

# YouGov Survey Results

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<b>Do you think George Osborne is doing a good job or a bad job as Chancellor of the Exchequer?</b>																				
He is doing a good job	40	38	76	10	32	39	43	34	21	34	34	55	42	34	39	41	40	37	27	40
He is doing a bad job	36	34	4	65	35	28	37	32	42	34	38	28	33	37	31	30	35	35	51	33
Don't know	24	27	20	24	33	33	20	34	37	32	28	18	26	29	30	29	25	28	22	28
<b>How do you think the financial situation of your household will change over the next 12 months?</b>																				
Get a lot better	3	3	5	2	1	1	3	3	5	4	3	2	4	2	4	2	3	3	5	3
Get a little better	22	19	31	9	18	14	21	17	18	28	16	15	21	17	23	20	19	16	16	19
<b>TOTAL BETTER</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
Stay about the same	41	39	44	35	44	42	38	39	35	29	36	51	41	35	38	39	40	37	38	39
Get a little worse	19	21	11	27	27	25	20	23	18	20	23	23	20	23	17	24	20	21	26	21
Get a lot worse	8	12	3	21	7	15	11	12	11	10	17	8	8	17	10	10	12	15	12	12
<b>TOTAL WORSE</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>33</b>
Don't know	7	6	6	6	4	4	7	5	13	10	5	2	6	7	8	5	5	9	3	6
<b>How do you think the economic situation of the country as a whole will change over the next 12 months?</b>																				
Get a lot better	4	2	4	1	0	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	1	1	1	3	3	1	2
Get a little better	33	32	57	12	34	25	37	27	23	33	28	39	35	27	34	33	33	30	23	32
<b>TOTAL BETTER</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>34</b>
Stay about the same	31	29	27	30	30	32	28	29	26	28	31	27	29	28	30	29	30	25	30	28
Get a little worse	14	19	6	29	22	20	15	22	21	16	20	20	17	21	13	20	18	18	29	18
Get a lot worse	7	11	2	18	6	14	11	10	10	10	13	9	8	14	13	9	9	14	11	11
<b>TOTAL WORSE</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>29</b>
Don't know	10	8	5	9	7	8	7	9	17	11	7	3	8	8	9	8	7	9	6	8

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<b>Do you feel you are better off or worse off than five years ago?</b>																					
Better off	27	<b>25</b>	38	15	25	19	28	23	28	35	21	21	29	20	27	28	24	23	24	26	
Worse off	43	<b>40</b>	23	55	43	47	38	42	26	36	48	39	36	45	38	41	38	38	45	39	
Neither better nor worse off	24	<b>30</b>	36	24	30	29	28	31	26	23	28	39	30	30	28	27	32	33	29	30	
Don't know	5	<b>5</b>	3	6	2	5	6	4	20	6	3	1	5	5	7	3	6	6	2	5	
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Better off	26	<b>23</b>	34	11	25	19	25	20	28	31	18	18	26	18	26	25	20	20	24	22	
Worse off	35	<b>34</b>	18	49	30	38	31	37	26	32	41	31	30	39	32	34	32	35	39	34	
Neither better nor worse off	36	<b>39</b>	45	34	44	40	38	40	30	30	39	51	40	37	34	38	43	40	37	39	
Don't know	4	<b>4</b>	3	6	1	3	5	4	16	6	2	1	4	5	8	3	5	5	0	5	

This week the Chancellor George Osborne announced his first budget since the election. Below are some of the announcements he made. For each one, please say whether you think it is a good idea or the wrong priority for the present time?

**Introducing a new compulsory living wage of £7.20 an hour for over 25s, rising to £9 an hour by 2020 (compared with the current minimum wage of £6.70)**

Good idea	<b>80</b>	82	77	85	80	77	83	70	78	80	86	79	82	77	81	84	76	82	80
Wrong priority	<b>9</b>	7	11	8	13	11	7	7	9	11	8	11	7	9	9	7	10	10	9
Don't know	<b>11</b>	11	12	6	7	12	10	22	13	9	7	11	11	14	9	9	14	8	11

**Increasing the personal tax allowance (the amount people can earn before paying income tax) to £11,000 a year**

Good idea	<b>84</b>	93	77	85	90	83	85	67	80	85	94	86	82	84	85	89	82	81	85
Wrong priority	<b>7</b>	4	12	9	4	9	6	12	9	8	4	8	7	8	7	5	9	11	7
Don't know	<b>8</b>	3	11	5	6	8	9	20	11	7	2	6	11	9	9	6	10	8	8

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**Limiting pay rises for public sector workers to 1% for the next four years**

Good idea	<b>30</b>	49	13	26	36	34	27	18	30	29	38	30	30	33	33	31	28	21	31
Wrong priority	<b>51</b>	33	70	56	47	49	53	49	50	53	50	53	48	49	48	52	50	67	50
Don't know	<b>19</b>	18	17	18	17	17	20	33	20	17	12	16	21	18	19	17	22	13	19

**Keeping benefits for working age people at their current levels for the next four years instead of increasing them in line with inflation**

