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This paper presents a summary of the results for Wales of the United Kingdom General Election, held on 6 May 2010.

It uses results published by local authorities on their websites and includes results for votes, share of the votes and turnout. Some comparisons with the 2005 General Election are also included.

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Summary

This paper summarises results for Wales from the United Kingdom General Election, which was held on 6 May 2010. **Constituency boundaries have been redrawn in Wales since the 2005 General Election. Therefore, notional figures have been used to compare election results for 2005 and 2010.** Notional results take the figures from the 2005 election and apply them to the new boundaries.

- Labour won the greatest number of seats in Wales (26 seats), followed by the Conservatives with eight seats and the Liberal Democrats and Plaid Cymru with three seats each;
- Labour polled 532,000 votes, 36 per cent of the total;
- the Conservatives polled 383,000 votes, 26 per cent of the total;
- the Liberal Democrats polled 295,000 votes, 20 per cent of the total;
- Plaid Cymru polled 165,000 votes, 11 per cent of the total;
- compared with notional results for the 2005 election, Labour had a net loss of four seats, the Conservatives a gain of five seats, the Liberal Democrats a loss of one seat and Plaid Cymru a gain of one seat. The seat of Blaenau Gwent, which was won by an independent in 2005, was regained by Labour;
- compared with actual results from 2005, in terms of the numbers of MPs representing each party in Wales, Labour lost three Welsh MPs, the Conservatives gained five, the Liberal Democrats lost one, the number of Plaid Cymru MPs did not change and the number of independent MPs decreased by one;
- Seven of the MPs elected in Wales (18 per cent) were female. This is a decrease of one MP compared with 2005.
- across Wales, turnout was 64.8 per cent, an increase of 2.2 percentage points, and
- the constituency with the highest turnout was Cardiff North (72.7 per cent). Swansea East had the lowest turnout (54.6 per cent).

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2010 General Election Results

1. Introduction

The United Kingdom General Election was held on Thursday 6 May 2010. This paper presents a summary of the results, votes, shares and turnout for Wales and includes some comparisons with notional results from the 2005 General Election. The figures presented should be regarded as provisional, as official results for Wales and the UK will be published later in the year by the [Electoral Commission](#).

The paper is intended to be read as a colour document and some of the tables, charts and maps may not be fully understood in black and white format.

Data sources and boundary changes

The 2010 election statistics have been compiled using information published on local authority websites or, where results were not published, by contacting the electoral registration offices within local authorities.

Constituency boundaries have been redrawn in Wales since the 2005 General Election. Therefore, notional figures must be used when comparing election results for 2005 and 2010. Notional results are estimates of what the voting figures would have been in the new constituencies if they had existed at the time of the 2005 election. That is, they take the figures from the 2005 election and apply them to the new boundaries. The notional results were compiled by professors Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher, University of Plymouth Elections Centre.¹ The table below summarises the impact of the boundary changes on the allocation of seats in Wales.

Impact of boundary changes on allocation of seats in Wales

| | | | | | | <i>Number of seats</i> |
|-------------------------------|-----|----|----|-----|-------|------------------------|
| 2005 Actual results | | | | | | |
| Con | Lab | LD | PC | Oth | Total | |
| 3 | 29 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 40 | |
| 2005 notional results | | | | | | |
| Con | Lab | LD | PC | Oth | Total | |
| 3 | 30 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 40 | |
| Change in the number of seats | | | | | | |
| Con | Lab | LD | PC | Oth | Total | |
| 0 | +1 | 0 | -1 | 0 | 0 | |

Source: Media Guide to the New Parliamentary Constituencies

¹ For more information on the impact of the boundary changes see Rallings C. and Thrasher M. (2007) *Media Guide to the New Parliamentary Constituencies*: Local Government Chronicle Elections Centre

If the new boundaries had existed at the time of the 2005 election, Labour would have won thirty seats, rather than twenty nine and Plaid Cymru would have won two seats, rather than three. Labour would have won the seat of Arfon, if it had existed in 2005, which is based on the old constituency of Caernarfon, won by Plaid Cymru in 2005.

Section 6 ([Sources and notes](#)) provides further information about the data sources and definitions used in this paper and a key to the party codes and colours used throughout.

2. Results for Wales

This section provides a summary of the results of the General Election for Wales. Some comparisons are also made with results from the 2005 General Election. These comparisons are based on notional results for 2005. Reference tables containing results by constituency can be found in section 5.

Summary

Table 1 below summarises the 2010 results for the four major parties and 'other' parties, and compares the number of seats and percentage of votes won with results from 2005. Chart 1 shows the number of seats won by each party in 2010, whilst chart 2 shows the share of the vote by each party in 2010.

Table 1: 2010 results and changes compared with 2005 notional results (a)

| | Con | Lab | LD | PC | Oth | Total |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|---------|
| Seats | | | | | | |
| Seats won | 8 | 26 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 40 |
| Change compared with 2005 | 5 | -4 | -1 | 1 | -1 | 0 |
| Votes | | | | | | |
| Votes (<i>thousands</i>) | 382.7 | 531.6 | 295.2 | 165.4 | 91.8 | 1,466.7 |
| Percentage share of vote | 26.1% | 36.2% | 20.1% | 11.3% | 6.3% | 100.0% |
| Percentage point change | 4.7% | -6.5% | 1.7% | -1.3% | 1.3% | |
| Candidates | | | | | | |
| Candidates | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 108 | 268 |
| Deposits lost | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 103 | 114 |

Source: Local authority websites and MRS calculations

(a) These figures are based on 2005 notional results. In terms of the actual number of MPs representing each party compared with the 2005 election, the Conservatives have gained 5, Labour have lost 3, the Liberal Democrats have lost 1, the number representing Plaid Cymru has not changed and 1 independent MP has been lost.

Chart 1: Share of seats: 2010

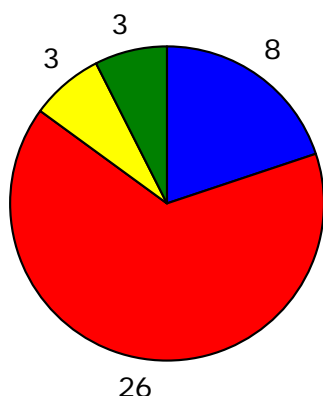
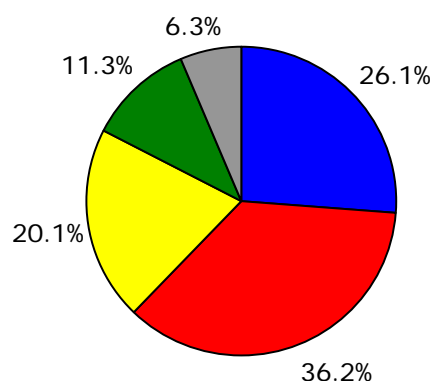


Chart 2: Share of the vote: 2010



Source: Local authority websites and MRS calculations

- Labour won 26 seats, four fewer than in 2005. Labour secured the highest share of the vote (36 per cent), although they decreased their share by 6.5

percentage points. They were the largest party in Wales in terms of seats and votes won;

- the Conservatives won eight seats, a net gain of five compared with 2005. They increased their share of the vote by 4.7 percentage points;
- Plaid Cymru won three seats, one more than in 2005;
- the Liberal Democrats won three seats, one less than in 2005;
- the seat of Blaenau Gwent which was won by an independent in the 2005 election was regained by Labour. As a whole, minor parties and independent candidates accounted for 6 per cent of the vote. This was an increase of 1.3 percentage points compared with 2005; and
- in terms of the number of MPs representing each party, compared with actual results from 2005, Labour lost three MPs, the Conservatives gained five, the Liberal Democrats lost one, the number of Plaid Cymru MPs did not change and the number of independent MPs decreased by one.

Chart 3 shows the trend in the share of the vote won by the four major parties at General Elections since 1997.

Chart 4 shows the number of seats won by the four major parties and 'other' parties at the 2005 (notional seats) and 2010 General Elections.

Chart 3: Share of the vote by party, 1997 - 2010

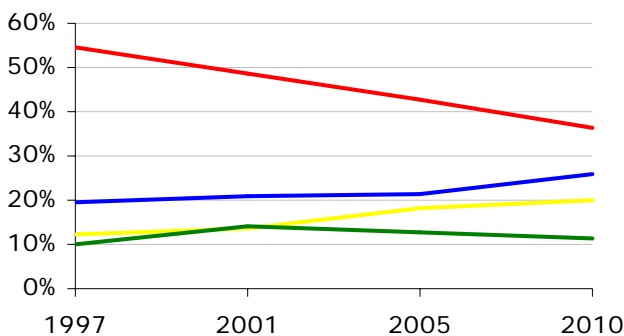
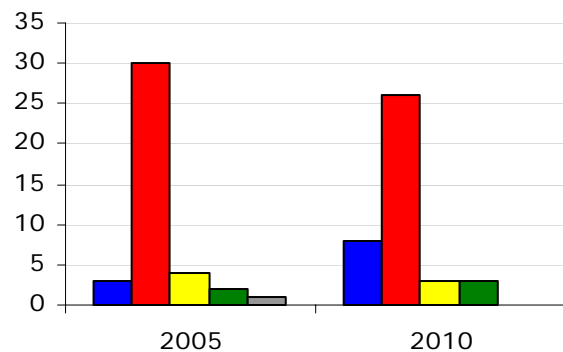


Chart 4: Seats won by party 2005 (notional) and 2010



Source: Local authority websites and MRS calculations

Highest and lowest 2010

Table 2 shows the highest and lowest figures for a number of outcomes including percentage turnout, percentage share of the vote and percentage point increase in the share of the vote compared with 2005 notional results. The coloured blocks indicate the party the data applies to, or in the case of turnout, the winning party.

