

TALLYRIFFIC CONSTITUENCY PROFILES

CAVAN-MONAGHAN

	2011 General Election	New Boundaries	2014 Local Elections
Fianna Fail	20%	19%	32%
Fine Gael	40%	39%	33%
Labour	6%	6%	1%
Sinn Fein	26%	27%	27%
Others	8%	9%	8%

THE GEOGRAPHY

According to the tallies, in 2011 roughly 45% of the votes were cast in Monaghan and 55% in Cavan. With the changes in the boundaries, the number of votes cast in both counties is almost exactly equal.

Despite having effectively 3.3 quotas worth of votes, only 2 Cavan candidates were elected in 2011, compare to 3 Monaghan candidates (on 2.7 quotas). This was in large part due to the fact that nearly 5,500 Cavan votes went to Monaghan candidates of the three main parties active here (Fianna Fail, Fine Gael and Sinn Fein) while only 2,000 Monaghan votes went to Cavan Big-Party candidates.

As can be seen in the table below, some 21% of the Cavan FG Votes went to Monaghan candidates, while some 23% of Cavan Sinn Fein votes went to Caoimhin O’Caolain. In the latter case, the “leakage” can be explained by seniority, while in the former most of the “leakage” – around 2500 votes – went to Heather Humphreys, partly due to her profile to Cootehill where she worked for some time and partly due to her success in maintaining the network of Protestant support in Cavan which her predecessor Seymour Crawford had clearly built up.

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

	Cavan	Monaghan
FF	6%	18%
FG	21%	2%
SF	23%	8%
Total	5486	2031

On the first count, 51.6% of the votes went to Monaghan candidates and 48.3% went to Cavan candidates – by the final count this had narrowed to 50.2% for the Monaghan candidates against 49.8% for the Cavan candidates (Monaghan-based Heather Humphreys of Fine Gael had 10861 votes against 10340 for runner-up Cavan-based Kathryn Reilly of Sinn Fein)

Destination of Vote Transfers from Selected Party Candidates

	Party Candidates In same county	Party Candidates in other county	Other Candidates In same County	Other Candidates in other county
Conlon (FF)	N/A	65%	19%	11%
McVitty (FG)	43%	26%	27%	<1%

The Boundary changes in 2012 see just over 13,000 people in West Cavan (just under a fifth of the population of Cavan) transferred into the new Sligo-Leitrim constituencies.

THE BOUNDARY CHANGES

The following table shows how the parties (and Selected candidates) are affected :

CANDIDATE/PARTY	2011 VOTE	%	VOTE LOST	%	% LOST	NEW VOTE	%
Fianna Fail	14360	20.1%	1962	27.9%	13.7%	12398	19.3%
Fine Gael	28199	39.6%	2950	41.9%	10.5%	25249	39.3%
Sinn Fein	18452	25.9%	1113	15.8%	6.0%	17339	27.0%
<i>Humphreys (FG)</i>	<i>8144</i>	<i>11.4%</i>	<i>361</i>	<i>5.1%</i>	<i>4.4%</i>	<i>7783</i>	<i>12.1%</i>
<i>O'Reilly (FG)</i>	<i>8333</i>	<i>11.7%</i>	<i>533</i>	<i>7.6%</i>	<i>6.4%</i>	<i>7800</i>	<i>12.1%</i>
<i>Reilly (SF)</i>	<i>6539</i>	<i>9.2%</i>	<i>855</i>	<i>12.2%</i>	<i>13.1%</i>	<i>5684</i>	<i>8.8%</i>
<i>Smith (FF)</i>	<i>9702</i>	<i>13.6%</i>	<i>1919</i>	<i>27.3%</i>	<i>19.8%</i>	<i>7783</i>	<i>12.1%</i>

As can be seen Fianna Fail are the worst affected party, losing nearly 14% of their vote – Brendan Smith loses nearly 20% of his vote.

