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1. Introduction

This briefing provides a detailed overview of the results of the Senedd general election held on 7 May 2026.

The Senedd and the 2026 election

The election of Members of the Senedd was held on Thursday 7 May 2026. The election followed the dissolution of the Sixth Senedd at midnight on 8 April 2026. This was the seventh general election held for the Senedd and the first under the new closed list proportional representation voting system. It was also the first time that 96 Members were elected, rather than the 60 that had been elected at elections between 1999-2021.

Counting of the votes took place on Friday 8 May, with the final declaration made at 18:05 in Gwynedd Maldwyn.

Plaid Cymru won the largest share of the vote (35.4%) and the largest number of seats (43), with Reform UK coming second with 29.3% of the vote and 34 seats. Welsh Labour were in third place with 11.1% of the vote and 9 seats, followed by the Welsh Conservatives who won 10.7% of the vote and 7 seats. Wales Green Party were in fifth place with 6.7% of the vote and 2 seats. The Welsh Liberal Democrats won 4.5% of the vote and 1 seat.

The turnout for the election was 51.7%, the highest there has ever been for a Senedd general election.

Constituencies

Members of the Senedd were elected to represent 16 new Senedd constituencies. Each was given a single Welsh language name by the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru. The constituencies are set out in the map below.

1 Bangor Conwy Môn
2 Clwyd
3 Fflint Wrecsam
4 Gwynedd Maldwyn
5 Ceredigion Penfro
6 Sir Gaerfyrddin
7 Gŵyr Abertawe
8 Brycheiniog Tawe Nedd
9 Afan Ogwr Rhondda
10 Pontypridd Cynon Merthyr
11 Blaenau Gwent Caerffili Rhymni
12 Sir Fynwy Torfaen
13 Casnewydd Islwyn
14 Caerdydd Penarth
15 Caerdydd Ffynnon Taf
16 Pen-y-bont Bro Morgannwg

The electoral system

A closed list proportional representation electoral system was used for the first time in Senedd elections. Under this system, registered political parties could put forward lists of up to eight candidates in each constituency. Individual candidates (independents) could also stand in a Senedd constituency.

The election was conducted across 16 constituencies, each electing six Members of the Senedd. These constituencies **were determined by the Democracy and Boundary Commission Cymru** by combining the 32 UK Parliament constituencies into 16 Senedd constituencies.

After the counting of votes, the six seats in each constituency were allocated to political parties and individual candidates using the D'Hondt method. More information about the allocation of seats can be found in this **Senedd Research article**.

Initial **findings from the Welsh Election Study**, led by researchers from Aberystwyth University and Swansea University, showed that ahead of the election, public understanding of the new electoral system was low. In total, 88% of respondents either answered incorrectly or did not know about the new electoral system.

Data sources

The election data in this briefing has been compiled from statistical returns from each Constituency Returning Officer and **data published by the Electoral Management Board**. Sources of data relating to previous Senedd elections (1999-2021) are referenced at the **end of this briefing**.

This briefing uses the valid vote to calculate and report on turnout. The valid vote consists of all papers included in the count, including postal ballots but excluding ballot papers rejected at the count.

Note on diversity information

Data about the characteristics of Members of the Senedd and candidates at Senedd elections is not routinely collected and is therefore not included in this briefing.

In March 2025, the previous Welsh Government published **diversity and inclusion guidance for political parties**, which included guidance about

collecting, collating and publishing diversity information relating to candidates and elected Members. This is a voluntary action that political parties can take.

The guidance says that this information should be published by political parties within six weeks of the Senedd election. At the time of publication, there has not been any data published by political parties. This briefing will be updated if and when this information is made available.

2. Summary of election results

This section provides a high-level summary of the election results.

Summary of results

Figure 1 shows the number of seats won by each political party at the Senedd election. Plaid Cymru are the largest party with 43 seats, followed by Reform UK with 34 seats. In third place are Welsh Labour with 9 seats, the Welsh Conservatives came fourth with 7 seats, Wales Green Party came fifth with 2 seats and the Welsh Liberal Democrats came sixth with 1 seat.

New rules for the Seventh Senedd mean that a political party needs to have at least five Members of the Senedd to form a political group. Political groups have access to more opportunities for scrutiny (e.g. to ask questions in Plenary and hold opposition debates) and receive additional resources to support their work. In the Seventh Senedd, the following political parties were able form a political group: Plaid Cymru, Reform UK, Welsh Labour and the Welsh Conservatives.

Figure 1: 2026 Senedd election results by party

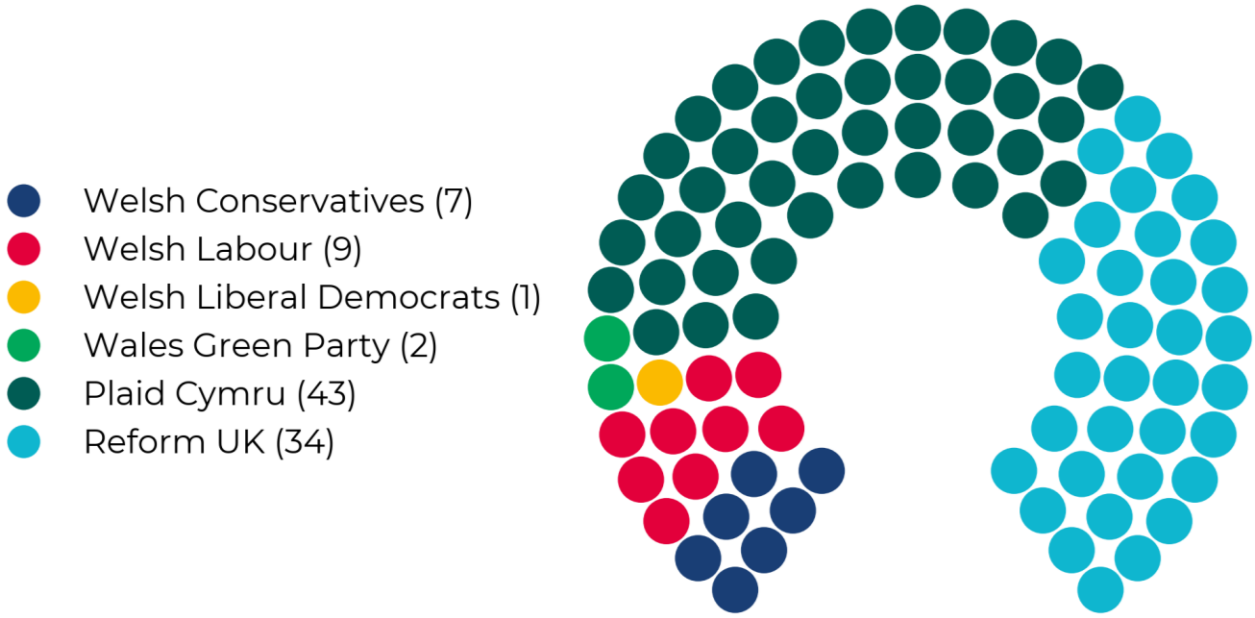


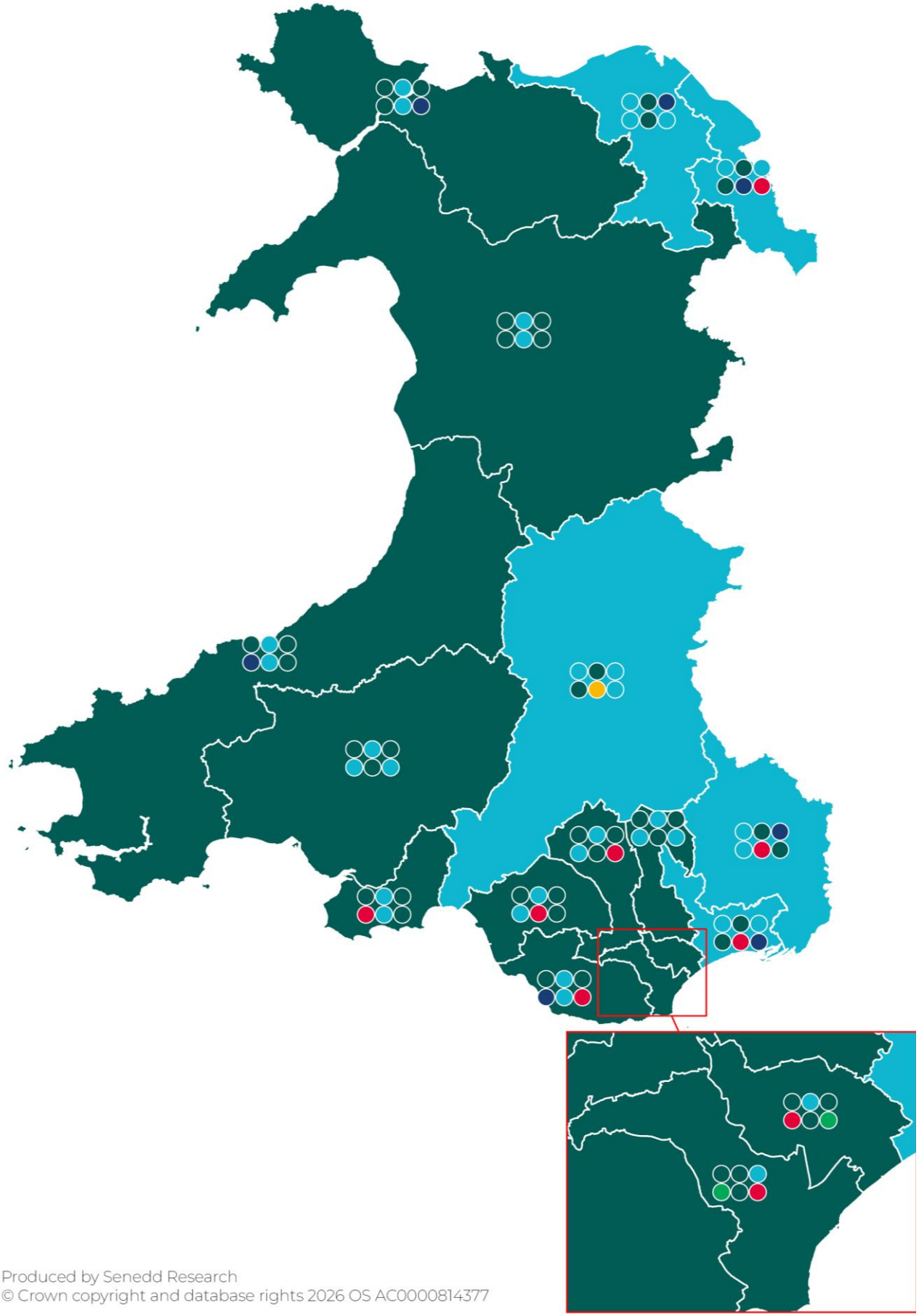
Table 1: Summary of national election results by political party and individual candidates

	Votes won	Vote share	Seats won	Constituencies contested	Candidates
Plaid Cymru	444,665	35.41%	43	16	105
Reform UK	367,985	29.30%	34	16	96
Welsh Labour	139,203	11.08%	9	16	101
Welsh Conservatives	134,926	10.74%	7	16	97
Wales Green Party	84,608	6.74%	2	16	96
Welsh Liberal Democrats	56,012	4.46%	1	16	96
Heritage Party	5,474	0.44%	0	16	17
Propel	4,032	0.32%	0	2	4
Gwlad	2,479	0.20%	0	6	6
Open Party	684	0.05%	0	3	5
Welsh Christian Party	456	0.04%	0	1	2
Britain's Communist Party	354	0.03%	0	2	2
Socialist Labour Party	285	0.02%	0	1	1
Official Monster Raving Looney Party	279	0.02%	0	1	1
Welsh Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition	244	0.02%	0	2	5

Social Democratic Party	165	0.01%	0	1	1
Individual Candidates	14,063	1.12%	0	-	30

The distribution of seats by political party is set out in figure 2. Constituency areas are coloured by the political party with the largest vote share. Seats are coloured by political party in the order they were allocated.

