

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2027

Fieldwork: 16th - 27th October 2013

	England/ Wales	Scotland
Weighted Sample	2027	2235
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Which of the following do you think are the most important issues facing **BRITAIN/SCOTLAND** at this time? Please select up to three.

Scottish independence	n/a	58
The economy	57	54
Immigration & Asylum	54	22
Welfare benefits	32	27
Health	23	21
Housing	19	20
Education	15	12
Crime	14	10
Europe	14	5
Pensions	14	13
Tax	11	8
Family life & childcare	8	6
The environment	7	6
Transport	3	4
None of these	1	1
Don't know	2	2

What are the most important issues that you will consider when deciding how to vote in Scotland's referendum on independence? Please select up to three.

The economy	n/a	60
Tax	n/a	27
Welfare benefits	n/a	25
Health	n/a	24
Pensions	n/a	22
Immigration & Asylum	n/a	22
Education	n/a	15
Europe	n/a	13
Housing	n/a	10
Family life & childcare	n/a	9
None of these	n/a	8
Crime	n/a	8
The environment	n/a	6
Don't know	n/a	4
Transport	n/a	3

If there was a referendum tomorrow on Scotland's future and this was the question, how would you vote?

Should Scotland be an independent country?

Yes	n/a	33
No	n/a	52
Don't know	n/a	15

And on a scale of 0 (certain NOT to vote) to 10 (absolutely certain to vote), how likely are you to vote in a referendum on Scottish independence?

0 - Certain NOT to vote	n/a	2
1	n/a	0
2	n/a	1
3	n/a	0
4	n/a	0
5	n/a	2
6	n/a	2
7	n/a	2
8	n/a	4
9	n/a	6
10 - Absolutely certain to vote	n/a	77
Don't know	n/a	3

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How would you describe your national identity? Please tick all that apply.

British	59	43
English	45	6
Welsh	3	1
Scottish	2	66
Irish	1	1
Northern Irish	0	0
Other	3	2
Don't know	1	1

Here is a scale I would like you to use to describe to what extent you think of yourself as Scottish. The more Scottish you feel, the further to the right you would put yourself. The less Scottish you feel, the further to the left you would put yourself. Now where would you put yourself on this scale?

Not at all Scottish|Very strongly Scottish

[Only went to respondents who described their national identity as Scottish; n=44 for England/Wales and n=1446 for Scotland]

1	0	0
2	3	0
3	7	1
4	15	3
5	12	10
6	22	19
7	41	65

Here is a scale I would like you to use to describe to what extent you think of yourself as English. The more English you feel, the further to the right you would put yourself. The less English you feel, the further to the left you would put yourself. Now where would you put yourself on this scale?

Not at all English|Very strongly English

[Only went to respondents who described their national identity as English; n=913 for England/Wales and n=150 for Scotland]

1	0	3
2	0	2
3	1	5
4	4	10
5	10	22
6	20	22
7	64	37

Here is a scale I would like you to use to describe to what extent you think of yourself as Welsh. The more Welsh you feel, the further to the right you would put yourself. The less Welsh you feel, the further to the left you would put yourself. Now where would you put yourself on this scale?

Not at all Welsh|Very strongly Welsh

[Only went to respondents who described their national identity as Welsh; n=70 for England/Wales and n=15 for Scotland]

1	0	0
2	1	0
3	3	13
4	8	17
5	20	25
6	26	20
7	42	26

Here is a scale I would like you to use to describe to what extent you think of yourself as Irish. The more Irish you feel, the further to the right you would put yourself. The less Irish you feel, the further to the left you would put yourself. Now where would you put yourself on this scale?

Not at all Irish|Very strongly Irish

[Only went to respondents who described their national identity as Irish; n=22 for England/Wales and n=23 for Scotland]

1	0	0
2	9	3
3	6	10
4	17	4
5	27	33
6	23	23
7	19	27

And here is a similar scale I would like you to use to describe to what extent you think of yourself as British. Where would you put yourself on this scale?

