

YouGov Survey Results



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Weighted Sample Unweighted Sample		Gender		Age				Degree Year		Full or Part Time		University Nation				
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	1027	434	593	524	218	79	206	379	648	862	165	907	848	59	98	23
	1027	374	653	498	328	72	129	375	652	962	65	927	849	78	90	10
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied would you say you are with the quality of your degree course?

Very satisfied	24	23	24	26	22	10	27	27	22	23	26	23	23	22	24	45
Fairly satisfied	56	54	59	59	54	63	51	59	55	57	55	57	56	63	55	47
TOTAL SATISFIED	80	77	83	85	76	73	78	86	77	80	81	80	79	85	79	92
Fairly dissatisfied	12	14	11	11	16	17	9	10	13	13	6	13	13	12	10	8
Very dissatisfied	5	7	3	2	3	6	11	2	6	3	12	5	5	3	6	0
TOTAL DISSATISFIED	17	21	14	13	19	23	20	12	19	16	18	18	18	15	16	8
Don't know	3	2	3	2	5	4	2	2	3	3	1	3	3	0	5	0

Please read the following statement before answering the question which follows...

"Universities in England and Wales can charge tuition fees of up to £9,535 a year"

Which if any, of the following statements best describe how you feel about this?

The standard of education and the increased wages graduates earn mean English/ Welsh university degrees are worth the money	13	18	10	13	10	17	17	16	12	12	22	15	15	8	4	8
The standard of education and the wages graduates earn are not enough to warrant the cost of English/ Welsh university degrees	65	61	69	69	69	63	52	63	67	68	52	66	66	67	59	66
Don't know	9	8	9	6	10	14	12	8	9	8	9	7	7	11	23	15
Neither of these	13	14	12	12	10	6	19	13	12	12	16	13	12	13	14	11

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	1027	860	49	87	28	3	211	816	211	225	592	484	543
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied would you say you are with the quality of your degree course?

Very satisfied	24	24	21	23	41	0	23	24	23	24	24	22	25
Fairly satisfied	56	57	68	51	53	44	57	56	57	58	56	58	55
TOTAL SATISFIED	80	81	89	74	94	44	80	80	80	82	80	80	80
Fairly dissatisfied	12	13	10	9	6	56	16	11	16	8	13	11	13
Very dissatisfied	5	4	2	12	0	0	2	5	2	5	6	5	4
TOTAL DISSATISFIED	17	17	12	21	6	56	18	16	18	13	19	16	17
Don't know	3	3	0	5	0	0	2	3	2	5	2	3	2

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The standard of education and the wages graduates earn are not enough to warrant the cost of English/ Welsh university degrees	65	67	56	50	79	100	64	66	64	72	63	64	67
Don't know	9	6	20	29	12	0	6	9	6	7	10	9	9
Neither of these	13	13	12	15	9	0	16	12	16	10	13	12	13

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

Which, if either, of the following best describe how you think UK universities should be funded?

It should be paid for by the people who go to university, funding it through tuition fees or some sort of graduate tax	29	35	25	31	29	25	27	29	30	30	25	31	30	34	21	15
It should be paid for by everyone, funding it through general taxation like income tax	46	50	43	46	43	40	51	49	45	45	50	44	45	42	58	62
Don't know	15	10	19	13	17	25	16	13	17	15	19	16	16	10	12	4
Neither of these	9	6	12	10	11	10	6	10	9	10	7	9	9	14	9	19

Over the course of your life, how much better or worse off financially do you expect to be as a result of having a degree?

Much better off	17	19	16	19	17	8	16	19	16	18	12	18	18	16	14	15
Somewhat better off	49	53	45	50	49	50	45	50	48	50	42	48	47	57	49	71
TOTAL BETTER OFF	66	72	61	69	66	58	61	69	64	68	54	66	65	73	63	86
About the same	18	13	22	16	13	23	27	19	17	16	28	18	18	16	20	8
Somewhat worse off	8	6	9	10	11	2	2	7	8	9	2	9	9	8	3	6
Much worse off	2	2	2	1	1	3	5	1	3	1	4	2	2	1	4	0
TOTAL WORSE OFF	10	8	11	11	12	5	7	8	11	10	6	11	11	9	7	6
Don't know	6	6	6	4	9	13	6	5	7	5	11	6	6	2	10	0

Do you expect to be more or less able to get a good job as a result of having a degree?

