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Unemployment by Constituency, August 1998

This paper shows the number of unemployed claimants recorded as resident in each constituency in the United Kingdom in August 1998, together with comparisons with the level in August 1997 and August 1996. 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).

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Summary of main points

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.

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.

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I Introduction

These unemployment rates 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.¹

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*.

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 August 1998 there were 1,316,800 people unemployed on the claimant count definition, compared to an average of 1,786,000 unemployed on the ILO definition over the three months May to July 1998.²

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

¹ 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.

² Both figures are given on a seasonally adjusted basis.

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. (It is hoped that this paper will be up-dated shortly.)

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

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

Rank by overall
unemployment rate

unemployment rate				Party	Claimants			Rate			
UK	Eng	Wal	NI		Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
232		18		Aberavon	LAB	1,190	375	1,565	7.6%	3.4%	5.8%
295			47	Aberdeen Central	LAB	1,212	386	1,598	6.9%	2.7%	5.0%
531			68	Aberdeen North	LAB	691	239	930	3.4%	1.5%	2.6%
533			69	Aberdeen South	LAB	748	276	1,024	3.3%	1.6%	2.6%
104			18	Airdrie & Shotts	LAB	2,057	787	2,844	9.7%	5.2%	7.8%
639	509			Aldershot	CON	655	236	891	1.8%	0.9%	1.4%
423	305			Aldridge - Brownhills	CON	1,057	473	1,530	4.4%	2.7%	3.7%
550	422			Altrincham & Sale West	CON	829	259	1,088	3.3%	1.4%	2.5%
407		36		Alyn & Deeside	LAB	1,055	372	1,427	5.0%	2.4%	3.9%
448	328			Amber Valley	LAB	1,160	396	1,556	4.3%	2.1%	3.4%
221			40	Angus	SNP	1,488	726	2,214	7.1%	4.5%	6.0%
234			42	Argyll & Bute	LD	1,342	439	1,781	7.5%	3.4%	5.8%
651	521			Arundel & South Downs	CON	348	128	476	1.6%	0.8%	1.2%
274	190			Ashfield	LAB	1,827	536	2,363	7.1%	2.9%	5.3%
439	319			Ashford	CON	1,199	414	1,613	4.5%	2.2%	3.5%
343	240			Ashton under Lyne	LAB	1,635	499	2,134	6.0%	2.4%	4.5%
578	450			Aylesbury	CON	883	309	1,192	2.8%	1.3%	2.1%
142			28	Ayr	LAB	1,588	649	2,237	8.9%	4.8%	7.1%
620	490			Banbury	CON	634	251	885	2.1%	1.1%	1.7%
542			70	Banff & Buchan	SNP	650	272	922	2.9%	1.9%	2.5%
161	108			Barking *	LAB	1,540	542	2,082	8.7%	4.4%	6.9%
146	99			Barnsley Central	LAB	2,055	602	2,657	9.6%	3.8%	7.1%
133	91			Barnsley East & Mexborough	LAB	2,142	633	2,775	9.5%	4.1%	7.3%
242	166			Barnsley West & Penistone	LAB	1,541	579	2,120	7.2%	3.6%	5.7%
246	169			Barrow & Furness	LAB	1,999	474	2,473	7.8%	2.6%	5.6%
404	289			Basildon	LAB	1,425	569	1,994	4.8%	2.6%	3.9%
614	484			Basingstoke *	CON	712	284	996	2.2%	1.2%	1.8%
266	183			Bassettlaw	LAB	1,729	539	2,268	7.1%	3.1%	5.4%
370	260			Bath *>	LD	1,261	536	1,797	5.4%	2.8%	4.2%
342	239			Batley & Spen	LAB	1,431	446	1,877	5.9%	2.5%	4.5%
238	162			Battersea	LAB	2,069	822	2,891	7.7%	3.5%	5.7%
641	511			Beaconsfield	CON	470	191	661	1.7%	1.0%	1.4%
361	253			Beckenham	CON	1,593	555	2,148	5.7%	2.5%	4.3%
299	209			Bedford	LAB	1,652	611	2,263	6.3%	3.1%	4.9%
152			12	Belfast East	DU	1,962	657	2,619	9.4%	4.0%	7.0%
17			4	Belfast North	UU	3,179	764	3,943	17.6%	5.9%	12.7%
84			10	Belfast South	UU	2,312	1,077	3,389	10.7%	5.9%	8.5%
8			2	Belfast West	SF	4,574	846	5,420	22.5%	5.9%	15.6%
319	224			Berwick-upon-Tweed	LD	1,141	406	1,547	6.0%	3.0%	4.7%
10	8			Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	4,588	1,378	5,966	18.3%	8.4%	14.4%
334	234			Beverley & Holderness	CON	1,391	586	1,977	5.5%	3.2%	4.6%
461	340			Bexhill & Battle	CON	766	254	1,020	4.2%	1.8%	3.2%
456	335			Bexleyheath & Crayford	LAB	926	431	1,357	3.8%	2.4%	3.2%
481	359			Billericay	CON	1,047	403	1,450	3.6%	2.0%	3.0%
38	29			Birkenhead	LAB	3,188	813	4,001	15.1%	5.1%	10.8%
101	73			Birmingham, Edgbaston	LAB	2,431	786	3,217	10.6%	4.4%	7.9%
128	87			Birmingham, Erdington	LAB	2,596	668	3,264	10.0%	3.6%	7.4%
201	135			Birmingham, Hall Green	LAB	1,714	593	2,307	8.1%	3.7%	6.2%
40	31			Birmingham, Hodge Hill	LAB	2,745	752	3,497	14.2%	5.7%	10.7%
1	1			Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	5,939	1,712	7,651	24.2%	10.2%	18.5%
162	109			Birmingham, Northfield	LAB	1,731	551	2,282	9.2%	3.9%	6.9%
89	64			Birmingham, Perry Barr	LAB	2,803	935	3,738	11.0%	4.9%	8.4%
155	103			Birmingham, Selly Oak	LAB	2,225	823	3,048	9.1%	4.3%	7.0%
5	4			Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	5,070	1,564	6,634	19.4%	10.0%	15.9%
176	119			Birmingham, Yardley	LAB	1,706	530	2,236	8.9%	3.8%	6.7%
228	156			Bishop Auckland	LAB	1,823	553	2,376	7.8%	3.2%	5.9%
623	493			Blaby	CON	538	244	782	2.0%	1.2%	1.6%
159	107			Blackburn	LAB	2,407	602	3,009	9.5%	3.3%	6.9%
362	254			Blackpool North & Fleetwood	LAB	1,442	380	1,822	6.2%	2.0%	4.3%
292	204			Blackpool South	LAB	1,897	477	2,374	7.2%	2.3%	5.0%

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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	
94		1			Blaenau Gwent	LAB	1,895	517	2,412	10.8%	4.3%	8.1%
294	206				Blaydon	LAB	1,542	478	2,020	6.8%	2.7%	5.0%
253	174				Blyth Valley	LAB	1,627	568	2,195	7.4%	3.3%	5.6%
518	393				Bognor Regis & Littlehampton	CON	748	238	986	3.7%	1.5%	2.7%
277	193				Bolsover	LAB	1,573	463	2,036	6.9%	2.9%	5.3%
298	208				Bolton North East	LAB	1,628	500	2,128	6.6%	2.7%	5.0%
264	181				Bolton South East	LAB	1,745	456	2,201	7.5%	2.7%	5.5%
523	398				Bolton West	LAB	773	299	1,072	3.4%	1.7%	2.7%
33	25				Bootle	LAB	3,063	763	3,826	15.4%	5.2%	11.0%
502	378				Boston & Skegness	CON	792	305	1,097	3.5%	1.9%	2.8%
594	465				Bosworth	CON	569	316	885	2.2%	1.6%	2.0%
285	198				Bournemouth East	CON	1,398	439	1,837	6.9%	2.8%	5.1%
202	136				Bournemouth West	CON	1,621	448	2,069	8.4%	3.2%	6.2%
631	501				Bracknell	CON	655	178	833	2.1%	0.8%	1.5%
74	52				Bradford North	LAB	2,792	859	3,651	11.6%	4.9%	8.8%
207	141				Bradford South	LAB	2,059	761	2,820	8.0%	3.8%	6.2%
29	22				Bradford West	LAB	3,498	1,142	4,640	14.9%	7.1%	11.7%
451	331				Braintree	LAB	1,100	451	1,551	4.0%	2.4%	3.3%
381		35			Brecon & Radnorshire	LD	864	358	1,222	5.0%	2.9%	4.1%
60	44				Brent East	LAB	2,926	1,095	4,021	12.3%	5.7%	9.3%
272	188				Brent North	LAB	1,411	607	2,018	6.6%	3.8%	5.4%
45	36				Brent South	LAB	3,363	1,113	4,476	13.5%	5.6%	10.0%
399	285				Brentford & Isleworth	LAB	1,602	668	2,270	5.0%	2.6%	3.9%
610	480				Brentwood & Ongar	CON	571	225	796	2.3%	1.2%	1.8%
297		26			Bridgend	LAB	1,253	451	1,704	6.4%	3.1%	5.0%
352	247				Bridgwater	CON	1,380	452	1,832	5.6%	2.6%	4.4%
312	219				Brigg & Goole	LAB	1,347	487	1,834	5.9%	3.1%	4.7%
132	90				Brighton, Kempthorn	LAB	2,175	700	2,875	9.7%	4.1%	7.3%
66	48				Brighton, Pavilion	LAB	2,771	1,063	3,834	11.9%	5.7%	9.2%
212	143				Bristol East	LAB	2,182	672	2,854	8.2%	3.3%	6.1%
427	309				Bristol North West	LAB	1,318	402	1,720	4.9%	2.0%	3.6%
255	176				Bristol South	LAB	2,150	648	2,798	7.4%	3.0%	5.6%
239	163				Bristol West	LAB	2,074	833	2,907	7.4%	3.6%	5.7%
472	351				Bromley & Chislehurst	CON	1,013	401	1,414	3.9%	2.0%	3.1%
494	370				Bromsgrove	CON	940	428	1,368	3.5%	2.1%	2.9%
554	426				Broxbourne	CON	795	338	1,133	3.0%	1.7%	2.4%
460	339				Broxton	LAB	1,095	455	1,550	4.0%	2.2%	3.2%
647	517				Buckingham	CON	371	138	509	1.6%	0.8%	1.2%
436	317				Burnley	LAB	1,142	362	1,504	4.8%	1.9%	3.5%
372	262				Burton	LAB	1,427	514	1,941	5.3%	2.7%	4.2%
521	396				Bury North	LAB	900	351	1,251	3.5%	1.7%	2.7%
449	329				Bury South	LAB	1,043	392	1,435	4.4%	2.1%	3.4%
540	413				Bury St Edmunds	CON	795	383	1,178	3.0%	1.9%	2.5%
153		9			Caernarfon	PC	1,388	425	1,813	9.1%	4.0%	7.0%
189		14			Caerphilly	LAB	1,835	546	2,381	8.6%	3.5%	6.4%
135			26		Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	LD	1,419	414	1,833	9.3%	4.1%	7.2%
405	290				Calder Valley	LAB	1,368	515	1,883	5.1%	2.4%	3.9%
13	11				Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	3,644	1,340	4,984	17.7%	7.9%	13.2%
318	223				Cambridge	LAB	1,445	467	1,912	6.3%	2.7%	4.7%
414	296				Cannock Chase	LAB	1,278	493	1,771	4.7%	2.6%	3.8%
350	245				Canterbury	CON	1,401	444	1,845	5.9%	2.5%	4.4%
169		12			Cardiff Central	LAB	1,735	584	2,319	9.2%	3.9%	6.8%
485		39			Cardiff North	LAB	726	257	983	4.0%	1.7%	3.0%
118		4			Cardiff South & Penarth	LAB	2,211	541	2,752	10.6%	3.5%	7.6%
139		7			Cardiff West	LAB	2,027	512	2,539	10.1%	3.3%	7.2%
315	221				Carlisle	LAB	1,397	434	1,831	6.5%	2.5%	4.7%
346		33			Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	LAB	895	365	1,260	5.3%	3.1%	4.4%
224		17			Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	LAB	1,352	441	1,793	7.6%	3.5%	5.9%
121			24		Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	LAB	2,228	778	3,006	9.6%	4.6%	7.5%
465	344				Carshalton & Wallington	LD	1,052	353	1,405	4.1%	1.8%	3.1%

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

Rank by overall
unemployment rate

UK	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI	Party	Claimants			Rate		
						Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All
507	383				LAB	876	348	1,224	3.4%	2.0%	2.8%
83			15		LAB	2,119	878	2,997	10.7%	5.8%	8.5%
519	394				CON	871	282	1,153	3.5%	1.6%	2.7%
283		25			PC	1,021	397	1,418	6.3%	3.5%	5.1%
590	461				CON	652	348	1,000	2.3%	1.6%	2.0%
434	315				LAB	1,332	428	1,760	4.6%	2.1%	3.6%
591	462				CON	604	274	878	2.5%	1.4%	2.0%
385	273				LD	1,382	398	1,780	5.6%	2.1%	4.0%
653	523				CON	402	154	556	1.5%	0.8%	1.2%
386	274				LAB	1,320	384	1,704	5.5%	2.1%	4.0%
197	133				LAB	2,117	660	2,777	8.3%	3.5%	6.3%
571	443				CON	717	269	986	2.9%	1.4%	2.3%
416	298				CON	1,063	446	1,509	4.7%	2.6%	3.8%
429	311				CON	1,166	486	1,652	4.5%	2.4%	3.6%
478	356				LAB	1,037	415	1,452	3.7%	2.0%	3.0%
572	444				CON	549	199	748	2.9%	1.4%	2.3%
256	177				CON	2,232	907	3,139	7.1%	3.6%	5.5%
203	137				LAB	1,944	670	2,614	7.8%	3.9%	6.2%
357		34			LAB	977	343	1,320	5.5%	2.7%	4.3%
340		32			LAB	992	308	1,300	6.0%	2.5%	4.5%
107			20		LAB	1,773	596	2,369	10.4%	4.5%	7.8%
249			44		LAB	1,600	571	2,171	7.2%	3.5%	5.6%
106			19		LAB	1,666	684	2,350	9.7%	5.3%	7.8%
430	312				LD	1,244	478	1,722	4.5%	2.4%	3.6%
378	267				LAB	1,373	562	1,935	5.2%	2.8%	4.1%
529	404				CON	808	309	1,117	3.3%	1.7%	2.6%
130		6			LAB	1,626	479	2,105	10.1%	3.8%	7.3%
144	97				LAB	1,929	530	2,459	9.4%	3.8%	7.1%
491	367				LAB	1,022	351	1,373	3.8%	1.7%	2.9%
634	504				CON	436	155	591	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
125	85				LAB	2,711	824	3,535	9.8%	4.1%	7.4%
304	213				LAB	1,786	647	2,433	6.3%	3.0%	4.9%
193	130				LAB	2,066	599	2,665	8.5%	3.4%	6.3%
569	441				LAB	808	277	1,085	3.0%	1.3%	2.3%
364	256				LAB	1,386	454	1,840	5.6%	2.5%	4.3%
275	191				LAB	1,412	448	1,860	7.2%	2.9%	5.3%
284	197				LAB	2,183	746	2,929	6.8%	3.0%	5.1%
147	100				LAB	3,071	1,093	4,164	9.5%	4.2%	7.1%
552	424				CON	917	330	1,247	3.2%	1.5%	2.5%
218			39		LAB	1,413	538	1,951	7.9%	3.7%	6.0%
117			23		LAB	1,689	667	2,356	9.3%	5.1%	7.6%
63			10		LAB	2,100	812	2,912	11.7%	6.0%	9.3%
127		5			LAB	1,505	453	1,958	9.8%	4.1%	7.4%
280	195				LAB	1,384	490	1,874	6.6%	3.2%	5.2%
136	93				LAB	2,296	669	2,965	9.8%	3.8%	7.2%
440	320				LAB	1,199	423	1,622	4.5%	2.1%	3.5%
615	485				CON	628	317	945	2.0%	1.4%	1.8%
433		38			LAB	842	311	1,153	4.5%	2.3%	3.6%
421	303				LAB	1,262	454	1,716	4.9%	2.3%	3.7%
309	217				LAB	1,732	540	2,272	6.4%	2.7%	4.8%
105	76				LAB	2,899	823	3,722	10.5%	4.2%	7.8%
580	452				CON	733	353	1,086	2.4%	1.7%	2.1%
331	231				LAB	1,365	378	1,743	6.2%	2.4%	4.6%
225	153				LAB	1,752	574	2,326	7.5%	3.5%	5.9%
70	50				LAB	2,753	845	3,598	11.7%	5.0%	8.9%
102	74				LAB	2,225	627	2,852	10.3%	4.3%	7.9%
254	175				LAB	1,879	493	2,372	7.5%	2.8%	5.6%
251	172				LAB	1,820	612	2,432	7.0%	3.5%	5.6%
333	233				LAB	1,471	529	2,000	5.8%	2.9%	4.6%
86	61				LAB	3,000	1,232	4,232	11.1%	5.3%	8.4%

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150			30	Dumbarton	LAB	1,990	657	2,647	9.3%	4.1%	7.1%
247			43	Dumfries	LAB	1,562	665	2,227	6.9%	3.9%	5.6%
59			8	Dundee East	LAB	2,536	881	3,417	12.5%	5.4%	9.4%
71			12	Dundee West	LAB	2,227	698	2,925	12.6%	4.6%	8.9%
123			25	Dunfermline East	LAB	1,718	647	2,365	9.2%	4.9%	7.4%
199			36	Dunfermline West	LAB	1,480	576	2,056	7.9%	4.1%	6.2%
289	201			Durham, City of	LAB	1,374	569	1,943	6.4%	3.4%	5.1%
323	227			Ealing North *	LAB	1,808	702	2,510	6.0%	3.0%	4.7%
206	140			Ealing Southall	LAB	2,571	954	3,525	8.1%	3.8%	6.2%
99	72			Ealing, Acton & Shepherd's Bush	LAB	3,227	1,129	4,356	10.7%	4.6%	7.9%
213	144			Easington	LAB	1,646	441	2,087	8.4%	3.0%	6.1%
186			13	East Antrim	UU	1,898	716	2,614	8.1%	4.3%	6.5%
516	391			East Devon	CON	689	238	927	3.6%	1.7%	2.8%
39	30			East Ham	LAB	3,560	1,063	4,623	13.7%	6.2%	10.8%
581	453			East Hampshire	CON	776	278	1,054	2.7%	1.3%	2.1%
310			49	East Kilbride	LAB	1,442	663	2,105	5.9%	3.4%	4.8%
49			7	East Londonderry	UU	2,579	860	3,439	12.1%	6.3%	9.9%
406			63	East Lothian	LAB	982	343	1,325	5.1%	2.3%	3.9%
646	516			East Surrey	CON	461	173	634	1.6%	0.8%	1.3%
573	445			East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	726	241	967	3.0%	1.3%	2.3%
313	220			East Yorkshire	CON	1,380	487	1,867	6.0%	3.0%	4.7%
410	292			Eastbourne	CON	1,119	364	1,483	5.3%	2.1%	3.9%
597	468			Eastleigh	LD	677	240	917	2.5%	1.2%	2.0%
387			60	Eastwood	LAB	1,080	558	1,638	4.7%	3.2%	4.0%
363	255			Eccles	LAB	1,424	450	1,874	5.8%	2.4%	4.3%
479	357			Eddisbury	CON	880	297	1,177	3.8%	1.8%	3.0%
181			34	Edinburgh Central	LAB	1,663	595	2,258	9.2%	3.7%	6.6%
328			52	Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	LAB	1,306	348	1,654	6.7%	2.1%	4.6%
209			37	Edinburgh North & Leith	LAB	1,933	633	2,566	8.7%	3.2%	6.1%
367			58	Edinburgh Pentlands	LAB	1,215	375	1,590	6.0%	2.2%	4.3%
301			48	Edinburgh South	LAB	1,214	417	1,631	6.8%	2.7%	4.9%
455			65	Edinburgh West	LD	1,025	318	1,343	4.5%	1.7%	3.2%
113	78			Edmonton	LAB	2,377	841	3,218	9.8%	4.7%	7.6%
391	278			Ellesmere Port & Neston	LAB	1,300	386	1,686	5.3%	2.1%	4.0%
498	374			Elmet	LAB	948	349	1,297	3.7%	1.7%	2.8%
205	139			Eltham	LAB	1,674	612	2,286	8.0%	3.8%	6.2%
276	192			Enfield North	LAB	1,727	691	2,418	6.6%	3.5%	5.3%
288	200			Enfield, Southgate	LAB	1,509	638	2,147	6.3%	3.5%	5.1%
488	364			Epping Forest	CON	960	413	1,373	3.6%	2.1%	2.9%
637	507			Epsom & Ewell	CON	505	193	698	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
435	316			Erewash	LAB	1,361	466	1,827	4.6%	2.1%	3.5%
80	57			Erith & Thamesmead	LAB	2,764	1,045	3,809	10.8%	5.6%	8.6%
640	510			Esher & Walton	CON	483	196	679	1.7%	1.0%	1.4%
303	212			Exeter	LAB	1,812	621	2,433	6.7%	2.8%	4.9%
260			45	Falkirk East	LAB	1,491	520	2,011	7.2%	3.3%	5.5%
163			32	Falkirk West	LAB	1,636	611	2,247	8.9%	4.3%	6.9%
154	102			Falmouth & Camborne	LAB	2,064	691	2,755	9.0%	4.2%	7.0%
625	495			Fareham	CON	505	204	709	2.0%	1.1%	1.6%
505	381			Faversham & Mid Kent	CON	899	335	1,234	3.5%	1.9%	2.8%
371	261			Feltham & Heston	LAB	1,587	538	2,125	5.5%	2.5%	4.2%
37			6	Fermanagh & South Tyrone	UU	2,670	1,045	3,715	12.3%	8.2%	10.8%
351	246			Finchley & Golders Green	LAB	1,520	697	2,217	5.4%	3.2%	4.4%
217	148			Folkestone & Hythe	CON	2,007	511	2,518	8.2%	2.9%	6.0%
470	349			Forest of Dean	LAB	827	372	1,199	3.6%	2.4%	3.1%
4			1	Foyle	SDLP	4,730	1,365	6,095	20.6%	9.1%	16.0%
605	476			Fylde	CON	549	216	765	2.4%	1.2%	1.9%
376	265			Gainsborough	CON	1,104	475	1,579	4.9%	3.1%	4.2%
211			38	Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	SNP	1,389	557	1,946	7.4%	4.2%	6.1%
286	199			Gateshead East & Washington West	LAB	1,586	522	2,108	6.7%	2.9%	5.1%
415	297			Gedling	LAB	1,235	524	1,759	4.8%	2.6%	3.8%

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444	324			Gillingham	LAB	1,182	484	1,666	4.2%	2.5%	3.5%
62			9	Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	1,963	524	2,487	13.5%	4.3%	9.3%
68			11	Glasgow Baillieston	LAB	2,139	672	2,811	12.0%	5.0%	9.0%
151			31	Glasgow Cathcart	LAB	1,529	506	2,035	9.7%	3.9%	7.1%
55			6	Glasgow Govan	LAB	2,408	691	3,099	13.2%	4.9%	9.6%
46			4	Glasgow Kelvin	LAB	2,255	822	3,077	13.3%	6.0%	10.0%
20			2	Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	2,833	911	3,744	16.5%	6.9%	12.3%
48			5	Glasgow Pollok	LAB	2,282	682	2,964	13.5%	5.2%	9.9%
149			29	Glasgow Rutherglen	LAB	1,494	466	1,960	9.6%	3.9%	7.1%
18			1	Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	2,351	596	2,947	17.0%	6.1%	12.5%
27			3	Glasgow Springburn	LAB	2,648	796	3,444	16.6%	6.1%	11.9%
321	226			Gloucester	LAB	1,837	599	2,436	6.3%	2.7%	4.7%
583			71	Gordon	LD	504	277	781	2.3%	1.8%	2.1%
457	336			Gosport	CON	1,083	379	1,462	4.1%	2.0%	3.2%
330		30		Gower	LAB	1,051	406	1,457	5.9%	3.0%	4.6%
495	371			Grantham & Stamford	CON	882	365	1,247	3.5%	2.0%	2.9%
302	211			Gravesham	LAB	1,655	615	2,270	6.1%	3.3%	4.9%
56	42			Great Grimsby	LAB	3,143	805	3,948	12.9%	4.8%	9.6%
157	105			Great Yarmouth	LAB	2,152	669	2,821	9.0%	4.0%	6.9%
174			33	Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	1,466	518	1,984	9.0%	3.9%	6.7%
36	28			Greenwich & Woolwich	LAB	3,288	1,219	4,507	14.1%	6.7%	10.8%
633	503			Guildford	CON	560	198	758	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
6	5			Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	4,781	1,901	6,682	19.9%	10.2%	15.7%
7	6			Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	4,957	1,719	6,676	21.1%	9.0%	15.6%
324	228			Halesowen & Rowley Regis	LAB	1,474	500	1,974	6.0%	2.8%	4.7%
198	134			Halifax	LAB	2,261	648	2,909	8.7%	3.2%	6.3%
487	363			Haltemprice & Howden	CON	755	405	1,160	3.3%	2.4%	2.9%
184	125			Halton	LAB	1,999	581	2,580	8.8%	3.5%	6.6%
115			22	Hamilton North & Bellshill	LAB	1,970	677	2,647	9.8%	4.6%	7.6%
141			27	Hamilton South	LAB	1,464	485	1,949	9.4%	4.1%	7.2%
187	126			Hammersmith & Fulham	LAB	2,751	1,204	3,955	8.6%	4.1%	6.5%
137	94			Hampstead & Highgate	LAB	2,446	1,124	3,570	9.3%	4.8%	7.2%
576	448			Harborough	CON	670	312	982	2.6%	1.6%	2.2%
431	313			Harlow	LAB	1,160	447	1,607	4.5%	2.3%	3.6%
536	409			Harrogate & Knaresborough	LD	726	309	1,035	3.3%	1.7%	2.5%
382	270			Harrow East	LAB	1,454	716	2,170	4.9%	3.1%	4.1%
450	330			Harrow West	LAB	1,159	496	1,655	4.2%	2.3%	3.4%
43	34			Hartlepool	LAB	3,270	902	4,172	13.8%	5.3%	10.3%
216	147			Harwich	LAB	1,661	491	2,152	8.0%	3.3%	6.0%
177	120			Hastings & Rye	LAB	2,277	564	2,841	9.5%	3.1%	6.7%
377	266			Havant	CON	1,378	418	1,796	5.5%	2.3%	4.1%
390	277			Hayes & Harlington	LAB	1,224	426	1,650	5.1%	2.4%	4.0%
551	423			Hazel Grove	LD	735	292	1,027	3.1%	1.6%	2.5%
582	454			Hemel Hempstead	LAB	769	253	1,022	2.7%	1.2%	2.1%
268	185			Hemsworth	LAB	1,659	531	2,190	7.1%	3.1%	5.4%
265	182			Hendon	LAB	1,946	762	2,708	6.9%	3.5%	5.5%
656	526			Henley	CON	356	147	503	1.3%	0.8%	1.1%
418	300			Hereford *>	LD	1,169	467	1,636	4.7%	2.6%	3.8%
635	505			Hertford & Stortford	CON	507	212	719	1.8%	1.0%	1.5%
579	451			Hertsmere	CON	698	236	934	2.8%	1.3%	2.1%
474	353			Hexham	CON	755	307	1,062	3.7%	2.1%	3.0%
296	207			Heywood & Middleton	LAB	1,794	588	2,382	6.6%	2.8%	5.0%
489	365			High Peak	LAB	995	385	1,380	3.7%	1.9%	2.9%
602	473			Hitchin & Harpenden	CON	604	241	845	2.4%	1.3%	1.9%
24	18			Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	3,491	1,388	4,879	15.8%	7.5%	12.0%
473	352			Hornchurch	LAB	861	356	1,217	3.7%	2.1%	3.0%
93	68			Hornsey & Wood Green	LAB	3,315	1,262	4,577	10.8%	4.9%	8.1%
648	518			Horsham	CON	442	166	608	1.6%	0.8%	1.2%
210	142			Houghton & Washington East	LAB	1,802	554	2,356	8.2%	3.3%	6.1%
191	128			Hove	LAB	1,896	717	2,613	8.3%	4.0%	6.4%

