

TALLYRIFFIC CONSTITUENCY PROFILES

CARLOW-KILKENNY

	2011 Gen. Election	2014 Local Elections	2015 Bye-Election
Fianna Fail	28%	34%	28%
Fine Gael	39%	29%	21%
Labour	16%	11%	7%
Sinn Fein	10%	11%	16%
Others	7%	15%	28%

According to the tallies, in 2011 roughly 31% of the votes were cast in Carlow and 69% in Kilkenny. The figures were roughly the same in the 2014 bye-election. In the 2015 bye-election, 70% of the votes were cast in Kilkenny and 30% in Carlow.

Therefore, Kilkenny normally accounts for just over 4 quotas worth of votes, while Carlow accounts for just under 2 quotas. However, Carlow votes tends to “leak” to Kilkenny candidates more than Kilkenny votes tend to leak to Carlow candidates – only in Sinn Fein did more Kilkenny SF votes go to the Carlow candidate than vice versa.

% of Party Votes in a County which went to Party candidates from the other county

	Carlow	Kilkenny
FF	29%	2%
FG	19%	3%
LAB	31%	8%
SF	14%	11%

The upshot of this is that it is unlikely Carlow will be able to elect more than one candidate – in fact in 2011 a Kilkenny candidate (Aylward) chased a Carlow candidate (Deering) for the final seat. Also, only a minority of a party candidate’s vote is likely to stay within the county if eliminated – the following table shows the elimination of 3 Carlow Party candidates in 2011.

Destination of Vote Transfers from Carlow Party Candidates

	Cassin (SF)	Hurley (LAB)	Murnane (FF)
Carlow Candidates	29%	27%	19%
Party Candidates	57%	52%	49%
Other Candidates	9%	15%	18%
Non-Transferable	5%	6%	15%

The following figures show the likely outcome on a constituency swing based on the following National poll averages : Fine Gael 29% Fianna Fail 20% Sinn Fein 18% Labour 8% Others 25%. The first figure is the swing based on the 2011 General Election – the second is based on the 2014 local elections. Regional polling is used weighted to the above National Poll averages. Over-estimations and under-estimations of party support seen in 2011 are not accounted for. Also local factors such as candidacies, issues and events are beyond the scope of this simulator and are not taken into account. The likely outcome is determined by the Tallyriffic Predictor which simulates an election count.

Caveat : The below are not predictions of what will happen on election day – rather what would happen if the swings suggested by the above national poll averages are applied to the vote figures from 2011 and 2014.

