

YouGov / The Times Survey Results

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HEADLINE VOTING INTENTION

Westminster Voting Intention

[Weighted by likelihood to vote, excluding those who would not vote, don't know or refused]

Con	26	24	100	0	0	60	2	4	12	43	21	28	11	13	24	47	22	27	25	23	16	17	34	17	29
Lab	45	44	0	100	0	12	84	33	58	23	43	45	59	57	39	25	45	42	46	51	26	60	41	49	37
Lib Dem	10	9	0	0	100	4	4	53	14	5	9	9	4	10	10	9	11	7	10	3	6	3	8	13	14
SNP	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	1	4	2	6	3	5	2	3	3	0	0	39	0	0	0	0
Plaid Cymru	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0
Reform UK	7	9	0	0	0	20	0	0	1	20	12	5	4	5	15	11	8	11	9	9	5	11	7	7	10
Green	8	8	0	0	0	3	9	8	9	4	7	8	14	10	6	3	9	6	8	1	7	7	9	12	7
Other	1	2	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	2

If there were a general election held

tomorrow, which party would you vote for?

Conservative	17	16	100	0	0	41	1	3	9	29	15	17	7	9	16	32	16	15	17	15	10	11	21	12	20
Labour	29	29	0	100	0	8	73	26	46	15	31	27	35	36	26	18	32	25	30	36	17	38	26	34	24
Liberal Democrat	7	6	0	0	100	3	3	41	11	4	6	6	3	6	7	6	8	4	7	2	4	2	5	9	10
Scottish National Party (SNP)	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	3	2	3	2	3	1	2	2	0	0	25	0	0	0	0
Plaid Cymru	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
Reform UK	4	6	0	0	0	13	0	0	1	14	9	3	2	3	10	8	6	6	6	6	3	7	5	5	7
Green	5	5	0	0	0	2	8	6	7	3	5	5	8	7	4	2	7	3	6	1	5	4	6	9	5
Some other party	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	1
Would not vote	13	14	0	0	0	6	2	1	5	10	14	14	14	18	11	10	8	21	14	14	14	15	15	12	13
Don't know	20	17	0	0	0	25	9	18	14	21	11	22	17	14	19	20	16	18	17	11	19	16	16	17	19
Refused	2	3	0	0	0	1	2	3	2	1	3	3	10	3	2	0	3	3	3	5	2	4	5	2	2

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And which of these parties would you vote for?																										
<i>[Asked only to those who answered 'some other party'; n=28]</i>																										
UK Independence Party (UKIP)	17	10	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	17	18	0	0	13	0	15	7	13	12	0	0	0	48	0	9	
Women's Equality Party	10	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	6	0	7	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	8	0	0	0	
Some other party	63	79	0	0	0	87	83	100	85	75	76	83	100	62	100	79	73	83	75	100	100	80	22	100	91	
Don't know	10	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	6	0	18	0	0	15	0	7	0	0	13	15	0	0	
Refused	0	2	0	0	0	0	17	0	15	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	6	0	3	0	0	0	15	0	0	

	0 - Certain NOT to vote																								
On a scale of 0 (certain NOT to vote) to 10 (absolutely certain to vote), how likely would you be to vote in a general election tomorrow?																									
0 - Certain NOT to vote	10	11	0	1	2	4	1	0	3	7	12	11	12	15	9	8	6	18	11	14	11	14	13	8	10
1	2	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	2	2	4	1	1	2	2	2	1	4	1	2	5	2
2	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	1	1	2	1	2	3	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	0	2	3	1	2
3	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	3	5	2	2	1	2	2	2	0	0	2	3	2	2
4	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	1
5	7	6	4	3	1	6	3	3	3	6	5	7	9	6	5	6	5	8	6	6	5	6	5	5	7
6	3	3	3	1	2	3	3	1	2	3	3	3	4	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	1	2	3	5	3
7	5	6	8	4	5	6	3	4	4	6	5	6	10	5	4	5	6	5	5	5	7	5	5	7	6
8	6	6	8	6	8	8	6	6	7	6	5	7	9	5	7	5	6	6	6	7	6	6	5	7	6
9	8	7	11	8	11	9	8	12	8	8	8	7	4	6	8	9	8	6	8	8	5	7	6	7	9
10 - Absolutely certain to vote	53	54	64	75	68	59	74	72	69	57	56	52	41	52	58	60	59	47	53	53	60	55	53	52	53

