

Tallyriffic Poll Analysis

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Party	Poll	Likely Seats	Adjusted
FF	27%	54	51
FG	24%	40	42
SF	14%	23	25
LAB	5%	3	2
Oths	30%	37	37

Explanation of the Figures above

The first column contains the figures from the current poll.

The Second column is how many seats would be won for each each party based on a swing from the 2016 General Election (with regional polling being used weighted to the national poll average).

The third column is the result of the combination results in Column 2 “adjusted for luck” – essentially taking the total number of constituencies the party was last in, and also runner-up, and then “adjusting” the result based on an equal distribution of luck.

How are current Swing figures calculated?

Swing figures are calculated by taking the Election figure for the constituency’s region for a party losing support, against their current support and then transferring the proportion on their performance in that election in the given constituency. Where that support goes will depend on the party i.e. Fine Gael support might be more likely to go to Fianna Fail or independents than Sinn Fein, Labour support might be more likely to go to Sinn Fein, etc.

To take Mayo as an example :

	FF	FG	LAB	SF	OTH
Connaught-Ulster 2016	28%	28%	3%	16%	25%
Current Connaught-Ulster Poll	32%	30%	3%	11%	24%
Mayo 2016	28%	51%		10%	11%
Mayo Current	32%	54%		8%	7%

Regional Figures

	Dublin		Leinster		Munster		Connaught-Ulster	
Fianna Fail	19%	+4	29%	+1	30%	+4	32%	+4
Fine Gael	23%	nc	20%	-6	24%	-2	30%	+2
Labour	8%	-1	4%	-3	4%	-3	3%	nc
Sinn Fein	13%	-1	20%	+5	11%	nc	11%	-5
Others	37%	-2	27%	+3	31%	+1	24%	-1

Regional Figures are calculated by using regional sub-samples from the five opinion polls from which they are available, and then calibrating the national figures in those polls against the national figure in the current poll.

For instance the average poll for Fine Gael in Leinster in the last 5 sub-samples is 22.4% - their current national average is 26%. The Fine Gael figure for this poll is 24% so therefore $24+22.4-26 = 20.4\%$ rounded down to 20%.

Adjusting for “luck”

After all the constituency counts have been calculated, the number of constituencies where a party was last elected and where they were runner-up are totted up, and the overall figure is then adjusted to show the overall figure if there had been an equal distribution of “luck”.

GE2016 Swing

	FF	FG	LAB	SF	OTH
Total	54	40	3	23	37
Last	11	15	3	2	9
Runner-Up	6	20	1	5	8
	51.5	42.5	2	24.5	36.5

Poll “Bounce”

The five polls taken in the last week - taken as an average - before the General Election in February 2011 were slightly off . In 2016 both Fine Gael and Sinn Fein were over-estimated in the last five polls released on the final weekend of the campaign. The poll averages and the results are shown below :

2011	FF	FG	LAB	SF	Others
Poll Averages	15.6	38.2	18.8	11.2	16.2
GE Result	17.4	36.1	19.5	10	17
Difference	+1.8	-2.1	+0.7	-1.2	+0.8

2016	FF	FG	LAB	SF	Others
Poll Averages	21.2	28.8	6.2	16	27.8
GE Result	24.3	25.5	6.6	13.8	29.8
Difference	+3.1	-3.3	+0.4	-2.2	+2

In both 2011 and 2016, Fianna Fail support was under-estimated in the exit polls conducting during polling. The polls and the results are shown below :

2011	FF	FG	LAB	SF	Others
Exit Poll	15.1	36.1	20	10.1	18.7
GE Result	17.4	36.1	19.5	10	17
Difference	+2.3		-0.5	-0.1	-1.7

2016	FF	FG	LAB	SF	Others
Exit Polls	22	25.4	7.5	15.5	29.6
GE Result	24.3	25.5	6.6	13.8	29.8
Difference	+2.3	+0.1	-0.9	-1.7	-0.2

Caveat!!

The following figures are NOT predictions of what WILL happen.

They are merely calculations of what probably WOULD happen IF the likely regional swings based upon the Poll Figures being analysed above are applied equally to each constituency.

