

YouGov Survey Results

Fieldwork: 27th August - 2nd September 2021

Sample: 4,041 GB adults



Total	Gender		Age			
	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54

Prior to the coronavirus outbreak, which best described your working situation?

	Unweighted base	4041	1882	2159	263	627	759	669
Base	4041	1960	2081	449	604	728	645	
Worked from home the whole time	9%	8%	9%	3%	13%	11%	12%	
Worked from home some of the time	14%	15%	13%	6%	18%	22%	15%	
Never worked from home	37%	37%	36%	24%	50%	48%	53%	
Don't know	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	
Not applicable - I was not in work because I was unemployed	6%	5%	6%	10%	8%	8%	7%	
Not applicable - I was not in work because I was retired	21%	20%	22%	1%	1%	1%	2%	
Not applicable - I was not in work because I was in full time education	6%	7%	5%	48%	3%	1%	0%	
Not applicable - any other reason	8%	6%	9%	7%	6%	10%	10%	

And what best describes your current working situation?

	Unweighted base	4041	1882	2159	263	627	759	669
Base	4041	1960	2081	449	604	728	645	
Working from home the whole time	17%	17%	16%	8%	24%	25%	22%	
Working from home some of the time	13%	12%	14%	7%	19%	19%	18%	
Never working from home	27%	29%	26%	24%	36%	35%	39%	
Furloughed	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	
Don't know	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	
Not applicable - I was not in work because I am unemployed	5%	5%	6%	10%	8%	7%	6%	
Not applicable - I was not in work because I am retired	22%	22%	23%	2%	1%	1%	2%	
Not applicable - I was not in work because I am in full time education	5%	6%	4%	39%	2%	0%	0%	
Not applicable - any other reason	9%	8%	11%	9%	8%	11%	11%	

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And once the coronavirus crisis is over, what would your preferred working situation be?

Unweighted base	4041	1882	2159	263	627	759	669
Base	4041	1960	2081	449	604	728	645
Working from home the whole time	14%	13%	14%	9%	21%	18%	17%
Working from home some of the time	24%	23%	25%	21%	36%	36%	30%
Never working from home	22%	25%	19%	21%	26%	25%	33%
Don't know	4%	4%	4%	10%	5%	4%	4%
Not applicable - I will not be in work because I will be unemployed	3%	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%
Not applicable - I will not be in work because I will be retired	23%	22%	24%	1%	1%	1%	2%
Not applicable - I will not be in work because I will be in full time education	4%	4%	3%	29%	1%	0%	0%
Not applicable - any other reason	8%	7%	9%	5%	7%	10%	11%

How likely do you think it is that your employer will allow staff to continue to work from home once the coronavirus crisis is over?

Unweighted base	1248	604	644	48	276	344	272
Base	1197	579	617	64	257	320	257
Very likely	45%	47%	43%	42%	42%	42%	48%
Fairly likely	30%	29%	32%	26%	41%	33%	28%
Not very likely	9%	8%	10%	13%	8%	13%	7%
Not at all likely	5%	5%	5%	10%	3%	5%	5%
Don't know	10%	10%	9%	10%	7%	8%	11%
Net: Likely	76%	76%	75%	67%	82%	75%	77%
Net: Not Likely	14%	13%	15%	23%	11%	17%	12%

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Which of the following would you consider if it became possible for you to work from home full-time?

Continuing to live in the same area I do now

Unweighted base	2343	1143	1200	115	501	611	532
Base	2334	1160	1174	175	482	582	515
Would strongly consider	56%	54%	58%	41%	50%	60%	59%
Would somewhat consider	21%	21%	21%	30%	26%	20%	19%
Would not strongly consider	6%	6%	6%	8%	9%	6%	4%
Would not consider at all	7%	8%	6%	7%	5%	4%	9%
Don't know	10%	11%	9%	15%	9%	10%	9%
Net: Consider	77%	76%	79%	70%	76%	80%	78%
Net: Not Consider	13%	14%	12%	15%	14%	10%	13%

Moving to a different area of the country, but still within commuting distance for my company's workplace

