

# STV for Westminster

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- Unitary Authorities
- Local Authority Districts (including Metropolitan Districts & London Boroughs)
- Council Areas (Scotland)
- District Council Areas (Northern Ireland)
- Counties, Unitary Authorities, Council Areas or District Council Areas (County names only shown in bold text)

Boundaries shown are effective as follows:  
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- 3 West Dunbartonshire
- 4 East Dunbartonshire
- 5 North Lanarkshire
- 6 Renfrewshire
- 7 East Renfrewshire
- 8 Glasgow City

- 1 Dundee City
- 2 Clackmannanshire

- 9 Newcastle upon Tyne
- 10 North Tyneside
- 11 Stockton on Tees
- 12 Middlesbrough

- 13 Preston
- 14 South Ribblesdale
- 15 Blackburn with Darwen
- 16 Hyndburn
- 17 Rossendale
- 18 Burnley
- 19 Pendle
- 20 Bolton
- 21 Bury
- 22 Rochdale
- 23 West Lancashire

- 24 Liverpool
- 25 Knowsley
- 26 St Helens
- 27 Halton
- 28 Warrington
- 29 Trafford
- 30 Salford
- 31 Manchester
- 32 Tameside
- 33 Stockport

- 36 North East Derbyshire
- 37 Chesterfield
- 38 Bolsover
- 39 Mansfield
- 40 Ashfield
- 41 Bassetlaw
- 42 Doncaster
- 43 Nottingham
- 44 Gedling
- 45 East Staffordshire
- 46 South Staffordshire
- 47 North West Leicestershire
- 48 Newark and Keyborough
- 49 Broxtowe
- 50 South Staffordshire

- 52 Cannock Chase
- 53 Wolverhampton
- 54 Dudley
- 55 Sandwell
- 56 Tamworth
- 57 North Warwickshire
- 58 Nuneaton and Bedworth
- 59 Coventry
- 60 Hinckley and Bosworth
- 61 Blaby
- 62 Leicestershire
- 63 Goosy and Wigston
- 64 Warrack
- 65 Broxtowe
- 66 Redditch

- 72 Rhondda, Cynon, Taff
- 73 Merthyr Tydfil
- 74 Caerphilly
- 75 Blaenau Gwent
- 76 Torfaen
- 77 Ceredigion
- 78 Gloucester
- 79 South Gloucestershire
- 80 Both North and East Somerset
- 81 City of Bristol

- 101 Reading
- 102 Wokingham
- 103 Basingstoke
- 104 Basingstoke and Fareham
- 105 Winchester and Maidenhead
- 106 Rushdown
- 107 Brighthelmston

- 108 Spelthorne
- 109 Sevenoys
- 110 Epsom
- 111 Epsom and Ewell
- 112 Epsom and Ewell
- 113 Slough

- 114 Epsom and Ewell
- 115 South Cambridgeshire
- 116 Epsom
- 117 Haslemere
- 118 Worthing
- 119 Adur

- 120 Epsom and Ewell
- 121 Reigate and Banstead
- 122 Tandridge
- 123 Crawley
- 124 Tandridge and Malling
- 125 Dartford
- 126 Gravesham

- 86 Ipswich
- 87 Colchester
- 88 Luton
- 89 North Hertfordshire
- 90 St Albans
- 91 Welwyn Hatfield
- 92 Stevenage
- 93 East Hertfordshire
- 94 Broxbourne
- 95 Abingdon
- 96 Walford
- 97 Three Rivers
- 98 Hertsmere
- 99 Brentwood
- 100 Redbridge
- 101 Cade Park

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## INTRODUCTION

This paper presents a schedule for electing the UK Parliament by Single Transferable Vote from multi-member constituencies.

The constituencies, mostly electing 4 or 5 MPs, are based on local authority areas. The rules used to define constituencies are given in the next section, followed by a schedule of the 118 resulting constituencies, electing 512 MPs. A map of the constituencies is on the cover.

Some outline statistics, including a comparison of variability in the number of electors per MP with that under the present system, are given in an appendix.

