

YouGov / Cavendish Consulting Survey Results

Sample Size: 1152 adults in Scotland (16+)

Fieldwork: 3rd - 10th April 2025

	Vote in 2024 GE				2016 EU Ref		2014 Indy		Gender		Age				Social Grade		
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	SNP	Remain	Leave	Yes	No	Male	Female	16-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE
Weighted Sample	1118	103	285	79	241	532	310	398	489	541	577	128	437	283	271	583	535
Unweighted Sample	1123	108	270	98	279	561	298	386	457	507	616	118	407	290	308	637	486
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

To what extent, if at all, would you support or oppose each of the following energy types being developed in your LOCAL area?

Nuclear

Strongly support	12	27	12	6	7	9	20	9	15	20	5	13	7	16	15	13	11
Tend to support	20	23	21	32	18	22	21	21	22	28	13	13	20	19	24	22	18
TOTAL SUPPORT	32	50	33	38	25	31	41	30	37	48	18	26	27	35	39	35	29
Tend to oppose	17	17	21	23	18	18	16	15	18	15	19	18	18	16	17	18	17
Strongly oppose	31	19	27	21	45	33	27	38	26	25	36	30	30	35	28	28	33
TOTAL OPPOSE	48	36	48	44	63	51	43	53	44	40	55	48	48	51	45	46	50
Don't know	20	14	19	18	12	19	15	17	20	13	27	26	25	14	16	19	21

Onshore wind

Strongly support	27	17	28	23	37	31	20	34	22	33	21	32	30	23	24	28	26
Tend to support	39	39	41	54	45	44	35	39	39	39	38	32	36	42	42	40	36
TOTAL SUPPORT	66	56	69	77	82	75	55	73	61	72	59	64	66	65	66	68	62
Tend to oppose	9	21	9	6	4	7	14	6	13	11	8	7	7	12	11	9	10
Strongly oppose	6	13	6	7	3	2	16	5	9	8	5	2	4	9	10	5	8
TOTAL OPPOSE	15	34	15	13	7	9	30	11	22	19	13	9	11	21	21	14	18
Don't know	19	11	16	11	11	15	15	16	17	10	27	27	23	13	13	17	20

Offshore wind

Strongly support	33	21	34	35	46	40	21	40	27	38	28	32	35	33	28	36	29
Tend to support	38	45	40	46	35	36	44	35	42	38	37	35	32	40	45	37	38
TOTAL SUPPORT	71	66	74	81	81	76	65	75	69	76	65	67	67	73	73	73	67
Tend to oppose	7	10	5	5	4	5	11	4	9	7	7	5	7	9	7	7	7
Strongly oppose	5	12	5	2	3	3	10	4	7	6	5	5	4	6	8	5	5
TOTAL OPPOSE	12	22	10	7	7	8	21	8	16	13	12	10	11	15	15	12	12
Don't know	18	12	16	11	13	16	13	17	16	10	24	23	23	12	12	15	20

Tidal or hydro

Strongly support	33	22	36	34	47	39	27	44	27	43	24	27	33	37	32	35	31
Tend to support	35	53	35	45	32	34	39	29	40	37	33	35	32	36	39	36	33
TOTAL SUPPORT	68	75	71	79	79	73	66	73	67	80	57	62	65	73	71	71	64
Tend to oppose	5	5	5	2	2	3	9	3	6	4	6	7	4	7	4	5	5
Strongly oppose	3	3	4	2	3	3	5	2	5	4	3	3	4	3	4	3	4
TOTAL OPPOSE	8	8	9	4	5	6	14	5	11	8	9	10	8	10	8	8	9
Don't know	23	17	19	16	16	21	20	21	23	12	34	28	27	17	21	21	26

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	Scottish Region								
	Total	North East Scotland	Highlands & Islands	South Scotland	West Scotland	Central	Mid-Scotland & Fife	Lothians	Glasgow
Weighted Sample	1118	165	103	149	124	152	137	150	139
Unweighted Sample	1123	159	111	156	120	134	138	167	138
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

To what extent, if at all, would you support or oppose each of the following energy types being developed in your LOCAL area?

