

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1709 Adults In GB
Fieldwork: 4th - 5th July 2022

	Vote In 2019 GE			2016 EU Ref		Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region					
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample	1709	579	424	154	634	677	831	878	186	713	412	397	974	735	205	574	371	412	147
Unweighted Sample	1709	572	426	145	673	667	768	941	161	714	405	428	1013	696	174	578	389	421	147
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Which of the following best reflects your view?

People who have addictions to illegal substances should be dealt with as criminals	19	30	9	7	12	29	23	14	11	15	21	26	16	22	15	18	21	21	14
People who have addictions to illegal substances should be treated as those who are mentally ill would be treated	49	39	66	61	60	41	44	55	63	52	46	42	54	44	53	49	48	50	49
Neither	19	18	15	27	18	18	19	18	7	19	22	20	19	19	18	20	17	17	22
Don't know	13	12	10	5	10	13	13	13	19	14	11	13	12	15	13	13	14	13	16

As a reminder, any data collected in this survey will not be associated with any identifying information about you, and will be stored and transmitted securely in compliance with GDPR. Do you currently have or have you previously had a substance addiction? If you are currently in active addiction to one substance, and was previously addicted to another, please tick both 'yes' options.

Yes – I current have an addiction	2	1	3	1	2	2	3	1	6	3	1	1	2	2	4	1	3	2	2
Yes – I was previously addicted to a substance, but I am not anymore	5	3	8	5	4	5	7	3	7	6	3	3	4	5	6	3	4	7	6
No	89	94	85	92	91	90	85	94	79	87	92	95	91	87	85	91	91	88	88
Rather not say	4	2	4	2	3	3	6	3	8	5	4	1	2	6	6	5	3	3	4

And which of the following substances are / were you addicted to? Please tick all that apply. If you would rather not say, please tick prefer not to say .

[Asked only to those who responded that they had previously been addicted to a substance or were currently addicted to a substance; n=110]

Heroin	6	4	5	22	10	4	4	10	0	9	7	0	2	10	12	9	0	6	0
Alcohol	32	50	27	10	32	37	39	15	13	32	50	41	29	36	18	34	34	43	15
Tobacco	46	59	45	53	62	43	48	42	26	48	55	63	50	43	28	56	58	44	41
Amphetamines	11	6	10	22	8	13	12	9	10	15	5	0	7	15	4	10	14	16	0
Crack cocaine	9	4	10	14	3	11	9	10	17	10	7	0	11	8	33	0	11	5	0
Gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB)	3	0	3	13	7	2	2	4	0	5	0	0	3	2	6	0	0	6	0
Khat	2	6	2	0	6	0	2	2	9	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	9	0	0
Ecstasy / MDMA	4	4	5	0	6	6	5	3	0	8	0	0	7	2	12	7	0	3	0
LSD / acid	2	6	0	0	2	3	3	0	0	4	0	0	1	2	0	4	0	4	0
Mushrooms (sometimes called 'magic mushrooms')	3	12	0	0	6	3	4	0	6	4	0	0	4	2	0	4	5	4	0
Benzodiazepines	2	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	4	5	0
Methadone	2	0	3	0	6	0	3	0	0	4	0	0	2	2	6	0	4	0	0
Marijuana (or cannabis)	17	16	14	0	14	15	17	17	20	22	5	7	16	18	0	21	16	21	26
Cocaine	9	16	11	10	5	10	5	19	11	10	6	5	9	10	4	22	0	7	14
Ketamine	2	0	2	0	6	0	1	4	0	1	7	0	1	2	6	4	0	0	0
Synthetic cannabis (sometimes called 'spice')	5	0	10	0	3	7	7	0	17	3	0	0	10	0	12	0	7	0	16
Other	6	6	6	0	3	7	8	3	10	9	0	0	4	9	7	0	10	3	23
Prefer not to say	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	1	5	0	3	0	4	0	0	2	0
None of these	9	4	16	10	2	7	10	5	24	4	0	14	8	9	0	10	4	15	14

Do you personally have a friend or family member with an addiction issue?

