby	LAB	1,889	580	2,469	7.6%	3.1%	5.7%
236	165				Barrow & Furness	LAB	2,037	441	2,478	7.9%	2.4%	5.7%
237	166				Ipswich	LAB	1,939	522	2,461	7.7%	2.8%	5.6%
238	167				Newcastle upon Tyne North	LAB	1,854	424	2,278	8.2%	2.4%	5.6%
239	168				Cities of London & Westminster	CON	2,268	920	3,188	7.3%	3.6%	5.6%

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241	169				LAB	1,713	437	2,150	7.7%	2.7%	5.6%
242	170				LAB	1,920	597	2,517	7.3%	3.2%	5.6%
245	171				LAB	1,694	512	2,206	7.7%	2.9%	5.5%
248	172				LAB	1,919	591	2,510	7.5%	3.0%	5.5%
249	173				LAB	1,787	424	2,211	7.7%	2.4%	5.5%
251	174				LAB	1,926	545	2,471	7.3%	2.8%	5.4%
252	175				LAB	1,629	508	2,137	7.4%	2.9%	5.4%
254	176				LAB	1,581	441	2,022	7.4%	2.8%	5.4%
256	177				LAB	2,119	601	2,720	7.3%	2.8%	5.4%
257	178				LAB	1,736	446	2,182	7.5%	2.6%	5.4%
258	179				LD	1,761	667	2,428	6.6%	3.6%	5.4%
259	180				LAB	1,958	708	2,666	7.0%	3.3%	5.4%
260	181				LAB	1,807	511	2,318	7.2%	2.8%	5.4%
261	182				LAB	1,724	500	2,224	7.1%	2.9%	5.3%
262	183				LAB	1,848	552	2,400	7.2%	2.8%	5.3%
263	184				LAB	1,788	519	2,307	6.9%	2.9%	5.3%
264	185				LAB	1,769	562	2,331	7.1%	2.9%	5.3%
265	186				LAB	1,887	471	2,358	7.3%	2.5%	5.3%
266	187				LAB	1,986	709	2,695	7.1%	3.1%	5.3%
267	188				LAB	2,280	705	2,985	7.1%	2.8%	5.2%
268	189				LAB	1,878	491	2,369	7.3%	2.5%	5.2%
271	190				LD	1,633	598	2,231	6.6%	3.3%	5.2%
272	191				LAB	1,581	441	2,022	7.0%	2.7%	5.2%
273	192				LAB	1,547	450	1,997	7.2%	2.6%	5.2%
274	193				LAB	1,939	533	2,472	7.2%	2.6%	5.2%
276	194				CON	1,533	494	2,027	6.7%	3.0%	5.2%
277	195				LAB	1,752	587	2,339	6.7%	3.0%	5.1%
278	196				LAB	1,656	398	2,054	7.1%	2.3%	5.1%
279	197				LAB	1,594	379	1,973	7.0%	2.4%	5.1%
281	198				LAB	1,357	549	1,906	6.4%	3.4%	5.1%
282	199				LAB	1,582	456	2,038	6.8%	2.7%	5.1%
283	200				LAB	1,673	434	2,107	7.1%	2.4%	5.1%
284	201				LAB	1,384	397	1,781	7.1%	2.5%	5.1%
285	202				LAB	1,946	550	2,496	7.2%	2.5%	5.1%
287	203				LAB	1,383	448	1,831	6.6%	3.0%	5.1%
289	204				CON	1,511	439	1,950	6.8%	2.7%	5.0%
290	205				LAB	1,641	494	2,135	6.6%	2.7%	5.0%
291	206				LAB	1,522	571	2,093	6.3%	3.1%	5.0%
292	207				LAB	1,776	497	2,273	6.8%	2.5%	4.9%
293	208				LAB	1,550	509	2,059	6.2%	3.0%	4.9%
294	209				LAB	1,813	623	2,436	6.7%	2.8%	4.9%
295	210				CON	1,353	416	1,769	6.7%	2.6%	4.9%
296	211				LAB	1,685	398	2,083	7.2%	2.1%	4.9%
297	212				LAB	1,440	452	1,892	6.3%	2.9%	4.9%
298	213				LAB	1,591	374	1,965	7.0%	2.1%	4.9%
299	214				LAB	1,677	558	2,235	6.1%	3.0%	4.8%
301	215				LAB	1,523	511	2,034	6.0%	3.0%	4.8%
302	216				LAB	1,727	507	2,234	6.4%	2.5%	4.8%
303	217				LD	1,183	380	1,563	6.2%	2.8%	4.8%
304	218				LAB	1,425	434	1,859	6.3%	2.6%	4.8%
306	219				LD	1,448	487	1,935	6.5%	2.7%	4.8%
308	220				LAB	1,799	521	2,320	6.4%	2.5%	4.7%
309	221				LAB	1,844	669	2,513	6.2%	2.8%	4.7%
310	222				LAB	1,585	545	2,130	6.1%	2.8%	4.7%
312	223				LAB	1,419	446	1,865	6.2%	2.5%	4.6%
313	224				LAB	1,646	515	2,161	6.1%	2.6%	4.6%

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315	225				CON	1,442	469	1,911	5.9%	2.7%	4.6%
316	226				LAB	1,340	412	1,752	6.2%	2.4%	4.6%
319	227				LAB	1,373	517	1,890	6.2%	2.7%	4.5%
320	228				CON	1,463	433	1,896	6.2%	2.4%	4.5%
321	229				LAB	1,195	443	1,638	5.9%	2.7%	4.5%
322	230				LAB	1,488	450	1,938	6.3%	2.4%	4.5%
324	231				LAB	1,363	344	1,707	6.2%	2.1%	4.5%
326	232				LAB	1,687	482	2,169	6.1%	2.4%	4.5%
328	233				LAB	1,566	500	2,066	5.9%	2.5%	4.5%
329	234				LAB	1,369	487	1,856	5.8%	2.7%	4.5%
330	235				LAB	1,534	367	1,901	6.3%	2.0%	4.4%
333	236				LD	1,419	506	1,925	5.5%	2.8%	4.4%
334	237				LAB	1,712	564	2,276	5.8%	2.5%	4.4%
335	238				LAB	1,537	375	1,912	6.2%	2.0%	4.4%
336	239				LAB	1,398	450	1,848	5.7%	2.6%	4.4%
337	240				CON	1,653	519	2,172	5.9%	2.4%	4.4%
338	241				CON	1,402	488	1,890	5.6%	2.7%	4.4%
339	242				CON	1,711	532	2,243	5.7%	2.4%	4.3%
340	243				CON	1,132	452	1,584	5.4%	2.9%	4.3%
341	244				LAB	1,642	432	2,074	6.1%	2.1%	4.3%
342	245				LAB	1,458	354	1,812	6.0%	2.0%	4.3%
343	246				LAB	1,502	417	1,919	5.8%	2.3%	4.3%
344	247				LAB	1,461	505	1,966	5.5%	2.6%	4.3%
346	248				LAB	1,627	519	2,146	5.8%	2.4%	4.3%
347	249				LAB	1,488	457	1,945	5.7%	2.4%	4.3%
349	250				LAB	1,518	637	2,155	5.4%	2.9%	4.3%
352	251				LAB	1,392	496	1,888	5.5%	2.6%	4.2%
353	252				LD	1,345	444	1,789	5.4%	2.5%	4.2%
354	253				LAB	1,445	475	1,920	5.4%	2.5%	4.2%
355	254				LAB	1,313	472	1,785	5.3%	2.7%	4.2%
356	255				LAB	1,477	439	1,916	5.6%	2.3%	4.2%
357	256				LAB	1,191	352	1,543	5.5%	2.3%	4.2%
359	257				CON	1,397	402	1,799	5.6%	2.2%	4.2%
360	258				CON	1,568	842	2,410	4.9%	3.2%	4.1%
361	259				LAB	1,368	413	1,781	5.5%	2.3%	4.1%
363	260				LAB	1,358	446	1,804	5.3%	2.5%	4.1%
364	261				LAB	1,570	496	2,066	5.4%	2.3%	4.1%
365	262				CON	1,134	420	1,554	5.0%	2.7%	4.1%
366	263				LAB	1,367	400	1,767	5.5%	2.2%	4.1%
367	264				LAB	1,374	398	1,772	5.6%	2.1%	4.1%
368	265				LAB	1,168	358	1,526	5.6%	2.1%	4.1%
370	266				LD	1,403	388	1,791	5.7%	2.0%	4.1%
372	267				LAB	1,517	542	2,059	5.1%	2.5%	4.0%
373	268				LAB	1,456	529	1,985	5.2%	2.4%	4.0%
374	269				CON	1,114	402	1,516	5.0%	2.6%	4.0%
375	270				LAB	1,430	314	1,744	5.8%	1.7%	4.0%
376	271				LAB	1,343	511	1,854	4.9%	2.7%	4.0%
378	272				LAB	1,282	343	1,625	5.4%	2.0%	4.0%
380	273				LAB	1,213	417	1,630	5.1%	2.4%	4.0%
382	274				LAB	1,158	409	1,567	5.2%	2.4%	3.9%
383	275				CON	1,171	341	1,512	5.6%	2.0%	3.9%
385	276				CON	1,286	511	1,797	4.7%	2.7%	3.9%
386	277				LAB	1,211	315	1,526	5.4%	1.9%	3.9%
388	278				LAB	1,596	631	2,227	5.0%	2.5%	3.9%
389	279				LAB	1,429	619	2,048	4.8%	2.7%	3.9%
390	280				LD	1,219	445	1,664	4.8%	2.5%	3.9%

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392	281				Worcester	LAB	1,240	385	1,625	5.2%	2.1%	3.8%
393	282				Ellesmere Port & Neston	LAB	1,292	336	1,628	5.3%	1.9%	3.8%
394	283				Bath *>	LD	1,191	430	1,621	5.1%	2.3%	3.8%
395	284				Redditch	LAB	1,147	472	1,619	4.7%	2.6%	3.8%
396	285				Teignbridge	CON	1,233	462	1,695	4.9%	2.4%	3.8%
397	286				Oldham East & Saddleworth	LAB	1,484	412	1,896	5.3%	1.9%	3.8%
399	287				Wirral South	LAB	1,048	356	1,404	5.1%	2.2%	3.8%
400	288				Crewe & Nantwich	LAB	1,258	371	1,629	5.1%	2.0%	3.8%
401	289				Chester, City of	LAB	1,279	321	1,600	5.3%	1.8%	3.8%
402	290				Morley & Rothwell	LAB	1,269	399	1,668	5.1%	2.1%	3.8%
404	291				Hereford *>	LD	1,198	433	1,631	4.8%	2.4%	3.8%
405	292				Chingford & Woodford Green	CON	1,089	398	1,487	4.8%	2.3%	3.8%
406	293				North Norfolk	CON	1,159	359	1,518	4.8%	2.2%	3.8%
407	294				Warrington North	LAB	1,365	371	1,736	5.1%	1.9%	3.7%
408	295				South Dorset	CON	1,217	293	1,510	5.2%	1.7%	3.7%
409	296				Dartford	LAB	1,338	397	1,735	5.0%	2.0%	3.7%
410	297				Colne Valley	LAB	1,285	458	1,743	4.9%	2.3%	3.7%
412	298				Worsley	LAB	1,273	346	1,619	5.2%	1.8%	3.7%
414	299				Weston-Super-Mare	LD	1,126	412	1,538	4.7%	2.3%	3.7%
416	300				Gedling	LAB	1,236	460	1,696	4.8%	2.2%	3.7%
417	301				Taunton *	LD	1,316	424	1,740	4.9%	2.0%	3.7%
419	302				Stourbridge	LAB	1,199	384	1,583	4.7%	2.1%	3.6%
420	303				Ilford North	LAB	1,088	488	1,576	4.4%	2.6%	3.6%
421	304				Calder Valley	LAB	1,321	428	1,749	4.9%	2.0%	3.6%
422	305				Denton & Reddish	LAB	1,271	358	1,629	4.9%	1.8%	3.6%
423	306				Bristol North West	LAB	1,322	351	1,673	4.9%	1.7%	3.5%
424	307				Chatham & Aylesford	LAB	1,331	415	1,746	4.5%	2.0%	3.5%
425	308				Harlow	LAB	1,164	415	1,579	4.5%	2.2%	3.5%
426	309				Pendle	LAB	1,087	280	1,367	4.9%	1.7%	3.5%
427	310				Aldridge - Brownhills	CON	1,064	389	1,453	4.4%	2.2%	3.5%
429	311				Hyndburn	LAB	1,153	320	1,473	4.9%	1.7%	3.5%
430	312				South Swindon	LAB	1,336	402	1,738	4.7%	1.9%	3.5%
431	313				Colchester	LD	1,246	423	1,669	4.5%	2.1%	3.5%
432	314				Shipley	LAB	1,138	392	1,530	4.7%	2.0%	3.5%
433	315				Loughborough	LAB	1,067	365	1,432	4.5%	2.1%	3.5%
434	316				Erewash	LAB	1,341	417	1,758	4.5%	1.9%	3.4%
435	317				Chipping Barnet	CON	1,116	446	1,562	4.3%	2.2%	3.4%
436	318				Amber Valley	LAB	1,184	371	1,555	4.4%	1.9%	3.4%
437	319				Gillingham	LAB	1,201	429	1,630	4.2%	2.2%	3.4%
438	320				Nuneaton	LAB	1,169	418	1,587	4.3%	2.1%	3.4%
439	321				Sheffield, Hallam	LD	806	306	1,112	4.4%	2.1%	3.4%
441	322				Selby	LAB	1,119	405	1,524	4.2%	2.1%	3.4%
442	323				Northampton South	LAB	1,322	409	1,731	4.5%	1.8%	3.4%
444	324				Bexleyheath & Crayford	LAB	990	415	1,405	4.1%	2.3%	3.3%
445	325				Lancaster & Wyre	LAB	1,061	353	1,414	4.5%	1.9%	3.3%
446	326				Boston & Skegness	CON	982	304	1,286	4.4%	1.9%	3.3%
447	327				Ashford	CON	1,173	335	1,508	4.4%	1.7%	3.3%
448	328				Wyre Forest	LAB	1,140	410	1,550	4.2%	2.0%	3.3%
449	329				Tamworth	LAB	1,049	400	1,449	4.0%	2.2%	3.3%
451	330				Poole	CON	967	238	1,205	4.5%	1.5%	3.2%
452	331				Burnley	LAB	1,072	290	1,362	4.5%	1.5%	3.2%
453	332				Braintree	LAB	1,054	426	1,480	3.9%	2.2%	3.2%
454	333				Bury South	LAB	1,054	295	1,349	4.4%	1.6%	3.2%
455	334				Milton Keynes South West	LAB	1,126	369	1,495	4.2%	1.8%	3.2%
456	335				Gosport	CON	1,083	341	1,424	4.1%	1.8%	3.1%
457	336				Newcastle-under-Lyme	LAB	955	320	1,275	4.1%	1.8%	3.1%

