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Career MOT at 50

Sample: 262 Scotland adults ages 40-64 who are currently working

Fieldwork: 21st - 25th September 2017

Total

The state pension age in the UK is currently 65 but is increasing from next year to 66 and the Government intends to raise it to 68 by 2039 for both men and women, affecting people born on or after 6 April 1970. When you reach state pension age you can withdraw your state pension. This is provided by the Government and is currently worth around £8,000 a year.

Thinking about the amount you will receive from your state pension, in addition to any other income (i.e. private pension, savings etc.)...

How likely, if at all, do you think you will be to work past the state pension age specifically to be able to afford your desired lifestyle in retirement?

Unweighted base	262
Base: All Scotland adults aged 40 to 64 who are currently working	253
Very likely	16%
Fairly likely	29%
Not very likely	20%
Not at all likely	24%
Don't know	12%
Net: Likely	44%
Net: Not likely	44%

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Which, if any, of the following are reasons you might personally work past the state pension age? (Please select all that apply)

Unweighted base	262
Base: All Scotland adults aged 40 to 64 who are currently working	253
I won't have enough money to retire at state pension age	43%
I enjoy the social side of working (e.g. talking to colleagues, meeting customers etc.)	22%
I would get bored and/ or lonely at home if I stopped working	19%
I'd want to continue to make a contribution to society	12%
I have skills and experiences that I enjoy sharing with other people at work	14%
Other	1%
Don't know	5%
Not applicable - I will not work past the state pension age for any reason	27%

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Please remember that your answers are always treated confidentially and are never analysed individually. We have provided you with a "Prefer not to say" option if you would rather not share your experiences.

Thinking specifically about when you have been at work or applying for jobs since the age of 40...

Have you EVER felt disadvantaged or treated negatively because you are/ were perceived as being older?

Unweighted base	442
Base: All Scotland adults aged 40 to 64	425
Yes, I have	24%
No, I haven't	56%
Don't know/ can't recall	12%
Not applicable - I have not worked or applied for jobs since the age of 40	7%
Prefer not to say	1%

For the following question, please think ahead to being in your late 60s, giving particular consideration to any potential health issues, financial circumstances and/ or caring responsibilities that you could be experiencing at that time...

Thinking about working in your current job...

Which ONE of the following statements BEST applies to you?

Unweighted base	191
Base: All Scotland adults aged 40 to 64 who are currently working and said they would work past the state pension age	185
I think I will continue working in my current job with more hours than I do now	6%
I think I will continue working in my current job with the same hours I do now	36%
I think I will continue working in my current job with less hours than I do now	25%
I think I will not continue working in my current job	21%
Don't know	12%

You previously said that in your late 60s [pipe answer from previous question]...

Which, if any, of the following are reasons for this? (Please select all that apply)

Unweighted base	92
Base: All Scotland adults aged 40 to 64 who said they will not continue working in their current job in their late 60s or will reduce their hours	85
My current job is too physically demanding	24%
My health is unlikely to be good enough in my late 60s to continue working	18%
I have /am likely to have caring responsibilities (i.e. be looking after someone else)	6%
My skills are not up-to-date following changes in my industry	5%
I think I would feel unwanted by my employer when I'm older	9%
I should be financially secure enough to stop working	17%
I don't want to continue working in my late 60s	37%
Other	18%
Don't know	6%