Yes – a friend	10	8	11	5	10	10	10	9	10	13	10	4	10	9	9	9	10	9	13
Yes – a family member	11	8	14	12	12	9	9	13	12	14	9	9	12	10	16	11	12	9	9
No	76	81	71	80	75	79	77	75	66	70	80	86	74	77	67	78	75	77	77
Rather not say	5	3	5	4	4	3	6	4	13	5	3	2	4	5	8	4	4	5	2

And which of the following substances are / were they addicted to? Please tick all that apply. If you would rather not say, please tick rather not say .

[Asked only to those who responded that a friend or a family member had previously been addicted to a substance; n=341]

Heroin	13	15	10	11	11	13	13	14	18	11	14	15	11	17	6	21	8	14	10
Alcohol	57	61	55	64	63	51	52	61	48	60	56	53	57	57	51	53	59	66	51
Tobacco	22	24	20	15	21	21	26	18	22	23	17	24	21	23	14	23	18	29	24
Amphetamines	5	10	4	3	4	7	5	4	6	6	6	0	3	7	4	3	6	7	3
Crack cocaine	9	11	7	0	4	13	10	9	6	10	12	5	5	16	8	13	12	5	0
Gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB)	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0
Khat	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0
Ecstasy / MDMA	3	2	3	0	3	2	2	3	6	2	4	0	3	2	6	2	2	3	3
LSD / acid	1	1	3	0	0	2	2	1	4	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	2	3
Mushrooms (sometimes called 'magic mushrooms')	3	3	5	0	3	4	5	2	12	3	1	0	3	3	7	0	3	5	3
Benzodiazepines	3	6	2	0	3	5	5	2	4	3	5	0	2	5	6	3	1	4	3
Methadone	3	2	5	0	3	4	5	2	9	3	3	0	3	5	11	4	1	1	0
Marijuana (or cannabis)	20	20	19	11	21	22	17	22	8	22	22	18	17	25	18	17	18	23	28
Cocaine	15	15	15	17	15	13	10	18	13	18	11	9	12	20	12	19	12	12	15
Ketamine	4	0	7	4	6	1	3	5	6	5	1	1	5	3	9	2	2	5	3
Synthetic cannabis (sometimes called 'spice')	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	1	2	1	0
Other	4	4	6	4	2	4	4	4	3	5	3	6	4	4	0	4	3	6	10
Prefer not to say	7	5	5	4	9	5	9	6	15	4	12	5	9	5	4	8	8	5	13
None of these	2	1	2	0	1	3	1	2	0	1	3	3	2	2	3	0	3	3	0

Thinking about the way that the Government tries to tackle addiction problems in the UK, do you think that it does enough, does too much, or does too little?

Does enough	8	14	3	6	7	12	10	7	5	6	11	11	8	8	11	7	8	9	5
Does too much	3	2	2	1	1	4	4	2	8	2	2	2	3	3	5	2	4	2	2
Does too little	66	61	76	79	75	61	65	68	61	67	67	67	68	65	62	65	67	69	72
Don't know	23	23	18	13	17	23	21	24	26	24	21	20	21	25	22	27	21	20	21

In your opinion, do you think that current government policy does well or badly in reducing drug-related harm to...

People who use drugs

Very well	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	0	1	1	3	0	1	1	1
Quite well	9	15	5	4	8	12	11	6	6	7	9	12	9	8	6	9	13	8	4
TOTAL WELL	10	17	6	6	9	14	13	7	8	8	11	12	10	9	9	9	14	9	5
Quite badly	34	36	30	46	33	37	34	35	34	32	34	39	35	33	33	33	35	34	36
Very badly	31	21	42	29	36	26	33	29	29	34	29	26	31	31	33	27	26	37	35
TOTAL BADLY	65	57	72	75	69	63	67	64	63	66	63	65	66	64	66	60	61	71	71
Don't know	25	27	22	19	22	25	21	30	29	26	26	22	24	27	24	30	25	20	25

