

YouGov / ITV News Central Survey Results

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Do you support or oppose plans to build a new High Speed rail line linking London, Birmingham, Leeds and Manchester (sometimes called HS2)?

Strongly support	8	11	8	13	8	7	10	6	2	10	6	8	9	6
Tend to support	18	21	16	22	20	16	17	19	31	18	14	16	20	16
TOTAL SUPPORT	26	32	24	35	28	23	27	25	33	28	20	24	29	22
Neither support nor oppose	26	21	27	20	24	26	24	28	28	29	27	21	21	34
Tend to oppose	17	17	21	18	19	18	15	20	12	17	17	23	19	15
Strongly oppose	22	28	21	26	19	30	26	18	8	13	34	32	23	20
TOTAL OPPOSE	39	45	42	44	38	48	41	38	20	30	51	55	42	35
Don't know	8	2	7	1	10	3	8	9	20	12	3	1	8	8

How important or unimportant is having more capacity on trains between the Midlands (West and East) and London?

Very important	19	22	24	18	23	19	20	18	16	21	18	20	23	15
Fairly important	33	36	32	40	37	32	34	33	40	29	36	35	35	32
TOTAL IMPORTANT	52	58	56	58	60	51	54	51	56	50	54	55	58	47
Neither important nor unimportant	26	23	21	21	21	27	24	27	34	24	25	24	22	30
Fairly unimportant	7	8	8	16	9	8	7	7	2	7	8	9	8	7
Very unimportant	5	6	6	2	3	7	5	4	0	4	8	6	5	5
TOTAL UNIMPORTANT	12	14	14	18	12	15	12	11	2	11	16	15	13	12
Don't know	9	6	9	3	8	7	9	10	8	14	5	6	8	11

Do you think the HS2 rail project will successful or unsuccessful in bridging the North-South divide in Britain?

Successful	19	22	17	15	20	17	20	18	27	21	15	14	19	18
Unsuccessful	43	45	53	63	50	50	48	38	20	37	58	50	47	38
Not applicable - I don't think there is a North-South divide in Britain	14	15	8	7	11	15	10	18	20	15	8	15	13	15
Don't know	24	18	22	16	19	18	22	26	33	27	19	21	21	29

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How successful or unsuccessful do you think the HS2 rail project will be in helping to transform the economies of towns and cities in the Midlands?

Very successful	7	8	7	6	6	7	8	7	8	10	4	5	7	7
Fairly successful	26	33	24	29	30	26	24	29	32	25	24	28	26	27
TOTAL SUCCESSFUL	33	41	31	35	36	33	32	36	40	35	28	33	33	34
Fairly unsuccessful	27	25	32	22	30	28	29	24	24	26	29	27	29	24
Very unsuccessful	14	17	13	20	13	18	16	11	4	9	22	18	14	13
TOTAL UNSUCCESSFUL	41	42	45	42	43	46	45	35	28	35	51	45	43	37
Don't know	26	17	23	23	20	22	23	29	31	31	21	21	24	29

And, in your view do you think HS2 will be good or bad for the Midlands?

Good	31	37	28	34	35	28	30	32	36	33	29	28	31	31
Bad	20	22	22	20	20	25	21	20	16	17	26	23	21	19
Neither	28	28	32	36	29	31	29	28	16	26	33	35	30	26
Don't know	20	12	17	10	16	16	20	20	32	25	13	14	18	24

Phase 1 of the HS2 line is confirmed to be from London to the West Midlands. Do you think Phase 1 of HS2 line will or will not be completed?

Will be completed	33	35	32	32	38	30	34	31	42	38	28	24	35	29
Will not be completed	34	36	38	35	36	39	36	31	29	27	41	39	34	32
Don't know	34	28	30	33	26	30	30	38	28	35	31	37	30	39

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Phase 2a of the HS2 line is from the West Midlands to Crewe. Phase 2b is from Crewe to Manchester, and the West Midlands to Leeds (passing through the East Midlands). Do you think Phase 2 of HS2 will or will not be completed?

Will be completed	22	26	18	14	22	21	25	20	34	25	17	17	23	21
Will not be completed	41	44	47	50	45	47	43	38	30	33	53	46	42	38
Don't know	37	29	35	36	33	32	32	43	36	42	31	37	35	41

Thinking about current rail connectivity between the East Midlands and West Midlands, do you think these are good, or bad?

Very good	2	2	4	1	4	2	2	2	4	3	2	1	2	4
Fairly good	28	26	29	23	26	29	24	32	35	27	25	29	28	27
TOTAL GOOD	30	28	33	24	30	31	26	34	39	30	27	30	30	31
Fairly bad	23	23	26	38	29	22	28	18	24	21	26	23	26	19
Very bad	6	8	7	8	7	8	7	6	4	7	8	6	7	5
TOTAL BAD	29	31	33	46	36	30	35	24	28	28	34	29	33	24
Don't know	40	41	34	30	35	39	39	41	33	42	39	41	37	45

To what extent, if at all, are you concerned about any potential environmental impacts of HS2?

Very concerned	20	20	26	30	23	22	20	20	11	16	25	27	20	20
Fairly concerned	34	34	40	33	37	35	30	37	28	29	38	39	35	31
TOTAL CONCERNED	54	54	66	63	60	57	50	57	39	45	63	66	55	51
Not very concerned	23	25	19	28	24	20	27	19	31	22	21	21	22	23
Not at all concerned	10	14	7	8	5	15	13	8	11	13	10	7	10	11
TOTAL NOT CONCERNED	33	39	26	36	29	35	40	27	42	35	31	28	32	34
Don't know	14	8	8	1	11	8	11	16	20	21	6	7	13	15

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£56bn has been budgeted to build HS2, and a recent review has found that this could extend to between £70bn and £85bn. Do you think the new high speed rail link will or will not be value for money?

It will be value for money	16	18	15	12	15	15	18	14	23	18	11	13	16	16
It will not be value for money	63	66	68	73	67	70	65	61	44	55	74	75	67	57
Don't know	21	15	17	15	17	14	18	25	33	27	15	13	17	28