



BRITISH
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British Election Study

2014-2018

2017 Results file

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Introduction

The British Election Study 2014-18 is managed via a consortium of the University of Manchester, The University of Oxford, and The University of Nottingham. The Scientific Leadership Team is comprised of Professors Ed Fieldhouse, Jane Green, Hermann Schmitt, Geoff Evans and Cees van der Eijk. The team is supported by researchers Dr Jon Mellon and Dr Chris Prosser.

The 2017 results file comprises the 2017 election results for each constituency (winning party, vote share, number of votes, turnout, majority and changes in vote share since 2015), the 2015 election results for each constituency (winning party, vote share, number of votes, turnout, majority and changes in vote share since 2010), the 2010 results (winning party, vote share, number of votes, turnout and majority), and contextual information at the constituency level. A full list of variables is given later in this codebook.

Data and sources

The BES Results file is a compilation of data from a number of different sources, detailed below. As new information becomes available, some of these sources may change in future releases.

2017 Results

Results, size of electorates, and Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat, UKIP, Green Party, Scottish National Party, and Plaid Cymru Prospective Parliamentary Candidates names and sex are taken from the House of Commons Library results file:

<http://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CBP-7979>

2015 Results

Results and size of electorate data is taken from the Electoral Commission's 2015 results file: <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/our-work/our-research/electoral-data>.

The names, sex, and ethnicity of the Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrat, UKIP, Green Party, Scottish National Party, and Plaid Cymru Prospective Parliamentary Candidates. This information is provided by Dr Jennifer vanHeerde-Hudson of the Representative Audit of Britain.

2010 Results

Results and size of electorate data is taken from the Electoral Commission's 2015 results file: <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/our-work/our-research/electoral-data>.

2016 EU Referendum

Estimates of constituency level results for the 2016 EU Referendum are included with the permission of Professor Chris Hanretty, who generated the estimates. Users of the EU Referendum data should cite the following article, which provides more information about how the estimates were made:

Chris Hanretty, 'Areal interpolation and the UK's referendum on EU membership,' *Journal Of Elections, Public Opinion And Parties*, Online Early Access, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/17457289.2017.1287081>

Contextual information

2011 Census information on total population, population density, and the proportion of the resident population falling into different categories of gender, age, household type, housing tenure, ethnicity, country of birth, passports held, English (or Welsh in Wales) spoken as a main language, religion, National Statistics Socio-economic Classification (NS-SeC), Economic activity, industrial sector, qualifications, health, and deprivation. Census information is taken from the House of Commons Library Census 2011 Constituency results.

Note that because the Scottish census is carried out separate to the census in England and Wales not all census information is available for Scottish constituencies.

Merging with other data

We provide two constituency identifiers that can be used to merge the data in the results file with other sources, including the BES survey data. *ONSConstID* is the Office for National Statistics geographic code for each constituency, and *pano* is the Press Association Constituency identifier.

Variables

Variable Name	Description	Census table
pano	Press Association Constituency ID	
ONSConstID	ONS Constituency ID	
ConstituencyName	Constituency Name	
Country	Country	
Region	Region	
ConstituencyType	County or Borough Constituency	
Winner17	2017 Winning party	
Con17	2017 Conservative vote share	
Lab17	2017 Labour vote share	
LD17	2017 Liberal Democrat vote share	
SNP17	2017 Scottish National Party (SNP) vote share	
PC17	2017 Plaid Cymru vote share	
UKIP17	2017 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP) vote share	
Green17	2017 Green Party vote share	
Other17	2017 Combined other vote share	
Majority17	2017 Majority	
Turnout17	2017 Turnout	
ConVote17	2017 Conservative number of votes	
LabVote17	2017 Labour number of votes	
LDVote17	2017 Liberal Democrat number of votes	
SNPVote17	2017 Scottish National Party (SNP) number of votes	

