

YouGov Survey Results

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Below is a list of different responsibilities that local authorities have.

Of these, which **three** do you think councils should prioritise spending on?

Social care	42	46	45	52	47	42	39	46	30	37	50	50	44	40	39	41	45	42	47
Maintaining the roads	34	48	21	29	28	46	40	30	12	34	37	43	33	37	17	36	37	38	36
Children's social services	31	29	36	35	36	29	26	36	23	37	27	28	33	29	28	32	30	33	33
Reducing homelessness	30	25	38	20	29	28	26	33	45	30	27	27	28	33	37	31	30	27	26
Social housing	26	21	32	22	27	25	28	23	27	25	24	28	23	30	28	26	25	23	31
Bin collections and recycling	26	33	20	23	25	31	30	23	15	24	31	32	26	26	27	26	28	23	31
Adult social services	19	21	20	31	23	20	17	20	10	16	24	23	20	17	18	20	18	19	19
Environmental protection	19	15	21	23	22	14	15	22	26	19	19	16	21	16	23	21	20	13	17
Maintaining parks and other common spaces	14	18	12	9	12	16	14	14	12	16	14	11	15	13	16	13	12	16	13
Support for individuals with special educational needs (SEND)	13	10	16	13	13	12	10	16	16	12	13	12	12	14	15	12	14	11	15
Leisure and sports facilities	7	7	6	6	6	7	8	6	8	9	4	4	8	5	6	6	7	8	6
Libraries	5	5	5	8	7	4	5	4	6	4	4	6	5	4	4	5	5	6	3
None of these	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	1	3	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	1	3	1
Don't know	7	5	5	8	6	5	9	6	16	7	6	4	8	7	11	8	6	7	5

If you were approached by someone on the street, who appeared to be homeless, asking you for money, how likely or unlikely would you be to give them some money?

Very likely	3	2	6	1	5	3	2	4	3	4	3	3	3	4	1	3	4	4	5
Quite likely	14	13	16	16	17	13	12	16	12	14	14	16	16	12	17	15	13	12	13
TOTAL LIKELY	17	15	22	17	22	16	14	20	15	18	17	19	19	16	18	18	17	16	18
Quite unlikely	28	26	33	32	32	24	27	29	34	29	29	22	29	26	27	28	26	28	31
Very unlikely	40	48	32	36	33	48	45	35	28	38	44	44	40	40	39	41	43	39	32
TOTAL UNLIKELY	68	74	65	68	65	72	72	64	62	67	73	66	69	66	66	69	69	67	63
Not sure	15	10	12	15	14	13	14	16	22	16	10	16	13	17	16	13	15	16	19

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And which of the following, if any, describe why you are unlikely to give them some money?

Please select up to three options.

[Asked to those who said they would be unlikely to give money; n=1160]

Because they'll spend it on alcohol / drugs	38	45	30	31	30	44	40	35	36	35	41	39	37	38	37	36	38	39	39
Because they don't deserve my money	2	3	1	0	0	3	3	1	2	1	2	3	2	2	4	1	1	2	2
Because they should earn their own money	7	10	5	6	6	9	9	5	8	7	8	6	8	6	8	7	9	5	8
Because I'd rather buy them something instead	34	32	39	34	35	33	26	42	34	33	36	32	37	29	32	34	36	30	41
Because they deserve to be homeless	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Because I can't afford to give people money	32	30	35	15	26	34	34	31	47	34	25	31	27	39	23	32	38	33	31
Because I'd rather give money to charity	25	25	25	39	34	20	24	25	15	25	25	27	31	16	27	27	19	24	28
Because I don't believe they're really in need	14	18	8	9	8	20	19	8	10	11	15	19	12	15	9	12	13	19	13
Other [See Tab1]	13	8	16	22	18	8	13	13	15	14	14	10	15	11	15	12	13	13	17
None of these	2	2	2	4	3	2	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	3	5	1	2	3	0
Don't know	1	2	0	1	1	2	2	1	0	1	2	2	1	2	3	1	0	2	0

Thinking about your own local area, do you think there are more, less or about the same amount of homeless people than there were ten years ago?

More	33	27	47	26	38	29	30	36	28	33	39	29	34	32	44	30	33	35	21
About the same	34	39	28	41	34	35	37	31	32	35	34	32	35	33	26	38	32	32	37
Less	6	6	5	5	5	6	6	5	10	5	6	5	6	6	7	5	8	4	6
Don't know	27	28	21	29	23	30	27	28	30	26	22	34	26	29	23	27	27	29	36

Which of the following comes closest to your view of most homeless people?

Homeless people...

...probably made bad choices in life that got them into their situation	32	45	20	33	25	44	38	26	17	28	36	42	30	34	24	33	34	35	29
...probably had a bad start in life and society has treated them unfairly	40	29	55	42	50	28	34	46	60	42	39	27	43	35	45	41	37	38	43
Neither	28	26	25	25	25	28	28	28	23	30	25	30	26	30	32	27	28	27	29

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When it comes to tackling homelessness in the UK, do you think that the Government currently does too much, does enough, or does too little?

Too much	2	3	1	3	2	3	3	1	3	1	3	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1
Does enough	11	17	4	5	6	16	14	7	7	9	11	13	10	12	9	10	12	10	12
Too little	65	51	81	76	75	56	59	70	64	66	67	60	67	62	68	64	62	64	72
Not sure	23	30	14	15	17	25	24	23	26	24	19	25	22	25	21	25	24	24	16

Of the following groups, which, if any, do you think should be prioritised by local authorities when it comes to allocating housing stock to homeless people?
Please select up to three.

People with dependent children (who live with them)	48	46	54	54	55	46	45	52	42	48	53	48	51	46	49	47	52	44	57
Victims of domestic violence	42	40	46	51	48	40	35	49	31	42	44	44	44	39	44	41	44	37	52
Elderly people	33	43	27	28	28	41	31	35	21	29	36	44	31	36	29	34	37	33	24
Military veterans	26	42	13	12	16	42	26	27	10	22	30	38	23	30	18	28	27	28	26
People with physical disabilities	24	21	24	35	24	24	25	23	27	23	24	25	24	23	30	24	24	20	25
People with mental disabilities or mental health issues	22	16	28	26	28	17	22	22	26	23	21	20	24	20	25	23	24	20	21
People with a local connection	9	14	6	8	8	13	12	7	8	5	13	15	8	11	8	12	9	7	11
Single women	5	5	6	4	5	4	6	4	7	6	6	2	6	4	6	5	5	5	5
Refugees	5	2	8	6	7	1	4	5	8	4	5	2	7	2	3	4	5	4	9
People with addiction problems	3	2	4	3	3	2	3	2	4	4	1	1	3	2	4	2	3	3	3
Single men	2	1	1	1	2	1	3	0	3	2	2	0	2	1	3	1	1	2	0
Other	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
None of these	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
N/A – I don't believe any homeless person should be prioritised over others for housing	12	10	16	13	15	10	12	12	11	12	11	11	11	12	9	12	10	14	12
Don't know	9	5	7	7	7	5	11	7	21	11	3	5	8	9	13	8	7	10	6