Which of the following do you think would make the best Prime Minister?																									
Rishi Sunak	24	22	82	2	8	48	4	11	13	37	21	23	8	14	23	40	22	21	23	21	14	19	23	18	27
Keir Starmer	32	32	2	78	43	7	68	52	53	15	37	28	34	40	30	19	37	25	32	33	33	34	31	36	29
Not sure	41	43	13	18	47	42	26	37	32	46	39	46	47	42	45	40	38	49	42	40	53	44	40	42	41
Refused	3	4	3	2	1	2	2	1	3	2	4	3	11	4	2	1	3	4	4	6	1	3	6	4	3

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How well or badly do you think the government are doing at handling Britain's exit from the European Union?

Very well	2	2	7	1	0	4	1	0	1	3	2	2	2	1	3	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	3	3	2
Fairly well	17	17	56	3	10	37	4	3	8	30	15	18	7	12	18	28	17	16	17	18	10	14	23	13	18
TOTAL WELL	19	19	63	4	10	41	5	3	9	33	17	20	9	13	21	31	19	18	19	19	12	16	26	16	20
Fairly badly	31	29	22	28	32	32	24	32	26	31	28	30	41	27	26	31	29	29	29	29	28	30	30	30	28
Very badly	41	42	7	63	52	18	68	61	60	27	48	35	32	49	43	32	44	39	41	36	54	42	34	48	40
TOTAL BADLY	72	71	29	91	84	50	92	93	86	58	76	65	73	76	69	63	73	68	70	65	82	72	64	78	68
Don't know	9	11	8	5	6	9	4	4	4	9	7	14	17	11	11	7	8	14	11	14	6	11	11	7	12

In hindsight, do you think Britain was right or wrong to vote to leave the European Union?

Right to leave	32	33	69	10	11	69	8	6	6	73	35	30	10	20	40	57	28	39	34	32	24	34	37	22	36
Wrong to leave	57	55	22	84	83	23	88	91	92	17	56	54	68	66	48	37	63	44	53	53	70	52	49	67	52
Don't know	11	12	8	5	6	8	3	4	3	9	9	16	21	14	12	5	9	17	13	15	6	14	15	11	12

Here is a list of problems facing the country. Could you say for each of them which political party you think would handle the problem best?

National Health Service

Conservative	12	55	0	1	29	1	1	5	22	12	11	4	6	12	23	11	12	12	10	7	10	15	9	13
Labour	39	9	88	42	16	74	53	57	23	42	36	49	44	38	27	44	32	40	40	33	42	40	45	35
Liberal Democrat	4	1	2	33	3	3	15	7	3	5	4	4	5	4	4	5	3	4	3	6	3	3	7	5
Other	6	1	1	1	7	4	3	5	8	8	4	4	6	7	6	6	6	5	6	16	6	3	4	6
Don't know	22	16	6	16	19	11	16	16	20	16	27	24	25	17	20	18	27	22	26	17	21	20	22	24
None	17	18	3	7	26	6	11	11	23	17	17	14	14	21	20	15	21	17	15	21	18	18	14	17