Society in general

Very well	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	1	2	1
Quite well	11	17	8	5	10	14	13	9	10	10	12	13	12	10	9	11	14	12	6
TOTAL WELL	12	19	9	7	11	16	15	10	13	11	13	14	13	12	12	12	15	14	7
Quite badly	37	39	36	52	38	38	35	39	36	35	37	42	38	35	36	37	38	37	38
Very badly	27	19	34	25	31	24	29	24	21	30	26	24	26	27	26	24	24	31	33
TOTAL BADLY	64	58	70	77	69	62	64	63	57	65	63	66	64	62	62	61	62	68	71
Don't know	24	23	22	15	20	22	19	28	30	24	24	20	22	25	25	28	22	19	21

Supervised injection facilities are centres that provide a sterile environment in which people who are addicted to drugs are provided with clean injecting equipment (e.g. syringes), a place to dispose of injecting equipment (e.g. yellow sharps disposal bi

Strongly support	16	9	26	16	21	11	17	15	24	16	16	12	17	14	17	16	13	17	17
Tend to support	39	38	44	50	45	37	37	40	32	36	40	45	41	35	40	38	39	38	38
TOTAL SUPPORT	55	47	70	66	66	48	54	55	56	52	56	57	58	49	57	54	52	55	55
Tend to oppose	14	21	7	10	10	18	14	14	11	14	15	16	15	13	13	14	16	14	14
Strongly oppose	11	15	4	7	6	16	13	9	6	11	11	12	9	13	9	10	11	11	16
TOTAL OPPOSE	25	36	11	17	16	34	27	23	17	25	26	28	24	26	22	24	27	25	30
Don't know	21	17	19	17	17	19	19	22	27	23	19	15	17	25	21	22	21	20	15

To what extent would you support or oppose the de-criminalisation of the following currently banned substances?

Heroin

Strongly support	6	5	8	4	5	6	8	4	12	7	4	4	6	6	10	5	5	8	7
Tend to support	5	3	7	3	6	3	5	4	8	5	4	4	5	5	4	4	4	6	5
TOTAL SUPPORT	11	8	15	7	11	9	13	8	20	12	8	8	11	11	14	9	9	14	12
Tend to oppose	10	9	15	13	15	8	11	10	11	10	11	11	12	8	12	9	11	10	13
Strongly oppose	66	75	58	68	62	73	65	67	46	66	72	70	65	67	61	71	67	63	62
TOTAL OPPOSE	76	84	73	81	77	81	76	77	57	76	83	81	77	75	73	80	78	73	75
Don't know	13	8	12	13	12	9	11	14	24	13	9	10	12	13	13	11	13	13	14

Amphetamines

Strongly support	6	5	8	3	5	5	8	3	11	7	4	3	5	7	8	4	5	7	7
Tend to support	7	5	10	7	9	6	9	6	10	8	7	7	7	8	8	7	8	8	5
TOTAL SUPPORT	13	10	18	10	14	11	17	9	21	15	11	10	12	15	16	11	13	15	12
Tend to oppose	21	22	23	23	25	20	22	20	18	20	21	22	23	18	18	20	22	22	20
Strongly oppose	47	55	38	48	41	54	46	48	32	47	51	51	46	49	44	50	48	45	43
TOTAL OPPOSE	68	77	61	71	66	74	68	68	50	67	72	73	69	67	62	70	70	67	63
Don't know	19	14	21	19	20	16	15	23	29	19	17	17	19	19	22	19	17	18	24

