

YouGov Survey Results

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Should Scotland be an independent country?

Yes	43	2	21	10	80	48	24	77	17	44	43	52	52	42	23	44	42	99	32	0
No	42	94	61	79	9	38	63	12	69	45	40	32	26	50	68	44	40	0	31	98
Would not vote	2	1	1	0	0	1	3	2	1	1	4	1	4	1	1	0	5	0	2	1
Don't know	10	3	16	9	9	11	7	6	11	9	11	12	13	7	7	10	10	0	34	1
Refused	2	0	1	2	1	1	3	2	2	1	3	3	4	1	1	1	4	0	1	0

Should Scotland be an independent country?

[Excluding those who would not vote, don't know, or refused]

Yes	51	2	26	12	89	56	28	86	19	49	52	62	67	46	25	50	51	100	51	0
No	49	98	74	88	11	44	72	14	81	51	48	38	33	54	75	50	49	0	49	100

In principle, do you think there should or should not be a referendum on Scottish independence....?

This year

Should be a referendum	34	2	20	6	60	37	18	57	13	33	34	45	41	33	15	34	33	79	18	1
Should not be a referendum	56	97	72	93	31	55	73	34	80	58	55	42	45	63	78	59	54	17	59	98
Don't know	10	1	9	1	8	8	9	8	7	9	11	13	14	4	7	8	13	4	23	1

Next year, after the Scottish Parliament elections if the SNP get a majority of the seats

Should be a referendum	41	2	25	15	74	47	19	67	19	42	40	57	48	38	23	44	38	85	38	2
Should not be a referendum	46	97	59	73	14	41	70	20	71	48	44	29	33	56	68	47	45	6	34	95
Don't know	13	1	16	12	13	12	11	14	10	10	17	14	20	6	9	10	17	10	28	2

Next year, after the Scottish Parliament elections if the SNP do not get a majority of the seats

Should be a referendum	29	1	16	5	49	31	13	49	12	31	27	37	36	27	13	30	28	67	17	0
Should not be a referendum	55	97	69	84	33	53	72	32	78	57	53	47	40	63	77	57	53	19	50	97
Don't know	16	1	15	11	18	15	15	19	11	12	20	16	24	10	9	13	19	14	33	3

In the next 5 years

Should be a referendum	44	6	29	20	74	50	24	70	22	46	42	53	55	39	23	48	40	85	51	3
Should not be a referendum	39	88	49	65	11	35	60	13	64	40	38	24	25	51	60	39	40	4	16	90
Don't know	17	6	22	15	16	16	16	16	14	14	20	23	20	10	16	14	21	12	33	7

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If there was a referendum tomorrow on Scottish independence, which of these statements best describes what you'd do?

I'd definitely vote for independence	35	2	17	2	69	40	20	71	10	37	34	42	41	38	19	36	35	100	0	0
I'd probably vote for independence	8	0	5	9	12	9	4	6	8	7	9	11	11	4	4	8	7	0	35	0
TOTAL INDEPENDENCE	43	2	22	11	81	49	24	77	18	44	43	53	52	42	23	44	42	100	35	0
I'm not sure how I would vote	9	3	16	12	6	9	7	7	9	10	8	4	14	4	8	9	8	0	39	0
I'd probably vote to remain in the UK	6	3	17	14	4	8	5	3	9	6	6	10	4	6	7	7	5	0	27	0
I'd definitely vote to remain in the UK	35	91	45	61	6	31	58	8	61	37	34	24	20	43	60	37	34	0	0	100
TOTAL REMAIN IN UK	41	94	62	75	10	39	63	11	70	43	40	34	24	49	67	44	39	0	27	100
Wouldn't vote	4	1	0	0	1	1	3	2	1	2	5	4	6	3	1	1	7	0	0	0
Refused	3	1	0	2	1	2	4	3	2	1	4	4	4	1	2	1	4	0	0	0

Imagine that Scotland became an independent country... What currency would you most like to see an independent Scotland use?

Should continue to use the pound in the long term	43	56	52	38	40	39	57	40	48	35	51	38	37	48	51	42	44	34	41	56
Should continue to use the pound in the short term, before launching a new Scottish currency	14	7	5	5	25	16	11	25	6	18	10	10	16	16	9	13	15	27	10	5
Should launch a new Scottish currency straight away	5	10	5	5	3	4	6	5	5	6	5	7	5	6	4	5	5	4	3	7
Should look to join the single European currency, the Euro	18	6	21	22	19	22	6	16	18	21	14	21	21	14	13	20	14	23	26	9
Don't know	20	21	17	30	14	19	21	14	23	20	21	23	22	15	22	19	22	12	20	22

Do you think Scotland would be economically better or worse off if it became an independent country, or would it make no difference?

