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# 2007 Assembly Election Results

## 1. Introduction

This paper gives a summary of the results, votes, shares and turnout at the third Assembly election, on 3 May 2007. It replaces the shorter paper published in May, providing some small revisions to data in a few areas. It includes additional analysis and presentation of the results, and new information including statistics on candidates, swing, and regional ballot results.

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

Section four provides explanatory information on several aspects of this paper, including a key to party codes used throughout.

### *The electoral system*

The electoral system in Wales is known as the Additional Member System. The Assembly has sixty 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 twenty 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. Further details on d'Hondt, including worked examples for the 2007 election, are provided in section four (sources and notes). For further details, please refer to the Members' Research Service paper 'National Assembly for Wales Election 2007'<sup>1</sup>, which provides an overview of the electoral system, electoral law, and preparations for the 3 May 2007 election.

### *Data sources for 2007*

The election statistics shown in this paper have been provided by each local authority as part of the declaration of constituency and regional ballot results available on local authority websites or, where not published, by direct contact with returning officers. All electorate and turnout figures have been updated since the initial paper on election results (which used Office for National Statistics electorate figures), and validated against those published by the House of Commons Library. All figures are provisional and subject to revision when official results become available from the Electoral Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> Members' Research Service, *National Assembly for Wales Election 2007*  
<http://assembly/presidingoffic/mrs/briefings/2007/mrs070239%20assembly%20elections%20paper%20final.doc>

This paper includes comparisons of the 2007 results with positions after the 2003 Assembly election. There was a by-election in Blaenau Gwent in 2006, the results of which have not been included in the main analyses. See section four for more details.

### *Boundary changes*

A review by the Boundary Commission for Wales introduced changes to the boundaries of Assembly constituencies and electoral regions that were first used for this Assembly election. Due to the boundary changes in some areas, notional figures must be used when comparing election results from 2003 and 2007. These notional results, compiled by professors Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher of Plymouth University, take the figures from the 2003 election and apply them to the new boundaries. Where comparisons with 2003 are made in this paper, there is a note to indicate whether actual 2003 results, notional 2003 results, or both have been used. See section four for more details.

## 2. Analysis of the results

### 2.1. National summary

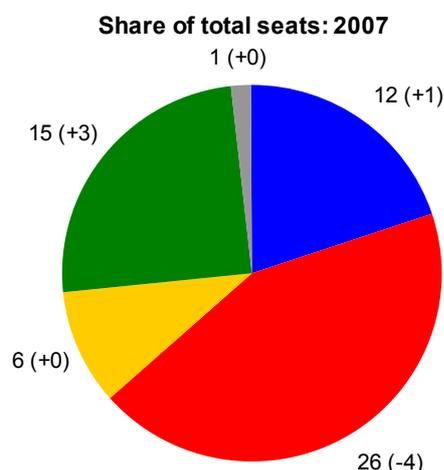
This section provides a summary of the results of the 2007 Assembly election for Wales. This is followed by maps of the 2003 and 2007 seat winners, and a map showing the notional winners in 2003, based on the new constituency and regional boundaries.

#### Summary: 2007 and changes 2003-2007

Comparisons are with 2003 *actual* results

	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth	Total
<b>Seats</b>						
Constituency seats	5	24	3	7	1	40
Regional seats	7	2	3	8	0	20
Total seats won	12	26	6	15	1	60
Change	+1	-4	0	+3	0	0
<b>Constituency ballot</b>						
Votes (thousands)	219	315	144	219	81	978
Percentage share of vote	22.4%	32.2%	14.8%	22.4%	8.3%	100%
Percentage point change	+2.4%	-7.8%	+0.6%	+1.2%	+3.5%	0%
<b>Regional ballot</b>						
Votes (thousands)	209	289	115	205	157	975
Percentage share of vote	21.5%	29.6%	11.7%	21.0%	16.1%	100%
Percentage point change	+2.3%	-6.9%	-1.0%	+1.3%	+4.3%	0%

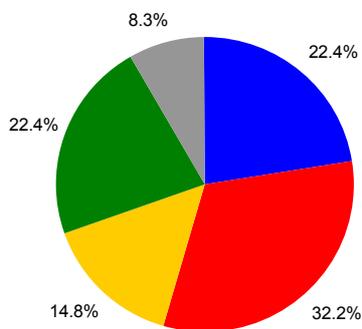
- Labour won twenty-six of the seats in the Assembly, four fewer than in 2003, and two fewer than in 1999.
- Plaid Cymru won fifteen of the seats, gaining three compared with 2003, but two fewer than the seventeen they won at the 1999 election.
- The Conservatives won twelve seats, one more than in 2003, and three more than in 1999.
- The Liberal Democrats won six seats, the same as in 2003 and 1999.
- Trish Law (People's Voice) was re-elected as the AM for Blaenau Gwent, having originally won the seat from Labour in the 2006 by-election.



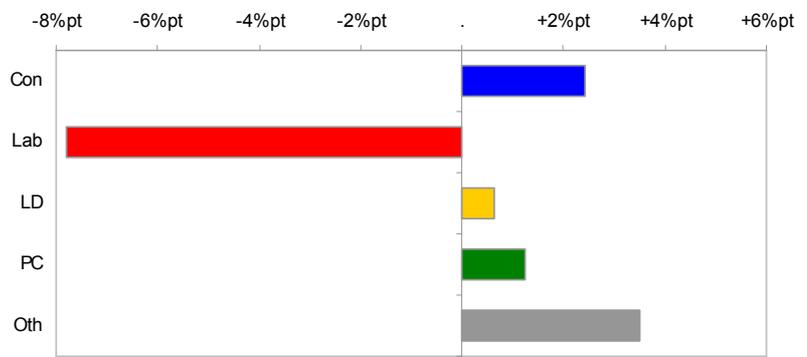
The overall share of the constituency vote, and changes since 2003 by party are shown on the next page.

- Labour secured the highest share: nearly one third of the total vote. Labour was the only one of the four major parties to experience a decrease (of nearly 8% points) in its share of the vote compared to 2003.
- The Conservatives and Plaid Cymru both gained just over 22 per cent of the total vote. The Conservatives increased their share by 2.4% points, twice the increase seen by Plaid Cymru.
- The Liberal Democrats saw a small increase of 0.6% points since 2003 in their 15 per cent share of the vote.
- As a whole, minor parties and independent candidates account for over 8 per cent of the vote, an increase of 3.5% points on 2003.

Share of the constituency vote: 2007



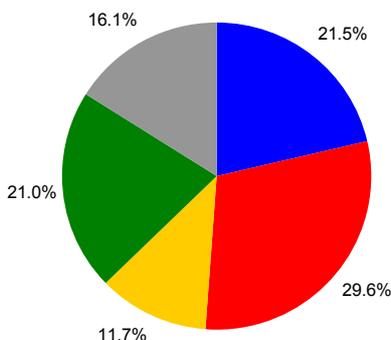
Percentage point changes in the share of the constituency vote since 2003



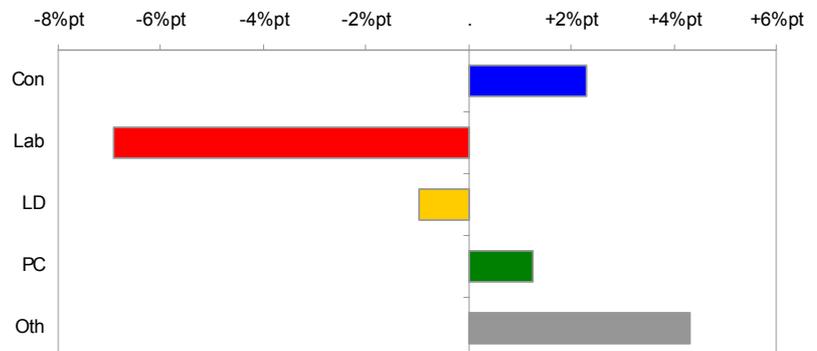
The overall share of the regional vote, and changes since 2003 by party are shown below.

- As a whole, minor parties and independent candidates gained over 16 per cent of the regional vote, nearly double the share secured in the constituency ballot.
- The major parties saw a similar change in share of the vote since 2003 as in the constituency ballot, except for the Liberal Democrats who saw a decrease of 1 per cent in their regional share.

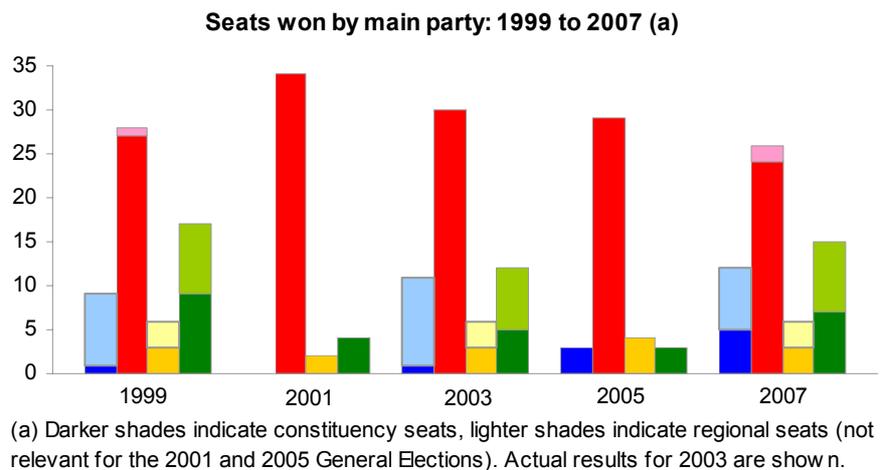
Share of the regional vote: 2007



Percentage point changes in the share of the regional vote since 2003

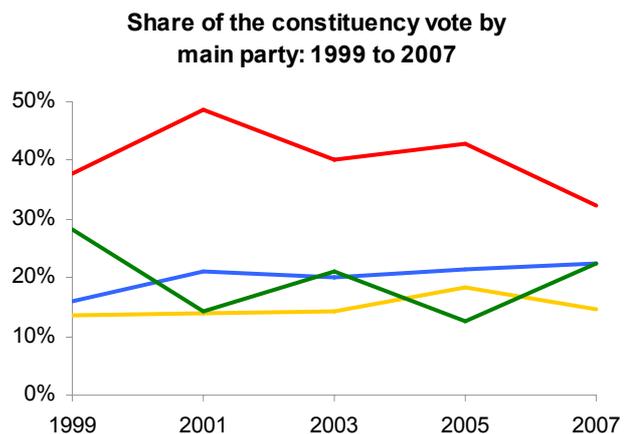


The chart opposite shows the distribution of seats won by the four main parties in elections since 1999. This includes the forty constituency seats for the General elections of 2001 and 2005.



For the Assembly elections in 1999, 2003 and 2007, the additional regional seats are represented in lighter shades.

The chart on the right shows trends in the share of the constituency vote won by the four major parties in Assembly and General elections since 1999.



The table below highlights the highest and lowest performing areas in the constituency ballot, in terms of several outcomes including percentage majority and percentage turnout.

**Highest and lowest: 2007**

**Largest % pt increases in % of vote (main parties)**

1		Pontypridd	+13.1%
2		Newport East	+11.5%
3		Clwyd South	+10.7%
4		Gower	+10.2%

**Largest % pt falls in % of vote (main parties)**

1		Blaenau Gwent	-38.9%
2		Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	-23.5%
3		Islwyn	-18.2%
4		Ynys Mon	-15.5%

**Safest seats by majority (% pts)**

1		Dwyfor Meirionnydd	40.1%
2		Ogmore	34.7%
3		Aberavon	32.0%
4		Cardiff Central	29.3%

**Most marginal seats by majority (% pts)**

1		Vale of Glamorgan	0.2%
2		Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	0.3%
3		Vale of Clwyd	0.4%
4		Wrexham	2.4%

**Highest % share of the vote**

1		Dwyfor Meirionnydd	59.7%
2		Rhondda	58.2%
3		Cynon Valley	56.7%
4		Blaenau Gwent	54.1%

**Lowest % share of the vote (main parties)**

1		Ynys Môn	3.4%
2		Llanelli	3.8%
3		Blaenau Gwent	4.0%
4		Blaenau Gwent	4.8%

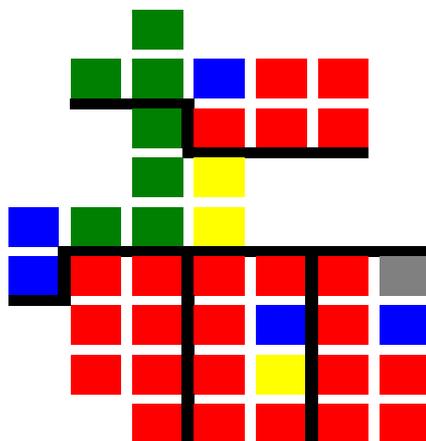
**Highest % turnout**

1		Carmarthen East and Dinefwr	55.7%
2		Ceredigion	55.6%
3		Ynys Môn	52.1%
4		Brecon and Radnorshire	51.8%

**Lowest % turnout**

1		Swansea East	35.0%
2		Alyn and Deeside	35.5%
3		Cardiff Central	36.1%
4		Swansea West	37.2%

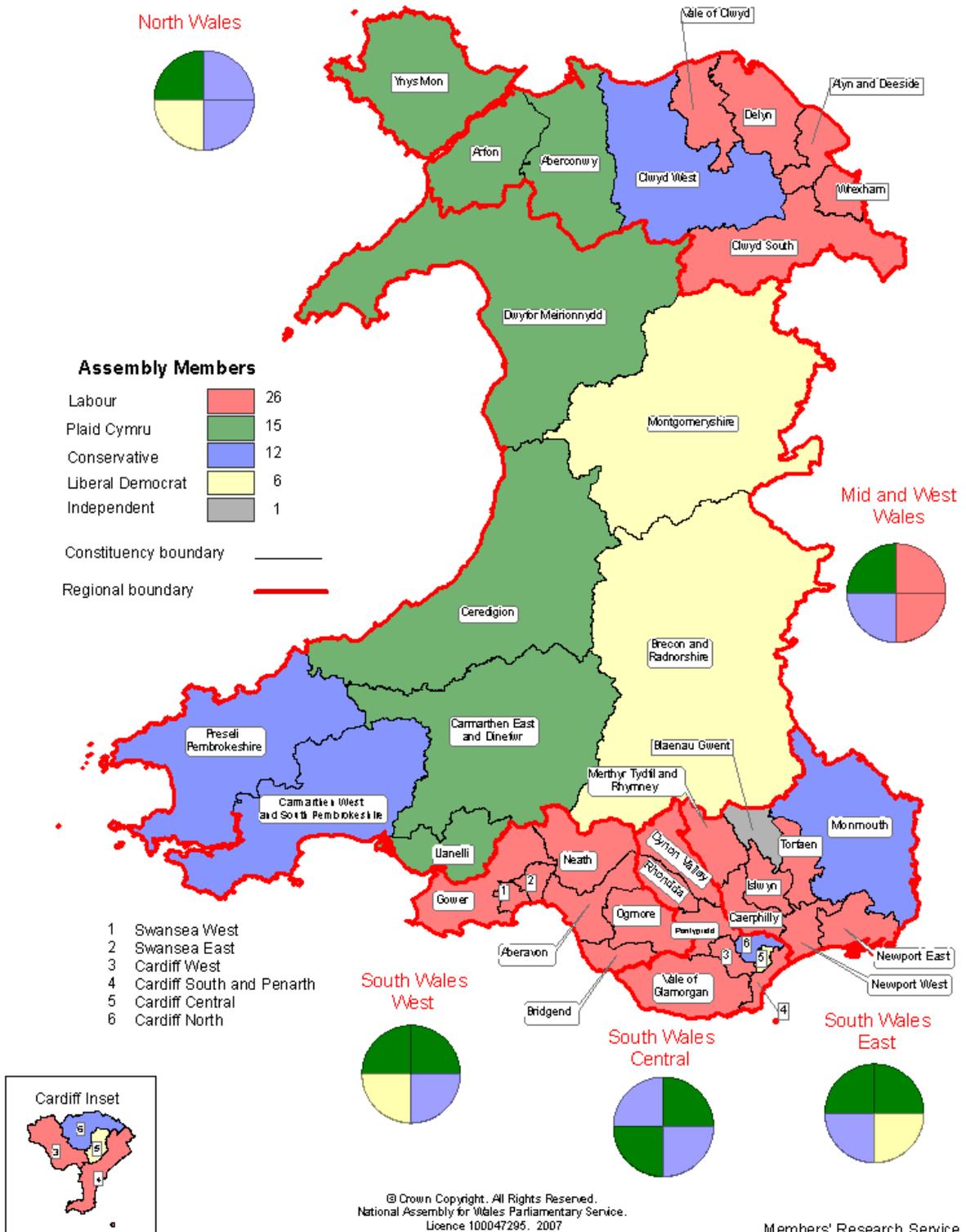
**Note:** Coloured blocks show the party the data applies to, or in the case of turnout, the winning party.



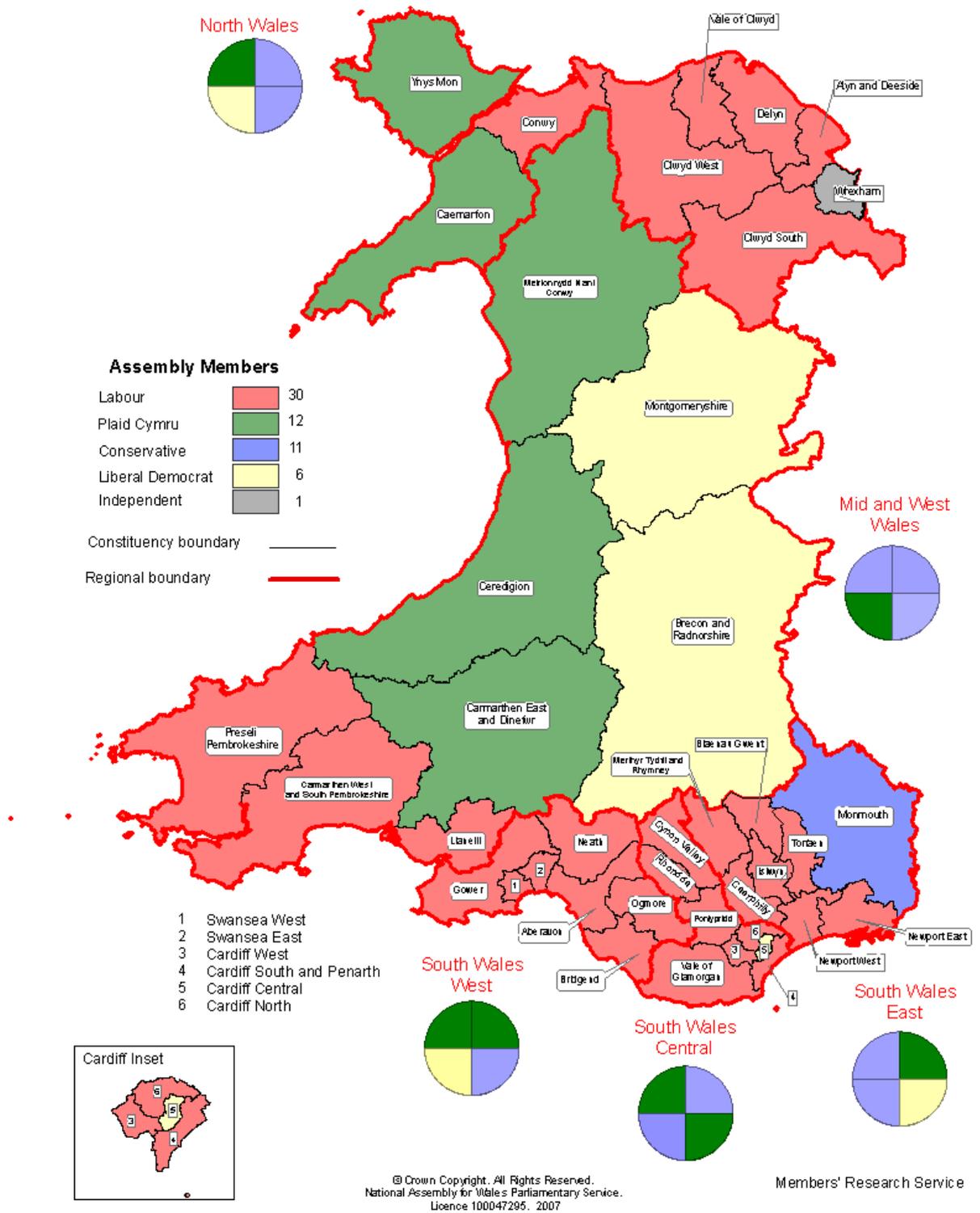
The map on the next page shows all constituency and regional seats winners in the 2007 Assembly election. The small map to the right displays the same constituency seats winners, but with the constituency areas represented by blocks of equal size. Black lines show regional boundaries.

This map overcomes the disproportionate emphasis given to parties who won larger constituencies (in terms of area), which may occur when viewing the map on the next page.

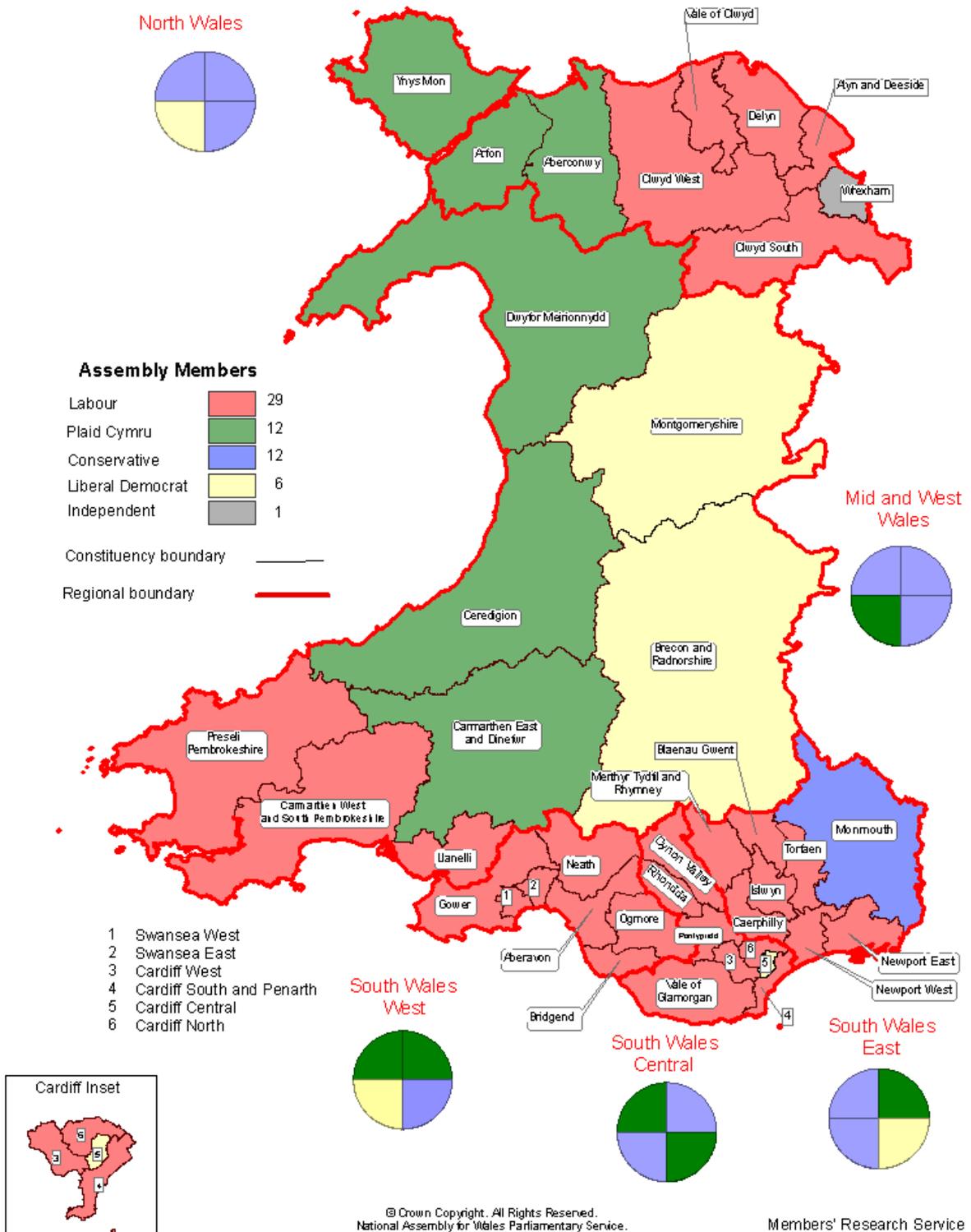
# Map of Assembly election 2007 seat winners



# Map of Assembly election 2003 seat winners – actual results according to boundaries at 2003



# Map of Assembly election 2003 seat winners – notional results according to boundaries at 2007



## 2.2. Regional summaries

### 2.2.1. Mid and West Wales :

Comparisons are with 2003 *notional* results

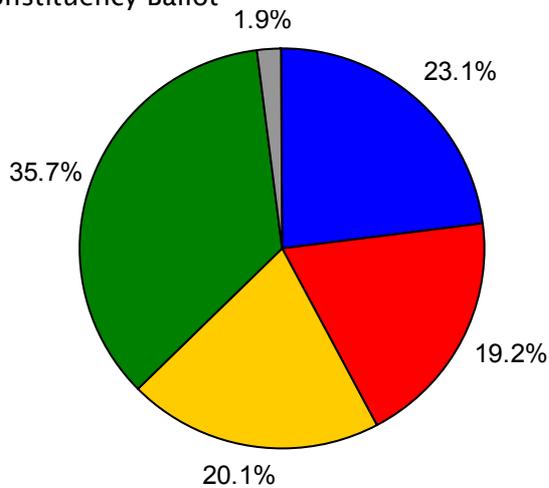
#### Seats Won

	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth
<b>Mid and West Wales</b>					
Constituency seats	2	0	2	4	0
Regional seats	1	2	0	1	0
Total seats won	3	2	2	5	0
Change	0	-1	0	+1	0

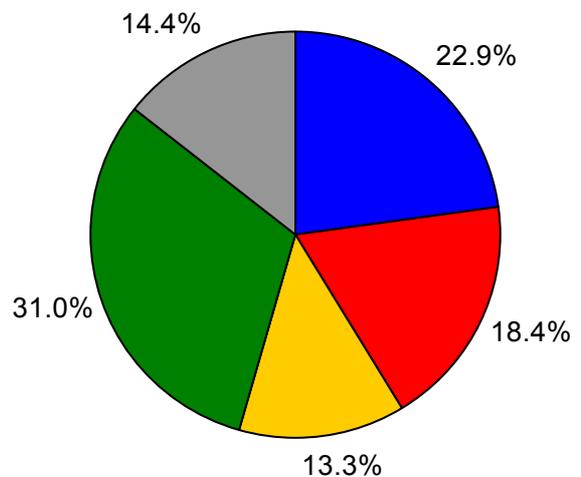
- Labour lost two constituency seats (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire, and Preseli Pembrokeshire) to the Conservatives and one (Llanelli) to Plaid Cymru.
- The number of regional seats held by the Conservatives fell from three to one, with Labour picking up two regional seats.

#### Ballot shares and seats

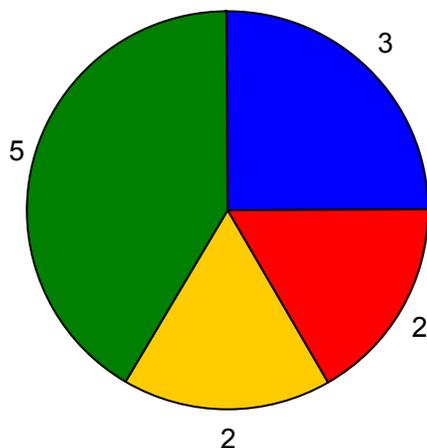
##### Constituency Ballot



##### Regional Ballot



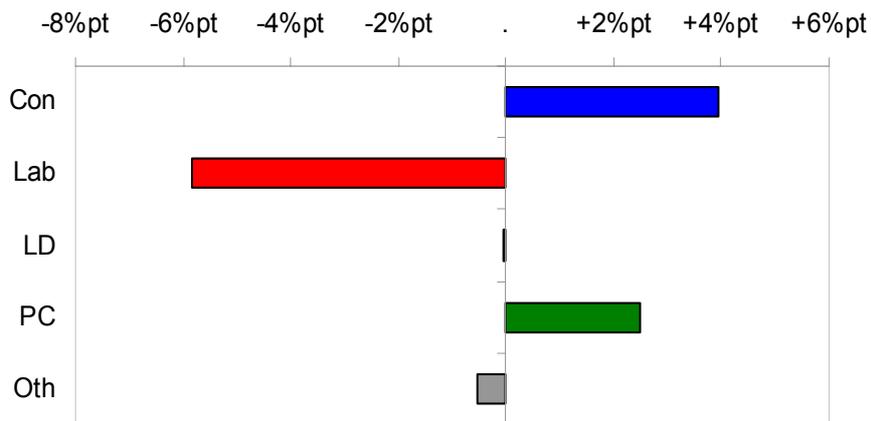
##### Seats



- Plaid Cymru held the largest share of the vote in the constituency and regional ballot ahead of the Conservatives in both instances.
- Collectively, 'other' parties gained nearly 15 per cent of the regional vote.
- Labour and the Liberal Democrats claimed around a fifth of the constituency ballot each.

