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National Assembly for Wales elections: 3 May 2007

This Research Paper provides summary and detailed results of the third elections to the National Assembly for Wales, which took place on 3 May 2007.

The paper provides data on voting trends and electoral turnout for constituencies, electoral regions and for Wales as a whole.

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Summary of main points

- In the third elections to the National Assembly for Wales, held on 3 May 2007, Labour secured the highest share of the vote (30.9%) down from 38.3% in 2003. The Conservatives polled 21.9%, up from 19.5%, Plaid Cymru 21.7%, up from 20.5%, and the Liberal Democrats 13.3%, down slightly from 13.4%.
- The United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP) fielded 33 candidates. None was elected. UKIP secured 2.9% of the vote.
- One independent candidate was elected, Trish Law, to represent the Blaenau Gwent constituency.
- Average turnout across all the regions and constituencies was 43.5%, up by 5% points compared to 2003. Turnout ranged from 55.7% in Carmarthenshire East & Dinefwr to 35.0% in Swansea East.
- Following the elections, the composition of the Assembly is 32 men and 28 women. The number of women Assembly Members is two fewer than after the 2003 elections.
- The first minority ethnic Assembly Member, Mohammad Asghar (Plaid Cymru), was elected to the Assembly from the regional list to represent South Wales East.

Key Statistics

	2007		2003	
Votes (Constituency + Regional)				
Conservative	427,883	21.9%	332,157	19.5%
Labour	603,879	30.9%	651,173	38.3%
Liberal Democrat	258,950	13.3%	228,233	13.4%
Plaid Cymru	423,878	21.7%	347,836	20.5%
Others	238,426	12.2%	140,556	8.3%
	2007		2003	Change
Seats				
Conservative	12		11	+1
Labour	26		30	-4
Liberal Democrat	6		6	0
Plaid Cymru	15		12	+3
Others	1		1	0
Turnout	43.5%		38.2%	+5.3%
Assembly Members				
Women	28		30	-2
Men	32		30	+2

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I Introduction

The third set of elections to the National Assembly for Wales took place on Thursday, 3 May 2007, simultaneously with the Scottish Parliament elections and local authority elections in England and Scotland.¹

The electoral system for electing members of the National Assembly is known as the *Additional Member System*. Voters are given two ballot papers. The first is used to elect each of 40 constituency Assembly Members (AMs) under the traditional first-past-the-post system. The second ballot paper is used to elect four AMs from each of five electoral regions. These additional members are elected so that the total representation from each geographical area, including those members elected under first-past-the-post, corresponds as closely as possible with the share of the votes cast for each political party in the region.²

Following a review by the Boundary Commission for Wales the boundaries of Assembly constituencies and electoral regions were changed. These changes came into force for the 2007 Assembly elections. The most significant boundary changes took place in North Wales where three new constituencies were established (Aberconwy, Arfon, and Dwyfor Meirionnydd) in place of the constituencies of Conwy, Caernarfon, and Meirionnydd Nant Conwy. The North Wales and Mid and West Wales electoral regions were reconfigured to reflect changes to constituency boundaries. These constituency boundaries will be used for the next UK parliamentary elections.

Data sources

Votes

The number of votes cast for each candidate is as reported by the BBC. These data have been verified by the Library with those published by the National Assembly for Wales and local authorities.

Turnout

Election day turnout figures have been calculated as total valid votes as a proportion of eligible electors on election day (3 May 2007). These electorates have been verified by the Library using data published as part of the declaration of constituency and regional ballot results available on local authority websites or, where these were not published, by direct contact with returning officers. Consequently, turnout figures may vary from those published elsewhere.

Labour gained the highest share of the vote (30.9%), both in the constituency (32.2%) and regional (29.6%) ballots. Labour also secured the highest number of seats (26),

¹ Further information relating to the 2007 Assembly elections can be obtained from the Electoral Commission at see National Assembly for Wales Members' Research Service *Research Paper 07/063: 2007 Assembly Election Results* (May 2007) <http://www.assemblywales.org/07-063.pdf>. House of Commons Library Research Papers 03/45 and 99/51 detail the results of the previous elections held in 2003 and 1999:

<http://www.parliament.uk/commons/lib/research/rp2003/rp03-045.pdf>

<http://www.parliament.uk/commons/lib/research/rp99/rp99-051.pdf>

² For a fuller description of the operation of the Alternative Member System, including an example of the allocation of regional ('top-up') seats, see Library Research Paper 99/51 <http://www.parliament.uk/commons/lib/research/rp99/rp99-051.pdf>

down by four seats compared with the 2003 elections. Labour's share of the vote was down by 7.0% points in the regional ballot and by 7.8% points in the constituency ballot. In most constituencies, Labour's vote share fell, although it improved its share in Cardiff Central by 2.0% points. In Blaenau Gwent the party's vote share fell by 38.9% points. Labour's highest absolute majority was recorded in Ogmore (7,900 votes).

Plaid Cymru are the second largest party in the Assembly with 15 seats, an increase of 3 seats compared to 2003. The party polled 21.7% of the vote overall. Plaid's vote share rose by 1.2% points in both the constituency and regional ballots. However, in Swansea West, Plaid's vote share fell by 7.6% points. Its highest absolute majority was recorded in Dwyfor Meirionnydd (8,868 votes), where the party secured 59.7% of the vote.

The Conservatives polled 21.9% of the vote, up by 2.4% points compared to 2003, gaining one seat and taking their total representation in the Assembly to 12 Assembly Members. The Conservatives' share of the vote in the regional ballot was 2.2% points higher than in 2003, also up by 2.4% points in the constituency ballot. The Conservatives' share of the vote increased most significantly in Clwyd South (up by 10.7% points compared to 2003), although in Ynys Mon its vote share fell by 15.5% points. The Conservatives' highest absolute majority was recorded in Monmouth (8,469 votes).

The Liberal Democrats' overall share of the vote fell marginally by 0.1% points. The party continues to hold six seats in the Assembly. In the regional ballot, the Liberal Democrats' share of the vote decreased by 1.0% points while in the constituency ballot their share rose by 0.6% points. The party's share of the vote increased by 13.2% points in Pontypridd, but fell by 6.7% points in Alyn and Deeside. The party's highest absolute majority was recorded in Cardiff Central (6,565 votes).

The United Kingdom Independence Party fielded 33 candidates, none of whom were elected in either the regional or constituency ballots. Overall, UKIP received 56,537 votes and the party's share of the vote was 2.9%. In the Vale of Glamorgan, UKIP obtained 2,310 votes (6.9% of the votes) while in Ynys Mon the party's share was 3.1% (833 votes). In the regional ballot, UKIP polled their highest vote share in South Wales East (5.0%) and their lowest in South Wales West (3.6%).

The British National Party fielded 20 candidates in the regional ballot and none in the constituency ballot. The party obtained 42,197 votes overall, representing 5.1% of total regional votes.

The average overall turnout across the constituencies was 43.6%, up by 5.2% points compared with the 2003 Assembly elections. Turnout was highest in Carmarthenshire and East Dinefwr (55.7%) and lowest in Swansea East (35.0%). Turnout was generally higher in the Mid and West Wales region where it exceeded 45.0% in all constituencies. Turnout was lowest in South Wales West where it averaged 40.3%. Compared with the 2003 Assembly elections, turnout rose in all constituencies, with the exception of Rhondda where it fell by 3.5% points.

