

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1695 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 27th - 28th August 2012

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Thinking about all types of crime, which, if any, of the following do you consider as the more serious types of crime? (Please tick all that apply)

Murder	90	93	91	92	91	92	93	88	92	85	87	92	94	92	88	87	89	91	95	87
Rape	87	90	85	91	87	87	91	86	88	84	85	89	89	89	85	86	86	89	87	88
Violent assault	80	87	78	82	83	76	84	81	79	76	74	83	84	82	78	77	83	80	78	83
Manslaughter	67	67	65	70	67	67	72	67	67	61	63	73	66	65	69	64	68	67	66	68
Arson	56	59	56	59	57	56	61	55	58	56	54	61	52	57	55	51	59	55	56	56
Hate crimes (e.g. race-related crime)	53	48	58	65	48	55	63	49	57	57	49	55	52	54	51	55	52	52	52	58
Driving under the influence of alcohol	50	49	54	41	50	53	52	45	54	35	38	54	61	47	53	43	52	49	50	52
Burglary	46	49	48	37	49	46	48	47	45	29	41	53	49	46	46	47	46	47	44	47
Theft from person (e.g. mugging, pick-pocketing etc.)	45	46	50	41	46	48	47	48	42	28	39	52	49	42	49	42	45	47	44	47
Drug law violations	29	32	30	25	34	29	25	29	29	22	21	36	31	26	33	30	27	31	28	36
Other crime	4	3	5	7	3	6	5	4	4	2	3	7	3	4	5	5	5	3	5	2
Don't know	3	1	3	0	2	2	2	4	2	9	5	2	1	2	4	7	4	2	1	5

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Thinking about your own personal experiences and regardless of whether or not you reported it to the police.

Have you ever personally been the victim of any of the following types of crime? (Please tick all that apply)

Verbal assault	26	23	28	21	23	25	27	28	23	29	28	25	23	25	26	26	30	29	20	21
Vehicle-related theft	24	22	26	25	23	24	26	29	19	8	16	30	31	27	21	19	23	23	30	24
Burglary	23	25	23	20	22	26	21	23	24	13	15	28	29	25	20	28	18	24	25	29
Threats of abuse/harm	19	16	21	18	16	19	21	22	15	21	21	18	16	17	21	17	18	23	17	17
Physical assault (e.g. being hit, slapped, pushed etc.)	18	14	19	22	13	19	22	25	12	16	25	18	13	17	20	20	15	19	19	22
Vandalism	16	16	17	15	18	20	14	21	11	2	15	18	18	15	17	12	18	14	15	19
Theft from person (e.g. mugging, pick-pocketing etc.)	15	12	16	18	13	16	17	16	13	17	17	14	12	16	13	22	15	16	11	9
Unwanted attention (non-contact) of a sexual nature (e.g. wolf-whistling, sexual comments, staring, exposure etc.)	14	14	14	21	12	12	18	2	26	27	19	12	8	15	13	17	17	12	11	15
Bicycle theft	9	7	10	15	7	13	11	12	7	3	11	11	9	9	9	10	9	10	10	8
Unwanted body/ physical contact of a sexual nature (not including rape)	8	6	7	7	7	6	9	2	13	7	8	10	5	8	8	11	8	8	6	8
Sexual assault i.e. rape	4	3	3	6	3	3	4	1	6	5	3	4	3	3	4	2	4	4	5	2
Prefer not to say	3	2	2	1	2	3	2	3	3	6	3	4	1	3	4	4	3	2	3	4
Arson	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	1	0
Other crime	5	4	5	2	5	5	5	6	4	2	6	6	3	5	5	5	4	7	5	5
Not applicable - I have never been a victim of any crime	26	27	27	24	26	28	24	22	30	33	28	21	28	26	26	25	26	27	27	27

And did you report this to the police?

[Only asked to those who have been victims of sexual assault n = 55]

Yes, I did	26	25	45	9	26	61	10	23	27	0	26	41	22	20	33	24	35	14	28	0
No, I didn't	61	70	30	91	69	34	65	36	66	61	74	44	73	62	61	76	61	82	53	0
Prefer not to say	13	5	24	0	5	5	25	41	8	39	0	15	4	18	6	0	3	4	19	100

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If you were the victim of a sexual assault, do you think you would or would not report this to the police?