THE PROTESTANT VOTE

As noted above, the Protestant vote is a factor in Cavan-Monaghan – the following tables shows how Heather Humphreys (the sole Protestant in the field) and the parties fared in 2011 in areas (20%+) with a significant Protestant population

Cavan

Protestant Pop.	FF	FG	SF	OTH	<i>Humphreys</i>
<10%	26%	39%	22%	23%	5%
10-20%	24%	43%	18%	14%	8%
>20%	21%	54%	14%	10%	21%

Monaghan

Protestant Pop.	FF	FG	SF	OTH	<i>Humphreys</i>
<10%	16%	33%	36%	15%	12%
10-20%	12%	48%	27%	13%	26%
>20%	12%	52%	23%	12%	34%

THE POSSIBLE OUTCOME

The following figures show the likely outcome on a constituency swing based on the following National poll averages : Fine Gael 27% Fianna Fail 19% Sinn Fein 18% Labour 9% Others 28%. 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	CAVAN-MONAGHAN	24% 1	32% 2	3%	27% 1	14%
LE14	CAVAN-MONAGHAN	26% 1	34% 2	2% 1	27% 1	12%

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

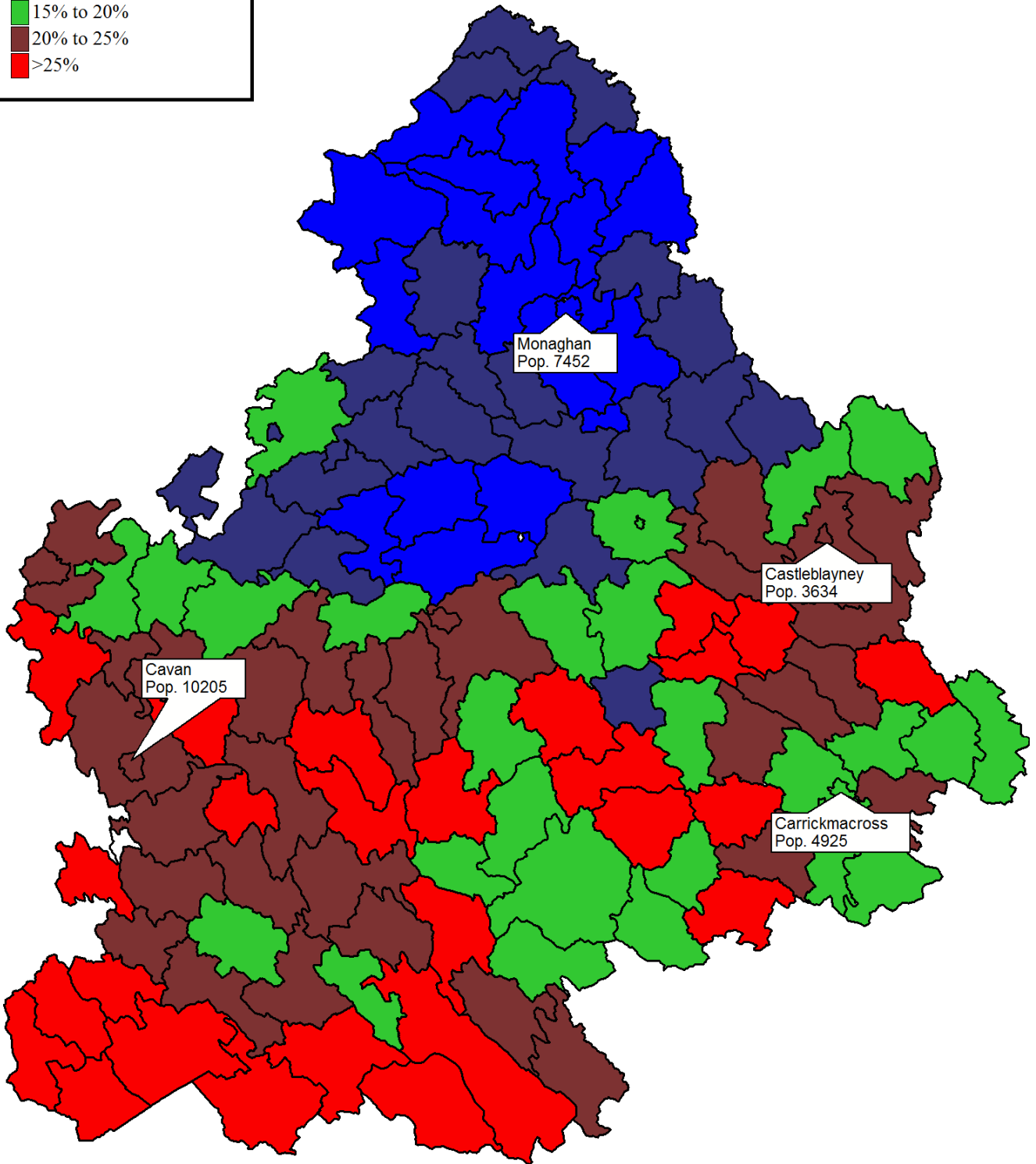
Both sets of figures suggest that Fine Gael will hold two seats in Cavan-Monaghan.

