

YouGov Survey Results



Sample Size: 1749 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 19th - 20th July 2021

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The state pension "triple lock" is a rule that means that the state pension must rise each year in line with the ****highest**** of three possible figures: how much the average price of goods and services have risen nationally; how much average earnings have risen nationally; or by 2.5%. Would you support keeping this rule in place, or scrapping the rule and having the government decide each year the amount it wants to change the state pension by?

Keep triple lock rule in place	68	73	67	70	71	72	67	69	50	60	71	87	69	66	63	69	67	68	73	62	85	53	62	57	68	83	88
Scrap rule and have government decide	11	12	13	13	15	10	14	9	9	15	11	6	13	8	13	12	10	11	14	13	6	12	13	17	13	8	4
Don't know	21	15	20	17	14	18	19	23	41	25	17	7	17	26	25	20	24	21	13	25	9	35	25	26	20	9	8

Thinking about annual changes in the value of the state pension, do you think each of the following scenarios are fair or unfair?

Increasing the state pension at a time when average earnings among working people decrease

Fair	44	53	38	43	43	51	46	41	21	32	54	65	40	48	39	46	44	43	42	38	61	24	26	38	51	64	63
Unfair	32	28	40	37	38	27	32	31	34	41	25	21	37	25	36	30	33	32	33	34	24	38	41	39	26	22	21
Don't know	25	19	22	20	19	21	22	27	44	27	21	15	23	27	25	24	23	25	25	28	15	38	32	22	23	14	16

Increasing the state pension at a time when average earnings among working people have remained static

Fair	52	60	48	58	54	61	53	51	26	40	63	76	51	54	43	55	53	51	55	45	74	30	34	48	59	75	74
Unfair	24	22	30	23	28	21	26	23	30	33	18	13	28	20	33	22	25	24	21	28	14	32	35	30	21	13	13
Don't know	23	18	21	18	18	19	21	26	44	27	19	11	21	27	24	22	23	25	24	27	13	38	31	23	21	12	13

Increasing the state pension by a higher rate than average earnings among working people have increased

Fair	49	56	49	51	51	54	51	48	32	42	57	62	49	50	43	50	51	49	48	45	62	34	39	46	53	68	58
Unfair	25	24	29	27	30	22	26	24	29	29	20	21	29	20	29	24	24	26	26	27	21	30	29	29	22	18	23
Don't know	26	21	22	22	19	24	23	28	39	29	22	16	22	31	28	25	25	25	26	28	17	36	32	25	26	14	19

Increasing the state pension at a time when unemployment has increased a lot

Fair	49	59	41	53	49	56	52	46	24	36	61	70	49	49	44	51	49	49	48	42	68	25	31	45	57	72	68
Unfair	24	20	32	22	27	21	24	24	30	32	17	15	28	19	29	22	24	25	22	27	16	33	35	27	18	13	16
Don't know	27	21	27	25	24	23	24	30	46	32	22	15	24	32	26	27	28	26	30	31	15	43	34	28	24	15	16

Increasing the state pension at a time when cuts to public spending have to be made

Fair	49	58	44	51	49	57	52	46	29	36	60	69	48	50	46	52	48	48	48	43	67	30	30	44	56	71	67
Unfair	23	20	31	23	27	20	25	22	27	30	17	15	26	20	23	21	23	26	23	26	15	29	32	28	19	14	16
Don't know	28	22	25	26	24	23	23	32	44	33	23	16	26	30	31	27	29	26	29	31	18	41	37	28	25	15	18

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And if keeping the "triple lock" in place meant that each of the following scenarios would happen, would you prefer to keep the triple lock in place, or prefer to scrap it so that this scenario could be prevented? As a reminder, the state pension "triple lock" is a rule that means that the state pension must rise each year in line with the ****highest**** of three possible figures: how much the average price of goods and services have risen nationally; how much average earnings have risen nationally; or by 2.5%.

If the state pension would increase at a time when average earnings among working people decrease

Would prefer to keep the triple lock in place and let this scenario happen	49	54	47	50	49	55	51	47	36	38	56	68	49	49	43	50	49	50	51	44	65	36	36	40	51	71	64
Would prefer to scrap the triple lock and prevent this scenario from happening	21	20	24	26	27	18	23	19	21	26	19	15	25	16	22	22	22	19	21	22	18	21	26	28	19	16	17
Don't know	30	26	29	24	24	26	26	34	43	36	25	17	26	34	35	28	29	32	28	34	17	43	39	32	30	14	20

If the state pension would increase at a time when average earnings among working people have remained static

Would prefer to keep the triple lock in place and let this scenario happen	54	62	50	54	55	60	56	53	43	42	60	76	55	54	48	56	55	53	57	48	75	41	40	44	54	76	75
Would prefer to scrap the triple lock and prevent this scenario from happening	16	15	20	20	20	15	19	14	15	22	14	11	19	13	17	16	17	15	17	18	12	16	21	23	16	11	10
Don't know	29	23	30	26	25	25	25	33	42	37	26	13	27	33	35	27	28	32	26	34	14	42	39	32	30	14	14

If the state pension would increase by a higher rate than average earnings among working people have increased

Would prefer to keep the triple lock in place and let this scenario happen	54	58	52	55	56	59	55	52	38	43	61	72	54	53	48	54	56	52	58	48	72	36	44	45	56	75	69
Would prefer to scrap the triple lock and prevent this scenario from happening	15	16	18	19	19	14	18	14	14	19	13	12	18	12	15	17	16	14	13	16	13	16	16	23	14	11	13
Don't know	31	26	30	25	25	27	27	35	49	38	26	16	27	36	37	29	28	34	28	36	15	48	40	32	31	13	19

If the state pension would increase at a time when unemployment has increased a lot