## RULES

The proposed scheme is derived using the following rules:

1. Constituencies preferably elect either 4 or 5 MPs; where the other rules make this difficult, either 3 or 6 is allowed.
2. Constituencies are assigned one MP for every 100,000 electors or part thereof; thus a constituency with between 400,001 and 500,000 electors is assigned 5 MPs.
3. Constituencies are based on Local Authority areas. No unitary or district Local Authorities are split<sup>1</sup>. Ceremonial counties in England, preserved counties in Wales, and metropolitan authorities in England are sub-divided only if their entitlement exceeds 6 MPs, in all cases respecting district and unitary authority boundaries within them<sup>2</sup>.
4. *Exceptions to Rules 1 and 2*: in line with current practice, some allowance is made for sparsely-populated and isolated areas. Smaller numbers of MPs (generally 2 or 3, but in exceptional cases<sup>3</sup> just 1) are allowed in sparsely populated areas; and the ceiling on the number of electors per MP is reduced to 90,000 for areas where the population density is less than 150/sq km, and 80,000 where it is less than 30/sq km.

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<sup>1</sup>With one exception, Birmingham, which is subdivided because its entitlement exceeds 6 MPs.

<sup>2</sup>The one case, Stockton-on-Tees, where a district is split between two ceremonial counties has been dealt with by using the Tees Valley area as a constituency

<sup>3</sup>The Western Isles, Northern Isles, and Argyll and Bute.

## SCHEDULE OF CONSTITUENCIES

*Note:* (\*) and (\*\*) indicate constituencies with low or very low population density for which the ceiling on electors/MP is reduced to 90,000 and 80,000 respectively (see Rule 4).

1 Teesside LAs: Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland, Stockton-on-Tees	electorate 494571 , seats 5 (electors/MP 98914 )
2 Durham LAs: Durham	electorate 393603 , seats 4 (electors/MP 98401 )
3 Northumberland LAs: Northumberland	electorate 246058 , seats 3 (electors/MP 82019 ) (*)
4 North Tyne LAs: Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside	electorate 344494 , seats 4 (electors/MP 86124 )
5 South Tyne LAs: Gateshead, South Tyneside, Sunderland	electorate 475132 , seats 5 (electors/MP 95026 )
6 N Lancashire LAs: Lancaster, Preston, Ribble Valley, Wyre	electorate 336374 , seats 4 (electors/MP 84094 )
7 SW Lancashire LAs: Blackpool, Chorley, Fylde, South Ribble, West Lancashire	electorate 422075 , seats 5 (electors/MP 84415 )
8 SE Lancashire LAs: Blackburn with Darwen, Burnley, Hyndburn, Pendle, Rossendale	electorate 345318 , seats 4 (electors/MP 86330 )
9 Cumbria LAs: Cumbria	electorate 390857 , seats 5 (electors/MP 78171 ) (*)
10 Bury, Rochdale & Oldham LAs: Bury, Oldham, Rochdale	electorate 456430 , seats 5 (electors/MP 91286 )
11 Stockport & Tameside LAs: Stockport, Tameside	electorate 381825 , seats 4 (electors/MP 95456 )
12 Manchester LAs: Manchester	electorate 329879 , seats 4 (electors/MP 82470 )
13 Salford & Trafford LAs: Salford, Trafford	electorate 329737 , seats 4 (electors/MP 82434 )
14 Wigan & Bolton LAs: Bolton, Wigan	electorate 435763 , seats 5 (electors/MP 87153 )

