

YouGov / Dignity in Dying Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 25th - 31st July 2023

	Vote in 2019 GE				EU Ref 2016		Indy Ref 2014		Gender		Age				Social Grade		Scottish Region									
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	SNP	Remain	Leave	Yes	No	Male	Female	16-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	North East Scotland	Highlands & Islands	South Scotland	West Scotland	Central	Mid-Scotland & Fife	Lothians	Glasgow	
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To what extent, if at all, would you support or oppose assisted dying becoming legal in Scotland?

Strongly support	45	45	44	45	52	48	44	50	45	45	45	38	49	46	41	47	43	45	49	48	42	48	42	43	44
Tend to support	32	28	30	34	32	33	28	33	30	29	34	34	30	33	34	32	31	35	34	29	27	25	37	35	31
TOTAL SUPPORT	77	73	74	79	84	81	72	83	75	74	79	72	79	79	75	79	74	80	83	77	69	73	79	78	75
Tend to oppose	5	9	7	9	3	4	9	3	6	5	6	6	4	3	9	6	5	5	3	6	9	7	6	4	3
Strongly oppose	7	12	7	6	4	6	10	5	9	8	6	5	5	10	7	6	7	4	4	7	5	8	7	9	8
TOTAL OPPOSE	12	21	14	15	7	10	19	8	15	13	12	11	9	13	16	12	12	9	7	13	14	15	13	13	11
Don't know	11	6	12	6	9	9	9	9	10	13	9	17	12	9	9	9	14	10	10	10	17	12	8	10	13

While assisted dying is illegal in Scotland, some people choose to travel to Switzerland where assisted dying is legal.

If you had a terminal illness, do you think you would, or would not consider travelling to Switzerland to have an assisted death?

Would definitely consider	24	26	28	27	26	25	26	29	23	23	24	15	27	27	20	25	22	23	27	28	22	29	18	21	24
Would possibly consider	31	31	27	32	34	33	24	30	30	31	32	40	35	27	25	33	29	32	35	19	32	28	37	38	29
TOTAL WOULD CONSIDER	55	57	55	59	60	58	50	59	53	54	56	55	62	54	45	58	51	55	62	47	54	57	55	59	53
Would probably not consider	15	13	15	16	13	15	16	15	14	15	15	18	14	10	20	15	15	12	11	18	12	23	17	14	12
Would definitely not consider	12	19	13	7	11	11	18	10	15	14	11	11	9	15	15	11	14	11	6	19	10	8	11	13	17
TOTAL WOULD NOT CONSIDER	27	32	28	23	24	26	34	25	29	29	26	29	23	25	35	26	29	23	17	37	22	31	28	27	29
Don't know	13	9	13	16	14	14	14	13	15	12	15	10	10	18	16	12	16	15	16	14	19	7	15	10	14
Prefer not to say	4	3	3	3	1	3	3	2	4	4	4	7	5	2	4	4	4	7	4	1	5	4	2	4	5

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Weighted Sample	1084	608	32	80	167	1	9	0	4	1	0	1	9	0	3	12	9	7	9	344	124	235	358	706
Unweighted Sample	1084	608	39	81	158	2	8	0	4	1	0	1	11	0	4	12	7	8	9	345	116	238	354	712
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To what extent, if at all, would you support or oppose assisted dying becoming legal in Scotland?

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Tend to support	32	34	42	34	30	52	26	0	22	0	0	100	14	0	70	28	33	9	26	31	22	33	29	33
TOTAL SUPPORT	77	84	85	61	73	52	36	0	57	0	0	100	20	0	100	62	33	9	26	64	78	79	79	76
Tend to oppose	5	4	7	12	7	0	38	0	30	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	14	7	9	1	7	5	6	
Strongly oppose	7	4	2	13	5	0	19	0	14	100	0	0	43	0	0	38	0	46	67	12	9	7	8	5
TOTAL OPPOSE	12	8	9	25	12	0	57	0	44	100	0	0	64	0	0	38	0	60	74	21	10	14	13	11
Don't know	11	9	6	14	15	48	8	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	67	31	0	14	12	6	9	12

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Would possibly consider	31	36	25	29	27	0	23	0	22	0	0	100	12	0	49	11	33	0	0	25	22	29	27	34
TOTAL WOULD CONSIDER	55	61	56	41	48	0	23	0	57	0	0	100	12	0	49	35	33	0	9	42	58	56	57	55
Would probably not consider	15	15	4	24	16	0	66	0	30	0	0	0	21	0	17	10	33	7	0	18	13	13	13	16
Would definitely not consider	12	8	26	16	16	48	11	0	14	0	0	0	49	0	0	38	12	56	60	20	14	13	14	11
TOTAL WOULD NOT CONSIDER	27	23	30	40	32	48	77	0	44	0	0	0	70	0	17	48	45	63	60	38	27	26	27	27
Don't know	13	13	10	15	18	52	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	17	22	23	31	16	15	12	13	13	
Prefer not to say	4	3	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	33	0	0	14	0	3	1	5	3	4

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An assisted death in Switzerland costs approximately

£15,000. Regardless of whether or not you would want to have an assisted death in Switzerland yourself, to what extent do you think you would be able to afford this cost?