Variable Name	Description	Census table
PCVote17	2017 Plaid Cymru number of votes	
UKIPVote17	2017 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP) number of votes	
GreenVote17	2017 Green Party number of votes	
TotalVote17	2017 Total number of votes cast	
RejectedVote17	2017 Number of rejected ballots	
Electorate17	2017 Size of electorate	
SeatChange1517	2017 winning party gain from 2015 winning party	
Con1517	2015-17 Conservative vote share change	
Lab1517	2015-17 Labour vote share change	
LD1517	2015-17 Liberal Democrat vote share change	
SNP1517	2015-17 Scottish National Party (SNP) vote share change	
PC1517	2015-17 Plaid Cymru vote share change	
UKIP1517	2015-17 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP) vote share change	
Green1517	2015-17 Green Party vote share change	
Winner15	2015 Winning party	
Con15	2015 Conservative vote share	
Lab15	2015 Labour vote share	
LD15	2015 Liberal Democrat vote share	
SNP15	2015 Scottish National Party (SNP) vote share	
PC15	2015 Plaid Cymru vote share	
UKIP15	2015 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP) vote share	
Green15	2015 Green Party vote share	
Other15	2015 Combined other vote share	
Majority15	2015 Majority	
Turnout15	2015 Turnout	
ConVote15	2015 Conservative number of votes	
LabVote15	2015 Labour number of votes	
LDVote15	2015 Liberal Democrat number of votes	
SNPVote15	2015 Scottish National Party (SNP) number of votes	
PCVote15	2015 Plaid Cymru number of votes	
UKIPVote15	2015 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP) number of votes	
GreenVote15	2015 Green Party number of votes	
BNPVote15	2015 British National Party (BNP) number of votes	
TotalVote15	2015 Total number of votes cast	

Variable Name	Description	Census table
RejectedVote15	2015 Number of rejected ballots	
Electorate15	2015 Size of electorate	
SeatChange1015	2015 winning party gain from 2010 winning party	
Con1015	2010-15 Conservative vote share change	
Lab1015	2010-15 Labour vote share change	
LD1015	2010-15 Liberal Democrat vote share change	
SNP1015	2010-15 Scottish National Party (SNP) vote share change	
PC1015	2010-15 Plaid Cymru vote share change	
UKIP1015	2010-15 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP) vote share change	
Green1015	2010-15 Green Party vote share change	
Winner10	2010 Winning party	
Con10	2010 Conservative vote share	
Lab10	2010 Labour vote share	
LD10	2010 Liberal Democrat vote share	
SNP10	2010 Scottish National Party (SNP) vote share	
PC10	2010 Plaid Cymru vote share	
UKIP10	2010 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP) vote share	
Green10	2010 Green Party vote share	
BNP10	2010 British National Party (BNP) vote share	
Majority10	2010 Majority	
Turn10	2010 Turnout	
ConVote10	2010 Conservative number of votes	
LabVote10	2010 Labour number of votes	
LDVote10	2010 Liberal Democrat number of votes	
SNPVote10	2010 Scottish National Party (SNP) number of votes	
PCVote10	2010 Plaid Cymru number of votes	
UKIPVote10	2010 United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP) number of votes	
GreenVote10	2010 Green Party number of votes	
BNPVote10	2010 British National Party (BNP) number of votes	
TotalVote10	2010 Total number of votes cast	
Electorate10	2010 Size of electorate	
leaveHanretty	Hanretty (2017) Estimate of EU Referendum Leave %	
remainHanretty	Hanretty (2017) Estimate of EU Referendum Remain %	

