

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a white envelope, positioned over a ballot box. The background is slightly blurred, showing the interior of the ballot box and some papers. The overall scene suggests the process of casting a vote.

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1. Introduction

This paper gives a summary of the results, votes, shares and turnout at the fifth Assembly election, on 5 May 2016.

The electoral system

The electoral system in Wales is known as the Additional Member System. The Assembly has 60 elected members and each voter has two votes. The first vote is used to elect a local or constituency Assembly Member using the First Past the Post system. Forty Assembly Members are elected on this basis, one from each constituency.

The second vote is used to elect 20 additional members on a regional basis, to try to ensure that the overall number of seats for each political party reflects their share of the vote. The d'Hondt formula is used for deciding which parties win regional list seats. For further details please refer to the National Assembly website - ***How the Assembly is elected***, which provides an overview of the electoral system.

Data sources used for the 2016 election

The election statistics shown in this paper have been compiled from data provided by the returning officers in each local authority and data obtained from the **Press Association**. The electorate figures relate to the number of people registered and eligible to vote in the Assembly election as at 18 April 2016 and were provided by local authority returning officers and the Press Association.

This paper includes comparisons of the 2011 results with the previous Assembly election results on 5 May 2011.

During the Fourth Assembly the following changes occurred:

- Ieuan Wyn Jones stood down as AM for Ynys Mon on 20/06/2013. The subsequent by-election was won by Rhun Ap Iorwerth (Plaid Cymru, 01/08/2013)
- Antoinette Sandbach was elected as Member of Parliament at the 2015 General election and subsequently stood down as an Assembly Member. She was replaced by the next Conservative candidate on the North Wales regional list, Janet Howarth.
- Byron Davies was elected as a Member of Parliament at the 2015 General election and subsequently stood down as an Assembly Member. He was replaced by the next Conservative candidate on the South Wales West regional list, Altaf Hussein.

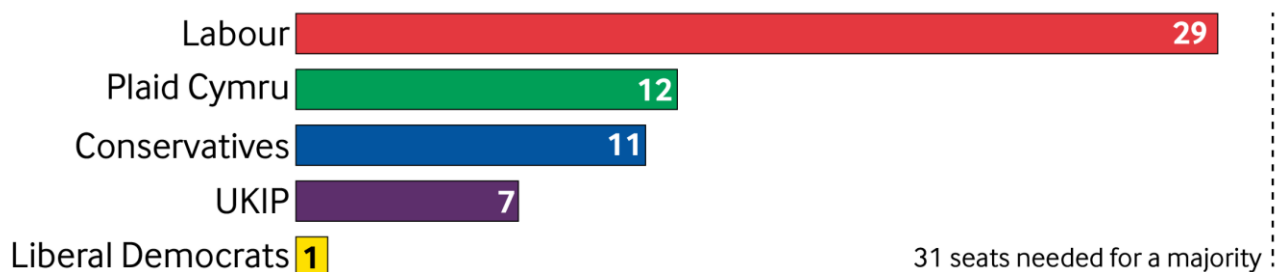
Changes within the fourth Assembly term are not reflected in this paper.

2. Summary of the 2016 Assembly election results

This section provides a high level summary of the results of the 2016 Assembly election. Please note that comparisons are made to the position following the 2011 Assembly election. Further details can be found in [section 3](#).

No party won an outright majority at the election. The distribution of seats is detailed in the below graph.

Figure 1 Share of seats 2016



Key results

Table 1. Summary: 2016 and changes 2011-2016

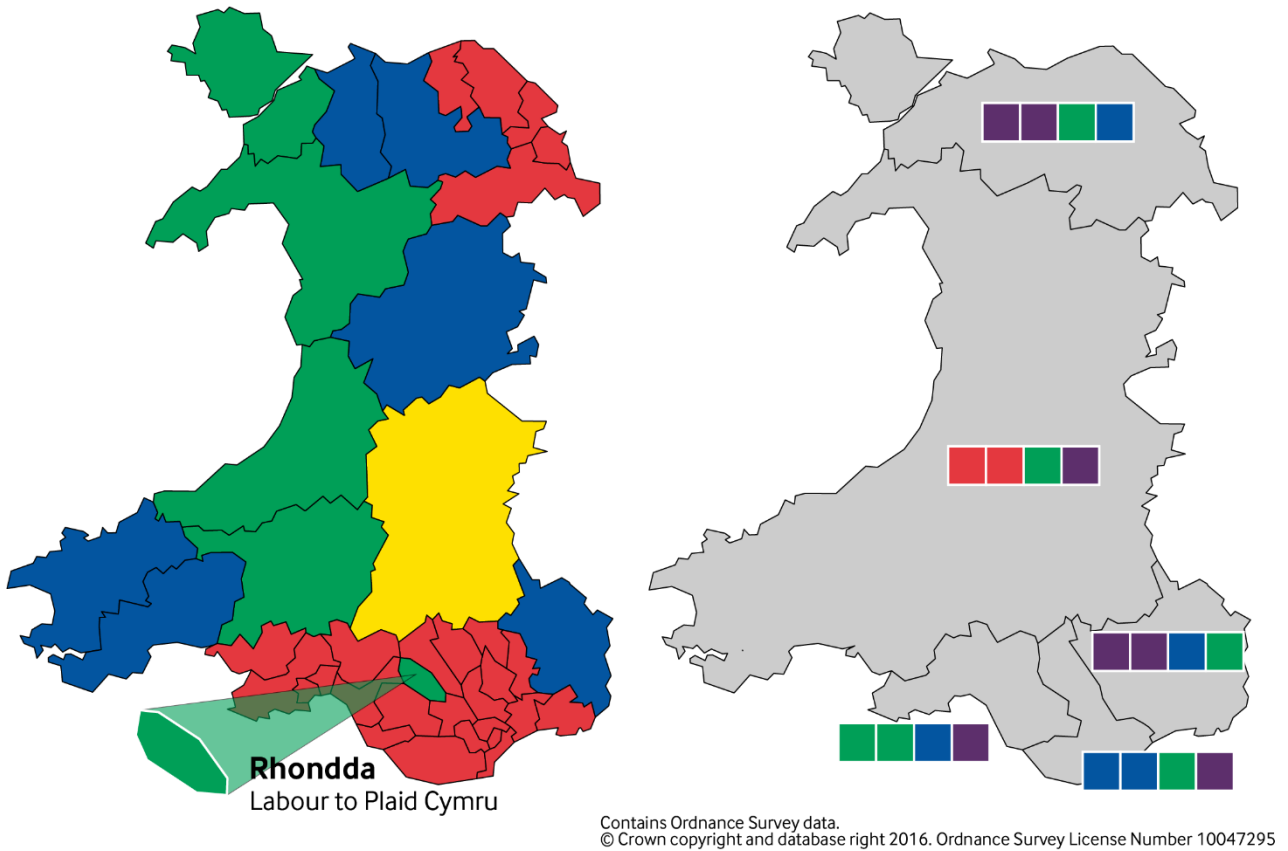
	Lab	Con	PC	LD	UKIP	Other	Total
Seats							
Constituency seats	27	6	6	1	0	0	40
Regional seats	2	5	6	0	7	0	20
Total seats won	29	11	12	1	7	0	60
Change since 2011	-1	-3	1	-4	7	0	-
Constituency results							
Votes (thousands)	354	216	209	78	127	35	1,019
Percentage share of vote	34.7	21.2	20.5	7.7	12.5	3.4	100
Percentage point change	-7.6	-3.8	1.2	-2.9	12.5	0.6	-
Regional results							
Votes (thousands)	319	191	212	66	132	96	1,016
Percentage share of vote	31.4	18.8	20.9	6.5	13.0	9.4	100
Percentage point change	-5.5	-3.7	3.0	-1.5	8.5	-0.7	-

- Labour won 29 seats, down 1 from 2011 but up 3 seats compared to 2007. The only constituency seat to change hands was the Labour seat of Rhondda (now held by Plaid Cymru).
- The Conservatives won 11 seats, down 3 from 2011. This means they will not continue in the position of official opposition going into the Fifth Assembly.
- Plaid Cymru won 12 seats, up 1 from 2011 having won the only constituency to change hands (Rhondda). Plaid Cymru are now the second largest party in the Senedd and become the official opposition.
- The Liberal Democrats won 1 seat, losing 4 seats from the regional list compared to 2011. This is the Liberal Democrat's worst result in an Assembly election. They now have no regional AMs for the first time.

- For the first time in an Assembly election, a political party other than the four listed above won seats in the Senedd. UKIP won 7 seats and are now the fourth largest party.

The distribution of constituency and regional seats by party is outlined in the infographic below.

Figure 2 Seats in Assembly by constituency and region



Constituency results

The overall share of the constituency vote and changes since 2011 are detailed in this section.

- Labour’s share of the vote fell by 7.6% points compared to 2011, leading to the second lowest share received by Labour of the constituency vote. Labour’s constituency vote share is 2.5% higher than in 2007.
- The Conservatives also saw a decrease in vote share, by 3.8%. They received just over a fifth of the constituency vote share.
- Plaid Cymru were the only incumbent party to increase their constituency vote share, by 1.2%.
- UKIP did not field constituency candidates in the 2011 election. They received 12.5% of the vote.

