

# YouGov / Internal Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 8th - 12th May 2026

	Vote in 2026 Local Elections						Vote in 2024 GE					EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age				Socio-economic Classification (NS-SEC)			
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Reform UK	Green	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Reform UK	Green	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	Higher	Intermediate	Routine	
<b>Weighted Sample</b>	<b>1173</b>	164	162	137	262	183	272	337	139	153	73	532	458	580	593	50	394	380	349	530	309	263	
<b>Unweighted Sample</b>	<b>1173</b>	142	176	144	251	202	220	381	133	168	86	543	431	568	605	61	449	351	312	568	280	235	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

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Conservative	17	100	0	0	0	0	55	5	6	3	2	16	20	15	19	4	12	18	23	20	19	13
Labour	17	0	100	0	0	0	1	46	8	1	2	26	6	16	18	36	21	14	13	20	14	11
Liberal Democrat	14	0	0	100	0	0	5	16	55	1	5	21	8	16	13	14	15	13	15	19	9	11
Reform UK	27	0	0	0	100	0	33	6	7	89	1	5	56	31	24	3	18	35	32	16	35	45
Green	19	0	0	0	0	100	3	22	21	1	85	29	4	19	20	42	28	15	12	21	19	10
An independent candidate, independent group, or some other party	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	3	6	5	5	6	4	7	1	6	4	5	4	3	10

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	Region in England					Voted in 2026 Local Elections	Labour Switcher (2024 GE - 2026 LE)	Labour Switcher Including 2026 LE Non-Voters (2024 GE - 2026 LE)	Split Ticket Voter
	Total	North	Midlands	London	Rest of South				
<b>Weighted Sample</b>	<b>1173</b>	302	116	305	450	955	155	203	95
<b>Unweighted Sample</b>	<b>1173</b>	323	107	272	471	963	178	234	94
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

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Conservative	<b>17</b>	10	15	19	21	17	9	9	5
Labour	<b>17</b>	23	23	21	9	17	0	0	21
Liberal Democrat	<b>14</b>	11	4	14	19	14	29	29	19
Reform UK	<b>27</b>	32	35	20	27	27	11	11	15
Green	<b>19</b>	20	12	24	17	19	41	41	31
An independent candidate, independent group, or some other party	<b>5</b>	4	10	2	6	5	10	10	9

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Conservative	<b>14</b>	100	0	0	0	0	48	4	5	3	2	13	17	13	15	3	9	15	20	17	15	10
Labour	<b>14</b>	0	100	0	0	0	1	40	7	1	2	22	5	14	14	28	16	12	12	17	11	9
Liberal Democrat	<b>12</b>	0	0	100	0	0	4	13	50	1	5	17	7	13	10	11	11	11	13	16	8	9
Reform UK	<b>22</b>	0	0	0	100	0	29	5	7	81	1	4	48	26	19	2	13	30	28	13	28	37
Green	<b>16</b>	0	0	0	0	100	2	19	19	1	76	24	4	16	16	32	21	13	10	18	16	8
An independent candidate, independent group, or some other party	<b>4</b>	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	2	5	4	4	6	2	5	1	4	4	4	3	2	7
I did not vote	<b>17</b>	0	0	0	0	0	9	14	9	7	11	14	12	15	19	16	23	15	13	14	18	18
I can't remember	<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Not applicable - There was no election in my ward	<b>1</b>	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	1	2	2	1	6	3	0	0	2	1	0

Across England, different councils allow you to vote for one, two, or three candidates. How many candidates were you able to vote for (the number of crosses / votes allowed)? Please give the total number of votes you were allowed to use, even if you did not use all of them.

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1 candidate	<b>49</b>	54	42	46	53	45	56	44	49	53	47	44	52	49	49	53	51	45	50	48	49	50
2 candidates	<b>17</b>	16	12	24	15	18	16	15	28	16	19	17	17	17	17	14	17	18	15	17	18	16
3 candidates	<b>32</b>	28	43	28	29	33	27	37	20	26	32	34	29	32	32	30	29	33	33	32	32	30
Don't know	<b>3</b>	2	3	2	3	4	1	3	4	5	3	4	2	3	3	3	2	4	2	3	2	5

