

Factsheet 8

Results from the 2004 London elections



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Since the 1999 referendum, when Londoners voted ‘yes’ to setting up the Greater London Authority (GLA), there have been two elections for the Mayor of London and the London Assembly. These were held on 4 May 2000 and 10 June 2004. There was a 2.5% increase in turnout between the two elections, with 37% of those registered to do so voting in 2004.

Electing the Mayor and the London Assembly

The Mayor and the London Assembly are elected using three different voting systems. For the Mayor, the Supplementary Vote (SV) system is used so long as three or more candidates stand. If there are only two candidates the First Past the Post (FPTP) system is used. The London Assembly uses the Additional Member System (AMS). AMS comprises elements of both FPTP and a form of proportional representation.

For more details on the voting systems used in the London elections see Factsheet 6: How the voting systems work.

The 2004 Mayor of London results

Ken Livingstone was elected as Mayor of London in both the 2000 and the 2004 elections. In both elections the SV system was used.

In 2004, after the inclusion of second choice votes, Ken Livingstone, the Labour Party candidate, gained a total of 828,380 votes. In second place, Conservative Party candidate Steve Norris polled 667,178 votes.

Although 2004 saw a rise in the number of people voting for Ken Livingstone since 2000, there was a 2.4% decrease in the percentage of first choice votes he won. Steve Norris gained a 1.7% larger share of first choice votes in 2004.

The 2004 London Assembly results

In 2004 the Conservative Party won the highest number of seats on the London Assembly, winning 9 out of the 14 Constituency Assembly Member seats. Despite receiving the highest number of votes in the London-wide Assembly Member contest, the Conservative Party were not allocated any London-wide seats due to the high number of constituency seats they had already won.

The Labour Party added two London-wide seats to their five constituency seats to give them a total of seven members on the London Assembly – two fewer than they won in 2000.

The Liberal Democrats won the highest number of London-wide Assembly Member seats (five) after being unsuccessful in the constituency contests.

The Green Party won two London-wide Assembly Member seats – one fewer than in 2000 – and the UK Independence Party gained representation on the London Assembly for the first time, winning two London-wide Assembly Member seats.

Figure 1: Results for the Mayor of London election in 2004

Name	Party	First choice	% of first choice	Second choice	Final total	First choice % change from 2000
Ken Livingstone	Labour*	685,541	35.7%	142,839	828,380	-2.4%
Steve Norris	Conservative	542,423	28.2%	124,755	667,178	1.7%
Simon Hughes	Liberal Democrats	284,645	14.8%			3.2%
Frank Maloney	UK Independence Party	115,665	6.0%			5.1%
Lindsey German	Respect	61,731	3.2%			Did not stand
Julian Leppert	British National Party	58,405	3.0%			1.1%
Darren Johnson	Green Party	57,331	3.0%			0.8%
Ram Gidoomal	Christian People's Alliance	41,696	2.2%			-0.2%
Lorna Reid	Independent Working Class Association	9,542	0.5%			Did not stand
Tammy Nagalingam	Independent	6,692	0.4%			Did not stand
Total good votes		1,863,671	97.0%			
Total ballot papers		1,920,533	100.0%			

*Note: In 2000 Ken Livingstone stood as an independent candidate

Figure 5: Results for the London Assembly election in 2004

Party	Constituency Members	London-wide Members	Total London Assembly Members	Change from 2000
Conservative Party	9	0	9	0
Labour Party	5	2	7	-2
Liberal Democrats	0	5	5	1
Green Party	0	2	2	-1
UK Independence Party	0	2	2	2

Figure 2: Results for the Constituency London Assembly Members in 2004

Constituency	Elected Constituency Assembly Member	Party	Majority	% of votes	Gain/Hold
Barnet & Camden	Brian Coleman	Conservative	11,519	33.4%	Hold
Bexley & Bromley	Robert Neill	Conservative	34,254	39.0%	Hold
Brent & Harrow	Robert Blackman	Conservative	4,686	31.5%	Gain
City & East	John Biggs	Labour	14,336	26.1%	Hold
Croydon & Sutton	Andrew Pelling	Conservative	23,694	36.8%	Hold
Ealing & Hillingdon	Richard Barnes	Conservative	11,016	30.5%	Hold
Enfield & Haringey	Joanne McCartney	Labour	1,574	27.3%	Hold
Greenwich & Lewisham	Leonard Duvall	Labour	14,083	31.4%	Hold
Havering & Redbridge	Jeremy Evans	Conservative	16,706	32.7%	Hold
Lambeth & Southwark	Valerie Shawcross	Labour	5,475	29.1%	Hold
Merton & Wandsworth	Elizabeth Howlett	Conservative	16,878	36.8%	Hold
North East	Jennette Arnold	Labour	13,338	26.8%	Hold
South West	Tony Arbour	Conservative	4,067	31.5%	Hold
West Central	Angela Bray	Conservative	29,944	41.7%	Hold

Figure 3: Results for the London-wide Assembly Members in 2004

Party	Votes won total votes	% of seats won	London-wide from 2000	Change
Conservative Party	533,696	27.84%	0	-1
Labour Party (Nicky Gavron, Murad Qureshi*)	468,247	24.43%	2	-1
Liberal Democrats (Lynne Featherstone [resigned, replaced by Geoff Pope], Graham Tope, Sally Hamwee, Michael Tuffrey, Dee Doocey*)	316,218	16.50%	5	1
Green Party (Jenny Jones, Darren Johnson*)	160,445	8.37%	2	-1
UK Independence Party (Damian Hockney, Peter Hulme Cross*)	156,780	8.18%	2	2
British National Party	90,365	4.71%	0	0
Respect	87,533	4.57%	0	0
Christian Peoples Alliance	54,914	2.86%	0	0
Alliance for Diversity in Community, Uppal	4,968	0.26%	0	0

* London-wide Assembly Members elected

Figure 6: Turnout and votes rejected in the 2004 and 2000 elections

	2000	2004	Change
Registered voters	5,089,300	5,197,647	108,347
Papers counted / turnout	1,752,303 / 34.4%	1,920,533 / 37.0%	2.5%
Rejected votes: 1st choice	38,141	56,862	0.8%
Rejected votes: 2nd choice	331,309	329,090	-1.8%

Further references

Factsheet 6: How the voting systems work
 Factsheet 12: How the London Assembly is elected
 Results: www.londonelects.org.uk/results.aspx

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