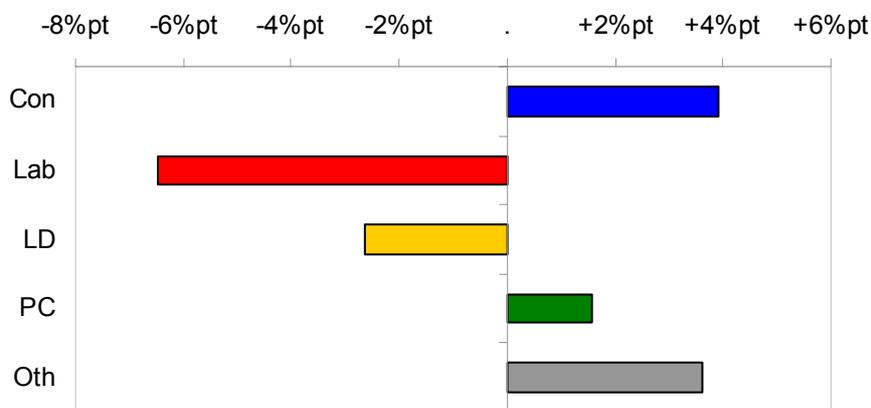
## Changes in share over 2003

### Constituency vote



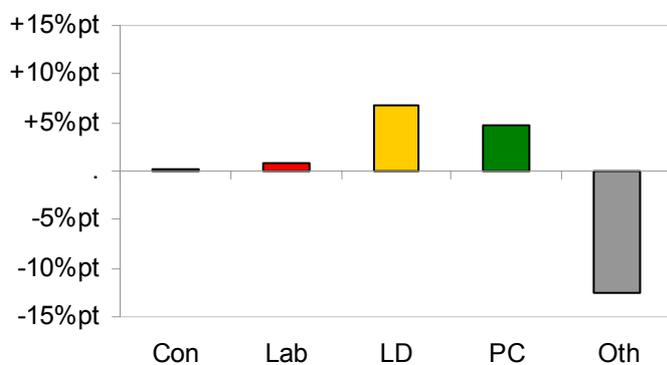
- The Conservatives increased their share of the constituency and regional ballots by 4% points.
- Plaid Cymru also increased share in both ballots by just over and just under 2% points respectively.

### Regional vote



- Labour's share of both ballots fell by more than 5% points while the Liberal Democrats' share of the regional vote was 2.6% points less than in 2003.
- Collectively, 'other' parties increased their share of the regional vote by nearly 4% points.

### Variation in constituency and regional ballot - Mid and West Wales



- The Liberal Democrats' share of the vote in the constituency ballot was nearly 7% points higher than in the regional ballot. Similarly, Plaid Cymru's share was nearly 5% points higher.
- 'Other' parties' share of the regional vote was over 12% points higher than their share of the constituency ballot.

Note: A negative percentage point variation means the party gained a higher share of the vote in the regional ballot than the constituency ballot.

## 2.2.2. North Wales

Comparisons are with 2003 *notional* results

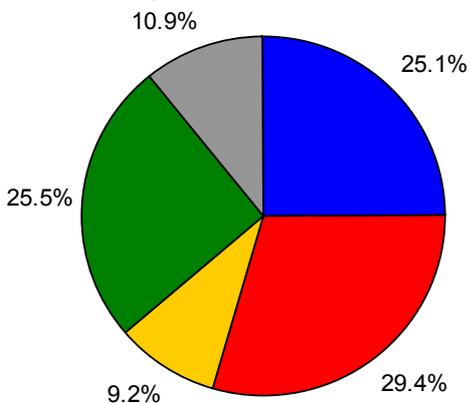
### Seats Won

	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth
<b>North Wales</b>					
Constituency seats	1	5	0	3	0
Regional seats	2	0	1	1	0
Total seats won	3	5	1	4	0
Change	0	0	0	+1	-1

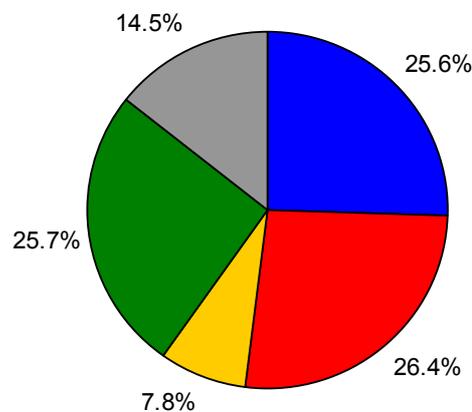
- Wrexham was reclaimed by Labour from independent candidate John Marek, but Clwyd West was a Conservative gain from Labour.
- Plaid Cymru won both the newly formed constituencies of Aberconwy and Arfon following boundary changes since the 2003 elections.
- Compared with notional results for 2003, the Conservatives won one less regional seat in 2007, and Plaid Cymru one more. (However, compared with actual 2003 results for the old North Wales area, the make-up of regional seats remained the same.)

### Ballot shares and seats

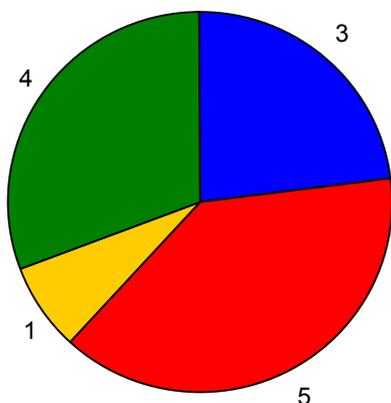
#### Constituency Ballot



#### Regional Ballot



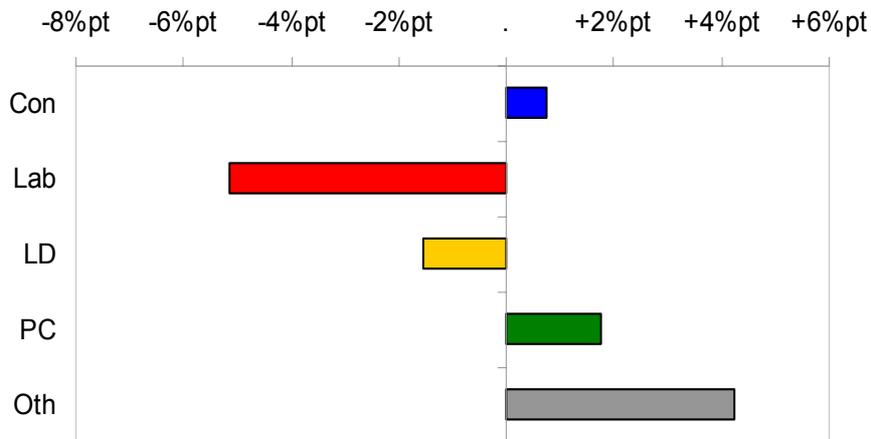
#### Seats



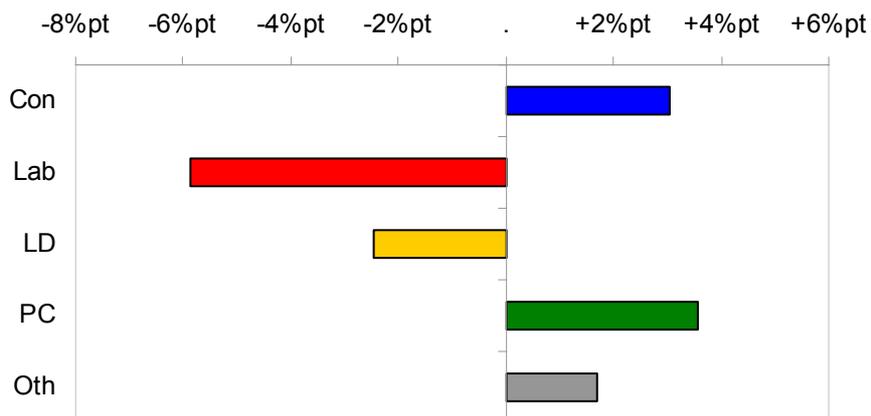
- Labour held the largest share of the constituency ballot, ahead of Plaid Cymru and the Conservatives, with similar shares.
- In the regional ballot, Labour, Plaid Cymru and the Conservatives all secured around a quarter of the vote each.
- Collectively, 'other' parties won over 10 per cent of the constituency ballot and almost 15 per cent of the regional ballot.

# Changes in share over 2003

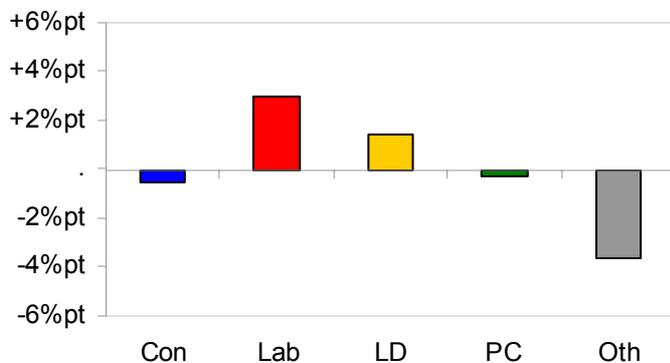
## Constituency vote



## Regional vote



### Variation in constituency and regional ballot - North Wales



- Labour's share of the vote fell by over 5% points in both ballots.
- The Liberal Democrats' share also fell in the constituency (1.5% points) and regional (2.5% points) ballots.
- The Conservatives and Plaid Cymru each made gains in both ballots.
- 'Other' parties increased their share of the vote in the regional ballot and also by more than 4% points in the constituency ballot.

- Labour's share of the vote in the constituency ballot was 3% points higher than in the regional ballot.
- Conversely, 'other' parties' share of the vote was nearly 4% points higher in the regional ballot than in the constituency ballot.

Note: A negative percentage point variation means the party gained a higher share of the vote in the regional ballot than the constituency ballot.

### 2.2.3. South Wales Central

Comparisons are with 2003 *notional* results

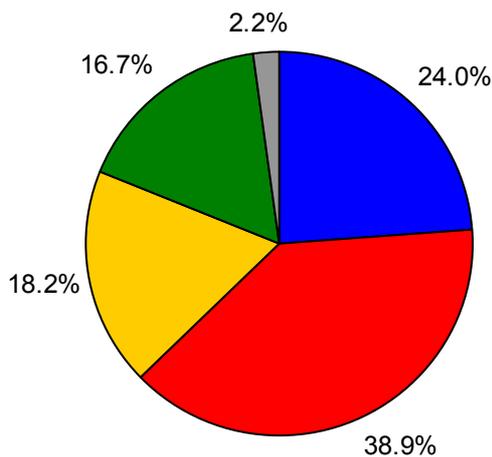
#### Seats Won

	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth
<b>South Wales Central</b>					
Constituency seats	1	6	1	0	0
Regional seats	2	0	0	2	0
Total seats won	3	6	1	2	0
Change	+1	-1	0	0	0

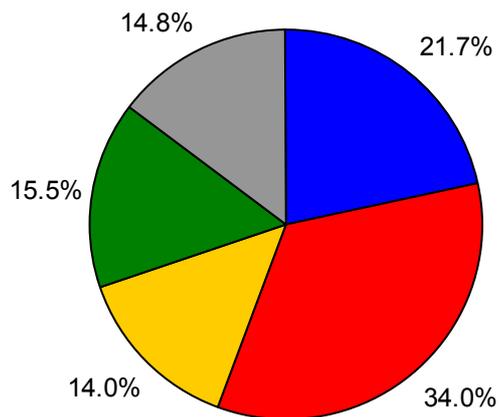
- The Conservatives won the Cardiff North seat from Labour, who still hold half of the total seats in the region.
- The distribution of regional seats remained the same as in 2003; two to the Conservatives and two to Plaid Cymru.

#### Ballot shares and seats

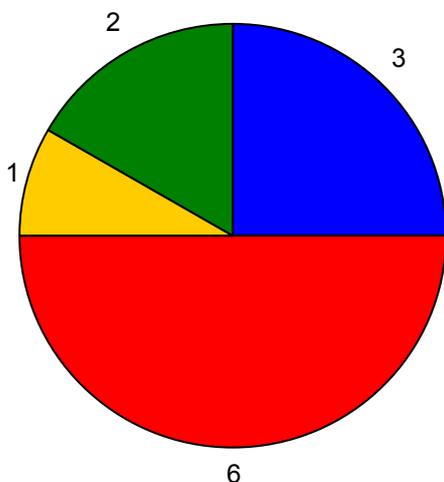
##### Constituency Ballot



##### Regional Ballot



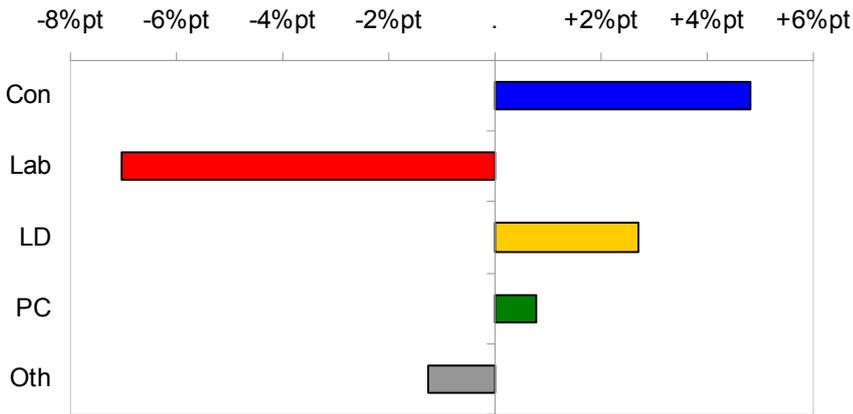
##### Seats



- Labour secured almost two-fifths of the vote in the constituency ballot, followed by the Conservatives with nearly a quarter.
- The Liberal Democrats were the third placed party in terms of share of the constituency vote but fell behind Plaid Cymru in the regional ballot.
- Collectively, 'other' candidates polled almost 15 per cent of the vote in the regional ballot.

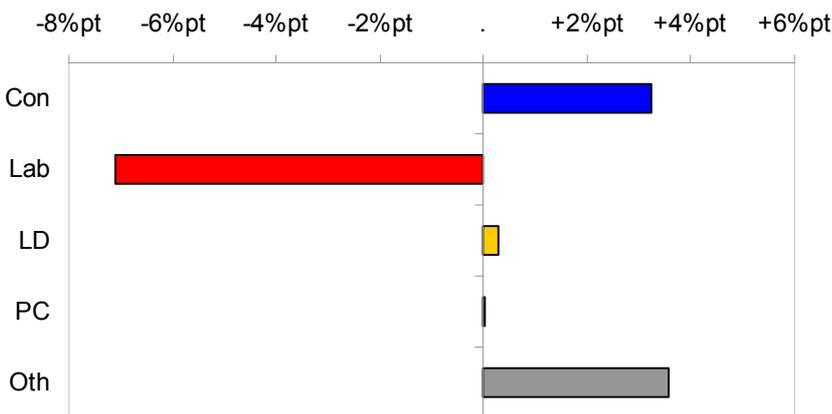
## Changes in share over 2003

### Constituency vote



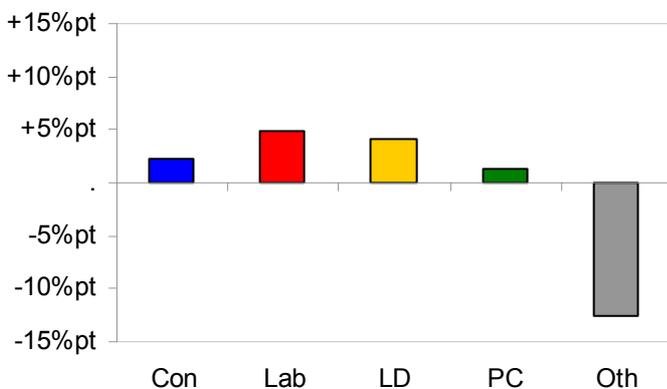
- The Conservatives increased their share of the vote by over 3% points in the regional ballot and by almost 5% points in the constituency ballot.
- The Liberal Democrats' share of the vote changed little in the regional ballot but rose by 3% points in the constituency ballot.

### Regional vote



- Collectively, 'other' parties' share of the vote fell in the constituency ballot but increased by nearly 4% points in the regional ballot.
- Labour's share of the vote decreased by 7% points in both ballots.

### Variation in constituency and regional ballot - South Wales Central



- Labour's share of the vote was almost 5% points higher in the constituency ballot than the regional ballot.
- The Liberal Democrats also performed better (by more than 4% points) in the constituency ballot.
- Collectively, 'other' parties gained a higher share of the vote in the regional ballot than the constituency ballot, by 13% points.

Note: A negative percentage point variation means the party gained a higher share of the vote in the regional ballot than the constituency ballot.

## 2.2.4. South Wales East

Comparisons are with 2003 *notional* results

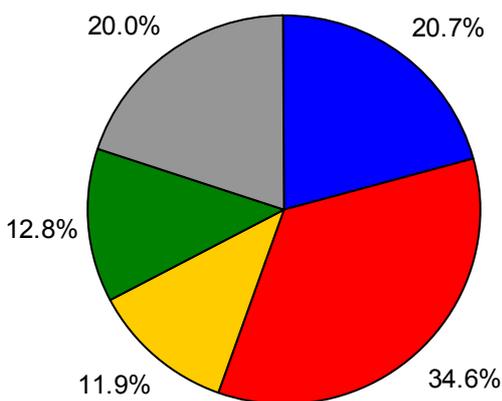
### Seats Won

	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth
<b>South Wales East</b>					
Constituency seats	1	6	0	0	1
Regional seats	1	0	1	2	0
Total seats won	2	6	1	2	1
Change	-1	-1	0	+1	+1

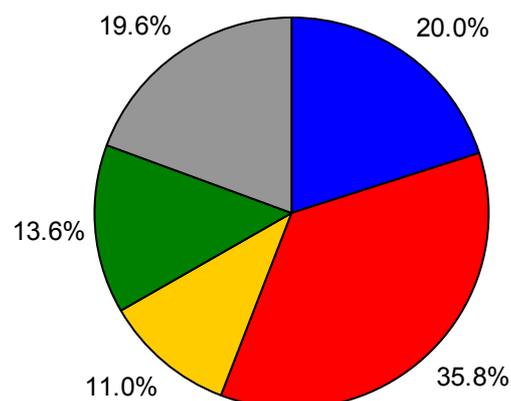
- Independent candidate Trish Law held the Blaenau Gwent seat that she had originally won during the 2006 by-election.
- Plaid Cymru gained a regional seat from the Conservatives.

### Ballot shares and seats

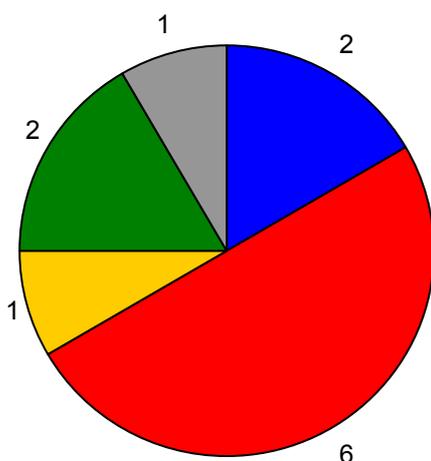
#### Constituency Ballot



#### Regional Ballot



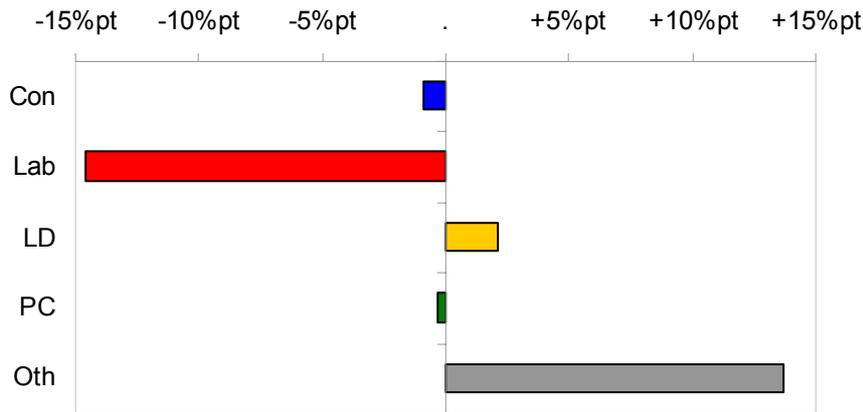
#### Seats



- Labour polled around 35 per cent of the vote in both ballots and won half of the seats in the region.
- 'Other' parties collectively secured around a fifth of both the constituency and regional ballots, although in the constituency ballot the party People's Voice accounted for 8.4 per cent of this vote.
- The Conservatives polled a fifth of the vote in each ballot and won one constituency and one regional seat.

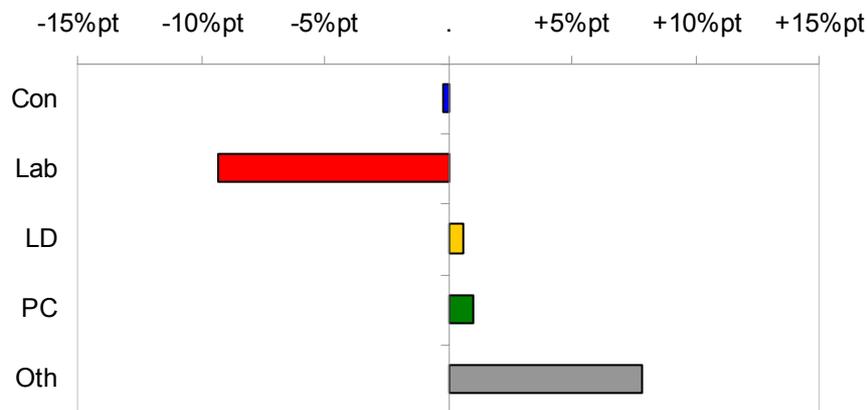
## Changes in share over 2003

### Constituency vote



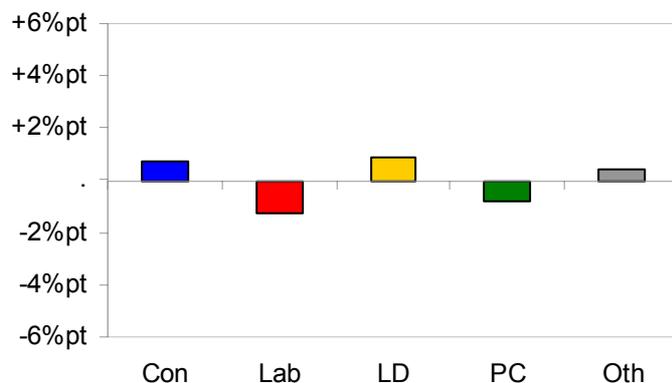
- Labour's share of the vote fell by 9% points in the regional ballot and 15% points in the constituency ballot.
- The Liberal Democrats increased their share of the vote by 2% points in the constituency ballot.

### Regional vote



- 'Other' parties collectively increased their share of the vote in the constituency ballot by 14% points (with votes for People's Voice accounting for over half the increase) and in the regional ballot by 8% points.

### Variation in constituency and regional ballot - South Wales East



- There was little variation in percentage share of the vote by party between the constituency and regional ballots.

Note: A negative percentage point variation means the party gained a higher share of the vote in the regional ballot than the constituency ballot.

## 2.2.5. South Wales West

Comparisons are with 2003 *notional* results

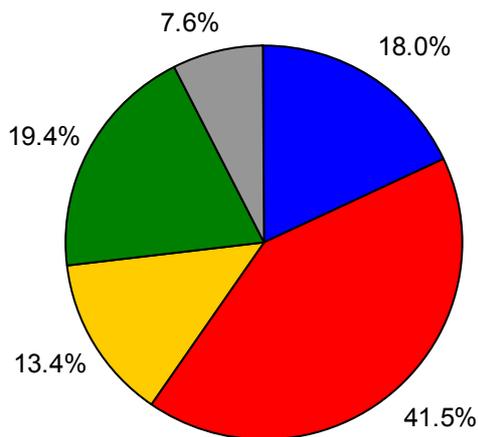
### Seats Won

	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth
<b>South Wales West</b>					
Constituency seats	0	7	0	0	0
Regional seats	1	0	1	2	0
Total seats won	1	7	1	2	0
Change	0	0	0	0	0

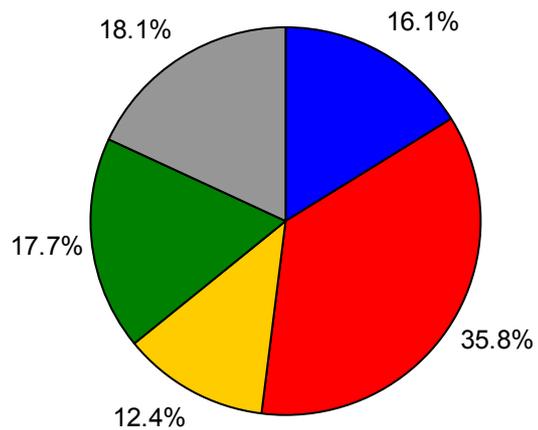
- Labour won all seven constituency seats in South Wales West in 2007, as they did at the 2003 Assembly Election.
- There was no change in the distribution of regional seats, with Plaid Cymru winning two and the Conservatives and Liberal Democrats winning one each.

### Ballot shares and seats

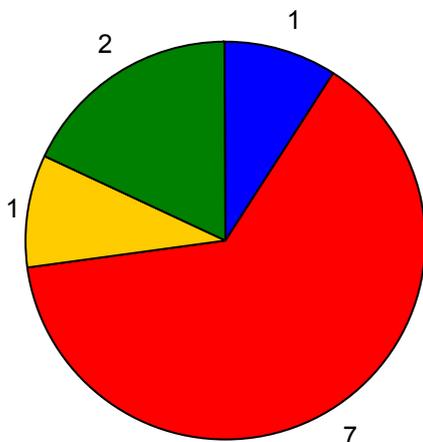
#### Constituency Ballot



#### Regional Ballot



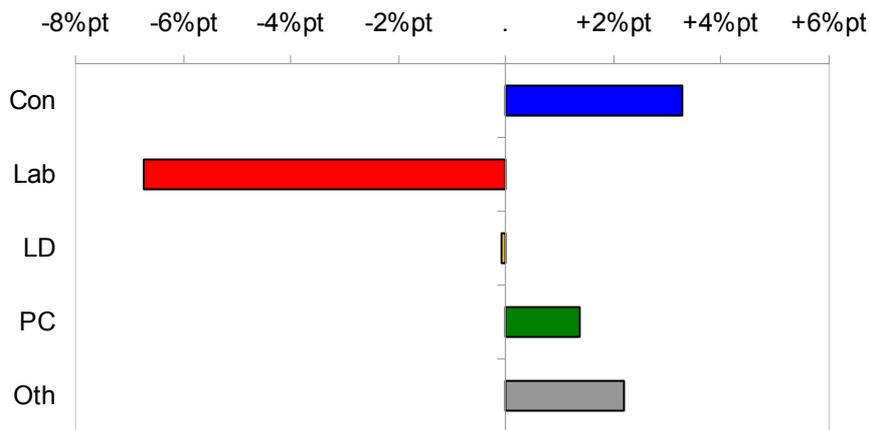
#### Seats



- Labour secured over 40 per cent of the vote in the constituency ballot and had more than double the share of the second placed party in both ballots.
- Plaid Cymru won the second highest share of both ballots, followed closely by the Conservatives in third place.
- Collectively, 'other' parties polled 18 per cent of the regional ballot.

