

YouGov / RCN Survey Results

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	9-11 Jun '23	6-7 Dec '23																				
Thinking about the following groups of workers, how much **sympathy**, if any, would you have for them if they were to go on strike?																						
Nurses																						
A lot of sympathy	43	41	23	61	54	55	28	39	43	46	46	38	34	43	39	41	41	45	40	40	47	39
A fair amount of sympathy	26	30	32	28	32	30	32	30	30	28	30	32	30	32	28	31	27	28	28	29	33	33
TOTAL A LOT / FAIR AMOUNT OF SYMPATHY	69	71	55	89	86	85	60	69	73	74	76	70	64	75	67	72	68	73	68	69	80	72
Not very much sympathy	15	14	23	5	9	9	20	14	13	8	11	15	19	13	14	14	14	11	14	11	9	16
No sympathy at all	11	10	18	3	3	5	16	11	9	5	6	12	16	9	11	10	12	12	11	14	4	8
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NO SYMPATHY	26	24	41	8	12	14	36	25	22	13	17	27	35	22	25	24	26	23	25	25	13	24
Don't know	4	5	3	3	2	2	4	5	6	13	7	3	2	3	8	5	6	4	7	6	7	4
Doctors working in hospitals																						
A lot of sympathy	33	29	13	48	38	41	16	28	30	42	34	27	17	31	26	29	27	32	29	25	36	28
A fair amount of sympathy	31	31	27	35	36	35	29	29	33	25	31	31	32	31	30	31	29	29	29	33	36	31
TOTAL A LOT / FAIR AMOUNT OF SYMPATHY	64	60	40	83	74	76	45	57	63	67	65	58	49	62	56	60	56	61	58	58	72	59
Not very much sympathy	18	19	28	8	18	14	25	18	19	10	17	20	24	18	19	19	19	15	20	16	15	21
No sympathy at all	14	16	30	5	7	8	27	20	13	9	11	20	25	16	17	16	19	19	16	19	8	17
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NO SYMPATHY	32	35	58	13	25	22	52	38	32	19	28	40	49	34	36	35	38	34	36	35	23	38
Don't know	5	5	3	3	0	2	4	5	6	13	8	2	1	3	8	5	6	4	7	7	6	3
Fire fighters																						
A lot of sympathy	31	31	18	44	31	35	23	29	32	37	35	30	21	30	31	30	29	35	31	30	32	29
A fair amount of sympathy	34	36	34	39	45	41	33	34	37	36	35	35	37	37	34	36	30	38	33	37	38	36
TOTAL A LOT / FAIR AMOUNT OF SYMPATHY	65	67	52	83	76	76	56	63	69	73	70	65	58	67	65	66	59	73	64	67	70	65
Not very much sympathy	18	17	26	10	17	15	23	19	15	9	14	20	24	19	15	18	24	9	18	13	15	21
No sympathy at all	11	10	19	3	3	6	15	12	8	6	7	11	15	10	10	10	7	12	11	12	8	9
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NO SYMPATHY	29	27	45	13	20	21	38	31	23	15	21	31	39	29	25	28	31	21	29	25	23	30
Don't know	5	6	4	3	4	3	6	5	8	11	9	4	3	5	9	6	10	5	8	7	7	5
Primary / Secondary school teachers																						
A lot of sympathy	24	22	9	41	28	34	11	22	23	29	29	20	11	27	17	22	23	24	22	20	29	21
A fair amount of sympathy	26	27	20	36	35	34	19	26	28	33	29	26	22	29	25	27	20	30	25	22	37	28
TOTAL A LOT / FAIR AMOUNT OF SYMPATHY	50	49	29	77	63	68	30	48	51	62	58	46	33	56	42	49	43	54	47	42	66	49
Not very much sympathy	24	25	34	11	24	18	33	25	24	20	20	25	34	22	27	25	29	20	24	25	17	28
No sympathy at all	21	20	35	9	10	11	31	22	18	7	14	25	30	18	22	20	20	21	22	25	9	20
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NO SYMPATHY	45	45	69	20	34	29	64	47	42	27	34	50	64	40	49	45	49	41	46	50	26	48
Don't know	5	6	3	3	2	2	5	5	6	11	8	4	3	4	9	6	8	5	7	8	7	3

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Railway support staff (ticket hall staff, engineers etc.)