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Conservative	<b>14</b>	8	13	16	17	17	9	7	5
Labour	<b>14</b>	18	19	17	7	17	0	0	21
Liberal Democrat	<b>12</b>	8	4	12	16	14	29	22	19
Reform UK	<b>22</b>	26	29	16	23	27	11	9	15
Green	<b>16</b>	16	10	20	14	19	41	31	31
An independent candidate, independent group, or some other party	<b>4</b>	3	9	1	5	5	10	7	9
I did not vote	<b>17</b>	21	15	16	15	0	0	23	0
I can't remember	<b>0</b>	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Not applicable - There was no election in my ward	<b>1</b>	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0

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1 candidate	<b>49</b>	60	42	12	68	49	48	48	0
2 candidates	<b>17</b>	4	21	23	19	17	17	17	42
3 candidates	<b>32</b>	33	34	64	9	32	32	32	58
Don't know	<b>3</b>	2	3	2	4	3	2	2	0

**And which party did you vote for at the local election for your [vote number], if at all?**

*[Shown to respondents who said they could vote for two candidates; n=442]*

**Your second vote**

Conservative	16	87	2	0	4	4	55	3	4	8	5	12	22	12	20	3	9	19	21	19	13	13
Labour	19	0	86	5	0	6	0	49	9	0	7	31	4	18	20	29	31	10	18	21	17	15
Liberal Democrat	15	1	0	81	1	8	8	14	57	1	7	18	9	15	14	26	16	16	11	19	9	14
Reform UK	23	1	1	0	87	1	26	6	6	86	2	4	49	27	18	3	10	34	24	13	30	37
Green	16	1	7	10	0	64	2	19	17	1	59	23	4	14	18	35	19	13	15	19	16	7
An independent candidate or independent group	5	4	1	3	0	8	3	3	5	0	17	4	5	5	4	0	8	4	3	4	8	2
Some other party or candidate	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Not applicable - I did not use this vote	6	4	4	1	7	10	4	5	1	4	2	7	6	8	5	3	6	5	8	3	7	12
I can't remember	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

**Your third vote**

*[Shown to respondents who said they could vote for more three candidates; n=287]*

Conservative	14	76	0	6	4	3	49	4	0	4	9	15	15	10	18	9	4	19	18	17	14	9
Labour	22	11	73	4	0	13	7	45	13	0	19	33	8	20	24	40	32	12	22	27	15	12
Liberal Democrat	12	0	1	78	3	4	8	14	52	3	0	12	10	11	13	5	14	15	8	13	9	14
Reform UK	21	2	0	4	81	0	20	6	12	84	3	6	45	27	15	0	5	31	27	16	25	32
Green	17	0	14	6	2	60	2	17	22	2	62	21	7	16	19	37	31	12	9	19	22	6
An independent candidate or independent group	4	2	7	0	0	3	3	7	0	0	3	4	3	3	4	0	3	5	3	4	3	4
Some other party or candidate	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	1	2	1
Not applicable - I did not use this vote	9	6	3	2	9	15	6	6	0	7	5	9	10	11	7	9	8	8	10	4	11	18
I can't remember	1	3	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	4

**Which of the following reasons, if any, best describe why you voted the way you did at the local elections on May 7th 2026? Please select up to two options.**

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Which party/parties that best represents my values	43	36	49	31	42	59	39	40	35	47	64	44	39	44	42	53	48	41	40	47	41	38
Which party/parties that had the best policies for the issues I care about in my local area	29	32	28	33	21	34	31	30	39	23	33	27	29	27	31	35	30	24	33	32	23	31
To stop a party that I dislike from winning	29	20	39	41	23	32	21	35	37	19	39	37	21	27	31	32	38	24	25	31	31	22
Based on how well or badly the national government are doing	23	21	4	17	46	18	27	14	10	43	13	15	35	25	21	5	17	28	26	18	27	30
Based on how well or badly my local council has been doing	20	25	21	18	23	12	24	19	18	20	6	16	22	20	19	22	15	22	21	20	16	23
Which party/parties had best candidates in my ward	13	15	17	19	5	9	13	17	17	3	14	16	10	10	15	8	12	10	17	13	15	9
Something else	6	7	7	3	5	3	6	7	4	5	2	5	7	7	4	3	6	5	6	6	4	6
Don't know	1	1	1	1	3	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	3	2	1	0	2	2	1	1	2	2