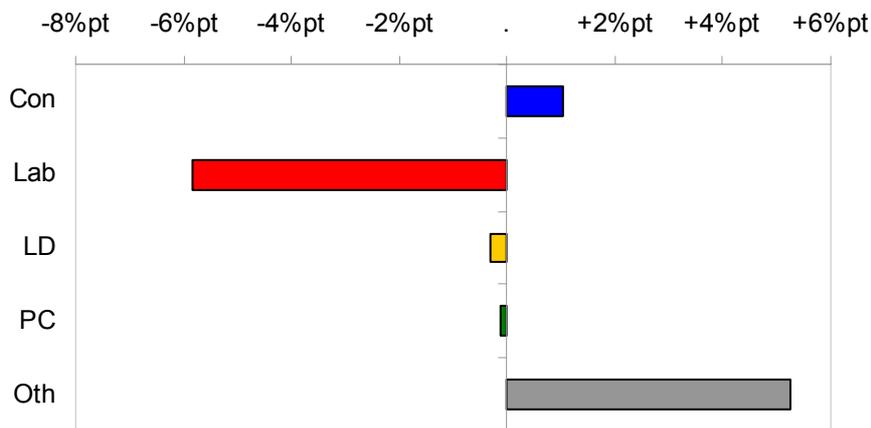
## Changes in share over 2003

### Constituency vote



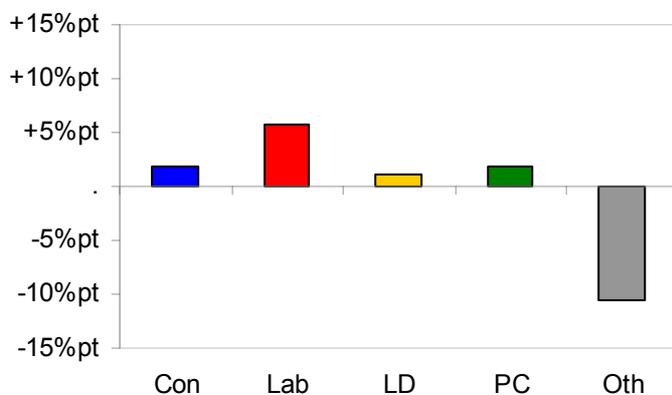
- Labour's share of the constituency ballot fell by 7% points and the regional ballot by 6% points.
- The Conservatives experienced the largest increase in share of the vote (3% points) in terms of the constituency ballot.

### Regional vote



- Plaid Cymru also increased their share of the constituency ballot by 1.4% points.
- Collectively, 'other' parties' share of the constituency and regional ballots increased by 2% points and 5% points respectively.

### Variation in constituency and regional ballot - South Wales West



- Labour's share of the vote in the constituency ballot was 6% points higher than their share in the regional ballot.
- Collectively, 'other' parties' share of the regional ballot was 11% points higher than their share of the constituency ballot.

Note: A negative percentage point variation means the party gained a higher share of the vote in the regional ballot than the constituency ballot.

## 2.3. Party summaries

### 2.3.1. Conservatives

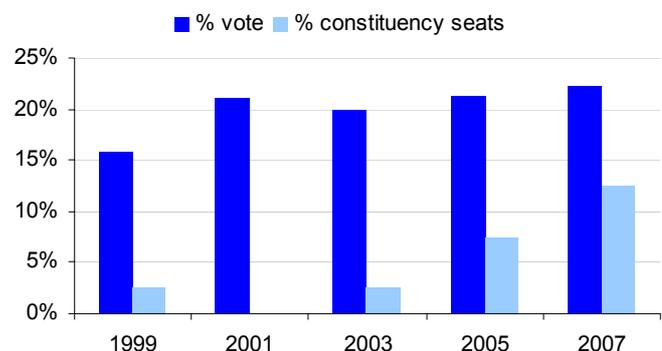
- The Conservatives fielded a candidate in each constituency, and 38 candidates overall in the regional party lists. They lost one deposit, in Blaenau Gwent.
- The Conservatives won twelve seats in 2007, one more than in 2003 and three more than in 1999. They hold a fifth of the seats in the Third Assembly.
- Their share of the constituency and regional ballot vote stands at 22.4 per cent and 21.5 per cent respectively. This is an increase of 6.6% points and 5% points since the 1999 election.
- The Conservatives have one female Assembly Member (Angela Burns), one fewer than in the 2003 election.

#### Trends: 1999, 2003, 2007 Assembly elections

1999 and 2003 *actual* results are shown

Conservatives	1999	2003	2007
<b>Seats</b>			
Constituency seats	1	1	5
Regional seats	8	10	7
Total seats won	9	11	12
Change	.	+2	+1
<b>Constituency ballot</b>			
Votes (thousands)	162	170	219
Percentage share of vote	15.8%	19.9%	22.4%
Percentage point change	.	+4.1%	+2.4%
<b>Regional ballot</b>			
Votes (thousands)	168	163	209
Percentage share of vote	16.5%	19.2%	21.5%
Percentage point change	.	+2.7%	+2.3%

#### Trends: 1999 - 2007 Constituency Ballot



- Compared to the share of the vote in 2003, there were swings of between 5 and 10% points from Labour to the Conservatives in nine constituencies, spread across the five regions. The largest of these (9.8% points swing) occurred in Gower

#### Conservatives: highest and lowest for the constituency ballot 2007

Comparisons are with 2003 *notional* results

Largest increases in % share of vote from 2003 (% pt)		Largest falls in % share of vote from 2003 (% pt)	
1	Clwyd South +10.7%	1	Ynys Môn -15.5%
2	Gower +10.2%	2	Monmouth -5.5%
3	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire +9.8%	3	Arfon -3.5%
Highest % share of vote		Lowest % share of vote	
1	Monmouth 52.1%	1	Blaenau Gwent 4.0%
2	Cardiff North 45.3%	2	Rhondda 5.1%
3	Preseli Pembrokeshire 38.6%	3	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhyimey 5.5%

**Note:** Coloured blocks show the winning party

The first table below shows the five constituency seats won by the Conservatives in 2007, ranked by majority. The safest Conservative constituency seat is Monmouth (Nick Ramsay), with a majority of 28.6 per cent.

The second table shows each regional seat won by the Conservatives, along with its order in terms of the allocation of regional seats using the d'Hondt formula. For example in Mid and West Wales, the party was allocated a seat during the third round of calculations.

**Conservative constituency seats ranked by majority**

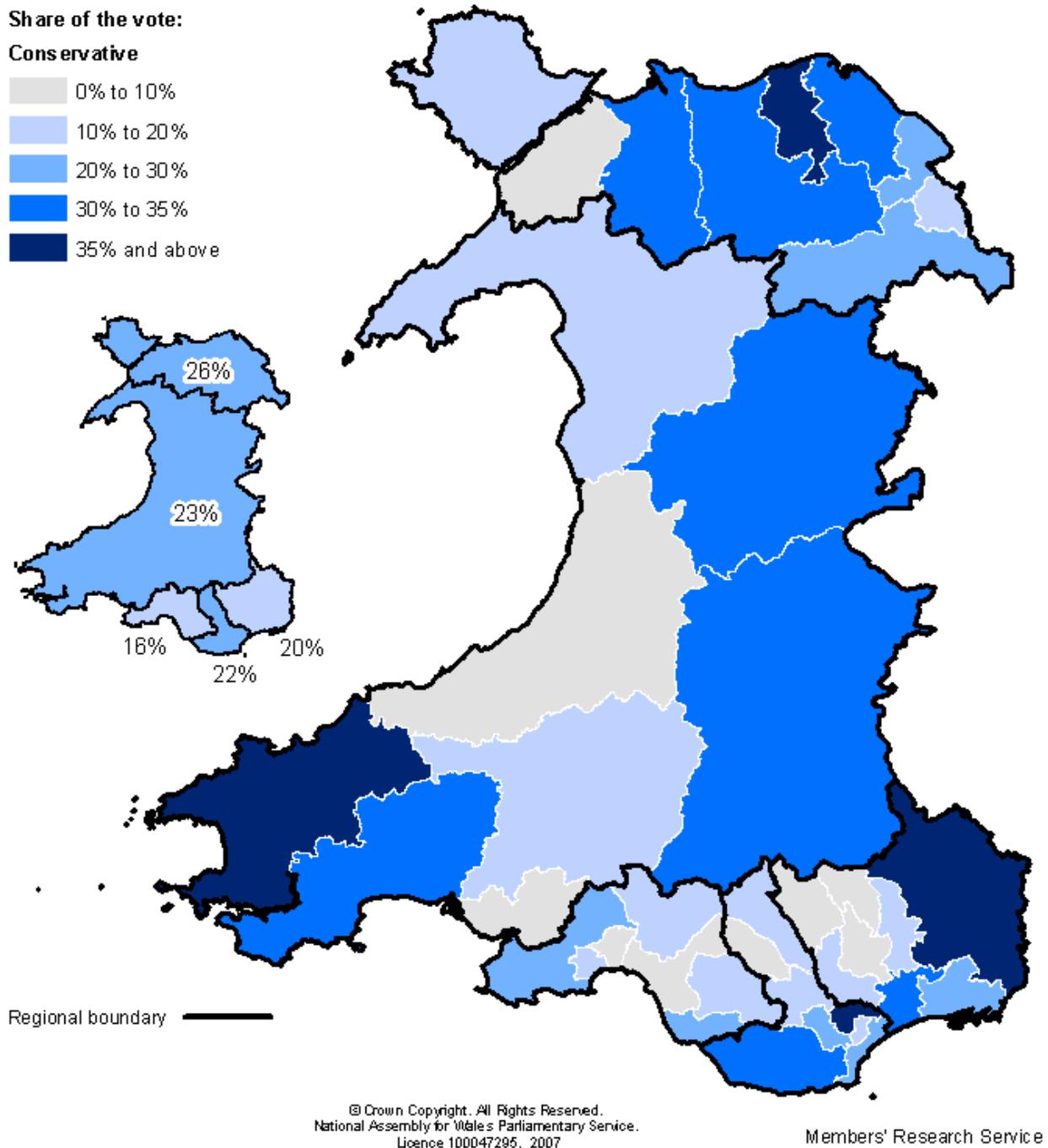
		Majority	% majority
1	■ Monmouth	8,469	28.6%
2	■ Cardiff North	4,844	14.4%
3	■ Preseli Pembrokeshire	3,205	11.2%
4	■ Clwyd West	1,596	6.1%
5	■ Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	98	0.3%

**Conservative regional seats by order allocated within the region**

	Order of seat within region
■ Mid and West Wales	3rd
■ North Wales	1st
■ North Wales	2nd
■ South Wales Central	2nd
■ South Wales Central	4th
■ South Wales East	3rd
■ South Wales West	2nd

The maps on the next two pages show constituencies or regions shaded according to the share of the vote, or change in share of the vote won by the Conservatives. Constituency level information relates to the constituency ballot, and regional level information to the regional ballot.

Map showing the share of the vote won by the Conservatives, in the Constituency and Regional (inset) ballots

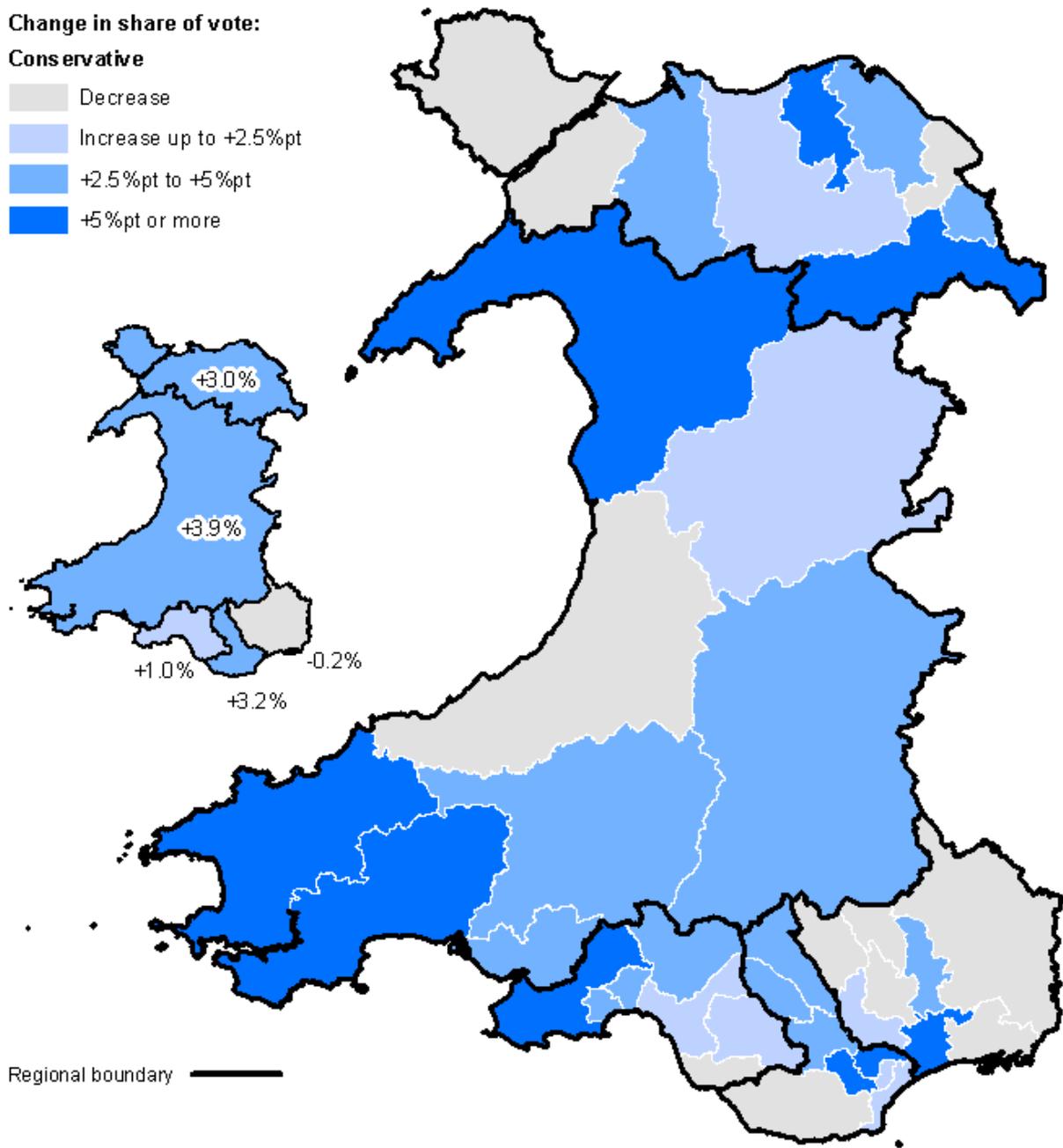


Map showing the percentage point change in the share of the vote won by the Conservatives, in the Constituency and Regional (inset) ballots Comparisons are with 2003 *notional* results

**Change in share of vote:**

**Conservative**

- Decrease
- Increase up to +2.5%pt
- +2.5%pt to +5%pt
- +5%pt or more



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## 2.3.2. Labour

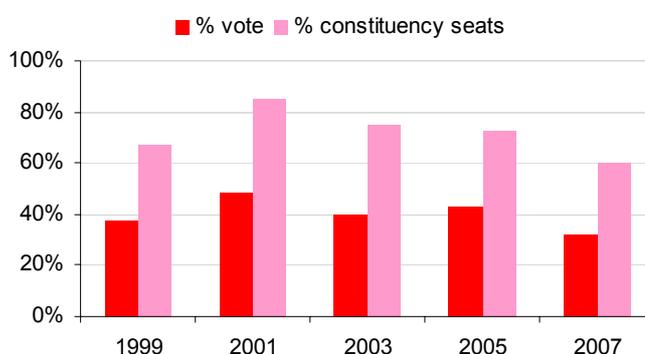
- Labour fielded a candidate in each constituency, and 25 candidates overall in the regional party lists. They lost no deposits.
- Labour won 26 seats in 2007, 43.3 per cent of Assembly seats, 4 seats fewer than in 2003, and 2 seats fewer than in 1999.
- Labour secured the highest share of the vote, 32.2 per cent in the constituency ballot and 29.6 per cent in the regional. Both shares of the vote have decreased since 2003.
- Labour increased their share of the constituency vote in only one constituency, Cardiff Central, a rise of 2.0% points.
- Their largest fall in share of the vote, (-38.9% points) occurred in Blaenau Gwent where Trish Law held the seat won from Labour during the 2006 by-election.
- Labour has 16 female Assembly Members, the largest number and proportion of any party.

### Trends: 1999, 2003, 2007 Assembly elections

1999 and 2003 *actual* results are shown

Labour	1999	2003	2007
<b>Seats</b>			
Constituency seats	27	30	24
Regional seats	1	0	2
Total seats won	28	30	26
Change	.	+2	-4
<b>Constituency ballot</b>			
Votes (thousands)	385	341	315
Percentage share of vote	37.6%	40.0%	32.2%
Percentage point change	.	+2.4%	-7.8%
<b>Regional ballot</b>			
Votes (thousands)	362	311	289
Percentage share of vote	35.4%	36.6%	29.6%
Percentage point change	.	+1.2%	-6.9%

### Trends: 1999 - 2007 Constituency Ballot



- Compared to the share of the constituency vote in 2003, there were 18 swings of over 5% points from Labour to another party or candidate, a third of which resulted in Labour losing the seat. There was a swing of 6% points from the independent candidate John Marek towards Labour in Wrexham.

#### Labour: highest and lowest for the constituency ballot 2007

Comparisons are with 2003 *notional* results

Largest increase/smallest falls in % share of vote from 2003 (% pt)		Largest falls in % share of vote from 2003 (% pt)	
1	Cardiff Central +2.0%	1	Blaenau Gwent -38.9%
2	Clwyd South -1.4%	2	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney -23.5%
3	Bridgend -2.3%	3	Islwyn -18.2%
Highest % share of vote		Lowest % share of vote	
1	Rhondda 58.2%	1	Ceredigion 5.1%
2	Cynon Valley 56.7%	2	Montgomeryshire 6.9%
3	Ogmore 51.7%	3	Brecon and Radnorshire 8.7%

Note: Coloured blocks show the winning party

The first table below shows the 24 constituency seats won by Labour in 2007, ranked by percentage majority. Their safest constituency seat is Ogmore (Janice Gregory) where they gained a majority of 34.7 per cent. Three of the four constituencies with the most marginal majority were held by Labour, Vale of Glamorgan (0.2 per cent), Vale of Clwyd (0.4 per cent) and Delyn (2.4 per cent).

**Labour constituency seats ranked by % majority**

		Majority	% majority
1	■ Ogmore	7,900	34.7%
2	■ Aberavon	6,571	32.0%
3	■ Cynon Valley	5,623	28.8%
4	■ Rhondda	6,215	28.1%
5	■ Swansea East	4,961	23.9%
6	■ Torfaen	5,396	23.2%
7	■ Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	4,581	21.8%
8	■ Alyn and Deeside	3,362	15.9%
9	■ Pontypridd	3,387	14.4%
10	■ Cardiff West	3,698	13.8%
11	■ Bridgend	2,556	10.4%
12	■ Cardiff South and Penarth	2,754	10.3%
13	■ Islwyn	2,218	9.4%
14	■ Caerphilly	2,287	8.8%
15	■ Neath	1,944	7.7%
16	■ Swansea West	1,511	6.6%
17	■ Wrexham	1,250	6.4%
18	■ Newport West	1,401	5.9%
19	■ Clwyd South	1,119	5.7%
20	■ Newport East	875	4.4%
21	■ Gower	1,192	4.3%
22	■ Delyn	511	2.4%
23	■ Vale of Clwyd	92	0.4%
24	■ Vale of Glamorgan	83	0.2%

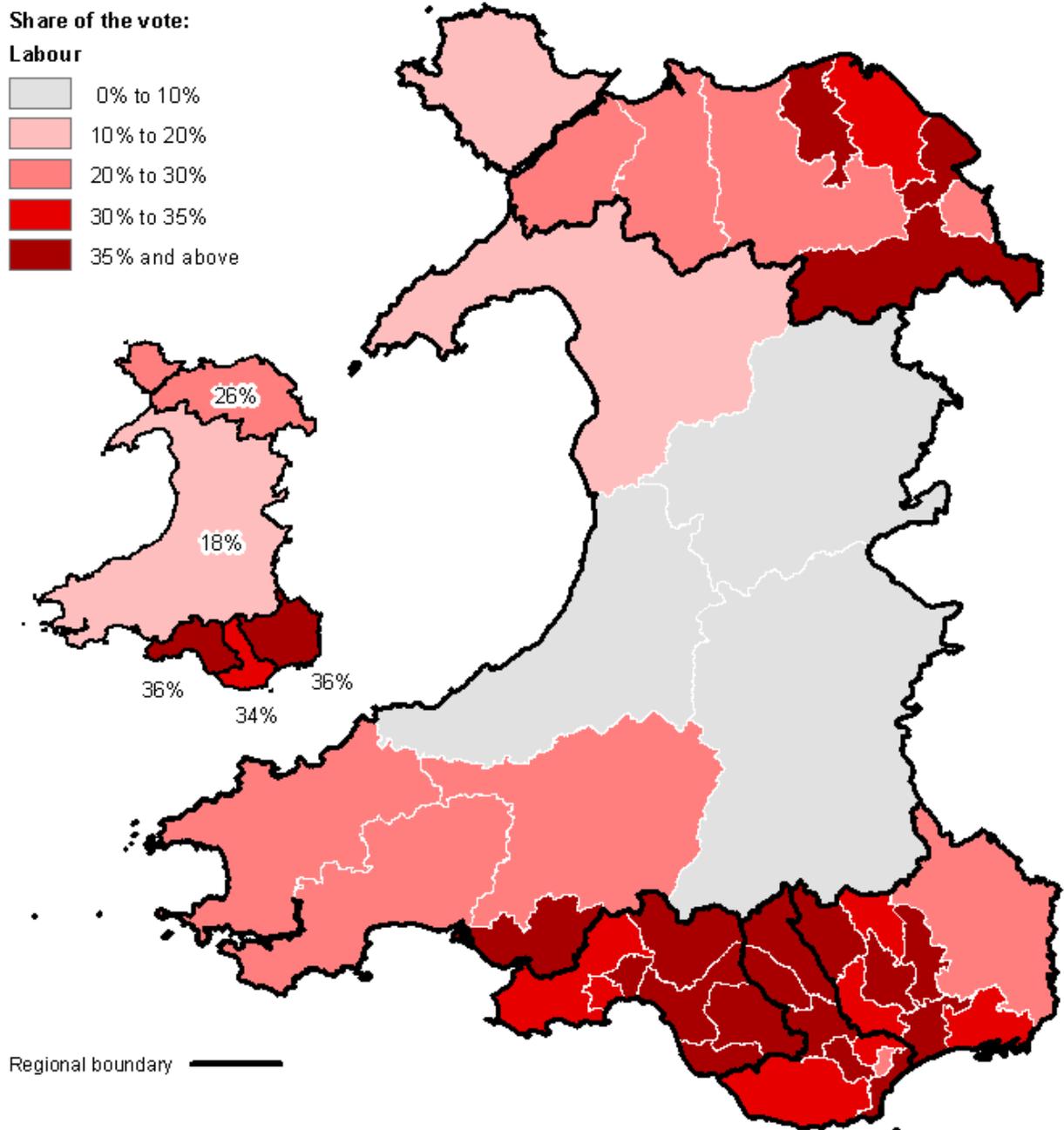
The second table shows each regional seat won by Labour, along with its order in terms of the allocation of regional seats using the d'Hondt formula. In Mid and West Wales, the party was allocated a seat during the first and second round of calculations.

**Labour regional seats by order allocated within the region**

	Order of seat within region
■ Mid and West Wales	1st
■ Mid and West Wales	2nd

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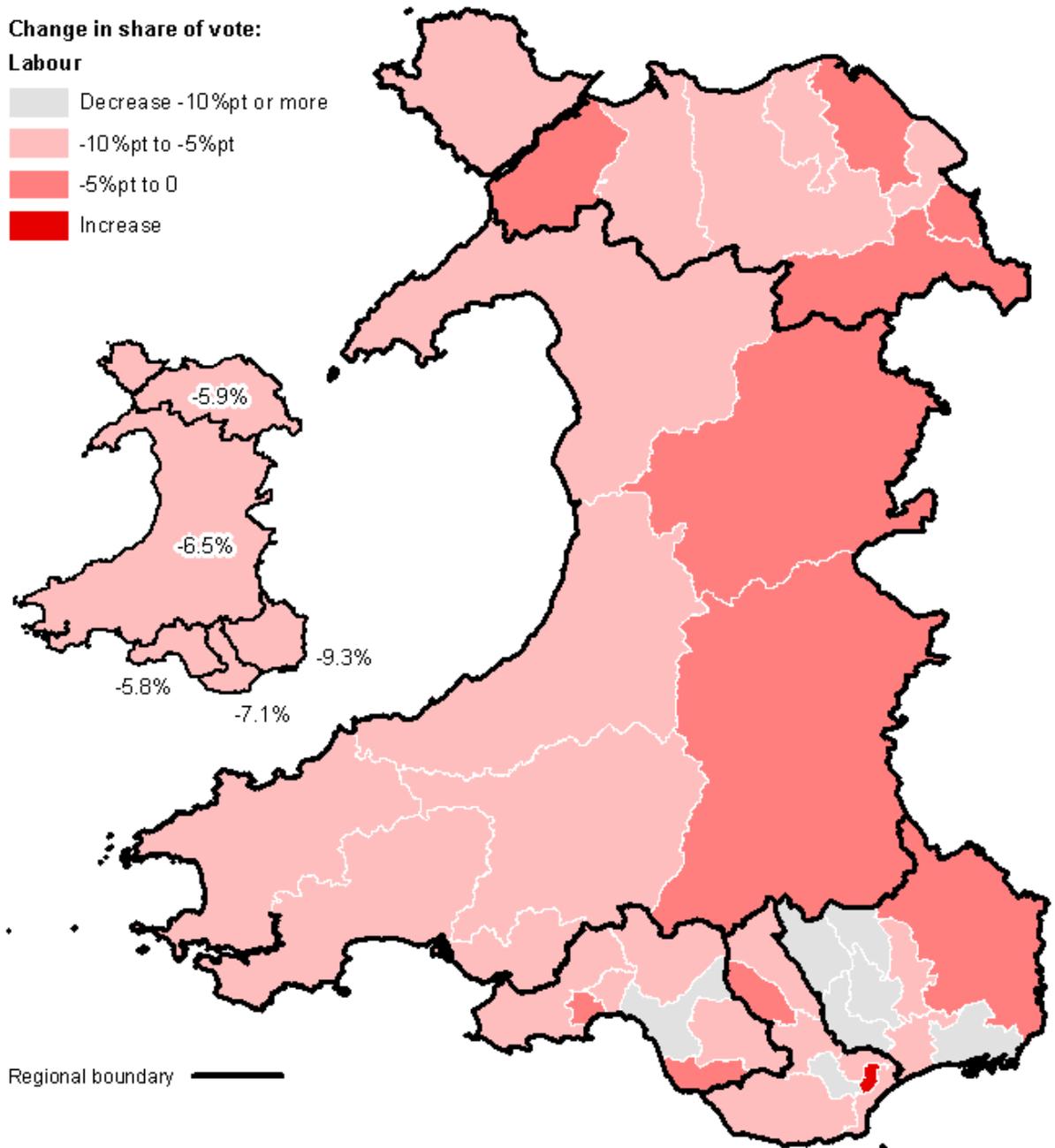
# Map showing the share of the vote won by Labour, in the Constituency and Regional (inset) ballots



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Map showing the percentage point change in the share of the vote won by labour, in the Constituency and Regional (inset) ballots  
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### 2.3.3. Liberal Democrats

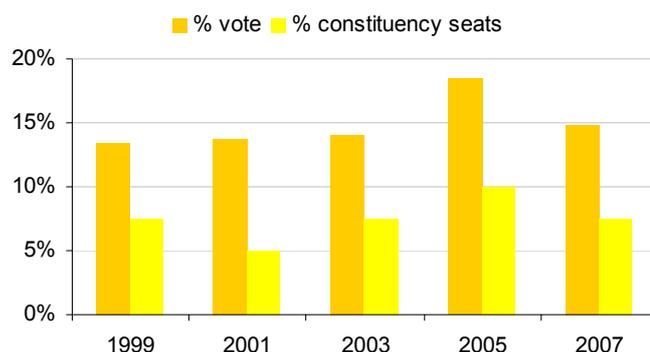
- The Liberal Democrats fielded a candidate in each constituency, and 33 candidates overall in the regional party lists. They lost three deposits, in Llanelli, Ynys Môn, and Islwyn.
- The Liberal Democrats won six seats in the 2007 election, the same number as in the previous elections held in 1999 and 2003. They hold 10 per cent of Assembly seats.
- None of the Liberal Democrats seats changed hands in the 2007 election.
- The Liberal Democrats received 14.8 per cent of the constituency vote and 11.7 per cent of the regional ballot vote.
- Their share of the constituency vote increased by 0.6% points since 2003, while the share of the regional vote fell by 1.0% points.

#### Trends: 1999, 2003, 2007 Assembly elections

1999 and 2003 *actual* results are shown

Liberal Democrats	1999	2003	2007
<b>Seats</b>			
Constituency seats	3	3	3
Regional seats	3	3	3
Total seats won	6	6	6
Change	.	0	0
<b>Constituency ballot</b>			
Votes (thousands)	138	120	144
Percentage share of vote	13.5%	14.1%	14.8%
Percentage point change	.	+0.7%	+0.6%
<b>Regional ballot</b>			
Votes (thousands)	128	108	115
Percentage share of vote	12.5%	12.7%	11.7%
Percentage point change	.	+0.2%	-1.0%

#### Trends: 1999 – 2007 Constituency Ballot



- The Liberal Democrats have three female Assembly Members, Eleanor Burnham, Jenny Randerson and Kirsty Williams.
- Compared to the share of the vote in 2003, there were three swings of over 10% points from Labour to the Liberal Democrats, in Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney, Newport East, and Pontypridd.