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458	337				CON	756	250	1,006	4.1%	1.8%	3.1%
459	338				CON	1,091	486	1,577	3.6%	2.4%	3.1%
460	339				CON	1,025	365	1,390	3.9%	2.0%	3.1%
461	340				CON	937	356	1,293	3.8%	2.1%	3.1%
462	341				CON	1,028	363	1,391	3.9%	1.9%	3.1%
463	342				LAB	1,068	337	1,405	4.0%	1.7%	3.1%
464	343				LAB	1,089	367	1,456	4.0%	1.8%	3.0%
465	344				CON	1,031	373	1,404	4.0%	1.9%	3.0%
466	345				LAB	1,198	355	1,553	4.2%	1.6%	3.0%
467	346				LAB	1,000	319	1,319	4.0%	1.7%	3.0%
468	347				CON	1,010	318	1,328	3.9%	1.8%	3.0%
469	348				LAB	1,092	399	1,491	4.0%	1.9%	3.0%
470	349				LAB	804	260	1,064	3.9%	1.8%	3.0%
471	350				CON	1,095	370	1,465	3.8%	1.8%	3.0%
472	351				LAB	891	292	1,183	3.9%	1.7%	3.0%
473	352				LD	1,023	323	1,346	4.0%	1.6%	3.0%
474	353				LAB	1,143	355	1,498	4.0%	1.7%	3.0%
475	354				LAB	1,062	334	1,396	4.0%	1.7%	3.0%
477	355				LAB	966	320	1,286	3.7%	1.8%	3.0%
478	356				LAB	992	351	1,343	3.9%	1.8%	2.9%
479	357				CON	860	360	1,220	3.5%	2.1%	2.9%
480	358				CON	974	379	1,353	3.6%	1.9%	2.9%
482	359				LAB	840	315	1,155	3.6%	1.9%	2.9%
483	360				CON	870	364	1,234	3.5%	2.0%	2.9%
484	361				LAB	980	305	1,285	3.8%	1.6%	2.8%
485	362				LAB	1,025	348	1,373	3.7%	1.7%	2.8%
486	363				LAB	923	342	1,265	3.7%	1.7%	2.8%
487	364				LD	740	277	1,017	3.7%	1.8%	2.8%
488	365				CON	948	385	1,333	3.5%	1.9%	2.8%
489	366				LAB	835	287	1,122	3.6%	1.7%	2.8%
491	367				LAB	967	369	1,336	3.5%	1.9%	2.8%
492	368				CON	746	239	985	3.7%	1.6%	2.8%
493	369				LAB	1,030	329	1,359	3.7%	1.6%	2.8%
494	370				LAB	786	295	1,081	3.4%	1.9%	2.8%
495	371				CON	834	312	1,146	3.5%	1.8%	2.8%
496	372				CON	1,040	373	1,413	3.5%	1.7%	2.8%
497	373				CON	948	377	1,325	3.4%	1.9%	2.8%
498	374				CON	771	312	1,083	3.4%	1.9%	2.8%
499	375				LD	1,054	395	1,449	3.6%	1.7%	2.8%
500	376				CON	845	320	1,165	3.4%	1.9%	2.8%
501	377				LD	899	336	1,235	3.4%	1.8%	2.7%
503	378				CON	827	256	1,083	3.5%	1.6%	2.7%
504	379				CON	817	345	1,162	3.3%	1.9%	2.7%
505	380				LAB	944	298	1,242	3.7%	1.5%	2.7%
506	381				CON	950	369	1,319	3.4%	1.8%	2.7%
507	382				CON	858	287	1,145	3.5%	1.7%	2.7%
508	383				CON	866	332	1,198	3.4%	1.8%	2.7%
509	384				CON	926	370	1,296	3.3%	1.9%	2.7%
511	385				LAB	1,042	339	1,381	3.6%	1.5%	2.7%
512	386				LD	969	426	1,395	3.3%	1.9%	2.7%
513	387				LAB	906	273	1,179	3.6%	1.5%	2.7%
514	388				LAB	923	292	1,215	3.6%	1.5%	2.7%
515	389				CON	666	226	892	3.5%	1.6%	2.7%
516	390				LAB	953	292	1,245	3.5%	1.5%	2.7%
517	391				CON	793	299	1,092	3.4%	1.7%	2.7%
518	392				LAB	1,003	356	1,359	3.4%	1.6%	2.7%



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519	393				CON	737	283	1,020	3.2%	1.8%	2.6%
520	394				LAB	908	331	1,239	3.3%	1.6%	2.6%
521	395				LAB	776	209	985	3.5%	1.3%	2.6%
522	396				CON	989	300	1,289	3.5%	1.4%	2.6%
523	397				LAB	879	302	1,181	3.4%	1.5%	2.6%
524	398				CON	848	344	1,192	3.3%	1.7%	2.6%
525	399				CON	684	258	942	3.1%	1.7%	2.6%
526	400				CON	764	312	1,076	3.1%	1.8%	2.6%
527	401				CON	670	282	952	3.1%	1.8%	2.6%
528	402				CON	866	250	1,116	3.5%	1.3%	2.5%
529	403				CON	705	206	911	3.5%	1.3%	2.5%
530	404				CON	900	316	1,216	3.3%	1.5%	2.5%
531	405				CON	979	358	1,337	3.2%	1.6%	2.5%
532	406				LAB	834	308	1,142	3.2%	1.6%	2.5%
533	407				CON	951	308	1,259	3.3%	1.4%	2.5%
535	408				CON	802	304	1,106	3.2%	1.6%	2.5%
536	409				LAB	898	284	1,182	3.4%	1.4%	2.5%
537	410				CON	727	332	1,059	2.8%	1.9%	2.5%
538	411				LAB	939	279	1,218	3.3%	1.3%	2.5%
539	412				CON	932	350	1,282	3.0%	1.7%	2.5%
540	413				CON	697	178	875	3.5%	1.1%	2.4%
541	414				CON	611	193	804	3.2%	1.4%	2.4%
542	415				LAB	939	256	1,195	3.3%	1.2%	2.4%
543	416				LD	889	347	1,236	3.1%	1.5%	2.4%
544	417				LAB	865	299	1,164	3.1%	1.4%	2.4%
545	418				CON	972	272	1,244	3.2%	1.2%	2.4%
546	419				CON	854	289	1,143	3.1%	1.4%	2.4%
547	420				LAB	745	203	948	3.3%	1.2%	2.4%
548	421				LAB	841	252	1,093	3.2%	1.2%	2.4%
549	422				LD	748	298	1,046	2.8%	1.6%	2.3%
551	423				CON	785	236	1,021	3.2%	1.2%	2.3%
552	424				CON	854	311	1,165	3.0%	1.4%	2.3%
553	425				CON	734	242	976	3.0%	1.4%	2.3%
554	426				CON	767	297	1,064	2.9%	1.5%	2.3%
555	427				CON	622	245	867	2.8%	1.5%	2.3%
556	428				CON	681	201	882	3.1%	1.2%	2.3%
557	429				CON	694	274	968	2.8%	1.5%	2.3%
558	430				LD	679	244	923	3.1%	1.3%	2.3%
559	431				CON	726	259	985	2.9%	1.4%	2.3%
560	432				CON	805	315	1,120	2.8%	1.5%	2.3%
561	433				LAB	909	208	1,117	3.2%	1.0%	2.3%
562	434				CON	717	244	961	2.9%	1.3%	2.2%
563	435				CON	719	282	1,001	2.7%	1.5%	2.2%
564	436				CON	574	168	742	3.0%	1.2%	2.2%
565	437				LAB	839	251	1,090	3.0%	1.2%	2.2%
566	438				CON	642	289	931	2.7%	1.6%	2.2%
567	439				LD	689	260	949	2.8%	1.4%	2.2%
568	440				LD	716	201	917	3.1%	1.1%	2.2%
569	441				CON	639	245	884	2.8%	1.4%	2.2%
570	442				CON	734	221	955	2.9%	1.2%	2.2%
571	443				CON	637	255	892	2.6%	1.5%	2.2%
572	444				CON	713	296	1,009	2.7%	1.5%	2.2%
573	445				LAB	740	273	1,013	2.8%	1.3%	2.1%
574	446				CON	822	344	1,166	2.6%	1.5%	2.1%
575	447				CON	681	232	913	2.8%	1.2%	2.1%
576	448				CON	702	227	929	2.8%	1.2%	2.1%

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577	449				East Hampshire	CON	808	237	1,045	2.8%	1.1%	2.1%
578	450				North Essex	CON	628	229	857	2.6%	1.4%	2.1%
579	451				Pudsey	LAB	729	242	971	2.8%	1.2%	2.1%
580	452				Salisbury	CON	802	267	1,069	2.7%	1.2%	2.1%
581	453				Sevenoaks	CON	655	245	900	2.6%	1.3%	2.1%
582	454				Harborough	CON	661	270	931	2.6%	1.4%	2.0%
583	455				Tewkesbury	CON	621	249	870	2.6%	1.4%	2.0%
584	456				New Forest East	CON	654	201	855	2.7%	1.2%	2.0%
585	457				Aylesbury	CON	848	256	1,104	2.6%	1.1%	2.0%
586	458				Mid Dorset & North Poole	CON	640	190	830	2.6%	1.1%	2.0%
587	459				Bosworth	CON	609	264	873	2.4%	1.4%	1.9%
588	460				Macclesfield	CON	728	191	919	2.7%	0.9%	1.9%
589	461				Eastleigh	LD	701	204	905	2.6%	1.0%	1.9%
590	462				Brentwood & Ongar	CON	621	213	834	2.5%	1.2%	1.9%
591	463				Devizes	CON	690	283	973	2.3%	1.3%	1.9%
592	464				South Holland & The Deepings	CON	525	236	761	2.2%	1.4%	1.9%
593	465				Tatton	IND	573	173	746	2.5%	1.0%	1.9%
594	466				South East Cambridgeshire	CON	685	251	936	2.4%	1.2%	1.9%
596	467				Hitchin & Harpenden	CON	631	188	819	2.5%	1.0%	1.9%
597	468				Skipton & Ripon	CON	596	227	823	2.3%	1.2%	1.8%
598	469				North East Bedfordshire	CON	564	224	788	2.3%	1.3%	1.8%
599	470				Fylde	CON	575	170	745	2.5%	1.0%	1.8%
600	471				North East Hertfordshire	CON	601	205	806	2.3%	1.1%	1.8%
601	472				North Wiltshire	CON	600	282	882	2.1%	1.4%	1.8%
602	473				Stone	CON	537	226	763	2.2%	1.3%	1.8%
603	474				South West Hertfordshire	CON	625	219	844	2.3%	1.1%	1.8%
604	475				Vale of York	CON	512	266	778	2.0%	1.5%	1.8%
605	476				Stratford-on-Avon	CON	672	248	920	2.3%	1.1%	1.8%
606	477				Charnwood	CON	627	248	875	2.2%	1.2%	1.8%
607	478				Saffron Walden	CON	580	265	845	2.0%	1.4%	1.8%
608	479				Wansdyke <*	LAB	551	239	790	2.1%	1.2%	1.8%
609	480				Welwyn Hatfield	LAB	565	214	779	2.2%	1.1%	1.7%
610	481				Basingstoke *	CON	718	235	953	2.3%	1.0%	1.7%
611	482				Cheadle	CON	564	172	736	2.3%	0.9%	1.7%
612	483				North Dorset	CON	457	185	642	2.0%	1.2%	1.7%
613	484				Daventry	CON	610	274	884	2.0%	1.2%	1.7%
614	485				Westmorland & Lonsdale	CON	477	188	665	2.1%	1.1%	1.6%
615	486				Winchester	LD	604	194	798	2.2%	0.9%	1.6%
616	487				Maidenhead	CON	593	163	756	2.2%	0.8%	1.6%
617	488				Fareham	CON	528	189	717	2.1%	1.0%	1.6%
618	489				Romsey	CON	529	159	688	2.1%	0.9%	1.6%
619	490				Mid Bedfordshire	CON	511	189	700	2.0%	1.0%	1.6%
621	491				Woodspring	CON	517	184	701	2.1%	1.0%	1.6%
622	492				Blaby	CON	537	219	756	2.0%	1.1%	1.6%
623	493				Banbury	CON	618	219	837	2.0%	1.0%	1.6%
624	494				South Cambridgeshire	CON	526	193	719	2.0%	1.0%	1.6%
625	495				Spelthorne	CON	575	198	773	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
626	496				Windsor	CON	573	179	752	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
627	497				St Albans	LAB	516	174	690	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
628	498				Hertford & Stortford	CON	531	206	737	1.9%	1.0%	1.5%
629	499				Wealden	CON	543	166	709	2.0%	0.8%	1.5%
630	500				Oxford West & Abingdon	LD	538	194	732	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
631	501				Cotswold	CON	433	153	586	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
632	502				Bracknell	CON	628	171	799	2.0%	0.7%	1.5%
633	503				Rutland & Melton	CON	449	199	648	1.7%	1.1%	1.4%
634	504				Ribble Valley	CON	497	160	657	1.9%	0.8%	1.4%

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635	505				CON	541	175	716	1.9%	0.8%	1.4%
636	506				CON	658	228	886	1.8%	0.9%	1.4%
637	507				CON	499	178	677	1.8%	0.9%	1.4%
638	508				CON	500	200	700	1.7%	0.9%	1.4%
639	509				CON	487	166	653	1.8%	0.8%	1.4%
640	510				CON	469	160	629	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
641	511				CON	469	175	644	1.7%	0.9%	1.3%
642	512				CON	487	158	645	1.8%	0.8%	1.3%
643	513				LD	533	177	710	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
644	514				CON	442	109	551	1.9%	0.6%	1.3%
645	515				CON	474	179	653	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
646	516				LD	501	139	640	1.7%	0.7%	1.3%
647	517				CON	356	136	492	1.6%	0.8%	1.3%
648	518				CON	459	156	615	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
649	519				CON	437	137	574	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
650	520				CON	355	149	504	1.5%	0.9%	1.2%
651	521				CON	411	135	546	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
652	522				CON	418	138	556	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
653	523				CON	428	116	544	1.5%	0.6%	1.2%
654	524				CON	422	136	558	1.5%	0.7%	1.1%
655	525				CON	370	126	496	1.4%	0.6%	1.1%
656	526				CON	334	110	444	1.3%	0.6%	1.0%
657	527				CON	369	129	498	1.3%	0.6%	1.0%
658	528				CON	385	137	522	1.2%	0.6%	1.0%
659	529				CON	318	119	437	1.1%	0.6%	0.9%
England						830,464	255,916	1,086,380	6.3%	2.6%	4.7%

