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Abstract

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The Members' Research Service intends to produce a fuller paper providing a more in-depth analysis and presentation of the election results.

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1 Introduction

This paper gives a summary of the results, votes, shares and turnout at the third Assembly election, on 3 May 2007. The Members' Research Service intends to produce a fuller paper in the near future showing a number of other elements of the results, including pages on the main parties' showings at the election, more details on constituencies in relation to regional votes, and more details on candidates.

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.

For further details, please refer to the Members' Research Service paper 'National Assembly for Wales Election 2007'¹, which provides an overview of the electoral system, electoral law, and preparations for the 3 May 2007 election. The fuller research paper on the election will also include worked examples of the d'Hondt formula.

Data sources for 2007

The election statistics shown in this paper have been compiled from data provided by each local authority. The electorate figures are Office for National Statistics figures for 1 December 2006, which will be updated when official results for Election Day are available.

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 (sources and notes) for further information on: data sources; changes to constituency boundaries; the Blaenau Gwent by-election; and party codes.

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

2 Summary

This section provides a high level summary of the results of the 2007 Assembly election. Further details are shown in the reference tables in section three, and a more in-depth analysis of these and other statistics will be included in an update to this research paper.

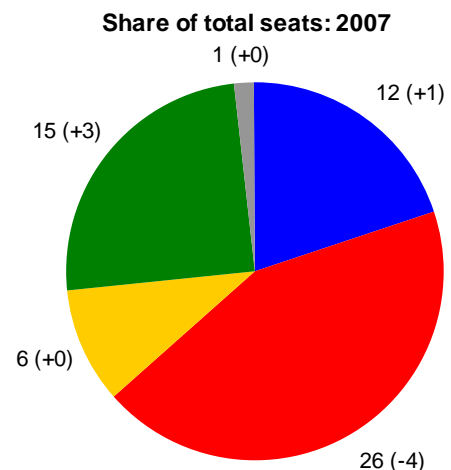
Key results

Summary: 2007 and changes 2003-2007

Comparisons are with 2003 *actual* results

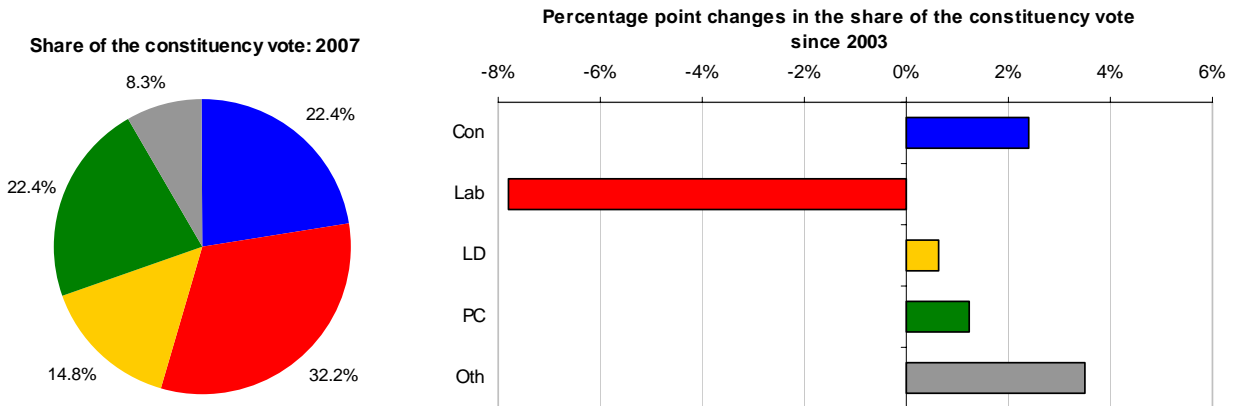
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth	Total
Seats						
Constituency seats	5	24	3	7	1	40
Regional seats	7	2	3	8	0	20
Total seats won	12	26	6	15	1	60
Change	+1	-4	0	+3	0	0
Constituency ballot						
Votes (thousands)	219	315	144	219	81	978
Percentage share of vote	22.4%	32.2%	14.8%	22.4%	8.3%	100%
Percentage point change	+2.4%	-7.8%	+0.6%	+1.2%	+3.5%	0%
Regional ballot						
Votes (thousands)	209	289	115	205	158	975
Percentage share of vote	21.5%	29.6%	11.7%	21.0%	16.2%	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.



