

Women Members of Parliament

There are currently a total of 147 women in the House of Commons, as follows¹:

Party	Total No. MPs	No. Women MPs	Women MPs as % of Parliamentary Group
Labour	257	86	33.5%
Conservative	303	48	15.8%
Liberal Democrat	56	7	12.5%
Green	1	1	-
SNP	6	1	-
Sinn Fein	5	1	-
SDLP	3	1	-
Alliance	1	1	-
Independent	5	1	-
Democratic Unionist	8	0	-
Plaid Cymru	3	0	-
Respect	1	0	-
Speaker	1	-	-
Totals	650	147	22.5%

Percentages are not given for the smaller Parliamentary groupings as the numbers are so small as to render percentages meaningless.

143 women were elected at the General Election on 6 May 2010. The MP for Corby subsequently stood down (2012), whilst women candidates won by-elections in Oldham East & Saddleworth (2011), Feltham & Heston (2011), Manchester Central (2012), Rotherham (2012), and South Shields (2013), bringing the total number of women up to 147.

The percentages of women MPs in recent previous Parliaments (and 1945) is shown below².

General Election	No. Women Elected	Women as % of MPs
2010	143	22%
2005	128	20%
2001	118	18%
1997	120	18%
1992	60	9%
1987	41	6%
1983	23	3.5%
1979	19	3%
1945	24	4%

¹ Figures from the Parliamentary website at <http://www.parliament.uk/mps-lords-and-offices/mps/> accessed 3/10/2013.

² Source: House of Commons Information Office, *Women in the House of Commons*, Factsheet M4