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90	65			Huddersfield	LAB	2,403	840	3,243	10.7%	5.0%	8.3%
565	437			Huntingdon	CON	873	380	1,253	2.7%	1.7%	2.3%
420	302			Hyndburn	LAB	1,193	389	1,582	5.1%	2.1%	3.8%
403	288			Ilford North	LAB	1,190	511	1,701	4.8%	2.7%	3.9%
172	116			Ilford South *	LAB	2,488	906	3,394	8.6%	4.4%	6.8%
365			57	Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	LAB	1,325	449	1,774	5.6%	2.5%	4.3%
250	171			Ipswich	LAB	1,892	553	2,445	7.5%	3.0%	5.6%
214	145			Isle of Wight	LD	2,496	792	3,288	8.0%	3.4%	6.1%
16	13			Islington North	LAB	4,044	1,707	5,751	17.0%	8.2%	12.9%
34	26			Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	3,125	1,228	4,353	14.2%	7.0%	11.0%
326		29		Islwyn	LAB	965	400	1,365	5.7%	3.2%	4.6%
170	114			Jarrow	LAB	1,999	569	2,568	9.3%	3.6%	6.8%
306	215			Keighley	LAB	1,439	595	2,034	6.1%	3.3%	4.9%
388	275			Kensington & Chelsea	CON	1,532	804	2,336	4.8%	3.1%	4.0%
539	412			Kettering	LAB	872	350	1,222	3.2%	1.7%	2.5%
98			16	Kilmarnock & Loudoun	LAB	2,190	861	3,051	10.1%	5.2%	8.0%
501	377			Kingston & Surbiton	LD	1,060	429	1,489	3.6%	1.9%	2.8%
58	43			Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	2,960	848	3,808	12.4%	5.2%	9.5%
42	33			Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	3,438	1,023	4,461	13.7%	5.8%	10.5%
51	39			Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	3,026	849	3,875	13.1%	5.2%	9.8%
562	434			Kingswood	LAB	853	300	1,153	3.0%	1.4%	2.3%
57			7	Kirkcaldy	LAB	2,130	850	2,980	12.0%	6.3%	9.5%
119	81			Knowsley North & Sefton East	LAB	2,594	787	3,381	10.2%	4.1%	7.5%
50	38			Knowsley South	LAB	3,266	898	4,164	13.4%	5.0%	9.8%
322			18	Lagan Valley	UU	1,391	660	2,051	5.4%	3.7%	4.7%
426	308			Lancaster & Wyre	LAB	1,119	426	1,545	4.7%	2.3%	3.6%
30	23			Leeds Central	LAB	3,874	948	4,822	16.3%	5.4%	11.6%
69	49			Leeds East	LAB	2,624	706	3,330	12.4%	4.5%	9.0%
240	164			Leeds North East	LAB	1,689	592	2,281	7.6%	3.3%	5.7%
349	244			Leeds North West	LAB	1,216	439	1,655	5.8%	2.6%	4.4%
196	132			Leeds West	LAB	2,074	557	2,631	8.8%	3.1%	6.3%
215	146			Leicester East	LAB	1,654	700	2,354	7.6%	4.1%	6.1%
103	75			Leicester South	LAB	2,611	845	3,456	10.5%	4.4%	7.9%
131	89			Leicester West	LAB	2,315	720	3,035	9.9%	4.0%	7.3%
355	249			Leigh	LAB	1,394	495	1,889	5.6%	2.7%	4.4%
511	386			Leominster <*	CON	748	339	1,087	3.2%	2.2%	2.8%
482	360			Lewes	LD	771	291	1,062	3.8%	1.9%	3.0%
114	79			Lewisham East	LAB	2,013	746	2,759	10.0%	4.6%	7.6%
75	53			Lewisham West	LAB	2,625	900	3,525	11.9%	4.9%	8.8%
21	15			Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	3,684	1,332	5,016	16.6%	7.2%	12.3%
116	80			Leyton & Wanstead	LAB	2,392	839	3,231	10.0%	4.5%	7.6%
543	415			Lichfield	CON	728	339	1,067	3.0%	1.9%	2.5%
145	98			Lincoln	LAB	2,257	626	2,883	9.6%	3.7%	7.1%
353			55	Linlithgow	LAB	1,211	361	1,572	6.0%	2.3%	4.4%
88	63			Liverpool, Garston	LAB	2,540	737	3,277	11.6%	4.3%	8.4%
2	2			Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	4,712	1,416	6,128	22.8%	9.1%	16.9%
23	17			Liverpool, Walton	LAB	3,746	1,070	4,816	16.5%	6.2%	12.0%
41	32			Liverpool, Wavertree	LAB	3,373	1,077	4,450	14.5%	5.7%	10.6%
31	24			Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	3,514	935	4,449	15.9%	5.7%	11.6%
336			53	Livingston	LAB	1,356	435	1,791	6.2%	2.5%	4.5%
190		15		Llanelli	LAB	1,454	476	1,930	8.3%	3.8%	6.4%
411	293			Loughborough	LAB	1,112	488	1,600	4.7%	2.7%	3.9%
425	307			Louth & Horncastle	CON	960	422	1,382	4.3%	2.8%	3.7%
514	389			Ludlow	CON	729	291	1,020	3.3%	2.0%	2.8%
354	248			Luton North	LAB	1,451	530	1,981	5.5%	2.8%	4.4%
223	152			Luton South	LAB	2,062	599	2,661	7.7%	3.3%	5.9%
600	471			Macclesfield	CON	707	218	925	2.6%	1.1%	1.9%
613	483			Maidenhead	CON	635	197	832	2.4%	1.0%	1.8%
549	421			Maidstone & The Weald	CON	889	304	1,193	3.2%	1.5%	2.5%
344	241			Makerfield	LAB	1,389	522	1,911	5.6%	2.9%	4.4%

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506	382				Maldon & East Chelmsford	CON	854	341	1,195	3.4%	2.0%	2.8%
72	51				Manchester, Blackley	LAB	2,584	660	3,244	12.1%	4.3%	8.9%
9	7				Manchester, Central	LAB	4,223	1,203	5,426	20.1%	8.2%	15.2%
19	14				Manchester, Gorton	LAB	3,111	922	4,033	16.6%	6.7%	12.4%
91	66				Manchester, Withington	LAB	2,273	799	3,072	11.0%	4.8%	8.2%
222	151				Mansfield	LAB	1,842	580	2,422	7.9%	3.4%	6.0%
305	214				Medway	LAB	1,534	545	2,079	6.0%	3.2%	4.9%
262		22			Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	PC	759	268	1,027	6.9%	3.5%	5.5%
329	230				Meriden	CON	1,760	631	2,391	5.9%	2.9%	4.6%
109		2			Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	LAB	1,879	484	2,363	10.5%	3.8%	7.7%
621	491				Mid Bedfordshire	CON	507	224	731	2.0%	1.2%	1.7%
592	463				Mid Dorset & North Poole	CON	614	242	856	2.5%	1.3%	2.0%
468	347				Mid Norfolk	CON	1,025	374	1,399	3.9%	2.0%	3.1%
654	524				Mid Sussex	CON	384	150	534	1.4%	0.7%	1.1%
53				8	Mid Ulster	SF	2,237	856	3,093	11.2%	7.3%	9.7%
568	440				Mid Worcestershire	CON	645	314	959	2.7%	1.8%	2.3%
22	16				Middlesbrough	LAB	4,043	1,019	5,062	16.6%	5.8%	12.1%
134	92				Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland	LAB	2,325	705	3,030	9.6%	4.1%	7.3%
438			64		Midlothian	LAB	810	261	1,071	4.8%	1.9%	3.5%
492	368				Milton Keynes South West	LAB	1,013	365	1,378	3.8%	1.8%	2.9%
269	186				Mitcham & Morden	LAB	1,748	629	2,377	7.0%	3.3%	5.4%
657	527				Mole Valley	CON	326	119	445	1.3%	0.6%	1.0%
408		37			Monmouth	LAB	984	378	1,362	4.9%	2.5%	3.9%
510		40			Montgomeryshire	LD	468	247	715	3.1%	2.4%	2.8%
345			54		Moray	SNP	1,113	523	1,636	5.0%	3.6%	4.4%
220	150				Morecambe & Lunesdale	LAB	1,755	530	2,285	8.1%	3.2%	6.0%
398	284				Morley & Rothwell	LAB	1,281	460	1,741	5.2%	2.4%	3.9%
77				14	Motherwell & Wishaw	LAB	1,857	652	2,509	11.3%	5.3%	8.7%
235		19			Neath	LAB	1,280	480	1,760	7.2%	3.8%	5.8%
584	455				New Forest East	CON	646	230	876	2.6%	1.3%	2.1%
545	417				New Forest West	CON	626	201	827	3.3%	1.4%	2.5%
379	268				Newark	LAB	1,277	490	1,767	5.1%	2.8%	4.1%
652	522				Newbury	LD	470	138	608	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
79	56				Newcastle upon Tyne Central	LAB	2,424	707	3,131	12.0%	4.4%	8.6%
65	47				Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	2,699	730	3,429	12.9%	4.5%	9.2%
270	187				Newcastle upon Tyne North	LAB	1,702	481	2,183	7.6%	2.7%	5.4%
452	332				Newcastle-under-Lyme	LAB	959	393	1,352	4.1%	2.3%	3.3%
243		20			Newport East	LAB	1,465	432	1,897	7.5%	3.1%	5.7%
182		13			Newport West	LAB	1,734	566	2,300	8.7%	3.8%	6.6%
32				5	Newry & Armagh	SDLP	3,328	1,095	4,423	13.5%	7.4%	11.2%
383	271				Normanton	LAB	1,113	502	1,615	5.0%	2.9%	4.1%
111				11	North Antrim	DU	2,360	866	3,226	9.2%	5.3%	7.7%
317	222				North Cornwall	LD	1,545	585	2,130	5.8%	3.2%	4.7%
393	280				North Devon	LD	1,277	418	1,695	5.2%	2.3%	4.0%
616	486				North Dorset	CON	467	210	677	2.1%	1.3%	1.8%
200				15	North Down	UKU	1,529	743	2,272	7.2%	4.8%	6.2%
258	178				North Durham	LAB	1,745	497	2,242	7.5%	2.9%	5.5%
601	472				North East Bedfordshire	CON	541	293	834	2.2%	1.6%	1.9%
417	299				North East Cambridgeshire	CON	1,233	513	1,746	4.5%	2.7%	3.8%
341	238				North East Derbyshire	LAB	1,502	487	1,989	5.8%	2.6%	4.5%
373			59		North East Fife	LD	864	467	1,331	4.7%	3.5%	4.2%
650	520				North East Hampshire	CON	437	142	579	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
607	477				North East Hertfordshire	CON	579	247	826	2.2%	1.3%	1.9%
537	410				North East Milton Keynes	LAB	829	329	1,158	3.2%	1.7%	2.5%
588	459				North Essex	CON	609	230	839	2.5%	1.4%	2.1%
441	321				North Norfolk	CON	1,045	363	1,408	4.4%	2.2%	3.5%
453	333				North Shropshire	CON	942	417	1,359	3.8%	2.4%	3.2%
26	20				North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	3,679	1,342	5,021	15.5%	7.2%	11.9%
548	420				North Swindon	LAB	820	305	1,125	3.2%	1.6%	2.5%
394			61		North Tayside	SNP	1,034	446	1,480	4.9%	2.8%	4.0%

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129	88			North Thanet	CON	2,143	594	2,737	10.0%	3.8%	7.4%
156	104			North Tyneside	LAB	2,181	600	2,781	9.6%	3.5%	6.9%
469	348			North Warwickshire	LAB	1,036	435	1,471	3.7%	2.2%	3.1%
556	428			North West Cambridgeshire	CON	836	318	1,154	3.0%	1.6%	2.4%
233	159			North West Durham	LAB	1,743	502	2,245	7.8%	3.1%	5.8%
642	512			North West Hampshire *	CON	495	209	704	1.7%	1.0%	1.4%
493	369			North West Leicestershire	LAB	816	341	1,157	3.5%	2.1%	2.9%
374	263			North West Norfolk	LAB	1,365	534	1,899	5.2%	2.8%	4.2%
609	479			North Wiltshire	CON	599	303	902	2.1%	1.5%	1.8%
380	269			Northampton North	LAB	1,480	556	2,036	5.3%	2.6%	4.1%
447	327			Northampton South	LAB	1,310	444	1,754	4.5%	2.0%	3.4%
638	508			Northavon	LD	505	257	762	1.7%	1.1%	1.4%
325	229			Norwich North	LAB	1,590	558	2,148	6.0%	2.8%	4.7%
138	95			Norwich South	LAB	2,327	754	3,081	9.5%	4.1%	7.2%
28	21			Nottingham East	LAB	3,748	1,082	4,830	16.0%	6.1%	11.8%
82	59			Nottingham North	LAB	2,731	767	3,498	11.6%	4.4%	8.6%
87	62			Nottingham South	LAB	2,650	737	3,387	11.5%	4.3%	8.4%
424	306			Nuneaton	LAB	1,250	479	1,729	4.6%	2.4%	3.7%
185			35	Ochil	LAB	1,567	614	2,181	8.3%	4.2%	6.5%
259		21		Ogmore	LAB	1,298	374	1,672	7.4%	2.9%	5.5%
530	405			Old Bexley & Sidcup	CON	809	349	1,158	3.2%	1.8%	2.6%
384	272			Oldham East & Saddleworth	LAB	1,512	507	2,019	5.4%	2.3%	4.1%
273	189			Oldham West & Royton	LAB	1,894	528	2,422	7.4%	2.7%	5.3%
486			67	Orkney & Shetland	LD	463	163	626	3.6%	1.9%	3.0%
527	402			Orpington	CON	989	398	1,387	3.2%	1.8%	2.6%
338	236			Oxford East	LAB	1,463	470	1,933	6.2%	2.5%	4.5%
630	500			Oxford West & Abingdon	LD	549	210	759	2.0%	1.0%	1.5%
100			17	Paisley North	LAB	1,747	588	2,335	10.9%	4.4%	7.9%
112			21	Paisley South	LAB	1,957	629	2,586	10.6%	4.2%	7.7%
401	287			Pendle	LAB	1,183	350	1,533	5.3%	2.1%	3.9%
577	449			Penrith & The Border	CON	592	286	878	2.5%	1.7%	2.1%
327			51	Perth	SNP	1,243	459	1,702	6.1%	2.8%	4.6%
320	225			Peterborough	LAB	1,647	560	2,207	6.1%	2.8%	4.7%
248	170			Plymouth, Devonport	LAB	2,088	640	2,728	7.1%	3.3%	5.6%
47	37			Plymouth, Sutton	LAB	3,143	1,004	4,147	13.0%	5.7%	9.9%
227	155			Pontefract & Castleford	LAB	1,732	562	2,294	7.7%	3.4%	5.9%
314		28		Pontypridd	LAB	1,363	485	1,848	6.2%	2.9%	4.7%
464	343			Poole	CON	886	293	1,179	4.1%	1.9%	3.1%
11	9			Poplar & Canning Town	LAB	4,365	1,278	5,643	18.1%	7.7%	13.8%
413	295			Portsmouth North	LAB	1,181	388	1,569	5.0%	2.2%	3.8%
167	112			Portsmouth South	LD	2,365	732	3,097	8.9%	3.9%	6.8%
166		11		Preseli Pembrokeshire	LAB	1,574	569	2,143	8.4%	4.6%	6.9%
188	127			Preston	LAB	2,243	610	2,853	8.8%	3.2%	6.5%
547	419			Pudsey	LAB	808	352	1,160	3.1%	1.7%	2.5%
335	235			Putney	LAB	1,341	547	1,888	6.0%	2.8%	4.5%
575	447			Rayleigh	CON	685	283	968	2.6%	1.5%	2.2%
538	411			Reading East	LAB	946	302	1,248	3.3%	1.5%	2.5%
570	442			Reading West	LAB	878	248	1,126	3.1%	1.2%	2.3%
92	67			Redcar	LAB	2,754	716	3,470	11.1%	4.1%	8.2%
397	283			Redditch	LAB	1,165	512	1,677	4.8%	2.8%	3.9%
76	54			Regent's Park & Kensington North	LAB	3,596	1,554	5,150	11.1%	5.8%	8.7%
644	514			Reigate	CON	401	146	547	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
160		10		Rhondda	LAB	1,647	460	2,107	9.1%	3.7%	6.9%
628	498			Ribble Valley	CON	502	216	718	1.9%	1.1%	1.6%
528	403			Richmond	CON	743	380	1,123	2.9%	2.2%	2.6%
508	384			Richmond Park	LD	1,017	448	1,465	3.5%	1.9%	2.8%
126	86			Rochdale	LAB	2,386	699	3,085	10.0%	3.9%	7.4%
97	71			Rochford & Southend East	CON	2,669	771	3,440	10.8%	4.3%	8.1%
467	346			Romford	LAB	901	324	1,225	4.0%	1.9%	3.1%
622	492			Romsey	CON	498	204	702	2.0%	1.1%	1.6%

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231			41	Ross, Skye & Inverness West	LD	1,450	505	1,955	7.4%	3.7%	5.9%
454	334			Rossendale & Darwen	LAB	1,052	428	1,480	4.1%	2.1%	3.2%
263	180			Rother Valley	LAB	1,756	611	2,367	7.0%	3.4%	5.5%
81	58			Rotherham	LAB	2,434	665	3,099	11.5%	4.4%	8.6%
402			62	Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	828	340	1,168	4.9%	2.6%	3.9%
526	401			Rugby & Kenilworth	LAB	969	380	1,349	3.3%	1.7%	2.6%
561	433			Ruislip - Northwood	CON	655	288	943	2.9%	1.6%	2.3%
643	513			Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	450	190	640	1.6%	0.9%	1.3%
509	385			Rushcliffe	CON	1,005	392	1,397	3.5%	1.8%	2.8%
627	497			Rutland & Melton	CON	470	246	716	1.8%	1.3%	1.6%
567	439			Ryedale	CON	614	254	868	2.8%	1.6%	2.3%
604	475			Saffron Walden	CON	595	300	895	2.1%	1.5%	1.9%
158	106			Salford	LAB	1,893	494	2,387	9.5%	3.4%	6.9%
589	460			Salisbury	CON	778	274	1,052	2.6%	1.3%	2.0%
252	173			Scarborough & Whitby	LAB	1,827	607	2,434	7.4%	3.2%	5.6%
226	154			Scunthorpe	LAB	1,685	553	2,238	7.5%	3.6%	5.9%
307	216			Sedgefield	LAB	1,411	501	1,912	6.3%	3.0%	4.9%
432	314			Selby	LAB	1,124	493	1,617	4.3%	2.6%	3.6%
585	456			Sevenoaks	CON	631	276	907	2.5%	1.5%	2.1%
237	161			Sheffield, Attercliffe	LAB	1,835	561	2,396	7.7%	3.2%	5.7%
61	45			Sheffield, Brightside	LAB	2,724	664	3,388	12.9%	4.4%	9.3%
12	10			Sheffield, Central	LAB	3,954	1,105	5,059	18.1%	7.2%	13.6%
396	282			Sheffield, Hallam	LD	887	416	1,303	4.8%	2.9%	4.0%
124	84			Sheffield, Heeley	LAB	2,335	700	3,035	10.0%	4.0%	7.4%
369	259			Sheffield, Hillsborough	LAB	1,541	581	2,122	5.5%	2.6%	4.3%
359	251			Sherwood	LAB	1,491	492	1,983	5.6%	2.5%	4.3%
392	279			Shipley	LAB	1,242	506	1,748	5.1%	2.6%	4.0%
484	362			Shrewsbury & Atcham	LAB	990	356	1,346	3.8%	1.8%	3.0%
290	202			Sittingbourne & Sheppey	LAB	1,575	538	2,113	6.3%	3.2%	5.1%
596	467			Skipton & Ripon	CON	599	275	874	2.3%	1.5%	2.0%
555	427			Sleaford & North Hykeham	CON	676	346	1,022	2.7%	2.0%	2.4%
332	232			Slough	LAB	1,687	529	2,216	6.1%	2.6%	4.6%
544	416			Solihull	CON	878	382	1,260	3.1%	1.8%	2.5%
558	430			Somerton & Frome *	LD	744	321	1,065	2.8%	1.7%	2.4%
287			17	South Antrim	UU	1,506	752	2,258	5.8%	4.1%	5.1%
618	488			South Cambridgeshire	CON	568	226	794	2.1%	1.1%	1.7%
480	358			South Derbyshire	LAB	1,018	398	1,416	3.7%	2.0%	3.0%
446	326			South Dorset	CON	1,104	283	1,387	4.7%	1.7%	3.4%
67			9	South Down	SDLP	2,450	1,056	3,506	10.3%	7.1%	9.1%
598	469			South East Cambridgeshire	CON	692	278	970	2.4%	1.3%	2.0%
395	281			South East Cornwall	LD	1,167	537	1,704	4.6%	3.0%	4.0%
586	457			South Holland & The Deepings	CON	537	294	831	2.3%	1.8%	2.1%
517	392			South Norfolk	CON	896	427	1,323	3.2%	2.2%	2.8%
563	435			South Ribble	LAB	764	326	1,090	2.9%	1.6%	2.3%
44	35			South Shields	LAB	2,796	778	3,574	13.4%	5.3%	10.1%
496	372			South Staffordshire	CON	957	432	1,389	3.4%	2.1%	2.9%
513	388			South Suffolk	CON	780	368	1,148	3.2%	2.2%	2.8%
445	325			South Swindon	LAB	1,277	442	1,719	4.5%	2.1%	3.5%
179	122			South Thanet	LAB	1,834	518	2,352	9.0%	3.5%	6.7%
559	431			South West Bedfordshire	CON	803	368	1,171	2.8%	1.8%	2.4%
512	387			South West Devon	CON	832	359	1,191	3.4%	2.0%	2.8%
608	478			South West Hertfordshire	CON	635	240	875	2.3%	1.2%	1.9%
477	355			South West Norfolk	CON	1,000	507	1,507	3.3%	2.5%	3.0%
645	515			South West Surrey	CON	429	164	593	1.6%	0.8%	1.3%
236	160			Southampton, Itchen	LAB	2,018	586	2,604	7.6%	3.2%	5.8%
241	165			Southampton, Test	LAB	2,010	529	2,539	7.8%	2.8%	5.7%
300	210			Southend West	CON	1,471	444	1,915	6.6%	2.7%	4.9%
293	205			Southport	LD	1,543	500	2,043	6.9%	2.7%	5.0%
629	499			Spelthorne	CON	575	212	787	2.0%	1.0%	1.6%
626	496			St Albans	LAB	516	209	725	2.0%	1.1%	1.6%