Variable Name	Description	Census table
ConPPC17	Conservative 2017 candidate name	
ConPPCsex17	Conservative 2017 candidate sex	
LabPPC17	Labour 2017 candidate name	
LabPPCsex17	Labour 2017 candidate sex	
LDPPC17	Liberal Democrat 2017 candidate name	
LDPPCsex17	Liberal Democrat 2017 candidate sex	
SNPPC17	SNP 2017 candidate name	
SNPPCsex17	SNP 2017 candidate sex	
PCPPC17	Plaid Cymru 2017 candidate name	
PCPPCsex17	Plaid Cymru 2017 candidate sex	
UKIPPPC17	UKIP 2017 candidate name	
UKIPPPCsex17	UKIP 2017 candidate sex	
GreenPPC17	Green Party 2017 candidate name	
GreenPPCsex17	Green Party 2017 candidate sex	
ConPPC15	Conservative 2015 candidate name	
ConPPCsex15	Conservative 2015 candidate sex	
ConPPCrace15	Conservative 2015 candidate race	
LabPPC15	Labour 2015 candidate name	
LabPPCsex15	Labour 2015 candidate sex	
LabPPCrace15	Labour 2015 candidate race	
LDPPC15	Liberal Democrat 2015 candidate name	
LDPPCsex15	Liberal Democrat 2015 candidate sex	
LDPPCrace15	Liberal Democrat 2015 candidate race	
SNPPC15	SNP 2015 candidate name	
SNPPCsex15	SNP 2015 candidate sex	
SNPPCrace15	SNP 2015 candidate race	
PCPPC15	Plaid Cymru 2015 candidate name	
PCPPCsex15	Plaid Cymru 2015 candidate sex	
PCPPCrace15	Plaid Cymru 2015 candidate race	
UKIPPPC15	UKIP 2015 candidate name	
UKIPPPCsex15	UKIP 2015 candidate sex	
UKIPPPCrace15	UKIP 2015 candidate race	
GreenPPC15	Green Party 2015 candidate name	
GreenPPCsex15	Green Party 2015 candidate sex	
GreenPPCrace15	Green Party 2015 candidate race	
c11Population	Census 2011: Usual resident population	KS101
c11PopulationDensity	Census 2011: Population density	KS101
c11Male	Census 2011: Male	KS101
c11Female	Census 2011: Female	KS101
c11Households	Census 2011: People living in households	KS101
c11Communal	Census 2011: People living in Communal establishments	KS101

Variable Name	Description	Census table
c11Age0to4	Census 2011: Age 0 to 4	KS102
c11Age5to7	Census 2011: Age 5 to 7	KS102
c11Age8to9	Census 2011: Age 8 to 9	KS102
c11Age10to14	Census 2011: Age 10 to 14	KS102
c11Age15	Census 2011: Age 15	KS102
c11Age16to17	Census 2011: Age 16 to 17	KS102
c11Age18to19	Census 2011: Age 18 to 19	KS102
c11Age20to24	Census 2011: Age 20 to 24	KS102
c11Age25to29	Census 2011: Age 25 to 29	KS102
c11Age30to44	Census 2011: Age 30 to 44	KS102
c11Age45to59	Census 2011: Age 45 to 59	KS102
c11Age60to64	Census 2011: Age 60 to 64	KS102
c11Age65to74	Census 2011: Age 65 to 74	KS102
c11Age75to84	Census 2011: Age 75 to 84	KS102
c11Age85to89	Census 2011: Age 85 to 89	KS102
c11Age90plus	Census 2011: Age 90 plus	KS102
c11HouseOwned	Census 2011: Housing tenure - Owned	KS402
c11HouseOutright	Census 2011: Housing tenure - Owned outright	KS402
c11HouseMortgage	Census 2011: Housing tenure - Owned with a mortgage	KS402
c11HouseShared	Census 2011: Housing tenure - Shared ownership	KS402
c11HouseSocial	Census 2011: Housing tenure - Social rented	KS402
c11HouseSocialLA	Census 2011: Housing tenure - Social rented from council (Local Authority)	KS402
c11HouseSocialOther	Census 2011: Housing tenure - Other social rented	KS402
c11HousePrivate	Census 2011: Housing tenure - Private rented	KS402
c11HousePrivateLandlord	Census 2011: Housing tenure - Private rented from landlord or letting agency	KS402
c11HousePrivateOther	Census 2011: Housing tenure - Other private rented	KS402
c11HouseRentFree	Census 2011: Housing tenure - Living rent free	KS402
c11HouseholdOnePerson	Census 2011: Household - One person	KS105
c11HouseholdOnePerson65plus	Census 2011: Household - One person aged 65 and older	KS105
c11HouseholdOnePersonOther	Census 2011: Household - One person other	KS105
c11HouseholdOneFamily	Census 2011: Household - One family	KS105
c11HouseholdOneFamily65plus	Census 2011: Household - One family all 65 and older	KS105