#### Liberal Democrats: highest and lowest for the constituency ballot 2007

Comparisons are with 2003 *notional* results

##### Largest increases in % share of vote from 2003 (% pt)

1	■	Pontypridd	+13.1%
2	■	Newport East	+11.5%
3	■	Ceredigion	+8.5%

##### Highest % share of vote

1	■	Brecon and Radnorshire	52.2%
2	■	Cardiff Central	51.2%
3	■	Montgomeryshire	39.0%

##### Largest falls in % share of vote from 2003 (% pt)

1	■	Swansea East	-6.7%
2	■	Alyn and Deeside	-6.7%
3	■	Aberconwy	-6.1%

##### Lowest % share of vote

1	■	Ynys Môn	3.4%
2	■	Llanelli	3.8%
3	■	Islwyn	4.8%

**Note:** Coloured blocks show the winning party

The first table below shows the three constituency seats won by the Liberal Democrats in 2007, ranked by majority. Their safest constituency seat is Cardiff Central (Jenny Randerson) where they gained a majority of 29.3 per cent.

**Liberal Democrat constituency seats ranked by majority**

		Majority	% majority
1	■ Cardiff Central	6,565	29.3%
2	■ Brecon and Radnorshire	5,354	18.6%
3	■ Montgomeryshire	1,979	8.9%

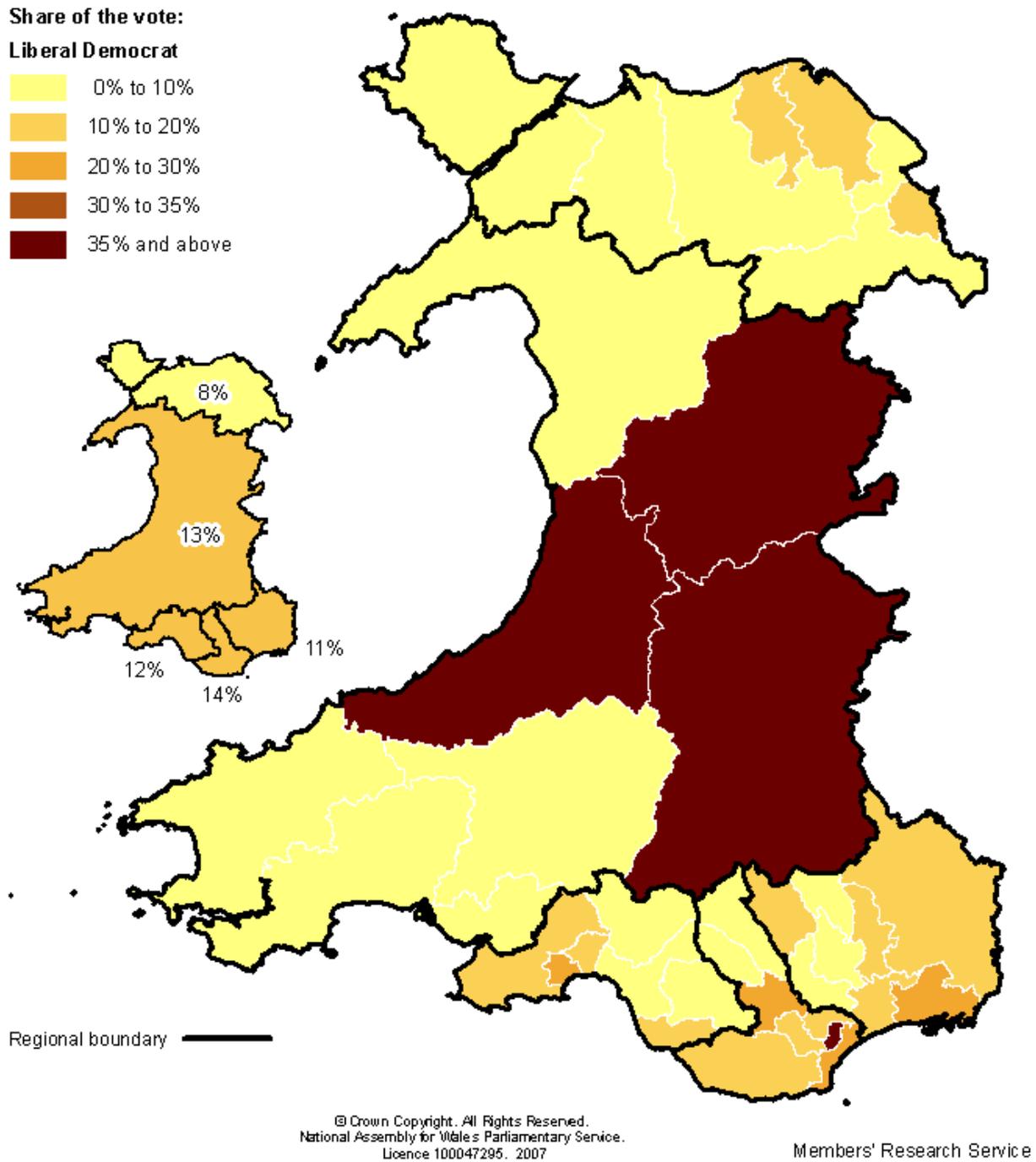
The second table shows each regional seat won by the Liberal Democrats, along with its order in terms of the allocation of regional seats using the d'Hondt formula. For example in North Wales, the party was allocated a seat during the third round of calculations.

**Liberal Democrat regional seats by order allocated within the region**

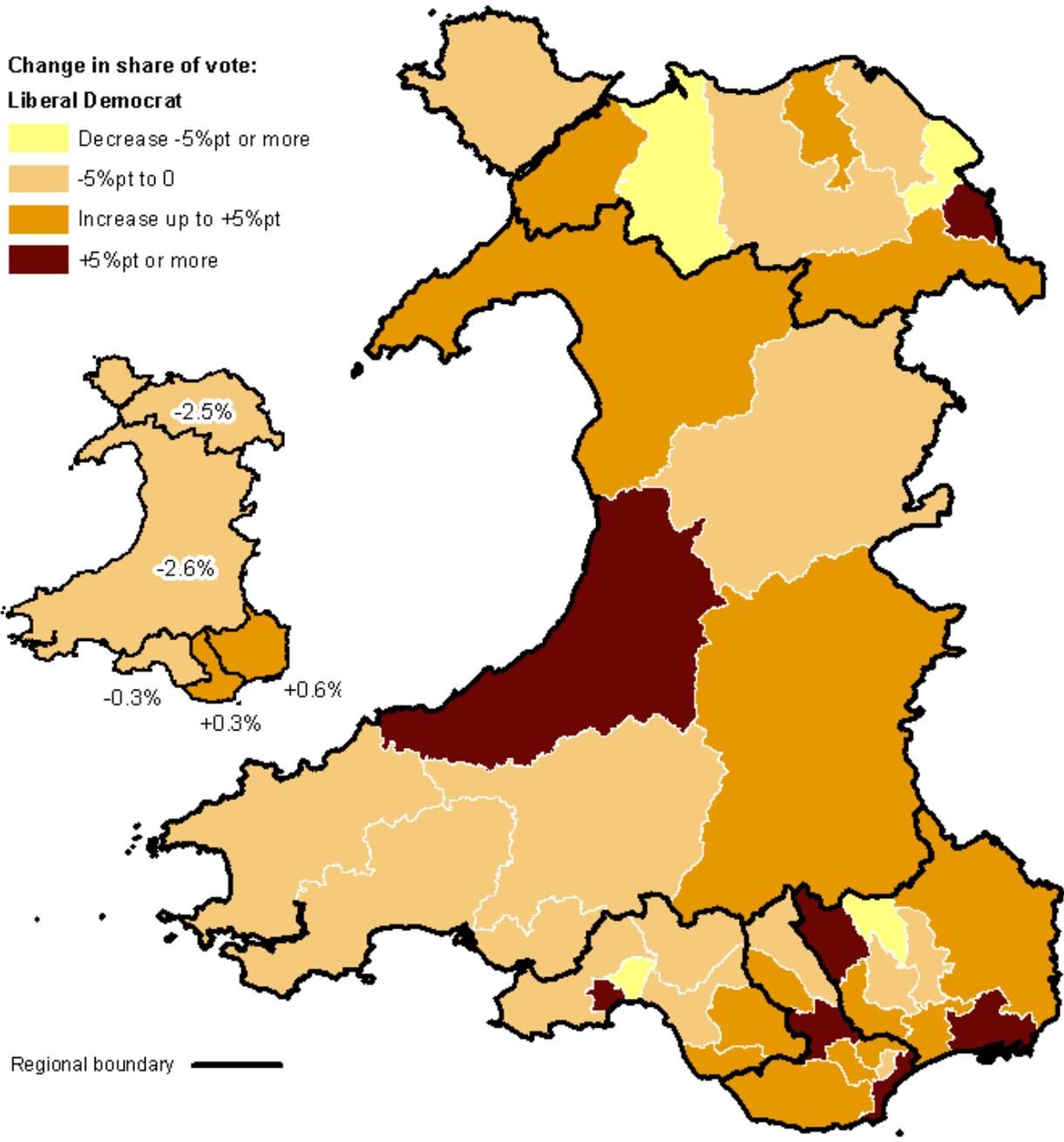
	Order of seat within region
■ North Wales	3rd
■ South Wales East	2nd
■ South Wales West	3rd

The maps on the next two pages show constituencies or regions shaded according to the share of the vote, or change in share of the vote won by the Liberal Democrats. Constituency level information relates to the constituency ballot, and regional level information to the regional ballot.

Map showing the share of the vote won by the Liberal Democrats, in the Constituency and Regional (inset) ballots



Map showing the percentage point change in the share of the vote won by the Liberal Democrats, in the Constituency and Regional (inset) ballots  
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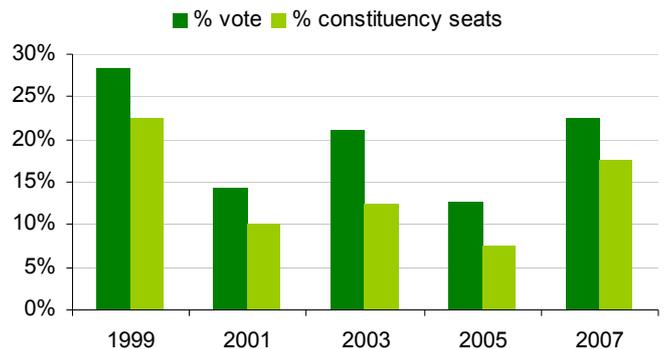
### 2.3.4. Plaid Cymru

- Plaid Cymru fielded a candidate in each constituency, and 20 candidates overall in the regional party lists. They lost one deposit, in Blaenau Gwent.
- Plaid Cymru won 15 seats in the 2007 election, 25 per cent of seats in the third Assembly. This is three more than in the 2003 election, but two fewer than the seventeen seats they won in the 1999 election.
- Their share of the constituency and ballot vote stands at 22.4 per cent and 21.0 per cent respectively. This is an increase of 1.2% points and 1.3% points on the 2003 elections. It is lower than the share of the vote they received in 1999.
- Plaid Cymru have seven female Assembly Members (AMs) representing their party; just under half of the Members elected to represent Plaid Cymru.

**Trends: 1999, 2003, 2007 Assembly elections**  
1999 and 2003 *actual* results are shown

<b>Plaid Cymru</b>	1999	2003	2007
<b>Seats</b>			
Constituency seats	9	5	7
Regional seats	8	7	8
Total seats won	17	12	15
Change	.	-5	+3
<b>Constituency ballot</b>			
Votes (thousands)	291	180	219
Percentage share of vote	28.4%	21.2%	22.4%
Percentage point change	.	-7.2%	+1.2%
<b>Regional ballot</b>			
Votes (thousands)	312	168	205
Percentage share of vote	30.5%	19.7%	21.0%
Percentage point change	.	-10.8%	+1.3%

**Trends: 1999 – 2007 Constituency Ballot**



- In the 2007 election, the first ethnic minority AM was elected to represent Plaid Cymru (Mohammad Asghar, South Wales East).
- Compared to the share of the vote in 2003, there was a swing of over 10% points from Plaid Cymru to the independent candidate Peter Rogers in Ynys Môn. There were swings of over 5% points from Labour to Plaid Cymru in Neath, Cynon Valley, and Llanelli (a Plaid Cymru gain).

**Plaid Cymru: highest and lowest for the constituency ballot 2007**

Comparisons are with 2003 *notional* results

Largest increases in % share of vote from 2003 (% pt)			Largest falls in % share of vote from 2003 (% pt)				
1		Aberconwy	+8.9%	1		Swansea West	-7.3%
2		Llanelli	+7.4%	2		Blaenau Gwent	-4.8%
3		Neath	+6.9%	3		Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	-4.2%
Highest % share of vote			Lowest % share of vote				
1		Dwyfor Meirionnydd	59.7%	1		Blaenau Gwent	4.8%
2		Carmarthen East and Dinefwr	53.5%	2		Brecon and Radnorshire	5.5%
3		Arfon	52.4%	3		Alyn and Deeside	6.6%

**Note:** Coloured blocks show the winning party

The first table below shows the seven constituency seats won by Plaid Cymru in 2007, ranked by percentage majority. Their safest constituency seat is Dwyfor Meirionnydd (Dafydd Elis-Thomas) where they gained a majority of 40.1 per cent, the largest constituency majority in Wales.

**Plaid Cymru constituency seats ranked by % majority**

	Majority	% majority	
1 	Dwyfor Meirionnydd	8,868	40.1%
2 	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr	8,469	28.9%
3 	Arfon	5,018	25.6%
4 	Ynys Môn	4,392	16.4%
5 	Llanelli	3,884	14.1%
6 	Ceredigion	3,955	13.1%
7 	Aberconwy	1,693	8.2%

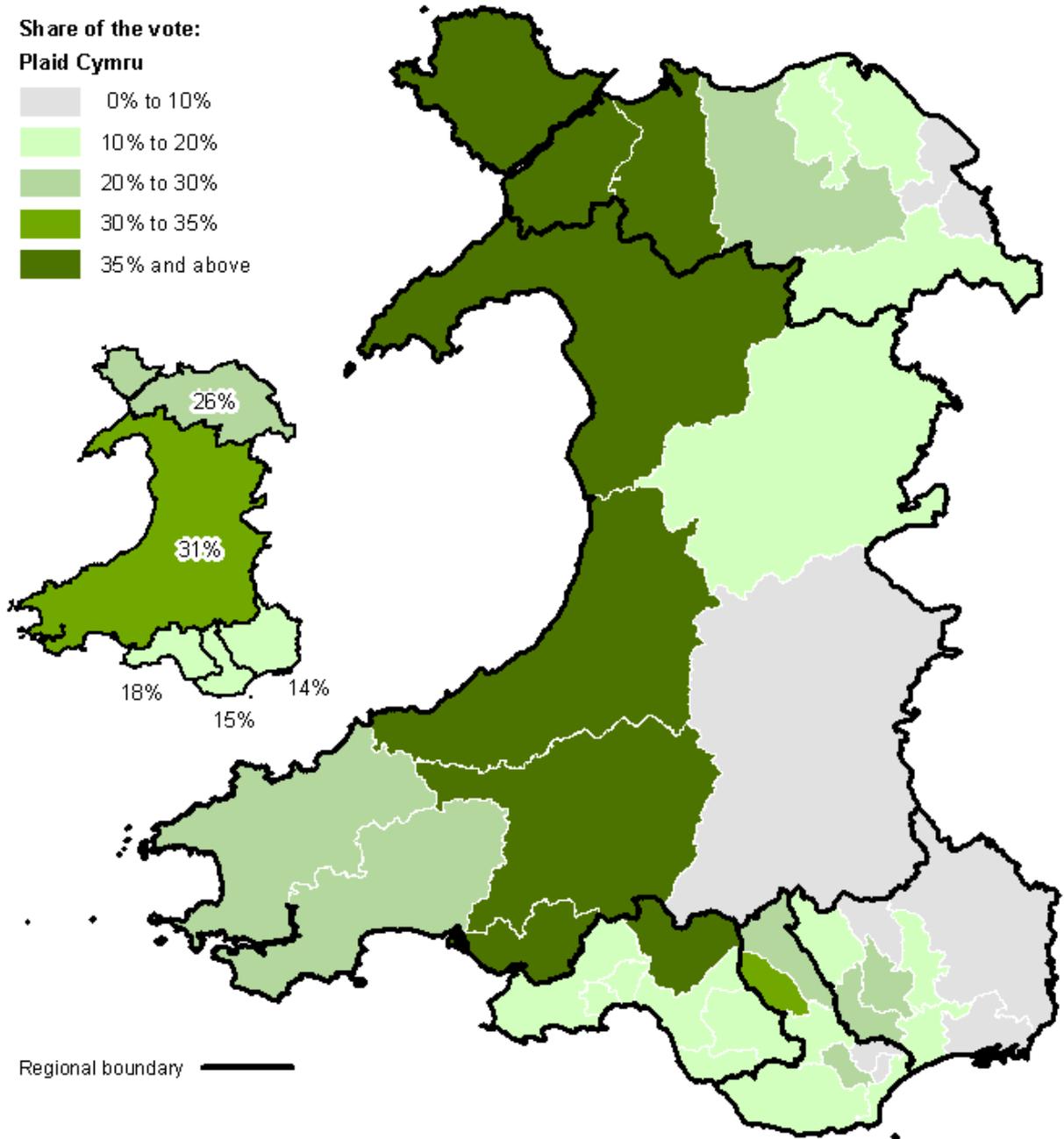
The second table shows each regional seat won by Plaid Cymru, along with its order in terms of the allocation of regional seats using the d'Hondt formula. For example in Mid and West Wales, the party was allocated a seat during the fourth round of calculations.

**Plaid Cymru regional seats by order allocated within the region**

	Order of seat within region	
	Mid and West Wales	4th
	North Wales	4th
	South Wales Central	1st
	South Wales Central	3rd
	South Wales East	1st
	South Wales East	4th
	South Wales West	1st
	South Wales West	4th

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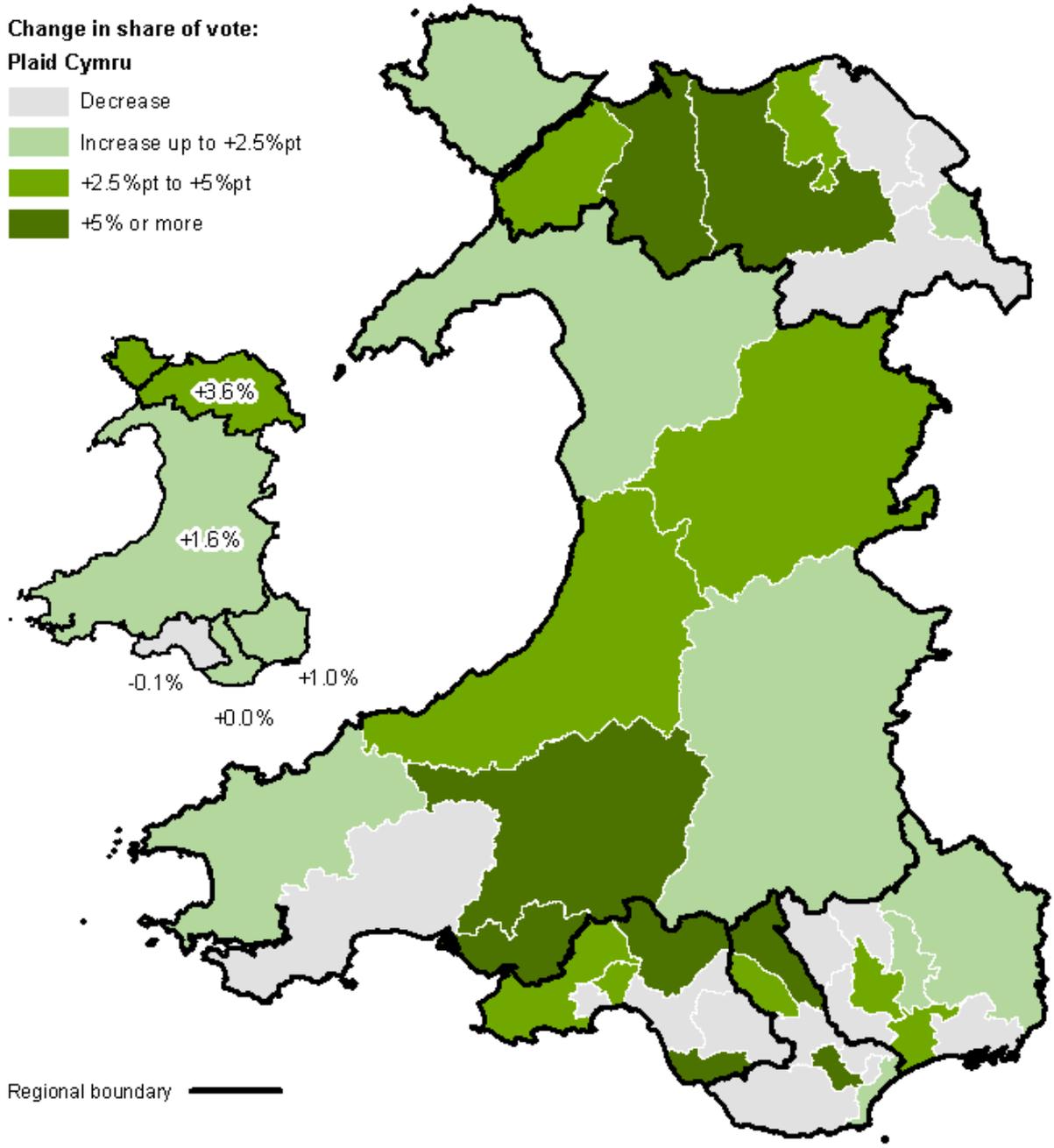
Map showing the share of the vote won by the Plaid Cymru, in the Constituency and Regional (inset) ballots



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Map showing the percentage point change in the share of the vote won by Plaid Cymru, in the Constituency and Regional (inset) ballots. Comparisons are with 2003 *notional* results



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## 2.4. Seats changing hands (notional results)

Seven constituency seats and four regional seats changed hands between the 2003 and 2007 Assembly elections (using notional results for 2003), as shown in the table below.

- The Conservatives gained four constituency seats and lost four regional seats.
- Labour lost six constituency seats and gained three seats (one constituency, two regional) to give a net change of three seats lost.
- There was no change in the seats held by the Liberal Democrats.
- Plaid Cymru gained three seats (one constituency, two regional).
- The independent candidate who previously held Wrexham, John Marek, lost his seat to the Labour candidate.
- People's Voice candidate Trish Law won the constituency seat of Blaenau Gwent, which was held by Labour following the 2003 election but was won by Trish Law at the 2006 by-election.

Comparisons are with 2003 *notional* results

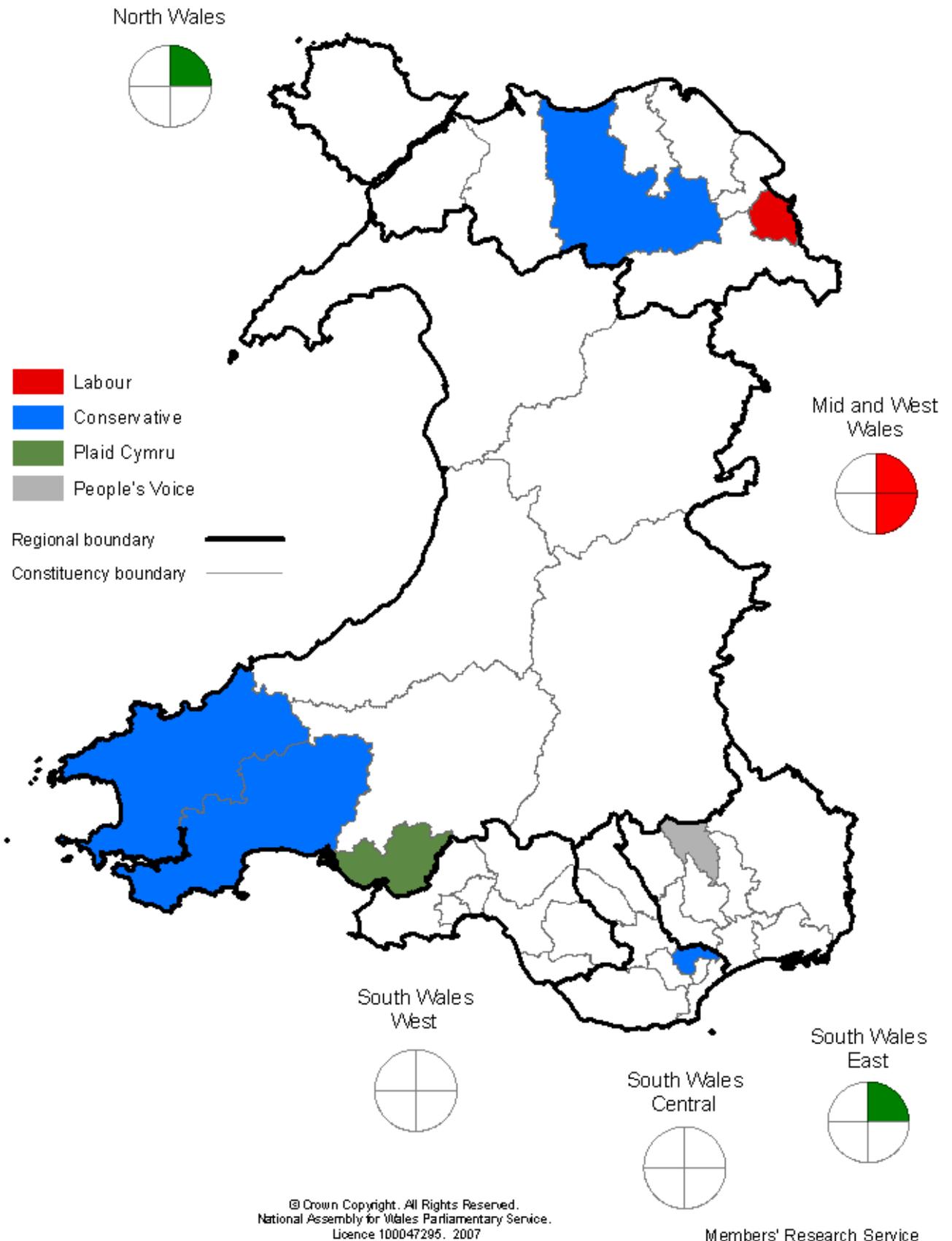
By party losing	By party gaining
<p>Conservative losses (4)</p> <p> Mid and West Wales</p> <p> Mid and West Wales</p> <p> North Wales</p> <p> South Wales East</p>	<p>Conservative gains (4)</p> <p> Cardiff North</p> <p> Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire</p> <p> Clwyd West</p> <p> Preseli Pembrokeshire</p>
<p>Labour losses (6)</p> <p> Cardiff North</p> <p> Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire</p> <p> Clwyd West</p> <p> Preseli Pembrokeshire</p> <p> Llanelli</p> <p> Blaenau Gwent</p>	<p>Labour gains (3)</p> <p> Mid and West Wales</p> <p> Mid and West Wales</p> <p> Wrexham</p>
<p>Independent losses (1)</p> <p> Wrexham</p>	<p>Plaid Cymru gains (3)</p> <p> North Wales</p> <p> South Wales East</p> <p> Llanelli</p>
	<p>People's Voice gains (1)</p> <p> Blaenau Gwent</p>

**Note:** Adjacent coloured blocks show the winning party in 2003 and 2007 respectively

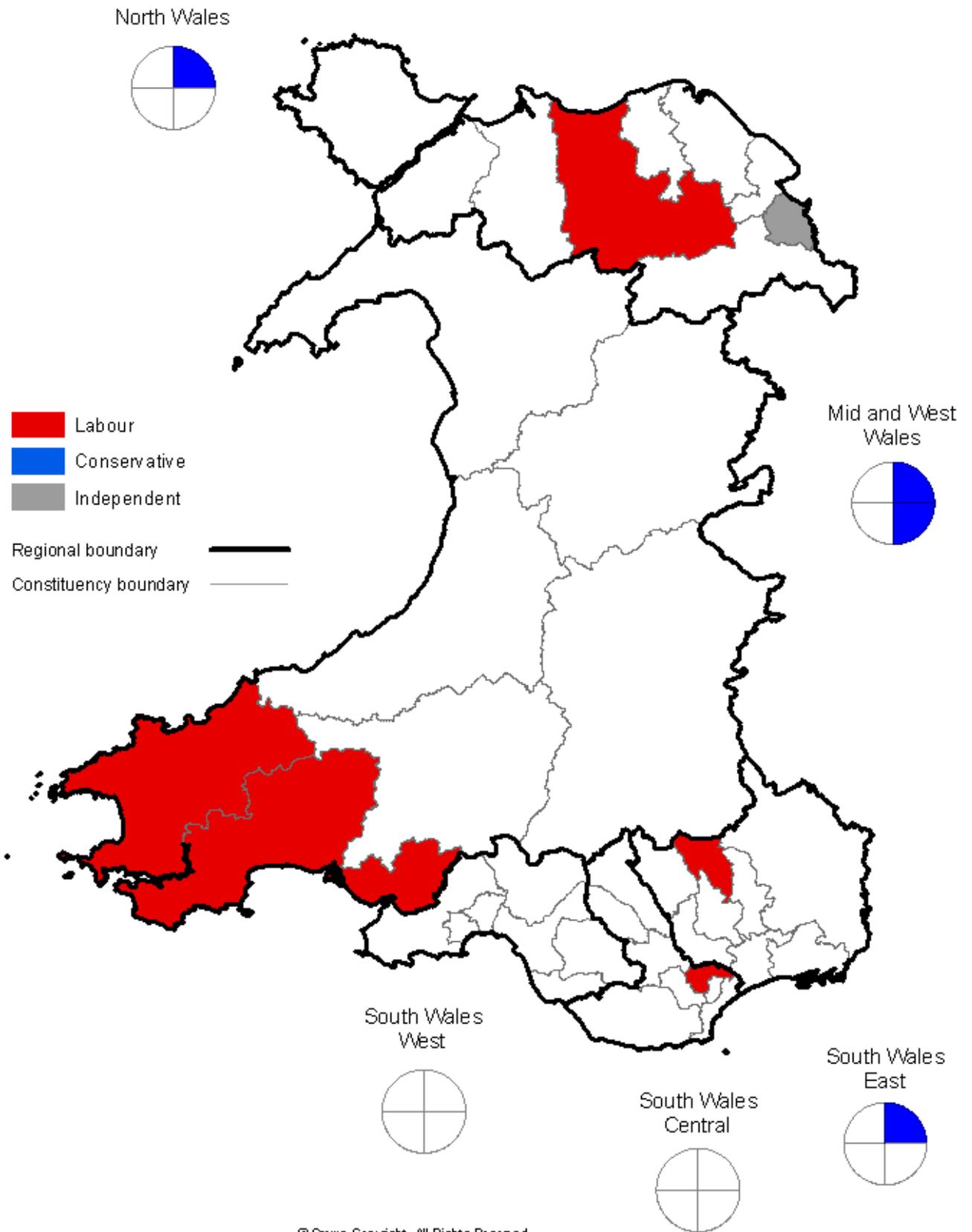
The following two maps show the seats changing hands by winning and losing party respectively.