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244	167			St Helens North	LAB	1,812	599	2,411	7.3%	3.3%	5.6%
165	111			St Helens South	LAB	2,149	622	2,771	9.2%	3.6%	6.9%
171	115			St Ives	LD	1,914	797	2,711	8.2%	4.9%	6.8%
459	338			Stafford	LAB	1,027	367	1,394	4.2%	2.0%	3.2%
497	373			Staffordshire Moorlands	LAB	930	325	1,255	3.7%	1.7%	2.8%
360	252			Stalybridge & Hyde	LAB	1,423	452	1,875	5.8%	2.4%	4.3%
499	375			Stevenage	LAB	941	360	1,301	3.6%	1.9%	2.8%
281			46	Stirling	LAB	1,200	450	1,650	6.7%	3.2%	5.2%
368	258			Stockport	LAB	1,441	420	1,861	5.8%	2.2%	4.3%
54	41			Stockton North	LAB	2,997	805	3,802	13.1%	4.9%	9.6%
183	124			Stockton South	LAB	2,110	655	2,765	8.8%	3.7%	6.6%
204	138			Stoke-on-Trent Central	LAB	1,848	534	2,382	8.3%	3.3%	6.2%
375	264			Stoke-on-Trent North	LAB	1,179	368	1,547	5.5%	2.4%	4.2%
366	257			Stoke-on-Trent South	LAB	1,382	533	1,915	5.4%	2.8%	4.3%
595	466			Stone	CON	544	289	833	2.2%	1.6%	2.0%
389	276			Stourbridge	LAB	1,257	492	1,749	5.0%	2.7%	4.0%
257			16	Strangford	UU	1,594	640	2,234	6.8%	3.8%	5.5%
599	470			Stratford-on-Avon	CON	707	299	1,006	2.4%	1.4%	1.9%
356			56	Strathkelvin & Bearsden	LAB	1,259	551	1,810	5.4%	3.0%	4.4%
52	40			Streatham	LAB	3,854	1,475	5,329	13.0%	5.9%	9.8%
291	203			Stretford & Urmston	LAB	1,772	544	2,316	6.8%	2.7%	5.0%
534	407			Stroud	LAB	852	370	1,222	3.1%	1.8%	2.6%
466	345			Suffolk Coastal	CON	1,030	360	1,390	3.9%	2.0%	3.1%
85	60			Sunderland North	LAB	2,409	577	2,986	11.7%	3.9%	8.4%
64	46			Sunderland South	LAB	2,912	684	3,596	13.0%	4.2%	9.3%
658	528			Surrey Heath	CON	361	140	501	1.2%	0.6%	0.9%
557	429			Sutton & Cheam	LD	705	321	1,026	2.9%	1.7%	2.4%
483	361			Sutton Coldfield	CON	928	445	1,373	3.6%	2.2%	3.0%
208		16		Swansea East	LAB	1,686	440	2,126	8.5%	3.0%	6.1%
140		8		Swansea West	LAB	1,672	524	2,196	9.6%	4.0%	7.2%
443	323			Tamworth	LAB	1,066	476	1,542	4.1%	2.6%	3.5%
587	458			Tatton	IND	601	209	810	2.7%	1.2%	2.1%
428	310			Taunton *	LD	1,295	427	1,722	4.8%	2.1%	3.6%
422	304			Teignbridge	CON	1,194	460	1,654	4.7%	2.4%	3.7%
348	243			Telford	LAB	1,310	427	1,737	5.8%	2.6%	4.4%
574	446			Tewkesbury	CON	654	303	957	2.7%	1.7%	2.2%
261	179			Thurrock	LAB	1,870	607	2,477	7.1%	3.3%	5.5%
520	395			Tiverton & Honiton	CON	849	360	1,209	3.3%	1.9%	2.7%
566	438			Tonbridge & Malling	CON	710	264	974	2.9%	1.5%	2.3%
192	129			Tooting	LAB	2,285	855	3,140	8.6%	3.8%	6.4%
178	121			Torbay	LD	2,130	571	2,701	9.4%	3.2%	6.7%
271		23		Torfaen	LAB	1,496	460	1,956	7.1%	3.0%	5.4%
347	242			Torridge & West Devon	LD	1,400	539	1,939	5.4%	3.0%	4.4%
358	250			Totnes	CON	1,127	460	1,587	5.3%	3.0%	4.3%
3	3			Tottenham	LAB	5,990	1,949	7,939	21.5%	9.0%	16.0%
282	196			Truro & St Austell	LD	1,594	624	2,218	6.4%	3.5%	5.2%
560	432			Tunbridge Wells	CON	768	265	1,033	3.1%	1.4%	2.4%
476			66	Tweeddale, Ettrick & Lauderdale	LD	686	275	961	3.8%	1.9%	3.0%
535	408			Twickenham	LD	910	399	1,309	3.2%	1.8%	2.6%
35	27			Tyne Bridge	LAB	3,381	759	4,140	15.2%	4.8%	10.9%
194	131			Tynemouth	LAB	1,894	593	2,487	8.6%	3.4%	6.3%
462	341			Upminster	LAB	825	292	1,117	4.0%	2.0%	3.2%
195			14	Upper Bann	UU	1,906	758	2,664	7.7%	4.4%	6.3%
524	399			Uxbridge	CON	788	322	1,110	3.4%	1.8%	2.7%
279		24		Vale of Clwyd	LAB	1,137	324	1,461	7.2%	2.6%	5.2%
308		27		Vale of Glamorgan	LAB	1,534	538	2,072	6.2%	3.0%	4.9%
603	474			Vale of York	CON	563	265	828	2.2%	1.5%	1.9%
25	19			Vauxhall	LAB	4,581	1,691	6,272	16.2%	7.0%	12.0%
245	168			Wakefield	LAB	1,869	704	2,573	7.1%	3.7%	5.6%
96	70			Wallasey	LAB	2,417	735	3,152	11.1%	4.3%	8.1%

**II Residence-based unemployment rates by parliamentary constituency,
United Kingdom, August 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	
148	101				Walsall North	LAB	2,331	745	3,076	9.0%	4.3%	7.1%
95	69				Walsall South	LAB	2,423	821	3,244	10.2%	5.0%	8.1%
78	55				Walthamstow	LAB	2,755	1,047	3,802	11.2%	5.5%	8.7%
168	113				Wansbeck	LAB	1,890	602	2,492	9.3%	3.8%	6.8%
593	464				Wansdyke <*	LAB	623	268	891	2.4%	1.4%	2.0%
636	506				Wantage	CON	494	202	696	1.8%	1.0%	1.5%
120	82				Warley	LAB	2,087	702	2,789	9.7%	4.5%	7.5%
419	301				Warrington North	LAB	1,321	425	1,746	4.9%	2.2%	3.8%
490	366				Warrington South	LAB	957	370	1,327	3.7%	1.9%	2.9%
463	342				Warwick & Leamington	LAB	1,191	411	1,602	4.2%	1.8%	3.1%
515	390				Watford	LAB	1,036	383	1,419	3.6%	1.7%	2.8%
164	110				Waveney	LAB	2,203	783	2,986	8.6%	4.4%	6.9%
632	502				Wealden	CON	533	192	725	1.9%	1.0%	1.5%
278	194				Weaver Vale	LAB	1,595	496	2,091	6.9%	2.9%	5.2%
471	350				Wellingborough	LAB	1,134	413	1,547	3.9%	1.9%	3.1%
458	337				Wells	CON	923	424	1,347	3.8%	2.4%	3.2%
611	481				Welwyn Hatfield	LAB	597	224	821	2.3%	1.2%	1.8%
143	96				Wentworth	LAB	2,074	650	2,724	9.3%	4.1%	7.1%
606			72		West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	LD	485	227	712	2.1%	1.5%	1.9%
173	117				West Bromwich East	LAB	2,093	674	2,767	8.7%	4.0%	6.7%
122	83				West Bromwich West	SPKR	2,317	769	3,086	9.4%	4.7%	7.5%
500	376				West Chelmsford	CON	1,044	400	1,444	3.5%	1.9%	2.8%
541	414				West Derbyshire	CON	771	329	1,100	3.0%	1.8%	2.5%
522	397				West Dorset	CON	679	329	1,008	3.2%	2.1%	2.7%
15	12				West Ham	LAB	3,814	1,219	5,033	16.7%	7.5%	12.9%
230	158				West Lancashire	LAB	1,967	686	2,653	7.7%	3.5%	5.9%
316			50		West Renfrewshire	IND LAB	1,108	457	1,565	6.0%	3.1%	4.7%
564	436				West Suffolk	CON	837	370	1,207	2.7%	1.8%	2.3%
14				3	West Tyrone	UU	3,172	1,041	4,213	15.5%	8.8%	13.1%
553	425				West Worcestershire	CON	687	260	947	3.1%	1.6%	2.5%
525	400				Westbury	CON	869	397	1,266	3.1%	2.0%	2.6%
73			13		Western Isles	LAB	876	308	1,184	10.5%	6.0%	8.8%
617	487				Westmorland & Lonsdale	CON	481	217	698	2.1%	1.2%	1.7%
437	318				Weston-Super-Mare	LD	1,084	381	1,465	4.5%	2.2%	3.5%
267	184				Wigan	LAB	1,605	511	2,116	7.1%	3.1%	5.4%
475	354				Wimbledon	LAB	938	408	1,346	3.8%	2.1%	3.0%
612	482				Winchester	LD	643	235	878	2.3%	1.1%	1.8%
624	494				Windsor	CON	584	210	794	2.1%	1.0%	1.6%
412	294				Wirral South	LAB	1,034	384	1,418	5.0%	2.3%	3.8%
339	237				Wirral West	LAB	1,171	458	1,629	5.8%	2.8%	4.5%
655	525				Witney	CON	392	163	555	1.3%	0.8%	1.1%
649	519				Woking	CON	451	155	606	1.6%	0.8%	1.2%
659	529				Wokingham	CON	325	133	458	1.2%	0.6%	0.9%
175	118				Wolverhampton North East	LAB	2,005	610	2,615	8.7%	3.9%	6.7%
108	77				Wolverhampton South East	LAB	1,978	604	2,582	9.9%	4.5%	7.8%
180	123				Wolverhampton South West	LAB	1,937	705	2,642	8.4%	4.2%	6.6%
619	489				Woodspring	CON	537	218	755	2.1%	1.2%	1.7%
409	291				Worcester	LAB	1,226	412	1,638	5.1%	2.3%	3.9%
219	149				Workington	LAB	1,915	520	2,435	8.1%	3.1%	6.0%
400	286				Worsley	LAB	1,283	427	1,710	5.2%	2.3%	3.9%
546	418				Worthing West	CON	693	201	894	3.5%	1.3%	2.5%
503	379				Wrekin, The	LAB	781	292	1,073	3.5%	1.9%	2.8%
337		31			Wrexham	LAB	1,019	358	1,377	5.9%	2.7%	4.5%
532	406				Wycombe	CON	1,032	298	1,330	3.4%	1.4%	2.6%
442	322				Wyre Forest	LAB	1,140	509	1,649	4.2%	2.5%	3.5%
229	157				Wythenshawe & Sale East	LAB	2,080	556	2,636	8.2%	2.8%	5.9%
504	380				Yeovil *	LD	926	347	1,273	3.5%	1.8%	2.8%
110		3			Ynys-Mon	PC	1,738	570	2,308	9.7%	4.8%	7.7%
311	218				York, City of	LAB	1,791	556	2,347	6.6%	2.5%	4.8%
					United Kingdom		1,030,299	352,895	1,383,194	6.5%	3.0%	5.0%

**II Residence-based unemployment rates by parliamentary constituency,
United Kingdom, August 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	5,939	1,712	7,651	24.2%	10.2%	18.5%
2	2				Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	4,712	1,416	6,128	22.8%	9.1%	16.9%
3	3				Tottenham	LAB	5,990	1,949	7,939	21.5%	9.0%	16.0%
4				1	Foyle	SDLP	4,730	1,365	6,095	20.6%	9.1%	16.0%
5	4				Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	5,070	1,564	6,634	19.4%	10.0%	15.9%
6	5				Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	4,781	1,901	6,682	19.9%	10.2%	15.7%
7	6				Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	4,957	1,719	6,676	21.1%	9.0%	15.6%
8				2	Belfast West	SF	4,574	846	5,420	22.5%	5.9%	15.6%
9	7				Manchester, Central	LAB	4,223	1,203	5,426	20.1%	8.2%	15.2%
10	8				Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	4,588	1,378	5,966	18.3%	8.4%	14.4%
11	9				Poplar & Canning Town	LAB	4,365	1,278	5,643	18.1%	7.7%	13.8%
12	10				Sheffield, Central	LAB	3,954	1,105	5,059	18.1%	7.2%	13.6%
13	11				Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	3,644	1,340	4,984	17.7%	7.9%	13.2%
14				3	West Tyrone	UU	3,172	1,041	4,213	15.5%	8.8%	13.1%
15	12				West Ham	LAB	3,814	1,219	5,033	16.7%	7.5%	12.9%
16	13				Islington North	LAB	4,044	1,707	5,751	17.0%	8.2%	12.9%
17				4	Belfast North	UU	3,179	764	3,943	17.6%	5.9%	12.7%
18		1			Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	2,351	596	2,947	17.0%	6.1%	12.5%
19	14				Manchester, Gorton	LAB	3,111	922	4,033	16.6%	6.7%	12.4%
20			2		Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	2,833	911	3,744	16.5%	6.9%	12.3%
21	15				Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	3,684	1,332	5,016	16.6%	7.2%	12.3%
22	16				Middlesbrough	LAB	4,043	1,019	5,062	16.6%	5.8%	12.1%
23	17				Liverpool, Walton	LAB	3,746	1,070	4,816	16.5%	6.2%	12.0%
24	18				Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	3,491	1,388	4,879	15.8%	7.5%	12.0%
25	19				Vauxhall	LAB	4,581	1,691	6,272	16.2%	7.0%	12.0%
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635	505				Hertford & Stortford	CON	507	212	719	1.8%	1.0%	1.5%
636	506				Wantage	CON	494	202	696	1.8%	1.0%	1.5%
637	507				Epsom & Ewell	CON	505	193	698	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
638	508				Northavon	LD	505	257	762	1.7%	1.1%	1.4%
639	509				Aldershot	CON	655	236	891	1.8%	0.9%	1.4%
640	510				Esher & Walton	CON	483	196	679	1.7%	1.0%	1.4%
641	511				Beaconsfield	CON	470	191	661	1.7%	1.0%	1.4%
642	512				North West Hampshire *	CON	495	209	704	1.7%	1.0%	1.4%
643	513				Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	450	190	640	1.6%	0.9%	1.3%
644	514				Reigate	CON	401	146	547	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
645	515				South West Surrey	CON	429	164	593	1.6%	0.8%	1.3%
646	516				East Surrey	CON	461	173	634	1.6%	0.8%	1.3%
647	517				Buckingham	CON	371	138	509	1.6%	0.8%	1.2%
648	518				Horsham	CON	442	166	608	1.6%	0.8%	1.2%
649	519				Woking	CON	451	155	606	1.6%	0.8%	1.2%
650	520				North East Hampshire	CON	437	142	579	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
651	521				Arundel & South Downs	CON	348	128	476	1.6%	0.8%	1.2%
652	522				Newbury	LD	470	138	608	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
653	523				Chesham & Amersham	CON	402	154	556	1.5%	0.8%	1.2%
654	524				Mid Sussex	CON	384	150	534	1.4%	0.7%	1.1%
655	525				Witney	CON	392	163	555	1.3%	0.8%	1.1%
656	526				Henley	CON	356	147	503	1.3%	0.8%	1.1%
657	527				Mole Valley	CON	326	119	445	1.3%	0.6%	1.0%
658	528				Surrey Heath	CON	361	140	501	1.2%	0.6%	0.9%
659	529				Wokingham	CON	325	133	458	1.2%	0.6%	0.9%
United Kingdom							1,030,299	352,895	1,383,194	6.5%	3.0%	5.0%

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

Rank by overall

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3	3				Tottenham	LAB	5,990	1,949	7,939	21.5%	9.0%	16.0%
5	4				Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	5,070	1,564	6,634	19.4%	10.0%	15.9%
6	5				Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	4,781	1,901	6,682	19.9%	10.2%	15.7%
7	6				Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	4,957	1,719	6,676	21.1%	9.0%	15.6%
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24	18				Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	3,491	1,388	4,879	15.8%	7.5%	12.0%
25	19				Vauxhall	LAB	4,581	1,691	6,272	16.2%	7.0%	12.0%
26	20				North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	3,679	1,342	5,021	15.5%	7.2%	11.9%
28	21				Nottingham East	LAB	3,748	1,082	4,830	16.0%	6.1%	11.8%
29	22				Bradford West	LAB	3,498	1,142	4,640	14.9%	7.1%	11.7%
30	23				Leeds Central	LAB	3,874	948	4,822	16.3%	5.4%	11.6%
31	24				Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	3,514	935	4,449	15.9%	5.7%	11.6%
33	25				Bootle	LAB	3,063	763	3,826	15.4%	5.2%	11.0%
34	26				Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	3,125	1,228	4,353	14.2%	7.0%	11.0%
35	27				Tyne Bridge	LAB	3,381	759	4,140	15.2%	4.8%	10.9%
36	28				Greenwich & Woolwich	LAB	3,288	1,219	4,507	14.1%	6.7%	10.8%
38	29				Birkenhead	LAB	3,188	813	4,001	15.1%	5.1%	10.8%
39	30				East Ham	LAB	3,560	1,063	4,623	13.7%	6.2%	10.8%
40	31				Birmingham, Hodge Hill	LAB	2,745	752	3,497	14.2%	5.7%	10.7%
41	32				Liverpool, Wavertree	LAB	3,373	1,077	4,450	14.5%	5.7%	10.6%
42	33				Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	3,438	1,023	4,461	13.7%	5.8%	10.5%
43	34				Hartlepool	LAB	3,270	902	4,172	13.8%	5.3%	10.3%
44	35				South Shields	LAB	2,796	778	3,574	13.4%	5.3%	10.1%
45	36				Brent South	LAB	3,363	1,113	4,476	13.5%	5.6%	10.0%
47	37				Plymouth, Sutton	LAB	3,143	1,004	4,147	13.0%	5.7%	9.9%
50	38				Knowsley South	LAB	3,266	898	4,164	13.4%	5.0%	9.8%
51	39				Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	3,026	849	3,875	13.1%	5.2%	9.8%
52	40				Streatham	LAB	3,854	1,475	5,329	13.0%	5.9%	9.8%
54	41				Stockton North	LAB	2,997	805	3,802	13.1%	4.9%	9.6%
56	42				Great Grimsby	LAB	3,143	805	3,948	12.9%	4.8%	9.6%
58	43				Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	2,960	848	3,808	12.4%	5.2%	9.5%
60	44				Brent East	LAB	2,926	1,095	4,021	12.3%	5.7%	9.3%
61	45				Sheffield, Brightside	LAB	2,724	664	3,388	12.9%	4.4%	9.3%
64	46				Sunderland South	LAB	2,912	684	3,596	13.0%	4.2%	9.3%
65	47				Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	2,699	730	3,429	12.9%	4.5%	9.2%
66	48				Brighton, Pavilion	LAB	2,771	1,063	3,834	11.9%	5.7%	9.2%
69	49				Leeds East	LAB	2,624	706	3,330	12.4%	4.5%	9.0%
70	50				Doncaster Central	LAB	2,753	845	3,598	11.7%	5.0%	8.9%
72	51				Manchester, Blackley	LAB	2,584	660	3,244	12.1%	4.3%	8.9%
74	52				Bradford North	LAB	2,792	859	3,651	11.6%	4.9%	8.8%
75	53				Lewisham West	LAB	2,625	900	3,525	11.9%	4.9%	8.8%
76	54				Regent's Park & Kensington North	LAB	3,596	1,554	5,150	11.1%	5.8%	8.7%
78	55				Walthamstow	LAB	2,755	1,047	3,802	11.2%	5.5%	8.7%
79	56				Newcastle upon Tyne Central	LAB	2,424	707	3,131	12.0%	4.4%	8.6%

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Rank by overall

unemployment rate					Claimants			Rate				
UK	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI	Party	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
80	57				Erith & Thamesmead	LAB	2,764	1,045	3,809	10.8%	5.6%	8.6%
81	58				Rotherham	LAB	2,434	665	3,099	11.5%	4.4%	8.6%
82	59				Nottingham North	LAB	2,731	767	3,498	11.6%	4.4%	8.6%
85	60				Sunderland North	LAB	2,409	577	2,986	11.7%	3.9%	8.4%
86	61				Dulwich & West Norwood	LAB	3,000	1,232	4,232	11.1%	5.3%	8.4%
87	62				Nottingham South	LAB	2,650	737	3,387	11.5%	4.3%	8.4%
88	63				Liverpool, Garston	LAB	2,540	737	3,277	11.6%	4.3%	8.4%
89	64				Birmingham, Perry Barr	LAB	2,803	935	3,738	11.0%	4.9%	8.4%
90	65				Huddersfield	LAB	2,403	840	3,243	10.7%	5.0%	8.3%
91	66				Manchester, Withington	LAB	2,273	799	3,072	11.0%	4.8%	8.2%
92	67				Redcar	LAB	2,754	716	3,470	11.1%	4.1%	8.2%
93	68				Hornsey & Wood Green	LAB	3,315	1,262	4,577	10.8%	4.9%	8.1%
95	69				Walsall South	LAB	2,423	821	3,244	10.2%	5.0%	8.1%
96	70				Wallasey	LAB	2,417	735	3,152	11.1%	4.3%	8.1%
97	71				Rochford & Southend East	CON	2,669	771	3,440	10.8%	4.3%	8.1%
99	72				Ealing, Acton & Shepherd's Bush	LAB	3,227	1,129	4,356	10.7%	4.6%	7.9%
101	73				Birmingham, Edgbaston	LAB	2,431	786	3,217	10.6%	4.4%	7.9%
102	74				Doncaster North	LAB	2,225	627	2,852	10.3%	4.3%	7.9%
103	75				Leicester South	LAB	2,611	845	3,456	10.5%	4.4%	7.9%
105	76				Derby South	LAB	2,899	823	3,722	10.5%	4.2%	7.8%
108	77				Wolverhampton South East	LAB	1,978	604	2,582	9.9%	4.5%	7.8%
113	78				Edmonton	LAB	2,377	841	3,218	9.8%	4.7%	7.6%
114	79				Lewisham East	LAB	2,013	746	2,759	10.0%	4.6%	7.6%
116	80				Leyton & Wanstead	LAB	2,392	839	3,231	10.0%	4.5%	7.6%
119	81				Knowsley North & Sefton East	LAB	2,594	787	3,381	10.2%	4.1%	7.5%
120	82				Warley	LAB	2,087	702	2,789	9.7%	4.5%	7.5%
122	83				West Bromwich West	SPKR	2,317	769	3,086	9.4%	4.7%	7.5%
124	84				Sheffield, Heeley	LAB	2,335	700	3,035	10.0%	4.0%	7.4%
125	85				Coventry North East	LAB	2,711	824	3,535	9.8%	4.1%	7.4%
126	86				Rochdale	LAB	2,386	699	3,085	10.0%	3.9%	7.4%
128	87				Birmingham, Erdington	LAB	2,596	668	3,264	10.0%	3.6%	7.4%
129	88				North Thanet	CON	2,143	594	2,737	10.0%	3.8%	7.4%
131	89				Leicester West	LAB	2,315	720	3,035	9.9%	4.0%	7.3%
132	90				Brighton, Kemptown	LAB	2,175	700	2,875	9.7%	4.1%	7.3%
133	91				Barnsley East & Mexborough	LAB	2,142	633	2,775	9.5%	4.1%	7.3%
134	92				Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland	LAB	2,325	705	3,030	9.6%	4.1%	7.3%
136	93				Darlington	LAB	2,296	669	2,965	9.8%	3.8%	7.2%
137	94				Hampstead & Highgate	LAB	2,446	1,124	3,570	9.3%	4.8%	7.2%
138	95				Norwich South	LAB	2,327	754	3,081	9.5%	4.1%	7.2%
143	96				Wentworth	LAB	2,074	650	2,724	9.3%	4.1%	7.1%
144	97				Copeland	LAB	1,929	530	2,459	9.4%	3.8%	7.1%
145	98				Lincoln	LAB	2,257	626	2,883	9.6%	3.7%	7.1%
146	99				Barnsley Central	LAB	2,055	602	2,657	9.6%	3.8%	7.1%
147	100				Croydon North	LAB	3,071	1,093	4,164	9.5%	4.2%	7.1%
148	101				Walsall North	LAB	2,331	745	3,076	9.0%	4.3%	7.1%
154	102				Falmouth & Camborne	LAB	2,064	691	2,755	9.0%	4.2%	7.0%
155	103				Birmingham, Selly Oak	LAB	2,225	823	3,048	9.1%	4.3%	7.0%
156	104				North Tyneside	LAB	2,181	600	2,781	9.6%	3.5%	6.9%
157	105				Great Yarmouth	LAB	2,152	669	2,821	9.0%	4.0%	6.9%
158	106				Salford	LAB	1,893	494	2,387	9.5%	3.4%	6.9%
159	107				Blackburn	LAB	2,407	602	3,009	9.5%	3.3%	6.9%
161	108				Barking *	LAB	1,540	542	2,082	8.7%	4.4%	6.9%
162	109				Birmingham, Northfield	LAB	1,731	551	2,282	9.2%	3.9%	6.9%
164	110				Waveney	LAB	2,203	783	2,986	8.6%	4.4%	6.9%
165	111				St Helens South	LAB	2,149	622	2,771	9.2%	3.6%	6.9%
167	112				Portsmouth South	LD	2,365	732	3,097	8.9%	3.9%	6.8%

