

YouGov / British Dental Association Survey Results

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| | Vote in 2024 GE | | | | | EU Ref 2016 | | Indy Ref | | Gender | | Age | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|---------|-----|-------------|-------|----------|-----|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| | Total | Con | Lab | Lib Dem | SNP | Remain | Leave | Yes | No | Male | Female | 16-24 | 25-49 | 50-64 | 65+ |
| Weighted Sample | 1075 | 96 | 268 | 74 | 228 | 523 | 262 | 377 | 468 | 515 | 560 | 131 | 419 | 272 | 253 |
| Unweighted Sample | 1075 | 101 | 303 | 82 | 243 | 549 | 270 | 319 | 466 | 475 | 600 | 103 | 367 | 284 | 321 |
| | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |

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

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|------------------------------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| The economy / cost of living | 72 | 62 | 67 | 72 | 81 | 72 | 64 | 73 | 69 | 73 | 71 | 82 | 70 | 75 | 65 |
| Health | 46 | 57 | 51 | 44 | 44 | 47 | 52 | 45 | 51 | 42 | 51 | 40 | 42 | 48 | 54 |
| Immigration & Asylum | 32 | 48 | 33 | 21 | 22 | 25 | 53 | 33 | 35 | 34 | 31 | 23 | 28 | 40 | 36 |
| Housing | 21 | 12 | 23 | 23 | 25 | 23 | 13 | 21 | 18 | 17 | 24 | 21 | 23 | 19 | 18 |
| Education | 18 | 29 | 23 | 11 | 16 | 20 | 17 | 19 | 21 | 19 | 17 | 13 | 19 | 14 | 23 |
| Britain leaving the EU | 17 | 1 | 14 | 10 | 36 | 25 | 2 | 22 | 13 | 19 | 14 | 15 | 18 | 16 | 17 |
| The environment and climate change | 15 | 4 | 10 | 19 | 24 | 15 | 10 | 19 | 10 | 13 | 17 | 25 | 17 | 13 | 8 |
| Crime | 15 | 13 | 13 | 8 | 5 | 12 | 18 | 16 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 20 | 15 | 17 | 10 |
| Tax | 14 | 27 | 10 | 16 | 10 | 13 | 17 | 10 | 16 | 16 | 11 | 17 | 13 | 11 | 15 |
| Welfare benefits | 12 | 19 | 12 | 10 | 6 | 12 | 17 | 8 | 17 | 13 | 12 | 10 | 9 | 15 | 16 |
| Defence and security | 6 | 11 | 7 | 13 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 10 |
| Family life & childcare | 5 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 2 |
| Pensions | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 10 |
| Transport | 3 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| None of these | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Don't know | 2 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 |

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 | 50 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 49 | 52 | 44 | 54 | 48 | 44 | 31 | 45 | 47 | 54 |
| Local GP services | 33 | 44 | 39 | 39 | 29 | 36 | 34 | 29 | 40 | 30 | 36 | 23 | 30 | 37 | 38 |
| Affordable housing | 32 | 14 | 36 | 35 | 33 | 30 | 26 | 34 | 27 | 30 | 33 | 46 | 31 | 31 | 25 |
| Job opportunities | 25 | 21 | 19 | 20 | 28 | 23 | 20 | 23 | 21 | 25 | 25 | 42 | 23 | 22 | 23 |
| High street shops | 23 | 35 | 24 | 16 | 24 | 24 | 24 | 23 | 26 | 26 | 20 | 14 | 18 | 29 | 28 |
| Schools and Education | 20 | 24 | 21 | 13 | 22 | 20 | 19 | 20 | 22 | 22 | 19 | 19 | 26 | 13 | 18 |
| Crime | 16 | 15 | 19 | 7 | 13 | 14 | 21 | 14 | 16 | 16 | 15 | 15 | 14 | 20 | 12 |
| Local dentistry services | 15 | 13 | 17 | 22 | 15 | 16 | 23 | 14 | 19 | 16 | 15 | 5 | 12 | 19 | 21 |
| Public transport | 13 | 15 | 8 | 18 | 14 | 14 | 8 | 16 | 11 | 11 | 15 | 19 | 12 | 11 | 14 |
| Waste and Recycling | 12 | 5 | 14 | 11 | 11 | 13 | 10 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 14 | 12 | 8 |
| Homelessness | 6 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 6 |

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| | Total | Higher | Intermediate | Routine | ABC1 | C2DE | North East Scotland | Highlands & Islands | South Scotland | West Scotland |
| Weighted Sample | 1075 | 356 | 213 | 342 | 614 | 423 | 171 | 113 | 146 | 122 |
| Unweighted Sample | 1075 | 418 | 230 | 276 | 641 | 396 | 150 | 103 | 165 | 118 |
| | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |

