

YouGov / British Dental Association Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 2nd - 9th February 2026

	Vote in 2024 GE					2016 EU Ref		Gender		Age				Socio-economic classification (NS-)			Social Grade		
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Plaid	Reform UK	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	16-24	25-49	50-64	65+	Higher	Intermediate	Routine	ABC1	C2DE	
Weighted Sample	1092	136	275	48	110	125	367	397	529	563	142	396	271	283	324	237	355	620	472
Unweighted Sample	1092	147	325	61	135	148	479	407	493	599	79	317	316	380	399	253	286	651	441
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Which of the following, if any, do you think are the most important issues facing Wales at this time? Please tick up to three.

The economy / cost of living	65	65	70	69	70	60	67	64	69	61	64	66	65	63	64	67	66	68	60
Health	51	61	62	56	64	35	59	52	45	56	33	44	54	65	57	55	43	53	47
Immigration & Asylum	31	45	16	16	17	71	17	53	31	31	16	25	44	33	25	28	41	25	39
Housing	20	18	21	14	20	16	22	20	19	22	18	22	18	21	15	22	24	18	23
Education	16	11	20	5	23	14	21	11	14	17	23	17	11	14	21	17	7	20	10
The environment and climate change	14	3	22	21	20	2	21	6	14	13	22	12	13	12	17	12	8	16	10
Transport	13	17	11	12	18	9	12	13	16	10	17	13	12	11	12	11	16	15	11
Britain leaving the EU	13	5	17	27	11	6	16	7	16	9	17	14	10	11	13	10	14	14	11
Crime	12	13	9	6	7	17	8	15	13	12	14	13	11	13	10	13	13	10	16
Tax	11	12	6	6	6	23	9	8	14	8	16	15	9	6	12	12	10	11	11
Welfare benefits	11	12	8	22	6	14	9	14	10	11	5	11	13	12	10	12	12	9	14
Family life & childcare	6	2	8	0	7	3	9	3	4	7	2	11	4	3	7	8	4	7	5
Defence and security	6	9	4	5	3	12	4	9	5	6	6	5	7	6	6	3	8	5	6
Pensions	5	5	4	3	7	2	3	7	4	5	0	3	5	10	5	5	6	4	7
None of these	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	2	1	1
Don't know	2	1	1	2	2	0	1	1	2	3	7	3	0	1	1	2	1	1	4

Which of the following, if any, do you think are the most important issues facing your local area at this time? Please tick up to three.

Road maintenance	46	54	44	61	35	52	44	50	49	43	24	46	50	54	44	47	56	46	46
Local GP services	37	41	40	47	42	41	39	42	32	42	22	34	44	44	36	43	37	38	36
Affordable housing	30	27	29	13	37	33	32	26	31	29	39	35	22	27	29	26	30	29	31
Local dentistry services	30	39	35	37	34	27	32	38	25	35	17	24	34	42	30	35	31	28	33
Job opportunities	27	18	30	18	35	26	27	24	32	23	35	30	26	20	26	25	26	27	27
High street shops	20	24	22	29	23	23	23	24	19	22	8	18	24	27	25	17	20	20	20
Public transport	18	20	20	14	23	9	18	16	19	17	26	17	16	19	19	13	19	19	16
Crime	14	13	10	10	10	24	9	15	14	13	23	15	11	10	16	11	12	15	11
Schools and Education	14	9	18	10	13	13	19	13	13	15	12	18	12	10	16	20	6	18	8
Waste and Recycling	11	12	10	4	11	12	11	12	11	10	11	12	11	9	10	13	11	11	10
Homelessness	9	5	9	9	8	10	9	5	9	8	14	9	8	5	9	6	9	8	10
Parks and green spaces	4	0	3	0	3	7	4	2	4	4	7	5	4	2	2	3	5	4	4
Local sports and entertainment	2	1	3	1	0	2	1	3	2	2	1	1	4	2	2	0	4	2	2
Noise levels	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	3	1	2	3	0	1	1	2	2	1	3
None of these	1	2	2	0	0	3	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	0	1	1	2

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Total	Mid and West	North	Cardiff and South Central	South East	South West	Yes, fluently	Yes, but not fluently	No	Urban	Town and Fringe	Rural	
Weighted Sample	1092	209	226	244	226	188	105	288	698	739	147	206
Unweighted Sample	1092	217	240	231	215	189	85	281	726	726	149	217
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Which of the following, if any, do you think are the most important issues facing Wales at this time? Please tick up to three.

The economy / cost of living	65	55	63	67	65	73	50	69	65	67	60	58
Health	51	55	54	42	52	51	50	56	48	48	56	56
Immigration & Asylum	31	28	36	30	33	27	23	26	34	32	30	28
Housing	20	21	17	21	25	16	16	24	20	20	25	17
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Crime	12	11	11	13	14	14	14	10	13	12	14	14
Tax	11	8	8	13	14	11	11	8	12	13	5	8
Welfare benefits	11	14	8	7	17	9	12	10	11	11	10	12
Family life & childcare	6	5	6	6	5	6	10	4	6	6	3	7
Defence and security	6	4	6	6	7	6	6	3	7	6	4	5
Pensions	5	8	2	4	5	6	5	3	6	4	5	7
None of these	1	0	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
Don't know	2	4	1	3	2	3	5	2	2	3	0	1

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Don't know	3	2	1	5	2	1	3	2	1	4	1	3	3	3	2	6	2	2	4

Taking into account all the different priorities facing the country, do you think the Welsh Government should be doing more to improve NHS dentistry in Wales, or are they doing all they reasonably can?

Should be doing more	79	84	82	83	77	85	80	86	77	81	65	79	82	83	81	83	82	80	78
Are doing all they reasonably can	11	11	9	8	14	7	10	8	13	9	20	10	9	8	10	6	11	10	12
Don't know	10	5	9	10	9	7	10	7	10	10	15	11	10	9	9	11	8	10	10

Have you tried to make an appointment with an NHS dentist in Wales in the last two years? If you have tried more than once, please think about the most recent time.

Yes, and I was able to get the appointment I needed	32	29	38	30	37	29	35	32	32	32	34	32	34	29	33	31	33	35	29
Yes, but I was unable to get the appointment I needed	20	18	20	17	15	28	18	25	18	21	11	21	24	19	19	26	18	17	24
No, I assumed I would be unable to get an appointment	13	12	15	12	14	14	15	11	14	12	6	15	16	12	13	13	16	12	15
No, I didn't need an NHS appointment/ I use private dental care	27	36	22	38	26	18	29	26	26	27	28	25	21	34	31	23	24	30	22
Don't know / can't remember	8	5	5	4	8	10	4	7	10	7	21	7	6	7	4	7	10	7	11

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Are doing all they reasonably can	11	6	11	14	12	10	15	9	11	11	15	8
Don't know	10	11	5	12	13	11	5	7	13	11	5	12

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Don't know / can't remember	8	9	8	8	10	7	10	10	8	9	9	6

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