

Prospects for the 2024 PCC Elections

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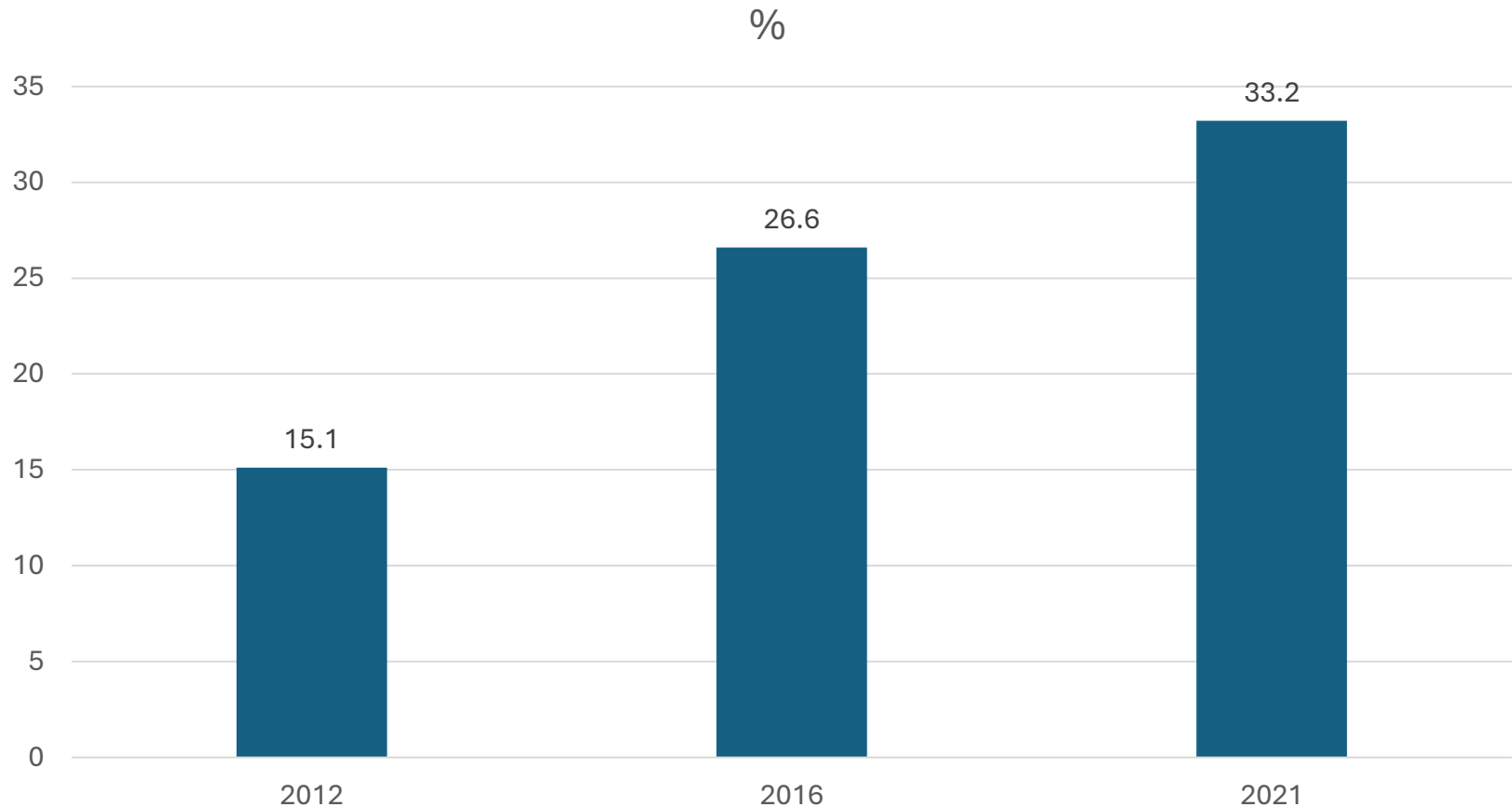
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Topics

- Turnout
- How Do Voters Choose?
- Change of Electoral System

Turnout in Previous PCC Elections



No election in Greater Manchester in 2016 & 2021; no election in West Yorks. in 2021. 2021 includes original election in Wiltshire, not the subsequent by-election.