Better off	35	34	2	15	6	65	38	20	60	13	36	32	46	38	35	19	34	34	82	18	1
Worse off	47	42	90	60	74	14	41	56	13	68	45	39	32	28	47	65	44	40	2	38	91
No difference	9	9	3	8	4	11	9	8	12	8	9	10	6	14	8	5	9	10	10	16	3
Don't know	9	15	5	18	16	10	12	16	15	12	10	20	16	20	10	11	13	17	7	28	6

Do you think you personally would be financially better or worse off if Scotland became an independent country, or would it make no difference?

Better off	21	18	0	11	2	32	18	12	32	8	21	16	26	21	20	7	18	19	47	7	0
Worse off	42	36	79	53	63	13	36	51	13	60	39	33	19	27	42	56	37	35	3	32	77
No difference	24	26	11	18	7	39	29	19	37	16	29	24	32	29	22	23	27	26	39	33	11
Don't know	13	19	10	19	28	16	18	18	18	16	11	26	23	22	16	14	18	20	11	28	12

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Thinking about the current debate over Scotland's future, how much do you trust the statements and claims made by the following people?

Nicola Sturgeon

Trust a lot	20	20	2	8	0	41	23	13	42	7	24	17	23	22	22	15	21	20	52	6	1
Trust a fair amount	21	26	2	20	23	42	30	16	37	15	23	29	30	31	22	20	28	25	41	36	7
TOTAL TRUST	41	46	4	28	23	83	53	29	79	22	47	46	53	53	44	35	49	45	93	42	8
Do not trust a lot	14	11	10	23	16	6	12	9	6	13	10	11	12	10	9	12	11	10	2	24	11
Do not trust at all	38	35	86	39	52	6	27	60	12	58	38	32	14	27	45	50	32	38	2	21	76
TOTAL DO NOT TRUST	52	46	96	62	68	12	39	69	18	71	48	43	26	37	54	62	43	48	4	45	87
Don't know	6	8	0	9	10	5	8	3	3	7	5	10	20	10	2	4	8	7	2	13	4

Gordon Brown

Trust a lot	11	5	4	9	15	4	8	3	3	7	6	5	8	3	6	7	6	5	3	7	8
Trust a fair amount	23	23	25	41	30	18	28	19	15	32	25	21	13	22	23	31	25	20	17	28	30
TOTAL TRUST	34	28	29	50	45	22	36	22	18	39	31	26	21	25	29	38	31	25	20	35	38
Do not trust a lot	20	20	24	18	21	25	21	21	21	20	21	20	21	21	18	20	22	18	23	20	21
Do not trust at all	37	33	36	15	20	38	27	46	45	26	37	30	22	34	42	30	29	38	40	24	29
TOTAL DO NOT TRUST	57	53	60	33	41	63	48	67	66	46	58	50	43	55	60	50	51	56	63	44	50
Don't know	8	18	10	16	14	15	16	12	15	14	12	24	36	20	11	12	17	19	17	21	12

Ruth Davidson

Trust a lot	6	9	31	7	8	1	8	13	4	15	9	8	6	5	10	15	10	7	2	4	20
Trust a fair amount	17	22	44	27	43	13	23	28	14	31	22	22	14	14	24	37	25	18	10	20	38
TOTAL TRUST	23	31	75	34	51	14	31	41	18	46	31	30	20	19	34	52	35	25	12	24	58
Do not trust a lot	19	17	7	26	19	19	19	13	16	17	16	18	24	16	16	16	17	17	18	27	13
Do not trust at all	37	32	11	22	13	49	32	29	49	21	38	26	20	38	40	19	29	35	53	25	16
TOTAL DO NOT TRUST	56	49	18	48	32	68	51	42	65	38	54	44	44	54	56	35	46	52	71	52	29
Don't know	22	21	7	18	18	18	18	18	18	16	14	27	36	27	10	13	19	23	17	24	14

