

YouGov / Refuge Survey Results

Sample Size: 1051 Females in England and Wales

Fieldwork: 12th - 15th January 2024

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If you witnessed an incident of violence against women or girls (VAWG), how likely or unlikely would you be to report it to the police?

[Asked only to females in England or Wales; n=1051]

Very likely	60	63	64	56	65	60	60	45	61	64	60	63	56	60	61	57	57	59	64
Fairly likely	28	27	28	38	27	28	28	37	27	28	27	26	31	28	32	31	26	30	26
TOTAL LIKELY	88	90	92	94	92	88	88	82	88	92	87	89	87	88	93	88	83	89	90
Fairly unlikely	3	3	4	2	2	4	3	6	4	2	3	4	2	3	0	4	6	2	2
Very unlikely	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	0
TOTAL UNLIKELY	4	4	4	2	2	5	4	7	5	2	3	5	3	4	0	5	7	4	2
Don't know	7	6	3	4	5	8	7	11	7	5	9	6	9	8	7	7	10	7	7

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In the previous question you said you would be unlikely to report an incidence of violence against women or girls (VAWG) to the police if witnessed. Why is that? Please tick all that apply.

[Asked only to those who said they would be unlikely to report an incidence of VAWG; n=41]

Because I wouldn't want to get involved	37	26	9	100	44	18	37	55	44	29	10	33	44	37	0	51	19	0	63
Because I would be scared of consequences	33	29	29	0	0	39	33	30	27	56	33	30	38	33	0	41	33	34	21
Because I don't trust the police to take violence against women and girls seriously	19	14	17	0	27	9	19	44	13	32	0	20	17	19	0	17	17	0	35
Because it would be too complicated or time consuming	16	0	30	0	17	17	16	30	16	0	17	17	14	16	0	12	17	0	30
Because I would never report anyone to the police	3	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	3	12	0	2	5	3	0	9	0	0	0
Some other reason [See Tab 1]	16	20	21	0	0	21	16	30	15	0	18	20	9	16	0	22	21	17	0
Don't know	14	20	21	0	28	14	14	0	20	0	22	11	20	14	0	5	14	49	8

How much, if at all, do you trust the police to handle the issue of violence against women and girls (VAWG)?

[Asked only to females in England or Wales; n=1051]

A lot	8	12	4	7	6	11	8	3	8	11	8	9	8	8	8	9	7	6	10
A fair amount	45	50	40	57	47	48	45	32	42	47	52	45	45	45	43	47	45	36	47
TOTAL A LOT / FAIR AMOUNT	53	62	44	64	53	59	53	35	50	58	60	54	53	53	51	56	52	42	57
Not very much	33	26	43	28	36	27	33	51	33	32	28	33	33	33	34	34	34	42	30
Not at all	6	4	10	3	7	5	6	6	9	4	2	7	5	6	7	5	4	5	8
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NOT AT ALL	39	30	53	31	43	32	39	57	42	36	30	40	38	39	41	39	38	47	38
Don't know	7	8	3	5	3	9	7	7	7	5	9	6	9	7	8	6	11	11	5

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And has your trust in the police to handle the issue of violence against women and girls (VAWG) gone up or down over the last 12 months, or stayed the same?

[Asked only to females in England or Wales; n=1051]

Gone up a lot	2	2	1	3	1	2	2	4	2	2	1	2	2	2	0	2	2	3	2
Gone up a little	5	5	8	1	6	5	5	3	7	4	4	6	4	5	1	7	7	8	2
TOTAL GONE UP	7	7	9	4	7	7	7	7	9	6	5	8	6	7	1	9	9	11	4
Stayed the same	58	63	51	59	56	64	58	54	53	59	65	56	60	57	65	62	56	43	59
Gone down a little	16	14	22	20	20	14	16	13	16	19	14	17	15	16	15	14	17	21	15
Gone down a lot	9	8	11	8	10	9	9	10	10	8	10	10	8	9	5	6	6	11	13
TOTAL GONE DOWN	25	22	33	28	30	23	25	23	26	27	24	27	23	25	20	20	23	32	28
Don't know	10	7	7	10	7	6	10	17	13	7	6	9	11	10	14	10	11	13	8

In the previous question you said that your level of trust in the police to handle the issue of violence against women and girls (VAWG) has gone down in the last 12 months. Why is that? Please tick all that apply.

[Asked only to those whose level of trust in police to handle VAWG has gone down; n=275]

Because of crimes committed by police officers like David Carrick and Wayne Couzens	73	68	79	87	82	66	73	79	78	72	64	80	63	74	62	66	63	87	77
Because of reports of sexist behaviour by police officers	69	67	77	81	79	64	69	54	69	70	75	73	63	70	55	66	73	82	66
Because of the police not taking complaints of harassment or violence against police officers seriously	51	50	52	50	51	50	51	43	54	47	54	57	42	51	55	47	49	61	50
Because the police have not been receiving enough funding	22	18	23	21	27	22	22	5	22	27	22	25	17	22	18	21	31	16	21
Because the police have been focusing on other crimes or other issues	18	25	7	13	11	26	18	17	13	18	27	19	17	18	14	20	25	10	18
Because of my own personal experiences with the police	11	7	13	8	9	9	11	21	13	10	3	11	10	10	33	15	9	8	8
Some other reason [See Tab 2]	6	10	2	4	5	5	6	0	8	5	5	7	4	6	0	4	2	7	9
Don't know	1	0	3	0	0	3	1	5	0	4	0	0	3	1	0	2	6	0	0

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Imagine that a policy of immediate suspension from duty for any police officer or staff member accused of violence against women or girls (VAWG) was introduced. How much, if at all, do you think this policy would increase trust in the police amongst women

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A lot	15	18	13	14	16	17	15	12	15	16	18	15	15	15	24	13	13	14	17
A fair amount	44	42	48	56	46	44	44	51	40	43	48	44	44	44	38	45	43	48	43
TOTAL A LOT / FAIR AMOUNT	59	60	61	70	62	61	59	63	55	59	66	59	59	59	62	58	56	62	60
Not very much	22	20	23	24	24	21	22	18	24	26	18	24	20	22	22	25	25	21	20
Not at all	2	4	1	2	1	3	2	1	3	3	2	3	2	3	0	2	3	2	3
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NOT AT ALL	24	24	24	26	25	24	24	19	27	29	20	27	22	25	22	27	28	23	23
Don't know	16	15	15	4	13	15	16	18	19	13	15	14	19	16	16	14	17	15	17

And how much progress, if any, do you think the police have made in addressing problems of sexism and misogyny among police officers over the last year?

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A lot	2	4	1	0	1	4	2	1	2	4	0	2	2	2	1	1	4	1	2
A fair amount	18	24	12	23	14	23	18	12	15	19	23	17	19	19	3	20	16	20	18
TOTAL A LOT / FAIR AMOUNT	20	28	13	23	15	27	20	13	17	23	23	19	21	21	4	21	20	21	20
Not very much	44	40	48	50	50	43	44	38	42	49	47	47	41	44	52	46	44	40	44
Not at all	9	6	16	7	12	5	9	11	14	6	3	11	7	9	7	7	8	12	10
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NOT AT ALL	53	46	64	57	62	48	53	49	56	55	50	58	48	53	59	53	52	52	54
Don't know	27	26	22	20	23	24	27	38	27	22	27	23	31	26	36	25	28	27	25

*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.