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How did Scotland Vote? UK General Election 2017

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This briefing provides an overview of the UK General Election 2017 results in Scotland.

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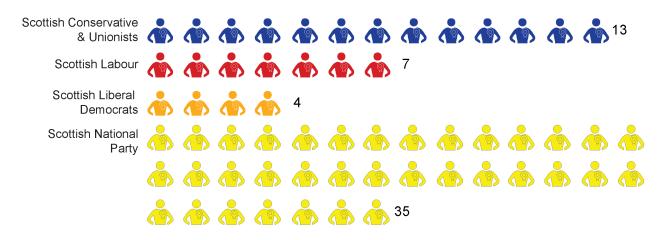
The UK General Election 2017, held on 8 June, resulted in the Conservative and Unionists being the largest party. The Conservative and Unionist Party secured 318 seats and 42.4% of the vote, with the Labour party winning 262 seats and 40.0% of the vote.

What did the results in Scotland look like?

The Scottish National Party won the majority of seats in Scotland, winning 35 seats. The Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party was second with 13 seats.

The Scottish National Party won the most seats in Scotland

Number of seats won in Scotland by Party in 2017 General Election

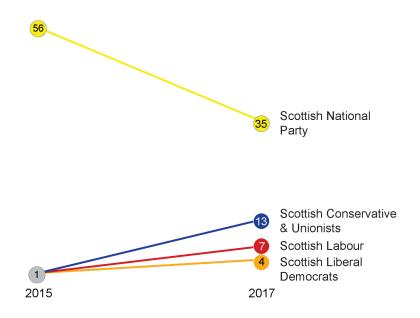


Source: BBC

The Scottish National Party lost 21 seats between the 2015 and 2017 General Elections. The Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party took the most seats from the Scottish National Party, seeing a 12 seat increase.

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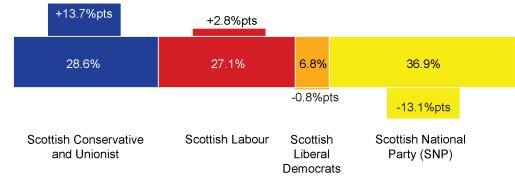
The change in number of seats in Scotland between 2015 and 2017 by party



Source: BBC

The Scottish National Party took 36.9% of the share of the vote in Scotland, a fall of 13.1 percentage points from 2015. The Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party saw an increase of 13.7 percentage points from 2015 to 28.6%. The proportion of votes going to other parties in Scotland fell by 2.6 percentage points from 2015. This is because the votes going to the Scottish Green Party and the UK Independence Party reduced significantly as they fielded far fewer candidates than in 2015.

The Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party saw the biggest increase in the share of the vote in Scotland



The share of the vote by party and change between 2015 and 2017

Source: BBC and House of Commons Library

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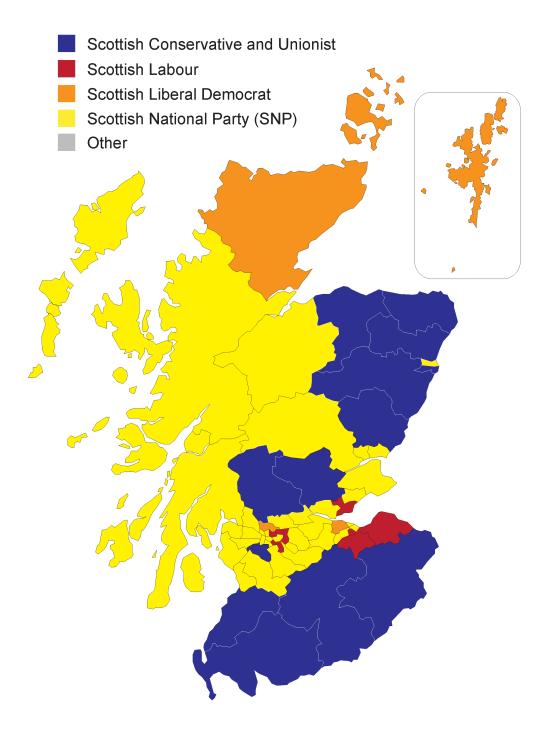
The turnout in Scotland and the UK in the 207 General Election





Source: BBC

What did the results look like by constituency?

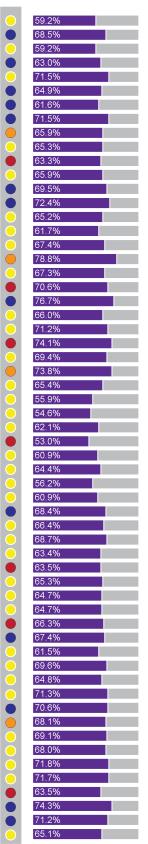


Share of vote

Constituency

Aberdeen North Aberdeen South Airdrie and Shotts Angus Argyll and Bute Ayr, Carrick and Cumnock Banff and Buchan Berwickshire, Roxburgh and Selkirk Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross **Central Ayrshire** Coatbridge, Chryston and Bellshill Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Kirkintilloch East Dumfries and Galloway Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale Dundee East Dundee West Dunfermline and West Fife East Dunbartonshire East Kilbride, Strathaven and Lesmahagow East Lothian East Renfrewshire Edinburgh East Edinburgh North and Leith Edinburgh South Edinburgh South West Edinburgh West Falkirk **Glasgow** Central Glasgow East Glasgow North Glasgow North East Glasgow North West Glasgow South **Glasgow South West** Glenrothes Gordon Inverclyde Inverness, Nairn, Badenoch and Strathspey Kilmarnock and Loudoun Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath Lanark and Hamilton East Linlithgow and East Falkirk Livingston Midlothian Moray Motherwell and Wishaw Na h-Eileanan an Iar North Avrshire and Arran North East Fife Ochil and South Perthshire Orkney and Shetland Paisley and Renfrewshire North Paisley and Renfrewshire South Perth and North Perthshire Ross, Skye and Lochaber Rutherglen and Hamilton West Stirling West Aberdeenshire and Kincardine West Dunbartonshire

Winner Turnout (%)



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