Nuclear									
Strongly support	12	14	10	17	7	13	18	11	5
Tend to support	20	19	24	28	20	16	17	16	20
TOTAL SUPPORT	32	33	34	45	27	29	35	27	25
Tend to oppose	17	18	12	16	19	13	21	22	16
Strongly oppose	31	27	36	23	33	34	29	30	37
TOTAL OPPOSE	48	45	48	39	52	47	50	52	53
Don't know	20	22	19	16	21	24	16	21	22
Onshore wind									
Strongly support	27	29	18	28	30	27	25	26	31
Tend to support	39	34	42	43	38	35	50	43	26
TOTAL SUPPORT	66	63	60	71	68	62	75	69	57
Tend to oppose	9	13	11	10	6	11	7	5	12
Strongly oppose	6	6	11	6	12	2	4	6	5
TOTAL OPPOSE	15	19	22	16	18	13	11	11	17
Don't know	19	18	18	13	14	25	14	20	26
Offshore wind									
Strongly support	33	37	24	33	35	29	34	34	33
Tend to support	38	35	49	42	30	36	41	42	27
TOTAL SUPPORT	71	72	73	75	65	65	75	76	60
Tend to oppose	7	7	6	8	5	7	10	6	7
Strongly oppose	5	5	9	5	8	2	3	4	8
TOTAL OPPOSE	12	12	15	13	13	9	13	10	15
Don't know	18	16	12	12	22	26	12	15	24
Tidal or hydro									
Strongly support	33	39	39	38	31	23	33	29	34
Tend to support	35	33	35	40	34	29	43	41	25
TOTAL SUPPORT	68	72	74	78	65	52	76	70	59
Tend to oppose	5	2	7	1	6	13	3	4	5
Strongly oppose	3	1	3	1	7	2	2	4	8
TOTAL OPPOSE	8	3	10	2	13	15	5	8	13
Don't know	23	25	16	20	22	33	20	22	27

Solar

Strongly support	39	21	40	42	49	42	29	43	32	44	33	49	43	35	30	41	36
Tend to support	40	51	41	41	40	41	44	39	43	37	42	32	34	44	47	41	38
TOTAL SUPPORT	79	72	81	83	89	83	73	82	75	81	75	81	77	79	77	82	74
Tend to oppose	5	13	4	1	4	4	6	4	6	7	4	4	4	6	7	5	6
Strongly oppose	3	6	2	4	2	1	8	3	4	4	3	1	3	4	4	3	3
TOTAL OPPOSE	8	19	6	5	6	5	14	7	10	11	7	5	7	10	11	8	9
Don't know	13	9	12	12	5	12	12	11	15	8	18	14	15	11	12	10	17

Hydrogen

Strongly support	15	16	19	13	20	17	16	17	16	24	8	15	16	14	16	16	15
Tend to support	28	35	28	35	28	29	28	29	27	38	19	28	29	30	25	32	24
TOTAL SUPPORT	43	51	47	48	48	46	44	46	43	62	27	43	45	44	41	48	39
Tend to oppose	9	8	9	12	10	8	11	10	10	7	10	3	8	10	12	10	8
Strongly oppose	5	10	2	2	3	4	8	5	6	4	6	3	4	8	6	4	7
TOTAL OPPOSE	14	18	11	14	13	12	19	15	16	11	16	6	12	18	18	14	15
Don't know	42	31	41	37	38	42	38	38	41	27	57	52	43	38	41	38	47

Biofuels or biomass

Strongly support	12	8	13	10	14	13	12	13	12	16	8	11	13	12	10	13	11
Tend to support	33	39	37	38	36	36	34	35	34	39	27	23	31	39	34	36	29
TOTAL SUPPORT	45	47	50	48	50	49	46	48	46	55	35	34	44	51	44	49	40
Tend to oppose	13	13	12	15	13	12	13	14	11	16	10	12	11	14	14	14	12
Strongly oppose	5	8	3	5	4	3	7	5	5	4	6	3	6	5	5	5	5
TOTAL OPPOSE	18	21	15	20	17	15	20	19	16	20	16	15	17	19	19	19	17
Don't know	38	31	35	32	33	36	34	33	38	25	50	51	39	29	37	33	43