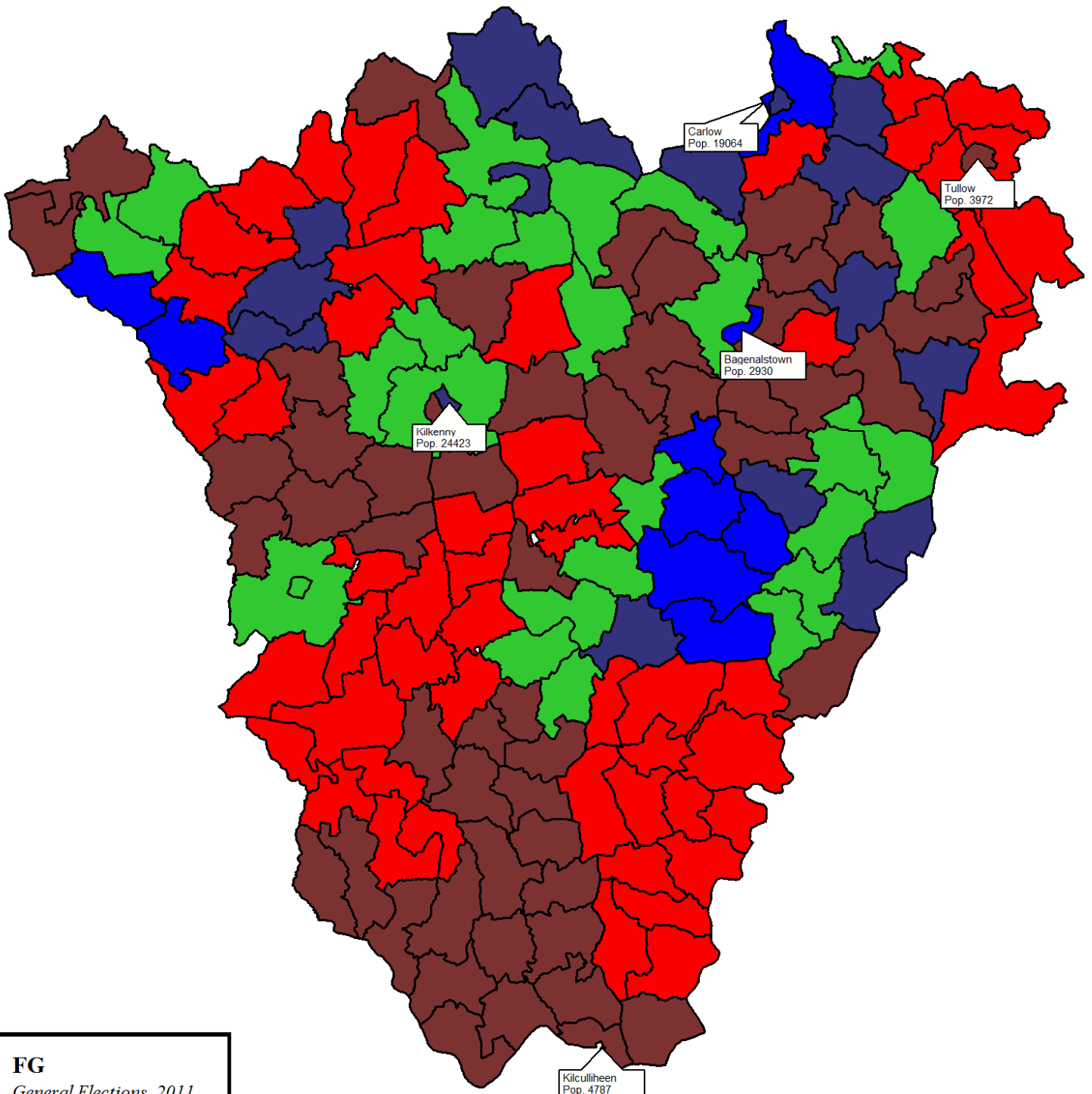
ELECTION	CONSTITUENCY	FF	FG	LAB	SF	OTH
GE11	CARLOW-KILKENNY	30% 2	31% 2	7%	18% 1	14%
LE14	CARLOW-KILKENNY	27% 1	34% 2	11%1	14% 1	13%

In constituencies outside Dublin, the GE11 swing figures might be a better guide to possible outcome.

The GE11 swing figures closely resemble the vote shares at the 2015 bye-election for Fianna Fail, Labour and Sinn Fein – the figure for Fine Gael (31%) is close to the combined Fine Gael and Renua bye-election vote share (30%).

Labour do significantly better on the LE14 figures – they actually outpolled Sinn Fein in the local elections – but this performance was largely achieved due to highly localised strong support for individual Councillors.