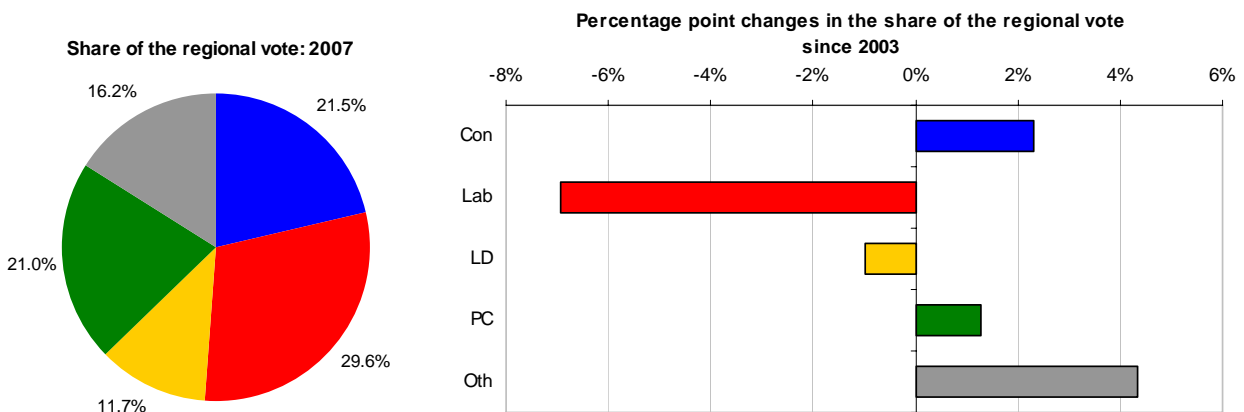
The overall share of the constituency vote, and changes since 2003 by party are shown below.

- 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 percentage 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 percentage points, twice the increase seen by Plaid Cymru.
- The Liberal Democrats saw a small increase of 0.6 percentage 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 percentage points on 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.



















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 below.

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>

Safe and marginal constituency seats

By percentage majority (the majority divided by the total number of valid votes cast):

Constituency		1st	2nd	Majority	% majority
Safest					
1	Dwyfor Meirionnydd	PC  Con 		8,868	40.1%
2	Ogmore	LAB  PC 		7,900	34.7%
3	Aberavon	LAB  PC 		6,571	32.0%
4	Cardiff Central	LD  Lab 		6,565	29.3%
Most marginal					
1	Vale of Glamorgan	Lab  Con 		83	0.2%
2	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	Con  Lab 		98	0.3%
3	Vale of Clwyd	Lab  Con 		92	0.4%
4	Delyn	Lab  Con 		511	2.4%

Three constituency seats were won by a majority of over thirty per cent, and Cardiff Central by just under thirty per cent, as shown above. All of these seats were won by the same party as in 2003 (using the notional result for the new constituency of Dwyfor Meirionnydd).

Four constituency seats were won by a majority of under three per cent. All four seats were held by Labour following the 2003 election, and all except Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire (now held by the Conservatives) remain as Labour seats.

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 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 elected AM for Aberconwy - Gareth Jones - was an AM in the first Assembly; the remaining twelve newly elected AMs have no previous Assembly experience.

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.