A lot of sympathy	14	13	3	26	14	21	5	16	11	18	17	12	6	13	13	12	13	23	12	12	13	12
A fair amount of sympathy	26	27	16	38	40	31	23	25	28	28	28	30	20	27	26	27	21	27	28	24	38	24
TOTAL A LOT / FAIR AMOUNT OF SYMPATHY	40	40	19	64	54	52	28	41	39	46	45	42	26	40	39	39	34	50	40	36	51	36
Not very much sympathy	27	28	34	23	25	28	30	24	31	22	26	27	35	30	25	28	33	22	29	26	21	31
No sympathy at all	27	24	43	9	15	16	36	28	21	17	19	28	35	24	25	25	24	22	23	29	17	27
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NO SYMPATHY	54	52	77	32	40	44	66	52	52	39	45	55	70	54	50	53	57	44	52	55	38	58
Don't know	6	8	4	5	5	4	6	7	9	16	10	4	4	6	11	8	10	6	9	8	11	6

GPs

A lot of sympathy	19	18	8	31	21	26	10	18	18	20	22	19	10	19	17	18	16	23	17	19	19	17
A fair amount of sympathy	27	27	18	37	35	33	20	26	27	34	30	24	22	30	23	27	22	27	26	23	37	26
TOTAL A LOT / FAIR AMOUNT OF SYMPATHY	46	45	26	68	56	59	30	44	45	54	52	43	32	49	40	45	38	50	43	42	56	43
Not very much sympathy	27	26	32	19	29	26	29	25	28	20	24	30	30	26	27	26	28	23	27	21	24	29
No sympathy at all	21	22	41	9	12	12	37	25	20	9	16	26	36	22	24	22	27	21	22	28	12	23
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NO SYMPATHY	48	48	73	28	41	38	66	50	48	29	40	56	66	48	51	48	55	44	49	49	36	52
Don't know	5	7	2	4	3	2	4	6	7	17	9	2	3	4	10	7	7	6	8	8	8	4

Train drivers

A lot of sympathy	12	10	2	21	10	17	3	11	9	19	13	9	3	11	10	10	12	16	9	9	13	9
A fair amount of sympathy	22	21	9	31	30	25	15	19	23	27	25	20	11	21	21	21	15	24	24	17	27	19
TOTAL A LOT / FAIR AMOUNT OF SYMPATHY	34	31	11	52	40	42	18	30	32	46	38	29	14	32	31	31	27	40	33	26	40	28
Not very much sympathy	28	26	26	28	28	29	26	22	30	17	26	27	31	27	26	28	20	19	26	26	28	30
No sympathy at all	33	35	60	15	30	25	52	41	30	23	27	40	52	37	34	35	45	35	33	39	26	38
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NO SYMPATHY	61	61	86	43	58	54	78	63	60	40	53	67	83	64	60	63	65	54	59	65	54	68
Don't know	5	7	3	5	2	3	4	6	8	15	9	3	3	5	10	7	8	6	8	9	7	5

University staff

A lot of sympathy	12	9	2	18	9	14	2	10	8	15	11	9	3	10	9	9	9	12	8	9	14	7
A fair amount of sympathy	21	21	8	34	32	30	10	21	20	27	25	19	12	25	15	20	14	27	20	17	30	19
TOTAL A LOT / FAIR AMOUNT OF SYMPATHY	33	30	10	52	41	44	12	31	28	42	36	28	15	35	24	29	23	39	28	26	44	26
Not very much sympathy	31	33	36	29	36	34	36	29	36	26	32	33	37	32	34	34	27	26	35	33	32	34
No sympathy at all	30	29	50	12	18	17	45	32	26	17	20	34	45	28	30	29	35	28	29	31	16	33
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NO SYMPATHY	61	62	86	41	54	51	81	61	62	43	52	67	82	60	64	63	62	54	64	64	48	67
Don't know	7	8	4	7	5	5	7	7	9	14	11	6	4	6	12	8	14	7	9	10	9	7

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And now, thinking about the following groups of workers, if they were to go on strike, would you **support or oppose** the strike?

