

YouGov / Rail Delivery Group Survey Results

Sample Size: 1678 adults in GB
Fieldwork: 14th - 15th June 2022

	Vote in 2019 GE				EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region				
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From what you have seen or heard, would you support or oppose the RMT rail union going on strike over pay and conditions this summer?

Strongly support	9	4	18	9	13	6	10	8	8	11	10	4	10	7	12	8	5	10	13
Tend to support	16	7	27	23	23	9	18	14	19	17	17	10	16	14	16	15	15	16	16
TOTAL SUPPORT	25	11	45	32	36	15	28	22	27	28	27	14	26	21	28	23	20	26	29
Neither support nor oppose	21	15	21	20	20	18	19	22	18	21	20	21	18	23	17	18	26	19	26
Tend to oppose	14	17	12	15	14	16	14	14	9	13	14	18	14	13	14	13	16	13	14
Strongly oppose	25	47	8	22	17	39	27	22	5	17	30	42	27	22	27	28	20	24	19
TOTAL OPPOSE	39	64	20	37	31	55	41	36	14	30	44	60	41	35	41	41	36	37	33
Don't know	17	10	15	12	13	12	12	21	40	21	9	6	14	20	15	17	17	18	12

And thinking about the current situation, do you think it is or is not an appropriate time for rail workers to take strike action?

Is an appropriate time	24	10	43	35	35	14	28	21	30	28	26	12	27	21	26	25	20	24	28
Is not an appropriate time	49	71	29	40	38	64	50	49	32	41	51	70	49	49	49	51	50	47	44
Don't know	27	19	27	25	27	22	23	30	38	31	22	18	24	31	24	24	29	29	28

The RMT rail union leadership is asking for a 11% pay rise for rail workers this year – do you think this is reasonable or unreasonable at the present time?

Reasonable	26	12	46	28	35	16	25	27	37	31	23	15	27	24	29	26	23	26	26
Unreasonable	52	74	32	51	44	67	57	47	28	43	60	70	55	47	50	54	52	49	51
Don't know	23	15	22	21	21	16	19	26	36	26	17	15	17	29	21	20	25	25	23

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And do you think a pay rise of 11% would or would not be 'affordable' at the present time?

Would be affordable	17	6	33	18	24	9	18	15	23	20	17	8	18	15	20	17	14	15	19
Would not be affordable	57	79	37	54	48	73	60	54	35	49	62	76	60	52	52	58	60	54	56
Don't know	27	16	30	28	28	17	22	31	42	32	21	16	22	33	28	24	26	30	25

During the coronavirus restrictions, the Government spent additional money on supporting the railways. Now the coronavirus restrictions are over, do you think...

The extra Government money spent on the railways should continue at its current level	26	13	41	33	33	16	29	24	50	25	24	18	29	22	30	24	29	25	27
The extra Government money spent on the railways should be reduced	46	67	31	42	37	63	49	42	12	42	53	59	47	44	47	49	44	44	41
Don't know	28	20	28	26	29	21	22	34	38	32	23	22	24	34	23	28	28	31	32

At the present time the majority of rail workers are not contractually required to work on a Sunday, when rail services rely on workers volunteering to work weekend shifts. Which of the following best reflects your view?

Conditions should be changed so more rail workers are contracted to work at weekends, rather than rely on volunteers	59	69	54	65	60	65	60	58	43	55	60	70	62	54	57	59	61	55	65
Rail workers should continue to be able to choose whether or not to work weekend shifts	24	19	31	25	27	22	25	23	25	24	29	19	24	24	29	24	22	24	20
Not sure	17	12	15	10	13	13	15	19	32	21	11	11	15	21	14	17	17	21	15