

# STV poll: SNP on course to win EVERY Scottish seat at general election

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**The SNP is on course to take every seat in Scotland at the general election, according to the latest STV News poll.**

A survey on voter intention showed 54% are set to back Nicola Sturgeon's party on May 7, up two points since January.

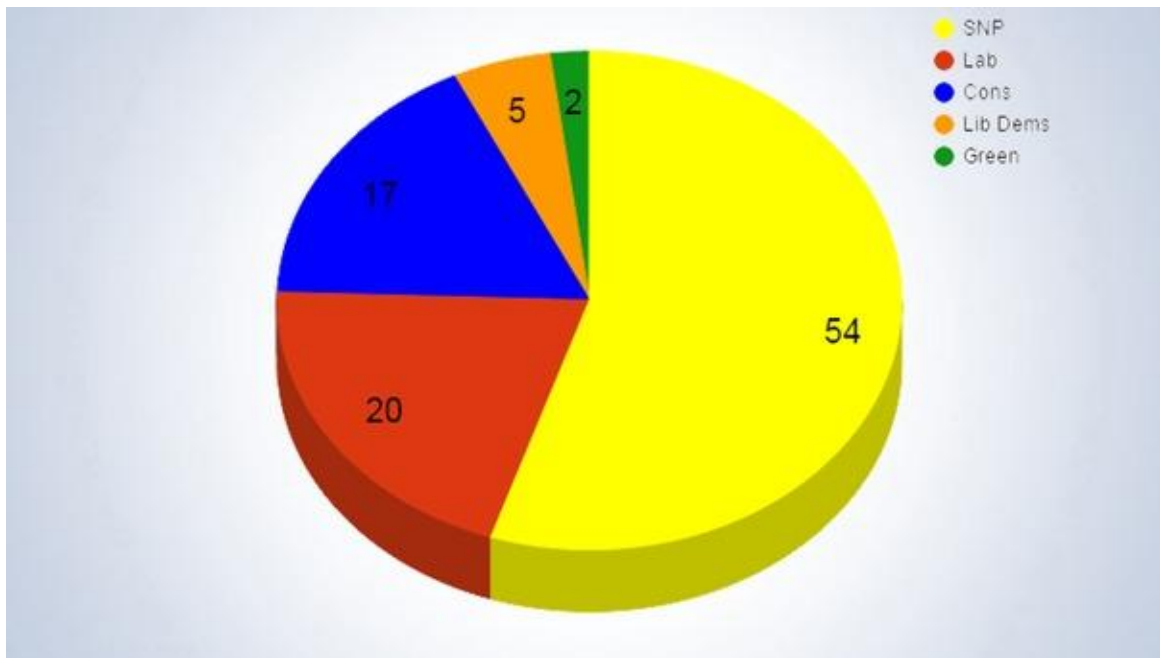
Based on the findings of the latest poll conducted by Ipsos-MORI, the Electoral Calculus website suggests that the SNP could win all 59 Scottish seats up for grabs. Other electoral calculators project Labour and the Liberal Democrats saving one seat each.

The SNP has increased their lead over Labour to 34 points in the survey. Jim Murphy's party could face electoral wipeout north of the border, with their vote down four points to only 20%.

The Conservatives have increased their share by five points to 17% in the survey.

Support for the Liberal Democrats has increased one point to 5% and the Green Party is down two percentage points at 2%. UKIP polls at one percent with support for other parties also at one percent.

The poll found 80% of the Scottish electorate are certain to vote, five points down on the turnout at the referendum on Scottish independence last September and 16 points up on the percentage of Scots that voted in the last general election in 2010 (64%).



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The majority those surveyed think SNP influence in the UK government after the election would be a ‘good thing’ for Scotland (69%) and for the UK as a whole (60%).

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon remains Scotland’s most popular politician, enjoying a +48% satisfaction rating. Scottish Greens leader Patrick Harvie (+20%) and Scottish Conservatives leader Ruth Davidson (+7%) are the only two other leaders, from Holyrood or Westminster, to enjoy positive ratings.

There may be some comfort for Labour supporters in the poll's data on tactical voting. While only 14% said Labour are their preferred party, a further 30% report that they may back Labour if they thought they had a chance of winning in their constituency, including 35% of Conservative supporters and 34% of Liberal Democrats. The equivalent figure for the Liberal Democrats is 25% compared to 17% for the SNP and 15% for the Conservatives.

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SNP leader Nicola Sturgeon said: "Well these polls are great and they make wonderful reading for the SNP but they are only polls, it's votes and ballot boxes that count and I will continue and the SNP will continue to take nothing for granted and campaign hard for every vote.