**And which party did you vote for at the local election for your [vote number], if at all?**

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**Your second vote**

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Labour	<b>19</b>	25	27	20	9	19	13	13	25
Liberal Democrat	<b>15</b>	6	8	16	24	15	27	27	16
Reform UK	<b>23</b>	27	32	16	28	23	12	12	11
Green	<b>16</b>	17	13	17	15	16	30	30	20
An independent candidate or independent group	<b>5</b>	3	0	5	7	5	5	5	16
Some other party or candidate	<b>0</b>	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Not applicable - I did not use this vote	<b>6</b>	11	8	5	3	6	6	6	0
I can't remember	<b>0</b>	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Conservative	<b>14</b>	10	7	18	10	14	9	9	13
Labour	<b>22</b>	18	22	25	15	22	13	13	21
Liberal Democrat	<b>12</b>	8	12	13	15	12	29	29	10
Reform UK	<b>21</b>	27	28	16	28	21	14	14	7
Green	<b>17</b>	17	21	18	12	17	21	21	29
An independent candidate or independent group	<b>4</b>	4	0	3	11	4	5	5	14
Some other party or candidate	<b>1</b>	0	0	1	4	1	1	1	4
Not applicable - I did not use this vote	<b>9</b>	14	11	6	6	9	8	8	0
I can't remember	<b>1</b>	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	3

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Which party/parties that best represents my values	<b>43</b>	44	42	49	39	43	31	31	51
Which party/parties that had the best policies for the issues I care about in my local area	<b>29</b>	28	26	31	29	29	31	31	39
To stop a party that I dislike from winning	<b>29</b>	27	18	32	32	29	33	33	34
Based on how well or badly the national government are doing	<b>23</b>	26	19	22	23	23	23	23	21
Based on how well or badly my local council has been doing	<b>20</b>	19	23	23	17	20	17	17	17
Which party/parties had best candidates in my ward	<b>13</b>	12	15	6	17	13	14	14	5
Something else	<b>6</b>	6	10	4	5	6	7	7	4
Don't know	<b>1</b>	2	3	1	1	1	1	1	0

**And, from this list which of the following issues had the MOST impact on how you voted in your 2026 local council election? Please tick up to three.**

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Economy, cost of living	27	24	22	15	35	32	25	25	20	34	37	22	30	32	22	32	37	22	22	24	28	31
Immigration	26	21	5	3	68	7	34	9	9	67	2	7	49	29	22	12	18	33	27	17	33	38
Crime, anti-social behaviour, policing	21	20	13	19	37	10	27	11	26	34	5	12	31	21	21	28	13	26	22	18	21	28
Roads (potholes, parking, congestion etc.)	20	29	17	18	22	13	28	15	18	18	13	14	28	21	20	5	17	20	25	21	18	21
Racism and the rise of the far right	19	4	28	23	2	46	4	30	19	3	41	29	4	19	19	35	24	15	15	24	16	9
NHS GP, hospital services and facilities	17	17	18	23	15	15	19	19	9	17	22	14	18	14	19	20	13	13	24	15	15	21
The environment, green spaces	14	11	17	12	2	33	8	21	16	2	35	21	6	10	18	13	14	14	14	17	11	8
The state of the local high street/ town centre	13	16	13	9	15	8	15	13	11	16	7	13	15	12	15	5	10	16	15	14	11	15
Council taxes	10	16	10	10	12	4	15	9	9	12	2	10	12	13	7	5	10	9	12	10	11	11
Housing and planning	9	9	10	10	7	12	9	9	11	7	10	11	7	10	8	8	9	8	11	10	10	7
Investment in infrastructure	8	8	15	5	4	6	6	10	9	4	5	9	4	8	7	20	8	7	6	9	6	7
Littering, fly-tipping	7	3	9	8	8	8	6	6	6	11	9	7	7	6	9	4	6	6	11	5	9	10
Waste collection and recycling	7	15	10	9	2	4	11	7	12	2	2	7	6	7	7	4	6	7	8	10	5	5
Poverty and homelessness	6	0	6	10	5	14	1	9	7	6	9	2	7	6	3	7	6	6	7	5	6	6
Social care	5	3	8	6	3	5	3	7	5	1	7	6	3	5	5	4	3	4	7	5	6	3
NHS dentist services and facilities	4	2	6	2	6	1	2	5	1	4	5	2	5	4	4	4	5	3	4	2	3	8
Unemployment, jobs	4	5	3	3	6	2	6	2	2	7	0	2	6	3	4	8	4	5	2	3	6	3
Public transport	4	2	5	5	3	7	3	4	8	1	10	4	4	4	5	2	5	3	6	5	2	6
Education and schools	4	6	11	6	1	2	4	7	5	1	1	5	3	4	5	10	6	4	3	7	2	1
Pollution (including water)	3	2	1	5	1	8	2	5	3	0	11	5	1	2	4	0	5	3	3	5	2	1
Fuel/ petrol prices	2	3	3	1	3	2	3	3	1	2	2	3	2	3	2	5	2	1	4	2	2	3
Facilities for children and young people	2	2	6	2	0	4	1	5	4	0	1	4	1	2	3	5	3	2	3	3	2	2
Drugs	1	0	2	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	8	0	2	0	0	2	1
Other	7	10	10	10	3	6	7	10	7	3	9	11	4	8	7	3	6	9	7	10	5	3
Don't know	5	4	3	10	3	3	5	4	9	5	0	5	4	4	6	5	7	3	4	4	5	4