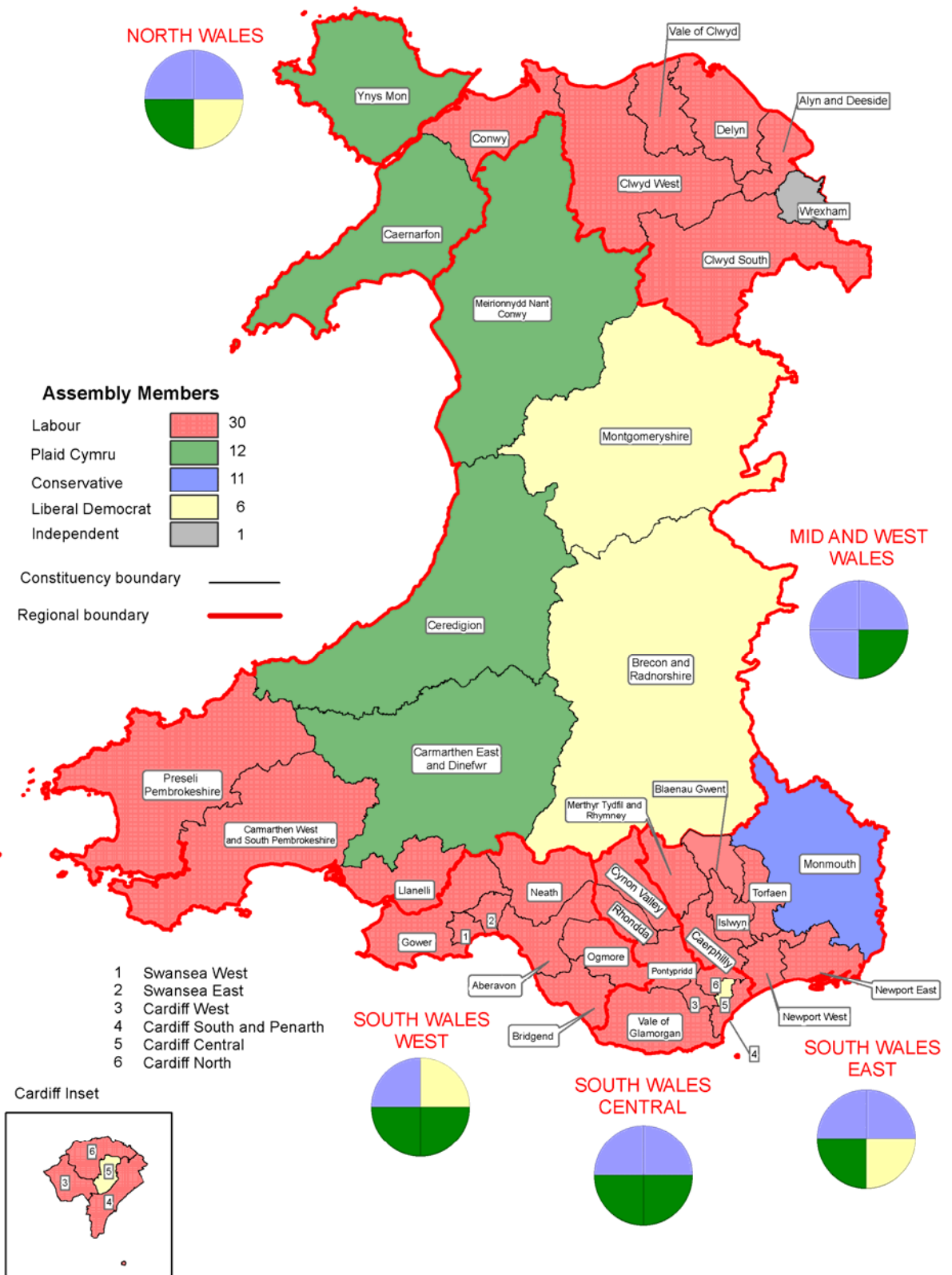
At the 2007 election, turnout for the constituency ballot was 43.4 per cent, over five percentage points higher than that in 2003 (38.2 per cent), and less than three percentage points lower than that in 1999 (46.3 per cent), as shown below. Turnout for the regional ballot was similar at 43.2 per cent.

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
National Assembly for Wales	2007	43

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). Turnout ranged from 35 per cent in Swansea East to 55 per cent in Ceredigion.

