

YouGov Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 1st - 2nd May 2023

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Do you know anyone personally who has been a victim of knife crime?
Please select all that apply.

Yes, me	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	3	3	2	1	2	2	2	1	5	1	4	4	1
Yes, a family member	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	3	3	4	4	4	4	2	4	5	6	3
Yes, a friend	7	5	6	5	7	6	8	5	11	6	8	3	6	7	6	10	6	5	9	9	5
TOTAL YES	12	11	12	9	12	12	14	11	15	14	13	7	11	13	12	15	14	10	16	18	8
No	83	86	83	85	83	85	80	85	74	80	84	90	84	81	83	82	79	85	78	78	86
Don't know	3	2	4	4	4	2	4	2	4	4	2	2	3	3	3	3	4	3	3	2	4
Prefer not to say	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	7	2	1	1	2	3	2	0	3	2	3	2	2

How worried, if at all, are you that someone you care about (such as a family member or friend) will become involved in knife crime as a ...?

Victim

Very worried	18	22	15	9	13	21	16	19	14	17	17	21	15	21	19	10	11	18	21	23	17
Fairly worried	29	30	31	28	29	29	28	31	29	31	28	28	30	29	30	26	22	32	32	30	28
TOTAL WORRIED	47	52	46	37	42	50	44	50	43	48	45	49	45	50	49	36	33	50	53	53	45
Not very worried	33	31	37	42	41	31	36	31	27	33	35	34	35	30	32	44	37	34	29	31	33
Not at all worried	12	11	13	15	11	12	14	11	16	12	14	9	14	10	11	12	20	11	10	11	12
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	45	42	50	57	52	43	50	42	43	45	49	43	49	40	43	56	57	45	39	42	45
Don't know	8	7	4	7	6	6	6	9	14	7	6	7	6	10	7	7	10	6	8	4	9

Perpetrator

Very worried	8	10	6	4	5	11	8	8	3	7	7	13	6	10	8	8	7	6	7	11	9
Fairly worried	5	4	4	4	3	5	5	6	7	6	5	4	4	7	5	3	4	7	4	9	4
TOTAL WORRIED	13	14	10	8	8	16	13	14	10	13	12	17	10	17	13	11	11	13	11	20	13
Not very worried	23	21	25	17	24	22	25	21	23	24	22	20	24	21	23	21	18	26	21	19	23
Not at all worried	54	55	58	67	60	52	54	55	53	54	59	51	59	48	53	59	61	51	55	56	53
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	77	76	83	84	84	74	79	76	76	78	81	71	83	69	76	80	79	77	76	75	76
Don't know	10	10	6	7	7	10	9	11	14	9	8	12	7	14	10	9	10	10	12	5	11

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How effective, if at all, do you think the following measures are, or would be, at tackling knife crime?

Police having stop and search powers

Very effective	27	41	15	22	18	38	28	25	16	23	29	35	25	29	28	23	18	26	34	23	28
Fairly effective	35	38	35	35	37	36	33	36	27	32	39	38	36	33	34	43	37	35	32	33	35
TOTAL EFFECTIVE	62	79	50	57	55	74	61	61	43	55	68	73	61	62	62	66	55	61	66	56	63
Fairly ineffective	20	11	25	24	24	15	22	18	26	23	18	15	21	18	20	15	25	20	20	18	20
Very ineffective	8	3	14	6	10	5	8	8	11	10	6	6	9	7	8	6	11	9	3	13	7
TOTAL INEFFECTIVE	28	14	39	30	34	20	30	26	37	33	24	21	30	25	28	21	36	29	23	31	27
Don't know	11	7	11	13	11	6	8	13	20	13	8	7	9	13	11	12	10	10	11	14	10

Two strikes and out (i.e. prison sentences for those who are caught with knives twice or more)

