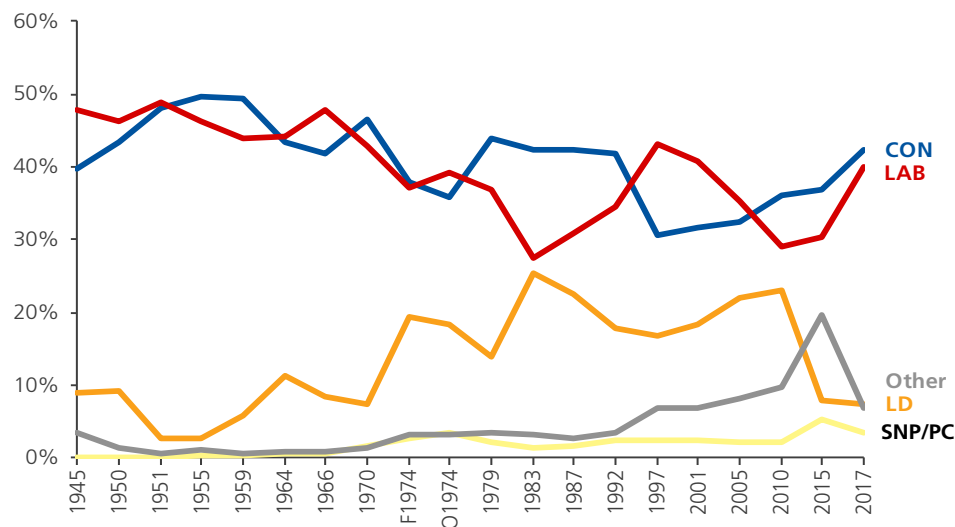


General Election results

- The Conservatives' best result since 1945 in terms of seats was the 1983 General Election, when they had 397 MPs elected. Their highest share of the vote was in 1955 when they polled 49.6%.
- Labour's 418 seats won in 1997 was their highest number ever. Their highest share of the vote since 1945 was 48.8% in 1951, an election that they lost.
- In the 2005 General Election the Liberal Democrats won 62 seats, the highest post war total by the party or its predecessors.

Following the 2017 General Election, under the Fixed Term Parliaments Act 2011 the next General Election would be in 2022. Final recommendations for new boundaries for a reduced number of constituencies are due to be made in September 2018. A statutory instrument will then be debated in Parliament to approve or reject the changes. An election held before this would be on the basis of the current boundaries.

UK GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS



Last update: November 2017

UK GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS: 1979-2017

	CON	LAB	LD	PC/SNP	Other	Total
Share of vote (%)						
1979	43.9%	36.9%	13.8%	2.0%	3.4%	100%
1983	42.4%	27.6%	25.4%	1.5%	3.1%	100%
1987	42.2%	30.8%	22.6%	1.7%	2.7%	100%
1992	41.9%	34.4%	17.8%	2.3%	3.5%	100%
1997	30.7%	43.2%	16.8%	2.5%	6.8%	100%
2001	31.7%	40.7%	18.3%	2.5%	6.9%	100%
2005	32.4%	35.2%	22.0%	2.2%	8.2%	100%
2010	36.1%	29.0%	23.0%	2.2%	9.7%	100%
2015	36.8%	30.4%	7.9%	5.3%	19.6%	100%
2017	42.3%	40.0%	7.4%	3.5%	6.8%	100%
Seats won						
1979	339	268	11	4	13	635
1983	397	209	23	4	17	650
1987	375	229	22	6	18	650
1992	336	271	20	7	17	651
1997	165	418	46	10	20	659
2001	166	412	52	9	20	659
2005	198	355	62	9	22	646
2010	306	258	57	9	20	650
2015	330	232	8	59	21	650
2017	317	262	12	39	20	650
Votes (millions)						
1979	13.7	11.5	4.3	0.6	1.1	31.2
1983	13.0	8.5	7.8	0.5	1.0	30.7
1987	13.7	10.0	7.3	0.5	0.9	32.5
1992	14.1	11.6	6.0	0.8	1.2	33.6
1997	9.6	13.5	5.2	0.8	2.1	31.3
2001	8.4	10.7	4.8	0.7	1.8	26.4
2005	8.8	9.6	6.0	0.6	2.2	27.1
2010	10.7	8.6	6.8	0.7	2.9	29.7
2015	11.3	9.3	2.4	1.6	6.0	30.7
2017	13.6	12.9	2.4	1.1	2.2	32.2

Note: Liberal/SDP Alliance 1983-87; Liberal Democrats from 1992
Source: House of Commons Library Elections Database

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