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168	113				LAB	1,890	602	2,492	9.3%	3.8%	6.8%
170	114				LAB	1,999	569	2,568	9.3%	3.6%	6.8%
171	115				LD	1,914	797	2,711	8.2%	4.9%	6.8%
172	116				LAB	2,488	906	3,394	8.6%	4.4%	6.8%
173	117				LAB	2,093	674	2,767	8.7%	4.0%	6.7%
175	118				LAB	2,005	610	2,615	8.7%	3.9%	6.7%
176	119				LAB	1,706	530	2,236	8.9%	3.8%	6.7%
177	120				LAB	2,277	564	2,841	9.5%	3.1%	6.7%
178	121				LD	2,130	571	2,701	9.4%	3.2%	6.7%
179	122				LAB	1,834	518	2,352	9.0%	3.5%	6.7%
180	123				LAB	1,937	705	2,642	8.4%	4.2%	6.6%
183	124				LAB	2,110	655	2,765	8.8%	3.7%	6.6%
184	125				LAB	1,999	581	2,580	8.8%	3.5%	6.6%
187	126				LAB	2,751	1,204	3,955	8.6%	4.1%	6.5%
188	127				LAB	2,243	610	2,853	8.8%	3.2%	6.5%
191	128				LAB	1,896	717	2,613	8.3%	4.0%	6.4%
192	129				LAB	2,285	855	3,140	8.6%	3.8%	6.4%
193	130				LAB	2,066	599	2,665	8.5%	3.4%	6.3%
194	131				LAB	1,894	593	2,487	8.6%	3.4%	6.3%
196	132				LAB	2,074	557	2,631	8.8%	3.1%	6.3%
197	133				LAB	2,117	660	2,777	8.3%	3.5%	6.3%
198	134				LAB	2,261	648	2,909	8.7%	3.2%	6.3%
201	135				LAB	1,714	593	2,307	8.1%	3.7%	6.2%
202	136				CON	1,621	448	2,069	8.4%	3.2%	6.2%
203	137				LAB	1,944	670	2,614	7.8%	3.9%	6.2%
204	138				LAB	1,848	534	2,382	8.3%	3.3%	6.2%
205	139				LAB	1,674	612	2,286	8.0%	3.8%	6.2%
206	140				LAB	2,571	954	3,525	8.1%	3.8%	6.2%
207	141				LAB	2,059	761	2,820	8.0%	3.8%	6.2%
210	142				LAB	1,802	554	2,356	8.2%	3.3%	6.1%
212	143				LAB	2,182	672	2,854	8.2%	3.3%	6.1%
213	144				LAB	1,646	441	2,087	8.4%	3.0%	6.1%
214	145				LD	2,496	792	3,288	8.0%	3.4%	6.1%
215	146				LAB	1,654	700	2,354	7.6%	4.1%	6.1%
216	147				LAB	1,661	491	2,152	8.0%	3.3%	6.0%
217	148				CON	2,007	511	2,518	8.2%	2.9%	6.0%
219	149				LAB	1,915	520	2,435	8.1%	3.1%	6.0%
220	150				LAB	1,755	530	2,285	8.1%	3.2%	6.0%
222	151				LAB	1,842	580	2,422	7.9%	3.4%	6.0%
223	152				LAB	2,062	599	2,661	7.7%	3.3%	5.9%
225	153				LAB	1,752	574	2,326	7.5%	3.5%	5.9%
226	154				LAB	1,685	553	2,238	7.5%	3.6%	5.9%
227	155				LAB	1,732	562	2,294	7.7%	3.4%	5.9%
228	156				LAB	1,823	553	2,376	7.8%	3.2%	5.9%
229	157				LAB	2,080	556	2,636	8.2%	2.8%	5.9%
230	158				LAB	1,967	686	2,653	7.7%	3.5%	5.9%
233	159				LAB	1,743	502	2,245	7.8%	3.1%	5.8%
236	160				LAB	2,018	586	2,604	7.6%	3.2%	5.8%
237	161				LAB	1,835	561	2,396	7.7%	3.2%	5.7%
238	162				LAB	2,069	822	2,891	7.7%	3.5%	5.7%
239	163				LAB	2,074	833	2,907	7.4%	3.6%	5.7%
240	164				LAB	1,689	592	2,281	7.6%	3.3%	5.7%
241	165				LAB	2,010	529	2,539	7.8%	2.8%	5.7%
242	166				LAB	1,541	579	2,120	7.2%	3.6%	5.7%
244	167				LAB	1,812	599	2,411	7.3%	3.3%	5.6%
245	168				LAB	1,869	704	2,573	7.1%	3.7%	5.6%

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246	169				LAB	1,999	474	2,473	7.8%	2.6%	5.6%
248	170				LAB	2,088	640	2,728	7.1%	3.3%	5.6%
250	171				LAB	1,892	553	2,445	7.5%	3.0%	5.6%
251	172				LAB	1,820	612	2,432	7.0%	3.5%	5.6%
252	173				LAB	1,827	607	2,434	7.4%	3.2%	5.6%
253	174				LAB	1,627	568	2,195	7.4%	3.3%	5.6%
254	175				LAB	1,879	493	2,372	7.5%	2.8%	5.6%
255	176				LAB	2,150	648	2,798	7.4%	3.0%	5.6%
256	177				CON	2,232	907	3,139	7.1%	3.6%	5.5%
258	178				LAB	1,745	497	2,242	7.5%	2.9%	5.5%
261	179				LAB	1,870	607	2,477	7.1%	3.3%	5.5%
263	180				LAB	1,756	611	2,367	7.0%	3.4%	5.5%
264	181				LAB	1,745	456	2,201	7.5%	2.7%	5.5%
265	182				LAB	1,946	762	2,708	6.9%	3.5%	5.5%
266	183				LAB	1,729	539	2,268	7.1%	3.1%	5.4%
267	184				LAB	1,605	511	2,116	7.1%	3.1%	5.4%
268	185				LAB	1,659	531	2,190	7.1%	3.1%	5.4%
269	186				LAB	1,748	629	2,377	7.0%	3.3%	5.4%
270	187				LAB	1,702	481	2,183	7.6%	2.7%	5.4%
272	188				LAB	1,411	607	2,018	6.6%	3.8%	5.4%
273	189				LAB	1,894	528	2,422	7.4%	2.7%	5.3%
274	190				LAB	1,827	536	2,363	7.1%	2.9%	5.3%
275	191				LAB	1,412	448	1,860	7.2%	2.9%	5.3%
276	192				LAB	1,727	691	2,418	6.6%	3.5%	5.3%
277	193				LAB	1,573	463	2,036	6.9%	2.9%	5.3%
278	194				LAB	1,595	496	2,091	6.9%	2.9%	5.2%
280	195				LAB	1,384	490	1,874	6.6%	3.2%	5.2%
282	196				LD	1,594	624	2,218	6.4%	3.5%	5.2%
284	197				LAB	2,183	746	2,929	6.8%	3.0%	5.1%
285	198				CON	1,398	439	1,837	6.9%	2.8%	5.1%
286	199				LAB	1,586	522	2,108	6.7%	2.9%	5.1%
288	200				LAB	1,509	638	2,147	6.3%	3.5%	5.1%
289	201				LAB	1,374	569	1,943	6.4%	3.4%	5.1%
290	202				LAB	1,575	538	2,113	6.3%	3.2%	5.1%
291	203				LAB	1,772	544	2,316	6.8%	2.7%	5.0%
292	204				LAB	1,897	477	2,374	7.2%	2.3%	5.0%
293	205				LD	1,543	500	2,043	6.9%	2.7%	5.0%
294	206				LAB	1,542	478	2,020	6.8%	2.7%	5.0%
296	207				LAB	1,794	588	2,382	6.6%	2.8%	5.0%
298	208				LAB	1,628	500	2,128	6.6%	2.7%	5.0%
299	209				LAB	1,652	611	2,263	6.3%	3.1%	4.9%
300	210				CON	1,471	444	1,915	6.6%	2.7%	4.9%
302	211				LAB	1,655	615	2,270	6.1%	3.3%	4.9%
303	212				LAB	1,812	621	2,433	6.7%	2.8%	4.9%
304	213				LAB	1,786	647	2,433	6.3%	3.0%	4.9%
305	214				LAB	1,534	545	2,079	6.0%	3.2%	4.9%
306	215				LAB	1,439	595	2,034	6.1%	3.3%	4.9%
307	216				LAB	1,411	501	1,912	6.3%	3.0%	4.9%
309	217				LAB	1,732	540	2,272	6.4%	2.7%	4.8%
311	218				LAB	1,791	556	2,347	6.6%	2.5%	4.8%
312	219				LAB	1,347	487	1,834	5.9%	3.1%	4.7%
313	220				CON	1,380	487	1,867	6.0%	3.0%	4.7%
315	221				LAB	1,397	434	1,831	6.5%	2.5%	4.7%
317	222				LD	1,545	585	2,130	5.8%	3.2%	4.7%
318	223				LAB	1,445	467	1,912	6.3%	2.7%	4.7%
319	224				LD	1,141	406	1,547	6.0%	3.0%	4.7%

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320	225				Peterborough	LAB	1,647	560	2,207	6.1%	2.8%	4.7%
321	226				Gloucester	LAB	1,837	599	2,436	6.3%	2.7%	4.7%
323	227				Ealing North *	LAB	1,808	702	2,510	6.0%	3.0%	4.7%
324	228				Halesowen & Rowley Regis	LAB	1,474	500	1,974	6.0%	2.8%	4.7%
325	229				Norwich North	LAB	1,590	558	2,148	6.0%	2.8%	4.7%
329	230				Meriden	CON	1,760	631	2,391	5.9%	2.9%	4.6%
331	231				Dewsbury	LAB	1,365	378	1,743	6.2%	2.4%	4.6%
332	232				Slough	LAB	1,687	529	2,216	6.1%	2.6%	4.6%
333	233				Dudley South	LAB	1,471	529	2,000	5.8%	2.9%	4.6%
334	234				Beverley & Holderness	CON	1,391	586	1,977	5.5%	3.2%	4.6%
335	235				Putney	LAB	1,341	547	1,888	6.0%	2.8%	4.5%
338	236				Oxford East	LAB	1,463	470	1,933	6.2%	2.5%	4.5%
339	237				Wirral West	LAB	1,171	458	1,629	5.8%	2.8%	4.5%
341	238				North East Derbyshire	LAB	1,502	487	1,989	5.8%	2.6%	4.5%
342	239				Batley & Spen	LAB	1,431	446	1,877	5.9%	2.5%	4.5%
343	240				Ashton under Lyne	LAB	1,635	499	2,134	6.0%	2.4%	4.5%
344	241				Makerfield	LAB	1,389	522	1,911	5.6%	2.9%	4.4%
347	242				Torrige & West Devon	LD	1,400	539	1,939	5.4%	3.0%	4.4%
348	243				Telford	LAB	1,310	427	1,737	5.8%	2.6%	4.4%
349	244				Leeds North West	LAB	1,216	439	1,655	5.8%	2.6%	4.4%
350	245				Canterbury	CON	1,401	444	1,845	5.9%	2.5%	4.4%
351	246				Finchley & Golders Green	LAB	1,520	697	2,217	5.4%	3.2%	4.4%
352	247				Bridgwater	CON	1,380	452	1,832	5.6%	2.6%	4.4%
354	248				Luton North	LAB	1,451	530	1,981	5.5%	2.8%	4.4%
355	249				Leigh	LAB	1,394	495	1,889	5.6%	2.7%	4.4%
358	250				Totnes	CON	1,127	460	1,587	5.3%	3.0%	4.3%
359	251				Sherwood	LAB	1,491	492	1,983	5.6%	2.5%	4.3%
360	252				Stalybridge & Hyde	LAB	1,423	452	1,875	5.8%	2.4%	4.3%
361	253				Beckenham	CON	1,593	555	2,148	5.7%	2.5%	4.3%
362	254				Blackpool North & Fleetwood	LAB	1,442	380	1,822	6.2%	2.0%	4.3%
363	255				Eccles	LAB	1,424	450	1,874	5.8%	2.4%	4.3%
364	256				Crewe & Nantwich	LAB	1,386	454	1,840	5.6%	2.5%	4.3%
366	257				Stoke-on-Trent South	LAB	1,382	533	1,915	5.4%	2.8%	4.3%
368	258				Stockport	LAB	1,441	420	1,861	5.8%	2.2%	4.3%
369	259				Sheffield, Hillsborough	LAB	1,541	581	2,122	5.5%	2.6%	4.3%
370	260				Bath *->	LD	1,261	536	1,797	5.4%	2.8%	4.2%
371	261				Feltham & Heston	LAB	1,587	538	2,125	5.5%	2.5%	4.2%
372	262				Burton	LAB	1,427	514	1,941	5.3%	2.7%	4.2%
374	263				North West Norfolk	LAB	1,365	534	1,899	5.2%	2.8%	4.2%
375	264				Stoke-on-Trent North	LAB	1,179	368	1,547	5.5%	2.4%	4.2%
376	265				Gainsborough	CON	1,104	475	1,579	4.9%	3.1%	4.2%
377	266				Havant	CON	1,378	418	1,796	5.5%	2.3%	4.1%
378	267				Colne Valley	LAB	1,373	562	1,935	5.2%	2.8%	4.1%
379	268				Newark	LAB	1,277	490	1,767	5.1%	2.8%	4.1%
380	269				Northampton North	LAB	1,480	556	2,036	5.3%	2.6%	4.1%
382	270				Harrow East	LAB	1,454	716	2,170	4.9%	3.1%	4.1%
383	271				Normanton	LAB	1,113	502	1,615	5.0%	2.9%	4.1%
384	272				Oldham East & Saddleworth	LAB	1,512	507	2,019	5.4%	2.3%	4.1%
385	273				Cheltenham	LD	1,382	398	1,780	5.6%	2.1%	4.0%
386	274				Chester, City of	LAB	1,320	384	1,704	5.5%	2.1%	4.0%
388	275				Kensington & Chelsea	CON	1,532	804	2,336	4.8%	3.1%	4.0%
389	276				Stourbridge	LAB	1,257	492	1,749	5.0%	2.7%	4.0%
390	277				Hayes & Harlington	LAB	1,224	426	1,650	5.1%	2.4%	4.0%
391	278				Ellesmere Port & Neston	LAB	1,300	386	1,686	5.3%	2.1%	4.0%
392	279				Shipley	LAB	1,242	506	1,748	5.1%	2.6%	4.0%
393	280				North Devon	LD	1,277	418	1,695	5.2%	2.3%	4.0%

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395	281				LD	1,167	537	1,704	4.6%	3.0%	4.0%
396	282				LD	887	416	1,303	4.8%	2.9%	4.0%
397	283				LAB	1,165	512	1,677	4.8%	2.8%	3.9%
398	284				LAB	1,281	460	1,741	5.2%	2.4%	3.9%
399	285				LAB	1,602	668	2,270	5.0%	2.6%	3.9%
400	286				LAB	1,283	427	1,710	5.2%	2.3%	3.9%
401	287				LAB	1,183	350	1,533	5.3%	2.1%	3.9%
403	288				LAB	1,190	511	1,701	4.8%	2.7%	3.9%
404	289				LAB	1,425	569	1,994	4.8%	2.6%	3.9%
405	290				LAB	1,368	515	1,883	5.1%	2.4%	3.9%
409	291				LAB	1,226	412	1,638	5.1%	2.3%	3.9%
410	292				CON	1,119	364	1,483	5.3%	2.1%	3.9%
411	293				LAB	1,112	488	1,600	4.7%	2.7%	3.9%
412	294				LAB	1,034	384	1,418	5.0%	2.3%	3.8%
413	295				LAB	1,181	388	1,569	5.0%	2.2%	3.8%
414	296				LAB	1,278	493	1,771	4.7%	2.6%	3.8%
415	297				LAB	1,235	524	1,759	4.8%	2.6%	3.8%
416	298				CON	1,063	446	1,509	4.7%	2.6%	3.8%
417	299				CON	1,233	513	1,746	4.5%	2.7%	3.8%
418	300				LD	1,169	467	1,636	4.7%	2.6%	3.8%
419	301				LAB	1,321	425	1,746	4.9%	2.2%	3.8%
420	302				LAB	1,193	389	1,582	5.1%	2.1%	3.8%
421	303				LAB	1,262	454	1,716	4.9%	2.3%	3.7%
422	304				CON	1,194	460	1,654	4.7%	2.4%	3.7%
423	305				CON	1,057	473	1,530	4.4%	2.7%	3.7%
424	306				LAB	1,250	479	1,729	4.6%	2.4%	3.7%
425	307				CON	960	422	1,382	4.3%	2.8%	3.7%
426	308				LAB	1,119	426	1,545	4.7%	2.3%	3.6%
427	309				LAB	1,318	402	1,720	4.9%	2.0%	3.6%
428	310				LD	1,295	427	1,722	4.8%	2.1%	3.6%
429	311				CON	1,166	486	1,652	4.5%	2.4%	3.6%
430	312				LD	1,244	478	1,722	4.5%	2.4%	3.6%
431	313				LAB	1,160	447	1,607	4.5%	2.3%	3.6%
432	314				LAB	1,124	493	1,617	4.3%	2.6%	3.6%
434	315				LAB	1,332	428	1,760	4.6%	2.1%	3.6%
435	316				LAB	1,361	466	1,827	4.6%	2.1%	3.5%
436	317				LAB	1,142	362	1,504	4.8%	1.9%	3.5%
437	318				LD	1,084	381	1,465	4.5%	2.2%	3.5%
439	319				CON	1,199	414	1,613	4.5%	2.2%	3.5%
440	320				LAB	1,199	423	1,622	4.5%	2.1%	3.5%
441	321				CON	1,045	363	1,408	4.4%	2.2%	3.5%
442	322				LAB	1,140	509	1,649	4.2%	2.5%	3.5%
443	323				LAB	1,066	476	1,542	4.1%	2.6%	3.5%
444	324				LAB	1,182	484	1,666	4.2%	2.5%	3.5%
445	325				LAB	1,277	442	1,719	4.5%	2.1%	3.5%
446	326				CON	1,104	283	1,387	4.7%	1.7%	3.4%
447	327				LAB	1,310	444	1,754	4.5%	2.0%	3.4%
448	328				LAB	1,160	396	1,556	4.3%	2.1%	3.4%
449	329				LAB	1,043	392	1,435	4.4%	2.1%	3.4%
450	330				LAB	1,159	496	1,655	4.2%	2.3%	3.4%
451	331				LAB	1,100	451	1,551	4.0%	2.4%	3.3%
452	332				LAB	959	393	1,352	4.1%	2.3%	3.3%
453	333				CON	942	417	1,359	3.8%	2.4%	3.2%
454	334				LAB	1,052	428	1,480	4.1%	2.1%	3.2%
456	335				LAB	926	431	1,357	3.8%	2.4%	3.2%
457	336				CON	1,083	379	1,462	4.1%	2.0%	3.2%

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458	337				Wells	CON	923	424	1,347	3.8%	2.4%	3.2%
459	338				Stafford	LAB	1,027	367	1,394	4.2%	2.0%	3.2%
460	339				Broxtowe	LAB	1,095	455	1,550	4.0%	2.2%	3.2%
461	340				Bexhill & Battle	CON	766	254	1,020	4.2%	1.8%	3.2%
462	341				Upminster	LAB	825	292	1,117	4.0%	2.0%	3.2%
463	342				Warwick & Leamington	LAB	1,191	411	1,602	4.2%	1.8%	3.1%
464	343				Poole	CON	886	293	1,179	4.1%	1.9%	3.1%
465	344				Carshalton & Wallington	LD	1,052	353	1,405	4.1%	1.8%	3.1%
466	345				Suffolk Coastal	CON	1,030	360	1,390	3.9%	2.0%	3.1%
467	346				Romford	LAB	901	324	1,225	4.0%	1.9%	3.1%
468	347				Mid Norfolk	CON	1,025	374	1,399	3.9%	2.0%	3.1%
469	348				North Warwickshire	LAB	1,036	435	1,471	3.7%	2.2%	3.1%
470	349				Forest of Dean	LAB	827	372	1,199	3.6%	2.4%	3.1%
471	350				Wellingborough	LAB	1,134	413	1,547	3.9%	1.9%	3.1%
472	351				Bromley & Chislehurst	CON	1,013	401	1,414	3.9%	2.0%	3.1%
473	352				Hornchurch	LAB	861	356	1,217	3.7%	2.1%	3.0%
474	353				Hexham	CON	755	307	1,062	3.7%	2.1%	3.0%
475	354				Wimbledon	LAB	938	408	1,346	3.8%	2.1%	3.0%
477	355				South West Norfolk	CON	1,000	507	1,507	3.3%	2.5%	3.0%
478	356				Chorley	LAB	1,037	415	1,452	3.7%	2.0%	3.0%
479	357				Eddisbury	CON	880	297	1,177	3.8%	1.8%	3.0%
480	358				South Derbyshire	LAB	1,018	398	1,416	3.7%	2.0%	3.0%
481	359				Billerica	CON	1,047	403	1,450	3.6%	2.0%	3.0%
482	360				Lewes	LD	771	291	1,062	3.8%	1.9%	3.0%
483	361				Sutton Coldfield	CON	928	445	1,373	3.6%	2.2%	3.0%
484	362				Shrewsbury & Atcham	LAB	990	356	1,346	3.8%	1.8%	3.0%
487	363				Haltemprice & Howden	CON	755	405	1,160	3.3%	2.4%	2.9%
488	364				Epping Forest	CON	960	413	1,373	3.6%	2.1%	2.9%
489	365				High Peak	LAB	995	385	1,380	3.7%	1.9%	2.9%
490	366				Warrington South	LAB	957	370	1,327	3.7%	1.9%	2.9%
491	367				Corby	LAB	1,022	351	1,373	3.8%	1.7%	2.9%
492	368				Milton Keynes South West	LAB	1,013	365	1,378	3.8%	1.8%	2.9%
493	369				North West Leicestershire	LAB	816	341	1,157	3.5%	2.1%	2.9%
494	370				Bromsgrove	CON	940	428	1,368	3.5%	2.1%	2.9%
495	371				Grantham & Stamford	CON	882	365	1,247	3.5%	2.0%	2.9%
496	372				South Staffordshire	CON	957	432	1,389	3.4%	2.1%	2.9%
497	373				Staffordshire Moorlands	LAB	930	325	1,255	3.7%	1.7%	2.8%
498	374				Elmet	LAB	948	349	1,297	3.7%	1.7%	2.8%
499	375				Stevenage	LAB	941	360	1,301	3.6%	1.9%	2.8%
500	376				West Chelmsford	CON	1,044	400	1,444	3.5%	1.9%	2.8%
501	377				Kingston & Surbiton	LD	1,060	429	1,489	3.6%	1.9%	2.8%
502	378				Boston & Skegness	CON	792	305	1,097	3.5%	1.9%	2.8%
503	379				Wrekin, The	LAB	781	292	1,073	3.5%	1.9%	2.8%
504	380				Yeovil *	LD	926	347	1,273	3.5%	1.8%	2.8%
505	381				Faversham & Mid Kent	CON	899	335	1,234	3.5%	1.9%	2.8%
506	382				Maldon & East Chelmsford	CON	854	341	1,195	3.4%	2.0%	2.8%
507	383				Castle Point	LAB	876	348	1,224	3.4%	2.0%	2.8%
508	384				Richmond Park	LD	1,017	448	1,465	3.5%	1.9%	2.8%
509	385				Rushcliffe	CON	1,005	392	1,397	3.5%	1.8%	2.8%
511	386				Leominster <*	CON	748	339	1,087	3.2%	2.2%	2.8%
512	387				South West Devon	CON	832	359	1,191	3.4%	2.0%	2.8%
513	388				South Suffolk	CON	780	368	1,148	3.2%	2.2%	2.8%
514	389				Ludlow	CON	729	291	1,020	3.3%	2.0%	2.8%
515	390				Watford	LAB	1,036	383	1,419	3.6%	1.7%	2.8%
516	391				East Devon	CON	689	238	927	3.6%	1.7%	2.8%
517	392				South Norfolk	CON	896	427	1,323	3.2%	2.2%	2.8%