Very effective	28	39	19	21	21	37	29	26	12	23	29	41	25	30	28	24	29	25	34	25	27
Fairly effective	34	32	38	35	38	33	32	35	30	34	34	34	37	30	34	36	28	37	28	32	36
TOTAL EFFECTIVE	62	71	57	56	59	70	61	61	42	57	63	75	62	60	62	60	57	62	62	57	63
Fairly ineffective	18	13	20	26	21	14	19	17	25	20	20	9	19	17	18	18	16	17	22	23	16
Very ineffective	7	6	9	7	8	7	9	6	8	8	7	7	7	8	7	9	8	8	6	7	8
TOTAL INEFFECTIVE	25	19	29	33	29	21	28	23	33	28	27	16	26	25	25	27	24	25	28	30	24
Don't know	13	10	14	11	12	10	11	16	24	15	10	8	12	15	13	13	19	13	11	13	13

Police officers stationed at school gates

Very effective	11	14	9	8	8	14	11	11	7	10	12	13	9	14	11	10	9	10	14	12	11
Fairly effective	31	36	26	22	27	38	31	31	23	27	32	38	32	29	31	33	29	30	34	31	30
TOTAL EFFECTIVE	42	50	35	30	35	52	42	42	30	37	44	51	41	43	42	43	38	40	48	43	41
Fairly ineffective	30	27	36	36	37	27	32	29	30	31	32	28	31	29	31	27	23	33	27	34	31
Very ineffective	12	8	14	17	14	8	13	10	18	14	8	8	12	11	11	12	18	11	10	9	11
TOTAL INEFFECTIVE	42	35	50	53	51	35	45	39	48	45	40	36	43	40	42	39	41	44	37	43	42
Don't know	16	15	14	16	15	14	13	20	22	18	16	12	15	18	16	17	20	16	15	15	17

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Increased recruitment of police officers and PCSOs

Very effective	27	33	25	27	25	33	25	28	8	26	26	35	27	26	27	18	22	27	29	29	26
Fairly effective	38	38	42	43	45	37	37	39	34	37	42	39	41	35	39	37	34	39	37	41	39
TOTAL EFFECTIVE	65	71	67	70	70	70	62	67	42	63	68	74	68	61	66	55	56	66	66	70	65
Fairly ineffective	17	14	15	17	13	18	21	14	27	17	18	13	17	18	17	24	19	16	19	12	18
Very ineffective	6	4	7	4	5	5	7	4	9	5	5	5	5	7	5	7	7	7	5	6	4
TOTAL INEFFECTIVE	23	18	22	21	18	23	28	18	36	22	23	18	22	25	22	31	26	23	24	18	22
Don't know	12	10	10	10	11	8	10	14	22	15	9	7	11	14	11	13	18	11	9	12	12

Educational programmes in schools and youth centres

Very effective	23	19	30	26	26	20	20	26	22	26	22	21	25	22	24	18	24	24	21	31	22
Fairly effective	40	43	43	43	45	40	39	42	41	39	41	42	42	38	41	45	32	37	40	44	43
TOTAL EFFECTIVE	63	62	73	69	71	60	59	68	63	65	63	63	67	60	65	63	56	61	61	75	65
Fairly ineffective	19	21	14	18	15	22	22	17	13	18	19	25	19	20	19	21	18	21	22	15	18
Very ineffective	6	7	5	5	3	9	9	3	6	5	7	7	5	7	6	6	8	8	5	2	6
TOTAL INEFFECTIVE	25	28	19	23	18	31	31	20	19	23	26	32	24	27	25	27	26	29	27	17	24
Don't know	11	10	7	8	11	8	10	12	18	12	11	6	10	13	10	10	18	11	11	7	11

