

YouGov / Food Foundation Survey Results

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Food poverty, also referred to as food insecurity, is the inability to obtain enough healthy and affordable food.

How much responsibility, if any, do you think each of the following should bear when it comes to helping children impacted by food poverty?

Government

A lot of responsibility	48	58	41	78	72	70	46	58	58	66	65	54	46	59	57	63	59	56	57
Some responsibility	36	29	44	16	21	23	38	29	28	14	24	35	38	29	28	24	30	30	28
TOTAL A LOT/ SOME RESPONSIBILITY	84	87	85	94	93	93	84	87	86	80	89	89	84	88	85	87	89	86	85
Not very much responsibility	8	6	10	2	3	4	9	6	6	8	4	7	9	7	6	7	6	6	7
No responsibility at all	3	2	3	1	1	1	3	2	2	1	1	2	4	2	2	1	2	2	3
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH/ NO RESPONSIBILITY	11	8	13	3	4	5	12	8	8	9	5	9	13	9	8	8	8	8	10
Don't know	6	5	2	3	3	2	3	4	5	11	5	2	2	3	7	5	4	5	6

Supermarkets

A lot of responsibility	14	16	17	14	11	14	18	16	16	12	17	13	18	15	17	15	16	17	16
Some responsibility	46	49	46	56	52	53	47	46	52	48	49	50	49	50	48	50	51	48	46
TOTAL A LOT/ SOME RESPONSIBILITY	60	65	63	70	63	67	65	62	68	60	66	63	67	65	65	65	67	65	62
Not very much responsibility	24	22	24	21	25	24	21	24	19	23	19	27	21	23	20	21	22	21	21
No responsibility at all	10	8	11	6	8	7	11	10	7	5	9	8	10	9	8	7	7	9	10
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH/ NO RESPONSIBILITY	34	30	35	27	33	31	32	34	26	28	28	35	31	32	28	28	29	30	31
Don't know	7	5	2	3	3	3	3	4	6	12	6	2	2	4	7	6	4	4	6

Charities and foodbanks

A lot of responsibility	11	10	10	8	7	6	10	9	10	14	8	10	10	9	11	10	10	9	9
Some responsibility	46	43	44	41	45	43	43	38	48	44	40	42	48	44	42	46	45	42	39
TOTAL A LOT/ SOME RESPONSIBILITY	57	53	54	49	52	49	53	47	58	58	48	52	58	53	53	56	55	51	48
Not very much responsibility	23	26	28	29	26	29	27	29	23	23	29	27	21	27	25	23	24	27	30
No responsibility at all	12	15	14	19	18	18	16	18	12	6	15	17	16	16	14	13	15	16	15
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH/ NO RESPONSIBILITY	35	41	42	48	44	47	43	47	35	29	44	44	37	43	39	36	39	43	45
Don't know	8	6	4	4	4	4	4	5	7	13	7	4	4	4	9	8	5	6	8

Parents

A lot of responsibility	58	57	73	44	56	53	68	55	59	27	52	66	71	58	55	51	58	58	57
Some responsibility	30	31	22	41	34	35	25	32	29	41	35	25	24	31	30	34	31	30	29
TOTAL A LOT/ SOME RESPONSIBILITY	88	88	95	85	90	88	93	87	88	68	87	91	95	89	85	85	89	88	86
Not very much responsibility	4	6	2	9	6	6	3	7	5	14	6	5	3	6	6	7	5	6	6
No responsibility at all	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	1	4	2	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	2
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH/ NO RESPONSIBILITY	5	8	3	11	8	8	4	9	6	18	8	6	4	8	7	9	7	7	8
Don't know	7	5	2	3	2	3	3	4	6	14	6	3	2	4	7	6	4	5	6

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Government

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Some responsibility	36	29	27	28	28	29	32	32	24	28	31	36	23
TOTAL A LOT/ SOME RESPONSIBILITY	84	87	85	87	81	86	88	88	87	88	90	85	88
Not very much responsibility	8	6	6	5	10	7	6	6	7	6	5	7	7
No responsibility at all	3	2	4	3	2	3	2	2	1	2	2	2	3
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH/ NO RESPONSIBILITY	11	8	10	8	12	10	8	8	8	8	7	9	10
Don't know	6	5	5	6	6	5	5	5	5	3	4	6	2

Supermarkets

A lot of responsibility	14	16	16	17	15	17	17	16	15	18	11	18	15
Some responsibility	46	49	49	44	47	50	46	52	50	48	57	47	48
TOTAL A LOT/ SOME RESPONSIBILITY	60	65	65	61	62	67	63	68	65	66	68	65	63
Not very much responsibility	24	22	23	21	21	20	22	22	21	25	19	20	25
No responsibility at all	10	8	7	11	12	9	9	6	7	7	8	10	9
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH/ NO RESPONSIBILITY	34	30	30	32	33	29	31	28	28	32	27	30	34
Don't know	7	5	5	7	6	4	5	5	6	3	5	5	3

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Some responsibility	46	43	39	42	35	42	43	49	46	41	47	44	45
TOTAL A LOT/ SOME RESPONSIBILITY	57	53	47	51	45	51	51	59	56	52	56	54	57
Not very much responsibility	23	26	34	27	30	26	28	21	23	27	23	25	23
No responsibility at all	12	15	11	15	17	18	15	11	13	17	16	15	17
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH/ NO RESPONSIBILITY	35	41	45	42	47	44	43	32	36	44	39	40	40
Don't know	8	6	8	8	8	5	6	9	8	4	5	7	3

Parents

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Some responsibility	30	31	28	28	31	33	29	30	34	31	31	25	34
TOTAL A LOT/ SOME RESPONSIBILITY	88	88	81	88	88	90	89	88	85	89	90	89	92
Not very much responsibility	4	6	10	5	4	7	5	6	7	5	5	5	5
No responsibility at all	1	2	4	1	2	0	1	2	2	2	1	0	1
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH/ NO RESPONSIBILITY	5	8	14	6	6	7	6	8	9	7	6	5	6
Don't know	7	5	5	6	6	4	6	5	6	4	3	5	2

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In England, school-aged children living in households that earn £7,400 (after tax and before income-related benefits) or less per year are eligible for the Free School Meals Scheme. This scheme provides these children with lunch for free during term time.