The share each party has of the vote in each constituency is outlined on pages 4-8

Figure 3 Map of Labour vote share

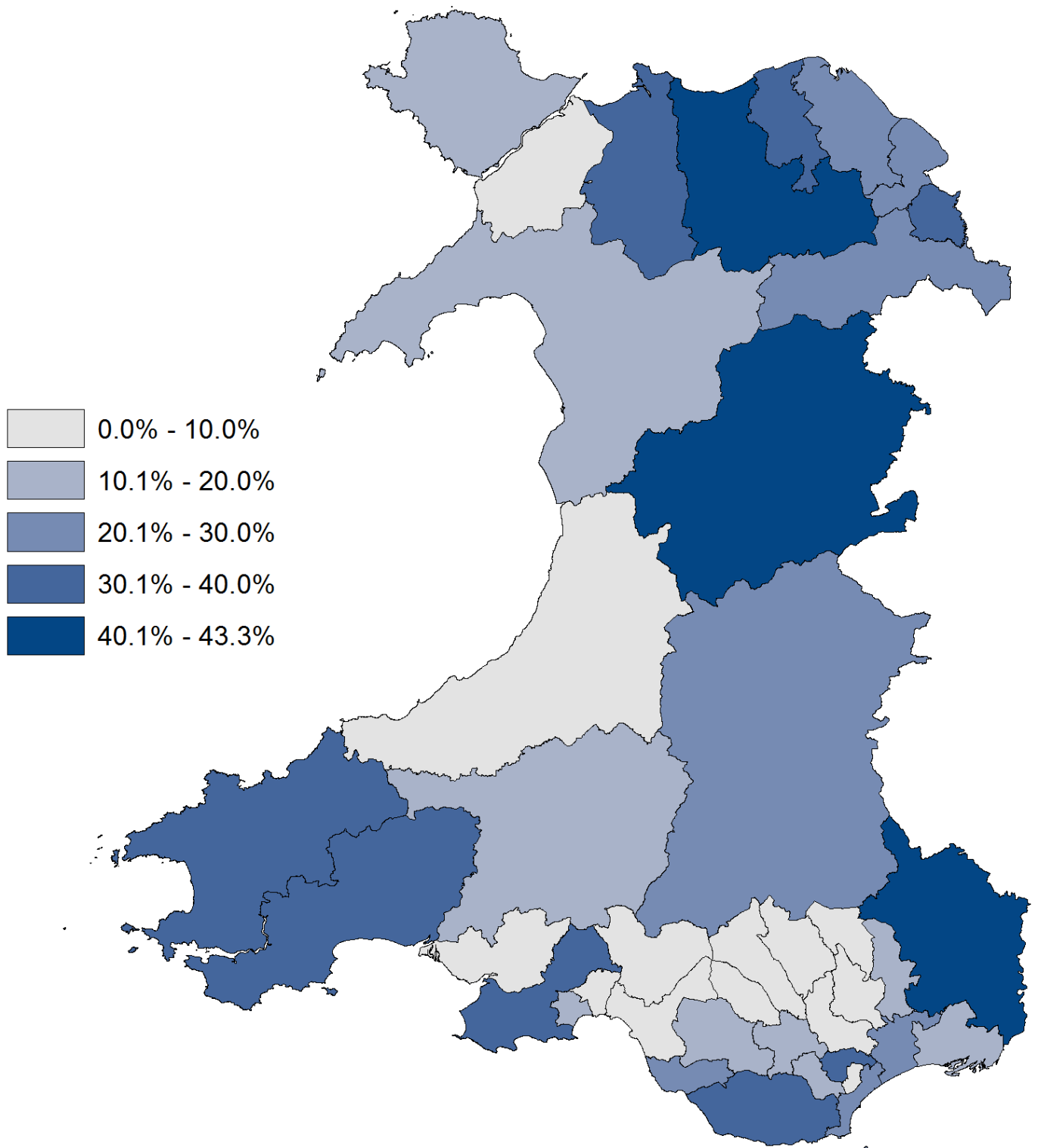


Figure 5 Map of Plaid Cymru vote share

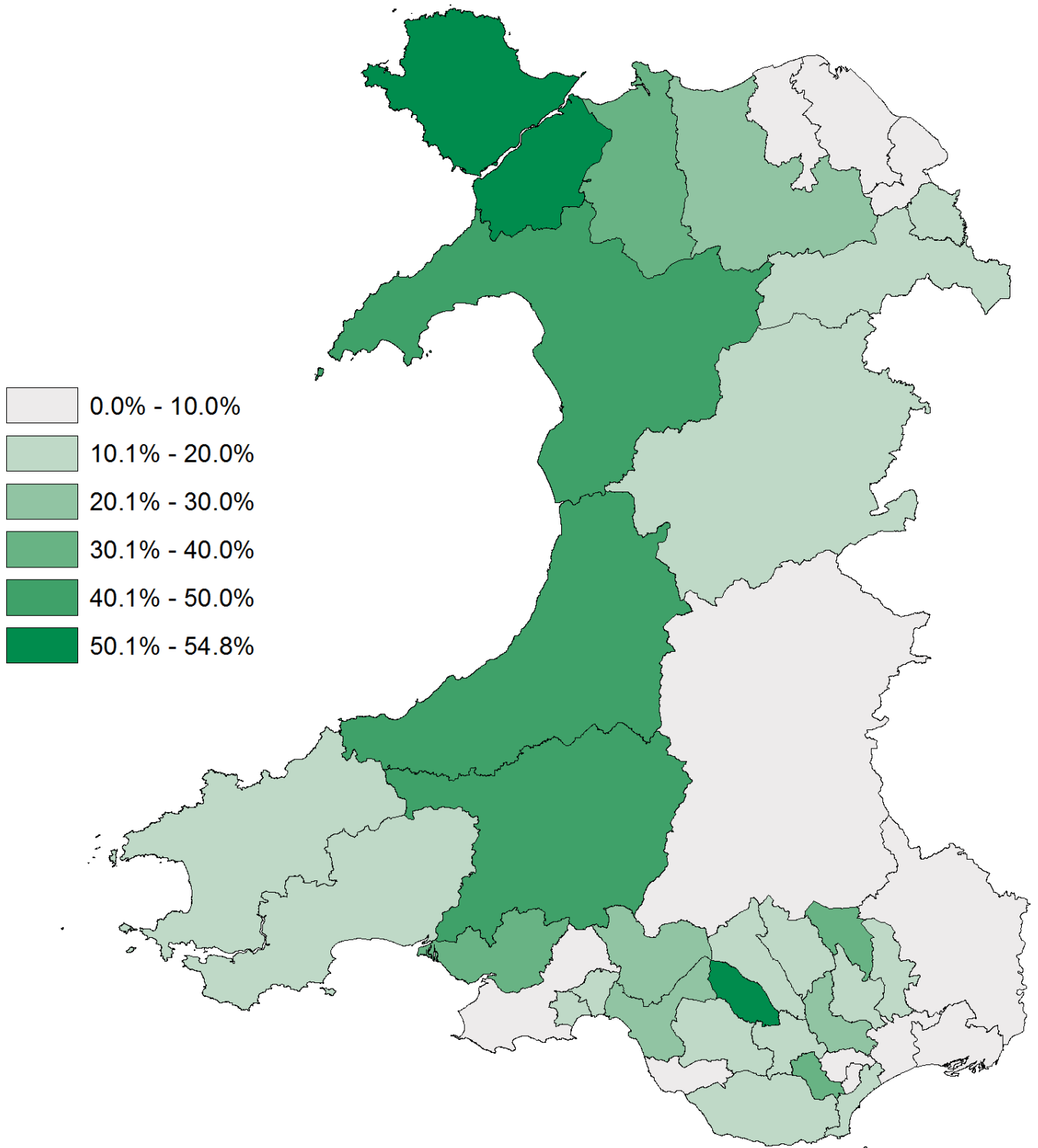


Figure 6 Map of Liberal Democrat vote share

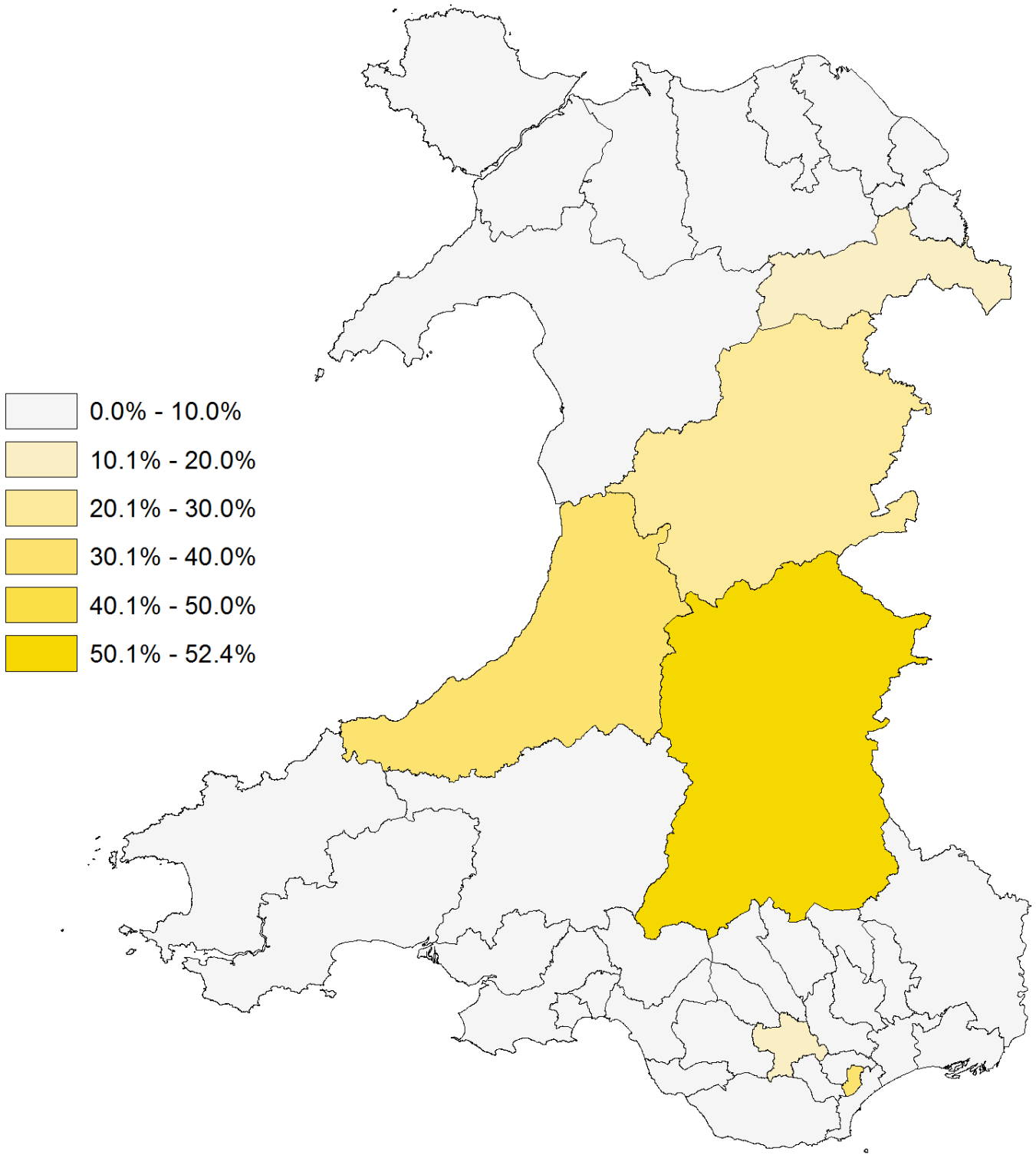
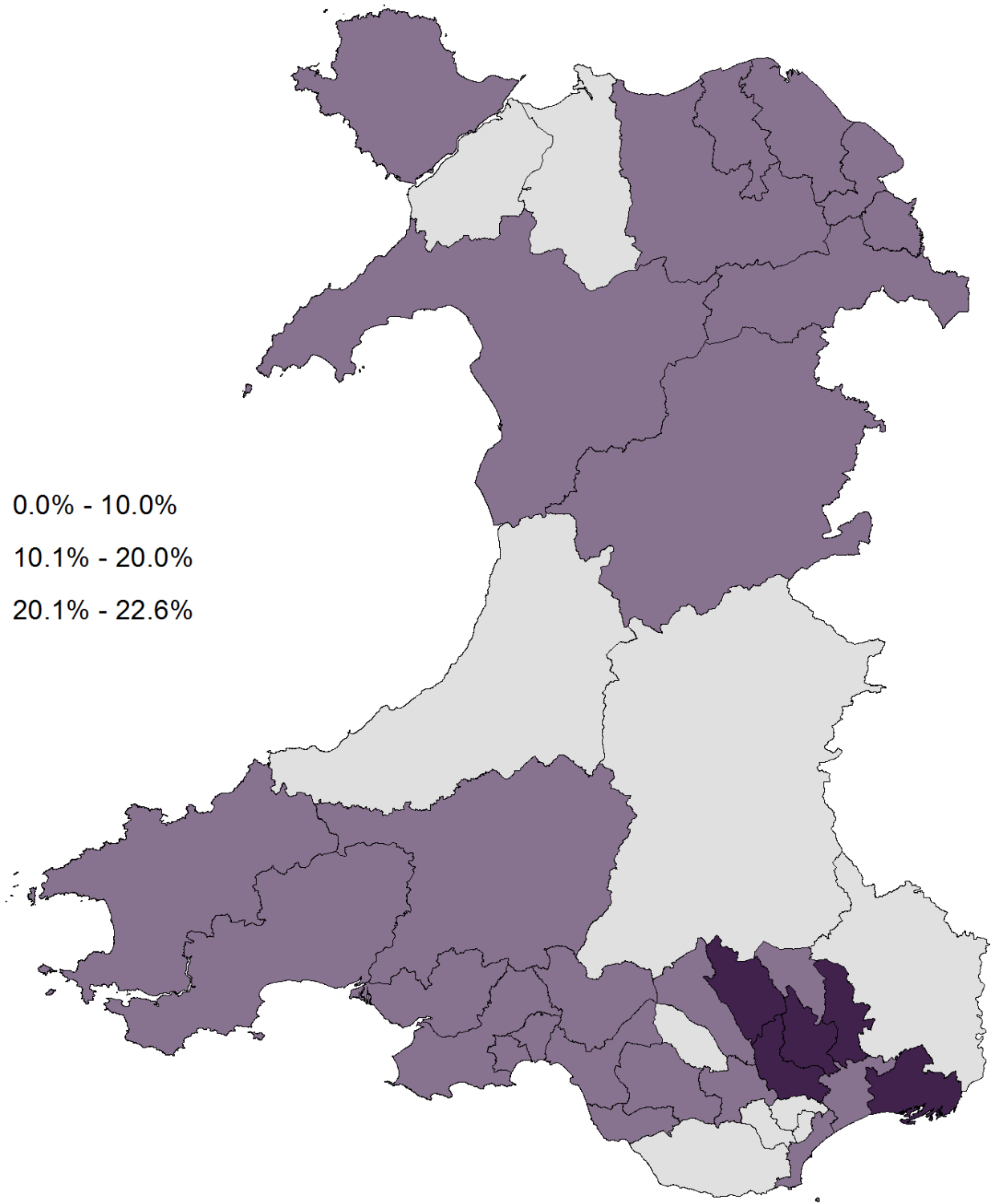
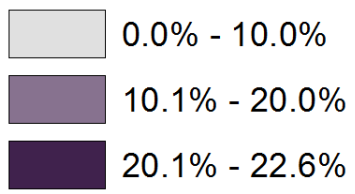


Figure 7 Map of UKIP vote share



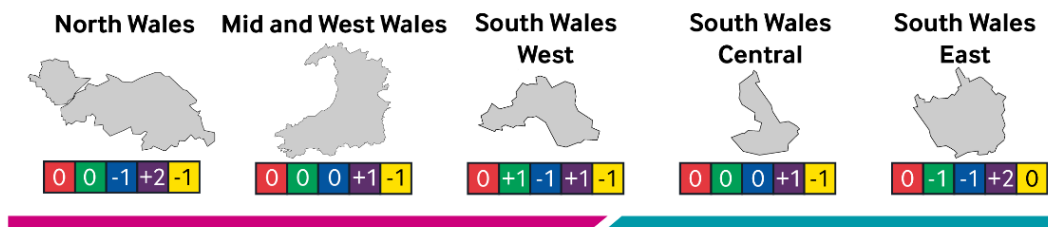
Regional results

The overall share of the regional vote and changes since 2011 are detailed below.

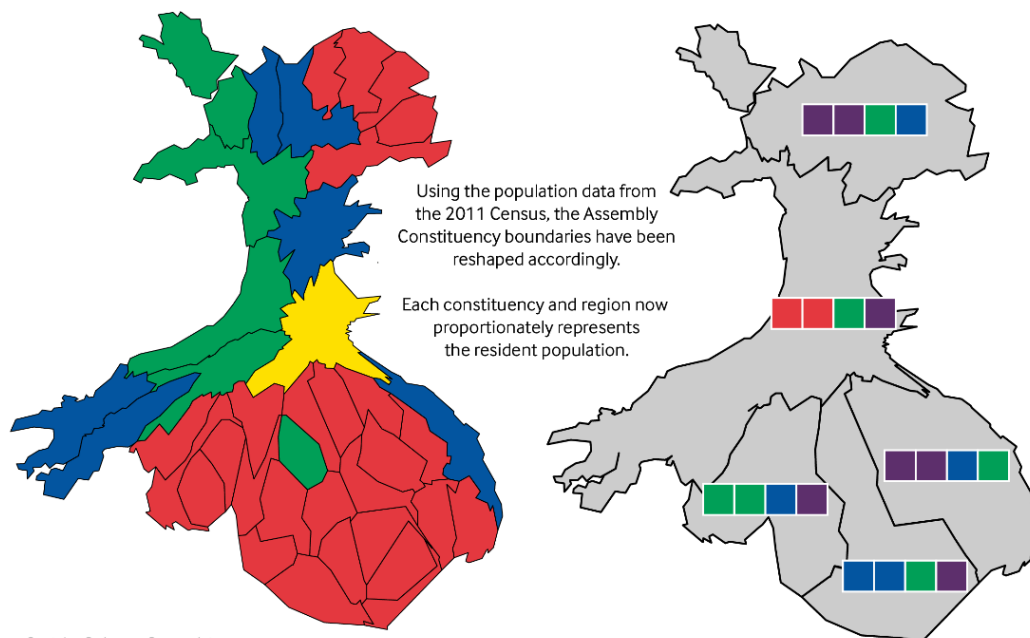
- Minor parties and independent candidates account for almost 10% of the regional vote. The candidates included in the “other” category gain a much greater share of the regional vote compared to the constituency vote.
- Except for other candidates, all parties are within +/-3.3% of the constituency vote, suggesting that the majority of voters vote for the same party in both ballots.
- Whilst Labour receives close to a third of the votes in the regional ballot, the additional member system (mentioned in section 1) means this does not equate to the equivalent proportion of seats.
- The Liberal Democrats saw their vote share decline by 1.5% points resulting in the loss of all four of the regional seats held in the Fourth Assembly.
- All of UKIP’s seats were won at the regional level. A vote share of 13% secured 7 seats.

The infographic below shows the changes in regional seats. It also uses 2011 census data to create a ‘cartogram’, making constituencies of proportional size to their resident population, rather than geographical area.

Figure 8 Changes in regional seats and ‘cartogram’ of constituency and regional results



Seats in Assembly by Constituency and Region adjusted by resident population



Seats changing hands

The only seat to change hands was the Rhondda. The seat had previously been held by a labour candidate (Leighton Andrews) since 2003. In 1999 the seat was held by Plaid Cymru.

The seat was won at the 2016 election by Leanne Wood, leader of Plaid Cymru with 50.6% of the vote and a majority of 14.7%.