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92		1			Blaenau Gwent	LAB	1,911	448	2,359	10.9%	3.7%	7.9%
110		2			Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	LAB	1,850	421	2,271	10.3%	3.3%	7.4%
113		3			Ynys-Mon	PC	1,690	520	2,210	9.4%	4.4%	7.4%
117		4			Cardiff South & Penarth	LAB	2,175	498	2,673	10.4%	3.2%	7.3%
125		5			Cynon Valley	LAB	1,572	354	1,926	10.2%	3.2%	7.3%
134		6			Conwy	LAB	1,632	416	2,048	10.2%	3.3%	7.1%
137		7			Caernarfon	PC	1,457	383	1,840	9.6%	3.6%	7.1%
142		8			Rhondda	LAB	1,695	468	2,163	9.3%	3.8%	7.1%
151		9			Cardiff West	LAB	2,009	445	2,454	10.0%	2.9%	6.9%
159		10			Preseli Pembrokeshire	LAB	1,657	464	2,121	8.8%	3.7%	6.8%
176		11			Swansea West	LAB	1,594	405	1,999	9.1%	3.1%	6.5%
181		12			Caerphilly	LAB	1,870	510	2,380	8.7%	3.3%	6.4%
184		13			Newport West	LAB	1,734	507	2,241	8.7%	3.4%	6.4%
192		14			Cardiff Central	LAB	1,661	465	2,126	8.8%	3.1%	6.3%
194		15			Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	LAB	1,476	416	1,892	8.3%	3.3%	6.2%
197		16			Llanelli	LAB	1,466	406	1,872	8.3%	3.2%	6.2%
227		17			Swansea East	LAB	1,641	355	1,996	8.3%	2.4%	5.8%
230		18			Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	PC	794	271	1,065	7.3%	3.5%	5.7%
233		19			Newport East	LAB	1,485	416	1,901	7.6%	3.0%	5.7%
234		20			Aberavon	LAB	1,218	301	1,519	7.8%	2.7%	5.7%
250		21			Neath	LAB	1,271	385	1,656	7.2%	3.0%	5.4%
275		22			Ogmore	LAB	1,226	339	1,565	7.0%	2.7%	5.2%
280		23			Torfaen	LAB	1,437	410	1,847	6.8%	2.7%	5.1%
288		24			Vale of Clwyd	LAB	1,132	287	1,419	7.2%	2.3%	5.0%
300		25			Bridgend	LAB	1,239	409	1,648	6.3%	2.8%	4.8%
305		26			Vale of Glamorgan	LAB	1,561	465	2,026	6.3%	2.6%	4.8%
314		27			Ceredigion	PC	969	298	1,267	6.0%	2.6%	4.6%
317		28			Pontypridd	LAB	1,394	382	1,776	6.3%	2.3%	4.6%
351		29			Clwyd West <*	LAB	976	257	1,233	5.9%	2.1%	4.3%
358		30			Wrexham	LAB	986	282	1,268	5.7%	2.1%	4.2%
377		31			Gower	LAB	974	286	1,260	5.4%	2.1%	4.0%
379		32			Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	LAB	842	287	1,129	5.0%	2.5%	4.0%
381		33			Clwyd South *>	LAB	910	291	1,201	5.1%	2.3%	4.0%
384		34			Islwyn	LAB	878	278	1,156	5.2%	2.2%	3.9%
398		35			Alyn & Deeside	LAB	1,067	335	1,402	5.0%	2.1%	3.8%
411		36			Brecon & Radnorshire	LD	807	302	1,109	4.6%	2.5%	3.7%
415		37			Monmouth	LAB	973	324	1,297	4.8%	2.2%	3.7%
450		38			Delyn	LAB	810	241	1,051	4.3%	1.8%	3.2%
490		39			Montgomeryshire	LD	506	211	717	3.4%	2.0%	2.8%
502		40			Cardiff North	LAB	698	211	909	3.8%	1.4%	2.7%
					Wales		53,243	14,749	67,992	7.3%	2.8%	5.4%

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unemployment rate					Claimants			Rate				
UK	Eng	Wal	SCO	NI	Party	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
18			1		Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	2,359	522	2,881	17.1%	5.3%	12.2%
27			2		Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	2,800	761	3,561	16.3%	5.7%	11.7%
28			3		Glasgow Springburn	LAB	2,666	684	3,350	16.7%	5.3%	11.6%
54			4		Glasgow Pollok	LAB	2,306	532	2,838	13.6%	4.1%	9.5%
61			5		Glasgow Kelvin	LAB	2,147	615	2,762	12.6%	4.5%	9.0%
62			6		Glasgow Govan	LAB	2,270	606	2,876	12.5%	4.3%	8.9%
63			7		Dundee East	LAB	2,504	711	3,215	12.4%	4.4%	8.8%
64			8		Glasgow Baillieston	LAB	2,209	534	2,743	12.4%	4.0%	8.8%
65			9		Cunninghame South	LAB	2,059	701	2,760	11.5%	5.2%	8.8%
71			10		Kirkcaldy	LAB	2,066	648	2,714	11.6%	4.8%	8.7%
76			11		Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	1,891	397	2,288	13.0%	3.2%	8.5%
77			12		Dundee West	LAB	2,232	579	2,811	12.6%	3.8%	8.5%
93			13		Central Fife	LAB	2,142	636	2,778	10.8%	4.2%	7.9%
101			14		Motherwell & Wishaw	LAB	1,750	465	2,215	10.7%	3.8%	7.7%
104			15		Western Isles	LAB	823	210	1,033	9.8%	4.1%	7.7%
109			16		Paisley North	LAB	1,708	498	2,206	10.7%	3.7%	7.5%
114			17		Kilmarnock & Loudoun	LAB	2,140	678	2,818	9.9%	4.1%	7.4%
129			18		Clydebank & Milngavie	LAB	1,773	415	2,188	10.4%	3.1%	7.2%
135			19		Dumbarton	LAB	2,109	564	2,673	9.8%	3.5%	7.1%
140			20		Coatbridge & Chryston	LAB	1,645	487	2,132	9.6%	3.8%	7.1%
141			21		Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	LD	1,398	398	1,796	9.2%	4.0%	7.1%
143			22		Paisley South	LAB	1,889	496	2,385	10.2%	3.3%	7.1%
146			23		Airdrie & Shotts	LAB	1,978	569	2,547	9.4%	3.8%	7.0%
147			24		Cunninghame North	LAB	1,642	527	2,169	9.1%	4.0%	7.0%
152			25		Hamilton North & Bellshill	LAB	1,893	508	2,401	9.4%	3.5%	6.9%
153			26		Glasgow Rutherglen	LAB	1,525	374	1,899	9.8%	3.1%	6.9%
156			27		Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	LAB	2,188	546	2,734	9.4%	3.2%	6.8%
162			28		Falkirk West	LAB	1,708	497	2,205	9.3%	3.5%	6.7%
165			29		Ayr	LAB	1,632	462	2,094	9.2%	3.4%	6.7%
175			30		Dunfermline East	LAB	1,643	431	2,074	8.8%	3.3%	6.5%
180			31		Hamilton South	LAB	1,407	353	1,760	9.0%	3.0%	6.5%
185			32		Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	1,502	392	1,894	9.2%	3.0%	6.4%
190			33		Glasgow Cathcart	LAB	1,456	366	1,822	9.2%	2.8%	6.3%
191			34		Ross, Skye & Inverness West	LD	1,551	551	2,102	7.9%	4.0%	6.3%
201			35		Ochil	LAB	1,576	485	2,061	8.3%	3.3%	6.2%
216			36		Edinburgh Central	LAB	1,570	446	2,016	8.7%	2.8%	5.9%
228			37		Edinburgh North & Leith	LAB	1,876	517	2,393	8.4%	2.7%	5.7%
232			38		Dunfermline West	LAB	1,452	424	1,876	7.7%	3.0%	5.7%
240			39		Falkirk East	LAB	1,586	454	2,040	7.7%	2.9%	5.6%
243			40		Argyll & Bute	LD	1,325	371	1,696	7.4%	2.9%	5.5%
244			41		Angus	SNP	1,454	595	2,049	6.9%	3.7%	5.5%
246			42		Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	SNP	1,317	442	1,759	7.0%	3.4%	5.5%
255			43		Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	LAB	1,365	386	1,751	7.6%	2.7%	5.4%
269			44		Dumfries	LAB	1,521	541	2,062	6.8%	3.2%	5.2%
286			45		Clydesdale	LAB	1,527	431	1,958	6.9%	2.6%	5.1%
307			46		Stirling	LAB	1,160	343	1,503	6.5%	2.4%	4.7%
311			47		Aberdeen Central	LAB	1,157	319	1,476	6.6%	2.2%	4.6%
318			48		Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	LAB	1,458	430	1,888	6.2%	2.4%	4.6%
323			49		Livingston	LAB	1,401	379	1,780	6.4%	2.1%	4.5%
325			50		Linlithgow	LAB	1,266	345	1,611	6.3%	2.2%	4.5%
327			51		Edinburgh South	LAB	1,132	348	1,480	6.4%	2.3%	4.5%
331			52		Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	LAB	1,275	309	1,584	6.6%	1.9%	4.4%
332			53		Moray	SNP	1,174	457	1,631	5.3%	3.1%	4.4%
345			54		East Kilbride	LAB	1,412	473	1,885	5.8%	2.4%	4.3%
350			55		Perth	SNP	1,220	350	1,570	6.0%	2.1%	4.3%
369			56		Edinburgh Pentlands	LAB	1,190	323	1,513	5.8%	1.9%	4.1%

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unemployment rate					Claimants			Rate				
UK	Eng	Wal	SCO	NI	Party	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
371			57		West Renfrewshire	LAB	1,050	288	1,338	5.7%	2.0%	4.1%
387			58		Strathkelvin & Bearsden	LAB	1,240	370	1,610	5.3%	2.0%	3.9%
391			59		North Tayside	SNP	1,058	380	1,438	5.0%	2.4%	3.9%
403			60		Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	822	301	1,123	4.9%	2.3%	3.8%
413			61		East Lothian	LAB	1,008	263	1,271	5.2%	1.8%	3.7%
418			62		North East Fife	LD	815	347	1,162	4.4%	2.6%	3.6%
428			63		Orkney & Shetland	LD	541	200	741	4.3%	2.4%	3.5%
440			64		Midlothian	LAB	833	196	1,029	4.9%	1.4%	3.4%
443			65		Eastwood	LAB	1,010	352	1,362	4.4%	2.0%	3.4%
476			66		Edinburgh West	LD	953	280	1,233	4.2%	1.5%	3.0%
481			67		Banff & Buchan	SNP	810	249	1,059	3.6%	1.7%	2.9%
510			68		Tweeddale, Ettrick & Lauderdale	LD	669	199	868	3.7%	1.4%	2.7%
534			69		Aberdeen South	LAB	747	245	992	3.3%	1.4%	2.5%
550			70		Aberdeen North	LAB	663	181	844	3.3%	1.1%	2.3%
595			71		Gordon	LD	499	201	700	2.3%	1.3%	1.9%
620			72		West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	LD	431	175	606	1.9%	1.1%	1.6%
Scotland							108,574	31,108	139,682	8.0%	3.0%	5.8%

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

UK	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI	Party	Claimants			Rate			
						Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
7				1	Belfast West	SF	4,545	695	5,240	22.3%	4.9%	15.1%
8				2	Foyle	SDLP	4,645	977	5,622	20.2%	6.5%	14.8%
22				3	Belfast North	UU	3,099	632	3,731	17.1%	4.9%	12.1%
32				4	West Tyrone	UU	2,961	660	3,621	14.5%	5.6%	11.2%
43				5	Newry & Armagh	SDLP	3,271	774	4,045	13.3%	5.2%	10.2%
53				6	Fermanagh & South Tyrone	UU	2,617	704	3,321	12.0%	5.5%	9.6%
57				7	East Londonderry	UU	2,570	651	3,221	12.1%	4.8%	9.2%
80				8	Mid Ulster	SF	2,136	511	2,647	10.7%	4.3%	8.3%
90				9	South Down	SDLP	2,374	715	3,089	10.0%	4.8%	8.0%
115				10	Belfast South	UU	2,197	747	2,944	10.2%	4.1%	7.4%
149				11	North Antrim	DU	2,291	620	2,911	9.0%	3.8%	6.9%
174				12	Belfast East	DU	1,918	522	2,440	9.1%	3.2%	6.5%
218				13	East Antrim	UU	1,839	536	2,375	7.8%	3.2%	5.9%
247				14	Upper Bann	UU	1,790	528	2,318	7.2%	3.0%	5.5%
253				15	North Down	UKU	1,437	540	1,977	6.8%	3.5%	5.4%
270				16	Strangford	UU	1,591	508	2,099	6.7%	3.0%	5.2%
348				17	South Antrim	UU	1,422	486	1,908	5.5%	2.6%	4.3%
362				18	Lagan Valley	UU	1,334	480	1,814	5.1%	2.7%	4.1%
					Northern Ireland		44,037	11,286	55,323	10.8%	4.1%	8.1%