**When did you make up your mind about how you were voting in your 2026 local council election?**

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On election day	10	10	14	11	5	11	7	11	15	7	2	11	8	8	11	15	16	7	5	10	12	7
One to two days before the election	7	8	8	7	5	7	8	6	6	2	12	8	7	6	7	3	6	10	5	8	4	7
Three to four days before the election	3	3	5	3	3	2	2	4	2	5	1	4	1	4	3	4	6	2	2	2	3	5
A week before the election	7	8	3	19	5	6	7	9	12	3	4	8	7	8	7	9	8	6	9	10	4	5
A couple of weeks before the election	14	14	15	9	9	22	15	17	14	6	21	14	11	12	15	22	12	12	16	16	9	14
A month before the election	5	5	4	6	5	4	8	6	1	3	4	4	6	6	4	0	4	4	8	5	5	5
More than a month before the election	40	28	21	31	61	43	36	29	37	64	47	34	48	43	37	30	36	48	38	36	47	43
Not applicable - I've always voted this way	13	22	27	13	6	4	16	15	13	8	8	15	12	12	14	14	12	10	16	12	14	14
Don't know/ can't remember	1	1	3	1	2	1	1	2	0	3	2	1	2	2	1	4	1	1	2	1	2	1

**And, from this list which of the following issues had the MOST impact on how you voted in your 2026 local council election? Please tick up to three.**

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Economy, cost of living	27	28	18	31	25	27	28	28	28
Immigration	26	29	32	18	27	26	11	11	17
Crime, anti-social behaviour, policing	21	21	25	23	18	21	13	13	23
Roads (potholes, parking, congestion etc.)	20	15	37	10	26	20	15	15	16
Racism and the rise of the far right	19	18	14	20	19	19	32	32	21
NHS GP, hospital services and facilities	17	16	12	22	15	17	19	19	17
The environment, green spaces	14	13	11	15	14	14	24	24	20
The state of the local high street/ town centre	13	13	12	16	12	13	15	15	11
Council taxes	10	8	7	11	12	10	7	7	4
Housing and planning	9	11	3	7	11	9	9	9	8
Investment in infrastructure	8	9	13	7	6	8	8	8	13
Littering, fly-tipping	7	6	10	11	6	7	4	4	5
Waste collection and recycling	7	5	17	6	7	7	6	6	5
Poverty and homelessness	6	5	6	11	4	6	11	11	9
Social care	5	7	4	4	4	5	5	5	4
NHS dentist services and facilities	4	7	0	2	3	4	4	4	1
Unemployment, jobs	4	4	3	6	3	4	2	2	10
Public transport	4	8	2	4	3	4	3	3	4
Education and schools	4	4	2	6	4	4	3	3	6
Pollution (including water)	3	3	1	3	4	3	8	8	1
Fuel/ petrol prices	2	3	3	3	1	2	4	4	0
Facilities for children and young people	2	2	4	2	2	2	4	4	7
Drugs	1	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	4
Other	7	6	6	8	8	7	8	8	4
Don't know	5	7	2	2	5	5	4	4	4

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One to two days before the election	7	6	8	8	6	7	6	6	11
Three to four days before the election	3	3	0	5	3	3	3	3	5
A week before the election	7	7	4	5	10	7	15	15	11
A couple of weeks before the election	14	15	8	12	15	14	18	18	11
A month before the election	5	5	5	6	4	5	8	8	11
More than a month before the election	40	41	43	37	41	40	36	36	31
Not applicable - I've always voted this way	13	12	15	18	9	13	3	3	10
Don't know/ can't remember	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	2

Do you expect your council to change for the better, the worse or stay the same over the next few years?