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Dublin Constituencies

SWING FROM GE 2016

CONSTITUENCY	REGION	FF	FG	LAB	SF	Others	GAIN	LOSS			
DUBLIN BAY NORTH	Dublin	20%	1	20%	1	7%	11%	1	42%	2	
DUBLIN BAY SOUTH	Dublin	16%	1	31%	2	10%	9%		35%	1	
DUBLIN CENTRAL	Dublin	16%	1	14%		8%	23%	1	38%	1	
DUBLIN FINGAL	Dublin	27%	2	21%	1	9%	8%		35%	1	
DUBLIN MID WEST	Dublin	20%	1	26%	1	5%	22%	1	27%	1	
DUBLIN NORTH WEST	Dublin	18%	1	13%		7%	25%	1	38%	1	
DUBLIN RATHDOWN	Dublin	14%	1	32%	1	9%	7%		39%	1	
DUBLIN SOUTH CENTRAL	Dublin	18%	1	15%	1	7%	22%	1	38%	1	
DUBLIN SOUTH WEST	Dublin	18%	1	22%	2	6%	13%	1	40%	1	
DUBLIN WEST	Dublin	21%	1	23%	1	14%	13%		29%	1	
DUN LAOGHAIRE	Dublin	22%	1	36%	2	8%	5%		29%	1	
<i>Dublin Total</i>		<i>19%</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>23%</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>8%</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>13%</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>37%</i>	<i>12</i>

Leinster Constituencies

SWING FROM GE 2016

CONSTITUENCY	REGION	FF	FG	LAB	SF	Others	GAIN	LOSS				
CARLOW-KILKENNY	Leinster	42%	3	21%	1	4%	17%	1	16%	FF	FG	
KILDARE NORTH	Leinster	29%	2	18%	1	5%	12%		36%	1		
KILDARE SOUTH	Leinster	43%	1	26%	1	8%	23%		0%		FF	
LAOIS	Leinster	36%	1	25%	1	4%	27%	1	8%			
LONGFORD WESTMEATH	Leinster	29%	2	19%		5%	16%	1	30%	1	FF	FG
LOUTH	Leinster	22%	1	17%	1	6%	38%	2	17%	1	OTH	FG
MEATH EAST	Leinster	27%	1	27%	1	3%	19%	1	24%		SF	FG
MEATH WEST	Leinster	29%	1	25%	1	2%	29%	1	16%			
OFFALY	Leinster	36%	2	13%	1	0%	14%		36%		FF	SF
WEXFORD	Leinster	29%	1	18%	1	9%	19%	1	26%	1	SF	FG
WICKLOW	Leinster	15%	1	21%	1	2%	20%	1	42%	2	OTH	FG
<i>LeinsterTotal</i>		<i>29%</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>20%</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>5</i>	

Munster Constituencies

SWING FROM GE 2016

CONSTITUENCY	REGION	FF	FG	LAB	SF	OTH	GAIN	LOSS				
CLARE	Munster	36%	2	23%	1	5%	9%	27%	1	FF	FG	
CORK EAST	Munster	30%	2	27%	1	8%	12%	1	24%	FF	LAB	
CORK NORTH CENTRAL	Munster	31%	1	17%	1	4%	21%	1	27%	1		
CORK NORTH WEST	Munster	39%	1	31%	1	0%	7%	23%	1	OTH	FF	
CORK SOUTH CENTRAL	Munster	45%	2	24%	1	2%	13%	1	16%			
CORK SOUTH WEST	Munster	25%	1	31%	1	5%	10%	29%	1			
KERRY	Munster	20%	1	21%	1	4%	13%	1	42%	2		
LIMERICK City	Munster	32%	1	26%	1	6%	14%	1	21%	1	OTH	LAB
LIMERICK COUNTY	Munster	31%	1	34%	1	0%	8%	27%	1	OTH	FG	
TIPPERARY	Munster	28%	2	14%		6%	9%	43%	3	FF	LAB	
WATERFORD	Munster	24%	1	27%	1	3%	19%	1	28%	1		
<i>MunsterTotal</i>		<i>30%</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>31%</i>	<i>12</i>		

Connaught-Ulster Constituencies

SWING FROM GE 2016

CONSTITUENCY	REGION	FF	FG	LAB	SF	OTH	GAIN	LOSS			
CAVAN-MONAGHAN	Connaught	38%	1	34%	2	0%	19%	1	9%	FG	FF
DONEGAL	Connaught	39%	2	19%	1	0%	20%	1	22%	1	
GALWAY EAST	Connaught	30%	1	31%	1	11%	5%	24%	1		
GALWAY WEST	Connaught	29%	2	27%	1	6%	7%	31%	2	FF	FG
GALWAY-ROSCOMMON	Connaught	24%	1	18%		3%	5%	50%	2		
MAYO	Connaught	32%	2	54%	2	0%	8%	7%			
SLIGO LEITRIM	Connaught	39%	2	31%	1	3%	13%	14%	1	OTH	SF
<i>Connaught-UlsterTotal</i>		<i>32%</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>30%</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>3%</i>	<i>11%</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>24%</i>	<i>7</i>	