[Only asked to those who said they had not reported a sexual assault n = 31]

Yes, I would probably report it to the police	38	73	31	18	58	21	33	0	42	81	18	42	33	43	32	17	43	56	22	0
No, I would probably not report it to the police	33	7	0	82	21	0	39	78	29	19	69	18	18	38	28	56	34	18	39	0
Not sure	25	6	69	0	5	79	27	22	26	0	13	41	38	19	32	27	23	26	27	0
Prefer not to say	4	15	0	0	15	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	12	0	8	0	0	0	12	0

Which ONE of the following best reflects your view?

All types of rape are equally serious - any case of someone being made to have sexual intercourse against their will is a serious crime	78	74	83	76	75	84	80	72	83	73	75	79	80	76	80	72	76	83	76	85
Some types of rape are more serious than others depending on whether the victim knows the attacker and how much violence is used	16	22	11	23	20	12	15	19	12	13	14	15	18	18	12	18	17	13	17	8
Neither	3	1	3	1	1	3	2	3	2	5	3	2	2	2	3	5	2	2	2	2
Don't know	4	3	2	0	4	2	3	6	3	8	8	3	1	4	5	4	4	3	5	4

Do you think there should be different legal categories of rape?

All rape should be treated as the same crime	67	61	73	70	64	73	70	64	70	62	64	68	71	65	70	67	65	70	65	73
There should be different legal categories of rape	25	34	19	23	31	20	20	27	23	25	25	26	24	27	23	25	25	23	28	21
Not sure	8	4	7	7	5	7	10	9	7	12	11	7	4	8	7	8	10	7	7	7

In general, how seriously, if at all, do you think the police treat allegations of sexual assault or rape?

Very seriously	25	30	25	27	27	26	24	33	18	27	27	28	19	26	24	25	26	23	25	28
Fairly seriously	45	48	43	39	46	43	44	44	45	39	43	46	47	46	43	40	44	49	45	45
TOTAL SERIOUSLY	70	78	68	66	73	69	68	77	63	66	70	74	66	72	67	65	70	72	70	73
Not very seriously	16	13	19	14	16	17	16	10	22	15	15	14	21	15	18	21	17	14	16	12
Not at all seriously	3	1	4	1	1	3	2	2	4	5	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3	2	1
TOTAL NOT SERIOUSLY	19	14	23	15	17	20	18	12	26	20	17	16	23	18	21	24	20	17	18	13
Don't know	11	8	10	19	10	12	13	11	12	14	13	10	10	10	13	12	10	11	12	14

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You previously said that you think police don't treat allegations of sexual assault or rape seriously.

Which ONE, if any, of the following do you think contributes MOST to this view?

[Only asked to those who said they thought the police did not treat allegations of sexual assault seriously n = 335]

Media reports/coverage of various cases	60	67	62	49	68	62	62	66	57	40	38	67	75	59	61	62	66	45	58	76
Second-hand experience (e.g. a friend telling you their experiences)	11	12	10	20	17	4	8	14	10	23	20	8	3	15	6	17	8	12	13	3
Charity and action group campaigns	9	9	7	13	8	8	13	6	10	6	8	7	11	10	7	7	10	15	4	0
First-hand experience with the police	7	7	10	8	3	13	5	9	6	1	17	7	3	6	9	3	9	6	7	17
Films, dramas	2	0	3	0	2	1	1	0	3	9	1	2	1	3	2	2	2	5	1	0
Other	4	2	4	2	2	6	7	2	6	0	6	3	6	3	5	7	2	0	9	4
Don't know	7	3	5	7	0	7	5	3	8	21	9	5	1	4	9	2	3	17	8	0

And how effective or ineffective do you think the police and justice system are at prosecuting people accused of sexual assault or rape?

Very effective	4	5	4	4	4	3	4	6	2	6	6	3	4	4	5	8	3	6	3	2
Fairly effective	30	38	27	29	35	31	26	34	26	23	29	33	29	31	28	29	31	27	32	26
TOTAL EFFECTIVE	34	43	31	33	39	34	30	40	28	29	35	36	33	35	33	37	34	33	35	28
Fairly ineffective	37	37	38	41	37	37	39	32	41	35	30	36	44	37	36	32	35	41	36	43
Very ineffective	13	9	17	9	10	15	14	12	14	10	14	13	13	13	13	13	14	8	15	16
TOTAL INEFFECTIVE	50	46	55	50	47	52	53	44	55	45	44	49	57	50	49	45	49	49	51	59
Don't know	16	12	14	17	14	14	17	15	18	26	20	16	11	14	19	18	17	19	14	14

According to figures from the Ministry of Justice, the 2010 criminal justice statistics show that the average sentence for rape of a woman was just over 97 months (i.e. just over 8 years).

Generally speaking, do you think that this sentence is too long, too short or about right for a rape case?

