

YouGov / TUC Survey Results

Sample Size: 1805 GB Adults

Fieldwork: 11th - 12th December 2012

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

Too generous	42	69	25	25	61	25	33	41	43	45	42	40	44	47	36	44	46	42	41	30
About right	28	18	35	43	21	33	36	29	27	24	28	30	28	29	27	27	26	30	29	33
Not high enough	18	5	30	18	10	29	17	18	18	16	16	20	19	12	26	16	18	18	18	20
Don't know	12	8	11	14	8	12	15	11	13	16	14	11	9	13	11	13	11	11	12	17

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.)

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AVERAGE	41	44	40	34	42	41	39	37	46	42	41	42	40	40	43	38	41	42	43	36
Inter-quartile range (25th)	25	25	20	20	25	25	25	20	30	20	20	25	25	22	25	20	25	25	25	20
Inter-quartile range (50th)	40	45	40	30	40	40	38	32	45	40	40	40	40	40	40	35	40	40	40	30
Inter-quartile range (75th)	60	60	50	50	60	50	55	50	60	60	60	60	60	60	50	60	60	60	60	50

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.)

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AVERAGE	27	29	24	20	30	25	21	23	31	26	26	27	27	24	30	27	26	30	27	20
Inter-quartile range (25th)	10	10	5	5	10	5	5	5	10	5	10	8	10	5	10	5	10	10	10	5
Inter-quartile range (50th)	20	25	20	15	25	20	20	15	25	20	20	20	20	20	25	20	20	25	20	12
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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)

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AVERAGE	48	48	47	47	47	47	45	43	51	50	46	49	47	47	49	44	48	50	48	43
Inter-quartile range (25th)	30	30	25	30	30	30	25	25	34	30	25	30	30	30	30	20	30	30	30	20
Inter-quartile range (50th)	50	50	50	50	50	50	40	40	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	40	50	50	50	45
Inter-quartile range (75th)	65	70	60	60	65	65	60	60	70	70	67	65	60	60	70	65	65	70	70	60

Please imagine an unemployed couple with two children, aged 6 and 10. Excluding housing costs, approximately how much money do you think they need to live on PER WEEK? (By 'enough to live on', we mean money required to keep themselves properly fed, warm, clothed etc. but without luxuries. 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.)

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AVERAGE	202	193	200	198	181	202	220	200	196	192	172	204	209	195	205	207	203	199	182	186
Inter-quartile range (25th)	120	100	125	100	100	140	140	120	120	90	100	140	150	100	120	100	120	140	100	120
Inter-quartile range (50th)	200	180	200	175	160	200	200	200	200	150	150	200	200	180	200	180	200	200	160	150
Inter-quartile range (75th)	250	250	250	250	250	250	260	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	250	240	250

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Thinking again of the unemployed couple with two children, aged 6 and 10. Excluding any other benefits such as housing, council tax or child benefits, approximately how much do you think they would receive in unemployment benefit (Jobseeker's Allowance) PER WEEK? (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.)

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AVERAGE	147	162	148	154	153	150	149	152	150	245	134	161	155	158	148	159	157	139	147	146
Inter-quartile range (25th)	80	100	85	72	90	85	85	85	80	56	70	100	100	80	80	80	90	80	80	80
Inter-quartile range (50th)	130	130	125	120	140	130	130	130	120	100	100	150	131	130	120	140	125	120	120	146
Inter-quartile range (75th)	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	190	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	180	200	200

Thinking again of the unemployed couple with two children, aged 6 and 10, if one of the parents got a job paying the minimum wage for 30 hours a week, in general, do you think they would be financially better or worse off or would there be no difference?

Better off	21	24	21	22	20	21	20	23	19	30	21	20	18	23	18	24	18	21	24	14
Worse off	51	49	54	40	52	53	53	46	56	43	48	54	55	50	53	48	54	52	50	49
No difference	18	14	17	30	16	18	17	21	16	17	23	16	17	17	20	22	16	17	17	27
Don't know	10	13	8	7	11	8	11	10	10	10	9	9	11	11	9	7	12	9	8	10

Approximately, by how much do you think that they would better off PER WEEK? (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.)

[Asked to those who thought the unemployed couple would be better off after getting a minimum paid job n=358]

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AVERAGE	59	61	70	47	53	69	61	61	62	64	67	61	59	61	62	69	59	62	57	92
Inter-quartile range (25th)	30	20	40	20	20	30	30	30	30	30	35	25	25	25	30	30	20	30	30	50
Inter-quartile range (50th)	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	100
Inter-quartile range (75th)	80	75	100	50	70	100	80	80	80	60	100	80	75	80	80	100	50	100	50	150

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Approximately, by how much do you think that they would worse off PER WEEK? (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.)

