

YouGov / Royal College of Nursing Survey Results

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Thinking about the following groups of workers, how much **sympathy**, if any, would you have for them if they were to go on strike?																						
Nurses																						
A lot of sympathy	42	43	22	67	56	57	31	43	43	46	46	42	37	46	38	43	37	46	48	35	49	41
A fair amount of sympathy	28	26	29	21	25	24	26	24	29	25	28	25	26	26	26	26	19	29	23	28	27	29
TOTAL A LOT / FAIR AMOUNT	70	69	51	88	81	81	57	67	72	71	74	67	63	72	64	69	56	75	71	63	76	70
Not very much sympathy	14	15	24	6	10	11	21	17	14	11	14	16	19	14	17	15	27	14	16	16	13	14
No sympathy at all	11	11	22	4	4	5	19	12	11	9	7	14	17	10	13	12	13	4	11	15	8	13
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NONE AT ALL	25	26	46	10	14	16	40	29	25	20	21	30	36	24	30	27	40	18	27	31	21	27
Don't know	5	4	2	2	5	2	2	5	4	10	5	3	2	3	5	4	4	7	3	6	4	4
Doctors working in hospitals																						
A lot of sympathy	31	33	18	55	40	44	23	32	33	39	36	31	26	36	29	34	26	28	36	28	42	32
A fair amount of sympathy	30	31	28	30	34	33	30	28	33	25	33	30	30	31	30	31	23	37	28	31	31	33
TOTAL A LOT / FAIR AMOUNT	61	64	46	85	74	77	53	60	66	64	69	61	56	67	59	65	49	65	64	59	73	65
Not very much sympathy	17	18	24	7	14	13	21	19	16	15	15	19	22	16	19	17	26	22	18	18	14	16
No sympathy at all	16	14	27	5	4	7	23	15	12	9	10	16	19	13	15	14	17	6	13	17	10	15
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NONE AT ALL	33	32	51	12	18	20	44	34	28	24	25	35	41	29	34	31	43	28	31	35	24	31
Don't know	6	5	2	3	7	3	3	5	5	12	6	4	2	4	7	5	7	7	5	6	4	4
Fire fighters																						
A lot of sympathy	28	31	17	50	35	40	23	30	33	34	35	30	25	33	29	32	22	34	38	25	36	29
A fair amount of sympathy	34	34	31	34	42	36	32	31	37	31	36	35	31	36	32	34	34	35	30	34	37	36
TOTAL A LOT / FAIR AMOUNT	62	65	48	84	77	76	55	61	70	65	71	65	56	69	61	66	56	69	68	59	73	65
Not very much sympathy	17	18	27	10	12	15	22	20	16	14	16	17	23	17	19	17	26	18	18	19	15	17
No sympathy at all	14	11	23	3	6	6	19	13	10	10	7	14	18	10	14	12	13	5	11	14	8	13
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NONE AT ALL	31	29	50	13	18	21	41	33	26	24	23	31	41	27	33	29	39	23	29	33	23	30
Don't know	7	5	3	3	5	3	4	5	5	11	6	4	3	4	6	5	5	8	4	7	3	5
Primary / Secondary school teachers																						
A lot of sympathy	22	24	8	47	36	38	12	23	24	29	29	24	13	29	17	24	20	22	25	20	36	22
A fair amount of sympathy	28	26	20	31	37	30	22	26	27	27	29	24	24	27	26	27	19	25	25	23	34	28
TOTAL A LOT / FAIR AMOUNT	50	50	28	78	73	68	34	49	51	56	58	48	37	56	43	51	39	47	50	43	70	50
Not very much sympathy	23	24	30	13	13	18	29	24	24	22	22	23	29	22	27	23	28	28	25	25	15	24
No sympathy at all	21	21	40	7	10	12	34	22	20	11	15	26	30	19	24	21	29	19	21	26	10	22
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NONE AT ALL	44	45	70	20	23	30	63	46	44	33	37	49	59	41	51	44	57	47	46	51	25	46
Don't know	7	5	2	2	5	2	3	5	5	11	5	3	3	4	6	5	4	5	4	5	5	5