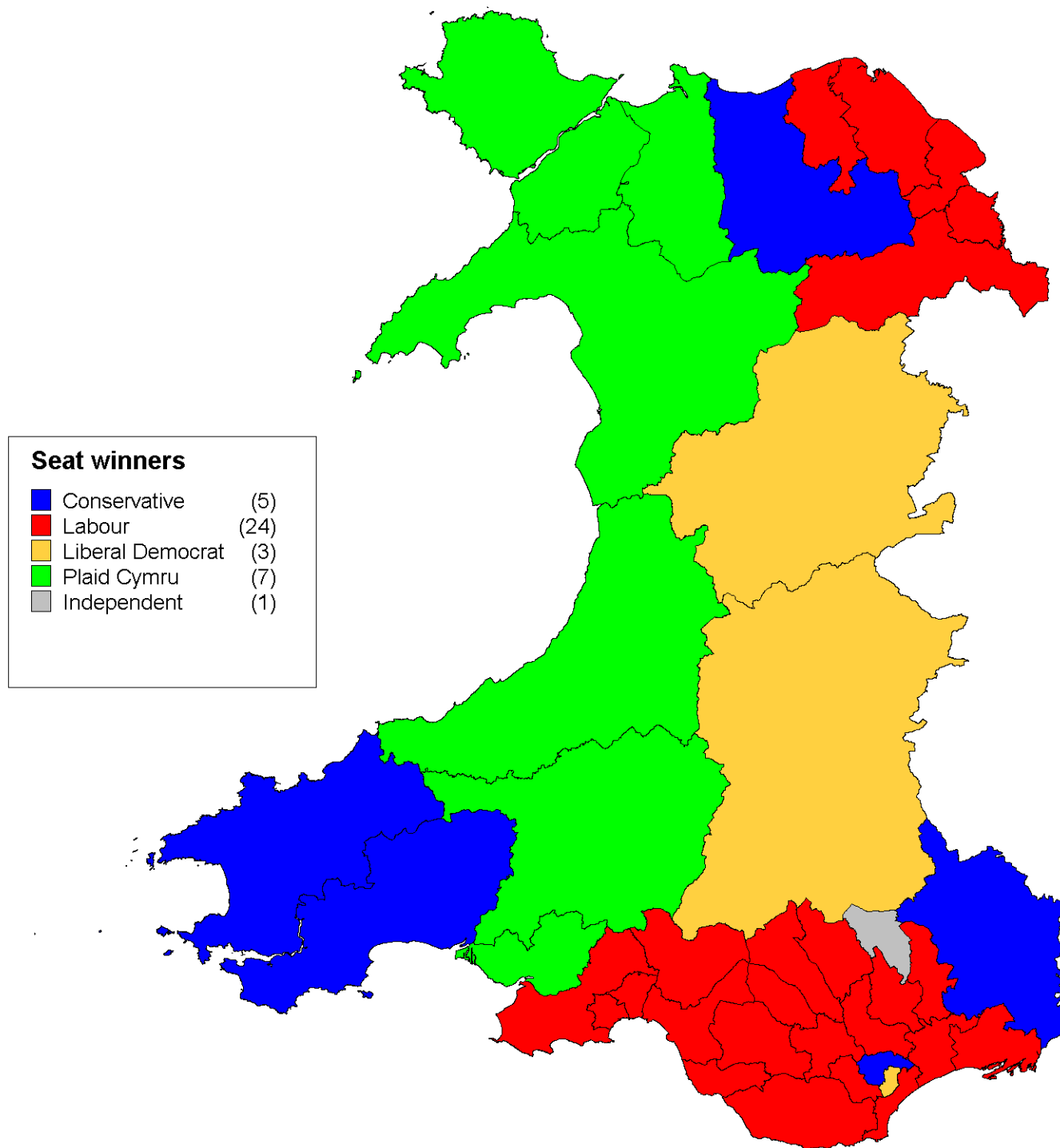
The number of women Assembly Members fell by two from 30 in 2003 to 28 in 2007, accounting for 47% of all AM's, a higher proportion than most of the national parliaments abroad which report their data to the Inter-Parliamentary Union.³ Rwanda (48.8%) and Sweden (47.3%) are the only parliaments to rank higher than Wales. The number of women in the National Assembly also compares favourably with the number of female MPs in the House of Commons (127 women MPs, 19.7%) and MSPs in the Scottish Parliament in the recent election (43 MSPs, 33.3%).

³ Inter-Parliamentary Union data relating to women in parliaments abroad can be found at: <http://www.ipu.org/wmn-e/classif.htm>

National Assembly for Wales 2007 Election

Seat winners

Assembly constituencies



Seat winners

Conservative	(5)
Labour	(24)
Liberal Democrat	(3)
Plaid Cymru	(7)
Independent	(1)

II Summary Results

Table 1: National Assembly for Wales elections: 3 May 2007

Party	Constituency ballot			Seats won	Change
	Candidates	Votes	% of total		
Conservative	40	218,730	22.4%	5	+4
Labour	40	314,925	32.2%	24	-6
Liberal Democrat	40	144,450	14.8%	3	0
Plaid Cymru	40	219,121	22.4%	7	+2
Others	37	80,906	8.3%	1	0
Total	197	978,132	100.0%	40	

Party	Regional ballot			Seats won	Change
	Candidates	Votes	% of total		
Conservative	38	209,153	21.5%	7	-3
Labour	24	288,954	29.6%	2	+2
Liberal Democrat	31	114,500	11.7%	3	0
Plaid Cymru	21	204,757	21.0%	8	+1
Others	176	157,520	16.2%	0	0
Total	290	974,885	100.0%	20	

Party	Total			Seats won	Change
	Candidates	Votes	% of total		
Conservative	78	427,883	21.9%	12	+1
Labour	64	603,879	30.9%	26	-4
Liberal Democrat	71	258,950	13.3%	6	0
Plaid Cymru	61	423,878	21.7%	15	+3
Others	213	238,426	12.2%	1	0
Total	487	1,953,017	100.0%	60	

Share of votes

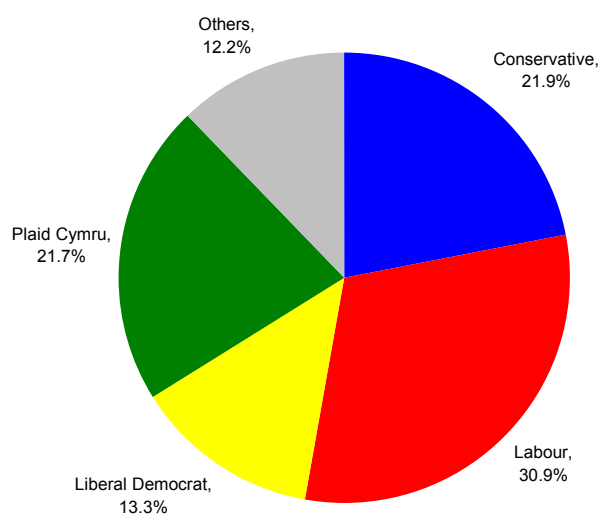


Table 2: National Assembly for Wales elections: 1 May 2003

Party	Constituency ballot			Seats won
	Candidates	Votes	% of total	
Conservative	41	169,432	19.9%	1
Labour	39	340,515	40.0%	30
Liberal Democrat	40	120,220	14.1%	3
Plaid Cymru	40	180,183	21.2%	5
Others	40	40,053	4.7%	1
Total	200	850,403	100.0%	40

	Regional ballot			Seats won
	Candidates	Votes	% of total	
Conservative	40	162,725	19.2%	10
Labour	45	310,658	36.6%	0
Liberal Democrat	30	108,013	12.7%	3
Plaid Cymru	30	167,653	19.7%	7
Others	125	100,503	11.8%	0
Total	270	849,552	100.0%	20

	Total			Seats won
	Candidates	Votes	% of total	
Conservative	81	332,157	19.5%	11
Labour	84	651,173	38.3%	30
Liberal Democrat	70	228,233	13.4%	6
Plaid Cymru	70	347,836	20.5%	12
Others	165	140,556	8.3%	1
Total	470	1,699,955	100.0%	60

Table 3: Percentage share of the vote, by party

	2007 Assembly election		
	Constituency	Region	All seats
Conservative	22.4%	21.5%	21.9%
Labour	32.2%	29.6%	30.9%
Liberal Democrat	14.8%	11.7%	13.3%
Plaid Cymru	22.4%	21.0%	21.7%
Others	8.3%	16.2%	12.2%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

