

YouGov / TUC Survey Results

Sample Size: 1685 GB Adults
Fieldwork: 8th - 9th June 2014

	Westminster VI					2010 Vote			Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region					
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	UKIP	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland		
Weighted Sample	1685	x	x	x	x	503	373	350	817	868	201	426	576	482	960	725	216	548	361	415	147	
Unweighted Sample	1685	424	473	81	212	519	389	353	787	898	108	408	652	517	1086	599	277	458	381	402	167	
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Currently if you lose your job and make a claim for Job Seeker's Allowance (JSA) you usually wait just over two weeks (17 days) before your benefit is paid. This is because JSA is paid a fortnight in arrears. The government is proposing a change, to pay benefits a month in arrears so that you would usually wait between five and six weeks after losing your job before you receive your first payment.

To what extent do you support or oppose this proposed change?

Strongly support	5	11	2	3	11	11	2	2	6	4	4	5	4	7	4	6	5	7	3	4	5
Tend to support	13	26	9	15	10	20	8	12	14	13	19	11	12	15	15	11	14	16	15	10	8
TOTAL SUPPORT	18	37	11	18	21	31	10	14	20	17	23	16	16	22	19	17	19	23	18	14	13
Tend to oppose	27	32	22	47	26	33	23	33	25	30	24	30	25	30	30	23	25	30	23	29	27
Strongly oppose	43	23	58	31	45	25	59	49	44	42	36	39	51	41	40	48	42	37	44	47	54
TOTAL OPPOSE	70	55	80	78	71	58	82	82	69	72	60	69	76	71	70	71	67	67	67	76	81
Don't know	11	9	9	4	8	11	8	5	11	11	18	15	9	7	10	12	14	9	15	9	7

Had you heard of this proposal before?

Yes, I had heard of it	13	15	16	12	10	13	13	15	16	11	13	11	12	18	15	12	12	11	16	13	20
No, I had not heard of it	82	83	81	85	87	84	82	82	79	85	79	83	85	80	82	83	82	84	80	83	78
Don't know	4	2	3	3	3	3	5	3	5	4	9	6	3	2	4	5	6	5	4	4	3

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To what extent do you support or oppose this proposed change?

Strongly support	5	4	1	3	6	5	10	0	1
Tend to support	13	5	11	14	14	17	9	15	6
TOTAL SUPPORT	18	9	12	17	20	22	19	15	7
Tend to oppose	27	16	16	31	28	34	27	9	2
Strongly oppose	43	64	65	44	38	37	48	65	13
TOTAL OPPOSE	70	80	81	75	66	71	75	74	15
Don't know	11	11	6	9	13	8	7	11	77

Had you heard of this proposal before?

Yes, I had heard of it	13	24	17	12	9	16	17	24	12
No, I had not heard of it	82	66	80	86	88	82	81	70	22
Don't know	4	9	3	3	3	3	3	6	66

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Imagine if you lost your current job tomorrow and you weren't entitled to receive any JSA for five weeks. How worried, if at all, would you be about this?

[Asked to respondent's in full or part time work; n=993]

Very worried	44	26	52	29	61	32	52	41	41	47	41	45	45	37	39	52	45	34	47	52	46
Fairly worried	26	29	26	38	12	28	27	29	25	26	29	24	24	35	27	23	24	28	23	26	25
TOTAL WORRIED	70	55	78	67	73	60	79	70	66	73	70	69	69	72	66	75	69	62	70	78	71
Not very worried	16	25	10	18	20	22	11	17	18	14	14	17	17	13	19	12	16	19	14	13	19
Not worried at all	9	17	7	12	6	13	5	9	11	8	10	7	9	14	11	6	9	12	10	6	8
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	25	42	17	30	26	35	16	26	29	22	24	24	26	27	30	18	25	31	24	19	27
Don't know	6	3	5	3	1	5	6	4	5	6	7	7	5	2	5	7	6	8	5	3	3

In the previous question you said you would be worried if you lost your current job and weren't entitled to receive any job seeker's allowance for five weeks. Which, if any, of the payments, would you worry about the most? (Please select up to two answers).

