

YouGov Survey Results

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How interested, if at all, are you in the topic of space and space travel?

Very interested	13	11	14	16	14	12	16	12	20	7	10	14	13	12	14	11	14	12	16	15	14	11	13	12
Fairly interested	35	37	37	32	33	45	37	33	42	30	41	38	33	31	37	33	36	36	35	28	37	35	37	36
TOTAL INTERESTED	48	48	51	48	47	57	53	45	62	37	51	52	46	43	51	44	50	48	51	43	51	46	50	48
Not very interested	29	29	29	32	33	28	30	31	25	34	27	27	30	34	29	30	28	29	26	32	30	30	27	30
Not at all interested	20	22	17	17	19	14	16	22	12	28	18	18	23	23	18	23	20	20	24	24	19	20	22	20
TOTAL NOT INTERESTED	49	51	46	49	52	42	46	53	37	62	45	45	53	57	47	53	48	49	50	56	49	50	49	50
Don't know	2	0	2	3	1	1	2	2	2	2	4	3	1	1	1	3	2	2	0	2	1	5	2	2

How important, if at all, do you think it is that humanity does the following...?

Has a physical presence in space, e.g. through the International Space Station

Very important	18	18	20	20	16	21	21	16	24	11	15	18	19	16	20	12	19	17	17	18	18	15	15	19
Fairly important	42	42	48	43	42	38	47	40	44	41	47	44	40	41	46	43	39	43	44	39	40	39	46	45
TOTAL IMPORTANT	60	60	68	63	58	59	68	56	68	52	62	62	59	57	66	55	58	60	61	57	58	54	61	64
Not very important	21	23	17	21	24	22	18	23	19	23	24	18	22	26	19	21	25	21	20	21	24	22	16	21
Not important at all	10	10	7	6	11	9	7	11	6	13	4	9	12	11	9	12	8	10	7	13	10	9	13	9
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	31	33	24	27	35	31	25	34	25	36	28	27	34	37	28	33	33	31	27	34	34	31	29	30
Don't know	9	7	7	10	7	10	7	10	7	12	9	12	7	6	6	12	9	9	13	8	9	16	10	6

Sends astronauts back to the Moon

Very important	9	9	10	7	10	11	10	9	12	5	5	9	10	8	9	5	11	8	10	12	11	6	6	9
Fairly important	26	26	27	30	28	20	28	25	32	21	30	30	23	22	27	25	24	27	30	19	26	25	30	27
TOTAL IMPORTANT	35	35	37	37	38	31	38	34	44	26	35	39	33	30	36	30	35	35	40	31	37	31	36	36
Not very important	37	38	37	39	34	41	39	36	35	38	42	33	34	42	37	35	40	37	36	31	37	40	32	38
Not important at all	20	20	18	18	20	19	16	23	15	25	17	17	24	22	20	24	17	19	16	30	19	18	22	19
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	57	58	55	57	54	60	55	59	50	63	59	50	58	64	57	59	57	56	52	61	56	58	54	57
Don't know	8	7	8	6	7	9	7	8	5	11	6	11	8	6	7	10	9	9	8	7	8	11	10	7

