

YouGov / ITV Wales Survey Results

Sample Size: 1250 Welsh Adults
Fieldwork: 10th - 12th February 2014

	Constituency Voting				Westminster Voting				Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region					
Total	Con	Lab	Lib	Plaid	Con	Lab	Lib	Plaid	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	Mid and West Wales	North Wales	Cardiff and South Wales Central	South Wales East	South Wales West	
Weighted Sample 1250	201	406	90	183	217	456	70	103	606	644	153	280	423	395	588	663	239	259	279	259	215	
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A report for the Welsh Government has proposed cutting the number of local councils in Wales. Supporters of this proposal believe that larger councils could be more efficient whilst opponents believe that larger councils would be more distant from the people they are meant to serve.

Which of the following would you prefer?

No change, keep the current 22 councils	34	35	40	31	32	33	40	22	24	30	38	26	39	34	34	32	37	30	38	32	36	36
Reduce the number of councils to between 10 and 12, as recommended by the report	36	44	34	43	45	47	34	51	52	43	30	31	29	38	43	44	30	40	36	33	39	35
Abolish all councils, and allow the Welsh Government to take over their functions	8	6	11	3	9	5	10	4	12	11	6	6	7	8	10	7	10	8	7	7	10	10
None of the above	6	7	3	4	8	4	3	7	6	7	4	14	6	4	3	5	6	5	7	8	4	3
Don't know	16	9	14	19	5	10	13	16	6	10	21	23	19	16	10	14	17	17	12	20	12	17

Local authorities across Wales are facing severe budgetary cuts over the next few years. If you had to choose, which three areas would you choose to make these cuts?

Senior council staff	82	83	82	82	88	83	83	80	87	83	81	68	78	84	88	84	81	85	83	78	84	80
Welsh language provision	56	67	61	63	36	68	59	65	22	61	52	42	51	61	62	60	54	53	55	57	61	55
Building control and planning services	38	33	45	27	46	29	45	20	54	36	41	37	38	39	38	36	40	41	43	34	37	36
Leisure	31	34	23	34	41	37	24	36	37	31	31	28	26	31	36	33	29	33	35	29	28	30
Housing	8	16	5	10	9	18	5	10	6	9	7	10	9	7	6	9	7	7	11	7	6	6
Roads	6	8	5	5	11	6	5	7	11	7	5	16	10	5	2	6	7	4	7	8	8	4
Waste collection	5	3	5	5	8	5	6	6	4	5	5	4	7	4	5	5	5	8	4	5	4	4
Education	3	4	4	0	1	3	3	1	1	4	1	2	4	3	1	3	2	3	2	2	4	2
Social care (care for the elderly, children, adults and people with disabilities)	2	4	2	3	1	3	2	1	1	3	1	5	4	1	0	2	2	1	1	1	3	3
Somewhere else	22	10	23	30	25	11	22	34	29	23	20	19	21	24	20	21	22	23	19	24	21	21
Don't know	7	5	7	3	4	5	7	1	6	5	9	15	7	6	5	5	9	6	4	10	6	8

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Welsh Councils' Chief Executives receive a pay package of between £126,379 and £219,159 a year. If you were in charge of deciding their pay level what do you think would be a reasonable salary?

Over £250,000 per year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
£200,000 to £250,000 per year	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
£150,000 to £199,999 per year	2	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	4	2	2	1	2	2	3	3	2	3	2	3	2	2
£100,000 to £149,999 per year	22	24	21	35	30	27	22	38	27	23	22	21	22	20	25	28	17	18	21	26	21	25
£50,000 to £99,999 per year	50	53	54	49	49	53	51	48	55	52	48	44	49	52	51	52	48	60	51	46	46	46
Less than £50,000 per year	17	15	18	4	15	12	19	1	10	18	17	15	17	21	15	11	23	12	18	16	24	17
Don't know	8	5	5	11	4	5	6	11	4	5	11	18	10	5	6	7	9	8	7	9	7	9

Now, thinking about how we elect our local councillors...

If you had to choose, which of these do you think is the most important?

That I have a single councillor to represent my local area	50	57	57	31	47	54	56	33	39	55	45	38	49	49	55	47	52	47	51	46	55	48
That the number of councillors that each party wins in an election accurately reflects the number of votes that party received	32	30	30	58	43	32	28	55	53	33	32	39	29	33	32	36	29	35	33	36	30	27
Don't know	18	13	13	12	10	14	16	11	8	13	23	22	23	19	13	16	20	18	16	18	15	25