[Asked to those who thought the unemployed couple would be worse off after getting a minimum paid job n=949]

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AVERAGE	54	86	67	42	86	65	53	47	57	56	59	84	53	47	60	53	58	89	58	75
Inter-quartile range (25th)	25	20	20	25	20	20	25	20	30	20	25	25	20	20	30	20	20	25	20	25
Inter-quartile range (50th)	50	40	45	30	40	45	50	40	50	40	50	50	40	40	50	40	50	50	50	50
Inter-quartile range (75th)	60	50	60	50	54	65	50	50	75	60	100	74	50	50	100	50	67	60	62	100

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

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
Neither
Don't know

59	86	41	47	82	43	50	57	61	50	58	58	64	63	53	57	61	60	60	44
29	8	47	36	14	45	36	31	28	28	29	31	28	24	37	29	27	28	29	47
7	4	8	10	4	7	8	6	7	12	7	7	4	7	6	9	6	7	7	6
5	2	4	7	1	5	6	6	4	10	6	5	3	6	4	6	7	4	4	3

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

On the whole, the media gives accurate information about welfare benefits and the people who claim them

On the whole, the media does NOT give accurate information about welfare benefits and the people who claim them

Neither
Don't know

19	25	12	17	29	12	13	17	21	8	19	16	26	18	19	18	18	21	16	23
54	45	67	52	44	63	61	58	51	58	51	58	52	54	55	56	52	55	58	48
12	14	9	17	12	12	11	11	12	17	13	10	9	13	10	8	14	11	10	11
15	16	12	15	15	13	15	15	16	16	16	16	13	15	16	18	16	12	16	17

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The government is limiting the increase in many benefits to one percent which is less than the current rate of inflation (i.e. the level of prices) for at least the next three years. To what extent do you support or oppose this move?

Strongly support	21	43	9	14	38	10	14	22	20	20	21	19	24	25	15	26	22	23	20	10
Tend to support	27	37	20	28	34	22	27	26	27	25	23	27	30	29	24	27	27	21	31	25
TOTAL SUPPORT	48	80	29	42	72	32	41	48	47	45	44	46	54	54	39	53	49	44	51	35
Neither support nor oppose	15	8	15	24	10	13	18	13	17	17	18	15	11	15	15	13	16	16	13	16
Tend to oppose	18	7	27	23	9	29	22	17	19	15	16	20	21	16	22	18	17	19	18	25
Strongly oppose	14	3	25	9	7	22	13	16	11	12	13	16	12	9	19	11	13	12	14	22
TOTAL OPPOSE	32	10	52	32	16	51	35	33	30	27	29	36	33	25	41	29	30	31	32	47
Don't know	5	3	4	2	2	4	5	5	6	11	9	4	1	6	5	6	5	8	4	2

Which ONE of the following groups do you think will be MOST affected by this move to limit many benefits to one percent?

People who are unemployed	64	68	67	61	67	64	61	66	63	72	57	66	65	62	67	62	64	65	63	66
People who are employed	21	17	21	23	20	23	23	20	22	15	26	19	22	21	22	23	20	22	24	14
Don't know	15	14	11	15	14	13	16	14	15	13	17	15	13	17	12	15	16	13	13	20

Some of the benefits which will be affected by the one percent cap go to people who are in work but have low paid jobs. This can help their families have enough money for the basics. To what extent do you support or oppose a cap on benefits for people with jobs?

Strongly support	9	15	5	6	14	6	4	11	7	7	7	10	9	11	6	11	9	9	9	4
Tend to support	21	32	13	22	29	12	20	24	18	22	23	19	21	23	18	24	21	19	22	19
TOTAL SUPPORT	30	47	18	28	43	18	24	35	25	29	30	29	30	34	24	35	30	28	31	23
Neither support nor oppose	23	21	20	28	21	23	25	22	23	22	20	23	25	22	24	27	22	21	20	30
Tend to oppose	25	21	30	26	22	28	29	21	29	23	22	26	28	25	25	17	23	28	28	29
Strongly oppose	15	4	26	11	8	25	13	15	14	12	18	16	12	10	20	13	16	12	16	13
TOTAL OPPOSE	40	25	56	37	30	53	42	36	43	35	40	42	40	35	45	30	39	40	44	42
Don't know	8	7	6	6	7	6	9	7	9	14	10	7	4	9	7	8	8	10	6	6

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Which ONE of the following statements comes closest to your view about how benefits should generally change each year?

- Benefits should be raised by less than either wages or prices
- Benefits should be raised in line with prices
- Benefits should be raised in line with wages
- Benefits should be raised in line with prices or wages, whichever is higher
- Don't know

25	43	15	11	40	15	20	24	26	28	20	24	29	26	23	24	26	27	25	16
34	25	41	36	27	41	34	34	33	28	37	32	35	32	36	36	33	32	37	29
15	16	14	28	12	13	18	18	12	20	17	15	11	18	11	17	15	14	15	14
15	7	21	15	11	19	19	14	16	10	12	17	17	11	20	13	14	15	13	23
12	10	9	10	11	12	9	10	13	14	14	11	8	13	10	11	12	11	10	18

**Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 50 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures will be italicised.*