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Asylum and immigration																									
Conservative	16	60	4	10	35	4	5	9	26	16	15	11	11	14	27	16	15	16	12	13	14	21	12	17	
Labour	22	2	60	14	4	52	23	33	11	24	20	23	26	21	14	26	17	22	21	16	24	19	27	21	
Liberal Democrat	6	1	6	36	2	7	22	11	3	6	6	5	7	8	4	8	5	6	4	7	6	5	10	6	
Other	10	3	4	2	12	8	4	7	14	14	7	11	10	11	7	11	9	9	16	15	10	8	10	9	
Don't know	26	17	17	22	20	21	28	25	21	20	32	29	29	23	24	22	32	26	33	20	25	27	25	28	
None	20	17	9	17	27	8	18	15	25	21	19	20	16	22	25	18	22	19	13	29	20	21	16	19	
Law and order																									
Conservative	20	72	5	14	45	4	11	13	33	21	19	12	12	19	38	22	18	21	19	14	18	23	16	24	
Labour	24	2	66	17	6	56	30	40	12	26	22	23	28	27	14	27	20	24	25	21	28	24	27	21	
Liberal Democrat	5	1	2	41	2	5	17	8	3	5	4	5	5	5	4	6	3	5	4	6	3	4	8	6	
Other	8	1	1	1	10	6	4	5	11	11	5	9	8	9	7	9	7	8	14	10	8	4	9	8	
Don't know	28	16	19	21	19	22	26	24	22	21	35	36	34	22	20	23	34	28	30	27	27	30	27	28	
None	15	8	6	7	18	7	12	9	18	15	15	15	13	18	16	13	18	15	9	22	16	16	14	14	
Education and schools																									
Conservative	15	62	1	4	36	2	3	6	28	14	15	8	8	13	32	15	15	15	13	9	13	17	12	17	
Labour	35	7	82	29	13	68	43	52	18	37	32	41	40	34	22	40	27	36	33	26	40	34	40	31	
Liberal Democrat	7	2	4	47	4	6	24	11	5	7	7	6	6	8	8	7	7	7	4	8	5	6	9	8	
Other	7	2	1	0	9	6	2	5	10	10	5	5	7	8	6	8	6	6	10	15	6	4	7	6	
Don't know	23	17	8	14	21	13	21	18	22	18	28	28	25	21	20	19	28	23	31	19	22	25	19	25	
None	14	10	4	5	17	5	6	8	17	15	12	12	14	15	13	11	17	13	10	22	14	14	13	12	
Taxation																									
Conservative	19	71	5	14	41	3	12	11	32	20	19	11	13	20	33	20	17	20	16	14	16	26	16	21	
Labour	27	3	70	16	7	61	31	42	13	28	26	33	32	26	17	30	23	27	27	23	32	24	31	25	
Liberal Democrat	6	1	4	46	3	5	26	11	3	8	5	4	7	7	6	8	4	6	5	7	4	6	9	7	
Other	7	2	1	2	9	5	4	5	10	10	5	7	7	9	6	8	6	7	10	13	7	4	6	8	
Don't know	25	15	13	14	21	18	20	21	23	19	31	29	28	21	23	21	31	25	31	24	24	24	23	26	
None	15	9	6	7	19	7	8	10	19	16	15	16	14	17	16	13	18	15	10	20	17	16	14	14	