The third map highlights constituencies where the Member of Parliament (using notional results for the 2005 General Election – see section four for more details) is from a different party than the Assembly Member elected in 2007.

# Map of Assembly election 2007 seats changing hands by winning party



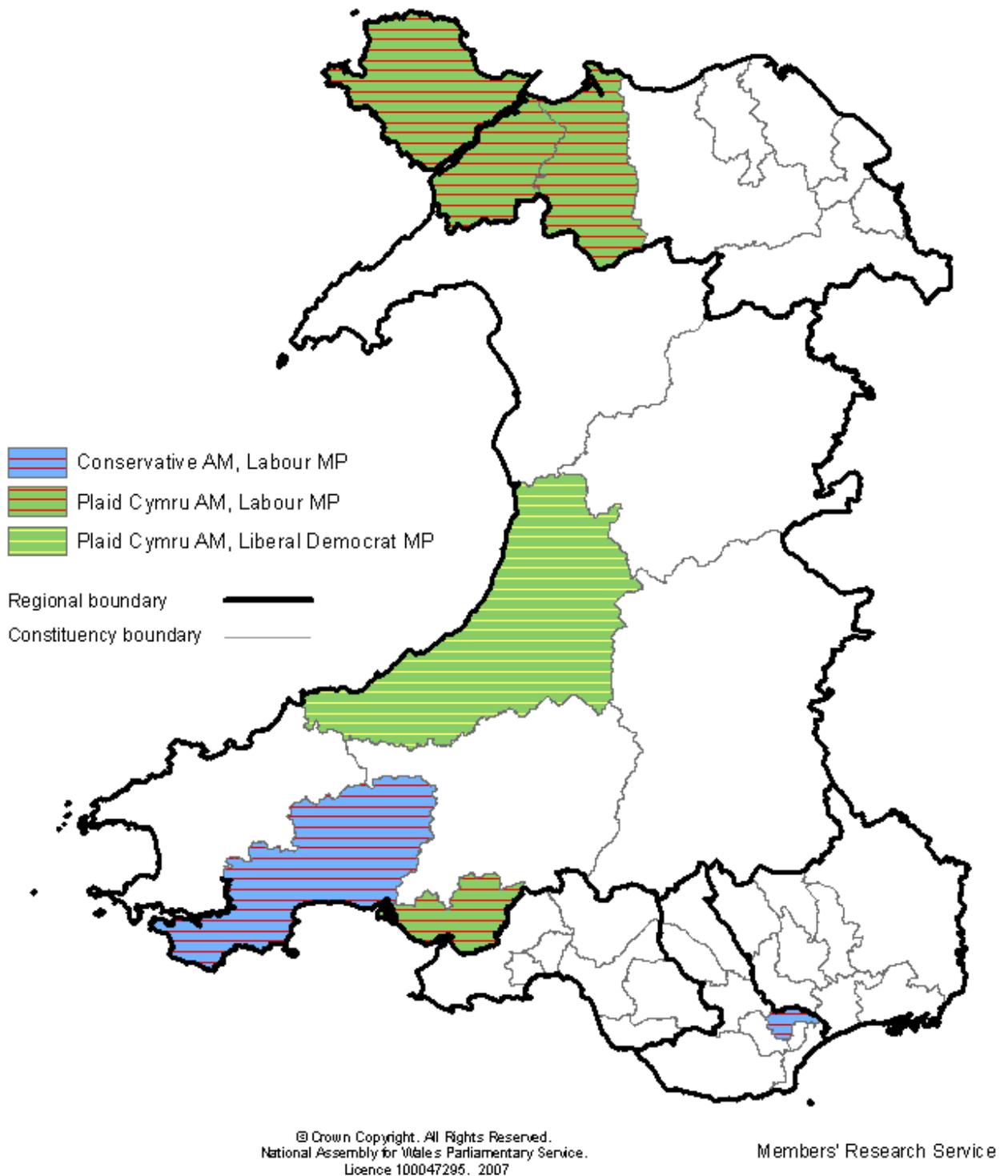
# Map of Assembly election 2007 seats changing hands by losing party



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Map showing constituencies where the winning party in the Assembly election 2007 differs from the (notional) winning party in the General election 2005



**Note:** This map shows notional election results for the 2005 General Election, based on the new constituency boundaries (see section four for more details). In these notional results, the two new constituencies in North Wales (Arfon and Aberconwy) are held by Labour. In the actual election, the equivalent 'old' constituencies - Caernarfon and Conwy - were won by Plaid Cymru and Labour respectively.

## 2.5. Safe and marginal seats

The two tables below show the four safest and most marginal seats at the 2007 Assembly election, in terms of percentage and absolute majority, respectively.

The safest seat was Dwyfor Meirionnydd, won by Dafydd Elis-Thomas of Plaid Cymru. The safest seat for the Conservatives was Monmouth, for Labour was Ogmore, and for the Liberal Democrats was Cardiff Central. The only seat not won by any of the four major parties, Blaenau Gwent, was won by Trish Law of People's Voice with a majority of 5,357, or 23 per cent of the total vote.

All of the safest seats shown in the tables below were won by the same party as in 2003 (using the notional result for the new constituency of Dwyfor Meirionnydd).

The most marginal seat was the Vale of Glamorgan, won by Jane Hutt of Labour with a majority of 83 votes, or 0.2 per cent of the total vote. Four constituency seats were won by a majority of less than 3 per cent, and the same four had the smallest absolute majorities. All four seats were held by Labour following the 2003 election, and all except Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire (now held by the Conservatives) remain as Labour seats. Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire is also the constituency with the smallest majority between the first and third placed parties (the Conservatives and Plaid Cymru, respectively, separated by 250 votes or 0.9 per cent).

### Safest and most marginal seats: by % majority

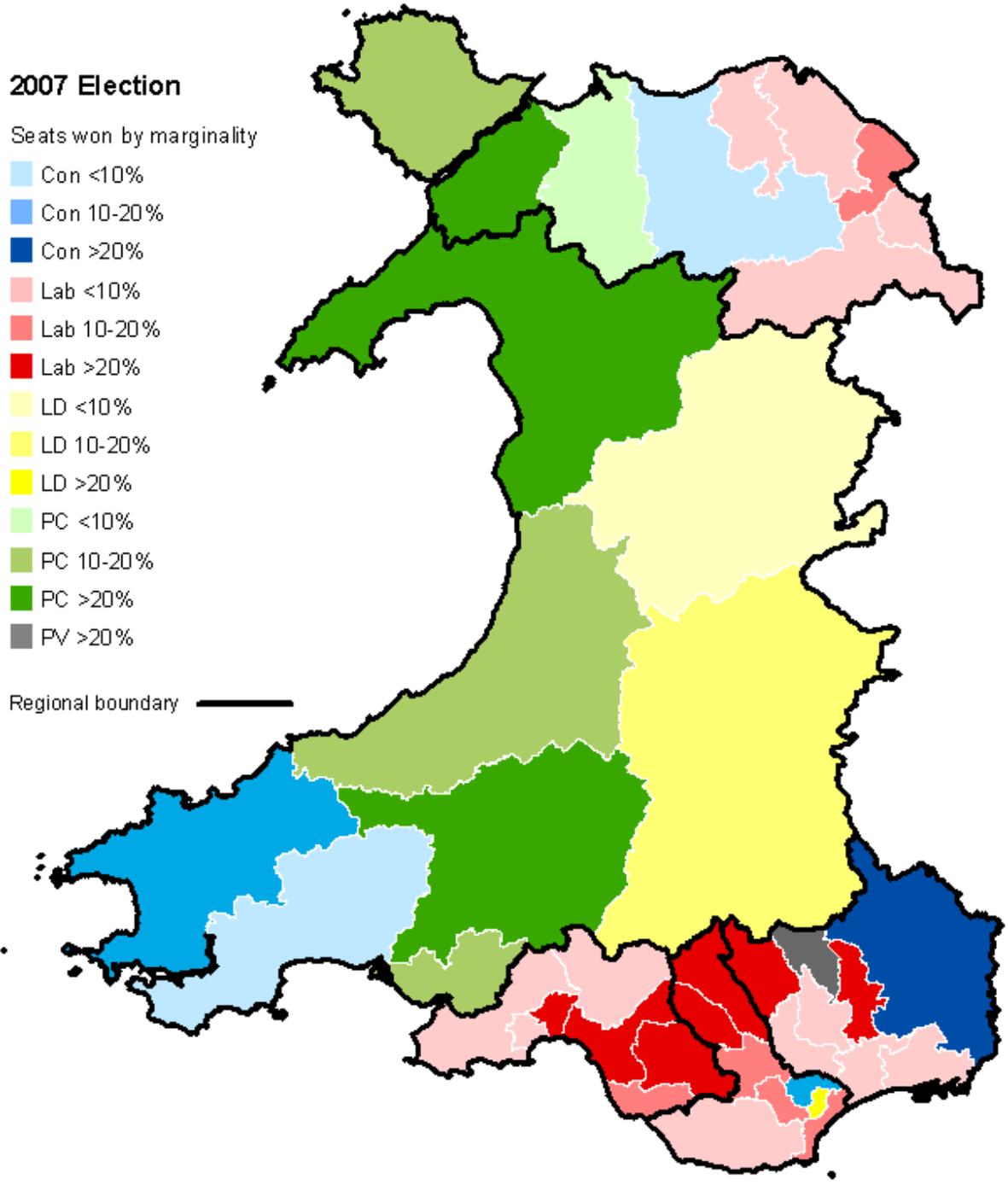
Constituency		1st		2nd		% Majority
<b>Safest</b>						
1	Dwyfor Meirionnydd	PC		Con		40.1%
2	Ogmore	LAB		PC		34.7%
3	Aberavon	LAB		PC		32.0%
4	Cardiff Central	LD		Lab		29.3%
<b>Most marginal</b>						
1	Vale of Glamorgan	Lab		Con		0.2%
2	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	Con		Lab		0.3%
3	Vale of Clwyd	Lab		Con		0.4%
4	Delyn	Lab		Con		2.4%

**Safest and most marginal seats: by absolute majority**

<b>Constituency</b>		<b>1st</b>		<b>2nd</b>		<b>Majority</b>
<b>Safest</b>						
1	Dwyfor Meirionnydd	PC		Con		8,868
2	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr	PC		LAB		8,469
2	Monmouth	Con		LAB		8,469
4	Ogmore	LAB		PC		7,900
<b>Most marginal</b>						
1	Vale of Glamorgan	Lab		Con		83
2	Vale of Clwyd	Lab		Con		92
3	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	Con		Lab		98
4	Delyn	Lab		Con		511

The map on the next page shows the distribution of the safe and marginal seats won by each party.

# Map of Assembly election 2007 seats won by marginality



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## 2.6. Electorate and turnout

### 2.6.1. Electorate

The National Assembly for Wales electorate on election day was 2,249,604. The table below shows its distribution by electoral region.

#### Electorate Summary

	Electorate 2007	Average constituency electorate 2007	% change in electorate 2003-2007
Mid and West Wales	427,297	53,412	+0.5%
North Wales	462,852	51,428	+0.9%
South Wales Central	493,185	61,648	+2.6%
South Wales East	459,367	57,421	-2.4%
South Wales West	406,903	58,129	+3.2%
<b>Wales Total</b>	<b>2,249,604</b>	<b>56,240</b>	<b>+0.9%</b>

The average constituency in Wales has around 56,000 electors.

- On average, electorates in South Wales Central constituencies are almost 10 per cent larger than the Welsh average.
- Electorates in North Wales are, on average, more than 8.5% smaller than the Welsh average.

The National Assembly for Wales electorate was nearly 1 per cent higher than at the 2003 Assembly Election.

#### Highest and lowest constituency electorates

	Constituency	Electorate	Difference from Wales average	
			Electors	%
<b>Highest</b>				
1	 Cardiff South and Penarth	70,874	+14,634	+26.0%
2	 Vale of Glamorgan	68,856	+12,616	+22.4%
3	 Cardiff North	65,554	+9,314	+16.6%
4	 Cardiff West	64,461	+8,221	+14.6%
<b>Wales Average</b>		<b>56,240</b>		
<b>Lowest</b>				
1	 Arfon	39,891	-16,349	-29.1%
2	 Aberconwy	44,143	-12,097	-21.5%
3	 Dwyfor Meirionnydd	46,718	-9,522	-16.9%
4	 Montgomeryshire	48,337	-7,903	-14.1%

Note: Coloured blocks show the winning party

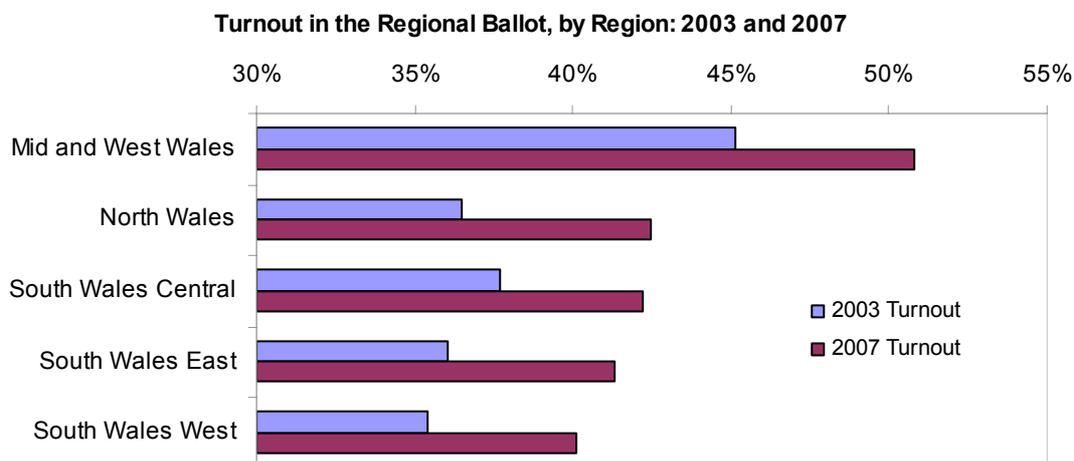
- Cardiff South and Penarth has the largest electorate in Wales with over 70,000 electors. This is almost 15,000 (over 25 per cent) more than the national average.
- All four constituencies with the largest electorates in Wales are located in the South Wales Central region.
- Arfon has the smallest electorate in Wales with less than 40,000 electors, over 4,000 fewer than Aberconwy which has the second smallest electorate.
- The constituencies with the smallest and second smallest electorates are located in North Wales while the constituencies with the third and fourth smallest electorates can be found in Mid and West Wales.

### 2.6.2. Turnout

The definition of turnout used in this paper is the valid votes cast as a percentage of the electorate. Please see section four for further notes on turnout and electorate data.

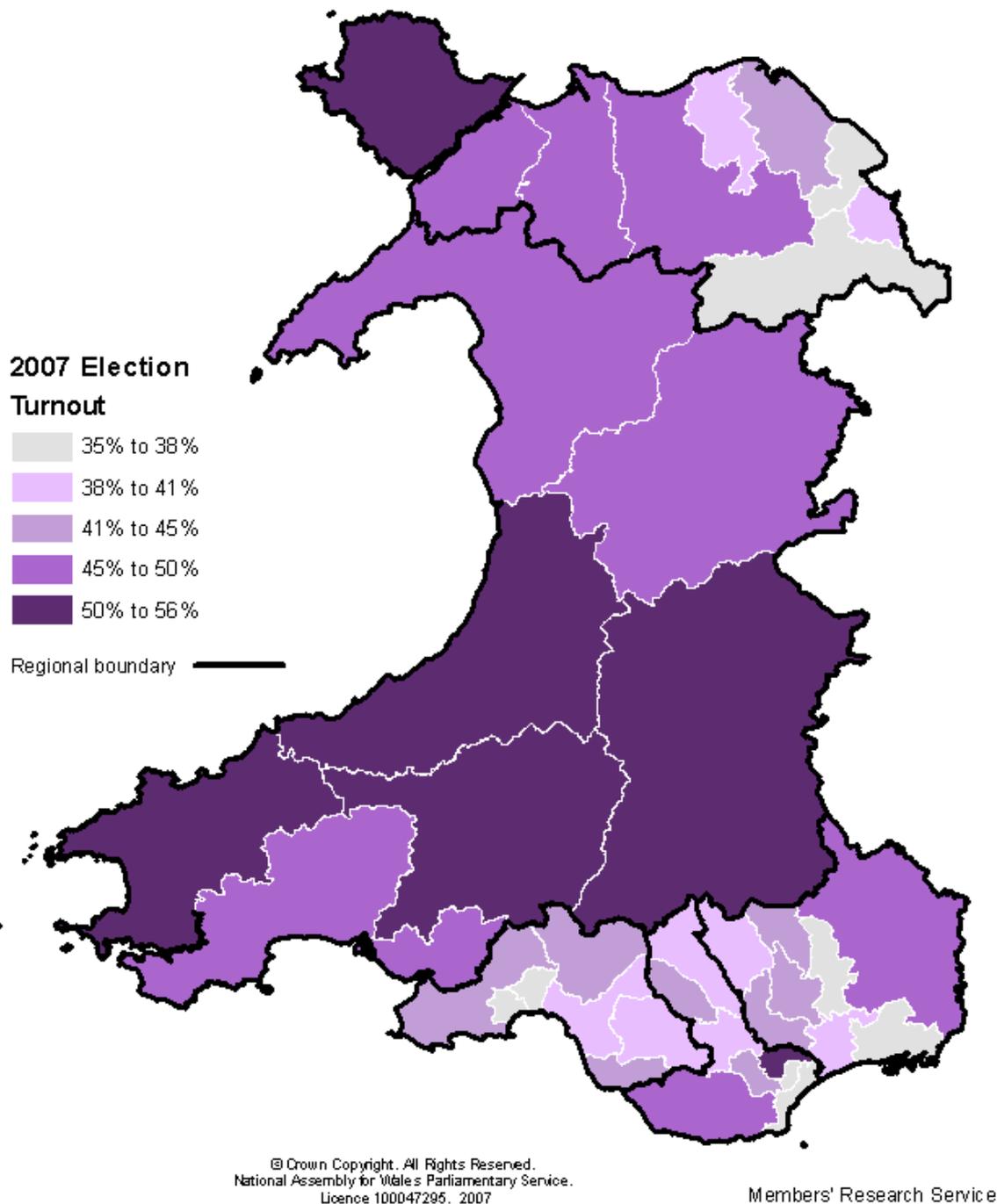
Election	Year	% Turnout
National Assembly for Wales	1999	46
Welsh Local Government	1999	49
European Elections (Wales)	1999	28
UK General Election (Wales)	2001	62
National Assembly for Wales	2003	38
Welsh Local Government	2004	42
European Elections (Wales)	2004	42
UK General Election (Wales)	2005	62
<b>National Assembly for Wales</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>43</b>

At the 2007 election, turnout for the constituency ballot was 43.5%, over 5% points higher than that in 2003 (38.2 per cent), and less than 3% points lower than that in 1999 (46.3%). Turnout for the regional ballot was similar at 43.3%. The chart below shows turnout in the regional ballot broken down by region.



- Turnout in the regional ballot exceeded 40 per cent in all electoral regions of Wales.
- As in 2003, the highest regional turnout in 2007 (50.8%) was seen in Mid and West Wales.
- Turnout in 2007 was higher than in 2003 in all the electoral regions. The largest increase in turnout (6% points) was in North Wales. The smallest increase (4.6% points) was in South Wales Central.
- South Wales West recorded the lowest regional turnout in 2007 (40.1%) although this was an increase of 4.7% points on 2003.
- Turnout in South Wales East increased by over 5% points; from 36.1% in 2003 to 41.4% in 2007.

## Map of percentage turnout by constituency in the constituency ballot



- In the constituency ballot, six of the forty constituencies saw a turnout of over 50 per cent.
- Turnout was generally highest in Mid and West Wales (over 45 per cent in all constituencies) and lowest in South Wales West (less than 45 per cent in all constituencies).
- The largest range within a region occurred in North Wales where turnout was 52.1% in Ynys Mon and 35.5% in Alyn and Deeside.

## Highest and lowest percentage turnout

	Constituency	2007 Turnout	Change in turnout 2003-2007 (%pt)
<b>Highest</b>			
1	 Carmarthen East and Dinefwr	55.7%	+6.2%pt
2	 Ceredigion	55.6%	+5.8%pt
3	 Ynys Môn	52.1%	+1.6%pt
4	 Brecon and Radnorshire	51.8%	+1.9%pt
<b>Lowest</b>			
1	 Swansea East	35.0%	+4.6%pt
2	 Alyn and Deeside	35.5%	+10.6%pt
3	 Cardiff Central	36.1%	+3.1%pt
4	 Swansea West	37.2%	+4.2%pt

**Note:** Coloured blocks show the winning party

- Turnout ranged from 35 per cent in Swansea East to 56 per cent in Carmarthen East and Dinefwr.
- Three of the four constituencies with the highest turnouts were found in Mid and West Wales. Both Swansea constituencies were among the four lowest turnouts in Wales.
- Alyn & Deeside and Delyn constituencies both saw increases in turnout of over 10% points.
- Only one constituency (Rhondda; -3.5% points) experienced a decrease in turnout since 2003.

### 2.6.3. Turnout by social characteristics

Turnout is presented below based on the demographic composition of the constituencies as identified in the 2001 Census of population<sup>2</sup>. For each of five different demographic groups (eg students), the four constituencies with the largest proportions of their population in this demographic group have been identified, and their turnout shown below. Any correlation between the characteristics of constituencies and turnout does not necessarily imply a causative effect. In each table, the coloured blocks show the winning party.

Constituencies with large elderly populations and with a large proportion of people possessing Welsh language skills had a higher than average turnout in the 2007 Assembly election. The % point increase in turnout since 2003 in constituencies with large managerial and professional populations was typically above the national increase in turnout. The other social characteristics shown below do not exhibit a clear pattern in terms of turnout.

<sup>2</sup> A review by the Boundary Commission for Wales introduced changes to the boundaries of Assembly constituencies for use in the 2007 Assembly election. This analysis is based on these new constituencies. See Section 4 for further details.

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**Large elderly populations**

	% aged 65 years+	Turnout 2007	Turnout rank	Change in turnout 2003-2007
 Aberconwy	23.0%	46.9%	13	+1.9%pt
 Clwyd West	22.5%	45.7%	15	+5.4%pt
 Dwyfor Meirionnydd	22.5%	47.4%	11	+3.3%pt
 Brecon and Radnorshire	20.9%	51.8%	4	+1.9%pt
<b>Wales</b>	<b>17.4%</b>	<b>43.5%</b>		<b>+5.3%pt</b>

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**Large student populations**

	% of those aged 16+ who are students	Turnout 2007	Turnout rank	Change in turnout 2003-2007
 Cardiff Central	25.1%	36.1%	38	+3.1%pt
 Ceredigion	14.6%	55.6%	2	+5.8%pt
 Swansea West	14.4%	37.2%	37	+4.2%pt
 Arfon	12.0%	49.1%	9	+4.0%pt
<b>Wales</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>43.5%</b>		<b>+5.3%pt</b>

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**Large managerial and professional populations**

	% of those aged 16-74 in managerial / professional socio economic group	Turnout 2007	Turnout rank	Change in turnout 2003-2007
 Cardiff North	34.7%	51.4%	5	+8.4%pt
 Cardiff West	29.8%	41.7%	22	+6.7%pt
 Monmouth	29.3%	47.1%	12	+2.6%pt
 Vale of Glamorgan	27.8%	48.9%	10	+8.4%pt
<b>Wales</b>	<b>22.0%</b>	<b>43.5%</b>		<b>+5.3%pt</b>

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**Welsh language skills**

	% with one or more skills in Welsh	Turnout 2007	Turnout rank	Change in turnout 2003-2007
 Arfon	78.4%	49.1%	9	+4.0%pt
 Dwyfor Meirionnydd	74.0%	47.4%	11	+3.3%pt
 Carmarthen East and Dinefwr	72.2%	55.7%	1	+6.2%pt
 Ynys Môn	70.4%	52.1%	3	+1.6%pt
<b>Wales</b>	<b>28.4%</b>	<b>43.5%</b>		<b>+5.3%pt</b>

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**Born outside Wales**

	% not born in Wales	Turnout 2007	Turnout rank	Change in turnout 2003-2007
 Alyn and Deeside	56.5%	35.5%	39	+10.6%pt
 Montgomeryshire	49.6%	46.1%	14	+3.5%pt
 Clwyd West	47.2%	45.7%	15	+5.4%pt
 Vale of Clwyd	43.4%	40.3%	27	+3.9%pt
<b>Wales</b>	<b>24.6%</b>	<b>43.5%</b>		<b>+5.3%pt</b>

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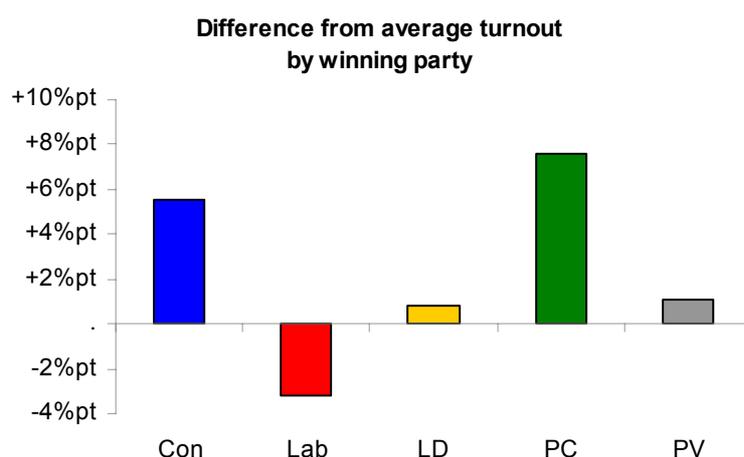
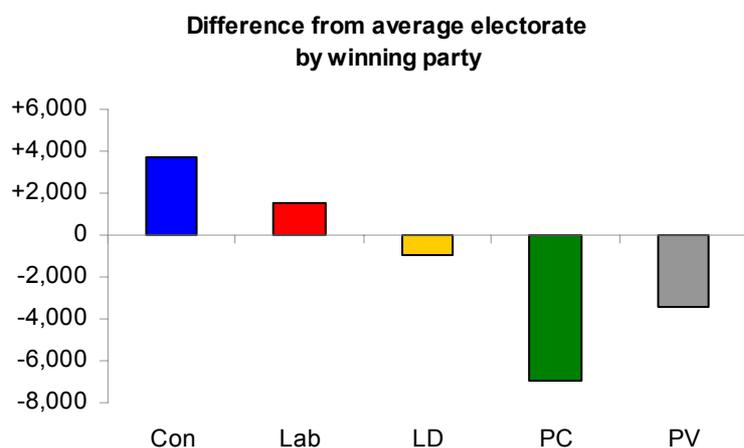
## 2.6.4. Electorate and turnout by winning party (constituency ballot)

The table below shows electorates and turnout (in the constituency ballot) by winning party in 2007.