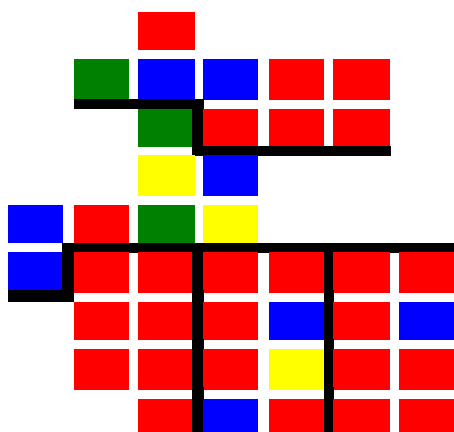
Table 2: Highest and lowest, 2010

| | | | |
|--|---|--|--|
| Largest percentage point increases in share of vote (main parties) | | Largest percentage point falls in share of vote (main parties) | |
| 1 | ■ Blaenau Gwent +20.1% | 1 | ■ Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney -16.8% |
| 2 | ■ Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney +17.0% | 2 | ■ Pontypridd -15.4% |
| 3 | ■ Montgomeryshire +13.8% | 3 | ■ Islwyn -15.1% |
| 4 | ■ Ceredigion +13.5% | 4 | ■ Rhondda -12.8% |
| Safest seats by majority (percentage points) | | Most marginal seats by majority (percentage points) | |
| 1 | ■ Ogmore 38.2% | 1 | ■ Cardiff North 0.4% |
| 2 | ■ Rhondda 37.2% | 2 | ■ Swansea West 1.4% |
| 3 | ■ Aberavon 35.7% | 3 | ■ Montgomeryshire 3.5% |
| 4 | ■ Islwyn 35.2% | 4 | ■ Newport East 4.8% |
| Highest percentage share of the vote (main parties) | | Lowest percentage share of the vote (main parties) | |
| 1 | ■ Rhondda 55.3% | 1 | ■ Newport East 2.1% |
| 2 | ■ Ogmore 53.8% | 2 | ■ Brecon & Radnorshire 2.5% |
| 3 | ■ Cynon Valley 52.5% | 3 | ■ Monmouth 2.7% |
| 4 | ■ Blaenau Gwent 52.4% | 4 | ■ Newport West 2.8% |
| Highest turnout | | Lowest turnout | |
| 1 | ■ Cardiff North 72.7% | 1 | ■ Swansea East 54.6% |
| 2 | ■ Carmarthen East & Dinefwr 72.6% | 2 | ■ Swansea West 58.0% |
| 3 | ■ Brecon & Radnorshire 72.5% | 3 | ■ Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney 58.6% |
| 4 | ■ Monmouth 72.1% | 4 | ■ Cynon Valley 59.0% |

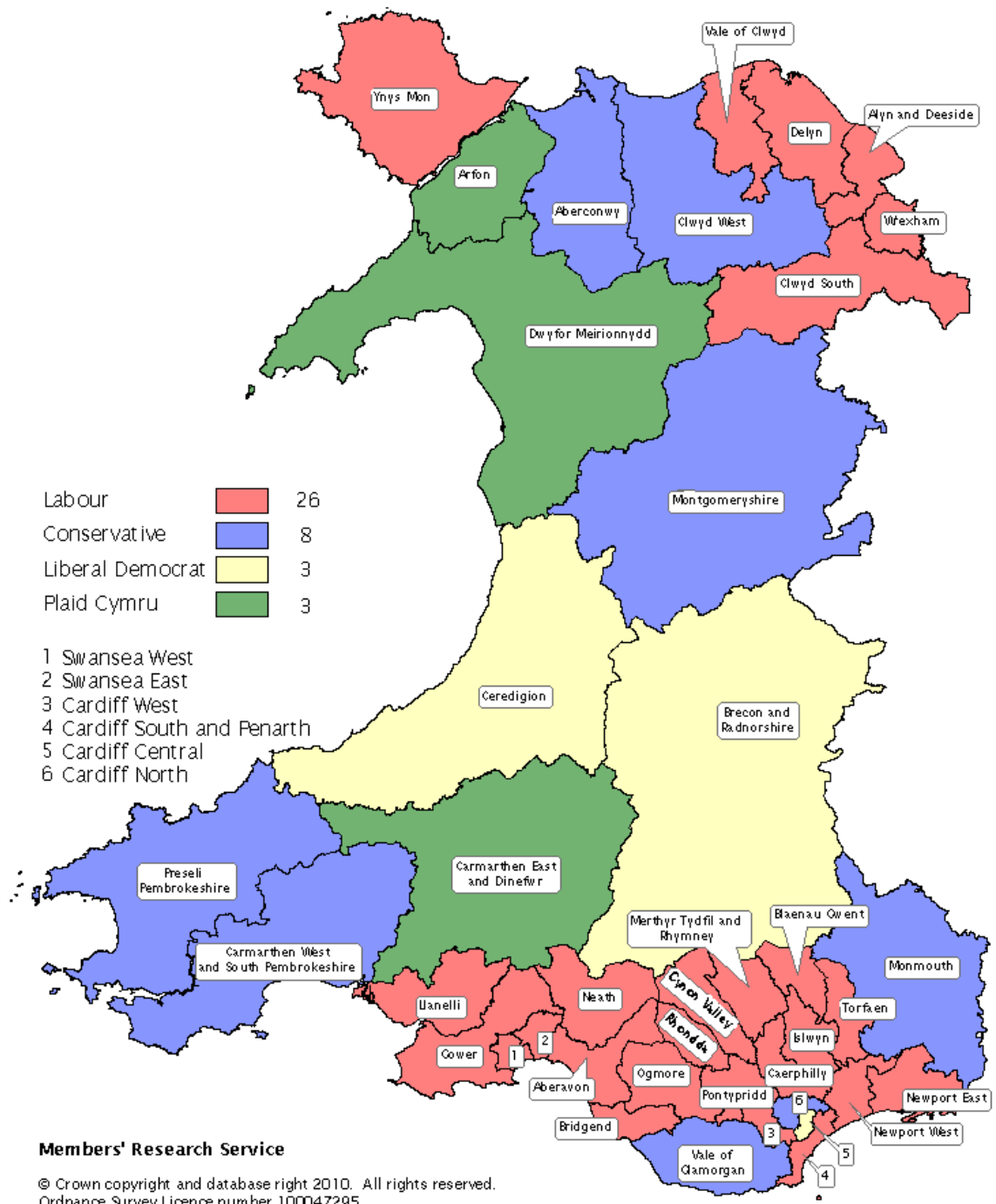
Source: Local authority websites and MRS calculations

Map 1 shows seat winners in the 2010 General Election. The figure below also displays seat winners, but with constituency areas represented by blocks of equal size. This figure overcomes the disproportionate emphasis given to parties who won constituencies of larger areas which may occur when viewing map 1.

2010 election seat winners using equally sized constituencies



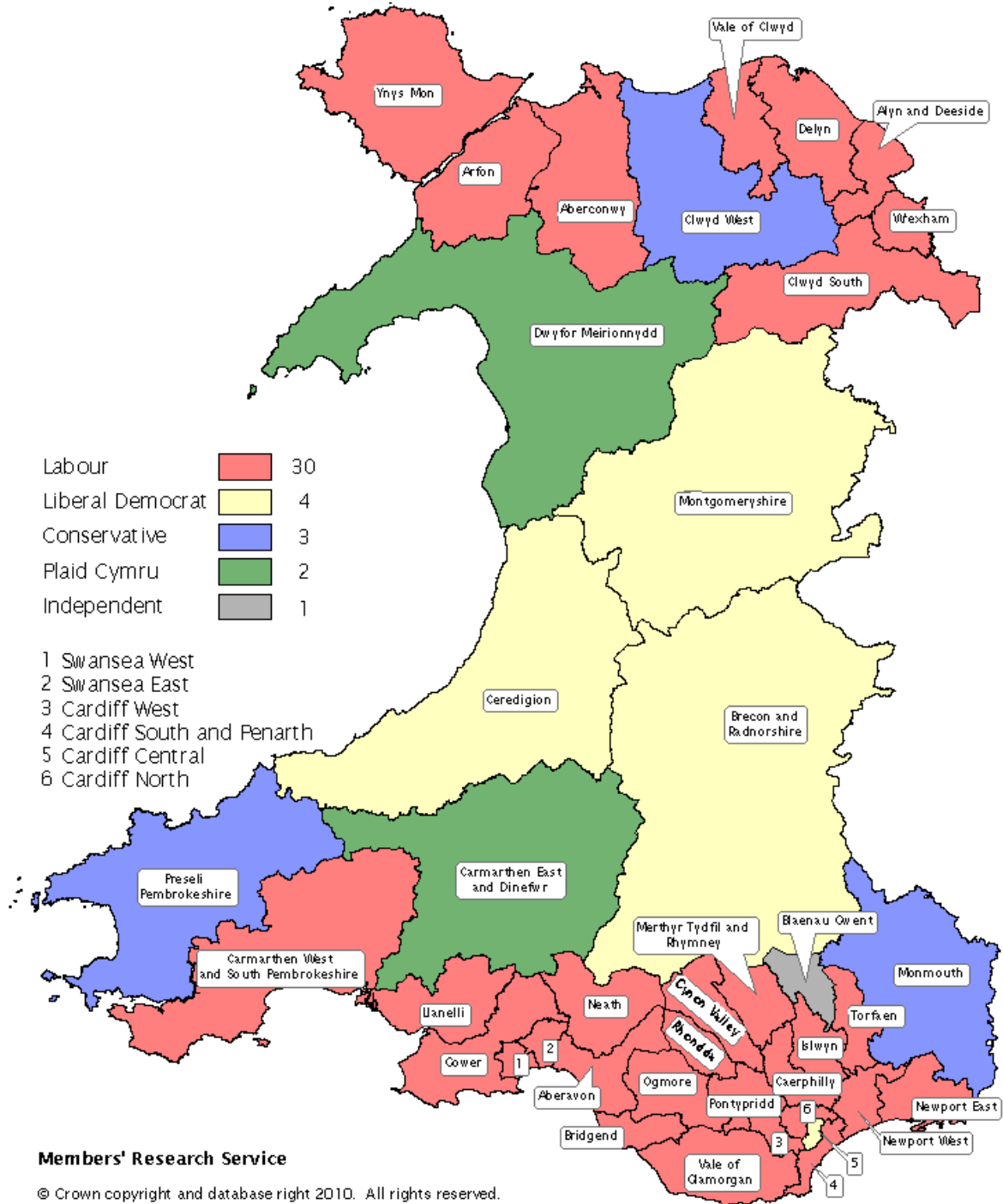
Map 1: 2010 General Election seat winners



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Map 2: 2005 General Election seat winners – notional results according to 2010 boundaries































Seats changing hands

Seven seats changed hands between the 2005 and 2010 General Election (using notional results for 2005) as shown in the table below. The seats changing hands are also illustrated in maps 3 and 4 on the following pages. Map 3 shows seats changing hand by winning party, whilst map 4 shows seats changing hand by losing party.

- the Conservatives gained five seats and didn't lose any seats. Four of the seats were gained from Labour and one from the Liberal Democrats;
- Labour gained one seat and lost five. They lost four seats to the Conservatives and one to Plaid Cymru. However, they gained the seat of Blaenau Gwent, which they lost to People's Voice in 2005;
- the Liberal Democrats lost Montgomeryshire to the Conservatives and didn't gain any seats, leaving them with three seats;
- Plaid Cymru had three seats after gaining Arfon from Labour;
- minor parties and independent candidates failed to win any seats in Wales. Blaenau Gwent, which was won by People's Voice in 2005, and retained in a by-election in 2006, was regained by Labour; and
- in terms of the number of MPs representing each party, compared with actual results from 2005, Labour lost three MPs, the Conservatives gained five, the Liberal Democrats lost one, the number of Plaid Cymru MPs did not change and the number of independent MPs decreased by one.