Figure 2: Distribution of seats by political party



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Proportionality of the result

This election used a new electoral system – closed list proportional representation – for the first time. One of the rationales for introducing this system was that it would **produce a more proportional result** than the previous mixed-member system that was used for elections between 1999-2021. Proportionality means how closely the percentage of the vote that a party receives is reflected in their share of seats won.

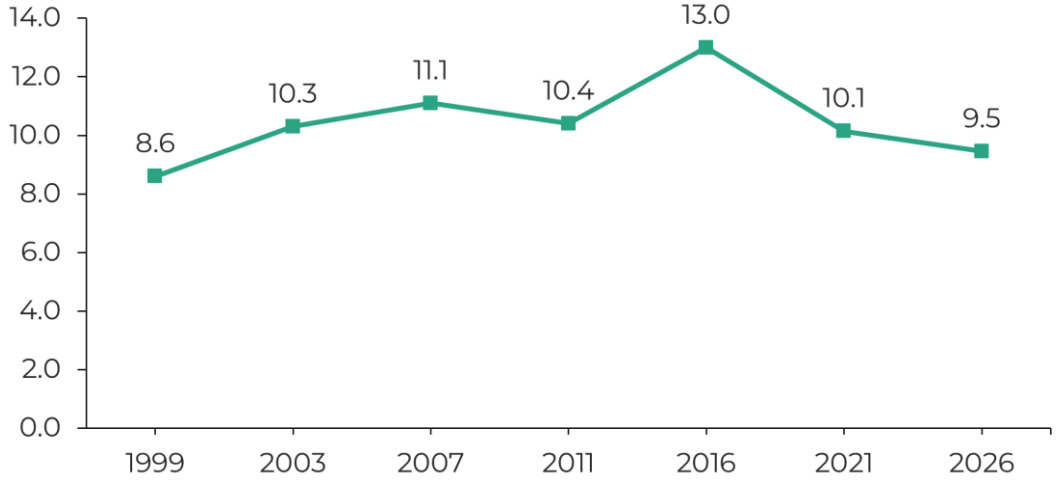
Table 2 shows how each of the six largest political parties' national share of the vote compares to their share of the seats in the Seventh Senedd.

Table 2: Comparison of national vote share and national seat share by political party

Party	National vote share	National seat share	Difference
Plaid Cymru	35.41%	44.79%	+9.39%
Reform UK	29.30%	35.42%	+6.12%
Welsh Labour	11.08%	9.38%	-1.71%
Welsh Conservatives	10.74%	7.29%	-3.45%
Wales Green Party	6.74%	2.08%	-4.65%
Welsh Liberal Democrats	4.46%	1.04%	-3.42%

The **Gallagher index of disproportionality** is used in political science to measure the disproportionality of an electoral outcome. The lower the Gallagher figure, the more proportional the outcome. The index was used by the Expert Panel on Assembly to assess different possible electoral systems for the Senedd. The chart below shows how the 2026 Senedd election compares to previous elections.

Figure 3: Gallagher Index of Disproportionality at each Senedd election



The 2026 Senedd election was slightly more proportional than the previous election in 2021. In fact, other than the first election in 1999, it was the most 'proportional' election in Senedd history. However, the 2026 election's score of 9.5, compared to the 2021 election's score of 10.1 does not suggest a substantial improvement on proportionality under the new electoral system.[1]

New and returning Members of the Senedd

Fifteen Members of the Sixth Senedd did not stand for re-election. Of the 45 who stood again, 29 were re-elected. There were 66 people elected to the Senedd for the first time. In addition to this, there is one Member (Nerys Evans MS between 2007-11) who served in a previous Senedd term.

Elin Jones MS and Lynne Neagle MS are the longest serving Members re-elected. They have both been Members of the Senedd from the establishment of the institution in 1999. Table 3 shows the MSs elected in 2026 by the Senedd term they were first elected.

[1] Gallagher index figures for the 1999-2016 elections were taken from the **report of the Expert Panel on Assembly Electoral Reform** (2017) and were calculated by Cardiff University's Wales Governance Centre. The figures for the 2021 and 2026 elections were calculated by Senedd Research. An average of the combined constituency and regional list vote percentages were used to calculate the 2021 figures.

Table 3: MSs elected in 2026 by Senedd term they were first elected

	1999-2003	2003-2007	2007-2011	2011-2016	2016-2021	2021-2026	2026-
Plaid Cymru	1	0	1	3	3	5	30
Reform UK	0	1	0	0	0	1	32
Welsh Labour	1	0	0	2	3	1	2
Welsh Conservatives	0	0	3	1	0	3	0
Wales Green Party	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Welsh Liberal Democrats	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total	2	1	4	6	6	11	66

This table shows that there are only 19 MSs elected at the 2026 election who have served more than one previous term in the Senedd.

Table 4 shows the percentage of new and returning Members for each political party.

Table 4: Percentage of new and returning Members by political party

	Seats won	New Members		Returning Members (from any previous term)	
		Number	%	Number	%
Plaid Cymru	43	30	69.77%	13	30.23%
Reform UK	34	32	94.12%	2	5.88%
Welsh Labour	9	2	22.22%	7	77.78%
Welsh Conservatives	7	0	0.00%	7	100.00%
Wales Green Party	2	2	100.00%	0	0.00%
Welsh Liberal Democrats	1	0	0.00%	1	100.00%
All Members	96	66	68.75%	30[2]	31.25%

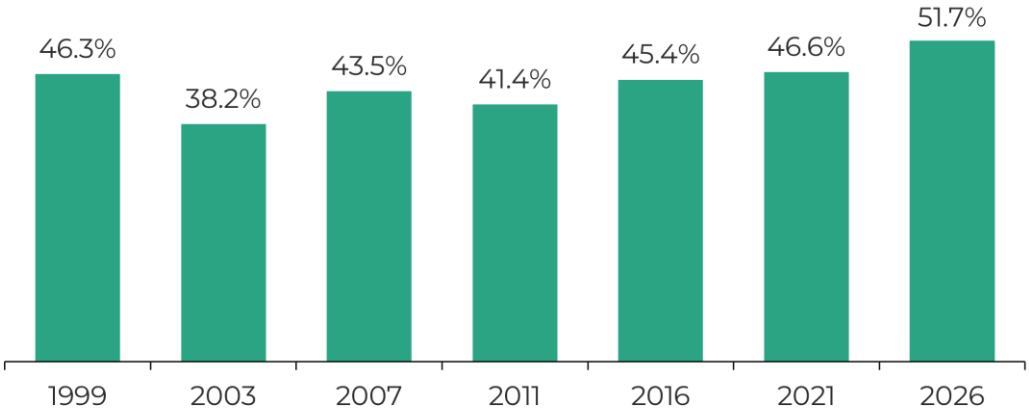
Turnout

Over 2.43 million people were registered to vote at the time of the 2026 Senedd election. Of these, over 1.25 million people turned out to vote. Based on valid votes, turnout at this election was 51.7%. This compares to 46.6% at the 2021 election.

The 2026 election saw the highest turnout since the Senedd was established, achieving over 50% for the first time. Since the 2021 election, a larger group of people are eligible to vote in Senedd elections, including those aged 16 and 17, as well as qualifying foreign and EU nationals. Figure 4 compares turnout in Senedd elections since 1999.

[2] This figure includes Nerys Evans MS, who served as the Assembly Member for Mid and West Wales between 2007-11

Figure 4: Turnout in Senedd elections (1999-2026)



Turnout was highest in Caerdydd Ffynnon Taf at 58.50% and lowest in Afan Ogwr Rhondda at 44.68%.

3. Detailed election results

This section includes detailed election results data, including a breakdown of each constituency result and an overview of the performance of each of the six largest political parties who stood candidates at the election.

Overview of constituency results

Table 5 shows the results in each of the 16 Senedd constituencies, including the vote share for each of the six largest political parties (and other parties and candidates combined into 'others'), the winners of the six seats in each constituency, and the turnout.

The results of each of the constituencies are broken down on the following pages.

Table 5: Summary of election results in each constituency

Constituency name	Vote share (%)							Seats won						Turnout (%)
	Plaid Cymru	Reform UK	Welsh Labour	Welsh Con	Green Party	Welsh LD	Others	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Afan Ogwr Rhondda	36.93%	33.63%	16.7%	4.26%	3.85%	2.71%	1.88%							44.68%
Bangor Conwy Môn	44.93%	28.12%	6.4%	12.38%	4.49%	2.30%	1.36%							53.75%
Blaenau Gwent Caerffili Rhymni	41.98%	34.30%	11.1%	4.80%	3.50%	1.84%	2.49%							47.59%
Brycheiniog Tawe Nedd	28.70%	33.17%	8.7%	8.41%	6.66%	11.77%	2.54%							52.85%
Caerdydd Ffynnon Taf	36.97%	19.65%	12.8%	9.61%	10.24%	9.57%	1.19%							58.50%
Caerdydd Penarth	41.04%	17.63%	12.4%	7.74%	13.76%	2.57%	4.88%							56.70%
Casnewydd Islwyn	29.69%	32.91%	13.7%	11.39%	7.59%	3.45%	1.30%							48.05%
Ceredigion Penfro	35.83%	25.80%	7.3%	16.59%	7.09%	5.17%	2.23%							56.06%

Constituency name	Vote share (%)							Seats won						Turnout (%)
	Plaid Cymru	Reform UK	Welsh Labour	Welsh Con	Green Party	Welsh LD	Others	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Clwyd	28.31%	32.27%	10.4%	20.30%	5.29%	2.95%	0.44%							51.28%
Fflint Wrecsam	26.34%	36.21%	12.2%	12.88%	7.34%	3.78%	1.21%							45.78%
Gwynedd Maldwyn	44.18%	27.75%	5.5%	6.92%	5.01%	5.57%	5.11%							52.46%
Gŵyr Abertawe	31.85%	27.49%	14.2%	9.56%	8.11%	7.95%	0.82%							50.88%
Pen-y-Bont Bro Morgannwg	33.50%	30.08%	11.6%	15.24%	5.16%	2.66%	1.73%							53.73%
Pontypridd Cynon Merthyr	39.50%	30.59%	12.9%	5.97%	4.77%	1.92%	4.38%							47.22%
Sir Fynwy Torfaen	23.52%	31.09%	15.0%	17.24%	8.20%	3.53%	1.41%							51.77%
Sir Gaerfyrddin	43.06%	32.79%	7.7%	6.97%	4.56%	1.98%	2.95%							55.81%

Afan Ogwr Rhondda

Electorate:	148,732
Valid votes cast:	66,449
Total rejected ballot papers:	135
Turnout:	44.68%

Political Party / Individual Candidate	Votes won	Vote Share	Members elected	Candidates
Plaid Cymru	24,538	36.93%	3	6
Reform UK	22,345	33.63%	2	6
Welsh Labour	11,123	16.74%	1	8
Welsh Conservatives	2,831	4.26%	0	6
Wales Green Party	2,561	3.85%	0	6
Welsh Liberal Democrats	1,800	2.71%	0	6
Heritage Party	747	1.12%	0	2
Captain Beany	504	0.76%	0	Individual