Would prefer to keep the triple lock in place and let this scenario happen	50	59	46	51	50	58	52	49	35	39	58	70	51	50	46	51	49	52	52	44	70	34	37	43	53	71	68
Would prefer to scrap the triple lock and prevent this scenario from happening	18	15	21	22	23	14	19	16	19	22	14	13	20	14	18	18	20	15	16	19	13	19	23	21	14	13	14
Don't know	32	27	33	26	27	28	29	35	46	39	28	17	29	36	36	31	30	34	32	37	17	47	40	36	33	16	18

If the state pension would increase at a time when cuts to public spending have to be made

Would prefer to keep the triple lock in place and let this scenario happen	51	58	46	54	50	58	53	49	33	39	58	72	51	51	48	51	50	53	50	45	69	34	39	41	52	74	69
Would prefer to scrap the triple lock and prevent this scenario from happening	17	15	23	20	22	15	19	16	21	21	14	12	20	14	16	19	19	13	21	19	13	20	22	22	14	11	13
Don't know	32	27	31	27	27	28	28	36	46	39	28	17	29	35	36	30	31	34	29	37	17	46	40	36	33	15	18

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Alternatively, if keeping the "triple lock" in place meant that each of the following scenarios would happen, would you prefer to keep the triple lock in place, or make an exception in that case and increase the state pension by a smaller amount that year? As a reminder, the state pension "triple lock" is a rule that means that the state pension must rise each year in line with the **highest** of three possible figures: how much the average price of goods and services have risen nationally; how much average earnings have risen nationally; or by 2.5%.

If the state pension would increase at a time when average earnings among working people decrease

Would prefer to keep the triple lock in place and let this scenario happen	44	49	41	46	44	51	47	41	31	34	52	61	43	45	39	47	42	44	46	39	59	30	33	37	48	64	57
Would prefer to make an exception in this case and increase the state pension by a smaller amount that year	24	25	28	26	30	23	26	23	23	26	23	22	29	18	22	23	26	23	28	25	23	23	25	29	24	22	21
Don't know	32	25	31	28	26	27	27	36	46	40	25	17	28	37	38	30	32	33	26	36	18	47	42	34	29	14	22

If the state pension would increase at a time when average earnings among working people have remained static

Would prefer to keep the triple lock in place and let this scenario happen	48	56	45	51	51	56	50	47	26	37	58	71	49	48	41	51	46	49	51	42	69	28	36	39	52	71	69
Would prefer to make an exception in this case and increase the state pension by a smaller amount that year	20	20	25	22	23	18	23	18	28	24	17	14	24	16	23	20	21	19	23	22	15	25	24	25	19	15	11
Don't know	31	25	30	27	26	26	28	34	46	39	25	15	27	36	36	29	32	32	26	36	16	47	40	36	28	13	19

If the state pension would increase by a higher rate than average earnings among working people have increased

Would prefer to keep the triple lock in place and let this scenario happen	49	56	47	52	53	55	51	47	32	38	58	69	52	47	42	52	48	48	55	44	67	32	38	40	53	70	67
Would prefer to make an exception in this case and increase the state pension by a smaller amount that year	19	18	22	22	22	18	20	18	21	23	16	15	21	16	20	19	19	18	19	20	15	21	20	26	17	15	13
Don't know	32	26	31	26	26	27	28	35	47	40	26	16	28	37	38	29	33	34	26	36	18	47	42	35	30	14	20

If the state pension would increase at a time when unemployment has increased a lot

Would prefer to keep the triple lock in place and let this scenario happen	47	55	42	47	47	53	50	44	32	36	55	65	47	47	41	47	46	49	50	41	64	31	33	41	50	67	62
Would prefer to make an exception in this case and increase the state pension by a smaller amount that year	21	20	26	24	26	20	23	20	21	24	19	19	25	17	22	23	22	17	23	22	19	21	26	23	21	19	18
Don't know	32	26	32	29	26	26	27	36	48	40	26	16	29	36	38	30	32	34	27	37	17	49	41	36	29	15	20

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If the state pension would increase at a time when cuts to public spending have to be made

Would prefer to keep the triple lock in place and let this scenario happen	45	53	41	48	46	52	48	43	29	34	53	65	46	44	42	46	44	46	46	39	63	29	33	37	48	66	63
Would prefer to make an exception in this case and increase the state pension by a smaller amount that year	21	20	26	22	25	20	23	19	22	24	19	18	24	17	20	23	22	18	23	22	18	23	24	25	20	18	17
Don't know	34	27	33	30	28	28	29	38	48	42	28	17	30	38	38	31	34	35	31	39	18	49	43	38	32	16	20

Thinking about annual changes in the value of the state pension, do you think there are circumstances where it could be acceptable

Freeze the value of the state pension

There are circumstances where this could be acceptable	35	34	38	43	39	31	38	32	44	44	28	23	40	28	38	35	34	33	35	39	23	43	45	43	29	20	27
There are no circumstances where this could be acceptable	47	52	44	45	47	55	45	48	20	33	58	72	44	50	40	47	47	48	50	39	71	22	32	37	55	73	66
Don't know	18	14	18	12	14	14	17	20	36	23	15	6	15	22	23	18	18	18	15	23	6	34	23	20	16	7	7

Reduce the value of the state pension

There are circumstances where this could be acceptable	10	10	8	9	11	7	11	8	15	13	5	5	10	9	11	10	8	9	12	11	5	19	12	10	6	3	7
There are no circumstances where this could be acceptable	74	79	77	81	77	82	73	76	49	67	84	90	76	72	68	74	76	76	73	69	91	48	66	74	80	94	87
Don't know	16	11	15	10	12	11	15	16	36	20	11	4	14	19	21	16	15	15	15	20	4	33	22	15	14	3	7