

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 506

Fieldwork: 13th - 17th June 2011

Total	Gender		Age					Region				
Base	Male	Female	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55+	North	Midlands	East	London	South

Looking ahead to the next 12 months...Do you think the local economic climate will improve, worsen or remain the same in terms of how it impacts on your business?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	386	120	6	32	100	147	221	73	83	62	70	170
Improve	22%	21%	27%	17%	19%	27%	26%	18%	18%	14%	13%	29%	30%
Remain the same	44%	45%	41%	33%	50%	46%	39%	46%	49%	51%	45%	37%	40%
Worsen	32%	33%	29%	33%	28%	24%	35%	35%	30%	35%	40%	31%	28%
Don't know	2%	1%	3%	17%	3%	3%	-	1%	3%	-	2%	3%	2%

And still looking ahead to the next 12 months...Do you expect your business to have more, less or about the same number of staff as it does now?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	386	120	6	32	100	147	221	73	83	62	70	170
More	16%	17%	13%	17%	25%	24%	23%	7%	14%	16%	13%	23%	19%
Less	13%	14%	10%	-	19%	18%	8%	14%	14%	14%	16%	11%	11%
The same	69%	67%	75%	67%	50%	56%	67%	79%	73%	66%	69%	63%	69%
Don't know	2%	2%	2%	17%	6%	2%	2%	0%	-	4%	2%	3%	1%

Which ONE of the following activities do you think should be the key priority for public expenditure for central government?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	386	120	6	32	100	147	221	73	83	62	70	170
Developing the skills of the workforce	36%	36%	33%	17%	25%	32%	38%	38%	37%	42%	31%	33%	37%
Job creation for the long term unemployed	34%	32%	41%	17%	38%	37%	30%	36%	40%	31%	34%	27%	35%
Building infrastructure for business (e.g. units that could be let for business, transport infrastructure etc.)	25%	26%	19%	50%	34%	22%	28%	21%	21%	19%	27%	31%	24%
Don't know	6%	5%	7%	17%	3%	9%	4%	5%	3%	7%	8%	9%	4%

Now thinking about local business rates...What proportion of your fixed costs do your business rates represent?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	386	120	6	32	100	147	221	73	83	62	70	170
A significant proportion	11%	11%	13%	17%	16%	8%	7%	15%	16%	8%	6%	7%	12%
A moderate proportion	22%	23%	18%	17%	31%	25%	19%	22%	14%	25%	26%	29%	21%
A small proportion	25%	27%	19%	17%	22%	19%	28%	26%	33%	27%	26%	23%	22%
Currently don't pay	29%	26%	38%	17%	13%	22%	33%	32%	25%	30%	26%	27%	29%
Don't know	13%	13%	12%	33%	19%	26%	13%	5%	12%	10%	16%	14%	15%

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Total	Business Size		
Base	Wales	Small	Medium

Looking ahead to the next 12 months...Do you think the local economic climate will improve, worsen or remain the same in terms of how it impacts on your business?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	48	382	124
Improve	22%	17%	21%	27%
Remain the same	44%	46%	45%	41%
Worsen	32%	38%	33%	31%
Don't know	2%	-	2%	1%

And still looking ahead to the next 12 months...Do you expect your business to have more, less or about the same number of staff as it does now?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	48	382	124
More	16%	6%	13%	28%
Less	13%	17%	9%	24%
The same	69%	75%	76%	47%
Don't know	2%	2%	2%	1%

Which ONE of the following activities do you think should be the key priority for public expenditure for central government?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	48	382	124
Developing the skills of the workforce	36%	27%	36%	35%
Job creation for the long term unemployed	34%	38%	34%	36%
Building infrastructure for business (e.g. units that could be let for business, transport infrastructure etc.)	25%	29%	24%	26%
Don't know	6%	6%	7%	2%

