

Tallyriffic Poll Analysis

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Party	Poll	Likely Seats	Adjusted
FF	32%	62	57
FG	21%	37	39
SF	19%	33	33
LAB	6%	3	3
Oths	22%	22	25

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 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	36%	27%	4%	16%	17%
Mayo 2016	28%	51%		10%	11%
Mayo Current	32%	52%		11%	5%

Regional Figures

	Dublin		Leinster		Munster		Connaught-Ulster	
Fianna Fail	24%	+9	32%	+4	36%	+10	36%	+8
Fine Gael	19%	-4	19%	-7	21%	-5	27%	-1
Labour	8%	-1	5%	-2	5%	-2	4%	+1
Sinn Fein	18%	+4	26%	+11	14%	+3	16%	nc
Others	31%	-8	18%	-6	24%	-6	17%	-8

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 22.8% - their current national average is 25%. The Fine Gael figure for this poll is 21% so therefore $21+22.8-25 = 18.8\%$ rounded up to 19%.

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	62	37	3	33	22
Last	15	13	3	4	5
Runner-Up	6	17	2	5	10
	53	39	2.5	33.5	24.5

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	25%	2	17%	1	7%	16%	1	35%	1	FF	OTH
DUBLIN BAY SOUTH	Dublin	22%	1	25%	1	10%	14%	1	29%	1	SF	FG
DUBLIN CENTRAL	Dublin	19%	1	12%		8%	29%	1	32%	1	FF	FG
DUBLIN FINGAL	Dublin	32%	2	17%	1	9%	13%	1	30%	1	FF	LAB
DUBLIN MID WEST	Dublin	24%	1	21%	1	5%	27%	1	23%	1		
DUBLIN NORTH WEST	Dublin	20%	1	10%		7%	31%	1	32%	1	FF	FG
DUBLIN RATHDOWN	Dublin	21%	1	26%	1	9%	12%		33%	1	FF	OTH
DUBLIN SOUTH CENTRAL	Dublin	21%	1	12%	1	7%	27%	1	32%	1	FF	OTH
DUBLIN SOUTH WEST	Dublin	24%	1	18%	1	6%	19%	1	34%	2		
DUBLIN WEST	Dublin	26%	1	19%	1	14%	1	18%	1	24%	SF	OTH
DUN LAOGHAIRE	Dublin	29%	1	30%	2	8%	9%		25%	1	FF	
<i>Dublin Total</i>		24%	13	19%	10	8%	1	18%	9	31%	11	

Leinster Constituencies

SWING FROM GE 2016

CONSTITUENCY	REGION	FF	FG	LAB	SF	Others	GAIN	LOSS				
CARLOW-KILKENNY	Leinster	44%	3	20%	1	5%	21%	1	10%	FF	FG	
KILDARE NORTH	Leinster	33%	2	17%		6%	19%	1	25%	1	SF	FG
KILDARE SOUTH	Leinster	44%	1	24%	1	9%	23%		0%			FF
LAOIS	Leinster	39%	1	24%	1	5%	29%	1	3%			
LONGFORD WESTMEATH	Leinster	32%	2	18%	1	7%	22%	1	20%		FF,SF	LAB,OTH
LOUTH	Leinster	25%	2	17%	1	7%	41%	2	10%		FF,SF	FG
MEATH EAST	Leinster	30%	1	25%	1	4%	25%	1	15%		SF	FG
MEATH WEST	Leinster	31%	1	24%	1	2%	34%	1	9%			
OFFALY	Leinster	38%	2	12%		0%	23%	1	26%		FF	FG
WEXFORD	Leinster	33%	2	17%	1	11%	1	23%	1	16%	FF,SF	FG,OTH
WICKLOW	Leinster	18%	1	20%	1	3%	30%	2	29%	1	SF	FG
<i>Leinster Total</i>		32%	18	19%	9	5%	1	26%	12	18%	2	

Munster Constituencies

SWING FROM GE 2016

CONSTITUENCY	REGION	FF	FG	LAB	SF	OTH	GAIN	LOSS				
CLARE	Munster	42%	2	20%	1	6%	13%	19%	1	FF	FG	
CORK EAST	Munster	35%	2	24%		10%	1	16%	1	16%	FF	FG
CORK NORTH CENTRAL	Munster	37%	1	15%	1	5%	24%	1	19%	1		
CORK NORTH WEST	Munster	45%	2	27%	1	0%	11%	17%				
CORK SOUTH CENTRAL	Munster	48%	2	21%	1	3%	16%	1	11%			
CORK SOUTH WEST	Munster	31%	1	27%	1	6%	15%	1	21%	SF	OTH	
KERRY	Munster	29%	2	18%	1	5%	18%	1	30%	1	FF	OTH
LIMERICK City	Munster	37%	2	23%	1	8%	18%	1	15%		FF	LAB
LIMERICK COUNTY	Munster	38%	2	30%	1	0%	12%		20%		FF	FG
TIPPERARY	Munster	36%	2	12%	1	8%	13%	1	31%	1	FF,FG	OTH,OTH
WATERFORD	Munster	30%	1	23%	1	3%	24%	1	20%	1		
<i>MunsterTotal</i>		<i>36%</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>21%</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>5%</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>22%</i>	<i>5</i>	

Connaught-Ulster Constituencies

SWING FROM GE 2016

CONSTITUENCY	REGION	FF	FG	LAB	SF	OTH	GAIN	LOSS				
CAVAN-MONAGHAN	Connaught	34%	2	31%	1	0%	29%	1	6%	FF	FG	
DONEGAL	Connaught	39%	2	16%	1	0%	29%	1	16%	1	OTH	SF
GALWAY EAST	Connaught	36%	1	29%	1	12%	7%	17%	1	FF	FF	
GALWAY WEST	Connaught	37%	2	25%	1	7%	10%	1	22%	1	FF,SF	FG,OTH
GALWAY-ROSCOMMON	Connaught	38%	1	16%	1	4%	7%	36%	1	FG	OTH	
MAYO	Connaught	32%	2	52%	2	0%	11%	5%				
SLIGO LEITRIM	Connaught	39%	2	28%	1	4%	19%	1	10%			
<i>Connaught-UlsterTotal</i>		<i>36%</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>27%</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>4%</i>	<i>16%</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>17%</i>	<i>4</i>		