Definitely be able to afford	8	12	12	18	7	9	9	5	14	12	5	6	6	11	11	11	5	3	12	9	9	9	9	9	10
Probably be able to afford	16	28	12	25	13	19	16	14	19	15	16	43	12	16	23	21	10	19	11	17	17	18	14	16	11
TOTAL WOULD BE ABLE TO AFFORD	24	40	24	43	20	28	25	19	33	27	21	19	18	27	34	32	15	22	23	26	26	27	23	25	21
Probably not be able to afford	23	25	23	22	22	23	21	23	23	21	24	24	26	19	22	23	23	25	20	17	26	22	17	27	26
Definitely not be able to afford	45	30	48	23	52	42	48	52	37	44	45	45	48	48	35	37	54	43	46	49	35	48	48	42	48
TOTAL WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD	68	55	71	45	74	65	69	75	60	65	69	69	74	67	57	60	77	68	66	66	61	70	65	69	74
Prefer not to say	3	1	2	6	1	2	2	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	4	3	3	7	3	2	3	0	4	3	0
Don't know	5	4	3	5	5	4	4	4	5	5	6	9	5	4	5	5	5	2	8	5	11	3	8	3	6

Do you know a family member or friend who, in your opinion, suffered towards the end of their life?

Yes	58	62	62	58	62	61	59	63	59	52	63	42	57	66	60	56	60	54	67	61	59	53	49	61	60
No	32	29	31	31	29	31	31	28	31	37	28	43	33	26	31	34	29	33	21	29	31	37	40	30	33
Prefer not to say	10	9	7	11	9	8	10	8	10	11	9	15	11	8	9	9	11	13	11	9	10	10	11	9	8

Do you think that the family member or loved one who suffered towards the end of their life would or would not have considered the option of assisted dying, if it had been legal in Scotland?

(Asked to those who know a family member or friend who suffered towards the end of their life; n=649)

Would definitely have considered the option of assisted dying	21	28	19	11	23	18	28	27	18	21	21	13	22	26	17	20	23	21	31	25	20	30	17	11	19
Would probably have considered the option assisted dying	25	23	26	26	28	28	20	25	26	24	26	33	26	22	26	24	27	22	18	28	29	21	28	27	28
TOTAL WOULD HAVE CONSIDERED	46	51	45	37	51	46	48	52	44	45	47	46	48	48	43	44	50	43	49	53	49	51	45	38	47
Would probably not have considered the option assisted dying	17	12	15	22	20	18	15	18	14	19	16	23	19	14	16	17	17	22	9	12	10	28	23	16	17
Would definitely not have considered the option of assisted dying	14	19	8	16	12	14	15	11	17	14	14	8	10	15	21	16	12	12	15	16	14	14	9	17	13
TOTAL WOULD NOT HAVE CONSIDERED	31	31	23	38	32	32	30	29	31	33	30	31	29	29	37	33	29	34	24	28	24	42	32	33	30
Not applicable	2	0	4	7	1	2	2	3	1	2	2	5	3	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	3	7	1
Prefer not to say	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	3	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	0	0
Don't know	20	17	27	17	17	20	18	16	23	19	20	16	20	22	18	21	19	21	24	18	24	8	19	22	22

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An assisted death in Switzerland costs approximately £15,000. Regardless of whether or not you would want to have an assisted death in Switzerland yourself, to what extent do you think you would be able to afford this cost?

Definitely be able to afford	8	8	19	3	12	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	27	10	10	7	8	9
Probably be able to afford	16	15	18	21	19	0	0	14	0	0	100	19	0	17	13	0	0	10	18	9	16	13	17
TOTAL WOULD BE ABLE TO AFFORD	24	23	37	24	31	0	0	14	100	0	100	19	0	17	13	11	0	37	28	19	23	21	26
Probably not be able to afford	23	24	16	25	21	100	23	0	52	0	0	6	0	0	28	20	19	14	21	16	24	21	24
Definitely not be able to afford	45	47	38	37	38	0	77	0	35	0	0	58	0	49	52	48	45	32	40	58	46	50	42
TOTAL WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD	68	71	54	62	59	100	100	0	87	0	0	64	0	49	80	68	64	46	61	74	70	71	66
Prefer not to say	3	1	6	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	0	33	7	0	14	0	5	2	3	3	3
Don't know	5	4	3	8	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	23	17	7	6	6	6	5

Do you know a family member or friend who, in your opinion, suffered towards the end of their life?

Yes	58	57	66	63	57	100	48	0	35	100	0	0	32	0	100	78	73	54	63	60	65	65	65	55
No	32	35	29	29	29	0	43	0	65	0	0	100	23	0	0	16	0	0	37	27	26	24	25	36
Prefer not to say	10	8	5	8	14	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	45	0	0	7	27	46	0	13	8	11	10	9

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Would probably have considered the option assisted dying	25	25	41	18	28	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	12	30	0	0	25	18	22	21	28
TOTAL WOULD HAVE CONSIDERED	46	47	52	38	51	0	43	0	0	0	0	37	0	49	25	30	0	43	53	39	45	48	
Would probably not have considered the option assisted dying	17	16	7	31	20	100	19	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	14	0	20	8	15	13	20
Would definitely not have considered the option of assisted dying	14	10	18	20	14	0	38	0	0	100	0	39	0	0	36	33	86	51	21	20	14	16	12
TOTAL WOULD NOT HAVE CONSIDERED	31	26	25	51	34	100	57	0	100	100	0	39	0	0	62	33	100	51	41	28	29	29	32
Not applicable	2	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	0	17	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	2	2
Prefer not to say	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	0
Don't know	20	24	19	10	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	13	36	0	49	14	13	30	24	17

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