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Party	BBC Poll Tracking	LSE Poll Tracking
	Per cent	Per cent
Last Change	2 March	2 March
Labour	32	32
Conservatives	37	38
Liberal Democrats	19	17
Other Parties	12	12

Party support has been generally steady over our last monitored polls. Conservative support has held steady at the 37-38 per cent mark, while Labour has had the greatest variance, moving between 32 and 35 per cent. The Liberal Democrats have also been relatively stable, varying between 17 and 19 per cent. There has been little difference in the remaining parties, who have been polling between 10 and 12 per cent over the last week of February.

Seat Projections

As at 27 February, the site Electoralcalculus.co.uk, was predicting a Conservative majority with 319 seats, 249 to Labour, 49 to the Liberal Democrats and 33 to Other Parties.

Political Betting

Since mid-February, [Betfair](#)'s predictions of the percentage chance of a Conservative majority has been in steady decline, from nearly 70 per cent to 60 per cent. (odds have dropped from over £20 to about £15 in the same period). The predicted chance of no party having an overall majority has risen from just under 30 per cent at the same time to nearly 40 per cent at present. Predictions for a Labour majority have remained reasonably static at between 5 and 10 per cent. Odds of an election on 6 May are running between 75 and 80 per cent, in line with a number of commentators.

[Ladbroke's](#) has odds of 1/8 of the Conservatives gaining the most seats, and 4/7 that they will have an overall majority. A Labour win has odds of 10/1. The Liberal Democrats are far behind with 200/1 odds for the most seats and for a majority. Interestingly, Ladbroke's has the odds of No Majority at 7/4.

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