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518	393				Bognor Regis & Littlehampton	CON	748	238	986	3.7%	1.5%	2.7%
519	394				Central Suffolk & North Ipswich	CON	871	282	1,153	3.5%	1.6%	2.7%
520	395				Tiverton & Honiton	CON	849	360	1,209	3.3%	1.9%	2.7%
521	396				Bury North	LAB	900	351	1,251	3.5%	1.7%	2.7%
522	397				West Dorset	CON	679	329	1,008	3.2%	2.1%	2.7%
523	398				Bolton West	LAB	773	299	1,072	3.4%	1.7%	2.7%
524	399				Uxbridge	CON	788	322	1,110	3.4%	1.8%	2.7%
525	400				Westbury	CON	869	397	1,266	3.1%	2.0%	2.6%
526	401				Rugby & Kenilworth	LAB	969	380	1,349	3.3%	1.7%	2.6%
527	402				Orpington	CON	989	398	1,387	3.2%	1.8%	2.6%
528	403				Richmond	CON	743	380	1,123	2.9%	2.2%	2.6%
529	404				Congleton	CON	808	309	1,117	3.3%	1.7%	2.6%
530	405				Old Bexley & Sidcup	CON	809	349	1,158	3.2%	1.8%	2.6%
532	406				Wycombe	CON	1,032	298	1,330	3.4%	1.4%	2.6%
534	407				Stroud	LAB	852	370	1,222	3.1%	1.8%	2.6%
535	408				Twickenham	LD	910	399	1,309	3.2%	1.8%	2.6%
536	409				Harrogate & Knaresborough	LD	726	309	1,035	3.3%	1.7%	2.5%
537	410				North East Milton Keynes	LAB	829	329	1,158	3.2%	1.7%	2.5%
538	411				Reading East	LAB	946	302	1,248	3.3%	1.5%	2.5%
539	412				Kettering	LAB	872	350	1,222	3.2%	1.7%	2.5%
540	413				Bury St Edmunds	CON	795	383	1,178	3.0%	1.9%	2.5%
541	414				West Derbyshire	CON	771	329	1,100	3.0%	1.8%	2.5%
543	415				Lichfield	CON	728	339	1,067	3.0%	1.9%	2.5%
544	416				Solihull	CON	878	382	1,260	3.1%	1.8%	2.5%
545	417				New Forest West	CON	626	201	827	3.3%	1.4%	2.5%
546	418				Worthing West	CON	693	201	894	3.5%	1.3%	2.5%
547	419				Pudsey	LAB	808	352	1,160	3.1%	1.7%	2.5%
548	420				North Swindon	LAB	820	305	1,125	3.2%	1.6%	2.5%
549	421				Maidstone & The Weald	CON	889	304	1,193	3.2%	1.5%	2.5%
550	422				Altrincham & Sale West	CON	829	259	1,088	3.3%	1.4%	2.5%
551	423				Hazel Grove	LD	735	292	1,027	3.1%	1.6%	2.5%
552	424				Croydon South	CON	917	330	1,247	3.2%	1.5%	2.5%
553	425				West Worcestershire	CON	687	260	947	3.1%	1.6%	2.5%
554	426				Broxbourne	CON	795	338	1,133	3.0%	1.7%	2.4%
555	427				Sleaford & North Hykeham	CON	676	346	1,022	2.7%	2.0%	2.4%
556	428				North West Cambridgeshire	CON	836	318	1,154	3.0%	1.6%	2.4%
557	429				Sutton & Cheam	LD	705	321	1,026	2.9%	1.7%	2.4%
558	430				Somerton & Frome *	LD	744	321	1,065	2.8%	1.7%	2.4%
559	431				South West Bedfordshire	CON	803	368	1,171	2.8%	1.8%	2.4%
560	432				Tunbridge Wells	CON	768	265	1,033	3.1%	1.4%	2.4%
561	433				Ruislip - Northwood	CON	655	288	943	2.9%	1.6%	2.3%
562	434				Kingswood	LAB	853	300	1,153	3.0%	1.4%	2.3%
563	435				South Ribble	LAB	764	326	1,090	2.9%	1.6%	2.3%
564	436				West Suffolk	CON	837	370	1,207	2.7%	1.8%	2.3%
565	437				Huntingdon	CON	873	380	1,253	2.7%	1.7%	2.3%
566	438				Tonbridge & Malling	CON	710	264	974	2.9%	1.5%	2.3%
567	439				Ryedale	CON	614	254	868	2.8%	1.6%	2.3%
568	440				Mid Worcestershire	CON	645	314	959	2.7%	1.8%	2.3%
569	441				Crawley	LAB	808	277	1,085	3.0%	1.3%	2.3%
570	442				Reading West	LAB	878	248	1,126	3.1%	1.2%	2.3%
571	443				Chichester	CON	717	269	986	2.9%	1.4%	2.3%
572	444				Christchurch	CON	549	199	748	2.9%	1.4%	2.3%
573	445				East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	726	241	967	3.0%	1.3%	2.3%
574	446				Tewkesbury	CON	654	303	957	2.7%	1.7%	2.2%
575	447				Rayleigh	CON	685	283	968	2.6%	1.5%	2.2%
576	448				Harborough	CON	670	312	982	2.6%	1.6%	2.2%

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577	449				CON	592	286	878	2.5%	1.7%	2.1%
578	450				CON	883	309	1,192	2.8%	1.3%	2.1%
579	451				CON	698	236	934	2.8%	1.3%	2.1%
580	452				CON	733	353	1,086	2.4%	1.7%	2.1%
581	453				CON	776	278	1,054	2.7%	1.3%	2.1%
582	454				LAB	769	253	1,022	2.7%	1.2%	2.1%
584	455				CON	646	230	876	2.6%	1.3%	2.1%
585	456				CON	631	276	907	2.5%	1.5%	2.1%
586	457				CON	537	294	831	2.3%	1.8%	2.1%
587	458				IND	601	209	810	2.7%	1.2%	2.1%
588	459				CON	609	230	839	2.5%	1.4%	2.1%
589	460				CON	778	274	1,052	2.6%	1.3%	2.0%
590	461				CON	652	348	1,000	2.3%	1.6%	2.0%
591	462				CON	604	274	878	2.5%	1.4%	2.0%
592	463				CON	614	242	856	2.5%	1.3%	2.0%
593	464				LAB	623	268	891	2.4%	1.4%	2.0%
594	465				CON	569	316	885	2.2%	1.6%	2.0%
595	466				CON	544	289	833	2.2%	1.6%	2.0%
596	467				CON	599	275	874	2.3%	1.5%	2.0%
597	468				LD	677	240	917	2.5%	1.2%	2.0%
598	469				CON	692	278	970	2.4%	1.3%	2.0%
599	470				CON	707	299	1,006	2.4%	1.4%	1.9%
600	471				CON	707	218	925	2.6%	1.1%	1.9%
601	472				CON	541	293	834	2.2%	1.6%	1.9%
602	473				CON	604	241	845	2.4%	1.3%	1.9%
603	474				CON	563	265	828	2.2%	1.5%	1.9%
604	475				CON	595	300	895	2.1%	1.5%	1.9%
605	476				CON	549	216	765	2.4%	1.2%	1.9%
607	477				CON	579	247	826	2.2%	1.3%	1.9%
608	478				CON	635	240	875	2.3%	1.2%	1.9%
609	479				CON	599	303	902	2.1%	1.5%	1.8%
610	480				CON	571	225	796	2.3%	1.2%	1.8%
611	481				LAB	597	224	821	2.3%	1.2%	1.8%
612	482				LD	643	235	878	2.3%	1.1%	1.8%
613	483				CON	635	197	832	2.4%	1.0%	1.8%
614	484				CON	712	284	996	2.2%	1.2%	1.8%
615	485				CON	628	317	945	2.0%	1.4%	1.8%
616	486				CON	467	210	677	2.1%	1.3%	1.8%
617	487				CON	481	217	698	2.1%	1.2%	1.7%
618	488				CON	568	226	794	2.1%	1.1%	1.7%
619	489				CON	537	218	755	2.1%	1.2%	1.7%
620	490				CON	634	251	885	2.1%	1.1%	1.7%
621	491				CON	507	224	731	2.0%	1.2%	1.7%
622	492				CON	498	204	702	2.0%	1.1%	1.6%
623	493				CON	538	244	782	2.0%	1.2%	1.6%
624	494				CON	584	210	794	2.1%	1.0%	1.6%
625	495				CON	505	204	709	2.0%	1.1%	1.6%
626	496				LAB	516	209	725	2.0%	1.1%	1.6%
627	497				CON	470	246	716	1.8%	1.3%	1.6%
628	498				CON	502	216	718	1.9%	1.1%	1.6%
629	499				CON	575	212	787	2.0%	1.0%	1.6%
630	500				LD	549	210	759	2.0%	1.0%	1.5%
631	501				CON	655	178	833	2.1%	0.8%	1.5%
632	502				CON	533	192	725	1.9%	1.0%	1.5%
633	503				CON	560	198	758	2.0%	0.9%	1.5%
634	504				CON	436	155	591	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%

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635	505				Hertford & Stortford	CON	507	212	719	1.8%	1.0%	1.5%
636	506				Wantage	CON	494	202	696	1.8%	1.0%	1.5%
637	507				Epsom & Ewell	CON	505	193	698	1.9%	0.9%	1.5%
638	508				Northavon	LD	505	257	762	1.7%	1.1%	1.4%
639	509				Aldershot	CON	655	236	891	1.8%	0.9%	1.4%
640	510				Esher & Walton	CON	483	196	679	1.7%	1.0%	1.4%
641	511				Beaconsfield	CON	470	191	661	1.7%	1.0%	1.4%
642	512				North West Hampshire *	CON	495	209	704	1.7%	1.0%	1.4%
643	513				Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	450	190	640	1.6%	0.9%	1.3%
644	514				Reigate	CON	401	146	547	1.7%	0.8%	1.3%
645	515				South West Surrey	CON	429	164	593	1.6%	0.8%	1.3%
646	516				East Surrey	CON	461	173	634	1.6%	0.8%	1.3%
647	517				Buckingham	CON	371	138	509	1.6%	0.8%	1.2%
648	518				Horsham	CON	442	166	608	1.6%	0.8%	1.2%
649	519				Woking	CON	451	155	606	1.6%	0.8%	1.2%
650	520				North East Hampshire	CON	437	142	579	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
651	521				Arundel & South Downs	CON	348	128	476	1.6%	0.8%	1.2%
652	522				Newbury	LD	470	138	608	1.6%	0.7%	1.2%
653	523				Chesham & Amersham	CON	402	154	556	1.5%	0.8%	1.2%
654	524				Mid Sussex	CON	384	150	534	1.4%	0.7%	1.1%
655	525				Witney	CON	392	163	555	1.3%	0.8%	1.1%
656	526				Henley	CON	356	147	503	1.3%	0.8%	1.1%
657	527				Mole Valley	CON	326	119	445	1.3%	0.6%	1.0%
658	528				Surrey Heath	CON	361	140	501	1.2%	0.6%	0.9%
659	529				Wokingham	CON	325	133	458	1.2%	0.6%	0.9%
England							821,593	280,556	1,102,149	6.2%	2.8%	4.8%

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Rank by overall

unemployment rate					Claimants			Rate				
UK	Eng	Wal	Scot	NI	Party	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
94		1			Blaenau Gwent	LAB	1,895	517	2,412	10.8%	4.3%	8.1%
109		2			Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	LAB	1,879	484	2,363	10.5%	3.8%	7.7%
110		3			Ynys-Mon	PC	1,738	570	2,308	9.7%	4.8%	7.7%
118		4			Cardiff South & Penarth	LAB	2,211	541	2,752	10.6%	3.5%	7.6%
127		5			Cynon Valley	LAB	1,505	453	1,958	9.8%	4.1%	7.4%
130		6			Conwy	LAB	1,626	479	2,105	10.1%	3.8%	7.3%
139		7			Cardiff West	LAB	2,027	512	2,539	10.1%	3.3%	7.2%
140		8			Swansea West	LAB	1,672	524	2,196	9.6%	4.0%	7.2%
153		9			Caernarfon	PC	1,388	425	1,813	9.1%	4.0%	7.0%
160		10			Rhondda	LAB	1,647	460	2,107	9.1%	3.7%	6.9%
166		11			Preseli Pembrokeshire	LAB	1,574	569	2,143	8.4%	4.6%	6.9%
169		12			Cardiff Central	LAB	1,735	584	2,319	9.2%	3.9%	6.8%
182		13			Newport West	LAB	1,734	566	2,300	8.7%	3.8%	6.6%
189		14			Caerphilly	LAB	1,835	546	2,381	8.6%	3.5%	6.4%
190		15			Llanelli	LAB	1,454	476	1,930	8.3%	3.8%	6.4%
208		16			Swansea East	LAB	1,686	440	2,126	8.5%	3.0%	6.1%
224		17			Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	LAB	1,352	441	1,793	7.6%	3.5%	5.9%
232		18			Aberavon	LAB	1,190	375	1,565	7.6%	3.4%	5.8%
235		19			Neath	LAB	1,280	480	1,760	7.2%	3.8%	5.8%
243		20			Newport East	LAB	1,465	432	1,897	7.5%	3.1%	5.7%
259		21			Ogmore	LAB	1,298	374	1,672	7.4%	2.9%	5.5%
262		22			Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	PC	759	268	1,027	6.9%	3.5%	5.5%
271		23			Torfaen	LAB	1,496	460	1,956	7.1%	3.0%	5.4%
279		24			Vale of Clwyd	LAB	1,137	324	1,461	7.2%	2.6%	5.2%
283		25			Ceredigion	PC	1,021	397	1,418	6.3%	3.5%	5.1%
297		26			Bridgend	LAB	1,253	451	1,704	6.4%	3.1%	5.0%
308		27			Vale of Glamorgan	LAB	1,534	538	2,072	6.2%	3.0%	4.9%
314		28			Pontypridd	LAB	1,363	485	1,848	6.2%	2.9%	4.7%
326		29			Islwyn	LAB	965	400	1,365	5.7%	3.2%	4.6%
330		30			Gower	LAB	1,051	406	1,457	5.9%	3.0%	4.6%
337		31			Wrexham	LAB	1,019	358	1,377	5.9%	2.7%	4.5%
340		32			Clwyd West <*	LAB	992	308	1,300	6.0%	2.5%	4.5%
346		33			Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	LAB	895	365	1,260	5.3%	3.1%	4.4%
357		34			Clwyd South *>	LAB	977	343	1,320	5.5%	2.7%	4.3%
381		35			Brecon & Radnorshire	LD	864	358	1,222	5.0%	2.9%	4.1%
407		36			Alyn & Deeside	LAB	1,055	372	1,427	5.0%	2.4%	3.9%
408		37			Monmouth	LAB	984	378	1,362	4.9%	2.5%	3.9%
433		38			Delyn	LAB	842	311	1,153	4.5%	2.3%	3.6%
485		39			Cardiff North	LAB	726	257	983	4.0%	1.7%	3.0%
510		40			Montgomeryshire	LD	468	247	715	3.1%	2.4%	2.8%
Wales							53,592	17,274	70,866	7.4%	3.3%	5.6%

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unemployment rate					Claimants			Rate				
UK	Eng	Wal	Scot	NI	Party	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
18			1		Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	2,351	596	2,947	17.0%	6.1%	12.5%
20			2		Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	2,833	911	3,744	16.5%	6.9%	12.3%
27			3		Glasgow Springburn	LAB	2,648	796	3,444	16.6%	6.1%	11.9%
46			4		Glasgow Kelvin	LAB	2,255	822	3,077	13.3%	6.0%	10.0%
48			5		Glasgow Pollok	LAB	2,282	682	2,964	13.5%	5.2%	9.9%
55			6		Glasgow Govan	LAB	2,408	691	3,099	13.2%	4.9%	9.6%
57			7		Kirkcaldy	LAB	2,130	850	2,980	12.0%	6.3%	9.5%
59			8		Dundee East	LAB	2,536	881	3,417	12.5%	5.4%	9.4%
62			9		Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	1,963	524	2,487	13.5%	4.3%	9.3%
63			10		Cunninghame South	LAB	2,100	812	2,912	11.7%	6.0%	9.3%
68			11		Glasgow Baillieston	LAB	2,139	672	2,811	12.0%	5.0%	9.0%
71			12		Dundee West	LAB	2,227	698	2,925	12.6%	4.6%	8.9%
73			13		Western Isles	LAB	876	308	1,184	10.5%	6.0%	8.8%
77			14		Motherwell & Wishaw	LAB	1,857	652	2,509	11.3%	5.3%	8.7%
83			15		Central Fife	LAB	2,119	878	2,997	10.7%	5.8%	8.5%
98			16		Kilmarnock & Loudoun	LAB	2,190	861	3,051	10.1%	5.2%	8.0%
100			17		Paisley North	LAB	1,747	588	2,335	10.9%	4.4%	7.9%
104			18		Airdrie & Shotts	LAB	2,057	787	2,844	9.7%	5.2%	7.8%
106			19		Coatbridge & Chryston	LAB	1,666	684	2,350	9.7%	5.3%	7.8%
107			20		Clydebank & Milngavie	LAB	1,773	596	2,369	10.4%	4.5%	7.8%
112			21		Paisley South	LAB	1,957	629	2,586	10.6%	4.2%	7.7%
115			22		Hamilton North & Bellshill	LAB	1,970	677	2,647	9.8%	4.6%	7.6%
117			23		Cunninghame North	LAB	1,689	667	2,356	9.3%	5.1%	7.6%
121			24		Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	LAB	2,228	778	3,006	9.6%	4.6%	7.5%
123			25		Dunfermline East	LAB	1,718	647	2,365	9.2%	4.9%	7.4%
135			26		Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	LD	1,419	414	1,833	9.3%	4.1%	7.2%
141			27		Hamilton South	LAB	1,464	485	1,949	9.4%	4.1%	7.2%
142			28		Ayr	LAB	1,588	649	2,237	8.9%	4.8%	7.1%
149			29		Glasgow Rutherglen	LAB	1,494	466	1,960	9.6%	3.9%	7.1%
150			30		Dumbarton	LAB	1,990	657	2,647	9.3%	4.1%	7.1%
151			31		Glasgow Cathcart	LAB	1,529	506	2,035	9.7%	3.9%	7.1%
163			32		Falkirk West	LAB	1,636	611	2,247	8.9%	4.3%	6.9%
174			33		Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	1,466	518	1,984	9.0%	3.9%	6.7%
181			34		Edinburgh Central	LAB	1,663	595	2,258	9.2%	3.7%	6.6%
185			35		Ochil	LAB	1,567	614	2,181	8.3%	4.2%	6.5%
199			36		Dunfermline West	LAB	1,480	576	2,056	7.9%	4.1%	6.2%
209			37		Edinburgh North & Leith	LAB	1,933	633	2,566	8.7%	3.2%	6.1%
211			38		Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	SNP	1,389	557	1,946	7.4%	4.2%	6.1%
218			39		Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	LAB	1,413	538	1,951	7.9%	3.7%	6.0%
221			40		Angus	SNP	1,488	726	2,214	7.1%	4.5%	6.0%
231			41		Ross, Skye & Inverness West	LD	1,450	505	1,955	7.4%	3.7%	5.9%
234			42		Argyll & Bute	LD	1,342	439	1,781	7.5%	3.4%	5.8%
247			43		Dumfries	LAB	1,562	665	2,227	6.9%	3.9%	5.6%
249			44		Clydesdale	LAB	1,600	571	2,171	7.2%	3.5%	5.6%
260			45		Falkirk East	LAB	1,491	520	2,011	7.2%	3.3%	5.5%
281			46		Stirling	LAB	1,200	450	1,650	6.7%	3.2%	5.2%
295			47		Aberdeen Central	LAB	1,212	386	1,598	6.9%	2.7%	5.0%
301			48		Edinburgh South	LAB	1,214	417	1,631	6.8%	2.7%	4.9%
310			49		East Kilbride	LAB	1,442	663	2,105	5.9%	3.4%	4.8%
316			50		West Renfrewshire	IND LAB	1,108	457	1,565	6.0%	3.1%	4.7%
327			51		Perth	SNP	1,243	459	1,702	6.1%	2.8%	4.6%
328			52		Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	LAB	1,306	348	1,654	6.7%	2.1%	4.6%
336			53		Livingston	LAB	1,356	435	1,791	6.2%	2.5%	4.5%
345			54		Moray	SNP	1,113	523	1,636	5.0%	3.6%	4.4%
353			55		Linlithgow	LAB	1,211	361	1,572	6.0%	2.3%	4.4%
356			56		Strathkelvin & Bearsden	LAB	1,259	551	1,810	5.4%	3.0%	4.4%

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unemployment rate					Claimants			Rate				
UK	Eng	Wal	Scot	NI	Party	Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
			57		Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	LAB	1,325	449	1,774	5.6%	2.5%	4.3%
			58		Edinburgh Pentlands	LAB	1,215	375	1,590	6.0%	2.2%	4.3%
			59		North East Fife	LD	864	467	1,331	4.7%	3.5%	4.2%
			60		Eastwood	LAB	1,080	558	1,638	4.7%	3.2%	4.0%
			61		North Tayside	SNP	1,034	446	1,480	4.9%	2.8%	4.0%
			62		Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	828	340	1,168	4.9%	2.6%	3.9%
			63		East Lothian	LAB	982	343	1,325	5.1%	2.3%	3.9%
			64		Midlothian	LAB	810	261	1,071	4.8%	1.9%	3.5%
			65		Edinburgh West	LD	1,025	318	1,343	4.5%	1.7%	3.2%
			66		Tweeddale, Ettrick & Lauderdale	LD	686	275	961	3.8%	1.9%	3.0%
			67		Orkney & Shetland	LD	463	163	626	3.6%	1.9%	3.0%
			68		Aberdeen North	LAB	691	239	930	3.4%	1.5%	2.6%
			69		Aberdeen South	LAB	748	276	1,024	3.3%	1.6%	2.6%
			70		Banff & Buchan	SNP	650	272	922	2.9%	1.9%	2.5%
			71		Gordon	LD	504	277	781	2.3%	1.8%	2.1%
			72		West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	LD	485	227	712	2.1%	1.5%	1.9%
					Scotland		109,737	39,268	149,005	8.1%	3.8%	6.2%

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D. Northern Ireland (not seasonally adjusted)

UK	Eng	Wal	Sco	NI	Party	Claimants			Rate			
						Male	Female	All	Male	Female	All	
4				1	Foyle	SDLP	4,730	1,365	6,095	20.6%	9.1%	16.0%
8				2	Belfast West	SF	4,574	846	5,420	22.5%	5.9%	15.6%
14				3	West Tyrone	UU	3,172	1,041	4,213	15.5%	8.8%	13.1%
17				4	Belfast North	UU	3,179	764	3,943	17.6%	5.9%	12.7%
32				5	Newry & Armagh	SDLP	3,328	1,095	4,423	13.5%	7.4%	11.2%
37				6	Fermanagh & South Tyrone	UU	2,670	1,045	3,715	12.3%	8.2%	10.8%
49				7	East Londonderry	UU	2,579	860	3,439	12.1%	6.3%	9.9%
53				8	Mid Ulster	SF	2,237	856	3,093	11.2%	7.3%	9.7%
67				9	South Down	SDLP	2,450	1,056	3,506	10.3%	7.1%	9.1%
84				10	Belfast South	UU	2,312	1,077	3,389	10.7%	5.9%	8.5%
111				11	North Antrim	DU	2,360	866	3,226	9.2%	5.3%	7.7%
152				12	Belfast East	DU	1,962	657	2,619	9.4%	4.0%	7.0%
186				13	East Antrim	UU	1,898	716	2,614	8.1%	4.3%	6.5%
195				14	Upper Bann	UU	1,906	758	2,664	7.7%	4.4%	6.3%
200				15	North Down	UKU	1,529	743	2,272	7.2%	4.8%	6.2%
257				16	Strangford	UU	1,594	640	2,234	6.8%	3.8%	5.5%
287				17	South Antrim	UU	1,506	752	2,258	5.8%	4.1%	5.1%
322				18	Lagan Valley	UU	1,391	660	2,051	5.4%	3.7%	4.7%
Northern Ireland							45,377	15,797	61,174	11.2%	5.7%	9.0%

**IV Change in Unemployed Claimants Aug 1996 - 1998,
United Kingdom Constituencies**

A. (not seasonally adjusted) - alphabetical listing

Rank by %
change in UK
(largest fall first)

