

YouGov Survey Results

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

In general, do you think public services in the UK are currently in a good state, a bad state or neither?

Very good state	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	1	1	1	0
Fairly good state	7	6	7	7	4	6	7	4	8	6	10	7	6	5	7	6	6	4	9	7	4	12	6
TOTAL GOOD STATE	8	6	8	7	4	6	8	4	9	6	13	8	6	5	7	7	7	4	13	8	5	13	6
Neither good nor bad state	18	18	17	17	11	19	18	15	16	19	19	18	17	17	18	18	18	16	17	19	17	23	16
Fairly bad state	45	48	48	55	39	42	49	45	46	45	45	45	46	46	49	40	46	42	41	48	43	42	48
Very bad state	27	25	25	17	44	30	23	34	27	27	19	25	29	30	24	31	26	35	27	24	30	20	28
TOTAL BAD STATE	72	73	73	72	83	72	72	79	73	72	64	70	75	76	73	71	72	77	68	72	73	62	76
Don't know	3	1	2	4	2	3	3	1	2	3	4	4	2	1	2	4	3	3	3	2	5	2	3

In general, do you think the level of tax that ordinary people in the UK pay is high, low or neither?

Very high	19	19	17	7	39	10	13	25	22	17	14	22	19	18	18	21	19	20	18	20	23	17	18
Fairly high	44	52	40	38	43	44	40	49	43	46	44	42	44	49	43	46	44	45	50	46	43	45	42
TOTAL HIGH	63	71	57	45	82	54	53	74	65	63	58	64	63	67	61	67	63	65	68	66	66	62	60
Neither high nor low	25	24	30	38	13	28	33	20	24	27	23	25	28	24	28	22	26	20	21	25	22	25	29
Fairly low	4	3	6	9	1	8	7	2	5	3	5	4	5	4	5	2	4	6	4	3	3	6	4
Very low	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
TOTAL LOW	4	3	7	9	1	8	8	2	6	3	5	5	5	4	5	3	4	6	5	3	4	7	4
Don't know	6	2	7	7	4	11	6	4	5	8	13	7	4	5	6	8	6	9	6	6	7	6	6

If you had to choose between the following, which would you pick?

Higher taxes and more funding for public services	32	19	48	48	13	53	46	18	35	29	42	31	31	29	37	25	32	30	34	30	28	37	33
Lower taxes and less funding for public services	18	25	8	9	39	6	9	27	23	13	13	19	17	20	18	18	19	12	15	19	19	23	16
Current tax levels and public service funding remaining as it is	30	41	26	28	29	26	27	36	27	32	23	26	34	34	28	32	30	30	26	30	28	23	33
Don't know	21	15	19	15	19	15	19	18	15	26	22	23	19	18	17	26	20	28	25	20	25	16	19

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Which of the following, if any, do you think have been the **BIGGEST** causes of the problems faced by public services in the UK? Please tick up to three.

Poor management/leadership within public services	51	69	42	43	65	41	42	64	52	50	39	46	55	61	51	51	51	47	54	53	49	49	50
Bad government policy	40	47	35	31	52	34	34	47	42	39	42	37	40	46	40	41	40	36	43	42	40	41	39
Privatisation and outsourcing	31	15	43	41	22	58	40	23	32	30	37	31	31	28	32	29	31	26	33	32	26	33	32
Not enough funding	30	18	40	39	14	46	39	23	28	33	40	31	31	25	31	28	31	28	25	31	27	31	33
Brexit	26	8	42	39	5	38	43	6	26	26	36	32	21	16	30	20	26	21	32	23	24	33	25
Increasing demand	25	32	22	22	31	16	24	32	24	26	13	25	30	25	26	24	25	23	27	26	24	22	25
Bureaucracy and red tape	25	35	18	24	37	16	20	34	28	22	11	19	30	35	23	27	25	28	20	26	28	22	24
Covid-19	14	14	15	14	13	13	14	13	13	15	19	15	12	14	14	15	14	17	18	14	13	16	13
Actions by trade unions	11	27	5	5	21	3	7	20	13	9	2	7	13	22	11	12	12	8	7	11	13	8	13
Overly-centralised decision making	9	10	8	13	9	8	8	11	10	9	9	8	10	12	11	8	10	10	7	9	12	8	10
Something else	3	2	2	2	7	3	3	4	4	3	1	5	4	2	4	3	3	6	3	3	2	4	4
Don't know	5	2	3	4	2	4	4	2	3	6	11	7	2	2	3	7	5	10	5	4	7	3	4

Do you think issues faced by the UK public finances and public services can or cannot realistically be solved...