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Unemployment																								
Conservative	15	63	3	3	37	3	2	8	27	16	15	8	10	16	27	16	15	16	14	10	14	19	11	18
Labour	31	9	74	29	12	64	41	48	18	34	28	34	35	31	24	35	26	32	31	20	37	30	38	28
Liberal Democrat	5	1	2	37	2	4	17	7	3	5	4	5	5	5	3	6	3	5	2	6	2	4	7	6
Other	7	1	1	1	8	5	3	4	9	9	5	8	6	8	6	7	6	6	10	13	6	4	6	6
Don't know	26	19	13	25	23	18	27	23	24	20	33	29	29	23	24	23	30	26	33	26	24	26	24	28
None	16	7	6	5	18	6	9	10	19	16	15	17	15	16	16	13	19	15	11	24	17	16	13	14
The economy in general																								
Conservative	21	80	4	8	47	4	7	11	36	21	20	11	13	21	38	21	20	21	19	13	17	27	17	23
Labour	25	2	69	20	5	62	32	41	13	28	23	29	30	25	16	29	21	26	29	17	32	23	28	23
Liberal Democrat	5	1	3	39	2	4	21	9	2	6	4	3	5	6	4	6	3	5	2	7	2	4	8	7
Other	7	2	2	2	9	5	3	5	10	9	6	7	7	9	6	8	7	7	9	14	7	6	5	7
Don't know	27	11	15	22	20	18	26	23	22	21	32	36	30	21	21	23	31	26	33	26	25	25	29	27
None	15	5	7	9	17	8	11	11	17	16	15	15	14	17	15	13	17	15	9	22	16	16	13	14
Housing																								
Conservative	10	44	0	1	23	2	0	4	17	10	9	7	6	9	18	9	10	10	6	7	10	13	9	10
Labour	33	12	76	24	16	64	40	47	22	37	29	35	34	34	28	37	27	33	33	26	37	31	37	31
Liberal Democrat	5	2	3	42	2	5	21	9	3	6	5	5	6	5	4	7	3	6	2	5	4	4	9	6
Other	7	1	2	2	9	5	3	5	10	10	5	6	7	10	6	8	6	7	10	13	6	6	7	7
Don't know	28	24	13	19	27	17	25	23	27	21	35	33	32	24	25	25	33	28	37	27	26	28	23	31
None	17	15	6	13	22	7	10	11	21	17	17	13	15	18	20	14	20	16	13	22	17	18	15	15
Britain's exit from the EU																								
Conservative	17	68	2	6	43	2	3	7	33	17	18	9	10	17	33	17	17	18	19	10	15	22	13	19
Labour	19	3	52	12	4	45	16	27	10	21	16	24	22	18	11	21	16	19	23	15	23	19	19	16
Liberal Democrat	7	1	9	43	2	11	29	14	3	8	6	7	7	8	6	9	5	8	2	5	6	5	13	9
Other	9	4	2	2	14	6	2	6	14	13	6	6	10	12	8	10	9	9	15	14	9	8	6	10
Don't know	27	12	17	18	19	20	26	24	22	19	33	30	31	23	22	23	31	27	30	22	24	29	30	28
None	21	12	17	18	19	16	24	22	17	21	20	24	20	21	20	19	23	20	12	35	24	18	19	19
Defence and security																								
Conservative	24	75	10	22	50	7	18	17	38	27	22	19	16	23	43	25	23	25	21	18	22	28	21	28
Labour	19	1	55	15	4	49	22	32	11	23	16	15	23	22	12	21	16	20	17	14	23	18	23	18
Liberal Democrat	4	1	2	28	1	4	14	6	2	3	4	3	4	4	3	4	2	4	2	5	2	3	6	4
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Don't know	31	14	25	23	20	28	32	29	24	24	38	43	35	25	25	28	35	31	42	30	29	31	33	30
None	14	8	6	9	16	7	11	10	16	14	15	11	15	17	12	13	16	14	7	19	15	15	13	13

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How confident are you that the UK economy would recover if...

The Conservative Party won the next election

Very confident	4	21	1	0	9	1	1	2	7	4	4	2	2	5	8	4	4	4	4	3	3	5	5	5
Fairly confident	18	60	5	11	39	4	11	12	29	17	19	15	11	18	31	18	18	19	19	11	16	20	14	22
TOTAL CONFIDENT	22	81	6	11	48	5	12	14	36	21	23	17	13	23	39	22	22	23	23	14	19	25	19	27
Not very confident	26	12	31	32	25	28	33	27	27	26	26	29	29	24	23	27	25	26	29	29	28	23	24	26
Not confident at all	38	3	59	52	18	62	47	50	28	41	35	33	41	44	28	39	36	37	33	45	41	37	41	34
TOTAL NOT CONFIDENT	64	15	90	84	43	90	80	77	55	67	61	62	70	68	51	66	61	63	62	74	69	60	65	60
Don't know	13	5	4	5	9	5	8	8	8	11	16	20	17	8	9	10	18	13	15	11	12	14	16	13

The Labour Party won the next election

Very confident	4	0	13	2	1	10	4	7	3	5	3	2	5	5	2	5	3	4	3	3	5	4	5	4
Fairly confident	25	7	57	36	9	51	40	38	14	27	23	31	30	21	16	29	20	25	28	22	29	22	29	22
TOTAL CONFIDENT	29	7	70	38	10	61	44	45	17	32	26	33	35	26	18	34	23	29	31	25	34	26	34	26
Not very confident	29	35	21	35	30	25	33	29	29	29	29	34	29	28	28	30	28	29	31	34	25	34	30	28
Not confident at all	27	53	2	21	52	4	18	15	46	26	27	7	17	35	44	24	30	27	23	26	26	24	19	32
TOTAL NOT CONFIDENT	56	88	23	56	82	29	51	44	75	55	56	41	46	63	72	54	58	56	54	60	51	58	49	60
Don't know	15	5	7	6	8	9	6	10	8	12	18	26	19	11	9	13	19	15	15	15	15	16	16	15

If the government had additional money, which of the following would you prefer it to spend it on?