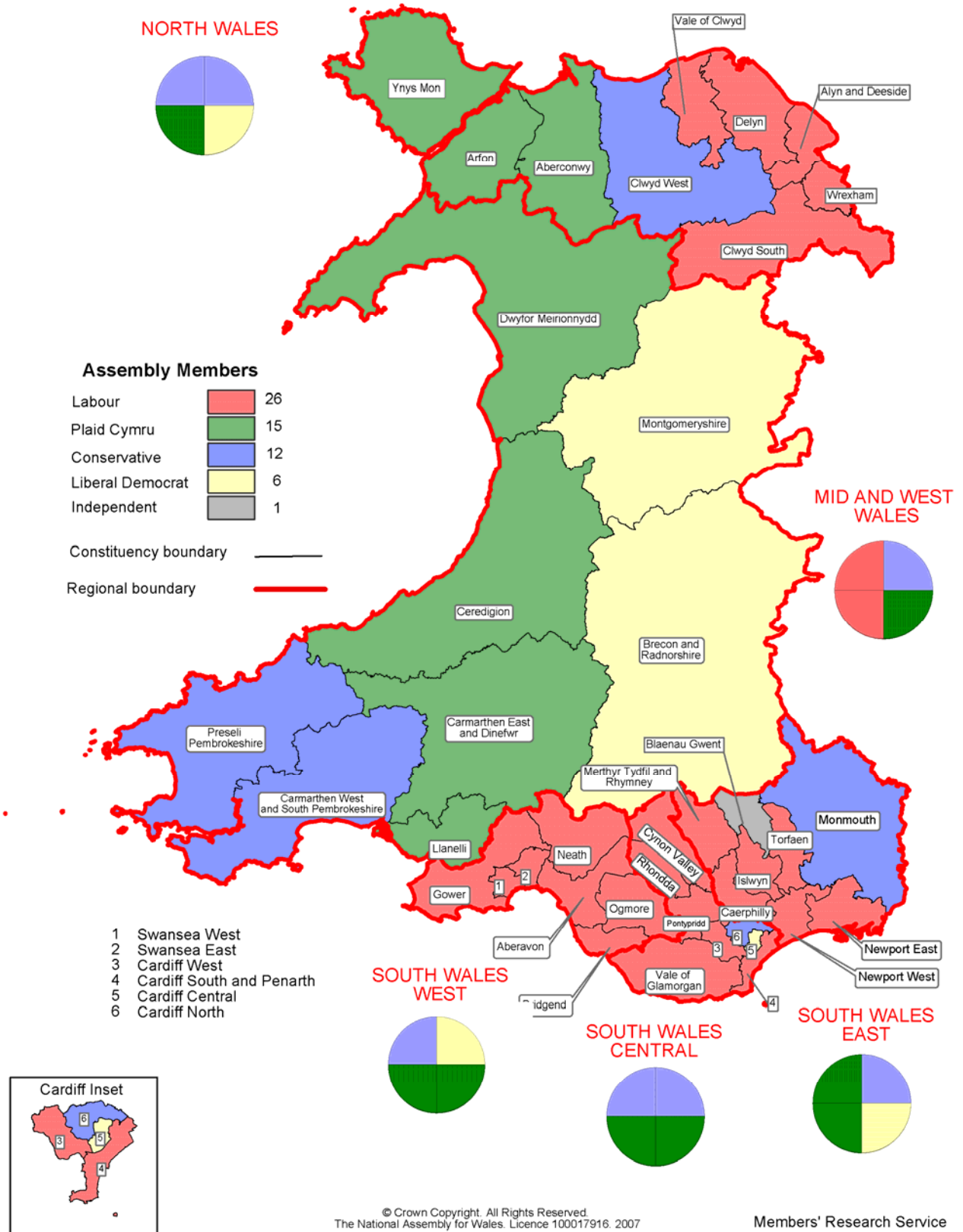
Only two constituencies experienced a decrease in turnout since 2003: Pontypridd (-1.1 percentage points) and Rhondda (-3.2 percentage points). Alyn & Deeside and Delyn constituencies both saw an increase of over 10 percentage points in turnout.

