

# YouGov Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 22nd - 23rd November 2022

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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?

	19-20 Jul '21	22-23 Nov '22																		
Keep triple lock rule in place	68	<b>68</b>	78	69	73	68	79	69	66	43	56	77	89	67	68	61	67	67	69	76
Scrap rule and have government decide	11	<b>12</b>	11	15	19	17	9	15	9	9	18	10	4	15	8	18	14	10	9	9
Don't know	21	<b>21</b>	12	17	8	15	13	16	25	48	26	13	7	18	24	21	19	24	22	14

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	<b>41</b>	54	37	44	40	52	44	38	13	29	47	68	39	43	36	43	41	40	42
Unfair	32	<b>34</b>	30	40	38	40	27	36	33	43	43	33	17	39	29	37	34	34	34	36
Don't know	25	<b>25</b>	16	23	18	20	21	19	30	44	28	20	15	22	28	27	24	25	25	23

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

Fair	52	<b>50</b>	62	46	54	50	61	53	47	33	35	56	76	50	50	49	51	52	49	45
Unfair	24	<b>25</b>	22	32	28	30	19	26	24	24	34	24	10	28	21	28	25	23	24	29
Don't know	23	<b>25</b>	16	23	18	20	20	21	29	43	30	19	15	22	29	23	25	25	27	26

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<b>Increasing the state pension by a higher rate than average earnings among working people have increased</b>																			
Fair	49	46	56	45	51	45	54	48	43	30	35	49	68	45	46	46	46	44	50
Unfair	25	29	27	34	37	36	25	31	27	25	36	30	17	32	25	30	29	30	23
Don't know	26	25	17	21	12	19	21	21	30	45	28	21	15	23	29	24	25	24	27
<b>Increasing the state pension at a time when unemployment has increased a lot</b>																			
Fair	49	50	61	48	52	51	58	52	47	27	37	59	72	51	48	43	52	48	50
Unfair	24	22	20	25	25	25	18	25	19	29	30	17	10	23	20	29	21	23	20
Don't know	27	28	19	27	23	24	24	23	33	44	33	24	18	26	31	28	27	29	30
<b>Increasing the state pension at a time when cuts to public spending have to be made</b>																			
Fair	49	48	59	45	52	48	58	51	45	26	35	54	74	48	47	43	47	47	48
Unfair	23	25	21	32	27	30	20	27	24	29	35	24	9	27	23	31	26	28	22
Don't know	28	27	20	23	21	23	23	22	32	45	30	23	18	25	30	26	27	25	30
<b>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?</b>																			
<b>If the state pension would increase at a time when average earnings among working people decrease</b>																			
Would prefer to keep the triple lock in place and let this scenario happen	49	43	51	42	48	43	53	47	39	22	30	50	69	42	45	35	43	43	46
Would prefer to scrap the triple lock and prevent this scenario from happening	21	25	27	31	28	32	21	26	24	27	33	23	13	30	19	29	27	24	23
Don't know	30	31	22	27	24	25	26	26	36	52	37	27	18	27	37	36	30	32	31