Reducing Government debt	15	24	9	17	22	7	17	13	20	16	13	14	11	15	22	16	13	14	13	21	11	15	16	15
Cutting taxes	29	33	23	19	35	21	15	19	36	31	27	26	36	26	22	28	31	29	34	25	32	32	30	25
Increasing public spending	44	37	60	61	34	62	62	60	33	43	44	43	41	47	45	48	39	44	39	43	42	38	48	47
Don't know	12	6	9	3	9	10	6	8	11	9	15	18	13	12	10	9	17	12	14	12	14	15	6	12

Thinking about the current economic situation, do you think it is or is not realistic for the Government to reduce taxes?

Is realistic for the Government to reduce taxes	25	26	22	14	29	23	11	19	33	27	23	15	29	24	25	25	25	26	25	21	28	23	31	23
Is not realistic for the Government to reduce taxes	54	63	61	77	55	60	73	67	48	57	51	59	48	56	60	60	46	54	42	60	48	56	52	58
Don't know	21	12	17	8	16	16	16	14	19	16	26	27	23	20	16	15	28	20	32	19	24	21	17	18

Sample Size: 2106 adults in GB
Fieldwork: 22nd - 23rd August 2023

	Westminster VI			Vote in 2019 GE			2016 EU Ref		Gender		Age				Social Grade		Country			Region in England					
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	England	Wales	Scotland	North	Midlands	London	Rest of South	
Weighted Sample	2106	335	610	129	689	510	179	742	784	1019	1087	221	870	520	495	1200	906	1817	105	183	508	350	255	706	
Unweighted Sample	2106	369	627	134	719	518	184	859	809	904	1202	166	793	549	598	1310	796	1817	121	168	526	372	189	730	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

If the Government were to cut taxes, which of the following would you MOST like to see decreased? Please tick up to three

Basic rate of income tax	46	42	54	44	46	55	45	50	47	51	41	42	46	48	46	50	40	46	47	44	50	46	41	45
Council tax	44	44	46	41	42	45	39	44	46	41	47	35	48	43	42	42	47	44	48	46	47	43	44	41
VAT	33	30	34	35	33	31	40	32	36	38	28	26	28	36	41	33	33	32	38	33	36	30	28	33
Fuel duty	32	43	28	26	43	26	32	31	42	32	32	10	25	38	48	29	36	32	34	32	39	35	16	31
National Insurance	21	14	26	23	18	25	18	23	18	21	21	30	28	19	7	25	16	21	25	20	25	22	19	19
Inheritance tax	17	28	12	19	25	12	20	15	22	15	18	11	14	17	22	18	15	18	8	9	10	20	20	22
Stamp duty	10	12	11	17	12	11	15	13	11	8	13	11	9	10	13	11	9	11	3	6	6	11	17	13
Higher rate of income tax	6	8	5	10	6	4	8	6	4	7	5	9	9	4	2	7	4	5	6	11	4	3	9	6
Corporation tax	4	6	3	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	2	4	3	4	4	5	2	4	1	4	2	4	5	4
Capital gains tax	3	5	3	2	4	2	1	2	4	4	3	2	3	4	4	4	3	3	2	7	2	4	3	4
Top rate of income tax	2	4	2	6	3	2	4	2	2	3	2	2	4	1	2	3	2	3	3	1	3	2	5	2
Not sure	10	4	8	6	5	9	5	8	5	9	11	24	11	6	7	7	14	10	12	12	10	11	10	9

Thinking about the level of benefits, do you think they are too high, too low, or is the balance about right?

Benefit payments are too high	23	41	10	19	38	10	14	15	36	25	21	10	23	25	26	25	21	23	20	22	22	25	20	24
Benefit payments are too low	28	10	42	27	13	43	29	35	19	29	27	31	32	28	21	26	31	28	26	34	31	25	32	25
The balance is about right	25	34	26	31	29	25	25	27	26	25	24	24	22	24	30	26	23	25	26	22	24	23	27	25
Don't know	24	15	22	23	20	22	31	24	20	21	28	34	24	23	23	24	25	25	27	22	23	27	20	25

*Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 100 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures should not be used.