

# YouGov Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 23rd February - 3rd March 2026

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Resources / staffing	<b>24</b>	29	28	25	20	25	27	27	24	24	12	22	29	27	27	26	23	24	23	25	25	18	25
Visibility	<b>21</b>	33	20	22	25	18	22	29	20	22	5	14	29	33	23	24	21	21	22	19	25	16	22
Community relations	<b>14</b>	16	14	17	14	14	15	14	14	14	11	12	15	17	15	15	14	14	10	14	13	15	15
Policing priorities	<b>12</b>	14	10	11	16	8	10	13	13	11	14	12	10	11	13	11	11	12	10	10	14	11	11
Culture	<b>7</b>	4	8	11	6	13	9	5	6	8	10	8	6	6	9	6	6	7	6	6	7	12	7
Accountability and oversight	<b>5</b>	4	5	5	4	5	5	5	5	5	3	6	4	4	5	5	4	5	4	5	4	6	5
Recruitment	<b>5</b>	4	7	9	6	6	7	5	4	6	4	4	6	8	6	6	5	5	5	5	5	6	6
Powers / authority	<b>4</b>	5	3	2	8	3	3	6	6	3	2	5	5	4	3	5	7	4	4	5	5	3	4
Training	<b>4</b>	3	4	6	2	6	4	2	4	4	9	4	2	3	4	4	3	4	3	3	3	6	4
Criminal Justice System	<b>3</b>	3	3	1	3	3	2	3	3	3	7	3	2	2	3	4	3	3	4	3	2	3	3
Political	<b>2</b>	4	0	3	8	1	1	5	3	2	1	2	3	4	2	2	3	3	1	2	3	2	3
Negative	<b>1</b>	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1
Organisational structure	<b>1</b>	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1
Specific issues	<b>0</b>	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Other	<b>3</b>	2	4	1	0	1	2	2	3	2	5	4	3	1	2	2	4	3	3	3	1	8	2
Don't know	<b>23</b>	15	22	22	21	22	20	19	22	25	37	27	19	16	19	21	25	23	27	27	21	23	22

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<b>Unweighted Sample</b>	<b>4202</b>	<b>3322</b>	<b>401</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>3238</b>	<b>843</b>	<b>3238</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>371</b>
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Criminal Justice System	<b>3</b>	3	4	3	3	3	3	1	2	3	4
Political	<b>2</b>	2	3	5	3	0	3	1	0	0	1
Negative	<b>1</b>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
Organisational structure	<b>1</b>	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	2
Specific issues	<b>0</b>	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
Other	<b>3</b>	4	1	1	1	11	1	8	14	11	10
Don't know	<b>23</b>	24	20	20	24	22	24	22	26	22	20

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*[Asked only to those who said they take steps on a regular basis to protect themselves from crime, excluding those who skipped the question or refused to answer; n=2725]*

Awareness / vigilance	<b>47</b>	47	45	45	48	51	45	49	50	46	51	47	47	47	45	51	47	47	47	48	47	44	52	48
Planning a route	<b>34</b>	39	35	36	31	34	39	34	33	34	26	32	38	37	39	35	28	34	32	34	35	31	35	
Staying connected with family / friends	<b>25</b>	22	28	28	17	31	28	20	10	35	30	28	23	18	29	26	19	25	27	25	30	17	25	
Defensive strategies	<b>19</b>	16	18	23	23	21	19	20	12	24	20	18	19	21	19	22	17	20	15	20	19	17	21	
Securing valuables	<b>18</b>	20	19	18	20	17	21	19	15	20	10	17	20	23	18	20	17	18	14	17	19	18	19	
Avoidance / evasive behaviour	<b>16</b>	14	15	15	18	16	15	15	17	15	18	14	17	16	15	17	16	16	11	15	14	17	16	
Avoiding walking alone at night	<b>10</b>	10	11	9	9	8	11	10	7	12	6	10	11	11	10	11	9	9	15	9	11	9	9	
Other	<b>6</b>	3	7	7	3	4	5	4	7	5	9	7	6	3	5	5	7	6	2	5	5	11	5	
Finding transport alternatives	<b>4</b>	4	5	6	4	6	6	4	2	6	2	4	5	6	5	6	3	4	6	4	4	7	3	

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Securing valuables	<b>18</b>	17	20	24	19	16	19	20	13	12	18
Avoidance / evasive behaviour	<b>16</b>	16	14	14	16	14	16	11	15	11	17
Avoiding walking alone at night	<b>10</b>	10	9	12	9	11	9	8	12	14	9
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