Crack cocaine

Strongly support	6	5	7	3	5	5	8	4	14	5	4	4	6	6	9	5	4	7	6
Tend to support	4	2	6	3	5	2	5	4	9	5	3	2	5	4	6	5	3	5	3
TOTAL SUPPORT	10	7	13	6	10	7	13	8	23	10	7	6	11	10	15	10	7	12	9
Tend to oppose	13	10	17	13	16	11	13	12	15	13	13	10	14	11	11	11	14	12	16
Strongly oppose	65	74	57	68	62	72	64	65	41	63	71	71	64	65	59	67	66	63	59
TOTAL OPPOSE	78	84	74	81	78	83	77	77	56	76	84	81	78	76	70	78	80	75	75
Don't know	13	8	13	13	13	9	10	15	21	13	9	13	12	14	13	12	12	13	16

Gamma-hydroxybutyrate (GHB)

Strongly support	5	5	7	2	4	5	7	3	10	5	4	3	5	5	7	3	5	5	5
Tend to support	4	2	5	3	4	3	5	3	7	4	3	3	4	4	5	4	2	4	4
TOTAL SUPPORT	9	7	12	5	8	8	12	6	17	9	7	6	9	9	12	7	7	9	9
Tend to oppose	11	11	14	12	14	10	12	11	9	12	13	11	12	10	10	11	12	11	17
Strongly oppose	51	59	42	48	45	59	52	50	33	50	56	56	49	53	45	53	52	51	47
TOTAL OPPOSE	62	70	56	60	59	69	64	61	42	62	69	67	61	63	55	64	64	62	64
Don't know	29	23	33	36	32	23	26	32	42	29	25	27	30	28	33	29	29	29	27

Khat

Strongly support	5	4	7	1	4	5	7	3	11	5	3	3	5	5	8	4	4	5	4
Tend to support	4	2	6	3	5	3	5	3	8	4	4	4	4	4	6	4	4	4	4
TOTAL SUPPORT	9	6	13	4	9	8	12	6	19	9	7	7	9	9	14	8	8	9	8
Tend to oppose	11	12	11	14	13	11	13	10	11	12	11	11	11	12	8	10	14	11	14
Strongly oppose	42	51	32	41	35	52	41	43	23	41	47	47	40	45	40	44	42	43	34
TOTAL OPPOSE	53	63	43	55	48	63	54	53	34	53	58	58	51	57	48	54	56	54	48
Don't know	37	31	43	40	42	29	34	41	47	38	35	35	40	34	39	38	35	36	44

Ecstasy / MDMA

Strongly support	7	5	11	4	8	6	10	4	13	8	7	3	6	8	12	5	5	9	8
Tend to support	10	6	13	13	12	7	12	8	16	11	9	5	11	9	17	9	8	10	8
TOTAL SUPPORT	17	11	24	17	20	13	22	12	29	19	16	8	17	17	29	14	13	19	16
Tend to oppose	18	16	20	24	21	16	18	18	16	20	17	16	19	16	15	18	19	18	19
Strongly oppose	50	63	40	47	44	60	47	53	32	46	56	60	49	52	43	54	53	48	46
TOTAL OPPOSE	68	79	60	71	65	76	65	71	48	66	73	76	68	68	58	72	72	66	65
Don't know	15	10	16	12	15	11	12	17	24	15	11	15	15	15	13	14	16	15	18

LSD / acid

Strongly support	8	6	11	5	8	6	11	5	17	9	5	5	7	9	12	6	6	11	6
Tend to support	9	5	13	14	12	6	12	7	14	11	8	5	10	8	14	9	7	9	10
TOTAL SUPPORT	17	11	24	19	20	12	23	12	31	20	13	10	17	17	26	15	13	20	16
Tend to oppose	17	15	22	20	21	16	17	17	14	17	18	16	18	15	15	15	19	18	17
Strongly oppose	51	63	39	48	43	61	49	53	34	47	58	60	50	53	46	55	52	48	47
TOTAL OPPOSE	68	78	61	68	64	77	66	70	48	64	76	76	68	68	61	70	71	66	64
Don't know	15	11	15	12	16	11	12	17	22	16	11	13	14	15	13	14	15	14	20

Mushrooms (sometimes called 'magic mushrooms')

