

YouGov Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 21st July 2023 - 5th February 2024

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Weighted Sample	4093	1248	755	445
Unweighted Sample	4093	1254	767	439
	%	%	%	%

Which of the following applies to you?

I am in a relationship, and I live with my partner	57	100	100	100
I am in a relationship, but I do not live with my partner	10	0	0	0
I am not in a relationship	33	0	0	0

And which of the following applies to you and your partner?

[Asked only to those who are in a relationship and live with their partner; n=2445]

Myself and my partner are both employed	53	100	100	100
I am employed, but my partner is not	10	0	0	0
My partner is employed, but I am not	10	0	0	0
Neither my partner nor myself are employed	26	0	0	0

And thinking about the amount of money yourself and your partner earn, which of the following comes closest?

[Asked only to those whose partner and themselves are employed; n=1254]

I earn a lot more money than my partner	14	14	23	0
I earn a moderate amount of money more than my partner	14	14	23	0
I earn a little more money than my partner	11	11	0	30
My partner and I earn about the same	15	15	0	43
My partner earns a little more money than me	10	10	0	27
My partner earns a moderate amount of money more than me	16	16	27	0
My partner earns a lot more money than me	17	17	27	0
Don't know/prefer not to say	4	4	0	0

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Unweighted Sample	4093	1371	985	353	1596	1610	1838	2255	319	1675	1015	1084	2421	1672	3513	220	360	997	699	401	1416	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Which of the following applies to you?

I am in a relationship, and I live with my partner	57	65	59	68	66	63	57	57	13	61	65	62	62	51	58	51	55	59	59	45	61
I am in a relationship, but I do not live with my partner	10	6	11	8	8	7	10	10	29	9	6	6	10	10	10	11	9	10	10	12	9
I am not in a relationship	33	28	31	23	26	30	32	33	57	29	29	32	29	38	32	38	36	31	31	43	30

And which of the following applies to you and your partner?

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Myself and my partner are both employed	53	44	65	55	61	43	52	54	62	79	53	7	59	45	54	43	55	54	53	66	51
I am employed, but my partner is not	10	9	11	10	9	10	13	8	11	10	16	4	11	9	10	13	8	12	12	10	9
My partner is employed, but I am not	10	10	9	8	8	11	7	13	20	8	14	10	9	13	10	11	11	10	12	7	10
Neither my partner nor myself are employed	26	38	16	27	22	36	27	25	7	3	17	79	22	33	26	33	26	24	23	17	30

And thinking about the amount of money yourself and your partner earn, which of the following comes closest?

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I earn a lot more money than my partner	14	17	11	14	15	15	23	5	4	15	13	5	15	12	14	11	16	13	13	13	15
I earn a moderate amount of money more than my partner	14	14	12	17	15	12	19	10	3	15	12	17	15	11	14	16	11	14	16	9	15
I earn a little more money than my partner	11	9	13	6	8	11	15	7	22	11	10	4	10	12	11	12	8	12	9	11	11
My partner and I earn about the same	15	14	16	17	17	15	17	14	15	14	19	14	16	13	15	20	14	19	13	12	15
My partner earns a little more money than me	10	8	13	7	8	10	7	12	27	9	8	14	10	9	10	8	9	8	11	12	10
My partner earns a moderate amount of money more than me	16	16	16	20	18	16	11	22	5	17	17	12	15	20	16	15	19	16	16	18	16
My partner earns a lot more money than me	17	19	17	17	17	17	7	25	15	17	16	22	16	18	17	16	17	15	19	18	16
Don't know/prefer not to say	4	3	3	2	2	4	3	5	8	3	5	13	3	5	4	3	5	3	4	8	3

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Thinking about you and your partner's finances, which of the following comes closest to describing how they work?

[Asked only to those who are in a relationship and live with their partner; n=2445]

We both put all of our income into a joint account	32	24	26	21
We both put a set amount into a joint account to cover bills and expenses, and keep the rest of our individual earnings	27	37	34	44
We each have our own individual accounts only	31	32	35	30
Something else	3	2	3	1
Don't know/prefer not to say	7	5	3	3

Thinking about a couple who live together and where both partners are employed, what do you think is the fairest way for them to split their household expenses (i.e. their shared bills from rent, utilities, food, childcare etc)?

A 50-50 split	37	38	30	54
A split proportionate to how much each partner earns	48	49	58	36
Something else	5	5	6	4
Don't know	10	7	6	6

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We each have our own individual accounts only	31	30	31	21	29	31	33	29	32	34	31	25	29	33	31	32	26	32	29	39	30
Something else	3	3	3	5	3	2	3	3	0	3	3	3	3	2	3	3	5	3	3	1	3
Don't know/prefer not to say	7	6	6	6	6	7	7	8	5	6	8	9	5	11	7	8	6	7	9	10	6

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A 50-50 split	37	39	33	28	34	41	40	34	29	38	38	36	34	41	36	42	37	40	38	31	35
A split proportionate to how much each partner earns	48	47	54	58	53	45	44	52	56	48	46	47	53	42	49	45	45	47	47	53	49
Something else	5	6	6	6	6	5	5	5	3	5	5	7	6	4	5	6	6	5	4	4	6
Don't know	10	9	7	9	8	9	11	9	12	9	10	10	8	12	10	7	11	8	11	12	9

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Thinking about yourself and your partner, how do you split your household expenses (i.e. your shared bills from rent, utilities, food, childcare etc)?

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A 50-50 split	46	46	33	69
A split proportionate to how much each partner earns	37	37	49	18
Something else	12	12	15	9
Don't know	5	5	3	4

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A split proportionate to how much each partner earns	37	38	42	35	38	37	35	40	46	40	32	30	38	36	38	33	29	37	39	40	38
Something else	12	12	11	18	13	11	11	12	17	11	15	10	12	12	12	18	14	11	15	6	12
Don't know	5	3	2	3	3	3	5	4	0	4	6	7	3	7	4	2	8	3	4	7	4

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