

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2057 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 10th - 11th January 2024

	Vote in 2019 GE			EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age				Social Grade		Country			Region in England					
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	England	Wales	Scotland	North	Midlands	London	Rest of South	
Weighted Sample	2057	673	498	175	725	766	996	1061	216	850	508	482	1172	885	1775	103	179	496	341	249	689	
Unweighted Sample	2057	719	489	189	781	814	952	1105	134	856	524	542	1225	832	1779	96	182	490	347	220	722	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Do you think it should or should not be legal in the UK for a person to...

Pay someone to have sex with them

Should be legal	52	55	51	57	53	54	64	41	48	51	56	51	52	51	52	51	50	50	54	52	52
Should not be legal	29	26	29	23	28	24	20	36	38	31	25	24	29	27	28	28	33	29	29	31	26
Don't know	20	18	21	20	19	21	16	23	14	18	20	25	18	22	20	21	17	21	18	16	22

Accept payment from someone to have sex with them

Should be legal	54	55	56	59	58	54	65	43	48	54	56	52	55	51	54	47	51	53	56	57	53
Should not be legal	26	26	23	21	24	24	19	34	34	28	24	24	26	27	26	30	33	25	26	27	26
Don't know	20	18	20	20	18	22	16	23	18	18	20	24	18	22	20	23	16	23	18	16	21

And more specifically do you think the following should or should not be legal in the UK?

An individual independently selling sexual services they perform themselves in a private location (e.g. an independent prostitute or outcall escort in a home or hotel room)

Should be legal	57	58	62	66	62	57	68	47	50	58	59	57	58	55	57	54	59	58	60	56	55
Should not be legal	24	24	21	18	23	22	17	31	30	26	21	20	25	23	24	26	24	25	23	23	24
Don't know	19	18	17	17	16	20	15	23	20	16	20	23	17	22	19	20	18	17	17	21	21

An individual offering sexual services while in a public location (i.e. street prostitution)

Should be legal	15	12	18	17	17	13	19	11	12	18	14	10	14	15	15	16	15	16	17	15	12
Should not be legal	71	77	64	69	68	75	67	75	74	67	71	77	73	68	71	64	72	71	69	67	75
Don't know	14	10	17	14	15	12	14	14	14	15	14	13	12	17	14	20	14	13	14	18	13

Employing workers to provide sexual services to paying customers

Should be legal	29	28	30	32	29	28	37	21	26	34	30	21	28	30	29	33	28	31	29	30	27
Should not be legal	52	54	50	53	51	54	45	58	59	48	50	58	55	48	52	46	51	51	50	48	56
Don't know	19	18	20	16	20	18	18	20	15	19	20	21	17	21	19	21	21	18	21	22	17

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2057 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 10th - 11th January 2024

	Vote in 2019 GE			EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age				Social Grade		Country			Region in England					
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	England	Wales	Scotland	North	Midlands	London	Rest of South	
Weighted Sample	2057	673	498	175	725	766	996	1061	216	850	508	482	1172	885	1775	103	179	496	341	249	689	
Unweighted Sample	2057	719	489	189	781	814	952	1105	134	856	524	542	1225	832	1779	96	182	490	347	220	722	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Which of the following, if any, would you consider to be 'sex workers'?

Strippers and lapdancers

Would consider to be a 'sex worker'	56	51	56	63	58	50	56	55	69	59	53	46	58	53	55	55	67	52	51	58	57
Would not consider to be a 'sex worker'	36	41	38	31	35	41	37	36	26	34	40	42	36	37	37	40	25	40	42	33	35
Don't know	8	8	6	6	7	9	7	9	6	7	7	11	6	10	8	5	8	8	7	9	8

Prostitutes and escorts

Would consider to be a 'sex worker'	93	94	94	97	96	93	93	93	91	93	94	93	95	91	93	95	94	94	92	87	95
Would not consider to be a 'sex worker'	3	2	2	1	1	3	2	3	4	2	2	3	2	3	3	3	2	1	4	6	2
Don't know	4	4	4	2	3	4	5	4	4	5	4	5	3	7	5	2	4	5	4	8	4

People paid to have sex with others on video (e.g. porn actors)

Would consider to be a 'sex worker'	88	88	90	92	90	86	86	90	91	89	86	86	90	85	88	91	90	87	85	86	90
Would not consider to be a 'sex worker'	6	7	6	5	6	9	8	5	4	5	9	8	6	7	6	8	6	6	9	7	6
Don't know	6	6	5	4	4	5	6	5	5	6	5	6	4	8	6	2	4	7	6	8	5

People paid to perform sex acts on themselves on video (e.g. cam-girls)

Would consider to be a 'sex worker'	86	86	87	91	89	85	84	88	89	87	85	84	89	82	85	84	93	85	82	83	89
Would not consider to be a 'sex worker'	7	7	8	4	7	9	10	5	4	7	10	8	7	8	8	11	3	8	10	8	6
Don't know	7	7	5	4	5	6	7	7	7	6	6	8	4	10	7	6	4	7	8	10	5