15 Sefton, Knowsley & St Helens LAs: Knowsley, St Helens, Sefton	electorate 456494 ,	seats 5	(electors/MP 91299 )
16 Liverpool & Wirral LAs: Liverpool, Wirral	electorate 559862 ,	seats 6	(electors/MP 93310 )
17 W Cheshire & Halton LAs: Halton, Cheshire West and Chester	electorate 341044 ,	seats 4	(electors/MP 85261 )
18 E Cheshire & Warrington LAs: Warrington, Cheshire East	electorate 437280 ,	seats 5	(electors/MP 87456 )
19 NE Yorkshire LAs: Hambleton, Richmondshire, Ryedale, Scarborough	electorate 232435 ,	seats 3	(electors/MP 77478 ) (*)
20 York & NW Yorkshire LAs: Craven, Harrogate, York, Selby	electorate 371139 ,	seats 5	(electors/MP 74228 ) (*)
21 Hull & East Riding LAs: East Riding of Yorkshire, Kingston upon Hull	electorate 444248 ,	seats 5	(electors/MP 88850 )
22 N & NE Lincolnshire LAs: North East Lincolnshire, North Lincolnshire	electorate 240422 ,	seats 3	(electors/MP 80141 )
23 Bradford LAs: Bradford	electorate 328197 ,	seats 4	(electors/MP 82049 )
24 Leeds LAs: Leeds	electorate 536788 ,	seats 6	(electors/MP 89465 )
25 Calderdale & Kirklees LAs: Calderdale, Kirklees	electorate 443581 ,	seats 5	(electors/MP 88716 )
26 Wakefield LAs: Wakefield	electorate 249948 ,	seats 3	(electors/MP 83316 )
27 Barnsley & Doncaster LAs: Barnsley, Doncaster	electorate 389653 ,	seats 4	(electors/MP 97413 )
28 Sheffield & Rotherham LAs: Sheffield, Rotherham	electorate 555197 ,	seats 6	(electors/MP 92533 )
29 N Derbyshire LAs: Amber Valley, Bolsover, Chesterfield, Derbyshire Dales, High Peak, North East Derbyshire	electorate 440444 ,	seats 5	(electors/MP 88089 )
30 S Derbyshire LAs: Derby, Erewash, South Derbyshire	electorate 326364 ,	seats 4	(electors/MP 81591 )

- 31 N Nottinghamshire                      electorate 337513 ,    seats 4    (electors/MP 84378 )  
 LAs: Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Mansfield, Newark and Sherwood
- 32 S Nottinghamshire                      electorate 437059 ,    seats 5    (electors/MP 87412 )  
 LAs: Nottingham, Broxtowe, Gedling, Rushcliffe
- 33 Lincolnshire                              electorate 532134 ,    seats 6    (electors/MP 88689 ) (\*)  
 LAs: Lincolnshire
- 34 W Leicestershire                        electorate 354825 ,    seats 4    (electors/MP 88706 )  
 LAs: Blaby, Charnwood, Hinckley and Bosworth, North West Leicestershire
- 35 E Leicestershire & Rutland            electorate 390021 ,    seats 4    (electors/MP 97505 )  
 LAs: Leicester, Rutland, Harborough, Melton, Oadby and Wigston
- 36 Northamptonshire                      electorate 498197 ,    seats 5    (electors/MP 99639 )  
 LAs: Northamptonshire
- 37 N Staffordshire                         electorate 360537 ,    seats 4    (electors/MP 90134 )  
 LAs: Stoke-on-Trent, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire Moorlands
- 38 S Staffordshire                         electorate 474734 ,    seats 5    (electors/MP 94947 )  
 LAs: Cannock Chase, East Staffordshire, Lichfield, South Staffordshire, Stafford, Tamworth
- 39 Shropshire                                electorate 348563 ,    seats 4    (electors/MP 87141 )  
 LAs: Telford and Wrekin, Shropshire
- 40 Herefordshire                            electorate 135998 ,    seats 2    (electors/MP 67999 ) (\*)  
 LAs: Herefordshire
- 41 Worcestershire                         electorate 432784 ,    seats 5    (electors/MP 86557 )  
 LAs: Worcestershire
- 42 Wolverhampton & Walsall              electorate 358743 ,    seats 4    (electors/MP 89686 )  
 LAs: Walsall, Wolverhampton
- 43 Dudley & Sandwell                      electorate 458263 ,    seats 5    (electors/MP 91653 )  
 LAs: Dudley, Sandwell
- 44 Birmingham N                            electorate 357129 ,    seats 4    (electors/MP 89282 )  
 LAs: The 20 Council wards comprising the present (following the 2007 Review)  
       constituencies of Birmingham Erdington, Birmingham Hodge Hill, Birmingham  
       Ladywood, Birmingham Perry Barr and Sutton Coldfield
- 45 Birmingham S                            electorate 360826 ,    seats 4    (electors/MP 90206 )  
 LAs: The 20 Council wards comprising Birmingham Edgbaston, Birmingham Hall Green,  
       Birmingham Northfield, Birmingham Selly Oak and Birmingham Yardley