Good idea	<b>46</b>	72	25	38	54	49	43	29	43	44	57	50	40	43	50	47	44	37	47
Wrong priority	<b>36</b>	15	55	46	28	35	37	40	37	39	30	34	38	36	33	36	37	43	35
Don't know	<b>18</b>	13	19	16	18	15	21	31	20	17	13	15	22	21	17	17	18	20	18

**Stopping people under the age of 21 from claiming housing benefit**

Good idea	<b>50</b>	73	32	42	61	51	49	31	47	47	65	52	47	50	51	49	54	39	51
Wrong priority	<b>33</b>	11	51	45	25	33	32	49	32	36	23	33	33	33	31	33	32	42	32
Don't know	<b>17</b>	16	17	13	14	16	18	21	21	17	12	15	20	17	18	18	14	19	17

**Increasing the effective amount a married couple can leave without paying inheritance tax to £1 million**

Good idea	<b>54</b>	77	32	43	66	53	54	36	50	53	65	55	52	56	60	53	51	35	55
Wrong priority	<b>32</b>	14	52	46	23	33	31	38	32	34	28	33	31	26	28	32	34	51	30
Don't know	<b>14</b>	9	17	11	11	13	15	26	18	12	8	12	16	17	12	15	14	14	14

**Cutting corporation tax from 20% to 18% by 2020**

Good idea	<b>40</b>	63	24	32	47	46	36	27	35	41	50	42	38	40	40	40	44	34	41
Wrong priority	<b>33</b>	14	47	40	25	34	31	42	36	32	27	35	31	34	35	32	27	40	32
Don't know	<b>27</b>	23	28	28	28	20	33	31	29	27	24	23	32	25	26	28	29	25	27

**Transferring the cost of free television licences for over 75s from the government to the BBC**

Good idea	<b>49</b>	65	34	34	63	48	50	34	54	49	50	48	49	51	49	48	49	45	49
Wrong priority	<b>34</b>	21	48	49	23	37	31	42	27	35	36	37	30	29	35	36	33	36	34
Don't know	<b>17</b>	13	18	17	14	16	19	24	19	16	14	15	21	20	16	16	18	20	17

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**Committing to meet the NATO target of spending 2% of national income on defence**

Good idea	52	71	38	45	66	59	45	34	46	52	64	52	52	51	54	54	51	41	53
Wrong priority	25	12	34	38	15	25	25	30	27	25	20	29	20	25	23	23	23	39	24
Don't know	23	17	28	17	18	16	30	36	27	23	16	20	28	23	23	23	25	21	24

**In future, only paying child tax credits for a maximum of two children in each family**

Good idea	67	85	50	71	80	68	67	45	61	68	81	68	66	61	71	70	67	58	68
Wrong priority	20	7	32	18	13	20	20	29	24	21	12	20	20	25	18	18	19	28	19
Don't know	13	8	17	11	8	12	13	26	15	11	6	12	14	14	11	12	14	14	13

**Abolishing the maintenance grant for students with low incomes, and replacing it with larger loans**

Good idea	24	40	13	19	31	30	19	16	24	23	31	25	24	25	25	26	26	15	25
Wrong priority	52	31	69	60	50	48	55	60	48	54	49	53	49	51	51	51	49	61	51
Don't know	24	29	18	21	19	22	26	25	27	24	21	22	27	24	24	23	25	25	24

**Reducing the maximum amount of benefits a household can receive each year from £26000 to £23000 in London, and £20000 outside London**

Good idea	67	89	47	64	81	67	68	48	65	65	79	71	62	59	72	67	67	63	68
Wrong priority	20	4	34	21	11	21	18	26	20	22	14	17	22	23	16	20	18	29	19
Don't know	13	8	19	15	8	13	14	25	15	13	7	12	15	18	12	13	15	8	14

**Overall, do you think this week's budget is a fair one or not?**

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Yes, it is fair	42	43	77	19	34	46	46	41	30	43	39	54	47	39	42	48	42	44	30	45
No, it isn't	27	33	5	57	39	26	33	32	40	33	35	26	31	34	33	30	32	31	48	31
Don't know	31	24	18	24	27	28	21	27	30	24	26	20	22	27	25	23	26	24	22	24

**Thinking first of the country as a whole, do you think the Budget will leave the country?**

Better off	26	32	60	11	29	32	36	29	24	34	29	39	35	29	33	35	33	31	27	33
Worse off	17	28	6	49	29	21	27	29	32	29	32	20	27	30	29	24	28	29	39	27
Not make much difference	45	28	24	29	27	36	27	28	19	22	29	34	27	28	28	29	26	28	24	28
Don't know	12	12	9	11	14	11	10	14	24	15	10	7	11	13	11	12	13	12	10	12

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Thinking now of you and your family, do you think the Budget will leave you and your family?

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Worse off	17	26	8	44	21	29	25	27	28	27	31	19	23	31	22	23	27	29	34	26
Not make much difference	53	49	60	41	52	49	47	51	38	41	47	63	50	48	48	51	53	47	43	50
Don't know	10	9	7	8	11	9	8	10	20	11	9	5	8	11	9	10	9	9	6	10