

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1021

Fieldwork: 31st July to 6th August 2012

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q1. How much, if anything, do you think new UK university students (i.e. those starting in the academic year 2012/ 13) will have to pay to their university in tuition fees _before_ they start their course?

	Base	1021	36	137	90	85	105	125	142	198	103	251	431	241	98	503	518
Full tuition fees for a year	35%	42%	33%	43%	38%	35%	41%	39%	27%	30%	35%	36%	36%	34%	37%	33%	
Half tuition fees for a year	9%	8%	9%	3%	12%	6%	10%	13%	9%	9%	12%	9%	7%	7%	8%	10%	
Nothing	41%	39%	42%	48%	41%	38%	39%	34%	44%	40%	34%	39%	47%	47%	40%	41%	
Don't know	15%	11%	16%	6%	9%	21%	10%	15%	20%	21%	20%	16%	10%	12%	15%	16%	

q2. Once a student has graduated from university, after how long, if at all, do you think any debt from their student loan is wiped (i.e. written off)?

	Base	1021	36	137	90	85	105	125	142	198	103	251	431	241	98	503	518
Never	11%	8%	15%	10%	13%	10%	8%	13%	8%	12%	16%	9%	7%	11%	11%	11%	
Thirty years after graduating	65%	72%	61%	69%	60%	63%	71%	63%	62%	71%	52%	67%	73%	69%	67%	63%	
Once the student reaches the age of 65	8%	6%	9%	11%	9%	8%	9%	6%	9%	8%	9%	9%	8%	7%	8%	9%	
Other	6%	8%	4%	2%	8%	7%	5%	8%	7%	4%	8%	6%	4%	7%	5%	7%	
Don't know	10%	6%	10%	8%	9%	13%	7%	11%	15%	6%	15%	10%	8%	5%	9%	11%	

q3. Imagine a student who graduated in 2011 under the current student loan system and a student who graduated in 2015 under the new student loan system are both earning £23,000 a year...Do you think the amount that the graduate from 2015 will be repaying each month will be higher, lower or the same compared to the graduate from 2011?

	Base	1021	36	137	90	85	105	125	142	198	103	251	431	241	98	503	518
Much higher than the 2011 graduate	18%	11%	12%	21%	12%	17%	17%	25%	20%	18%	21%	18%	14%	18%	19%	17%	
Higher than the 2011 graduate	31%	39%	34%	37%	34%	32%	31%	25%	28%	33%	36%	31%	29%	26%	29%	34%	
The same than the 2011 graduate	21%	22%	25%	19%	31%	18%	17%	19%	19%	19%	19%	22%	18%	27%	22%	20%	
Lower than the 2011 graduate	19%	19%	17%	17%	12%	17%	30%	15%	20%	18%	13%	18%	26%	17%	20%	17%	
Much lower than the 2011 graduate	1%	-	1%	-	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	3%	2%	1%	
Don't know	10%	8%	12%	7%	9%	14%	4%	15%	12%	9%	10%	10%	11%	9%	9%	12%	
Net: Much higher / higher	49%	50%	46%	58%	46%	50%	48%	50%	48%	51%	57%	49%	43%	44%	48%	51%	
Net: Lower / Much Lower	20%	19%	18%	17%	14%	18%	31%	16%	21%	20%	14%	19%	28%	20%	22%	18%	

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q4. Once students that start in the academic year 2012/ 13 graduate, which ONE of the following BEST describes at what point you think they have to start repaying the loan?

	Base	1021	36	137	90	85	105	125	142	198	103	251	431	241	98	503	518
As soon as they graduate	1%	3%	1%	-	1%	-	2%	1%	-	2%	2%	1%	0%	-	1%	1%	
As soon as they become employed	5%	6%	6%	2%	6%	4%	3%	6%	6%	5%	6%	6%	3%	2%	4%	6%	
Once they are earning over £15,000 per year	15%	14%	17%	21%	11%	19%	16%	18%	11%	12%	18%	12%	17%	17%	17%	14%	
Once they are earning over £21,000 per year	77%	78%	74%	77%	80%	74%	77%	71%	82%	79%	70%	80%	79%	78%	77%	77%	
Don't know	2%	-	2%	-	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	5%	1%	1%	3%	2%	3%	

q5. Thinking about repaying student loans under the new tuition fee system that is being put into practice at the beginning of the academic year 2012/