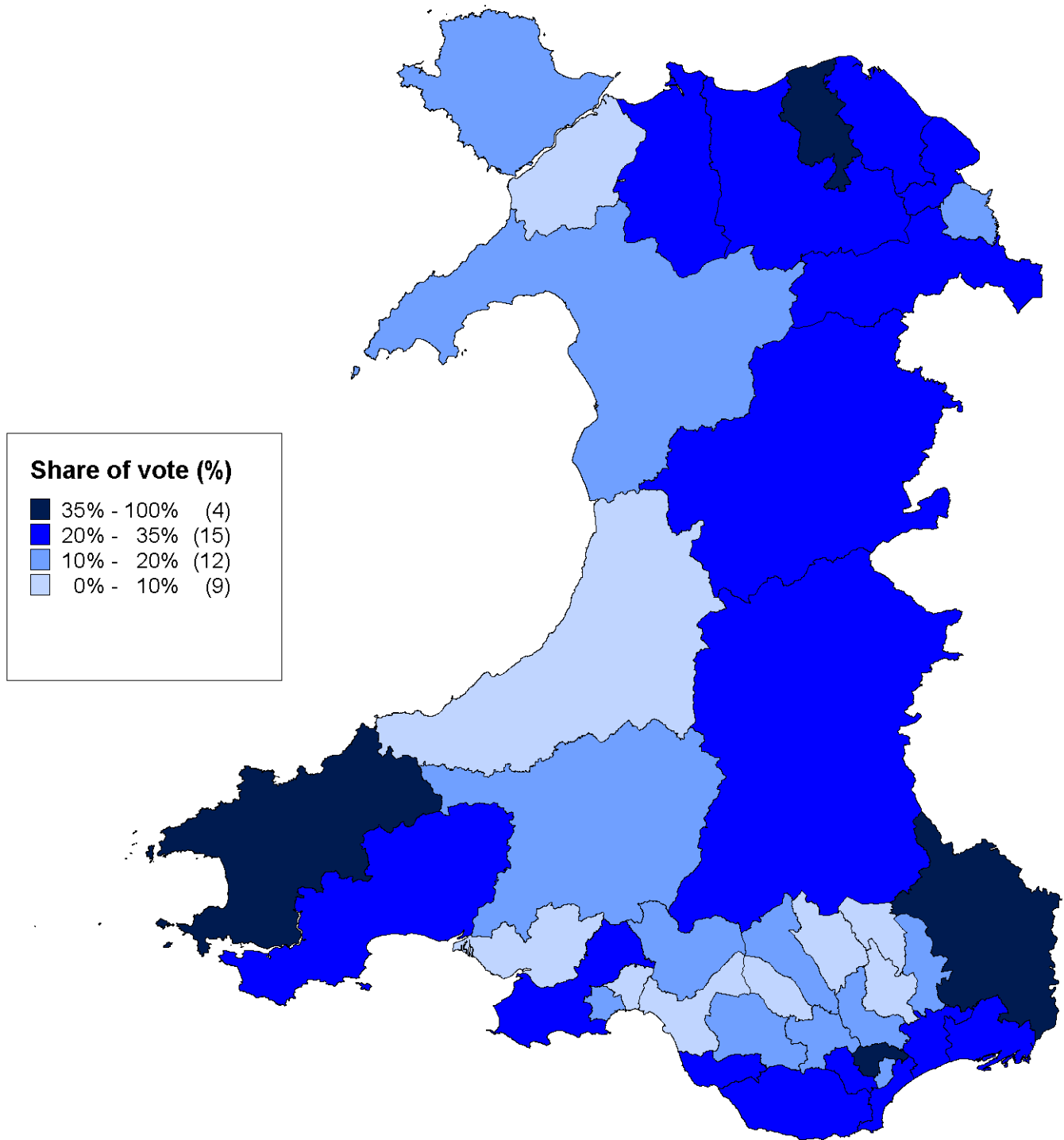
	2003 Assembly election		
	Constituency	Region	All seats
Conservative	19.9%	19.2%	19.5%
Labour	40.0%	36.6%	38.3%
Liberal Democrat	14.1%	12.7%	13.4%
Plaid Cymru	21.2%	19.7%	20.5%
Others	4.8%	11.8%	8.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

	Change 2003-2007		
	Constituency	Region	All seats
Conservative	+2.4%	+2.2%	+2.4%
Labour	-7.8%	-7.0%	-7.4%
Liberal Democrat	+0.6%	-1.0%	-0.1%
Plaid Cymru	+1.2%	+1.3%	+1.2%
Others	+3.5%	+4.4%	+3.9%

National Assembly for Wales 2007 Election

Share of vote: Conservative

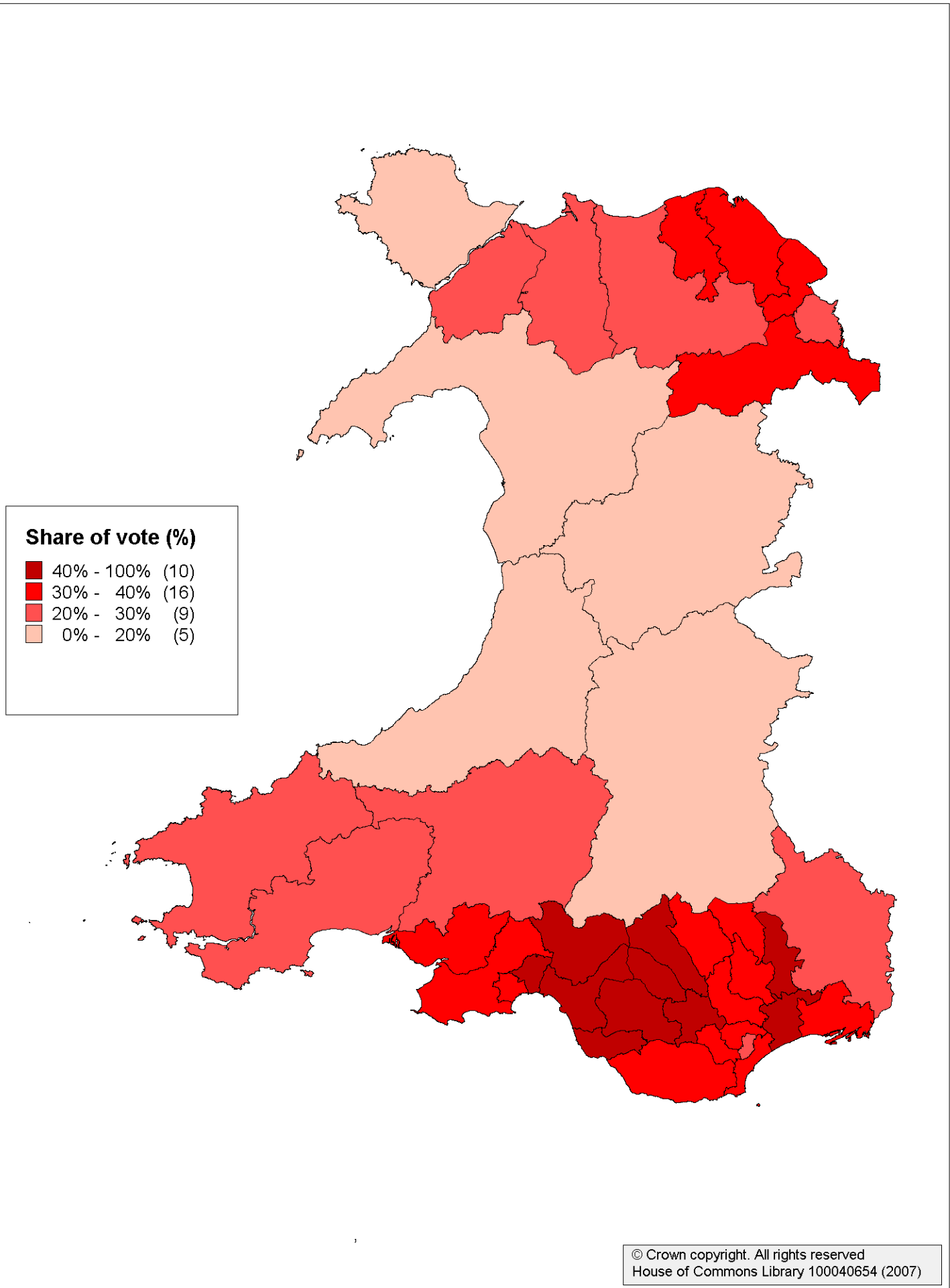
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Share of vote: Labour