Not at all British|Very strongly British

[Excluding respondents who answered that their national identity was 'Other' or 'Didn't know' n=1935 for England/Wales and n=23 for Scotland]

1	2	10
2	2	6
3	3	9
4	10	16
5	17	16
6	20	15

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7	46	28

Here is a scale I would like you to use to describe to what extent you think of yourself as British. The more British you feel, the further to the right you would put yourself. The less British you feel, the further to the left you would put yourself. Now

Not at all British|Very strongly British

[Only asked to respondents who answered that their national identity was 'Other' or 'Didn't know' n=92 for England/Wales and n=23 for Scotland]

1	20	27
2	7	7
3	11	11
4	19	15
5	12	19
6	5	10
7	10	3
Don't know	15	8

Some people say that the following things are important for being truly **BRITISH/SCOTTISH**. Others say they are not important. How important, if at all, do you think each of the following is?

Having been born in **BRITAIN/SCOTLAND**

Very important	49	46
Fairly important	29	29
TOTAL IMPORTANT	78	75
Not very important	15	15
Not at all important	5	9
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	20	24
Don't know	2	2

Having lived in **BRITAIN/SCOTLAND**

Very important	62	50
Fairly important	28	33
TOTAL IMPORTANT	90	83
Not very important	7	10
Not at all important	2	4
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	9	14
Don't know	2	3

Having respect for **BRITAIN'S/SCOTLAND'S** political institutions and laws

Very important	64	47
Fairly important	25	35
TOTAL IMPORTANT	89	82
Not very important	6	10
Not at all important	2	6
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	8	16
Don't know	3	3

Feeling **BRITISH/SCOTTISH**

Very important	50	44
Fairly important	32	33
TOTAL IMPORTANT	82	77
Not very important	10	13
Not at all important	5	7
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	15	20
Don't know	3	3

Having **BRITISH/SCOTTISH** ancestry

Very important	40	32
Fairly important	30	33
TOTAL IMPORTANT	70	65
Not very important	20	23
Not at all important	7	10
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	27	33
Don't know	2	2

Which level of government do you think ought to make the most important decisions about immigration policy in Scotland?

Local councils in Scotland	n/a	3
The Scottish Government	n/a	60
The UK Government	n/a	31
The European Union	n/a	2
Don't know	n/a	4

Which level of government do you think ought to make the most important decisions about policy on asylum seekers and refugees in Scotland?

Local councils in Scotland	n/a	4
The Scottish Government	n/a	58
The UK Government	n/a	32
The European Union	n/a	2
Don't know	n/a	4

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Do you think that immigration from outside the UK to **BRITAIN/SCOTLAND** should be increased, reduced or remain the same?

Increased a lot	4	3
Increased a little	4	7
TOTAL INCREASED	8	10
Remain the same	13	23
Reduced a little	18	21
Reduced a lot	57	37
TOTAL REDUCED	75	58
Don't know	4	9

Would you say that it is generally good or bad for **BRITAIN/SCOTLAND** that people come to live here from outside of the UK? Answer by placing yourself on this scale, where 0 means 'bad for **BRITAIN/SCOTLAND**' and 10 means 'good for **BRITAIN/SCOTLAND**'.

Bad for **BRITAIN/SCOTLAND** | Good for **BRITAIN/SCOTLAND**

0	15	9
1	6	4
2	11	5
3	10	7
4	7	7
5	14	17
6	9	11
7	12	14
8	7	12
9	3	4
10	4	8
Don't know	2	2

When you think about immigrants coming to and living in **BRITAIN/SCOTLAND**, which of the following groups, if any, do you normally think about? Please choose all that apply.