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Railway support staff (ticket hall staff, engineers etc.)																						
A lot of sympathy	17	14	4	31	16	21	8	15	12	16	16	15	8	16	11	14	8	15	16	14	19	11
A fair amount of sympathy	27	26	14	36	34	32	18	25	27	30	29	26	20	28	24	25	23	36	30	18	35	22
TOTAL A LOT / FAIR AMOUNT	44	40	18	67	50	53	26	40	39	46	45	41	28	44	35	39	31	51	46	32	54	33
Not very much sympathy	26	27	28	18	26	25	29	26	28	23	27	26	29	27	28	27	34	26	26	28	22	28
No sympathy at all	24	27	50	11	15	17	42	29	25	20	21	29	39	25	30	28	31	15	23	32	20	32
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NONE AT ALL	50	54	78	29	41	42	71	55	53	43	48	55	68	52	58	55	65	41	49	60	42	60
Don't know	7	6	4	4	9	4	3	5	7	10	7	5	4	5	8	6	4	8	5	8	4	7
GPs																						
A lot of sympathy	20	19	8	36	20	27	11	19	20	25	23	18	12	22	16	20	17	19	21	16	26	18
A fair amount of sympathy	24	27	22	34	34	31	23	26	28	27	30	27	21	28	25	27	19	27	25	26	30	28
TOTAL A LOT / FAIR AMOUNT	44	46	30	70	54	58	34	45	48	52	53	45	33	50	41	47	36	46	46	42	56	46
Not very much sympathy	24	27	29	20	27	27	30	27	28	22	25	28	33	27	28	27	33	29	29	27	26	26
No sympathy at all	25	21	39	8	13	12	34	23	20	13	15	24	32	19	24	22	24	15	21	25	14	23
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NONE AT ALL	49	48	68	28	40	39	64	50	48	35	40	52	65	46	52	49	57	44	50	52	40	49
Don't know	6	5	2	3	6	3	3	5	5	13	6	3	2	4	7	5	6	9	4	6	3	5
Train drivers																						
A lot of sympathy	14	12	3	26	13	19	6	13	11	17	14	11	8	13	10	12	12	14	13	10	18	10
A fair amount of sympathy	23	22	11	36	26	28	14	21	23	25	26	22	13	25	18	22	12	29	24	21	32	17
TOTAL A LOT / FAIR AMOUNT	37	34	14	62	39	47	20	34	34	42	40	33	21	38	28	34	24	43	37	31	50	27
Not very much sympathy	25	28	25	21	27	26	27	25	30	25	28	28	28	26	30	27	27	31	29	25	23	29
No sympathy at all	31	33	58	14	26	23	51	36	29	19	25	36	49	32	34	34	44	18	29	37	23	39
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NONE AT ALL	56	61	83	35	53	49	78	61	59	44	53	64	77	58	64	61	71	49	58	62	46	68
Don't know	7	5	3	3	7	4	2	5	6	13	6	4	2	4	8	5	5	8	5	7	4	5
University staff																						
A lot of sympathy	11	12	3	25	18	19	5	13	12	17	16	11	5	15	9	12	10	14	12	11	21	10
A fair amount of sympathy	23	21	10	34	31	30	12	20	21	22	23	21	15	23	18	20	18	24	21	15	30	19
TOTAL A LOT / FAIR AMOUNT	34	33	13	59	49	49	17	33	33	39	39	32	20	38	27	32	28	38	33	26	51	29
Not very much sympathy	27	31	29	26	29	29	34	29	33	28	32	28	34	29	33	31	35	28	32	32	27	31
No sympathy at all	30	30	54	10	16	18	45	32	28	21	21	36	43	27	33	30	35	24	29	35	16	33
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NONE AT ALL	57	61	83	36	45	47	79	61	61	49	53	64	77	56	66	61	70	52	61	67	43	64
Don't know	9	7	4	5	6	5	4	6	7	12	8	5	4	6	8	7	2	10	6	7	6	7

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And now, thinking about the following groups of workers, if they were to go on strike, would you ****support or oppose**** the strike?