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97-98	96-98	Party	Unemployed Claimants			Change May 96-98		Change May 97-98		
			May-96	May-97	May-98	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
347	620	Aberavon	LAB	1,990	1,836	1,519	-471	-23.7%	-317	-17.3%
108	256	Aberdeen Central	LAB	2,545	1,978	1,476	-1,069	-42.0%	-502	-25.4%
30	103	Aberdeen North	LAB	1,694	1,229	844	-850	-50.2%	-385	-31.3%
71	111	Aberdeen South	LAB	1,964	1,373	992	-972	-49.5%	-381	-27.7%
503	634	Airdrie & Shotts	LAB	3,261	2,921	2,547	-714	-21.9%	-374	-12.8%
265	93	Aldershot	CON	1,803	1,106	886	-917	-50.9%	-220	-19.9%
413	307	Aldridge - Brownhills	CON	2,403	1,721	1,453	-950	-39.5%	-268	-15.6%
158	156	Altrincham & Sale West	CON	2,103	1,459	1,116	-987	-46.9%	-343	-23.5%
607	440	Alyn & Deeside	LAB	2,134	1,517	1,402	-732	-34.3%	-115	-7.6%
231	194	Amber Valley	LAB	2,799	1,967	1,555	-1,244	-44.4%	-412	-20.9%
476	572	Angus	SNP	2,830	2,373	2,049	-781	-27.6%	-324	-13.7%
571	504	Argyll & Bute	LD	2,479	1,877	1,696	-783	-31.6%	-181	-9.6%
10	12	Arundel & South Downs	CON	1,309	761	492	-817	-62.4%	-269	-35.3%
348	328	Ashfield	LAB	3,847	2,850	2,358	-1,489	-38.7%	-492	-17.3%
79	154	Ashford	CON	2,844	2,068	1,508	-1,336	-47.0%	-560	-27.1%
165	202	Ashton under Lyne	LAB	3,702	2,691	2,074	-1,628	-44.0%	-617	-22.9%
130	73	Aylesbury	CON	2,326	1,459	1,104	-1,222	-52.5%	-355	-24.3%
488	610	Ayr	LAB	2,791	2,415	2,094	-697	-25.0%	-321	-13.3%
31	19	Banbury	CON	2,152	1,217	837	-1,315	-61.1%	-380	-31.2%
468	281	Banff & Buchan	SNP	1,796	1,231	1,059	-737	-41.0%	-172	-14.0%
123	288	Barking *	LAB	3,454	2,729	2,052	-1,402	-40.6%	-677	-24.8%
523	613	Barnsley Central	LAB	3,370	2,889	2,541	-829	-24.6%	-348	-12.0%
578	611	Barnsley East & Mexborough	LAB	3,747	3,108	2,820	-927	-24.7%	-288	-9.3%
549	578	Barnsley West & Penistone	LAB	2,781	2,272	2,022	-759	-27.3%	-250	-11.0%
456	432	Barrow & Furness	LAB	3,788	2,896	2,478	-1,310	-34.6%	-418	-14.4%
62	118	Basildon	LAB	4,025	2,871	2,059	-1,966	-48.8%	-812	-28.3%
25	37	Basingstoke *	CON	2,172	1,400	953	-1,219	-56.1%	-447	-31.9%
400	342	Bassetlaw	LAB	3,601	2,647	2,224	-1,377	-38.2%	-423	-16.0%
6	58	Bath *->	LD	3,545	2,568	1,621	-1,924	-54.3%	-947	-36.9%
474	362	Batley & Spen	LAB	2,903	2,102	1,812	-1,091	-37.6%	-290	-13.8%
93	153	Battersea	LAB	5,433	3,885	2,875	-2,558	-47.1%	-1,010	-26.0%
113	42	Beaconsfield	CON	1,426	841	629	-797	-55.9%	-212	-25.2%
299	247	Beckenham	CON	3,768	2,675	2,172	-1,596	-42.4%	-503	-18.8%
244	278	Bedford	LAB	3,625	2,681	2,130	-1,495	-41.2%	-551	-20.6%
386	363	Belfast East	DU	3,903	2,916	2,440	-1,463	-37.5%	-476	-16.3%
536	500	Belfast North	UU	5,474	4,223	3,731	-1,743	-31.8%	-492	-11.7%
197	216	Belfast South	UU	5,204	3,751	2,944	-2,260	-43.4%	-807	-21.5%
604	540	Belfast West	SF	7,448	5,675	5,240	-2,208	-29.6%	-435	-7.7%
344	356	Berwick-upon-Tweed	LD	2,514	1,892	1,563	-951	-37.8%	-329	-17.4%
584	523	Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	8,641	6,574	5,990	-2,651	-30.7%	-584	-8.9%
656	564	Beverley & Holderness	CON	2,624	1,826	1,890	-734	-28.0%	64	3.5%
217	170	Bexhill & Battle	CON	1,859	1,275	1,006	-853	-45.9%	-269	-21.1%
106	164	Bexleyheath & Crayford	LAB	2,608	1,884	1,405	-1,203	-46.1%	-479	-25.4%
32	57	Billericay	CON	3,216	2,120	1,465	-1,751	-54.4%	-655	-30.9%
473	584	Birkenhead	LAB	5,808	4,931	4,250	-1,558	-26.8%	-681	-13.8%
566	468	Birmingham, Edgbaston	LAB	4,596	3,418	3,082	-1,514	-32.9%	-336	-9.8%
198	334	Birmingham, Erdington	LAB	5,272	4,133	3,244	-2,028	-38.5%	-889	-21.5%
388	479	Birmingham, Hall Green	LAB	3,366	2,710	2,269	-1,097	-32.6%	-441	-16.3%
599	549	Birmingham, Hodge Hill	LAB	4,729	3,647	3,352	-1,377	-29.1%	-295	-8.1%
617	603	Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	10,158	8,140	7,588	-2,570	-25.3%	-552	-6.8%
515	480	Birmingham, Northfield	LAB	3,314	2,551	2,235	-1,079	-32.6%	-316	-12.4%
434	352	Birmingham, Perry Barr	LAB	5,779	4,225	3,591	-2,188	-37.9%	-634	-15.0%
532	379	Birmingham, Selly Oak	LAB	4,591	3,273	2,889	-1,702	-37.1%	-384	-11.7%
583	593	Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	8,654	7,017	6,382	-2,272	-26.3%	-635	-9.0%
470	384	Birmingham, Yardley	LAB	3,454	2,537	2,184	-1,270	-36.8%	-353	-13.9%
654	652	Bishop Auckland	LAB	2,971	2,405	2,413	-558	-18.8%	8	0.3%
111	110	Blaby	CON	1,498	1,011	756	-742	-49.5%	-255	-25.2%
633	621	Blackburn	LAB	3,614	2,917	2,763	-851	-23.5%	-154	-5.3%
359	444	Blackpool North & Fleetwood	LAB	3,166	2,509	2,083	-1,083	-34.2%	-426	-17.0%
223	417	Blackpool South	LAB	4,323	3,539	2,795	-1,528	-35.3%	-744	-21.0%



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97-98	96-98		May-96	May-97	May-98	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
627	647	Blaenau Gwent	LAB	2,961	2,507	2,359	-602	-20.3%	-148	-5.9%
372	336	Blaydon	LAB	3,191	2,358	1,965	-1,226	-38.4%	-393	-16.7%
243	401	Blyth Valley	LAB	3,334	2,691	2,137	-1,197	-35.9%	-554	-20.6%
23	22	Bognor Regis & Littlehampton	CON	2,260	1,345	911	-1,349	-59.7%	-434	-32.3%
235	254	Bolsover	LAB	3,411	2,491	1,973	-1,438	-42.2%	-518	-20.8%
266	255	Bolton North East	LAB	3,284	2,373	1,901	-1,383	-42.1%	-472	-19.9%
479	380	Bolton South East	LAB	3,260	2,376	2,054	-1,206	-37.0%	-322	-13.6%
115	157	Bolton West	LAB	1,777	1,265	948	-829	-46.7%	-317	-25.1%
501	585	Bootle	LAB	5,276	4,438	3,862	-1,414	-26.8%	-576	-13.0%
86	35	Boston & Skegness	CON	2,962	1,757	1,286	-1,676	-56.6%	-471	-26.8%
598	343	Bosworth	CON	1,413	950	873	-540	-38.2%	-77	-8.1%
250	143	Bournemouth East	CON	3,374	2,223	1,769	-1,605	-47.6%	-454	-20.4%
180	239	Bournemouth West	CON	3,611	2,664	2,070	-1,541	-42.7%	-594	-22.3%
259	24	Bracknell	CON	1,961	1,000	799	-1,162	-59.3%	-201	-20.1%
446	565	Bradford North	LAB	4,777	4,033	3,441	-1,336	-28.0%	-592	-14.7%
303	445	Bradford South	LAB	3,812	3,086	2,510	-1,302	-34.2%	-576	-18.7%
505	587	Bradford West	LAB	5,610	4,711	4,111	-1,499	-26.7%	-600	-12.7%
390	189	Braintree	LAB	2,675	1,767	1,480	-1,195	-44.7%	-287	-16.2%
628	470	Brecon & Radnorshire	LD	1,652	1,178	1,109	-543	-32.9%	-69	-5.9%
183	225	Brent East	LAB	7,092	5,192	4,037	-3,055	-43.1%	-1,155	-22.2%
273	321	Brent North	LAB	3,127	2,375	1,906	-1,221	-39.0%	-469	-19.7%
288	390	Brent South	LAB	7,243	5,694	4,599	-2,644	-36.5%	-1,095	-19.2%
36	115	Brentford & Isleworth	LAB	4,387	3,204	2,227	-2,160	-49.2%	-977	-30.5%
100	74	Brentwood & Ongar	CON	1,753	1,123	834	-919	-52.4%	-289	-25.7%
616	589	Bridgend	LAB	2,248	1,769	1,648	-600	-26.7%	-121	-6.8%
271	331	Bridgwater	CON	3,109	2,382	1,911	-1,198	-38.5%	-471	-19.8%
574	554	Brigg & Goole	LAB	2,663	2,092	1,892	-771	-29.0%	-200	-9.6%
169	250	Brighton, Kemptown	LAB	4,997	3,733	2,885	-2,112	-42.3%	-848	-22.7%
153	294	Brighton, Pavilion	LAB	6,161	4,816	3,674	-2,487	-40.4%	-1,142	-23.7%
241	261	Bristol East	LAB	4,875	3,571	2,834	-2,041	-41.9%	-737	-20.6%
8	29	Bristol North West	LAB	3,940	2,637	1,673	-2,267	-57.5%	-964	-36.6%
98	209	Bristol South	LAB	4,831	3,665	2,720	-2,111	-43.7%	-945	-25.8%
97	163	Bristol West	LAB	5,010	3,632	2,695	-2,315	-46.2%	-937	-25.8%
301	175	Bromley & Chislehurst	CON	2,575	1,727	1,404	-1,171	-45.5%	-323	-18.7%
332	284	Bromsgrove	CON	2,256	1,619	1,333	-923	-40.9%	-286	-17.7%
3	23	Broxbourne	CON	2,631	1,712	1,064	-1,567	-59.6%	-648	-37.9%
63	123	Broxtowe	LAB	2,665	1,911	1,373	-1,292	-48.5%	-538	-28.2%
89	33	Buckingham	CON	1,171	685	504	-667	-57.0%	-181	-26.4%
533	524	Burnley	LAB	1,964	1,543	1,362	-602	-30.7%	-181	-11.7%
262	368	Burton	LAB	3,066	2,399	1,920	-1,146	-37.4%	-479	-20.0%
295	184	Bury North	LAB	1,991	1,347	1,093	-898	-45.1%	-254	-18.9%
308	246	Bury South	LAB	2,344	1,655	1,349	-995	-42.4%	-306	-18.5%
104	90	Bury St Edmunds	CON	2,061	1,357	1,009	-1,052	-51.0%	-348	-25.6%
361	512	Caernarfon	PC	2,669	2,215	1,840	-829	-31.1%	-375	-16.9%
565	446	Caerphilly	LAB	3,612	2,642	2,380	-1,232	-34.1%	-262	-9.9%
526	518	Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	LD	2,597	2,041	1,796	-801	-30.8%	-245	-12.0%
493	544	Calder Valley	LAB	2,477	2,014	1,749	-728	-29.4%	-265	-13.2%
494	473	Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	7,452	5,764	5,007	-2,445	-32.8%	-757	-13.1%
514	329	Cambridge	LAB	3,040	2,129	1,865	-1,175	-38.7%	-264	-12.4%
551	370	Cannock Chase	LAB	2,958	2,081	1,854	-1,104	-37.3%	-227	-10.9%
484	402	Canterbury	CON	2,954	2,192	1,896	-1,058	-35.8%	-296	-13.5%
140	306	Cardiff Central	LAB	3,517	2,803	2,126	-1,391	-39.6%	-677	-24.2%
75	162	Cardiff North	LAB	1,697	1,252	909	-788	-46.4%	-343	-27.4%
320	373	Cardiff South & Penarth	LAB	4,260	3,261	2,673	-1,587	-37.3%	-588	-18.0%
233	350	Cardiff West	LAB	3,954	3,102	2,454	-1,500	-37.9%	-648	-20.9%
268	438	Carlisle	LAB	3,043	2,492	1,997	-1,046	-34.4%	-495	-19.9%
88	267	Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	LAB	1,935	1,536	1,129	-806	-41.7%	-407	-26.5%
248	441	Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	LAB	2,877	2,380	1,892	-985	-34.2%	-488	-20.5%
579	561	Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	LAB	3,802	3,011	2,734	-1,068	-28.1%	-277	-9.2%
21	67	Carshalton & Wallington	LD	2,878	2,001	1,346	-1,532	-53.2%	-655	-32.7%

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52	44	Castle Point	LAB	2,903	1,816	1,286	-1,617	-55.7%	-530	-29.2%
645	643	Central Fife	LAB	3,522	2,828	2,778	-744	-21.1%	-50	-1.8%
145	176	Central Suffolk & North Ipswich	CON	2,098	1,506	1,145	-953	-45.4%	-361	-24.0%
438	424	Ceredigion	PC	1,950	1,489	1,267	-683	-35.0%	-222	-14.9%
154	177	Charnwood	CON	1,603	1,145	875	-728	-45.4%	-270	-23.6%
142	106	Chatham & Aylesford	LAB	3,486	2,300	1,746	-1,740	-49.9%	-554	-24.1%
326	145	Cheadle	CON	1,402	896	736	-666	-47.5%	-160	-17.9%
157	212	Cheltenham	LD	3,177	2,342	1,791	-1,386	-43.6%	-551	-23.5%
212	16	Chesham & Amersham	CON	1,427	693	546	-881	-61.7%	-147	-21.2%
176	197	Chester, City of	LAB	2,872	2,062	1,600	-1,272	-44.3%	-462	-22.4%
560	556	Chesterfield	LAB	3,816	3,039	2,719	-1,097	-28.7%	-320	-10.5%
358	131	Chichester	CON	1,794	1,119	929	-865	-48.2%	-190	-17.0%
270	191	Chingford & Woodford Green	CON	2,681	1,854	1,487	-1,194	-44.5%	-367	-19.8%
360	340	Chipping Barnet	CON	2,532	1,881	1,562	-970	-38.3%	-319	-17.0%
327	227	Chorley	LAB	2,386	1,654	1,359	-1,027	-43.0%	-295	-17.8%
68	54	Christchurch	CON	1,644	1,031	742	-902	-54.9%	-289	-28.0%
631	601	Cities of London & Westminster	CON	4,281	3,374	3,188	-1,093	-25.5%	-186	-5.5%
638	615	Cleethorpes	LAB	3,440	2,718	2,605	-835	-24.3%	-113	-4.2%
525	201	Clwyd South *>	LAB	2,144	1,365	1,201	-943	-44.0%	-164	-12.0%
385	229	Clwyd West <*	LAB	2,162	1,474	1,233	-929	-43.0%	-241	-16.4%
492	628	Clydebank & Milngavie	LAB	2,825	2,520	2,188	-637	-22.5%	-332	-13.2%
535	570	Clydesdale	LAB	2,709	2,217	1,958	-751	-27.7%	-259	-11.7%
609	654	Coatbridge & Chryston	LAB	2,616	2,304	2,132	-484	-18.5%	-172	-7.5%
185	138	Colchester	LD	3,200	2,144	1,669	-1,531	-47.8%	-475	-22.2%
562	434	Colne Valley	LAB	2,662	1,947	1,743	-919	-34.5%	-204	-10.5%
460	259	Congleton	CON	1,655	1,122	961	-694	-41.9%	-161	-14.3%
465	493	Conwy	LAB	3,015	2,385	2,048	-967	-32.1%	-337	-14.1%
637	625	Copeland	LAB	3,457	2,784	2,666	-791	-22.9%	-118	-4.2%
242	113	Corby	LAB	2,762	1,758	1,396	-1,366	-49.5%	-362	-20.6%
65	32	Cotswold	CON	1,364	815	586	-778	-57.0%	-229	-28.1%
589	460	Coventry North East	LAB	5,131	3,748	3,423	-1,708	-33.3%	-325	-8.7%
404	374	Coventry North West	LAB	3,692	2,757	2,320	-1,372	-37.2%	-437	-15.9%
510	403	Coventry South	LAB	3,993	2,932	2,563	-1,430	-35.8%	-369	-12.6%
177	126	Crawley	LAB	2,292	1,523	1,182	-1,110	-48.4%	-341	-22.4%
200	221	Crewe & Nantwich	LAB	2,864	2,074	1,629	-1,235	-43.1%	-445	-21.5%
405	375	Crosby	LAB	2,834	2,116	1,781	-1,053	-37.2%	-335	-15.8%
261	308	Croydon Central	LAB	4,935	3,731	2,985	-1,950	-39.5%	-746	-20.0%
328	364	Croydon North	LAB	6,786	5,158	4,245	-2,541	-37.4%	-913	-17.7%
254	104	Croydon South	CON	2,523	1,580	1,259	-1,264	-50.1%	-321	-20.3%
605	632	Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	LAB	2,249	1,896	1,751	-498	-22.1%	-145	-7.6%
611	614	Cunninghame North	LAB	2,876	2,340	2,169	-707	-24.6%	-171	-7.3%
649	656	Cunninghame South	LAB	3,290	2,792	2,760	-530	-16.1%	-32	-1.1%
634	497	Cynon Valley	LAB	2,830	2,031	1,926	-904	-31.9%	-105	-5.2%
234	195	Dagenham	LAB	3,291	2,312	1,831	-1,460	-44.4%	-481	-20.8%
516	594	Darlington	LAB	3,979	3,345	2,935	-1,044	-26.2%	-410	-12.3%
189	231	Dartford	LAB	3,039	2,224	1,735	-1,304	-42.9%	-489	-22.0%
149	136	Daventry	CON	1,700	1,161	884	-816	-48.0%	-277	-23.9%
294	277	Delyn	LAB	1,789	1,296	1,051	-738	-41.3%	-245	-18.9%
195	237	Denton & Reddish	LAB	2,844	2,085	1,629	-1,215	-42.7%	-456	-21.9%
133	258	Derby North	LAB	3,849	2,951	2,234	-1,615	-42.0%	-717	-24.3%
230	396	Derby South	LAB	5,776	4,658	3,682	-2,094	-36.3%	-976	-21.0%
26	66	Devizes	CON	2,081	1,428	973	-1,108	-53.2%	-455	-31.9%
552	388	Dewsbury	LAB	2,697	1,916	1,707	-990	-36.7%	-209	-10.9%
383	517	Don Valley	LAB	3,357	2,774	2,319	-1,038	-30.9%	-455	-16.4%
480	577	Doncaster Central	LAB	5,025	4,222	3,651	-1,374	-27.3%	-571	-13.5%
502	488	Doncaster North	LAB	4,174	3,251	2,830	-1,344	-32.2%	-421	-12.9%
475	607	Dover	LAB	3,648	3,167	2,734	-914	-25.1%	-433	-13.7%
162	344	Dudley North	LAB	3,734	2,994	2,307	-1,427	-38.2%	-687	-22.9%
263	319	Dudley South	LAB	2,962	2,252	1,804	-1,158	-39.1%	-448	-19.9%
218	280	Dulwich & West Norwood	LAB	6,970	5,204	4,107	-2,863	-41.1%	-1,097	-21.1%