Non-EU citizens	75	65
EU citizens	59	64
British citizens arriving from England	n/a	12
British citizens arriving or returning from outside the UK	10	10
Don't know	7	8

Some people come to **BRITAIN/SCOTLAND** from other countries to visit; others come to live here temporarily; still others come to stay permanently. When you think about immigrants, which of these groups of people are you generally thinking about? Please choose all that apply.

People who stay permanently	74	64
People who stay for over 5 years	44	41
People who stay for 1 -5 years	32	28
People who stay in BRITAIN/SCOTLAND for less than a year	10	9
Don't know	6	9

People come to **BRITAIN/SCOTLAND** for different purposes. When you think about "immigrants," which of these types of people do you normally have in mind? Please choose all that apply.

People who come here to apply for refugee status (asylum)	78	70
People who come here to work in paid jobs	58	62
People who come to live with their spouse, fiancé(e) or civil partner	55	45
People who come here to study	22	24
None of these	3	2
Don't know	5	6

When you think about immigrants coming to and living in **BRITAIN/SCOTLAND**, are you normally thinking about legal or illegal immigration?

Only illegal immigration	5	4
Mostly illegal immigration	24	16
TOTAL ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION	29	20
Both about equally	50	43
Mostly legal immigration	15	26
Only legal immigration	2	6
TOTAL LEGAL IMMIGRATION	17	32
Don't know	3	4

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Policies on immigration often affect specific groups of people. For each of the following groups, do you think the number of people coming to **BRITAIN/SCOTLAND** from outside the UK should be increased, reduced or remain the same?

Students at universities

Increased a lot	7	7
Increased a little	15	16
TOTAL INCREASED	22	23
Remain the same	44	45
Reduced a little	16	13
Reduced a lot	11	9
TOTAL REDUCED	27	22
Don't know	7	10

Students at English language schools

Increased a lot	6	5
Increased a little	12	12
TOTAL INCREASED	18	17
Remain the same	41	45
Reduced a little	17	14
Reduced a lot	16	11
TOTAL REDUCED	33	25
Don't know	8	13

Students at further education colleges

Increased a lot	6	6
Increased a little	12	14
TOTAL INCREASED	18	20
Remain the same	43	45
Reduced a little	18	14
Reduced a lot	14	10
TOTAL REDUCED	32	24
Don't know	8	11

Immediate family members (husbands, wives, partners and children under 18 of British citizens and permanent residents)

Increased a lot	7	7
Increased a little	10	14
TOTAL INCREASED	17	21
Remain the same	41	45
Reduced a little	14	11
Reduced a lot	19	11
TOTAL REDUCED	33	22
Don't know	8	11

Extended family members (grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and children over 18 of British citizens and permanent residents)

Increased a lot	6	5
Increased a little	6	9
TOTAL INCREASED	12	14
Remain the same	20	31
Reduced a little	18	17
Reduced a lot	42	27
TOTAL REDUCED	60	44
Don't know	7	11

Applicants for refugee status (asylum)

Increased a lot	8	7
Increased a little	8	9
TOTAL INCREASED	16	16
Remain the same	21	25
Reduced a little	15	17
Reduced a lot	41	31
TOTAL REDUCED	56	48
Don't know	7	11

For each of the following groups of migrant workers, do you think immigration to **BRITAIN/SCOTLAND** from outside the UK should be increased, reduced or remain the same?

Most high-skilled workers

Increased a lot	7	9
Increased a little	19	23
TOTAL INCREASED	26	32
Remain the same	37	34
Reduced a little	14	12
Reduced a lot	15	11
TOTAL REDUCED	29	23
Don't know	8	10

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Most low-skilled workers

Increased a lot	3	3
Increased a little	4	5
TOTAL INCREASED	7	8
Remain the same	18	25
Reduced a little	20	19
Reduced a lot	49	38
TOTAL REDUCED	69	57
Don't know	7	10

Business and finance professionals

Increased a lot	5	6
Increased a little	13	16
TOTAL INCREASED	18	22
Remain the same	39	40
Reduced a little	17	14
Reduced a lot	18	13
TOTAL REDUCED	35	27
Don't know	8	11

