

YouGov / Sunday Times Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 20th - 21st February 2014

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Headline Voting Intention

[Excluding Don't knows and Wouldn't votes]

Con	32	100	0	0	0	74	3	11	33	32	27	32	29	38	37	25	32	45	33	22	14	32	35	34
Lab	39	0	100	0	0	5	86	40	38	40	38	44	41	33	36	43	39	29	38	54	33	40	39	40
Lib Dem	8	0	0	100	0	2	1	31	8	8	13	7	8	7	9	6	12	7	8	8	7	8	8	8
Other	21	0	0	0	100	19	10	18	21	20	21	17	21	22	17	26	17	19	21	15	46	20	18	18

Other Parties Voting Intention

UKIP	12	0	0	0	100	17	4	7	12	11	9	8	11	17	8	17	11	14	13	12	3	8	13	13
SNP / PCY	5	0	0	0	0	1	4	4	4	5	5	5	6	3	5	5	1	1	4	0	38	7	1	1
Green	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	2	2	5	3	2	1	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	3	2	2
BNP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Respect	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	0	2	1	1	1

Non Voters

Would Not Vote	8	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	7	10	15	13	8	3	7	10	8	9	9	8	7	9	9	9
Don't know	15	0	0	0	0	11	11	22	10	19	14	18	14	12	14	15	16	13	16	15	12	13	15	15

Do you approve or disapprove of the Government's record to date?

		Feb 19-20	Feb 20-21	Voting intention					Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region								
Approve	33	30	84	5	35	18	63	7	23	34	26	28	28	27	37	36	22	33	37	30	24	18	31	32	31
Disapprove	54	57	8	91	50	75	27	86	65	56	59	52	55	62	56	53	63	52	50	59	64	68	58	55	56
Don't know	13	13	8	4	15	7	9	7	12	10	15	20	17	11	8	11	15	16	13	10	11	14	11	13	12

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	Feb 13-14	Feb 20-21																								
Do you think that David Cameron is doing well or badly as Prime Minister?																										
Very well	6	6	20	2	2	1	15	1	3	6	6	4	6	5	9	7	5	6	9	5	4	3	6	6	6	
Fairly well	32	33	72	11	41	32	59	11	29	36	31	37	32	30	37	39	26	37	40	30	29	22	35	35	34	
TOTAL WELL	38	39	92	13	43	33	74	12	32	42	37	41	38	35	46	46	31	43	49	35	33	25	41	41	40	
Fairly badly	29	29	6	41	31	37	17	38	42	29	30	32	30	32	25	30	29	28	28	31	29	32	31	29	29	
Very badly	25	26	0	45	24	30	6	47	23	25	26	19	21	29	28	21	31	23	17	28	33	33	25	24	25	
TOTAL BADLY	54	55	6	86	55	67	23	85	65	54	56	51	51	61	53	51	60	51	45	59	62	65	56	53	54	
Don't know	7	6	1	1	2	0	3	3	3	4	7	9	11	4	2	4	8	6	6	5	5	10	4	6	5	
Do you think Ed Miliband is doing well or badly as leader of the Labour party?																										
Very well	4	3	1	9	0	0	2	8	1	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	4	4	3	2	4	3	4	3	3	
Fairly well	23	25	14	54	20	5	12	46	29	25	26	19	27	27	25	25	26	25	22	28	29	23	28	25	26	
TOTAL WELL	27	28	15	63	20	5	14	54	30	29	29	23	30	30	28	28	30	29	25	30	33	26	32	28	29	
Fairly badly	36	35	41	24	49	42	39	29	40	35	35	36	33	34	38	37	32	36	36	35	34	37	36	35	35	
Very badly	25	24	38	5	24	48	40	7	19	28	20	21	20	25	28	25	22	27	27	25	18	20	22	24	24	
TOTAL BADLY	61	59	79	29	73	90	79	36	59	63	55	57	53	59	66	62	54	63	63	60	52	57	58	59	59	
Don't know	12	12	6	8	7	5	8	10	10	8	16	19	17	11	7	9	16	7	13	10	15	16	9	12	12	
Do you think that Nick Clegg is doing well or badly as leader of the Liberal Democrats?																										
Very well	1	2	3	2	11	0	2	1	2	3	1	3	3	2	1	1	3	1	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	
Fairly well	16	16	27	8	56	7	24	9	24	16	17	14	17	18	15	19	13	20	21	15	13	7	16	18	17	
TOTAL WELL	17	18	30	10	67	7	26	10	26	19	18	17	20	20	16	20	16	21	23	17	15	9	19	20	19	
Fairly badly	30	30	37	30	19	25	32	31	31	30	31	37	29	30	29	33	27	34	28	30	30	33	32	31	30	
Very badly	41	42	26	55	12	67	35	54	37	45	38	35	34	42	50	39	45	35	38	46	45	44	40	40	41	
TOTAL BADLY	71	72	63	85	31	92	67	85	68	75	69	72	63	72	79	72	72	69	66	76	75	77	72	71	71	
Don't know	11	10	7	5	2	1	7	6	6	6	14	12	17	8	5	7	13	9	10	8	10	13	8	10	9	
Do you think the Conservative and Liberal Democrat coalition partners are working together well or badly?																										
Very well	3	2	4	2	6	0	4	0	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	1	2	3	2	2	
Fairly well	27	26	57	8	52	18	45	8	30	30	22	27	25	27	24	30	20	33	32	23	20	17	28	27	27	
TOTAL WELL	30	28	61	10	58	18	49	8	33	32	24	29	27	29	26	32	22	35	35	25	21	19	31	29	29	
Fairly badly	35	35	30	41	28	37	30	37	40	34	36	36	35	34	35	37	31	33	34	36	34	38	36	34	35	
Very badly	27	29	6	45	8	43	16	49	22	28	30	22	25	30	34	24	35	24	23	32	34	34	27	28	28	
TOTAL BADLY	62	64	36	86	36	80	46	86	62	62	66	58	60	64	69	61	66	57	57	68	68	72	63	62	63	
Don't know	8	8	3	4	6	2	5	6	5	6	10	13	13	6	5	6	12	9	7	8	10	9	7	9	8	