**Electorates, votes and turnout by winning party (constituency ballot)**

By winning party:	Number of constituencies	Total electorate	Average electorate	Average Turnout
Con	5	299,570	59,914	49.0%
Lab	24	1,386,210	57,759	40.3%
LD	3	165,933	55,311	44.3%
PC	7	345,073	49,296	51.1%
PV	1	52,818	52,818	44.5%
<b>Wales total</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2,249,604</b>	<b>56,240</b>	<b>43.5%</b>

**Note:** The average turnout is calculated as the total valid votes (for any party or candidate) in all constituencies won by the party, divided by the total electorate in those constituencies.



- Electorates were higher on average in seats won by Conservatives and Labour than seats won by other parties.
- The average electorate in seats won by Plaid Cymru was 7,000 less than the national average.
- Turnouts were highest on average in constituencies won by Plaid Cymru.
- Average turnouts in seats won by the conservatives were more than 5% points above the national average.
- In constituencies won by Labour, average turnout was around 3% points lower than the national average.

## 2.7. Candidates

At the close of nominations on 4 April<sup>3</sup>, there were 484 candidates standing for election to the 60 seats of the third National Assembly for Wales. Twenty two of these candidates were independent and the remainder represented 19 different parties as shown in the table below.

In the constituency ballot, 197 candidates stood for election. This is equivalent to nearly five candidates for each of the Assembly's 40 constituency seats. There were 287 candidates standing for election in the regional ballot. This equates to just over 57 candidates for each of the Assembly's five regions, or around 14 candidates per available regional seat (four seats per region).

The total number of candidates standing for election in 2007 was slightly higher than the number of candidates (470) that stood in the 2003 election.<sup>4</sup>

**Candidates by party, ballot type and sex (ranked by total candidates)**

	Constituency ballot			Regional ballot			Overall		
	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
Conservative	10	30	40	8	30	38	18	60	78
Liberal Democrat	11	29	40	13	20	33	24	49	73
Labour	24	16	40	10	15	25	34	31	65
Plaid Cymru	9	31	40	10	10	20	19	41	60
UK Independence Party	0	13	13	4	16	20	4	29	33
Independent	1	16	17	1	4	5	2	20	22
Green Party	-	-	-	5	17	22	5	17	22
Welsh Christian Party	-	-	-	4	18	22	4	18	22
Socialist Labour Party	-	-	-	10	11	21	10	11	21
British National Party	-	-	-	4	16	20	4	16	20
Communist Party of Britain	-	-	-	6	14	20	6	14	20
Socialist Alternative	-	-	-	5	12	17	5	12	17
The English Democrats	0	3	3	1	9	10	1	12	13
Christian People's Alliance	-	-	-	3	3	6	3	3	6
Socialist Equality Party	-	-	-	0	4	4	0	4	4
Respect	-	-	-	1	2	3	1	2	3
People's Voice	1	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	2
Neath Port Talbot Rate Payers Association	0	1	1	-	-	-	0	1	1
New Millenium Bean Party	0	1	1	-	-	-	0	1	1
Veritas	-	-	-	0	1	1	0	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>484</b>

Nearly 30 per cent of candidates at the 2007 Election were female, 141 women in total. There was little difference in gender balance of candidates between ballots - in the constituency ballot, 28.4 per cent were female, compared with 29.6 per cent in the regional ballot.

The Labour Party fielded 34 female candidates, the largest number and proportion (more than half) of any party. Just under a third of both Plaid Cymru and Liberal Democrat candidates, and under a quarter of Conservative candidates were female.

<sup>3</sup> Electoral Commission 2007 <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/templates/search/document.cfm/17856>

<sup>4</sup> Electoral Commission 2003 <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/election-data/index.cfm?epage=b&frmElectionID=3>

## 2.7.1. Candidates by party and placing

### Constituency ballot candidates by party and finishing position

		First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth/lower	Total
Conservative		5	15	11	7	2	40
Labour		24	10	4	1	1	40
Liberal Democrat		3	6	7	18	6	40
Plaid Cymru		7	6	13	12	2	40
Other		1	3	5	2	26	37

- Labour came first or second in 34 of the 40 constituency seats.
- The Conservatives came first or second in half the constituency seats.
- In 11 (just over a quarter) of the 40 constituency seats, independent candidates, or candidates from minor parties came in the top four.

### Party of constituency ballot winner by party of second placed candidate

Second	Winner					Total
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth	
Con	.	11	2	2	.	15
Lab	5	.	1	3	1	10
LD	.	5	.	1	.	6
PC	.	6	.	.	.	6
Oth	.	2	.	1	.	3
Total	5	24	3	7	1	40

- In half of the seats where they came second, Labour trailed the Conservatives.
- Plaid Cymru trailed Labour in all of the seats in which they were runners up.
- The Liberal Democrats trailed Labour in five of the six seats in which they came second; in the other they were second to Plaid Cymru.
- The Conservatives came second in 15 seats: they trailed Labour in 11 of these, and the Liberal Democrats and Plaid Cymru in two seats each.

## 2.8. Analysis by constituency characteristics

The tables in this section report the 2007 Assembly Election results in selected constituencies, based on the demographic composition of the constituencies as identified in the 2001 Census of population<sup>5</sup>. For each of five different demographic groups (eg students), the four constituencies with the largest proportions of their population in this demographic group have been identified, and their election results shown below. Any correlation between the characteristics of constituencies and changes in the shares of the vote does not necessarily imply a causative effect.<sup>6</sup> In each table, the coloured blocks show the winning party.

### Large Elderly Populations

Based on % of population aged 65+ from 2001 Census

		% aged 65 years+	Rank	Change in share 2003-2007 (%pt)			
				CON	LAB	LD	PC
	Aberconwy	23.0%	1	+3.2%	-6.0%	-6.1%	+8.9%
	Clwyd West	22.5%	2	+1.3%	-6.9%	-1.4%	+5.9%
	Dwyfor Meirionnydd	22.5%	3	+5.4%	-9.1%	+1.3%	+2.3%
	Brecon and Radnorshire	20.9%	4	+3.7%	-2.9%	+2.6%	+0.5%
<b>Wales</b>		<b>17.4%</b>		<b>+2.4%</b>	<b>-7.8%</b>	<b>+0.6%</b>	<b>+1.2%</b>

- The Conservatives' and Plaid Cymru's share of the vote increased by more than the parties' national average in three of the four constituencies with the highest elderly populations.
- Clwyd West was a Conservative gain from Labour.

### Large Student Populations

Based on % of population aged 16-74 who are students from 2001 Census

		% students	Rank	Change in share 2003-2007 (%pt)			
				CON	LAB	LD	PC
	Cardiff Central	25.1%	1	+2.5%	+2.0%	-3.5%	-0.4%
	Ceredigion	14.6%	2	-3.2%	-7.5%	+8.5%	+4.1%
	Swansea West	14.4%	3	+3.1%	-3.9%	+7.6%	-7.3%
	Arfon	12.0%	4	-3.5%	-3.8%	+0.2%	+3.1%
<b>Wales</b>		<b>6.5%</b>		<b>+2.4%</b>	<b>-7.8%</b>	<b>+0.6%</b>	<b>+1.2%</b>

- The decreases in the Conservatives' share of the vote in Arfon and Ceredigion were their third and fourth largest falls respectively throughout Wales.

<sup>5</sup> A review by the Boundary Commission for Wales introduced changes to the boundaries of Assembly constituencies for use in the 2007 Assembly election. This analysis is based on these new constituencies. See Section 4 for further details.

<sup>6</sup> For further 2001 Census data and other data at constituency level, see the series of constituency profiles produced by MRS

- Labour experienced a gain in their share of the vote in Cardiff Central, and below average falls in their share of the vote in other constituencies with large student populations.

### *Large managerial and professional populations*

Based on % of population aged 16-74 of managerial and professional socio-economic classification from 2001 Census

		% managerial/professional	Rank	Change in share 2003-2007 (%pt)			
				CON	LAB	LD	PC
	Cardiff North	34.7%	1	+9.7%	-6.7%	+0.2%	-2.3%
	Cardiff West	29.8%	2	+7.1%	-10.4%	+1.6%	+5.8%
	Monmouth	29.3%	3	-5.5%	-3.5%	+4.0%	+2.2%
	Vale of Glamorgan	27.8%	4	-1.1%	-9.2%	+3.7%	-0.2%
<b>Wales</b>		<b>22.0%</b>		<b>+2.4%</b>	<b>-7.8%</b>	<b>+0.6%</b>	<b>+1.2%</b>

- The Conservatives increased their share of the vote in two of the constituencies listed, winning a seat from Labour in Cardiff North.
- The Liberal Democrats increased their share of the vote by more than the party's national increase in three of the four constituencies listed.

### *Welsh Language Skills*

Based on % of population with one or more skills in Welsh from 2001 Census

		% one or more skills in Welsh	Rank	Change in share 2003-2007 (%pt)			
				CON	LAB	LD	PC
	Arfon	78.4%	1	-3.5%	-3.8%	+0.2%	+3.1%
	Dwyfor Meirionnydd	74.0%	2	+5.4%	-9.1%	+1.3%	+2.3%
	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr	72.2%	3	+2.6%	-6.7%	-1.0%	+5.0%
	Ynys Mon	70.4%	4	-15.5%	-6.4%	-4.9%	+2.3%
<b>Wales</b>		<b>28.4%</b>		<b>+2.4%</b>	<b>-7.8%</b>	<b>+0.6%</b>	<b>+1.2%</b>

- All four constituencies were held by Plaid Cymru, and the party increased its share of the vote by more than the party's national average in all cases.
- Labour's decrease in share of the vote was less than the party's national decrease in three of the four constituencies.

### *Born outside Wales*

Based on % of population not born in Wales from 2001 Census

		% not born in Wales	Rank	Change in share 2003-2007 (%pt)			
				CON	LAB	LD	PC
	Alyn and Deeside	56.5%	1	-0.5%	-7.9%	-6.7%	-1.1%
	Montgomeryshire	49.6%	2	+1.6%	-4.1%	-0.7%	+3.7%
	Clwyd West	47.2%	3	+1.3%	-6.9%	-1.4%	+5.9%
	Vale of Clwyd	43.4%	4	+5.2%	-9.6%	+1.1%	+3.3%
<b>Wales</b>		<b>24.6%</b>		<b>+2.4%</b>	<b>-7.8%</b>	<b>+0.6%</b>	<b>+1.2%</b>

- Plaid Cymru increased their share of the vote by more than the party's national increase in three of the four constituencies listed.

## 2.9. Assembly Members

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

Of the sixty elected AMs, twenty-eight are women and thirty-two men, compared to thirty of each after the 2003 election. The table opposite shows the number of male and female AMs for each party after each Assembly election.

The first AM from a minority ethnic group, Mohammad Asghar, was elected on the regional list for South Wales East.

Fifty-six of the second Assembly's AMs stood as candidates at the third Assembly election: forty-seven were re-elected and nine were defeated. The newly elected AM for Aberconwy - Gareth Jones - was an AM in the first Assembly; the remaining twelve newly elected AMs have no previous Assembly experience.

The table below shows a breakdown of AMs by party and previous Assembly experience.

**Assembly Members by previous Assembly experience and party**

						<i>Number</i>
Party	First and Second Assembly	Second Assembly only	First Assembly only	None	Total	
 Conservative	5	2	0	5	<b>12</b>	
 Labour	18	5	0	3	<b>26</b>	
 Liberal Democrat	6	0	0	0	<b>6</b>	
 Plaid Cymru	8	2	1	4	<b>15</b>	
 Independent / Other	0	1	0	0	<b>1</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>60</b>	

**Assembly Members by gender and party, 1999 - 2007**  
*Number*

Party	1999	2003	2007
 Conservative	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<i>Male</i>	9	9	11
<i>Female</i>	0	2	1
 Labour	<b>28</b>	<b>30<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>26</b>
<i>Male</i>	13 <sup>a</sup>	11 <sup>b</sup>	10
<i>Female</i>	15 <sup>a</sup>	19	16
 Liberal Democrat	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
<i>Male</i>	3	3	3
<i>Female</i>	3	3	3
 Plaid Cymru	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>
<i>Male</i>	11	6	8
<i>Female</i>	6	6	7
 Independent / Other	<b>0</b>	<b>1<sup>b</sup></b>	<b>1</b>
<i>Male</i>	0	1 <sup>b</sup>	0
<i>Female</i>	0	0 <sup>b</sup>	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>
<i>Male</i>	36 <sup>a</sup>	30 <sup>b</sup>	32
<i>Female</i>	24 <sup>a</sup>	30 <sup>b</sup>	28

(a) Following Labour AM Alun Michael's resignation in 2000, Delyth Evans took over his Mid and West Wales seat for Labour. The Assembly's gender composition changed to 35 men and 25 women.

(b) From May 2005 Labour AM Peter Law sat as an Independent. Following Peter Law AM's death and the subsequent by-election, from July 2006 Trish Law sat as an Independent. The Assembly's gender composition changed to 29 men and 31 women.

### 3. Reference Tables

#### 3.1. Summary of voting in Wales

Changes in seats are shown against both *actual* and *notional* 2003 results.

Constituency ballot (ranked by votes)	Votes	% Share	% pt change in share	Average % share (a)	Candidates	AMs elected	Actual change	Notional change	Lost deposits
Labour	314,925	32.2%	-7.8%	32.8%	40	24	-6	-5	0
Plaid Cymru	219,121	22.4%	+1.2%	22.2%	40	7	+2	+1	1
Conservative	218,730	22.4%	+2.4%	21.6%	40	5	+4	+4	1
Liberal Democrat	144,410	14.8%	+0.6%	14.7%	40	3	0	0	3
Independent	41,521	4.2%	+3.6%	10.7%	17	0	-1	-1	6
UK Independence Party	18,047	1.8%	-0.5%	5.7%	13	0	0	0	5
People's Voice	16,070	1.6%	.	34.3%	2	1	+1	+1	0
Neath Port Talbot Rate Payers Association	2,561	0.3%	.	12.5%	1	0	.	.	0
The English Democrats	1,867	0.2%	.	2.5%	3	0	.	.	3
New Millenium Bean Party	840	0.1%	+0.1%	4.1%	1	0	0	0	1

Regional ballot (ranked by votes)	Votes	% Share	% pt change in share	Average % share (a)	Candidates	AMs elected	Actual change	Notional change	Lost deposits
Labour	288,954	29.6%	-6.9%	30.1%	25	2	+2	+2	0
Conservative	209,154	21.5%	+2.3%	21.2%	38	7	-3	-4	0
Plaid Cymru	204,757	21.0%	+1.3%	20.7%	20	8	+1	+2	0
Liberal Democrat	114,500	11.7%	-1.0%	11.7%	33	3	0	0	0
British National Party	42,197	4.3%	+4.0%	4.4%	20	0	0	0	3
UK Independence Party	38,490	3.9%	+0.5%	3.9%	20	0	0	0	5
Green Party	33,803	3.5%	-0.1%	3.5%	22	0	0	0	5
Socialist Labour Party	12,109	1.2%	+0.0%	1.3%	21	0	0	0	5
Independent	9,350	1.0%	.	1.0%	5	0	.	.	5
Welsh Christian Party	8,963	0.9%	.	0.9%	22	0	.	.	5
Communist Party of Britain	3,708	0.4%	+0.3%	0.4%	20	0	0	0	5
Christian People's Alliance	2,694	0.3%	.	0.3%	6	0	.	.	5
Socialist Alternative	1,865	0.2%	.	0.5%	17	0	.	.	2
Respect	1,792	0.2%	.	0.5%	3	0	.	.	2
The English Democrats	1,655	0.2%	.	0.9%	10	0	.	.	1
Veritas	502	0.1%	.	0.2%	1	0	.	.	1
Socialist Equality Party	292	0.0%	.	0.1%	4	0	.	.	1

Total of constituency and regional ballots (ranked by votes)	Votes	% Share	% pt change in share	Average % share (a)	Candidates	AMs elected	Actual change	Notional change	Lost deposits
Labour	603,879	30.9%	-7.4%	32.5%	65	26	-4	-3	0
Conservative	427,884	21.9%	+2.4%	21.5%	78	12	+1	0	1
Plaid Cymru	423,878	21.7%	+1.3%	22.1%	60	15	+3	+3	1
Liberal Democrat	258,910	13.3%	-0.2%	14.4%	73	6	0	0	3
UK Independence Party	56,537	2.9%	+0.0%	5.2%	33	0	0	0	10
Independent	50,871	2.6%	+2.3%	8.5%	22	0	-1	-1	11
British National Party	42,197	2.2%	+2.0%	4.4%	20	0	0	0	3
Green Party	33,803	1.7%	-0.0%	3.5%	22	0	0	0	5
People's Voice	16,070	0.8%	.	34.3%	2	1	+1	+1	0
Socialist Labour Party	12,109	0.6%	+0.0%	1.3%	21	0	0	0	5
Welsh Christian Party	8,963	0.5%	.	0.9%	22	0	.	.	5
Communist Party of Britain	3,708	0.2%	+0.1%	0.4%	20	0	0	0	5
The English Democrats	3,522	0.2%	.	2.1%	13	0	.	.	4
Christian People's Alliance	2,694	0.1%	.	0.3%	6	0	.	.	5
Neath Port Talbot Rate Payers Association	2,561	0.1%	.	12.5%	1	0	.	.	0
Socialist Alternative	1,865	0.1%	.	0.5%	17	0	.	.	2
Respect	1,792	0.1%	.	0.5%	3	0	.	.	2
New Millenium Bean Party	840	0.0%	+0.0%	4.1%	1	0	0	0	1
Veritas	502	0.0%	.	0.2%	1	0	.	.	1
Socialist Equality Party	292	0.0%	.	0.1%	4	0	.	.	1

(a) Average share of the vote in constituencies and / or regions where the party stood.

### 3.2. Constituency table – Votes in the constituency ballot

Comparisons are with 2003 *notional* results

	Party elected		Votes					Total	Majority (a)
	2003	2007	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth		
<b>Mid and West Wales</b>									
Brecon and Radnorshire			9,652	2,514	15,006	1,576	.	28,748	5,354
Carmarthen East and Dinefwr			4,676	7,186	1,752	15,655	.	29,269	8,469
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire			8,590	8,492	1,806	8,340	1,340	28,568	98
Ceredigion			2,369	1,530	10,863	14,818	528	30,108	3,955
Dwyfor Meirionnydd			4,333	2,749	1,839	13,201	.	22,122	8,868
Llanelli			2,757	9,955	1,051	13,839	.	27,602	3,884
Montgomeryshire			6,725	1,544	8,704	3,076	2,251	22,300	1,979
Preseli Pembrokeshire			11,086	7,881	2,652	7,101	.	28,720	3,205
<b>North Wales</b>									
Aberconwy			6,290	4,508	1,918	7,983	.	20,699	1,693
Alyn and Deeside			4,834	8,196	2,091	1,398	4,576	21,095	3,362
Arfon			1,858	5,242	1,424	10,260	789	19,573	5,018
Clwyd South			5,719	6,838	1,838	3,894	1,209	19,498	1,119
Clwyd West			8,905	7,309	1,705	7,162	1,124	26,205	1,596
Delyn			6,996	7,507	2,669	3,179	1,318	21,669	511
Vale of Clwyd			8,012	8,104	2,275	3,884	.	22,275	92
Wrexham			3,372	5,633	3,268	1,878	5,416	19,567	1,250
Ynys Môn			3,480	4,681	912	10,653	7,094	26,820	4,392
<b>South Wales Central</b>									
Cardiff Central			3,137	4,897	11,462	1,855	1,046	22,397	6,565
Cardiff North			15,253	10,409	4,287	2,491	1,262	33,702	4,844
Cardiff South and Penarth			7,352	10,106	5,445	3,825	.	26,728	2,754
Cardiff West			6,692	10,390	4,088	5,719	.	26,889	3,698
Cynon Valley			2,024	11,058	1,000	5,435	.	19,517	5,623
Pontypridd			3,035	9,836	6,449	4,181	.	23,501	3,387
Rhondda			1,131	12,875	1,441	6,660	.	22,107	6,215
Vale of Glamorgan			11,432	11,515	3,758	4,671	2,310	33,686	83
<b>South Wales East</b>									
Blaenau Gwent			951	7,365	1,351	1,129	12,722	23,518	5,357
Caerphilly			2,954	9,026	1,596	6,739	5,805	26,120	2,287
Islwyn			1,797	8,883	1,135	5,084	6,665	23,564	2,218
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney			1,151	7,776	3,195	2,519	6,352	20,993	4,581
Monmouth			15,389	6,920	4,359	2,093	804	29,565	8,469
Newport East			4,512	6,395	5,520	1,696	1,783	19,906	875
Newport West			8,181	9,582	2,813	2,449	634	23,659	1,401
Torfaen			4,525	9,921	2,659	2,762	3,348	23,215	5,396
<b>South Wales West</b>									
Aberavon			1,990	10,129	1,450	3,558	3,401	20,528	6,571
Bridgend			7,333	9,889	3,730	3,600	.	24,552	2,556
Gower			8,214	9,406	2,924	5,106	1,895	27,545	1,192
Neath			2,956	10,934	2,320	8,990	.	25,200	1,944
Ogmore			2,663	11,761	2,144	3,861	2,337	22,766	7,900
Swansea East			2,025	8,590	3,629	3,218	3,255	20,717	4,961
Swansea West			4,379	7,393	5,882	3,583	1,642	22,879	1,511

(a) In both Wrexham and Ynys Môn the majority of the winning candidate was over one of two independent candidates, whose votes are sub-totaled in the 'other' column.

### 3.3. Constituency table - Share of the constituency ballot vote

Percentage of total valid votes cast

	% Share of the vote					Majority as % of vote (a)
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth	
<b>Mid and West Wales</b>						
Brecon and Radnorshire	33.6%	8.7%	52.2%	5.5%	.	18.6%
Carmarthen East and Dinefwr	16.0%	24.6%	6.0%	53.5%	.	28.9%
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	30.1%	29.7%	6.3%	29.2%	4.7%	0.3%
Ceredigion	7.9%	5.1%	36.1%	49.2%	1.8%	13.1%
Dwyfor Meirionnydd	19.6%	12.4%	8.3%	59.7%	.	40.1%
Llanelli	10.0%	36.1%	3.8%	50.1%	.	14.1%
Montgomeryshire	30.2%	6.9%	39.0%	13.8%	10.1%	8.9%
Preseli Pembrokeshire	38.6%	27.4%	9.2%	24.7%	.	11.2%
<b>North Wales</b>						
Aberconwy	30.4%	21.8%	9.3%	38.6%	.	8.2%
Alyn and Deeside	22.9%	38.9%	9.9%	6.6%	21.7%	15.9%
Arfon	9.5%	26.8%	7.3%	52.4%	4.0%	25.6%
Clwyd South	29.3%	35.1%	9.4%	20.0%	6.2%	5.7%
Clwyd West	34.0%	27.9%	6.5%	27.3%	4.3%	6.1%
Delyn	32.3%	34.6%	12.3%	14.7%	6.1%	2.4%
Vale of Clwyd	36.0%	36.4%	10.2%	17.4%	.	0.4%
Wrexham	17.2%	28.8%	16.7%	9.6%	27.7%	6.4%
Ynys Môn	13.0%	17.5%	3.4%	39.7%	26.5%	16.4%
<b>South Wales Central</b>						
Cardiff Central	14.0%	21.9%	51.2%	8.3%	4.7%	29.3%
Cardiff North	45.3%	30.9%	12.7%	7.4%	3.7%	14.4%
Cardiff South and Penarth	27.5%	37.8%	20.4%	14.3%	.	10.3%
Cardiff West	24.9%	38.6%	15.2%	21.3%	.	13.8%
Cynon Valley	10.4%	56.7%	5.1%	27.8%	.	28.8%
Pontypridd	12.9%	41.9%	27.4%	17.8%	.	14.4%
Rhondda	5.1%	58.2%	6.5%	30.1%	.	28.1%
Vale of Glamorgan	33.9%	34.2%	11.2%	13.9%	6.9%	0.2%
<b>South Wales East</b>						
Blaenau Gwent	4.0%	31.3%	5.7%	4.8%	54.1%	22.8%
Caerphilly	11.3%	34.6%	6.1%	25.8%	22.2%	8.8%
Islwyn	7.6%	37.7%	4.8%	21.6%	28.3%	9.4%
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	5.5%	37.0%	15.2%	12.0%	30.3%	21.8%
Monmouth	52.1%	23.4%	14.7%	7.1%	2.7%	28.6%
Newport East	22.7%	32.1%	27.7%	8.5%	9.0%	4.4%
Newport West	34.6%	40.5%	11.9%	10.4%	2.7%	5.9%
Torfaen	19.5%	42.7%	11.5%	11.9%	14.4%	23.2%
<b>South Wales West</b>						
Aberavon	9.7%	49.3%	7.1%	17.3%	16.6%	32.0%
Bridgend	29.9%	40.3%	15.2%	14.7%	.	10.4%
Gower	29.8%	34.1%	10.6%	18.5%	6.9%	4.3%
Neath	11.7%	43.4%	9.2%	35.7%	.	7.7%
Ogmore	11.7%	51.7%	9.4%	17.0%	10.3%	34.7%
Swansea East	9.8%	41.5%	17.5%	15.5%	15.7%	23.9%
Swansea West	19.1%	32.3%	25.7%	15.7%	7.2%	6.6%

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

### 3.4. Constituency table - Change in share of the constituency ballot vote, swing

Comparisons are with 2003 *notional* results

	% pt Change in share of the vote					Swing (a)	
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth	From	
<b>Mid and West Wales</b>							
Brecon and Radnorshire	+3.7%	-2.9%	+2.6%	+0.5%	-3.9%	LD to Con	0.6%
Carmarthen East and Dinefwr	+2.6%	-6.7%	-1.0%	+5.0%	.	PC to Lab	-5.8%
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	+9.8%	-5.1%	-2.9%	-4.1%	+2.3%	Lab to Con	7.4%
Ceredigion	-3.2%	-7.5%	+8.5%	+4.1%	-1.8%	PC to LD	2.2%
Dwyfor Meirionnydd	+5.4%	-9.1%	+1.3%	+2.3%	.	PC to Con	1.6%
Llanelli	+2.6%	-6.7%	-3.3%	+7.4%	.	Lab to PC	7.1%
Montgomeryshire	+1.6%	-4.1%	-0.7%	+3.7%	-0.4%	LD to Con	1.2%
Preseli Pembrokeshire	+9.3%	-7.7%	-3.1%	+1.6%	.	Lab to Con	8.5%
<b>North Wales</b>							
Aberconwy	+3.2%	-6.0%	-6.1%	+8.9%	.	PC to Con	-2.9%
Alyn and Deeside	-0.5%	-7.9%	-6.7%	-1.1%	+16.2%	Lab to Con	3.7%
Arfon	-3.5%	-3.8%	+0.2%	+3.1%	+4.0%	PC to Lab	-3.4%
Clwyd South	+10.7%	-1.4%	+0.6%	-0.9%	-9.0%	Lab to Con	6.0%
Clwyd West	+1.3%	-6.9%	-1.4%	+5.9%	+1.1%	Lab to Con	4.1%
Delyn	+3.3%	-4.0%	-4.7%	-0.7%	+6.1%	Lab to Con	3.6%
Vale of Clwyd	+5.2%	-9.6%	+1.1%	+3.3%	.	Lab to Con	7.4%
Wrexham	+4.4%	-3.3%	+6.9%	+1.9%	-10.0%	Ind to Lab	6.0%
Ynys Môn	-15.5%	-6.4%	-4.9%	+2.3%	+24.5%	PC to Ind	10.5%
<b>South Wales Central</b>							
Cardiff Central	+2.5%	+2.0%	-3.5%	-0.4%	-0.5%	LD to Lab	2.7%
Cardiff North	+9.7%	-6.7%	+0.2%	-2.3%	-0.9%	Lab to Con	8.2%
Cardiff South and Penarth	+1.8%	-6.6%	+5.3%	+2.2%	-2.7%	Lab to Con	4.2%
Cardiff West	+7.1%	-10.4%	+1.6%	+5.8%	-4.1%	Lab to Con	8.8%
Cynon Valley	+3.8%	-7.8%	-2.5%	+6.5%	.	Lab to PC	7.2%
Pontypridd	+4.4%	-9.1%	+13.1%	-3.6%	-4.8%	Lab to LD	11.1%
Rhondda	+2.9%	-3.4%	+3.6%	+3.1%	-6.2%	Lab to PC	3.2%
Vale of Glamorgan	-1.1%	-9.2%	+3.7%	-0.2%	+6.9%	Lab to Con	4.0%
<b>South Wales East</b>							
Blaenau Gwent	-1.7%	-38.9%	-5.1%	-4.8%	+50.5%	Lab to PV	46.5%
Caerphilly	+1.2%	-10.8%	+1.1%	-2.2%	+10.7%	Lab to PC	4.3%
Islwyn	-1.5%	-18.2%	-1.3%	+2.6%	+18.3%	Lab to Ind	23.2%
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	-2.9%	-23.5%	+8.0%	-4.2%	+22.5%	Lab to LD	15.8%
Monmouth	-5.5%	-3.5%	+4.0%	+2.2%	+2.7%	Con to Lab	1.0%
Newport East	-1.7%	-12.5%	+11.5%	-0.6%	+3.2%	Lab to LD	12.0%
Newport West	+5.2%	-6.4%	+2.1%	+2.5%	-3.4%	Lab to Con	5.8%
Torfaen	+3.2%	-9.2%	-2.6%	+1.2%	+7.4%	Lab to Con	6.2%
<b>South Wales West</b>							
Aberavon	+0.5%	-10.0%	-2.7%	-0.4%	+12.7%	Lab to PC	4.8%
Bridgend	-0.9%	-2.3%	+1.0%	+5.6%	-3.4%	Lab to Con	0.7%
Gower	+10.2%	-9.5%	-1.1%	+3.8%	-3.4%	Lab to Con	9.8%
Neath	+2.7%	-7.7%	-0.0%	+6.9%	-1.8%	Lab to PC	7.3%
Ogmore	+1.9%	-7.8%	+0.4%	-2.5%	+8.0%	Lab to PC	2.7%
Swansea East	+3.3%	-5.8%	-6.7%	+2.8%	+6.5%	Lab to LD	-0.5%
Swansea West	+3.1%	-3.9%	+7.6%	-7.3%	+0.4%	Lab to LD	5.7%

**Note (a):** See section four for more details. The Swing from party A to party B is the average of the % point fall in party A's share of the vote and the % point rise in party B's, between the 2003 and 2007 Assembly elections. Where seats changed hands, the swing from the winning party in 2003 to the winning party in 2007 is shown. Where a party holds the seat, the swing from the winning party to the second placed party in 2007 is shown.