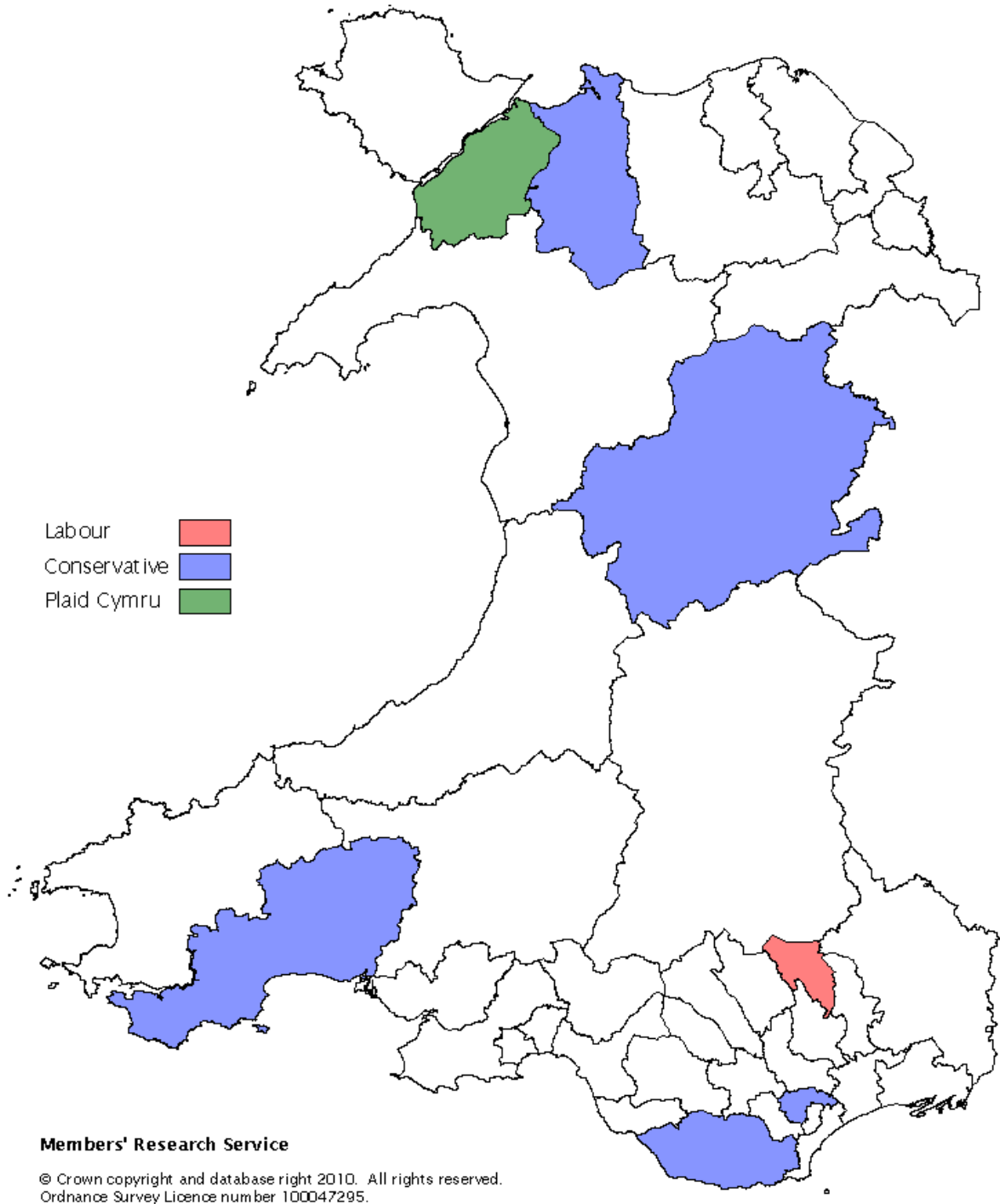
Table 3: Seats changing hands

| By party losing | By party gaining |
|---|---|
| Labour losses (5) | Conservative gains (5) |
|   Aberconwy |   Aberconwy |
|   Cardiff North |   Cardiff North |
|   Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire |   Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire |
|   Vale of Glamorgan |   Vale of Glamorgan |
|   Arfon |   Montgomeryshire |
| Liberal Democrats (1) | Labour gains (1) |
|   Montgomeryshire |   Blaenau Gwent |
| People's Voice (1) | Plaid Cymru gains (1) |
|   Blaenau Gwent |   Arfon |

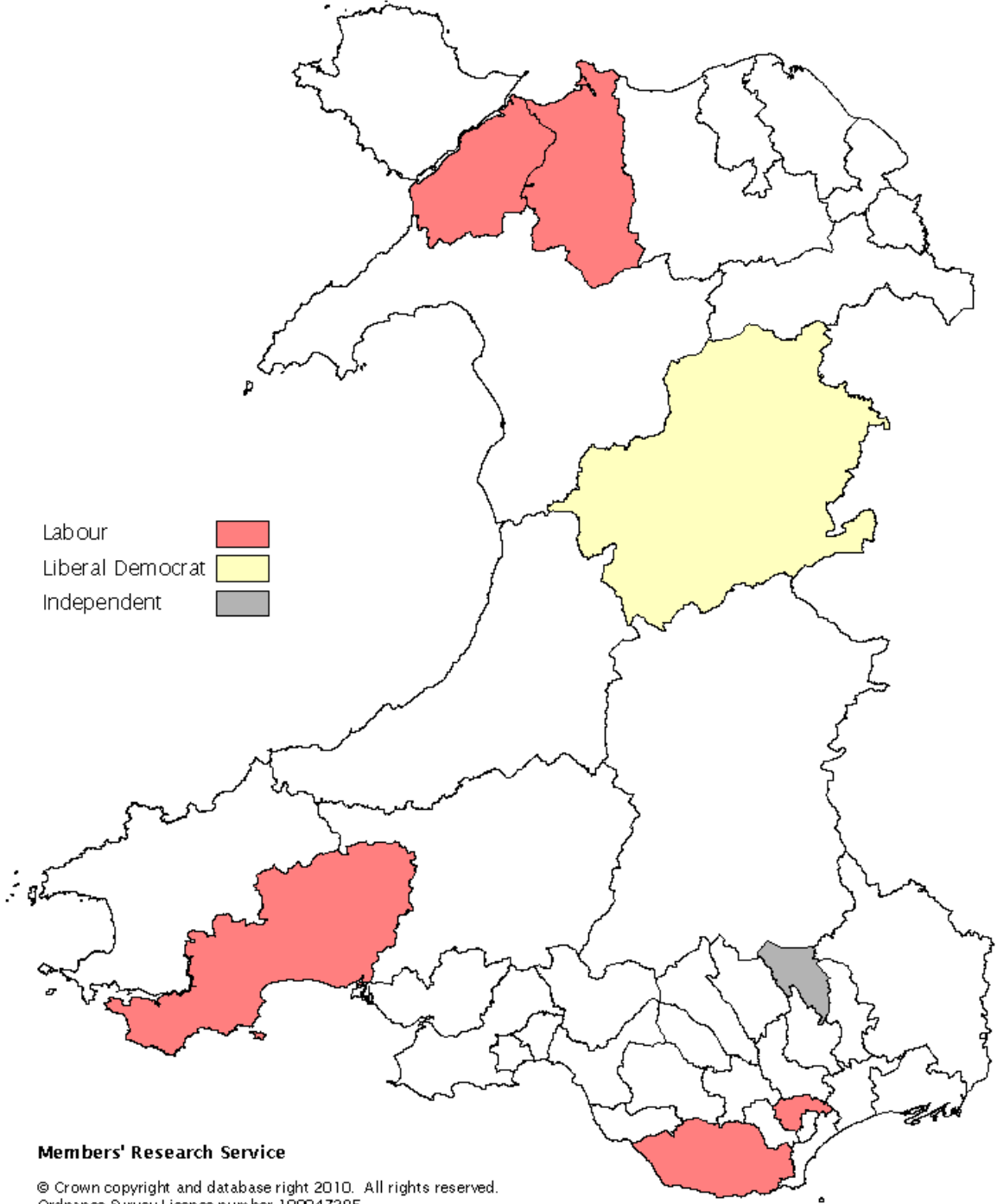
Source: Local authority websites and MRS calculations

Map 5 highlights constituencies where the Member of Parliament elected in 2010 is from a different party to the Assembly Member elected in the 2007 Assembly Election. It can be seen that seven seats are held by AMs and MPs from different parties.