Much more able to get a good job	28	32	26	31	25	19	29	32	26	29	23	29	30	18	22	29
Somewhat more able to get a good job	50	49	50	52	50	52	43	51	49	50	48	49	49	55	50	59
TOTAL MORE ABLE TO GET A GOOD JOB	78	81	76	83	75	71	72	83	75	79	71	78	79	73	72	88
About the same	14	12	15	12	13	11	19	11	15	13	15	14	13	17	15	11
Somewhat less able to get a good job	2	2	2	1	4	4	0	2	2	1	4	2	2	4	1	0
Much less able to get a good job	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
TOTAL LESS ABLE TO GET A GOOD JOB	3	3	3	2	4	6	1	3	3	2	4	3	3	4	2	0
Don't know	6	5	6	3	7	12	8	4	7	5	9	5	5	5	11	0

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It should be paid for by everyone, funding it through general taxation like income tax	46	45	33	58	59	44	46	46	46	39	49	45	47
Don't know	15	14	19	21	10	56	14	16	14	16	15	15	15
Neither of these	9	9	16	3	16	0	7	10	7	14	9	10	9

Over the course of your life, how much better or worse off financially do you expect to be as a result of having a degree?

Much better off	17	18	9	20	16	0	22	16	22	16	16	21	14
Somewhat better off	49	48	64	43	56	44	53	47	53	53	45	47	50
TOTAL BETTER OFF	66	66	73	63	72	44	75	63	75	69	61	68	64
About the same	18	18	15	20	6	56	10	20	10	17	21	15	21
Somewhat worse off	8	9	7	2	10	0	11	7	11	6	8	7	9
Much worse off	2	2	2	5	0	0	1	2	1	1	3	2	1
TOTAL WORSE OFF	10	11	9	7	10	0	12	9	12	7	11	9	10
Don't know	6	6	3	10	10	0	3	7	3	7	7	8	5

Do you expect to be more or less able to get a good job as a result of having a degree?

Much more able to get a good job	28	29	18	24	28	0	35	26	35	26	27	34	23
Somewhat more able to get a good job	50	49	61	42	56	100	47	50	47	54	49	48	52
TOTAL MORE ABLE TO GET A GOOD JOB	78	78	79	66	84	100	82	76	82	80	76	82	75
About the same	14	13	13	17	15	0	11	14	11	13	15	9	18
Somewhat less able to get a good job	2	2	2	2	0	0	1	2	1	2	2	1	2
Much less able to get a good job	1	1	1	2	0	0	2	1	2	1	0	2	0
TOTAL LESS ABLE TO GET A GOOD JOB	3	3	3	4	0	0	3	3	3	3	2	3	2
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How long, if at all, do you think it will take to fully pay off your student loan? If you did not take out a student loan, please choose the N/A option

Within 5 years	2	1	2	2	1	5	0	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	8	0
Within 6-10 years	5	7	3	4	4	9	5	6	4	4	7	4	4	3	5	8
Within 11-20 years	10	11	9	12	6	10	11	14	8	10	13	11	11	8	5	11
Within 21-30 years	13	14	13	17	15	2	6	14	13	15	4	13	13	12	10	39
Within 31-40 years	9	10	9	11	7	11	7	10	9	9	9	10	10	11	8	0
I don't ever expect to fully pay off my student loan	35	28	39	29	40	53	36	31	37	35	31	37	36	44	18	19
N/A - I did not take out a student loan	12	14	10	11	12	2	18	11	12	11	18	10	11	7	23	15
Don't know	14	15	14	15	14	8	17	13	15	14	17	14	14	15	23	8

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Within 6-10 years	5	4	5	4	6	44	4	5	4	2	6	5	5
Within 11-20 years	10	10	8	9	9	0	12	10	12	11	9	11	10
Within 21-30 years	13	14	7	7	30	0	11	14	11	21	11	14	13
Within 31-40 years	9	10	7	7	0	56	10	9	10	9	9	10	9
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N/A - I did not take out a student loan	12	9	6	36	16	0	12	12	12	12	12	15	8
Don't know	14	13	21	21	17	0	13	15	13	13	15	11	18

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