Safe and marginal seats

Majority share is the difference in the number of votes between the winning party and the second placed party.

The highest constituency majority was in Ogmore with a majority of 40.5% (9,468 votes). This seat was a Labour hold from the 2011 Assembly election. This is a decrease in constituency majority of 6.8% points compared to the 2011 election.

The lowest constituency majority was in Llanelli. This was 1.4% (382 votes) and was a Labour hold from the 2011 Assembly election. Compared to 2011 this is an increase in constituency majority of 1.1% points.

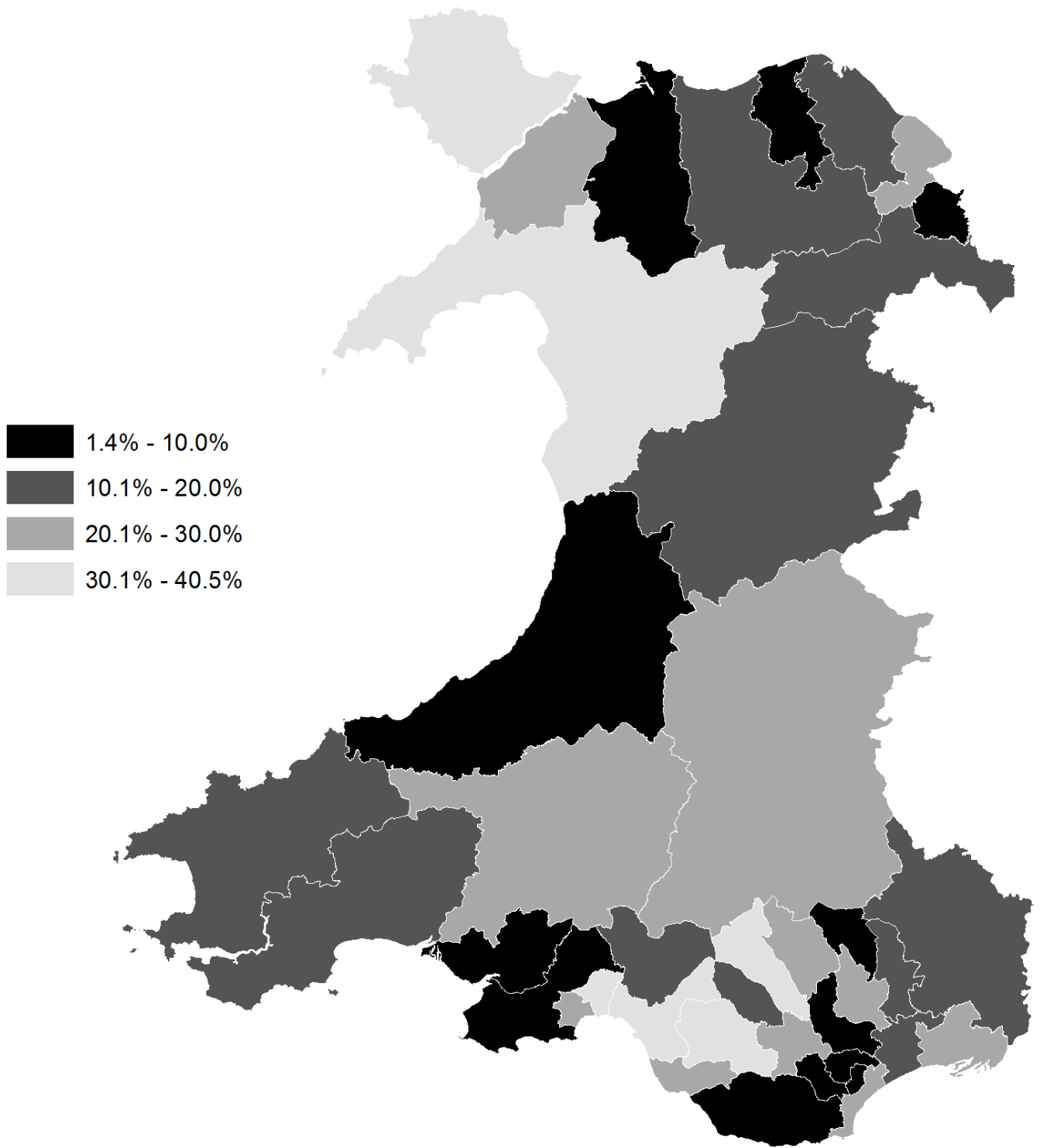
The largest increase in majority from the 2011 election was in Ynys Mon. The majority here increased from 12.2% in 2011 to 37.8% in 2016 (an increase of 25.6% points. This does not account for the by-election held 01/08/2013, which was also won by Plaid Cymru, with a majority of 42.3%. Details of the by-election can be found on the Research Service Blog [Inbrief](#)).

Disregarding the only constituency to change from one party to another (Rhondda), the biggest drop in majority share was Blaenau Gwent. Here, the majority dropped from 45.1% in 2011 to 3.1% in 2016 (a decrease of 42% points).

The median constituency majority was 16%. The map on page 11 shows constituency majorities from lowest (darkest) to highest (lightest).

This report does not review majority share at a regional level. The D'Hondt method used for the regional vote means majority share is not reached in the same way as the first past the post system and is therefore not comparable.

Figure 9 Majority share, lowest (dark) to highest (light)



Assembly Members – composition

A full-list of elected Assembly Members (AMs) is provided in [section 3](#).

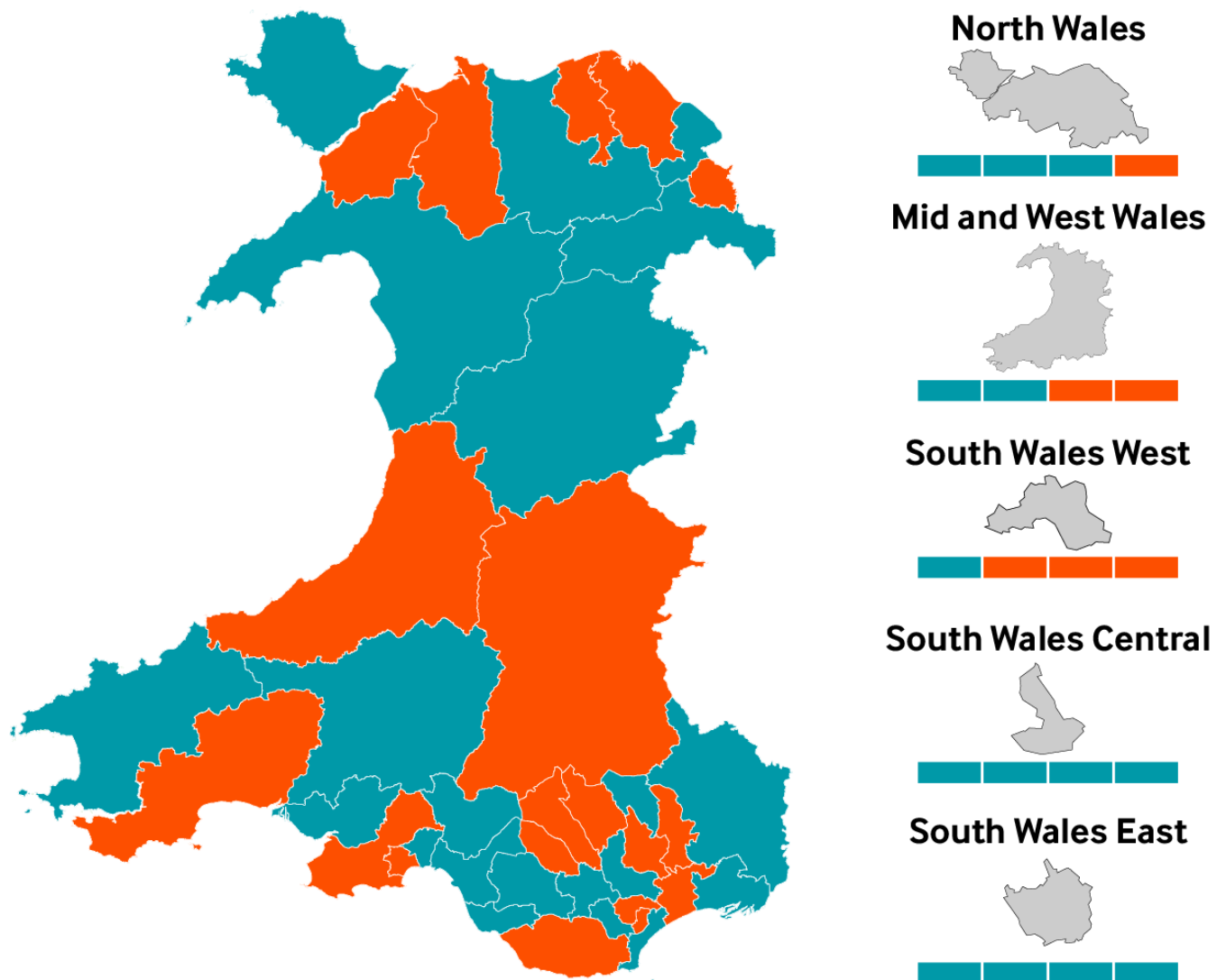
Of the sixty elected AMs, 25 are women and 35 are men. This is the same as at the previous election and equates to 41.7% of Assembly members being women. In 2011 John Dixon was elected as regional Member for South Wales Central. This would put the 2011 composition as 36 men to 24 women, however, he was found to be **ineligible to become an Assembly Member** and was replaced by Eluned Parrott as Liberal Democrat list candidate for the region.

In total, 553 candidates stood for election to the Assembly in 2016 (not adjusted for candidates who stood on both the regional list and for constituency office). Of these, 362 (65.5%) were men and 191 (34.5%) were women.

Women made-up 31.5% of constituency candidates but were elected to 47.5% of constituencies.

The below map shows constituencies and regions by sex of elected candidate.