Unweighted base	2343	1143	1200	115	501	611	532
Base	2334	1160	1174	175	482	582	515
Would strongly consider	11%	12%	10%	14%	18%	11%	11%
Would somewhat consider	28%	28%	27%	35%	34%	31%	27%
Would not strongly consider	14%	15%	12%	15%	14%	15%	12%
Would not consider at all	37%	32%	41%	21%	23%	34%	39%
Don't know	11%	12%	9%	15%	11%	10%	10%
Net: Consider	39%	40%	37%	48%	52%	41%	38%
Net: Not Consider	50%	47%	53%	37%	37%	49%	52%

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Total	Gender		Age			
	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54

Moving to a different area of the country that is not within commuting distance for my company's workplace

Unweighted base	2343	1143	1200	115	501	611	532
Base	2334	1160	1174	175	482	582	515
Would strongly consider	9%	10%	7%	6%	14%	8%	10%
Would somewhat consider	15%	16%	15%	15%	19%	19%	15%
Would not strongly consider	16%	17%	15%	21%	20%	17%	15%
Would not consider at all	48%	45%	52%	40%	37%	46%	50%
Don't know	11%	12%	10%	18%	11%	10%	10%
Net: Consider	24%	26%	23%	22%	32%	26%	25%
Net: Not Consider	65%	62%	67%	60%	57%	64%	65%

Moving to a different country

Unweighted base	2343	1143	1200	115	501	611	532
Base	2334	1160	1174	175	482	582	515
Would strongly consider	8%	11%	6%	6%	8%	10%	9%
Would somewhat consider	14%	16%	12%	16%	19%	16%	13%
Would not strongly consider	11%	11%	11%	15%	14%	13%	11%
Would not consider at all	56%	51%	61%	52%	49%	51%	58%
Don't know	10%	11%	9%	12%	9%	10%	10%
Net: Consider	22%	27%	18%	22%	27%	26%	21%
Net: Not Consider	68%	63%	73%	67%	63%	64%	69%

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Total	Social Grade		
	55+	ABC1	C2DE

Prior to the coronavirus outbreak, which best described your working situation?

	Unweighted base	1723	2409	1632
Base	4041	1615	2303	1738
Worked from home the whole time	9%	6%	11%	5%
Worked from home some of the time	14%	10%	19%	7%
Never worked from home	37%	24%	35%	39%
Don't know	0%	0%	0%	1%
Not applicable - I was not in work because I was unemployed	6%	2%	3%	10%
Not applicable - I was not in work because I was retired	21%	51%	21%	21%
Not applicable - I was not in work because I was in full time education	6%	0%	8%	4%
Not applicable - any other reason	8%	7%	4%	14%

And what best describes your current working situation?

	Unweighted base	1723	2409	1632
Base	4041	1615	2303	1738
Working from home the whole time	17%	10%	24%	7%
Working from home some of the time	13%	8%	18%	7%
Never working from home	27%	17%	22%	34%
Furloughed	1%	1%	1%	1%
Don't know	1%	0%	1%	1%
Not applicable - I was not in work because I am unemployed	5%	2%	3%	9%
Not applicable - I was not in work because I am retired	22%	54%	21%	23%
Not applicable - I was not in work because I am in full time education	5%	0%	6%	3%
Not applicable - any other reason	9%	8%	5%	15%

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Total	Social Grade		
	55+	ABC1	C2DE

And once the coronavirus crisis is over, what would your preferred working situation be?

	Unweighted base	55+	ABC1	C2DE
	4041	1723	2409	1632
Base	4041	1615	2303	1738
Working from home the whole time	14%	9%	18%	8%
Working from home some of the time	24%	12%	32%	14%
Never working from home	22%	14%	17%	28%
Don't know	4%	2%	3%	5%
Not applicable - I will not be in work because I will be unemployed	3%	2%	1%	5%
Not applicable - I will not be in work because I will be retired	23%	55%	22%	24%
Not applicable - I will not be in work because I will be in full time education	4%	0%	4%	3%
Not applicable - any other reason	8%	7%	4%	13%

How likely do you think it is that your employer will allow staff to continue to work from home once the coronavirus crisis is over?

	Unweighted base	55+	ABC1	C2DE
	1248	308	1029	219
Base	1197	300	959	238
Very likely	45%	50%	48%	36%
Fairly likely	30%	22%	30%	34%
Not very likely	9%	8%	10%	6%
Not at all likely	5%	6%	5%	5%
Don't know	10%	14%	7%	19%
Net: Likely	76%	72%	77%	70%
Net: Not Likely	14%	14%	15%	10%

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Total	Social Grade		
	55+	ABC1	C2DE

Which of the following would you consider if it became possible for you to work from home full-time?