Different Circumstances

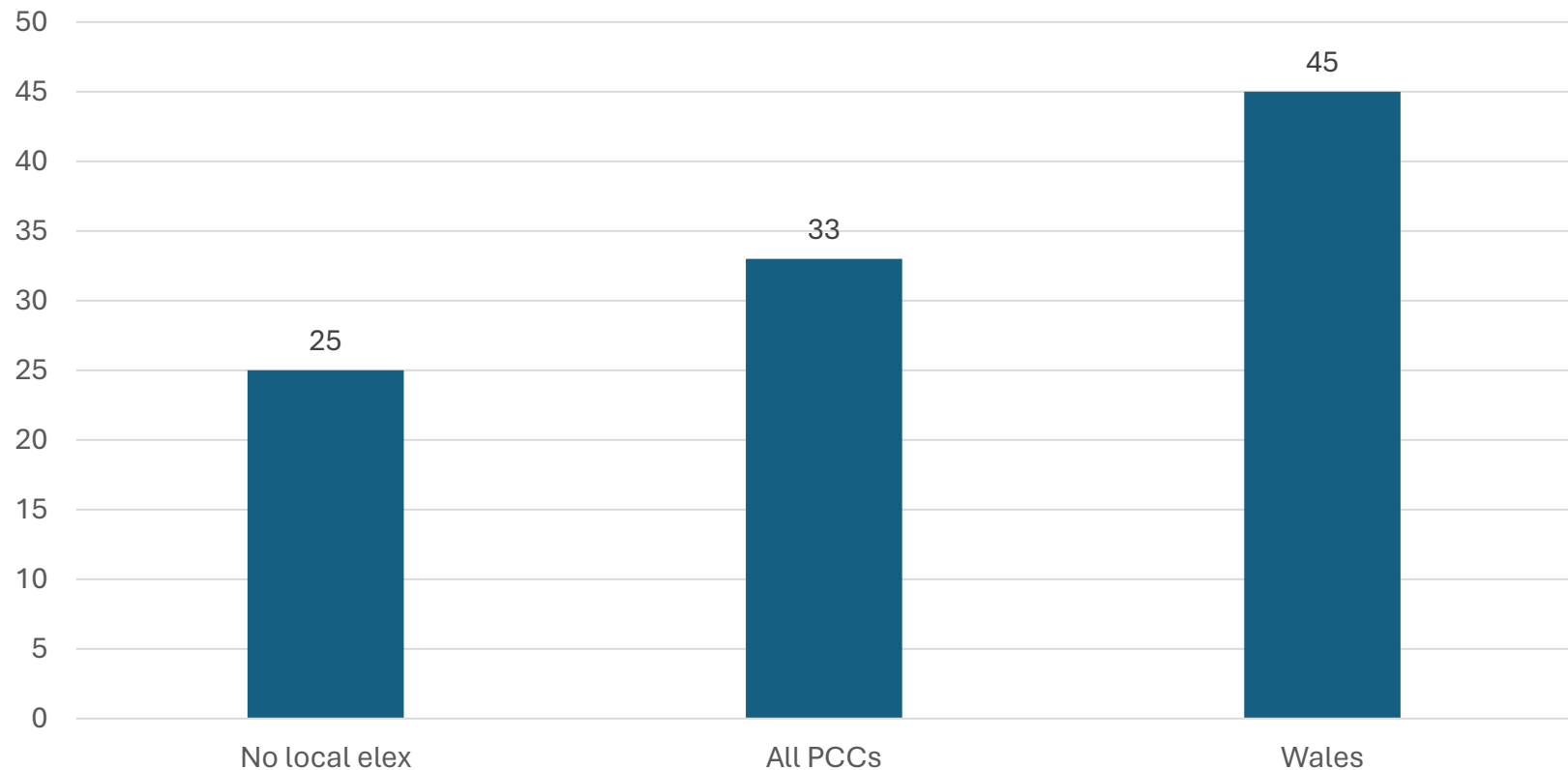
- 2012 election held separately in November
- 2016 election coincided with Senedd election in Wales and local elections in much of England outside London (all mets except Doncaster, 19 unitaries, 70 districts)
- 2021 election coincided with Senedd election in Wales and local elections in most of England outside London (all mets except Birmingham, 28 unitaries, all counties plus 59 districts, 5 metro mayors)