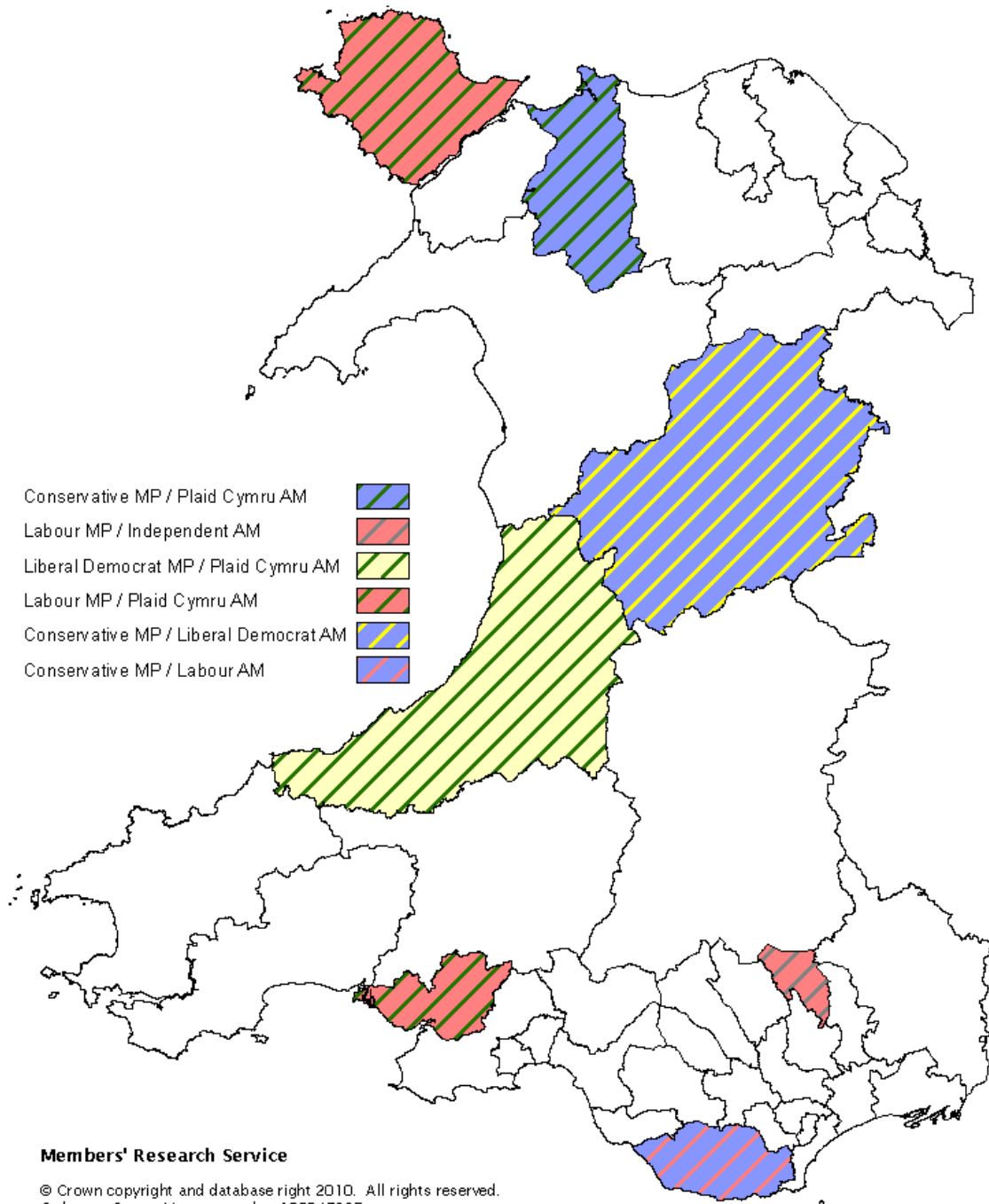
Map 3: 2010 General Election, seats changing hands by winning party



Map 4: 2010 General Election, seats changing hands by losing party



Map 5: Constituencies where the winning party in the 2010 General Election differs from the winning party in the 2007 Assembly Election



















Safe and marginal seats

The two tables below show the four safest and most marginal seats at the 2010 General Election.

















The safest seat was Ogmore won by Huw Irranca-Davies of the Labour party, with a 13,246 majority (38.2 per cent of the vote). The most marginal seat was Cardiff North won by Jonathan Evans of the Conservative party, with a majority of 194 (0.4 per cent of the vote).

Table 4: Safest and most marginal seats by percentage majority

| Constituency | | First | Second | Percentage majority |
|----------------------|-----------------|---|--|---------------------|
| Safest | | | | |
| 1 | Ogmore | Lab  | Con  | 38.2% |
| 2 | Rhondda | Lab  | PC  | 37.2% |
| 3 | Aberavon | Lab  | LD  | 35.7% |
| 4 | Islwyn | Lab  | Con  | 35.2% |
| Most marginal | | | | |
| 1 | Cardiff North | Con  | Lab  | 0.4% |
| 2 | Swansea West | Lab  | LD  | 1.4% |
| 3 | Montgomeryshire | Con  | LD  | 3.5% |
| 4 | Newport East | Lab  | LD  | 4.8% |

Source: Local authority websites and MRS calculations

Table 5: Safest and most marginal seats by absolute majority









| Constituency | | First | Second | Majority |
|----------------------|-----------------|---|---|----------|
| Safest | | | | |
| 1 | Ogmore | Lab  | Con  | 13,246 |
| 2 | Islwyn | Lab  | Con  | 12,215 |
| 3 | Rhondda | Lab  | PC  | 11,553 |
| 4 | Aberavon | Lab  | LD  | 11,039 |
| Most marginal | | | | |
| 1 | Cardiff North | Con  | Lab  | 194 |
| 2 | Swansea West | Lab  | LD  | 504 |
| 3 | Montgomeryshire | Con  | LD  | 1,184 |
| 4 | Arfon | PC  | Lab  | 1,455 |

Source: Local authority websites and MRS calculations

Electorate

Election day electorates for each constituency were provided on request by local authorities. The General Election electorate in Wales was around 2,263,600. The average constituency in Wales had around 56,600 electors. Cardiff South and Penarth had the largest electorate with 73,700 electors, whilst Arfon had the smallest electorate with 41,200.

Table 6: Highest and lowest constituency electorates

| | | <i>Number</i> |
|----------------------|---|-------------------|
| <u>Constituency</u> | | <u>Electorate</u> |
| Highest | | |
| 1 |  Cardiff South & Penarth | 73,707 |
| 2 |  Vale of Glamorgan | 70,211 |
| 3 |  Cardiff North | 65,553 |
| 4 |  Monmouth | 64,538 |
| Wales Average | | 56,590 |
| Lowest | | |
| 1 |  Arfon | 41,198 |
| 2 |  Aberconwy | 44,593 |
| 3 |  Dwyfor Meirionnydd | 45,354 |
| 4 |  Montgomeryshire | 48,730 |

Source: Local authorities and MRS calculations.

Turnout

The definition of turnout used in this paper is the number of valid votes cast as a percentage of the electorate.

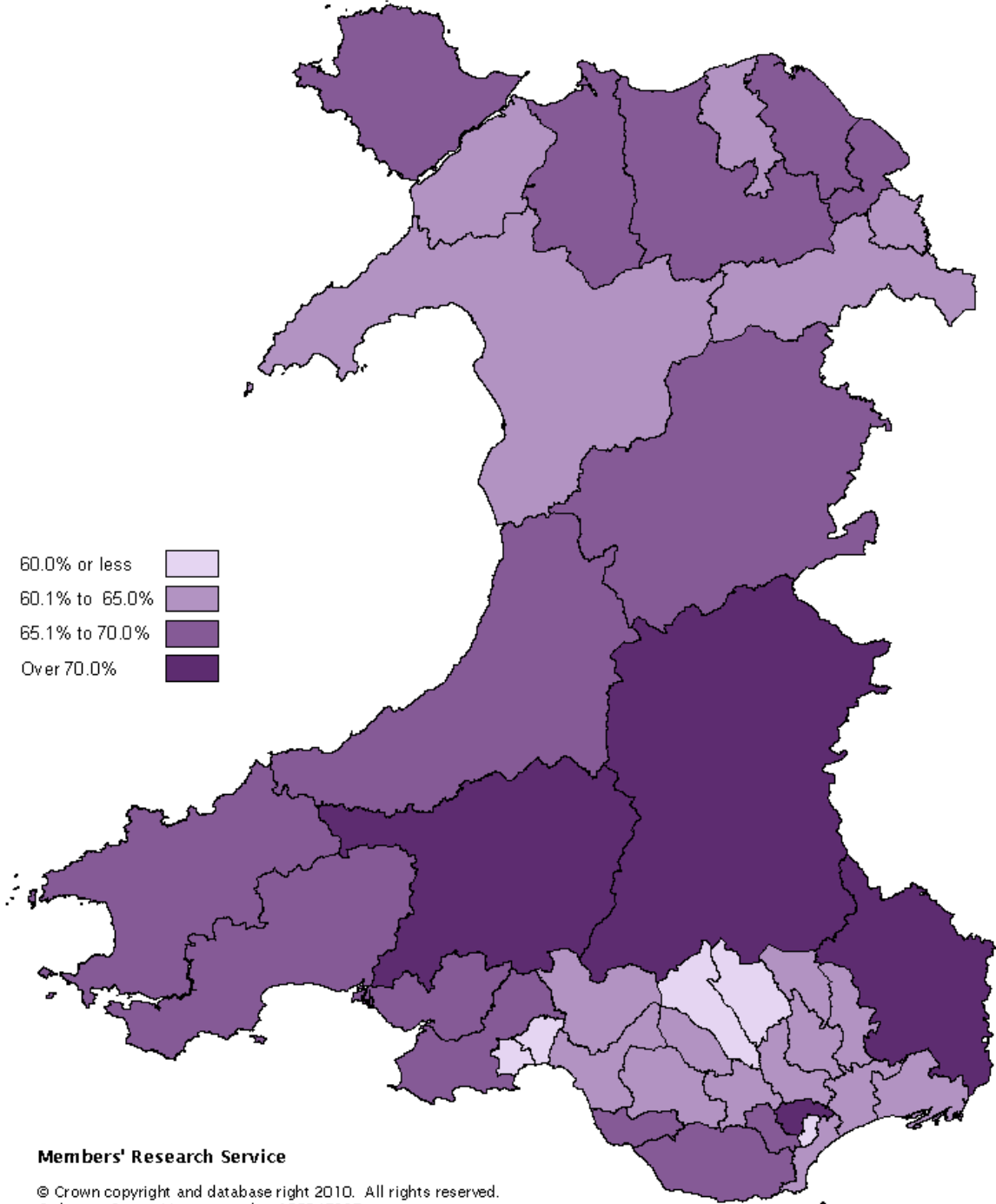
For Wales as a whole, turnout for the General Election was 64.8 per cent. Across Wales, turnout ranged from 72.7 per cent in Cardiff North to 54.6 per cent in Swansea East.

Table 7: Highest and lowest percentage turnout

| <u>Constituency</u> | | <u>Turnout</u> |
|---------------------|---|----------------|
| Highest | | |
| 1 |  Cardiff North | 72.7% |
| 2 |  Carmarthen East & Dinefwr | 72.6% |
| 3 |  Brecon & Radnorshire | 72.5% |
| 4 |  Monmouth | 72.1% |
| Lowest | | |
| 1 |  Swansea East | 54.6% |
| 2 |  Swansea West | 58.0% |
| 3 |  Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney | 58.6% |
| 4 |  Cynon Valley | 59.0% |

Source: Local authority websites and MRS calculations.

Map 6: Percentage turnout by constituency



3. Candidates

Following the close of nominations on 20 April 2010², there were 268 candidates across 40 constituencies. This is equivalent to 6.7 candidates per seat, and is an increase from the 250 candidates who stood in Welsh constituencies in the 2005 General Election. There were 14 Independent candidates, with the remainder from 17 parties. The seats of Cardiff Central, Cardiff South and Penarth, Swansea West and Torfaen each had nine candidates, the highest number of candidates per seat. Arfon, Carmarthen East and Dinefwr, Cynon Valley, Llanelli and Preseli Pembrokeshire had five candidates each, which was the lowest number of candidates per seat.