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	Feb 13-14	Feb 20-21																							
Do you think this coalition government is good or bad for people like you?																									
Very good	2	2	4	1	5	2	4	0	3	3	1	3	2	1	2	2	1	4	2	1	1	2	2	2	2
Fairly good	18	17	38	5	40	8	28	6	20	20	14	17	19	16	16	21	12	20	21	16	12	13	18	17	17
TOTAL GOOD	20	19	42	6	45	10	32	6	23	23	15	20	21	17	18	23	13	24	23	17	13	15	20	19	19
Fairly bad	26	27	23	34	26	28	25	29	32	28	27	25	27	27	28	29	25	26	26	30	26	31	28	26	27
Very bad	28	27	7	45	5	43	16	47	21	26	28	16	22	32	31	23	33	24	21	30	34	29	27	27	27
TOTAL BAD	54	54	30	79	31	71	41	76	53	54	55	41	49	59	59	52	58	50	47	60	60	60	55	53	54
Doesn't make much difference either way	21	21	24	11	24	19	24	13	23	19	22	27	18	20	21	21	20	21	23	19	19	19	21	21	21
Don't know	6	6	4	3	0	0	4	5	2	4	8	13	12	3	1	4	9	6	7	4	7	6	4	6	6
Do you think the coalition government is managing the economy well or badly?																									
Very well	7	7	21	1	7	4	16	0	5	9	4	7	7	5	8	8	5	9	8	6	5	4	8	7	7
Fairly well	33	33	67	15	43	33	58	12	36	37	30	28	33	32	38	37	28	38	41	29	29	23	33	35	35
TOTAL WELL	40	40	88	16	50	37	74	12	41	46	34	35	40	37	46	45	33	47	49	35	34	27	41	42	42
Fairly badly	29	28	6	40	29	35	15	39	32	26	31	30	27	32	24	27	30	23	25	35	28	33	30	28	28
Very badly	20	22	1	39	14	26	6	40	20	22	23	19	19	26	23	20	26	20	16	23	29	29	23	21	22
TOTAL BADLY	49	50	7	79	43	61	21	79	52	48	54	49	46	58	47	47	56	43	41	58	57	62	53	49	50
Don't know	10	9	4	5	7	2	4	9	7	7	11	17	13	5	7	8	11	10	9	7	9	11	6	9	9
In your opinion how good or bad is the state of Britain's economy at the moment?																									
Very good	2	1	4	1	0	0	3	0	1	2	1	4	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	3	2	1	1
Quite good	16	18	42	6	21	13	34	6	17	20	16	13	20	14	23	21	13	20	20	17	17	11	19	19	19
TOTAL GOOD	18	19	46	7	21	13	37	6	18	22	17	17	22	15	24	22	15	21	22	18	18	14	21	20	20
Neither good nor bad	29	31	37	27	42	30	35	27	34	31	31	33	26	28	36	33	27	34	32	32	29	23	31	31	31
Quite bad	32	32	13	43	26	38	20	42	33	31	33	28	34	36	27	30	34	31	32	32	31	37	30	32	31
Very bad	15	14	2	21	11	19	6	22	13	13	15	15	10	18	12	11	18	10	11	16	16	22	15	13	13
TOTAL BAD	47	46	15	64	37	57	26	64	46	44	48	43	44	54	39	41	52	41	43	48	47	59	45	45	44
Don't know	6	4	1	2	0	0	2	3	1	3	5	7	8	2	1	2	6	5	3	2	6	4	2	4	4