Too long	4	3	3	4	3	2	5	6	2	5	4	3	4	4	4	6	4	4	2	2
Too short	46	42	49	43	43	52	42	46	47	40	47	50	45	42	52	45	44	39	53	56
About right	38	47	36	40	45	34	37	37	39	41	34	36	41	43	31	31	42	43	33	28
Don't know	12	8	13	13	10	12	15	12	12	14	16	11	10	12	13	17	9	13	12	14

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To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements? (Please tick one option per row)

A man must threaten a woman with a gun, knife or fists in order for the act to be considered rape

Strongly agree	3	4	4	1	3	4	1	3	3	2	3	2	5	2	4	4	3	5	2	0
Tend to agree	4	5	4	9	5	4	2	6	2	5	5	4	4	4	4	8	4	4	3	3
TOTAL AGREE	7	9	8	10	8	8	3	9	5	7	8	6	9	6	8	12	7	9	5	3
Tend to disagree	11	10	10	12	13	8	13	12	9	3	11	10	13	12	9	9	12	7	13	9
Strongly disagree	78	79	77	76	77	80	79	72	83	82	74	81	75	78	77	74	77	79	77	84
TOTAL DISAGREE	89	89	87	88	90	88	92	84	92	85	85	91	88	90	86	83	89	86	90	93
Don't know	3	1	3	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	4	2	2	2	4	2	2	4	3	3
Prefer not to say	2	0	2	0	1	2	1	3	1	6	2	1	1	2	2	3	1	1	2	1

Rape cannot take place in a marriage because a husband has sexual rights over his wife

Strongly agree	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	1	3	2	2	2	2	2	4	2	3	1	0
Tend to agree	3	4	4	10	3	4	3	6	1	5	3	3	4	3	4	7	3	3	3	4
TOTAL AGREE	5	6	6	13	5	6	6	9	2	8	5	5	6	5	6	11	5	6	4	4
Tend to disagree	15	13	14	17	16	12	17	17	12	8	13	13	20	15	14	14	16	11	17	11
Strongly disagree	76	80	76	69	77	78	73	68	83	77	76	78	73	76	76	70	76	79	74	84
TOTAL DISAGREE	91	93	90	86	93	90	90	85	95	85	89	91	93	91	90	84	92	90	91	95
Don't know	3	1	2	2	2	2	3	4	2	3	4	3	1	2	3	3	2	2	4	1
Prefer not to say	2	0	2	0	1	2	0	3	1	4	3	1	0	1	2	3	2	1	1	1

Rape is an act of violence

Strongly agree	73	71	73	72	72	74	76	68	77	69	66	75	76	72	73	69	73	75	69	81
Tend to agree	19	26	18	25	22	17	18	23	16	21	22	18	18	20	18	21	20	19	19	14
TOTAL AGREE	92	97	91	97	94	91	94	91	93	90	88	93	94	92	91	90	93	94	88	95
Tend to disagree	2	1	3	2	1	3	1	2	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	3	1	1	3	1
Strongly disagree	3	2	3	1	2	2	3	2	3	1	3	3	3	3	2	4	2	1	3	4
TOTAL DISAGREE	5	3	6	3	3	5	4	4	5	2	6	5	5	5	4	7	3	2	6	5
Don't know	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	3	2	4	4	2	1	2	3	1	2	2	5	0
Prefer not to say	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	2	1	4	2	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	2	1

Rape is an act of sex

Strongly agree	18	19	16	13	22	20	15	20	16	14	15	16	24	17	18	17	18	19	15	21
Tend to agree	19	19	19	20	21	16	20	22	17	28	23	16	17	21	18	26	21	17	19	12
TOTAL AGREE	37	38	35	33	43	36	35	42	33	42	38	32	41	38	36	43	39	36	34	33
Tend to disagree	16	17	16	20	16	13	16	13	19	13	16	16	17	17	14	14	16	17	17	11
Strongly disagree	36	34	39	35	32	43	36	35	38	23	34	44	34	33	41	31	33	37	37	52
TOTAL DISAGREE	52	51	55	55	48	56	52	48	57	36	50	60	51	50	55	45	49	54	54	63
Don't know	9	10	7	11	9	6	12	8	9	16	9	7	7	10	7	9	9	9	9	4
Prefer not to say	2	1	3	0	1	3	1	3	1	6	2	1	1	2	2	3	2	1	3	1

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Rape can be when a woman unwillingly gives in to their boyfriend/partner/husband's desires