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

FF

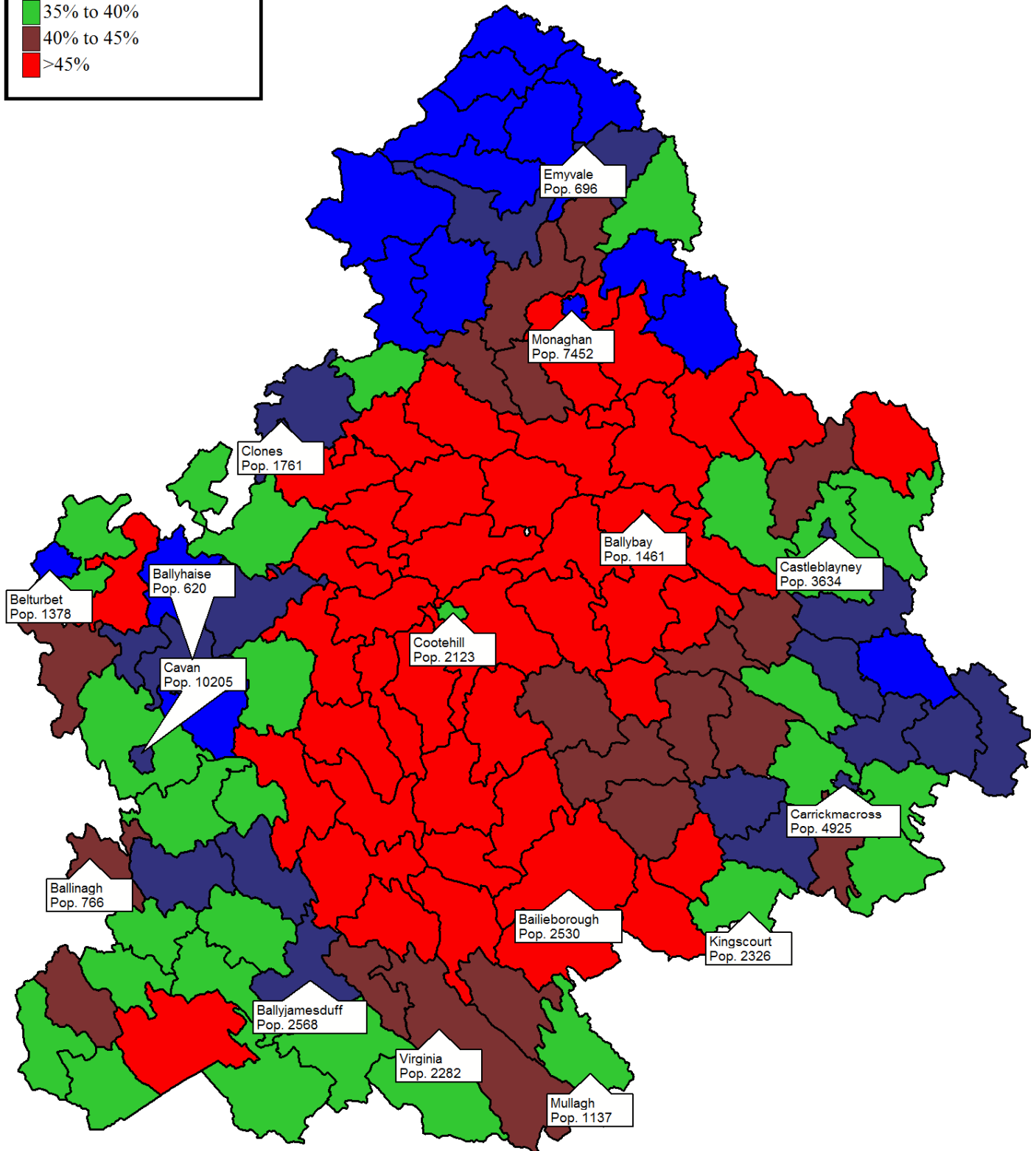
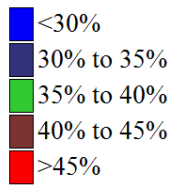
General Elections 2011
Monaghan... Cavan-Monaghan

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



FG

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