### 3.5. Constituency table – Electorate and Turnout

Comparisons are with 2003 *notional* results

	Electorate	% Turnout	% pt Change
<b>Mid and West Wales</b>			
Brecon and Radnorshire	55,482	51.8%	+1.9%
Carmarthen East and Dinefwr	52,528	55.7%	+6.2%
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	57,478	49.7%	+7.0%
Ceredigion	54,170	55.6%	+5.8%
Dwyfor Meirionnydd	46,718	47.4%	+3.3%
Llanelli	56,154	49.2%	+8.8%
Montgomeryshire	48,337	46.1%	+3.5%
Preseli Pembrokeshire	56,430	50.9%	+9.4%
<b>North Wales</b>			
Aberconwy	44,143	46.9%	+9.4%
Alyn and Deeside	59,355	35.5%	+10.6%
Arfon	39,891	49.1%	+4.0%
Clwyd South	51,898	37.6%	+2.6%
Clwyd West	57,370	45.7%	+5.4%
Delyn	52,733	41.1%	+10.1%
Vale of Clwyd	55,234	40.3%	+3.9%
Wrexham	50,759	38.5%	+4.2%
Ynys Môn	51,469	52.1%	+1.6%
<b>South Wales Central</b>			
Cardiff Central	62,114	36.1%	+3.1%
Cardiff North	65,554	51.4%	+8.4%
Cardiff South and Penarth	70,874	37.7%	+5.9%
Cardiff West	64,461	41.7%	+6.7%
Cynon Valley	50,853	38.4%	+1.2%
Pontypridd	57,993	40.5%	+1.3%
Rhondda	52,480	42.1%	-3.5%
Vale of Glamorgan	68,856	48.9%	+8.4%
<b>South Wales East</b>			
Blaenau Gwent	52,818	44.5%	+7.2%
Caerphilly	61,937	42.2%	+5.2%
Islwyn	54,712	43.1%	+3.7%
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	54,025	38.9%	+5.8%
Monmouth	62,738	47.1%	+2.6%
Newport East	53,062	37.5%	+7.3%
Newport West	58,701	40.3%	+5.3%
Torfaen	61,374	37.8%	+5.9%
<b>South Wales West</b>			
Aberavon	51,536	39.8%	+2.5%
Bridgend	59,553	41.2%	+6.4%
Gower	61,519	44.8%	+5.6%
Neath	58,038	43.4%	+4.3%
Ogmore	55,602	40.9%	+7.8%
Swansea East	59,186	35.0%	+4.6%
Swansea West	61,469	37.2%	+4.2%

### 3.6. Constituency table – Seats by Majority (ranked by highest % majority)

		First	Second	Majority	Rank	Majority as % of vote	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	Brian Gibbons	LAB	PC	6,571	5	32.0%	3
Cardiff Central	Jenny Randerson	LD	LAB	6,565	6	29.3%	4
Carmarthen 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 Ramsay	CON	LAB	8,469	2	28.6%	7
Rhondda	Leighton Andrews	LAB	PC	6,215	7	28.1%	8
Arfon	Alun Ffred 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	PV	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 Môn	Ieuan Wyn Jones	PC	IND	4,392	16	16.4%	15
Alyn and Deeside	Carl Sargeant	LAB	CON	3,362	21	15.9%	16
Pontypridd	Jane Davidson	LAB	LD	3,387	20	14.4%	17
Cardiff North	Jonathan Morgan	CON	LAB	4,844	14	14.4%	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	Jeff 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	Sandy 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

### 3.7. Constituency table – Seats by Turnout (ranked by highest turnout)

		Valid votes	Electorate	% Turnout	Rank	% pt change in turnout
Carmarthen East and Dinefwr		29,269	52,528	55.7%	1	+6.2%
Ceredigion		30,108	54,170	55.6%	2	+5.8%
Ynys Môn		26,820	51,469	52.1%	3	+1.6%
Brecon and Radnorshire		28,748	55,482	51.8%	4	+1.9%
Cardiff North		33,702	65,554	51.4%	5	+8.4%
Preseli Pembrokeshire		28,720	56,430	50.9%	6	+9.4%
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire		28,568	57,478	49.7%	7	+7.0%
Llanelli		27,602	56,154	49.2%	8	+8.8%
Arfon		19,573	39,891	49.1%	9	+4.0%
Vale of Glamorgan		33,686	68,856	48.9%	10	+8.4%
Dwyfor Meirionnydd		22,122	46,718	47.4%	11	+3.3%
Monmouth		29,565	62,738	47.1%	12	+2.6%
Aberconwy		20,699	44,143	46.9%	13	+9.4%
Montgomeryshire		22,300	48,337	46.1%	14	+3.5%
Clwyd West		26,205	57,370	45.7%	15	+5.4%
Gower		27,545	61,519	44.8%	16	+5.6%
Blaenau Gwent		23,518	52,818	44.5%	17	+7.2%
Neath		25,200	58,038	43.4%	18	+4.3%
Islwyn		23,564	54,712	43.1%	19	+3.7%
Caerphilly		26,120	61,937	42.2%	20	+5.2%
Rhondda		22,107	52,480	42.1%	21	-3.5%
Cardiff West		26,889	64,461	41.7%	22	+6.7%
Bridgend		24,552	59,553	41.2%	23	+6.4%
Delyn		21,669	52,733	41.1%	24	+10.1%
Ogmore		22,766	55,602	40.9%	25	+7.8%
Pontypridd		23,541	57,993	40.5%	26	+1.3%
Vale of Clwyd		22,275	55,234	40.3%	27	+3.9%
Newport West		23,659	58,701	40.3%	28	+5.3%
Aberavon		20,528	51,536	39.8%	29	+2.5%
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney		20,993	54,025	38.9%	30	+5.8%
Wrexham		19,567	50,759	38.5%	31	+4.2%
Cynon Valley		19,517	50,853	38.4%	32	+1.2%
Torfaen		23,215	61,374	37.8%	33	+5.9%
Cardiff South and Penarth		26,728	70,874	37.7%	34	+5.9%
Clwyd South		19,498	51,898	37.6%	35	+2.6%
Newport East		19,906	53,062	37.5%	36	+7.3%
Swansea West		22,879	61,469	37.2%	37	+4.2%
Cardiff Central		22,387	62,114	36.1%	38	+3.1%
Alyn and Deeside		21,095	59,355	35.5%	39	+10.6%
Swansea East		20,717	59,186	35.0%	40	+4.6%

**Note:** Coloured blocks show the winning party.

### 3.8. Constituency table – Votes in the regional ballot

	Votes (regional)					Total
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth	
<b>Mid and West Wales</b>						
Brecon and Radnorshire	9,454	3,658	9,014	2,282	4,270	28,678
Carmarthen East and Dinefwr	4,292	6,282	1,244	12,956	4,461	29,235
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	8,135	7,182	1,638	7,538	4,037	28,530
Ceredigion	3,753	2,348	7,769	12,488	3,663	30,021
Dwyfor Meirionnydd	4,097	2,943	1,159	10,960	2,893	22,052
Llanelli	2,768	8,913	960	11,119	3,699	27,459
Montgomeryshire	7,191	1,790	5,111	3,519	4,661	22,272
Preseli Pembrokeshire	9,916	6,863	1,895	6,396	3,640	28,710
<b>North Wales</b>						
Aberconwy	5,954	4,108	1,477	6,712	2,360	20,611
Alyn and Deeside	5,475	7,535	2,238	1,714	4,011	20,973
Arfon	1,899	4,547	1,054	10,042	1,980	19,522
Clwyd South	5,092	5,725	1,702	3,602	3,371	19,492
Clwyd West	8,765	5,817	1,646	7,073	2,808	26,109
Delyn	6,464	6,470	1,245	4,049	3,387	21,615
Vale of Clwyd	7,269	6,539	1,682	3,892	2,770	22,152
Wrexham	3,736	5,878	3,508	2,307	3,944	19,373
Ynys Môn	5,612	5,212	723	11,167	3,881	26,595
<b>South Wales Central</b>						
Cardiff Central	3,476	4,845	8,281	2,051	3,732	22,385
Cardiff North	13,122	9,140	4,306	3,056	4,008	33,632
Cardiff South and Penarth	6,290	8,333	4,362	3,190	4,591	26,766
Cardiff West	5,782	8,528	3,056	4,920	4,424	26,710
Cynon Valley	1,401	10,036	1,232	4,214	2,720	19,603
Pontypridd	2,920	8,847	3,985	4,259	3,412	23,423
Rhondda	1,006	11,692	964	5,576	2,866	22,104
Vale of Glamorgan	11,150	9,378	3,076	4,941	5,126	33,671
<b>South Wales East</b>						
Blaenau Gwent	1,584	10,141	1,933	3,080	6,389	23,127
Caerphilly	3,149	9,707	1,601	6,287	5,294	26,038
Islwyn	2,283	9,925	1,482	5,049	4,732	23,471
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	1,612	8,849	2,946	3,529	4,064	21,000
Monmouth	13,692	6,104	3,357	1,761	4,693	29,607
Newport East	4,299	6,085	4,527	1,707	3,208	19,826
Newport West	7,286	7,825	2,526	1,923	4,157	23,717
Torfaen	4,031	9,362	2,575	2,579	4,632	23,179
<b>South Wales West</b>						
Aberavon	2,058	9,303	1,775	3,610	3,698	20,444
Bridgend	5,793	7,727	3,754	2,837	4,404	24,515
Gower	7,393	7,643	2,622	4,610	4,647	26,915
Neath	2,519	9,388	1,799	7,297	4,012	25,015
Ogmore	2,373	10,577	1,831	3,623	4,182	22,586
Swansea East	1,858	7,806	3,528	3,217	4,329	20,738
Swansea West	4,205	5,903	4,917	3,625	4,264	22,914

### 3.9. Constituency table - Share of the regional ballot vote

#### Percentage of total valid votes cast

	% Share of the vote				
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth
<b>Mid and West Wales</b>					
Brecon and Radnorshire	33.0%	12.8%	31.4%	8.0%	14.9%
Carmarthen East and Dinefwr	14.7%	21.5%	4.3%	44.3%	15.3%
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	28.5%	25.2%	5.7%	26.4%	14.2%
Ceredigion	12.5%	7.8%	25.9%	41.6%	12.2%
Dwyfor Meirionnydd	18.6%	13.3%	5.3%	49.7%	13.1%
Llanelli	10.1%	32.5%	3.5%	40.5%	13.5%
Montgomeryshire	32.3%	8.0%	22.9%	15.8%	20.9%
Preseli Pembrokeshire	34.5%	23.9%	6.6%	22.3%	12.7%
<b>North Wales</b>					
Aberconwy	28.9%	19.9%	7.2%	32.6%	11.5%
Alyn and Deeside	26.1%	35.9%	10.7%	8.2%	19.1%
Arfon	9.7%	23.3%	5.4%	51.4%	10.1%
Clwyd South	26.1%	29.4%	8.7%	18.5%	17.3%
Clwyd West	33.6%	22.3%	6.3%	27.1%	10.8%
Delyn	29.9%	29.9%	5.8%	18.7%	15.7%
Vale of Clwyd	32.8%	29.5%	7.6%	17.6%	12.5%
Wrexham	19.3%	30.3%	18.1%	11.9%	20.4%
Ynys Môn	21.1%	19.6%	2.7%	42.0%	14.6%
<b>South Wales Central</b>					
Cardiff Central	15.5%	21.6%	37.0%	9.2%	16.7%
Cardiff North	39.0%	27.2%	12.8%	9.1%	11.9%
Cardiff South and Penarth	23.5%	31.1%	16.3%	11.9%	17.2%
Cardiff West	21.6%	31.9%	11.4%	18.4%	16.6%
Cynon Valley	7.1%	51.2%	6.3%	21.5%	13.9%
Pontypridd	12.5%	37.8%	17.0%	18.2%	14.6%
Rhondda	4.6%	52.9%	4.4%	25.2%	13.0%
Vale of Glamorgan	33.1%	27.9%	9.1%	14.7%	15.2%
<b>South Wales East</b>					
Blaenau Gwent	6.8%	43.8%	8.4%	13.3%	27.6%
Caerphilly	12.1%	37.3%	6.1%	24.1%	20.3%
Islwyn	9.7%	42.3%	6.3%	21.5%	20.2%
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	7.7%	42.1%	14.0%	16.8%	19.4%
Monmouth	46.2%	20.6%	11.3%	5.9%	15.9%
Newport East	21.7%	30.7%	22.8%	8.6%	16.2%
Newport West	30.7%	33.0%	10.7%	8.1%	17.5%
Torfaen	17.4%	40.4%	11.1%	11.1%	20.0%
<b>South Wales West</b>					
Aberavon	10.1%	45.5%	8.7%	17.7%	18.1%
Bridgend	23.6%	31.5%	15.3%	11.6%	18.0%
Gower	27.5%	28.4%	9.7%	17.1%	17.3%
Neath	10.1%	37.5%	7.2%	29.2%	16.0%
Ogmore	10.5%	46.8%	8.1%	16.0%	18.5%
Swansea East	9.0%	37.6%	17.0%	15.5%	20.9%
Swansea West	18.4%	25.8%	21.5%	15.8%	18.6%

### 3.10. Variation between share of constituency and regional ballot votes, by constituency (a)

	% pt variation in % share of the vote				
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth
<b>Mid and West Wales</b>					
Brecon and Radnorshire	+0.6%	-4.0%	+20.8%	-2.5%	.
Carmarthen East and Dinefwr	+1.3%	+3.1%	+1.7%	+9.2%	.
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	+1.6%	+4.6%	+0.6%	+2.8%	-9.5%
Ceredigion	-4.6%	-2.7%	+10.2%	+7.6%	-10.4%
Dwyfor Meirionnydd	+1.0%	-0.9%	+3.1%	+10.0%	.
Llanelli	-0.1%	+3.6%	+0.3%	+9.6%	.
Montgomeryshire	-2.1%	-1.1%	+16.1%	-2.0%	-10.8%
Preseli Pembrokeshire	+4.1%	+3.5%	+2.6%	+2.4%	.
<b>North Wales</b>					
Aberconwy	+1.5%	+1.8%	+2.1%	+6.0%	.
Alyn and Deeside	-3.2%	+2.9%	-0.8%	-1.5%	+2.6%
Arfon	-0.2%	+3.5%	+1.9%	+1.0%	-6.1%
Clwyd South	+3.2%	+5.7%	+0.7%	+1.5%	-11.1%
Clwyd West	+0.4%	+5.6%	+0.2%	+0.2%	-6.5%
Delyn	+2.4%	+4.7%	+6.6%	-4.1%	-9.6%
Vale of Clwyd	+3.2%	+6.9%	+2.6%	-0.1%	.
Wrexham	-2.1%	-1.6%	-1.4%	-2.3%	+7.3%
Ynys Môn	-8.1%	-2.1%	+0.7%	-2.3%	+11.9%
<b>South Wales Central</b>					
Cardiff Central	-1.5%	+0.2%	+14.2%	-0.9%	-12.0%
Cardiff North	+6.2%	+3.7%	-0.1%	-1.7%	-8.2%
Cardiff South and Penarth	+4.0%	+6.7%	+4.1%	+2.4%	.
Cardiff West	+3.2%	+6.7%	+3.8%	+2.8%	.
Cynon Valley	+3.2%	+5.5%	-1.2%	+6.4%	.
Pontypridd	+0.4%	+4.1%	+10.4%	-0.4%	.
Rhondda	+0.6%	+5.3%	+2.2%	+4.9%	.
Vale of Glamorgan	+0.8%	+6.3%	+2.0%	-0.8%	-8.4%
<b>South Wales East</b>					
Blaenau Gwent	-2.8%	-12.5%	-2.6%	-8.5%	+26.5%
Caerphilly	-0.8%	-2.7%	-0.0%	+1.7%	+1.9%
Islwyn	-2.1%	-4.6%	-1.5%	+0.1%	+8.1%
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	-2.2%	-5.1%	+1.2%	-4.8%	+10.9%
Monmouth	+5.8%	+2.8%	+3.4%	+1.1%	-13.1%
Newport East	+1.0%	+1.4%	+4.9%	-0.1%	-7.2%
Newport West	+3.9%	+7.5%	+1.2%	+2.2%	-14.8%
Torfaen	+2.1%	+2.3%	+0.3%	+0.8%	-5.6%
<b>South Wales West</b>					
Aberavon	-0.4%	+3.8%	-1.6%	-0.3%	-1.5%
Bridgend	+6.2%	+8.8%	-0.1%	+3.1%	.
Gower	+2.4%	+5.8%	+0.9%	+1.4%	-10.4%
Neath	+1.7%	+5.9%	+2.0%	+6.5%	.
Ogmore	+1.2%	+4.8%	+1.3%	+0.9%	-8.3%
Swansea East	+0.8%	+3.8%	+0.5%	+0.0%	-5.2%
Swansea West	+0.8%	+6.6%	+4.3%	-0.2%	-11.4%

(a) A negative percentage point variation means the party gained a higher share of the vote in the regional ballot than the constituency ballot.

### 3.11. Regional table - Votes and share of the vote

	Votes					Total	% Share of the vote				
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth		Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth
<b>Constituency ballot</b>											
Mid and West Wales	50,188	41,851	43,673	77,606	4,119	217,437	23.1%	19.2%	20.1%	35.7%	1.9%
North Wales	49,466	58,018	18,100	50,291	21,526	197,401	25.1%	29.4%	9.2%	25.5%	10.9%
South Wales Central	50,056	81,086	37,930	34,837	4,618	208,527	24.0%	38.9%	18.2%	16.7%	2.2%
South Wales East	39,460	65,868	22,628	24,471	38,113	190,540	20.7%	34.6%	11.9%	12.8%	20.0%
South Wales West	29,560	68,102	22,079	31,916	12,530	164,187	18.0%	41.5%	13.4%	19.4%	7.6%
All Regions	218,730	314,925	144,410	219,121	80,906	978,092	22.4%	32.2%	14.8%	22.4%	8.3%
<b>Regional ballot</b>											
Mid and West Wales	49,606	39,979	28,790	67,258	31,324	216,957	22.9%	18.4%	13.3%	31.0%	14.4%
North Wales	50,266	51,831	15,275	50,558	28,512	196,442	25.6%	26.4%	7.8%	25.7%	14.5%
South Wales Central	45,147	70,799	29,262	32,207	30,879	208,294	21.7%	34.0%	14.0%	15.5%	14.8%
South Wales East	37,936	67,998	20,947	25,915	37,169	189,965	20.0%	35.8%	11.0%	13.6%	19.6%
South Wales West	26,199	58,347	20,226	28,819	29,536	163,127	16.1%	35.8%	12.4%	17.7%	18.1%
All Regions	209,154	288,954	114,500	204,757	157,420	974,785	21.5%	29.6%	11.7%	21.0%	16.1%
<b>Total ballot</b>											
Mid and West Wales	99,794	81,830	72,463	144,864	35,443	434,394	23.0%	18.8%	16.7%	33.3%	8.2%
North Wales	99,732	109,849	33,375	100,849	50,038	393,843	25.3%	27.9%	8.5%	25.6%	12.7%
South Wales Central	95,203	151,885	67,192	67,044	35,497	416,821	22.8%	36.4%	16.1%	16.1%	8.5%
South Wales East	77,396	133,866	43,575	50,386	75,282	380,505	20.3%	35.2%	11.5%	13.2%	19.8%
South Wales West	55,759	126,449	42,305	60,735	42,066	327,314	17.0%	38.6%	12.9%	18.6%	12.9%
All Regions	427,884	603,879	258,910	423,878	238,326	1,952,877	21.9%	30.9%	13.3%	21.7%	12.2%

### 3.12. Variation between share of constituency and regional ballot votes, by region (a)

	% pt variation in % share of the vote				
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth
Mid and West Wales	+0.2%	+0.8%	+6.8%	+4.7%	-12.5%
North Wales	-0.5%	+3.0%	+1.4%	-0.3%	-3.6%
South Wales Central	+2.3%	+4.9%	+4.1%	+1.2%	-12.6%
South Wales East	+0.7%	-1.2%	+0.8%	-0.8%	+0.4%
South Wales West	+1.9%	+5.7%	+1.0%	+1.8%	-10.5%
All Regions	+0.9%	+2.6%	+3.0%	+1.4%	-7.9%

(a) A negative percentage point variation means the party gained a higher share of the vote in the regional ballot than the constituency ballot.

### 3.13. Regional table - Seats and change in seats

Comparisons are with 2003 *notional* results

	Seats won					Total	Change in seats won				
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth		Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth
<b>Constituency ballot</b>											
Mid and West Wales	2	0	2	4	0	8	+2	-3	0	+1	0
North Wales	1	5	0	3	0	9	+1	0	0	0	-1
South Wales Central	1	6	1	0	0	8	+1	-1	0	0	0
South Wales East	1	6	0	0	1	8	0	-1	0	0	+1
South Wales West	0	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
All Regions	5	24	3	7	1	40	+4	-5	0	+1	0
<b>Regional ballot</b>											
Mid and West Wales	1	2	0	1	0	4	-2	+2	0	0	0
North Wales	2	0	1	1	0	4	-1	0	0	+1	0
South Wales Central	2	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
South Wales East	1	0	1	2	0	4	-1	0	0	+1	0
South Wales West	1	0	1	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
All Regions	7	2	3	8	0	20	-4	+2	0	+2	0
<b>Total ballot</b>											
Mid and West Wales	3	2	2	5	0	12	0	-1	0	+1	0
North Wales	3	5	1	4	0	13	0	0	0	+1	-1
South Wales Central	3	6	1	2	0	12	+1	-1	0	0	0
South Wales East	2	6	1	2	1	12	-1	-1	0	+1	+1
South Wales West	1	7	1	2	0	11	0	0	0	0	0
All Regions	12	26	6	15	1	60	0	-3	0	+3	0

### 3.14. Regional table - Change in share of the vote, turnout

Comparisons are with 2003 *notional* results

	% pt Change in share of the vote					Electorate	% Turnout	% pt Change
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth			
<b>Constituency ballot</b>								
Mid and West Wales	+3.9%	-5.8%	-0.1%	+2.5%	-0.5%	427,297	50.9%	+5.9%
North Wales	+0.7%	-5.1%	-1.5%	+1.7%	+4.2%	462,852	42.6%	+5.9%
South Wales Central	+4.8%	-7.0%	+2.7%	+0.8%	-1.3%	493,185	42.3%	+4.3%
South Wales East	-0.9%	-14.6%	+2.1%	-0.3%	+13.7%	459,367	41.5%	+5.4%
South Wales West	+3.3%	-6.7%	-0.1%	+1.4%	+2.2%	406,903	40.4%	+5.1%
All Regions	+2.4%	-7.8%	+0.6%	+1.2%	+3.5%	2,249,604	43.5%	+5.3%
<b>Regional ballot</b>								
Mid and West Wales	+3.9%	-6.5%	-2.6%	+1.6%	+3.6%	427,297	50.8%	+5.6%
North Wales	+3.0%	-5.9%	-2.5%	+3.6%	+1.7%	462,852	42.4%	+6.0%
South Wales Central	+3.2%	-7.1%	+0.3%	+0.0%	+3.6%	493,185	42.2%	+4.6%
South Wales East	-0.2%	-9.3%	+0.6%	+1.0%	+7.8%	459,367	41.4%	+5.3%
South Wales West	+1.0%	-5.8%	-0.3%	-0.1%	+5.2%	406,903	40.1%	+4.7%
All Regions	+2.3%	-6.9%	-1.0%	+1.3%	+4.3%	2,249,604	43.3%	+5.2%
<b>Total ballot</b>								
Mid and West Wales	+2.2%	-9.6%	+1.2%	+5.3%	+0.9%	427,297	.	.
North Wales	+3.9%	-1.5%	-5.0%	-1.2%	+3.8%	462,852	.	.
South Wales Central	+5.5%	-7.6%	+1.8%	-0.6%	+1.0%	493,185	.	.
South Wales East	+0.4%	-9.8%	-0.4%	-1.1%	+10.9%	459,367	.	.
South Wales West	-0.7%	-7.9%	+1.1%	+3.5%	+3.9%	406,903	.	.
All Regions	+2.4%	-7.4%	-0.2%	+1.3%	+3.9%	2,249,604	.	.

### 3.15. Elected members of the National Assembly for Wales, May 2007

Constituency ballot	Elected member	Party
<b>Mid and West Wales</b>		
Brecon and Radnorshire	Kirsty Williams	 Liberal Democrat
Carmarthen 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
<b>North Wales</b>		
Aberconwy	Gareth Jones	 Plaid Cymru
Alyn and Deeside	Carl Sargeant	 Labour
Arfon	Alun Ffred Jones	 Plaid Cymru
Clwyd South	Karen Sinclair	 Labour
Clwyd West	Darren Millar	 Conservative
Delyn	Sandy Mewies	 Labour
Vale of Clwyd	Ann Jones	 Labour
Wrexham	Lesley Griffiths	 Labour
Ynys Môn	Ieuan Wyn Jones	 Plaid Cymru
<b>South Wales Central</b>		
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
<b>South Wales East</b>		
Blaenau Gwent	Trish Law	 People's Voice
Caerphilly	Jeff Cuthbert	 Labour
Islwyn	Irene James	 Labour
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	Huw Lewis	 Labour
Monmouth	Nick Ramsay	 Conservative
Newport East	John Griffiths	 Labour
Newport West	Rosemary Butler	 Labour
Torfaen	Lynne Neagle	 Labour
<b>South Wales West</b>		
Aberavon	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
<b>Regional ballot</b>		
Mid and West Wales	Nick Bourne	 Conservative
	Alun Davies	 Labour
	Joyce Watson	 Labour
	Nerys Evans	 Plaid Cymru
North Wales	Mark Isherwood	 Conservative
	Brynle Williams	 Conservative
	Eleanor Burnham	 Liberal Democrat
	Janet Ryder	 Plaid Cymru
South Wales Central	Andrew Davies	 Conservative
	David Melding	 Conservative
	Christopher Franks	 Plaid Cymru
	Leanne Wood	 Plaid Cymru
South Wales East	William Graham	 Conservative
	Michael German	 Liberal Democrat
	Mohammad Asghar	 Plaid Cymru
	Jocelyn Davies	 Plaid Cymru
South Wales West	Alun Cairns	 Conservative
	Peter Black	 Liberal Democrat
	Bethan Jenkins	 Plaid Cymru
	Dai Lloyd	 Plaid Cymru

### 3.16. Minor party and independent candidates who saved deposits

#### Ranked by % share of vote

Excludes Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat and Plaid Cymru

#### Constituency ballot

Party	Candidate	Constituency	Votes	% share	Position
People's Voice	Trish Law	Blaenau Gwent	12,722	54.1%	1
Independent	Kevin Etheridge	Islwyn	6,665	28.3%	2
Independent	Peter Rogers	Ynys Môn	6,261	23.3%	2
Independent	John Marek	Wrexham	4,383	22.4%	2
Independent	Ron Davies	Caerphilly	5,805	22.2%	3
Independent	Dennis Hutchinson	Alyn and Deeside	3,241	15.4%	3
People's Voice	Ian Williams	Torfaen	3,348	14.4%	3
Independent	Clive Tovey	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	2,622	12.5%	3
Neath Port Talbot Rate Payers Association	Andrew Tutton	Aberavon	2,561	12.5%	3
Independent	Steve Smith	Ogmore	2,337	10.3%	4
UK Independence Party	Bruce Lawson	Montgomeryshire	2,251	10.1%	4
Independent	Jeff Edwards	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	1,915	9.1%	5
Independent	Alan Robinson	Swansea East	1,618	7.8%	5
UK Independence Party	Richard Lewis	Swansea West	1,642	7.2%	5
UK Independence Party	Alex Lewis	Gower	1,895	6.9%	5
UK Independence Party	Kevin Mahoney	Vale of Glamorgan	2,310	6.9%	5
Independent	James Harris	Newport East	1,354	6.8%	5
UK Independence Party	William Crawford	Alyn and Deeside	1,335	6.3%	6
UK Independence Party	David Rowlands	Clwyd South	1,209	6.2%	5
UK Independence Party	Derek Bigg	Delyn	1,318	6.1%	5
Independent	Ray Welsby	Swansea East	1,177	5.7%	6
UK Independence Party	Peter Lewis	Wrexham	1,033	5.3%	6

#### Regional ballot

Party	Region	Votes	% share	Votes position	d'Hondt position (a)
British National Party	South Wales West	8,993	5.5%	5	8
British National Party	North Wales	9,986	5.1%	5	8

(a) If the d'Hondt formula is applied to determine the winner of each regional seat, this is the position of the first seat the party would win (in practice there are only four seats per region).