Elected Members

Position	Member of the Senedd	Political Party
1	Sera Evans	Plaid Cymru
2	Benjamin Hodge McKenna	Reform UK
3	Alun Cox	Plaid Cymru
4	Steve Bayliss	Reform UK
5	Huw Irranca-Davies	Welsh Labour
6	Elyn Stephens	Plaid Cymru

Bangor Conwy Môn

Electorate:	128,615
Valid votes cast:	69,130
Total rejected ballot papers:	123
Turnout:	53.75%

Political Party / Individual Candidate	Votes won	Vote Share	Members elected	Candidates
Plaid Cymru	31,057	44.93%	3	8
Reform UK	19,440	28.12%	2	6
Welsh Conservatives	8,555	12.38%	1	6
Welsh Labour	4,448	6.43%	0	6
Wales Green Party	3,101	4.49%	0	6
Welsh Liberal Democrats	1,591	2.30%	0	6
Socialist Labour Party	285	0.41%	0	1
Official Monster Raving Loony Party	279	0.40%	0	1
Heritage Party	231	0.33%	0	1
Britain's Communist Party	143	0.21%	0	1

Elected Members

Position	Member of the Senedd	Political Party
1	Rhun ap Iorwerth	Plaid Cymru
2	Helen Jenner	Reform UK
3	Mair Rowlands	Plaid Cymru
4	Elfed Williams	Plaid Cymru
5	John Clark	Reform UK
6	Janet Finch-Saunders	Welsh Conservatives

Blaenau Gwent Caerffili Rhymni

Electorate:	146,732
Valid votes cast:	69,832
Total rejected ballot papers:	155
Turnout:	47.59%

Political Party / Individual Candidate	Votes won	Vote Share	Members elected	Candidates
Plaid Cymru	29,314	41.98%	3	7
Reform UK	23,955	34.30%	3	6
Welsh Labour	7,739	11.08%	0	6
Welsh Conservatives	3,353	4.80%	0	6
Wales Green Party	2,447	3.50%	0	6
Welsh Liberal Democrats	1,284	1.84%	0	6
Jordan Brace	931	1.33%	0	Individual
Mike Whatley	374	0.54%	0	Individual
Heritage Party	262	0.38%	0	1
Open Party	102	0.15%	0	1
Steve Wright	71	0.10%	0	Individual

Elected Members

Position	Member of the Senedd	Political Party
1	Delyth Jewell	Plaid Cymru
2	Llŷr Powell	Reform UK
3	Lindsay Whittle	Plaid Cymru
4	Catherine Cullen	Reform UK
5	Niamh Salkeld	Plaid Cymru
6	Joshua Kim	Reform UK

Brycheiniog Tawe Nedd

Electorate:	153,435
Valid votes cast:	81,096
Total rejected ballot papers:	189
Turnout:	52.85%

Political Party / Individual Candidate	Votes won	Vote Share	Members elected	Candidates
Reform UK	26,897	33.17%	3	6
Plaid Cymru	23,276	28.70%	2	6
Welsh Liberal Democrats	9,549	11.77%	1	6
Welsh Labour	7,086	8.74%	0	7
Welsh Conservatives	6,821	8.41%	0	6
Wales Green Party	5,405	6.66%	0	6
Beverley Jane Baynham	586	0.72%	0	Individual
Welsh Christian Party	456	0.56%	0	Individual
Dai Richards	316	0.39%	0	Individual
Heritage Party	275	0.34%	0	1
Joe Hale	225	0.28%	0	Individual
Gwlad	204	0.25%	0	1

Elected Members

Position	Member of the Senedd	Political Party
1	James Evans	Reform UK
2	Sioned Williams	Plaid Cymru
3	Iain McIntosh	Reform UK
4	Rebeca Phillips	Plaid Cymru
5	Jane Dodds	Welsh Liberal Democrats
6	David Mills	Reform UK

Caerdydd Ffynnon Taf

Electorate:	150,796
Valid votes cast:	88,220
Total rejected ballot papers:	222
Turnout:	58.50%

Political Party / Individual Candidate	Votes won	Vote Share	Members elected	Candidates
Plaid Cymru	32,617	36.97%	3	6
Reform UK	17,335	19.65%	1	6
Welsh Labour	11,261	12.76%	1	8
Wales Green Party	9,036	10.24%	1	6
Welsh Conservatives	8,479	9.61%	0	6
Welsh Liberal Democrats	8,442	9.57%	0	6
Propel	561	0.64%	0	2
Heritage Party	208	0.24%	0	1
Lawrence Douglas Gwynn	156	0.18%	0	Individual
Welsh Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition	125	0.14%	0	3

Elected Members

Position	Member of the Senedd	Political Party
1	Dafydd Trystan Davies	Plaid Cymru
2	Cai Parry-Jones	Reform UK
3	Zaynub Akbar	Plaid Cymru
4	Shav Taj	Welsh Labour
5	Nick Carter	Plaid Cymru
6	Paul Rock	Wales Green Party

Caerdydd Penarth

Electorate:	155,286
Valid votes cast:	88,053
Total rejected ballot papers:	220
Turnout:	56.70%

Political Party / Individual Candidate	Votes won	Vote Share	Members elected	Candidates
Plaid Cymru	36,136	41.04%	3	6
Reform UK	15,525	17.63%	1	6
Wales Green Party	12,113	13.76%	1	2
Welsh Labour	10,907	12.39%	1	6
Welsh Conservatives	6,818	7.74%	0	6
Propel	3,471	3.94%	0	1
Welsh Liberal Democrats	2,260	2.57%	0	7
Rhys ab Owen	414	0.47%	0	Individual
Britain's Communist Party	211	0.24%	0	1
Heritage Party	198	0.22%	0	6

Elected Members

Position	Member of the Senedd	Political Party
1	Anna Brychan	Plaid Cymru
2	Kiera Marshall	Plaid Cymru
3	Joe Martin	Reform UK
4	Anthony Slaughter	Wales Green Party
5	Leticia Gonzalez	Plaid Cymru
6	Huw Thomas	Welsh Labour

Casnewydd Islwyn

Electorate:	161,697
Valid votes cast:	77,698
Total rejected ballot papers:	193
Turnout:	48.05%

Political Party / Individual Candidate	Votes won	Vote Share	Members elected	Candidates
Reform UK	25,571	32.91%	2	6
Plaid Cymru	23,069	29.69%	2	6
Welsh Labour	10,622	13.67%	1	7
Welsh Conservatives	8,847	11.39%	1	6
Wales Green Party	5,898	7.59%	0	6
Welsh Liberal Democrats	2,683	3.45%	0	6
Open Party	435	0.56%	0	2
Heritage Party	349	0.45%	0	1
Taran Clayton	224	0.29%	0	Individual

Elected Members

Position	Member of the Senedd	Political Party
1	Dan Thomas	Reform UK
2	Peredur Owen Griffiths	Plaid Cymru
3	Art Wright	Reform UK
4	Lyn Ackerman	Plaid Cymru
5	Jayne Bryant	Welsh Labour
6	Natasha Asghar	Welsh Conservatives

Ceredigion Penfro

Electorate:	159,021
Valid votes cast:	89,153
Total rejected ballot papers:	247
Turnout:	56.06%

Political Party / Individual Candidate	Votes won	Vote Share	Members elected	Candidates
Plaid Cymru	31,943	35.83%	3	8
Reform UK	23,003	25.80%	2	6
Welsh Conservatives	14,789	16.59%	1	6
Welsh Labour	6,495	7.29%	0	7
Wales Green Party	6,324	7.09%	0	6
Welsh Liberal Democrats	4,613	5.17%	0	6
Gwlad	802	0.90%	0	1
Heritage Party	442	0.50%	0	1
Aaron Carey	368	0.41%	0	Individual
George Alexander Chadzy	286	0.32%	0	Individual
Paul Hayward Dowson	88	0.10%	0	Individual

Elected Members

Position	Member of the Senedd	Political Party
1	Elin Jones	Plaid Cymru
2	Claire Archibald	Reform UK
3	Kerry Ferguson	Plaid Cymru
4	Paul Davies	Welsh Conservatives
5	Paul Marr	Reform UK
6	Anna Nicholl	Plaid Cymru

Clwyd

Electorate:	155,536
Valid votes cast:	79,757
Total rejected ballot papers:	166
Turnout:	51.28%

Political Party / Individual Candidate	Votes won	Vote Share	Members elected	Candidates
Reform UK	25,741	32.27%	3	6
Plaid Cymru	22,583	28.31%	2	6
Welsh Conservatives	16,193	20.30%	1	7
Welsh Labour	8,314	10.42%	0	8
Wales Green Party	4,219	5.29%	0	6
Welsh Liberal Democrats	2,355	2.95%	0	6
Heritage Party	352	0.44%	0	1

Elected Members

Position	Member of the Senedd	Political Party
1	Adrian Mason	Reform UK
2	Llyr Gruffydd	Plaid Cymru
3	Darren Millar	Welsh Conservatives
4	Louise Emery	Reform UK
5	Becca Martin	Plaid Cymru
6	Tom Montgomery	Reform UK

Fflint Wrecsam

Electorate:	152,885
Valid votes cast:	69,996
Total rejected ballot papers:	171
Turnout:	45.78%

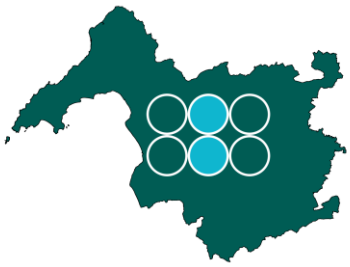
Political Party / Individual Candidate	Votes won	Vote Share	Members elected	Candidates
Reform UK	25,349	36.21%	2	6
Plaid Cymru	18,440	26.34%	2	6
Welsh Conservatives	9,017	12.88%	1	6
Welsh Labour	8,555	12.22%	1	6
Wales Green Party	5,138	7.34%	0	6
Welsh Liberal Democrats	2,647	3.78%	0	6
Andrew John Williams	429	0.61%	0	Individual
Heritage Party	256	0.37%	0	1
Social Democratic Party	165	0.24%	0	1

Elected Members

Position	Member of the Senedd	Political Party
1	Christina Emsley	Reform UK
2	Carrie Harper	Plaid Cymru
3	Nigel Williams	Reform UK
4	Marc Jones	Plaid Cymru
5	Sam Rowlands	Welsh Conservatives
6	Ken Skates	Welsh Labour

Gwynedd Maldwyn

Electorate:	155,719
Valid votes cast:	81,690
Total rejected ballot papers:	199
Turnout:	52.46%



Political Party / Individual Candidate	Votes won	Vote Share	Members elected	Candidates
Plaid Cymru	36,087	44.18%	4	8
Reform UK	22,667	27.75%	2	6
Welsh Conservatives	5,650	6.92%	0	6
Welsh Liberal Democrats	4,554	5.57%	0	6
Welsh Labour	4,466	5.47%	0	6
Wales Green Party	4,090	5.01%	0	6
Russell George	2,862	3.50%	0	Individual
Gwlad	767	0.94%	0	1
Monty Kennard	307	0.38%	0	Individual
Heritage Party	240	0.29%	0	1

Elected Members

Position	Member of the Senedd	Political Party
1	Sian Gwenllian	Plaid Cymru
2	Andrew Griffin	Reform UK
3	Mabon ap Gwynfor	Plaid Cymru
4	Beca Brown	Plaid Cymru
5	Claire Johnson-Wood	Reform UK
6	Elwyn Vaughan	Plaid Cymru

Gŵyr Abertawe

Electorate:	155,120
Valid votes cast:	78,722
Total rejected ballot papers:	187
Turnout:	50.88%

