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Fieldwork Dates: 1st - 2nd June 2015
 Sample Size: 2,109 UK Adults



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Very good	37%	43%	31%	38%	31%	39%	37%	38%	42%	30%	32%	36%	43%	33%	35%	35%	45%	46%	55%
Fairly good	48%	46%	51%	44%	49%	46%	48%	51%	46%	52%	53%	49%	46%	50%	48%	50%	40%	43%	41%
Fairly bad	11%	8%	13%	13%	12%	13%	12%	8%	10%	12%	11%	10%	8%	13%	13%	11%	13%	6%	5%
Very bad	2%	1%	3%	1%	3%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	4%	0%	2%	2%	2%	-	2%	-
Don't know	2%	2%	2%	4%	5%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	-
Net: Good	85%	89%	82%	81%	80%	84%	85%	89%	88%	82%	85%	85%	89%	83%	83%	85%	85%	89%	95%
Net: Bad	13%	9%	16%	15%	15%	15%	13%	10%	11%	15%	13%	14%	8%	14%	15%	13%	13%	9%	5%

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Yes, I have	17%	16%	17%	18%	20%	22%	16%	12%	15%	18%	19%	20%	15%	11%	20%	18%	16%	7%	13%
No, I haven't	81%	81%	81%	77%	75%	76%	82%	87%	83%	79%	79%	78%	79%	85%	79%	80%	84%	90%	87%
Don't know/ can't recall	2%	4%	1%	5%	5%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%	6%	5%	1%	3%	-	3%	-

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Very bad	2%	3%	2%	2%	4%	3%	0%	2%	2%	2%	2%	-	2%	-	1%	2%	4%
Don't know	2%	1%	3%	3%	1%	2%	3%	3%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	-	1%	1%	38%
Net: Good	85%	90%	83%	83%	83%	87%	89%	83%	82%	85%	85%	85%	89%	95%	85%	87%	48%
Net: Bad	13%	10%	14%	13%	17%	11%	8%	14%	16%	15%	13%	13%	9%	5%	14%	12%	14%

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Yes, I have	17%	17%	22%	17%	24%	15%	15%	11%	19%	21%	18%	16%	7%	13%	100%	-	-
No, I haven't	81%	83%	74%	82%	75%	80%	79%	85%	79%	79%	80%	84%	90%	87%	-	100%	-
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Fairly likely to avoid	12%	8%	16%	13%	19%	10%	11%	10%	10%	14%	12%	14%	9%	12%	13%	12%	13%	11%	8%
Not very likely to avoid	23%	22%	24%	29%	21%	24%	21%	22%	20%	26%	24%	22%	20%	22%	28%	24%	19%	14%	18%
Not at all likely to avoid	55%	61%	49%	44%	52%	58%	60%	55%	62%	46%	54%	52%	59%	53%	50%	53%	60%	65%	67%
Don't know	6%	6%	6%	7%	5%	4%	4%	7%	4%	8%	7%	5%	8%	6%	5%	6%	5%	7%	1%
Net: Likely	17%	11%	22%	20%	21%	15%	15%	16%	15%	19%	15%	21%	13%	19%	17%	17%	16%	14%	13%
Net: Not likely	78%	83%	73%	73%	73%	81%	81%	77%	81%	73%	78%	74%	79%	75%	78%	77%	79%	79%	85%

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Tend to agree	12%	8%	16%	17%	18%	11%	10%	10%	12%	13%	13%	15%	4%	16%	11%	12%	12%	16%	9%
Neither agree nor disagree	14%	13%	15%	13%	16%	12%	15%	14%	12%	17%	15%	13%	16%	9%	20%	15%	11%	8%	8%
Tend to disagree	18%	16%	19%	20%	16%	22%	17%	17%	16%	20%	21%	21%	19%	13%	18%	19%	17%	11%	15%
Strongly disagree	48%	56%	41%	39%	43%	48%	53%	51%	55%	40%	45%	45%	55%	49%	43%	46%	53%	60%	67%
Don't know	3%	3%	2%	5%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	4%	4%	3%	3%	1%	4%	-
Net: Agree	17%	11%	23%	22%	22%	16%	15%	15%	15%	19%	18%	19%	7%	24%	16%	17%	18%	17%	11%
Net: Disagree	66%	72%	60%	59%	59%	70%	69%	68%	71%	61%	66%	66%	74%	63%	61%	65%	70%	71%	81%

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Yes, I have	6%	6%	6%	8%	11%	9%	6%	3%	6%	7%	6%	7%	4%	9%	7%	6%	4%	6%	-
No, I haven't	61%	65%	57%	40%	59%	62%	65%	66%	65%	56%	59%	62%	64%	61%	57%	60%	62%	68%	67%
Don't know/ can't recall	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%	3%	6%	6%	4%	6%	5%	4%	4%	2%	8%	5%	6%	2%	11%
Not applicable - I have never taken a numeracy test in a job interview	25%	21%	30%	36%	23%	24%	23%	25%	24%	27%	27%	25%	24%	26%	26%	23%	23%	23%	21%
Not applicable - I have never had a job interview	3%	3%	2%	11%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	5%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	1%

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No, I haven't	88%	87%	89%	78%	80%	86%	91%	95%	90%	86%	89%	87%	88%	83%	90%	88%	92%	87%	92%
Don't know/ can't recall	5%	6%	5%	10%	9%	5%	3%	4%	4%	7%	5%	7%	9%	7%	4%	6%	5%	5%	-

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Yes, I have	2%	3%	1%	4%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	4%	2%	2%	-	0%	-
No, I haven't	72%	73%	72%	53%	76%	75%	76%	74%	80%	63%	74%	75%	64%	71%	71%	72%	69%	79%	76%
Don't know/ can't recall	4%	5%	3%	7%	4%	3%	5%	3%	3%	6%	4%	4%	2%	5%	6%	4%	2%	3%	3%
Not applicable - I've never received any feedback on a job that I didn't get	19%	16%	22%	25%	14%	18%	17%	21%	15%	24%	18%	18%	26%	18%	19%	19%	26%	15%	19%
Not applicable - I have never had a job interview	3%	3%	2%	11%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	5%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	1%

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No, I haven't	61%	54%	61%	62%	67%	57%	64%	61%	57%	56%	60%	62%	68%	67%	62%	62%	30%
Don't know/ can't recall	5%	4%	5%	7%	4%	4%	4%	2%	10%	5%	5%	6%	2%	11%	4%	5%	13%
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Not applicable - I've never received any feedback on a job that I didn't get	19%	20%	20%	15%	17%	19%	26%	18%	18%	20%	19%	26%	15%	19%	15%	20%	34%
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