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612	636	Dumbarton	LAB	3,410	2,882	2,673	-737	-21.6%	-209	-7.3%
531	557	Dumfries	LAB	2,892	2,337	2062	-830	-28.7%	-275	-11.8%
429	582	Dundee East	LAB	4,410	3,787	3,215	-1,195	-27.1%	-572	-15.1%
544	618	Dundee West	LAB	3,699	3,173	2,811	-888	-24.0%	-362	-11.4%
329	461	Dunfermline East	LAB	3,108	2,520	2,074	-1,034	-33.3%	-446	-17.7%
640	591	Dunfermline West	LAB	2,551	1,955	1,876	-675	-26.5%	-79	-4.0%
421	466	Durham, City of	LAB	2,617	2,068	1,752	-865	-33.1%	-316	-15.3%
236	205	Ealing North *	LAB	4,473	3,172	2,513	-1,960	-43.8%	-659	-20.8%
569	415	Ealing Southall	LAB	5,313	3,806	3,434	-1,879	-35.4%	-372	-9.8%
335	409	Ealing, Acton & Shepherd's Bush	LAB	6,754	5,288	4,358	-2,396	-35.5%	-930	-17.6%
550	443	Easington	LAB	3,043	2,248	2,002	-1,041	-34.2%	-246	-10.9%
342	270	East Antrim	UU	4,062	2,876	2,375	-1,687	-41.5%	-501	-17.4%
110	219	East Devon	CON	1,573	1,194	892	-681	-43.3%	-302	-25.3%
570	527	East Ham	LAB	6,743	5,188	4,681	-2,062	-30.6%	-507	-9.8%
285	148	East Hampshire	CON	1,981	1,295	1,045	-936	-47.2%	-250	-19.3%
521	509	East Kilbride	LAB	2,741	2,144	1,885	-856	-31.2%	-259	-12.1%
541	498	East Londonderry	UU	4,728	3,639	3221	-1,507	-31.9%	-418	-11.5%
216	425	East Lothian	LAB	1,956	1,611	1,271	-685	-35.0%	-340	-21.1%
27	17	East Surrey	CON	1,686	956	653	-1,033	-61.3%	-303	-31.7%
9	38	East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	2,077	1,428	913	-1,164	-56.0%	-515	-36.1%
564	526	East Yorkshire	CON	2,921	2,259	2,027	-894	-30.6%	-232	-10.3%
175	190	Eastbourne	CON	2,727	1,949	1,512	-1,215	-44.6%	-437	-22.4%
323	80	Eastleigh	LD	1,886	1,103	905	-981	-52.0%	-198	-18.0%
512	547	Eastwood	LAB	1,925	1,557	1362	-563	-29.2%	-195	-12.5%
471	365	Eccles	LAB	3,055	2,220	1,912	-1,143	-37.4%	-308	-13.9%
322	230	Eddisbury	CON	1,898	1,320	1,083	-815	-42.9%	-237	-18.0%
184	391	Edinburgh Central	LAB	3,174	2,590	2,016	-1,158	-36.5%	-574	-22.2%
99	381	Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	LAB	2,510	2,134	1,584	-926	-36.9%	-550	-25.8%
80	286	Edinburgh North & Leith	LAB	4,030	3,281	2,393	-1,637	-40.6%	-888	-27.1%
166	451	Edinburgh Pentlands	LAB	2,289	1,963	1,513	-776	-33.9%	-450	-22.9%
120	341	Edinburgh South	LAB	2,397	1,971	1,480	-917	-38.3%	-491	-24.9%
160	271	Edinburgh West	LD	2,108	1,605	1,233	-875	-41.5%	-372	-23.2%
395	503	Edmonton	LAB	4,783	3,899	3,271	-1,512	-31.6%	-628	-16.1%
381	224	Ellesmere Port & Neston	LAB	2,860	1,950	1,628	-1,232	-43.1%	-322	-16.5%
182	174	Elmet	LAB	2,285	1,598	1,242	-1,043	-45.6%	-356	-22.3%
419	458	Eltham	LAB	3,455	2,721	2,303	-1,152	-33.3%	-418	-15.4%
208	400	Enfield North	LAB	3,656	2,973	2,339	-1,317	-36.0%	-634	-21.3%
367	420	Enfield, Southgate	LAB	3,233	2,515	2,093	-1,140	-35.3%	-422	-16.8%
107	117	Epping Forest	CON	2,650	1,814	1353	-1,297	-48.9%	-461	-25.4%
15	10	Epsom & Ewell	CON	1,733	981	645	-1,088	-62.8%	-336	-34.3%
127	133	Erewash	LAB	3,387	2,330	1,758	-1,629	-48.1%	-572	-24.5%
374	484	Erith & Thamesmead	LAB	5,619	4,562	3,802	-1,817	-32.3%	-760	-16.7%
4	2	Esher & Walton	CON	1,837	1,036	644	-1,193	-64.9%	-392	-37.8%
462	490	Exeter	LAB	3,590	2,839	2,436	-1,154	-32.1%	-403	-14.2%
653	637	Falkirk East	LAB	2,599	2,039	2,040	-559	-21.5%	1	0.0%
624	631	Falkirk West	LAB	2,833	2,346	2,205	-628	-22.2%	-141	-6.0%
272	453	Falmouth & Camborne	LAB	4,058	3,346	2,685	-1,373	-33.8%	-661	-19.8%
13	13	Fareham	CON	1,901	1,098	717	-1,184	-62.3%	-381	-34.7%
171	134	Faversham & Mid Kent	CON	2,558	1,715	1,328	-1,230	-48.1%	-387	-22.6%
55	141	Feltham & Heston	LAB	3,949	2,907	2,066	-1,883	-47.7%	-841	-28.9%
593	571	Fermanagh & South Tyrone	UU	4,593	3,626	3,321	-1,272	-27.7%	-305	-8.4%
147	265	Finchley & Golders Green	LAB	3,697	2,831	2,155	-1,542	-41.7%	-676	-23.9%
249	448	Folkestone & Hythe	CON	4,099	3,397	2,703	-1,396	-34.1%	-694	-20.4%
146	169	Forest of Dean	LAB	2,001	1,421	1081	-920	-46.0%	-340	-23.9%
646	650	Foyle	SDLP	6,999	5,710	5,622	-1,377	-19.7%	-88	-1.5%
225	144	Fylde	CON	1,420	943	745	-675	-47.5%	-198	-21.0%
478	369	Gainsborough	CON	2,481	1,798	1,554	-927	-37.4%	-244	-13.6%
497	495	Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	SNP	2,587	2,023	1759	-828	-32.0%	-264	-13.0%
338	291	Gateshead East & Washington West	LAB	3,545	2,554	2,107	-1,438	-40.6%	-447	-17.5%
319	206	Gedling	LAB	3,017	2,074	1,696	-1,321	-43.8%	-378	-18.2%

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78	47	Gillingham	LAB	3,655	2,239	1,630	-2,025	-55.4%	-609	-27.2%
601	617	Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	3,013	2,482	2,288	-725	-24.1%	-194	-7.8%
310	531	Glasgow Baillieston	LAB	3,938	3,364	2,743	-1,195	-30.3%	-621	-18.5%
433	604	Glasgow Cathcart	LAB	2,439	2,145	1,822	-617	-25.3%	-323	-15.1%
540	616	Glasgow Govan	LAB	3,792	3,250	2,876	-916	-24.2%	-374	-11.5%
287	535	Glasgow Kelvin	LAB	3,938	3,420	2,762	-1,176	-29.9%	-658	-19.2%
305	602	Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	4,768	4,372	3,561	-1,207	-25.3%	-811	-18.5%
603	645	Glasgow Pollok	LAB	3,579	3,076	2,838	-741	-20.7%	-238	-7.7%
477	563	Glasgow Rutherglen	LAB	2,637	2,198	1,899	-738	-28.0%	-299	-13.6%
610	649	Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	3,601	3,112	2,881	-720	-20.0%	-231	-7.4%
545	633	Glasgow Springburn	LAB	4,294	3,780	3,350	-944	-22.0%	-430	-11.4%
155	304	Gloucester	LAB	3,774	2,978	2,276	-1,498	-39.7%	-702	-23.6%
18	62	Gordon	LD	1,509	1,050	700	-809	-53.6%	-350	-33.3%
371	305	Gosport	CON	2,358	1,709	1,424	-934	-39.6%	-285	-16.7%
229	426	Gower	LAB	1,934	1,594	1,260	-674	-34.9%	-334	-21.0%
172	234	Grantham & Stamford	CON	2,157	1,593	1,234	-923	-42.8%	-359	-22.5%
296	218	Gravesham	LAB	3,943	2,754	2,235	-1,708	-43.3%	-519	-18.8%
592	630	Great Grimsby	LAB	4,905	4,174	3,815	-1,090	-22.2%	-359	-8.6%
412	590	Great Yarmouth	LAB	4,487	3,898	3,290	-1,197	-26.7%	-608	-15.6%
648	658	Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	2,172	1,916	1,894	-278	-12.8%	-22	-1.1%
520	573	Greenwich & Woolwich	LAB	6,071	5,005	4,396	-1,675	-27.6%	-609	-12.2%
101	50	Guildford	CON	1,602	964	716	-886	-55.3%	-248	-25.7%
436	550	Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	9,380	7,822	6,652	-2,728	-29.1%	-1,170	-15.0%
397	538	Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	9,532	7,989	6,703	-2,829	-29.7%	-1,286	-16.1%
384	410	Halesowen & Rowley Regis	LAB	2,864	2,210	1,848	-1,016	-35.5%	-362	-16.4%
431	579	Halifax	LAB	3,996	3,424	2,908	-1,088	-27.2%	-516	-15.1%
622	406	Haltemprice & Howden	CON	1,683	1,157	1,083	-600	-35.7%	-74	-6.4%
407	502	Halton	LAB	3,796	3,081	2,596	-1,200	-31.6%	-485	-15.7%
602	644	Hamilton North & Bellshill	LAB	3,028	2,603	2,401	-627	-20.7%	-202	-7.8%
543	638	Hamilton South	LAB	2,241	1,987	1,760	-481	-21.5%	-227	-11.4%
168	320	Hammersmith & Fulham	LAB	6,601	5,212	4,022	-2,579	-39.1%	-1,190	-22.8%
408	407	Hampstead & Highgate	LAB	5,529	4,221	3,558	-1,971	-35.6%	-663	-15.7%
227	310	Harborough	CON	1,537	1,178	931	-606	-39.4%	-247	-21.0%
90	155	Harlow	LAB	2,977	2,145	1,579	-1,398	-47.0%	-566	-26.4%
29	45	Harrogate & Knaresborough	LD	2,082	1,346	923	-1,159	-55.7%	-423	-31.4%
151	295	Harrow East	LAB	3,433	2,686	2,048	-1,385	-40.3%	-638	-23.8%
167	264	Harrow West	LAB	2,558	1,933	1,491	-1,067	-41.7%	-442	-22.9%
652	659	Hartlepool	LAB	4,803	4,243	4,245	-558	-11.6%	2	0.0%
448	309	Harwich	LAB	3,744	2,652	2,265	-1,479	-39.5%	-387	-14.6%
304	371	Hastings & Rye	LAB	4,625	3,565	2,900	-1,725	-37.3%	-665	-18.7%
352	233	Havant	CON	3,146	2,173	1,799	-1,347	-42.8%	-374	-17.2%
138	222	Hayes & Harlington	LAB	2,865	2,150	1,630	-1,235	-43.1%	-520	-24.2%
289	187	Hazel Grove	LD	1,662	1,135	917	-745	-44.8%	-218	-19.2%
318	95	Hemel Hempstead	LAB	2,213	1,333	1,090	-1,123	-50.7%	-243	-18.2%
487	482	Hemsworth	LAB	3,228	2,519	2,182	-1,046	-32.4%	-337	-13.4%
428	505	Hendon	LAB	3,895	3,141	2,666	-1,229	-31.6%	-475	-15.1%
33	9	Henley	CON	1,335	717	496	-839	-62.8%	-221	-30.8%
302	298	Hereford *>	LD	2,722	2,006	1,631	-1,091	-40.1%	-375	-18.7%
76	21	Hertford & Stortford	CON	1,866	1,015	737	-1,129	-60.5%	-278	-27.4%
144	65	Hertsmere	CON	2,047	1,257	955	-1,092	-53.3%	-302	-24.0%
380	228	Hexham	CON	1,728	1,180	985	-743	-43.0%	-195	-16.5%
441	454	Heywood & Middleton	LAB	3,733	2,903	2,472	-1,261	-33.8%	-431	-14.8%
252	211	High Peak	LAB	2,209	1,563	1,245	-964	-43.6%	-318	-20.3%
132	100	Hitchin & Harpenden	CON	1,649	1,082	819	-830	-50.3%	-263	-24.3%
507	575	Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	6,593	5,478	4,784	-1,809	-27.4%	-694	-12.7%
150	94	Hornchurch	LAB	2,348	1,516	1,155	-1,193	-50.8%	-361	-23.8%
306	335	Hornsey & Wood Green	LAB	7,343	5,546	4,519	-2,824	-38.5%	-1,027	-18.5%
83	68	Horsham	CON	1,314	841	615	-699	-53.2%	-226	-26.9%
481	353	Houghton & Washington East	LAB	3,748	2,693	2,329	-1,419	-37.9%	-364	-13.5%
94	172	Hove	LAB	4,670	3,418	2,531	-2,139	-45.8%	-887	-26.0%

