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2011 Assembly Election Results

1. Introduction

This paper gives a summary of the results, votes, shares and turnout at the fourth Assembly election, on 5 May 2011.

The electoral system

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

The second vote is used to elect 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 Research Service paper 'National Assembly for Wales Election 2011'¹, which provides an overview of the electoral system, electoral law, d'Hondt and preparations for the 5 May 2011 election.

Data sources used for the 2011 election

The election statistics shown in this paper have been compiled from data provided by each local authority. The electorate figures were provided by local authority returning officers on 6 May 2011 and relate to the electorate at the time of the Assembly elections.

This paper includes comparisons of the 2011 results with the previous Assembly election results on 3 May 2007.

During the third Assembly the following changes to the balance of seats held by the parties occurred. Mohammed Ashgar, Regional Assembly Member for South Wales East, left Plaid Cymru to join the Conservatives on 8 December 2009. This increased the number of Conservative Assembly Members to 13 and reduced the number of Plaid Cymru Assembly Members to 14 for the remainder of the third Assembly. Also, during 2010 Mick Bates, Liberal Democrat AM for Montgomeryshire became an Independent Liberal Democrat, reducing the number of Liberal Democrat seats from six to five. Changes within the third Assembly term are not reflected in this paper.

¹ Research Service, [National Assembly for Wales Election 2011](#) [accessed on 10 May 2011]

2. Summary of the 2011 Assembly election results

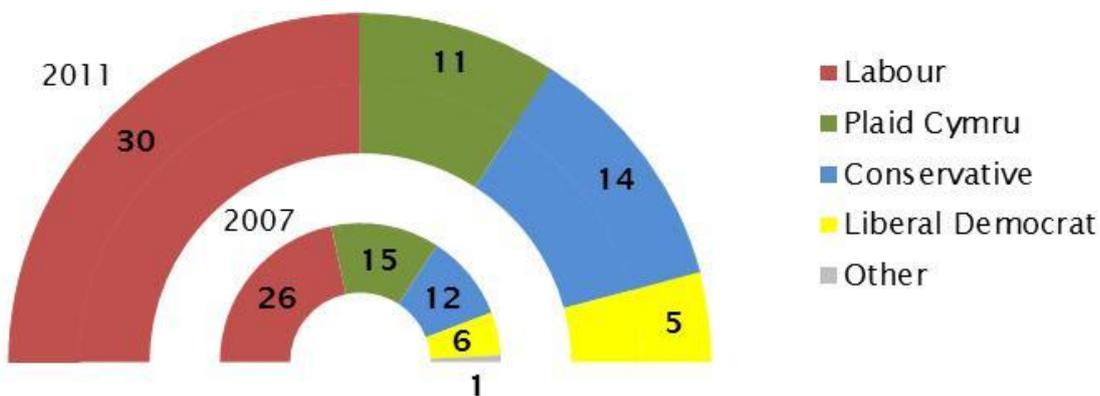
This section provides a high level summary of the results of the 2011 Assembly election. Further details are shown in the reference tables in section 3. Please note that comparisons are made to the position immediately after the 2007 Assembly election. Further details can be found in section 3 – Reference tables.

Key results

Table 1 Summary: 2011 and changes 2007-2011

	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth	Total
Seats						
Constituency seats	6	28	1	5	0	40
Regional seats	8	2	4	6	0	20
Total seats won	14	30	5	11	0	60
Change	+2	+4	-1	-4	-1	-
Constituency ballot						
Votes (thousands)	237	402	100	183	27	949
Percentage share of vote	25.0%	42.3%	10.6%	19.3%	2.8%	100%
Percentage point change	+2.6%	+10.1%	-4.2%	-3.1%	-5.4%	-
Regional ballot						
Votes (thousands)	214	350	76	170	139	949
Percentage share of vote	22.5%	36.9%	8.0%	17.9%	14.7%	100%
Percentage point change	+1.1%	+7.2%	-3.7%	-3.1%	-1.5%	-

Figure 1 Share of seats 2011 and 2007



- Labour won thirty of the seats in the Assembly, four more than in 2007 and on a par with their 2003 totals. This is their joint best Assembly electoral performance to date.
- The Conservatives had their best results in Assembly elections, with an increase in the number of seats from 12 to 14. They are now the main opposition party to Labour in the Assembly for the first time.
- Plaid Cymru had their worst showing in an Assembly election winning 11 seats, down four on 2007.

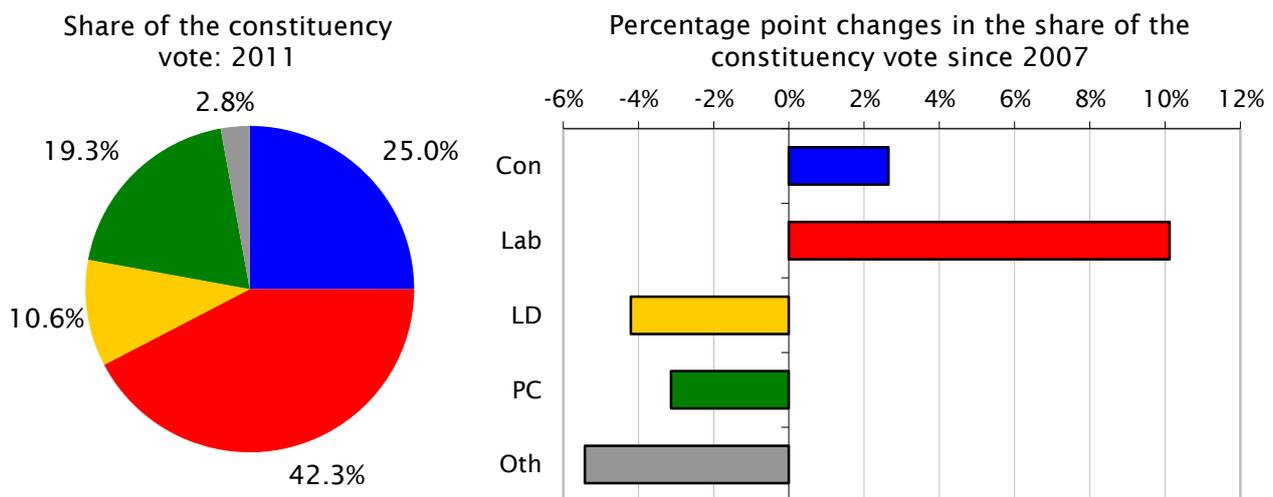
- The Liberal Democrats also had their worst showing at an Assembly election winning five seats, compared to six in 2007, 2003 and 1999.
- For the first time since the 1999 Assembly election, no independent candidates were elected. Also, no other parties won a seat.

Constituency results

The overall share of the constituency vote and changes since 2007 by party are shown below.