Table 8: Candidates by party and sex (a)

| Party | Total | Female candidates | | Male candidates | |
|------------------------|------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | | Number | Percentage (b) | Number | Percentage (b) |
| Conservative | 40 | 14 | 35% | 26 | 65% |
| Labour | 40 | 12 | 30% | 28 | 70% |
| Liberal Democrat | 40 | 9 | 23% | 31 | 78% |
| Plaid Cymru | 40 | 7 | 18% | 33 | 83% |
| UK Independence Party | 40 | 3 | 8% | 37 | 93% |
| British National Party | 19 | 4 | 21% | 15 | 79% |
| Green Party | 13 | 3 | 23% | 10 | 77% |
| Christian Party | 8 | 1 | 13% | 7 | 88% |
| Socialist Labour Party | 4 | 2 | 50% | 2 | 50% |
| Other | 24 | 1 | 4% | 23 | 96% |
| Total | 268 | 56 | 21% | 212 | 79% |

Source: [Dods Parliamentary Companion list of Parliamentary Candidates](#) and MRS calculations.

(a) Three candidates stood under the name 'Support Our Troops Bring Them Home'. This is an alternative name for the British National Party (BNP), and for the purposes of these statistics the candidates are counted as BNP candidates.

(b) Totals of percentages may not add up to 100 per cent due to rounding.

Of the 268 candidates, 56 (21 per cent) were female, compared with 212 (79 per cent) male candidates. Of the major parties, the Conservatives had both the highest number (14) and the highest proportion (35 per cent) of female candidates. Of the Labour candidates, 30 per cent were female, while fewer than 25 per cent of Liberal Democrat and Plaid Cymru candidates were female.

Thirty three of the candidates were Members of the 2005-10 Parliament and two candidates were Members of the National Assembly for Wales.

² Electoral Commission [Timetable for 6 May 2010 elections](#) [accessed 28 April 2010]

4. MPs elected

Of the 40 MPs elected in 2010, seven were female. Labour had the highest number of female MPs (6), accounting for 23 per cent of its MPs in Wales. Of those elected 29 (73 per cent) were MPs in the previous parliament and one is an Assembly Member.

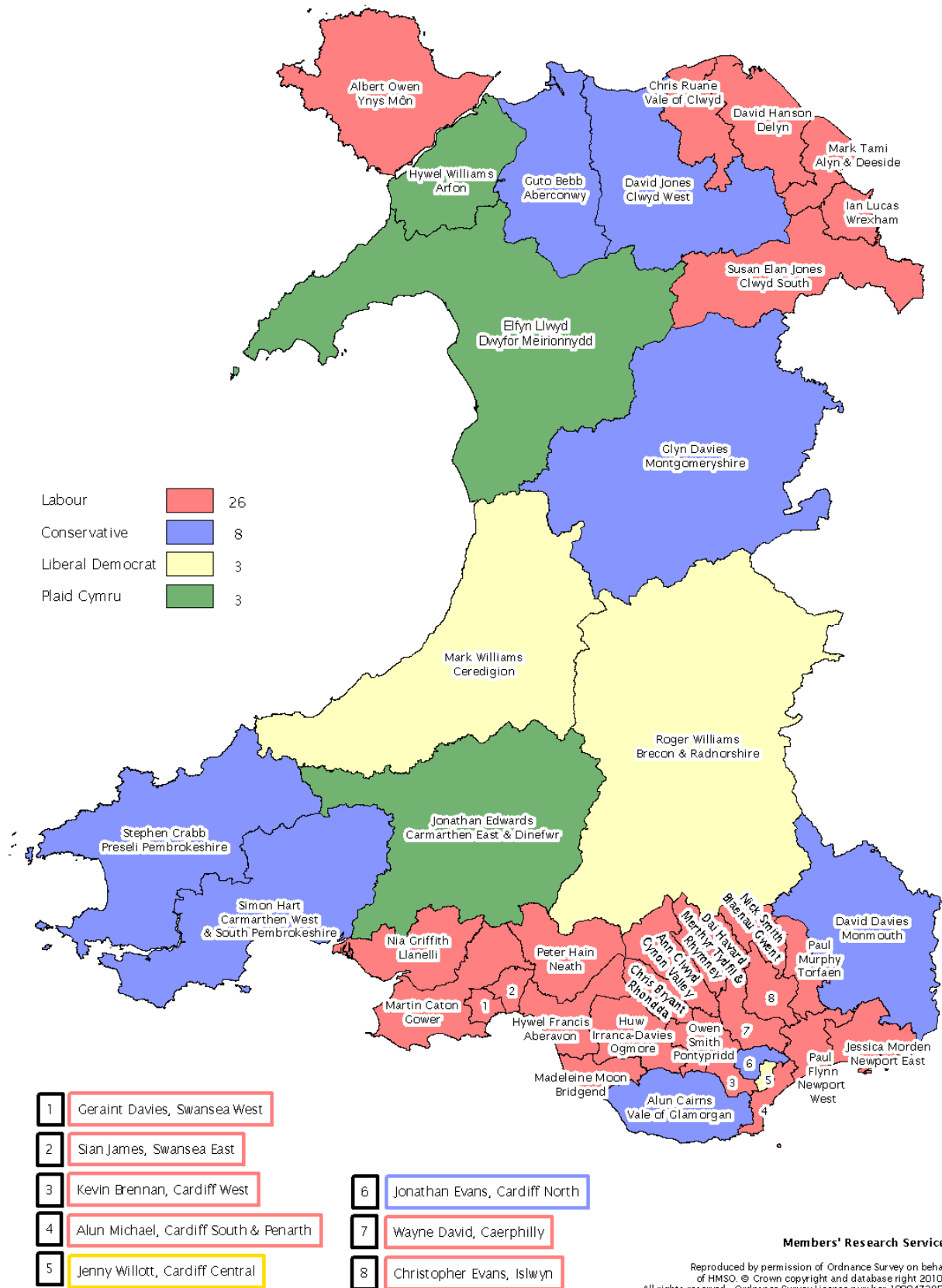
Table 9: MPs elected by party, sex and previous parliamentary experience

| Party | Sex | | MP immediately before election | Current Assembly Member | <i>Number</i> | |
|------------------|--------|------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-----|
| | Female | Male | | | | All |
| Conservative | 0 | 8 | 3 | 1 | | 8 |
| Labour | 6 | 20 | 21 | 0 | | 26 |
| Liberal Democrat | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | | 3 |
| Plaid Cymru | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | | 3 |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | 0 |
| Total | 7 | 33 | 29 | 1 | | 40 |

Source: Local authorities, [Dods Parliamentary Companion list of Parliamentary Candidates](#) & MRS calculations

Map 7 shows the name of the MP elected in each constituency.

Map 7: Members of Parliament elected in 2010 General Election



















































































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5. Constituency Tables

Table 10: Winning party and number of votes, by constituency, comparison with 2005 notional results

| | Party elected | | Votes | | | | | Total | Majority |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|----------|
| | 2005 | 2010 | Con | Lab | LD | PC | Oth | | |
| Aberavon |  |  | 4,411 | 16,073 | 5,034 | 2,198 | 3,242 | 30,958 | 11,039 |
| Aberconwy |  |  | 10,734 | 7,336 | 5,786 | 5,341 | 769 | 29,966 | 3,398 |
| Alyn & Deeside |  |  | 12,885 | 15,804 | 7,308 | 1,549 | 2,377 | 39,923 | 2,919 |
| Arfon |  |  | 4,416 | 7,928 | 3,666 | 9,383 | 685 | 26,078 | 1,455 |
| Blaenau Gwent |  |  | 2,265 | 16,974 | 3,285 | 1,333 | 8,538 | 32,395 | 10,516 |
| Brecon & Radnorshire |  |  | 14,182 | 4,096 | 17,929 | 989 | 1,649 | 38,845 | 3,747 |
| Bridgend |  |  | 11,668 | 13,931 | 8,658 | 2,269 | 1,821 | 38,347 | 2,263 |
| Caerphilly |  |  | 6,622 | 17,377 | 5,688 | 6,460 | 2,545 | 38,692 | 10,755 |
| Cardiff Central |  |  | 7,799 | 10,400 | 14,976 | 1,246 | 1,730 | 36,151 | 4,576 |
| Cardiff North |  |  | 17,860 | 17,666 | 8,724 | 1,588 | 1,792 | 47,630 | 194 |
| Cardiff South & Penarth |  |  | 12,553 | 17,262 | 9,875 | 1,851 | 2,828 | 44,369 | 4,709 |
| Cardiff West |  |  | 12,143 | 16,894 | 7,186 | 2,868 | 1,867 | 40,958 | 4,751 |
| Carmarthen East & Dinefwr |  |  | 8,506 | 10,065 | 4,609 | 13,546 | 1,285 | 38,011 | 3,481 |
| Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire |  |  | 16,649 | 13,226 | 4,890 | 4,232 | 1,510 | 40,507 | 3,423 |
| Ceredigion |  |  | 4,421 | 2,210 | 19,139 | 10,815 | 1,673 | 38,258 | 8,324 |
| Clwyd South |  |  | 10,477 | 13,311 | 5,965 | 3,009 | 1,919 | 34,681 | 2,834 |
| Clwyd West |  |  | 15,833 | 9,414 | 5,801 | 5,864 | 1,199 | 38,111 | 6,419 |
| Cynon Valley |  |  | 3,010 | 15,681 | 4,120 | 6,064 | 1,001 | 29,876 | 9,617 |
| Delyn |  |  | 12,811 | 15,083 | 5,747 | 1,844 | 1,499 | 36,984 | 2,272 |
| Dwyfor Meirionnydd |  |  | 6,447 | 4,021 | 3,538 | 12,814 | 2,086 | 28,906 | 6,367 |
| Gower |  |  | 13,333 | 16,016 | 7,947 | 2,760 | 1,615 | 41,671 | 2,683 |
| Islwyn |  |  | 4,854 | 17,069 | 3,597 | 4,518 | 4,652 | 34,690 | 12,215 |
| Llanelli |  |  | 5,381 | 15,916 | 3,902 | 11,215 | 1,047 | 37,461 | 4,701 |
| Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney |  |  | 2,412 | 14,007 | 9,951 | 1,621 | 4,085 | 32,076 | 4,056 |
| Monmouth |  |  | 22,466 | 12,041 | 9,026 | 1,273 | 1,713 | 46,519 | 10,425 |
| Montgomeryshire |  |  | 13,976 | 2,407 | 12,792 | 2,802 | 1,836 | 33,813 | 1,184 |
| Neath |  |  | 4,847 | 17,172 | 5,535 | 7,397 | 2,171 | 37,122 | 9,775 |
| Newport East |  |  | 7,918 | 12,744 | 11,094 | 724 | 1,968 | 34,448 | 1,650 |
| Newport West |  |  | 12,845 | 16,389 | 6,587 | 1,122 | 2,777 | 39,720 | 3,544 |
| Ogmore |  |  | 5,398 | 18,644 | 5,260 | 3,326 | 2,022 | 34,650 | 13,246 |
| Pontypridd |  |  | 5,932 | 14,220 | 11,435 | 2,673 | 2,411 | 36,671 | 2,785 |
| Preseli Pembrokeshire |  |  | 16,944 | 12,339 | 5,759 | 3,654 | 906 | 39,602 | 4,605 |
| Rhondda |  |  | 1,993 | 17,183 | 3,309 | 5,630 | 2,957 | 31,072 | 11,553 |
| Swansea East |  |  | 4,823 | 16,819 | 5,981 | 2,181 | 2,872 | 32,676 | 10,838 |
| Swansea West |  |  | 7,407 | 12,335 | 11,831 | 1,437 | 2,583 | 35,593 | 504 |
| Torfaen |  |  | 7,541 | 16,847 | 6,264 | 2,005 | 4,983 | 37,640 | 9,306 |
| Vale Of Clwyd |  |  | 12,508 | 15,017 | 4,472 | 2,068 | 1,469 | 35,534 | 2,509 |
| Vale Of Glamorgan |  |  | 20,341 | 16,034 | 7,403 | 2,667 | 2,222 | 48,667 | 4,307 |
| Wrexham |  |  | 8,375 | 12,161 | 8,503 | 2,029 | 1,908 | 32,976 | 3,658 |
| Ynys Môn |  |  | 7,744 | 11,490 | 2,592 | 9,029 | 3,589 | 34,444 | 2,461 |

Source: Local authority websites and MRS calculations.

