

# YouGov / Refuge Survey Results

Sample Size: 2175 Adults in the UK  
Fieldwork: 18th - 19th February 2026

	Vote in 2024 GE					EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age				Socio-economic classification (NS-SEC)			
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Reform UK	Green	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	Higher	Intermediate	Routine
<b>Weighted Sample</b>	<b>2175</b>	378	539	196	228	120	770	774	1055	1120	228	898	539	509	735	487	650
<b>Unweighted Sample</b>	<b>2175</b>	349	546	202	229	128	838	754	947	1228	200	855	574	546	802	492	564
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Generally speaking, how safe or unsafe do you think most people feel in their own home?

Very safe	11	14	12	15	7	17	15	10	14	9	10	12	12	10	13	14	9
Fairly safe	74	75	79	75	68	77	76	73	72	75	76	74	73	74	77	70	73
<b>TOTAL SAFE</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>82</b>
Fairly unsafe	8	7	4	5	15	3	5	10	6	9	9	6	7	10	6	8	9
Very unsafe	2	1	1	1	4	1	1	3	2	2	1	2	3	1	3	2	2
<b>TOTAL UNSAFE</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>
Don't know	5	2	4	4	5	2	4	4	5	6	4	7	4	4	3	6	7

To the best of your knowledge, in which of the following places do you think it is MOST common that a woman will be abused?

In their own home	57	51	65	65	49	71	67	50	52	62	60	59	61	48	63	58	50
On the street	10	8	9	7	12	9	7	10	11	9	17	11	8	6	9	7	11
In the workplace	4	6	3	2	1	4	4	3	5	3	3	3	4	6	3	5	5
On public transport	5	7	4	4	9	5	4	6	6	4	6	4	5	6	5	5	6
In public buildings	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
In outdoor public spaces e.g. parks	14	20	11	13	17	8	11	20	13	15	6	11	12	24	11	14	17
Somewhere else	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Don't know	10	9	7	8	12	3	7	10	12	7	7	11	9	9	8	11	10

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<b>Unweighted Sample</b>	<b>2175</b>	1795	123	192	65	518	390	107	780
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

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Fairly safe	<b>74</b>	75	67	72	66	71	75	76	77
<b>TOTAL SAFE</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>90</b>
Fairly unsafe	<b>8</b>	7	8	7	10	10	9	4	6
Very unsafe	<b>2</b>	2	1	3	3	2	3	2	1
<b>TOTAL UNSAFE</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
Don't know	<b>5</b>	5	10	5	9	6	6	7	3

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In their own home	<b>57</b>	56	57	64	69	55	56	57	57
On the street	<b>10</b>	10	13	6	6	11	12	11	8
In the workplace	<b>4</b>	4	5	4	6	5	3	2	5
On public transport	<b>5</b>	5	2	4	0	5	6	6	5
In public buildings	<b>0</b>	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
In outdoor public spaces e.g. parks	<b>14</b>	14	10	13	12	13	13	12	16
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Before taking this survey, how much, if anything, had you heard or seen about technology such as smart devices being used by domestic abusers to monitor, manipulate or control someone in their own home?

I had heard or seen a lot about this	<b>6</b>	5	8	5	3	8	7	4	4	8	9	7	5	4	7	7	3
I had heard or seen a fair amount about this	<b>18</b>	15	21	18	13	22	19	16	15	20	25	19	18	14	20	16	16
I had heard or seen a little about this	<b>34</b>	34	36	46	31	30	38	33	35	33	36	32	36	35	37	36	30
<b>TOTAL HAD HEARD OR SEEN ANYTHING ABOUT THIS</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>49</b>
I had not heard or seen anything about this	<b>42</b>	46	35	31	54	40	36	47	45	39	31	43	41	47	36	42	51

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I had heard or seen a fair amount about this	<b>18</b>	18	11	20	19	19	18	18	18
I had heard or seen a little about this	<b>34</b>	34	45	33	35	31	31	36	35
<b>TOTAL HAD HEARD OR SEEN ANYTHING ABOUT THIS</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>59</b>
I had not heard or seen anything about this	<b>42</b>	42	40	41	36	45	45	39	40

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