



# WESTMINSTER VOTING INTENTIONS POLL

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A poll was commissioned by the SNP to establish current voting intentions in Scotland in relation to the Westminster Parliament. The results of this poll were released on 11 April 2005.

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<b>Sample size</b>	922
<b>Sampling points</b>	44
<b>Fieldwork dates</b>	31 March – 7 April 2005
<b>Interview method</b>	Face-to-face, in-home.
<b>Population sampled</b>	All adults aged 18+ in Scotland.
<b>Sampling method</b>	The poll was conducted through our Omnibus, Scottish Opinion Survey. For this survey, a sample of constituencies is selected to be representative of Scotland geographically and by party of current first-vote MSP. Within each constituency, a quota sampling method is used for respondent selection.
<b>Data weighting</b>	<p>Data are weighted to the profile of all adults aged 18+ in Scotland, based on population profile estimates from the National Readership Survey. Weighting is carried out in relation to working status within gender, age, social grade and electoral region.</p> <p>Unweighted and weighted bases are shown at the top of each computer table.</p>
<b>Voting intentions</b>	<p>Two tables are supplied for the measure of voting intentions. The first of these is based on all respondents and shows the percentages 'uncommitted' – i.e. who are either undecided, refuse to state how they might vote, or say that they will not vote at all. The second table excludes this 'uncommitted' group and re-percentages party support based on all those naming a party. It is these latter figures which are published as the measure of voting intentions.</p> <p>Any additional questions to assess commitment to vote and to filter responses further based on such commitment are only used in pre-election polls.</p>
<b>Questions</b>	The data tables show the question wording in full.
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	Total	SEX		AGE							CLASS					
		Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE
Unweighted base	922	429	493	105	131	200	148	129	209	236	348	338	170	277	188	287
Weighted base	922	442	480	111	163	174	168	129	177	274	342	306	186	258	194	284
Conservative	96 10%	46 10%	50 10%	9 8%	18 11%	11 6%	13 8%	21 16%	24 14%	26 10%	24 7%	45 15%	35 19%	33 13%	15 8%	13 4%
Labour	317 34%	153 35%	165 34%	31 28%	49 30%	82 47%	43 26%	42 32%	71 40%	80 29%	125 37%	112 37%	52 28%	76 29%	80 41%	110 39%
Liberal Democrat	97 11%	52 12%	45 9%	6 6%	13 8%	14 8%	22 13%	19 15%	22 13%	20 7%	36 10%	41 14%	34 18%	29 11%	8 4%	26 9%
S.N.P.	161 17%	85 19%	76 16%	28 25%	29 18%	29 17%	38 23%	23 18%	14 8%	57 21%	67 20%	37 12%	21 11%	38 15%	40 21%	62 22%
Scottish Socialist Party	15 2%	6 1%	9 2%	5 4%	3 2%	2 1%	4 2%	- -	1 1%	8 3%	6 2%	1 *	4 2%	5 2%	1 *	6 2%
Other party	13 1%	6 1%	7 1%	- -	4 3%	3 1%	4 2%	2 1%	- -	4 2%	7 2%	2 1%	4 2%	4 2%	1 *	4 1%
Undecided	121 13%	46 10%	75 16%	14 13%	23 14%	21 12%	24 14%	15 12%	23 13%	37 14%	45 13%	38 13%	27 15%	40 15%	32 16%	22 8%
Refused	13 1%	7 2%	5 1%	- -	- -	1 *	3 2%	1 1%	9 5%	- -	3 1%	10 3%	3 2%	4 2%	3 1%	3 1%
Would not vote	89 10%	41 9%	48 10%	18 16%	24 14%	12 7%	17 10%	7 5%	12 7%	42 15%	28 8%	19 6%	7 4%	30 12%	13 7%	39 14%

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Unweighted base	922	69	105	124	143	124	115	98	144	98	330	95	155	16	13	215
Weighted base	922	74	120	120	120	129	120	120	120	96	317	97	161	15	13	222
Conservative	96	3	10	22	19	11	3	12	16	96	-	-	-	-	-	-
	10%	4%	8%	19%	16%	9%	2%	10%	13%	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Labour	317	22	19	35	38	63	53	45	42	-	317	-	-	-	-	-
	34%	30%	16%	29%	32%	48%	44%	37%	35%	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-
Liberal Democrat	97	18	19	9	13	6	6	15	12	-	-	97	-	-	-	-
	11%	24%	16%	8%	11%	4%	5%	12%	10%	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-
S.N.P.	161	10	32	23	15	20	26	15	20	-	-	-	161	-	-	-
	17%	14%	27%	19%	13%	15%	22%	12%	17%	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-
Scottish Socialist Party	15	3	-	1	3	1	2	2	3	-	-	-	-	15	-	-
	2%	4%	-	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-
Other party	13	-	-	-	4	4	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	13	-
	1%	-	-	-	3%	3%	3%	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-
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	13%	18%	26%	8%	11%	5%	13%	16%	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	54%
Refused	13	-	1	1	6	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
	1%	-	1%	1%	5%	1%	-	3%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6%
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Weighted base	700	347	352	79	117	141	124	106	133	196	265	239	149	184	146	220
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