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<b>If the state pension would increase at a time when average earnings among working people have remained static</b>																				
Would prefer to keep the triple lock in place and let this scenario happen	54	52	62	52	60	54	63	55	50	32	39	58	79	53	52	49	53	53	52	55
Would prefer to scrap the triple lock and prevent this scenario from happening	16	17	17	19	18	21	13	19	15	14	23	17	7	20	12	18	19	15	16	16
Don't know	29	31	20	29	22	25	24	26	35	54	37	25	15	27	36	33	29	31	32	29
<b>If the state pension would increase by a higher rate than average earnings among working people have increased</b>																				
Would prefer to keep the triple lock in place and let this scenario happen	54	51	60	51	62	53	60	53	48	28	39	60	73	51	50	46	51	52	50	55
Would prefer to scrap the triple lock and prevent this scenario from happening	15	18	18	19	19	22	15	20	16	20	24	16	9	21	15	22	17	18	17	16
Don't know	31	31	21	30	19	26	25	27	36	52	38	24	18	28	35	32	32	30	32	29
<b>If the state pension would increase at a time when unemployment has increased a lot</b>																				
Would prefer to keep the triple lock in place and let this scenario happen	50	49	58	47	56	48	59	53	44	26	37	56	72	49	48	41	50	47	49	55
Would prefer to scrap the triple lock and prevent this scenario from happening	18	18	17	21	19	22	14	18	17	22	23	15	8	21	12	23	17	20	14	15
Don't know	32	34	26	32	24	29	28	28	39	52	40	29	20	30	39	36	32	33	37	30
<b>If the state pension would increase at a time when cuts to public spending have to be made</b>																				
Would prefer to keep the triple lock in place and let this scenario happen	51	47	58	45	52	46	59	51	44	28	35	52	72	47	48	43	47	45	49	52
Would prefer to scrap the triple lock and prevent this scenario from happening	17	19	17	25	24	26	14	21	17	17	26	19	8	24	13	21	21	21	16	14
Don't know	32	34	24	30	23	29	27	28	39	55	39	29	20	29	40	36	32	34	35	34

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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?

**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	40	49	37	45	37	49	45	35	23	28	46	61	39	41	34	42	41	39	37
Would prefer to make an exception in this case and increase the state pension by a smaller amount that year	24	30	30	35	36	38	26	29	30	26	34	29	23	34	24	30	30	30	30	26
Don't know	32	31	21	28	19	25	25	26	35	51	38	25	16	27	36	37	28	29	31	37

**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	47	57	45	56	47	58	50	44	22	33	55	73	47	47	39	49	46	48	49
Would prefer to make an exception in this case and increase the state pension by a smaller amount that year	20	22	23	26	26	27	19	23	22	28	27	22	13	26	18	26	22	25	20	17
Don't know	31	31	19	28	18	26	24	27	34	50	40	23	14	27	35	35	28	29	32	34

**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	48	59	48	57	48	59	54	43	26	36	54	73	48	48	36	50	51	48	49
Would prefer to make an exception in this case and increase the state pension by a smaller amount that year	19	21	22	22	22	24	18	21	21	21	27	21	12	25	17	27	23	19	20	17
Don't know	32	31	19	30	21	27	24	25	36	52	38	25	15	27	36	37	28	30	32	34

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<b>Unweighted Sample</b>	<b>1672</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>157</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>150</b>
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

**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	45	55	44	48	43	57	49	42	21	32	54	69	45	46	34	48	46	47	43
Would prefer to make an exception in this case and increase the state pension by a smaller amount that year	21	22	22	25	29	28	16	22	21	26	27	20	13	26	16	29	21	24	18	19
Don't know	32	33	23	31	24	28	27	29	37	53	41	26	18	29	39	37	31	30	36	38

**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	44	56	41	52	42	55	48	40	23	32	50	68	44	43	36	46	45	44	43
Would prefer to make an exception in this case and increase the state pension by a smaller amount that year	21	23	22	27	25	30	18	23	23	24	28	23	15	27	18	26	24	25	21	15
Don't know	34	33	22	31	22	29	27	29	37	53	40	28	17	29	39	38	30	30	35	41

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

**Freeze the value of the state pension**

There are circumstances where this could be acceptable	35	36	35	42	45	45	30	40	32	39	43	35	22	42	28	42	39	33	29	37
There are no circumstances where this could be acceptable	47	43	54	38	38	40	55	43	43	19	29	50	69	40	47	34	41	44	46	46
Don't know	18	22	11	19	16	16	16	18	25	42	28	14	9	18	26	24	19	22	24	17

**Reduce the value of the state pension**

There are circumstances where this could be acceptable	10	9	7	12	10	12	6	10	8	17	11	8	4	11	6	11	10	10	7	6
There are no circumstances where this could be acceptable	74	73	83	73	78	76	81	73	72	40	65	82	90	73	72	69	73	71	73	78
Don't know	16	18	9	14	12	12	13	17	20	43	24	11	6	15	22	19	17	19	20	16