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|------------------------------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| The economy / cost of living | 72 | 71 | 69 | 74 | 71 | 72 | 68 | 71 | 74 | 71 |
| Health | 46 | 48 | 42 | 49 | 45 | 49 | 45 | 47 | 57 | 40 |
| Immigration & Asylum | 32 | 22 | 37 | 44 | 24 | 44 | 38 | 33 | 29 | 34 |
| Housing | 21 | 20 | 16 | 21 | 21 | 19 | 14 | 15 | 23 | 14 |
| Education | 18 | 25 | 15 | 13 | 20 | 17 | 28 | 20 | 14 | 15 |
| Britain leaving the EU | 17 | 20 | 16 | 16 | 22 | 9 | 19 | 10 | 12 | 19 |
| The environment and climate change | 15 | 15 | 13 | 13 | 17 | 13 | 18 | 13 | 12 | 13 |
| Crime | 15 | 11 | 12 | 20 | 15 | 16 | 13 | 17 | 14 | 21 |
| Tax | 14 | 19 | 13 | 11 | 16 | 10 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 16 |
| Welfare benefits | 12 | 13 | 12 | 14 | 13 | 11 | 7 | 12 | 9 | 17 |
| Defence and security | 6 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 9 |
| Family life & childcare | 5 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 3 |
| Pensions | 5 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 3 |
| Transport | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| None of these | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Don't know | 2 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 1 |

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| Road maintenance | 46 | 52 | 47 | 48 | 47 | 45 | 40 | 53 | 46 | 46 |
| Local GP services | 33 | 29 | 34 | 38 | 30 | 37 | 38 | 28 | 25 | 25 |
| Affordable housing | 32 | 30 | 29 | 30 | 34 | 28 | 24 | 24 | 30 | 36 |
| Job opportunities | 25 | 26 | 23 | 22 | 28 | 19 | 27 | 21 | 42 | 26 |
| High street shops | 23 | 20 | 24 | 28 | 20 | 26 | 28 | 25 | 27 | 29 |
| Schools and Education | 20 | 23 | 21 | 17 | 23 | 18 | 26 | 22 | 21 | 19 |
| Crime | 16 | 11 | 14 | 19 | 14 | 17 | 17 | 7 | 13 | 19 |
| Local dentistry services | 15 | 15 | 16 | 18 | 13 | 19 | 6 | 25 | 22 | 7 |
| Public transport | 13 | 14 | 12 | 12 | 14 | 13 | 8 | 20 | 19 | 12 |
| Waste and Recycling | 12 | 13 | 10 | 10 | 13 | 10 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 22 |
| Homelessness | 6 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 6 |

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| | Total | Central | Mid-Scotland & Fife | Lothians | Glasgow | Urban | Town and Fringe | Rural |
| Weighted Sample | 1075 | 126 | 135 | 154 | 108 | 664 | 140 | 271 |
| Unweighted Sample | 1075 | 122 | 129 | 169 | 119 | 671 | 127 | 276 |
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| Defence and security | 6 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 8 |
| Family life & childcare | 5 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| Pensions | 5 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 3 |
| Transport | 3 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| None of these | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Don't know | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 |

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|--------------------------|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Road maintenance | 46 | 40 | 41 | 55 | 47 | 43 | 51 | 51 |
| Local GP services | 33 | 54 | 33 | 32 | 26 | 34 | 29 | 32 |
| Affordable housing | 32 | 28 | 27 | 43 | 42 | 35 | 31 | 24 |
| Job opportunities | 25 | 19 | 24 | 17 | 21 | 23 | 24 | 31 |
| High street shops | 23 | 24 | 30 | 7 | 10 | 22 | 29 | 21 |
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| Parks and green spaces | 4 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Local sports and entertainment | 3 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Noise levels | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| None of these | 3 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Don't know | 4 | 4 | 3 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 4 |

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

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| Should be doing more | 65 | 70 | 75 | 73 | 48 | 64 | 74 | 60 | 71 | 64 | 65 | 56 | 64 | 69 | 66 |
| Are doing all they reasonably can | 20 | 15 | 12 | 11 | 36 | 20 | 13 | 25 | 15 | 21 | 18 | 29 | 16 | 20 | 20 |
| Don't know | 16 | 15 | 12 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 13 | 16 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 15 | 20 | 12 | 14 |

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

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|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Yes, and I was able to get the appointment I needed | 55 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 57 | 60 | 53 | 56 | 56 | 51 | 59 | 49 | 53 | 56 | 59 |
| Yes, but I was unable to get the appointment I needed | 12 | 12 | 13 | 18 | 6 | 12 | 9 | 9 | 13 | 12 | 12 | 15 | 14 | 10 | 9 |
| No, I assumed I would be unable to get an appointment | 7 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 12 | 9 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 7 |
| No, I didn't need an NHS appointment / I use private dental care | 19 | 22 | 19 | 14 | 26 | 19 | 18 | 20 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 21 | 17 | 21 |
| Don't know / can't remember | 7 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 15 | 5 | 8 | 4 |

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| Noise levels | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| None of these | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 2 |
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| Yes, but I was unable to get the appointment I needed | 12 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 10 | 9 | 15 | 12 | 10 |
| No, I assumed I would be unable to get an appointment | 7 | 7 | 6 | 10 | 5 | 11 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 6 |
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| Don't know | 16 | 16 | 7 | 19 | 15 | 17 | 9 | 15 |

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