### 3.17. Constituency ballot table - Votes, including minor parties and independent candidates

(see section four for party codes)

	Votes (constituency ballot)														Sub-total	Total
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	ED	NMBP	NPTRPA	PV	UKIP	Ind1	Ind2	Ind3	Ind4	Ind5	Oth	
<b>Mid and West Wales</b>	<b>50,188</b>	<b>41,851</b>	<b>43,673</b>	<b>77,606</b>	.	.	.	.	<b>2,251</b>	.	.	.	.	.	<b>4,119</b>	<b>217,437</b>
Brecon and Radnorshire	9,652	2,514	15,006	1,576	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	28,748
Cardiff Central	4,676	7,186	1,752	15,655	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	29,269
Cardiff North	8,590	8,492	1,806	8,340	.	.	.	.	.	1,340	.	.	.	.	1,340	28,568
Ceredigion	2,369	1,530	10,863	14,818	.	.	.	.	.	528	.	.	.	.	528	30,108
Dwyfor Meirionnydd	4,333	2,749	1,839	13,201	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22,122
Llanelli	2,757	9,955	1,051	13,839	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	27,602
Montgomeryshire	6,725	1,544	8,704	3,076	.	.	.	.	2,251	.	.	.	.	.	2,251	22,300
Preseli Pembrokeshire	11,086	7,881	2,652	7,101	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	28,720
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>49,466</b>	<b>58,018</b>	<b>18,100</b>	<b>50,291</b>	.	.	.	.	<b>7,641</b>	.	.	.	.	.	<b>21,526</b>	<b>197,401</b>
Aberconwy	6,290	4,508	1,918	7,983	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20,699
Alyn and Deeside	4,834	8,196	2,091	1,398	.	.	.	.	1,335	3,241	.	.	.	.	4,576	21,095
Arfon	1,858	5,242	1,424	10,260	.	.	.	.	789	.	.	.	.	.	789	19,573
Clwyd South	5,719	6,838	1,838	3,894	.	.	.	.	1,209	.	.	.	.	.	1,209	19,498
Clwyd West	8,905	7,309	1,705	7,162	.	.	.	.	1,124	.	.	.	.	.	1,124	26,205
Delyn	6,996	7,507	2,669	3,179	.	.	.	.	1,318	.	.	.	.	.	1,318	21,669
Vale of Clwyd	8,012	8,104	2,275	3,884	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22,275
Wrexham	3,372	5,633	3,268	1,878	.	.	.	.	1,033	4,383	.	.	.	.	5,416	19,567
Ynys Môn	3,480	4,681	912	10,653	.	.	.	.	833	6,261	.	.	.	.	7,094	26,820
<b>South Wales Central</b>	<b>50,056</b>	<b>81,086</b>	<b>37,930</b>	<b>34,837</b>	.	.	.	.	<b>4,618</b>	.	.	.	.	.	<b>4,618</b>	<b>208,527</b>
Cardiff Central	3,137	4,897	11,462	1,855	.	.	.	.	1,046	.	.	.	.	.	1,046	22,397
Cardiff North	15,253	10,409	4,287	2,491	.	.	.	.	1,262	.	.	.	.	.	1,262	33,702
Cardiff South and Penarth	7,352	10,106	5,445	3,825	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26,728
Cardiff West	6,692	10,390	4,088	5,719	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	26,889
Cynon Valley	2,024	11,058	1,000	5,435	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	19,517
Pontypridd	3,035	9,836	6,449	4,181	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23,501
Rhondda	1,131	12,875	1,441	6,660	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22,107
Vale of Glamorgan	11,432	11,515	3,758	4,671	.	.	.	.	2,310	.	.	.	.	.	2,310	33,686
<b>South Wales East</b>	<b>39,460</b>	<b>65,868</b>	<b>22,628</b>	<b>24,471</b>	<b>1,867</b>	.	.	<b>16,070</b>	.	.	.	.	.	.	<b>38,113</b>	<b>190,540</b>
Blaenau Gwent	951	7,365	1,351	1,129	.	.	.	12,722	.	.	.	.	.	.	12,722	23,518
Caerphilly	2,954	9,026	1,596	6,739	.	.	.	.	.	5,805	.	.	.	.	5,805	26,120
Islwyn	1,797	8,883	1,135	5,084	.	.	.	.	.	6,665	.	.	.	.	6,665	23,564
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	1,151	7,776	3,195	2,519	.	.	.	.	.	2,622	1,915	844	809	162	6,352	20,993
Monmouth	15,389	6,920	4,359	2,093	804	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	804	29,565
Newport East	4,512	6,395	5,520	1,696	429	.	.	.	.	1,354	.	.	.	.	1,783	19,906
Newport West	8,181	9,582	2,813	2,449	634	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	634	23,659
Torfaen	4,525	9,921	2,659	2,762	.	.	.	3,348	.	.	.	.	.	.	3,348	23,215
<b>South Wales West</b>	<b>29,560</b>	<b>68,102</b>	<b>22,079</b>	<b>31,916</b>	.	<b>840</b>	<b>2,561</b>	.	<b>3,537</b>	.	.	.	.	.	<b>12,530</b>	<b>164,187</b>
Aberavon	1,990	10,129	1,450	3,558	.	840	2,561	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3,401	20,528
Bridgend	7,333	9,889	3,730	3,600	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24,552
Gower	8,214	9,406	2,924	5,106	.	.	.	.	1,895	.	.	.	.	.	1,895	27,545
Neath	2,956	10,934	2,320	8,990	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	25,200
Ogmore	2,663	11,761	2,144	3,861	.	.	.	.	.	2,337	.	.	.	.	2,337	22,766
Swansea East	2,025	8,590	3,629	3,218	.	.	.	.	.	1,618	1,177	460	.	.	3,255	20,717
Swansea West	4,379	7,393	5,882	3,583	.	.	.	.	1,642	.	.	.	.	.	1,642	22,879

### 3.18. Regional ballot table - Votes, including minor parties and independent candidates

(see section four for party codes)

	Votes (regional ballot)																		Sub-total	Total
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	BNP	CPA	CPB	ED	GP	Res	SA	SEP	SLP	UKIP	Ver	WCP	Ind1	Ind2		
<b>Mid and West Wales</b>	<b>49,606</b>	<b>39,979</b>	<b>28,790</b>	<b>67,258</b>	<b>6,389</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>666</b>	.	<b>8,768</b>	.	.	.	<b>2,196</b>	<b>8,191</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>1,493</b>	<b>1,108</b>	<b>1,598</b>	<b>31,324</b>	<b>216,957</b>
Brecon and Radnorshire	9,454	3,658	9,014	2,282	782	54	88	.	1,252	.	.	.	270	1,296	51	215	126	136	4,270	28,678
Carmarthen East and Dinefwr	4,292	6,282	1,244	12,956	756	40	91	.	1,219	.	.	.	321	948	79	194	390	423	4,461	29,235
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	8,135	7,182	1,638	7,538	824	63	79	.	1,061	.	.	.	308	1,053	67	183	154	245	4,037	28,530
Ceredigion	3,753	2,348	7,769	12,488	550	58	93	.	1,394	.	.	.	210	663	79	286	128	202	3,663	30,021
Dwyfor Meirionnydd	4,097	2,943	1,159	10,960	545	54	77	.	914	.	.	.	305	597	69	95	58	179	2,893	22,052
Llanelli	2,768	8,913	960	11,119	1,166	55	69	.	732	.	.	.	349	768	61	213	100	186	3,699	27,459
Montgomeryshire	7,191	1,790	5,111	3,519	1,080	46	86	.	1,083	.	.	.	123	1,842	54	164	92	91	4,661	22,272
Preseli Pembrokeshire	9,916	6,863	1,895	6,396	686	43	83	.	1,113	.	.	.	310	1,024	42	143	60	136	3,640	28,710
<b>North Wales</b>	<b>50,266</b>	<b>51,831</b>	<b>15,275</b>	<b>50,558</b>	<b>9,986</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>700</b>	.	<b>5,660</b>	.	.	.	<b>2,209</b>	<b>8,015</b>	.	<b>1,300</b>	.	.	<b>28,512</b>	<b>196,442</b>
Aberconwy	5,954	4,108	1,477	6,712	667	105	50	.	567	.	.	.	175	655	.	141	.	.	2,360	20,611
Alyn and Deeside	5,475	7,535	2,238	1,714	1,498	45	113	.	576	.	.	.	350	1,285	.	144	.	.	4,011	20,973
Arfon	1,899	4,547	1,054	10,042	460	11	88	.	791	.	.	.	93	451	.	86	.	.	1,980	19,522
Clwyd South	5,092	5,725	1,702	3,602	1,384	94	65	.	546	.	.	.	315	857	.	110	.	.	3,371	19,492
Clwyd West	8,765	5,817	1,646	7,073	925	134	70	.	376	.	.	.	277	888	.	138	.	.	2,808	26,109
Delyn	6,464	6,470	1,245	4,049	1,236	73	116	.	570	.	.	.	326	877	.	189	.	.	3,387	21,615
Vale of Clwyd	7,269	6,539	1,682	3,892	1,061	89	68	.	508	.	.	.	204	676	.	164	.	.	2,770	22,152
Wrexham	3,736	5,878	3,508	2,307	1,821	41	53	.	509	.	.	.	235	1,105	.	180	.	.	3,944	19,373
Ynys Môn	5,612	5,212	723	11,167	934	50	77	.	1,217	.	.	.	234	1,221	.	148	.	.	3,881	26,595
<b>South Wales Central</b>	<b>45,147</b>	<b>70,799</b>	<b>29,262</b>	<b>32,207</b>	<b>7,889</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>817</b>	.	<b>7,831</b>	<b>1,079</b>	<b>838</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>1,744</b>	<b>7,645</b>	.	<b>1,987</b>	.	.	<b>30,879</b>	<b>208,294</b>
Cardiff Central	3,476	4,845	8,281	2,051	651	154	110	.	1,238	198	123	74	169	769	.	246	.	.	3,732	22,385
Cardiff North	13,122	9,140	4,306	3,056	1,010	136	99	.	1,181	139	120	36	214	663	.	410	.	.	4,008	33,632
Cardiff South and Penarth	6,290	8,333	4,362	3,190	1,251	107	89	.	1,054	219	150	50	244	1,166	.	261	.	.	4,591	26,766
Cardiff West	5,782	8,528	3,056	4,920	970	76	78	.	1,410	178	92	27	183	1,204	.	206	.	.	4,424	26,710
Cynon Valley	1,401	10,036	1,232	4,214	912	39	89	.	528	68	84	36	200	553	.	211	.	.	2,720	19,603
Pontypridd	2,920	8,847	3,985	4,259	878	107	104	.	839	100	100	30	223	768	.	263	.	.	3,412	23,423
Rhondda	1,006	11,692	964	5,576	922	76	167	.	473	59	77	11	307	584	.	190	.	.	2,866	22,104
Vale of Glamorgan	11,150	9,378	3,076	4,941	1,295	62	81	.	1,108	118	92	28	204	1,938	.	200	.	.	5,126	33,671
<b>South Wales East</b>	<b>37,936</b>	<b>67,998</b>	<b>20,947</b>	<b>25,915</b>	<b>8,940</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>1,655</b>	<b>5,414</b>	.	.	.	<b>3,593</b>	<b>8,725</b>	.	<b>2,498</b>	<b>4,876</b>	.	<b>37,169</b>	<b>189,965</b>
Blaenau Gwent	1,584	10,141	1,933	3,080	1,313	54	77	79	526	.	.	.	608	1,462	.	590	1,680	.	6,389	23,127
Caerphilly	3,149	9,707	1,601	6,287	1,380	66	95	52	736	.	.	.	356	1,201	.	347	1,061	.	5,294	26,038
Islwyn	2,283	9,925	1,482	5,049	1,213	76	70	108	629	.	.	.	428	1,221	.	375	612	.	4,732	23,471
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	1,612	8,849	2,946	3,529	922	77	130	33	475	.	.	.	424	1,191	.	275	537	.	4,064	21,000
Monmouth	13,692	6,104	3,357	1,761	874	45	2	633	1,236	.	.	.	402	1,099	.	216	186	.	4,693	29,607
Newport East	4,299	6,085	4,527	1,707	676	59	455	258	435	.	.	.	278	696	.	173	178	.	3,208	19,826
Newport West	7,286	7,825	2,526	1,923	1,269	56	61	353	698	.	.	.	480	835	.	246	159	.	4,157	23,717
Torfaen	4,031	9,362	2,575	2,579	1,293	56	89	139	679	.	.	.	617	1,020	.	276	463	.	4,632	23,179
<b>South Wales West</b>	<b>26,199</b>	<b>58,347</b>	<b>20,226</b>	<b>28,819</b>	<b>8,993</b>	<b>393</b>	<b>546</b>	.	<b>6,130</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>1,027</b>	.	<b>2,367</b>	<b>5,914</b>	.	<b>1,685</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>29,536</b>	<b>163,127</b>
Aberavon	2,058	9,303	1,775	3,610	1,185	37	66	.	663	73	196	.	423	653	.	230	146	26	3,698	20,444
Bridgend	5,793	7,727	3,754	2,837	1,284	92	75	.	845	77	135	.	302	1,021	.	271	239	63	4,404	24,515
Gower	7,393	7,643	2,622	4,610	1,369	57	71	.	1,478	74	137	.	302	695	.	283	160	21	4,647	26,915
Neath	2,519	9,388	1,799	7,297	1,222	63	86	.	860	94	78	.	387	802	.	292	83	45	4,012	25,015
Neath and Gower	2,373	10,577	1,831	3,623	1,066	55	90	.	608	74	189	.	434	817	.	178	333	338	4,182	22,586
Swansea East	1,858	7,806	3,528	3,217	1,681	38	70	.	576	106	152	.	271	1,025	.	206	133	71	4,329	20,738
Swansea West	4,205	5,903	4,917	3,625	1,186	51	88	.	1,100	215	140	.	248	901	.	225	92	18	4,264	22,914

## Sources and Notes

### *Changes to constituency boundaries*

A review by the Boundary Commission for Wales introduced changes to the boundaries of Assembly constituencies and Assembly electoral regions that were first used for the 2007 Assembly election. (The changes will not take effect for UK parliamentary constituencies in Wales until the next General election.)

The biggest changes occur in north Wales, with the creation of three new constituencies (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 regions have been redefined to reflect the changes to constituency boundaries.

For further details and a summary of all changes, see the research paper<sup>7</sup> on the new constituencies recently produced by the Members' Research Service.

### *Data sources - votes*

The 2007 election statistics shown in this paper have been provided by each local authority as part of the declaration of constituency and regional ballot results available on local authority websites or, where not published, by direct contact with returning officers. There have been small revisions to voting data in two areas since the initial paper on election results; relating to the constituency ballot vote in Pontypridd, and the regional ballot vote in South Wales East.

All electorate and turnout figures have been updated since the initial paper on election results (which used Office for National Statistics electorate figures), and validated against those published by the House of Commons Library. Turnout has been calculated as the number of valid votes as a percentage of the electorate. Spoilt ballots are not included in the calculation.

Due to the boundary changes described above, it is only possible to compare election results from 2003 and 2007 for the affected areas by using notional figures. These notional results, compiled by professors Colin Rallings and Michael Thrasher of Plymouth University, take the figures from the 2003 election and apply them to the new boundaries. Some areas<sup>8</sup> populations have not been affected by boundary changes, where this is the case, the original election results from 2003 have been retained. Notional results for the 2005 General Election have been created on a similar basis, and are used in section 2.4 of this paper.

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<sup>7</sup> Members' Research Service, *Assembly Constituencies and Electoral Regions*  
<http://assembly.presidingoffic/mrs/briefings/2007/mrs062541%20research%20paper%20-%20assembly%20constituencies%20and%20electoral%20regions.doc>

<sup>8</sup> Aberavon, Alyn & Deeside, Blaenau Gwent, Brecon & Radnorshire, Cardiff Central, Cardiff North, Delyn, Llanelli, Merthyr Tydfil, Monmouth, Newport East, Newport West, Rhondda, Swansea East, Swansea West, Torfaen, Wrexham, and Ynys Môn constituencies, and the South Wales East region.

The differences between actual and notional 2003 election results are as follows: the old constituency Conwy was won by Labour in 2003, but according to notional results the new constituency Aberconwy would have been won by Plaid Cymru; Plaid Cymru won a regional seat in North Wales in 2003, but according to the notional results this seat would have been won by the Conservatives. The net difference between notional and actual 2003 results is that Labour would have had one seat less and the Conservatives one seat more.

For Wales as a whole, comparisons may be based upon either actual or notional results. At the Wales level, the notional share of the 2003 vote for each party is the same as the actual share, but the notional number of seats per party may differ from the actual number of seats. Where comparisons with 2003 are made in this paper, there is a note to indicate whether actual 2003 results, notional 2003 results, or both have been used.

Other historical election results used in this paper are based on official results provided by the Electoral Commission through their website<sup>9</sup>. All figures are provisional and subject to revision when official results become available from the Electoral Commission.

### *Blaenau Gwent by-election*

A by-election was held for the constituency of Blaenau Gwent on 29 June 2006 following the death of Assembly Member (AM) Peter Law on 25 April 2006. Mr Law was elected as the Labour AM for Blaenau Gwent in 2003. In the 2005 General Election, Mr Law stood as an independent Parliamentary candidate. In 2006 Trish Law (Mr Law's widow) won the Assembly by-election as an independent candidate.

Tables and charts in this paper compare the 2007 results with positions after the 2003 Assembly election rather than after the 2006 by-election. The table below shows the percentage share of valid Blaenau Gwent constituency votes cast, by party, for all three elections.

Party / Candidate	% Share 2003	% Share 2006	% Share 2007
PV / Trish Law	.	50.3	54.1
Lab	70.2	34.0	31.3
LD	10.9	7.5	5.7
PC	9.6	4.0	4.8
Con	5.7	3.0	4.0
GP	.	1.1	.
UKIP	3.6	.	.

For further information on the results of the 2006 Blaenau Gwent by-election, please refer to the Members' Research Service paper from June 2006<sup>10</sup>.

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/>

<sup>10</sup> Members' Research Service, *Blaenau Gwent By-election*

<http://assembly/presidingoffic/mrs/briefings/2006/mrs061551%20blaenau%20gwent%20by-election.doc>

## Key to party codes

Each registered party has a short code as shown opposite, and colours have been assigned to parties with more than 20 candidates. In many tables, parties other than Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat and Plaid Cymru are combined in grey as 'other' parties, with short code 'Oth'.

### *Swing*

Swing is a single figure used to compare the results of two elections (in this case 2003 and 2007) in a single constituency. The conventional, or "Butler" swing from party A to party B is the average of the % point fall in party A's share of the vote and the % point rise in party B's.

### Party codes and colours

Code	Party
BNP	British National Party
CPA	Christian People's Alliance
CPB	Communist Party of Britain
Con	Conservative
GP	Green Party
Ind	Independent
Lab	Labour
LD	Liberal Democrat
NPTRPA	Neath Port Talbot Rate Payers Association
NMBP	New Millenium Bean Party
PV	People's Voice
PC	Plaid Cymru
Res	Respect
SA	Socialist Alternative
SEP	Socialist Equality Party
SLP	Socialist Labour Party
ED	The English Democrats
UKIP	UK Independence Party
Ver	Veritas
WCP	Welsh Christian Party

In this paper, swing is shown in a reference table in section three. Where seats changed hands, the swing from the winning party in 2003 to the winning party in 2007 is shown. Where a party holds the seat, the swing from the winning party to the second placed party in 2007 is shown.

### *Missing values*

Throughout the tables in this paper, the symbol '.' indicates data items that are not applicable.

### *Operation of the regional electoral system*

The table below shows the method by which Assembly Members were elected from the regional list in the Mid and West Wales region. The table on the next page summarises the allocation of regional seats for all five regions at the 2007 Assembly election.

In the example below, Plaid Cymru gained four of the eight constituency seats so although they gained the most number of regional votes, for the purposes of allocation their total is divided by five (the number of seats already won plus one). This means that Labour, who did not win a constituency seat, had the highest

score on the first round of allocation and were therefore allocated the first seat.

For the second round, the Labour total is divided by two (one plus the seat they won in the first round). This still means they have the highest score on the second round and they therefore win the second regional seat. The Labour divisor is increased by another one for the third round meaning that the Conservatives now have the highest score and win the third seat. The Conservative divisor is increased by one and the final seat is won by Plaid Cymru.

### Example of allocation of regional seats

#### Mid and West Wales

#### Party 'score' at each stage

	Con	Lab	LD	PC	BNP	GP	UKIP	others
Additional ballot votes:	49,606	39,979	28,790	67,258	6,389	8,768	8,191	7,976
Constituency seats won:	2	-	2	4	-	-	-	-

#### First round

First divisor	2+1=3	0+1=1	2+1=3	4+1=5	0+1=1	0+1=1	0+1=1	0+1=1
First total	16,535	<b>39,979</b>	9,597	13,452	6,389	8,768	8,191	7,976

1st regional seat is won by Labour, Labour divisor increases by 1

#### Second round

Second divisor	2+1=3	1+1=2	2+1=3	4+1=5	0+1=1	0+1=1	0+1=1	0+1=1
Second total	16,535	<b>19,990</b>	9,597	13,452	6,389	8,768	8,191	7,976

2nd regional seat is won by Labour, Labour divisor increases by 1

#### Third round

Third divisor	2+1=3	1+2=3	2+1=3	4+1=5	0+1=1	0+1=1	0+1=1	0+1=1
Third total	<b>16,535</b>	13,326	9,597	13,452	6,389	8,768	8,191	7,976

3rd regional seat is won by Conservative, Conservative divisor increases by 1

#### Fourth round

Fourth divisor	3+1=4	1+2=3	2+1=3	4+1=5	0+1=1	0+1=1	0+1=1	0+1=1
Fourth total	12,402	13,326	9,597	<b>13,452</b>	6,389	8,768	8,191	7,976

Final regional seat is won by Plaid Cymru

Final allocation of regional seats is: 1 Conservative, 2 Labour, 1 Plaid Cymru.

## Allocation of regional seats at the 2007 Assembly election

### Mid and West Wales

	Party 'score' at each stage																	
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	BNP	CPA	CPB	ED	GP	Res	SA	SEP	SLP	UKIP	Ver	WCP	Ind1	Ind2
Additional ballot votes:	49,606	39,979	28,790	67,258	6,389	413	666	.	8,768	.	.	.	2,196	8,191	502	1,493	1,108	1,598
Constituency seats won:	2	-	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
First regional seat	16,535	<b>39,979</b>	9,597	13,452	6,389	413	666	.	8,768	.	.	.	2,196	8,191	502	1,493	1,108	1,598
Second regional seat	16,535	<b>19,990</b>	9,597	13,452	6,389	413	666	.	8,768	.	.	.	2,196	8,191	502	1,493	1,108	1,598
Third regional seat	<b>16,535</b>	13,326	9,597	13,452	6,389	413	666	.	8,768	.	.	.	2,196	8,191	502	1,493	1,108	1,598
Fourth regional seat	12,402	13,326	9,597	<b>13,452</b>	6,389	413	666	.	8,768	.	.	.	2,196	8,191	502	1,493	1,108	1,598

### North Wales

	Con	Lab	LD	PC	BNP	CPA	CPB	ED	GP	Res	SA	SEP	SLP	UKIP	Ver	WCP	Ind1	Ind2
Additional ballot votes:	50,266	51,831	15,275	50,558	9,986	642	700	.	5,660	.	.	.	2,209	8,015	.	1,300	.	.
Constituency seats won:	1	5	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
First regional seat	<b>25,133</b>	8,639	15,275	12,640	9,986	642	700	.	5,660	.	.	.	2,209	8,015	.	1,300	.	.
Second regional seat	<b>16,755</b>	8,639	15,275	12,640	9,986	642	700	.	5,660	.	.	.	2,209	8,015	.	1,300	.	.
Third regional seat	12,567	8,639	<b>15,275</b>	12,640	9,986	642	700	.	5,660	.	.	.	2,209	8,015	.	1,300	.	.
Fourth regional seat	12,567	8,639	7,638	<b>12,640</b>	9,986	642	700	.	5,660	.	.	.	2,209	8,015	.	1,300	.	.

### South Wales Central

	Con	Lab	LD	PC	BNP	CPA	CPB	ED	GP	Res	SA	SEP	SLP	UKIP	Ver	WCP	Ind1	Ind2
Additional ballot votes:	45,147	70,799	29,262	32,207	7,889	757	817	.	7,831	1,079	838	292	1,744	7,645	.	1,987	.	.
Constituency seats won:	1	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
First regional seat	22,574	10,114	14,631	<b>32,207</b>	7,889	757	817	.	7,831	1,079	838	292	1,744	7,645	.	1,987	.	.
Second regional seat	<b>22,574</b>	10,114	14,631	16,104	7,889	757	817	.	7,831	1,079	838	292	1,744	7,645	.	1,987	.	.
Third regional seat	15,049	10,114	14,631	<b>16,104</b>	7,889	757	817	.	7,831	1,079	838	292	1,744	7,645	.	1,987	.	.
Fourth regional seat	<b>15,049</b>	10,114	14,631	10,736	7,889	757	817	.	7,831	1,079	838	292	1,744	7,645	.	1,987	.	.

### South Wales East

	Con	Lab	LD	PC	BNP	CPA	CPB	ED	GP	Res	SA	SEP	SLP	UKIP	Ver	WCP	Ind1	Ind2
Additional ballot votes:	37,936	67,998	20,947	25,915	8,940	489	979	1,655	5,414	.	.	.	3,593	8,725	.	2,498	4,876	.
Constituency seats won <sup>a</sup> :	1	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
First regional seat	18,968	9,714	20,947	<b>25,915</b>	8,940	489	979	1,655	5,414	.	.	.	3,593	8,725	.	2,498	4,876	.
Second regional seat	18,968	9,714	<b>20,947</b>	12,958	8,940	489	979	1,655	5,414	.	.	.	3,593	8,725	.	2,498	4,876	.
Third regional seat	<b>18,968</b>	9,714	10,474	12,958	8,940	489	979	1,655	5,414	.	.	.	3,593	8,725	.	2,498	4,876	.
Fourth regional seat	12,645	9,714	10,474	<b>12,958</b>	8,940	489	979	1,655	5,414	.	.	.	3,593	8,725	.	2,498	4,876	.

### South Wales West

	Con	Lab	LD	PC	BNP	CPA	CPB	ED	GP	Res	SA	SEP	SLP	UKIP	Ver	WCP	Ind1	Ind2
Additional ballot votes:	26,199	58,347	20,226	28,819	8,993	393	546	.	6,130	713	1,027	.	2,367	5,914	.	1,685	1,186	582
Constituency seats won:	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
First regional seat	26,199	7,293	20,226	<b>28,819</b>	8,993	393	546	.	6,130	713	1,027	.	2,367	5,914	.	1,685	1,186	582
Second regional seat	<b>26,199</b>	7,293	20,226	14,410	8,993	393	546	.	6,130	713	1,027	.	2,367	5,914	.	1,685	1,186	582
Third regional seat	13,100	7,293	<b>20,226</b>	14,410	8,993	393	546	.	6,130	713	1,027	.	2,367	5,914	.	1,685	1,186	582
Fourth regional seat	13,100	7,293	10,113	<b>14,410</b>	8,993	393	546	.	6,130	713	1,027	.	2,367	5,914	.	1,685	1,186	582

(a) Trish Law also won one seat for People's Voice in South Wales East, but no candidates stood at regional level.