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How do you think the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months?																											
Get a lot better	3	2	2	2	4	0	2	2	2	2	2	4	3	2	0	2	1	5	1	2	2	3	3	2	2		
Get a little better	16	15	28	9	22	7	21	6	16	19	11	24	23	11	9	17	12	21	16	14	12	12	21	16	15		
TOTAL BETTER	19	17	30	11	26	7	23	8	18	21	13	28	26	13	9	19	13	26	17	16	14	15	24	18	17		
Stay about the same	38	41	50	36	53	37	48	35	44	39	42	37	36	38	50	44	36	36	44	45	38	34	38	41	41		
Get a little worse	26	26	14	32	17	33	18	35	26	24	27	18	21	29	30	24	27	21	26	23	27	34	22	25	25		
Get a lot worse	12	11	3	17	5	21	6	17	9	10	12	7	8	16	10	8	16	13	9	12	14	10	11	11	11		
TOTAL WORSE	38	37	17	49	22	54	24	52	35	34	39	25	29	45	40	32	43	34	35	35	41	44	33	36	36		
Don't know	6	5	3	4	1	3	4	4	3	6	5	11	10	3	1	4	7	6	4	5	7	7	5	5	5		

	Nov 28-29 2013	Feb 20-21 2014	Nov 28-29 2013		Feb 20-21 2014		Nov 28-29 2013		Feb 20-21 2014		Nov 28-29 2013		Feb 20-21 2014		Nov 28-29 2013		Feb 20-21 2014		Nov 28-29 2013		Feb 20-21 2014		Nov 28-29 2013		Feb 20-21 2014		
Do you support or oppose Scotland becoming a country independent from the rest of the United Kingdom?																											
Support Scottish independence	27	23	20	20	24	33	21	21	22	24	22	18	25	27	20	23	24	26	22	19	20	42	27	21	21		
Oppose Scottish independence	50	60	71	62	67	59	67	60	64	63	56	60	56	55	68	64	53	55	63	63	61	43	60	61	61		
Don't know	22	17	9	18	10	8	12	19	14	13	21	22	20	18	11	13	23	18	16	17	19	15	13	17	17		

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	Jan 23-24	Feb 20-21																								
Later this year there will be a referendum on whether or not Scotland should become an independent country																										
And how likely or unlikely do you think it is that Scotland will vote to become independent in the referendum this year?																										
Very likely	9	6	4	5	8	6	4	6	5	5	7	5	8	7	4	5	8	8	5	3	7	17	8	5	5	
Fairly likely	26	23	17	27	26	16	19	27	22	20	26	17	27	23	22	21	25	21	24	21	24	24	24	24	23	23
TOTAL LIKELY	35	29	21	32	34	22	23	33	27	25	33	22	35	30	26	26	33	29	29	24	31	41	32	28	28	
Fairly unlikely	39	45	54	43	49	52	51	44	52	48	41	49	37	43	52	49	39	45	46	50	42	35	45	45	46	
Very unlikely	13	11	16	11	11	10	14	9	8	14	8	12	12	12	10	12	11	12	12	11	10	13	13	11	11	
TOTAL UNLIKELY	52	56	70	54	60	62	65	53	60	62	49	61	49	55	62	61	50	57	58	61	52	48	58	56	57	
Don't know	13	15	8	13	7	15	12	13	13	12	17	17	16	15	12	13	17	14	14	15	17	10	10	15	15	

	Economically, do you think England and Wales would be financially better off or worse off if Scotland became independent?																								
Better off	25	21	35	14	19	41	36	15	15	27	16	21	18	23	24	24	18	30	25	24	15	7	22	23	23
Worse off	28	29	22	35	32	19	26	33	35	30	28	30	31	28	29	32	26	27	25	27	30	51	34	27	27
No different	29	30	28	33	40	32	25	32	32	29	31	28	29	30	32	28	34	27	30	31	32	29	28	30	30
Don't know	18	19	15	19	9	7	13	20	18	14	24	21	23	20	15	17	22	17	20	19	22	13	16	20	20