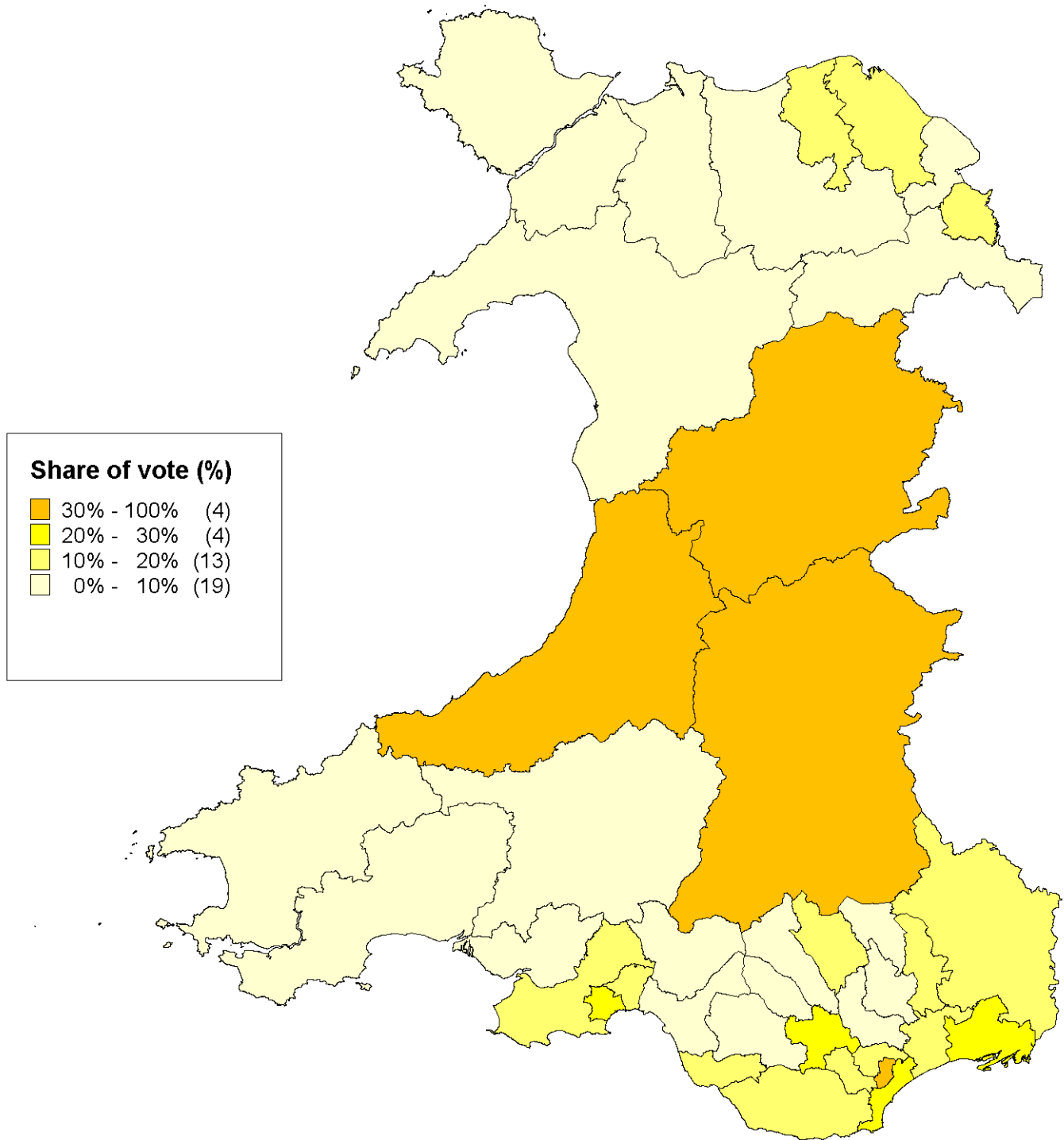
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Share of vote: *Liberal Democrat*

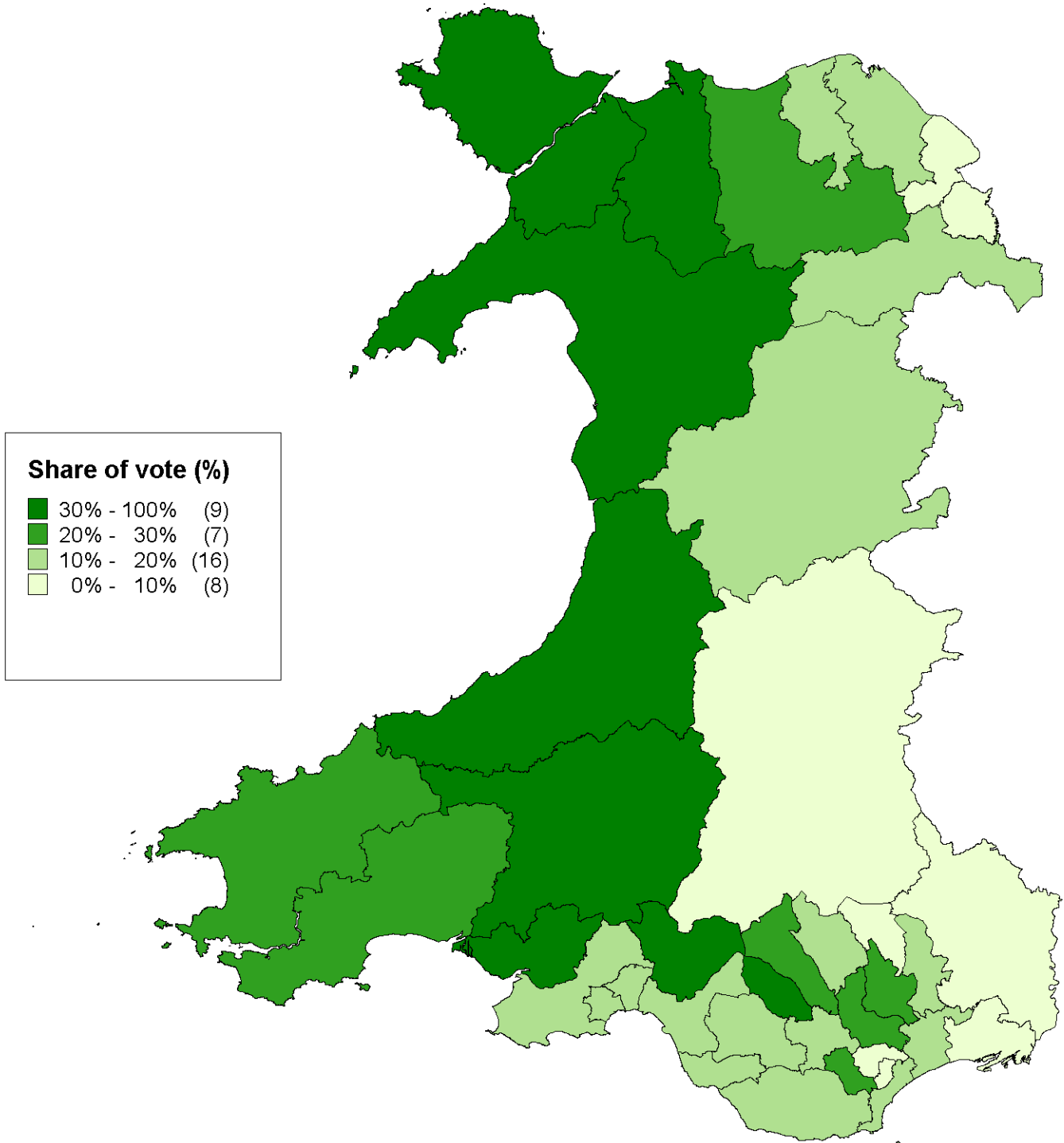
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Share of vote: *Plaid Cymru*