Variable Name	Description	Census table
c11HouseholdMarried	Census 2011: Household - Married	KS105
c11HouseholdMarriedNoChildren	Census 2011: Household - Married no children	KS105
c11HouseholdMarriedDependents	Census 2011: Household - Married with dependent children	KS105
c11HouseholdMarriedNondependents	Census 2011: Household - Married with no dependent children	KS105
c11HouseholdCohabit	Census 2011: Household - Cohabiting	KS105
c11HouseholdCohabitNoChildren	Census 2011: Household - Cohabiting no children	KS105
c11HouseholdCohabitDependents	Census 2011: Household - Cohabiting with dependent children	KS105
c11HouseholdCohabitNodependents	Census 2011: Household - Cohabiting with no dependent children	KS105
c11HouseholdLone	Census 2011: Household - Lone parent	KS105
c11HouseholdLoneDependents	Census 2011: Household - Lone parent with dependent children	KS105
c11HouseholdLoneNodependents	Census 2011: Household - Lone parent with no dependent children	KS105
c11HouseholdOther	Census 2011: Household - Other	KS105
c11HouseholdOtherDependents	Census 2011: Household - Other with dependent children	KS105
c11HouseholdAllStudents	Census 2011: Household - All full-time students	KS105
c11HouseholdAll65plus	Census 2011: Household - Other all 65 plus	KS105
c11HouseholdAnyOther	Census 2011: Household - Any other	KS105
c11CarsNone	Census 2011: No cars or vans in household	KS404
c11CarsOne	Census 2011: one car or van in household	KS404
c11CarsTwo	Census 2011: Two cars or vans in household	KS404
c11CarsThree	Census 2011: Three cars or vans in household	KS404
c11CarsFour	Census 2011: Four cars or vans in household	KS404
c11EthnicityWhite	Census 2011: Ethnicity - White	KS201
c11EthnicityMixed	Census 2011: Ethnicity - Mixed	KS201
c11EthnicityAsian	Census 2011: Ethnicity - Asian	KS201
c11EthnicityBlack	Census 2011: Ethnicity - Black	KS201
c11EthnicityOther	Census 2011: Ethnicity - Other	KS201
c11EthnicityWhiteBritish	Census 2011: Ethnicity detailed - White British/English/Scottish/Northern Irish	KS201
c11EthnicityWhiteIrish	Census 2011: Ethnicity detailed - White Irish	KS201

Variable Name	Description	Census table
c11EthnicityWhiteTraveller	Census 2011: Ethnicity detailed - White Gypsy or Irish Traveller	KS201
c11EthnicityWhiteOther	Census 2011: Ethnicity detailed - White other	KS201
c11EthnicityMixedCaribbean	Census 2011: Ethnicity detailed - Mixed White and Black Caribbean	KS201
c11EthnicityMixedAfrican	Census 2011: Ethnicity detailed - Mixed White and Black African	KS201
c11EthnicityMixedAsian	Census 2011: Ethnicity detailed - Mixed White and Asian	KS201
c11EthnicityMixedOther	Census 2011: Ethnicity detailed - Mixed other	KS201
c11EthnicityIndian	Census 2011: Ethnicity detailed - Indian	KS201
c11EthnicityPakistani	Census 2011: Ethnicity detailed - Pakistani	KS201
c11EthnicityBangladeshi	Census 2011: Ethnicity detailed - Bangladeshi	KS201
c11EthnicityChinese	Census 2011: Ethnicity detailed - Chinese	KS201
c11EthnicityOtherAsian	Census 2011: Ethnicity detailed - Other Asian	KS201
c11EthnicityBlackAfrican	Census 2011: Ethnicity detailed - Black African	KS201
c11EthnicityBlackCaribbean	Census 2011: Ethnicity detailed - Black Caribbean	KS201
c11EthnicityBlackOther	Census 2011: Ethnicity detailed - Black Other	KS201
c11EthnicityArab	Census 2011: Ethnicity detailed - Arab	KS201
c11EthnicityAnyOther	Census 2011: Ethnicity detailed - Any other ethnic group	KS201
c11BornUK	Census 2011: Country of birth - UK	KS204
c11BornEngland	Census 2011: Country of birth - England	KS204
c11BornNI	Census 2011: Country of birth - Northern Ireland	KS204
c11BornScotland	Census 2011: Country of birth - Scotland	KS204
c11BornWales	Census 2011: Country of birth - Wales	KS204
c11BornUKNotSpecified	Census 2011: Country of birth - Northern Ireland	KS204
c11BornIreland	Census 2011: Country of birth - Ireland	KS204
c11BornOtherEU	Census 2011: Country of birth - Other EU (not Ireland)	KS204
c11BornOtherPre2004EU	Census 2011: Country of birth - Other pre 2004 EU (not Ireland)	KS204
c11BornPost2004EU	Census 2011: Country of birth - country joined EU 2004 or later	KS204
c11BornOther	Census 2011: Country of birth - Other	KS204
c11PassportNone	Census 2011: Passport held - None	KS205