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Economically, do you think Scotland would be financially better off or worse off if Scotland became independent?																									
Better off	13	12	3	15	18	10	6	15	13	13	12	13	14	13	10	12	13	14	7	10	12	38	14	10	10
Worse off	62	63	79	61	68	76	78	59	66	70	56	58	57	61	72	67	58	64	70	65	59	39	64	65	65
No different	9	9	6	10	6	10	6	10	7	7	10	8	9	11	6	8	11	5	8	10	10	11	9	8	9
Don't know	16	16	12	14	9	5	10	16	15	10	21	21	19	15	12	14	19	16	15	15	18	12	13	16	16

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If Scotland votes to become an independent country it would then need to negotiate independence arrangements with the rest of the United Kingdom before becoming independent in 2016. This would include the future of Scotland's currency. Alex Salmond has said he would like an independent Scotland to continue to use the pound as part of a currency union. The Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat parties have said that the rest of the United Kingdom would not agree to this

If Scotland were to become independent, would you support or oppose Scotland continuing to use the pound as part of a currency union?

Support	29	19	34	37	20	16	35	33	25	33	30	31	31	24	28	30	27	24	21	29	70	32	24	25
Oppose	54	74	47	53	69	74	46	50	62	47	50	47	53	64	58	49	56	60	63	51	18	55	58	58
Don't know	17	8	18	10	11	10	19	18	13	20	20	22	16	12	14	21	17	16	16	20	12	14	18	17

Economically, do you think it would be good or bad for an independent Scotland to continue to share a currency with the remainder of the United Kingdom?

Good for the Scottish economy	43	49	43	36	46	47	42	43	45	40	39	45	40	44	47	37	47	41	39	41	54	45	42	41
Bad for the Scottish economy	17	21	17	25	17	20	15	18	21	14	22	17	17	17	18	17	16	18	23	14	14	21	18	18
Neither	17	13	16	24	25	16	18	19	15	19	15	13	19	20	15	21	15	19	16	18	16	16	17	17
Don't know	23	17	24	16	11	17	25	19	19	27	24	25	24	18	20	26	22	22	22	27	15	18	24	23

Economically, do you think it would be good or bad for the remainder of the United Kingdom to continue to share a currency with an independent Scotland?

Good for the remainder of UK's economy	22	15	27	17	15	14	28	24	20	23	18	25	22	19	22	21	23	19	14	18	55	24	18	18
Bad for the remainder of UK's economy	41	55	36	52	56	56	34	41	48	35	47	38	38	46	46	36	41	42	50	39	20	47	44	43
Neither	16	14	17	16	21	15	15	15	16	17	12	15	18	17	14	19	18	18	16	16	11	14	16	17
Don't know	21	16	21	15	8	16	23	19	16	26	23	22	22	18	18	24	18	20	20	27	15	16	22	22

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Do you think the main British political parties saying they would not agree to a currency union with an independent Scotland makes it more or less likely that the Scottish people will vote in favour of independence?

More likely	14	10	15	11	17	10	16	15	15	12	8	12	15	16	14	13	12	12	10	12	35	15	12	12
Less likely	28	39	27	30	31	36	25	30	30	26	31	27	28	29	30	26	30	32	29	25	18	29	29	29
Makes no real difference - most people in Scotland will vote YES anyway	16	13	17	25	9	14	17	13	14	17	13	16	17	14	15	16	21	16	15	15	9	16	16	16
Makes no real difference - most people in Scotland will vote NO anyway	17	20	16	19	25	22	16	16	21	13	16	17	16	20	18	16	13	17	20	16	21	18	17	17
Don't know	25	17	25	16	17	19	27	25	20	31	32	28	24	22	23	29	23	23	27	32	17	22	26	26

Thinking about an independent Scotland's future relationship with the EU, which of the following best reflects your view?

An independent Scotland should be allowed to remain part of the European Union as it has already been a member as part o	25	20	29	23	13	18	29	27	24	27	32	31	24	18	26	24	28	22	21	25	44	31	23	23
An independent Scotland should have to apply to join the European Union as it would be a new country	59	73	54	69	80	72	54	60	64	54	47	51	58	71	62	55	57	65	68	52	36	57	61	61
Neither	4	2	4	3	3	2	5	3	3	4	2	3	5	4	3	5	4	3	3	4	10	3	3	3
Don't know	12	5	12	5	4	8	13	11	9	15	20	15	12	7	9	16	11	11	8	19	11	8	13	12

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Regardless of whether or not Scotland votes to remain a part of the UK, which, if any, of the following would you prefer?