97-98	96-98	Party	Unemployed Claimants			Change Aug 96 -98		Change Aug 97 -98		
			Aug 96	Aug 97	Aug 98	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
488	645	Aberavon	LAB	1,954	1,724	1,565	-389	-19.9%	-159	-9.2%
176	268	Aberdeen Central	LAB	2,679	1,939	1,598	-1,081	-40.4%	-341	-17.6%
253	163	Aberdeen North	LAB	1,704	1,096	930	-774	-45.4%	-166	-15.1%
47	107	Aberdeen South	LAB	2,015	1,350	1,024	-991	-49.2%	-326	-24.1%
628	640	Airdrie & Shotts	LAB	3,578	2,915	2,844	-734	-20.5%	-71	-2.4%
74	105	Aldershot	CON	1,760	1,148	891	-869	-49.4%	-257	-22.4%
450	336	Aldridge - Brownhills	CON	2,447	1,711	1,530	-917	-37.5%	-181	-10.6%
39	82	Altrincham & Sale West	CON	2,201	1,455	1,088	-1,113	-50.6%	-367	-25.2%
560	394	Alyn & Deeside	LAB	2,217	1,530	1,427	-790	-35.6%	-103	-6.7%
239	246	Amber Valley	LAB	2,654	1,843	1,556	-1,098	-41.4%	-287	-15.6%
375	565	Angus	SNP	3,058	2,527	2,214	-844	-27.6%	-313	-12.4%
633	568	Argyll & Bute	LD	2,452	1,812	1,781	-671	-27.4%	-31	-1.7%
16	1	Arundel & South Downs	CON	1,421	662	476	-945	-66.5%	-186	-28.1%
331	379	Ashfield	LAB	3,699	2,723	2,363	-1,336	-36.1%	-360	-13.2%
289	191	Ashford	CON	2,859	1,880	1,613	-1,246	-43.6%	-267	-14.2%
353	241	Ashton under Lyne	LAB	3,652	2,446	2,134	-1,518	-41.6%	-312	-12.8%
222	122	Aylesbury	CON	2,280	1,421	1,192	-1,088	-47.7%	-229	-16.1%
495	552	Ayr	LAB	3,138	2,457	2,237	-901	-28.7%	-220	-9.0%
38	20	Banbury	CON	2,153	1,188	885	-1,268	-58.9%	-303	-25.5%
94	150	Banff & Buchan	SNP	1,712	1,169	922	-790	-46.1%	-247	-21.1%
137	296	Barking *	LAB	3,427	2,568	2,082	-1,345	-39.2%	-486	-18.9%
645	633	Barnsley Central	LAB	3,389	2,648	2,657	-732	-21.6%	9	0.3%
563	579	Barnsley East & Mexborough	LAB	3,792	2,966	2,775	-1,017	-26.8%	-191	-6.4%
607	573	Barnsley West & Penistone	LAB	2,911	2,212	2,120	-791	-27.2%	-92	-4.2%
437	533	Barrow & Furness	LAB	3,516	2,774	2,473	-1,043	-29.7%	-301	-10.9%
93	157	Basildon	LAB	3,676	2,531	1,994	-1,682	-45.8%	-537	-21.2%
59	56	Basingstoke *	CON	2,112	1,300	996	-1,116	-52.8%	-304	-23.4%
493	423	Bassetlaw	LAB	3,431	2,492	2,268	-1,163	-33.9%	-224	-9.0%
123	70	Bath *>	LD	3,716	2,232	1,797	-1,919	-51.6%	-435	-19.5%
509	354	Batley & Spen	LAB	2,967	2,051	1,877	-1,090	-36.7%	-174	-8.5%
87	124	Battersea	LAB	5,499	3,685	2,891	-2,608	-47.4%	-794	-21.5%
196	33	Beaconsfield	CON	1,505	795	661	-844	-56.1%	-134	-16.9%
265	178	Beckenham	CON	3,869	2,524	2,148	-1,721	-44.5%	-376	-14.9%
250	332	Bedford	LAB	3,636	2,670	2,263	-1,373	-37.8%	-407	-15.2%
395	287	Belfast East	DU	4,332	2,966	2,619	-1,713	-39.5%	-347	-11.7%
567	497	Belfast North	UU	5,721	4,203	3,943	-1,778	-31.1%	-260	-6.2%
136	127	Belfast South	UU	6,434	4,181	3,389	-3,045	-47.3%	-792	-18.9%
594	498	Belfast West	SF	7,863	5,690	5,420	-2,443	-31.1%	-270	-4.7%
501	390	Berwick-upon-Tweed	LD	2,410	1,695	1,547	-863	-35.8%	-148	-8.7%
577	506	Bethnal Green & Bow	LAB	8,623	6,325	5,966	-2,657	-30.8%	-359	-5.7%
637	600	Beverley & Holderness	CON	2,642	2,008	1,977	-665	-25.2%	-31	-1.5%
333	135	Bexhill & Battle	CON	1,921	1,175	1,020	-901	-46.9%	-155	-13.2%
62	114	Bexleyheath & Crayford	LAB	2,629	1,764	1,357	-1,272	-48.4%	-407	-23.1%
85	64	Billericay	CON	3,047	1,849	1,450	-1,597	-52.4%	-399	-21.6%
275	532	Birkenhead	LAB	5,694	4,690	4,001	-1,693	-29.7%	-689	-14.7%
518	534	Birmingham, Edgbaston	LAB	4,573	3,507	3,217	-1,356	-29.7%	-290	-8.3%
181	322	Birmingham, Erdington	LAB	5,270	3,954	3,264	-2,006	-38.1%	-690	-17.5%
400	461	Birmingham, Hall Green	LAB	3,419	2,610	2,307	-1,112	-32.5%	-303	-11.6%
601	596	Birmingham, Hodge Hill	LAB	4,690	3,662	3,497	-1,193	-25.4%	-165	-4.5%
572	603	Birmingham, Ladywood	LAB	10,199	8,126	7,651	-2,548	-25.0%	-475	-5.8%
491	500	Birmingham, Northfield	LAB	3,308	2,512	2,282	-1,026	-31.0%	-230	-9.2%
432	410	Birmingham, Pery Barr	LAB	5,756	4,198	3,738	-2,018	-35.1%	-460	-11.0%
335	404	Birmingham, Selly Oak	LAB	4,714	3,508	3,048	-1,666	-35.3%	-460	-13.1%
559	607	Birmingham, Sparkbrook & Small Heath	LAB	8,794	7,115	6,634	-2,160	-24.6%	-481	-6.8%
556	432	Birmingham, Yardley	LAB	3,358	2,400	2,236	-1,122	-33.4%	-164	-6.8%
579	651	Bishop Auckland	LAB	2,919	2,518	2,376	-543	-18.6%	-142	-5.6%
163	90	Blaby	CON	1,572	953	782	-790	-50.3%	-171	-17.9%
653	616	Blackburn	LAB	3,932	2,969	3,009	-923	-23.5%	40	1.3%
303	307	Blackpool North & Fleetwood	LAB	2,981	2,112	1,822	-1,159	-38.9%	-290	-13.7%
411	398	Blackpool South	LAB	3,680	2,679	2,374	-1,306	-35.5%	-305	-11.4%

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570	652	Blaenau Gwent	LAB	2,962	2,564	2,412	-550	-18.6%	-152	-5.9%
363	406	Blaydon	LAB	3,123	2,312	2,020	-1,103	-35.3%	-292	-12.6%
256	466	Blyth Valley	LAB	3,244	2,584	2,195	-1,049	-32.3%	-389	-15.1%
234	36	Bognor Regis & Littlehampton	CON	2,228	1,171	986	-1,242	-55.7%	-185	-15.8%
398	328	Bolsover	LAB	3,280	2,304	2,036	-1,244	-37.9%	-268	-11.6%
550	428	Bolton North East	LAB	3,210	2,289	2,128	-1,082	-33.7%	-161	-7.0%
558	490	Bolton South East	LAB	3,208	2,362	2,201	-1,007	-31.4%	-161	-6.8%
190	217	Bolton West	LAB	1,862	1,293	1,072	-790	-42.4%	-221	-17.1%
467	555	Bootle	LAB	5,355	4,248	3,826	-1,529	-28.6%	-422	-9.9%
129	48	Boston & Skegness	CON	2,390	1,359	1,097	-1,293	-54.1%	-262	-19.3%
449	266	Bosworth	CON	1,487	990	885	-602	-40.5%	-105	-10.6%
424	180	Bournemouth East	CON	3,299	2,066	1,837	-1,462	-44.3%	-229	-11.1%
168	219	Bournemouth West	CON	3,592	2,516	2,069	-1,523	-42.4%	-447	-17.8%
120	43	Bracknell	CON	1,843	1,037	833	-1,010	-54.8%	-204	-19.7%
554	589	Bradford North	LAB	4,936	3,920	3,651	-1,285	-26.0%	-269	-6.9%
631	557	Bradford South	LAB	3,931	2,874	2,820	-1,111	-28.3%	-54	-1.9%
615	629	Bradford West	LAB	5,958	4,809	4,640	-1,318	-22.1%	-169	-3.5%
340	198	Braintree	LAB	2,735	1,782	1,551	-1,184	-43.3%	-231	-13.0%
541	508	Brecon & Radnorshire	LD	1,764	1,320	1,222	-542	-30.7%	-98	-7.4%
206	230	Brent East	LAB	6,941	4,821	4,021	-2,920	-42.1%	-800	-16.6%
308	316	Brent North	LAB	3,275	2,338	2,018	-1,257	-38.4%	-320	-13.7%
179	331	Brent South	LAB	7,205	5,425	4,476	-2,729	-37.9%	-949	-17.5%
51	100	Brentford & Isleworth	LAB	4,511	2,987	2,270	-2,241	-49.7%	-717	-24.0%
52	26	Brentwood & Ongar	CON	1,849	1,047	796	-1,053	-56.9%	-251	-24.0%
428	639	Bridgend	LAB	2,157	1,915	1,704	-453	-21.0%	-211	-11.0%
187	326	Bridgwater	CON	2,954	2,213	1,832	-1,122	-38.0%	-381	-17.2%
436	520	Brigg & Goole	LAB	2,621	2,058	1,834	-787	-30.0%	-224	-10.9%
111	226	Brighton, Kemptown	LAB	4,971	3,596	2,875	-2,096	-42.2%	-721	-20.1%
174	256	Brighton, Pavilion	LAB	6,497	4,656	3,834	-2,663	-41.0%	-822	-17.7%
252	248	Bristol East	LAB	4,860	3,365	2,854	-2,006	-41.3%	-511	-15.2%
14	54	Bristol North West	LAB	3,673	2,413	1,720	-1,953	-53.2%	-693	-28.7%
215	306	Bristol South	LAB	4,586	3,344	2,798	-1,788	-39.0%	-546	-16.3%
158	140	Bristol West	LAB	5,447	3,548	2,907	-2,540	-46.6%	-641	-18.1%
233	190	Bromley & Chislehurst	CON	2,509	1,680	1,414	-1,095	-43.6%	-266	-15.8%
307	258	Bromsgrove	CON	2,316	1,585	1,368	-948	-40.9%	-217	-13.7%
70	34	Broxbourne	CON	2,579	1,464	1,133	-1,446	-56.1%	-331	-22.6%
444	227	Broxtowe	LAB	2,680	1,736	1,550	-1,130	-42.2%	-186	-10.7%
75	30	Buckingham	CON	1,172	654	509	-663	-56.6%	-145	-22.2%
507	617	Burnley	LAB	1,963	1,644	1,504	-459	-23.4%	-140	-8.5%
249	348	Burton	LAB	3,076	2,291	1,941	-1,135	-36.9%	-350	-15.3%
640	228	Bury North	LAB	2,163	1,259	1,251	-912	-42.2%	-8	-0.6%
351	286	Bury South	LAB	2,385	1,646	1,435	-950	-39.8%	-211	-12.8%
298	168	Bury St Edmunds	CON	2,143	1,367	1,178	-965	-45.0%	-189	-13.8%
345	510	Caernarfon	PC	2,616	2,081	1,813	-803	-30.7%	-268	-12.9%
354	454	Caerphilly	LAB	3,540	2,729	2,381	-1,159	-32.7%	-348	-12.8%
287	521	Caithness, Sutherland & Easter Ross	LD	2,619	2,137	1,833	-786	-30.0%	-304	-14.2%
522	525	Calder Valley	LAB	2,685	2,050	1,883	-802	-29.9%	-167	-8.1%
461	435	Camberwell & Peckham	LAB	7,475	5,550	4,984	-2,491	-33.3%	-566	-10.2%
492	195	Cambridge	LAB	3,384	2,103	1,912	-1,472	-43.5%	-191	-9.1%
381	304	Cannock Chase	LAB	2,904	2,018	1,771	-1,133	-39.0%	-247	-12.2%
348	290	Canterbury	CON	3,049	2,117	1,845	-1,204	-39.5%	-272	-12.8%
180	273	Cardiff Central	LAB	3,878	2,810	2,319	-1,559	-40.2%	-491	-17.5%
173	152	Cardiff North	LAB	1,821	1,194	983	-838	-46.0%	-211	-17.7%
384	443	Cardiff South & Penarth	LAB	4,108	3,134	2,752	-1,356	-33.0%	-382	-12.2%
421	368	Cardiff West	LAB	3,993	2,857	2,539	-1,454	-36.4%	-318	-11.1%
322	310	Carlisle	LAB	2,984	2,113	1,831	-1,153	-38.6%	-282	-13.3%
283	294	Carmarthen East & Dinefwr	LAB	2,078	1,471	1,260	-818	-39.4%	-211	-14.3%
88	369	Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	LAB	2,819	2,284	1,793	-1,026	-36.4%	-491	-21.5%
647	581	Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	LAB	4,093	2,994	3,006	-1,087	-26.6%	12	0.4%
60	87	Carshalton & Wallington	LD	2,831	1,831	1,405	-1,426	-50.4%	-426	-23.3%

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31	39	Castle Point	LAB	2,742	1,659	1,224	-1,518	-55.4%	-435	-26.2%
648	644	Central Fife	LAB	3,742	2,975	2,997	-745	-19.9%	22	0.7%
144	161	Central Suffolk & North Ipswich	CON	2,115	1,416	1,153	-962	-45.5%	-263	-18.6%
439	395	Ceredigion	PC	2,201	1,590	1,418	-783	-35.6%	-172	-10.8%
456	243	Charnwood	CON	1,710	1,115	1,000	-710	-41.5%	-115	-10.3%
172	129	Chatham & Aylesford	LAB	3,331	2,138	1,760	-1,571	-47.2%	-378	-17.7%
352	166	Cheadle	CON	1,599	1,007	878	-721	-45.1%	-129	-12.8%
73	188	Cheltenham	LD	3,163	2,294	1,780	-1,383	-43.7%	-514	-22.4%
48	18	Chesham & Amersham	CON	1,383	733	556	-827	-59.8%	-177	-24.1%
240	238	Chester, City of	LAB	2,927	2,018	1,704	-1,223	-41.8%	-314	-15.6%
598	584	Chesterfield	LAB	3,779	2,913	2,777	-1,002	-26.5%	-136	-4.7%
311	214	Chichester	CON	1,718	1,141	986	-732	-42.6%	-155	-13.6%
110	159	Chingford & Woodford Green	CON	2,778	1,889	1,509	-1,269	-45.7%	-380	-20.1%
242	353	Chipping Barnet	CON	2,612	1,956	1,652	-960	-36.8%	-304	-15.5%
412	206	Chorley	LAB	2,548	1,638	1,452	-1,096	-43.0%	-186	-11.4%
71	51	Christchurch	CON	1,609	965	748	-861	-53.5%	-217	-22.5%
603	580	Cities of London & Westminster	CON	4,284	3,285	3,139	-1,145	-26.7%	-146	-4.4%
504	608	Cleethorpes	LAB	3,460	2,862	2,614	-846	-24.5%	-248	-8.7%
568	311	Clwyd South >*	LAB	2,150	1,405	1,320	-830	-38.6%	-85	-6.0%
457	255	Clwyd West <*	LAB	2,204	1,449	1,300	-904	-41.0%	-149	-10.3%
624	614	Clydebank & Milngavie	LAB	3,101	2,437	2,369	-732	-23.6%	-68	-2.8%
596	604	Clydesdale	LAB	2,892	2,278	2,171	-721	-24.9%	-107	-4.7%
643	655	Coatbridge & Chryston	LAB	2,874	2,357	2,350	-524	-18.2%	-7	-0.3%
255	170	Colchester	LD	3,126	2,028	1,722	-1,404	-44.9%	-306	-15.1%
600	547	Colne Valley	LAB	2,728	2,028	1,935	-793	-29.1%	-93	-4.6%
597	267	Congleton	CON	1,876	1,172	1,117	-759	-40.5%	-55	-4.7%
478	488	Conwy	LAB	3,075	2,324	2,105	-970	-31.5%	-219	-9.4%
475	588	Copeland	LAB	3,327	2,718	2,459	-868	-26.1%	-259	-9.5%
213	130	Corby	LAB	2,598	1,642	1,373	-1,225	-47.2%	-269	-16.4%
19	27	Cotswold	CON	1,371	811	591	-780	-56.9%	-220	-27.1%
539	459	Coventry North East	LAB	5,247	3,820	3,535	-1,712	-32.6%	-285	-7.5%
241	367	Coventry North West	LAB	3,828	2,881	2,433	-1,395	-36.4%	-448	-15.6%
406	388	Coventry South	LAB	4,157	3,012	2,665	-1,492	-35.9%	-347	-11.5%
135	69	Crawley	LAB	2,259	1,340	1,085	-1,174	-52.0%	-255	-19.0%
486	389	Crewe & Nantwich	LAB	2,870	2,028	1,840	-1,030	-35.9%	-188	-9.3%
246	283	Crosby	LAB	3,099	2,197	1,860	-1,239	-40.0%	-337	-15.3%
155	264	Croydon Central	LAB	4,938	3,577	2,929	-2,009	-40.7%	-648	-18.1%
203	289	Croydon North	LAB	6,885	4,997	4,164	-2,721	-39.5%	-833	-16.7%
147	95	Croydon South	CON	2,490	1,528	1,247	-1,243	-49.9%	-281	-18.4%
654	641	Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	LAB	2,447	1,917	1,951	-496	-20.3%	34	1.8%
621	634	Cunninghame North	LAB	3,004	2,429	2,356	-648	-21.6%	-73	-3.0%
652	650	Cunninghame South	LAB	3,585	2,874	2,912	-673	-18.8%	38	1.3%
622	486	Cynon Valley	LAB	2,864	2,018	1,958	-906	-31.6%	-60	-3.0%
360	220	Dagenham	LAB	3,251	2,146	1,874	-1,377	-42.4%	-272	-12.7%
473	587	Darlington	LAB	4,015	3,280	2,965	-1,050	-26.2%	-315	-9.6%
27	143	Dartford	LAB	3,037	2,205	1,622	-1,415	-46.6%	-583	-26.4%
125	125	Daventry	CON	1,797	1,173	945	-852	-47.4%	-228	-19.4%
339	341	Delyn	LAB	1,839	1,325	1,153	-686	-37.3%	-172	-13.0%
474	252	Denton & Reddish	LAB	2,914	1,897	1,716	-1,198	-41.1%	-181	-9.5%
157	233	Derby North	LAB	3,910	2,774	2,272	-1,638	-41.9%	-502	-18.1%
247	338	Derby South	LAB	5,945	4,396	3,722	-2,223	-37.4%	-674	-15.3%
301	137	Devizes	CON	2,043	1,259	1,086	-957	-46.8%	-173	-13.7%
482	375	Dewsbury	LAB	2,731	1,923	1,743	-988	-36.2%	-180	-9.4%
374	438	Don Valley	LAB	3,488	2,655	2,326	-1,162	-33.3%	-329	-12.4%
383	512	Doncaster Central	LAB	5,189	4,098	3,598	-1,591	-30.7%	-500	-12.2%
536	522	Doncaster North	LAB	4,072	3,090	2,852	-1,220	-30.0%	-238	-7.7%
228	474	Dover	LAB	3,496	2,822	2,372	-1,124	-32.2%	-450	-15.9%
288	360	Dudley North	LAB	3,840	2,835	2,432	-1,408	-36.7%	-403	-14.2%
494	431	Dudley South	LAB	3,004	2,197	2,000	-1,004	-33.4%	-197	-9.0%
302	292	Dulwich & West Norwood	LAB	6,982	4,906	4,232	-2,750	-39.4%	-674	-13.7%

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553	585	Dumbarton	LAB	3,599	2,843	2,647	-952	-26.5%	-196	-6.9%
593	537	Dumfries	LAB	3,161	2,338	2,227	-934	-29.5%	-111	-4.7%
453	571	Dundee East	LAB	4,693	3,817	3,417	-1,276	-27.2%	-400	-10.5%
447	591	Dundee West	LAB	3,940	3,273	2,925	-1,015	-25.8%	-348	-10.6%
605	602	Dunfermline East	LAB	3,153	2,474	2,365	-788	-25.0%	-109	-4.4%
658	624	Dunfermline West	LAB	2,650	1,922	2,056	-594	-22.4%	134	7.0%
346	515	Durham, City of	LAB	2,800	2,230	1,943	-857	-30.6%	-287	-12.9%
259	179	Ealing North *	LAB	4,516	2,953	2,510	-2,006	-44.4%	-443	-15.0%
527	425	Ealing Southall	LAB	5,327	3,832	3,525	-1,802	-33.8%	-307	-8.0%
251	345	Ealing, Acton & Shepherd's Bush	LAB	6,928	5,138	4,356	-2,572	-37.1%	-782	-15.2%
534	577	Easington	LAB	2,857	2,262	2,087	-770	-27.0%	-175	-7.7%
465	259	East Antrim	UU	4,425	2,905	2,614	-1,811	-40.9%	-291	-10.0%
184	269	East Devon	CON	1,554	1,121	927	-627	-40.3%	-194	-17.3%
540	468	East Ham	LAB	6,827	4,994	4,623	-2,204	-32.3%	-371	-7.4%
121	92	East Hampshire	CON	2,109	1,310	1,054	-1,055	-50.0%	-256	-19.5%
566	502	East Kilbride	LAB	3,049	2,244	2,105	-944	-31.0%	-139	-6.2%
426	391	East Londonderry	UU	5,351	3,867	3,439	-1,912	-35.7%	-428	-11.1%
370	487	East Lothian	LAB	1,936	1,514	1,325	-611	-31.6%	-189	-12.5%
20	10	East Surrey	CON	1,668	869	634	-1,034	-62.0%	-235	-27.0%
26	61	East Worthing & Shoreham	CON	2,035	1,316	967	-1,068	-52.5%	-349	-26.5%
497	479	East Yorkshire	CON	2,742	2,048	1,867	-875	-31.9%	-181	-8.8%
115	162	Eastbourne	CON	2,718	1,849	1,483	-1,235	-45.4%	-366	-19.8%
440	86	Eastleigh	LD	1,848	1,028	917	-931	-50.4%	-111	-10.8%
496	493	Eastwood	LAB	2,381	1,798	1,638	-743	-31.2%	-160	-8.9%
310	346	Eccles	LAB	2,980	2,170	1,874	-1,106	-37.1%	-296	-13.6%
304	231	Eddisbury	CON	2,031	1,364	1,177	-854	-42.0%	-187	-13.7%
267	421	Edinburgh Central	LAB	3,434	2,652	2,258	-1,176	-34.2%	-394	-14.9%
182	446	Edinburgh East & Musselburgh	LAB	2,467	2,002	1,654	-813	-33.0%	-348	-17.4%
191	323	Edinburgh North & Leith	LAB	4,140	3,093	2,566	-1,574	-38.0%	-527	-17.0%
114	475	Edinburgh Pentlands	LAB	2,343	1,985	1,590	-753	-32.1%	-395	-19.9%
113	295	Edinburgh South	LAB	2,687	2,039	1,631	-1,056	-39.3%	-408	-20.0%
189	373	Edinburgh West	LD	2,107	1,620	1,343	-764	-36.3%	-277	-17.1%
380	436	Edmonton	LAB	4,826	3,668	3,218	-1,608	-33.3%	-450	-12.3%
219	260	Ellesmere Port & Neston	LAB	2,853	2,012	1,686	-1,167	-40.9%	-326	-16.2%
109	155	Elmet	LAB	2,398	1,625	1,297	-1,101	-45.9%	-328	-20.2%
281	434	Eltham	LAB	3,429	2,671	2,286	-1,143	-33.3%	-385	-14.4%
337	366	Enfield North	LAB	3,809	2,780	2,418	-1,391	-36.5%	-362	-13.0%
334	344	Enfield, Southgate	LAB	3,415	2,473	2,147	-1,268	-37.1%	-326	-13.2%
126	116	Epping Forest	CON	2,646	1,704	1,373	-1,273	-48.1%	-331	-19.4%
24	15	Epsom & Ewell	CON	1,799	952	698	-1,101	-61.2%	-254	-26.7%
188	171	Erewash	LAB	3,314	2,205	1,827	-1,487	-44.9%	-378	-17.1%
372	470	Erith & Thamesmead	LAB	5,621	4,351	3,809	-1,812	-32.2%	-542	-12.5%
5	11	Esher & Walton	CON	1,768	979	679	-1,089	-61.6%	-300	-30.6%
387	427	Exeter	LAB	3,672	2,768	2,433	-1,239	-33.7%	-335	-12.1%
580	606	Falkirk East	LAB	2,672	2,130	2,011	-661	-24.7%	-119	-5.6%
614	623	Falkirk West	LAB	2,898	2,329	2,247	-651	-22.5%	-82	-3.5%
429	449	Falmouth & Camborne	LAB	4,107	3,096	2,755	-1,352	-32.9%	-341	-11.0%
9	8	Fareham	CON	1,880	1,013	709	-1,171	-62.3%	-304	-30.0%
32	80	Faversham & Mid Kent	CON	2,497	1,666	1,234	-1,263	-50.6%	-432	-25.9%
138	153	Feltham & Heston	LAB	3,936	2,620	2,125	-1,811	-46.0%	-495	-18.9%
561	529	Fermanagh & South Tyrone	UU	5,291	3,982	3,715	-1,576	-29.8%	-267	-6.7%
197	232	Finchley & Golders Green	LAB	3,819	2,665	2,217	-1,602	-41.9%	-448	-16.8%
148	359	Folkestone & Hythe	CON	3,977	3,085	2,518	-1,459	-36.7%	-567	-18.4%
519	202	Forest of Dean	LAB	2,109	1,306	1,199	-910	-43.1%	-107	-8.2%
629	635	Foyle	SDLP	7,762	6,241	6,095	-1,667	-21.5%	-146	-2.3%
128	144	Fylde	CON	1,431	949	765	-666	-46.5%	-184	-19.4%
592	412	Gainsborough	CON	2,430	1,658	1,579	-851	-35.0%	-79	-4.8%
635	549	Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	SNP	2,742	1,979	1,946	-796	-29.0%	-33	-1.7%
261	333	Gateshead East & Washington West	LAB	3,384	2,479	2,108	-1,276	-37.7%	-371	-15.0%
315	272	Gedling	LAB	2,943	2,034	1,759	-1,184	-40.2%	-275	-13.5%