- Labour secured their highest ever share in an Assembly election: over 42 per cent of the total vote. This was an increase of over 10 percentage points on their 2007 share.
- The Conservatives also secured their highest vote, 25.0 per cent, an increase of 2.6 percentage points.
- Plaid Cymru saw their share of the vote fall 3.1 percentage points to 19.3 per cent.
- The Liberal Democrats saw an even larger decrease of 4.2 percentage points.
- As a whole, fewer minor parties and independent candidates stood in constituency seats in the 2011 election than in 2007. Their combined vote share subsequently fell dramatically by 5.4 percentage points to 2.8 per cent of the total vote.

Figure 2 Share of the constituency vote and changes since 2007



Regional results

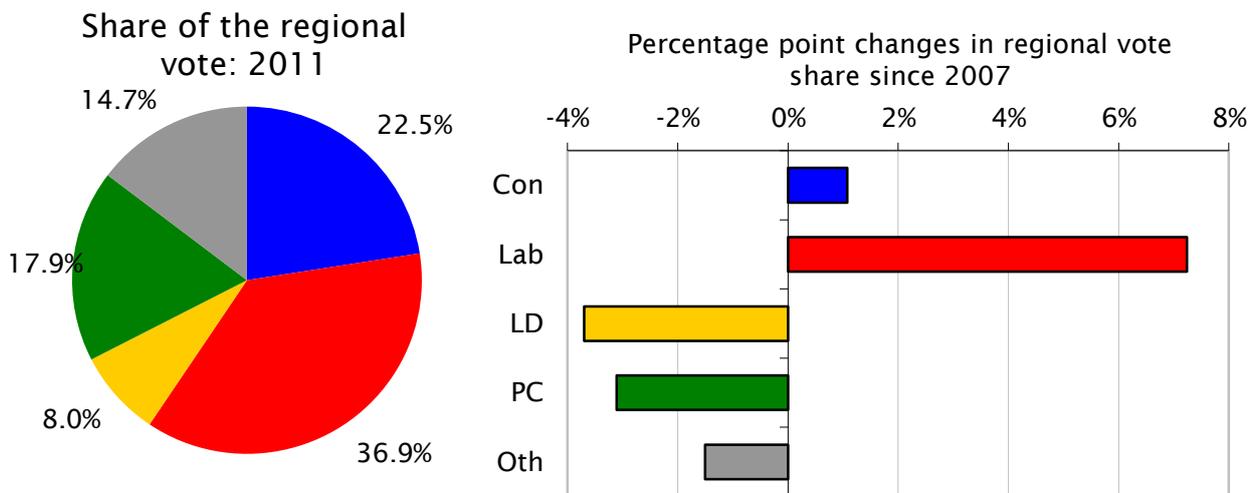
The overall share of the regional vote and changes since 2007 by party are shown below.

- As a whole, minor parties and independent candidates combined gained almost 15 per cent of the regional vote, over five times the share secured in

the constituency ballot. This demonstrates the trend for independents and other parties to focus towards standing in regional rather than constituency ballots.

- The major parties saw a similar change in share of the vote to those in the constituency vote, with Labour making significant gains and the Liberal Democrats and Plaid Cymru both losing over three percentage points of the share of the vote compared to 2007.
- In four of the five regions of Wales, in terms of total number of votes received, Labour is the largest party, the Conservatives second, Plaid Cymru third and the Liberal Democrats fourth. In Mid and West Wales region, Plaid Cymru is the largest party followed by the Conservatives, Labour and then the Liberal Democrats.

Figure 3 Share of the regional vote and change since 2007



Seats changing hands

Six constituency seats and four regional seats changed hands between the 2007 and 2011 Assembly elections, as shown below.

Table 2 Constituency seats changing hands in the 2011 election

By party losing	By party gaining
<p>Conservative losses (1)</p> <p>  Cardiff North</p>	<p>Conservative gains (2)</p> <p>  Aberconwy</p> <p>  Montgomeryshire</p>
<p>Independent losses (1)</p> <p>  Blaenau Gwent</p>	<p>Labour gains (4)</p> <p>  Blaenau Gwent</p> <p>  Cardiff Central</p> <p>  Cardiff North</p> <p>  Llanelli</p>
<p>Liberal Democrat losses (2)</p> <p>  Montgomeryshire</p> <p>  Cardiff Central</p>	
<p>Plaid Cymru loses (2)</p> <p>  Aberconwy</p> <p>  Llanelli</p>	

Safe and marginal constituency seats

The safest and most marginal constituency seats are shown below; the percentage majority is the majority divided by the total number of valid votes cast.

Table 3 Safest and most marginal seats in the 2011 election

	Constituency	1st	2nd	Majority	% majority
Most marginal					
1	Cardiff Central	Lab 	LD 	38	0.2%
2	Llanelli	Lab 	PC 	80	0.3%
3	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	Con 	Lab 	1,504	5.3%
4	Aberconwy	Con 	PC 	1,567	7.7%
Safest					
1	Ogmore	Lab 	PC 	9,576	47.3%
2	Aberavon	Lab 	PC 	9,311	49.3%
3	Blaenau Gwent	Lab 	Ind 	9,120	45.1%
4	Swansea East	Lab 	Con 	8,281	43.8%

Two constituency seats were won by a majority of under 100; both of these were gained by Labour. Cardiff Central is now held for the first time by Labour. Llanelli was also gained by Labour by a majority of 80 from Plaid Cymru. Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire was retained by the Conservatives with an increased majority from 98 to 1,504. Aberconwy, the fourth most marginal seat

was a gain for the Conservatives from Plaid Cymru. Four constituency seats were won by a majority of over forty per cent, three of these were held by Labour, the other, Blaenau Gwent, which had previously held by an independent candidate since 2005, was gained by Labour with a majority of 9,120.

Assembly Members - composition

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

Of the sixty elected AMs, twenty-four are women and thirty-six men, compared to twenty-eight women and thirty-two men after the 2007 election. This is the same proportion as in 1999 but lower than all subsequent Assembly elections.

In the fourth Assembly there are two BME Assembly Members. The estimated Black and Ethnic Minority (BME) population of Wales is around two per cent. The first two Assemblies had no BME Assembly Members and the first BME Assembly Member was elected in 2007.

This election saw the highest turnover of new members. Of the 60 Assembly Members, 23 have not been elected previously. There are 20 Assembly Members who were first elected in 1999, seven Assembly Members were first elected in 2003 and 10 first elected in 2007.

Turnout

The definition of turnout used in this paper is the valid votes cast as a percentage of the electorate. Please see section 4 for further notes on turnout and electorate data.

At the 2011 election, turnout for the constituency ballot was 41.4 per cent, two percentage points lower than in 2007 (43.4 per cent) over three percentage points higher than that in 2003 (38.2 per cent), and almost five percentage points lower than that in 1999 (46.3 per cent), as shown below. Turnout for the regional ballot was similar at 41.4 per cent, therefore the combined turnout was also 41.4 per cent.