Strongly agree	18	17	21	22	17	20	20	17	19	18	18	17	18	18	23	18	19	14	17	
Tend to agree	34	38	36	38	37	34	36	34	34	26	33	33	39	36	32	36	34	34	33	36
TOTAL AGREE	52	55	57	60	54	54	56	51	53	44	51	51	56	54	50	59	52	53	47	53
Tend to disagree	22	22	18	23	22	18	24	22	22	25	21	21	24	23	21	19	24	18	26	19
Strongly disagree	12	13	10	7	12	15	8	13	12	9	12	14	12	10	16	8	12	14	13	12
TOTAL DISAGREE	34	35	28	30	34	33	32	35	34	34	33	35	36	33	37	27	36	32	39	31
Don't know	12	10	14	9	10	12	11	11	12	19	12	13	7	11	12	13	10	14	11	14
Prefer not to say	2	0	2	1	2	2	1	3	1	4	3	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2

It isn't rape if a woman is very drunk when it happens

Strongly agree	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	2	3	2	1	1	2	2	2	3	1	1
Tend to agree	4	5	4	5	4	2	6	7	1	11	3	3	4	4	4	9	5	2	4	1
TOTAL AGREE	6	7	6	7	6	4	7	9	2	13	6	5	5	5	6	11	7	5	5	2
Tend to disagree	18	21	16	19	23	16	16	22	14	13	20	17	20	18	17	17	18	17	20	14
Strongly disagree	69	68	71	67	66	71	70	58	79	66	63	73	70	70	67	64	69	70	66	79
TOTAL DISAGREE	87	89	87	86	89	87	86	80	93	79	83	90	90	88	84	81	87	87	86	93
Don't know	6	4	7	6	5	7	6	8	4	3	10	6	5	5	8	6	5	7	7	5
Prefer not to say	2	0	2	0	1	2	1	3	1	6	2	1	0	2	1	2	1	1	2	1

If a woman dresses a certain way, she is responsible for her own rape

Strongly agree	2	2	3	1	2	2	3	3	1	4	2	2	1	1	3	2	1	4	1	0
Tend to agree	7	9	6	5	8	4	5	9	4	8	4	4	13	7	7	9	8	7	5	1
TOTAL AGREE	9	11	9	6	10	6	8	12	5	12	6	6	14	8	10	11	9	11	6	1
Tend to disagree	20	26	16	34	26	15	21	22	18	15	18	19	26	21	19	21	22	17	21	17
Strongly disagree	66	62	70	56	61	74	67	59	73	67	70	71	58	67	65	63	64	66	67	80
TOTAL DISAGREE	86	88	86	90	87	89	88	81	91	82	88	90	84	88	84	84	86	83	88	97
Don't know	3	2	3	4	2	2	4	4	2	3	4	4	3	3	4	3	3	3	4	1
Prefer not to say	2	0	2	0	1	3	0	2	1	4	2	1	0	1	2	2	1	2	1	1

It is impossible to eradicate rape entirely in Britain

Strongly agree	25	29	21	12	29	22	23	27	23	21	28	25	24	25	25	22	28	26	21	24
Tend to agree	48	48	48	62	48	45	51	48	47	50	42	47	53	49	46	52	46	43	52	44
TOTAL AGREE	73	77	69	74	77	67	74	75	70	71	70	72	77	74	71	74	74	69	73	68
Tend to disagree	9	7	11	12	7	10	11	8	10	8	12	8	8	10	8	11	8	11	7	8
Strongly disagree	8	8	8	4	9	9	4	8	8	8	8	7	8	7	8	6	7	8	8	12
TOTAL DISAGREE	17	15	19	16	16	19	15	16	18	16	20	15	16	17	16	17	15	19	15	20
Don't know	9	6	10	10	6	11	11	8	11	7	8	12	7	8	11	7	8	11	10	11
Prefer not to say	2	1	2	0	1	2	0	3	1	6	2	1	0	2	2	2	1	1	2	1

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Weighted Sample 1695	X	X	X	535	404	369	824	871	205	432	580	478	966	729	217	551	363	417	147	
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Which, if any, of the following do you think are better alternatives to imprisonment for people convicted of rape? (Please tick all that apply)

Other rehabilitation centre	11	11	11	10	10	10	12	11	11	17	14	9	9	11	11	14	12	11	8	14
Community service	6	5	7	10	4	6	8	6	6	10	7	4	6	7	5	8	6	6	5	6
Voluntary work	4	2	5	5	2	3	6	4	3	6	6	3	2	5	2	5	4	2	2	5
Faith-based rehabilitation	3	2	2	7	2	2	3	4	2	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4	2	3
Other	6	8	3	7	8	4	5	7	5	3	8	6	7	6	7	6	6	7	7	8
Not applicable - I don't think there are any better alternatives to imprisonment for people convicted of rape	72	75	75	68	73	76	71	68	75	66	63	77	77	72	72	64	72	73	75	72
Don't know	6	3	5	6	5	5	7	8	5	9	9	6	2	7	6	10	5	6	7	4

How likely, if at all, do you think that a person who has been charged with rape will commit this crime again?