"Our message is simple – if Scotland wants its voice to be heard in Westminster more loudly than ever before and then for that voice to be used for more progressive politics like an end to austerity then the more seats the SNP wins the louder that voice will be."

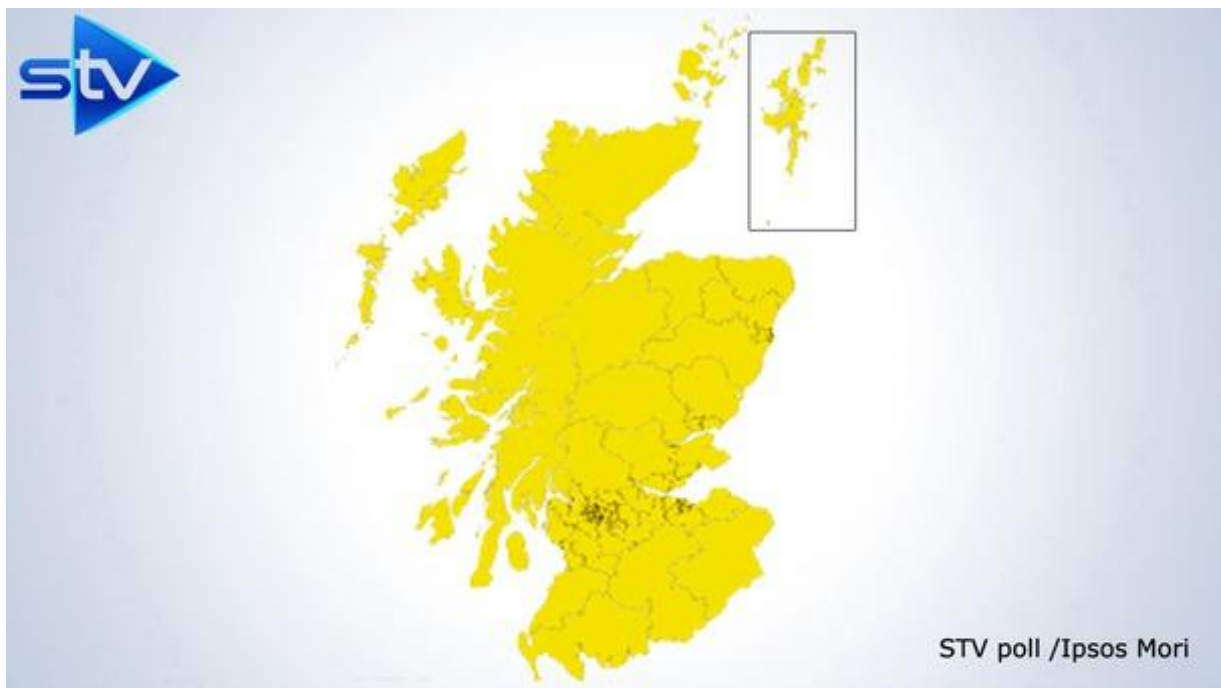
Commenting on the poll result, Scottish Labour leader Jim Murphy said: "This is another bad poll for the Scottish Labour party, it's another good poll of course for the SNP, and it's another fantastic poll for David Cameron.

"David Cameron can't beat the Labour party here in Scotland, so someone else has to do it for him.

"That way David Cameron gets to cling on to power because he's the leader of the biggest party, the likelihood is David Cameron will remain Prime Minister, not because Scotland went out and voted for the Tory party but because Scotland voted against Labour for the SNP and reduced the chances of Labour forming the government.

"There's much still to play for in this election a week's a long time in politics and we'll keep going with a huge amount of energy and a determination to turn much of this round."

Interviewed on Sky News, he said: "Let the pollsters poll and let the voters vote next week."



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Scottish Conservative deputy leader Jackson Carlaw said: "With a week to go before we vote, this poll shows that the Scottish Conservatives are the pro-UK party which has won the arguments in the campaign and is now gaining support.

"People in Scotland have had a good look at Labour and the LibDems over the last five weeks. They appear to have been left unimpressed and have now decided against them. The question facing pro-UK supporters in Scotland is why join a sinking ship?"

The findings are based on a survey of 1071 respondents aged over 18 conducted by telephone between April 22 and 27, 2015. The survey asked respondents how they would vote if there were a Westminster election tomorrow.

Mark Diffley, director at Ipsos-MORI Scotland said: "We are now in the final week of campaigning ahead of the crucial election and the SNP is clearly consolidating its dominant position among voters in Scotland.

"While the numbers of seats each party will win next week remains unclear, it is likely that the SNP will make significant gains.

"For Labour, while support has fallen since our last poll in January, they will hope that those who remain undecided and those who are prepared to vote tactically, will back them and help to minimise the loss of seats."