Models who pose nude/semi-nude in a sexualised manner (e.g. glamour models)

Would consider to be a 'sex worker'	38	39	39	38	39	39	38	39	34	43	36	36	39	38	37	39	47	35	41	34	38
Would not consider to be a 'sex worker'	53	54	54	55	53	54	53	52	57	49	55	54	55	49	53	55	44	54	51	54	54
Don't know	9	8	7	7	8	8	9	9	9	8	10	10	6	13	9	6	9	10	8	12	8

Someone who works in a shop which sells sex toys etc

Would consider to be a 'sex worker'	11	10	8	9	9	11	13	9	13	10	11	12	10	12	11	10	11	11	12	13	10
Would not consider to be a 'sex worker'	82	83	87	86	85	82	81	83	81	84	82	79	85	78	82	85	82	81	81	79	84
Don't know	7	7	5	5	6	7	6	8	6	6	7	9	5	10	7	5	8	7	6	9	6

People paid to engage in sexual storytelling over the phone or internet

Would consider to be a 'sex worker'	68	69	69	75	72	66	60	75	67	68	68	69	70	66	67	78	74	65	67	65	70
Would not consider to be a 'sex worker'	23	23	24	19	21	25	30	16	24	23	24	21	23	22	24	16	19	25	26	22	22
Don't know	9	8	7	6	7	9	10	8	9	9	8	10	7	12	9	6	7	10	7	14	8

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2057 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 10th - 11th January 2024

	Vote in 2019 GE			EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age				Social Grade		Country			Region in England				
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	England	Wales	Scotland	North	Midlands	London	Rest of South	
Weighted Sample 2057	673	498	175	725	766	996	1061	216	850	508	482	1172	885	1775	103	179	496	341	249	689	
Unweighted Sample 2057	719	489	189	781	814	952	1105	134	856	524	542	1225	832	1779	96	182	490	347	220	722	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Sugaring' i.e. a younger person offering a romantic/sexual dating-like relationship to an older wealthy person in exchange for material benefits

Would consider to be a 'sex worker'	64	66	62	69	65	65	61	67	56	63	64	70	64	64	64	64	68	63	64	55	67
Would not consider to be a 'sex worker'	24	23	27	22	24	23	27	21	36	24	24	18	27	21	25	23	19	26	25	28	23
Don't know	12	11	11	9	11	12	12	12	8	13	12	12	9	15	12	12	13	11	11	17	11

Models who pose nude/semi-nude but not in a non-sexualised manner (e.g. artists' models)

Would consider to be a 'sex worker'	12	11	9	6	10	10	13	10	12	13	9	11	12	11	11	11	13	10	16	11	11
Would not consider to be a 'sex worker'	81	83	85	87	84	82	80	81	81	79	83	81	83	77	80	84	82	80	78	79	82
Don't know	8	7	6	7	6	7	7	8	7	8	7	9	5	11	8	6	5	10	6	11	7

How much of a stigma, if at all, do you think there is against sex work in the UK?

A great deal	27	24	38	24	33	24	23	31	27	32	25	21	28	26	27	28	34	28	25	26	27
A fair amount	48	51	45	57	51	50	51	45	42	45	53	51	49	47	49	36	46	46	50	53	49
Not very much	10	12	7	9	7	13	11	9	8	9	10	14	11	9	10	18	10	10	9	8	11
Not at all	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	2	0	2	1	1
Don't know	13	12	9	8	8	12	13	13	18	13	10	14	11	16	14	13	8	14	14	13	13

And do you think there should or should not be a stigma against sex work?

Should	22	26	16	21	18	25	17	27	28	20	23	23	24	20	22	20	22	21	19	22	25
Should not	51	45	59	53	57	46	59	43	46	54	52	45	51	50	51	54	49	50	54	53	49
Don't know	27	28	25	26	24	30	24	30	26	26	25	32	25	30	27	25	28	29	28	25	26

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2057 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 10th - 11th January 2024

	Vote in 2019 GE			EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age				Social Grade		Country			Region in England				
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	England	Wales	Scotland	North	Midlands	London	Rest of South	
Weighted Sample 2057	673	498	175	725	766	996	1061	216	850	508	482	1172	885	1775	103	179	496	341	249	689	
Unweighted Sample 2057	719	489	189	781	814	952	1105	134	856	524	542	1225	832	1779	96	182	490	347	220	722	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Thinking about "sex work" to mean only that which involves having sex with a paying client, do you or do you not consider sex work to be 'real work' i.e. work that should be regarded legally and socially like more conventional forms of employment?

I do	43	37	52	54	50	41	52	34	36	46	45	38	44	41	43	45	36	42	46	47	42
I do not	36	44	28	29	32	39	28	43	38	35	33	41	37	35	36	31	43	36	32	30	39
Don't know	21	19	20	17	18	20	20	22	27	20	22	21	19	24	21	23	21	22	22	23	19

**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.*