Nurses

Strongly support	37	35	18	55	49	46	25	34	35	37	39	34	26	35	34	34	33	41	37	31	35	34
Tend to support	25	25	24	27	29	29	24	24	27	26	26	25	25	27	23	26	26	21	20	28	32	27
TOTAL SUPPORT	62	60	42	82	78	75	49	58	62	63	65	59	51	62	57	60	59	62	57	59	67	61
Tend to oppose	14	17	24	9	15	13	21	17	18	15	13	18	25	17	18	17	16	17	17	18	16	18
Strongly oppose	17	16	31	5	6	9	26	19	14	8	14	19	22	16	16	16	20	14	18	17	11	17
TOTAL OPPOSE	31	33	55	14	21	22	47	36	32	23	27	37	47	33	34	33	36	31	35	35	27	35
Don't know	7	6	3	3	1	3	4	6	7	14	8	4	3	5	9	6	6	6	8	7	6	5

Doctors working in hospitals

Strongly support	28	25	10	45	31	36	15	25	25	32	31	25	13	26	24	25	22	28	26	22	30	24
Tend to support	28	25	20	30	36	31	22	23	28	27	26	25	25	27	24	25	26	25	22	29	24	27
TOTAL SUPPORT	56	50	30	75	67	67	37	48	53	59	57	50	38	53	48	50	48	53	48	51	54	51
Tend to oppose	17	19	25	12	22	15	23	20	19	15	15	20	28	20	19	19	22	17	19	19	22	19
Strongly oppose	19	22	41	8	11	13	35	26	19	12	17	27	31	22	23	22	22	22	23	23	15	24
TOTAL OPPOSE	36	41	66	20	33	28	58	46	38	27	32	47	59	42	42	41	44	39	42	42	37	43
Don't know	7	8	4	6	0	4	5	7	9	15	11	4	3	6	11	8	8	7	10	6	9	6

Fire fighters

Strongly support	27	25	13	42	27	32	19	26	24	25	30	26	16	24	27	24	27	31	27	24	24	22
Tend to support	30	30	25	34	38	35	26	26	33	35	31	26	29	32	27	30	26	29	26	32	30	33
TOTAL SUPPORT	57	55	38	76	65	67	45	52	57	60	61	52	45	56	54	54	53	60	53	56	54	55
Tend to oppose	17	19	26	12	22	15	23	19	19	15	14	23	26	20	18	20	17	15	18	19	21	21
Strongly oppose	18	17	31	6	9	11	26	21	14	9	14	20	23	17	18	17	22	16	18	17	14	17
TOTAL OPPOSE	35	36	57	18	31	26	49	40	33	24	28	43	49	37	36	37	39	31	36	36	35	38
Don't know	8	9	5	6	5	7	6	8	10	16	11	5	6	7	11	9	8	8	11	7	11	8

Supermarket workers

Strongly support	17	16	6	29	16	22	10	17	14	20	20	15	6	16	16	15	15	23	18	12	15	14
Tend to support	28	31	29	37	40	34	33	30	31	23	27	34	36	32	28	31	33	28	28	32	35	30
TOTAL SUPPORT	45	47	35	66	56	56	43	47	45	43	47	49	42	48	44	46	48	51	46	44	50	44
Tend to oppose	23	25	29	16	24	22	26	21	28	24	21	27	28	25	25	25	27	19	24	27	25	25
Strongly oppose	20	16	26	9	9	13	21	19	14	11	19	15	16	17	16	17	11	14	16	17	13	19
TOTAL OPPOSE	43	41	55	25	33	35	47	40	42	35	40	42	44	42	41	42	38	33	40	44	38	44
Don't know	13	13	10	10	12	10	10	12	13	21	13	9	13	10	16	12	14	15	15	12	11	11