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III Constituency results

Table 4: Constituency results - votes and turnout by constituency

	CON	LAB	LD	PC	UKIP	Others	Total	Electorate	Turnout	Majority
Mid and West Wales										
Brecon and Radnorshire	9,652	2,514	15,006	1,576			28,748	55,482	51.8%	5,354
Carmarthenshire East and Dinefwr	4,676	7,186	1,752	15,655			29,269	52,528	55.7%	8,469
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	8,590	8,492	1,806	8,340		1,340	28,568	57,478	49.7%	98
Ceredigion	2,369	1,530	10,863	14,818		528	30,108	54,170	55.6%	3,955
Dwyfor Meirionnydd	4,333	2,749	1,839	13,201			22,122	46,718	47.4%	8,868
Llanelli	2,757	9,955	1,051	13,839			27,602	56,154	49.2%	3,884
Montgomeryshire	6,725	1,544	8,704	3,076	2,251		22,300	48,337	46.1%	1,979
Preseli Pembrokeshire	11,086	7,881	2,652	7,101			28,720	56,430	50.9%	3,205
North Wales										
Aberconwy	6,290	4,508	1,918	7,983			20,699	44,143	46.9%	1,693
Alyn and Deeside	4,834	8,196	2,091	1,398	1,335	3,241	21,095	59,355	35.5%	3,362
Arfon	1,858	5,242	1,424	10,260	789		19,573	39,891	49.1%	5,018
Clwyd South	5,719	6,838	1,838	3,894	1,209		19,498	51,898	37.6%	1,119
Clwyd West	8,905	7,309	1,705	7,162	1,124		26,205	57,370	45.7%	1,596
Delyn	6,996	7,507	2,669	3,179	1,318		21,669	52,733	41.1%	511
Vale of Clwyd	8,012	8,104	2,275	3,884			22,275	55,234	40.3%	92
Wrexham	3,372	5,633	3,268	1,878	1,033	4,383	19,567	50,759	38.5%	1,250
Ynys Mon	3,480	4,681	912	10,653	833	6,261	26,820	51,469	52.1%	4,392
South Wales Central										
Cardiff Central	3,137	4,897	11,462	1,855	1,046		22,397	62,114	36.1%	6,565
Cardiff North	15,253	10,409	4,287	2,491	1,262		33,702	65,554	51.4%	4,844
Cardiff South and Penarth	7,352	10,106	5,445	3,825			26,728	70,874	37.7%	2,754
Cardiff West	6,692	10,390	4,088	5,719			26,889	64,461	41.7%	3,698
Cynon Valley	2,024	11,058	1,000	5,435			19,517	50,853	38.4%	5,623
Pontypridd	3,035	9,836	6,489	4,181			23,541	57,993	40.6%	3,347
Rhondda	1,131	12,875	1,441	6,660			22,107	52,480	42.1%	6,215
Vale of Glamorgan	11,432	11,515	3,758	4,671	2,310		33,686	68,856	48.9%	83
South Wales East										
Blaenau Gwent	951	7,365	1,351	1,129		12,722	23,518	52,818	44.5%	5,357
Caerphilly	2,954	9,026	1,596	6,739		5,805	26,120	61,937	42.2%	2,287
Islwyn	1,797	8,883	1,135	5,084		6,665	23,564	54,712	43.1%	2,218
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	1,151	7,776	3,195	2,519		6,352	20,993	54,025	38.9%	4,581
Monmouth	15,389	6,920	4,359	2,093		804	29,565	62,738	47.1%	8,469
Newport East	4,512	6,395	5,520	1,696		1,783	19,906	53,295	37.4%	875
Newport West	8,181	9,582	2,813	2,449		634	23,659	58,996	40.1%	1,401
Torfaen	4,525	9,921	2,659	2,762		3,348	23,215	61,374	37.8%	5,396
South Wales West										
Aberavon	1,990	10,129	1,450	3,558		3,401	20,528	51,536	39.8%	6,571
Bridgend	7,333	9,889	3,730	3,600			24,552	59,553	41.2%	2,556
Gower	8,214	9,406	2,924	5,106	1,895		27,545	61,519	44.8%	1,192
Neath	2,956	10,934	2,320	8,990			25,200	58,038	43.4%	1,944
Ogmore	2,663	11,761	2,144	3,861		2,337	22,766	55,602	40.9%	7,900
Swansea East	2,025	8,590	3,629	3,218		3,255	20,717	59,186	35.0%	4,961
Swansea West	4,379	7,393	5,882	3,583	1,642		22,879	61,469	37.2%	1,511

Table 5: Constituency results - seats by majority (from highest to lowest percentage majority)

















































































							Majority		Rank
			1st	2nd	Votes	Rank	%	Rank	
Dwyfor Meirionnydd	Dafydd Elis-Thomas	PC		CON		8,868	1	40.1%	1
Ogmore	Janice Gregory	LAB		PC		7,900	4	34.7%	2
Aberavon	Dr Brian Gibbons	LAB		PC		6,571	5	32.0%	3
Cardiff Central	Jenny Randerson	LD		LAB		6,565	6	29.3%	4
Carmarthenshire East and Dinefwr	Rhodri Glyn Thomas	PC		LAB		8,469	2	28.9%	5
Cynon Valley	Christine Chapman	LAB		PC		5,623	8	28.8%	6
Monmouth	Nick Ramsey	CON		LAB		8,469	2	28.6%	7
Rhondda	Leighton Andrews	LAB		PC		6,215	7	28.1%	8
Arfon	Alun Jones	PC		LAB		5,018	12	25.6%	9
Swansea East	Val Lloyd	LAB		LD		4,961	13	23.9%	10
Torfaen	Lynne Neagle	LAB		CON		5,396	9	23.2%	11
Blaenau Gwent	Trish Law	IND		LAB		5,357	10	22.8%	12
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	Huw Lewis	LAB		LD		4,581	15	21.8%	13
Brecon and Radnorshire	Kirsty Williams	LD		CON		5,354	11	18.6%	14
Ynys Mon	Ieuan Wyn Jones	PC		IND		4,392	16	16.4%	15
Alyn and Deeside	Carl Sergeant	LAB		CON		3,362	20	15.9%	16
Cardiff North	Jonathan Morgan	CON		LAB		4,844	14	14.4%	17
Pontypridd	Jane Davidson	LAB		PC		3,347	21	14.2%	18
Llanelli	Helen Mary Jones	PC		LAB		3,884	18	14.1%	19
Cardiff West	Rhodri Morgan	LAB		CON		3,698	19	13.8%	20
Ceredigion	Elin Jones	PC		LD		3,955	17	13.1%	21
Preseli Pembrokeshire	Paul Davies	CON		LAB		3,205	22	11.2%	22
Bridgend	Carwyn Jones	LAB		CON		2,556	24	10.4%	23
Cardiff South and Penarth	Lorraine Barrett	LAB		CON		2,754	23	10.3%	24
Islwyn	Irene James	LAB		IND		2,218	26	9.4%	25
Montgomeryshire	Mick Bates	LD		CON		1,979	27	8.9%	26
Caerphilly	Jeffrey Cuthbert	LAB		PC		2,287	25	8.8%	27
Aberconwy	Gareth Jones	PC		CON		1,693	29	8.2%	28
Neath	Gwenda Thomas	LAB		PC		1,944	28	7.7%	29
Swansea West	Andrew Davies	LAB		LD		1,511	31	6.6%	30
Wrexham	Lesley Griffiths	LAB		IND		1,250	33	6.4%	31
Clwyd West	Darren Millar	CON		LAB		1,596	30	6.1%	32
Newport West	Rosemary Butler	LAB		CON		1,401	32	5.9%	33
Clwyd South	Karen Sinclair	LAB		CON		1,119	35	5.7%	34
Newport East	John Griffiths	LAB		LD		875	36	4.4%	35
Gower	Edwina Hart	LAB		CON		1,192	34	4.3%	36
Delyn	Sandie Mewies	LAB		CON		511	37	2.4%	37
Vale of Clwyd	Ann Jones	LAB		CON		92	39	0.4%	38
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	Angela Burns	CON		LAB		98	38	0.3%	39
Vale of Glamorgan	Jane Hutt	LAB		CON		83	40	0.2%	40

Table 6: Constituency results - party share of vote by constituency, and majority

