

YouGov / Prospect Survey Results

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Which of the following political parties do you trust most on the issue of welfare benefits?

Conservative	27	79	1	4	18	65	5	12	30	24	22	24	26	32	31	22	26	30	28	24	19
Labour	30	4	88	12	9	6	68	23	30	29	27	28	33	28	27	33	34	22	29	38	28
Liberal Democrats	5	2	2	60	2	2	2	20	5	5	5	5	4	7	7	3	5	6	5	5	5
UK Independence Party	5	2	0	1	36	8	2	5	6	4	5	2	6	7	5	5	4	7	5	4	0
Green	4	0	2	3	2	0	2	10	5	3	11	4	3	1	4	3	7	3	4	4	2
Some other party	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	3	1	1	4	3	1	2	2	0	0	1	0	22
None of them	18	9	6	14	26	13	14	18	15	21	10	22	19	17	16	21	17	20	17	17	19
Don't know	9	5	1	6	8	6	3	10	6	12	20	11	6	7	8	11	6	12	11	8	5

In general, do you think that welfare benefits are...?

Too generous	41	63	21	31	56	60	26	35	41	41	38	44	39	42	44	37	40	44	43	39	31
About right	32	30	42	52	20	29	40	35	34	31	29	31	32	35	34	31	30	32	31	33	38
Not high enough	17	4	29	14	15	6	24	21	17	16	16	14	19	16	13	21	21	12	17	19	21
Don't know	10	4	8	4	8	4	10	9	7	13	17	11	9	7	9	11	9	11	9	9	10

The government's welfare budget pays for pensions, tax credits, benefits for the unemployed, the disabled and other groups. Out of every £100 of this welfare budget, how much do you think is spent on benefits for the unemployed? (For example, if you think that half of the budget is spent on benefits for unemployed people, then please write in '50'. Even if you are not sure, please just give your best guess and answer in whole numbers, you do not need to include the £ sign.)

MEAN	34	36	31	27	36	38	33	29	30	37	33	32	35	34	31	36	32	34	35	34	29
MEDIAN	30	30	27	25	30	33	30	25	25	33	30	30	30	30	30	33	30	30	30	30	25

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Out of every £100 spent from the welfare budget, can you tell me how much of that is claimed fraudulently (i.e. people who dishonestly claim more benefits than they are entitled to)? (Even if you are not sure, please just give your best guess and answer in whole numbers, you do not need to include the £ sign.)

MEAN	22	23	20	15	26	25	21	17	17	27	21	21	23	23	19	26	21	22	24	21	21
MEDIAN	15	15	10	5	20	20	10	10	10	20	10	10	15	15	10	20	10	15	15	15	10

Some people talk of 'welfare tourism', meaning immigrants who are attracted to Britain because of our welfare system. Out of every £100 spent from Britain's total welfare budget, how much of that do you think goes to immigrants who have arrived in the past ten years, by way of Jobseekers Allowance, Housing Benefit, Child benefit, and tax credits. (Even if you are not sure, please just give your best guess and answer in whole numbers, you do not need to include the £ sign.)

MEAN	23	22	22	12	31	25	22	16	18	28	22	21	24	23	19	28	20	23	25	24	20
MEDIAN	10	12	10	5	20	15	10	8	10	20	10	10	15	12	10	20	10	12	15	12	10

The next question is about Jobseeker's Allowance, the benefit you claim if you are unemployed.

Out of every 100 people who sign on to make a claim for Jobseeker's Allowance, approximately how many do you think go on to receive it for more than a year? (For example, if you think that half of people who make a claim for Jobseeker's Allowance then go on to claim it for more than a year, your answer would be 50. Even if you are not sure, please just give your best guess and answer in whole numbers)

MEAN	38	37	36	35	43	39	36	34	33	43	38	36	39	38	35	42	33	37	38	41	38
MEDIAN	35	30	30	30	45	35	30	30	28	45	40	30	40	35	30	40	30	38	34	40	40

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Which ONE of the following statements comes closest to your view?