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Attempts to land astronauts on Mars																									
Very important	9	8	11	7	11	10	9	8	14	4	10	10	7	7	10	4	9	8	10	10	9	7	8	9	
Fairly important	26	20	29	25	27	28	27	23	32	21	37	30	23	17	26	22	30	26	28	25	25	24	29	27	
TOTAL IMPORTANT	35	28	40	32	38	38	36	31	46	25	47	40	30	24	36	26	39	34	38	35	34	31	37	36	
Not very important	33	40	30	37	33	31	34	35	30	36	33	30	33	38	34	38	30	33	40	28	36	34	25	33	
Not important at all	23	25	22	24	20	20	22	25	18	28	15	19	29	29	22	28	21	23	14	30	22	23	25	23	
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	56	65	52	61	53	51	56	60	48	64	48	49	62	67	56	66	51	56	54	58	58	57	50	56	
Don't know	9	6	8	7	9	10	8	10	6	11	6	11	8	8	8	9	10	9	8	7	8	12	13	8	
Attempts to establish a long-term physical presence on the Moon																									
Very important	8	6	9	5	10	11	8	8	13	3	7	8	8	7	9	4	9	8	7	9	8	7	7	8	
Fairly important	23	22	25	24	22	20	23	21	31	15	28	25	18	19	26	18	23	22	28	21	22	22	22	23	
TOTAL IMPORTANT	31	28	34	29	32	31	31	29	44	18	35	33	26	26	35	22	32	30	35	30	30	29	29	31	
Not very important	36	37	33	42	37	29	38	35	33	39	41	32	35	40	33	41	36	37	36	29	35	34	33	40	
Not important at all	24	26	22	21	21	30	23	26	17	31	17	22	28	25	25	26	20	23	16	34	23	24	28	21	
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	60	63	55	63	58	59	61	61	50	70	58	54	63	65	58	67	56	60	52	63	58	58	61	61	
Don't know	10	8	9	7	11	11	9	11	7	13	7	12	10	8	7	12	12	10	13	8	12	12	10	8	
Maintains the system of communications satellites orbiting the Earth																									
Very important	39	42	39	44	43	38	44	36	51	28	43	37	38	40	46	30	38	39	43	31	40	33	40	41	
Fairly important	43	42	44	42	43	48	44	43	37	49	43	43	46	41	41	47	43	43	41	50	43	40	40	44	
TOTAL IMPORTANT	82	84	83	86	86	86	88	79	88	77	86	80	84	81	87	77	81	82	84	81	83	73	80	85	
Not very important	7	9	7	4	5	3	5	9	6	7	5	6	5	11	5	7	9	7	5	7	6	10	7	6	
Not important at all	3	1	3	3	3	2	2	4	2	5	4	3	4	3	3	4	3	3	1	6	2	4	4	2	
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	10	10	10	7	8	5	7	13	8	12	9	9	9	14	8	11	12	10	6	13	8	14	11	8	
Don't know	8	6	6	7	5	9	5	8	4	12	6	11	7	5	5	12	8	8	10	6	8	13	9	6	
Explores space for scientific purposes																									
Very important	28	24	35	33	26	31	36	22	38	19	30	32	28	21	32	21	29	28	33	25	31	24	29	28	
Fairly important	45	47	44	44	47	45	44	47	43	47	46	44	44	48	47	49	41	45	44	43	45	43	44	47	
TOTAL IMPORTANT	73	71	79	77	73	76	80	69	81	66	76	76	72	69	79	70	70	73	77	68	76	67	73	75	
Not very important	14	18	11	13	13	17	12	15	11	16	16	9	16	18	12	18	14	13	17	16	12	16	10	14	
Not important at all	7	6	6	5	8	4	4	9	5	9	5	7	8	7	5	6	9	7	1	13	7	7	9	6	
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	21	24	17	18	21	21	16	24	16	25	21	16	24	25	17	24	23	20	18	29	19	23	19	20	
Don't know	6	4	5	5	6	3	4	7	3	9	3	8	5	5	3	7	7	6	6	3	6	10	7	4	

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Searches for the possibility of extra-terrestrial life

Very important	14	10	16	16	13	17	15	13	21	7	17	16	13	10	12	11	17	14	20	12	16	13	12	13
Fairly important	29	24	32	25	31	33	30	27	32	27	38	30	27	26	29	26	30	30	18	31	32	27	28	30
TOTAL IMPORTANT	43	34	48	41	44	50	45	40	53	34	55	46	40	36	41	37	47	44	38	43	48	40	40	43
Not very important	31	41	29	32	28	28	32	31	29	32	27	28	32	35	33	32	29	31	38	23	28	29	34	33
Not important at all	19	20	19	21	22	13	18	22	15	23	13	17	21	24	20	23	16	19	18	27	19	20	17	18
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	50	61	48	53	50	41	50	53	44	55	40	45	53	59	53	55	45	50	56	50	47	49	51	51
Don't know	7	6	5	6	6	8	6	7	4	10	5	9	7	5	6	9	7	7	7	7	6	11	9	5