Primary / Secondary school teachers

Strongly support	22	20	7	38	25	30	9	21	19	24	27	17	7	23	15	19	18	22	21	16	21	20
Tend to support	25	25	17	34	33	32	18	21	28	34	25	23	21	27	22	25	21	26	20	24	34	25
TOTAL SUPPORT	47	45	24	72	58	62	27	42	47	58	52	40	28	50	37	44	39	48	41	40	55	45
Tend to oppose	22	24	33	13	26	19	31	23	25	18	20	26	34	24	25	25	23	21	24	25	24	26
Strongly oppose	23	23	40	9	14	14	37	27	20	8	19	27	33	21	27	23	26	24	26	26	15	23
TOTAL OPPOSE	45	47	73	22	40	33	68	50	45	26	39	53	67	45	52	48	49	45	50	51	39	49
Don't know	8	8	4	6	2	5	6	8	8	16	9	6	5	6	11	8	11	8	9	9	6	7

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

Railway support staff (ticket hall staff, engineers etc.)

Strongly support	15	13	3	28	13	21	6	15	12	18	17	13	4	14	13	12	13	21	15	11	11	12
Tend to support	23	24	14	34	42	31	19	23	26	26	25	26	21	25	23	25	22	22	23	22	29	25
TOTAL SUPPORT	38	37	17	62	55	52	25	38	38	44	42	39	25	39	36	37	35	43	38	33	40	37
Tend to oppose	25	27	33	18	21	23	30	24	30	23	23	25	37	27	26	27	25	28	24	29	28	27
Strongly oppose	27	25	44	11	17	18	37	29	22	16	23	29	31	25	26	26	32	21	25	27	21	27
TOTAL OPPOSE	52	52	77	29	38	41	67	53	52	39	46	54	68	52	52	53	57	49	49	56	49	54
Don't know	10	10	5	9	7	7	8	9	12	18	12	7	7	8	13	11	9	8	13	10	11	9

GPs

Strongly support	19	17	7	34	20	26	10	17	17	18	21	19	8	18	16	17	18	22	18	19	15	16
Tend to support	24	23	13	31	33	29	17	21	25	28	27	20	18	26	20	24	20	24	20	22	32	24
TOTAL SUPPORT	43	40	20	65	53	55	27	38	42	46	48	39	26	44	36	41	38	46	38	41	47	40
Tend to oppose	22	24	27	17	29	22	26	24	24	20	21	24	31	23	25	24	23	23	24	21	25	26
Strongly oppose	26	27	49	10	16	17	42	30	25	13	20	33	39	26	28	27	33	24	28	31	19	28
TOTAL OPPOSE	48	51	76	27	45	39	68	54	49	33	41	57	70	49	53	51	56	47	52	52	44	54
Don't know	8	8	4	7	2	6	5	8	9	21	10	4	4	7	10	8	6	8	11	8	9	7

Train drivers

Strongly support	13	11	2	24	12	17	5	12	10	17	15	10	3	11	11	11	12	16	12	10	10	11
Tend to support	21	19	9	31	30	26	14	19	19	23	22	20	12	20	18	19	16	20	20	18	23	18
TOTAL SUPPORT	34	30	11	55	42	43	19	31	29	40	37	30	15	31	29	30	28	36	32	28	33	29
Tend to oppose	24	25	25	21	24	24	25	21	29	23	23	24	30	25	25	25	21	25	24	25	27	26
Strongly oppose	34	35	60	15	30	27	51	40	31	21	28	39	50	36	34	35	42	31	33	37	31	38
TOTAL OPPOSE	58	60	85	36	54	51	76	61	60	44	51	63	80	61	59	60	63	56	57	62	58	64
Don't know	9	9	4	9	4	7	6	8	11	16	12	7	4	8	11	9	9	9	11	10	10	7