Get better	19	8	17	17	33	21	16	14	20	33	21	12	25	21	17	40	18	21	14	16	19	23
Stay the same	41	43	37	49	34	45	43	39	47	34	41	45	37	44	38	33	37	41	47	43	37	41
Get worse	26	30	35	25	17	23	24	33	24	17	28	31	22	23	29	20	29	23	27	30	27	18
Don't know	14	19	11	8	15	11	16	14	10	16	10	13	17	12	16	7	17	14	13	10	17	18

Which of the following, if any, best describes how you are feeling about the results of the 2026 local council elections in England?

Pessimistic	18	21	28	25	5	22	14	27	19	6	20	25	12	18	18	12	15	17	23	23	18	8
Anxious	15	15	18	20	6	26	14	21	17	4	19	21	8	13	17	24	19	14	11	17	15	10
Indifferent	14	20	10	11	9	9	18	9	16	9	7	13	14	12	16	5	13	14	16	13	16	14
Optimistic	13	6	8	2	35	6	14	5	7	34	7	5	22	15	10	7	7	16	15	10	18	14
Scared	8	5	11	11	0	15	5	8	13	1	16	9	3	6	9	18	11	5	6	9	5	6
Happy	6	6	1	1	16	0	9	2	0	14	0	2	11	8	3	1	5	6	6	4	5	11
Angry	6	4	10	12	1	12	1	12	5	1	10	10	2	6	5	8	3	6	9	7	4	5
Tired	4	8	6	3	4	3	5	4	2	5	4	4	3	4	5	9	7	2	3	5	4	4
Excited	3	2	1	0	8	1	4	1	1	10	0	1	5	3	3	5	2	3	3	1	2	6
Relaxed	3	5	0	3	2	1	4	3	2	2	7	3	4	5	1	0	4	3	2	3	2	4
Reassured	2	0	2	3	6	0	2	1	5	5	0	0	4	2	3	5	2	2	3	2	2	2
None of these	6	6	4	4	5	4	10	2	8	4	9	4	7	6	5	3	7	7	3	4	6	10
Don't know	4	2	2	5	3	2	1	4	4	7	1	3	5	3	4	3	5	4	2	3	4	5

Generally speaking, do you think the 2026 local elections were more or less important compared to previous local elections that have occurred during your lifetime, or is there no real difference?

Much more important	27	24	20	20	49	30	29	20	19	51	37	21	38	26	28	37	20	31	28	23	30	30
Somewhat more important	38	42	38	47	34	37	36	45	43	31	33	43	34	38	39	35	39	39	37	44	34	33
<b>TOTAL MORE IMPORTANT</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>63</b>
No real difference	28	34	35	27	14	28	31	28	31	15	26	32	22	30	27	14	29	25	32	28	30	30
Somewhat less important	1	0	3	4	0	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	1	1	1	2	3	1	0	1	2	1
Much less important	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
<b>TOTAL LESS IMPORTANT</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
Don't know	4	0	4	1	4	3	3	4	5	3	4	2	5	4	5	12	7	3	2	3	4	5

Do you expect your council to change for the better, the worse or stay the same over the next few years?

Get better	19	18	21	22	17	21	15	12	19
Stay the same	41	34	36	48	42	41	42	42	50
Get worse	26	33	17	19	29	25	27	28	20
Don't know	14	15	26	11	13	13	16	17	11

Which of the following, if any, best describes how you are feeling about the results of the 2026 local council elections in England?

Pessimistic	18	20	9	20	18	19	26	25	23
Anxious	15	17	15	16	13	15	23	23	18
Indifferent	14	13	12	12	16	11	7	10	10
Optimistic	13	13	16	8	14	14	4	3	11
Scared	8	7	4	6	10	8	8	8	7
Happy	6	7	6	4	6	6	3	3	2
Angry	6	6	5	8	4	7	15	11	12
Tired	4	4	2	9	2	5	3	4	5
Excited	3	5	4	1	3	3	0	0	1
Relaxed	3	1	8	3	3	3	5	4	9
Reassured	2	1	2	3	2	3	1	1	0
None of these	6	2	13	6	6	4	1	2	0
Don't know	4	4	3	4	3	3	4	6	0

Generally speaking, do you think the 2026 local elections were more or less important compared to previous local elections that have occurred during your lifetime, or is there no real difference?