Alistair Darling

Trust a lot	6	3	4	3	10	1	4	3	2	4	4	2	1	3	2	5	3	3	1	4	5
Trust a fair amount	28	13	21	22	20	8	17	13	6	21	17	10	8	9	16	21	13	14	7	16	20
TOTAL TRUST	34	16	25	25	30	9	21	16	8	25	21	12	9	12	18	26	16	17	8	20	25
Do not trust a lot	26	17	21	16	18	20	17	19	17	18	17	17	9	15	18	22	19	13	16	23	16
Do not trust at all	34	31	27	22	23	40	31	37	43	24	36	26	15	33	42	25	29	33	42	19	27
TOTAL DO NOT TRUST	60	48	48	38	41	60	48	56	60	42	53	43	24	48	60	47	48	46	58	42	43
Don't know	6	36	27	37	29	31	32	28	32	32	27	45	66	41	23	26	36	36	34	38	32

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JACKSON CARLAW																				
Trust a lot	1	6	0	1	0	1	3	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	0	0	3
Trust a fair amount	7	19	7	8	2	8	8	3	12	10	5	4	4	6	18	9	5	4	4	14
TOTAL TRUST	8	25	7	9	2	9	11	4	14	12	5	4	5	7	20	10	7	4	4	17
Do not trust a lot	12	12	15	12	12	11	14	10	12	12	11	11	8	14	15	12	11	9	16	13
Do not trust at all	25	14	27	22	30	29	22	28	27	34	17	11	25	34	23	24	26	32	22	21
TOTAL DO NOT TRUST	37	26	42	34	42	40	36	38	39	46	28	22	33	48	38	36	37	41	38	34
Don't know	55	49	51	57	55	52	53	58	47	43	66	75	62	45	41	54	56	54	58	48
RICHARD LEONARD																				
Trust a lot	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Trust a fair amount	6	3	11	12	5	7	5	5	6	7	5	9	5	7	7	6	7	5	13	4
TOTAL TRUST	6	3	12	12	5	7	5	5	6	7	6	10	5	8	7	6	7	5	13	5
Do not trust a lot	16	18	22	16	18	19	17	18	17	20	13	9	12	20	25	18	15	18	19	17
Do not trust at all	22	29	19	17	22	22	27	21	28	30	14	8	19	30	26	22	22	22	13	28
TOTAL DO NOT TRUST	38	47	41	33	40	41	44	39	45	50	27	17	31	50	51	40	37	40	32	45
Don't know	55	50	47	55	56	52	52	57	48	42	67	73	64	42	42	54	56	55	55	50
WILLIE RENNIE																				
Trust a lot	1	0	1	8	1	2	0	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	3	2	0	1	1	2
Trust a fair amount	17	20	23	33	16	23	13	17	20	19	16	10	13	18	29	18	16	15	23	18
TOTAL TRUST	18	20	24	41	17	25	13	18	22	20	17	10	14	19	32	20	16	16	24	20
Do not trust a lot	17	24	17	15	20	18	21	16	19	18	16	6	14	18	25	19	14	15	21	18
Do not trust at all	22	23	23	10	21	18	29	22	24	28	15	13	18	35	18	21	22	24	11	26
TOTAL DO NOT TRUST	39	47	40	25	41	36	50	38	43	46	31	19	32	53	43	40	36	39	32	44
Don't know	43	32	37	34	43	38	37	44	36	34	52	71	54	28	26	40	47	46	44	36
BORIS JOHNSON																				
Trust a lot	6	26	0	2	1	2	17	4	8	7	5	5	4	6	11	5	7	0	2	15
Trust a fair amount	12	44	8	8	1	9	22	5	20	14	11	5	5	13	28	12	12	2	4	29
TOTAL TRUST	18	70	8	10	2	11	39	9	28	21	16	10	9	19	39	17	19	2	6	44
Do not trust a lot	11	17	15	18	8	10	17	9	15	7	15	12	8	15	12	12	11	5	12	18
Do not trust at all	60	6	69	60	82	71	33	76	48	65	56	65	70	59	41	62	58	88	70	28
TOTAL DO NOT TRUST	71	23	84	78	90	81	50	85	63	72	71	77	78	74	53	74	69	93	82	46
Don't know	10	6	8	12	8	8	11	7	10	7	13	12	13	7	8	8	12	5	12	10
JEREMY CORBYN																				
Trust a lot	2	0	7	0	2	3	0	3	1	2	2	7	2	2	0	2	2	4	2	1
Trust a fair amount	12	1	21	9	18	15	6	17	7	13	12	26	12	11	7	15	9	20	14	5
TOTAL TRUST	14	1	28	9	20	18	6	20	8	15	14	33	14	13	7	17	11	24	16	6
Do not trust a lot	19	9	21	18	25	21	16	21	17	20	18	22	20	22	12	19	19	23	28	12
Do not trust at all	54	86	39	60	46	49	71	49	64	57	51	26	49	60	73	54	55	44	43	74
TOTAL DO NOT TRUST	73	95	60	78	71	70	87	70	81	77	69	48	69	82	85	73	74	67	71	86
Don't know	12	3	13	13	9	12	7	9	10	8	16	20	17	4	8	10	14	10	12	8