46 Coventry & Solihull electorate 371095 , seats 4 (electors/MP 92774 )  
 LAs: Coventry, Solihull

47 Warwickshire electorate 402971 , seats 5 (electors/MP 80594 )  
 LAs: Warwickshire

48 Cambridge & Peterborough electorate 551172 , seats 6 (electors/MP 91862 )  
 LAs: Peterborough, Cambridgeshire

49 W Norfolk electorate 288792 , seats 3 (electors/MP 96264 )  
 LAs: Breckland, King's Lynn and West Norfolk, North Norfolk

50 E Norfolk electorate 355629 , seats 4 (electors/MP 88907 )  
 LAs: Broadland, Great Yarmouth, Norwich, South Norfolk

51 Suffolk electorate 535170 , seats 6 (electors/MP 89195 )  
 LAs: Suffolk

52 NW Essex electorate 443807 , seats 5 (electors/MP 88761 )  
 LAs: Braintree, Chelmsford, Epping Forest, Harlow, Uttlesford

53 E Essex electorate 468976 , seats 5 (electors/MP 93795 )  
 LAs: Southend-on-Sea, Colchester, Maldon, Rochford, Tendring

54 S Essex electorate 357984 , seats 4 (electors/MP 89496 )  
 LAs: Thurrock, Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point

55 E Hertfordshire electorate 322151 , seats 4 (electors/MP 80538 )  
 LAs: Broxbourne, East Hertfordshire, North Hertfordshire, Stevenage

56 W Hertfordshire electorate 478690 , seats 5 (electors/MP 95738 )  
 LAs: Dacorum, Hertsmere, St Albans, Three Rivers, Watford, Welwyn Hatfield

57 Bedfordshire electorate 433493 , seats 5 (electors/MP 86699 )  
 LAs: Luton, Bedford, Central Bedfordshire

58 West End electorate 457329 , seats 5 (electors/MP 91466 )  
 LAs: City of London, Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea, Westminster,  
 Camden

59 East End electorate 578915 , seats 6 (electors/MP 96486 )  
 LAs: Islington, Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets

60 S Central London electorate 568459 , seats 6 (electors/MP 94743 )  
 LAs: Southwark, Lambeth, Wandsworth

61 Ealing & Hounslow LAs: Ealing, Hounslow	electorate 368832 ,	seats 4	(electors/MP 92208 )
62 Harrow & Hillingdon LAs: Harrow, Hillingdon	electorate 345993 ,	seats 4	(electors/MP 86498 )
63 Brent & Barnet LAs: Barnet, Brent	electorate 389647 ,	seats 4	(electors/MP 97412 )
64 N London LAs: Haringey, Enfield, Waltham Forest	electorate 498805 ,	seats 5	(electors/MP 99761 )
65 NE London LAs: Barking and Dagenham, Havering, Redbridge	electorate 481123 ,	seats 5	(electors/MP 96225 )
66 SE London LAs: Lewisham, Bexley, Greenwich	electorate 493498 ,	seats 5	(electors/MP 98700 )
67 Croydon & Bromley LAs: Bromley, Croydon	electorate 467577 ,	seats 5	(electors/MP 93515 )
68 SW London LAs: Kingston upon Thames, Merton, Richmond upon Thames, Sutton	electorate 495397 ,	seats 5	(electors/MP 99079 )
69 Buckinghamshire LAs: Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire	electorate 530091 ,	seats 6	(electors/MP 88348 )
70 N Kent LAs: Medway, Dartford, Gravesham, Swale	electorate 416332 ,	seats 5	(electors/MP 83266 )
71 E Kent LAs: Ashford, Canterbury, Dover, Shepway, Thanet	electorate 439460 ,	seats 5	(electors/MP 87892 )
72 SW Kent LAs: Maidstone, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Malling, Tunbridge Wells	electorate 363281 ,	seats 4	(electors/MP 90820 )
73 Brighton & East Sussex LAs: East Sussex, Brighton and Hove	electorate 579867 ,	seats 6	(electors/MP 96644 )
74 West Sussex LAs: West Sussex	electorate 598470 ,	seats 6	(electors/MP 99745 )
75 NE Hampshire LAs: Basingstoke and Deane, East Hampshire, Hart, Rushmoor, Winchester	electorate 424129 ,	seats 5	(electors/MP 84826 )
76 SE Hampshire LAs: Portsmouth, Fareham, Gosport, Havant	electorate 377422 ,	seats 4	(electors/MP 94356 )