Political Party / Individual Candidate	Votes won	Vote Share	Members elected	Candidates
Plaid Cymru	25,076	31.85%	3	6
Reform UK	21,641	27.49%	2	6
Welsh Labour	11,195	14.22%	1	6
Welsh Conservatives	7,523	9.56%	0	6
Wales Green Party	6,383	8.11%	0	6
Welsh Liberal Democrats	6,262	7.95%	0	6
Heritage Party	227	0.29%	0	1
Welsh Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition	119	0.15%	0	1
Katon Bouzalakos	111	0.14%	0	Individual
Dan Brown	104	0.13%	0	Individual
Emma McNamara	81	0.10%	0	Individual

Elected Members

Position	Member of the Senedd	Political Party
1	Gwyn Williams	Plaid Cymru
2	Francesca O'Brien	Reform UK
3	Safa Elhassan	Plaid Cymru
4	Mike Hedges	Welsh Labour
5	Steven Rodaway	Reform UK
6	John Davies	Plaid Cymru

Pen-y-Bont Bro Morgannwg

Electorate:	152,519
Valid votes cast:	81,801
Total rejected ballot papers:	152
Turnout:	53.73%

Political Party / Individual Candidate	Votes won	Vote Share	Members elected	Candidates
Plaid Cymru	27,407	33.50%	2	6
Reform UK	24,602	30.08%	2	6
Welsh Conservatives	12,464	15.24%	1	6
Welsh Labour	9,518	11.64%	1	7
Wales Green Party	4,220	5.16%	0	6
Welsh Liberal Democrats	2,175	2.66%	0	8
Caroline Jones	651	0.80%	0	Individual
Heritage Party	429	0.52%	0	1
William Jeffreys	221	0.27%	0	Individual
Lucia Wyatt	114	0.14%	0	Individual

Elected Members

Position	Member of the Senedd	Political Party
1	Mark Hooper	Plaid Cymru
2	Sarah Cooper-Lesadd	Reform UK
3	Sarah Rees	Plaid Cymru
4	Andrew RT Davies	Welsh Conservatives
5	Gareth Thomas	Reform UK
6	Sarah Murphy	Welsh Labour

Pontypridd Cynon Merthyr

Electorate:	153,815
Valid votes cast:	72,628
Total rejected ballot papers:	219
Turnout:	47.22%

Political Party / Individual Candidate	Votes won	Vote Share	Members elected	Candidates
Plaid Cymru	28,687	39.50%	3	6
Reform UK	22,217	30.59%	2	6
Welsh Labour	9,344	12.87%	1	7
Welsh Conservatives	4,339	5.97%	0	6
Wales Green Party	3,466	4.77%	0	6
Beth Winter	2,297	3.16%	0	Individual
Welsh Liberal Democrats	1,393	1.92%	0	6
Heritage Party	431	0.59%	0	1
Gwlad	202	0.28%	0	1
Dai Hedley Williams	148	0.20%	0	Individual
Joseph Anthony Biddulph	104	0.14%	0	Individual

Elected Members

Position	Member of the Senedd	Political Party
1	Heledd Fychan	Plaid Cymru
2	Jason O'Connell	Reform UK
3	Lis McLean	Plaid Cymru
4	David Hughes	Reform UK
5	Sara Crowley	Plaid Cymru
6	Vikki Howells	Welsh Labour

Sir Fynwy Torfaen

Electorate:	150,095
Valid votes cast:	77,706
Total rejected ballot papers:	170
Turnout:	51.77%

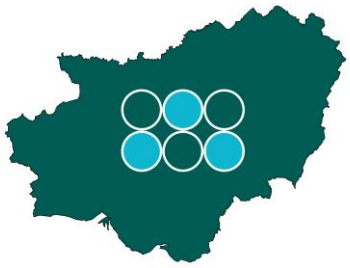
Political Party / Individual Candidate	Votes won	Vote Share	Members elected	Candidates
Reform UK	24,155	31.09%	2	6
Plaid Cymru	18,275	23.52%	2	6
Welsh Conservatives	13,394	17.24%	1	6
Welsh Labour	11,672	15.02%	1	7
Wales Green Party	6,375	8.20%	0	6
Welsh Liberal Democrats	2,742	3.53%	0	6
Owen Lewis	393	0.51%	0	Individual
Heritage Party	331	0.43%	0	1
Gwlad	177	0.23%	0	1
Open Party	147	0.19%	0	2
Welsh Pool	45	0.06%	0	Individual

Elected Members

Position	Member of the Senedd	Political Party
1	Laura Anne Jones	Reform UK
2	Matthew Jones	Plaid Cymru
3	Peter Fox	Welsh Conservatives
4	Stephen Senior	Reform UK
5	Lynne Neagle	Welsh Labour
6	Donna Cushing	Plaid Cymru

Sir Gaerfyrddin

Electorate:	150,485
Valid votes cast:	83,983
Total rejected ballot papers:	238
Turnout:	55.81%



Political Party / Individual Candidate	Votes won	Vote Share	Members elected	Candidates
Plaid Cymru	36,160	43.06%	3	8
Reform UK	27,542	32.79%	3	6
Welsh Labour	6,458	7.69%	0	6
Welsh Conservatives	5,853	6.97%	0	6
Wales Green Party	3,832	4.56%	0	6
Welsh Liberal Democrats	1,662	1.98%	0	6
Steve Williams	1,298	1.55%	0	Individual
Heritage Party	496	0.59%	0	1
Gwlad	327	0.39%	0	1
Carl Peters-Bond	254	0.30%	0	Individual
Jonathan Rose	101	0.12%	0	Individual

Elected Members

Position	Member of the Senedd	Political Party
1	Cefin Campbell	Plaid Cymru
2	Gareth Beer	Reform UK
3	Nerys Evans	Plaid Cymru
4	Carmelo Colasanto	Reform UK
5	Adam Price	Plaid Cymru
6	Sarah Edwards	Reform UK

Results by political party

The following sections provide an overview of the results for each of the six largest political parties that stood candidates at the election. In addition, there is a summary of the results of the smaller political parties and an overview of the individual candidates who stood at the election.

Plaid Cymru

444,665 votes	35.41% vote share	43 Seats	Highest vote share Bangor Conwy Môn	Lowest vote share Sir Fynwy Torfaen

Plaid Cymru won the most seats at the Senedd election, with 43 Members of the Senedd returned. The party's vote share was highest in Bangor Conwy Môn (44.93%), Gwynedd Maldwyn (44.93%) and Sir Gaerfyrddin (43.06%). The party's lowest share of the vote came in Sir Fynwy Torfaen (23.5%), Fflint Wrecsam (26.3%) and Clwyd (28.31%).

Table 6: Plaid Cymru results in each constituency

Constituency	Votes	Vote share	Seats won
Afan Ogwr Rhondda	24,538	36.93%	3
Bangor Conwy Môn	31,057	44.93%	3
Blaenau Gwent Caerffili Rhymni	29,314	41.98%	3
Brycheiniog Tawe Nedd	23,276	28.70%	2
Caerdydd Ffynnon Taf	32,617	36.97%	3
Caerdydd Penarth	36,136	41.04%	3
Casnewydd Islwyn	23,069	29.69%	2
Ceredigion Penfro	31,943	35.83%	3
Clwyd	22,583	28.31%	2
Fflint Wrecsam	18,440	26.34%	2
Gwynedd Maldwyn	36,087	44.18%	4
Gŵyr Abertawe	25,076	31.85%	3
Pen-y-Bont Bro Morgannwg	27,407	33.50%	2
Pontypridd Cynon Merthyr	28,687	39.50%	3
Sir Fynwy Torfaen	18,275	23.52%	2
Sir Gaerfyrddin	36,160	43.06%	3

Figure 5: Plaid Cymru vote share % in each Senedd constituency

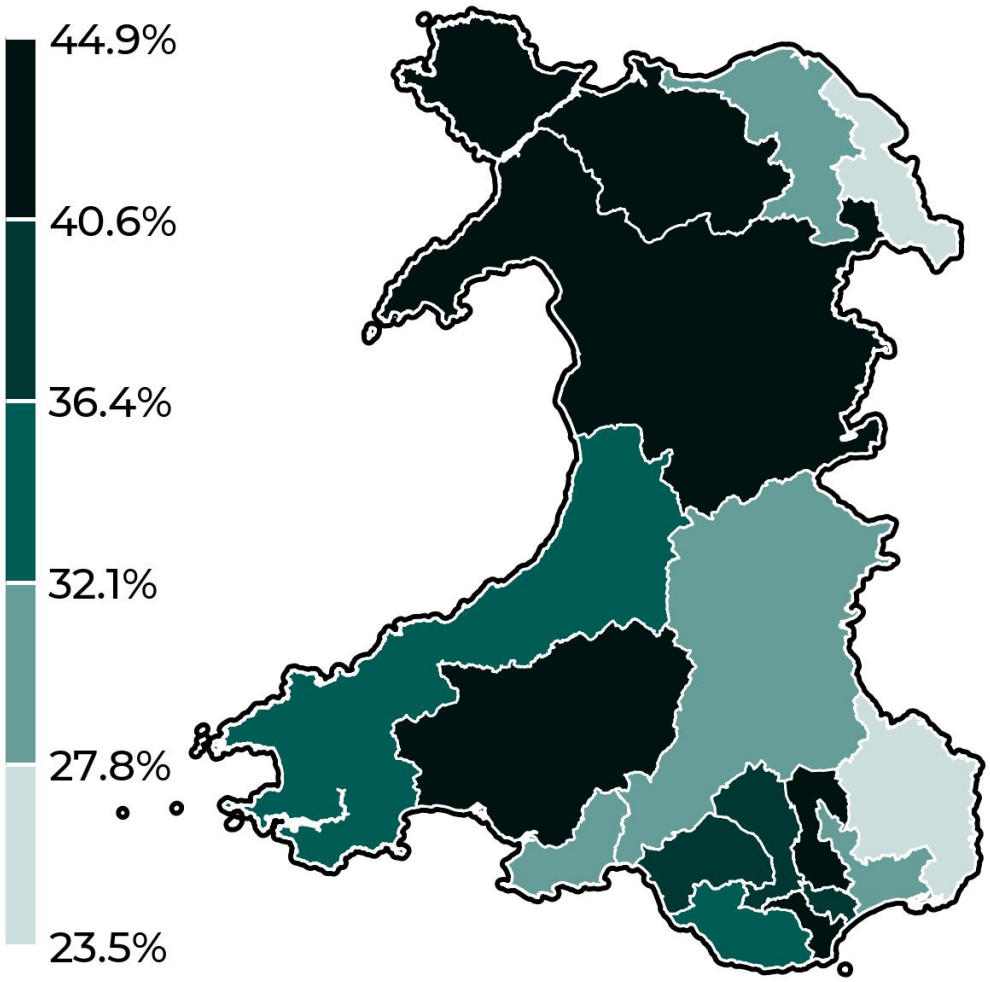


Table 7: Plaid Cymru historic Senedd election results

	Constituency		Regional		Seats won
	Votes	% vote	Votes	% vote	
1999	290,572	28.4%	312,048	30.6%	17
2003	180,183	21.2%	167,653	19.7%	12
2007	219,121	22.4%	204,757	21.0%	15
2011	182,907	19.3%	169,799	17.9%	11
2016	209,376	20.5%	211,548	20.8%	12
2021	225,376	20.3%	230,161	20.7%	13

Reform UK

367,985 votes	29.30% vote share	34 Seats	Highest vote share Fflint Wrecsam	Lowest vote share Caerdydd Penarth

Reform UK won the second most seats at the Senedd election, with 34 Members of the Senedd returned. The party's vote share was highest in Fflint Wrecsam (36.21%), Blaenau Gwent Caerffili Rhymni (34.30%) and Afan Ogwr Rhondda (33.63%). The party's lowest share of the vote came in Caerdydd Penarth (17.63%), Caerdydd Ffynnon Taf (19.65%) and Ceredigion Penfro (25.80%).