Much more important	27	29	28	23	28	31	24	21	24
Somewhat more important	38	38	37	40	38	39	51	47	49
<b>TOTAL MORE IMPORTANT</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>73</b>
No real difference	28	27	24	31	29	26	19	24	25
Somewhat less important	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	2
Much less important	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>TOTAL LESS IMPORTANT</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
Don't know	4	3	9	5	3	3	3	5	1

**Based on what you know now about the outcome of the election, did **\*\*Labour\*\*** win more or fewer votes/ seats than you expected them to?**

Won much more than I expected	<b>15</b>	20	7	9	26	9	23	8	13	24	6	9	22	16	14	20	13	17	14	14	13	19
Won about as many as I expected	<b>40</b>	37	41	46	42	49	37	43	39	39	63	46	39	41	40	32	36	45	42	43	43	34
Won fewer than I expected	<b>34</b>	34	47	40	25	36	30	42	40	26	26	39	27	33	35	38	37	29	36	36	33	32
Don't know	<b>10</b>	9	5	6	8	6	11	8	8	11	4	6	12	10	11	10	14	9	8	7	12	15

**Based on what you know now about the outcome of the election, did **\*\*Reform UK\*\*** win more or fewer votes/ seats than you expected them to?**

Won much more than I expected	<b>51</b>	51	55	59	43	57	49	54	59	41	57	55	49	48	54	42	54	54	46	49	55	54
Won about as many as I expected	<b>35</b>	42	31	30	41	34	39	32	27	45	37	33	37	38	32	38	30	35	40	39	32	29
Won fewer than I expected	<b>7</b>	5	4	7	13	4	8	6	7	11	1	6	8	6	7	4	4	8	9	7	6	8
Don't know	<b>7</b>	2	9	4	4	4	5	8	7	3	5	6	6	8	7	17	11	4	6	5	7	10

**Based on what you know now about the outcome of the election, did **\*\*the Green Party\*\*** win more or fewer votes/ seats than you expected them to?**

Won much more than I expected	<b>31</b>	40	23	30	42	25	41	27	30	39	25	28	39	34	28	12	22	35	39	33	28	33
Won about as many as I expected	<b>32</b>	35	38	34	21	38	26	35	33	28	44	35	23	32	31	42	35	32	25	34	28	30
Won fewer than I expected	<b>19</b>	12	23	20	21	32	15	21	20	18	23	23	17	20	19	29	23	18	15	19	24	13
Don't know	<b>18</b>	14	17	16	16	5	18	16	17	16	8	14	21	14	22	17	20	14	20	13	21	24

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**Based on what you know now about the outcome of the election, did **\*\*Labour\*\*** win more or fewer votes/ seats than you expected them to?**

Won much more than I expected	<b>15</b>	12	21	14	16	16	10	9	10
Won about as many as I expected	<b>40</b>	40	41	38	42	43	47	44	37
Won fewer than I expected	<b>34</b>	39	23	37	32	35	37	37	48
Don't know	<b>10</b>	9	15	10	10	7	6	10	5

**Based on what you know now about the outcome of the election, did **\*\*Reform UK\*\*** win more or fewer votes/ seats than you expected them to?**

Won much more than I expected	<b>51</b>	54	48	42	56	52	58	55	56
Won about as many as I expected	<b>35</b>	31	35	38	36	36	31	31	30
Won fewer than I expected	<b>7</b>	8	6	10	4	7	7	6	10
Don't know	<b>7</b>	7	12	10	4	4	3	8	5

**Based on what you know now about the outcome of the election, did **\*\*the Green Party\*\*** win more or fewer votes/ seats than you expected them to?**

Won much more than I expected	<b>31</b>	30	29	29	33	32	29	29	34
Won about as many as I expected	<b>32</b>	25	28	37	34	32	36	34	33
Won fewer than I expected	<b>19</b>	23	20	17	18	22	23	21	21
Don't know	<b>18</b>	22	24	17	15	14	13	16	12

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