Attempts to communicate our existence to extra-terrestrial life

Very important	10	6	12	8	11	13	10	9	14	6	12	12	9	7	10	6	11	10	14	6	11	8	10	10
Fairly important	23	22	25	25	22	29	24	24	27	20	23	23	25	23	21	25	26	23	18	23	24	24	24	23
TOTAL IMPORTANT	33	28	37	33	33	42	34	33	41	26	35	35	34	30	31	31	37	33	32	33	35	32	34	33
Not very important	33	40	31	37	35	32	34	32	33	33	36	31	34	34	37	32	32	33	36	31	33	31	32	34
Not important at all	23	22	21	21	25	18	23	24	20	27	19	22	23	28	24	26	21	23	22	30	22	24	21	23
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	56	62	52	58	60	50	57	56	53	60	55	53	57	62	61	58	53	56	58	61	55	55	53	57
Don't know	10	9	11	10	7	9	8	11	7	14	11	12	9	8	9	11	11	11	10	6	10	14	13	10

For the following question, please imagine that you had the opportunity to travel to the Moon, and that your safe return to Earth could be guaranteed. Would you want to go to the Moon?

Yes, I would	44	39	46	43	45	61	47	39	58	31	55	53	41	28	49	35	46	45	40	37	50	36	46	45
No, I would not	49	57	47	48	46	37	47	56	36	61	36	38	55	69	47	59	46	48	55	58	44	54	47	49
Don't know	7	4	7	9	9	3	6	5	6	7	10	9	4	3	4	5	7	7	5	4	6	9	6	6

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You previously said that you would not want to go to the Moon if you had the opportunity to travel there, and that your safe return to Earth was guaranteed. What are your reasons for this?

[Asked only to those who said they would not want to go to the moon if they had the opportunity to travel there; n=1,054]

[Respondents answered in their own words and their responses were manually coded into categories]

Not interested	23	25	19	25	35	25	22	25	21	25	22	22	25	23	21	24	25	24	21	20	24	28	21	23
No point/benefit	8	7	7	7	9	10	7	8	12	6	6	9	7	7	9	7	8	9	3	5	9	10	11	6
Reject premise of safe return	8	7	9	8	5	7	9	5	5	9	4	9	10	6	8	9	7	8	4	6	9	10	6	8
Scared/anxious/afraid	7	5	10	9	4	10	7	5	3	9	12	9	5	5	7	5	8	7	5	11	6	4	13	6
Nothing to do once there/would be boring	6	8	7	8	4	10	6	7	9	5	5	6	7	6	6	7	7	7	8	3	8	4	4	8
Too old	6	11	6	7	6	5	7	7	8	5	0	0	2	16	7	7	6	6	6	3	8	6	2	6
There are places on Earth I want to visit first	5	4	7	5	5	12	5	5	7	4	7	4	7	4	8	4	3	5	3	4	6	3	7	6
Happy on Earth	4	2	4	1	1	5	2	2	4	4	15	5	2	2	3	2	4	4	6	2	4	1	6	4
Claustrophobia/agoraphobia	3	2	2	2	8	2	3	3	1	4	1	4	3	2	3	2	3	3	3	2	2	5	3	3
Would cause environmental damage	3	3	5	1	1	5	4	3	3	3	3	3	5	2	2	3	3	2	1	7	2	3	2	2
Waste of money/too expensive	3	2	4	9	1	0	4	2	2	4	0	4	2	4	4	5	2	3	0	5	3	3	3	3
Fear of flying/heights	3	4	3	2	2	5	3	4	2	4	1	4	3	3	3	3	5	3	9	5	4	1	1	4
Health issues/disability/physical toll	3	2	2	3	5	4	3	3	4	3	4	5	2	3	3	2	3	4	1	3	3	1	5	5
Don't like travelling	2	2	1	3	1	0	2	2	2	2	0	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	1	3	4	3	1	0
Long way to go/too far away	2	2	2	3	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	3	1	2	1	3	2	2	0	0	3	0	1	3
We should solve Earth's issues first	2	2	3	1	0	3	4	1	2	2	5	1	2	3	3	2	1	2	0	4	2	2	4	2
Waste of time	2	2	2	2	3	0	1	2	2	2	4	2	2	1	1	3	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	3
Waste of resources	1	1	1	1	2	7	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	0	1	0	3	2	2	1	1
Would not enjoy it/would not be comfortable	1	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	2	2	0	1	6	1	1	1	0	1
Other	6	4	5	11	3	4	7	6	5	6	3	6	7	5	5	6	5	5	6	11	4	5	4	6
Don't know	18	19	18	13	11	9	13	18	16	18	28	20	16	15	13	17	21	17	20	22	15	21	15	17

