

YouGov / Grandparents Plus Survey Results

Sample Size: 4366

Fieldwork: 5th - 8th February 2010

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Working parents of children under 12 and carers of older or disabled adults are entitled to request flexible working.

Which, if any, of the following do you think the right to request flexible working should also be offered to?
(Please tick all that apply)

Grandparents who are providing childcare	39%	37%	41%	-	68%	36%	44%	38%	36%	42%	34%	45%	46%	37%	42%	32%	38%
All workers	8%	10%	7%	-	-	14%	8%	8%	7%	10%	8%	7%	8%	14%	7%	11%	7%
All grandparents	14%	17%	12%	-	-	4%	7%	16%	17%	11%	17%	12%	10%	12%	16%	9%	14%
All older workers	42%	38%	45%	-	13%	65%	47%	41%	42%	43%	43%	38%	37%	43%	41%	54%	48%
Other	14%	15%	13%	-	31%	11%	14%	14%	9%	18%	14%	15%	14%	10%	15%	10%	14%
Don't know	23%	21%	24%	-	14%	15%	24%	23%	18%	28%	21%	19%	27%	25%	25%	16%	23%
Not applicable - flexible working should not be offered to anyone else	1%	1%	2%	-	34%	-	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	-	2%	1%	-

Which, if any, of the following apply to you? (Please tick all that apply)

I work part-time	34%	35%	34%	-	-	7%	15%	39%	35%	34%	31%	29%	30%	34%	38%	44%	40%
I provide childcare for my grandchild(ren)	16%	10%	20%	-	55%	14%	18%	16%	16%	16%	15%	19%	19%	16%	18%	16%	8%
I work full-time	28%	24%	30%	-	-	20%	28%	28%	28%	27%	29%	30%	28%	28%	27%	18%	24%
I provide care for elderly friends or relatives	27%	34%	21%	-	13%	72%	53%	20%	26%	27%	29%	26%	26%	30%	21%	23%	35%
None of these	12%	10%	14%	-	32%	10%	14%	12%	11%	14%	13%	13%	10%	11%	13%	15%	11%

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All grandparents	14%	14%	7%	-	16%	18%	13%
All older workers	42%	43%	47%	41%	40%	49%	40%
Other	14%	16%	10%	-	14%	7%	14%
Don't know	23%	23%	24%	59%	22%	7%	23%
Not applicable - flexible working should not be offered to anyone else	1%	0%	2%	-	2%	-	2%

Which, if any, of the following apply to you? (Please tick all that apply)

I work part-time	34%	8%	12%	-	60%	71%	37%
I provide childcare for my grandchild(ren)	16%	10%	81%	-	2%	4%	6%
I work full-time	28%	21%	26%	41%	29%	11%	43%
I provide care for elderly friends or relatives	27%	78%	4%	-	1%	-	5%
None of these	12%	7%	9%	59%	14%	18%	23%

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To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the following? (Please tick one option on each horizontal row)

Grandparents should be entitled to an additional period of leave in their own right

Strongly agree	17%	16%	18%	-	28%	18%	29%	15%	12%	22%	16%	17%	24%	12%	17%	14%	20%
Agree	21%	19%	22%	-	-	14%	24%	20%	18%	23%	23%	18%	13%	33%	20%	15%	16%
Neither agree nor disagree	21%	23%	20%	-	72%	17%	19%	21%	22%	20%	16%	25%	22%	24%	22%	26%	24%
Disagree	22%	21%	23%	-	-	34%	17%	23%	26%	18%	23%	23%	29%	20%	20%	20%	19%
Strongly disagree	16%	18%	15%	-	-	9%	10%	18%	19%	14%	18%	15%	11%	9%	19%	19%	17%
Don't know	3%	3%	3%	-	-	8%	1%	3%	3%	3%	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%	6%	4%

A period of leave that the mother or father could transfer to the grandparent, instead of taking themselves, should be put in place

