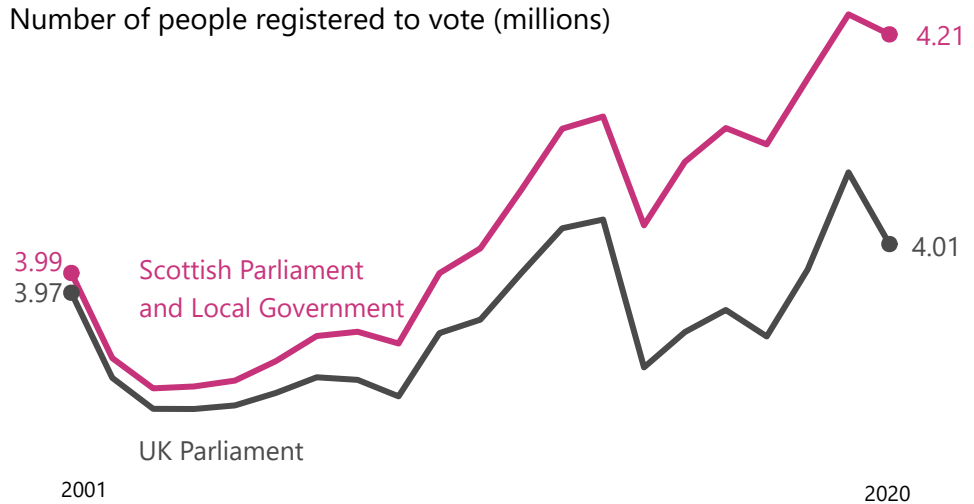


Electorates in Scotland have increased in 2020

Compared to 2019 the electorate for UK Parliament elections increased by 0.6% and the electorate for Scottish Parliament and local government elections by 1.0%. The decrease in 2015 was caused by the introduction of Individual Electoral Registration (IER).

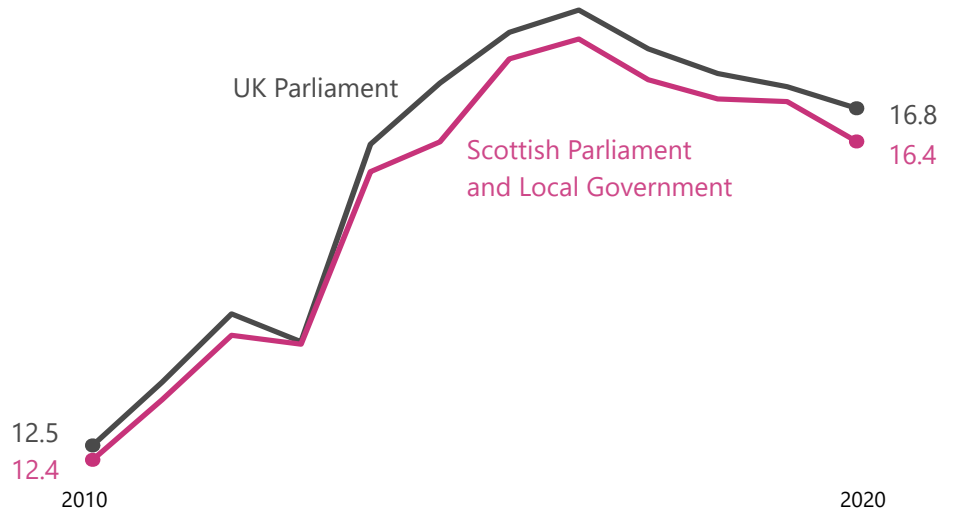


In 2015 the voting age for Scottish Parliament and local government elections was lowered to 16.

A sixth of the electorate is registered for a postal vote

The proportion of the electorate registered for a postal vote has decreased slightly since December 2019. It is still well above the level a decade ago which was around 12.5% for both the UK Parliament and Scottish Parliament and Local Government electorates.

The proportion of the Scottish electorate registered for postal voting (%)



It is anticipated that opting to register for a postal vote in the 6 May elections to the Scottish Parliament may be more popular in response to Covid-19.

Most electoral wards see an increase compared to their electorate in 2019

Between December 2019 and December 2020, the electorate increased in 75% (264) of the 354 electoral wards in Scotland.

Electoral wards are the sub-council level areas that are used to elect councillors for local government elections.

Change in electorate over previous year