Table 4 Turnout at recent elections / referendums in Wales

Election / Referendum	Year	Turnout %
Welsh Assembly Referendum	1997	50
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
Welsh Local Government	2008	44
European Elections (Wales)	2009	31
UK General Election (Wales)	2010	65
Law-making Referendum	2011	36
National Assembly for Wales	2011	41

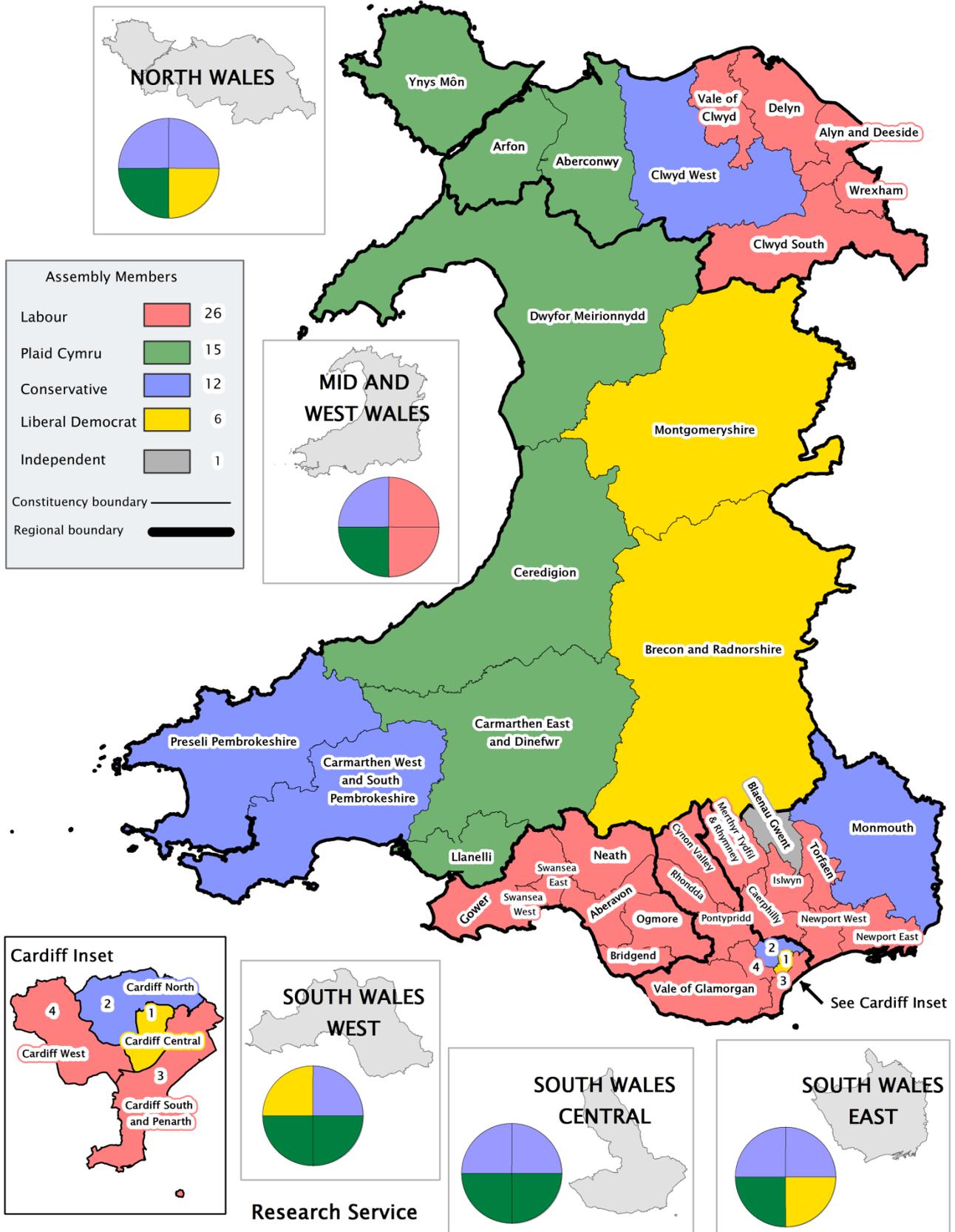
Sources: Digest of Welsh Local Area Statistics 2000, Members' Research Service - [2007 Assembly Election Results \(updated\)](#), [The Electoral Commission Report on local elections in Wales published](#), [European Parliament Information Office in the UK](#), The Electoral Commission website - [The 2010 General Election: aspects of participation and administration](#), Members' Research Service [Results of the National Assembly for Wales Referendum 2011](#)

In the constituency ballot, three of the forty constituencies saw a turnout of over 50 per cent. Turnout was generally highest in Mid and West Wales (over 44 per cent in all constituencies) and lowest in South Wales West (less than 44 per cent in all constituencies). Turnout ranged from 31 per cent in Swansea East to 53 per cent in Brecon and Radnorshire.

Only eight constituencies experienced an increase in percentage turnout since 2007: Blaenau Gwent saw the largest fall, 6.6 percentage points, and Delyn the largest increase 1.9 percentage points.

Further details can be found in Section 3 - Detailed election results.