Knife amnesties/surrenders

Very effective	13	13	13	10	11	16	11	14	8	14	11	13	12	14	13	9	13	12	15	13	12
Fairly effective	33	32	37	47	38	31	30	35	35	33	33	32	36	29	33	36	29	32	29	33	36
TOTAL EFFECTIVE	46	45	50	57	49	47	41	49	43	47	44	45	48	43	46	45	42	44	44	46	48
Fairly ineffective	30	33	28	29	31	33	35	26	21	27	36	35	30	31	30	31	29	33	35	28	27
Very ineffective	11	12	10	6	8	13	14	8	7	10	12	12	9	13	11	11	13	11	10	8	11
TOTAL INEFFECTIVE	41	45	38	35	39	46	49	34	28	37	48	47	39	44	41	42	42	44	45	36	38
Don't know	13	10	12	8	12	7	10	16	27	16	8	7	13	14	13	12	15	12	11	17	13

Longer prison sentences for those who commit knife crime

Very effective	36	49	26	28	27	49	37	36	21	35	32	49	33	40	37	29	29	39	40	32	37
Fairly effective	33	29	34	30	36	29	31	34	39	30	36	32	36	28	32	43	36	33	32	33	30
TOTAL EFFECTIVE	69	78	60	58	63	78	68	70	60	65	68	81	69	68	69	72	65	72	72	65	67
Fairly ineffective	15	11	20	25	20	12	17	14	17	17	18	8	16	15	15	12	16	12	14	17	18
Very ineffective	6	3	10	7	7	4	8	5	7	7	6	5	6	6	6	6	8	8	5	7	5
TOTAL INEFFECTIVE	21	14	30	32	27	16	25	19	24	24	24	13	22	21	21	18	24	20	19	24	23
Don't know	10	8	10	9	10	6	8	12	16	11	8	7	9	10	10	10	11	9	9	10	10

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Do you support or oppose the following measures for reducing knife crime?

Police having stop and search powers

Strongly support	42	64	25	30	30	59	43	41	22	35	50	54	40	44	43	43	30	42	49	33	44
Somewhat support	32	27	35	37	34	29	32	32	35	33	30	32	33	31	32	34	30	35	30	39	29
TOTAL SUPPORT	74	91	60	67	64	88	75	73	57	68	80	86	73	75	75	77	60	77	79	72	73
Somewhat oppose	12	4	19	18	18	6	13	11	17	14	9	7	13	9	11	12	14	9	10	13	13
Strongly oppose	6	0	14	4	9	1	6	7	13	8	5	3	7	6	6	4	14	7	3	11	4
TOTAL OPPOSE	18	4	33	22	27	7	19	18	30	22	14	10	20	15	17	16	28	16	13	24	17
Don't know	8	5	7	11	9	4	7	9	14	10	6	5	6	11	8	8	12	7	8	4	10

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Strongly support	47	65	34	33	35	62	47	46	28	40	49	63	44	50	47	44	42	47	53	36	49
Somewhat support	30	24	37	40	37	26	29	31	37	30	33	26	33	27	30	40	28	32	27	33	29
TOTAL SUPPORT	77	89	71	73	72	88	76	77	65	70	82	89	77	77	77	84	70	79	80	69	78
Somewhat oppose	8	3	11	9	10	3	9	7	13	10	6	2	9	6	8	7	8	6	7	15	7
Strongly oppose	5	2	7	6	6	4	6	3	5	5	5	2	5	5	5	2	7	6	2	8	4
TOTAL OPPOSE	13	5	18	15	16	7	15	10	18	15	11	4	14	11	13	9	15	12	9	23	11
Don't know	11	7	11	12	12	5	9	13	17	14	6	6	10	12	10	7	15	9	11	9	12

Police officers stationed at school gates

Strongly support	19	24	13	12	13	24	18	19	12	15	23	24	15	23	19	13	15	18	21	20	20
Somewhat support	33	38	30	30	28	38	34	33	32	32	30	39	35	31	34	36	26	35	34	38	31
TOTAL SUPPORT	52	62	43	42	41	62	52	52	44	47	53	63	50	54	53	49	41	53	55	58	51
Somewhat oppose	21	19	23	27	26	19	22	21	20	21	25	17	23	19	21	20	24	20	23	17	22
Strongly oppose	13	6	22	19	19	6	15	11	18	17	10	6	15	10	12	19	21	12	9	13	12
TOTAL OPPOSE	34	25	45	46	45	25	37	32	38	38	35	23	38	29	33	39	45	32	32	30	34
Don't know	14	14	13	12	13	13	11	16	17	15	12	13	12	17	14	12	15	15	13	11	15