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How likely or unlikely do you think it is that the following will happen during your lifetime?

Humans will land on the Moon again

Very likely	31	27	28	33	31	38	32	29	39	24	45	30	29	28	31	24	34	31	30	31	34	28	24	33
Fairly likely	45	47	48	50	42	49	47	45	43	48	42	44	47	46	51	47	39	45	48	40	44	46	48	46
TOTAL LIKELY	76	74	76	83	73	87	79	74	82	72	87	74	76	74	82	71	73	76	78	71	78	74	72	79
Fairly unlikely	11	15	12	10	13	7	12	12	10	12	6	9	13	15	9	12	14	11	3	14	11	11	12	11
Very unlikely	6	5	5	1	8	3	4	7	4	7	4	6	4	7	4	7	5	6	11	5	5	8	5	5
TOTAL UNLIKELY	17	20	17	11	21	10	16	19	14	19	10	15	17	22	13	19	19	17	14	19	16	19	17	16
Don't know	7	6	8	6	6	3	6	6	4	9	2	10	7	4	4	10	7	7	8	10	7	7	12	4

Humans will land on Mars

Very likely	6	4	5	7	7	6	5	6	8	4	9	7	5	4	7	4	6	6	11	9	8	4	2	6
Fairly likely	31	24	31	30	28	36	32	23	35	27	51	36	25	18	33	28	29	31	30	26	32	30	33	31
TOTAL LIKELY	37	28	36	37	35	42	37	29	43	31	60	43	30	22	40	32	35	37	41	35	40	34	35	37
Fairly unlikely	28	30	30	37	27	25	30	31	28	28	23	26	31	30	28	28	30	29	17	28	28	27	29	30
Very unlikely	25	34	25	18	30	23	25	31	24	27	11	19	29	40	25	28	25	25	29	25	23	27	20	27
TOTAL UNLIKELY	53	64	55	55	57	48	55	62	52	55	34	45	60	70	53	56	55	54	46	53	51	54	49	57
Don't know	9	8	9	8	8	9	7	8	5	13	6	11	9	7	7	12	10	9	13	11	8	11	16	6

Humans will live in long-term habitats on the Moon or another planet

Very likely	3	2	3	3	3	1	2	3	5	1	3	3	3	3	3	1	4	3	6	4	4	3	0	3
Fairly likely	13	13	14	10	15	10	15	13	20	7	14	13	14	13	14	12	13	13	17	13	14	11	13	13
TOTAL LIKELY	16	15	17	13	18	11	17	16	25	8	17	16	17	16	17	13	17	16	23	17	18	14	13	16
Fairly unlikely	28	27	26	37	29	35	28	27	30	26	41	26	28	25	29	25	28	28	22	24	27	27	26	31
Very unlikely	47	51	49	44	45	45	47	49	39	55	35	47	47	54	48	50	44	47	43	45	48	50	43	48
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Don't know	9	6	8	6	9	9	8	8	7	11	8	11	9	6	6	13	10	9	11	13	7	10	17	6

*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.