

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 511 Police Staff in England and Wales

Fieldwork: 18th February - 2nd March 2026

	Job role		Gender		Age		
	Total	Police Officers	Police staff / other	Male	Female	18-40	41+
Weighted Sample	511	312	199	276	235	261	250
Unweighted Sample	511	273	238	270	241	167	344
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

If you could change just one thing, what would be the ONE thing you would change to improve the police?

[Respondents answered in their own words and YouGov's AI technology grouped the comments into themes to quantify]

Resources / staffing	45	45	44	42	48	47	42
Organisational structure	10	10	9	11	8	10	9
Community relations	9	9	8	9	9	5	13
Accountability and oversight	8	9	5	10	5	9	6
Miscellaneous	6	7	6	6	7	6	6
Culture	5	5	5	4	6	5	5
Policing priorities	5	5	5	7	3	5	5
Political	5	5	5	8	3	4	7
Recruitment (vetting)	4	5	3	5	3	4	4
Criminal Justice System	2	3	1	2	2	3	2
Powers / Authority	2	2	1	2	1	1	3
Training	2	3	1	1	3	3	2
Visibility	2	1	2	2	1	1	2
Specific issues	1	1	0	2	0	1	0
Negative	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Other	2	1	2	2	1	1	2
Don't know	9	5	15	8	11	9	9

*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.