Figure 10 Constituencies and regions by sex of elected member (women in red, men in blue)



New AMs

There are 22 new AMs in the Fifth Assembly. There are 11 new constituency AMs due to incumbent AMs standing down. The only constituency to change hands went to a candidate previously serving as Regional AM for South Wales Central. Out of the 20 regional seats, there are 11 new AMs. This includes Dai Lloyd who was previously elected in the First, Second and Third Assemblies.

Turnout

The 2011 election was the highest turnout since 1999.

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

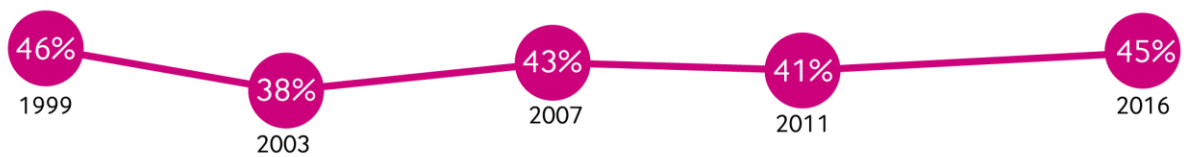
As at 18 April there were approximately 2.25 million registered voters in Wales. Of these individuals, over 1.02 million voted in the 5 May 2016 National Assembly elections.

Turnout was 4% points higher than in 2011 and 1% point below the highest turnout (in 1999).

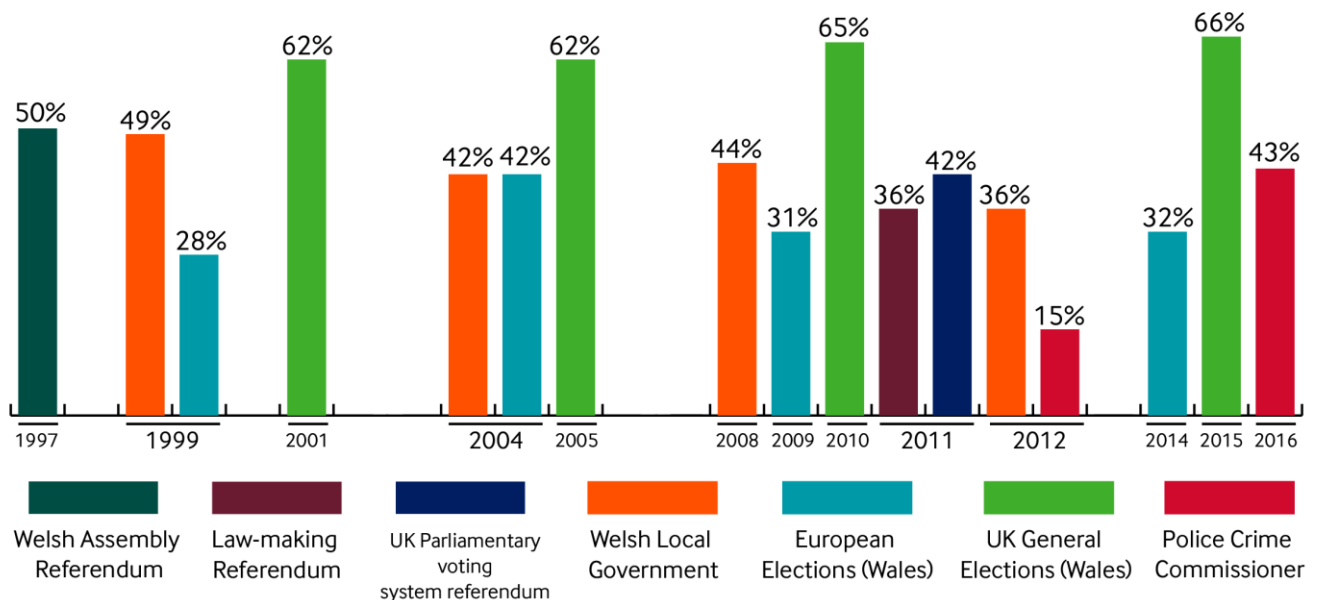
The below graphic shows turnout statistics in Wales, since the Welsh Assembly Referendum in 1997.

Figure 11 Turnout in Wales since 1997

National Assembly for Wales Turnout: 1999-2016



Turnout for elections and referendums in Wales: 1997-2016

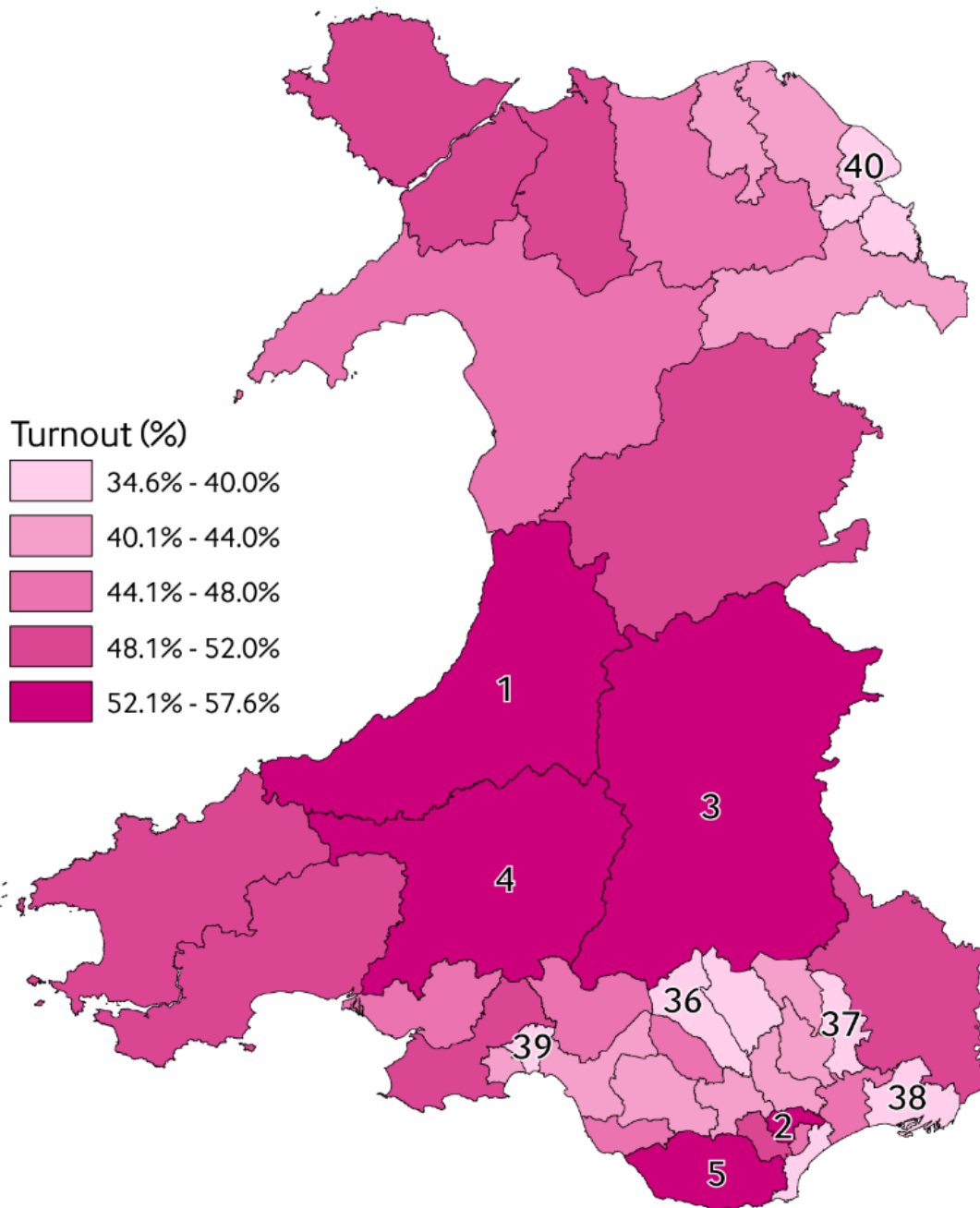


Turnout based on valid votes was 45.4%. This is lower than the 2015 General Election (65.7%) but up 4% points on the 2011 National Assembly election (41.4%).

At constituency level, Ceredigion saw the highest turnout (57.6%) of any constituency, while Alyn and Deeside had the lowest (34.6%). The highest ever constituency turnout was in Carmarthen East and Dinefwr in 1999 (60.9%). The lowest ever turnout was in Alyn and Deeside in 2003 (24.9%).

Turnout increased in every constituency except for Alyn and Deeside, where it fell by 2.3% points from 36.9% in 2011 to 34.6% in 2016. The largest increase in turnout was in the Rhondda in 2011, where it rose from 38.1% to 47.2% in 2016 (9.1%).