	CON	LAB	LD	PC	UKIP	Others	Total	Majority
Mid and West Wales								
Brecon and Radnorshire	33.6%	8.7%	52.2%	5.5%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	18.6%
Carmarthenshire East and Dinefwr	16.0%	24.6%	6.0%	53.5%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	28.9%
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	30.1%	29.7%	6.3%	29.2%	0.0%	4.7%	100.0%	0.3%
Ceredigion	7.9%	5.1%	36.1%	49.2%	0.0%	1.8%	100.0%	13.1%
Dwyfor Meirionnydd	19.6%	12.4%	8.3%	59.7%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	40.1%
Llanelli	10.0%	36.1%	3.8%	50.1%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	14.1%
Montgomeryshire	30.2%	6.9%	39.0%	13.8%	10.1%	0.0%	100.0%	8.9%
Preseli Pembrokeshire	38.6%	27.4%	9.2%	24.7%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	11.2%
North Wales								
Aberconwy	30.4%	21.8%	9.3%	38.6%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	8.2%
Alyn and Deeside	22.9%	38.9%	9.9%	6.6%	6.3%	15.4%	100.0%	15.9%
Arfon	9.5%	26.8%	7.3%	52.4%	4.0%	0.0%	100.0%	25.6%
Clwyd South	29.3%	35.1%	9.4%	20.0%	6.2%	0.0%	100.0%	5.7%
Clwyd West	34.0%	27.9%	6.5%	27.3%	4.3%	0.0%	100.0%	6.1%
Delyn	32.3%	34.6%	12.3%	14.7%	6.1%	0.0%	100.0%	2.4%
Vale of Clwyd	36.0%	36.4%	10.2%	17.4%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.4%
Wrexham	17.2%	28.8%	16.7%	9.6%	5.3%	22.4%	100.0%	6.4%
Ynys Mon	13.0%	17.5%	3.4%	39.7%	3.1%	23.3%	100.0%	16.4%
South Wales Central								
Cardiff Central	14.0%	21.9%	51.2%	8.3%	4.7%	0.0%	100.0%	29.3%
Cardiff North	45.3%	30.9%	12.7%	7.4%	3.7%	0.0%	100.0%	14.4%
Cardiff South and Penarth	27.5%	37.8%	20.4%	14.3%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	10.3%
Cardiff West	24.9%	38.6%	15.2%	21.3%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	13.8%
Cynon Valley	10.4%	56.7%	5.1%	27.8%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	28.8%
Pontypridd	12.9%	41.8%	27.6%	17.8%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	14.2%
Rhondda	5.1%	58.2%	6.5%	30.1%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	28.1%
Vale of Glamorgan	33.9%	34.2%	11.2%	13.9%	6.9%	0.0%	100.0%	0.2%
South Wales East								
Blaenau Gwent	4.0%	31.3%	5.7%	4.8%	0.0%	54.1%	100.0%	22.8%
Caerphilly	11.3%	34.6%	6.1%	25.8%	0.0%	22.2%	100.0%	8.8%
Islwyn	7.6%	37.7%	4.8%	21.6%	0.0%	28.3%	100.0%	9.4%
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	5.5%	37.0%	15.2%	12.0%	0.0%	30.3%	100.0%	21.8%
Monmouth	52.1%	23.4%	14.7%	7.1%	0.0%	2.7%	100.0%	28.6%
Newport East	22.7%	32.1%	27.7%	8.5%	0.0%	9.0%	100.0%	4.4%
Newport West	34.6%	40.5%	11.9%	10.4%	0.0%	2.7%	100.0%	5.9%
Torfaen	19.5%	42.7%	11.5%	11.9%	0.0%	14.4%	100.0%	23.2%
South Wales West								
Aberavon	9.7%	49.3%	7.1%	17.3%	0.0%	16.6%	100.0%	32.0%
Bridgend	29.9%	40.3%	15.2%	14.7%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	10.4%
Gower	29.8%	34.1%	10.6%	18.5%	6.9%	0.0%	100.0%	4.3%
Neath	11.7%	43.4%	9.2%	35.7%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	7.7%
Ogmore	11.7%	51.7%	9.4%	17.0%	0.0%	10.3%	100.0%	34.7%
Swansea East	9.8%	41.5%	17.5%	15.5%	0.0%	15.7%	100.0%	23.9%
Swansea West	19.1%	32.3%	25.7%	15.7%	7.2%	0.0%	100.0%	6.6%

Table 7: Constituency results - change in party share of vote and turnout by constituency

	Turnout			Change in share of vote 2003-2007				
	2007	2003	Change	CON	LAB	LD	PC	Others
Mid and West Wales								
Brecon and Radnorshire	51.8%	50.0%	+1.9%	+3.7%	-2.9%	+2.6%	+0.5%	-3.9%
Carmarthenshire East and Dinefwr	55.7%	49.5%	+6.2%	+2.6%	-6.7%	-1.0%	+5.0%	0.0%
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	49.7%	42.7%	+7.0%	+9.8%	-5.1%	-2.9%	-4.1%	-2.4%
Ceredigion	55.6%	49.8%	+5.8%	-3.2%	-7.5%	+8.5%	+4.1%	-3.6%
Dwyfor Meirionnydd	47.4%	44.0%	+3.3%	+5.4%	-9.1%	+1.3%	+2.3%	0.0%
Llanelli	49.2%	40.3%	+8.8%	+2.6%	-6.7%	-3.3%	+7.4%	0.0%
Montgomeryshire	46.1%	42.6%	+3.5%	+1.6%	-4.1%	-0.7%	+3.7%	-0.4%
Preseli Pembrokeshire	50.9%	41.5%	+9.4%	+9.3%	-7.7%	-3.1%	+1.6%	0.0%
North Wales								
Aberconwy	46.9%	37.5%	+9.4%	+3.2%	-6.0%	-6.1%	+8.9%	0.0%
Alyn and Deeside	35.5%	24.9%	+10.6%	-0.5%	-7.9%	-6.7%	-1.1%	+0.8%
Arfon	49.1%	45.0%	+4.0%	-3.5%	-3.8%	+0.2%	+3.1%	+4.0%
Clwyd South	37.6%	34.9%	+2.6%	+10.7%	-1.4%	+0.6%	-0.9%	-9.0%
Clwyd West	45.7%	40.3%	+5.4%	+1.3%	-6.9%	-1.4%	+5.9%	+1.1%
Delyn	41.1%	31.0%	+10.1%	+3.3%	-4.0%	-4.7%	-0.7%	+6.1%
Vale of Clwyd	40.3%	36.4%	+3.9%	+5.2%	-9.6%	+1.1%	+3.3%	0.0%
Wrexham	38.5%	34.4%	+4.2%	+4.4%	-3.3%	+6.9%	+1.9%	-32.4%
Ynys Mon	52.1%	50.5%	+1.6%	-15.5%	-6.4%	-4.9%	+2.3%	+1.2%
South Wales Central								
Cardiff Central	36.1%	33.0%	+3.1%	+2.5%	+2.0%	-3.5%	-0.4%	-0.5%
Cardiff North	51.4%	43.0%	+8.4%	+9.7%	-6.7%	+0.2%	-2.3%	-0.9%
Cardiff South and Penarth	37.7%	31.8%	+5.9%	+1.8%	-6.6%	+5.3%	+2.2%	-2.7%
Cardiff West	41.7%	35.0%	+6.7%	+7.1%	-10.4%	+1.6%	+5.8%	-4.1%
Cynon Valley	38.4%	37.2%	+1.2%	+3.8%	-7.8%	-2.5%	+6.5%	0.0%
Pontypridd	40.6%	39.2%	+1.4%	+4.4%	-9.1%	+13.2%	-3.6%	-4.8%
Rhondda	42.1%	45.6%	-3.5%	+2.9%	-3.4%	+3.6%	+3.1%	-6.2%
Vale of Glamorgan	48.9%	40.5%	+8.4%	-1.1%	-9.2%	+3.7%	-0.2%	+6.9%
South Wales East								
Blaenau Gwent	44.5%	37.4%	+7.2%	-1.7%	-38.9%	-5.1%	-4.8%	-3.6%
Caerphilly	42.2%	37.0%	+5.2%	+1.2%	-10.8%	+1.1%	-2.2%	-11.5%
Islwyn	43.1%	39.4%	+3.7%	-1.5%	-18.2%	-1.3%	+2.6%	-9.9%
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	38.9%	33.0%	+5.8%	-2.9%	-23.5%	+8.0%	-4.2%	-7.7%
Monmouth	47.1%	44.5%	+2.6%	-5.5%	-3.5%	+4.0%	+2.2%	0.0%
Newport East	37.4%	30.2%	+7.1%	-1.7%	-12.5%	+11.5%	-0.6%	-5.8%
Newport West	40.1%	35.0%	+5.1%	+5.2%	-6.4%	+2.1%	+2.5%	-6.1%
Torfaen	37.8%	31.9%	+5.9%	+3.2%	-9.2%	-2.6%	+1.2%	-7.0%
South Wales West								
Aberavon	39.8%	37.4%	+2.5%	+0.5%	-10.0%	-2.7%	-0.4%	-3.8%
Bridgend	41.2%	34.8%	+6.4%	-0.9%	-2.3%	+1.0%	+5.6%	-3.4%
Gower	44.8%	39.2%	+5.6%	+10.2%	-9.5%	-1.1%	+3.8%	-3.4%
Neath	43.4%	39.1%	+4.3%	+2.7%	-7.7%	-0.0%	+6.9%	-1.8%
Ogmore	40.9%	33.1%	+7.8%	+1.9%	-7.8%	+0.4%	-2.5%	-2.3%
Swansea East	35.0%	30.4%	+4.6%	+3.3%	-5.8%	-6.7%	+2.8%	-9.2%
Swansea West	37.2%	33.0%	+4.2%	+3.1%	-3.9%	+7.6%	-7.3%	+0.4%