Strongly support	10	6	14	5	10	8	14	6	17	13	7	5	9	12	13	6	8	14	12
Tend to support	18	12	23	26	22	14	19	16	22	21	18	10	20	14	23	19	15	17	16
TOTAL SUPPORT	28	18	37	31	32	22	33	22	39	34	25	15	29	26	36	25	23	31	28
Tend to oppose	20	22	20	21	22	21	18	21	14	19	22	21	21	18	16	20	21	17	27
Strongly oppose	35	45	26	31	27	43	35	36	26	32	35	47	34	37	31	37	36	37	26
TOTAL OPPOSE	55	67	46	52	49	64	53	57	40	51	57	68	55	55	47	57	57	54	53
Don't know	17	15	17	17	18	14	14	21	21	16	17	18	16	18	17	17	20	15	19

Benzodiazepines

Strongly support	5	4	7	0	4	5	7	2	10	6	2	2	5	4	6	3	5	6	4
Tend to support	5	4	7	3	6	4	6	5	9	6	4	5	6	5	7	5	4	5	7
TOTAL SUPPORT	10	8	14	3	10	9	13	7	19	12	6	7	11	9	13	8	9	11	11
Tend to oppose	16	15	17	20	18	15	16	16	15	17	16	14	17	15	11	16	16	17	18
Strongly oppose	43	54	33	41	35	52	44	42	28	40	46	53	41	46	42	44	44	43	36
TOTAL OPPOSE	59	69	50	61	53	67	60	58	43	57	62	67	58	61	53	60	60	60	54
Don't know	31	24	36	36	36	25	27	35	37	31	32	26	32	30	34	31	31	28	34

Methadone

Strongly support	6	5	8	7	7	5	8	5	12	7	5	4	7	6	9	6	5	6	7
Tend to support	14	11	16	18	16	12	13	14	9	12	18	14	15	12	13	13	13	16	13
TOTAL SUPPORT	20	16	24	25	23	17	21	19	21	19	23	18	22	18	22	19	18	22	20
Tend to oppose	18	18	20	17	22	17	19	17	13	19	20	18	19	17	18	19	17	18	19
Strongly oppose	40	50	30	34	30	49	41	39	32	39	40	44	37	43	36	42	41	39	34
TOTAL OPPOSE	58	68	50	51	52	66	60	56	45	58	60	62	56	60	54	61	58	57	53
Don't know	22	16	25	25	24	16	19	25	34	23	18	20	22	22	25	21	23	20	26

Marijuana (or cannabis)

Strongly support	21	12	29	17	22	16	26	17	37	25	17	10	20	23	24	18	18	25	25
Tend to support	24	21	28	31	28	21	23	25	20	28	25	17	25	22	25	24	23	24	22
TOTAL SUPPORT	45	33	57	48	50	37	49	42	57	53	42	27	45	45	49	42	41	49	47
Tend to oppose	17	22	14	20	18	18	15	19	14	14	20	20	19	14	13	18	18	17	17
Strongly oppose	26	35	18	21	21	34	27	25	12	21	28	39	24	27	26	27	27	23	21
TOTAL OPPOSE	43	57	32	41	39	52	42	44	26	35	48	59	43	41	39	45	45	40	38
Don't know	13	11	11	10	11	11	10	15	17	12	10	14	12	14	12	12	13	12	15

Cocaine

Strongly support	7	6	8	4	6	6	9	5	14	7	5	5	7	7	10	5	7	9	4
Tend to support	8	5	11	4	9	5	9	6	15	9	7	4	8	8	10	8	5	9	8
TOTAL SUPPORT	15	11	19	8	15	11	18	11	29	16	12	9	15	15	20	13	12	18	12
Tend to oppose	17	14	21	22	21	14	17	16	13	18	18	15	18	14	13	15	19	17	19
Strongly oppose	56	66	48	56	52	64	55	57	38	54	61	65	56	57	54	59	56	54	52
TOTAL OPPOSE	73	80	69	78	73	78	72	73	51	72	79	80	74	71	67	74	75	71	71
Don't know	13	9	12	13	13	10	10	15	20	13	10	12	12	14	13	12	12	12	17

