

# YouGov Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 20th February - 2nd March 2026

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If you could change just one thing, what would be the ONE thing you would change to improve the police?

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Resources / staffing	29	31	36	28	29	38	31	29	29	19	28	32	33	29	28	26	31	26	32	29	25	29	30	29
Visibility	20	23	26	22	21	31	22	20	20	7	12	24	31	21	11	18	22	18	23	22	5	20	24	19
Policing priorities	19	27	16	23	16	22	20	20	18	24	22	18	14	19	19	20	17	17	20	19	17	19	17	19
Community relations	15	21	14	13	15	20	16	15	16	13	12	16	19	16	14	19	13	14	15	15	16	15	20	16
Culture	8	8	6	3	8	5	8	6	9	10	12	4	6	8	8	7	6	14	6	6	18	8	7	8
Accountability and oversight	5	5	7	5	4	7	3	6	4	4	6	6	5	5	4	5	6	7	4	5	5	5	6	7
Criminal Justice System	5	6	5	8	4	5	2	4	5	5	5	6	4	5	4	4	5	4	6	5	5	5	6	3
Political	4	6	3	3	4	4	3	6	2	1	4	5	4	4	4	4	5	2	4	4	2	4	2	3
Recruitment (vetting)	4	5	0	2	5	6	5	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	5	3	2	4	5	4	3	4	3	6
Powers / Authority	3	4	2	4	2	3	2	5	2	4	3	4	3	3	3	5	3	1	3	3	7	3	4	2
Specific issues	3	1	2	1	2	4	2	2	3	4	3	1	3	3	2	3	2	2	3	3	2	3	2	1
Training	3	4	4	5	3	2	1	4	3	6	4	3	2	3	6	4	2	4	3	3	6	4	3	3
Miscellaneous	2	1	0	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	2	2	2	5	2	2	4	1	2	2	2	3	1
Negative	2	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	3	1	3	2	2	4	2	2	3	1	2	2	2	3	1
Organisational structure	2	1	2	2	2	4	1	2	1	1	1	2	3	2	3	2	2	1	2	2	0	2	0	3
Other	1	1	1	2	2	0	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	1	0	1	2	1	1	1
Don't know	11	5	10	9	14	5	12	10	12	20	11	9	8	11	17	13	9	11	10	10	16	12	9	11

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Please describe below how you have changed your habits or behaviour since the crime occurred.

[Asked only to those who said they have changed their habits or behaviour in any way to avoid similar incidents occurring after the crime occurred; n=1180]

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Vigilance	26	17	25	24	21	28	41	27	25	28	23	27	26	26	24	23	27	40	20	25	36	26	25	26
Avoidance of area / individual	20	51	5	11	2	13	11	18	22	26	25	26	10	20	27	20	19	17	22	20	22	20	25	15
Financial security changes	18	1	0	0	58	28	7	18	18	10	12	17	28	18	24	13	19	16	22	18	17	17	21	23
Home security enhancements	16	19	74	42	2	13	15	16	17	6	16	18	21	16	13	21	16	12	16	17	9	15	14	24
Trust / relationship changes	14	11	4	7	20	15	9	11	17	11	13	13	18	14	11	11	16	19	14	14	13	14	21	13
Psychological / social withdrawal	10	21	5	1	2	11	2	8	11	13	11	12	5	10	5	13	10	7	9	10	8	10	11	5
Vehicle security changes	9	3	14	25	1	4	22	11	7	8	12	9	7	9	4	9	9	10	8	9	9	10	5	6
Communications / changes to interactions	7	4	0	7	12	6	1	5	8	4	7	7	9	7	6	6	7	8	7	7	6	7	9	8
Personal safety measures	6	3	1	2	1	8	13	7	5	11	2	6	6	6	4	5	5	11	6	6	9	7	5	3
Work / lifestyle changes	4	8	5	2	1	2	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	3	4	4	3	4	1	4
Delivery package management	2	1	2	0	1	1	6	1	2	2	3	0	1	2	0	2	0	4	2	2	2	2	0	0
Changed behaviour in specific contexts	1	1	4	0	0	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1
Other	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	4
No change	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Don't know	9	8	2	12	8	4	5	9	9	16	11	7	5	9	12	9	11	7	8	9	8	9	9	7

\*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.