Table 8: Constituency results - votes and shares by region and party

	CON	LAB	LD	PC	Others	Total	Electorate	Turnout
Mid and West Wales	50,188	41,851	43,673	77,606	4,119	217,437	427,297	50.9%
North Wales	49,466	58,018	18,100	50,291	21,526	197,401	462,852	42.6%
South Wales Central	50,056	81,086	37,970	34,837	4,618	208,567	493,185	42.3%
South Wales East	39,460	65,868	22,628	24,471	38,113	190,540	459,895	41.4%
South Wales West	29,560	68,102	22,079	31,916	12,530	164,187	406,903	40.4%
All regions	218,730	314,925	144,450	219,121	80,906	978,132	2,250,132	43.5%
Mid and West Wales	23.1%	19.2%	20.1%	35.7%	1.9%	100.0%		
North Wales	25.1%	29.4%	9.2%	25.5%	10.9%	100.0%		
South Wales Central	24.0%	38.9%	18.2%	16.7%	2.2%	100.0%		
South Wales East	20.7%	34.6%	11.9%	12.8%	20.0%	100.0%		
South Wales West	18.0%	41.5%	13.4%	19.4%	7.6%	100.0%		
All regions	22.4%	32.2%	14.8%	22.4%	8.3%	100.0%		

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Table 9: Regional ballot results - votes and turnout by party and region

	CON	LAB	LD	PC	Others	Total	Electorate	Turnout
Mid and West Wales	49,606	39,979	28,790	67,258	31,324	216,957	427,297	50.8%
North Wales	50,266	51,831	15,275	50,558	28,512	196,442	462,852	42.4%
South Wales Central	45,147	70,799	29,262	32,207	30,879	208,294	493,185	42.2%
South Wales East	37,936	67,998	20,947	25,915	37,269	190,064	459,895	41.3%
South Wales West	26,199	58,347	20,226	28,819	29,536	163,127	406,903	40.1%
All regions	209,154	288,954	114,500	204,757	157,420	974,785	2,250,132	43.3%
















Table 10: Regional ballot results - party share of vote by party and region

	CON	LAB	LD	PC	Others	Total
Mid and West Wales	22.9%	18.4%	13.3%	31.0%	14.4%	100.0%
North Wales	25.6%	26.4%	7.8%	25.7%	14.5%	100.0%
South Wales Central	21.7%	34.0%	14.0%	15.5%	14.8%	100.0%
South Wales East	20.0%	35.8%	11.0%	13.6%	19.6%	100.0%
South Wales West	16.1%	35.8%	12.4%	17.7%	18.1%	100.0%
All regions	21.5%	29.6%	11.7%	21.0%	16.2%	100.0%

Table 11: Difference in turnout and party share of vote between constituency and regional ballots by region











	CON	LAB	LD	PC	Others	Turnout
Mid and West Wales	+0.2%	+0.8%	+6.8%	+4.7%	-12.5%	+0.1%
North Wales	-0.5%	+3.0%	+1.4%	-0.3%	-3.6%	+0.2%
South Wales Central	+2.3%	+4.9%	+4.2%	+1.2%	-12.6%	+0.1%
South Wales East	+0.7%	-1.2%	+0.8%	-0.8%	+0.4%	+0.1%
South Wales West	+1.9%	+5.7%	+1.0%	+1.8%	-10.5%	+0.3%
All regions	+0.9%	+2.6%	+3.0%	+1.4%	-7.9%	+0.1%

Table 12: Seats won by seat type, party and region

		Region					Total
		Mid & West Wales	North Wales	South Wales Central	South Wales East	South Wales West	
Constituency seats							
Labour		0	5	6	6	7	24
Plaid Cymru		4	3	0	0	0	7
Conservative		2	1	1	1	0	5
Liberal Democrat		2	0	1	0	0	3
Independent		0	0	0	1	0	1
All parties		8	9	8	8	7	40
Regional seats							
Labour		2	0	0	0	0	2
Plaid Cymru		1	1	2	2	2	8
Conservative		1	2	2	1	1	7
Liberal Democrat		0	1	0	1	1	3
Independent		0	0	0	0	0	0
All parties		4	4	4	4	4	20
All seats							
Labour		2	5	6	6	7	26
Plaid Cymru		5	4	2	2	2	15
Conservative		3	3	3	2	1	12
Liberal Democrat		2	1	1	1	1	6
Independent		0	0	0	1	0	1
All parties		12	13	12	12	11	60

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Table A1: Constituencies with highest and lowest turnout in each region

Region	Constituency	Turnout
	Highest turnout	
Mid and West Wales	 Carmarthenshire East and Dinefwr	55.7%
North Wales	 Ynys Mon	52.1%
South Wales Central	 Cardiff North	51.4%
South Wales East	 Monmouth	47.1%
South Wales West	 Gower	44.8%
	Lowest Turnout	
Mid and West Wales	 Montgomeryshire	43.5%
North Wales	 Alyn and Deeside	35.5%
South Wales Central	 Cardiff Central	36.1%
South Wales East	 Newport East	37.4%
South Wales West	 Swansea East	35.0%