IT specialists

Increased a lot	5	6
Increased a little	14	16
TOTAL INCREASED	19	22
Remain the same	35	38
Reduced a little	19	14
Reduced a lot	19	14
TOTAL REDUCED	38	28
Don't know	9	12

Care workers for older people

Increased a lot	3	5
Increased a little	12	13
TOTAL INCREASED	15	18
Remain the same	29	31
Reduced a little	20	18
Reduced a lot	28	23
TOTAL REDUCED	48	41
Don't know	8	11

Construction labourers

Increased a lot	3	3
Increased a little	6	8
TOTAL INCREASED	9	11
Remain the same	23	29
Reduced a little	23	19
Reduced a lot	38	30
TOTAL REDUCED	61	49
Don't know	7	10

Scientists and researchers

Increased a lot	10	12
Increased a little	22	25
TOTAL INCREASED	32	37
Remain the same	37	34
Reduced a little	10	8
Reduced a lot	13	9
TOTAL REDUCED	23	17
Don't know	8	11

Restaurant staff

Increased a lot	2	3
Increased a little	4	5
TOTAL INCREASED	6	8
Remain the same	23	32
Reduced a little	23	20
Reduced a lot	40	30
TOTAL REDUCED	63	50
Don't know	7	10

You have said that you would prefer to see immigration reduced. Among which of these groups would you like to see immigration reduced?

[Only asked to respondents who think that immigration from outside the UK to **BRITAIN/SCOTLAND** should be reduced; n=1513 England/Wales, n=1213]

Only illegal immigrants	12	12
Mostly illegal immigrants	33	30
Equally among illegal and legal immigrants	51	53
Mostly legal immigrants	2	3
Only legal immigrants	1	1
Don't know	1	1

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You have not said that you like to see immigration reduced, but perhaps you would make a distinction between legal and illegal immigration. Which of these statements, if any, comes closest to your view about illegal immigration?

[Only asked to respondents who think that immigration from outside the UK to BRITAIN/SCOTLAND should be increased or remain the same; n=424 England/Wales, n=820]

I feel strongly that illegal immigration should be reduced	38	42
I tend to feel that illegal immigration should be reduced	32	32
I don't mind whether illegal immigration is reduced or not	15	14
I tend to feel that illegal immigration should not be reduced	6	4
I feel strongly that illegal immigration should not be reduced	3	2
None of the above	2	3
Don't know	5	3

There are different ways that people might end up living in Britain without legal authorisation, or as "illegal immigrants". Please select the two that you think are the most common pathways to illegal status in Britain?

'Overstaying' (i.e. arriving with a legal visa and staying in Britain after the visa expires)	55	55
'Rejected asylum application' (i.e. coming to Britain to apply for refugee status, having that claim rejected, exhausting all appeals, and then remaining in Britain nonetheless)	38	36
'Clandestine entry' (i.e. sneaking across the border in the back of a lorry)	32	21
'Breaching conditions of stay' (i.e. arriving with a legal visa but then violating the conditions that visa specifies)	30	33
'Trafficking' (i.e. being transported to Britain under threat of force for the purpose of exploitation)	15	14
'Criminal activity' (i.e. arriving with a legal visa but then committing a serious crime that makes one eligible for deportation)	10	12
'Through parents' actions' (i.e. children of parents who live in Britain as "illegal immigrants")	6	10
Don't know	7	9

If Scotland votes for independence, do you think an independent Scotland *should* have more or less open immigration policies to the rest of the UK, or should they be the same?

More open to immigration	n/a	14
Less open to immigration	n/a	45
Keep the same policies	n/a	28
Don't know	n/a	13

If Scotland votes for independence, do you think an independent Scotland *will* have more or less open immigration policies to the rest of the UK, or will they be the same?