Continuing to live in the same area I do now				
Unweighted base	2343	584	1573	770
Base	2334	580	1481	852
Would strongly consider	56%	59%	60%	49%
Would somewhat consider	21%	17%	21%	22%
Would not strongly consider	6%	3%	6%	6%
Would not consider at all	7%	10%	6%	9%
Don't know	10%	11%	8%	14%
Net: Consider	77%	76%	81%	71%
Net: Not Consider	13%	13%	12%	15%
Moving to a different area of the country, but still within commuting distance for my company's workplace				
Unweighted base	2343	584	1573	770
Base	2334	580	1481	852
Would strongly consider	11%	6%	12%	9%
Would somewhat consider	28%	17%	30%	23%
Would not strongly consider	14%	12%	15%	11%
Would not consider at all	37%	53%	35%	41%
Don't know	11%	11%	8%	15%
Net: Consider	39%	23%	42%	33%
Net: Not Consider	50%	66%	50%	52%

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	Total	Social Grade		
		55+	ABC1	C2DE
Moving to a different area of the country that is not within commuting distance for my company's workplace				
Unweighted base	2343	584	1573	770
Base	2334	580	1481	852
Would strongly consider	9%	6%	10%	7%
Would somewhat consider	15%	11%	16%	15%
Would not strongly consider	16%	11%	18%	13%
Would not consider at all	48%	61%	47%	51%
Don't know	11%	11%	9%	15%
Net: Consider	24%	16%	26%	21%
Net: Not Consider	65%	73%	65%	64%
Moving to a different country				
Unweighted base	2343	584	1573	770
Base	2334	580	1481	852
Would strongly consider	8%	7%	9%	7%
Would somewhat consider	14%	9%	15%	13%
Would not strongly consider	11%	6%	13%	8%
Would not consider at all	56%	68%	55%	59%
Don't know	10%	10%	8%	13%
Net: Consider	22%	16%	23%	20%
Net: Not Consider	68%	74%	68%	67%

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	North	Midlands	East	London	South	England (NET)	Wales	Scotland

Prior to the coronavirus outbreak, which best described your working situation?

Unweighted base	4041	980	685	385	511	940	3501	194	346
Base	4041	966	667	377	546	936	3491	198	352
Worked from home the whole time	9%	8%	9%	10%	11%	6%	9%	11%	8%
Worked from home some of the time	14%	12%	12%	16%	19%	16%	14%	13%	10%
Never worked from home	37%	38%	34%	36%	33%	37%	36%	36%	44%
Don't know	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	-	-
Not applicable - I was not in work because I was unemployed	6%	5%	7%	4%	7%	5%	6%	4%	5%
Not applicable - I was not in work because I was retired	21%	21%	21%	20%	18%	22%	21%	27%	19%
Not applicable - I was not in work because I was in full time education	6%	7%	5%	4%	6%	7%	6%	2%	7%
Not applicable - any other reason	8%	9%	11%	9%	6%	7%	8%	7%	7%

And what best describes your current working situation?

Unweighted base	4041	980	685	385	511	940	3501	194	346
Base	4041	966	667	377	546	936	3491	198	352
Working from home the whole time	17%	15%	14%	18%	22%	16%	16%	23%	14%
Working from home some of the time	13%	12%	12%	15%	16%	14%	13%	9%	12%
Never working from home	27%	29%	27%	27%	22%	28%	27%	24%	34%
Furloughed	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	-
Don't know	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Not applicable - I was not in work because I am unemployed	5%	6%	7%	4%	6%	4%	5%	5%	6%
Not applicable - I was not in work because I am retired	22%	22%	24%	21%	19%	24%	22%	27%	20%
Not applicable - I was not in work because I am in full time education	5%	5%	4%	3%	7%	4%	5%	2%	5%
Not applicable - any other reason	9%	10%	11%	11%	6%	9%	9%	9%	9%

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	Unweighted base	4041	980	685	385	511	940	3501	194	346
Base	4041	966	667	377	546	936	3491	198	352	
Working from home the whole time	14%	14%	14%	14%	16%	12%	14%	17%	13%	
Working from home some of the time	24%	21%	20%	26%	29%	27%	24%	20%	21%	
Never working from home	22%	23%	22%	19%	17%	21%	21%	23%	27%	
Don't know	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%	3%	3%	
Not applicable - I will not be in work because I will be unemployed	3%	3%	4%	1%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	
Not applicable - I will not be in work because I will be retired	23%	23%	23%	22%	19%	24%	23%	26%	20%	
Not applicable - I will not be in work because I will be in full time education	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	-	4%	
Not applicable - any other reason	8%	8%	9%	10%	7%	6%	8%	7%	8%	

How likely do you think it is that your employer will allow staff to continue to work from home once the coronavirus crisis is over?

