

Shortest-serving UK Prime Ministers

Despite talk of running for a third term, Boris Johnson has been forced to resign as British Prime Minister

SHORTEST-TERM PRIME MINISTERS
SINCE 20TH CENTURY

Conservative ●
Labour ●

James Callaghan 1976-79

3 years 29 days

Theresa May 2016-19

3 years 11 days

Boris Johnson 2019-22

2 years 348 days

Neville Chamberlain 1937-40

2 years 348 days

Gordon Brown 2007-10

2 years 318 days

1 year 279 days

Sir Anthony Eden
1955-57

363 days

Sir Alec Douglas-Home
1963-64

211 days

Andrew Bonar Law
1922-23

119 days

Shortest ever term:
George Canning 1827



Years

1

2

3

Although Johnson will stay in Downing Street until the autumn, term defined as period between appointment and resignation, therefore term has ended