For England to be governed as it is now with laws made by all MPs in the UK Parliament	31	31	39	38	25	16	33	33	35	31	31	26	32	29	35	35	25	36	34	31	28	20	32	32	32
For England to be governed with laws made by English MPs in the UK Parliament	28	29	36	23	33	48	36	25	27	32	26	25	24	31	33	29	29	29	32	29	28	19	31	31	30
For England as a whole to have its own new parliament with law-making powers	19	21	17	21	25	26	21	21	18	23	19	21	18	24	19	20	21	17	20	20	21	29	20	20	20
None of these	4	4	1	4	5	4	2	5	5	3	4	2	4	4	4	4	4	3	2	5	4	5	4	3	4
Don't Know	17	16	7	15	12	5	7	17	14	11	20	26	22	13	9	11	21	15	12	14	19	27	12	15	15

In the event that Scotland votes NO in the referendum and remains part of the United Kingdom, which of the following would you most like to see happen?

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The Scottish Parliament should be given more devolved powers, such as greater powers over taxation and welfare

The Scottish Parliament should keep its current devolved powers

The powers devolved to the Scottish Parliament should be reduced, with more powers brought back to the Westminster Parliament

Don't know

26	17	29	46	15	16	29	33	27	24	32	27	27	21	28	23	26	21	18	24	67	33	21	22
33	42	36	31	27	37	34	34	34	31	24	30	32	38	36	28	39	33	37	29	18	32	34	34
22	31	15	12	45	34	17	15	25	21	15	18	24	28	22	24	19	27	27	21	6	20	24	24
19	10	20	11	12	13	20	19	14	24	28	24	17	14	15	26	17	20	18	26	9	15	21	20

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In recent years the government have started to introduce a number of different changes to the welfare and benefit system, including introducing a cap on the total benefits a household can receive, limiting the annual rise in benefits to below the rate of inflation, reducing council tax benefit and reducing housing benefit for social housing tenants with what the government see as spare rooms (often referred to as the "bedroom tax").

From what you have seen or heard about these changes, do you support or oppose the changes to the benefit system?

Support	56	49	83	24	49	67	76	27	45	51	47	44	50	46	53	56	40	49	58	48	43	35	51	51	50
Oppose	31	38	9	65	43	27	15	61	45	36	39	34	33	43	38	33	45	37	30	40	42	51	39	36	37
Don't know	12	13	8	11	8	7	9	12	9	13	14	22	17	11	9	12	16	14	12	12	15	15	10	13	13

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Some church leaders have criticised the government's welfare changes, saying they a "disgrace" and leave some people at risk of "destitution". Do you agree or disagree with this criticism?

Agree with the criticism	42	13	71	41	37	19	67	49	42	43	34	38	48	42	39	47	42	35	43	47	57	42	40	41
Disagree with the criticism	42	77	18	43	58	70	20	33	45	39	37	42	38	48	46	36	43	50	39	37	26	43	44	43
Don't know	16	9	11	16	5	11	13	18	14	18	29	19	14	10	15	17	16	15	18	16	17	15	16	16

From what you have seen or heard, do you think the government's benefit changes have genuinely left some people with nothing at all to live on?

Yes, the benefit changes mean that some people genuinely are left with nothing to live on at all	43	15	65	40	37	22	63	50	41	45	35	39	49	41	38	49	42	35	44	48	54	43	41	42
No, even with the benefit changes there is still a basic safety net available so no one is left without anything at all	46	78	26	45	57	70	27	42	48	44	47	45	42	51	52	38	47	52	48	38	35	48	47	47
Don't know	12	6	9	15	6	8	10	9	12	12	18	16	9	8	10	13	11	13	8	14	11	9	12	12

Currently young people intending to go to university when they leave school have to apply in January, before they have taken their A-Levels (or equivalent).

People can apply to a maximum of five universities, but only one of either Oxford or Cambridge.

Most universities make conditional offers to would be students, offering them a place if they achieve high enough grades in their A-levels (or equivalent).

Thinking about the process of applying to university...

Do you think the applications process is or is not fair to would be students?