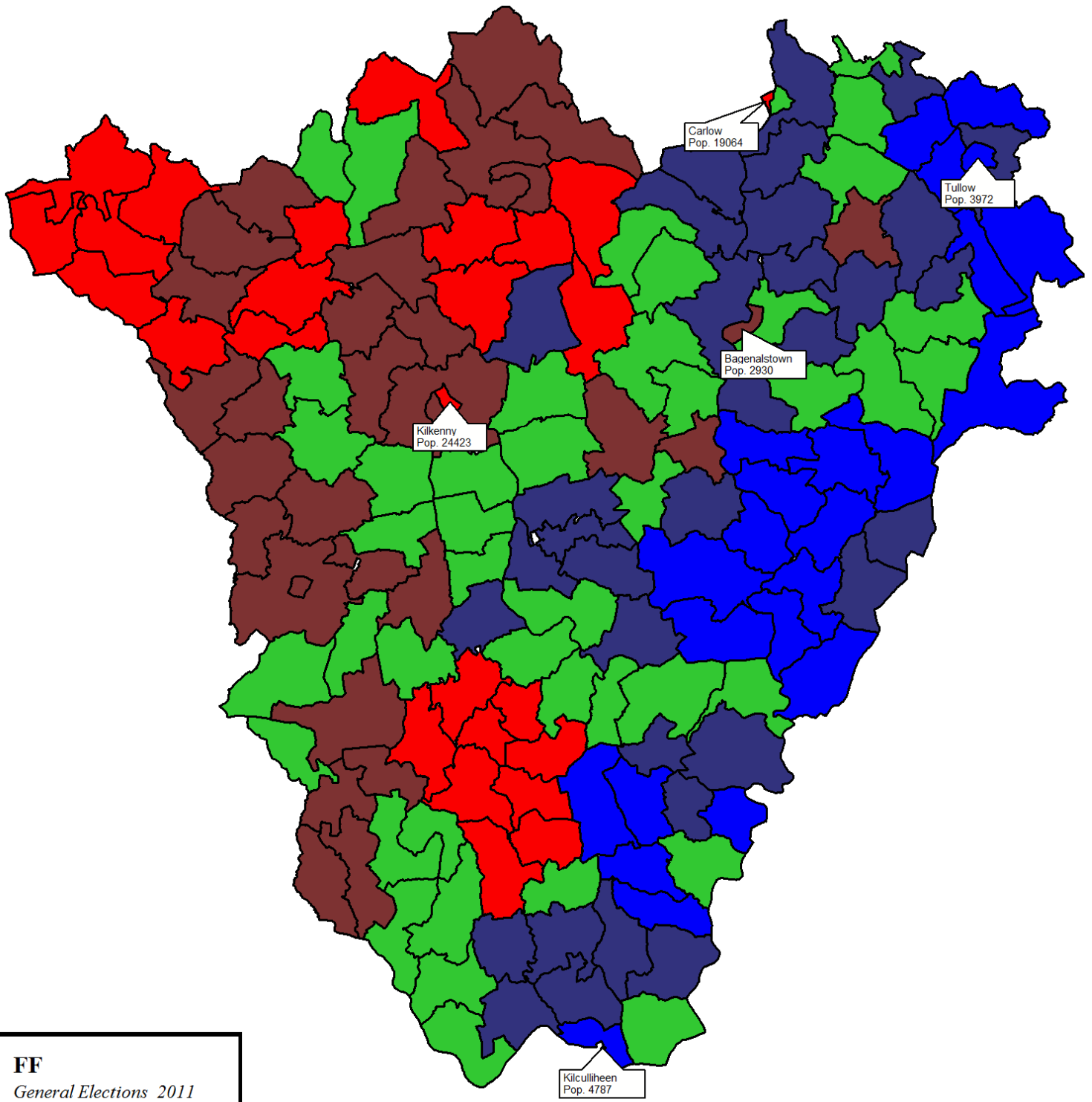
The following maps show support across the constituency for the main political parties :