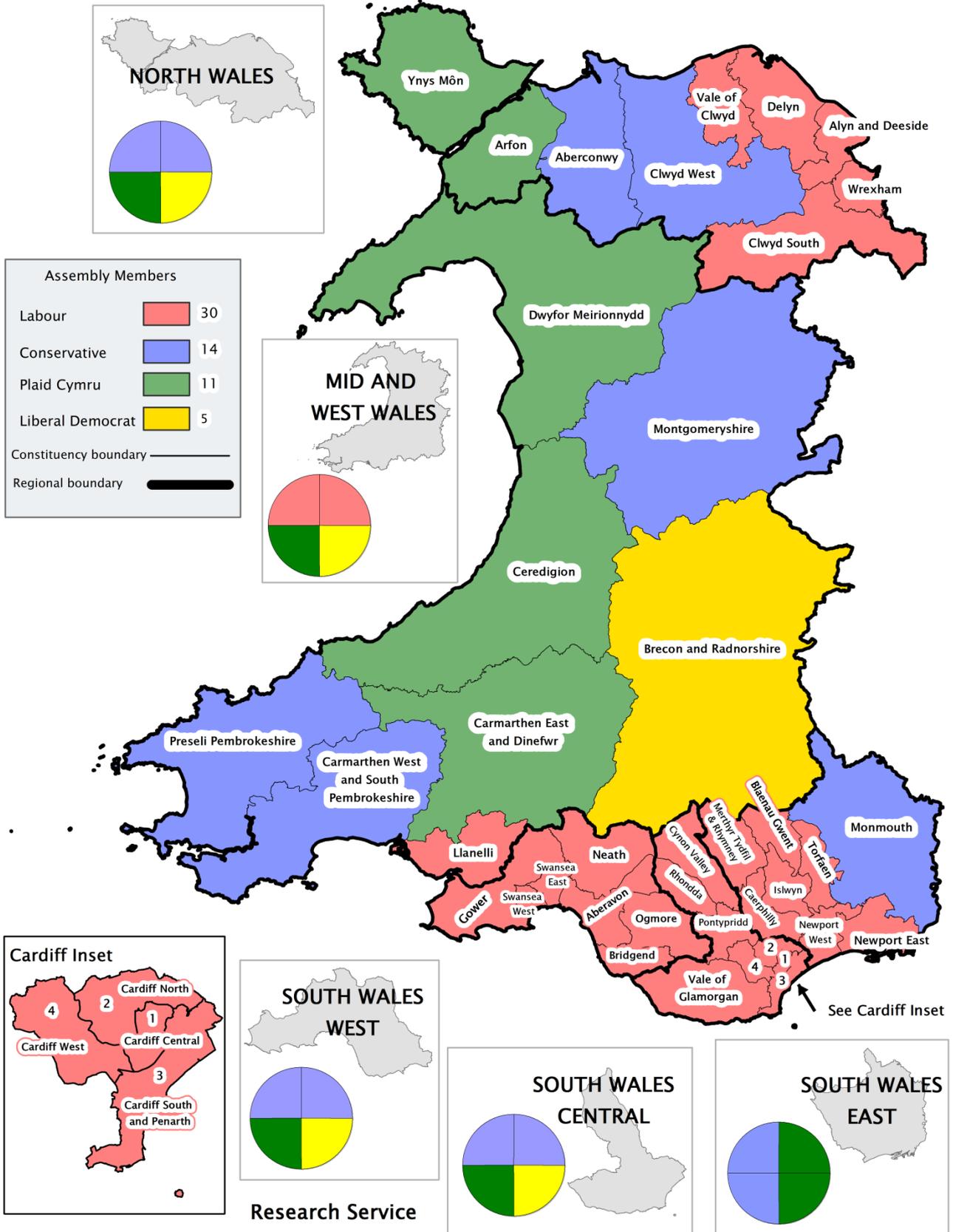
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3. Detailed election results

Table 5 Summary of voting in Wales: Overall

Constituency ballot (ranked by votes)		Votes	% Share	% pt change in share	AMs elected	change
Labour		401,677	42.3%	+10.1%	28	4
Conservative		237,389	25.0%	+2.6%	6	1
Plaid Cymru		182,907	19.3%	-3.1%	5	-2
Liberal Democrat		100,259	10.6%	-4.2%	1	-2
Independent		17,707	1.9%	-2.4%	0	-1
British National Party		7,056	0.7%	+0.7%	0	0
Green Party		1,514	0.2%	+0.2%	0	0
The English Democrats		744	0.1%	-0.1%	0	0

Regional ballot (ranked by votes)		Votes	% Share	% pt change in share	AMs elected	change
Labour		349,935	37.0%	+7.3%	2	0
Conservative		213,773	22.6%	+1.1%	8	1
Plaid Cymru		169,799	17.9%	-3.1%	6	-2
Liberal Democrat		76,349	8.1%	-3.7%	4	1
UK Independence Party		43,256	4.6%	+0.6%	0	0
Green Party		32,649	3.4%	-0.0%	0	0
Socialist Labour Party		23,020	2.4%	+1.2%	0	0
British National Party		22,610	2.4%	-1.9%	0	0
Welsh Christian Party		8,947	0.9%	+0.0%	0	0
Communist Party of Britain		2,676	0.3%	-0.1%	0	0
The English Democrats		1,904	0.2%	+0.0%	0	0
Trade Unionists & Socialists Against Cuts		1,639	0.2%	+0.2%	0	0
Monster Raving Loony Party		1,237	0.1%	+0.1%	0	0
Independent		1,094	0.1%	-0.9%	0	0

Total of constituency and regional ballots (ranked by votes)		Votes	% Share	% pt change in share	AMs elected	change
Labour		751,612	39.6%	+8.7%	30	4
Conservative		451,162	23.8%	+1.9%	14	2
Plaid Cymru		352,706	18.6%	-3.1%	11	-4
Liberal Democrat		176,608	9.3%	-4.0%	5	-1
UK Independence Party		43,256	2.3%	-0.6%	0	0
Green Party		34,163	1.8%	+0.1%	0	0
British National Party		29,666	1.6%	-0.6%	0	0
Socialist Labour Party		23,020	1.2%	+0.6%	0	0
Independent		18,801	1.0%	-1.6%	0	-1
Welsh Christian Party		8,947	0.5%	+0.0%	0	0
Communist Party of Britain		2,676	0.1%	-0.0%	0	0
The English Democrats		2,648	0.1%	-0.0%	0	0
Trade Unionists & Socialists Against Cuts		1,639	0.1%	+0.1%	0	0
Monster Raving Loony Party		1,237	0.1%	+0.1%	0	0

Notable differences in 'Other' vote share between years may be due to strong independent candidates or other parties standing in either 2007 or 2011 but not both elections