Is fair	51	64	47	57	49	62	46	54	49	52	59	55	44	51	58	41	52	53	53	47	46	58	51	51
Is not fair	22	15	27	26	22	15	25	22	23	21	28	23	23	17	20	24	21	25	19	20	21	26	22	22
Not sure	28	21	26	17	30	23	30	23	28	27	13	22	33	32	22	35	27	22	27	33	33	16	27	27

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And do you think it does a good or bad job of matching up university courses with the students best qualified to study them?

A good job	43	57	42	33	45	53	42	41	43	43	49	45	37	46	47	38	43	46	45	39	40	50	44	43
A bad job	16	13	17	29	15	12	16	15	17	15	23	19	16	10	17	15	18	16	15	17	14	22	16	16
Not sure	41	30	41	37	41	35	43	44	39	43	28	35	47	44	36	47	39	38	40	44	46	28	41	40

And do you think the current system is...

Run in the interest of the universities, rather than the applicants	45	42	49	44	50	44	45	50	46	44	50	41	46	45	45	45	41	47	43	47	44	53	45	45
Run in the interest of the applicants, rather than the universities	5	5	6	11	4	4	6	6	6	4	8	7	4	3	6	4	5	5	6	5	3	8	5	5
Both equally	24	34	21	29	22	30	23	22	23	25	28	23	22	26	28	19	28	26	26	19	21	26	24	24
Don't know	26	19	24	16	24	22	26	22	25	27	14	29	28	26	21	32	26	22	25	29	31	13	25	25

Do you think applicants should continue to be limited to five choices, or should they be able to apply to as many universities as they wish?

Should be allowed to apply to as many universities as they want - there is no good reason to limit people's choices like this	35	30	40	29	34	31	39	32	36	33	36	36	33	36	30	40	32	34	32	37	39	38	34	34
Should be limited to a maximum of five universities - unlimited choice would make it impossible for universities to manage all the applications	46	56	42	54	48	53	43	52	44	48	52	45	45	46	55	35	53	49	49	39	42	53	47	47
Don't know	19	14	19	17	18	15	18	16	20	19	12	19	22	18	15	25	16	17	19	23	19	9	19	19

Do you think applicants to Oxford or Cambridge should continue to be have to apply to just one, or should they be able to apply to both if they wish?

Should only be allowed to apply to one	14	16	15	14	10	16	12	12	15	13	25	15	11	12	16	11	17	16	13	13	8	18	15	14
Should be allowed to apply to both	68	68	67	69	74	69	70	72	66	69	66	66	68	69	70	64	66	68	70	64	71	74	67	67
Don't know	19	15	18	16	17	15	18	15	19	18	9	19	21	19	14	24	17	16	17	23	21	8	18	18

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And thinking about when applicants have to apply, do you think the deadline should continue to be in January, or should be it moved until after A-level results are known in the summer?

Should continue to be in January - after A-level results there is not enough time for students to consider their options properly and universities to process applications before the university term starts

Should be moved until later - it would be better if universities could base offers on actual A-level results, rather than predicted results

Don't know

34	41	31	40	31	38	32	35	36	33	50	36	31	29	41	25	41	36	36	27	32	43	34	34
45	44	47	48	49	44	48	47	43	47	39	41	45	52	43	48	39	46	45	47	44	46	45	45
21	15	21	12	20	17	20	18	21	20	11	23	24	19	16	27	20	18	18	26	24	11	21	20

YouGov Weighting Data

In addition to weighting by age, gender, social class and region (weighted and unweighted figures shown in the tables), YouGov also weighted its raw data by newspaper readership and political party identification:

	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Age and Gender		
Male 18 to 24	78	128
Male 25 to 39	203	270
Male 40 to 59	442	362
Male 60 +	322	278
Female 18 to 24	127	126
Female 25 to 39	242	272
Female 40 to 59	429	370
Female 60 +	298	334
Region		
North England	512	527
Midlands	312	351
1	230	206
London	330	274
South England	432	490
Wales	119	107
Scotland	206	186
Social Grade		
AB	818	599
C1	562	621
C2	311	450
DE	450	471
Newspaper Type		
Express / Mail	407	343
Sun / Star	223	503
Mirror / Record	139	214
Guardian / Independent	151	96
FT / Times / Telegraph	145	203
Other Paper	332	246
No Paper	744	535
Political Party Identification		
Labour	691	685
Conservative	569	599
Liberal Democrat	165	236
SNP/Plaid Cymru	53	36
Others	147	49
None/ DK	516	535

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