More open to immigration	n/a	25
Less open to immigration	n/a	22
Will be the same policies	n/a	30
Don't know	n/a	23

If Scotland votes for independence, do you think an independent Scotland *should* have more or less welcoming policies towards asylum seekers and refugees than the rest of the UK, or should they be the same?

More welcoming to asylum seekers and refugees	n/a	16
Less welcoming to asylum seekers and refugees	n/a	43
Keep the same policies	n/a	29
Don't know	n/a	12

If Scotland votes for independence, do you think an independent Scotland *will* have more or less welcoming policies towards asylum seekers and refugees than the rest of the UK, or will they be the same?

More welcoming to asylum seekers and refugees	n/a	23
Less welcoming to asylum seekers and refugees	n/a	23
Will be the same policies	n/a	32
Don't know	n/a	22

If Scotland votes for independence, do you think new immigration controls will be placed along the border between England and Scotland, meaning that people travelling between England and Scotland would have to show a passport?

Please rate the likelihood of passport checks at the England/Scotland border on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 = no chance that there will be passport checks and 10 = certain that there will be passport checks.

No chance that there will be passport checks | Certain that there will be passport checks

0	24	29
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1	10	10
2	11	10
3	6	6
4	4	4
5	12	9
6	6	5
7	6	6
8	4	5
9	2	2
10	6	7
Don't know	9	7

How would you feel about having to show your passport to travel between England and Scotland?

Please rate how you would feel on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 = not at all bothered and 10 = bothered a great deal.

Not at all bothered|Bothered a great deal

0	32	28
1	7	5
2	7	4
3	4	3
4	3	2
5	8	8
6	4	3
7	6	4
8	6	7
9	4	4
10	17	29
Don't know	3	2

Controls at the UK border have several functions. How would you rate the importance of each of these? Please allocate a rate of significance to these border functions on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 = not at all important and 10 = very important.

Preventing illegal or unauthorised entries

Not at all important|Very important

0	0	n/a
1	0	n/a
2	0	n/a
3	1	n/a
4	1	n/a
5	3	n/a
6	4	n/a
7	5	n/a
8	9	n/a
9	10	n/a
10	66	n/a
Don't know	1	n/a

Detecting suspected terrorists and criminals

Not at all important|Very important

0	0	n/a
1	0	n/a
2	0	n/a
3	0	n/a
4	1	n/a
5	2	n/a
6	3	n/a
7	5	n/a
8	7	n/a
9	8	n/a
10	71	n/a
Don't know	1	n/a

Detecting drugs, weapons and other illegally imported goods

Not at all important|Very important

0	0	n/a
1	0	n/a
2	0	n/a
3	1	n/a
4	1	n/a
5	3	n/a
6	3	n/a
7	6	n/a
8	10	n/a
9	10	n/a
10	65	n/a
Don't know	1	n/a

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Making it quick and easy for tourists, business travellers, UK residents and legally authorised migrants to pass through

Not at all important|Very important

0	2	n/a
1	0	n/a
2	2	n/a
3	2	n/a
4	3	n/a
5	11	n/a
6	9	n/a
7	14	n/a
8	17	n/a
9	8	n/a
10	28	n/a
Don't know	2	n/a

In your opinion, how secure is the UK border generally?

Please rate your answer on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 = not at all secure and 10 = very secure.

Not at all secure|Very secure

0	10	n/a
1	5	n/a
2	11	n/a
3	11	n/a
4	8	n/a
5	12	n/a
6	13	n/a
7	13	n/a
8	8	n/a
9	3	n/a
10	2	n/a
Don't know	5	n/a

Which of the following best describes your citizenship and place of birth?

British citizen, born in the rest of UK (not Scotland)	87	18
British citizen, born outside the UK	6	3
British citizen, born in Scotland	3	74
Non-British citizen, born outside the UK	3	2
Non-British citizen, born in the rest of UK (not Scotland)	1	0
Non-British citizen, born in Scotland	0	2