Geothermal

Strongly support	17	13	17	15	23	20	14	20	15	24	11	18	18	18	14	19	16
Tend to support	28	30	31	43	28	30	29	29	28	36	20	24	27	29	28	30	25
TOTAL SUPPORT	45	43	48	58	51	50	43	49	43	60	31	42	45	47	42	49	41
Tend to oppose	6	12	5	3	4	6	6	6	6	4	7	0	4	6	9	5	6
Strongly oppose	4	5	4	1	4	2	8	3	6	5	3	4	3	5	5	5	4
TOTAL OPPOSE	10	17	9	4	8	8	14	9	12	9	10	4	7	11	14	10	10
Don't know	46	39	43	38	41	42	43	42	45	30	59	54	47	43	43	42	49

Gas with carbon capture

Strongly support	8	12	9	8	8	7	10	9	7	11	4	4	8	7	9	7	8
Tend to support	23	31	25	29	22	23	29	23	26	32	15	13	20	27	30	24	22
TOTAL SUPPORT	31	43	34	37	30	30	39	32	33	43	19	17	28	34	39	31	30
Tend to oppose	14	18	14	19	17	15	13	15	13	17	12	17	14	14	13	17	12
Strongly oppose	9	8	8	8	8	9	10	10	10	11	8	8	10	9	9	10	8
TOTAL OPPOSE	23	26	22	27	25	24	23	25	23	28	20	25	24	23	22	27	20
Don't know	46	31	44	37	45	47	38	44	44	29	61	58	48	43	39	42	49

Solar

Strongly support	39	39	31	34	38	37	41	45	42
Tend to support	40	38	47	48	40	38	42	36	29
TOTAL SUPPORT	79	77	78	82	78	75	83	81	71
Tend to oppose	5	5	5	6	3	6	5	5	9
Strongly oppose	3	2	3	3	9	1	2	2	3
TOTAL OPPOSE	8	7	8	9	12	7	7	7	12
Don't know	13	16	14	10	10	17	10	11	17

Hydrogen

Strongly support	15	22	14	18	15	13	13	14	13
Tend to support	28	30	29	29	28	27	29	28	23
TOTAL SUPPORT	43	52	43	47	43	40	42	42	36
Tend to oppose	9	4	9	7	11	8	9	8	15
Strongly oppose	5	5	8	4	8	4	4	4	8
TOTAL OPPOSE	14	9	17	11	19	12	13	12	23
Don't know	42	39	40	42	38	47	45	46	41

Biofuels or biomass

Strongly support	12	14	5	14	13	12	15	8	11
Tend to support	33	36	38	36	29	28	32	34	28
TOTAL SUPPORT	45	50	43	50	42	40	47	42	39
Tend to oppose	13	9	11	11	10	16	14	15	15
Strongly oppose	5	2	8	5	8	6	2	5	7
TOTAL OPPOSE	18	11	19	16	18	22	16	20	22
Don't know	38	39	38	34	39	38	37	38	39

Geothermal

Strongly support	17	20	15	18	14	19	17	17	16
Tend to support	28	27	29	35	26	20	31	30	22
TOTAL SUPPORT	45	47	44	53	40	39	48	47	38
Tend to oppose	6	5	4	6	5	7	5	2	10
Strongly oppose	4	1	3	1	11	5	4	3	5
TOTAL OPPOSE	10	6	7	7	16	12	9	5	15
Don't know	46	46	48	40	44	49	43	47	47

