

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2095 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 19th - 20th May 2026

	Vote in 2024 GE					EU Ref 2016			Gender		Age				Socio-economic classification (NS-SEC)			Country			Region in England			
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Reform UK	Green	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	Higher	Intermediate	Routine	England	Wales	Scotland	North	Midlands	London	Rest of South
Weighted Sample	2095	377	538	193	226	123	735	748	1014	1081	220	865	517	492	710	469	626	1812	101	182	497	344	254	719
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

	12 - 13 Jun '24	19 - 20 May '26																							
Do you think the following should be nationalised and run in the public sector, or privatised and run by private companies?																									
National Health Service (NHS)																									
Should be run in the public sector	87	86	84	91	94	79	97	91	83	87	85	86	83	88	88	87	86	83	86	85	85	86	79	92	87
Should be run by the private sector	6	6	12	3	2	13	0	5	9	7	5	4	6	6	7	8	6	5	6	9	4	7	7	3	6
Don't know	8	8	4	6	3	8	3	4	8	6	10	10	11	7	4	4	8	12	8	6	11	7	14	5	7
Royal Mail																									
Should be run in the public sector	75	76	72	83	77	68	92	79	75	75	76	75	75	75	79	77	78	72	75	76	79	76	67	84	76
Should be run by the private sector	15	14	23	9	17	20	2	15	14	17	11	12	12	15	17	17	11	15	14	15	9	15	16	11	15
Don't know	10	10	5	8	6	12	5	6	11	8	13	13	13	10	5	6	11	13	10	9	11	9	18	5	10
Railway companies																									
Should be run in the public sector	76	76	67	85	85	66	87	81	72	75	76	79	74	77	76	78	79	69	76	76	77	76	69	85	75
Should be run by the private sector	13	13	27	6	11	22	4	12	16	17	9	7	10	14	18	15	11	15	13	13	8	14	12	9	14
Don't know	11	12	7	9	4	12	8	7	12	8	15	14	16	10	5	7	10	16	11	11	15	10	19	6	10
Energy companies																									
Should be run in the public sector	71	70	59	79	74	68	80	72	69	70	70	69	71	69	70	71	72	67	70	71	74	71	66	74	69
Should be run by the private sector	17	18	31	13	18	23	10	20	19	22	14	13	15	19	23	22	16	18	18	20	12	17	17	15	21
Don't know	12	12	9	8	8	9	10	8	12	8	16	18	14	12	6	7	12	15	12	10	14	11	18	11	10
Police																									
Should be run in the public sector	89	89	94	92	94	89	93	94	90	92	85	80	86	91	95	95	87	85	89	90	85	90	83	92	90
Should be run by the private sector	3	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	7	3	2	2	1	5	3	3	3	1	3	3	3	3
Don't know	8	9	3	7	3	8	5	4	8	5	12	13	11	8	3	4	9	12	8	7	14	7	15	5	7
Armed forces																									
Should be run in the public sector	86	86	92	89	93	84	87	91	86	92	80	78	82	89	92	93	83	82	86	85	84	86	79	87	88
Should be run by the private sector	5	3	4	2	4	3	4	2	3	2	4	6	3	2	3	2	4	4	3	7	2	4	3	4	3
Don't know	9	11	4	9	4	13	9	6	10	6	16	16	15	9	5	6	12	14	11	8	14	10	18	8	10
Telephone and internet providers																									
Should be run in the public sector	39	38	28	41	40	38	43	38	35	33	42	40	38	34	40	33	41	37	37	36	41	41	33	41	36
Should be run by the private sector	46	47	60	45	50	49	43	49	50	55	39	39	44	52	50	56	43	44	47	49	43	45	45	45	50
Don't know	15	16	11	14	10	13	14	13	15	12	19	20	19	14	10	11	16	19	16	15	16	14	21	15	14
Airlines																									
Should be run in the public sector	17	20	11	20	17	18	25	17	16	16	23	32	22	16	14	13	21	20	19	20	23	17	20	25	19
Should be run by the private sector	67	65	82	65	74	66	61	72	68	75	56	50	61	68	76	76	64	61	65	64	64	68	59	62	67
Don't know	16	15	7	15	9	16	13	12	15	9	21	18	17	16	10	11	15	19	16	16	13	15	21	13	14

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		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Water companies																									
Should be run in the public sector	82	82	80	89	89	78	91	85	81	84	79	79	79	83	86	83	83	79	82	82	81	83	74	86	83
Should be run by the private sector	8	8	14	5	6	12	4	9	8	9	7	8	8	8	9	10	8	7	8	10	5	8	8	8	9
Don't know	10	10	6	6	5	10	5	6	10	7	14	13	14	9	5	7	9	14	10	8	14	8	18	6	9
Bus companies																									
Should be run in the public sector	66	67	56	77	75	60	76	71	62	66	69	77	68	67	63	68	71	62	67	72	68	69	59	74	67
Should be run by the private sector	22	21	37	14	19	27	14	21	26	27	14	10	16	23	30	24	18	21	21	20	18	19	21	17	23
Don't know	12	12	7	9	6	13	10	8	13	7	17	13	15	10	7	8	11	16	12	8	14	12	20	9	10
Banks																									
Should be run in the public sector	30	31	20	32	31	26	38	28	27	25	36	43	33	28	26	22	33	34	31	36	31	32	30	29	30
Should be run by the private sector	52	53	71	51	57	58	42	58	57	63	43	34	48	58	63	65	50	47	53	49	53	51	49	57	54
Don't know	18	17	9	17	12	16	20	14	17	12	21	23	20	14	11	13	17	18	17	15	16	17	21	14	15
British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)																									
Should be run in the public sector	62	62	56	74	79	42	77	71	53	60	63	71	59	59	64	63	62	58	62	54	62	62	52	73	63
Should be run by the private sector	24	23	34	14	14	42	12	18	31	29	18	12	22	27	26	27	23	23	23	28	20	24	25	17	24
Don't know	14	15	10	13	7	16	11	10	16	11	20	17	19	14	10	10	15	19	15	19	18	15	23	10	13
Schools																									
Should be run in the public sector	85	83	84	88	90	81	88	90	82	85	82	77	81	86	87	88	82	81	83	89	83	83	76	86	85
Should be run by the private sector	5	6	9	4	5	10	7	5	8	7	5	8	6	4	8	6	7	6	7	4	4	7	7	8	6
Don't know	11	10	7	8	5	10	5	6	10	8	12	15	13	10	5	6	11	13	10	7	13	10	17	6	9
Universities																									
Should be run in the public sector	60	63	57	71	73	52	73	69	57	61	66	68	61	65	64	67	65	58	63	71	65	62	56	67	65
Should be run by the private sector	23	21	34	17	20	32	11	20	27	27	16	15	20	20	27	21	19	24	22	17	18	23	21	23	21
Don't know	17	15	9	13	8	16	16	11	16	12	19	17	19	15	9	11	17	18	15	12	17	16	23	10	13

*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.