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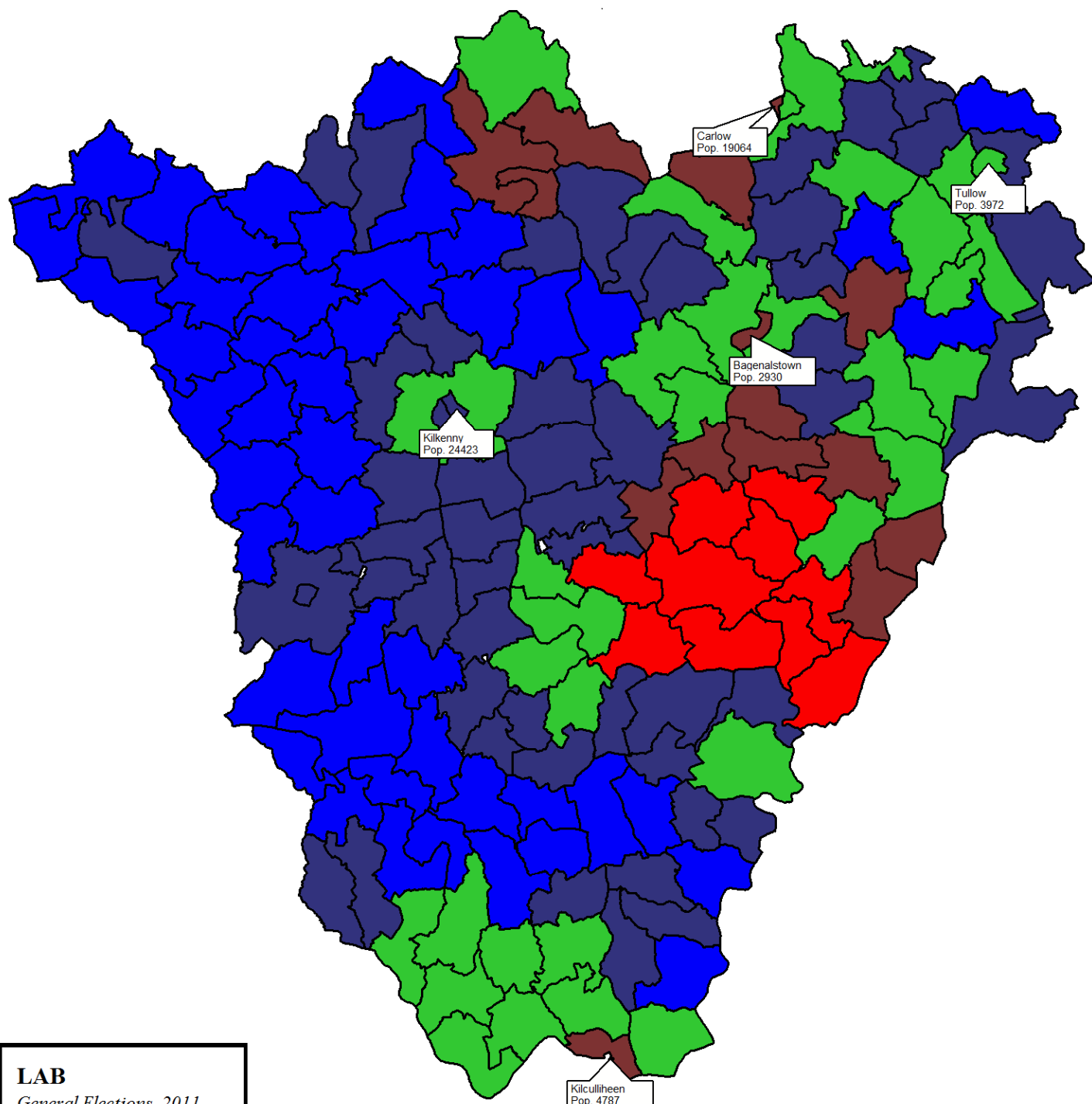
*General Elections 2011
Carlow... Carlow-Kilkenny*

- <30%
- 30% to 35%
- 35% to 40%
- 40% to 45%
- >45%



FF
General Elections 2011
Kilkenny... Carlow-Kilkenny

- <20%
- 20% to 25%
- 25% to 30%
- 30% to 35%
- >35%



LAB
 General Elections 2011
 Kilkenny... Carlow-Kilkenny

- <10%
- 10% to 15%
- 15% to 20%
- 20% to 25%
- >25%