Table 11: Share of the vote, by constituency

| | Percentage Share of the vote | | | | | Majority as % of vote (a) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------------------------|
| | Con | Lab | LD | PC | Oth | |
| Aberavon | 14.2% | 51.9% | 16.3% | 7.1% | 10.5% | 35.7% |
| Aberconwy | 35.8% | 24.5% | 19.3% | 17.8% | 2.6% | 11.3% |
| Alyn & Deeside | 32.3% | 39.6% | 18.3% | 3.9% | 6.0% | 7.3% |
| Arfon | 16.9% | 30.4% | 14.1% | 36.0% | 2.6% | 5.6% |
| Blaenau Gwent | 7.0% | 52.4% | 10.1% | 4.1% | 26.4% | 32.5% |
| Brecon & Radnorshire | 36.5% | 10.5% | 46.2% | 2.5% | 4.2% | 9.6% |
| Bridgend | 30.4% | 36.3% | 22.6% | 5.9% | 4.7% | 5.9% |
| Caerphilly | 17.1% | 44.9% | 14.7% | 16.7% | 6.6% | 27.8% |
| Cardiff Central | 21.6% | 28.8% | 41.4% | 3.4% | 4.8% | 12.7% |
| Cardiff North | 37.5% | 37.1% | 18.3% | 3.3% | 3.8% | 0.4% |
| Cardiff South & Penarth | 28.3% | 38.9% | 22.3% | 4.2% | 6.4% | 10.6% |
| Cardiff West | 29.6% | 41.2% | 17.5% | 7.0% | 4.6% | 11.6% |
| Carmarthen East & Dinefwr | 22.4% | 26.5% | 12.1% | 35.6% | 3.4% | 9.2% |
| Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire | 41.1% | 32.7% | 12.1% | 10.4% | 3.7% | 8.5% |
| Ceredigion | 11.6% | 5.8% | 50.0% | 28.3% | 4.4% | 21.8% |
| Clwyd South | 30.2% | 38.4% | 17.2% | 8.7% | 5.5% | 8.2% |
| Clwyd West | 41.5% | 24.7% | 15.2% | 15.4% | 3.1% | 16.8% |
| Cynon Valley | 10.1% | 52.5% | 13.8% | 20.3% | 3.4% | 32.2% |
| Delyn | 34.6% | 40.8% | 15.5% | 5.0% | 4.1% | 6.1% |
| Dwyfor Meirionnydd | 22.3% | 13.9% | 12.2% | 44.3% | 7.2% | 22.0% |
| Gower | 32.0% | 38.4% | 19.1% | 6.6% | 3.9% | 6.4% |
| Islwyn | 14.0% | 49.2% | 10.4% | 13.0% | 13.4% | 35.2% |
| Llanelli | 14.4% | 42.5% | 10.4% | 29.9% | 2.8% | 12.5% |
| Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney | 7.5% | 43.7% | 31.0% | 5.1% | 12.7% | 12.6% |
| Monmouth | 48.3% | 25.9% | 19.4% | 2.7% | 3.7% | 22.4% |
| Montgomeryshire | 41.3% | 7.1% | 37.8% | 8.3% | 5.4% | 3.5% |
| Neath | 13.1% | 46.3% | 14.9% | 19.9% | 5.8% | 26.3% |
| Newport East | 23.0% | 37.0% | 32.2% | 2.1% | 5.7% | 4.8% |
| Newport West | 32.3% | 41.3% | 16.6% | 2.8% | 7.0% | 8.9% |
| Ogmore | 15.6% | 53.8% | 15.2% | 9.6% | 5.8% | 38.2% |
| Pontypridd | 16.2% | 38.8% | 31.2% | 7.3% | 6.6% | 7.6% |
| Preseli Pembrokeshire | 42.8% | 31.2% | 14.5% | 9.2% | 2.3% | 11.6% |
| Rhondda | 6.4% | 55.3% | 10.6% | 18.1% | 9.5% | 37.2% |
| Swansea East | 14.8% | 51.5% | 18.3% | 6.7% | 8.8% | 33.2% |
| Swansea West | 20.8% | 34.7% | 33.2% | 4.0% | 7.3% | 1.4% |
| Torfaen | 20.0% | 44.8% | 16.6% | 5.3% | 13.2% | 24.7% |
| Vale Of Clwyd | 35.2% | 42.3% | 12.6% | 5.8% | 4.1% | 7.1% |
| Vale Of Glamorgan | 41.8% | 32.9% | 15.2% | 5.5% | 4.6% | 8.8% |
| Wrexham | 25.4% | 36.9% | 25.8% | 6.2% | 5.8% | 11.1% |
| Ynys Môn | 22.5% | 33.4% | 7.5% | 26.2% | 10.4% | 7.1% |

Source: Local authority websites and MRS calculations.

(a) The majority divided by the total number of valid votes.

Table 12: Change in the share of the vote and swing by constituency, comparisons with 2005 notional results

| | Percentage point change in share of the vote | | | | | Swing (a) | | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|----|-----|--------|
| | Con | Lab | LD | PC | Oth | From | | | |
| Aberavon | 4.1% | -8.1% | 2.5% | -4.7% | 6.2% | Lab | to | LD | 5.3% |
| Aberconwy | 6.8% | -8.5% | 0.2% | 3.8% | -2.3% | Lab | to | Con | 7.6% |
| Alyn & Deeside | 7.1% | -9.2% | 0.9% | 0.2% | 1.1% | Lab | to | Con | 8.1% |
| Arfon | 0.5% | -3.5% | -1.7% | 3.9% | 0.7% | Lab | to | PC | 3.7% |
| Blaenau Gwent | 4.7% | 20.1% | 5.9% | 1.7% | -32.4% | PV | to | Lab | 29.2% |
| Brecon & Radnorshire | 1.9% | -4.5% | 1.3% | -1.1% | 2.4% | LD | to | Con | 0.3% |
| Bridgend | 5.4% | -6.6% | 0.5% | -1.0% | 1.6% | Lab | to | Con | 6.0% |
| Caerphilly | 2.4% | -10.5% | 4.7% | -1.4% | 4.8% | Lab | to | Con | 6.5% |
| Cardiff Central | 12.3% | -5.5% | -8.4% | -0.1% | 1.6% | LD | to | Lab | 1.4% |
| Cardiff North | 1.0% | -1.9% | -0.4% | -0.9% | 2.3% | Lab | to | Con | 1.5% |
| Cardiff South & Penarth | 4.4% | -7.7% | 2.4% | -1.1% | 2.0% | Lab | to | Con | 6.0% |
| Cardiff West | 7.0% | -3.6% | 0.5% | -5.9% | 2.0% | Lab | to | Con | 5.3% |
| Carmarthen East & Dinefwr | 8.7% | -1.8% | 2.4% | -10.2% | 0.9% | PC | to | Lab | 4.2% |
| Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshi | 9.8% | -4.0% | -2.1% | -5.1% | 1.4% | Lab | to | Con | 6.9% |
| Ceredigion | -0.8% | -6.3% | 13.5% | -7.6% | 1.3% | LD | to | PC | -10.6% |
| Clwyd South | 4.8% | -6.8% | 1.7% | -0.8% | 1.0% | Lab | to | Con | 5.8% |
| Clwyd West | 5.4% | -11.3% | 1.9% | 4.5% | -0.6% | Con | to | Lab | -8.4% |
| Cynon Valley | 1.5% | -10.5% | 1.6% | 6.8% | 0.7% | Lab | to | PC | 8.6% |
| Delyn | 8.5% | -4.9% | -2.4% | -2.4% | 1.2% | Lab | to | Con | 6.7% |
| Dwyfor Meirionnydd | 8.1% | -7.8% | 1.3% | -6.4% | 4.9% | PC | to | Con | 7.3% |
| Gower | 6.5% | -4.0% | 0.6% | -1.2% | -1.9% | Lab | to | Con | 5.3% |
| Islwyn | 3.0% | -15.1% | -1.8% | 0.6% | 13.4% | Lab | to | Con | 9.1% |
| Llanelli | 0.7% | -4.5% | -2.5% | 3.5% | 2.8% | Lab | to | PC | 4.0% |
| Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney | -1.4% | -16.8% | 17.0% | -4.9% | 6.1% | Lab | to | LD | 16.9% |
| Monmouth | 1.4% | -11.1% | 6.6% | 0.6% | 2.5% | Con | to | Lab | -6.2% |
| Montgomeryshire | 13.8% | -5.2% | -12.5% | 1.3% | 2.5% | LD | to | Con | 13.2% |
| Neath | 1.5% | -6.3% | 0.6% | 2.8% | 1.4% | Lab | to | PC | 4.6% |
| Newport East | -0.5% | -8.2% | 8.5% | -1.7% | 1.9% | Lab | to | LD | 8.3% |
| Newport West | 2.8% | -3.6% | -1.3% | -0.8% | 2.9% | Lab | to | Con | 3.2% |
| Ogmore | 1.4% | -7.1% | 0.5% | -0.6% | 5.8% | Lab | to | Con | 4.3% |
| Pontypridd | 4.6% | -15.4% | 11.2% | -3.7% | 3.3% | Lab | to | LD | 13.3% |
| Preseli Pembrokeshire | 6.4% | -3.7% | 1.5% | -3.3% | -1.0% | Con | to | Lab | -5.0% |
| Rhondda | 0.9% | -12.8% | 0.2% | 2.2% | 9.5% | Lab | to | PC | 7.5% |
| Swansea East | 4.7% | -5.1% | -1.8% | -0.2% | 2.5% | Lab | to | LD | 1.7% |
| Swansea West | 4.8% | -7.2% | 4.3% | -2.5% | 0.4% | Lab | to | LD | 5.7% |
| Torfaen | 4.2% | -12.1% | 0.9% | -0.9% | 7.9% | Lab | to | Con | 8.2% |
| Vale Of Clwyd | 3.5% | -3.6% | 0.7% | -1.4% | 0.7% | Lab | to | Con | 3.6% |
| Vale Of Glamorgan | 4.4% | -7.8% | 2.0% | 0.3% | 1.2% | Lab | to | Con | 6.1% |
| Wrexham | 5.4% | -9.2% | 2.2% | 0.4% | 1.2% | Lab | to | LD | 5.7% |
| Ynys Môn | 11.4% | -1.3% | 0.7% | -4.9% | -6.0% | Lab | to | PC | -1.8% |

Source: Local authority websites and MRS calculations.