Map of Assembly election 2003 seat winners



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Map of Assembly election 2007 seat winners








































3 Reference Tables

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	AMs elected	Actual change	Notional change	Average %
								share (a)
Labour		314,925	32.2%	-7.8%	24	-6	-5	32.8%
Plaid Cymru		219,121	22.4%	+1.2%	7	+2	+1	22.2%
Conservative		218,730	22.4%	+2.4%	5	+4	+4	21.6%
Liberal Democrat		144,450	14.8%	+0.6%	3	0	0	14.7%
Independent		41,521	4.2%	+3.6%	0	-1	-1	10.7%
UK Independence Party		18,047	1.8%	-0.5%	0	0	0	5.7%
People's Voice		16,070	1.6%	.	1	+1	+1	34.3%
Neath Port Talbot Rate Payers Association		2,561	0.3%	.	0	.	.	12.5%
The English Democrats		1,867	0.2%	.	0	.	.	2.5%
New Millenium Bean Party		840	0.1%	+0.1%	0	0	0	4.1%

















































































Regional ballot (ranked by votes)		Votes	% Share	% pt change in share	AMs elected	Actual change	Notional change	Average %
								share (a)
Labour		288,954	29.6%	-6.9%	2	+2	+2	30.1%
Conservative		209,153	21.5%	+2.3%	7	-3	-4	21.2%
Plaid Cymru		204,757	21.0%	+1.3%	8	+1	+2	20.7%
Liberal Democrat		114,500	11.7%	-1.0%	3	0	0	11.7%
British National Party		42,197	4.3%	+4.0%	0	0	0	4.4%
UK Independence Party		38,490	3.9%	+0.5%	0	0	0	3.9%
Green Party		33,803	3.5%	-0.1%	0	0	0	3.5%
Socialist Labour Party		12,209	1.3%	+0.0%	0	0	0	1.3%
Independent		9,350	1.0%	.	0	.	.	1.0%
Welsh Christian Party		8,963	0.9%	.	0	.	.	0.9%
Communist Party of Britain		3,708	0.4%	+0.3%	0	0	0	0.4%
Christian People's Alliance		2,694	0.3%	.	0	.	.	0.3%
Socialist Alternative		1,865	0.2%	.	0	.	.	0.5%
Respect		1,792	0.2%	.	0	.	.	0.5%
The English Democrats		1,655	0.2%	.	0	.	.	0.9%
Veritas		502	0.1%	.	0	.	.	0.2%
Socialist Equality Party		292	0.0%	.	0	.	.	0.1%

Total of constituency and regional ballots (ranked by votes)		Votes	% Share	% pt change in share	AMs elected	Actual change	Notional change	Average %
								share (a)
Labour		603,879	30.9%	-7.4%	26	-4	-3	32.5%
Conservative		427,883	21.9%	+2.4%	12	+1	0	21.5%
Plaid Cymru		423,878	21.7%	+1.3%	15	+3	+3	22.1%
Liberal Democrat		258,950	13.3%	-0.2%	6	0	0	14.4%
UK Independence Party		56,537	2.9%	+0.0%	0	0	0	5.2%
Independent		50,871	2.6%	+2.3%	0	-1	-1	8.5%
British National Party		42,197	2.2%	+2.0%	0	0	0	4.4%
Green Party		33,803	1.7%	-0.0%	0	0	0	3.5%
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Note: (a) Average share of the vote in constituencies and / or regions where the party stood.

Constituency table – Votes

Comparisons are with 2003 *notional* results

	Party elected		Votes					Total	Majority (a)
	2003	2007	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth		
Mid and West Wales									
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
North Wales									
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
South Wales Central									
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	6,489	4,181	.	23,541	3,347
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
South Wales East									
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
South Wales West									
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

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

Constituency table - Share of the vote

Percentage of total valid votes cast

	% Share of the vote					Majority as % of vote (a)
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth	
Mid and West Wales						
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%
North Wales						
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%
South Wales Central						
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%	41.8%	27.6%	17.8%	.	14.2%
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%
South Wales East						
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%
South Wales West						
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%

