

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2047 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 4th - 5th November 2014

| | Westminster VI | | | | 2010 Vote | | | Gender | | Age | | | | Social Grade | | Region | | | | | |
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| Total | Con | Lab | Lib Dem | UKIP | Con | Lab | Lib Dem | Male | Female | 18-24 | 25-39 | 40-59 | 60+ | ABC1 | C2DE | London | Rest of South | Midlands / Wales | North | Scotland | |
| Weighted Sample | 2047 | X | X | X | X | 612 | 486 | 427 | 993 | 1054 | 244 | 518 | 700 | 585 | 1167 | 880 | 262 | 665 | 438 | 504 | 178 |
| Unweighted Sample | 2047 | 479 | 575 | 103 | 269 | 579 | 536 | 438 | 986 | 1061 | 232 | 452 | 795 | 568 | 1395 | 652 | 262 | 678 | 391 | 483 | 233 |
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According to the government figures, a total of 37% of government spending goes on welfare and state pensions. This is broken down by the government as 25% on welfare and 12% on state pensions.

Do you think the government spends too much, too little or about the right amount on welfare?

[This question went to a random sample of respondents; n=1011]

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| Spends much too much on welfare | 15 | 23 | 6 | 4 | 34 | 26 | 9 | 9 | 19 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 14 | 13 | 14 | 18 | 15 | 16 |
| Spend too much on welfare | 25 | 41 | 19 | 28 | 23 | 36 | 20 | 23 | 26 | 25 | 12 | 27 | 26 | 29 | 27 | 22 | 22 | 27 | 28 | 23 | 21 |
| TOTAL TOO MUCH | 40 | 64 | 25 | 32 | 57 | 62 | 29 | 32 | 45 | 37 | 26 | 43 | 41 | 45 | 43 | 36 | 35 | 41 | 46 | 38 | 37 |
| Spends about the right amount on welfare | 22 | 21 | 26 | 26 | 21 | 25 | 19 | 26 | 23 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 24 | 23 | 20 | 19 | 24 | 21 | 22 | 22 |
| Spends too little on welfare | 17 | 7 | 27 | 28 | 11 | 4 | 33 | 21 | 14 | 21 | 15 | 13 | 19 | 20 | 16 | 20 | 22 | 14 | 17 | 19 | 23 |
| Spends much too little on welfare | 7 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 8 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 12 |
| TOTAL TOO LITTLE | 24 | 7 | 37 | 28 | 19 | 5 | 41 | 29 | 21 | 27 | 21 | 19 | 27 | 26 | 20 | 30 | 28 | 22 | 22 | 24 | 35 |
| Don't know | 14 | 7 | 13 | 14 | 3 | 8 | 11 | 13 | 12 | 15 | 32 | 17 | 11 | 5 | 13 | 15 | 18 | 13 | 12 | 16 | 7 |

According to the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), a total of 30% of government spending goes on welfare and state pensions. This is broken down as follows:
14% on benefits aimed at older people (including the state pension)

6% on benefits for the unemployed and those on low incomes

5% on benefits for the sick and disabled

5% on benefits aimed at families with children

Do you think the government spends too much, too little or about the right amount on Welfare?

[This question went to a random sample of respondents; n=1036]

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| Spends much too much on welfare | 9 | 17 | 4 | 2 | 19 | 20 | 5 | 3 | 12 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 8 | 12 | 13 | 5 | 11 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 8 |
| Spend too much on welfare | 22 | 36 | 14 | 16 | 23 | 29 | 19 | 16 | 26 | 18 | 23 | 26 | 22 | 16 | 24 | 18 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 27 | 12 |
| TOTAL TOO MUCH | 31 | 53 | 18 | 18 | 42 | 49 | 24 | 19 | 38 | 25 | 30 | 36 | 30 | 28 | 37 | 23 | 26 | 30 | 33 | 37 | 20 |
| Spends about the right amount on welfare | 30 | 36 | 27 | 55 | 21 | 31 | 27 | 37 | 28 | 32 | 30 | 27 | 28 | 35 | 32 | 27 | 36 | 31 | 27 | 27 | 35 |
| Spends too little on welfare | 20 | 4 | 37 | 22 | 21 | 8 | 29 | 29 | 19 | 21 | 18 | 14 | 23 | 24 | 18 | 23 | 19 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 24 |
| Spends much too little on welfare | 7 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 11 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 9 |
| TOTAL TOO LITTLE | 27 | 4 | 49 | 22 | 28 | 10 | 40 | 36 | 26 | 28 | 24 | 19 | 31 | 31 | 22 | 33 | 29 | 27 | 28 | 24 | 33 |
| Don't know | 12 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 15 | 16 | 18 | 11 | 6 | 9 | 16 | 11 | 13 | 11 | 12 | 12 |