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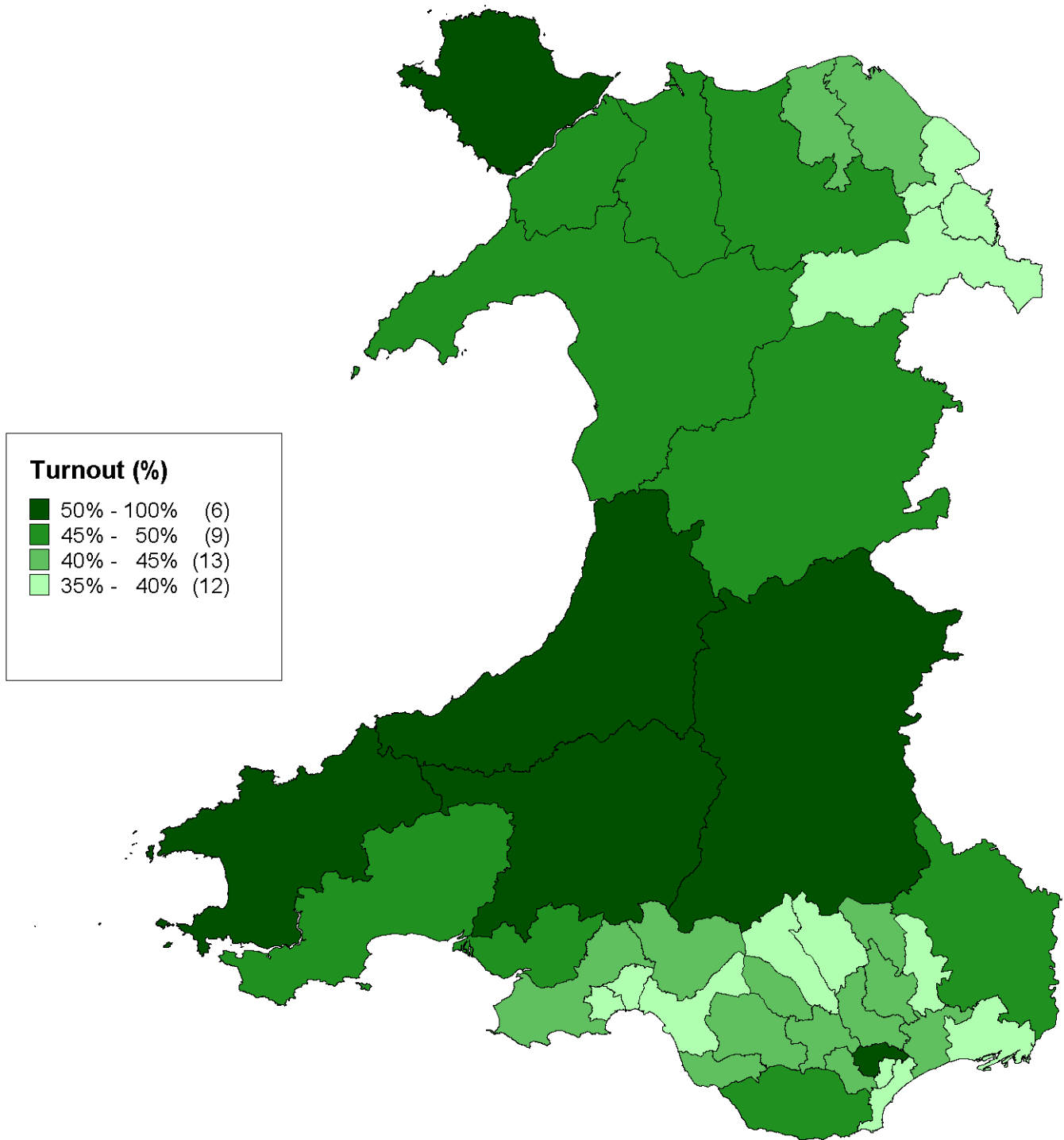


Table A2: Largest and smallest constituency majorities by party













































































	Constituency	<i>Absolute majority</i>
Largest		
 Conservative	Monmouth	8,469
 Labour	Ogmore	7,900
 Liberal Democrat	Cardiff Central	6,565
 Plaid Cymru	Dwyfor Meirionnydd	8,868
Smallest		
 Conservative	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	98
 Labour	Vale of Glamorgan	83
 Liberal Democrat	Montgomeryshire	1,979
 Plaid Cymru	Aberconwy	1,695
	Constituency	<i>Percentage majority</i>
Largest		
 Conservative	Monmouth	28.6%
 Labour	Ogmore	34.7%
 Liberal Democrat	Cardiff Central	29.3%
 Plaid Cymru	Dwyfor Meirionnydd	40.1%
Smallest		
 Conservative	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	0.3%
 Labour	Vale of Glamorgan	0.2%
 Liberal Democrat	Montgomeryshire	8.9%
 Plaid Cymru	Aberconwy	8.2%

Table A3: Highest and lowest shares of the constituency vote by major party

Highest		Lowest		
CON	Monmouth	52.0%	Blaenau Gwent	4.0%
	Cardiff North	45.3%	Rhondda	5.1%
	Preseli Pembrokeshire	38.6%	Merthyr Tydfil	5.5%
	Vale of Clwyd	36.0%	Islwyn	7.6%
LAB	Rhondda	58.2%	Ceredigion	5.1%
	Cynon Valley	56.7%	Montgomeryshire	6.9%
	Ogmore	51.7%	Brecon & Radnorshire	8.7%
	Aberavon	49.3%	Dwyfor Meirionnydd	12.4%
LD	Brecon and Radnorshire	52.2%	Ynys Mon	3.4%
	Cardiff Central	51.2%	Llannelli	3.8%
	Montgomeryshire	39.0%	Islwyn	4.8%
	Ceredigion	36.1%	Cynon Valley	5.1%
PC	Dwyfor Meirionnydd	59.7%	Blaenau Gwent	4.8%
	Carmarthenshire East & Dinefwr	55.0%	Brecon and Radnorshire	5.5%
	Arfon	52.4%	Alyn and Deeside	6.6%
	Llannelli	50.1%	Monmouth	7.1%

Table A4: Assembly Members elected, May 2007 - name, constituency/region, and party

	Elected Member	Party
Constituency		
Mid and West Wales		
 Brecon and Radnorshire	* Kirsty Williams	Liberal Democrat
 Carmarthenshire East and Dinefwr	* Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Plaid Cymru
 Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	Angela Burns	Conservative
 Ceredigion	* Elin Jones	Plaid Cymru
 Dwyfor Meirionnydd	* Dafydd Elis-Thomas	Plaid Cymru
 Llanelli	* Helen Mary Jones	Plaid Cymru
 Montgomeryshire	* Mick Bates	Liberal Democrat
 Preseli Pembrokeshire	Paul Davies	Conservative
North Wales		
 Aberconwy	Gareth Jones	Plaid Cymru
 Alyn and Deeside	* Carl Sergeant	Labour
 Arfon	* Alun Jones	Plaid Cymru
 Clwyd South	* Karen Sinclair	Labour
 Clwyd West	Darren Millar	Conservative
 Delyn	* Sandie Mewies	Labour
 Vale of Clwyd	* Ann Jones	Labour
 Wrexham	Lesley Griffiths	Labour
 Ynys Mon	* Ieuan Wyn Jones	Plaid Cymru
South Wales Central		
 Cardiff Central	* Jenny Randerson	Liberal Democrat
 Cardiff North	* Jonathan Morgan	Conservative
 Cardiff South and Penarth	* Lorraine Barrett	Labour
 Cardiff West	* Rhodri Morgan	Labour
 Cynon Valley	* Christine Chapman	Labour
 Pontypridd	* Jane Davidson	Labour
 Rhondda	* Leighton Andrews	Labour
 Vale of Glamorgan	* Jane Hutt	Labour
South Wales East		
 Blaenau Gwent	* Trish Law	Independent
 Caerphilly	* Jeffrey Cuthbert	Labour
 Islwyn	* Irene James	Labour
 Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	* Huw Lewis	Labour
 Monmouth	Nick Ramsey	Conservative
 Newport East	* John Griffiths	Labour
 Newport West	* Rosemary Butler	Labour
 Torfaen	* Lynne Neagle	Labour
South Wales West		
 Aberavon	* Dr Brian Gibbons	Labour
 Bridgend	* Carwyn Jones	Labour
 Gower	* Edwina Hart	Labour
 Neath	* Gwenda Thomas	Labour
 Ogmore	* Janice Gregory	Labour
 Swansea East	* Val Lloyd	Labour
 Swansea West	* Andrew Davies	Labour
Regional List		
 Mid and West Wales	Alun Davies	Labour
 Mid and West Wales	Joyce Watson	Labour
 Mid and West Wales	Nerys Evans	Plaid Cymru
 Mid and West Wales	* Nicholas Bourne	Conservative
 North Wales	* Brynle Williams	Conservative
 North Wales	* Mark Isherwood	Conservative
 North Wales	* Janet Ryder	Plaid Cymru
 North Wales	* Eleanor Burnham	Liberal Democrat
 South Wales Central	* David Melding	Conservative
 South Wales Central	Andrew Davies	Conservative
 South Wales Central	* Leanne Wood	Plaid Cymru
 South Wales Central	Christopher Franks	Plaid Cymru
 South Wales East	* Jocelyn Davies	Plaid Cymru
 South Wales East	Mohammad Asghar	Plaid Cymru
 South Wales East	* William Graham	Conservative
 South Wales East	* Michael German	Liberal Democrat
 South Wales West	Bethan Jenkins	Plaid Cymru
 South Wales West	* David Lloyd	Plaid Cymru
 South Wales West	* Alun Cairns	Conservative
 South Wales West	* Peter Black	Liberal Democrat

* Assembly Member immediately prior to 2007 election. Of the 60 AMs elected 47 had been been members immediately prior to the 2007 election.