Table 6 Constituency results

	Party		Votes					Total	Majority (a)
	2007	2011	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth		
Mid and West Wales									
Brecon and Radnorshire			9,444	4,797	12,201	1,906	.	28,348	2,757
Carmarthen East and Dinefwr			5,635	8,353	1,339	12,501	.	27,828	4,148
Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire			10,095	8,591	1,097	8,373	.	28,156	1,504
Ceredigion			2,755	2,544	10,243	12,020	1,514	29,076	1,777
Dwyfor Meirionnydd			4,239	2,623	1,000	9,656	3,225	20,743	5,417
Llanelli			2,880	10,359	548	10,279	2,004	26,070	80
Montgomeryshire			10,026	2,609	7,702	2,596	.	22,933	2,324
Preseli Pembrokeshire			11,541	9,366	2,085	4,226	.	27,218	2,175
North Wales									
Aberconwy			6,888	5,206	2,873	5,321	.	20,288	1,567
Alyn and Deeside			6,397	11,978	1,725	1,710	959	22,769	5,581
Arfon			2,209	4,630	801	10,024	.	17,664	5,394
Clwyd South			5,841	8,500	1,977	3,719	.	20,037	2,659
Clwyd West			10,890	6,642	1,846	5,775	.	25,153	4,248
Delyn			7,814	10,695	1,767	2,918	.	23,194	2,881
Vale of Clwyd			7,680	11,691	1,088	2,597	.	23,056	4,011
Wrexham			5,031	8,368	2,692	2,596	.	18,687	3,337
Ynys Môn			7,032	6,307	759	9,969	.	24,067	2,937
South Wales Central									
Cardiff Central			3,559	8,954	8,916	1,690	509	23,628	38
Cardiff North			14,602	16,384	1,595	1,850	.	34,431	1,782
Cardiff South and Penarth			7,555	13,814	2,786	3,324	.	27,479	6,259
Cardiff West			7,167	13,067	1,942	5,551	.	27,727	5,900
Cynon Valley			1,531	11,626	492	5,111	.	18,760	6,515
Pontypridd			3,659	11,864	4,170	3,139	501	23,333	7,694
Rhondda			969	12,650	497	5,911	.	20,027	6,739
Vale of Glamorgan			11,971	15,746	1,513	4,024	.	33,254	3,775
South Wales East									
Blaenau Gwent			1,066	12,926	367	1,098	4,754	20,211	9,120
Caerphilly			3,368	12,521	1,062	7,597	1,022	25,570	4,924
Islwyn			2,497	12,116	653	4,527	1,115	20,908	7,589
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney			1,224	10,483	2,480	1,701	3,432	19,320	7,051
Monmouth			15,087	8,970	2,937	2,263	744	30,001	6,117
Newport East			4,500	9,888	3,703	1,369	.	19,460	5,388
Newport West			7,791	12,011	1,586	1,626	.	23,014	4,220
Torfaen			3,306	10,318	852	2,716	5,136	22,328	6,088
South Wales West									
Aberavon			2,704	12,104	1,278	2,793	.	18,879	9,311
Bridgend			6,724	13,499	1,736	2,076	.	24,035	6,775
Gower			8,002	12,866	2,656	3,249	.	26,773	4,864
Neath			2,780	12,736	983	6,346	1,004	23,849	6,390
Ogmore			2,945	12,955	985	3,379	.	20,264	9,576
Swansea East			2,754	11,035	1,673	2,346	1,102	18,910	8,281
Swansea West			5,231	9,885	3,654	3,035	.	21,805	4,654

Table 7 Constituency results, share of vote and majority, percentage of total valid votes cast 2011

	% Share of the vote					Majority as % of vote (a)
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth	
Mid and West Wales						
Brecon and Radnorshire	33.3%	16.9%	43.0%	6.7%	.	9.7%
Carmarthen East and Dinefwr	20.2%	30.0%	4.8%	44.9%	.	14.9%
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	35.9%	30.5%	3.9%	29.7%	.	5.3%
Ceredigion	9.5%	8.7%	35.2%	41.3%	5.2%	6.1%
Dw yfor Meirionnydd	20.4%	12.6%	4.8%	46.6%	15.5%	26.1%
Llanelli	11.0%	39.7%	2.1%	39.4%	7.7%	0.3%
Montgomeryshire	43.7%	11.4%	33.6%	11.3%	.	10.1%
Preseli Pembrokeshire	42.4%	34.4%	7.7%	15.5%	.	8.0%
North Wales						
Aberconwy	34.0%	25.7%	14.2%	26.2%	.	7.7%
Alyn and Deeside	28.1%	52.6%	7.6%	7.5%	4.2%	24.5%
Arfon	12.5%	26.2%	4.5%	56.7%	.	30.5%
Clwyd South	29.2%	42.4%	9.9%	18.6%	.	13.3%
Clwyd West	43.3%	26.4%	7.3%	23.0%	.	16.9%
Delyn	33.7%	46.1%	7.6%	12.6%	.	12.4%
Vale of Clwyd	33.3%	50.7%	4.7%	11.3%	.	17.4%
Wrexham	26.9%	44.8%	14.4%	13.9%	.	17.9%
Ynys Môn	29.2%	26.2%	3.2%	41.4%	.	12.2%
South Wales Central						
Cardiff Central	15.1%	37.9%	37.7%	7.2%	2.2%	0.2%
Cardiff North	42.4%	47.6%	4.6%	5.4%	.	5.2%
Cardiff South and Penarth	27.5%	50.3%	10.1%	12.1%	.	22.8%
Cardiff West	25.8%	47.1%	7.0%	20.0%	.	21.3%
Cynon Valley	8.2%	62.0%	2.6%	27.2%	.	34.7%
Pontypridd	15.7%	50.8%	17.9%	13.5%	2.1%	33.0%
Rhondda	4.8%	63.2%	2.5%	29.5%	.	33.6%
Vale of Glamorgan	36.0%	47.4%	4.5%	12.1%	.	11.4%
South Wales East						
Blaenau Gwent	5.3%	64.0%	1.8%	5.4%	23.5%	45.1%
Caerphilly	13.2%	49.0%	4.2%	29.7%	4.0%	19.3%
Islwyn	11.9%	57.9%	3.1%	21.7%	5.3%	36.3%
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	6.3%	54.3%	12.8%	8.8%	17.8%	36.5%
Monmouth	50.3%	29.9%	9.8%	7.5%	2.5%	20.4%
Newport East	23.1%	50.8%	19.0%	7.0%	.	27.7%
Newport West	33.9%	52.2%	6.9%	7.1%	.	18.3%
Torfaen	14.8%	46.2%	3.8%	12.2%	23.0%	27.3%
South Wales West						
Aberavon	14.3%	64.1%	6.8%	14.8%	.	49.3%
Bridgend	28.0%	56.2%	7.2%	8.6%	.	28.2%
Gower	29.9%	48.1%	9.9%	12.1%	.	18.2%
Neath	11.7%	53.4%	4.1%	26.6%	4.2%	26.8%
Ogmore	14.5%	63.9%	4.9%	16.7%	.	47.3%
Swansea East	14.6%	58.4%	8.8%	12.4%	5.8%	43.8%
Swansea West	24.0%	45.3%	16.8%	13.9%	.	21.3%

Table 8 Constituency results, change in share of vote, electorate and turnout 2011

