









Fieldwork : 13th - 16th February 2015  
Sample Size: 2159 UK Adults

Total	Gender		Age					Social Grade	
	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55+	ABC1	C2DE

Do you personally know someone who has autism?  
(Please select all that apply)

	Unweighted base	2159	1060	1099	240	256	360	501	802	1164	995
<b>Base: All UK Adults</b>	2159	1038	1121	259	336	382	413	769	1187	972	
Yes, I personally have autism	1%	2%	1%	4%	3%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	
Yes, I have a child with autism	2%	1%	3%	0%	1%	3%	3%	1%	2%	1%	
Yes, I have a parent with autism	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	-	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Yes, I have a brother or sister with autism	1%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	0%	1%	1%	2%	
Yes, I have a friend who has a child with autism	13%	9%	18%	7%	10%	21%	14%	13%	14%	13%	
Yes, I have a friend with autism	4%	4%	5%	8%	8%	4%	3%	2%	4%	5%	
Yes, I have a colleague/ classmate with autism	3%	4%	2%	9%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	3%	
Yes, I have a partner /husband or wife with autism	0%	0%	0%	-	-	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
Yes, I have another member of my close family (e.g. grandchild, grandparent, cousin, etc.) with autism	8%	6%	10%	6%	9%	9%	4%	10%	9%	7%	
Yes, I know someone else with autism	22%	16%	27%	26%	20%	19%	26%	20%	25%	18%	
No, I don't know anyone with autism	43%	47%	39%	34%	43%	38%	42%	49%	41%	45%	
Don't know	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	
Prefer not to say	9%	13%	4%	12%	9%	10%	8%	7%	8%	9%	
<b>Net: Personally has autism</b>	1%	2%	1%	4%	3%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	
<b>Net: Knows of someone with autism</b>	44%	35%	52%	47%	44%	47%	45%	41%	47%	41%	
<b>Net: Doesn't know anyone with autism</b>	43%	47%	39%	34%	43%	38%	42%	49%	41%	45%	

Which, if any, of the following statements about autism do you think are true? (Please select all that you think are true only)

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A child with autism will grow out of the condition	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	-	0%	1%	0%	0%	
Autism only affects males	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	
The majority of people with autism are very good at maths	8%	7%	9%	11%	4%	9%	8%	9%	8%	9%	
People with autism can be over or under sensitive to stimuli like light and noise	42%	33%	51%	47%	48%	38%	46%	38%	45%	38%	
All people with autism are geniuses	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%	
Autism is caused by bad parenting	0%	1%	0%	1%	-	1%	1%	-	0%	1%	
Autism is only caused by genetic factors	8%	9%	8%	12%	4%	6%	9%	10%	7%	10%	
Autism is a mental health condition	28%	30%	26%	42%	31%	28%	26%	23%	28%	27%	
15% of adults with autism are in full-time paid employment	24%	21%	26%	17%	22%	26%	23%	26%	24%	24%	
People with autism are incapable of working	0%	0%	1%	0%	-	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	
More than 1 in 100 people in the UK have autism	25%	21%	28%	25%	28%	27%	29%	19%	25%	24%	
People with autism can't make friends and lack empathy	10%	9%	12%	8%	9%	8%	10%	13%	11%	10%	
Autism is caused by vaccines	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	2%	1%	1%	0%	2%	
Autism affects everyone differently	58%	51%	66%	61%	59%	56%	61%	57%	61%	55%	
All children with autism go to a specialist school	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%	
People with autism can't play sport or do physical exercise	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	
The causes of autism are still being investigated	55%	49%	60%	48%	55%	52%	55%	58%	61%	47%	
Autism is only caused by environmental factors	0%	0%	0%	-	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
None of these	1%	1%	1%	1%	-	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	
Don't know	14%	17%	11%	9%	16%	12%	14%	15%	11%	16%	
Prefer not to say	9%	14%	4%	11%	9%	10%	8%	8%	8%	9%	

Region										Do you personally know someone who has autism? (Please select all that apply)				
North	Midlands	East	London	South	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	Personally has autism	Knows of someone with autism	Doesn't know anyone with autism	Don't know	Prefer not to say	

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(Please select all that apply)

<b>Unweighted base</b>	504	315	206	274	487	1786	108	214	51	24	978	922	64	24
<b>Base: All UK Adults</b>	516	345	201	268	479	1809	106	184	60	29	973	928	54	18
Yes, I personally have autism	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	-	3%	-	100%	1%	-	-	-
Yes, I have a child with autism	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%	0%	2%	2%	9%	4%	-	-	-
Yes, I have a parent with autism	0%	-	1%	-	-	0%	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	-
Yes, I have a brother or sister with autism	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	4%	2%	3%	-	-	-
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Yes, I have a partner /husband or wife with autism	-	0%	-	0%	1%	0%	-	0%	-	-	1%	-	-	-
Yes, I have another member of my close family (e.g. grandchild, grandparent, cousin, etc.) with autism	7%	6%	9%	9%	9%	8%	6%	8%	8%	14%	17%	-	-	-
Yes, I know someone else with autism	21%	25%	24%	20%	19%	22%	20%	26%	13%	26%	48%	-	-	-
No, I don't know anyone with autism	47%	43%	44%	43%	40%	43%	56%	36%	26%	-	-	100%	-	-
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