

# Central Scotland 2016 Results, Analysis And 2021 Projections



For elections to the Scottish Parliament, Scotland is divided into 8 Regions. Each Region can contain 8 to 10 Constituencies. So, everyone in Scotland gets 2 votes. A Constituency Vote and a Regional Vote. Normally people vote in both, but sometimes they only vote in one. Only voting in one does not spoil your other vote.

## Constituency Vote (Vote 1 – Constituency Ballot Paper)

Constituencies	Labour	SNP	Lib Dem	Cons	Green	SNP %	Total	Valid Votes	Turnout %
Airdrie and Shotts	7,762	13,954	693	4,164	-	52.51	53,912	26,573	49.3
Coatbridge and Chryston	9,826	13,605	423	2,868	1612	48.02	53,192	28,334	53.3
Cumbernauld and Kilsyth	7,537	17,015	688	3,068	-	60.11	49,981	28,308	56.6
East Kilbride	8,392	19,371	1,009	5,857	-	55.94	61,149	34,629	56.6
Falkirk East	8,408	16,720	1,054	6,342	-	51.41	60,271	32,524	54.0
Falkirk West	6,980	18,260	966	5,877	-	56.91	59,812	32,083	53.6
Hamilton, Larkhall and Stonehouse	8,508	13,945	836	5,596	-	48.28	57,662	28,885	50.1
Motherwell and Wishaw	9,068	15,291	761	3,991	-	52.53	57,062	29,111	51.0
Uddingston and Bellshill	9,615	14,424	811	4,693	-	48.82	57,565	29,543	51.3
<b>Total Seats Awarded</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52.72</b>	<b>510,606</b>	<b>269,990</b>	<b>52.9</b>

## Regional Vote (Vote 2 – Regional Ballot Paper)

Regional Votes	Labour	SNP	Lib Dem	Cons	Green	D'Hondt Adjustment (Regional Party Totals ÷ Number of Seats Already Won + 1)
Regional Party Totals	67,103	129,082	5,015	43,602	12,722	For Round 1 (SNP - 129,082 ÷ 10)
Round 1	67,103	12,908	5,015	43,602	12,722	Lab Win Round 1 - For Round 2 (Lab - 67,103 ÷ 2)
Round 2	33,552	12,908	5,015	43,602	12,722	Cons Win Round 2 - For Round 3 (Con - 43,602 ÷ 2)
Round 3	33,552	12,908	5,015	21,801	12,722	Lab Win Round 3 - For Round 4 (Lab - 67,103 ÷ 3)
Round 4	22,368	12,908	5,015	21,801	12,722	Lab Win Round 4 - For Round 5 (Lab - 67,103 ÷ 4)
Round 5	16,776	12,908	5,015	21,801	12,722	Cons Win Round 5 - For Round 6 (Con - 43,602 ÷ 3)
Round 6	16,776	12,908	5,015	14,534	12,722	Lab Win Round 6 - For Round 7 (Lab - 67,103 ÷ 5)
Round 7	13,421	12,908	5,015	14,534	12,722	Cons Win Round 7
<b>Total Seats Awarded</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	

(Total Votes – 510,606, Valid Votes – 270,706, Turnout – 53.02% and SNP Vote Share – 47.68%)

- The Regional Vote however is affected by how many Seats a Party wins in the Constituencies.
- Regional Seats are awarded by dividing Regional Party Totals by the Number of Seats already Won + 1 (D'Hondt System) over 7 Rounds. This might look complicated but it's really just simple adding and dividing.
- The basic premise is that if a Party does well with Constituency Seats, the System (D'Hondt) makes it very difficult for them to do well with Regional Seats.

## Central Scotland 2016 Results, Analysis And 2021 Projections (Cont)



### What can we say about the 2016 Election Results?

- In 2016 the SNP won 9 Constituency Seats, so their Regional Vote was divided by 9 + 1 (D'Hondt) = 10 from Round 1 going forward.
- Despite having 'by far' the largest number of regional votes the SNP won '0' regional seats in Central Scotland.
- Unionist Parties however shared all the Regional Seats with the Tories winning the last one with 14,534 votes.
- That meant in 2016 the **SNP would have needed 145,350 regional votes (an extra 16,268 votes)** to win the last regional seat from the Tories in Central Scotland (a 12.6% increase).
- This is calculated as follows: (129,082 + 16,268 = 145,350 regional votes – 145,350 regional votes ÷ 10 (9 Constituency Seats + 1 (D'Hondt) = 14,535 regional votes).

### 2021 Projections For Additional Independence Parties Running On The Regional Vote

What might happen if another Independence Party ran on the Regional Vote and encouraged voters to vote for them instead of the SNP?

Regional Votes	Labour	SNP	Lib Dem	Cons	Green	ISP	D'Hondt Adjustment (Regional Party Totals ÷ Number of Seats Already Won + 1)
Regional Party Totals	67,103	114,547	5,015	43,602	12,722	14,535	For Round 1 (SNP - 114,547 ÷ 10)
Round 1	67,103	11,454	5,015	43,602	12,722	14,535	Lab Win Round 1 - For Round 2 (Lab - 67,103 ÷ 2)
Round 2	33,552	11,454	5,015	43,602	12,722	14,535	Cons Win Round 2 - For Round 3 (Con - 43,602 ÷ 2)
Round 3	33,552	11,454	5,015	21,801	12,722	14,535	Lab Win Round 3 - For Round 4 - (Lab - 67,103 ÷ 3)
Round 4	22,368	11,454	5,015	21,801	12,722	14,535	Lab Win Round 4 - For Round 5 - (Lab - 67,103 ÷ 4)
Round 5	16,776	11,454	5,015	21,801	12,722	14,535	Cons Win Round 5 - For Round 6 (Con - 43,602 ÷ 3)
Round 6	16,776	11,454	5,015	14,534	12,722	14,535	Lab Win Round 6 - For Round 7 - (Lab - 67,103 ÷ 5)
Round 7	13,421	11,454	5,015	14,534	12,722	14,535	ISP Wins Round 7
Total Seats Awarded	4	0	0	2	0	1	

- Current Polling projects the SNP is on 52% Constituencies (48.85% in 2016) and 44% Regional (44.65% in 2016). The difference between the SNP vote in Constituencies and Regions is historic and usual because voters have more choice to express opinion on the Regional Ballot.
- Based on current polling the SNP is again projected to win 9 Constituency Seats in Central Scotland in 2021 meaning their Regional Vote would be divided by 9 + 1 (D'Hondt) = 10. Using 2016 as a benchmark, the SNP would again need 145,350 Regional votes (an extra 16,268 votes) to win a Regional Seat in Central Scotland in 2021.
- In 2016 'BothVotesSNP' did not work and given current polling it will certainly not work in 2021 either. If SNP Votes transfer to other Independence Parties, then Independence MSP's will get elected instead of Unionists.
- If all Independence voters voted for the SNP in the Constituencies, and the SNP withdrew candidates from the Regional Vote, Independence and not an individual Party would be the winner.