



General Election 'Swingometer'

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This note analyses the effect of a uniform national swing at the forthcoming General Election from Labour to the Conservatives.

Note on methodology

The basis of the chart overleaf is the 2001 General Election results. Notional 2001 results are used for the new constituencies in Scotland, as calculated by Denver, Rallings and Thrasher.¹

Uniform national swings from Labour to the Conservatives are assumed. For example, for a 2 percentage point swing, 2 percentage points are taken off the Labour share, and added to the Conservative share, in each constituency. Shares of the vote for all other parties are assumed to stay constant.

The use of uniform national swing ignores any possible local effects.

Seats listed in each column are those that would change hands should such a swing occur. As well as the incremental percentage point increases, the swings where Labour loses its majority, where the Conservatives become the largest party, and where the Conservatives gain an overall majority, are also shown.

The following connected Standard Notes may also be of interest:

[SN/SG/3373](#), *Marginal seats*

[SN/SG/3425](#), *3-way Marginal seats*

[SN/SG/3428](#), *Projected General Election results*

¹ BBC, ITN, "PA" News, Sky News, *Media Guide to the New Scottish Parliamentary Constituencies*, compiled by David Denver, Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher.

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Based on notional results in Scotland and uniform national swing from Labour to Conservatives

Labour-Conservative swing →											Labour lose majority				
1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	6%	6.2%	7%								
Lab	39.7%	Lab	38.7%	Lab	37.7%	Lab	36.7%	Lab	35.7%	Lab	34.7%	Lab	34.5%	Lab	33.7%
	395		387		374		367		345		327		321		303
Con	32.7%	Con	33.7%	Con	34.7%	Con	35.7%	Con	36.7%	Con	37.7%	Con	37.9%	Con	38.7%
	176		184		198		206		230		249		255		275
Lab	144	Lab	128	Lab	102	Lab	88	Lab	44	Lab	8	Lab	-4	Lab	-40

Con gain from Lab

Braintree	Bexleyheath & Crayford	Enfield North	Calder Valley	Brigg & Goole	Bradford West	Carmarthen W & S Pem.	Batley & Spen
Dumfries & Galloway	Clwyd West	Forest of Dean	Dartford	Bristol West	Broxtowe	Corby	Battersea
Kettering	North East Milton Keynes	Gillingham	Hove	Colne Valley	Burton	Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale	Birmingham, Edgbaston
Lancaster & Wyre	Shipley	Hammersmith & Fulham	Peterborough	Croydon Central	Chatham & Aylesford	Leeds North West	Blackpool N & Fleetwood
South Dorset	Welwyn Hatfield	Harwich	Redditch	Elmet	Dover	Morecambe & Lunesdale	Bolton West
Monmouth		Hornchurch	Scarborough & Whitby	Falmouth & Camborne	Dunbartonshire East		Brighton, Kemptown
Northampton South		Ilford North	Shrewsbury & Atcham	Finchley & Golders Green	Gravesham		Cleethorpes
		Rugby & Kenilworth		Gloucester	Great Yarmouth		Enfield, Southgate
		Selby		Hemel Hempstead	Hastings & Rye		Gedling
		South Thanet		High Peak	Pendle		Harlow
		Wellingborough		Keighley	Rossendale & Darwen		Harrow West
				Medway	St Albans		Norwich North
				Preseli Pembrokeshire	Stafford		Portsmouth North
				Putney	Tamworth		Pudsey
				Sittingbourne & Sheppey	Vale of Glamorgan		Reading East
				South Ribble	Wansdyke		Staffordshire Moorlands
				Stourbridge	Warwick & Leamington		Wirral South
				Stroud	Watford		Worcester
				Wimbledon			
				Wirral West			
				Wolverhampton South West			
				Wrekin, The			

Con gain from LD

Cheadle	Guildford	Brecon & Radnorshire	Ludlow	Newbury	Teignbridge	North Devon	Eastleigh
Mid Dorset & North Poole	Somerton & Frome	Hereford		Romsey			
North Norfolk		Torridge & West Devon					
Weston-Super-Mare							

Con gain from SNP

Angus	Moray
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LD gain from Lab

Cardiff Central	Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch & Strathspey	Oldham East & Saddleworth
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PC gain from Lab

Ynys-Mon

SNP gain from Lab

Dundee East	Ochil & South Perthshire
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		<i>Conservatives largest party</i>				<i>Conservative majority</i>							
8%		8.2%	9%	10%	10.3%		11%	12%					
Lab	32.7% 292	Lab	32.5% 288	Lab	31.7% 278	Lab	30.7% 262	Lab	30.4% 257	Lab	29.7% 247	Lab	28.7% 232
Con	39.7% 287	Con	39.9% 291	Con	40.7% 300	Con	41.7% 318	Con	42.0% 325	Con	42.7% 337	Con	43.7% 354
Lab	-62	Con	-64	Con	-46	Con	-10	Con	4	Con	28	Con	62

Bedford	Amber Valley	Chorley	Aberdeen South	Birmingham, Hall Green	Blackpool South	Ayrshire Central
Bury North	Carlisle	Crawley	Basildon	Dewsbury	Bolton North East	Birmingham, Perry Barr
Cardiff North	Warrington South	Dudley North	Conwy	Sherwood	Coventry South	Blackburn
Chester, City of		Edinburgh South	Dudley South	Stevenage	Eitham	Brentford & Isleworth
Copeland		Edinburgh South West	Gower	Stockton South	Hyndburn	Brighton, Pavilion
Derby North		Leeds North East	Halesowen & Rowley Reg.	Ynys-Mon	Ipswich	Bristol North West
Erewash		Nuneaton	North Swindon		Middlesbro' S & E Clev.	Cambridge
Halifax		South Swindon	North West Leicestershire		North Warwickshire	Crewe & Nantwich
Loughborough		Vale of Clwyd	Northampton North		Norwich South	Crosby
Milton Keynes South West			Ochil & South Perthshire		Reading West	Edinburgh North & Leith
South Derbyshire			Plymouth, Sutton			Exeter
			Renfrewshire East			Hampstead & Highgate
			Stirling			Harrow East
			Tynemouth			Lincoln
			Wakefield			West Lancashire
			Waveney			

Southport	Yeovil	Argyll & Bute	Richmond Park	South East Cornwall Sutton & Cheam	Carshalton & Wallington
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Perth & North Perthshire					
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Birmingham, Yardley					
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