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41	63	Gillingham	LAB	3,502	2,218	1,666	-1,836	-52.4%	-552	-24.9%
549	654	Glasgow Anniesland	LAB	3,043	2,676	2,487	-556	-18.3%	-189	-7.1%
347	539	Glasgow Baillieston	LAB	3,987	3,226	2,811	-1,176	-29.5%	-415	-12.9%
443	619	Glasgow Cathcart	LAB	2,644	2,280	2,035	-609	-23.0%	-245	-10.7%
471	628	Glasgow Govan	LAB	3,987	3,429	3,099	-888	-22.3%	-330	-9.6%
248	473	Glasgow Kelvin	LAB	4,536	3,634	3,077	-1,459	-32.2%	-557	-15.3%
276	561	Glasgow Maryhill	LAB	5,187	4,387	3,744	-1,443	-27.8%	-643	-14.7%
608	636	Glasgow Pollok	LAB	3,768	3,091	2,964	-804	-21.3%	-127	-4.1%
503	550	Glasgow Rutherglen	LAB	2,761	2,146	1,960	-801	-29.0%	-186	-8.7%
584	642	Glasgow Shettleston	LAB	3,693	3,111	2,947	-746	-20.2%	-164	-5.3%
526	627	Glasgow Springburn	LAB	4,435	3,745	3,444	-991	-22.3%	-301	-8.0%
305	402	Gloucester	LAB	3,768	2,823	2,436	-1,332	-35.4%	-387	-13.7%
103	106	Gordon	LD	1,541	982	781	-760	-49.3%	-201	-20.5%
279	329	Gosport	CON	2,355	1,710	1,462	-893	-37.9%	-248	-14.5%
510	385	Gower	LAB	2,275	1,592	1,457	-818	-36.0%	-135	-8.5%
91	209	Grantham & Stamford	CON	2,183	1,584	1,247	-936	-42.9%	-337	-21.3%
368	270	Gravesham	LAB	3,804	2,594	2,270	-1,534	-40.3%	-324	-12.5%
575	659	Great Grimsby	LAB	4,598	4,188	3,948	-650	-14.1%	-240	-5.7%
338	613	Great Yarmouth	LAB	3,704	3,242	2,821	-883	-23.8%	-421	-13.0%
642	647	Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	2,461	1,992	1,984	-477	-19.4%	-8	-0.4%
487	572	Greenwich & Woolwich	LAB	6,189	4,967	4,507	-1,682	-27.2%	-460	-9.3%
42	52	Guildford	CON	1,630	1,009	758	-872	-53.5%	-251	-24.9%
423	511	Hackney North & Stoke Newington	LAB	9,637	7,518	6,682	-2,955	-30.7%	-836	-11.1%
415	517	Hackney South & Shoreditch	LAB	9,584	7,521	6,676	-2,908	-30.3%	-845	-11.2%
587	448	Halesowen & Rowley Regis	LAB	2,944	2,083	1,974	-970	-32.9%	-109	-5.2%
512	583	Halifax	LAB	3,959	3,178	2,909	-1,050	-26.5%	-269	-8.5%
552	457	Haltemprice & Howden	CON	1,722	1,246	1,160	-562	-32.6%	-86	-6.9%
358	476	Halton	LAB	3,796	2,955	2,580	-1,216	-32.0%	-375	-12.7%
609	625	Hamilton North & Bellshill	LAB	3,411	2,759	2,647	-764	-22.4%	-112	-4.1%
595	620	Hamilton South	LAB	2,528	2,046	1,949	-579	-22.9%	-97	-4.7%
217	247	Hammersmith & Fulham	LAB	6,738	4,721	3,955	-2,783	-41.3%	-766	-16.2%
296	377	Hampstead & Highgate	LAB	5,592	4,146	3,570	-2,022	-36.2%	-576	-13.9%
258	298	Harborough	CON	1,614	1,156	982	-632	-39.2%	-174	-15.1%
229	164	Harlow	LAB	2,938	1,911	1,607	-1,331	-45.3%	-304	-15.9%
76	74	Harrogate & Knaresborough	LD	2,118	1,329	1,035	-1,083	-51.1%	-294	-22.1%
152	240	Harrow East	LAB	3,715	2,652	2,170	-1,545	-41.6%	-482	-18.2%
420	281	Harrow West	LAB	2,759	1,863	1,655	-1,104	-40.0%	-208	-11.2%
611	658	Hartlepool	LAB	4,889	4,346	4,172	-717	-14.7%	-174	-4.0%
417	279	Harwich	LAB	3,590	2,424	2,152	-1,438	-40.1%	-272	-11.2%
278	309	Hastings & Rye	LAB	4,638	3,326	2,841	-1,797	-38.7%	-485	-14.6%
356	282	Havant	CON	2,994	2,058	1,796	-1,198	-40.0%	-262	-12.7%
227	186	Hayes & Harlington	LAB	2,934	1,964	1,650	-1,284	-43.8%	-314	-16.0%
257	314	Hazel Grove	LD	1,670	1,209	1,027	-643	-38.5%	-182	-15.1%
105	44	Hemel Hempstead	LAB	2,248	1,284	1,022	-1,226	-54.5%	-262	-20.4%
490	362	Hemsworth	LAB	3,454	2,411	2,190	-1,264	-36.6%	-221	-9.2%
376	462	Hendon	LAB	4,011	3,090	2,708	-1,303	-32.5%	-382	-12.4%
28	14	Henley	CON	1,297	683	503	-794	-61.2%	-180	-26.4%
183	261	Hereford *>	LD	2,762	1,980	1,636	-1,126	-40.8%	-344	-17.4%
18	17	Hertford & Stortford	CON	1,796	991	719	-1,077	-60.0%	-272	-27.4%
132	29	Hertsmere	CON	2,154	1,155	934	-1,220	-56.6%	-221	-19.1%
361	208	Hexham	CON	1,861	1,216	1,062	-799	-42.9%	-154	-12.7%
299	399	Heywood & Middleton	LAB	3,692	2,764	2,382	-1,310	-35.5%	-382	-13.8%
316	293	High Peak	LAB	2,276	1,595	1,380	-896	-39.4%	-215	-13.5%
96	97	Hitchin & Harpenden	CON	1,686	1,069	845	-841	-49.9%	-224	-21.0%
528	575	Holborn & St Pancras	LAB	6,683	5,302	4,879	-1,804	-27.0%	-423	-8.0%
243	151	Hornchurch	LAB	2,258	1,440	1,217	-1,041	-46.1%	-223	-15.5%
366	285	Hornsey & Wood Green	LAB	7,614	5,232	4,577	-3,037	-39.9%	-655	-12.5%
33	40	Horsham	CON	1,362	820	608	-754	-55.4%	-212	-25.9%
397	401	Houghton & Washington East	LAB	3,646	2,668	2,356	-1,290	-35.4%	-312	-11.7%
232	210	Hove	LAB	4,571	3,105	2,613	-1,958	-42.8%	-492	-15.8%

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585	611	Huddersfield	LAB	4,266	3,423	3,243	-1,023	-24.0%	-180	-5.3%
300	141	Huntingdon	CON	2,347	1,453	1,253	-1,094	-46.6%	-200	-13.8%
620	554	Hyndburn	LAB	2,218	1,634	1,582	-636	-28.7%	-52	-3.2%
84	184	Ilford North	LAB	3,031	2,171	1,701	-1,330	-43.9%	-470	-21.6%
273	350	Ilford South *	LAB	5,369	3,980	3,394	-1,975	-36.8%	-586	-14.7%
162	251	Inverness East, Nairn & Lochaber	LAB	3,013	2,162	1,774	-1,239	-41.1%	-388	-17.9%
413	484	Ipswich	LAB	3,578	2,756	2,445	-1,133	-31.7%	-311	-11.3%
371	492	Isle of Wight	LD	4,786	3,757	3,288	-1,498	-31.3%	-469	-12.5%
535	527	Islington North	LAB	8,195	6,232	5,751	-2,444	-29.8%	-481	-7.7%
323	450	Islington South & Finsbury	LAB	6,483	5,023	4,353	-2,130	-32.9%	-670	-13.3%
448	382	Islwyn	LAB	2,132	1,527	1,365	-767	-36.0%	-162	-10.6%
205	505	Jarrow	LAB	3,715	3,080	2,568	-1,147	-30.9%	-512	-16.6%
646	531	Keighley	LAB	2,895	2,027	2,034	-861	-29.7%	7	0.3%
321	192	Kensington & Chelsea	CON	4,139	2,697	2,336	-1,803	-43.6%	-361	-13.4%
214	113	Kettering	LAB	2,374	1,461	1,222	-1,152	-48.5%	-239	-16.4%
625	643	Kilmarnock & Loudoun	LAB	3,823	3,137	3,051	-772	-20.2%	-86	-2.7%
99	115	Kingston & Surbiton	LD	2,881	1,880	1,489	-1,392	-48.3%	-391	-20.8%
649	656	Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	4,643	3,772	3,808	-835	-18.0%	36	1.0%
630	615	Kingston upon Hull North	LAB	5,831	4,561	4,461	-1,370	-23.5%	-100	-2.2%
644	637	Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	4,925	3,877	3,875	-1,050	-21.3%	-2	-0.1%
3	23	Kingswood	LAB	2,717	1,740	1,153	-1,564	-57.6%	-587	-33.7%
650	648	Kirkcaldy	LAB	3,688	2,949	2,980	-708	-19.2%	31	1.1%
382	469	Knowsley North & Sefton East	LAB	4,992	3,851	3,381	-1,611	-32.3%	-470	-12.2%
502	621	Knowsley South	LAB	5,385	4,560	4,164	-1,221	-22.7%	-396	-8.7%
602	325	Lagan Valley	UU	3,308	2,147	2,051	-1,257	-38.0%	-96	-4.5%
297	416	Lancaster & Wyre	LAB	2,368	1,794	1,545	-823	-34.8%	-249	-13.9%
499	594	Leeds Central	LAB	6,483	5,285	4,822	-1,661	-25.6%	-463	-8.8%
282	526	Leeds East	LAB	4,748	3,888	3,330	-1,418	-29.9%	-558	-14.4%
266	409	Leeds North East	LAB	3,513	2,680	2,281	-1,232	-35.1%	-399	-14.9%
260	284	Leeds North West	LAB	2,755	1,947	1,655	-1,100	-39.9%	-292	-15.0%
407	485	Leeds West	LAB	3,849	2,972	2,631	-1,218	-31.6%	-341	-11.5%
244	277	Leicester East	LAB	3,934	2,783	2,354	-1,580	-40.2%	-429	-15.4%
388	405	Leicester South	LAB	5,344	3,926	3,456	-1,888	-35.3%	-470	-12.0%
221	301	Leicester West	LAB	4,984	3,620	3,035	-1,949	-39.1%	-585	-16.2%
419	356	Leigh	LAB	2,985	2,127	1,889	-1,096	-36.7%	-238	-11.2%
271	185	Leominster <*	CON	1,935	1,275	1,087	-848	-43.8%	-188	-14.7%
485	177	Lewes	LD	1,913	1,171	1,062	-851	-44.5%	-109	-9.3%
319	313	Lewisham East	LAB	4,488	3,188	2,759	-1,729	-38.5%	-429	-13.5%
286	351	Lewisham West	LAB	5,576	4,112	3,525	-2,051	-36.8%	-587	-14.3%
481	407	Lewisham, Deptford	LAB	7,751	5,535	5,016	-2,735	-35.3%	-519	-9.4%
133	134	Leyton & Wanstead	LAB	6,090	3,992	3,231	-2,859	-46.9%	-761	-19.1%
318	274	Lichfield	CON	1,784	1,233	1,067	-717	-40.2%	-166	-13.5%
262	288	Lincoln	LAB	4,768	3,390	2,883	-1,885	-39.5%	-507	-15.0%
581	453	Linlithgow	LAB	2,340	1,665	1,572	-768	-32.8%	-93	-5.6%
468	567	Liverpool, Garston	LAB	4,517	3,635	3,277	-1,240	-27.5%	-358	-9.8%
442	578	Liverpool, Riverside	LAB	8,376	6,867	6,128	-2,248	-26.8%	-739	-10.8%
557	630	Liverpool, Walton	LAB	6,178	5,169	4,816	-1,362	-22.0%	-353	-6.8%
469	563	Liverpool, Wavertree	LAB	6,151	4,934	4,450	-1,701	-27.7%	-484	-9.8%
245	516	Liverpool, West Derby	LAB	6,399	5,257	4,449	-1,950	-30.5%	-808	-15.4%
626	465	Livingston	LAB	2,649	1,841	1,791	-858	-32.4%	-50	-2.7%
309	519	Llanelli	LAB	2,766	2,236	1,930	-836	-30.2%	-306	-13.7%
445	352	Loughborough	LAB	2,530	1,792	1,600	-930	-36.8%	-192	-10.7%
220	302	Louth & Horncastle	CON	2,268	1,649	1,382	-886	-39.1%	-267	-16.2%
529	383	Ludlow	CON	1,593	1,108	1,020	-573	-36.0%	-88	-7.9%
314	321	Luton North	LAB	3,202	2,291	1,981	-1,221	-38.1%	-310	-13.5%
264	324	Luton South	LAB	4,293	3,127	2,661	-1,632	-38.0%	-466	-14.9%
22	133	Macclesfield	CON	1,746	1,264	925	-821	-47.0%	-339	-26.8%
373	128	Maidenhead	CON	1,577	950	832	-745	-47.2%	-118	-12.4%
34	62	Maidstone & The Weald	CON	2,508	1,605	1,193	-1,315	-52.4%	-412	-25.7%
511	386	Makerfield	LAB	2,982	2,088	1,911	-1,071	-35.9%	-177	-8.5%

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198	148	Maldon & East Chelmsford	CON	2,227	1,436	1,195	-1,032	-46.3%	-241	-16.8%
409	483	Manchester, Blackley	LAB	4,756	3,661	3,244	-1,512	-31.8%	-417	-11.4%
393	569	Manchester, Central	LAB	7,467	6,147	5,426	-2,041	-27.3%	-721	-11.7%
327	456	Manchester, Gorton	LAB	5,991	4,651	4,033	-1,958	-32.7%	-618	-13.3%
119	249	Manchester, Withington	LAB	5,231	3,826	3,072	-2,159	-41.3%	-754	-19.7%
517	489	Mansfield	LAB	3,533	2,641	2,422	-1,111	-31.4%	-219	-8.3%
231	276	Medway	LAB	3,475	2,471	2,079	-1,396	-40.2%	-392	-15.9%
516	460	Meirionnydd Nant Conwy	PC	1,524	1,120	1,027	-497	-32.6%	-93	-8.3%
386	320	Meriden	CON	3,867	2,722	2,391	-1,476	-38.2%	-331	-12.2%
617	501	Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney	LAB	3,424	2,447	2,363	-1,061	-31.0%	-84	-3.4%
146	98	Mid Bedfordshire	CON	1,457	897	731	-726	-49.8%	-166	-18.5%
36	45	Mid Dorset & North Poole	CON	1,872	1,150	856	-1,016	-54.3%	-294	-25.6%
212	408	Mid Norfolk	CON	2,158	1,674	1,399	-759	-35.2%	-275	-16.4%
1	2	Mid Sussex	CON	1,549	829	534	-1,015	-65.5%	-295	-35.6%
505	280	Mid Ulster	SF	5,157	3,386	3,093	-2,064	-40.0%	-293	-8.7%
236	121	Mid Worcestershire	CON	1,835	1,137	959	-876	-47.7%	-178	-15.7%
484	590	Middlesbrough	LAB	6,834	5,584	5,062	-1,772	-25.9%	-522	-9.3%
341	499	Middlesbrough South & East Cleveland	LAB	4,393	3,481	3,030	-1,363	-31.0%	-451	-13.0%
54	315	Midlothian	LAB	1,741	1,407	1,071	-670	-38.5%	-336	-23.9%
12	46	Milton Keynes South West	LAB	3,013	1,946	1,378	-1,635	-54.3%	-568	-29.2%
112	201	Mitcham & Morden	LAB	4,186	2,972	2,377	-1,809	-43.2%	-595	-20.0%
10	3	Mole Valley	CON	1,255	631	445	-810	-64.5%	-186	-29.5%
543	426	Monmouth	LAB	2,057	1,471	1,362	-695	-33.8%	-109	-7.4%
538	504	Montgomeryshire	LD	1,035	773	715	-320	-30.9%	-58	-7.5%
142	363	Moray	SNP	2,578	2,011	1,636	-942	-36.5%	-375	-18.6%
458	514	Morecambe & Lunesdale	LAB	3,294	2,546	2,285	-1,009	-30.6%	-261	-10.3%
394	513	Morley & Rothwell	LAB	2,510	1,972	1,741	-769	-30.6%	-231	-11.7%
657	646	Motherwell & Wishaw	LAB	3,118	2,406	2,509	-609	-19.5%	103	4.3%
472	622	Neath	LAB	2,276	1,947	1,760	-516	-22.7%	-187	-9.6%
200	72	New Forest East	CON	1,805	1,052	876	-929	-51.5%	-176	-16.7%
185	112	New Forest West	CON	1,607	1,000	827	-780	-48.5%	-173	-17.3%
378	374	Newark	LAB	2,771	2,015	1,767	-1,004	-36.2%	-248	-12.3%
63	4	Newbury	LD	1,693	790	608	-1,085	-64.1%	-182	-23.0%
291	393	Newcastle upon Tyne Central	LAB	4,865	3,648	3,131	-1,734	-35.6%	-517	-14.2%
365	541	Newcastle upon Tyne East & Wallsend	LAB	4,861	3,923	3,429	-1,432	-29.5%	-494	-12.6%
169	271	Newcastle upon Tyne North	LAB	3,655	2,653	2,183	-1,472	-40.3%	-470	-17.7%
254	187	Newcastle-under-Lyme	LAB	2,403	1,593	1,352	-1,051	-43.7%	-241	-15.1%
435	387	Newport East	LAB	2,960	2,129	1,897	-1,063	-35.9%	-232	-10.9%
498	481	Newport West	LAB	3,377	2,521	2,300	-1,077	-31.9%	-221	-8.8%
564	439	Newry & Armagh	SDLP	6,630	4,719	4,423	-2,207	-33.3%	-296	-6.3%
533	380	Normanton	LAB	2,525	1,751	1,615	-910	-36.0%	-136	-7.8%
606	415	North Antrim	DU	4,949	3,367	3,226	-1,723	-34.8%	-141	-4.2%
546	303	North Cornwall	LD	3,495	2,297	2,130	-1,365	-39.1%	-167	-7.3%
483	297	North Devon	LD	2,787	1,870	1,695	-1,092	-39.2%	-175	-9.4%
204	119	North Dorset	CON	1,300	812	677	-623	-47.9%	-135	-16.6%
573	364	North Down	UKU	3,580	2,413	2,272	-1,308	-36.5%	-141	-5.8%
389	562	North Durham	LAB	3,104	2,546	2,242	-862	-27.8%	-304	-11.9%
101	41	North East Bedfordshire	CON	1,857	1,051	834	-1,023	-55.1%	-217	-20.6%
237	257	North East Cambridgeshire	CON	2,956	2,070	1,746	-1,210	-40.9%	-324	-15.7%
329	299	North East Derbyshire	LAB	3,268	2,293	1,989	-1,279	-39.1%	-304	-13.3%
583	437	North East Fife	LD	1,996	1,407	1,331	-665	-33.3%	-76	-5.4%
25	42	North East Hampshire	CON	1,283	789	579	-704	-54.9%	-210	-26.6%
90	22	North East Hertfordshire	CON	1,952	1,051	826	-1,126	-57.7%	-225	-21.4%
13	85	North East Milton Keynes	LAB	2,336	1,629	1,158	-1,178	-50.4%	-471	-28.9%
107	71	North Essex	CON	1,729	1,053	839	-890	-51.5%	-214	-20.3%
202	330	North Norfolk	CON	2,267	1,690	1,408	-859	-37.9%	-282	-16.7%
350	339	North Shropshire	CON	2,169	1,559	1,359	-810	-37.3%	-200	-12.8%
401	417	North Southwark & Bermondsey	LD	7,665	5,680	5,021	-2,644	-34.5%	-659	-11.6%
451	146	North Swindon	LAB	2,099	1,258	1,125	-974	-46.4%	-133	-10.6%
359	445	North Tayside	SNP	2,209	1,695	1,480	-729	-33.0%	-215	-12.7%

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544	308	North Thanet	CON	4,470	2,955	2,737	-1,733	-38.8%	-218	-7.4%
285	496	North Tyneside	LAB	4,037	3,245	2,781	-1,256	-31.1%	-464	-14.3%
226	291	North Warwickshire	LAB	2,428	1,751	1,471	-957	-39.4%	-280	-16.0%
55	59	North West Cambridgeshire	CON	2,438	1,514	1,154	-1,284	-52.7%	-360	-23.8%
431	542	North West Durham	LAB	3,181	2,522	2,245	-936	-29.4%	-277	-11.0%
151	193	North West Hampshire *	CON	1,247	861	704	-543	-43.5%	-157	-18.2%
164	197	North West Leicestershire	LAB	2,042	1,410	1,157	-885	-43.3%	-253	-17.9%
402	440	North West Norfolk	LAB	2,844	2,148	1,899	-945	-33.2%	-249	-11.6%
170	32	North Wiltshire	CON	2,063	1,096	902	-1,161	-56.3%	-194	-17.7%
143	218	Northampton North	LAB	3,535	2,501	2,036	-1,499	-42.4%	-465	-18.6%
82	172	Northampton South	LAB	3,180	2,243	1,754	-1,426	-44.8%	-489	-21.8%
4	7	Northavon	LD	2,021	1,105	762	-1,259	-62.3%	-343	-31.0%
343	545	Norwich North	LAB	3,034	2,466	2,148	-886	-29.2%	-318	-12.9%
332	509	Norwich South	LAB	4,446	3,550	3,081	-1,365	-30.7%	-469	-13.2%
425	397	Nottingham East	LAB	7,488	5,432	4,830	-2,658	-35.5%	-602	-11.1%
555	535	Nottingham North	LAB	4,972	3,755	3,498	-1,474	-29.6%	-257	-6.8%
500	430	Nottingham South	LAB	5,088	3,712	3,387	-1,701	-33.4%	-325	-8.8%
520	477	Nuneaton	LAB	2,540	1,883	1,729	-811	-31.9%	-154	-8.2%
586	609	Ochil	LAB	2,885	2,302	2,181	-704	-24.4%	-121	-5.3%
542	657	Ogmore	LAB	1,988	1,806	1,672	-316	-15.9%	-134	-7.4%
30	66	Old Bexley & Sidcup	CON	2,420	1,570	1,158	-1,262	-52.1%	-412	-26.2%
576	237	Oldham East & Saddleworth	LAB	3,469	2,141	2,019	-1,450	-41.8%	-122	-5.7%
590	305	Oldham West & Royton	LAB	3,970	2,551	2,422	-1,548	-39.0%	-129	-5.1%
403	551	Orkney & Shetland	LD	879	708	626	-253	-28.8%	-82	-11.6%
199	120	Orpington	CON	2,660	1,666	1,387	-1,273	-47.9%	-279	-16.7%
117	139	Oxford East	LAB	3,627	2,409	1,933	-1,694	-46.7%	-476	-19.8%
29	50	Oxford West & Abingdon	LD	1,645	1,030	759	-886	-53.9%	-271	-26.3%
634	631	Paisley North	LAB	2,981	2,375	2,335	-646	-21.7%	-40	-1.7%
591	582	Paisley South	LAB	3,521	2,723	2,586	-935	-26.6%	-137	-5.0%
613	543	Pendle	LAB	2,171	1,589	1,533	-638	-29.4%	-56	-3.5%
165	138	Penrith & The Border	CON	1,650	1,069	878	-772	-46.8%	-191	-17.9%
317	576	Perth	SNP	2,330	1,967	1,702	-628	-27.0%	-265	-13.5%
78	132	Peterborough	LAB	4,166	2,830	2,207	-1,959	-47.0%	-623	-22.0%
161	213	Plymouth, Devonport	LAB	4,754	3,328	2,728	-2,026	-42.6%	-600	-18.0%
280	403	Plymouth, Sutton	LAB	6,414	4,848	4,147	-2,267	-35.3%	-701	-14.5%
632	495	Pontefract & Castleford	LAB	3,332	2,334	2,294	-1,038	-31.2%	-40	-1.7%
427	451	Pontypridd	LAB	2,752	2,077	1,848	-904	-32.8%	-229	-11.0%
86	94	Poole	CON	2,357	1,503	1,179	-1,178	-50.0%	-324	-21.6%
623	538	Poplar & Canning Town	LAB	8,009	5,806	5,643	-2,366	-29.5%	-163	-2.8%
50	57	Portsmouth North	LAB	3,323	2,065	1,569	-1,754	-52.8%	-496	-24.0%
108	265	Portsmouth South	LD	5,220	3,882	3,097	-2,123	-40.7%	-785	-20.2%
326	556	Preseli Pembrokeshire	LAB	2,996	2,472	2,143	-853	-28.5%	-329	-13.3%
218	335	Preston	LAB	4,567	3,405	2,853	-1,714	-37.5%	-552	-16.2%
582	378	Pudsey	LAB	1,817	1,227	1,160	-657	-36.2%	-67	-5.5%
145	111	Putney	LAB	3,669	2,317	1,888	-1,781	-48.5%	-429	-18.5%
64	28	Rayleigh	CON	2,242	1,256	968	-1,274	-56.8%	-288	-22.9%
159	38	Reading East	LAB	2,806	1,523	1,248	-1,558	-55.5%	-275	-18.1%
207	84	Reading West	LAB	2,275	1,350	1,126	-1,149	-50.5%	-224	-16.6%
391	524	Redcar	LAB	4,948	3,937	3,470	-1,478	-29.9%	-467	-11.9%
156	365	Redditch	LAB	2,642	2,048	1,677	-965	-36.5%	-371	-18.1%
515	564	Regent's Park & Kensington North	LAB	7,116	5,618	5,150	-1,966	-27.6%	-468	-8.3%
2	9	Reigate	CON	1,450	837	547	-903	-62.3%	-290	-34.6%
532	610	Rhondda	LAB	2,786	2,285	2,107	-679	-24.4%	-178	-7.8%
154	76	Ribble Valley	CON	1,468	877	718	-750	-51.1%	-159	-18.1%
284	239	Richmond	CON	1,925	1,311	1,123	-802	-41.7%	-188	-14.3%
98	136	Richmond Park	LD	2,756	1,850	1,465	-1,291	-46.8%	-385	-20.8%
636	632	Rochdale	LAB	3,935	3,136	3,085	-850	-21.6%	-51	-1.6%
235	503	Rochford & Southend East	CON	4,980	4,083	3,440	-1,540	-30.9%	-643	-15.7%
416	194	Romford	LAB	2,169	1,380	1,225	-944	-43.5%	-155	-11.2%
44	49	Romsey	CON	1,523	932	702	-821	-53.9%	-230	-24.7%