Gas with carbon capture

Strongly support	8	10	9	8	6	5	9	6	6
Tend to support	23	24	18	28	28	19	30	23	13
TOTAL SUPPORT	31	34	27	36	34	24	39	29	19
Tend to oppose	14	12	17	15	11	16	12	15	18
Strongly oppose	9	10	9	5	15	7	4	10	14
TOTAL OPPOSE	23	22	26	20	26	23	16	25	32
Don't know	46	44	46	44	40	52	45	47	48

Battery storage (BESS)

Strongly support	13	11	13	13	21	17	9	16	12	19	7	10	12	15	12	14	11
Tend to support	24	30	30	31	24	26	25	25	26	34	16	22	22	26	27	27	21
TOTAL SUPPORT	37	41	43	44	45	43	34	41	38	53	23	32	34	41	39	41	32
Tend to oppose	10	18	11	9	9	8	15	10	11	9	11	3	10	12	12	10	10
Strongly oppose	10	16	8	13	6	7	16	10	12	10	10	5	7	15	12	8	11
TOTAL OPPOSE	20	34	19	22	15	15	31	20	23	19	21	8	17	27	24	18	21
Don't know	43	26	38	34	39	42	34	40	39	28	57	60	48	32	38	41	46

Energy from waste

Strongly support	24	17	26	27	28	24	25	28	20	31	18	26	23	23	27	25	24
Tend to support	42	47	46	46	44	43	47	40	46	41	43	28	39	48	47	43	41
TOTAL SUPPORT	66	64	72	73	72	67	72	68	66	72	61	54	62	71	74	68	65
Tend to oppose	7	12	6	13	6	8	7	8	9	9	6	9	9	6	5	8	7
Strongly oppose	5	5	5	2	4	5	6	5	5	5	5	1	4	5	6	5	4
TOTAL OPPOSE	12	17	11	15	10	13	13	13	14	14	11	10	13	11	11	13	11
Don't know	22	19	17	12	18	20	15	19	20	15	28	35	24	18	15	19	25

How much, if at all, are you aware of what Battery Energy Storage (BESS) is?

I have heard of this, and know a lot about it	3	5	3	3	4	4	2	2	4	5	2	3	3	4	3	3	4
I have heard of this, and know a little bit about it	27	38	26	34	30	28	34	28	32	37	18	17	21	34	36	29	25
I have heard of this, but I don't know anything about it	28	29	32	38	30	30	27	30	28	29	27	24	28	29	28	27	29
TOTAL HAVE HEARD OF THIS	58	72	61	75	64	62	63	60	64	71	47	44	52	67	67	59	58
I have never heard of this	42	28	38	25	37	38	37	40	36	30	53	56	49	33	33	41	42

**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.*

Battery storage (BESS)

Strongly support	13	17	11	14	10	11	15	8	12
Tend to support	24	26	16	25	25	22	27	26	22
TOTAL SUPPORT	37	43	27	39	35	33	42	34	34
Tend to oppose	10	9	14	11	8	11	7	14	8
Strongly oppose	10	7	15	11	17	9	10	4	8
TOTAL OPPOSE	20	16	29	22	25	20	17	18	16
Don't know	43	41	43	38	40	45	41	47	50

Energy from waste

Strongly support	24	26	24	21	23	23	28	27	23
Tend to support	42	41	36	47	43	38	49	42	38
TOTAL SUPPORT	66	67	60	68	66	61	77	69	61
Tend to oppose	7	6	6	7	7	9	5	10	9
Strongly oppose	5	3	6	5	11	3	1	4	5
TOTAL OPPOSE	12	9	12	12	18	12	6	14	14
Don't know	22	23	27	19	17	27	17	18	25

How much, if at all, are you aware of what Battery Energy Storage (BESS) is?

I have heard of this, and know a lot about it	3	5	3	5	1	2	6	2	3
I have heard of this, and know a little bit about it	27	29	33	32	29	25	25	27	18
I have heard of this, but I don't know anything about it	28	34	23	30	26	19	30	29	29
TOTAL HAVE HEARD OF THIS	58	68	59	67	56	46	61	58	50
I have never heard of this	42	32	40	33	43	54	39	42	51

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