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581	608	Huddersfield	LAB	4,123	3,398	3,090	-1,033	-25.1%	-308	-9.1%
275	120	Huntingdon	CON	2,269	1,452	1,166	-1,103	-48.6%	-286	-19.7%
587	580	Hyndburn	LAB	2,023	1,616	1,473	-550	-27.2%	-143	-8.8%
61	139	Ilford North	LAB	3,018	2,201	1,576	-1,442	-47.8%	-625	-28.4%
379	387	Ilford South *	LAB	5,174	3,922	3,273	-1,901	-36.7%	-649	-16.5%
202	266	Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	LAB	3,238	2,403	1,888	-1,350	-41.7%	-515	-21.4%
426	507	Ipswich	LAB	3,589	2,900	2,461	-1,128	-31.4%	-439	-15.1%
394	423	Isle of Wight	LD	5,391	4,171	3,497	-1,894	-35.1%	-674	-16.2%
490	532	Islington North	LAB	8,128	6,548	5,683	-2,445	-30.1%	-865	-13.2%
343	501	Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	6,438	5,319	4,393	-2,045	-31.8%	-926	-17.4%
103	276	Islwyn	LAB	1,968	1,555	1,156	-812	-41.3%	-399	-25.7%
376	464	Jarrow	LAB	3,984	3,196	2,664	-1,320	-33.1%	-532	-16.6%
630	515	Keighley	LAB	2,689	1,967	1,856	-833	-31.0%	-111	-5.6%
282	251	Kensington & Chelsea	CON	4,170	2,992	2,410	-1,760	-42.2%	-582	-19.5%
181	97	Kettering	LAB	2,362	1,498	1,164	-1,198	-50.7%	-334	-22.3%
555	655	Kilmarnock & Loudoun	LAB	3,414	3,152	2,818	-596	-17.5%	-334	-10.6%
96	137	Kingston & Surbiton	LD	2,781	1,954	1,449	-1,332	-47.9%	-505	-25.8%
658	648	Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	4,867	3,725	3,891	-976	-20.1%	166	4.5%
655	619	Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	5,761	4,366	4,396	-1,365	-23.7%	30	0.7%
651	583	Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	5,281	3,882	3,861	-1,420	-26.9%	-21	-0.5%
11	41	Kingswood	LAB	2,762	1,881	1,218	-1,544	-55.9%	-663	-35.2%
643	624	Kirkcaldy	LAB	3,525	2,787	2,714	-811	-23.0%	-73	-2.6%
450	492	Knowsley North & Sefton East	LAB	4,972	3,948	3,375	-1,597	-32.1%	-573	-14.5%
597	640	Knowsley South	LAB	5,360	4,593	4,219	-1,141	-21.3%	-374	-8.1%
636	411	Lagan Valley	UU	2,811	1,903	1,814	-997	-35.5%	-89	-4.7%
459	429	Lancaster & Wyre	LAB	2,164	1,651	1,414	-750	-34.7%	-237	-14.4%
625	605	Leeds Central	LAB	6,554	5,224	4,911	-1,643	-25.1%	-313	-6.0%
437	539	Leeds East	LAB	4,807	3,974	3,381	-1,426	-29.7%	-593	-14.9%
425	459	Leeds North East	LAB	3,307	2,602	2,206	-1,101	-33.3%	-396	-15.2%
410	376	Leeds North West	LAB	2,428	1,809	1,526	-902	-37.1%	-283	-15.6%
546	491	Leeds West	LAB	3,807	2,914	2,584	-1,223	-32.1%	-330	-11.3%
264	275	Leicester East	LAB	3,841	2,815	2,255	-1,586	-41.3%	-560	-19.9%
251	345	Leicester South	LAB	5,125	3,979	3,167	-1,958	-38.2%	-812	-20.4%
156	269	Leicester West	LAB	5,012	3,832	2,930	-2,082	-41.5%	-902	-23.5%
193	303	Leigh	LAB	2,934	2,263	1,767	-1,167	-39.8%	-496	-21.9%
317	146	Leominster <*	CON	1,938	1,248	1,020	-918	-47.4%	-228	-18.3%
300	124	Lewes	LD	1,973	1,252	1,017	-956	-48.5%	-235	-18.8%
355	383	Lewisham East	LAB	4,419	3,367	2,791	-1,628	-36.8%	-576	-17.1%
281	398	Lewisham West	LAB	5,448	4,321	3,477	-1,971	-36.2%	-844	-19.5%
467	478	Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	7,331	5,747	4,941	-2,390	-32.6%	-806	-14.0%
56	159	Leyton & Wanstead	LAB	5,907	4,436	3,157	-2,750	-46.6%	-1,279	-28.8%
292	173	Lichfield	CON	1,782	1,195	968	-814	-45.7%	-227	-19.0%
274	289	Lincoln	LAB	4,934	3,653	2,932	-2,002	-40.6%	-721	-19.7%
647	471	Linlithgow	LAB	2,398	1,633	1,611	-787	-32.8%	-22	-1.3%
483	553	Liverpool, Garston	LAB	4,400	3,612	3,124	-1,276	-29.0%	-488	-13.5%
508	597	Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	8,147	6,899	6,025	-2,122	-26.0%	-874	-12.7%
576	622	Liverpool, Walton	LAB	6,344	5,378	4,868	-1,476	-23.3%	-510	-9.5%
534	595	Liverpool, Wavertree	LAB	5,907	4,937	4,359	-1,548	-26.2%	-578	-11.7%
447	566	Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	6,404	5,404	4,614	-1,790	-28.0%	-790	-14.6%
626	465	Livingston	LAB	2,661	1,892	1,780	-881	-33.1%	-112	-5.9%
247	586	Llanelli	LAB	2,555	2,355	1,872	-683	-26.7%	-483	-20.5%
559	449	Loughborough	LAB	2,170	1,601	1,432	-738	-34.0%	-169	-10.6%
396	317	Louth & Horncastle	CON	2,490	1,807	1,516	-974	-39.1%	-291	-16.1%
485	290	Ludlow	CON	1,585	1,088	942	-643	-40.6%	-146	-13.4%
432	297	Luton North	LAB	3,255	2,290	1,945	-1,310	-40.2%	-345	-15.1%
392	367	Luton South	LAB	4,227	3,159	2,647	-1,580	-37.4%	-512	-16.2%
20	182	Macclesfield	CON	1,677	1,370	919	-758	-45.2%	-451	-32.9%
224	86	Maidenhead	CON	1,557	957	756	-801	-51.4%	-201	-21.0%
82	79	Maidstone & The Weald	CON	2,535	1,663	1,216	-1,319	-52.0%	-447	-26.9%
205	337	Makerfield	LAB	2,892	2,266	1,781	-1,111	-38.4%	-485	-21.4%

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194	127	Maldon & East Chelmsford	CON	2,257	1,492	1,165	-1,092	-48.4%	-327	-21.9%
491	433	Manchester, Blackley	LAB	4,912	3,703	3,214	-1,698	-34.6%	-489	-13.2%
393	508	Manchester, Central	LAB	7,681	6,283	5,267	-2,414	-31.4%	-1,016	-16.2%
363	513	Manchester, Gorton	LAB	5,715	4,740	3,940	-1,775	-31.1%	-800	-16.9%
237	355	Manchester, Withington	LAB	4,837	3,795	3,007	-1,830	-37.8%	-788	-20.8%
345	389	Mansfield	LAB	3,765	2,884	2,383	-1,382	-36.7%	-501	-17.4%
119	241	Medway	LAB	3,547	2,710	2,034	-1,513	-42.7%	-676	-24.9%
553	525	Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	PC	1,535	1,195	1,065	-470	-30.6%	-130	-10.9%
210	260	Meriden	CON	3,861	2,849	2,243	-1,618	-41.9%	-606	-21.3%
528	477	Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	LAB	3,372	2,578	2,271	-1,101	-32.7%	-307	-11.9%
134	61	Mid Bedfordshire	CON	1,515	924	700	-815	-53.8%	-224	-24.2%
49	31	Mid Dorset & North Poole	CON	1,941	1,176	830	-1,111	-57.2%	-346	-29.4%
291	301	Mid Norfolk	CON	2,314	1,718	1,391	-923	-39.9%	-327	-19.0%
70	15	Mid Sussex	CON	1,459	771	556	-903	-61.9%	-215	-27.9%
451	248	Mid Ulster	SF	4,589	3,095	2,647	-1,942	-42.3%	-448	-14.5%
330	121	Mid Worcestershire	CON	1,811	1,131	931	-880	-48.6%	-200	-17.7%
618	569	Middlesbrough	LAB	7,156	5,537	5,169	-1,987	-27.8%	-368	-6.6%
600	534	Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland	LAB	4,381	3,338	3,068	-1,313	-30.0%	-270	-8.1%
161	252	Midlothian	LAB	1,780	1,336	1,029	-751	-42.2%	-307	-23.0%
58	112	Milton Keynes South West	LAB	2,959	2,100	1,495	-1,464	-49.5%	-605	-28.8%
43	167	Mitcham & Morden	LAB	4,316	3,324	2,331	-1,985	-46.0%	-993	-29.9%
159	5	Mole Valley	CON	1,226	578	444	-782	-63.8%	-134	-23.2%
586	457	Monmouth	LAB	1,946	1,423	1,297	-649	-33.4%	-126	-8.9%
657	609	Montgomeryshire	LD	956	692	717	-239	-25.0%	25	3.6%
280	347	Moray	SNP	2,636	2,027	1,631	-1,005	-38.1%	-396	-19.5%
365	414	Morecambe & Lunesdale	LAB	3,474	2,700	2,245	-1,229	-35.4%	-455	-16.9%
539	428	Morley & Rothwell	LAB	2,556	1,885	1,668	-888	-34.7%	-217	-11.5%
623	639	Motherwell & Wishaw	LAB	2,818	2,360	2,215	-603	-21.4%	-145	-6.1%
527	629	Neath	LAB	2,132	1,881	1,656	-476	-22.3%	-225	-12.0%
307	88	New Forest East	CON	1,757	1,049	855	-902	-51.3%	-194	-18.5%
148	101	New Forest West	CON	1,618	1,056	804	-814	-50.3%	-252	-23.9%
336	314	Newark	LAB	2,935	2,164	1,785	-1,150	-39.2%	-379	-17.5%
50	7	Newbury	LD	1,739	905	640	-1,099	-63.2%	-265	-29.3%
375	385	Newcastle upon Tyne Central	LAB	4,750	3,604	3,004	-1,746	-36.8%	-600	-16.6%
582	542	Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	5,130	3,978	3,618	-1,512	-29.5%	-360	-9.0%
414	324	Newcastle upon Tyne North	LAB	3,731	2,697	2,278	-1,453	-38.9%	-419	-15.5%
174	149	Newcastle-under-Lyme	LAB	2,416	1,644	1,275	-1,141	-47.2%	-369	-22.4%
517	430	Newport East	LAB	2,909	2,166	1,901	-1,008	-34.7%	-265	-12.2%
557	499	Newport West	LAB	3,289	2,506	2,241	-1,048	-31.9%	-265	-10.6%
629	472	Newry & Armagh	SDLP	6,021	4,288	4,045	-1,976	-32.8%	-243	-5.7%
573	476	Normanton	LAB	2,327	1,733	1,567	-760	-32.7%	-166	-9.6%
556	427	North Antrim	DU	4,464	3,256	2,911	-1,553	-34.8%	-345	-10.6%
486	296	North Cornwall	LD	4,067	2,804	2,428	-1,639	-40.3%	-376	-13.4%
424	302	North Devon	LD	2,976	2,111	1,789	-1,187	-39.9%	-322	-15.3%
222	140	North Dorset	CON	1,229	813	642	-587	-47.8%	-171	-21.0%
621	485	North Down	UKU	2,921	2,113	1,977	-944	-32.3%	-136	-6.4%
398	562	North Durham	LAB	3,072	2,635	2,211	-861	-28.0%	-424	-16.1%
102	30	North East Bedfordshire	CON	1,845	1,060	788	-1,057	-57.3%	-272	-25.7%
366	332	North East Cambridgeshire	CON	2,923	2,161	1,797	-1,126	-38.5%	-364	-16.8%
362	282	North East Derbyshire	LAB	3,250	2,309	1,919	-1,331	-41.0%	-390	-16.9%
354	399	North East Fife	LD	1,817	1,402	1,162	-655	-36.0%	-240	-17.1%
38	51	North East Hampshire	CON	1,217	782	544	-673	-55.3%	-238	-30.4%
41	28	North East Hertfordshire	CON	1,917	1,153	806	-1,111	-58.0%	-347	-30.1%
54	150	North East Milton Keynes	LAB	2,237	1,666	1,181	-1,056	-47.2%	-485	-29.1%
297	81	North Essex	CON	1,785	1,056	857	-928	-52.0%	-199	-18.8%
246	318	North Norfolk	CON	2,493	1,910	1,518	-975	-39.1%	-392	-20.5%
457	316	North Shropshire	CON	2,124	1,511	1,293	-831	-39.1%	-218	-14.4%
368	408	North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	7,706	5,973	4,971	-2,735	-35.5%	-1,002	-16.8%
353	161	North Swindon	LAB	2,132	1,379	1,142	-990	-46.4%	-237	-17.2%
415	530	North Tayside	SNP	2,065	1,702	1,438	-627	-30.4%	-264	-15.5%