Now thinking about local business rates...What proportion of your fixed costs do your business rates represent?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	48	382	124
A significant proportion	11%	19%	12%	10%
A moderate proportion	22%	19%	19%	31%
A small proportion	25%	21%	21%	36%
Currently don't pay	29%	38%	38%	2%
Don't know	13%	4%	10%	21%

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Total	Approximately what was the turnover of your company in the UK in the last financial year? (Please give your best estimate)								
Base	First year of trading	Less than £25,000	£25,000 to £49,999	£50,000 to £99,999	£100,000 to £249,999	£250,000 to £499,999	£500,000 to £999,999	£1 million to £1.99 million	£2 million to £2.99 million

Looking ahead to the next 12 months...Do you think the local economic climate will improve, worsen or remain the same in terms of how it impacts on your business?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	17	57	31	53	51	43	26	26	16
Improve	22%	18%	18%	23%	17%	31%	26%	8%	27%	19%
Remain the same	44%	41%	44%	32%	57%	37%	40%	69%	35%	38%
Worsen	32%	29%	37%	39%	26%	31%	35%	23%	38%	44%
Don't know	2%	12%	2%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-

And still looking ahead to the next 12 months...Do you expect your business to have more, less or about the same number of staff as it does now?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	17	57	31	53	51	43	26	26	16
More	16%	12%	4%	13%	4%	18%	19%	8%	42%	25%
Less	13%	6%	4%	6%	11%	4%	16%	19%	19%	25%
The same	69%	76%	93%	81%	83%	73%	65%	65%	38%	50%
Don't know	2%	6%	-	-	2%	6%	-	8%	-	-

Which ONE of the following activities do you think should be the key priority for public expenditure for central government?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	17	57	31	53	51	43	26	26	16
Developing the skills of the workforce	36%	41%	37%	39%	38%	39%	40%	35%	27%	31%
Job creation for the long term unemployed	34%	35%	33%	32%	40%	39%	23%	35%	27%	38%
Building infrastructure for business (e.g. units that could be let for business, transport infrastructure etc.)	25%	24%	18%	23%	15%	20%	28%	31%	38%	31%
Don't know	6%	-	12%	6%	8%	2%	9%	-	8%	-

Now thinking about local business rates...What proportion of your fixed costs do your business rates represent?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	17	57	31	53	51	43	26	26	16
A significant proportion	11%	6%	7%	10%	8%	8%	23%	4%	27%	-
A moderate proportion	22%	18%	4%	10%	17%	18%	21%	58%	23%	38%
A small proportion	25%	-	11%	10%	17%	29%	33%	23%	31%	31%
Currently don't pay	29%	65%	72%	65%	51%	41%	16%	8%	4%	6%
Don't know	13%	12%	7%	6%	8%	4%	7%	8%	15%	25%

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Total	Approximately what was the turnover of your company in the UK in the last financial year? (Please give your best estimate)							
Base	£3 million to £4.99 million	£5 million to £9.99 million	£10 million to £19.99 million	£20 million to £34.99 million	£35 million to £49.99 million	£50 million or more	Don't know	Prefer not to say

Looking ahead to the next 12 months...Do you think the local economic climate will improve, worsen or remain the same in terms of how it impacts on your business?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	27	34	24	17	3	11	15	55
Improve	22%	26%	29%	25%	18%	33%	36%	27%	16%
Remain the same	44%	41%	35%	54%	59%	33%	27%	47%	44%
Worsen	32%	33%	32%	21%	24%	33%	36%	27%	36%
Don't know	2%	-	3%	-	-	-	-	-	4%

And still looking ahead to the next 12 months...Do you expect your business to have more, less or about the same number of staff as it does now?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	27	34	24	17	3	11	15	55
More	16%	26%	18%	33%	35%	33%	27%	13%	11%
Less	13%	19%	26%	25%	12%	-	18%	13%	11%
The same	69%	52%	56%	42%	53%	67%	55%	73%	76%
Don't know	2%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2%