Table 8: Reform UK results in each constituency

Constituency	Votes	Vote share	Seats won
Afan Ogwr Rhondda	22,345	33.63%	2
Bangor Conwy Môn	19,440	28.12%	2
Blaenau Gwent Caerffili Rhymni	23,955	34.30%	3
Brycheiniog Tawe Nedd	26,897	33.17%	3
Caerdydd Ffynnon Taf	17,335	19.65%	1
Caerdydd Penarth	15,525	17.63%	1
Casnewydd Islwyn	25,571	32.91%	2
Ceredigion Penfro	23,003	25.80%	2
Clwyd	25,741	32.27%	3
Fflint Wrecsam	25,349	36.21%	2
Gwynedd Maldwyn	22,667	27.75%	2
Gŵyr Abertawe	21,641	27.49%	2
Pen-y-Bont Bro Morgannwg	24,602	30.08%	2
Pontypridd Cynon Merthyr	22,217	30.59%	2
Sir Fynwy Torfaen	24,155	31.09%	2
Sir Gaerfyrddin	27,542	32.79%	3

Figure 6: Reform UK vote share % in each Senedd constituency

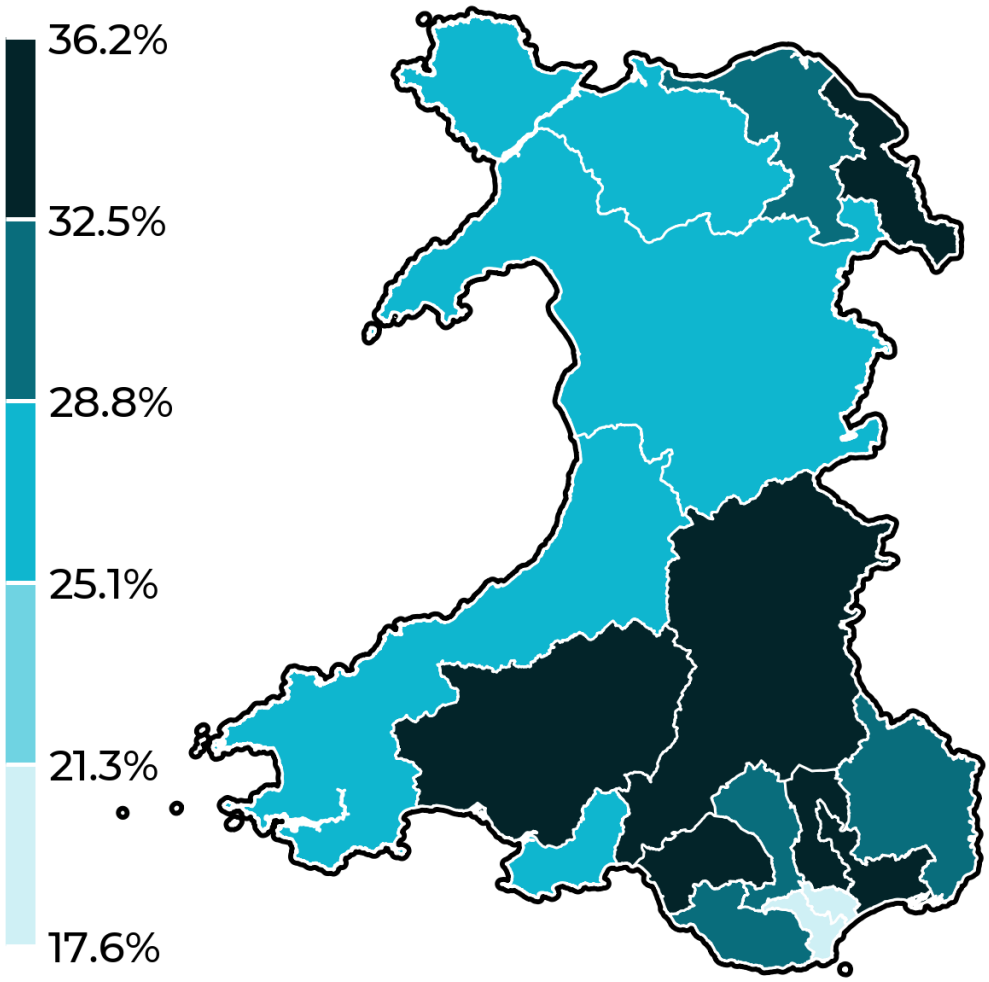


Table 9: Reform UK historic Senedd election results

	Constituency		Regional		Seats won
	Votes	% vote	Votes	% vote	
2021	17,405	1.6%	11,730	1.1%	0

Welsh Labour

139,203 votes	11.08% vote share	9 Seats	Highest vote share Afan Ogwr Rhondda	Lowest vote share Gwynedd Maldwyn

Welsh Labour won the third most seats at the Senedd election, with 9 Members of the Senedd elected. The party's vote share was highest in Afan Ogwr Rhondda (16.74%), Sir Fynwy Torfaen (15.02%) and Gŵyr Abertawe (14.22%). The party's lowest share of the vote came in Gwynedd Maldwyn (5.47%), Bangor Conwy Môn (6.43%) and Ceredigion Penfro (7.29%).

Table 10: Welsh Labour results in each constituency

Constituency	Votes	Vote share	Seats won
Afan Ogwr Rhondda	11,123	16.74%	1
Bangor Conwy Môn	4,448	6.43%	0
Blaenau Gwent Caerffili Rhymni	7,739	11.08%	0
Brycheiniog Tawe Nedd	7,086	8.74%	0
Caerdydd Ffynnon Taf	11,261	12.76%	1
Caerdydd Penarth	10,907	12.39%	1
Casnewydd Islwyn	10,622	13.67%	1
Ceredigion Penfro	6,495	7.29%	0
Clwyd	8,314	10.42%	0
Fflint Wrecsam	8,555	12.22%	1
Gwynedd Maldwyn	4,466	5.47%	0
Gŵyr Abertawe	11,195	14.22%	1
Pen-y-Bont Bro Morgannwg	9,518	11.64%	1
Pontypridd Cynon Merthyr	9,344	12.87%	1
Sir Fynwy Torfaen	11,672	15.02%	1
Sir Gaerfyrddin	6,458	7.69%	0

Figure 7: Welsh Labour vote share % in each Senedd constituency

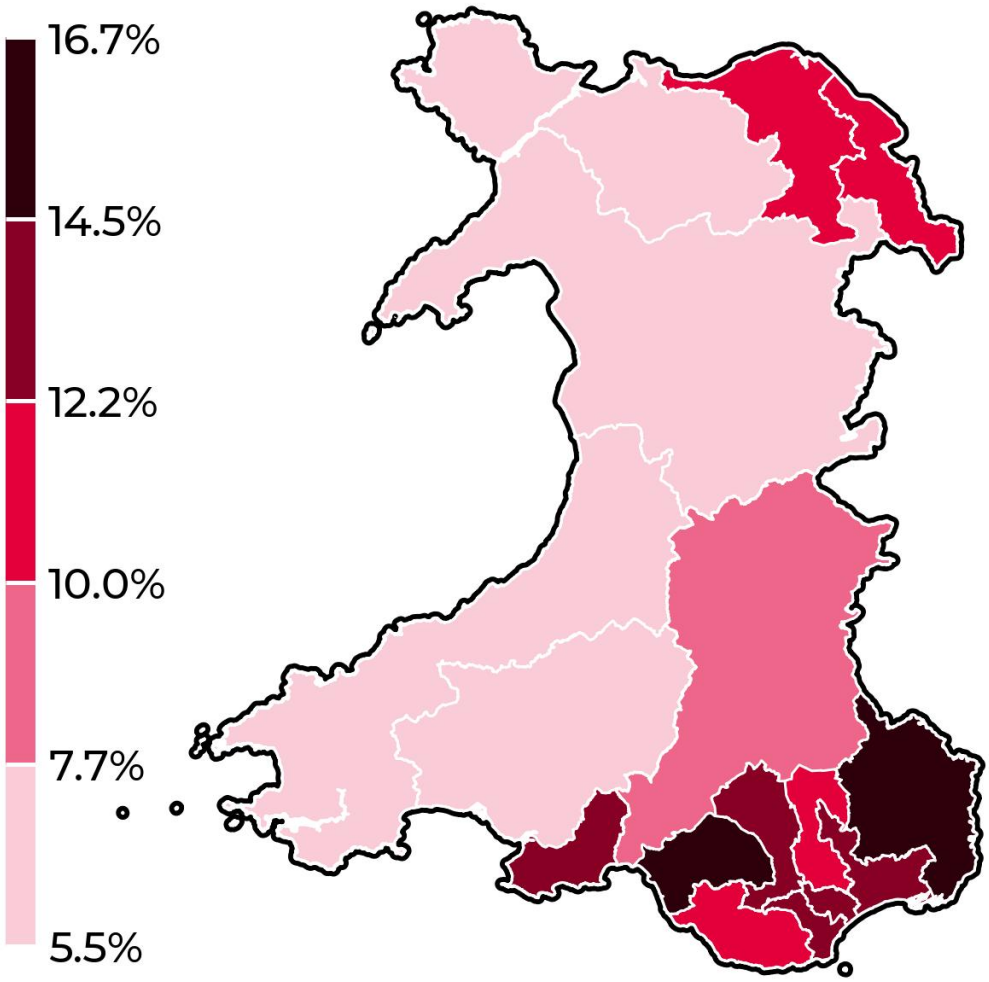


Table 11: Welsh Labour historic Senedd election results

	Constituency		Regional		Seats won
	Votes	% vote	Votes	% vote	
1999	384,671	37.6%	361,657	35.5%	28
2003	340,515	40.0%	310,658	36.6%	30
2007	314,925	32.2%	288,954	29.6%	26
2011	401,677	42.3%	349,935	37.0%	30
2016	353,865	34.7%	319,196	31.5%	29
2021	443,047	39.9%	401,770	36.2%	30

Welsh Conservatives

134,926 votes	10.74% vote share	7 Seats	Highest vote share Clwyd	Lowest vote share Afan Ogwr Rhondda

The Welsh Conservatives won 7 seats at the Senedd election. The party's vote share was highest in in Clwyd (20.30%), Sir Fynwy Torfaen (17.24%) and Ceredigion Penfro (16.59%). The party's lowest share of the vote came in Afan Ogwr Rhondda (4.26%), Blaenau Gwent Caerffili Rhymni (4.80%) and Pontypridd Cynon Merthyr (5.97%).

