YouGov / Right to Childhood Survey Results

Sample size: 2088 adults in UK

Fieldwork: 5th - 6th November 2026

		Vote in 2024 GE					EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age				Socio-economic classification (NS-SEC)		
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Of the following which, if any, do you think are most important for a child to have a good childhood? Please select up to three.																	
Feeling safe and protected	**75**	72	74	84	69	81	77	71	67	83	73	79	71	74	77	78	72
Being loved and cared for	**73**	71	74	74	65	72	75	70	67	78	64	73	72	76	75	70	71
Stable relationships with family or other trusted adults	**53**	54	56	51	58	59	52	54	52	55	59	53	52	52	56	52	53
Going to school / getting an education	**51**	55	49	50	51	58	52	50	52	50	57	44	53	59	52	48	51
Time to play	**15**	13	18	12	17	15	16	17	18	12	8	16	15	15	14	13	18
Having friends	**14**	12	11	10	18	8	10	14	19	9	17	15	15	8	11	15	16
Other *[See Tab 1]*	**1**	2	1	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	2	1
Don't know	**2**	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	3
Overall, do you think the UK is a good or bad place for children to grow up in today?																	
Very good	**7**	9	8	10	3	7	9	5	10	5	14	5	8	7	7	8	6
Fairly good	**40**	43	48	51	20	44	48	34	38	42	39	41	37	43	49	39	33
TOTAL GOOD	**47**	**52**	**56**	**61**	**23**	**51**	**57**	**39**	**48**	**47**	**53**	**46**	**45**	**50**	**56**	**47**	**39**
Neither good nor bad	**26**	25	25	19	28	24	25	30	26	25	22	24	27	30	24	26	29
Fairly bad	**19**	19	13	16	33	17	15	20	18	19	19	21	18	15	16	19	20
Very bad	**6**	4	5	1	15	5	2	9	7	5	4	7	7	4	3	6	9
TOTAL BAD	**25**	**23**	**18**	**17**	**48**	**22**	**17**	**29**	**25**	**24**	**23**	**28**	**25**	**19**	**19**	**25**	**29**
Don't know	**2**	1	2	3	1	3	2	2	1	3	2	2	2	2	1	2	2

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Of the following which, if any, do you think are most important for a child to have a good childhood? Please select up to three.

Feeling safe and protected	**75**	75	79	71	*72*	75	76	78	75
Being loved and cared for	**73**	73	74	71	*78*	71	76	69	73
Stable relationships with family or other trusted adults	**53**	54	53	46	*51*	54	56	54	53
Going to school / getting an education	**51**	52	49	48	*39*	51	45	61	52
Time to play	**15**	14	13	25	*9*	14	18	9	14
Having friends	**14**	13	11	15	*19*	15	13	10	14
Other *[See Tab 1]*	**1**	1	2	0	*1*	1	1	2	2
Don't know	**2**	2	1	4	*2*	3	1	0	2

Overall, do you think the UK is a good or bad place for children to grow up in today?

Very good	**7**	8	6	2	*11*	7	7	10	8
Fairly good	**40**	40	40	43	*46*	37	39	52	38
TOTAL GOOD	**47**	**48**	**46**	**45**	***57***	**44**	**46**	**62**	**46**
Neither good nor bad	**26**	26	25	29	*24*	28	22	17	28
Fairly bad	**19**	19	17	15	*14*	18	24	15	20
Very bad	**6**	6	9	9	*4*	8	4	5	5
TOTAL BAD	**25**	**25**	**26**	**24**	***18***	**26**	**28**	**20**	**25**
Don't know	**2**	2	3	2	*2*	2	3	1	2

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Which ONE of the following, if any, do you think is the biggest threat facing children…

...in the UK?

Problems with mental health	**18**	15	21	27	16	23	20	13	14	23	23	23	18	10	18	21	16
Abuse or neglect	**22**	29	18	20	27	13	19	27	23	21	16	20	22	28	22	22	23
Climate change	**4**	3	6	5	1	14	6	3	4	4	7	3	5	4	4	4	4
Lack of adequate housing	**7**	8	9	8	10	4	7	9	9	6	10	4	7	12	7	7	8
Lack of access to education	**2**	3	1	0	2	2	1	2	3	1	3	2	1	2	2	2	1
Lack of access to healthcare	**2**	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	3
Poverty	**27**	17	33	27	19	25	33	24	27	27	28	30	26	23	28	26	28
War and conflict	**2**	3	1	0	2	3	1	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	1	3	4
None of these	**7**	12	3	2	16	6	5	11	9	6	3	7	10	7	9	7	6
Don't know	**8**	8	7	8	5	6	7	8	7	8	6	7	8	9	7	7	8

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Abuse or neglect	**22**	23	18	9	*35*	22	24	23	24
Climate change	**4**	4	7	3	*2*	4	3	6	4
Lack of adequate housing	**7**	8	4	9	*2*	5	6	13	8
Lack of access to education	**2**	2	2	2	*0*	3	2	1	1
Lack of access to healthcare	**2**	2	5	5	*2*	2	2	2	2
Poverty	**27**	25	31	47	*38*	27	27	19	24
War and conflict	**2**	2	2	1	*0*	4	2	3	1
None of these	**7**	7	7	5	*6*	7	8	7	8
Don't know	**8**	8	7	8	*2*	8	8	6	8

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...around the world?																	
Problems with mental health	**2**	1	2	0	5	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	3	2
Abuse or neglect	**8**	10	6	3	14	2	5	10	8	7	6	8	8	8	6	8	9
Climate change	**6**	1	9	4	2	22	8	2	7	5	12	6	6	2	7	4	4
Lack of adequate housing	**1**	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	0	0	1
Lack of access to education	**6**	9	4	7	7	5	5	5	7	5	10	4	5	7	7	6	4
Lack of access to healthcare	**6**	6	7	8	4	9	7	7	7	6	5	7	7	6	7	6	7
Poverty	**26**	26	26	31	19	21	30	23	26	27	25	27	28	26	27	29	26
War and conflict	**33**	32	36	38	33	30	34	33	29	36	29	32	30	40	35	30	33
None of these	**2**	3	0	0	4	0	1	3	2	1	1	2	3	1	2	2	2
Don't know	**10**	11	8	8	12	9	8	14	10	11	8	11	12	9	8	11	12

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Abuse or neglect	**8**	8	4	5	*10*	10	7	9	7
Climate change	**6**	6	6	5	*7*	5	4	14	4
Lack of adequate housing	**1**	1	1	0	*0*	1	1	2	1
Lack of access to education	**6**	6	2	5	*3*	5	5	3	9
Lack of access to healthcare	**6**	6	9	8	*8*	5	7	5	7
Poverty	**26**	25	35	32	*29*	29	25	22	24
War and conflict	**33**	33	30	32	*26*	31	35	35	34
None of these	**2**	2	1	1	*2*	2	2	0	2
Don't know	**10**	10	10	9	*16*	11	11	6	11

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