Circumstances in 2024

- (No PCC election in North Yorks, South Yorks and West Midlands)
- No Senedd or local elections in Wales
- 5 non-PCC metro mayors
- Some local elections in England
 - All mets with PCC election except 3 on Merseyside but where there is metro mayor election
 - 18 unitaries (19 in 2016)
 - 58 districts (70 in 2016)

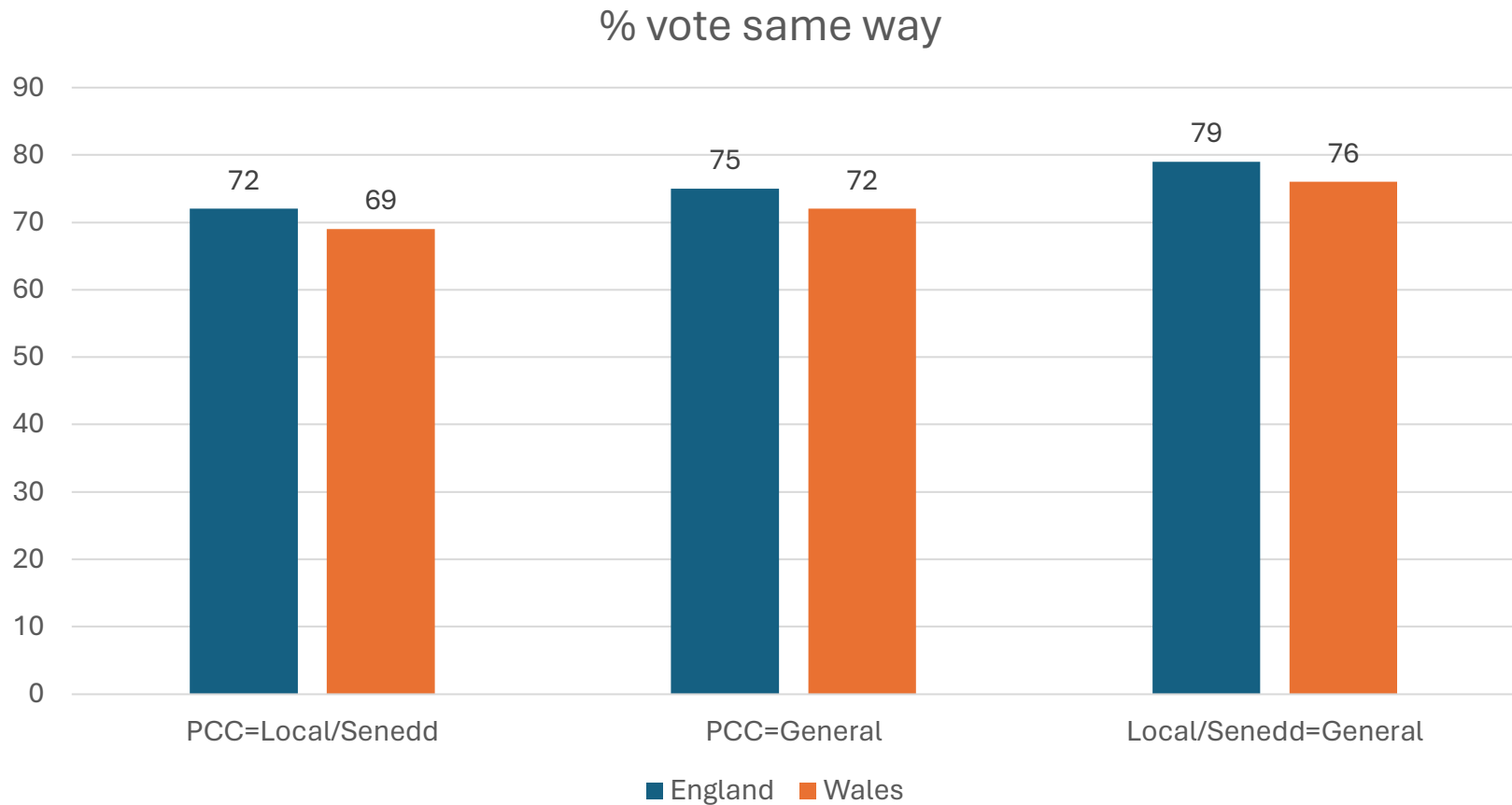
Why Circumstances Matter

Mean % Turnout, 2021



No local eler = 5 PCCs where no local elections, Bedfordshire, Cheshire, Cumbria, Dorset, North Yorks.