Table 12: Welsh Conservatives results in each constituency

Constituency	Votes	Vote share	Seats won
Afan Ogwr Rhondda	2,831	4.26%	0
Bangor Conwy Môn	8,555	12.38%	1
Blaenau Gwent Caerffili Rhymni	3,353	4.80%	0
Brycheiniog Tawe Nedd	6,821	8.41%	0
Caerdydd Ffynnon Taf	8,479	9.61%	0
Caerdydd Penarth	6,818	7.74%	0
Casnewydd Islwyn	8,847	11.39%	1
Ceredigion Penfro	14,789	16.59%	1
Clwyd	16,193	20.30%	1
Fflint Wrecsam	9,017	12.88%	1
Gwynedd Maldwyn	5,650	6.92%	0
Gŵyr Abertawe	7,523	9.56%	0
Pen-y-Bont Bro Morgannwg	12,464	15.24%	1
Pontypridd Cynon Merthyr	4,339	5.97%	0
Sir Fynwy Torfaen	13,394	17.24%	1
Sir Gaerfyrddin	5,853	6.97%	0

Figure 8: Welsh Conservatives vote share % in each Senedd constituency

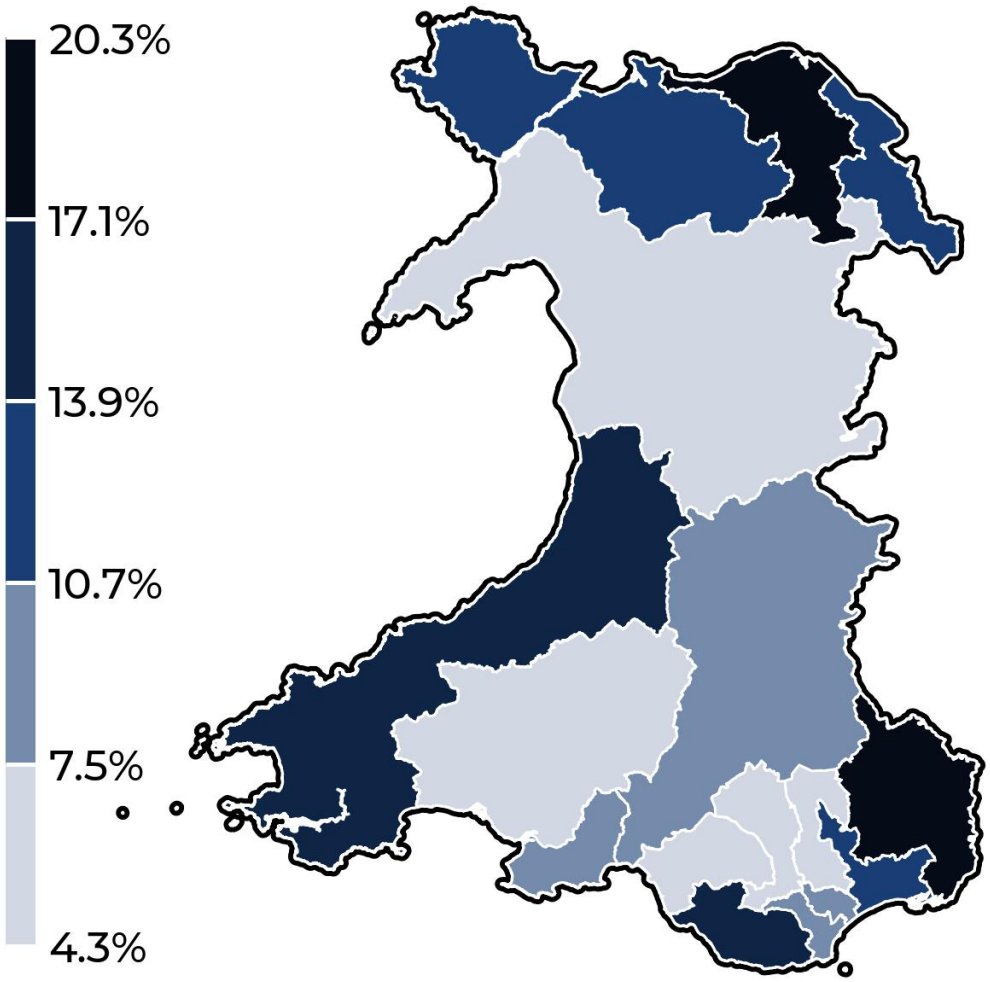


Table 13: Welsh Conservatives historic Senedd election results

	Constituency		Regional		Seats won
	Votes	% vote	Votes	% vote	
1999	162,133	15.8%	168,206	16.5%	9
2003	169,432	19.9%	162,725	19.2%	11
2007	218,730	22.4%	209,154	21.5%	12
2011	237,389	25.0%	213,773	22.6%	14
2016	215,597	21.2%	190,846	18.8%	11
2021	289,802	26.1%	278,560	25.1%	16

Wales Green Party

84,608 votes	6.74% vote share	2 Seats	Highest vote share	Lowest vote share
			Caerdydd Penarth	Blaenau Gwent Caerffili Rhymni

Wales Green Party won 2 seats in the Senedd election. The party's vote share was highest in Caerdydd Penarth (13.76%), Caerdydd Ffynon Taf (10.24%) and Sir Fynwy Torfaen (8.20%). The party's lowest share of the vote came in Blaenau Gwent Caerffili Rhymni (3.50%), Afan Ogwr Rhondda (3.85%) and Bangor Conwy Môn (4.49%).

Table 14: Wales Green Party results in each constituency

Constituency	Votes	Vote share	Seats won
Afan Ogwr Rhondda	2,561	3.85%	0
Bangor Conwy Môn	3,101	4.49%	0
Blaenau Gwent Caerffili Rhymni	2,447	3.50%	0
Brycheiniog Tawe Nedd	5,405	6.66%	0
Caerdydd Ffynnon Taf	9,036	10.24%	1
Caerdydd Penarth	12,113	13.76%	1
Casnewydd Islwyn	5,898	7.59%	0
Ceredigion Penfro	6,324	7.09%	0
Clwyd	4,219	5.29%	0
Fflint Wrecsam	5,138	7.34%	0
Gwynedd Maldwyn	4,090	5.01%	0
Gŵyr Abertawe	6,383	8.11%	0
Pen-y-Bont Bro Morgannwg	4,220	5.16%	0
Pontypridd Cynon Merthyr	3,466	4.77%	0
Sir Fynwy Torfaen	6,375	8.20%	0
Sir Gaerfyrddin	3,832	4.56%	0

Figure 9: Wales Green Party vote share % in each Senedd constituency

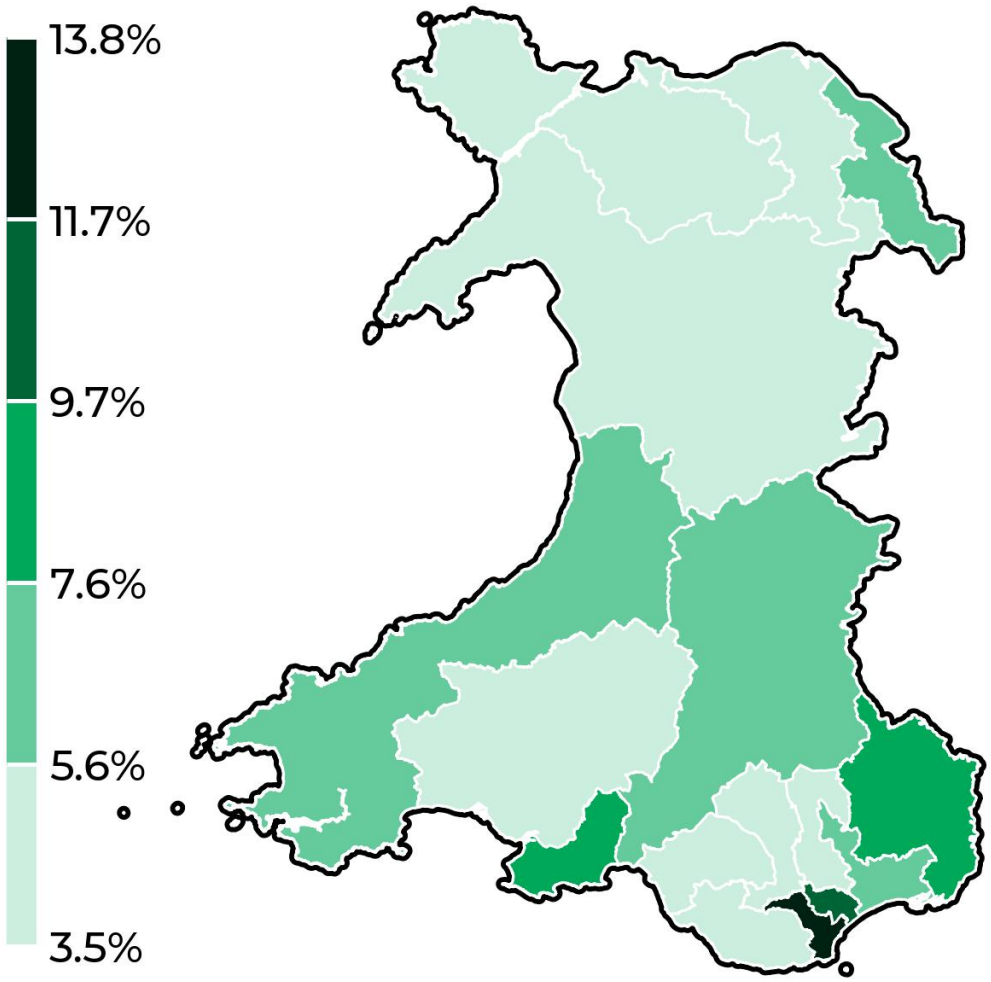


Table 15: Wales Green Party historic Senedd election results

	Constituency		Regional		Seats won
	Votes	% vote	Votes	% vote	
1999	1,002	0.1%	25,858	2.5%	0
2003	-	-	30,028	3.5%	0
2007	-	-	33,803	3.5%	0
2011	1,514	0.2%	32,649	3.4%	0
2016	25,202	2.5%	30,211	3.0%	0
2021	17,817	1.6%	41,399	3.7%	0

Welsh Liberal Democrats

56,012 votes	4.46% vote share	1 Seat	Highest vote share	Lowest vote share
			Brycheiniog Tawe Nedd	Blaenau Gwent Caerffili Rhymni

The Welsh Liberal Democrats won 1 seat at the Senedd election. The party's vote share was highest in Brycheiniog Tawe Nedd (11.77%), Caerdydd Ffynon Taf (9.57%) and Gŵyr Abertawe (7.95%) . The party's lowest share of the vote came in Blaenau Gwent Caerffili Rhymni (1.84%), Pontypridd Cynon Merthyr (1.92%) and Sir Gaerfyrddin (1.98%).