Figure 12 Turnout by constituency (Highest in dark, lowest in light)



HIGHEST turnout









- 1 Ceredigion **57.6%**
- 2 Cardiff North **56.8%**
- 3 Brecon and Radnorshire **56.5%**
- 4 Carmarthen East and Dinefwr **53.7%**
- 5 Vale of Glamorgan **53.1%**

LOWEST turnout



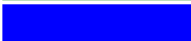















- 36 Cynon Valley **38.2%**
- 37 Torfaen **38.1%**
- 38 Newport East **37.3%**
- 39 Swansea East **35.7%**
- 40 Alyn and Deeside **34.6%**

3. Detailed election results

Table 2 Summary of voting in Wales: Overall

Total of constituency and regional ballots (ranked by votes)	Votes	% Share	% pt change in share	AMs elected	change
Labour 	673,061	33.1%	-6.5%	29	-1
Plaid Cymru 	420,924	20.7%	+2.1%	12	1
Conservative 	406,443	20.0%	-3.8%	11	-3
UKIP 	259,176	12.7%	+10.5%	7	7
Liberal Democrat 	143,669	7.1%	-2.2%	1	-4
Other 	65,192	3.2%	-0.5%	0	0
Green Party 	55,413	2.7%	+0.9%	0	0
Independent 	10,247	0.5%	-0.5%	0	0

Regional ballot (ranked by votes)

		Votes	% Share	% pt change in share	AMs elected	change
Labour		319,196	31.5%	-5.5%	2	0
Plaid Cymru		211,548	20.8%	+2.9%	6	0
Conservative		190,846	18.8%	-3.8%	5	-3
UKIP		132,138	13.0%	+8.5%	7	7
Liberal Democrat		65,504	6.5%	-1.6%	0	-4
Abolish the Welsh Assembly Party		44,286	4.4%	-	0	0
Green Party		30,211	3.0%	-0.5%	0	0
The Official Monster Raving Loony Party		5,743	0.6%	+0.4%	0	0
Association of Welsh Local Independents		2,897	0.3%	-	0	0
Women's Equality Party		2,807	0.3%	-	0	0
Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition		2,040	0.2%	-	0	0
Welsh Communist Party		1,932	0.2%	-	0	0
Independent		1,577	0.2%	+0.0%	0	0
People First		1,496	0.1%	-	0	0
Welsh Christian Party		1,103	0.1%	-0.8%	0	0
Communist Party of Britain		520	0.1%	-0.2%	0	0
Freedom to choose		470	0.0%	-	0	0
National Front		429	0.0%	-	0	0

Constituency ballot (ranked by votes)




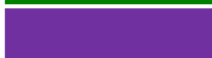




		Votes	% Share	% pt change in share	AMs elected	change
Labour		353,865	34.7%	-7.6%	27	-1
Conservative		215,597	21.2%	-3.8%	6	0
Plaid Cymru		209,376	20.5%	+1.2%	6	1
UKIP		127,038	12.5%	+12.5%	0	0
Liberal Democrat		78,165	7.7%	-2.9%	1	0
Green Party		25,202	2.5%	+2.3%	0	0
Independent		8,670	0.9%	-1.0%	0	0
Other		1,469	0.1%	-0.7%	0	0

Table 3 Constituency Results

















































































	Party		Votes					Sub-total	Total	Majority
	2011	2016	Con	Lab	LD	PC	UKIP	Oth		
Mid and West Wales										
Brecon and Radnorshire			7,728	2,703	15,898	1,180	2,161	697	30,367	8,170
Carmarthen East and Dinefwr			4,489	5,727	837	14,427	3,474	797	29,751	8,700
Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire			10,355	6,982	699	5,459	3,300	2,442	29,237	3,373
Ceredigion			2,075	1,902	9,606	12,014	2,665	1,223	29,485	2,408
Dwyfor Meirionnydd			3,160	2,443	916	9,566	2,149	2,002	20,236	6,406
Llanelli			1,937	10,267	355	9,885	4,132	1,540	28,116	382
Montgomeryshire			9,875	1,389	6,536	2,410	2,458	932	23,600	3,339
Preseli Pembrokeshire			11,123	7,193	1,677	3,957	3,286	1,161	28,397	3,930
North Wales										
Aberconwy			7,646	6,039	781	6,892	0	680	22,038	754
Alyn and Deeside			4,558	9,922	980	1,944	3,765	527	21,696	5,364
Arfon			1,655	6,800	577	10,962	0	0	19,994	4,162
Clwyd South			4,846	7,862	2,289	3,861	2,827	474	22,159	3,016
Clwyd West			10,831	5,246	831	5,768	2,985	565	26,226	5,063
Delyn			5,898	9,480	1,718	2,269	3,794	0	23,159	3,582
Vale of Clwyd			8,792	9,560	758	2,098	2,975	0	24,183	768
Wrexham			6,227	7,552	1,140	2,631	2,393	411	20,354	1,325
Ynys Môn			2,904	4,278	334	13,788	3,212	651	25,167	9,510
South Wales Central										
Cardiff Central			2,317	10,016	9,199	1,951	1,223	1,362	26,068	817
Cardiff North			13,099	16,766	1,130	2,278	2,509	1,670	37,452	3,667
Cardiff South and Penarth			6,353	13,274	1,345	4,320	3,716	1,268	30,276	6,921
Cardiff West			5,617	11,381	868	10,205	2,629	1,260	31,960	1,176
Cynon Valley			1,177	9,830	335	3,836	3,460	598	19,236	5,994
Pontypridd			3,884	9,986	2,979	4,659	3,322	508	25,338	5,327
Rhondda			528	8,432	173	11,891	2,203	259	23,486	3,459
Vale of Glamorgan			13,878	14,655	938	3,871	3,662	794	37,798	777
South Wales East										
Blaenau Gwent			1,334	8,442	300	7,792	3,423	0	21,291	650
Caerphilly			2,412	9,584	386	8,009	5,954	770	27,115	1,575
Islwyn			1,775	10,050	597	4,349	4,944	594	22,309	5,106
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney			1,331	9,763	1,122	3,721	4,277	469	20,683	5,486
Monmouth			13,585	8,438	1,474	1,824	3,092	2,988	31,401	5,147
Newport East			3,768	9,229	1,481	1,386	4,333	491	20,688	4,896
Newport West			8,042	12,157	880	1,645	3,842	1,185	27,751	4,115
Torfaen			3,931	9,688	628	2,860	5,190	681	22,978	4,498
South Wales West										
Aberavon			1,342	10,578	1,248	4,176	3,119	389	20,852	6,402
Bridgend			6,543	12,166	1,087	2,569	3,919	567	26,851	5,623
Gower			10,153	11,982	1,033	2,982	3,300	737	30,187	1,829
Neath			2,179	9,468	746	6,545	3,780	2,645	25,363	2,923
Ogmore			2,587	12,895	698	3,427	3,233	516	23,356	9,468
Swansea East			1,729	10,726	1,574	2,744	3,274	529	20,576	7,452
Swansea West			3,934	9,014	2,012	3,225	3,058	959	22,202	5,080

Table 4 Constituency results, change in share of vote, electorate and turnout

	Party		% change in share of the vote					Sub-total	Electorate	Turnout
	2011	2016	Con	Lab	LD	PC	UKIP	Oth		
Mid and West Wales										
Brecon and Radnorshire			-7.9%	-8.0%	9.3%	-2.8%	7.1%	2.3%	53793	56.5%
Carmarthen East and Dinefwr			-5.2%	-10.8%	-2.0%	3.6%	11.7%	2.7%	55395	53.7%
Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire			-0.4%	-6.6%	-1.5%	-11.1%	11.3%	8.4%	56886	51.4%
Ceredigion			-2.4%	-2.3%	-2.6%	-0.6%	9.0%	-1.1%	51230	57.6%
Dwyfor Meirionnydd			-4.8%	-0.6%	-0.3%	0.7%	10.6%	-5.7%	43304	46.7%
Llanelli			-4.2%	-3.2%	-0.8%	-4.3%	14.7%	-2.2%	59651	47.1%
Montgomeryshire			-1.9%	-5.5%	-5.9%	-1.1%	10.4%	3.9%	48682	48.5%
Preseli Pembrokeshire			-3.2%	-9.1%	-1.8%	-1.6%	11.6%	4.1%	56414	50.3%
North Wales										
Aberconwy			0.7%	1.7%	-10.6%	5.0%	0.0%	3.1%	44960	49.0%
Alyn and Deeside			-7.1%	-6.9%	-3.1%	1.4%	17.4%	-1.8%	62697	34.6%
Arfon			-4.2%	7.8%	-1.6%	-1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	39269	50.9%
Clwyd South			-7.3%	-6.9%	0.5%	-1.1%	12.8%	2.1%	54185	40.9%
Clwyd West			-2.0%	-6.4%	-4.2%	-1.0%	11.4%	2.2%	57657	45.5%
Delyn			-8.2%	-5.2%	-0.2%	-2.8%	16.4%	0.0%	53490	43.3%
Vale of Clwyd			3.0%	-11.2%	-1.6%	-2.6%	12.3%	0.0%	56322	42.9%
Wrexham			3.7%	-7.7%	-8.8%	-1.0%	11.8%	2.0%	51567	39.5%
Ynys Môn			-17.7%	-9.2%	-1.8%	13.4%	12.8%	2.6%	50345	50.0%
South Wales Central										
Cardiff Central			-6.2%	0.5%	-2.4%	0.3%	4.7%	3.1%	57177	45.6%
Cardiff North			-7.4%	-2.8%	-1.6%	0.7%	6.7%	4.5%	65927	56.8%
Cardiff South and Penarth			-6.5%	-6.4%	-5.7%	2.2%	12.3%	4.2%	76110	39.8%
Cardiff West			-8.3%	-11.5%	-4.3%	11.9%	8.2%	3.9%	66040	48.4%
Cynon Valley			-2.0%	-10.9%	-0.9%	-7.3%	18.0%	3.1%	50292	38.2%
Pontypridd			-0.4%	-11.4%	-6.1%	4.9%	13.1%	-0.1%	58277	43.5%
Rhondda			-2.6%	-27.3%	-1.7%	21.1%	9.4%	1.1%	49758	47.2%
Vale of Glamorgan			0.7%	-8.6%	-2.1%	-1.9%	9.7%	2.1%	71177	53.1%
South Wales East										
Blaenau Gwent			1.0%	-24.3%	-0.4%	31.2%	16.1%	-23.5%	50574	42.1%
Caerphilly			-4.3%	-13.6%	-2.7%	-0.2%	22.0%	-1.2%	62449	43.4%
Islwyn			-4.0%	-12.9%	-0.4%	-2.2%	22.2%	-2.7%	54465	41.0%
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney			0.1%	-7.1%	-7.4%	9.2%	20.7%	-15.5%	53754	38.5%
Monmouth			-7.0%	-3.0%	-5.1%	-1.7%	9.8%	7.0%	64197	48.9%
Newport East			-4.9%	-6.2%	-11.9%	-0.3%	20.9%	2.4%	55499	37.3%
Newport West			-4.9%	-8.4%	-3.7%	-1.1%	13.8%	4.3%	62169	44.6%
Torfaen			2.3%	-4.0%	-1.1%	0.3%	22.6%	-20.0%	60246	38.1%
South Wales West										
Aberavon			-7.9%	-13.4%	-0.8%	5.2%	15.0%	1.9%	49074	42.5%
Bridgend			-3.6%	-10.9%	-3.2%	0.9%	14.6%	2.1%	60195	44.6%
Gower			3.7%	-8.4%	-6.5%	-2.3%	10.9%	2.4%	60631	49.8%
Neath			-3.1%	-16.1%	-1.2%	-0.8%	14.9%	6.2%	55395	45.8%
Ogmore			-3.5%	-8.7%	-1.9%	-2.0%	13.8%	2.2%	54502	42.9%
Swansea East			-6.2%	-6.2%	-1.2%	0.9%	15.9%	-3.3%	57589	35.7%
Swansea West			-6.3%	-4.7%	-7.7%	0.6%	13.8%	4.3%	54593	40.7%