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

Constituency table - Change in share of the vote, turnout

Comparisons are with 2003 *notional* results

	% pt Change in share of the vote					Electorate (ONS)	% Turnout	% pt Change
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth			
Mid and West Wales								
Brecon and Radnorshire	+3.7%	-2.9%	+2.6%	+0.5%	-3.9%	55,226	52.1%	+2.1%
Carmarthen East and Dinefwr	+2.6%	-6.7%	-1.0%	+5.0%	.	52,917	55.3%	+5.8%
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	+9.8%	-5.1%	-2.9%	-4.1%	+2.3%	57,961	49.3%	+6.6%
Ceredigion	-3.2%	-7.5%	+8.5%	+4.1%	-1.8%	54,360	55.4%	+5.6%
Dwyfor Meirionnydd	+5.4%	-9.1%	+1.3%	+2.3%	.	47,173	46.9%	+2.9%
Llanelli	+2.6%	-6.7%	-3.3%	+7.4%	.	56,553	48.8%	+8.5%
Montgomeryshire	+1.6%	-4.1%	-0.7%	+3.7%	-0.4%	48,200	46.3%	+3.6%
Preseli Pembrokeshire	+9.3%	-7.7%	-3.1%	+1.6%	.	56,827	50.5%	+9.0%
North Wales								
Aberconwy	+3.2%	-6.0%	-6.1%	+8.9%	.	44,141	46.9%	+9.4%
Alyn and Deeside	-0.5%	-7.9%	-6.7%	-1.1%	+16.2%	59,338	35.6%	+10.7%
Arfon	-3.5%	-3.8%	+0.2%	+3.1%	+4.0%	40,244	48.6%	+3.6%
Clwyd South	+10.7%	-1.4%	+0.6%	-0.9%	-9.0%	52,167	37.4%	+2.5%
Clwyd West	+1.3%	-6.9%	-1.4%	+5.9%	+1.1%	57,341	45.7%	+5.4%
Delyn	+3.3%	-4.0%	-4.7%	-0.7%	+6.1%	52,721	41.1%	+10.1%
Vale of Clwyd	+5.2%	-9.6%	+1.1%	+3.3%	.	55,530	40.1%	+3.7%
Wrexham	+4.4%	-3.3%	+6.9%	+1.9%	-10.0%	51,016	38.4%	+4.0%
Ynys Môn	-15.5%	-6.4%	-4.9%	+2.3%	+24.5%	51,815	51.8%	+1.3%
South Wales Central								
Cardiff Central	+2.5%	+2.0%	-3.5%	-0.4%	-0.5%	61,980	36.1%	+3.2%
Cardiff North	+9.7%	-6.7%	+0.2%	-2.3%	-0.9%	65,482	51.5%	+8.5%
Cardiff South and Penarth	+1.8%	-6.6%	+5.3%	+2.2%	-2.7%	70,709	37.8%	+6.0%
Cardiff West	+7.1%	-10.4%	+1.6%	+5.8%	-4.1%	64,447	41.7%	+6.8%
Cynon Valley	+3.8%	-7.8%	-2.5%	+6.5%	.	46,425	42.0%	+4.8%
Pontypridd	+4.4%	-9.1%	+13.2%	-3.6%	-4.8%	61,668	38.2%	-1.1%
Rhondda	+2.9%	-3.4%	+3.6%	+3.1%	-6.2%	52,112	42.4%	-3.2%
Vale of Glamorgan	-1.1%	-9.2%	+3.7%	-0.2%	+6.9%	68,288	49.3%	+8.8%
South Wales East								
Blaenau Gwent	-1.7%	-38.9%	-5.1%	-4.8%	+50.5%	53,499	44.0%	+6.6%
Caerphilly	+1.2%	-10.8%	+1.1%	-2.2%	+10.7%	62,046	42.1%	+5.1%
Islwyn	-1.5%	-18.2%	-1.3%	+2.6%	+18.3%	54,794	43.0%	+3.6%
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	-2.9%	-23.5%	+8.0%	-4.2%	+22.5%	54,052	38.8%	+5.8%
Monmouth	-5.5%	-3.5%	+4.0%	+2.2%	+2.7%	63,210	46.8%	+2.3%
Newport East	-1.7%	-12.5%	+11.5%	-0.6%	+3.2%	53,047	37.5%	+7.3%
Newport West	+5.2%	-6.4%	+2.1%	+2.5%	-3.4%	59,013	40.1%	+5.1%
Torfaen	+3.2%	-9.2%	-2.6%	+1.2%	+7.4%	62,592	37.1%	+5.2%
South Wales West								
Aberavon	+0.5%	-10.0%	-2.7%	-0.4%	+12.7%	52,087	39.4%	+2.1%
Bridgend	-0.9%	-2.3%	+1.0%	+5.6%	-3.4%	59,542	41.2%	+6.4%
Gower	+10.2%	-9.5%	-1.1%	+3.8%	-3.4%	61,735	44.6%	+5.5%
Neath	+2.7%	-7.7%	-0.0%	+6.9%	-1.8%	58,657	43.0%	+3.9%
Ogmore	+1.9%	-7.8%	+0.4%	-2.5%	+8.0%	56,965	40.0%	+6.9%
Swansea East	+3.3%	-5.8%	-6.7%	+2.8%	+6.5%	59,351	34.9%	+4.5%
Swansea West	+3.1%	-3.9%	+7.6%	-7.3%	+0.4%	60,889	37.6%	+4.5%

