## United Kingdom general election, 2015


### All 650 seats to the House of Commons

326 seats are needed for a majority.

### Opinion polls

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<td>David Cameron</td>
<td>Conservative</td>
<td>6 December 2005</td>
<td>Witney</td>
<td>306 seats, 36.1%</td>
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<td>Ed Miliband</td>
<td>Labour</td>
<td>25 September 2010</td>
<td>Doncaster North</td>
<td>258 seats, 29%</td>
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<td>Nick Clegg</td>
<td>Liberal Democrat</td>
<td>18 December 2007</td>
<td>Sheffield Hallam</td>
<td>57 seats, 23%</td>
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### Incumbent Prime Minister

David Cameron
Conservative
UK Parliamentary Candidates

Data and analysis of parliamentary candidates/MPs for general elections since 1945-2015

COUNTDOWN TO THE UK GENERAL ELECTION (GMT)

0 1 0 9 4 8 4 1

Days Hours Minutes Seconds
The **UK Independence Party**, commonly known as **UKIP** is a **Eurosceptic** and right-wing populist **political party in the United Kingdom**. It was founded in 1993 by members of the **Anti-Federalist League** with the primary objective of securing the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the **European Union**. The party describes itself as a "democratic, libertarian party". The party is led by **Nigel Farage**, with deputy leader **Paul Nuttall**. UKIP has two **Members of Parliament**, three representatives in the **House of Lords** and twenty-three **Members of the European Parliament**, making it the largest UK party in the **European Parliament**. In October 2014, UKIP reported a membership of over 40,000.

The party made its first significant breakthroughs in the **2013 local elections**, when it came fourth in the number of council seats won and third in nationwide vote share, and in the **2014 European elections** when UKIP received the most votes, the first time for over a century that a party other than Labour or the Conservatives won a **United Kingdom**-wide election.

**Ideology:** Euroscepticism, Right-wing populism, British unionism, Conservatism, Economic liberalism
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The coalition government 2010

David Cameron and Nick Clegg
UK’s New Coalition

Conservative David Cameron, Britain’s new prime minister, announced a coalition government with Liberal Democrat Nick Clegg.

Prime minister
David Cameron
Conservative party leader

Deputy prime minister
Nick Clegg
Liberal Democrat party leader

Born 1966
Education Eton College (prep school), Oxford University

Political career
2001 Elected to Parliament as Conservative Party member
2003 Deputy chairman of party
2004 Head of party policy coordination
2005 Party and opposition leader

Born 1967
Education Cambridge University, graduate work in U.S., Belgium

Political career
1999-2004 Member of the European Parliament
2005 Elected to Parliament as a Liberal Democrat
2006 Shadow home secretary
2007 Party leader

Key points of deal
• Liberal Democrats get five cabinet posts
• Cameron agrees to hold referendum on electoral reform

• Coalition agrees to five-year fixed-term Parliament

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