

POPULUS PARLIAMENT PANEL - MARCH 2012

Populus interviewed 113 MPs online or by self-complete postal questionnaire between 27th February & 28th March 2012.

Data were weighted by political party to be representative of the UK Parliament. Populus is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules. For more information, see www.populus.co.uk.

Respondent profile - unweighted

Party	Total	113	100%
	Conservative	48	42%
	Labour	51	45%
	Liberal Democrat	8	7%
	Other	6	5%
Gender	Male	91	81%
	Female	22	19%
Age	18-44	27	24%
	45-54	38	34%
	55+	48	42%
Country	England	85	75%
	Scotland	13	12%
	Wales	13	12%
	Northern Ireland	2	2%
Region	Midlands	22	19%
	South East	12	11%
	South West	11	10%
	Greater London	13	12%
	North West	11	10%
	North East	7	6%
	Yorkshire and the Humber	9	8%
	Scotland	13	12%
	Wales	13	12%
	Northern Ireland	2	2%

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First year elected	Before 1992	15	13%
	1992-1996	7	6%
	1997-2000	21	19%
	2001-2004	12	11%
	2005-2009	24	21%
	2010 or later	34	30%
Constituency majority	0.1% - 9.9%	28	25%
	10% - 19.9%	37	33%
	20% +	48	42%

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Respondent profile - weighted

Party	Total	113	100%
	Conservative	54	48%
	Labour	45	40%
	Liberal Democrat	10	9%
	Other	4	4%
Gender	Male	92	82%
	Female	21	18%
Age	18-44	28	25%
	45-54	38	33%
	55+	47	42%
Country	England	89	79%
	Scotland	11	10%
	Wales	12	10%
	Northern Ireland	1	1%
Region	Midlands	23	21%
	South East	14	12%
	South West	13	11%
	Greater London	14	12%
	North West	10	9%
	North East	7	6%
	Yorkshire and the Humber	9	8%
	Scotland	11	10%
	Wales	12	10%
	Northern Ireland	1	1%

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First year elected	Before 1992	15	13%
	1992-1996	7	6%
	1997-2000	21	18%
	2001-2004	11	10%
	2005-2009	24	21%
	2010 or later	35	31%
Constituency majority	0.1% - 9.9%	28	25%
	10% - 19.9%	36	32%
	20% +	48	43%

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	Party					Gender		Age		
	Total	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	Other	Male	Female	18-44	45-54	55+
Consultancies	90 83%	43 81%	36 85%	9 88%	3 67%	73 82%	17 85%	21 80%	30 81%	39 85%
Charities	59 54%	37 70%	13 31%	8 75%	1 33%	51 57%	8 41%	18 68%	16 44%	25 55%
NGOs and pressure groups	65 59%	40 77%	15 35%	8 75%	2 50%	54 61%	11 54%	18 70%	17 47%	29 64%
Trade Unions	70 65%	44 83%	16 38%	9 88%	2 50%	60 67%	11 55%	18 70%	21 58%	31 66%
Industry / Trade bodies	80 73%	39 74%	28 67%	9 88%	4 83%	66 74%	13 68%	21 80%	25 68%	34 73%
In-house public affairs teams	71 65%	36 68%	25 58%	8 75%	3 67%	62 69%	9 46%	16 61%	25 68%	30 64%
None of the above	11 10%	7 13%	4 8%	0 0%	1 17%	10 11%	1 4%	4 16%	2 5%	5 10%

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	Country				Region					
	England	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland	Midlands	South East	South West	Greater London	North West	North East
Consultancies	71 83%	8 82%	11 93%	0 0%	20 87%	10 74%	10 82%	12 92%	7 78%	7 100%
Charities	48 56%	2 16%	9 78%	0 0%	13 57%	10 74%	10 82%	5 41%	4 41%	3 46%
NGOs and pressure groups	54 62%	2 23%	9 78%	0 0%	14 62%	10 74%	10 82%	9 64%	5 50%	3 46%
Trade Unions	58 68%	2 23%	10 85%	0 0%	14 62%	11 84%	11 91%	12 87%	4 41%	3 46%
Industry / Trade bodies	62 72%	7 74%	10 85%	1 50%	13 56%	12 92%	10 82%	10 77%	6 59%	5 73%
In-house public affairs teams	56 66%	7 65%	8 68%	0 0%	14 60%	9 66%	10 82%	10 77%	4 41%	5 73%
None of the above	8 10%	2 18%	0 0%	1 50%	3 13%	1 8%	1 9%	0 0%	1 12%	0 0%

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	Region				First year elected					
	Yorkshire and the Humber	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland	Before 1992	1992-1996	1997-2000	2001-2004	2005-2009	2010 or later
Consultancies	4 59%	8 82%	11 93%	0 0%	13 92%	5 72%	14 68%	9 84%	18 80%	31 91%
Charities	2 34%	2 16%	9 78%	0 0%	8 59%	3 44%	8 38%	6 51%	8 37%	26 76%
NGOs and pressure groups	2 34%	2 23%	9 78%	0 0%	8 59%	4 60%	9 43%	7 61%	10 46%	27 78%
Trade Unions	2 34%	2 23%	10 85%	0 0%	8 59%	4 60%	12 59%	8 68%	11 47%	28 81%
Industry / Trade bodies	5 71%	7 74%	10 85%	1 50%	9 63%	3 44%	14 71%	7 58%	17 74%	30 88%
In-house public affairs teams	4 59%	7 65%	8 68%	0 0%	9 65%	3 44%	11 56%	8 74%	14 62%	25 73%
None of the above	2 29%	2 18%	0 0%	1 50%	1 8%	2 28%	2 10%	1 8%	3 13%	2 6%

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	Constituency majority		
	0.1% - 9.9%	10% - 19.9%	20% +
Consultancies	25 90%	28 80%	38 81%
Charities	18 66%	18 51%	23 50%
NGOs and pressure groups	18 66%	20 58%	27 57%
Trade Unions	18 66%	24 68%	29 61%
Industry / Trade bodies	22 81%	28 79%	30 64%
In-house public affairs teams	21 75%	23 67%	27 57%
None of the above	2 7%	2 6%	7 15%