	% pt Change in share of the vote					Electorate	% Turnout
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth		
Mid and West Wales							
Brecon and Radnorshire	-0.3%	+8.2%	-9.2%	+1.2%	.	53,546	52.9%
Carmarthen East and Dinefwr	+4.3%	+5.5%	-1.2%	-8.6%	.	54,243	51.3%
Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire	+5.8%	+0.8%	-2.4%	+0.5%	-4.7%	58,435	48.2%
Ceredigion	+1.6%	+3.7%	-0.9%	-7.9%	3.5%	56,983	51.0%
Dw yfor Meirionnydd	+0.8%	+0.2%	-3.5%	-13.1%	15.5%	44,669	46.4%
Llanelli	+1.1%	+3.7%	-1.7%	-10.7%	7.7%	58,838	44.3%
Montgomeryshire	+13.6%	+4.5%	-5.4%	-2.5%	-10.1%	48,675	47.1%
Preseli Pembrokeshire	+3.8%	+7.0%	-1.6%	-9.2%	.	57,758	47.1%
North Wales							
Aberconwy	+3.6%	+3.9%	+4.9%	-12.3%	.	44,978	45.1%
Alyn and Deeside	+5.2%	+13.8%	-2.3%	+0.9%	-17.5%	61,751	36.9%
Arfon	+3.0%	-0.6%	-2.7%	+4.3%	-4.0%	41,093	43.0%
Clwyd South	-0.2%	+7.4%	+0.4%	-1.4%	-6.2%	54,499	36.8%
Clwyd West	+9.3%	-1.5%	+0.8%	-4.4%	-4.3%	57,980	43.4%
Delyn	+1.4%	+11.5%	-4.7%	-2.1%	.	53,996	43.0%
Vale of Clwyd	-2.7%	+14.3%	-5.5%	-6.2%	.	56,232	41.0%
Wrexham	+9.7%	+16.0%	-2.3%	+4.3%	-27.7%	53,516	34.9%
Ynys Môn	+16.2%	+8.8%	-0.2%	+1.7%	-26.5%	49,431	48.7%
South Wales Central							
Cardiff Central	+1.1%	+16.0%	-13.4%	-1.1%	-2.5%	64,347	36.7%
Cardiff North	-2.8%	+16.7%	-8.1%	-2.0%	-3.7%	66,934	51.4%
Cardiff South and Penarth	-0.0%	+12.5%	-10.2%	-2.2%	.	75,038	36.6%
Cardiff West	+1.0%	+8.5%	-8.2%	-1.2%	.	64,219	43.2%
Cynon Valley	-2.2%	+5.3%	-2.5%	-0.6%	.	52,133	36.0%
Pontypridd	+2.8%	+9.1%	-9.7%	-4.3%	2.1%	60,028	38.9%
Rhondda	-0.3%	+4.9%	-4.0%	-0.6%	.	52,532	38.1%
Vale of Glamorgan	+2.1%	+13.2%	-6.6%	-1.8%	-6.9%	71,602	46.4%
South Wales East							
Blaenau Gwent	+1.2%	+32.6%	-3.9%	+0.6%	-30.6%	53,230	38.0%
Caerphilly	+1.9%	+14.4%	-2.0%	+3.9%	-18.2%	62,049	41.2%
Islwyn	+4.3%	+20.3%	-1.7%	+0.1%	-23.0%	54,893	38.1%
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	+0.9%	+17.2%	-2.4%	-3.2%	-12.5%	55,031	35.1%
Monmouth	-1.8%	+6.5%	-5.0%	+0.5%	-0.2%	64,857	46.3%
Newport East	+0.5%	+18.7%	-8.7%	-1.5%	-9.0%	55,120	35.3%
Newport West	-0.7%	+11.7%	-5.0%	-3.3%	-2.7%	63,180	36.4%
Torfaen	-4.7%	+3.5%	-7.6%	+0.3%	8.6%	61,126	36.5%
South Wales West							
Aberavon	+4.6%	+14.8%	-0.3%	-2.5%	-16.6%	50,754	37.2%
Bridgend	-1.9%	+15.9%	-8.0%	-6.0%	.	59,104	40.7%
Gower	+0.1%	+13.9%	-0.7%	-6.4%	-6.9%	61,909	43.2%
Neath	-0.1%	+10.0%	-5.1%	-9.1%	4.2%	57,533	41.5%
Ogmore	+2.8%	+12.3%	-4.6%	-0.3%	-10.3%	55,442	36.5%
Swansea East	+4.8%	+16.9%	-8.7%	-3.1%	-9.9%	60,246	31.4%
Swansea West	+4.9%	+13.0%	-9.0%	-1.7%	-7.2%	62,345	35.0%

Notable differences in 'Other' vote share between years may be due to strong independent candidates or other parties standing in either 2007 or 2011 but not both elections

Table 9 Regional results and share of vote 2011

	Votes					Total	% Share of the vote				
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth		Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth
Constituency ballot											
Mid and West Wales	56,615	49,242	36,215	61,557	6,743	210,372	26.9%	23.4%	17.2%	29.3%	3.2%
North Wales	59,782	74,017	15,528	44,629	959	194,915	30.7%	38.0%	8.0%	22.9%	0.5%
South Wales Central	51,013	104,105	21,911	30,600	1,010	208,639	24.5%	49.9%	10.5%	14.7%	0.5%
South Wales East	38,839	89,233	13,640	22,897	16,203	180,812	21.5%	49.4%	7.5%	12.7%	9.0%
South Wales West	31,140	85,080	12,965	23,224	2,106	154,515	20.2%	55.1%	8.4%	15.0%	1.4%
All Regions	237,389	401,677	100,259	182,907	27,021	949,253	25.0%	42.3%	10.6%	19.3%	2.8%
Regional ballot											
Mid and West Wales	52,905	47,348	26,847	56,384	26,868	210,352	25.2%	22.5%	12.8%	26.8%	12.8%
North Wales	52,201	62,677	11,507	41,701	26,712	194,798	26.8%	32.2%	5.9%	21.4%	13.7%
South Wales Central	45,751	85,445	16,514	28,606	32,017	208,333	22.0%	41.0%	7.9%	13.7%	15.4%
South Wales East	35,459	82,699	10,798	21,850	30,218	181,024	19.6%	45.7%	6.0%	12.1%	16.7%
South Wales West	27,457	71,766	10,683	21,258	23,217	154,381	17.8%	46.5%	6.9%	13.8%	15.0%
All Regions	213,773	349,935	76,349	169,799	139,032	948,888	22.5%	36.9%	8.0%	17.9%	14.7%
Total ballot											
Mid and West Wales	109,520	96,590	63,062	117,941	33,611	420,724	26.0%	23.0%	15.0%	28.0%	8.0%
North Wales	111,983	136,694	27,035	86,330	27,671	389,713	28.7%	35.1%	6.9%	22.2%	7.1%
South Wales Central	96,764	189,550	38,425	59,206	33,027	416,972	23.2%	45.5%	9.2%	14.2%	7.9%
South Wales East	74,298	171,932	24,438	44,747	46,421	361,836	20.5%	47.5%	6.8%	12.4%	12.8%
South Wales West	58,597	156,846	23,648	44,482	25,323	308,896	19.0%	50.8%	7.7%	14.4%	8.2%
All Regions	451,162	751,612	176,608	352,706	166,053	1,898,141	23.8%	39.6%	9.3%	18.6%	8.7%

Table 10 Variation between share of constituency and regional ballot votes, by region 2011

	% pt variation in % share of the vote				
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth
Mid and West Wales	+1.8%	+0.9%	+4.5%	+2.5%	-9.6%
North Wales	+3.9%	+5.8%	+2.1%	+1.5%	-13.2%
South Wales Central	+2.5%	+8.9%	+2.6%	+0.9%	-14.9%
South Wales East	+1.9%	+3.7%	+1.6%	+0.6%	-7.7%
South Wales West	+2.4%	+8.6%	+1.5%	+1.3%	-13.7%
All Regions	+2.5%	+5.4%	+2.5%	+1.4%	-11.8%