(a) The swing from party A to party B is the average of party A's fall in the share of the vote and party B's rise in the share of the votes between the 2005 and 2010 General Elections.

Where seats changed hands, the swing from the winning party in 2005 to the winning party in 2010 is shown. Where a party holds the seat, the swing from the winning party to the second placed party in 2010 is shown.

For example, a 1per cent swing from one party to another involves adding 1 percentage point to one party's share of the vote and subtracting 1percentage point from the other party's.

Some of the swing figures in this table are negative values. This can occur when a party holds its seat with a swing from the second place party. A negative swing from party A to party B can be considered the same as a positive swing from party B to party A. For example, in Ceredigion, the swing from Plaid Cymru to Liberal Democrats was 10.6 per cent.

Table 13: Electorate and turnout by constituency

| | Electorate | Percentage turnout (a) |
|---------------------------------------|------------|------------------------|
| Aberavon | 50,838 | 60.9% |
| Aberconwy | 44,593 | 67.2% |
| Alyn & Deeside | 60,931 | 65.5% |
| Arfon | 41,198 | 63.3% |
| Blaenau Gwent | 52,442 | 61.8% |
| Brecon & Radnorshire | 53,589 | 72.5% |
| Bridgend | 58,700 | 65.3% |
| Caerphilly | 62,122 | 62.3% |
| Cardiff Central | 61,165 | 59.1% |
| Cardiff North | 65,553 | 72.7% |
| Cardiff South & Penarth | 73,707 | 60.2% |
| Cardiff West | 62,787 | 65.2% |
| Carmarthen East & Dinefwr | 52,385 | 72.6% |
| Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire | 58,108 | 69.7% |
| Ceredigion | 58,464 | 65.4% |
| Clwyd South | 53,748 | 64.5% |
| Clwyd West | 57,913 | 65.8% |
| Cynon Valley | 50,650 | 59.0% |
| Delyn | 53,470 | 69.2% |
| Dwyfor Meirionnydd | 45,354 | 63.7% |
| Gower | 61,696 | 67.5% |
| Islwyn | 54,866 | 63.2% |
| Llanelli | 55,637 | 67.3% |
| Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney | 54,715 | 58.6% |
| Monmouth | 64,538 | 72.1% |
| Montgomeryshire | 48,730 | 69.4% |
| Neath | 57,295 | 64.8% |
| Newport East | 54,305 | 63.4% |
| Newport West | 62,111 | 64.0% |
| Ogmore | 55,527 | 62.4% |
| Pontypridd | 58,205 | 63.0% |
| Preseli Pembrokeshire | 57,400 | 69.0% |
| Rhondda | 51,554 | 60.3% |
| Swansea East | 59,823 | 54.6% |
| Swansea West | 61,334 | 58.0% |
| Torfaen | 61,183 | 61.5% |
| Vale Of Clwyd | 55,781 | 63.7% |
| Vale Of Glamorgan | 70,211 | 69.3% |
| Wrexham | 50,872 | 64.8% |
| Ynys Môn | 50,099 | 68.8% |

Source: Local authority websites and MRS calculations.

(a) Turnouts are calculated as valid votes cast as a percentage of the electorate. Spoilt ballots are not included in the calculations.









































Table 14: Seats by majority (ranked by highest percentage majority)

| | First | Second | Majority | Majority as % of vote (a) | Rank |
|---------------------------------------|-------|--------|----------|---------------------------------|------|
| Ogmore | Lab | Con | 13,246 | 38.2% | 1 |
| Rhondda | Lab | PC | 11,553 | 37.2% | 2 |
| Aberavon | Lab | LD | 11,039 | 35.7% | 3 |
| Islwyn | Lab | Con | 12,215 | 35.2% | 4 |
| Swansea East | Lab | LD | 10,838 | 33.2% | 5 |
| Blaenau Gwent | Lab | BGPV | 10,516 | 32.5% | 6 |
| Cynon Valley | Lab | PC | 9,617 | 32.2% | 7 |
| Caerphilly | Lab | Con | 10,755 | 27.8% | 8 |
| Neath | Lab | PC | 9,775 | 26.3% | 9 |
| Torfaen | Lab | Con | 9,306 | 24.7% | 10 |
| Monmouth | Con | Lab | 10,425 | 22.4% | 11 |
| Dwyfor Meirionnydd | PC | Con | 6,367 | 22.0% | 12 |
| Ceredigion | LD | PC | 8,324 | 21.8% | 13 |
| Clwyd West | Con | Lab | 6,419 | 16.8% | 14 |
| Cardiff Central | LD | Lab | 4,576 | 12.7% | 15 |
| Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney | Lab | LD | 4,056 | 12.6% | 16 |
| Llanelli | Lab | PC | 4,701 | 12.5% | 17 |
| Preseli Pembrokeshire | Con | Lab | 4,605 | 11.6% | 18 |
| Cardiff West | Lab | Con | 4,751 | 11.6% | 19 |
| Aberconwy | Con | Lab | 3,398 | 11.3% | 20 |
| Wrexham | Lab | LD | 3,658 | 11.1% | 21 |
| Cardiff South & Penarth | Lab | Con | 4,709 | 10.6% | 22 |
| Brecon & Radnorshire | LD | Con | 3,747 | 9.6% | 23 |
| Carmarthen East & Dinefwr | PC | Lab | 3,481 | 9.2% | 24 |
| Newport West | Lab | Con | 3,544 | 8.9% | 25 |
| Vale Of Glamorgan | Con | Lab | 4,307 | 8.8% | 26 |
| Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire | Con | Lab | 3,423 | 8.5% | 27 |
| Clwyd South | Lab | Con | 2,834 | 8.2% | 28 |
| Pontypridd | Lab | LD | 2,785 | 7.6% | 29 |
| Alyn & Deeside | Lab | Con | 2,919 | 7.3% | 30 |
| Ynys Môn | Lab | PC | 2,461 | 7.1% | 31 |
| Vale Of Clwyd | Lab | Con | 2,509 | 7.1% | 32 |
| Gower | Lab | Con | 2,683 | 6.4% | 33 |
| Delyn | Lab | Con | 2,272 | 6.1% | 34 |
| Bridgend | Lab | Con | 2,263 | 5.9% | 35 |
| Arfon | PC | Lab | 1,455 | 5.6% | 36 |
| Newport East | Lab | LD | 1,650 | 4.8% | 37 |
| Montgomeryshire | Con | LD | 1,184 | 3.5% | 38 |
| Swansea West | Lab | LD | 504 | 1.4% | 39 |
| Cardiff North | Con | Lab | 194 | 0.4% | 40 |

Source: Local authority websites and MRS calculations.

(a) The majority as a percentage of valid votes cast.

Table 15: Seats by turnout (ranked by highest turnout)

| | | Valid votes | Electorate | Percentage turnout (a) |
|---------------------------------------|---|-------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Cardiff North |  | 47,630 | 65,553 | 72.7% |
| Carmarthen East & Dinefwr |  | 38,011 | 52,385 | 72.6% |
| Brecon & Radnorshire |  | 38,845 | 53,589 | 72.5% |
| Monmouth |  | 46,519 | 64,538 | 72.1% |
| Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire |  | 40,507 | 58,108 | 69.7% |
| Montgomeryshire |  | 33,813 | 48,730 | 69.4% |
| Vale Of Glamorgan |  | 48,667 | 70,211 | 69.3% |
| Delyn |  | 36,984 | 53,470 | 69.2% |
| Preseli Pembrokeshire |  | 39,602 | 57,400 | 69.0% |
| Ynys Môn |  | 34,444 | 50,099 | 68.8% |
| Gower |  | 41,671 | 61,696 | 67.5% |
| Llanelli |  | 37,461 | 55,637 | 67.3% |
| Aberconwy |  | 29,966 | 44,593 | 67.2% |
| Clwyd West |  | 38,111 | 57,913 | 65.8% |
| Alyn & Deeside |  | 39,923 | 60,931 | 65.5% |
| Ceredigion |  | 38,258 | 58,464 | 65.4% |
| Bridgend |  | 38,347 | 58,700 | 65.3% |
| Cardiff West |  | 40,958 | 62,787 | 65.2% |
| Wrexham |  | 32,976 | 50,872 | 64.8% |
| Neath |  | 37,122 | 57,295 | 64.8% |
| Clwyd South |  | 34,681 | 53,748 | 64.5% |
| Newport West |  | 39,720 | 62,111 | 64.0% |
| Dwyfor Meirionnydd |  | 28,906 | 45,354 | 63.7% |
| Vale Of Clwyd |  | 35,534 | 55,781 | 63.7% |
| Newport East |  | 34,448 | 54,305 | 63.4% |
| Arfon |  | 26,078 | 41,198 | 63.3% |
| Islwyn |  | 34,690 | 54,866 | 63.2% |
| Pontypridd |  | 36,671 | 58,205 | 63.0% |
| Ogmore |  | 34,650 | 55,527 | 62.4% |
| Caerphilly |  | 38,692 | 62,122 | 62.3% |
| Blaenau Gwent |  | 32,395 | 52,442 | 61.8% |
| Torfaen |  | 37,640 | 61,183 | 61.5% |
| Aberavon |  | 30,958 | 50,838 | 60.9% |
| Rhondda |  | 31,072 | 51,554 | 60.3% |
| Cardiff South & Penarth |  | 44,369 | 73,707 | 60.2% |
| Cardiff Central |  | 36,151 | 61,165 | 59.1% |
| Cynon Valley |  | 29,876 | 50,650 | 59.0% |
| Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney |  | 32,076 | 54,715 | 58.6% |
| Swansea West |  | 35,593 | 61,334 | 58.0% |
| Swansea East |  | 32,676 | 59,823 | 54.6% |

Source: Local authority websites and MRS calculations.