[Asked to respondent's who said if they lost their current job and weren't entitled to receive JSA for five weeks they would be very/fairly worried; n=685]

Paying rent or mortgage payments	69	67	65	90	63	72	63	67	68	70	59	75	70	51	70	68	67	73	70	63	74
Buying food	52	38	54	57	57	45	61	45	50	53	70	45	54	44	52	52	47	46	64	52	49
Paying energy bills	23	20	22	12	24	22	27	21	23	24	4	22	25	41	17	32	12	23	23	31	20
Other regular payments	16	27	13	13	19	20	15	18	17	15	20	11	18	24	18	14	28	16	13	15	13
Paying for petrol/travel costs	6	8	8	8	3	5	7	11	5	7	19	3	5	8	7	5	9	6	6	4	10
Buying essential items for me/my family (e.g. clothes)	5	5	8	0	8	4	7	5	6	4	2	7	4	8	4	8	6	4	4	6	6
None of the above	1	2	2	0	0	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	0	2	1	1	1	2	2	0	0
Don't know	2	2	2	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	7	1	0	4	2	0	1	2	0	3	0

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[Asked to respondent's in full or part time work; n=993]

Very worried	44	54	58	44	42	42	45	63	3
Fairly worried	26	27	20	23	28	32	30	21	4
TOTAL WORRIED	70	81	78	67	70	74	75	84	7
Not very worried	16	19	15	19	17	14	9	9	0
Not worried at all	9	0	5	11	10	7	4	0	0
TOTAL NOT WORRIED	25	19	20	30	27	21	13	9	0
Don't know	6	0	2	4	3	4	12	7	93

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Buying food	52	73	58	52	46	68	64	67	44
Paying energy bills	23	45	22	31	21	26	11	2	0
Other regular payments	16	0	16	14	18	16	11	29	0
Paying for petrol/travel costs	6	0	9	3	7	2	14	0	0
Buying essential items for me/my family (e.g. clothes)	5	8	9	8	4	2	0	0	0
None of the above	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Don't know	2	0	0	1	2	0	4	0	0

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Weighted Sample

Unweighted Sample

Which one of the following statements best reflects your view? The proposal to make those who are made unemployed wait five weeks before they receive their first benefit payment...

Makes me think more favourably of the government's welfare reforms	10	23	4	5	13	20	4	5	10	9	12	8	8	12	9	10	7	13	11	6	6
Does not change the way I think about the government's welfare reforms	28	46	20	35	28	39	22	27	28	29	21	27	30	31	31	25	30	31	32	22	26
Makes me think less favourably of the government's welfare reforms	52	26	70	59	52	32	69	62	54	51	48	53	55	50	51	54	50	45	49	63	62
Don't know	10	5	6	1	7	8	6	6	8	11	19	12	7	6	8	12	13	10	8	9	6

Which one the following statements, best describes your current employment and welfare situation?

I am currently unemployed and am claiming benefits	4	1	6	1	3	2	6	2	4	4	5	6	5	1	1	7	5	2	4	5	5
I am currently employed (part or full time) but have claimed unemployment benefits in the last five years	7	6	9	7	6	6	5	9	7	8	8	12	9	2	6	10	8	7	6	9	8
I am currently employed (part or full time) but have claimed unemployment benefits more than five years ago	15	15	15	22	15	15	16	17	20	11	5	18	26	5	17	13	14	15	13	18	20
I am currently employed (part or full time) and have never claimed unemployment benefits	32	37	33	34	26	35	33	32	32	33	44	46	35	12	39	23	37	32	34	28	36
I am not working, am not looking for work and not claiming unemployment benefits	22	27	19	25	24	27	22	18	18	25	13	7	14	47	20	23	18	25	21	21	15
None of these	15	13	14	11	19	13	13	18	15	15	20	5	8	31	14	18	12	16	17	15	15
Prefer not to say	2	1	1	0	7	1	2	3	2	2	4	2	3	1	1	4	2	2	2	3	1
Don't know	2	0	2	1	0	1	3	1	2	2	2	4	1	1	1	3	3	2	2	2	0

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Does not change the way I think about the government's welfare reforms	28	14	26	27	31	38	22	9	0
Makes me think less favourably of the government's welfare reforms	52	65	59	55	50	49	56	66	17
Don't know	10	10	4	10	9	5	10	13	83

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I am currently employed (part or full time) but have claimed unemployment benefits more than five years ago	15	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	0
I am currently employed (part or full time) and have never claimed unemployment benefits	32	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0
I am not working, am not looking for work and not claiming unemployment benefits	22	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0
None of these	15	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0
Prefer not to say	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0
Don't know	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100