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If Scotland votes YES, which two or three of these, if any, do you think would be the greatest advantages of independence?

Scotland would not have to implement policies decided in London that most Scots reject	47	41	14	42	36	62	49	27	58	28	44	39	42	45	43	31	42	40	62	56	16
Scotland would be able to stay in the European Union	N/A	34	3	32	37	52	45	8	45	25	35	33	44	40	28	25	42	25	55	46	10
Scotland would have full powers to decide how to use North Sea oil revenues	28	19	10	18	8	26	19	16	27	13	20	18	17	22	21	13	20	18	28	17	12
Scotland would no longer be forced to have a base for nuclear weapons	23	16	7	19	16	24	20	11	22	12	16	16	13	14	18	18	17	14	25	16	8
The NHS in Scotland would improve	10	15	4	11	5	23	14	9	21	9	12	18	21	18	12	9	14	16	28	16	3
Scotland would be a fairer society	26	14	3	13	6	25	17	9	22	9	17	12	13	16	16	11	14	15	28	18	2
Scotland would be able to set its own tax rates	17	13	8	13	14	16	13	13	18	9	16	10	15	16	9	11	14	12	17	16	9
Independence would increase the pride of Scottish people in their country	9	10	4	10	10	12	9	9	13	5	12	7	21	8	7	8	9	10	13	12	5
Scotland would have more influence in the rest of the world	3	5	3	5	2	6	5	3	9	2	8	3	9	6	6	2	5	6	7	7	2
Scottish children would have a better chance of having a decent job when they grow up	9	4	1	2	2	8	3	4	7	2	5	4	11	4	2	5	4	5	8	5	1
Scottish schools would improve	2	3	2	2	0	4	2	4	4	1	2	3	6	2	2	2	4	2	3	3	2
None of these	27	24	68	26	34	3	20	42	6	42	27	21	11	14	31	40	24	23	0	6	60
Don't know	7	12	7	9	11	5	9	14	7	13	6	16	8	15	9	10	8	16	4	13	10

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If Scotland votes NO, which two or three of these, if any, do you think would be the greatest advantages of remaining within the United Kingdom?

If Scotland faced financial problems, the UK would have the resources to help, as it did in the banking crisis in 2008	31	29	45	42	45	13	29	29	14	39	31	27	40	24	27	33	32	25	10	40	44
Scotland would definitely be able to continue using the pound as its currency	31	23	25	25	28	22	22	23	21	24	24	22	22	25	18	25	26	19	19	27	27
Being part of the UK is the best way to ensure that English and Scottish people can continue to live, study and work in each other's countries	16	21	31	29	21	14	21	25	13	28	20	23	18	19	21	29	21	22	9	25	33
Scotland would be safer as part of the UK within the NATO alliance	15	18	29	20	31	11	17	22	12	24	15	21	9	14	21	27	18	18	7	22	27
Pensions and future pension rights are more likely to be protected if Scotland stays within the UK	25	16	36	24	18	9	17	21	8	25	18	14	17	10	17	26	17	15	6	13	30
There are likely to be more jobs and more investment in Scotland	12	11	24	17	14	5	11	14	4	16	13	9	12	9	6	19	13	9	3	10	22
Scotland would have more influence in the world as part of the UK	16	11	19	12	19	5	10	12	5	14	11	10	15	9	11	11	10	12	4	12	18
There would be much less of a risk of a crisis causing big public spending cuts	10	11	12	18	25	7	12	10	7	15	14	9	13	10	11	12	15	7	6	13	17
Scotland would still leave the European Union*	N/A	11	28	6	8	7	5	27	10	13	11	11	8	10	13	14	9	13	6	6	20
Interest rates are more likely to remain low	10	8	11	7	6	6	6	9	8	8	9	7	5	8	8	8	9	7	7	10	8
None of these	27	18	3	12	4	35	22	13	33	9	23	14	11	20	25	13	19	18	42	7	4
Don't know	8	19	4	12	13	21	18	16	21	14	12	25	24	24	13	12	14	23	20	20	9