When thinking about extending Free School Meals to more children, to what extent, if at all, would you support or oppose the following policies?

The Government expanding Free School Meals eligibility to all school children in England from households in receipt of Universal Credit (or equivalent benefits).

Strongly support	44	32	62	55	53	35	44	45	51	48	40	38	44	45	47	46	39	44
Tend to support	28	33	22	29	28	31	26	30	23	24	31	34	30	25	24	30	29	27
TOTAL SUPPORT	72	65	84	84	81	66	70	75	74	72	71	72	74	70	71	76	68	71
Neither support nor oppose	12	17	9	6	10	16	15	10	6	12	14	15	11	14	11	11	15	13
Tend to oppose	4	7	1	2	2	7	4	5	2	4	5	5	5	4	5	4	6	4
Strongly oppose	4	6	1	3	2	6	5	3	3	4	3	4	4	3	2	4	4	4
TOTAL OPPOSE	8	13	2	5	4	13	9	8	5	8	8	9	9	7	7	8	10	8
Don't know	7	5	5	4	4	6	7	7	14	8	6	4	5	9	10	6	6	8

The Government expanding Free School Meals eligibility to all school children in England, regardless of their household income.

Strongly support	21	16	29	19	23	16	22	20	27	27	15	13	19	24	21	21	17	23
Tend to support	19	17	25	17	22	17	19	20	20	22	17	16	21	17	20	19	19	20
TOTAL SUPPORT	40	33	54	36	45	33	41	40	47	49	32	29	40	41	41	40	36	43
Neither support nor oppose	17	17	15	16	17	17	17	17	16	15	17	21	17	17	19	17	16	17
Tend to oppose	21	23	19	29	23	22	19	23	17	17	23	27	22	20	20	22	21	19
Strongly oppose	15	23	7	17	11	22	16	14	8	11	22	19	16	14	12	15	20	15
TOTAL OPPOSE	36	46	26	46	34	44	35	37	25	28	45	46	38	34	32	37	41	34
Don't know	6	4	4	3	4	5	6	6	12	7	5	3	5	8	8	5	6	7

The Government expanding Free School Meals eligibility to all children in primary school in England, regardless of their household income.

Strongly support	27	20	37	24	29	22	28	27	37	33	20	19	25	30	26	27	25	29
Tend to support	23	20	26	25	26	21	23	23	20	25	23	20	25	21	25	23	21	23
TOTAL SUPPORT	50	40	63	49	55	43	51	50	57	58	43	39	50	51	51	50	46	52
Neither support nor oppose	15	17	13	14	15	16	15	15	12	13	16	19	15	16	17	15	14	16
Tend to oppose	17	20	15	21	18	19	17	18	17	13	21	22	19	15	15	18	20	16
Strongly oppose	11	18	4	13	8	17	12	11	4	9	15	16	12	11	9	12	15	10
TOTAL OPPOSE	28	38	19	34	26	36	29	29	21	22	36	38	31	26	24	30	35	26
Don't know	6	4	4	3	4	5	6	6	11	7	5	3	5	8	9	5	5	6

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Tend to support	28	25	24	31	30	28	31	24	30	29	27	28
TOTAL SUPPORT	72	66	71	73	68	68	74	71	77	75	66	80
Neither support nor oppose	12	16	13	11	17	14	11	11	11	11	18	8
Tend to oppose	4	3	3	5	5	7	4	5	3	5	5	4
Strongly oppose	4	7	4	4	6	3	3	2	4	4	6	4
TOTAL OPOSE	8	10	7	9	11	10	7	7	7	9	11	8
Don't know	7	7	9	8	4	8	8	10	5	4	5	3

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Strongly support	21	23	23	23	19	16	21	21	22	22	24	27
Tend to support	19	21	18	21	19	19	17	20	22	17	14	20
TOTAL SUPPORT	40	44	41	44	38	35	38	41	44	39	38	47
Neither support nor oppose	17	14	19	15	16	16	18	19	16	18	21	15
Tend to oppose	21	19	19	20	21	21	21	20	22	23	18	21
Strongly oppose	15	17	14	13	20	20	15	12	13	17	17	16
TOTAL OPOSE	36	36	33	33	41	41	36	32	35	40	35	37
Don't know	6	6	6	8	4	8	7	8	5	4	6	2

The Government expanding Free School Meals eligibility to all children in primary school in England, regardless of their household income.

Strongly support	27	27	29	31	27	23	26	26	28	27	29	30
Tend to support	23	26	21	23	23	19	23	25	25	20	17	22
TOTAL SUPPORT	50	53	50	54	50	42	49	51	53	47	46	52
Neither support nor oppose	15	16	17	15	12	15	15	17	14	16	22	14
Tend to oppose	17	17	16	14	20	21	17	15	18	19	15	19
Strongly oppose	11	11	10	10	14	15	12	9	10	14	12	14
TOTAL OPOSE	28	28	26	24	34	36	29	24	28	33	27	33
Don't know	6	5	6	7	4	7	7	9	5	4	6	2