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401	360	North Thanet	CON	4,484	3,323	2,793	-1,691	-37.7%	-530	-15.9%
461	450	North Tyneside	LAB	4,401	3,391	2,905	-1,496	-34.0%	-486	-14.3%
136	183	North Warwickshire	LAB	2,436	1,763	1,336	-1,100	-45.2%	-427	-24.2%
35	76	North West Cambridgeshire	CON	2,396	1,647	1,143	-1,253	-52.3%	-504	-30.6%
357	516	North West Durham	LAB	3,113	2,591	2,150	-963	-30.9%	-441	-17.0%
324	168	North West Hampshire *	CON	1,296	853	700	-596	-46.0%	-153	-17.9%
187	180	North West Leicestershire	LAB	2,048	1,439	1,122	-926	-45.2%	-317	-22.0%
325	456	North West Norfolk	LAB	2,952	2,394	1,966	-986	-33.4%	-428	-17.9%
47	36	North Wiltshire	CON	2,012	1,250	882	-1,130	-56.2%	-368	-29.4%
179	311	Northampton North	LAB	3,271	2,555	1,985	-1,286	-39.3%	-570	-22.3%
117	273	Northampton South	LAB	2,952	2,307	1,731	-1,221	-41.4%	-576	-25.0%
1	1	Northavon	LD	2,035	1,212	710	-1,325	-65.1%	-502	-41.4%
312	467	Norwich North	LAB	3,081	2,533	2,066	-1,015	-32.9%	-467	-18.4%
420	496	Norwich South	LAB	4,385	3,523	2,983	-1,402	-32.0%	-540	-15.3%
314	326	Nottingham East	LAB	7,615	5,708	4,659	-2,956	-38.8%	-1,049	-18.4%
440	489	Nottingham North	LAB	5,175	4,124	3,510	-1,665	-32.2%	-614	-14.9%
293	333	Nottingham South	LAB	5,149	3,909	3,168	-1,981	-38.5%	-741	-19.0%
228	394	Nuneaton	LAB	2,496	2,008	1,587	-909	-36.4%	-421	-21.0%
591	642	Ochil	LAB	2,615	2,255	2,061	-554	-21.2%	-194	-8.6%
572	598	Ogmore	LAB	2,115	1,732	1,565	-550	-26.0%	-167	-9.6%
17	59	Old Bexley & Sidcup	CON	2,408	1,661	1,106	-1,302	-54.1%	-555	-33.4%
513	242	Oldham East & Saddleworth	LAB	3,302	2,167	1,896	-1,406	-42.6%	-271	-12.5%
567	338	Oldham West & Royton	LAB	3,845	2,627	2,369	-1,476	-38.4%	-258	-9.8%
596	657	Orkney & Shetland	LD	879	808	741	-138	-15.7%	-67	-8.3%
163	98	Orpington	CON	2,702	1,735	1,337	-1,365	-50.5%	-398	-22.9%
124	147	Oxford East	LAB	3,676	2,575	1,938	-1,738	-47.3%	-637	-24.7%
24	78	Oxford West & Abingdon	LD	1,527	1,076	732	-795	-52.1%	-344	-32.0%
644	646	Paisley North	LAB	2,780	2,250	2,206	-574	-20.6%	-44	-2.0%
558	600	Paisley South	LAB	3,211	2,667	2,385	-826	-25.7%	-282	-10.6%
620	397	Pendle	LAB	2,144	1,463	1,367	-777	-36.2%	-96	-6.6%
95	214	Penrith & The Border	CON	1,580	1,203	892	-688	-43.5%	-311	-25.9%
152	519	Perth	SNP	2,270	2,059	1,570	-700	-30.8%	-489	-23.7%
37	130	Peterborough	LAB	4,175	3,108	2,161	-2,014	-48.2%	-947	-30.5%
423	315	Plymouth, Devonport	LAB	4,878	3,504	2,969	-1,909	-39.1%	-535	-15.3%
382	405	Plymouth, Sutton	LAB	6,524	5,027	4,198	-2,326	-35.7%	-829	-16.5%
498	520	Pontefract & Castleford	LAB	3,213	2,556	2,223	-990	-30.8%	-333	-13.0%
500	481	Pontypridd	LAB	2,632	2,041	1,776	-856	-32.5%	-265	-13.0%
73	91	Poole	CON	2,460	1,662	1,205	-1,255	-51.0%	-457	-27.5%
588	463	Poplar & Canning Town	LAB	8,195	6,000	5,477	-2,718	-33.2%	-523	-8.7%
48	83	Portsmouth North	LAB	3,370	2,303	1,625	-1,745	-51.8%	-678	-29.4%
131	274	Portsmouth South	LD	5,226	4,050	3,065	-2,161	-41.4%	-985	-24.3%
402	581	Preseli Pembrokeshire	LAB	2,912	2,522	2,121	-791	-27.2%	-401	-15.9%
369	422	Preston	LAB	4,426	3,445	2,868	-1,558	-35.2%	-577	-16.7%
443	223	Pudsey	LAB	1,706	1,140	971	-735	-43.1%	-169	-14.8%
143	179	Putney	LAB	3,451	2,488	1,890	-1,561	-45.2%	-598	-24.0%
114	43	Rayleigh	CON	2,262	1,338	1,001	-1,261	-55.7%	-337	-25.2%
46	49	Reading East	LAB	2,676	1,701	1,195	-1,481	-55.3%	-506	-29.7%
66	46	Reading West	LAB	2,505	1,553	1,117	-1,388	-55.4%	-436	-28.1%
590	543	Redcar	LAB	5,126	3,961	3,619	-1,507	-29.4%	-342	-8.6%
178	357	Redditch	LAB	2,603	2,085	1,619	-984	-37.8%	-466	-22.4%
463	511	Regent's Park & Kensington North	LAB	7,432	5,967	5,120	-2,312	-31.1%	-847	-14.2%
7	4	Reigate	CON	1,562	872	551	-1,011	-64.7%	-321	-36.8%
548	627	Rhondda	LAB	2,794	2,435	2,163	-631	-22.6%	-272	-11.2%
92	158	Ribble Valley	CON	1,231	890	657	-574	-46.6%	-233	-26.2%
430	262	Richmond	CON	1,820	1,247	1,059	-761	-41.8%	-188	-15.1%
91	135	Richmond Park	LD	2,683	1,894	1,395	-1,288	-48.0%	-499	-26.3%
615	626	Rochdale	LAB	3,812	3,169	2,950	-862	-22.6%	-219	-6.9%
316	462	Rochford & Southend East	CON	5,235	4,282	3,497	-1,738	-33.2%	-785	-18.3%
350	132	Romford	LAB	2,282	1,429	1,183	-1,099	-48.2%	-246	-17.2%
67	87	Romsey	CON	1,415	956	688	-727	-51.4%	-268	-28.0%

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213	452	Ross, Skye & Inverness West	LD	3,177	2,667	2,102	-1,075	-33.8%	-565	-21.2%
641	574	Rossendale & Darwen	LAB	1,853	1,394	1,343	-510	-27.5%	-51	-3.7%
290	412	Rother Valley	LAB	3,589	2,863	2,318	-1,271	-35.4%	-545	-19.0%
387	612	Rotherham	LAB	4,198	3,782	3,165	-1,033	-24.6%	-617	-16.3%
659	623	Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	1,461	1,052	1,123	-338	-23.1%	71	6.7%
257	232	Rugby & Kenilworth	LAB	2,377	1,704	1,359	-1,018	-42.8%	-345	-20.2%
199	122	Ruislip - Northwood	CON	1,719	1,126	884	-835	-48.6%	-242	-21.5%
14	14	Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	1,718	994	653	-1,065	-62.0%	-341	-34.3%
72	75	Rushcliffe	CON	2,704	1,783	1,289	-1,415	-52.3%	-494	-27.7%
109	52	Rutland & Melton	CON	1,449	868	648	-801	-55.3%	-220	-25.3%
214	196	Ryedale	CON	1,558	1,100	867	-691	-44.4%	-233	-21.2%
118	71	Saffron Walden	CON	1,792	1,126	845	-947	-52.8%	-281	-25.0%
196	185	Salford	LAB	4,201	2,955	2,310	-1,891	-45.0%	-645	-21.8%
298	96	Salisbury	CON	2,170	1,317	1,069	-1,101	-50.7%	-248	-18.8%
568	548	Scarborough & Whitby	LAB	3,486	2,737	2,469	-1,017	-29.2%	-268	-9.8%
619	596	Scunthorpe	LAB	3,101	2,452	2,291	-810	-26.1%	-161	-6.6%
639	558	Sedgefield	LAB	2,607	1,939	1,859	-748	-28.7%	-80	-4.1%
489	346	Selby	LAB	2,465	1,757	1,524	-941	-38.2%	-233	-13.3%
84	70	Sevenoaks	CON	1,914	1,230	900	-1,014	-53.0%	-330	-26.8%
403	529	Sheffield, Attercliffe	LAB	3,522	2,914	2,451	-1,071	-30.4%	-463	-15.9%
391	560	Sheffield, Brightside	LAB	4,885	4,193	3,512	-1,373	-28.1%	-681	-16.2%
411	510	Sheffield, Central	LAB	7,301	5,960	5,029	-2,272	-31.1%	-931	-15.6%
126	207	Sheffield, Hallam	LD	1,976	1,474	1,112	-864	-43.7%	-362	-24.6%
427	506	Sheffield, Heeley	LAB	4,466	3,607	3,061	-1,405	-31.5%	-546	-15.1%
203	349	Sheffield, Hillsborough	LAB	3,459	2,731	2,146	-1,313	-38.0%	-585	-21.4%
309	263	Sherwood	LAB	3,289	2,350	1,916	-1,373	-41.7%	-434	-18.5%
530	528	Shipley	LAB	2,202	1,736	1,530	-672	-30.5%	-206	-11.9%
278	151	Shrewsbury & Atcham	LAB	2,300	1,511	1,215	-1,085	-47.2%	-296	-19.6%
87	186	Sittingbourne & Sheppey	LAB	3,744	2,802	2,059	-1,685	-45.0%	-743	-26.5%
547	142	Skipton & Ripon	CON	1,572	927	823	-749	-47.6%	-104	-11.2%
121	107	Sleaford & North Hykeham	CON	2,147	1,432	1,076	-1,071	-49.9%	-356	-24.9%
435	188	Slough	LAB	3,929	2,551	2,169	-1,760	-44.8%	-382	-15.0%
277	322	Solihull	CON	1,911	1,449	1,165	-746	-39.0%	-284	-19.6%
39	60	Somerton & Frome *	LD	2,266	1,498	1,046	-1,220	-53.8%	-452	-30.2%
585	293	South Antrim	UU	3,202	2,094	1,908	-1,294	-40.4%	-186	-8.9%
164	48	South Cambridgeshire	CON	1,612	933	719	-893	-55.4%	-214	-22.9%
207	287	South Derbyshire	LAB	2,452	1,852	1,456	-996	-40.6%	-396	-21.4%
122	178	South Dorset	CON	2,766	2,009	1,510	-1,256	-45.4%	-499	-24.8%
580	435	South Down	SDLP	4,715	3,399	3,089	-1,626	-34.5%	-310	-9.1%
499	165	South East Cambridgeshire	CON	1,736	1,076	936	-800	-46.1%	-140	-13.0%
186	160	South East Cornwall	LD	3,109	2,136	1,664	-1,445	-46.5%	-472	-22.1%
255	116	South Holland & The Deepings	CON	1,496	955	761	-735	-49.1%	-194	-20.3%
188	217	South Norfolk	CON	2,289	1,662	1,296	-993	-43.4%	-366	-22.0%
260	166	South Ribble	LAB	1,878	1,267	1,013	-865	-46.1%	-254	-20.0%
418	552	South Shields	LAB	5,071	4,251	3,597	-1,474	-29.1%	-654	-15.4%
389	204	South Staffordshire	CON	2,352	1,575	1,319	-1,033	-43.9%	-256	-16.3%
496	272	South Suffolk	CON	1,959	1,318	1,146	-813	-41.5%	-172	-13.1%
464	257	South Swindon	LAB	2,996	2,025	1,738	-1,258	-42.0%	-287	-14.2%
406	514	South Thanet	LAB	3,538	2,899	2,441	-1,097	-31.0%	-458	-15.8%
232	85	South West Bedfordshire	CON	2,311	1,416	1,120	-1,191	-51.5%	-296	-20.9%
239	181	South West Devon	CON	2,121	1,465	1,162	-959	-45.2%	-303	-20.7%
204	89	South West Hertfordshire	CON	1,734	1,074	844	-890	-51.3%	-230	-21.4%
378	238	South West Norfolk	CON	2,752	1,891	1,577	-1,175	-42.7%	-314	-16.6%
276	40	South West Surrey	CON	1,302	714	574	-728	-55.9%	-140	-19.6%
409	240	Southampton, Itchen	LAB	4,584	3,116	2,628	-1,956	-42.7%	-488	-15.7%
339	292	Southampton, Test	LAB	4,457	3,211	2,650	-1,807	-40.5%	-561	-17.5%
77	198	Southend West	CON	3,500	2,684	1,950	-1,550	-44.3%	-734	-27.3%
346	393	Southport	LD	3,045	2,340	1,935	-1,110	-36.5%	-405	-17.3%
5	18	Spelthorne	CON	1,992	1,236	773	-1,219	-61.2%	-463	-37.5%
42	26	St Albans	LAB	1,651	984	690	-961	-58.2%	-294	-29.9%



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283	359	St Helens North	LAB	3,431	2,649	2,135	-1,296	-37.8%	-514	-19.4%
524	487	St Helens South	LAB	3,919	3,019	2,656	-1,263	-32.2%	-363	-12.0%
495	568	St Ives	LD	4,053	3,361	2,921	-1,132	-27.9%	-440	-13.1%
455	494	Stafford	LAB	1,941	1,542	1,319	-622	-32.0%	-223	-14.5%
542	541	Staffordshire Moorlands	LAB	1,672	1,332	1,179	-493	-29.5%	-153	-11.5%
253	208	Stalybridge & Hyde	LAB	3,148	2,224	1,772	-1,376	-43.7%	-452	-20.3%
22	39	Stevenage	LAB	3,195	2,086	1,405	-1,790	-56.0%	-681	-32.6%
529	559	Stirling	LAB	2,092	1,706	1,503	-589	-28.2%	-203	-11.9%
220	313	Stockport	LAB	2,868	2,209	1,744	-1,124	-39.2%	-465	-21.1%
632	651	Stockton North	LAB	4,880	4,169	3,940	-940	-19.3%	-229	-5.5%
422	474	Stockton South	LAB	3,965	3,149	2,668	-1,297	-32.7%	-481	-15.3%
256	567	Stoke-on-Trent Central	LAB	3,178	2,872	2,290	-888	-27.9%	-582	-20.3%
444	421	Stoke-on-Trent North	LAB	2,383	1,811	1,543	-840	-35.2%	-268	-14.8%
635	588	Stoke-on-Trent South	LAB	2,576	1,985	1,888	-688	-26.7%	-97	-4.9%
313	171	Stone	CON	1,409	935	763	-646	-45.8%	-172	-18.4%
311	325	Stourbridge	LAB	2,588	1,941	1,583	-1,005	-38.8%	-358	-18.4%
614	475	Strangford	UU	3,118	2,259	2,099	-1,019	-32.7%	-160	-7.1%
125	125	Stratford-on-Avon	CON	1,784	1,222	920	-864	-48.4%	-302	-24.7%
561	537	Strathkelvin & Bearsden	LAB	2,292	1,799	1,610	-682	-29.8%	-189	-10.5%
284	361	Streatham	LAB	8,698	6,730	5,425	-3,273	-37.6%	-1,305	-19.4%
439	455	Stretford & Urmston	LAB	3,415	2,671	2,273	-1,142	-33.4%	-398	-14.9%
279	199	Stroud	LAB	2,218	1,540	1,239	-979	-44.1%	-301	-19.5%
81	220	Suffolk Coastal	CON	2,449	1,901	1,390	-1,059	-43.2%	-511	-26.9%
575	521	Sunderland North	LAB	4,368	3,341	3,024	-1,344	-30.8%	-317	-9.5%
416	419	Sunderland South	LAB	5,558	4,255	3,597	-1,961	-35.3%	-658	-15.5%
44	8	Surrey Heath	CON	1,405	744	522	-883	-62.8%	-222	-29.8%
64	56	Sutton & Cheam	LD	2,088	1,320	949	-1,139	-54.5%	-371	-28.1%
337	226	Sutton Coldfield	CON	2,093	1,445	1,192	-901	-43.0%	-253	-17.5%
351	555	Swansea East	LAB	2,803	2,411	1,996	-807	-28.8%	-415	-17.2%
139	392	Swansea West	LAB	3,147	2,636	1,999	-1,148	-36.5%	-637	-24.2%
219	249	Tamworth	LAB	2,510	1,836	1,449	-1,061	-42.3%	-387	-21.1%
137	128	Tatton	IND	1,444	984	746	-698	-48.3%	-238	-24.2%
211	235	Taunton *	LD	3,040	2,210	1,740	-1,300	-42.8%	-470	-21.3%
466	395	Teignbridge	CON	2,660	1,973	1,695	-965	-36.3%	-278	-14.1%
349	348	Telford	LAB	2,461	1,844	1,526	-935	-38.0%	-318	-17.2%
74	99	Tewkesbury	CON	1,752	1,199	870	-882	-50.3%	-329	-27.4%
173	327	Thurrock	LAB	4,107	3,249	2,517	-1,590	-38.7%	-732	-22.5%
518	330	Tiverton & Honiton	CON	1,950	1,365	1,198	-752	-38.6%	-167	-12.2%
267	152	Tonbridge & Malling	CON	1,847	1,218	976	-871	-47.2%	-242	-19.9%
191	283	Tooting	LAB	5,500	4,162	3,249	-2,251	-40.9%	-913	-21.9%
537	437	Torbay	LD	4,389	3,256	2,879	-1,510	-34.4%	-377	-11.6%
399	351	Torfaen	LAB	2,974	2,201	1,847	-1,127	-37.9%	-354	-16.1%
509	377	Torridge & West Devon	LD	3,062	2,204	1,925	-1,137	-37.1%	-279	-12.7%
519	279	Totnes	CON	2,690	1,804	1,584	-1,106	-41.1%	-220	-12.2%
642	635	Tottenham	LAB	10,270	8,288	8,046	-2,224	-21.7%	-242	-2.9%
417	339	Truro & St Austell	LD	3,619	2,639	2,231	-1,388	-38.4%	-408	-15.5%
364	102	Tunbridge Wells	CON	2,051	1,228	1,021	-1,030	-50.2%	-207	-16.9%
577	431	Tweeddale, Ettrick & Lauderdale	LD	1,328	957	868	-460	-34.6%	-89	-9.3%
59	109	Twickenham	LD	2,460	1,732	1,236	-1,224	-49.8%	-496	-28.6%
469	436	Tyne Bridge	LAB	6,623	5,045	4,343	-2,280	-34.4%	-702	-13.9%
442	442	Tynemouth	LAB	3,675	2,838	2,417	-1,258	-34.2%	-421	-14.8%
57	105	Upminster	LAB	2,132	1,495	1,064	-1,068	-50.1%	-431	-28.8%
563	418	Upper Bann	UU	3,584	2,584	2,318	-1,266	-35.3%	-266	-10.3%
51	119	Uxbridge	CON	2,126	1,543	1,092	-1,034	-48.6%	-451	-29.2%
170	200	Vale of Clwyd	LAB	2,539	1,834	1,419	-1,120	-44.1%	-415	-22.6%
370	358	Vale of Glamorgan	LAB	3,257	2,433	2,026	-1,231	-37.8%	-407	-16.7%
190	114	Vale of York	CON	1,534	997	778	-756	-49.3%	-219	-22.0%
341	469	Vauxhall	LAB	9,618	7,814	6,451	-3,167	-32.9%	-1,363	-17.4%
595	546	Wakefield	LAB	3,496	2,695	2,471	-1,025	-29.3%	-224	-8.3%
221	533	Wallasey	LAB	4,695	4,160	3,285	-1,410	-30.0%	-875	-21.0%