Britain's current welfare system has created a culture of dependency, whereby many people, and often whole families, get used to living off state benefits; the system needs to be radically changed to get such people to take more responsibility for their lives and their families	57	83	33	44	71	78	41	50	55	58	48	57	56	62	60	53	50	63	56	56	50
Most people who rely on welfare benefits are victims of circumstances beyond their control. The benefits they receive are far from generous, and are the least a civilised society should provide in order to help them and their families avoid abject poverty	30	9	53	43	20	13	46	42	34	26	29	30	32	29	29	32	40	24	27	33	39
Neither	7	6	9	10	7	7	8	6	5	9	8	7	8	7	8	7	7	7	10	6	7
Don't know	6	2	5	2	1	2	5	3	5	6	16	6	4	2	4	8	4	7	7	4	4

Below is a list of possible changes to benefits. Would you support or oppose each one?

Stopping the payment of housing benefit to people under the age of 25?

Support	38	56	26	32	55	55	28	29	41	35	23	37	37	45	38	37	40	43	39	32	24
Oppose	44	24	61	60	33	26	57	56	43	45	56	45	46	36	46	42	45	41	38	50	56
Don't know	18	19	13	8	12	19	15	15	16	20	21	18	17	19	16	21	16	16	22	18	21

Stopping the payment of ALL benefits to people under the age of 25?

Support	15	22	8	8	27	23	11	9	15	14	8	15	15	17	14	15	17	17	14	13	9
Oppose	71	63	84	87	54	60	79	80	72	70	81	70	72	66	72	69	69	66	70	74	83
Don't know	14	15	8	5	19	17	10	10	13	16	11	15	13	17	13	16	14	17	17	13	7

Means testing elderly benefits like the winter fuel allowance so wealthier pensioners no longer receive them?

Support	56	56	61	71	49	52	60	65	58	55	57	64	60	46	57	56	49	59	54	59	58
Oppose	34	39	31	24	48	43	32	26	34	35	25	24	33	49	35	33	40	31	35	34	37
Don't know	9	5	8	6	3	6	8	9	9	10	18	12	8	5	8	11	11	9	11	8	5

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Limiting benefits like child benefit and the child tax credit so they are only paid for a maximum of two children per household?

Support	65	82	50	58	80	81	56	61	66	64	42	60	67	75	66	63	59	68	67	64	59
Oppose	26	13	42	37	16	13	36	30	26	27	40	28	25	20	26	27	33	23	23	28	34
Don't know	9	5	8	6	4	6	8	9	8	9	18	11	8	5	8	11	8	9	10	9	7

Capping the total amount of benefits that one household can receive at £26000 a year?

Support	71	82	65	78	76	81	69	71	71	72	66	73	71	73	72	71	66	74	73	72	67
Oppose	17	13	24	14	14	12	22	17	19	16	18	15	20	17	18	16	23	15	17	17	21
Don't know	11	5	11	7	10	8	9	12	9	13	17	12	10	10	10	13	11	11	11	11	11

Capping the total amount of benefits that one household can receive at £15000 a year?

Support	44	55	32	34	64	52	41	37	43	45	36	40	46	48	43	45	37	48	43	43	40
Oppose	41	31	57	59	25	32	49	49	43	39	46	43	40	39	44	38	47	37	40	42	49
Don't know	15	14	12	8	10	16	10	14	14	16	18	17	14	12	14	17	16	15	17	15	11

Putting a ban on immigrants to Britain receiving any benefits until they have lived in Britain for at least TWO years?

Support	74	87	66	66	88	85	73	69	72	76	61	67	78	80	72	76	66	77	76	73	71
Oppose	17	9	24	25	9	9	19	21	19	15	27	20	14	13	19	14	22	13	15	19	18
Don't know	9	4	10	9	3	6	8	10	9	10	13	13	8	7	9	10	12	9	9	8	11

Putting a ban on immigrants to Britain receiving any benefits until they have lived in Britain for at least FIVE years?

Support	56	67	47	24	89	70	54	41	53	58	39	55	60	58	48	66	46	59	59	58	44
Oppose	30	22	41	60	6	19	33	43	33	28	48	30	26	29	37	21	39	26	29	28	42
Don't know	14	12	12	16	5	11	13	16	14	13	13	15	14	12	14	13	14	14	12	14	13