Nurses

Strongly support	33	37	18	60	47	49	27	36	38	42	42	35	29	40	32	37	33	38	42	29	42	36
Tend to support	26	25	23	24	28	26	23	23	27	26	26	24	24	26	24	25	16	27	24	25	26	26
TOTAL SUPPORT	59	62	41	84	75	75	50	59	65	68	68	59	53	66	56	62	49	65	66	54	68	62
Tend to oppose	16	14	21	6	10	10	20	15	14	10	13	14	19	13	16	14	25	13	14	17	13	13
Strongly oppose	17	17	32	6	7	9	27	18	16	8	12	21	24	16	18	17	16	13	15	20	12	18
TOTAL OPPOSE	33	31	53	12	17	19	47	33	30	18	25	35	43	29	34	31	41	26	29	37	25	31
Don't know	8	7	6	4	8	5	4	8	6	14	8	5	4	5	9	7	9	10	4	9	7	7

Doctors working in hospitals

Strongly support	24	28	13	50	36	39	18	28	29	37	31	27	22	31	24	29	26	26	33	24	32	27
Tend to support	27	28	22	30	32	30	25	26	30	26	31	28	26	28	29	28	20	31	27	27	34	28
TOTAL SUPPORT	51	56	35	80	68	69	43	54	59	63	62	55	48	59	53	57	46	57	60	51	66	55
Tend to oppose	18	17	25	8	17	14	22	17	18	14	15	18	22	17	18	17	26	16	18	19	14	16
Strongly oppose	21	19	35	8	9	12	30	21	17	10	14	23	27	18	20	19	19	16	17	21	13	21
TOTAL OPPOSE	39	36	60	16	26	26	52	38	35	24	29	41	49	35	38	36	45	32	35	40	27	37
Don't know	10	7	5	5	7	5	5	8	7	13	9	5	4	5	9	7	9	11	5	9	7	7

Fire fighters

Strongly support	23	27	13	46	32	35	20	26	28	33	29	26	22	30	24	27	22	28	34	20	30	25
Tend to support	29	30	24	34	32	34	25	27	33	27	35	30	23	31	29	30	29	32	28	29	33	30
TOTAL SUPPORT	52	57	37	80	64	69	45	53	61	60	64	56	45	61	53	57	51	60	62	49	63	55
Tend to oppose	18	17	24	8	19	13	23	18	16	13	14	19	23	17	17	17	22	15	16	19	15	17
Strongly oppose	20	18	33	6	8	12	27	20	15	12	13	20	26	16	19	18	17	14	16	21	15	19
TOTAL OPPOSE	38	35	57	14	27	25	50	38	31	25	27	39	49	33	36	35	39	29	32	40	30	36
Don't know	10	8	6	5	9	6	4	8	8	15	9	5	5	6	10	8	9	11	5	10	7	9

Supermarket workers

Strongly support	17	17	6	30	19	23	11	18	16	21	19	17	12	17	16	16	17	25	20	14	22	13
Tend to support	28	28	21	38	28	31	27	25	30	23	29	30	25	29	26	27	27	36	31	23	32	24
TOTAL SUPPORT	45	45	27	68	47	54	38	43	46	44	48	47	37	46	42	43	44	61	51	37	54	37
Tend to oppose	24	23	30	14	20	21	25	23	22	24	20	20	29	23	22	24	21	14	23	25	19	25
Strongly oppose	19	20	32	9	15	14	28	20	20	18	18	21	22	18	22	20	22	14	16	23	16	24
TOTAL OPPOSE	43	43	62	23	35	35	53	43	42	42	38	41	51	41	44	44	43	28	39	48	35	49
Don't know	13	13	11	10	18	11	10	14	12	15	14	11	12	12	14	13	13	11	11	15	12	13