Table 16: Welsh Liberal Democrats results in each constituency

Constituency	Votes	Vote share	Seats won
Afan Ogwr Rhondda	1,800	2.71%	0
Bangor Conwy Môn	1,591	2.30%	0
Blaenau Gwent Caerffili Rhymni	1,284	1.84%	0
Brycheiniog Tawe Nedd	9,549	11.77%	1
Caerdydd Ffynnon Taf	8,442	9.57%	0
Caerdydd Penarth	2,260	2.57%	0
Casnewydd Islwyn	2,683	3.45%	0
Ceredigion Penfro	4,613	5.17%	0
Clwyd	2,355	2.95%	0
Fflint Wrecsam	2,647	3.78%	0
Gwynedd Maldwyn	4,554	5.57%	0
Gŵyr Abertawe	6,262	7.95%	0
Pen-y-Bont Bro Morgannwg	2,175	2.66%	0
Pontypridd Cynon Merthyr	1,393	1.92%	0
Sir Fynwy Torfaen	2,742	3.53%	0
Sir Gaerfyrddin	1,662	1.98%	0

Figure 10: Welsh Liberal Democrats vote share % in each Senedd constituency

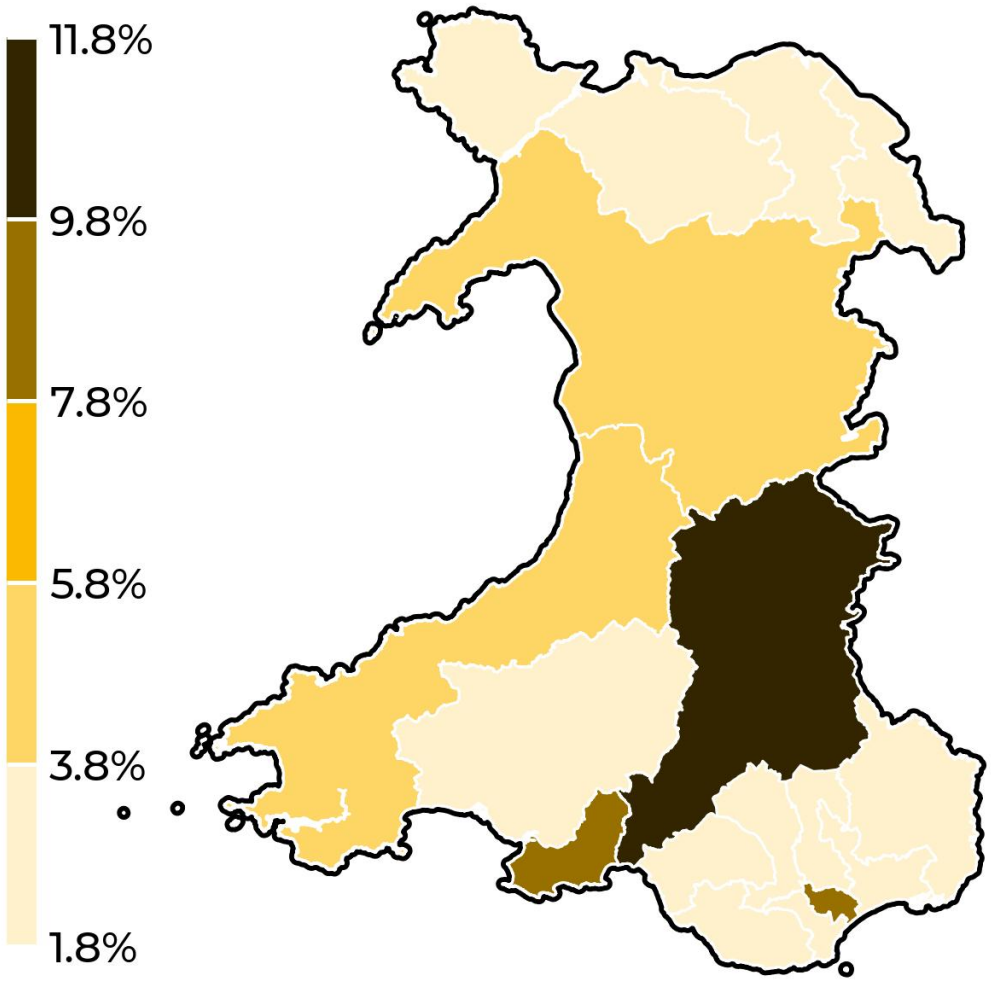


Table 17: Welsh Liberal Democrats historic Senedd election results

	Constituency		Regional		Seats won
	Votes	% vote	Votes	% vote	
1999	137,857	13.5%	128,008	12.5%	6
2003	120,220	14.1%	108,013	12.7%	6
2007	144,410	14.8%	114,500	11.7%	6
2011	100,259	10.6%	76,349	8.1%	5
2016	78,165	7.7%	65,504	6.5%	1
2021	54,202	4.9%	48,714	4.4%	1

Other political parties

In addition to the six largest political parties, ten other political parties put forward lists of candidates in at least one constituency. Summaries of their election results are provided below. They are ordered based on their national vote share.

Heritage Party

The Heritage Party was the only political party, other than the six largest, to put forward a list of candidates in all 16 Senedd constituencies. The party stood only one candidate in all the Senedd constituencies, except Afan Ogwr Rhondda where it stood two.

The party received a total of 5,474 votes, making up 0.44% of the national vote share.

The party's highest share of the vote came in Afan Ogwr Rhondda (1.12%) and its lowest in Caerdydd Penarth (0.22%) The party lost its deposit (receiving less than 5% of the vote) in all 16 constituencies.

Propel

Propel stood in 2 of the 16 Senedd constituencies, putting forward two candidates in both Caerdydd Ffynnon Taf and Caerdydd Penarth.

The party received a total of 4,032 votes, making up 0.32% of the national vote share.

The party won 3.94% of the vote in Caerdydd Penarth and 0.64% in Caerdydd Ffynnon Taf, losing its deposit (receiving less than 5% of the vote) in both constituencies.

Gwlad

Gwlad stood in 6 of the 16 Senedd constituencies: Brycheiniog Tawe Nedd, Ceredigion Penfro, Gwynedd Maldwyn, Pontypridd Cynon Merthyr, Sir Fynwy Torfaen and Sir Gaerfyrddin. The party put forward one candidate in each of the six constituencies.

The party received a total of 2,479 votes, making up 0.20% of the national vote share.

The party's highest share of the vote came in Gwynedd Maldwyn (0.94%) and its lowest in Sir Fynwy Torfaen (0.23%). The party lost its deposit (receiving less than 5% of the vote) in all 6 constituencies in stood in.

Open Party

The Open Party stood in 3 of the 16 Senedd constituencies. The party put forward one candidate in Blaenau Gwent Caerffili Rhymni, two in Casnewydd Islwyn and two in Sir Fynwy Torfaen.

The party received a total of 684 votes, making up 0.05% of the national vote share.

The party's highest share of the vote came in Casnewydd Islwyn (0.56%) and its lowest in Blaenau Gwent Caerffili Rhymni (0.15%). The party lost its deposit (receiving less than 5% of the vote) in all three constituencies.

Welsh Christian Party

The Welsh Christian Party stood a single candidate in Brycheiniog Tawe Nedd, where the party received 0.56% of the vote and lost its deposit (receiving less than 5% of the vote).

The party received a total of 456 votes, making up 0.04% of the national vote share.

Britain's Communist Party

Britain's Community Party stood in 2 of the 16 constituencies, putting forward one candidate in both Bangor Conwy Môn and Caerdydd Penarth.

The party received a total of 354 votes, making up 0.03% of the national vote share.

The party won 0.24% of the vote in Caerdydd Penarth and 0.21% in Bangor Conwy Môn, losing its deposit (receiving less than 5% of the vote) in both constituencies.

Socialist Labour Party

The Socialist Labour Party stood a single candidate in Bangor Conwy Môn, where the party received 0.41% of the vote and lost its deposit (receiving less than 5% of the vote).

The party received a total of 285 votes, making up 0.02% of the national vote share.

Official Monster Raving Looney Party

The Official Monster Raving Looney Party stood a single candidate in Bangor Conwy Môn, where the party received 0.41% of the vote and lost its deposit (receiving less than 5% of the vote).

The party received a total of 279 votes, making up 0.02% of the national vote share.

Welsh Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition

The Welsh Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition stood in 2 of the 16 Senedd constituencies, putting forward two candidates in both Caerdydd Ffynnon Taf and Gŵyr Abertawe.

The party received a total of 244 votes, making up 0.02% of the national vote share.

The party won 0.15% of the vote in Gŵyr Abertawe and 0.14% in Caerdydd Ffynnon Taf, losing its deposit (receiving less than 5% of the vote) in both constituencies.

Social Democratic Party

The Social Democratic Party stood a single candidate in Fflint Wrecsam, where the party received 0.24% of the vote and lost its deposit (receiving less than 5% of the vote).

The party received a total of 165 votes, making up 0.01% of the national vote share.

Individual Candidates

This election saw 30 individual candidates put themselves forward for election across the 16 Senedd constituencies. None of the 30 candidates were elected to the Senedd. Table 18 shows the votes and vote share received by each individual candidate in the constituency they stood.

Table 18: Results for Individual Candidates

Name of candidate	Constituency	Votes received	Vote share
Captain Beany	Afan Ogwr Rhondda	504	0.8%
Jordan Brace	Blaenau Gwent Caerffili Rhymni	931	0.5%
Mike Whatley	Blaenau Gwent Caerffili Rhymni	374	0.1%
Steve Wright	Blaenau Gwent Caerffili Rhymni	71	0.1%
Beverley Jane Baynham	Brycheiniog Tawe Nedd	586	0.7%
Joe Hale	Brycheiniog Tawe Nedd	225	0.3%
Dai Richards	Brycheiniog Tawe Nedd	316	0.4%
Lawrence Douglas Gwynn	Caerdydd Ffynnon Taf	156	0.2%
Rhys ab Owen	Caerdydd Penarth	414	0.5%
Taran Clayton	Casnewydd Islwyn	224	0.3%
Aaron Carey	Ceredigion Penfro	368	0.4%
George Alexander Chadzy	Ceredigion Penfro	286	0.3%
Paul Hayward Dowson	Ceredigion Penfro	88	0.1%
Andrew John Williams	Fflint Wrecsam	429	0.6%
Russell George	Gwynedd Maldwyn	2,862	3.5%
Monty Kennard	Gwynedd Maldwyn	307	0.4%
Katon Bouzalakos	Gŵyr Abertawe	111	0.1%

Dan Brown	Gŵyr Abertawe	104	0.1%
Emma McNamara	Gŵyr Abertawe	81	0.1%
William Jeffreys	Pen-y-Bont Bro Morgannwg	221	0.3%
Caroline Jones	Pen-y-Bont Bro Morgannwg	651	0.8%
Lucia Wyatt	Pen-y-Bont Bro Morgannwg	114	0.1%
Joseph Anthony Biddulph	Pontypridd Cynon Merthyr	104	0.1%
Dai Hedley Williams	Pontypridd Cynon Merthyr	148	0.2%
Beth Winter	Pontypridd Cynon Merthyr	2,297	3.2%
Owen Lewis	Sir Fynwy Torfaen	393	0.5%
Welsh Pool	Sir Fynwy Torfaen	45	0.1%
Carl Peters-Bond	Sir Gaerfyrddin	254	0.3%
Jonathan Rose	Sir Gaerfyrddin	101	0.1%
Steve Williams	Sir Gaerfyrddin	1,298	1.5%

Lost deposits

In order for a political party or an individual candidate to stand at the Senedd election, a deposit must be paid. Deposits were **first introduced for UK Parliament elections in 1918** to combat concerns that there were "frivolous" candidates standing for election. The purpose of the deposit was to discourage candidates from standing who have little chance of winning.

For the Senedd election the deposit for **political parties** was £500 for the first candidate appearing on their list in a constituency and £200 for each of the next five candidates appearing on the list. This means a maximum deposit of £1,500 for political parties in each Senedd constituency. For **individual candidates**, the deposit was £500.

Political parties and individual candidates that poll at least 5% in a constituency have their deposits returned to them.

Table 19 shows the number and value of the deposits lost by each political party.