Which ONE of the following activities do you think should be the key priority for public expenditure for central government?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	27	34	24	17	3	11	15	55
Developing the skills of the workforce	36%	41%	21%	42%	41%	33%	45%	20%	33%
Job creation for the long term unemployed	34%	22%	56%	29%	24%	33%	36%	47%	31%
Building infrastructure for business (e.g. units that could be let for business, transport infrastructure etc.)	25%	33%	21%	25%	35%	33%	18%	20%	29%
Don't know	6%	4%	3%	4%	-	-	-	13%	7%

Now thinking about local business rates...What proportion of your fixed costs do your business rates represent?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	27	34	24	17	3	11	15	55
A significant proportion	11%	15%	12%	4%	6%	-	18%	20%	15%
A moderate proportion	22%	33%	56%	29%	6%	-	9%	7%	22%
A small proportion	25%	37%	21%	46%	59%	33%	45%	20%	24%
Currently don't pay	29%	-	-	4%	-	-	-	-	25%
Don't know	13%	15%	12%	17%	29%	67%	27%	53%	15%

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Total	Which ONE of the following industry sectors do you work in/ does the company or organisation that you work for operate in?							
Base	Manufacturing	Construction	Retail	Financial services	Hospitality and leisure	Accountancy	Legal	IT & telecoms

Looking ahead to the next 12 months...Do you think the local economic climate will improve, worsen or remain the same in terms of how it impacts on your business?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	57	42	45	29	21	15	21	79
Improve	22%	26%	21%	4%	34%	10%	20%	29%	24%
Remain the same	44%	44%	50%	47%	31%	57%	40%	38%	49%
Worsen	32%	30%	29%	42%	34%	33%	40%	33%	25%
Don't know	2%	-	-	7%	-	-	-	-	1%

And still looking ahead to the next 12 months...Do you expect your business to have more, less or about the same number of staff as it does now?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	57	42	45	29	21	15	21	79
More	16%	28%	7%	7%	28%	10%	13%	14%	25%
Less	13%	12%	12%	16%	7%	29%	-	24%	11%
The same	69%	56%	79%	76%	66%	62%	87%	62%	62%
Don't know	2%	4%	2%	2%	-	-	-	-	1%

Which ONE of the following activities do you think should be the key priority for public expenditure for central government?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	57	42	45	29	21	15	21	79
Developing the skills of the workforce	36%	35%	26%	27%	38%	48%	33%	19%	38%
Job creation for the long term unemployed	34%	37%	45%	44%	21%	38%	33%	38%	32%
Building infrastructure for business (e.g. units that could be let for business, transport infrastructure etc.)	25%	26%	24%	22%	38%	14%	27%	33%	19%
Don't know	6%	2%	5%	7%	3%	-	7%	10%	11%

Now thinking about local business rates...What proportion of your fixed costs do your business rates represent?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	57	42	45	29	21	15	21	79
A significant proportion	11%	12%	17%	13%	14%	19%	13%	-	10%
A moderate proportion	22%	37%	29%	33%	14%	29%	20%	33%	11%
A small proportion	25%	39%	24%	9%	24%	24%	13%	33%	33%
Currently don't pay	29%	4%	19%	29%	28%	14%	53%	19%	35%
Don't know	13%	9%	12%	16%	21%	14%	-	14%	10%

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Total	Which ONE of the following industry sectors do you work in/ does the company or organisation that you work for operate in?					
Base	Media/ marketing/ advertising/ PR & sales	Medical & health services	Education	Transportation & distribution	Real estate	Other

Looking ahead to the next 12 months...Do you think the local economic climate will improve, worsen or remain the same in terms of how it impacts on your business?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	43	20	21	14	19	80
Improve	22%	23%	30%	24%	29%	16%	23%
Remain the same	44%	53%	20%	29%	21%	47%	45%
Worsen	32%	23%	45%	43%	50%	37%	30%
Don't know	2%	-	5%	5%	-	-	3%