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		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Primary / Secondary school teachers																							
	Strongly support	19	22	6	45	31	34	11	20	23	27	26	21	13	26	17	22	20	22	25	16	30	20
	Tend to support	25	25	16	30	34	31	19	24	26	26	27	23	22	27	23	25	19	28	26	23	27	25
	TOTAL SUPPORT	44	47	22	75	65	65	30	44	49	53	53	44	35	53	40	47	39	50	51	39	57	45
	Tend to oppose	22	22	29	11	16	16	28	21	22	16	21	22	26	19	25	22	23	21	20	24	19	23
	Strongly oppose	23	23	42	9	12	14	37	26	21	15	17	29	34	21	26	23	31	19	23	26	15	25
	TOTAL OPPOSE	45	45	71	20	28	30	65	47	43	31	38	51	60	40	51	45	54	40	43	50	34	48
	Don't know	10	8	6	5	7	5	5	8	8	16	9	6	5	7	10	8	7	11	6	11	9	7
Railway support staff (ticket hall staff, engineers etc.)																							
	Strongly support	16	15	3	32	19	23	8	16	13	19	17	15	8	18	11	15	10	17	18	11	21	12
	Tend to support	24	23	13	34	28	30	17	23	24	23	26	24	19	24	22	23	21	31	24	21	27	21
	TOTAL SUPPORT	40	38	16	66	47	53	25	39	37	42	43	39	27	42	33	38	31	48	42	32	48	33
	Tend to oppose	23	25	28	17	27	23	28	23	27	23	24	24	30	25	26	25	29	22	26	24	23	26
	Strongly oppose	25	27	47	10	12	17	41	28	25	17	22	29	37	24	30	27	28	19	24	32	19	31
	TOTAL OPPOSE	48	52	75	27	39	40	69	51	52	40	46	53	67	49	56	52	57	41	50	56	42	57
	Don't know	12	10	8	7	14	8	7	10	10	18	11	8	6	9	12	10	12	11	8	12	11	10
GPs																							
	Strongly support	18	19	8	35	24	26	12	19	19	25	23	17	12	22	15	19	14	20	22	16	25	18
	Tend to support	22	24	16	34	27	30	18	24	25	25	27	23	22	25	24	24	23	25	26	22	28	23
	TOTAL SUPPORT	40	43	24	69	51	56	30	43	44	50	50	40	34	47	39	43	37	45	48	38	53	41
	Tend to oppose	20	22	27	14	23	21	25	22	23	18	19	26	27	21	24	22	25	24	21	21	19	24
	Strongly oppose	30	26	44	12	13	17	40	27	25	17	21	29	36	25	27	26	29	21	25	31	20	27
	TOTAL OPPOSE	50	48	71	26	36	38	65	49	48	35	40	55	63	46	51	48	54	45	46	52	39	51
	Don't know	10	8	5	5	13	7	4	8	8	16	10	5	4	6	11	8	8	11	6	10	9	8
Train drivers																							
	Strongly support	14	13	2	28	17	19	7	14	12	17	15	12	7	15	9	13	10	14	15	10	17	10
	Tend to support	21	21	10	34	21	28	13	19	22	22	23	22	14	21	20	20	16	28	23	17	26	17
	TOTAL SUPPORT	35	34	12	62	38	47	20	33	34	39	38	34	21	36	29	33	26	42	38	27	43	27
	Tend to oppose	22	24	24	17	26	24	24	22	26	22	24	24	25	24	24	23	25	27	26	21	18	25
	Strongly oppose	32	34	58	15	26	22	52	38	31	24	28	35	49	33	36	35	41	20	29	40	29	39
	TOTAL OPPOSE	54	58	82	32	52	46	76	60	57	46	52	59	74	57	60	58	66	47	55	61	47	64
	Don't know	11	9	6	6	10	7	5	8	10	15	11	7	5	7	11	9	7	11	7	12	9	9
University staff																							
	Strongly support	12	12	2	26	15	18	6	13	11	16	15	12	6	15	9	12	11	17	14	10	16	9
	Tend to support	20	22	10	35	29	31	13	21	22	23	25	20	15	23	20	22	15	25	22	17	32	20
	TOTAL SUPPORT	32	34	12	61	44	49	19	34	33	39	40	32	21	38	29	34	26	42	36	27	48	29
	Tend to oppose	26	26	29	18	29	24	28	24	27	24	24	25	30	25	26	26	30	23	25	29	21	26
	Strongly oppose	30	30	51	14	17	18	46	32	29	20	23	35	42	28	33	31	35	21	30	32	23	34
	TOTAL OPPOSE	56	56	80	32	46	42	74	56	56	44	47	60	72	53	59	57	65	44	55	61	44	60
	Don't know	13	11	8	7	10	8	8	10	11	16	13	8	6	9	13	10	9	14	9	12	8	11