Increased recruitment of police officers and PCSOs

Strongly support	50	61	50	50	51	57	48	51	25	48	56	58	51	48	51	47	37	50	54	51	51
Somewhat support	33	30	32	36	34	32	34	32	36	33	32	33	33	33	33	31	36	32	31	34	34
TOTAL SUPPORT	83	91	82	86	85	89	82	83	61	81	88	91	84	81	84	78	73	82	85	85	85
Somewhat oppose	5	2	7	6	4	4	7	3	19	4	3	3	5	5	5	8	3	8	6	4	4
Strongly oppose	3	0	3	4	3	1	3	3	5	4	2	1	3	2	2	4	10	3	1	5	1
TOTAL OPPOSE	8	2	10	10	7	5	10	6	24	8	5	4	8	7	7	12	13	11	7	9	5
Don't know	9	6	7	4	8	6	7	11	16	11	7	5	7	12	9	10	13	8	9	7	9

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Educational programmes in schools and youth centres

Strongly support	54	54	64	56	61	51	47	61	48	56	58	50	56	52	54	55	51	51	53	62	54
Somewhat support	34	36	27	37	31	38	39	30	31	31	34	42	35	33	34	37	32	34	34	31	36
TOTAL SUPPORT	88	90	91	93	92	89	86	91	79	87	92	92	91	85	88	92	83	85	87	93	90
Somewhat oppose	4	3	2	4	2	5	6	2	6	3	3	4	4	3	4	1	5	6	4	2	2
Strongly oppose	1	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	0
TOTAL OPPOSE	5	4	3	4	2	7	8	2	7	4	4	4	5	4	5	3	7	8	5	4	2
Don't know	7	5	5	3	6	5	6	8	13	9	3	5	5	10	7	5	9	7	8	3	7

Knife amnesties/surrenders

Strongly support	41	43	45	43	44	43	37	45	31	42	43	42	39	43	41	48	36	40	42	42	41
Somewhat support	41	42	38	46	42	42	44	37	40	38	42	44	45	35	41	32	39	41	40	45	41
TOTAL SUPPORT	82	85	83	89	86	85	81	82	71	80	85	86	84	78	82	80	75	81	82	87	82
Somewhat oppose	5	5	5	4	3	6	7	3	6	4	4	6	4	5	5	6	5	4	7	3	4
Strongly oppose	2	1	2	1	1	3	3	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	6	4	1	1	0
TOTAL OPPOSE	7	6	7	5	4	9	10	4	9	6	6	8	6	7	7	8	11	8	8	4	4
Don't know	12	8	9	6	10	7	9	14	20	14	8	7	10	14	11	13	15	10	11	9	12

Longer prison sentences for those who commit knife crime

Strongly support	59	76	47	49	50	74	60	59	38	54	63	74	56	63	59	67	56	60	64	48	60
Somewhat support	21	16	25	26	25	17	21	21	28	22	23	16	23	20	21	19	22	21	21	24	21
TOTAL SUPPORT	80	92	72	75	75	91	81	80	66	76	86	90	79	83	80	86	78	81	85	72	81
Somewhat oppose	6	2	10	12	9	4	7	6	9	9	5	3	9	3	7	3	6	7	4	12	6
Strongly oppose	3	0	6	4	5	0	3	3	7	4	2	1	4	2	3	1	4	4	3	6	2
TOTAL OPPOSE	9	2	16	16	14	4	10	9	16	13	7	4	13	5	10	4	10	11	7	18	8
Don't know	10	6	12	8	11	5	8	11	17	11	8	6	8	12	10	10	13	8	8	11	11

*Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 100 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures should not be used.