And still looking ahead to the next 12 months...Do you expect your business to have more, less or about the same number of staff as it does now?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	43	20	21	14	19	80
More	16%	12%	5%	5%	21%	-	20%
Less	13%	16%	15%	24%	7%	21%	6%
The same	69%	72%	80%	62%	64%	79%	73%
Don't know	2%	-	-	10%	7%	-	1%

Which ONE of the following activities do you think should be the key priority for public expenditure for central government?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	43	20	21	14	19	80
Developing the skills of the workforce	36%	44%	40%	43%	14%	47%	38%
Job creation for the long term unemployed	34%	40%	30%	29%	36%	21%	29%
Building infrastructure for business (e.g. units that could be let for business, transport infrastructure etc.)	25%	12%	25%	24%	43%	32%	28%
Don't know	6%	5%	5%	5%	7%	-	6%

Now thinking about local business rates...What proportion of your fixed costs do your business rates represent?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	43	20	21	14	19	80
A significant proportion	11%	7%	10%	10%	29%	16%	6%
A moderate proportion	22%	19%	30%	14%	29%	16%	14%
A small proportion	25%	19%	10%	19%	14%	42%	24%
Currently don't pay	29%	35%	45%	43%	29%	16%	40%
Don't know	13%	21%	5%	14%	-	11%	16%

Total	Gender		Age					Region				
Base	Male	Female	18 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55+	North	Midlands	East	London	South

Currently business rates collected by councils are sent to central Government and then these funds are redistributed to councils to support local services. Which one of the following BEST describes what you would prefer to happen to your business rates after they have been collected by your council?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	386	120	6	32	100	147	221	73	83	62	70	170
Sent to Central Government and redistributed according to a nationally determined formula	20%	22%	15%	17%	16%	24%	20%	19%	23%	17%	19%	27%	18%
Retained by your council and distributed locally	66%	66%	67%	67%	63%	55%	65%	71%	64%	70%	71%	56%	68%
Don't know	14%	13%	18%	17%	22%	21%	15%	9%	12%	13%	10%	17%	15%

To what extent do you agree or disagree that your local council should have the power to lower business rates?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	386	120	6	32	100	147	221	73	83	62	70	170
Strongly agree	33%	35%	27%	17%	28%	17%	35%	41%	30%	41%	34%	26%	34%
Agree	48%	48%	48%	50%	56%	58%	46%	43%	53%	48%	45%	44%	47%
Disagree	5%	4%	10%	17%	-	9%	5%	5%	11%	1%	3%	9%	4%
Strongly disagree	4%	4%	1%	-	6%	5%	1%	4%	-	5%	6%	6%	3%
Don't know	10%	9%	14%	17%	9%	11%	13%	7%	5%	5%	11%	16%	12%

In 2014/15 the Treasury expects a surplus over what the government plans to give to councils in grants of around £2 billion. On which ONE of the following would you prefer this £2 billion to be spent on?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	386	120	6	32	100	147	221	73	83	62	70	170
Reducing national borrowing	40%	41%	35%	50%	38%	37%	44%	38%	30%	42%	40%	41%	42%
Increasing local spending	20%	20%	23%	-	28%	20%	20%	20%	19%	17%	23%	26%	17%
Divided equally between a reduction in business rates and an increase in local spending	37%	36%	39%	50%	31%	39%	33%	38%	40%	41%	32%	31%	38%
Don't know	4%	4%	3%	-	3%	4%	4%	3%	11%	-	5%	1%	3%

Total	Business Size		
Base	Wales	Small	Medium

Currently business rates collected by councils are sent to central Government and then these funds are redistributed to councils to support local services. Which one of the following BEST describes what you would prefer to happen to your business rates after they have been collected by your council?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	48	382	124
Sent to Central Government and redistributed according to a nationally determined formula	20%	21%	19%	24%
Retained by your council and distributed locally	66%	63%	66%	64%
Don't know	14%	17%	15%	12%