Very likely	23	18	22	18	20	21	25	20	25	16	21	21	28	18	29	20	23	23	21	26
Fairly likely	53	61	56	48	57	55	48	52	53	50	49	57	52	55	50	49	52	56	52	57
TOTAL LIKELY	76	79	78	66	77	76	73	72	78	66	70	78	80	73	79	69	75	79	73	83
Not very likely	5	7	5	8	7	5	5	6	5	9	5	4	5	6	4	7	3	6	6	3
Not at all likely	1	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0
TOTAL NOT LIKELY	6	7	6	10	7	5	6	7	5	11	6	4	5	7	4	8	3	6	8	3
Don't know	19	13	17	24	16	18	21	21	16	23	24	17	14	20	16	24	21	15	18	14

Which ONE, if any, of the following groups do you think is the MOST effective in tackling crime in your local area?

The police	57	65	55	57	60	55	57	61	52	56	55	57	58	58	55	56	57	57	56	57
Police community support officers	10	9	12	7	9	12	10	8	11	3	7	12	12	9	10	7	9	10	12	10
Neighbourhood Watch groups	5	5	5	6	5	5	7	5	4	0	4	4	8	5	4	7	6	4	4	3
Individuals	5	6	5	5	7	4	3	6	5	4	6	6	5	5	6	3	4	8	6	6
Other local services (e.g. education groups, community groups etc.)	2	2	2	4	3	2	2	2	3	5	3	1	2	3	2	2	3	1	2	2
Local council/councillors	1	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	4	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
None of these	7	5	6	6	6	6	5	7	6	8	6	7	7	5	9	5	7	5	6	12
Don't know	14	9	14	15	10	15	15	10	17	19	18	13	9	14	14	20	14	14	13	9

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Which ONE of the following statements comes CLOSEST to your view?

'If a woman has been raped, it is acceptable for her to take personal violent action against her rapist after the attack'	33	30	34	24	34	33	27	34	33	31	38	28	36	30	38	32	34	31	37	32
'A woman who has been raped and has taken personal violent action against her rapist after the attack should be convicted accordingly'	17	19	16	29	17	14	22	23	11	20	22	18	10	19	13	19	18	18	13	16
Neither	34	37	36	37	35	35	37	28	39	29	25	37	41	35	33	36	34	34	32	35
Don't know	16	14	15	11	14	18	15	15	17	20	15	17	13	16	16	14	14	17	18	18

And which ONE of the following statements comes CLOSEST to your view?

'There is no excuse for groups to violently attack men who are suspected rapists. It should be left to the police/authorities to deal with'	73	80	72	83	78	68	81	76	70	70	71	71	79	78	67	70	78	72	70	71
'It's acceptable for a group of women to take violent action against men who are suspected rapists in order to deter others who think they can follow their actions'	7	3	9	2	4	9	3	8	7	10	9	7	5	5	11	7	6	7	9	8
Neither	12	11	12	10	11	14	10	8	15	10	8	15	12	11	13	13	9	13	13	12
Don't know	8	7	7	4	8	8	6	8	8	9	12	8	4	7	10	10	7	8	8	9

Before today, which, if any, of the following groups have you ever heard of? (Please tick all that apply)

The Guardian Angels	35	36	39	32	39	39	36	38	33	4	21	48	46	33	38	37	34	36	40	23
Mothers Against Murder and Aggression (MAMAA)	14	13	15	15	13	15	17	10	17	6	11	16	18	13	15	13	12	13	18	11
The Dark Angels	2	2	1	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	3	2	1	2	2	1	1	4	1	1
The Pink Sari Gang	1	0	1	5	1	0	2	1	2	3	3	0	1	2	1	3	1	0	2	4
The Gulabi Gang	1	1	1	4	0	1	2	1	1	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	1
None of these	58	60	53	59	57	54	55	56	59	87	69	47	49	59	56	58	59	59	51	70

**Any percentages calculated on bases fewer than 50 respondents do not represent a wide enough cross-section of the target population to be considered statistically reliable. These figures will be italicised.*