77 W Hampshire electorate 487873 , seats 5 (electors/MP 97575 )  
 LAs: Southampton, Eastleigh, New Forest, Test Valley

78 E Surrey electorate 365735 , seats 4 (electors/MP 91434 )  
 LAs: Elmbridge, Epsom and Ewell, Mole Valley, Reigate and Banstead, Tandridge

79 W Surrey electorate 446987 , seats 5 (electors/MP 89397 )  
 LAs: Guildford, Runnymede, Spelthorne, Surrey Heath, Waverley, Woking

80 Isle of Wight electorate 110349 , seats 2 (electors/MP 55174 )  
 LAs: Isle of Wight

81 Berkshire electorate 591581 , seats 6 (electors/MP 98597 )  
 LAs: Berkshire

82 Oxfordshire electorate 471485 , seats 5 (electors/MP 94297 )  
 LAs: Oxfordshire

83 Wiltshire electorate 491826 , seats 5 (electors/MP 98365 )  
 LAs: Swindon, Wiltshire

84 Gloucestershire electorate 456176 , seats 5 (electors/MP 91235 )  
 LAs: Gloucestershire

85 Bristol & S Gloucestershire electorate 491492 , seats 5 (electors/MP 98298 )  
 LAs: Bristol, South Gloucestershire

86 Bath & N Somerset electorate 287367 , seats 3 (electors/MP 95789 )  
 LAs: Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset

87 Somerset electorate 406321 , seats 5 (electors/MP 81264 )  
 LAs: Somerset

88 Dorset electorate 566863 , seats 6 (electors/MP 94477 )  
 LAs: Bournemouth, Poole, Dorset

89 N & E Devon electorate 411790 , seats 5 (electors/MP 82358 ) (\*)  
 LAs: East Devon, Exeter, Mid Devon, North Devon, Torridge, West Devon

90 S Devon electorate 456737 , seats 5 (electors/MP 91347 )  
 LAs: Plymouth, Torbay, South Hams, Teignbridge

91 Cornwall and Isles of Scilly electorate 412872 , seats 5 (electors/MP 82574 ) (\*)  
 LAs: Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

92 Gwynedd electorate 136437 , seats 2 (electors/MP 68218 ) (\*)  
 LAs: Isle of Anglesey, Gwynedd



93 Clwyd LAs: Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Wrexham	electorate 375464 ,	seats 4	(electors/MP 93866 )
94 Powys LAs: Powys	electorate 102689 ,	seats 2	(electors/MP 51344 ) (**)
95 Dyfed LAs: Ceredigion, Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire	electorate 279972 ,	seats 4	(electors/MP 69993 ) (*)
96 West Glamorgan LAs: Swansea, Neath Port Talbot	electorate 292946 ,	seats 3	(electors/MP 97649 )
97 Mid Glamorgan LAs: Bridgend, Rhondda Cynon Taff, Merthyr Tydfil	electorate 318965 ,	seats 4	(electors/MP 79741 )
98 South Glamorgan LAs: Vale of Glamorgan, Cardiff	electorate 332608 ,	seats 4	(electors/MP 83152 )
99 Gwent LAs: Caerphilly, Blaenau Gwent, Torfaen, Monmouthshire, Newport	electorate 422688 ,	seats 5	(electors/MP 84538 )
100 Northern Isles LAs: Orkney Islands, Shetland Islands	electorate 33431 ,	seats 1	(electors/MP 33431 ) (**)
101 Eilean Siar LAs: Eilean Siar	electorate 21905 ,	seats 1	(electors/MP 21905 ) (**)
102 Highland LAs: Highland	electorate 171457 ,	seats 3	(electors/MP 57152 ) (**)
103 Grampian LAs: Aberdeen, Aberdeenshire, Moray	electorate 399912 ,	seats 5	(electors/MP 79982 ) (*)
104 Dundee & Angus LAs: Angus, Dundee	electorate 189690 ,	seats 3	(electors/MP 63230 ) (*)
105 Mid Scotland LAs: Clackmannanshire, Perth and Kinross, Stirling	electorate 212507 ,	seats 3	(electors/MP 70836 ) (*)
106 Argyll & Bute LAs: Argyll and Bute	electorate 68235 ,	seats 1	(electors/MP 68235 ) (**)
107 Fife LAs: Fife	electorate 279547 ,	seats 3	(electors/MP 93182 )
108 Edinburgh LAs: Edinburgh	electorate 322118 ,	seats 4	(electors/MP 80530 )