Variable Name	Description	Census table
c11PassportAny	Census 2011: Passport held - Any	KS205
c11PassportUK	Census 2011: Passport held - United Kingdom	KS205
c11PassportIreland	Census 2011: Passport held - Republic of Ireland	KS205
c11PassportEU	Census 2011: Passport held - Other Europe EU Countries	KS205
c11PassportEuropeNotEU	Census 2011: Passport held - Other Europe Non EU countries	KS205
c11PassportAfrica	Census 2011: Passport held - Africa	KS205
c11PassportAsia	Census 2011: Passport held - Middle East and Asia	KS205
c11PassportNorthAmerica	Census 2011: Passport held - North America and the Caribbean	KS205
c11PassportCentralAmerica	Census 2011: Passport held - Central America	KS205
c11PassportSouthAmerica	Census 2011: Passport held - South America	KS205
c11PassportOceania	Census 2011: Passport held - Antarctica and Oceania	KS205
c11EnglishAll	Census 2011: All 16+ have English (or Welsh in Wales) as main language	KS206
c11EnglishOne	Census 2011: At least one 16+ has English (or Welsh in Wales) as main language	KS206
c11EnglishChild	Census 2011: At least one 3-15 has English (or Welsh in Wales) as main language	KS206
c11EnglishNone	Census 2011: No one 16+ has English (or Welsh in Wales) as main language	KS206
c11Christian	Census 2011: Religion - Christian	KS209
c11Buddhist	Census 2011: Religion - Buddhist	KS209
c11Hindu	Census 2011: Religion - Hindu	KS209
c11Jewish	Census 2011: Religion - Jewish	KS209
c11Muslim	Census 2011: Religion - Muslim	KS209
c11Sikh	Census 2011: Religion - Sikh	KS209
c11ReligionOther	Census 2011: Religion - Other	KS209
c11NoReligion	Census 2011: Religion - No Religion	KS209
c11ReligionNotStated	Census 2011: Religion - Not Stated	KS209
c11NSSECHigherManager	Census 2011: NS-SeC Large employers, higher managerial and administrative	KS611
c11NSSECHigherProfessional	Census 2011: NS-SeC Higher professional occupations	KS611
c11NSSECLowerManager	Census 2011: NS-SeC Lower managerial, administrative and professional	KS611
c11NSSECIntermediate	Census 2011: NS-SeC Intermediate	KS611