(a) Turnouts are calculated as valid votes cast as a percentage of the electorate. Spoilt ballots are not included in the calculations.

Table 16: Votes by constituency, including minor parties

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Number | |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|-----|------|-----|-------|-------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | Con | Lab | LD | PC | UKIP | BNP | Ind (a) | GP | CP | SL | MRLP | Bean | TUSC | NFW | Comm | AGS | BGPV | NPTIP | Oth | Total | |
| Aberavon | 4,411 | 16,073 | 5,034 | 2,198 | 489 | 1,276 | . | . | . | . | . | 558 | . | . | . | . | . | 919 | 3,242 | 30,958 | |
| Aberconwy | 10,734 | 7,336 | 5,786 | 5,341 | 632 | . | . | 137 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 769 | 29,966 |
| Alyn & Deeside | 12,885 | 15,804 | 7,308 | 1,549 | 1,009 | 1,368 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 2,377 | 39,923 |
| Arfon | 4,416 | 7,928 | 3,666 | 9,383 | 685 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 685 | 26,078 |
| Blaenau Gwent | 2,265 | 16,974 | 3,285 | 1,333 | 488 | 1,211 | . | . | . | 381 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 6,458 | . | . | 8,538 | 32,395 |
| Brecon & Radnorshire | 14,182 | 4,096 | 17,929 | 989 | 876 | . | . | 341 | 222 | . | . | 210 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1,649 | 38,845 |
| Bridgend | 11,668 | 13,931 | 8,658 | 2,269 | 801 | 1,020 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1,821 | 38,347 |
| Caerphilly | 6,622 | 17,377 | 5,688 | 6,460 | 910 | 1,635 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 2,545 | 38,692 |
| Cardiff Central | 7,799 | 10,400 | 14,976 | 1,246 | 765 | . | 86 | 575 | . | . | . | 142 | . | 162 | . | . | . | . | . | 1,730 | 36,151 |
| Cardiff North | 17,860 | 17,666 | 8,724 | 1,588 | 1,130 | . | . | 362 | 300 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1,792 | 47,630 |
| Cardiff South & Penarth | 12,553 | 17,262 | 9,875 | 1,851 | 1,145 | . | 648 | 554 | 285 | . | . | . | . | . | 196 | . | . | . | . | 2,828 | 44,369 |
| Cardiff West | 12,143 | 16,894 | 7,186 | 2,868 | 1,117 | . | . | 750 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1,867 | 40,958 |
| Carmarthen East & Dinefwr | 8,506 | 10,065 | 4,609 | 13,546 | 1,285 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1,285 | 38,011 |
| Carmarthen West & South | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pembrokeshire | 16,649 | 13,226 | 4,890 | 4,232 | 1,146 | . | 364 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1,510 | 40,507 |
| Ceredigion | 4,421 | 2,210 | 19,139 | 10,815 | 977 | . | . | 696 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1,673 | 38,258 |
| Clwyd South | 10,477 | 13,311 | 5,965 | 3,009 | 819 | 1,100 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1,919 | 34,681 |
| Clwyd West | 15,833 | 9,414 | 5,801 | 5,864 | 864 | . | 96 | . | 239 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1,199 | 38,111 |
| Cynon Valley | 3,010 | 15,681 | 4,120 | 6,064 | 1,001 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1,001 | 29,876 |
| Delyn | 12,811 | 15,083 | 5,747 | 1,844 | 655 | 844 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1,499 | 36,984 |
| Dwyfor Meirionnydd | 6,447 | 4,021 | 3,538 | 12,814 | 776 | . | 1,310 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 2,086 | 28,906 |
| Gower | 13,333 | 16,016 | 7,947 | 2,760 | 652 | 963 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1,615 | 41,671 |
| Islwyn | 4,854 | 17,069 | 3,597 | 4,518 | 936 | 1,320 | 2,396 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 4,652 | 34,690 |
| Llanelli | 5,381 | 15,916 | 3,902 | 11,215 | 1,047 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1,047 | 37,461 |
| Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney | 2,412 | 14,007 | 9,951 | 1,621 | 872 | 1,173 | 1,845 | . | . | 195 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 4,085 | 32,076 |
| Monmouth | 22,466 | 12,041 | 9,026 | 1,273 | 1,126 | . | . | 587 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1,713 | 46,519 |
| Montgomeryshire | 13,976 | 2,407 | 12,792 | 2,802 | 1,128 | . | 324 | . | . | . | . | . | . | 384 | . | . | . | . | . | 1,836 | 33,813 |
| Neath | 4,847 | 17,172 | 5,535 | 7,397 | 829 | 1,342 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 2,171 | 37,122 |
| Newport East | 7,918 | 12,744 | 11,094 | 724 | 677 | 1,168 | . | . | . | 123 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1,968 | 34,448 |
| Newport West | 12,845 | 16,389 | 6,587 | 1,122 | 1,144 | 1,183 | . | 450 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 2,777 | 39,720 |
| Ogmore | 5,398 | 18,644 | 5,260 | 3,326 | 780 | 1,242 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 2,022 | 34,650 |
| Pontypridd | 5,932 | 14,220 | 11,435 | 2,673 | 1,229 | . | . | 361 | 365 | 456 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 2,411 | 36,671 |
| Preseli Pembrokeshire | 16,944 | 12,339 | 5,759 | 3,654 | 906 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 906 | 39,602 |
| Rhondda | 1,993 | 17,183 | 3,309 | 5,630 | 358 | . | 2,599 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 2,957 | 31,072 |
| Swansea East | 4,823 | 16,819 | 5,981 | 2,181 | 839 | 1,715 | . | 318 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 2,872 | 32,676 |
| Swansea West | 7,407 | 12,335 | 11,831 | 1,437 | 716 | 910 | 374 | 404 | . | . | . | 179 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 2,583 | 35,593 |
| Torfaen | 7,541 | 16,847 | 6,264 | 2,005 | 862 | 1,657 | 2,026 | 438 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 4,983 | 37,640 |
| Vale Of Clwyd | 12,508 | 15,017 | 4,472 | 2,068 | 515 | 827 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 127 | . | . | . | 1,469 | 35,534 |
| Vale Of Glamorgan | 20,341 | 16,034 | 7,403 | 2,667 | 1,529 | . | . | 457 | 236 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 2,222 | 48,667 |
| Wrexham | 8,375 | 12,161 | 8,503 | 2,029 | 774 | 1,134 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1,908 | 32,976 |
| Ynys Môn | 7,744 | 11,490 | 2,592 | 9,029 | 1,201 | . | 2,225 | . | 163 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 3,589 | 34,444 |
| Wales | 382,730 | 531,602 | 295,164 | 165,394 | 35,690 | 23,088 | 14,293 | 6,293 | 1,947 | 1,155 | 352 | 558 | 341 | 384 | 196 | 127 | 6,458 | 919 | 91,801 | 1,466,691 | |

Source: Local authority websites and MRS calculations

(a) In both Islwyn and Torfaen there were two independent candidates. In Islwyn the independent candidates received 1,495 and 901 votes. In Torfaen the candidates received 1,419 and 607 votes.

6. Sources and notes

Data sources

The 2010 General Election results presented in this paper are based on data compiled from results published on local authority websites or, where results were not published, by contacting the electoral registration offices within local authorities. Historical data were provided by the House of Commons Library. Notional results used in this paper were compiled by professors Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher, University of Plymouth Elections Centre and provided by the House of Commons Library.

Information on the candidates standing was compiled from [Dods Parliamentary Companion list of Parliamentary Candidates](#).

Boundary changes

Constituency boundaries have been redrawn in Wales since the 2005 General Election, with only 18 remaining entirely unchanged.³ However, the number of seats remains at 40.

Due to boundary changes, notional figures must be used when comparing election results for 2005 and 2010. Notional results take the figures from the 2005 election and apply them to the new boundaries. Detailed information about the boundary changes and their impact in Wales can be found in *Media Guide to the New Parliamentary Constituencies*.

Electorate and Turnout

Election day electorates were provided by local authorities. Turnouts are calculated as valid votes cast as a percentage of the electorate. Spoilt ballots are not included in the calculations. Turnout figures in this paper may differ from those published by other sources which may use different electoral figures or include spoilt ballots.

³ Rallings C. and Thrasher M. (2007) *Media Guide to the New Parliamentary Constituencies*: Local Government Chronicle Elections Centre

Key to party abbreviations

Each registered party has been given a short code and colours have been assigned to parties with more than 10 candidates. In many tables, parties other than Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat and Plaid Cymru have been combined in grey as 'other' parties, with the short code 'Oth'.

Party abbreviations and colours

| Code | Party |
|-------|-------------------------------------|
| AGS | Alliance for Green Socialism |
| BGPV | Blaenau Gwent People's Voice |
| BNP | British National Party |
| CP | Christian Party |
| Comm | Communist Party |
| Con | Conservative Party |
| GP | Green Party |
| Ind | Independent |
| Lab | Labour |
| LD | Liberal Democrats |
| MRLP | Monster Raving Loony Party |
| NFW | National Front Wales |
| NPTIP | Neath Port Talbot Independent Party |
| Bean | New Millennium Bean Party |
| PV | People's Voice |
| PC | Plaid Cymru |
| SL | Socialist Labour Party |
| TUSC | Trade Union and Socialist Coalition |
| UKIP | UK Independence Party |

Lost deposits

Candidates who obtain more than 5 per cent of the total valid votes cast in the constituency have their deposit returned.

Swing

Swing is a single figure used to compare the results of two elections in a single constituency. In simple terms, it is a way of measuring how the public's support of political parties changes from one election to the next (in this case the 2005 and 2010 General Elections). The conventional, or "Butler" swing from party A to party B is the average of the percentage point fall in party A's share of the vote and the percentage point rise in party B's. It is important to remember that swing only tells you about a shift from one party to another, not the shift between three or more parties.

In this paper, swing is shown in a reference table 10 in Section 5([Constituency Tables](#)). Where seats changed hands, the swing from the winning party in 2005 to the winning party in 2010 is shown. Where a party holds the seat, the swing from the winning party to the second placed party in 2010 is shown.

UK General Election results

Results for the General Election for the UK as a whole are published by the House of Commons Library on the research section of their [website](#).

Missing values

Throughout the tables, the symbol '.' Indicates data items that are not applicable.