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Unweighted Sample

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Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	SNP	Remain	Leave	Yes	No	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	Definitely Yes	Swing voters	Definitely No
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Scotland would not be able to afford to maintain current levels of public spending without a rise in taxes	34	33	62	46	46	20	33	39	18	46	34	32	28	27	37	41	35	30	12	34	56
Scottish families will face a higher cost of living	30	29	44	38	46	20	30	30	18	39	29	28	23	29	27	33	29	29	10	40	42
British and international companies now operating in Scotland would move jobs and investment out of Scotland	30	26	40	36	30	22	29	25	18	34	26	26	25	24	24	34	29	23	15	30	38
The quality of care in the NHS in Scotland would get worse	11	16	26	20	28	6	14	18	10	20	15	18	17	17	11	22	17	16	8	20	25
Scotland would be unable to keep on using the pound in the way the Scottish government wants to	26	15	21	15	19	15	13	19	15	15	15	14	14	14	14	15	14	15	14	16	17
Tax revenues from North Sea oil might fall and badly damage the finances of an independent Scotland	17	15	15	23	24	13	18	13	13	18	15	16	15	12	17	20	18	12	9	23	19
Scotland would be outside the European Union, and have less influence in the rest of the world	10	13	10	12	14	14	16	5	12	12	10	15	18	12	9	13	15	10	14	18	9
Scotland might stay in the European Union*	NA	10	23	8	5	6	2	27	9	11	10	10	3	8	17	9	7	13	6	5	18
The quality of education in Scotland would get worse	2	6	14	9	8	1	5	9	2	9	7	5	5	5	4	10	7	5	1	4	13
Scottish children will find it harder to get a decent job when they grow up	7	4	6	7	2	2	4	6	2	6	4	4	3	5	3	5	4	4	1	7	6
The full range of BBC programmes and services might not be available – or would cost more for Scots to obtain	5	4	1	3	4	4	4	2	5	2	5	3	9	4	2	3	5	3	4	8	2
None of these	28	17	2	9	3	33	21	10	31	8	23	12	17	16	23	13	16	18	41	5	3
Don't know	7	15	5	9	14	12	13	16	13	14	11	19	16	20	12	10	13	17	12	15	9

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Scotland would be forced to implement policies decided in London that most Scottish people reject	43	36	7	40	23	57	42	23	55	21	37	36	40	39	39	25	38	35	60	43	11
Scotland would still leave the European Union*	NA	26	6	32	30	36	34	6	30	23	29	23	28	33	18	21	33	18	38	39	10
London would continue to take an excessive share of tax revenues from North Sea oil	31	23	6	16	24	36	25	18	36	15	26	20	19	24	24	22	22	24	38	26	8
Britain would continue to maintain its base in Scotland for nuclear weapons, against the wishes of the Scottish people	20	16	7	14	14	24	18	14	24	12	19	14	16	16	17	16	18	15	27	16	7
Scotland would have little or no influence in the European Union and the rest of the world	8	15	6	17	12	22	20	6	19	12	17	13	16	14	17	14	18	12	19	22	9
The quality of care in the NHS in Scotland would get worse	20	12	6	15	5	16	12	10	18	7	9	15	13	14	12	9	13	12	20	13	6
Scottish families will face a higher cost of living	10	9	10	12	5	8	9	9	11	7	8	10	8	9	12	7	8	10	10	9	8
Scottish broadcasting would still be dominated by British channels, such as BBC, ITV and Sky, and this would prevent Scotland developing its own distinct broadcasting services and culture more generally	5	4	3	3	8	5	5	4	6	2	5	3	5	4	5	2	3	5	5	6	2
The quality of education in Scotland would get worse	3	4	5	8	3	3	4	5	3	5	4	5	5	4	5	5	3	6	4	5	5
Scottish children will find it harder to get a decent job when they grow up	6	3	2	5	1	2	2	3	2	3	1	4	3	3	3	3	1	4	3	4	2
None of these	28	21	60	20	26	7	16	39	7	35	24	17	13	13	25	33	20	21	4	5	49
Don't know	8	20	12	15	22	16	19	20	16	21	15	25	25	24	14	17	18	23	13	20	20

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