Table 5 Constituency results, share of vote and majority, percentage of total valid votes cast

















































































	Party		% share of the vote					Sub-total	Majority
	2011	2016	Con	Lab	LD	PC	UKIP	Oth	
Mid and West Wales									
Brecon and Radnorshire			25.4%	8.9%	52.4%	3.9%	7.1%	2.3%	26.9%
Carmarthen East and Dinefwr			15.1%	19.2%	2.8%	48.5%	11.7%	2.7%	29.2%
Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire			35.4%	23.9%	2.4%	18.7%	11.3%	8.4%	11.5%
Ceredigion			7.0%	6.5%	32.6%	40.7%	9.0%	4.1%	8.2%
Dwyfor Meirionnydd			15.6%	12.1%	4.5%	47.3%	10.6%	9.9%	31.7%
Llanelli			6.9%	36.5%	1.3%	35.2%	14.7%	5.5%	1.4%
Montgomeryshire			41.8%	5.9%	27.7%	10.2%	10.4%	3.9%	14.1%
Preseli Pembrokeshire			39.2%	25.3%	5.9%	13.9%	11.6%	4.1%	13.8%
North Wales									
Aberconwy			34.7%	27.4%	3.5%	31.3%	0.0%	3.1%	3.4%
Alyn and Deeside			21.0%	45.7%	4.5%	9.0%	17.4%	2.4%	24.7%
Arfon			8.3%	34.0%	2.9%	54.8%	0.0%	0.0%	20.8%
Clwyd South			21.9%	35.5%	10.3%	17.4%	12.8%	2.1%	13.6%
Clwyd West			41.3%	20.0%	3.2%	22.0%	11.4%	2.2%	19.3%
Delyn			25.5%	40.9%	7.4%	9.8%	16.4%	0.0%	15.5%
Vale of Clwyd			36.4%	39.5%	3.1%	8.7%	12.3%	0.0%	3.2%
Wrexham			30.6%	37.1%	5.6%	12.9%	11.8%	2.0%	6.5%
Ynys Môn			11.5%	17.0%	1.3%	54.8%	12.8%	2.6%	37.8%
South Wales Central									
Cardiff Central			8.9%	38.4%	35.3%	7.5%	4.7%	5.2%	3.1%
Cardiff North			35.0%	44.8%	3.0%	6.1%	6.7%	4.5%	9.8%
Cardiff South and Penarth			21.0%	43.8%	4.4%	14.3%	12.3%	4.2%	22.9%
Cardiff West			17.6%	35.6%	2.7%	31.9%	8.2%	3.9%	3.7%
Cynon Valley			6.1%	51.1%	1.7%	19.9%	18.0%	3.1%	31.2%
Pontypridd			15.3%	39.4%	11.8%	18.4%	13.1%	2.0%	21.0%
Rhondda			2.2%	35.9%	0.7%	50.6%	9.4%	1.1%	14.7%
Vale of Glamorgan			36.7%	38.8%	2.5%	10.2%	9.7%	2.1%	2.1%
South Wales East									
Blaenau Gwent			6.3%	39.7%	1.4%	36.6%	16.1%	0.0%	3.1%
Caerphilly			8.9%	35.3%	1.4%	29.5%	22.0%	2.8%	5.8%
Islwyn			8.0%	45.0%	2.7%	19.5%	22.2%	2.7%	22.9%
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney			6.4%	47.2%	5.4%	18.0%	20.7%	2.3%	26.5%
Monmouth			43.3%	26.9%	4.7%	5.8%	9.8%	9.5%	16.4%
Newport East			18.2%	44.6%	7.2%	6.7%	20.9%	2.4%	23.7%
Newport West			29.0%	43.8%	3.2%	5.9%	13.8%	4.3%	14.8%
Torfaen			17.1%	42.2%	2.7%	12.4%	22.6%	3.0%	19.6%
South Wales West									
Aberavon			6.4%	50.7%	6.0%	20.0%	15.0%	1.9%	30.7%
Bridgend			24.4%	45.3%	4.0%	9.6%	14.6%	2.1%	20.9%
Gower			33.6%	39.7%	3.4%	9.9%	10.9%	2.4%	6.1%
Neath			8.6%	37.3%	2.9%	25.8%	14.9%	10.4%	11.5%
Ogmore			11.1%	55.2%	3.0%	14.7%	13.8%	2.2%	40.5%
Swansea East			8.4%	52.1%	7.6%	13.3%	15.9%	2.6%	36.2%
Swansea West			17.7%	40.6%	9.1%	14.5%	13.8%	4.3%	22.9%

Table 6 Regional results and share of vote

	Votes						Total	% Share of the vote					
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	UKIP	Oth		Con	Lab	LD	PC	UKIP	Oth
Constituency ballot													
Mid and West Wales	50,742	38,606	36,524	58,898	23,625	10,794	219,189	23.1%	17.6%	16.7%	26.9%	10.8%	4.9%
North Wales	53,357	66,739	9,408	50,213	21,951	3,308	204,976	26.0%	32.6%	4.6%	24.5%	10.7%	1.6%
South Wales Central	46,853	94,340	16,967	43,011	22,724	7,719	231,614	20.2%	40.7%	7.3%	18.6%	9.8%	3.3%
South Wales East	36,178	77,351	6,868	31,586	35,055	7,178	194,216	18.6%	39.8%	3.5%	16.3%	18.0%	3.7%
South Wales West	28,467	76,829	8,398	25,668	23,683	6,342	169,387	16.8%	45.4%	5.0%	15.2%	14.0%	3.7%
All Regions	215,597	353,865	78,165	209,376	127,038	35,341	1,019,382	21.1%	34.7%	7.7%	20.5%	12.5%	3.5%
Regional ballot													
Mid and West Wales	44,461	41,975	23,554	56,754	25,042	24,054	215,840	20.6%	19.4%	10.9%	26.3%	11.6%	11.1%
North Wales	45,468	57,528	9,345	47,701	25,518	18,930	204,490	22.2%	28.1%	4.6%	23.3%	12.5%	9.3%
South Wales Central	42,185	78,366	14,875	48,357	23,958	23,392	231,133	18.3%	33.9%	6.4%	20.9%	10.4%	10.1%
South Wales East	33,318	74,424	6,784	29,686	34,524	15,355	194,091	17.2%	38.3%	3.5%	15.3%	17.8%	7.9%
South Wales West	25,414	66,903	10,946	29,050	23,096	13,780	169,189	15.0%	39.5%	6.5%	17.2%	13.7%	8.1%
All Regions	190,846	319,196	65,504	211,548	132,138	95,511	1,014,743	18.8%	31.5%	6.5%	20.8%	13.0%	9.4%
Total ballot													
Mid and West Wales	95,203	80,581	60,078	115,652	48,667	34,848	435,029	21.9%	18.5%	13.8%	26.6%	11.2%	8.0%
North Wales	98,825	124,267	18,753	97,914	47,469	22,238	409,466	24.1%	30.3%	4.6%	23.9%	11.6%	5.4%
South Wales Central	89,038	172,706	31,842	91,368	46,682	31,111	462,747	19.2%	37.3%	6.9%	19.7%	10.1%	6.7%
South Wales East	69,496	151,775	13,652	61,272	69,579	22,533	388,307	17.9%	39.1%	3.5%	15.8%	17.9%	5.8%
South Wales West	53,881	143,732	19,344	54,718	46,779	20,122	338,576	15.9%	42.5%	5.7%	16.2%	13.8%	5.9%
All Regions	406,443	673,061	143,669	420,924	259,176	130,852	2,034,125	20.0%	33.1%	7.1%	20.7%	12.7%	6.4%

Table 7 Variation between share of constituency and regional ballot votes

	% pt variation in % share of the vote					
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	UKIP	Oth
Mid and West Wales	+2.6%	-1.8%	+5.8%	+0.6%	-0.8%	-6.2%
North Wales	+3.8%	+4.4%	+0.0%	+1.2%	-1.8%	-7.6%
South Wales Central	+2.0%	+6.8%	+0.9%	-2.4%	-0.6%	-6.8%
South Wales East	+1.5%	+1.5%	+0.0%	+1.0%	+0.3%	-4.2%
South Wales West	+1.8%	+5.8%	-1.5%	-2.0%	+0.3%	-4.4%
All Regions	+2.3%	+3.3%	+1.2%	-0.3%	-0.6%	-5.9%