13. Which ONE of the following statements do you think is TRUE?

	Base	1021	36	137	90	85	105	125	142	198	103	251	431	241	98	503	518
The amount a person repays each month will be solely dependent on the cost of the course (i.e. whether it is a £6,000 course or a £9,000 course)	7%	8%	9%	6%	13%	5%	6%	10%	7%	4%	12%	6%	5%	4%	7%	8%	
The amount a person repays each month will be solely dependent on the amount they earn after graduating from the course	52%	56%	47%	54%	44%	58%	50%	51%	52%	59%	44%	52%	60%	51%	51%	53%	
The amount a person repays each month will depend on both the cost of the course and how much they earn after graduating	31%	28%	32%	31%	36%	30%	32%	29%	29%	30%	30%	32%	26%	38%	32%	30%	
The amount a person repays each month will not depend on either of these things	3%	8%	4%	6%	2%	2%	3%	1%	4%	-	2%	3%	4%	1%	3%	3%	
Don't know	7%	-	8%	3%	5%	6%	9%	9%	9%	7%	12%	6%	4%	6%	7%	7%	

q6. Still thinking about university tuition fees for those starting in or after the academic year 2012/

13. Which, if any, of the following statements do you think are TRUE? (Please tick all that apply)

	Base	1021	36	137	90	85	105	125	142	198	103	251	431	241	98	503	518
Student loans debt appears on a person's credit file	20%	19%	23%	17%	14%	23%	21%	19%	23%	17%	22%	20%	18%	20%	19%	21%	
Once a person starts repaying student loans, they must continue doing so even if they lose their job	7%	8%	7%	7%	8%	6%	7%	5%	8%	6%	10%	6%	5%	7%	6%	7%	
Everyone will have to repay at least what they borrowed	30%	28%	31%	31%	35%	32%	30%	30%	30%	24%	34%	32%	24%	29%	29%	31%	
None of these	41%	42%	35%	39%	45%	39%	44%	38%	42%	44%	30%	42%	49%	40%	43%	38%	
Don't know	15%	11%	16%	17%	9%	18%	12%	19%	12%	17%	20%	13%	12%	17%	14%	15%	

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q7. Which statement do you believe to be true?

Base	1021	36	137	90	85	105	125	142	198	103	251	431	241	98	503	518
Universities _will_ be offering scholarships, bursaries or fee waivers to attract students to programmes	77%	75%	72%	73%	72%	76%	78%	80%	79%	82%	71%	79%	82%	71%	76%	78%
Universities _will not_ be offering any incentives to students	11%	14%	12%	17%	8%	8%	10%	11%	12%	6%	13%	10%	7%	16%	13%	9%
Don't know	13%	11%	16%	10%	20%	16%	13%	9%	9%	13%	16%	11%	11%	12%	12%	14%

q8. Regarding who universities can admit onto courses, which statement do you believe to be true:

Base	1021	36	137	90	85	105	125	142	198	103	251	431	241	98	503	518
They are free to recruit whoever they want to	22%	19%	23%	21%	16%	21%	22%	22%	26%	20%	20%	22%	22%	24%	21%	22%
They have a limited number of students they can recruit	53%	56%	53%	50%	55%	51%	54%	52%	53%	59%	53%	55%	52%	48%	52%	54%
They can recruit as many student with high grades and are limited for the number of 'other' students they can recruit.	16%	19%	16%	17%	19%	20%	14%	16%	13%	17%	16%	15%	15%	21%	18%	15%
Don't know	9%	6%	8%	12%	9%	8%	11%	10%	9%	3%	10%	7%	10%	6%	9%	8%

q9. Do you think the new tuition fee system makes going to university more or less attractive, or does it make no difference?

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More attractive	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	8%	2%	1%	3%	4%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%
Makes no difference	21%	36%	21%	20%	18%	21%	25%	22%	17%	17%	20%	23%	20%	12%	20%	21%
Less attractive	70%	58%	64%	73%	74%	65%	70%	70%	74%	71%	66%	68%	73%	82%	70%	70%
Don't know	7%	3%	12%	3%	6%	7%	4%	6%	7%	8%	12%	5%	5%	4%	7%	6%