

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2135 Adults in GB
Fieldwork: 25th - 26th November 2024

	Vote in 2024 GE					EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age (1)				Age (2)					Age (3)	Age (4)	Age (5)	Social Grade	
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Reform UK	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	18 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55+	18 - 34	18 - 40	18 - 44	ABC1	C2DE
Weighted Sample	2135	384	549	196	231	752	795	1033	1102	224	882	527	502	224	322	382	347	859	546	785	928	1217	918
Unweighted Sample	2135	331	620	211	317	836	829	957	1178	134	895	567	539	134	324	394	358	925	458	703	852	1263	872
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
REBASED	1106	255	271	97	136	414	517	490	617	4	384	351	368	4	70	210	213	610	74	202	284	614	493
Unweighted Sample	1172	228	322	111	195	465	543	486	686	2	393	381	396	2	74	220	217	659	76	208	296	664	508
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

How many children do you have in total?

[Asked only to those who are a parent or guardian;
n=1172]

One	14	14	14	16	16	16	12	16	0	17	16	13	0	13	19	18	14	8	12	13	15	12	
Two	25	36	23	23	26	29	31	24	26	1	20	33	35	1	7	28	30	35	5	12	14	24	26
Three	8	10	8	9	10	7	11	7	9	0	4	11	15	0	1	5	8	14	0	2	2	7	9
Four	3	4	2	4	3	3	5	2	4	0	2	5	6	0	0	2	4	5	0	1	1	2	5
Five	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	1
More than five	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1

Would you or would you not want more children than you currently have?

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Yes I would, and plan to	4	1	4	7	2	4	3	4	3	0	9	1	0	0	30	7	0	0	28	17	13	4	3
Yes I would, but am unlikely to	16	10	16	12	17	17	13	14	18	0	25	14	10	0	19	27	22	10	18	23	24	18	14
No I would not, have the number of children I want	77	87	77	77	79	75	82	78	76	100	60	83	89	100	36	62	74	88	39	51	56	76	78
Don't know	3	2	3	4	1	4	2	4	3	0	6	2	2	0	15	4	3	2	14	9	7	3	4

To what extent, if at all, do you regret having children?

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A great extent	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	2	1	0	1	2	1	0	3	0	2	1	3	1	1	1	2
A moderate extent	2	0	2	4	3	2	2	2	2	0	3	3	0	0	3	2	4	1	3	3	3	2	2
A small extent	5	2	5	9	8	5	5	5	4	0	6	4	5	0	6	7	3	5	5	7	7	5	5
I do not regret having children	91	96	90	87	86	91	91	90	92	100	90	90	94	100	85	90	90	92	86	89	89	92	90
Don't know	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Prefer not to say	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	0

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
REBASED	1106	963	56	87	269	193	85	416
Unweighted Sample	1172	1018	70	84	305	211	65	437
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

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Two	25	25	28	19	25	27	13	30
Three	8	8	10	10	8	11	2	8
Four	3	3	4	1	3	4	3	3
Five	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
More than five	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1

Would you or would you not want more children than you currently have?

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Yes I would, and plan to	4	4	3	4	3	1	10	4
Yes I would, but am unlikely to	16	16	17	17	19	16	15	14
No I would not, have the number of children I want	77	77	77	75	76	79	70	79
Don't know	3	3	3	4	2	4	6	3

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A moderate extent	2	2	0	2	2	2	5	1
A small extent	5	5	6	2	4	5	8	5
I do not regret having children	91	91	90	94	92	89	86	92
Don't know	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Prefer not to say	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

	REBASED																							
	970	125	266	94	91	318	261	514	456	211	475	163	122	211	245	162	125	228	456	558	618	567	403	
Unweighted Sample	906	99	284	94	117	349	268	442	464	128	477	171	130	128	241	165	129	243	369	474	534	565	341	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	

Do you or do you not want to have children in the future?

[Asked only to those who are not currently a parent or guardian; n=906]

Yes, I do	28	17	25	30	23	24	14	26	31	55	32	2	3	55	44	23	8	2	49	45	42	29	27
No, I do not	53	70	56	50	63	60	76	55	50	14	45	92	95	14	29	57	84	93	22	28	31	52	53
I have not made up my mind	19	14	18	20	14	16	11	19	19	31	23	7	3	31	27	20	8	5	29	27	27	19	20

	REBASED																							
	510	87	149	47	57	192	197	282	228	31	215	149	115	31	72	92	104	212	102	156	194	297	214	
Unweighted Sample	524	76	166	49	76	215	204	267	257	20	225	155	124	20	73	96	109	226	93	148	189	317	207	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	

And what would you say are the main reasons that you do not want to have children?

[Asked to respondents who are neither parents nor guardians and who said they do not want to have children in the future; n=524]

Respondents answered in their own words, which YouGov's AI language model has categorised into the below categories

I'm too old	35	52	27	39	52	31	49	35	35	0	9	50	72	0	1	5	32	66	1	1	3	37	32
The current state of the world / Overpopulation	13	9	15	10	12	15	11	15	10	16	14	16	6	16	9	19	13	10	12	16	15	13	12
It's too expensive	12	7	15	11	4	12	6	11	13	33	21	3	1	33	31	22	5	2	31	28	27	13	10
I don't like children	8	6	10	5	12	9	7	8	7	0	12	2	7	0	8	13	12	4	6	9	9	5	11
I don't want to	8	11	7	6	9	11	7	6	11	10	12	7	3	10	11	12	7	6	11	11	12	9	7
I don't want to compromise my independence	6	7	4	14	2	4	8	6	6	8	9	4	1	8	17	7	7	1	14	11	11	6	5
I am not able to have children	3	4	4	2	3	3	2	1	6	9	5	2	1	9	3	4	5	2	5	4	4	4	3
I am gay	2	0	3	0	1	2	1	3	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	2	1	2	0	1	1	2	2
Other	8	2	10	9	3	9	4	8	8	22	10	7	3	22	13	10	8	4	16	14	13	6	12
Dont know prefer not to say	6	4	6	4	2	4	7	7	4	2	6	6	4	2	6	6	10	4	5	5	5	5	7

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Unweighted Sample	906	773	44	89	219	143	118	293
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Yes, I do	28	28	40	21	29	25	32	28
No, I do not	53	52	39	63	57	56	38	54
I have not made up my mind	19	19	21	16	14	19	30	18

REBASED	510	435	18	57	128	82	62	164
Unweighted Sample	524	445	23	56	135	87	52	171
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It's too expensive	12	13	6	5	11	12	31	9
I don't like children	8	8	0	6	11	2	12	8
I don't want to	8	8	6	15	6	12	10	6
I don't want to compromise my independence	6	6	7	4	7	6	5	6
I am not able to have children	3	3	7	3	3	3	3	4
I am gay	2	2	0	0	2	3	0	3
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