109 SE Scotland                                    electorate 224001 ,    seats 3    (electors/MP 74667 ) (\*)  
 LAs: East Lothian, Midlothian, Scottish Borders

110 Dumfries & Galloway                        electorate 116758 ,    seats 2    (electors/MP 58379 ) (\*\*)  
 LAs: Dumfries and Galloway

111 Ayrshire                                        electorate 291217 ,    seats 4    (electors/MP 72804 ) (\*)  
 LAs: East Ayrshire, North Ayrshire, South Ayrshire

112 Glasgow                                        electorate 428113 ,    seats 5    (electors/MP 85623 )  
 LAs: Glasgow

113 West of Scotland                            electorate 393079 ,    seats 4    (electors/MP 98270 )  
 LAs: East Dunbartonshire, East Renfrewshire, Inverclyde, Renfrewshire,  
 West Dunbartonshire

114 Lanarkshire                                    electorate 494403 ,    seats 5    (electors/MP 98881 )  
 LAs: North Lanarkshire, South Lanarkshire

115 Falkirk & West Lothian                    electorate 238775 ,    seats 3    (electors/MP 79592 )  
 LAs: Falkirk, West Lothian

116 Northern Ireland NW                        electorate 350926 ,    seats 4    (electors/MP 87732 ) (\*)  
 LAs: Ballymoney, Coleraine, Cookstown, Derry, Dungannon, Fermanagh, Limavady,  
 Magherafelt, Moyle, Omagh, Strabane

117 Belfast & Antrim                            electorate 460726 ,    seats 5    (electors/MP 92145 )  
 LAs: Antrim, Ballymena, Belfast, Carrickfergus, Castlereagh, Larne, Lisburn,  
 Newtownabbey

118 Northern Ireland SE                        electorate 344226 ,    seats 4    (electors/MP 86056 )  
 LAs: Ards, Armagh, Banbridge, Craigavon, Down, Newry and Mourne, North Down

## SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Thanks are due to the Office for National Statistics and the General Register Office for Scotland for providing the required non-standard statistics for England, Wales and Scotland, namely the numbers of UK parliamentary electors in each local authority area on the current Electoral Register (reference date 1 December 2008). The list of local authorities has been updated, to those current from 1 April 2009, using sources including the map from the Office of National Statistics.

Thanks are also due to the Northern Ireland Electoral Office, whose website provides numbers of UK parliamentary electors as at 1 October 2009, including a breakdown by local authority area. A revision of local authorities in Northern Ireland, reducing their number from 26 to 11, has been proposed, to come into use from 2011. Note that the three constituencies proposed here for Northern Ireland would need only very minor changes to fit with these new local authority areas.

UK Electoral Statistics 2008:

[http://www.statistics.gov.uk/downloads/theme\\_other/UK\\_Electoral\\_Statistics\\_2008.xls](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/downloads/theme_other/UK_Electoral_Statistics_2008.xls)

Map of Local authorities in the UK from 1st April 2009:

[http://www.statistics.gov.uk/geography/downloads/CTY\\_LAD\\_APR\\_2009\\_UK\\_MP.pdf](http://www.statistics.gov.uk/geography/downloads/CTY_LAD_APR_2009_UK_MP.pdf)

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<http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/cm70/7032/7032.asp>

Electoral Statistics - Scotland 1st December 2008:

<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/publications-and-data/electoral-statistics/>

Electoral Office for Northern Ireland: 1 October 2009 Parliamentary Electorate:

[http://www.eoni.org.uk/october\\_2009\\_parliamentary\\_electorate\\_by\\_ward.pdf](http://www.eoni.org.uk/october_2009_parliamentary_electorate_by_ward.pdf)