Regional table - Votes and share of the vote

	Votes					Total	% Share of the vote				
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth		Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth
Constituency ballot											
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	37,970	34,837	4,618	208,567	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	144,450	219,121	80,906	978,132	22.4%	32.2%	14.8%	22.4%	8.3%
Regional ballot											
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	37,935	67,998	20,947	25,915	37,269	190,064	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	209,153	288,954	114,500	204,757	157,520	974,884	21.5%	29.6%	11.7%	21.0%	16.2%
Total ballot											
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	67,232	67,044	35,497	416,861	22.8%	36.4%	16.1%	16.1%	8.5%
South Wales East	77,395	133,866	43,575	50,386	75,382	380,604	20.3%	35.2%	11.4%	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	427,883	603,879	258,950	423,878	238,426	1,953,016	21.9%	30.9%	13.3%	21.7%	12.2%

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%	+4.2%	+1.2%	-12.6%
South Wales East	+0.8%	-1.2%	+0.9%	-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%

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

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
Constituency ballot											
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
Regional ballot											
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
Total ballot											
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

Regional table - Change in share of the vote, turnout

Comparisons are with 2003 *notional* results

	% pt Change in share of the vote					Electorate (ONS)	% Turnout	% pt Change
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth			
Constituency ballot								
Mid and West Wales	+3.9%	-5.8%	-0.1%	+2.5%	-0.5%	429,217	50.7%	+5.7%
North Wales	+0.7%	-5.1%	-1.5%	+1.7%	+4.2%	464,313	42.5%	+5.7%
South Wales Central	+4.8%	-7.0%	+2.7%	+0.8%	-1.3%	491,111	42.5%	+4.5%
South Wales East	-0.9%	-14.6%	+2.1%	-0.3%	+13.7%	462,253	41.2%	+5.1%
South Wales West	+3.3%	-6.7%	-0.1%	+1.4%	+2.2%	409,226	40.1%	+4.8%
All Regions	+2.4%	-7.8%	+0.6%	+1.2%	+3.5%	2,256,120	43.4%	+5.2%
Regional ballot								
Mid and West Wales	+3.9%	-6.5%	-2.6%	+1.6%	+3.6%	429,217	50.5%	+5.4%
North Wales	+3.0%	-5.9%	-2.5%	+3.6%	+1.7%	464,313	42.3%	+5.8%
South Wales Central	+3.2%	-7.1%	+0.3%	+0.0%	+3.6%	491,111	42.4%	+4.7%
South Wales East	-0.2%	-9.3%	+0.6%	+1.0%	+7.9%	462,253	41.1%	+5.0%
South Wales West	+1.0%	-5.8%	-0.3%	-0.1%	+5.2%	409,226	39.9%	+4.5%
All Regions	+2.3%	-6.9%	-1.0%	+1.3%	+4.3%	2,256,120	43.2%	+5.1%
Total ballot								
Mid and West Wales	+2.2%	-9.6%	+1.2%	+5.3%	+0.9%	429,217	.	.
North Wales	+3.9%	-1.5%	-5.0%	-1.2%	+3.8%	464,313	.	.
South Wales Central	+5.4%	-7.6%	+1.8%	-0.6%	+1.0%	491,111	.	.
South Wales East	+0.4%	-9.8%	-0.4%	-1.1%	+10.9%	462,253	.	.
South Wales West	-0.7%	-7.9%	+1.1%	+3.5%	+3.9%	409,226	.	.
All Regions	+2.4%	-7.4%	-0.2%	+1.3%	+3.9%	2,256,120	.	.