Strongly agree	13%	13%	13%	-	47%	19%	15%	12%	10%	16%	10%	14%	17%	13%	11%	23%	19%
Agree	26%	27%	26%	-	-	29%	29%	26%	26%	26%	28%	30%	16%	26%	27%	25%	22%
Neither agree nor disagree	24%	24%	24%	-	38%	21%	25%	24%	24%	25%	23%	24%	29%	26%	26%	20%	19%
Disagree	19%	17%	20%	-	-	16%	18%	19%	21%	17%	19%	17%	18%	23%	18%	15%	21%
Strongly disagree	14%	15%	14%	-	-	6%	12%	15%	16%	13%	16%	12%	17%	9%	15%	11%	14%
Don't know	3%	4%	3%	-	14%	9%	1%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	6%	4%

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Disagree	22%	21%	24%	-	23%	13%	21%
Strongly disagree	16%	17%	10%	41%	18%	18%	16%
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Agree	26%	26%	25%	-	27%	13%	26%
Neither agree nor disagree	24%	22%	23%	-	28%	37%	20%
Disagree	19%	20%	21%	-	18%	5%	19%
Strongly disagree	14%	16%	13%	-	14%	12%	11%
Don't know	3%	2%	3%	59%	3%	8%	6%

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Some grandparents provide childcare so that parents can work. At present grandparents do not receive childcare vouchers and it is not possible for parents to claim tax credits in order to pay grandparents for childcare. Some grandparents would like to be paid while others would not.

To what extent do you agree or disagree that this should change so that it becomes an option for grandparents to be paid through tax credits or childcare vouchers if they provide significant periods of childcare so that parents can work?

Strongly agree	36%	32%	39%	-	13%	33%	51%	33%	30%	42%	37%	32%	33%	41%	37%	33%	38%
Agree	33%	29%	37%	-	-	46%	27%	34%	36%	31%	31%	43%	33%	28%	34%	29%	30%
Neither agree nor disagree	13%	16%	10%	-	87%	8%	11%	13%	12%	13%	14%	11%	17%	13%	11%	12%	14%
Disagree	9%	12%	7%	-	-	14%	4%	10%	10%	8%	12%	4%	9%	9%	8%	15%	6%
Strongly disagree	6%	8%	5%	-	-	-	6%	7%	9%	4%	5%	8%	2%	3%	8%	9%	9%
Don't know	2%	2%	2%	-	-	-	1%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	5%	6%	2%	2%	2%

If flexible working were an option for you, would you take it?

Unweighted Base	104	46	58	-	-	5	23	76	47	57	24	18	7	11	30	3	11
All GB Grandparents who provide childcare for their grandchildren	103	39	64	-	-	5	29	69	44	59	25	18	9	12	27	3	10
Yes, I would	46%	47%	45%	-	-	16%	70%	38%	39%	51%	56%	71%	31%	40%	40%	-	26%
No, I would not	9%	9%	9%	-	-	-	4%	11%	3%	13%	14%	4%	13%	-	14%	-	-
Don't know	13%	14%	12%	-	-	41%	10%	12%	13%	13%	11%	5%	18%	-	15%	27%	34%
Not applicable - this is already an option for me	32%	31%	34%	-	-	42%	16%	39%	45%	23%	19%	21%	38%	60%	30%	73%	40%

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Agree	33%	32%	36%	-	36%	14%	30%
Neither agree nor disagree	13%	10%	13%	59%	14%	-	15%
Disagree	9%	6%	7%	-	12%	5%	8%
Strongly disagree	6%	7%	3%	-	6%	17%	5%
Don't know	2%	1%	3%	-	3%	8%	1%

If flexible working were an option for you, would you take it?

Unweighted Base	104	61	38	-	1	-	4
All GB Grandparents who provide childcare for their grandchildren	103	63	36	-	1	-	4
Yes, I would	46%	52%	35%	-	-	-	60%
No, I would not	9%	9%	10%	-	-	-	-
Don't know	13%	17%	8%	-	-	-	-
Not applicable - this is already an option for me	32%	23%	47%	-	100%	-	40%