

Local Elections 2006: BNP performance in Yorkshire & the Humber

In Yorkshire & the Humber:

- The BNP polled over 88,000 votes
- 5 councillors were elected, taking the total to eight
- The BNP vote continued to grow in the existing bases in Bradford and Kirklees
- The BNP increased its regional spread, with a few strong wards in Leeds, Rotherham and Barnsley
- The BNP vote failed to increase in Calderdale and decreased in Sheffield

West Yorkshire

Bradford

Only one new BNP councillor was elected, in Queensbury ward. Two BNP seats were lost in Worth Valley and Wibsey bringing their total on the council down from three to two. Additionally, the BNP came second in eight wards. In the nine wards also contested in 2004, the BNP vote increased by an average of 4.1%.

Kirklees

Two new BNP councillors were elected, in Dewsbury East and Heckmondwike, where they attained a majority of 726. They now hold three positions on the council. The BNP also came second in five wards. In the sixteen wards also contested in 2004, the BNP vote increased by an average of 2.7%.

Calderdale

One BNP councillor successfully defended his seat in Illingworth & Mixenden, but another seat was lost in Town ward meaning there are now two BNP councillors, both in Illingworth & Mixenden. The BNP were runners-up in three wards. In the six wards also contested in 2004, the BNP vote increased by an average of 0.7% ranging from a 2.6% increase in Illingworth & Mixenden and Ovenden to a 2.3% decrease in Warley.

Leeds

The first and only BNP councillor in West Yorkshire's largest city was elected in Morley South where the Morley Borough Independent grouping failed to hold their seat. Here, the BNP vote increased dramatically from 1263 to 2083. Additionally, the BNP came second in four wards. In the eighteen wards also contested in 2004, the BNP vote increased by an average of 5.1%. It increased by more than 8% in three wards: Morley North, Morley South and Temple Newsam.

Wakefield

The BNP came second in four wards. In the seven wards also contested in 2004, the BNP vote increased by an average of 1.5%.

South Yorkshire

Rotherham

The BNP came second in both wards contested, and by a margin of fewer than 200 votes in Keppel ward. Here, although the number of votes stayed the same, lower turnout affected the other parties and the overall result was an 11% increase in BNP vote from 16½% to 27½%.

Barnsley

The BNP came third in nine of the eleven wards where it had candidates. In the eight wards also contested in 2003, the BNP vote increased by an average of 4.9%. In Darton West ward it increased by 14%, from 10% to 24%.

Sheffield

The BNP came second in two wards. In the three wards also contested in 2004, the BNP vote decreased by an average of 1.0%. It decreased by around 3% in Beauchief & Greenhill and Southey and increased by a similar amount in Shiregreen & Brightside.

The Humber

North East Lincolnshire

The BNP came second in Park ward with just over 20% of the vote.

Hull

The BNP came third in three wards.

North Yorkshire

Harrogate

The BNP came third in Starbeck ward, with a 2.3% decrease in the vote from 2004.

Note: in all multi-seat elections the figures have been adjusted by using only the lead candidate for each party