Table 8 Regional table - Seats and change in seats

	Seats won					Total	Change in seats won						
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	UKIP		Oth	Con	Lab	LD	PC	UKIP	Oth
Constituency ballot													
Mid and West Wales	3	1	1	3	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
North Wales	2	5	0	2	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Wales Central	0	7	0	1	0	8	0	-1	0	1	0	0	0
South Wales East	1	7	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Wales West	0	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
All Regions	6	27	1	6	0	40	0	-1	0	1	0	0	0
Regional ballot													
Mid and West Wales	0	2	0	1	1	4	0	0	-1	0	1	0	0
North Wales	1	0	0	1	2	4	-1	0	-1	0	2	0	0
South Wales Central	2	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	-1	0	1	0	0
South Wales East	1	0	0	1	2	4	-1	0	0	-1	2	0	0
South Wales West	1	0	0	2	1	4	-1	0	-1	1	1	0	0
All Regions	5	2	0	6	7	20	-3	0	-4	0	7	0	0
Total ballot													
Mid and West Wales	3	3	1	4	1	12	0	0	-1	0	1	0	0
North Wales	3	5	0	3	2	13	-1	0	-1	0	2	0	0
South Wales Central	2	7	0	2	1	12	0	-1	-1	1	1	0	0
South Wales East	2	7	0	1	2	12	-1	0	0	-1	2	0	0
South Wales West	1	7	0	2	1	11	-1	0	-1	1	1	0	0
All Regions	11	29	1	12	7	60	-3	-1	-4	1	7	0	0

Table 9 Regional table – Change in share of the vote, turnout comparisons with 2011 results

	% pt Change in share of the vote						Electorate	% Turnout	% pt Change
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	UKIP	Oth			
Constituency ballot									
Mid and West Wales	-3.8%	-5.8%	-0.6%	-2.4%	+10.8%	+1.7%	425,355	51.5%	+3.0%
North Wales	-4.6%	-5.4%	-3.4%	+1.6%	+10.7%	+1.1%	470,492	43.6%	+2.4%
South Wales Central	-4.2%	-9.2%	-3.2%	+3.9%	+9.8%	+2.8%	494,758	46.8%	+5.6%
South Wales East	-2.9%	-9.5%	-4.0%	+3.6%	+18.0%	-5.3%	463,353	41.9%	+3.4%
South Wales West	-3.3%	-9.7%	-3.4%	+0.1%	+14.0%	+2.4%	391,979	43.2%	+5.3%
All Regions	-3.9%	-7.6%	-2.9%	+1.3%	+12.5%	+0.6%	2,245,937	45.4%	+3.9%
Regional ballot									
Mid and West Wales	-4.6%	-3.1%	-1.9%	-0.5%	+6.4%	-3.5%	425,355	50.7%	+2.2%
North Wales	-4.6%	-4.0%	-1.3%	+1.9%	+5.8%	-7.2%	470,492	43.5%	+2.3%
South Wales Central	-3.7%	-7.1%	-1.5%	+7.2%	+5.8%	-8.1%	494,758	46.7%	+5.6%
South Wales East	-2.4%	-7.3%	-2.5%	+3.2%	+12.8%	-7.7%	463,353	41.9%	+3.3%
South Wales West	-2.8%	-6.9%	-0.5%	+3.4%	+9.7%	-7.0%	391,979	43.2%	+5.3%
All Regions	-3.7%	-5.4%	-1.6%	+3.0%	+8.5%	-0.7%	2,245,937	45.2%	+3.8%
Total ballot									
Mid and West Wales	-4.1%	-4.4%	-1.2%	-1.4%	+9.0%	+2.2%	425,355	.	.
North Wales	-4.6%	-4.7%	-2.4%	+1.8%	+9.1%	+0.8%	470,492	.	.
South Wales Central	-4.0%	-8.1%	-2.3%	+5.5%	+8.1%	+0.8%	494,758	.	.
South Wales East	-2.6%	-8.4%	-3.2%	+3.4%	+15.3%	-4.4%	463,353	.	.
South Wales West	-3.1%	-8.3%	-1.9%	+1.8%	+11.7%	-0.1%	391,979	.	.
All Regions	-3.8%	-6.5%	-2.2%	+2.1%	+10.5%	-0.0%	2,245,937	.	.

Table 11 Regional table - Votes, including minor parties and independent candidates (see section 4 for party codes)

Regional table - Votes, including minor parties and independent candidates









































	Votes																	Sub-total		Total
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	UKIP	GP	AWAP	MRLP	AWLI	WEP	TUSC	WCom	PF	CPW	Com	FTC	NF	Ind	Other	
Mid and West Wales	44,461	41,975	23,554	56,754	25,042	8,222	10,707	1,071	1,032	0	0	423	1,496	1,103	0	0	0	0	24,054	215,840
North Wales	45,468	57,528	9,345	47,701	25,518	4,789	9,409	1,355	1,865	0	0	586	0	0	0	0	0	926	18,930	204,490
South Wales Central	42,185	78,366	14,875	48,357	23,958	7,949	9,163	1,096	0	2,807	736	0	0	0	520	470	0	651	23,392	231,133
South Wales East	33,318	74,424	6,784	29,686	34,524	4,831	7,870	1,115	0	0	618	492	0	0	0	0	429	0	15,355	194,091
South Wales West	25,414	66,903	10,946	29,050	23,096	4,420	7,137	1,106	0	0	686	431	0	0	0	0	0	0	13,780	169,189

Table 12 Elected Members

Regional ballot

	<u>Elected Member</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Region</u>
	Eluned Morgan	Labour	Mid and West Wales
	Neil Hamilton	UKIP	Mid and West Wales
	Simon Thomas	Plaid Cymru	Mid and West Wales
	Joyce Watson	Labour	Mid and West Wales
	Llyr Gruffydd	Plaid Cymru	North Wales
	Mark Isherwood	Conservative	North Wales
	Nathan Gill	UKIP	North Wales
	Michelle Brown	UKIP	North Wales
	Andrew RT Davies	Conservative	South Wales Central
	Gareth Bennett	UKIP	South Wales Central
	David Melding	Conservative	South Wales Central
	Neil McEvoy	Plaid Cymru	South Wales Central
	Mohammad Asghar	Conservative	South Wales East
	Steffan Lewis	Plaid Cymru	South Wales East
	Mark Reckless	UKIP	South Wales East
	David Rowlands	UKIP	South Wales East
	Caroline Jones	UKIP	South Wales West
	Dai Lloyd	Plaid Cymru	South Wales West
	Suzy Davies	Conservative	South Wales West
	Bethan Jenkins	Plaid Cymru	South Wales West

Constituency ballot

	<u>Elected Member</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Constituency</u>
	David Rees	Labour	Aberavon
	Janet Finch-Saunders	Conservative	Aberconwy
	Carl Sargeant	Labour	Alyn and Deeside
	Rhun ap Iorwerth	Plaid Cymru	Ynys Mon
	Sian Gwenllian	Plaid Cymru	Arfon
	Alun Davies	Labour	Blaenau Gwent
	Kirsty Williams	Liberal Democrats	Brecon and Radnorshire
	Carwyn Jones	Labour	Bridgend
	Hefin David	Labour	Caerphilly
	Jenny Rathbone	Labour	Cardiff Central
	Julie Morgan	Labour	Cardiff North
	Vaughan Gething	Labour	Cardiff South and Penarth
	Mark Drakeford	Labour	Cardiff West
	Adam Price	Plaid Cymru	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
	Angela Burns	Conservative	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
	Elin Jones	Plaid Cymru	Ceredigion
	Ken Skates	Labour	Clwyd South
	Darren Millar	Conservative	Clwyd West
	Vikki Howells	Labour	Cynon Valley
	Hannah Blythyn	Labour	Delyn
	Dafydd Elis-Thomas	Plaid Cymru	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
	Rebecca Evans	Labour	Gower
	Rhianon Passmore	Labour	Islwyn
	Lee Waters	Labour	Llanelli
	Dawn Bowden	Labour	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
	Nick Ramsay	Conservative	Monmouth
	Russell George	Conservative	Montgomeryshire
	Jeremy Miles	Labour	Neath
	John Griffiths	Labour	Newport East
	Jayne Bryant	Labour	Newport West
	Huw Irranca-Davies	Labour	Ogmore
	Mick Antoniw	Labour	Pontypridd
	Paul Davies	Conservative	Preseli Pembrokeshire
	Leanne Wood	Plaid Cymru	Rhondda
	Mike Hedges	Labour	Swansea East
	Julie James	Labour	Swansea West
	Lynne Neagle	Labour	Torfaen
	Ann Jones	Labour	Vale of Clwyd
	Jane Hutt	Labour	Vale of Glamorgan
	Lesley Griffiths	Labour	Wrexham

4. Source and Notes

Data sources – votes

Where available, the number of votes cast for each party in 2016 is taken from the information provided by local authorities through Returning Officers and verified using data from the Press Association and the BBC.

Other historical election results used in this paper are based on official results provided by the **Electoral Commission**.

Data sources – electorate and turnout

Returning Officers and the Press Association have provided data relating to turnout, this has been verified using data from the BBC.

Turnout has been calculated as valid votes as a percentage of the electorate. Spoilt ballots or rejected ballots are not included in the calculation.

Key to party codes

Each registered party has a short code as shown below. In many tables within this publication parties other than Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat, Plaid Cymru and UKIP are combined in grey as 'other' parties, with short code 'oth'.

Code and colour	Party
AWAP	Abolish the Welsh Assembly Party
AWLI	Association of Welsh Local Independents
Com	Communist Party of Britain
Con	Conservative
CPW	Welsh Christian Party
FTC	Freedom to choose
GP	Welsh Green Party
Ind	Independent
Lab	Labour
LD	Liberal Democrat
MRLP	The Official Monster Raving Loony Party
NF	National Front
PC	Plaid Cymru
PF	People First
TUSC	Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition
UKIP	UK Independence Party
WCom	Welsh Communist Party
WEP	Women's Equality Party