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Thinking about the number of nurses employed by the NHS, which of the following best reflects your view?																						
There are more than enough nurses to provide safe care to patients	2	3	3	1	6	2	3	4	3	6	3	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	8	2	
There are enough nurses to provide safe care to patients	10	13	21	7	8	9	16	16	10	16	10	13	16	11	16	13	13	13	13	16	13	11
There are too few nurses to provide safe care to patients	77	71	64	84	77	81	69	65	77	58	72	73	73	75	66	71	69	71	73	67	64	74
Don't know	11	13	13	8	9	8	12	15	10	19	14	11	9	11	15	12	14	14	11	14	15	12
Imagine you had a loved one, or friend receiving treatment in an NHS hospital. How confident, if at all, would you be that the care and treatment they receive would be of a good standard?																						
Very confident	7	8	9	4	12	8	10	10	6	8	6	9	9	7	9	7	8	10	9	6	8	7
Quite confident	42	45	46	47	46	47	45	48	43	50	40	45	52	45	46	45	45	50	44	40	47	46
TOTAL CONFIDENT	49	53	55	51	58	55	55	58	49	58	46	54	61	52	55	52	53	60	53	46	55	53
Not very confident	33	30	28	34	26	33	28	26	34	23	34	30	27	32	29	31	31	24	31	32	29	31
Not at all confident	13	10	12	10	6	9	14	9	11	4	11	12	9	11	9	10	11	9	11	12	9	9
TOTAL NOT CONFIDENT	46	40	40	44	32	42	42	35	45	27	45	42	36	43	38	41	42	33	42	44	38	40
Don't know	6	7	5	5	9	4	4	8	6	15	8	5	3	6	8	7	5	8	5	10	7	7

Sample Size: 2029 adults in GB
Fieldwork: 9th - 11th June 2023

	Vote in 2019 GE			EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age				Social Grade		Country			Region in England					
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	England	Wales	Scotland	North	Midlands	London	Rest of South	
Weighted Sample	2029	663	491	172	715	756	982	1047	213	838	501	477	1157	872	1751	101	177	489	337	246	680	
Unweighted Sample	2029	672	486	184	792	798	898	1131	172	821	508	528	1208	821	1738	112	179	495	346	205	692	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

To what extent, if at all, would you support or oppose a pay rise for nurses in the UK?

Strongly support	45	28	67	55	57	36	44	46	47	48	44	41	48	42	45	42	47	48	40	48	45
Tend to support	37	49	25	36	33	44	36	38	23	35	39	45	37	36	37	33	36	36	38	35	38
TOTAL SUPPORT	82	77	92	91	90	80	80	84	70	83	83	86	85	78	82	75	83	84	78	83	83
Tend to oppose	7	12	3	2	3	10	8	6	7	6	8	8	7	7	7	14	4	6	6	7	8
Strongly oppose	3	4	1	1	2	4	3	3	3	2	4	2	2	4	3	1	2	3	6	1	2
TOTAL OPPOSE	10	16	4	3	5	14	11	9	10	8	12	10	9	11	10	15	6	9	12	8	10
Don't know	8	7	4	6	5	5	9	7	20	9	5	4	6	11	8	10	11	7	10	9	7

*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.