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Constituency ballot	Elected member	Party
Mid and West Wales		
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
North Wales		
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
South Wales Central		
Cardiff Central	Jenny Randerson	 Liberal Democrat
Cardiff North	Jonathan Morgan	 Conservative
Cardiff South and Penarth	Lorraine Barrett	 Labour
Cardiff West	Rhodri Morgan	 Labour
Cynon Valley	Christine Chapman	 Labour
Pontypridd	Jane Davidson	 Labour
Rhondda	Leighton Andrews	 Labour
Vale of Glamorgan	Jane Hutt	 Labour
South Wales East		
Blaenau Gwent	Trish Law	 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
South Wales West		
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
Regional ballot		
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

Constituency table - Votes, including minor parties and independent candidates (see section four for party codes)

	Votes															Sub-total	Total
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	ED	NMBP	NPTRPA	PV	UKIP	Ind1	Ind2	Ind3	Ind4	Ind5	Oth		
Mid and West Wales																	
Brecon and Radnorshire	9,652	2,514	15,006	1,576	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	28,748
Carmarthen East and Dinefwr	4,676	7,186	1,752	15,655	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	29,269
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	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
North Wales																	
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
South Wales Central																	
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	6,489	4,181	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23,541
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
South Wales East																	
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
South Wales West																	
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

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

	Votes																	Sub-total	Total	
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	BNP	CPA	CPB	ED	GP	Res	SA	SEP	SLP	UKIP	Ver	WCP	Ind1	Ind2		Oth
Mid and West Wales	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	31,324	216,957
North Wales	50,266	51,831	15,275	50,558	9,986	642	700	.	5,660	.	.	.	2,209	8,015	.	1,300	.	.	28,512	196,442
South Wales Central	45,147	70,799	29,262	32,207	7,889	757	817	.	7,831	1,079	838	292	1,744	7,645	.	1,987	.	.	30,879	208,294
South Wales East	37,935	67,998	20,947	25,915	8,940	489	979	1,655	5,414	.	.	.	3,693	8,725	.	2,498	4,876	.	37,269	190,064
South Wales West	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	29,536	163,127

4 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 paper² on the new constituencies recently produced by the Members' Research Service.

Data sources - votes

Where available, the number of votes cast for each party in 2007 is taken from the website of the relevant local authority. This information has been validated against the BBC website.

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 areas³ have not been affected by boundary changes, where this is the case, the original election results from 2003 have been retained.

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 provide by the Electoral Commission through their website⁴.

² Members' Research Service, *Assembly Constituencies and Electoral Regions*
<http://assembly/presidingoffic/mrs/briefings/2007/mrs062541%20research%20paper%20-%20assembly%20constituencies%20and%20electoral%20regions.doc>

³ 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.

⁴ <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/>

Data sources – electorate and turnout

Few local authorities have provided figures for their constituencies' electorate yet, and due to problems with the reliability of media reports of electorates, Office for National Statistics data as at 1 December 2006⁵ has been used for this paper. These will be updated when official results for Election Day are available. Turnout has been calculated as valid votes as a percentage of the electorate. Spoilt ballots are not included in the calculation.

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 2006⁶.

Missing values

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





















⁵ Office for National Statistics data taken from StatsWales table 003462:
<http://www.statswales.wales.gov.uk/TableViewer/tableView.aspx?ReportId=3462>

⁶ 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 below, 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'.

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