Table 11 Regional table - Seats and change in seats - comparisons with 2007 results

	Seats won					Total	Change in seats won				
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth		Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth
Constituency ballot											
Mid and West Wales	3	1	1	3	0	8	+1	+1	-1	-1	0
North Wales	2	5	0	2	0	9	+1	0	0	-1	0
South Wales Central	0	8	0	0	0	8	-1	+2	-1	0	0
South Wales East	1	7	0	0	0	8	0	+1	0	0	-1
South Wales West	0	7	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
All Regions	6	28	1	5	0	40	+1	+4	-2	-2	-1
Regional ballot											
Mid and West Wales	0	2	1	1	0	4	-1	0	+1	0	0
North Wales	2	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
South Wales Central	2	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	+1	-1	0
South Wales East	2	0	0	2	0	4	+1	0	-1	0	0
South Wales West	2	0	1	1	0	4	+1	0	0	-1	0
All Regions	8	2	4	6	0	20	+1	0	+1	-2	0
Total ballot											
Mid and West Wales	3	3	2	4	0	12	0	+1	0	-1	0
North Wales	4	5	1	3	0	13	+1	0	0	-1	0
South Wales Central	2	8	1	1	0	12	-1	+2	0	-1	0
South Wales East	3	7	0	2	0	12	+1	+1	-1	0	-1
South Wales West	2	7	1	1	0	11	+1	0	0	-1	0
All Regions	14	30	5	11	0	60	+2	+4	-1	-4	-1

Table 12 Regional table - Change in share of the vote, turnout Comparisons with 2007 results

	% pt Change in share of the vote					Elec torate	% Turnout
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	Oth		
Const itucency ballot							
Mid and West Wales	+3.8%	+4.2%	-2.9%	-6.4%	+1.3%	433,147	48.6%
North Wales	+5.6%	+8.6%	-1.2%	-2.6%	-10.4%	473,476	41.2%
South Wales Central	+0.5%	+11.0%	-7.7%	-2.0%	-1.7%	506,833	41.2%
South Wales East	+0.8%	+14.8%	-4.3%	-0.2%	-11.0%	469,486	38.5%
South Wales West	+2.1%	+13.6%	-5.1%	-4.4%	-6.3%	407,333	37.9%
All Regions	+2.6%	+10.1%	-4.2%	-3.1%	-5.4%	2,290,275	41.4%
Regional ballot							
Mid and West Wales	+2.3%	+4.1%	-0.5%	-4.2%	-1.7%	433,147	48.6%
North Wales	+1.2%	+5.8%	-1.9%	-4.3%	-0.8%	473,476	41.1%
South Wales Central	+0.3%	+7.0%	-6.1%	-1.7%	+0.5%	506,833	41.1%
South Wales East	-0.4%	+9.9%	-5.1%	-1.6%	-2.9%	469,486	38.6%
South Wales West	+1.7%	+10.7%	-5.5%	-3.9%	-3.1%	407,333	37.9%
All Regions	+1.1%	+7.2%	-3.7%	-3.1%	-1.5%	2,290,275	41.4%
Total ballot							
Mid and West Wales	+3.1%	+4.1%	-1.7%	-5.3%	-0.2%	433,147	.
North Wales	+3.4%	+7.2%	-1.5%	-3.5%	-5.6%	473,476	.
South Wales Central	+0.4%	+9.0%	-6.9%	-1.9%	-0.6%	506,833	.
South Wales East	+0.2%	+12.3%	-4.7%	-0.9%	-7.0%	469,486	.
South Wales West	+1.9%	+12.1%	-5.3%	-4.2%	-4.7%	407,333	.
All Regions	+1.9%	+8.7%	-4.0%	-3.1%	-3.5%	2,290,275	.

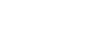
Table 13 Constituency table - Votes, including minor parties and independent candidates (see section 4 for party codes)

	Votes								Sub-total		Total
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	BNP	ED	GP	Ind	Oth		
Mid and West Wales											
Brecon and Radnorshire	9,444	4,797	12,201	1,906	0	0	0	0	0	28,348	
Carmarthen East and Dinefwr	5,635	8,353	1,339	12,501	0	0	0	0	0	27,828	
Carmarthen West & South Pembrokeshire	10,095	8,591	1,097	8,373	0	0	0	0	0	28,156	
Ceredigion	2,755	2,544	10,243	12,020	0	0	1,514	0	1,514	29,076	
Dwyfor Meirionnydd	4,239	2,623	1,000	9,656	0	0	0	3,225	3,225	20,743	
Llanelli	2,880	10,359	548	10,279	0	0	0	2,004	2,004	26,070	
Montgomeryshire	10,026	2,609	7,702	2,596	0	0	0	0	0	22,933	
Preseli Pembrokeshire	11,541	9,366	2,085	4,226	0	0	0	0	0	27,218	
North Wales											
Aberconwy	6,888	5,206	2,873	5,321	0	0	0	0	0	20,288	
Alyn and Deeside	6,397	11,978	1,725	1,710	959	0	0	0	959	22,769	
Arfon	2,209	4,630	801	10,024	0	0	0	0	0	17,664	
Clwyd South	5,841	8,500	1,977	3,719	0	0	0	0	0	20,037	
Clwyd West	10,890	6,642	1,846	5,775	0	0	0	0	0	25,153	
Delyn	7,814	10,695	1,767	2,918	0	0	0	0	0	23,194	
Vale of Clwyd	7,680	11,691	1,088	2,597	0	0	0	0	0	23,056	
Wrexham	5,031	8,368	2,692	2,596	0	0	0	0	0	18,687	
Ynys Môn	7,032	6,307	759	9,969	0	0	0	0	0	24,067	
South Wales Central											
Cardiff Central	3,559	8,954	8,916	1,690	0	0	0	509	509	23,628	
Cardiff North	14,602	16,384	1,595	1,850	0	0	0	0	0	34,431	
Cardiff South and Penarth	7,555	13,814	2,786	3,324	0	0	0	0	0	27,479	
Cardiff West	7,167	13,067	1,942	5,551	0	0	0	0	0	27,727	
Cynon Valley	1,531	11,626	492	5,111	0	0	0	0	0	18,760	
Pontypridd	3,659	11,864	4,170	3,139	0	0	0	501	501	23,333	
Rhondda	969	12,650	497	5,911	0	0	0	0	0	20,027	
Vale of Glamorgan	11,971	15,746	1,513	4,024	0	0	0	0	0	33,254	
South Wales East											
Blaenau Gwent	1,066	12,926	367	1,098	948	0	0	3,806	4,754	20,211	
Caerphilly	3,368	12,521	1,062	7,597	1,022	0	0	0	1,022	25,570	
Islwyn	2,497	12,116	653	4,527	1,115	0	0	0	1,115	20,908	
Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney	1,224	10,483	2,480	1,701	0	0	0	3,432	3,432	19,320	
Monmouth	15,087	8,970	2,937	2,263	0	744	0	0	744	30,001	
Newport East	4,500	9,888	3,703	1,369	0	0	0	0	0	19,460	
Newport West	7,791	12,011	1,586	1,626	0	0	0	0	0	23,014	
Torfaen	3,306	10,318	852	2,716	906	0	0	4,230	5,136	22,328	
South Wales West											
Aberavon	2,704	12,104	1,278	2,793	0	0	0	0	0	18,879	
Bridgend	6,724	13,499	1,736	2,076	0	0	0	0	0	24,035	
Gower	8,002	12,866	2,656	3,249	0	0	0	0	0	26,773	
Neath	2,780	12,736	983	6,346	1,004	0	0	0	1,004	23,849	
Ogmore	2,945	12,955	985	3,379	0	0	0	0	0	20,264	
Swansea East	2,754	11,035	1,673	2,346	1,102	0	0	0	1,102	18,910	
Swansea West	5,231	9,885	3,654	3,035	0	0	0	0	0	21,805	