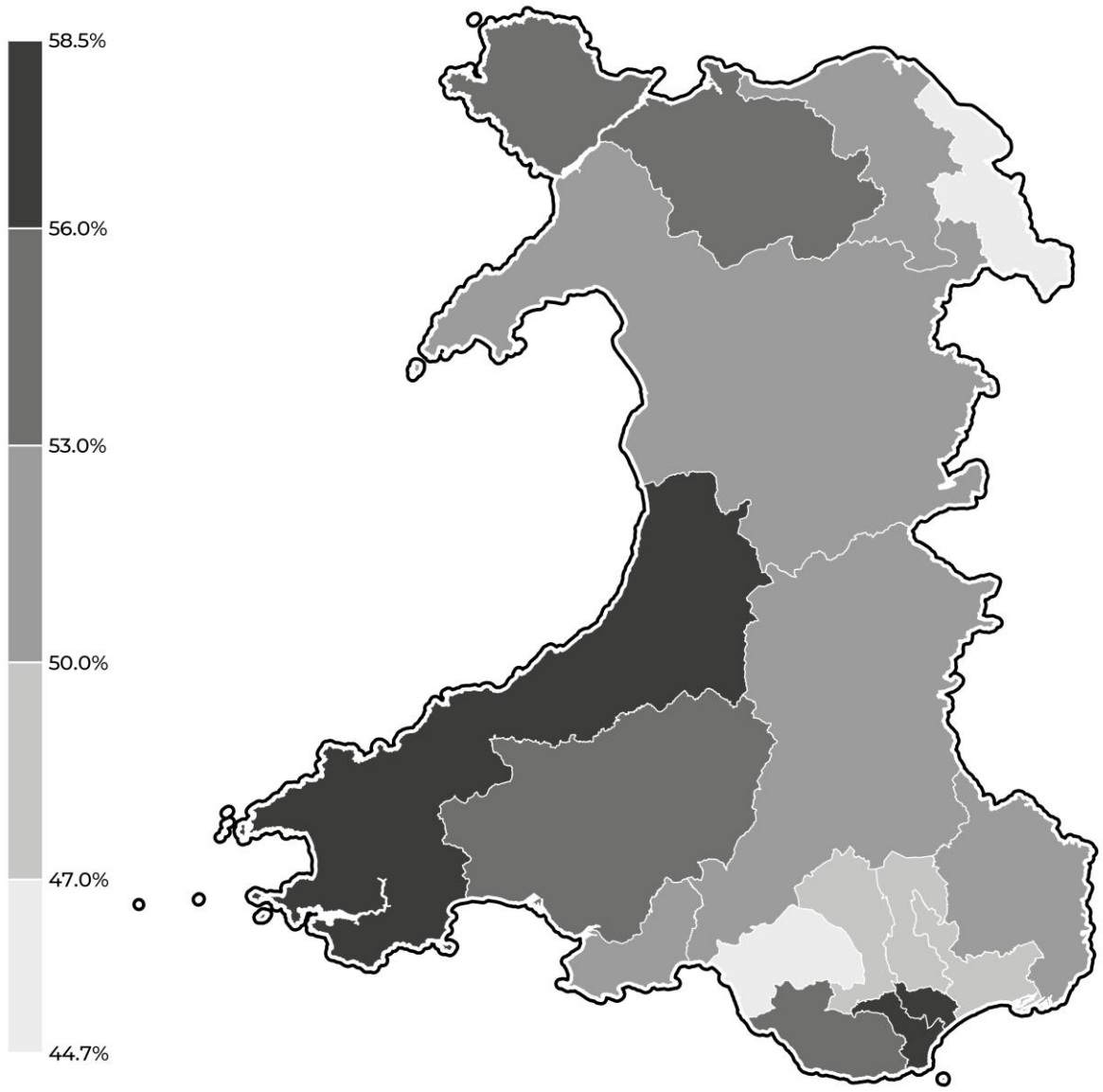
Table 19: Deposits lost by political party

Party	Retained	Lost		Value of lost deposits
	Number	Number	%	
Plaid Cymru	16	0	0%	£0
Reform UK	16	0	0%	£0
Welsh Labour	16	0	0%	£0
Welsh Conservatives	14	2	13%	£3,000
Wales Green Party	11	5	31%	£7,500
Welsh Liberal Democrats	5	11	69%	£16,500
Heritage Party	0	16	100%	£8,200
Gwlad	0	6	100%	£3,000
Propel	0	2	100%	£1,400
Welsh Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition	0	2	100%	£1,600
Socialist Labour Party	0	1	100%	£500
Official Monster Raving Looney Party	0	1	100%	£500
Open Party	0	3	100%	£1,900
Welsh Christian Party	0	1	100%	£500
Social Democratic Party	0	1	100%	£500
Britain's Communist Party	0	2	100%	£1,000
Individual Candidates	0	30	100%	£15,000 (£500 per candidate)

Turnout

Over 2.43 million people were registered to vote at the time of the 2026 Senedd election. Of these, over 1.25 million people turned out to vote. Based on valid votes, turnout at this election was 51.7%. This compares to 46.6% at the 2021 election. Figure 11 shows the turnout in each Senedd constituency.

Figure 11: Turnout in each Senedd constituency



The highest turnout was in Caerdydd Ffynnon Taf at 58.50%, while Afan Ogwr Rhondda had the lowest at 44.68%. Figure 12 and Table 20 show the turnout in each Senedd constituency, as well as the size of the electorate and the number of valid votes cast.

Figure 12: Turnout in each Senedd constituency

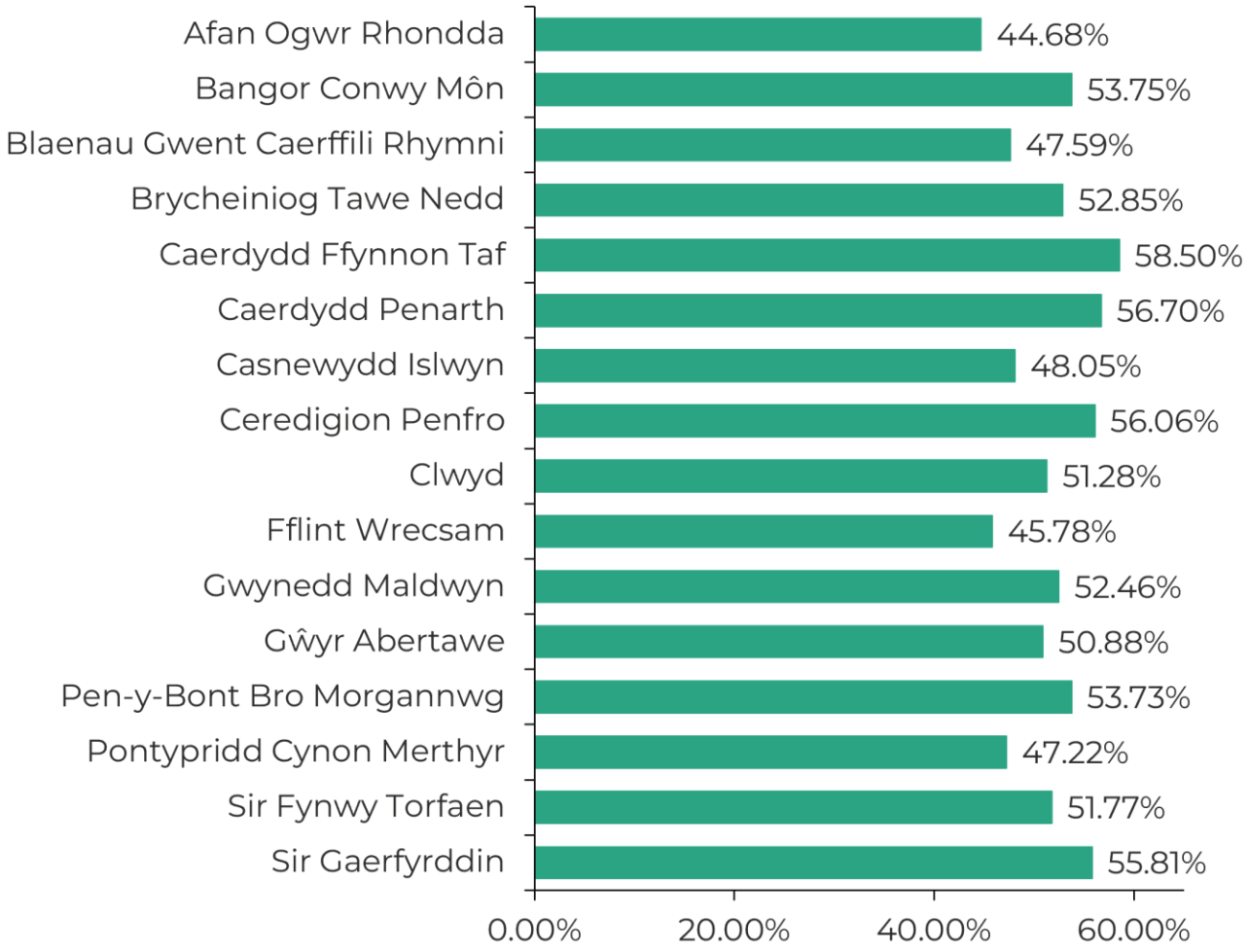


Table 20: Electorate, valid votes cast and turnout in each Senedd constituency

Rank	Constituency	Electorate	Valid votes cast	Turnout
1	Caerdydd Ffynnon Taf	150,796	88,441	58.50%
2	Caerdydd Penarth	155,286	88,277	56.70%
3	Ceredigion Penfro	159,021	89,155	56.06%
4	Sir Gaerfyrddin	150,485	83,983	55.81%
5	Bangor Conwy Môn	128,615	69,130	53.75%
6	Pen-y-Bont Bro Morgannwg	152,519	81,953	53.73%

7	Brycheiniog Tawe Nedd	153,435	81,096	52.85%
8	Gwynedd Maldwyn	155,719	81,690	52.46%
9	Sir Fynwy Torfaen	150,095	77,706	51.77%
10	Clwyd	155,536	79,757	51.28%
11	Gŵyr Abertawe	155,120	78,924	50.88%
12	Casnewydd Islwyn	161,697	77,698	48.05%
13	Blaenau Gwent Caerffili Rhymni	146,732	69,832	47.59%
14	Pontypridd Cynon Merthyr	153,815	72,628	47.22%
15	Fflint Wrecsam	152,885	69,996	45.78%
16	Afan Ogwr Rhondda	148,732	66,449	44.68%

Invalid votes

A ballot paper for the Senedd election **must be rejected if**:

- it does not bear the official mark (not the unique identifying mark);
- more than one vote is given;
- anything is written or marked by which the voter can be identified (except the printed ballot paper number or other unique identifying mark); or
- it is unmarked or void for uncertainty

A total of 2,986 votes cast the Senedd election were rejected as invalid at the count. This breaks down to 98 for not bearing the official mark, 1,021 for more than one vote given, 135 for identification of the voter and 1,732 for unmarked or uncertainty.

All 98 ballot papers rejected for not bearing the official mark were in the Gwynedd Maldwyn constituency.

Ceredigion Penfro saw the highest number of invalid votes, recording 247 in total. Bangor Conwy Môn had the lowest number, recording 123 in total.

Table 21 shows the number of rejected ballot papers in each constituency and the reasons why they were rejected.

Table 21: Reasons for rejecting ballot papers and total number of rejected ballot papers in each constituency

Constituency	Reasons for rejecting ballot papers				Total rejected ballot papers
	Does not bear the official mark	More than one vote is given	Mark that could identify the voter	Unmarked or void for uncertainty	
Afan Ogwr Rhondda	0	35	1	99	**135**
Bangor Conwy Môn	0	43	1	79	**123**
Blaenau Gwent Caerffili Rhymni	0	61	1	93	**155**
Brycheiniog Tawe Nedd	0	54	18	117	**189**
Caerdydd Ffynnon Taf	0	57	5	160	**222**
Caerdydd Penarth	0	94	1	125	**220**
Casnewydd Islwyn	0	60	3	130	**193**
Ceredigion Penfro	0	102	3	142	**247**
Clwyd	0	39	0	127	**166**
Fflint Wrecsam	0	35	1	135	**171**
Gwynedd Maldwyn	98	59	4	38	**199**

Gŵyr Abertawe	0	116	0	71	**187**
Pen-y-Bont Bro Morgannwg	0	54	0	98	**152**
Pontypridd Cynon Merthyr	0	112	0	107	**219**
Sir Fynwy Torfaen	0	37	97	36	**170**
Sir Gaerfyrddin	0	63	0	175	**238**

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