Review of Local Government Boundaries in Northern Ireland (2008/2009):

[http://www.lgbc-ni.org/index/publications/final\\_recommendations.htm](http://www.lgbc-ni.org/index/publications/final_recommendations.htm)

## APPENDIX: SUMMARY STATISTICS

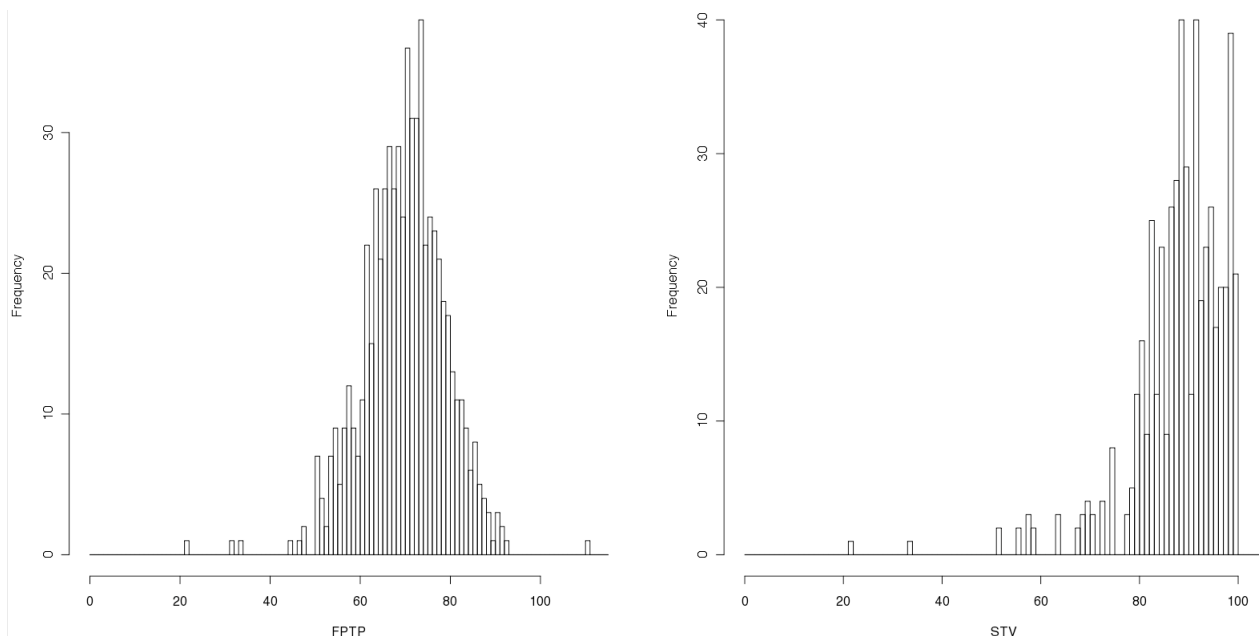
The schedule and accompanying map show the result of applying the above rules, using data on the electoral registers current in 2009. It gives a Parliament of 512 MPs, just over 20% fewer than at present<sup>4</sup>, in 118 constituencies.

For England, roughly half the traditional (ceremonial) counties can be used as single constituencies. The larger counties and metropolitan areas are split into a number of constituencies, ranging up to 11 for Greater London, with each being a grouping of one or more district or unitary Local Authorities.<sup>5</sup>

For Wales, the eight ceremonial counties are each used as a single constituency, with number of MPs varying from 2 for the sparsely populated counties of Gwynedd and Powys up to 5 for Gwent. For Scotland, the 32 Councils are grouped into 16 constituencies. For Northern Ireland, the 26 Councils are grouped into 3 constituencies.

The distribution of the number of MPs per constituency is

Number	1	2	3	4	5	6
Frequency	3	5	13	38	46	13



A comparison of the variability of electorate per MP for the present UK constituencies (FFTP, average 70,000) and the proposed scheme (STV, average 88,300). On a variety of standard statistical measures, the proposed scheme has significantly less variability.

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<sup>4</sup>There are at present 646 MPs, to be increased to 650 at the next election.

<sup>5</sup>There are two exceptions: Teesside, which straddles the Durham/ North Yorkshire boundary, and Rutland, which is included with Leicestershire.