Voting The Same Way - 2021

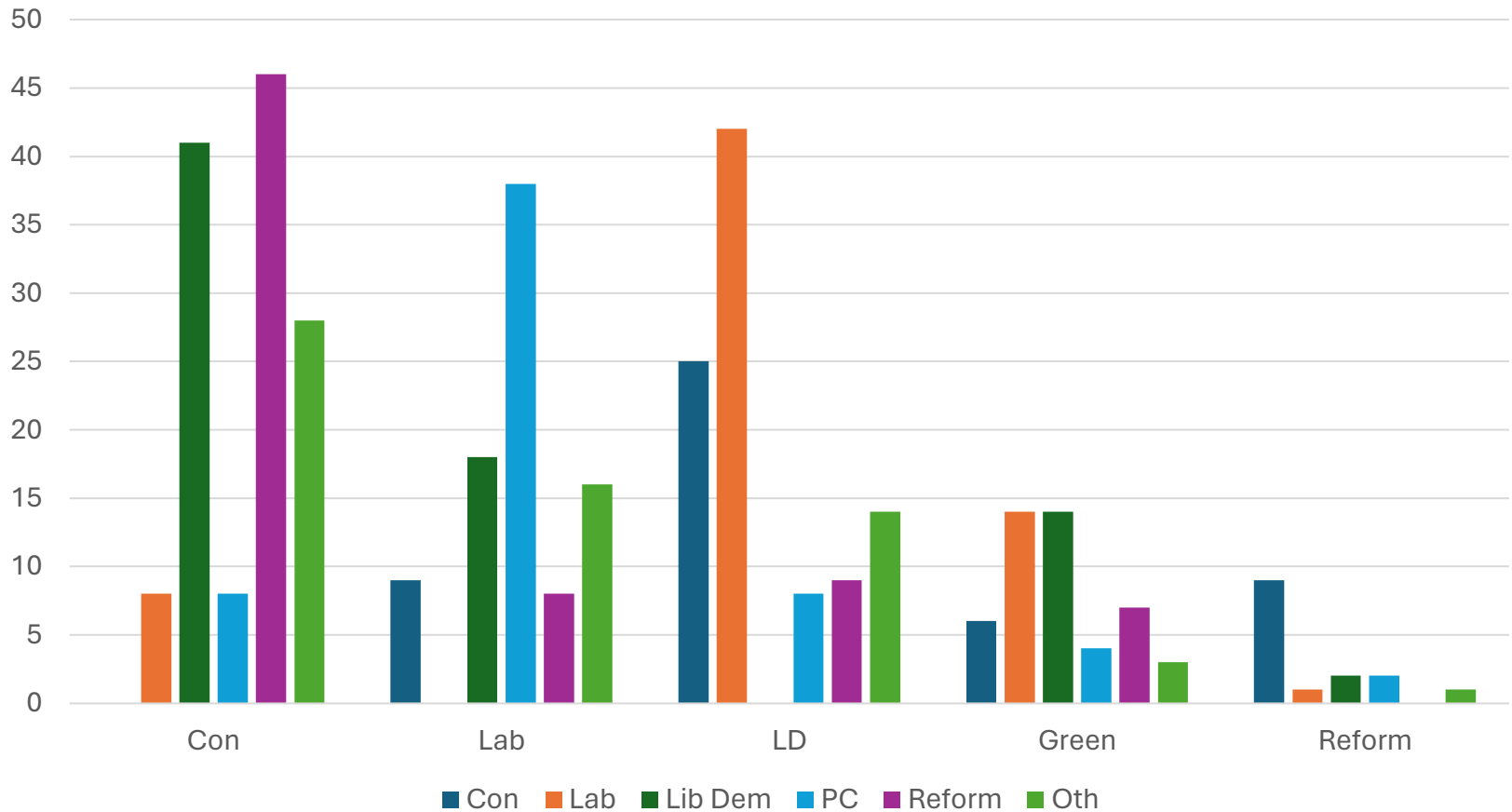


Source: British Election Study wave 21 (May 2021)

Impact of Second Preferences

- 2012
 - Independents/Other gained 4 from Con
 - Con gained 2 from Lab
 - Lab gained 1 from Independent
 - Other gained 1 from Independent
- 2016
 - Made no difference
- 2021
 - Lab gained 1 from Con
 - Plaid Cymru gained 1 from Con

Distribution of Second Preferences - 2021



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% gave 2nd preference to...