University staff

Strongly support	12	10	2	24	9	16	3	12	9	17	14	9	3	11	9	10	10	14	12	9	10	9
Tend to support	22	20	9	31	33	29	12	19	21	21	24	19	13	23	16	20	15	24	17	18	29	20
TOTAL SUPPORT	34	30	11	55	42	45	15	31	30	38	38	28	16	34	25	30	25	38	29	27	39	29
Tend to oppose	26	27	32	21	29	25	31	25	29	23	24	27	35	27	27	28	23	22	27	30	29	28
Strongly oppose	30	31	51	12	19	21	44	33	28	20	24	34	43	29	32	30	36	29	31	32	21	32
TOTAL OPPOSE	56	58	83	33	48	46	75	58	57	43	48	61	78	56	59	58	59	51	58	62	50	60
Don't know	11	12	6	12	9	9	9	11	13	18	14	11	7	10	15	12	16	12	13	11	11	11

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

Would you support or oppose nurses going on strike for each of the following reasons in 2024?

Pay

Strongly support	38	19	60	45	48	26	36	39	47	43	36	25	38	37	37	38	43	39	36	41	34
Tend to support	28	29	25	36	29	27	26	29	26	24	28	34	29	25	28	26	23	24	26	31	31
TOTAL SUPPORT	66	48	85	81	77	53	62	68	73	67	64	59	67	62	65	64	66	63	62	72	65
Tend to oppose	15	23	7	14	12	20	15	15	6	13	16	21	16	14	15	18	13	16	14	11	16
Strongly oppose	12	23	4	3	6	19	15	9	7	10	14	15	11	13	12	12	13	12	13	10	12
TOTAL OPPOSE	27	46	11	17	18	39	30	24	13	23	30	36	27	27	27	30	26	28	27	21	28
Don't know	8	5	4	2	4	7	8	8	14	9	7	5	6	11	8	6	8	9	11	8	7

Staffing levels

Strongly support	44	28	67	56	60	34	40	48	40	51	43	34	46	42	43	45	52	46	40	45	42
Tend to support	28	33	22	26	26	31	28	28	26	24	30	35	28	28	28	32	26	26	30	27	29
TOTAL SUPPORT	72	61	89	82	86	65	68	76	66	75	73	69	74	70	71	77	78	72	70	72	71
Tend to oppose	11	17	6	10	7	15	12	10	6	10	11	14	12	9	11	12	7	10	11	12	12
Strongly oppose	9	16	1	2	3	14	11	6	8	6	10	11	8	9	9	7	8	8	10	7	9
TOTAL OPPOSE	20	33	7	12	10	29	23	16	14	16	21	25	20	18	20	19	15	18	21	19	21
Don't know	8	5	4	5	4	7	8	8	19	9	6	6	6	12	9	4	8	10	9	9	8

Working conditions

Strongly support	39	20	63	49	54	26	38	39	44	47	37	23	41	35	38	40	45	42	36	41	35
Tend to support	31	35	25	34	29	33	30	32	28	28	31	37	31	31	31	36	28	29	30	32	33
TOTAL SUPPORT	70	55	88	83	83	59	68	71	72	75	68	60	72	66	69	76	73	71	66	73	68
Tend to oppose	13	22	5	10	9	18	13	13	6	10	13	21	13	12	13	16	9	12	13	14	14
Strongly oppose	9	17	2	2	4	15	11	7	6	7	12	11	9	9	9	5	10	10	10	6	9
TOTAL OPPOSE	22	39	7	12	13	33	24	20	12	17	25	32	22	21	22	21	19	22	23	20	23
Don't know	8	5	4	5	4	7	8	9	16	8	6	7	6	12	9	4	8	8	10	7	8

Thinking about the number of nurses employed by the NHS, which of the following best reflects your view?

	9-11 Jun '23	6-7 Dec '23																				
There are more than enough nurses to provide safe care to patients	3	3	4	1	0	1	4	4	1	3	3	4	2	3	3	3	1	2	4	4	2	2
There are enough nurses to provide safe care to patients	13	12	20	4	8	9	18	14	10	7	9	13	17	12	11	12	11	9	13	13	10	11
There are too few nurses to provide safe care to patients	71	73	65	88	81	85	66	68	78	69	74	73	72	75	70	72	78	76	71	73	64	76
Don't know	13	13	10	7	10	5	13	14	11	21	14	10	9	10	16	13	10	12	11	10	23	11