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92	358	Ross, Skye & Inverness West	LD	3,089	2,482	1,955	-1,134	-36.7%	-527	-21.2%
655	593	Rossendale & Darwen	LAB	1,990	1,443	1,480	-510	-25.6%	37	2.6%
357	478	Rother Valley	LAB	3,477	2,712	2,367	-1,110	-31.9%	-345	-12.7%
230	601	Rotherham	LAB	4,141	3,685	3,099	-1,042	-25.2%	-586	-15.9%
659	649	Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	1,445	985	1,168	-277	-19.2%	183	18.6%
97	175	Rugby & Kenilworth	LAB	2,432	1,705	1,349	-1,083	-44.5%	-356	-20.9%
127	156	Ruislip - Northwood	CON	1,741	1,170	943	-798	-45.8%	-227	-19.4%
11	13	Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	1,660	905	640	-1,020	-61.4%	-265	-29.3%
106	104	Rushcliffe	CON	2,763	1,754	1,397	-1,366	-49.4%	-357	-20.4%
141	103	Rutland & Melton	CON	1,422	881	716	-706	-49.6%	-165	-18.7%
328	204	Ryedale	CON	1,525	1,001	868	-657	-43.1%	-133	-13.3%
263	75	Saffron Walden	CON	1,830	1,052	895	-935	-51.1%	-157	-14.9%
166	229	Salford	LAB	4,125	2,906	2,387	-1,738	-42.1%	-519	-17.9%
43	73	Salisbury	CON	2,155	1,397	1,052	-1,103	-51.2%	-345	-24.7%
612	599	Scarborough & Whitby	LAB	3,255	2,524	2,434	-821	-25.2%	-90	-3.6%
455	597	Scunthorpe	LAB	3,000	2,496	2,238	-762	-25.4%	-258	-10.3%
610	605	Sedgefield	LAB	2,546	1,992	1,912	-634	-24.9%	-80	-4.0%
479	372	Selby	LAB	2,537	1,785	1,617	-920	-36.3%	-168	-9.4%
58	53	Sevenoaks	CON	1,939	1,187	907	-1,032	-53.2%	-280	-23.6%
268	472	Sheffield, Attercliffe	LAB	3,534	2,814	2,396	-1,138	-32.2%	-418	-14.9%
211	540	Sheffield, Brightside	LAB	4,803	4,055	3,388	-1,415	-29.5%	-667	-16.4%
274	444	Sheffield, Central	LAB	7,551	5,932	5,059	-2,492	-33.0%	-873	-14.7%
45	216	Sheffield, Hallam	LD	2,265	1,727	1,303	-962	-42.5%	-424	-24.6%
396	471	Sheffield, Heeley	LAB	4,478	3,437	3,035	-1,443	-32.2%	-402	-11.7%
104	223	Sheffield, Hillsborough	LAB	3,678	2,666	2,122	-1,556	-42.3%	-544	-20.4%
369	317	Sherwood	LAB	3,215	2,266	1,983	-1,232	-38.3%	-283	-12.5%
619	558	ShIPLEY	LAB	2,427	1,806	1,748	-679	-28.0%	-58	-3.2%
225	275	Shrewsbury & Atcham	LAB	2,250	1,603	1,346	-904	-40.2%	-257	-16.0%
178	203	Sittingbourne & Sheppey	LAB	3,713	2,561	2,113	-1,600	-43.1%	-448	-17.5%
313	158	Skipton & Ripon	CON	1,611	1,011	874	-737	-45.7%	-137	-13.6%
69	96	Sleaford & North Hykeham	CON	2,040	1,321	1,022	-1,018	-49.9%	-299	-22.6%
506	222	Slough	LAB	3,841	2,424	2,216	-1,625	-42.3%	-208	-8.6%
377	245	Solihull	CON	2,150	1,437	1,260	-890	-41.4%	-177	-12.3%
49	60	Somerton & Frome *	LD	2,247	1,404	1,065	-1,182	-52.6%	-339	-24.1%
616	361	South Antrim	UU	3,563	2,340	2,258	-1,305	-36.6%	-82	-3.5%
390	47	South Cambridgeshire	CON	1,734	901	794	-940	-54.2%	-107	-11.9%
65	199	South Derbyshire	LAB	2,495	1,835	1,416	-1,079	-43.2%	-419	-22.8%
171	145	South Dorset	CON	2,592	1,685	1,387	-1,205	-46.5%	-298	-17.7%
599	452	South Down	SDLP	5,219	3,675	3,506	-1,713	-32.8%	-169	-4.6%
525	108	South East Cambridgeshire	CON	1,907	1,055	970	-937	-49.1%	-85	-8.1%
270	181	South East Cornwall	LD	3,048	1,999	1,704	-1,344	-44.1%	-295	-14.8%
537	142	South Holland & The Deepings	CON	1,556	899	831	-725	-46.6%	-68	-7.6%
77	183	South Norfolk	CON	2,359	1,697	1,323	-1,036	-43.9%	-374	-22.0%
209	169	South Ribble	LAB	1,982	1,306	1,090	-892	-45.0%	-216	-16.5%
385	598	South Shields	LAB	4,785	4,070	3,574	-1,211	-25.3%	-496	-12.2%
330	176	South Staffordshire	CON	2,504	1,601	1,389	-1,115	-44.5%	-212	-13.2%
367	250	South Suffolk	CON	1,952	1,312	1,148	-804	-41.2%	-164	-12.5%
466	212	South Swindon	LAB	2,996	1,910	1,719	-1,277	-42.6%	-191	-10.0%
545	480	South Thanet	LAB	3,454	2,539	2,352	-1,102	-31.9%	-187	-7.4%
269	147	South West Bedfordshire	CON	2,184	1,375	1,171	-1,013	-46.4%	-204	-14.8%
140	154	South West Devon	CON	2,203	1,466	1,191	-1,012	-45.9%	-275	-18.8%
224	102	South West Hertfordshire	CON	1,738	1,043	875	-863	-49.7%	-168	-16.1%
192	200	South West Norfolk	CON	2,655	1,816	1,507	-1,148	-43.2%	-309	-17.0%
56	37	South West Surrey	CON	1,337	777	593	-744	-55.6%	-184	-23.7%
404	254	Southampton, Itchen	LAB	4,415	2,944	2,604	-1,811	-41.0%	-340	-11.5%
131	189	Southampton, Test	LAB	4,509	3,141	2,539	-1,970	-43.7%	-602	-19.2%
80	207	Southend West	CON	3,359	2,455	1,915	-1,444	-43.0%	-540	-22.0%
446	371	Southport	LD	3,207	2,288	2,043	-1,164	-36.3%	-245	-10.7%
21	19	Spelthorne	CON	1,923	1,078	787	-1,136	-59.1%	-291	-27.0%
17	35	St Albans	LAB	1,650	1,003	725	-925	-56.1%	-278	-27.7%

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569	458	St Helens North	LAB	3,579	2,566	2,411	-1,168	-32.6%	-155	-6.0%
548	566	St Helens South	LAB	3,827	2,984	2,771	-1,056	-27.6%	-213	-7.1%
547	574	St Ives	LD	3,721	2,921	2,711	-1,010	-27.1%	-210	-7.2%
521	447	Stafford	LAB	2,079	1,518	1,394	-685	-32.9%	-124	-8.2%
452	559	Staffordshire Moorlands	LAB	1,740	1,403	1,255	-485	-27.9%	-148	-10.5%
325	278	Stalybridge & Hyde	LAB	3,130	2,163	1,875	-1,255	-40.1%	-288	-13.3%
6	25	Stevenage	LAB	3,033	1,869	1,301	-1,732	-57.1%	-568	-30.4%
524	523	Stirling	LAB	2,353	1,795	1,650	-703	-29.9%	-145	-8.1%
342	312	Stockport	LAB	3,028	2,138	1,861	-1,167	-38.5%	-277	-13.0%
336	626	Stockton North	LAB	4,897	4,374	3,802	-1,095	-22.4%	-572	-13.1%
223	464	Stockton South	LAB	4,094	3,296	2,765	-1,329	-32.5%	-531	-16.1%
399	586	Stoke-on-Trent Central	LAB	3,226	2,695	2,382	-844	-26.2%	-313	-11.6%
277	441	Stoke-on-Trent North	LAB	2,312	1,812	1,547	-765	-33.1%	-265	-14.6%
638	560	Stoke-on-Trent South	LAB	2,654	1,944	1,915	-739	-27.8%	-29	-1.5%
324	205	Stone	CON	1,462	961	833	-629	-43.0%	-128	-13.3%
477	419	Stourbridge	LAB	2,662	1,931	1,749	-913	-34.3%	-182	-9.4%
392	420	Strangford	UU	3,398	2,531	2,234	-1,164	-34.3%	-297	-11.7%
95	167	Stratford-on-Avon	CON	1,832	1,275	1,006	-826	-45.1%	-269	-21.1%
460	518	Strathkelvin & Bearsden	LAB	2,595	2,016	1,810	-785	-30.3%	-206	-10.2%
216	318	Streatham	LAB	8,626	6,363	5,329	-3,297	-38.2%	-1,034	-16.3%
454	463	Stretford & Urmston	LAB	3,430	2,587	2,316	-1,114	-32.5%	-271	-10.5%
35	110	Stroud	LAB	2,386	1,644	1,222	-1,164	-48.8%	-422	-25.7%
53	234	Suffolk Coastal	CON	2,392	1,827	1,390	-1,002	-41.9%	-437	-23.9%
574	494	Sunderland North	LAB	4,338	3,169	2,986	-1,352	-31.2%	-183	-5.8%
344	396	Sunderland South	LAB	5,580	4,128	3,596	-1,984	-35.6%	-532	-12.9%
7	5	Surrey Heath	CON	1,375	717	501	-874	-63.6%	-216	-30.1%
124	65	Sutton & Cheam	LD	2,151	1,274	1,026	-1,125	-52.3%	-248	-19.5%
438	263	Sutton Coldfield	CON	2,316	1,540	1,373	-943	-40.7%	-167	-10.8%
551	570	Swansea East	LAB	2,921	2,284	2,126	-795	-27.2%	-158	-6.9%
422	384	Swansea West	LAB	3,429	2,471	2,196	-1,233	-36.0%	-275	-11.1%
405	355	Tamworth	LAB	2,437	1,743	1,542	-895	-36.7%	-201	-11.5%
72	109	Tatton	IND	1,592	1,044	810	-782	-49.1%	-234	-22.4%
139	165	Taunton *	LD	3,146	2,123	1,722	-1,424	-45.3%	-401	-18.9%
514	392	Teignbridge	CON	2,573	1,806	1,654	-919	-35.7%	-152	-8.4%
589	546	Telford	LAB	2,450	1,831	1,737	-713	-29.1%	-94	-5.1%
150	126	Tewkesbury	CON	1,817	1,171	957	-860	-47.3%	-214	-18.3%
462	357	Thurrock	LAB	3,914	2,757	2,477	-1,437	-36.7%	-280	-10.2%
459	262	Tiverton & Honiton	CON	2,041	1,347	1,209	-832	-40.8%	-138	-10.2%
68	117	Tonbridge & Malling	CON	1,877	1,261	974	-903	-48.1%	-287	-22.8%
79	182	Tooting	LAB	5,599	4,026	3,140	-2,459	-43.9%	-886	-22.0%
651	442	Torbay	LD	4,032	2,666	2,701	-1,331	-33.0%	35	1.3%
480	424	Torfaen	LAB	2,958	2,159	1,956	-1,002	-33.9%	-203	-9.4%
588	343	Torrige & West Devon	LD	3,088	2,046	1,939	-1,149	-37.2%	-107	-5.2%
578	337	Totnes	CON	2,536	1,682	1,587	-949	-37.4%	-95	-5.6%
618	618	Tottenham	LAB	10,330	8,205	7,939	-2,391	-23.1%	-266	-3.2%
523	370	Truro & St Austell	LD	3,484	2,413	2,218	-1,266	-36.3%	-195	-8.1%
312	101	Tunbridge Wells	CON	2,052	1,195	1,033	-1,019	-49.7%	-162	-13.6%
641	482	Tweeddale, Ettrick & Lauderdale	LD	1,409	965	961	-448	-31.8%	-4	-0.4%
67	99	Twickenham	LD	2,606	1,695	1,309	-1,297	-49.8%	-386	-22.8%
292	411	Tyne Bridge	LAB	6,375	4,823	4,140	-2,235	-35.1%	-683	-14.2%
441	544	Tynemouth	LAB	3,521	2,788	2,487	-1,034	-29.4%	-301	-10.8%
134	149	Upminster	LAB	2,079	1,380	1,117	-962	-46.3%	-263	-19.1%
604	422	Upper Bann	UU	4,035	2,787	2,664	-1,371	-34.0%	-123	-4.4%
37	89	Uxbridge	CON	2,233	1,491	1,110	-1,123	-50.3%	-381	-25.6%
320	225	Vale of Clwyd	LAB	2,530	1,687	1,461	-1,069	-42.3%	-226	-13.4%
293	342	Vale of Glamorgan	LAB	3,301	2,413	2,072	-1,229	-37.2%	-341	-14.1%
177	123	Vale of York	CON	1,583	1,004	828	-755	-47.7%	-176	-17.5%
208	413	Vauxhall	LAB	9,626	7,518	6,272	-3,354	-34.8%	-1,246	-16.6%
571	548	Wakefield	LAB	3,627	2,735	2,573	-1,054	-29.1%	-162	-5.9%
149	429	Wallasey	LAB	4,737	3,859	3,152	-1,585	-33.5%	-707	-18.3%

IV Change in Unemployed Claimants Aug 1996 - 1998,
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A. (not seasonally adjusted) - alphabetical listing

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97-98	96-98	Party	Unemployed Claimants			Change Aug 96 -98		Change Aug 97 -98		
			Aug 96	Aug 97	Aug 98	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
362	530	Walsall North	LAB	4,379	3,521	3,076	-1,303	-29.8%	-445	-12.6%
410	536	Walsall South	LAB	4,605	3,661	3,244	-1,361	-29.6%	-417	-11.4%
408	400	Walthamstow	LAB	5,885	4,292	3,802	-2,083	-35.4%	-490	-11.4%
489	455	Wansbeck	LAB	3,705	2,745	2,492	-1,213	-32.7%	-253	-9.2%
160	24	Wansdyke <*	LAB	2,096	1,087	891	-1,205	-57.5%	-196	-18.0%
61	81	Wantage	CON	1,408	906	696	-712	-50.6%	-210	-23.2%
430	381	Warley	LAB	4,358	3,134	2,789	-1,569	-36.0%	-345	-11.0%
306	334	Warrington North	LAB	2,797	2,023	1,746	-1,051	-37.6%	-277	-13.7%
102	211	Warrington South	LAB	2,321	1,672	1,327	-994	-42.8%	-345	-20.6%
414	300	Warwick & Leamington	LAB	2,631	1,805	1,602	-1,029	-39.1%	-203	-11.2%
193	131	Watford	LAB	2,683	1,708	1,419	-1,264	-47.1%	-289	-16.9%
238	595	Waveney	LAB	4,005	3,537	2,986	-1,019	-25.4%	-551	-15.6%
118	16	Wealden	CON	1,819	903	725	-1,094	-60.1%	-178	-19.7%
153	414	Weaver Vale	LAB	3,208	2,555	2,091	-1,117	-34.8%	-464	-18.2%
531	244	Wellingborough	LAB	2,643	1,678	1,547	-1,096	-41.5%	-131	-7.8%
210	93	Wells	CON	2,695	1,613	1,347	-1,348	-50.0%	-266	-16.5%
15	31	Welwyn Hatfield	LAB	1,882	1,151	821	-1,061	-56.4%	-330	-28.7%
434	592	Wentworth	LAB	3,663	3,059	2,724	-939	-25.6%	-335	-11.0%
57	91	West Aberdeenshire & Kincardine	LD	1,425	932	712	-713	-50.0%	-220	-23.6%
379	418	West Bromwich East	LAB	4,222	3,154	2,767	-1,455	-34.5%	-387	-12.3%
530	528	West Bromwich West	SPKR	4,397	3,351	3,086	-1,311	-29.8%	-265	-7.9%
464	235	West Chelmsford	CON	2,484	1,605	1,444	-1,040	-41.9%	-161	-10.0%
349	319	West Derbyshire	CON	1,780	1,262	1,100	-680	-38.2%	-162	-12.8%
476	242	West Dorset	CON	1,725	1,114	1,008	-717	-41.6%	-106	-9.5%
565	467	West Ham	LAB	7,433	5,366	5,033	-2,400	-32.3%	-333	-6.2%
639	638	West Lancashire	LAB	3,360	2,685	2,653	-707	-21.0%	-32	-1.2%
656	653	West Renfrewshire	IND LAB	1,921	1,504	1,565	-356	-18.5%	61	4.1%
122	118	West Suffolk	CON	2,323	1,500	1,207	-1,116	-48.0%	-293	-19.5%
627	612	West Tyrone	UU	5,536	4,327	4,213	-1,323	-23.9%	-114	-2.6%
195	173	West Worcestershire	CON	1,715	1,139	947	-768	-44.8%	-192	-16.9%
23	78	Westbury	CON	2,586	1,728	1,266	-1,320	-51.0%	-462	-26.7%
513	553	Western Isles	LAB	1,660	1,293	1,184	-476	-28.7%	-109	-8.4%
167	79	Westmorland & Lonsdale	CON	1,419	849	698	-721	-50.8%	-151	-17.8%
40	55	Weston-Super-Mare	LD	3,125	1,959	1,465	-1,660	-53.1%	-494	-25.2%
355	340	Wigan	LAB	3,375	2,425	2,116	-1,259	-37.3%	-309	-12.7%
81	88	Wimbledon	LAB	2,711	1,722	1,346	-1,365	-50.4%	-376	-21.8%
470	83	Winchester	LD	1,775	972	878	-897	-50.5%	-94	-9.7%
175	68	Windsor	CON	1,655	964	794	-861	-52.0%	-170	-17.6%
46	196	Wirral South	LAB	2,504	1,874	1,418	-1,086	-43.4%	-456	-24.3%
66	236	Wirral West	LAB	2,802	2,110	1,629	-1,173	-41.9%	-481	-22.8%
8	6	Witney	CON	1,506	793	555	-951	-63.1%	-238	-30.0%
100	58	Woking	CON	1,283	764	606	-677	-52.8%	-158	-20.7%
89	12	Wokingham	CON	1,189	583	458	-731	-61.5%	-125	-21.4%
290	376	Wolverhampton North East	LAB	4,097	3,047	2,615	-1,482	-36.2%	-432	-14.2%
364	347	Wolverhampton South East	LAB	4,102	2,954	2,582	-1,520	-37.1%	-372	-12.6%
433	349	Wolverhampton South West	LAB	4,180	2,967	2,642	-1,538	-36.8%	-325	-11.0%
116	21	Woodspring	CON	1,800	941	755	-1,045	-58.1%	-186	-19.8%
186	160	Worcester	LAB	3,008	1,980	1,638	-1,370	-45.5%	-342	-17.3%
294	491	Workington	LAB	3,545	2,835	2,435	-1,110	-31.3%	-400	-14.1%
562	433	Worsley	LAB	2,566	1,829	1,710	-856	-33.4%	-119	-6.5%
83	67	Worthing West	CON	1,867	1,142	894	-973	-52.1%	-248	-21.7%
463	224	Wrekin, The	LAB	1,859	1,193	1,073	-786	-42.3%	-120	-10.1%
295	327	Wrexham	LAB	2,220	1,602	1,377	-843	-38.0%	-225	-14.0%
272	77	Wycombe	CON	2,717	1,560	1,330	-1,387	-51.0%	-230	-14.7%
418	215	Wyre Forest	LAB	2,868	1,857	1,649	-1,219	-42.5%	-208	-11.2%
201	253	Wythenshawe & Sale East	LAB	4,471	3,164	2,636	-1,835	-41.0%	-528	-16.7%
194	174	Yeovil *	LD	2,304	1,532	1,273	-1,031	-44.7%	-259	-16.9%
508	507	Ynys-Mon	PC	3,335	2,522	2,308	-1,027	-30.8%	-214	-8.5%
130	221	York, City of	LAB	4,069	2,906	2,347	-1,722	-42.3%	-559	-19.2%
United Kingdom				2,176,449	1,579,211	1,383,194	-793,255	-36.4%	-196,017	-12.4%

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

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97-98	96-98	Party	Unemployed Claimants			Change Aug 96 -98		Change Aug 97 -98		
			Aug 96	Aug 97	Aug 98	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
1	2	Mid Sussex	CON	1,549	829	534	-1,015	-65.5%	-295	-35.6%
2	9	Reigate	CON	1,450	837	547	-903	-62.3%	-290	-34.6%
3	23	Kingswood	LAB	2,717	1,740	1,153	-1,564	-57.6%	-587	-33.7%
4	7	Northavon	LD	2,021	1,105	762	-1,259	-62.3%	-343	-31.0%
5	11	Esher & Walton	CON	1,768	979	679	-1,089	-61.6%	-300	-30.6%
6	25	Stevenage	LAB	3,033	1,869	1,301	-1,732	-57.1%	-568	-30.4%
7	5	Surrey Heath	CON	1,375	717	501	-874	-63.6%	-216	-30.1%
8	6	Witney	CON	1,506	793	555	-951	-63.1%	-238	-30.0%
9	8	Fareham	CON	1,880	1,013	709	-1,171	-62.3%	-304	-30.0%
10	3	Mole Valley	CON	1,255	631	445	-810	-64.5%	-186	-29.5%
11	13	Runnymede & Weybridge	CON	1,660	905	640	-1,020	-61.4%	-265	-29.3%
12	46	Milton Keynes South West	LAB	3,013	1,946	1,378	-1,635	-54.3%	-568	-29.2%
13	85	North East Milton Keynes	LAB	2,336	1,629	1,158	-1,178	-50.4%	-471	-28.9%
14	54	Bristol North West	LAB	3,673	2,413	1,720	-1,953	-53.2%	-693	-28.7%
15	31	Welwyn Hatfield	LAB	1,882	1,151	821	-1,061	-56.4%	-330	-28.7%
16	1	Arundel & South Downs	CON	1,421	662	476	-945	-66.5%	-186	-28.1%
17	35	St Albans	LAB	1,650	1,003	725	-925	-56.1%	-278	-27.7%
18	17	Hertford & Stortford	CON	1,796	991	719	-1,077	-60.0%	-272	-27.4%
19	27	Cotswold	CON	1,371	811	591	-780	-56.9%	-220	-27.1%
20	10	East Surrey	CON	1,668	869	634	-1,034	-62.0%	-235	-27.0%
21	19	Spelthorne	CON	1,923	1,078	787	-1,136	-59.1%	-291	-27.0%
22	133	Macclesfield	CON	1,746	1,264	925	-821	-47.0%	-339	-26.8%
23	78	Westbury	CON	2,586	1,728	1,266	-1,320	-51.0%	-462	-26.7%
24	15	Epsom & Ewell	CON	1,799	952	698	-1,101	-61.2%	-254	-26.7%
25	42	North East Hampshire	CON	1,283	789	579	-704	-54.9%	-210	-26.6%
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635	549	Galloway & Upper Nithsdale	SNP	2,742	1,979	1,946	-796	-29.0%	-33	-1.7%
636	632	Rochdale	LAB	3,935	3,136	3,085	-850	-21.6%	-51	-1.6%
637	600	Beverley & Holderness	CON	2,642	2,008	1,977	-665	-25.2%	-31	-1.5%
638	560	Stoke-on-Trent South	LAB	2,654	1,944	1,915	-739	-27.8%	-29	-1.5%
639	638	West Lancashire	LAB	3,360	2,685	2,653	-707	-21.0%	-32	-1.2%
640	228	Bury North	LAB	2,163	1,259	1,251	-912	-42.2%	-8	-0.6%
641	482	Tweeddale, Ettrick & Lauderdale	LD	1,409	965	961	-448	-31.8%	-4	-0.4%
642	647	Greenock & Inverclyde	LAB	2,461	1,992	1,984	-477	-19.4%	-8	-0.4%
643	655	Coatbridge & Chryston	LAB	2,874	2,357	2,350	-524	-18.2%	-7	-0.3%
644	637	Kingston upon Hull West & Hessle	LAB	4,925	3,877	3,875	-1,050	-21.3%	-2	-0.1%
645	633	Barnsley Central	LAB	3,389	2,648	2,657	-732	-21.6%	9	0.3%
646	531	Keighley	LAB	2,895	2,027	2,034	-861	-29.7%	7	0.3%
647	581	Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley	LAB	4,093	2,994	3,006	-1,087	-26.6%	12	0.4%
648	644	Central Fife	LAB	3,742	2,975	2,997	-745	-19.9%	22	0.7%
649	656	Kingston upon Hull East	LAB	4,643	3,772	3,808	-835	-18.0%	36	1.0%
650	648	Kirkcaldy	LAB	3,688	2,949	2,980	-708	-19.2%	31	1.1%
651	442	Torbay	LD	4,032	2,666	2,701	-1,331	-33.0%	35	1.3%
652	650	Cunninghame South	LAB	3,585	2,874	2,912	-673	-18.8%	38	1.3%
653	616	Blackburn	LAB	3,932	2,969	3,009	-923	-23.5%	40	1.3%
654	641	Cumbernauld & Kilsyth	LAB	2,447	1,917	1,951	-496	-20.3%	34	1.8%
655	593	Rossendale & Darwen	LAB	1,990	1,443	1,480	-510	-25.6%	37	2.6%
656	653	West Renfrewshire	IND LAB	1,921	1,504	1,565	-356	-18.5%	61	4.1%
657	646	Motherwell & Wishaw	LAB	3,118	2,406	2,509	-609	-19.5%	103	4.3%
658	624	Dunfermline West	LAB	2,650	1,922	2,056	-594	-22.4%	134	7.0%
659	649	Roxburgh & Berwickshire	LD	1,445	985	1,168	-277	-19.2%	183	18.6%
United Kingdom				2,176,449	1,579,211	1,383,194	-793,255	-36.4%	-196,017	-12.4%