Table 14 Regional table - Votes, including minor parties and independent candidates (see section 4 for party codes)

	Votes													Sub-total		Total
	Con	Lab	LD	PC	BNP	Com	CPW	ED	GP	MRLP	SLP	TUSAC	UKIP	Ind	Oth	
Mid and West Wales	52,905	47,348	26,847	56,384	2,821	595	1,630	0	8,660	0	3,951	0	9,211	0	26,868	210,352
North Wales	52,201	62,677	11,507	41,701	4,785	523	1,401	0	4,406	0	4,895	0	9,608	1,094	26,712	194,798
South Wales Central	45,751	85,445	16,514	28,606	3,805	516	1,873	0	10,774	1,237	4,690	830	8,292	0	32,017	208,333
South Wales East	35,459	82,699	10,798	21,850	6,485	578	2,441	1,904	4,857	0	4,427	0	9,526	0	30,218	181,024
South Wales West	27,457	71,766	10,683	21,258	4,714	464	1,602	0	3,952	0	5,057	809	6,619	0	23,217	154,381

Constituency Ballot

<u>Elected Member</u>	<u>Party</u>	<u>Constituency</u>
 David Rees	Labour	Aberavon
 Janet Finch-Saunders	Conservative	Aberconwy
 Carl Sargeant	Labour	Alyn and Deeside
 Ieuan Wyn Jones	Plaid Cymru	Anglesey
 Alun Ffred Jones	Plaid Cymru	Arfon
 Alun Davies	Labour	Blaenau Gwent
 Kirsty Williams	Liberal Democrats	Brecon and Radnorshire
 Carwyn Jones	Labour	Bridgend
 Jeff Cuthbert	Labour	Caerphilly
 Jenny Rathbone	Labour	Cardiff Central
 Julie Morgan	Labour	Cardiff North
 Vaughan Gething	Labour	Cardiff South and Penarth
 Mark Drakeford	Labour	Cardiff West
 Rhodri Glyn Thomas	Plaid Cymru	Carmarthen East and Dinefwr
 Angela Bums	Conservative	Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire
 Elin Jones	Plaid Cymru	Ceredigion
 Ken Skates	Labour	Clwyd South
 Darren Millar	Conservative	Clwyd West
 Christine Chapman	Labour	Cynon Valley
 Sandy Mewies	Labour	Delyn
 Dafydd Elis-Thomas	Plaid Cymru	Dwyfor Meirionnydd
 Edwina Hart	Labour	Gower
 Gwyn R Price	Labour	Islwyn
 Keith Davies	Labour	Llanelli
 Huw George Lewis	Labour	Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney
 Nick Ramsay	Conservative	Monmouth
 Russell Ian George	Conservative	Montgomeryshire
 Gwenda Thomas	Labour	Neath
 John Griffiths	Labour	Newport East
 Rosemary Butler	Labour	Newport West
 Janice Gregory	Labour	Ogmore
 Mick Antoniw	Labour	Pontypridd
 Paul Davies	Conservative	Preseli Pembrokeshire
 Leighton Andrews	Labour	Rhondda
 Mike Hedges	Labour	Swansea East
 Julie James	Labour	Swansea West
 Lynne Neagle	Labour	Torfaen
 Ann Jones	Labour	Vale of Clwyd
 Jane Hutt	Labour	Vale of Glamorgan
 Lesley Griffiths	Labour	Wrexham

Regional ballot

	Elected Member	Party	Region
	Rebecca Evans	Labour	Mid and West Wales
	William Powell	Liberal Democrats	Mid and West Wales
	Simon Thomas	Plaid Cymru	Mid and West Wales
	Joyce Watson	Labour	Mid and West Wales
	Llyr Huws Gruffydd	Plaid Cymru	North Wales
	Mark Isherwood	Conservative	North Wales
	Aled Roberts	Liberal Democrats	North Wales
	Antoinette Sandbach	Conservative	North Wales
	Andrew RT Davies	Conservative	South Wales Central
	John Dixon	Liberal Democrats	South Wales Central
	David Melding	Conservative	South Wales Central
	Leanne Wood	Plaid Cymru	South Wales Central
	Mohammad Asghar	Conservative	South Wales East
	Jocelyn Davies	Plaid Cymru	South Wales East
	William Graham	Conservative	South Wales East
	Lindsay Whittle	Plaid Cymru	South Wales East
	Peter Black	Liberal Democrats	South Wales West
	Henry Byron Davies	Conservative	South Wales West
	Suzy Davies	Conservative	South Wales West
	Bethan Jenkins	Plaid Cymru	South Wales West

4. Sources and Notes

Data sources - votes

Where available, the number of votes cast for each party in 2011 is taken from the website of the relevant local authority. This information has been validated against the BBC website.

Other historical election results used in this paper are based on official results provide by the Electoral Commission through their website.²

Data sources - electorate and turnout

Local authorities have provided figures for their constituencies' electorate. Turnout has been calculated as valid votes as a percentage of the electorate. Spoilt ballots are not included in the calculation.

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'.

Code	Party
BNP	 British National Party
Com	 Communist Party of Britain
CPW	 Christian Party (Wales)
Con	 Conservative
GP	 Green Party
Ind	 Independent
Lab	 Labour
LD	 Liberal Democrat
MRLP	 Monster Raving Loony Party
PC	 Plaid Cymru
SLP	 Socialist Labour Party
ED	 The English Democrats
TUSAC	 Trade Unionists and Socialists Against Cuts
UKIP	 UK Independence Party

² [Electoral Commission](#)