To what extent do you agree or disagree that your local council should have the power to lower business rates?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	48	382	124
Strongly agree	33%	33%	37%	23%
Agree	48%	50%	46%	54%
Disagree	5%	6%	4%	8%
Strongly disagree	4%	2%	3%	5%
Don't know	10%	8%	10%	10%

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Reducing national borrowing	40%	35%	38%	44%
Increasing local spending	20%	29%	21%	19%
Divided equally between a reduction in business rates and an increase in local spending	37%	33%	37%	36%
Don't know	4%	2%	4%	1%

Total	Approximately what was the turnover of your company in the UK in the last financial year? (Please give your best estimate)								
Base	First year of trading	Less than £25,000	£25,000 to £49,999	£50,000 to £99,999	£100,000 to £249,999	£250,000 to £499,999	£500,000 to £999,999	£1 million to £1.99 million	£2 million to £2.99 million

Currently business rates collected by councils are sent to central Government and then these funds are redistributed to councils to support local services. Which one of the following BEST describes what you would prefer to happen to your business rates after they have been collected by your council?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	17	57	31	53	51	43	26	26	16
Sent to Central Government and redistributed according to a nationally determined formula	20%	12%	14%	16%	26%	22%	14%	19%	23%	31%
Retained by your council and distributed locally	66%	71%	63%	71%	64%	61%	74%	77%	69%	63%
Don't know	14%	18%	23%	13%	9%	18%	12%	4%	8%	6%

To what extent do you agree or disagree that your local council should have the power to lower business rates?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	17	57	31	53	51	43	26	26	16
Strongly agree	33%	41%	32%	39%	32%	29%	49%	46%	38%	31%
Agree	48%	35%	44%	45%	53%	49%	40%	46%	58%	50%
Disagree	5%	-	11%	3%	6%	-	2%	-	4%	13%
Strongly disagree	4%	6%	4%	3%	-	10%	2%	-	-	-
Don't know	10%	18%	11%	10%	9%	12%	7%	8%	-	6%

In 2014/15 the Treasury expects a surplus over what the government plans to give to councils in grants of around £2 billion. On which ONE of the following would you prefer this £2 billion to be spent on?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	17	57	31	53	51	43	26	26	16
Reducing national borrowing	40%	41%	42%	32%	43%	37%	30%	23%	42%	19%
Increasing local spending	20%	29%	35%	23%	15%	24%	7%	27%	12%	19%
Divided equally between a reduction in business rates and an increase in local spending	37%	24%	19%	42%	36%	37%	56%	46%	38%	63%
Don't know	4%	6%	4%	3%	6%	2%	7%	4%	8%	-

Total	Approximately what was the turnover of your company in the UK in the last financial year? (Please give your best estimate)							
Base	£3 million to £4.99 million	£5 million to £9.99 million	£10 million to £19.99 million	£20 million to £34.99 million	£35 million to £49.99 million	£50 million or more	Don't know	Prefer not to say

Currently business rates collected by councils are sent to central Government and then these funds are redistributed to councils to support local services. Which one of the following BEST describes what you would prefer to happen to your business rates after they have been collected by your council?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	27	34	24	17	3	11	15	55
Sent to Central Government and redistributed according to a nationally determined formula	20%	15%	38%	8%	24%	-	36%	-	24%
Retained by your council and distributed locally	66%	78%	50%	79%	65%	33%	64%	80%	55%
Don't know	14%	7%	12%	13%	12%	67%	-	20%	22%

To what extent do you agree or disagree that your local council should have the power to lower business rates?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	27	34	24	17	3	11	15	55
Strongly agree	33%	37%	21%	33%	24%	-	18%	20%	33%
Agree	48%	48%	56%	46%	53%	67%	55%	60%	42%
Disagree	5%	4%	12%	4%	12%	-	9%	-	7%
Strongly disagree	4%	7%	9%	-	-	-	9%	-	4%
Don't know	10%	4%	3%	17%	12%	33%	9%	20%	15%