...WITHOUT raising the taxes that ordinary people pay?

Can realistically be solved this way	42	42	42	31	56	44	37	44	47	37	55	45	37	36	43	41	43	29	42	44	46	44	40
Cannot realistically be solved this way	35	39	39	47	25	38	43	35	36	33	21	28	42	44	37	31	34	38	35	34	31	33	37
Don't know	24	19	19	22	19	18	21	21	18	29	23	27	22	20	20	28	23	32	24	22	24	23	24

...solely by increasing taxes on the rich?

Can realistically be solved this way	41	17	54	43	23	65	46	28	40	42	63	49	32	26	42	39	41	35	44	44	43	38	39
Cannot realistically be solved this way	43	71	31	40	61	25	39	58	48	38	21	31	54	61	44	40	43	46	40	38	42	43	46
Don't know	16	12	15	17	16	10	15	14	12	20	16	20	13	14	13	21	16	19	15	17	16	19	15

...solely by increasing taxes on businesses?

Can realistically be solved this way	20	12	27	15	10	32	21	14	21	19	40	24	12	12	21	18	20	17	23	22	19	20	19
Cannot realistically be solved this way	58	77	52	64	72	47	58	68	63	54	37	50	70	71	60	56	59	57	56	56	59	55	62
Don't know	21	11	21	21	17	20	20	18	16	26	23	26	17	17	19	25	21	26	21	22	23	25	19

...solely by increasing taxes on businesses AND the rich?

Can realistically be solved this way	43	19	58	50	26	65	49	30	43	43	68	50	34	30	46	38	43	43	44	44	42	42	43
Cannot realistically be solved this way	38	65	26	31	59	21	32	51	44	32	19	28	47	52	39	37	38	34	36	36	39	38	39
Don't know	19	15	17	19	15	14	18	19	13	25	13	22	19	18	16	25	19	24	19	21	19	20	18

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...solely by increasing government borrowing?

Can realistically be solved this way	10	8	16	5	9	9	12	8	11	9	15	10	10	9	10	11	10	6	12	12	9	13	9
Cannot realistically be solved this way	67	76	63	73	75	67	68	71	72	62	60	64	68	74	69	64	67	67	70	65	66	63	70
Don't know	23	15	21	22	16	25	20	21	17	29	26	26	22	17	21	25	23	27	18	23	26	24	22

When it comes to super-rich individuals, taking into account that their behaviour may change as a result, do you think the government would be more likely to generate more tax revenue if they raised tax rates for the super-rich, or if they lowered tax rates for the super-rich?

Would generate more revenue by raising tax rates for the super-rich	55	32	73	61	36	72	63	45	54	56	70	58	52	47	58	51	55	59	56	58	55	55	52
Would generate more revenue by lowering tax rates for the super-rich	17	33	8	12	37	5	13	27	21	13	6	12	22	26	18	16	17	9	17	17	15	19	18
Don't know	28	35	19	27	28	23	24	28	25	31	24	30	26	27	25	33	28	31	27	24	30	26	30

And if the effect of raising taxes on super-rich individuals was that the government made less in tax revenue because super-rich individuals chose to leave the UK to avoid having to pay the tax rises, would you support or oppose raising such taxes?

Strongly support	22	5	31	29	12	40	29	13	25	18	28	25	19	15	24	19	21	20	24	22	25	21	20
Somewhat support	22	18	28	27	15	24	24	20	21	23	24	22	22	20	22	21	21	28	25	23	20	20	21
TOTAL SUPPORT	44	23	59	56	27	64	53	33	46	41	52	47	41	35	46	40	42	48	49	45	45	41	41
Somewhat oppose	20	35	14	18	24	12	17	27	20	20	14	16	23	26	20	20	20	24	17	20	16	21	22
Strongly oppose	14	30	5	11	33	2	10	23	18	11	4	12	16	20	16	12	15	8	14	13	14	15	16
TOTAL OPPOSE	34	65	19	29	57	14	27	50	38	31	18	28	39	46	36	32	35	32	31	33	30	36	38
Don't know	22	13	21	15	17	22	21	17	16	28	29	24	21	18	18	29	23	20	21	22	24	23	22

*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.