	Unweighted base	1248	275	190	134	199	288	1086	67	95
Base	1197	262	173	126	205	278	1044	63	90	
Very likely	45%	46%	40%	50%	40%	48%	45%	52%	45%	
Fairly likely	30%	33%	32%	30%	29%	29%	30%	31%	32%	
Not very likely	9%	8%	11%	7%	11%	10%	9%	5%	11%	
Not at all likely	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%	
Don't know	10%	9%	12%	8%	15%	9%	10%	8%	6%	
Net: Likely	76%	78%	72%	80%	69%	77%	75%	83%	77%	
Net: Not Likely	14%	13%	16%	12%	16%	15%	14%	9%	17%	

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Which of the following would you consider if it became possible for you to work from home full-time?

Continuing to live in the same area I do now

Unweighted base	2343	554	377	235	312	547	2025	109	209
Base	2334	549	358	229	329	545	2010	114	210
Would strongly consider	56%	61%	54%	56%	47%	57%	56%	56%	58%
Would somewhat consider	21%	18%	25%	21%	25%	19%	21%	20%	21%
Would not strongly consider	6%	5%	4%	7%	7%	7%	6%	3%	5%
Would not consider at all	7%	6%	6%	6%	10%	7%	7%	9%	6%
Don't know	10%	10%	10%	9%	11%	10%	10%	12%	10%
Net: Consider	77%	79%	79%	78%	72%	76%	77%	76%	79%
Net: Not Consider	13%	11%	10%	14%	17%	14%	13%	12%	11%

Moving to a different area of the country, but still within commuting distance for my company's workplace

Unweighted base	2343	554	377	235	312	547	2025	109	209
Base	2334	549	358	229	329	545	2010	114	210
Would strongly consider	11%	12%	10%	7%	15%	11%	11%	9%	11%
Would somewhat consider	28%	25%	25%	34%	32%	29%	28%	21%	23%
Would not strongly consider	14%	13%	11%	15%	15%	14%	13%	13%	15%
Would not consider at all	37%	40%	42%	34%	27%	35%	36%	44%	40%
Don't know	11%	10%	11%	10%	11%	11%	11%	13%	11%
Net: Consider	39%	37%	35%	41%	47%	40%	40%	31%	34%
Net: Not Consider	50%	53%	53%	48%	42%	49%	50%	56%	55%

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		North	Midlands	East	London	South	England (NET)	Wales	Scotland
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Unweighted base	2343	554	377	235	312	547	2025	109	209
Base	2334	549	358	229	329	545	2010	114	210
Would strongly consider	9%	8%	8%	10%	10%	9%	9%	5%	10%
Would somewhat consider	15%	13%	13%	17%	24%	16%	16%	13%	12%
Would not strongly consider	16%	16%	15%	17%	18%	15%	16%	15%	16%
Would not consider at all	48%	53%	52%	45%	37%	48%	48%	55%	49%
Don't know	11%	10%	11%	11%	11%	12%	11%	11%	13%
Net: Consider	24%	21%	21%	27%	34%	25%	25%	18%	22%
Net: Not Consider	65%	69%	68%	62%	55%	63%	64%	70%	65%
Moving to a different country									
Unweighted base	2343	554	377	235	312	547	2025	109	209
Base	2334	549	358	229	329	545	2010	114	210
Would strongly consider	8%	8%	7%	7%	12%	9%	8%	5%	7%
Would somewhat consider	14%	12%	11%	13%	18%	15%	13%	17%	19%
Would not strongly consider	11%	10%	10%	14%	13%	11%	11%	14%	12%
Would not consider at all	56%	63%	61%	54%	50%	55%	57%	51%	51%
Don't know	10%	8%	11%	12%	8%	11%	10%	14%	11%
Net: Consider	22%	19%	18%	20%	30%	24%	22%	21%	26%
Net: Not Consider	68%	73%	71%	68%	63%	66%	68%	65%	63%

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