Ketamine

Strongly support	5	4	7	4	4	5	7	4	12	6	3	3	5	5	9	4	4	6	7
Tend to support	5	3	8	3	6	3	6	3	8	6	3	3	5	5	7	3	4	6	4
TOTAL SUPPORT	10	7	15	7	10	8	13	7	20	12	6	6	10	10	16	7	8	12	11
Tend to oppose	17	15	19	15	20	14	17	16	19	17	16	15	18	14	15	15	18	17	22
Strongly oppose	54	64	45	57	48	63	52	56	35	53	61	59	53	56	45	59	56	55	42
TOTAL OPPOSE	71	79	64	72	68	77	69	72	54	70	77	74	71	70	60	74	74	72	64
Don't know	19	14	21	21	21	14	18	21	26	18	18	20	19	19	24	19	18	17	25

Synthetic cannabis (sometimes called 'spice')

Strongly support	6	4	7	3	6	4	8	3	14	6	4	3	6	6	8	4	5	7	7
Tend to support	8	5	10	3	9	5	8	8	11	7	7	7	8	8	11	6	7	8	7
TOTAL SUPPORT	14	9	17	6	15	9	16	11	25	13	11	10	14	14	19	10	12	15	14
Tend to oppose	17	17	18	23	20	16	18	16	16	16	16	18	19	14	14	20	16	15	18
Strongly oppose	51	60	41	50	44	59	51	50	33	50	57	53	49	52	44	51	54	53	43
TOTAL OPPOSE	68	77	59	73	64	75	69	66	49	66	73	71	68	66	58	71	70	68	61
Don't know	19	14	23	21	21	15	16	23	25	21	15	18	19	20	24	19	18	17	26

And why do you oppose the de-criminalisation of certain banned substances?

[Asked only to those who opposed the decriminalisation of at least one of the above named substances; n=1441.

Respondents were asked to input a verbatim response which was then manually coded by a researcher, the weighted proportion of responses that fit into these codes are displayed below.]

Miscellaneous	10	8	13	15	13	9	12	9	13	11	11	8	10	10	8	9	11	12	11
I don't know enough about these substances to say whether it's a good or a bad idea	4	3	5	3	4	3	4	3	7	4	4	2	3	4	7	4	3	3	2
De-criminalisation would have a generally negative effect on society	9	9	8	9	9	8	10	7	7	9	9	9	10	7	8	9	9	10	9
De-criminalisation will lead to an increase in use	8	13	6	4	8	10	6	11	4	7	10	10	9	8	4	8	11	9	6
De-criminalisation will increase availability	4	7	3	4	4	5	2	6	2	3	4	7	4	4	5	4	3	4	5
All drugs are dangerous	10	10	11	5	9	10	9	10	8	11	7	11	9	11	11	11	7	11	5
Criminalisation is an effective deterrent against engaging with / using addictive and otherwise harmful substances	2	2	1	4	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	1	3
De-criminalisation would not help people who abuse drugs / make no difference	3	4	1	2	3	4	3	2	2	2	2	5	3	3	2	3	3	2	4
Decriminalisation of illicit substances would lead to more addiction / drug related crime	6	6	5	5	5	6	6	5	2	5	7	6	6	5	6	6	4	6	5
Addictive properties of some illicit substances mean that decriminalisation will lead to greater rates of addiction	8	10	6	8	9	9	6	11	7	8	11	7	9	8	8	7	10	10	6
Decriminalising substances normalises their use	5	5	5	7	5	5	4	7	5	4	6	6	5	6	6	6	4	5	7
Some illicit substances pose more harm to users than licit ones	30	29	34	29	29	30	33	28	31	35	28	25	31	29	30	32	30	25	37
All drugs should be criminalised	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	0	1	1	2	1	2	0	1	3	1	0
Don't know	9	7	9	8	9	8	10	8	18	8	8	8	8	10	11	6	8	13	9