In 2014/15 the Treasury expects a surplus over what the government plans to give to councils in grants of around £2 billion. On which ONE of the following would you prefer this £2 billion to be spent on?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	27	34	24	17	3	11	15	55
Reducing national borrowing	40%	44%	26%	54%	59%	-	73%	60%	42%
Increasing local spending	20%	33%	24%	8%	18%	33%	9%	7%	18%
Divided equally between a reduction in business rates and an increase in local spending	37%	22%	50%	38%	24%	33%	18%	20%	38%
Don't know	4%	-	-	-	-	33%	-	13%	2%

Total	Which ONE of the following industry sectors do you work in/ does the company or organisation that you work for operate in?							
Base	Manufacturing	Construction	Retail	Financial services	Hospitality and leisure	Accountancy	Legal	IT & telecoms

Currently business rates collected by councils are sent to central Government and then these funds are redistributed to councils to support local services. Which one of the following BEST describes what you would prefer to happen to your business rates after they have been collected by your council?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	57	42	45	29	21	15	21	79
Sent to Central Government and redistributed according to a nationally determined formula	20%	16%	24%	11%	28%	19%	20%	33%	24%
Retained by your council and distributed locally	66%	77%	62%	71%	66%	76%	60%	52%	65%
Don't know	14%	7%	14%	18%	7%	5%	20%	14%	11%

To what extent do you agree or disagree that your local council should have the power to lower business rates?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	57	42	45	29	21	15	21	79
Strongly agree	33%	33%	45%	38%	31%	33%	47%	24%	29%
Agree	48%	54%	38%	44%	48%	52%	27%	48%	51%
Disagree	5%	-	5%	4%	7%	-	13%	14%	3%
Strongly disagree	4%	5%	-	4%	7%	-	-	10%	4%
Don't know	10%	7%	12%	9%	7%	14%	13%	5%	14%

In 2014/15 the Treasury expects a surplus over what the government plans to give to councils in grants of around £2 billion. On which ONE of the following would you prefer this £2 billion to be spent on?

All SME decision makers in England and Wales	506	57	42	45	29	21	15	21	79
Reducing national borrowing	40%	44%	38%	31%	55%	33%	40%	33%	52%
Increasing local spending	20%	11%	17%	29%	10%	19%	13%	29%	24%
Divided equally between a reduction in business rates and an increase in local spending	37%	46%	40%	36%	28%	48%	40%	33%	20%
Don't know	4%	-	5%	4%	7%	-	7%	5%	4%

Total	Which ONE of the following industry sectors do you work in/ does the company or organisation that you work for operate in?					
Base	Media/ marketing/ advertising/ PR & sales	Medical & health services	Education	Transportation & distribution	Real estate	Other

Currently business rates collected by councils are sent to central Government and then these funds are redistributed to councils to support local services. Which one of the following BEST describes what you would prefer to happen to your business rates after they have been collected by your council?

	506	43	20	21	14	19	80
All SME decision makers in England and Wales							
Sent to Central Government and redistributed according to a nationally determined formula	20%	26%	10%	24%	14%	32%	14%
Retained by your council and distributed locally	66%	58%	75%	52%	86%	53%	65%
Don't know	14%	16%	15%	24%	-	16%	21%

To what extent do you agree or disagree that your local council should have the power to lower business rates?

	506	43	20	21	14	19	80
All SME decision makers in England and Wales							
Strongly agree	33%	23%	45%	14%	57%	26%	35%
Agree	48%	51%	40%	62%	43%	58%	45%
Disagree	5%	9%	-	10%	-	11%	8%
Strongly disagree	4%	5%	5%	5%	-	5%	1%
Don't know	10%	12%	10%	10%	-	-	11%

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Don't know	4%	-	5%	10%	-	5%	4%