Variable Name	Description	Census table
c11NSSECSmallEmployer	Census 2011: NS-SeC Small employers and own account workers	KS611
c11NSSECLowerSupervisor	Census 2011: NS-SeC Lower supervisory and technical	KS611
c11NSSECSemiRoutine	Census 2011: NS-SeC Semi-routine occupations	KS611
c11NSSECRoutine	Census 2011: NS-SeC Routine	KS611
c11NSSECNeverWorked	Census 2011: NS-SeC Never worked	KS611
c11NSSECLongtermUnemployed	Census 2011: NS-SeC Long-term unemployed	KS611
c11EconomicActive	Census 2011: Economically active - all	KS601
c11Employed	Census 2011: Economically active - Employed	KS601
c11EmployedPartTime	Census 2011: Economically active - Employee: Part-time	KS601
c11EmployedFullTime	Census 2011: Economically active - Employee: Full-time	KS601
c11SelfEmployed	Census 2011: Economically active - Self-employed	KS601
c11Unemployed	Census 2011: Economically active - Unemployed	KS601
c11EconomicallyActiveStudent	Census 2011: Economically active - Full-time student	KS601
c11EconomicInactive	Census 2011: Economically inactive - all	KS601
c11Retired	Census 2011: Economically inactive - Retired	KS601
c11EconomicallyInactiveStudent	Census 2011: Economically inactive - Student (including full-time students)	KS601
c11LookingAfterHome	Census 2011: Economically inactive - Looking after home or family	KS601
c11LongTermSick	Census 2011: Economically inactive - Long-term sick or disabled	KS601
c11EconomicInactiveOther	Census 2011: Economically inactive - Other	KS601
c11Unemployed16to24	Census 2011: Unemployed age 16 to 24	KS601
c11Unemployed50to74	Census 2011: Unemployed age 50 to 74	KS601
c11Neverworked	Census 2011: Never worked	KS601
c11LongTermUnemployed	Census 2011: Long-term unemployed	KS601
c11FulltimeStudent	Census 2011: Full-time students	KS611
c11IndustryAgriculture	Census 2011: Industry - Agriculture, forestry and fishing	KS605
c11IndustryMining	Census 2011: Industry - Mining and quarrying	KS605
c11IndustryManufacturing	Census 2011: Industry - Manufacturing	KS605
c11IndustryElectricitySupply	Census 2011: Industry - Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	KS605

Variable Name	Description	Census table
c11IndustryWaterSupply	Census 2011: Industry - Water supply	KS605
c11IndustryConstruction	Census 2011: Industry - Construction	KS605
c11IndustryWholesale	Census 2011: Industry - Wholesale and retail trade	KS605
c11IndustryTransport	Census 2011: Industry - Transport and storage	KS605
c11IndustryAccommodation	Census 2011: Industry - Accommodation and food service activities	KS605
c11IndustryCommunication	Census 2011: Industry - Information and Communication	KS605
c11IndustryFinance	Census 2011: Industry - Financial and insurance activities	KS605
c11IndustryRealEstate	Census 2011: Industry - Real estate activities	KS605
c11IndustryProfessional	Census 2011: Industry - Professional, scientific and technical activities	KS605
c11IndustryAdministrative	Census 2011: Industry - Administrative and support service activities	KS605
c11IndustryPublicAdministration	Census 2011: Industry - Public administration and defence	KS605
c11IndustryEducation	Census 2011: Industry - Education	KS605
c11IndustrySocialWork	Census 2011: Industry - Human Health and Social Work Activities	KS605
c11IndustryOther	Census 2011: Industry - Other	KS605
c11QualNone	Census 2011: Highest qualification - None	KS501
c11QualLevel1	Census 2011: Highest qualification - Level 1	KS501
c11QualLevel2	Census 2011: Highest qualification - Level 2	KS501
c11QualApprentice	Census 2011: Highest qualification - Apprenticeship	KS501
c11QualLevel3	Census 2011: Highest qualification - Level 3	KS501
c11QualLevel4	Census 2011: Highest qualification - Level 4 and above	KS501
c11QualOther	Census 2011: Highest qualification - Other	KS501
c11Degree	Census 2011: University Degree	QS502
c11HealthVeryGood	Census 2011: Very good health	KS301
c11HealthGood	Census 2011: Good health	KS301
c11HealthFair	Census 2011: Fair health	KS301
c11HealthBad	Census 2011: Bad health	KS301
c11HealthVeryBad	Census 2011: Very bad health	KS301
c11NoAdultsEmployed	Census 2011: No adults in employment in household	KS106

Variable Name	Description	Census table
c11NoAdultsEmployedChildren	Census 2011: No adults in employment in household with dependent children	KS106
c11NoAdultsEmployedNoChildren	Census 2011: No adults in employment in household without dependent children	KS106
c11DeprivedNone	Census 2011: Household is not deprived on any dimension	QS119
c11Deprived1	Census 2011: Household deprived on one dimension	QS119
c11Deprived2	Census 2011: Household deprived on two dimensions	QS119
c11Deprived3	Census 2011: Household deprived on three dimensions	QS119
c11Deprived4	Census 2011: Household deprived on four dimensions	QS119