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**United Kingdom Constituencies**  
**A. (not seasonally adjusted) - alphabetical listing**

Rank by %  
change in UK  
(largest fall first)

97-98	96-98	Constituency	Party	Unemployed Claimants			Change May 96-98		Change May 97-98	
				May-96	May-97	May-98	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
472	522	Walsall North	LAB	4,455	3,581	3,086	-1,369	-30.7%	-495	-13.8%
453	551	Walsall South	LAB	4,426	3,670	3,139	-1,287	-29.1%	-531	-14.5%
452	447	Walthamstow	LAB	5,754	4,436	3,794	-1,960	-34.1%	-642	-14.5%
445	416	Wansbeck	LAB	3,764	2,854	2,433	-1,331	-35.4%	-421	-14.8%
16	11	Wansdyke <*	LAB	2,116	1,196	790	-1,326	-62.7%	-406	-33.9%
128	72	Wantage	CON	1,432	895	677	-755	-52.7%	-218	-24.4%
331	366	Warley	LAB	4,309	3,277	2,698	-1,611	-37.4%	-579	-17.7%
334	378	Warrington North	LAB	2,759	2,107	1,736	-1,023	-37.1%	-371	-17.6%
135	236	Warrington South	LAB	2,245	1,696	1,285	-960	-42.8%	-411	-24.2%
594	323	Warwick & Leamington	LAB	2,546	1,695	1,553	-993	-39.0%	-142	-8.4%
201	129	Watford	LAB	2,671	1,758	1,381	-1,290	-48.3%	-377	-21.4%
333	592	Waveney	LAB	4,248	3,793	3,125	-1,123	-26.4%	-668	-17.6%
105	25	Wealden	CON	1,723	952	709	-1,014	-58.9%	-243	-25.5%
269	404	Weaver Vale	LAB	3,168	2,541	2,038	-1,130	-35.7%	-503	-19.8%
321	245	Wellingborough	LAB	2,603	1,826	1,498	-1,105	-42.5%	-328	-18.0%
34	55	Wells	CON	2,696	1,758	1,220	-1,476	-54.7%	-538	-30.6%
19	27	Welwyn Hatfield	LAB	1,859	1,163	779	-1,080	-58.1%	-384	-33.0%
554	606	Wentworth	LAB	3,714	3,122	2,783	-931	-25.1%	-339	-10.9%
12	63	West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	LD	1,306	935	606	-700	-53.6%	-329	-35.2%
286	439	West Bromwich East	LAB	4,044	3,290	2,655	-1,389	-34.3%	-635	-19.3%
373	486	West Bromwich West	SPKR	4,430	3,601	3,001	-1,429	-32.3%	-600	-16.7%
458	253	West Chelmsford	CON	2,444	1,650	1,413	-1,031	-42.2%	-237	-14.4%
206	210	West Derbyshire	CON	1,748	1,253	985	-763	-43.6%	-268	-21.4%
454	268	West Dorset	CON	1,630	1,113	952	-678	-41.6%	-161	-14.5%
482	483	West Ham	LAB	7,278	5,691	4,922	-2,356	-32.4%	-769	-13.5%
606	576	West Lancashire	LAB	3,305	2,598	2,400	-905	-27.4%	-198	-7.6%
650	653	West Renfrewshire	LAB	1,647	1,350	1,338	-309	-18.8%	-12	-0.9%
340	203	West Suffolk	CON	2,287	1,553	1,282	-1,005	-43.9%	-271	-17.5%
613	599	West Tyrone	UU	4,877	3,902	3,621	-1,256	-25.8%	-281	-7.2%
215	192	West Worcestershire	CON	1,590	1,119	882	-708	-44.5%	-237	-21.2%
60	108	Westbury	CON	2,638	1,854	1,325	-1,313	-49.8%	-529	-28.5%
608	641	Western Isles	LAB	1,312	1,117	1,033	-279	-21.3%	-84	-7.5%
129	77	Westmorland & Lonsdale	CON	1,390	879	665	-725	-52.2%	-214	-24.3%
45	84	Weston-Super-Mare	LD	3,175	2,191	1,538	-1,637	-51.6%	-653	-29.8%
141	382	Wigan	LAB	3,203	2,665	2,022	-1,181	-36.9%	-643	-24.1%
69	92	Wimbledon	LAB	2,577	1,757	1,265	-1,312	-50.9%	-492	-28.0%
112	64	Winchester	LD	1,716	1,067	798	-918	-53.5%	-269	-25.2%
53	53	Windsor	CON	1,680	1,061	752	-928	-55.2%	-309	-29.1%
116	299	Wirral South	LAB	2,340	1,872	1,404	-936	-40.0%	-468	-25.0%
226	354	Wirral West	LAB	2,635	2,073	1,638	-997	-37.8%	-435	-21.0%
2	3	Witney	CON	1,412	820	498	-914	-64.7%	-322	-39.3%
28	34	Woking	CON	1,291	816	558	-733	-56.8%	-258	-31.6%
238	6	Wokingham	CON	1,202	551	437	-765	-63.6%	-114	-20.7%
449	386	Wolverhampton North East	LAB	4,156	3,077	2,629	-1,527	-36.7%	-448	-14.6%
506	372	Wolverhampton South East	LAB	4,076	2,929	2,556	-1,520	-37.3%	-373	-12.7%
377	312	Wolverhampton South West	LAB	4,001	2,912	2,428	-1,573	-39.3%	-484	-16.6%
85	20	Woodspring	CON	1,775	958	701	-1,074	-60.5%	-257	-26.8%
356	213	Worcester	LAB	2,879	1,960	1,625	-1,254	-43.6%	-335	-17.1%
504	545	Workington	LAB	3,692	2,990	2,608	-1,084	-29.4%	-382	-12.8%
315	413	Worsley	LAB	2,506	1,983	1,619	-887	-35.4%	-364	-18.4%
40	69	Worthing West	CON	1,865	1,253	875	-990	-53.1%	-378	-30.2%
522	215	Wrekin, The	LAB	1,742	1,120	985	-757	-43.5%	-135	-12.1%
245	244	Wrexham	LAB	2,204	1,596	1,268	-936	-42.5%	-328	-20.6%
240	82	Wycombe	CON	2,587	1,568	1,244	-1,343	-51.9%	-324	-20.7%
511	193	Wyre Forest	LAB	2,794	1,773	1,550	-1,244	-44.5%	-223	-12.6%
209	243	Wythenshawe & Sale East	LAB	4,592	3,355	2,641	-1,951	-42.5%	-714	-21.3%
192	285	Yeovil *	LD	2,086	1,582	1,235	-851	-40.8%	-347	-21.9%
538	536	Ynys-Mon	PC	3,150	2,498	2,210	-940	-29.8%	-288	-11.5%
258	300	York, City of	LAB	4,156	3,125	2,496	-1,660	-39.9%	-629	-20.1%
United Kingdom				2,147,363	1,620,496	1,349,377	-797,986	-37.2%	-271,119	-16.7%

**IV Change in Unemployed Claimants May 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 May 96-98		Change May 97-98		
			May-96	May-97	May-98	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
1	1	Northavon	LD	2,035	1,212	710	-1,325	-65.1%	-502	-41.4%
2	3	Witney	CON	1,412	820	498	-914	-64.7%	-322	-39.3%
3	23	Broxbourne	CON	2,631	1,712	1064	-1,567	-59.6%	-648	-37.9%
4	2	Esher & Walton	CON	1,837	1,036	644	-1,193	-64.9%	-392	-37.8%
5	18	Spelthorne	CON	1,992	1,236	773	-1,219	-61.2%	-463	-37.5%
6	58	Bath *>	LD	3,545	2,568	1621	-1,924	-54.3%	-947	-36.9%
7	4	Reigate	CON	1,562	872	551	-1,011	-64.7%	-321	-36.8%
8	29	Bristol North West	LAB	3,940	2,637	1673	-2,267	-57.5%	-964	-36.6%
9	38	East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	2,077	1,428	913	-1,164	-56.0%	-515	-36.1%
10	12	Arundel & South Downs	CON	1,309	761	492	-817	-62.4%	-269	-35.3%
11	41	Kingswood	LAB	2,762	1,881	1218	-1,544	-55.9%	-663	-35.2%
12	63	West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	LD	1,306	935	606	-700	-53.6%	-329	-35.2%
13	13	Fareham	CON	1,901	1,098	717	-1,184	-62.3%	-381	-34.7%
14	14	Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	1,718	994	653	-1,065	-62.0%	-341	-34.3%
15	10	Epsom & Ewell	CON	1,733	981	645	-1,088	-62.8%	-336	-34.3%
16	11	Wansdyke <*	LAB	2,116	1,196	790	-1,326	-62.7%	-406	-33.9%
17	59	Old Bexley & Sidcup	CON	2,408	1,661	1106	-1,302	-54.1%	-555	-33.4%
18	62	Gordon	LD	1,509	1,050	700	-809	-53.6%	-350	-33.3%
19	27	Welwyn Hatfield	LAB	1,859	1,163	779	-1,080	-58.1%	-384	-33.0%
20	182	Macclesfield	CON	1,677	1,370	919	-758	-45.2%	-451	-32.9%
21	67	Carshalton & Wallington	LD	2,878	2,001	1346	-1,532	-53.2%	-655	-32.7%
22	39	Stevenage	LAB	3,195	2,086	1,405	-1,790	-56.0%	-681	-32.6%
23	22	Bognor Regis & Littlehampton	CON	2,260	1,345	911	-1,349	-59.7%	-434	-32.3%
24	78	Oxford West & Abingdon	LD	1,527	1,076	732	-795	-52.1%	-344	-32.0%
25	37	Basingstoke *	CON	2,172	1,400	953	-1,219	-56.1%	-447	-31.9%
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635	588	Stoke-on-Trent South	LAB	2,576	1,985	1,888	-688	-26.7%	-97	-4.9%
636	411	Lagan Valley	UU	2,811	1,903	1,814	-997	-35.5%	-89	-4.7%
637	625	Copeland	LAB	3,457	2,784	2,666	-791	-22.9%	-118	-4.2%
638	615	Cleethorpes	LAB	3,440	2,718	2,605	-835	-24.3%	-113	-4.2%
639	558	Sedgefield	LAB	2,607	1,939	1,859	-748	-28.7%	-80	-4.1%
640	591	Dunfermline West	LAB	2,551	1,955	1,876	-675	-26.5%	-79	-4.0%
641	574	Rossendale & Darwen	LAB	1,853	1,394	1,343	-510	-27.5%	-51	-3.7%
642	635	Tottenham	LAB	10,270	8,288	8,046	-2,224	-21.7%	-242	-2.9%
643	624	Kirkcaldy	LAB	3,525	2,787	2,714	-811	-23.0%	-73	-2.6%
644	646	Paisley North	LAB	2,780	2,250	2,206	-574	-20.6%	-44	-2.0%
645	643	Central Fife	LAB	3,522	2,828	2,778	-744	-21.1%	-50	-1.8%
646	650	Foyle	SDLP	6,999	5,710	5,622	-1,377	-19.7%	-88	-1.5%
647	471	Linlithgow	LAB	2,398	1,633	1,611	-787	-32.8%	-22	-1.3%
648	658	Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	2,172	1,916	1,894	-278	-12.8%	-22	-1.1%
649	656	Cunninghame South	LAB	3,290	2,792	2,760	-530	-16.1%	-32	-1.1%
650	653	West Renfrewshire	LAB	1,647	1,350	1,338	-309	-18.8%	-12	-0.9%
651	583	Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	5,281	3,882	3,861	-1,420	-26.9%	-21	-0.5%
652	659	Hartlepool	LAB	4803	4243	4245	-558	-11.6%	2	0.0%
653	637	Falkirk East	LAB	2,599	2,039	2,040	-559	-21.5%	1	0.0%
654	652	Bishop Auckland	LAB	2,971	2,405	2,413	-558	-18.8%	8	0.3%
655	619	Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	5,761	4,366	4,396	-1,365	-23.7%	30	0.7%
656	564	Beverley & Holderness	CON	2,624	1,826	1,890	-734	-28.0%	64	3.5%
657	609	Montgomeryshire	LD	956	692	717	-239	-25.0%	25	3.6%
658	648	Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	4,867	3,725	3,891	-976	-20.1%	166	4.5%
659	623	Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	1,461	1,052	1,123	-338	-23.1%	71	6.7%
United Kingdom				2,147,363	1,620,496	1,349,377	-797,986	-37.2%	-271,119	-16.7%