# YouGov Survey Results

**Sample Size: 1718 adults in GB**
**Fieldwork: 27th - 28th February 2022**

| | | Vote in 2019 GE | | | EU Ref 2016 | | Gender | | Age | | | | Social Grade | | Region | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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| | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |

| | *21-23 Jan* | **27-28 Feb** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **How many years do you think it will take for humans to die out, or do you think humans will not die out?** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Less than 100 years | *3* | **4** | 3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| 101 - 500 years | *12* | **12** | 11 | 14 | 17 | 14 | 12 | 13 | 12 | 14 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 13 | 12 | 16 | 13 | 10 | 12 | 12 |
| 501 - 1000 years | *10* | **11** | 8 | 11 | 10 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 8 | 8 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 12 | 11 | 8 | 12 |
| More than 1000 years | *24* | **24** | 24 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 22 | 27 | 21 | 25 | 27 | 26 | 15 | 27 | 20 | 26 | 26 | 25 | 21 | 18 |
| Not applicable - I don't think humans will ever die out | *23* | **23** | 29 | 21 | 18 | 21 | 28 | 23 | 23 | 10 | 19 | 27 | 33 | 23 | 24 | 20 | 21 | 23 | 26 | 28 |
| Don't know | *27* | **26** | 23 | 22 | 24 | 23 | 24 | 22 | 29 | 30 | 23 | 24 | 29 | 24 | 28 | 22 | 24 | 28 | 28 | 26 |
| **How likely or unlikely do you think it is that a human extinction event will strike in your lifetime?** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Very likely | *2* | **3** | 2 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Somewhat likely | *7* | **8** | 5 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 9 | 7 | 14 | 10 | 5 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 9 |
| **TOTAL LIKELY** | **9** | **11** | **7** | **14** | **8** | **12** | **8** | **12** | **9** | **18** | **14** | **6** | **5** | **11** | **12** | **12** | **10** | **8** | **11** | **12** |
| Somewhat unlikely | *22* | **23** | 22 | 24 | 27 | 25 | 21 | 23 | 23 | 27 | 25 | 24 | 16 | 25 | 20 | 26 | 23 | 22 | 21 | 24 |
| Very unlikely | *57* | **54** | 64 | 51 | 51 | 54 | 59 | 54 | 54 | 32 | 50 | 58 | 65 | 54 | 53 | 50 | 55 | 54 | 53 | 53 |
| **TOTAL UNLIKELY** | **79** | **77** | **86** | **75** | **78** | **79** | **80** | **77** | **77** | **59** | **75** | **82** | **81** | **79** | **73** | **76** | **78** | **76** | **74** | **77** |
| Don't know | *12* | **13** | 8 | 11 | 13 | 9 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 24 | 11 | 11 | 13 | 10 | 16 | 12 | 12 | 15 | 14 | 11 |
| **If a human extinction event were to occur, do you think it is more likely to be a result of technology (e.g. artificial intelligence or nuclear weaponry), or an environmental cause (e.g. climate change or an asteroid)?** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Technology | *27* | **34** | 44 | 28 | 22 | 29 | 42 | 35 | 33 | 26 | 31 | 36 | 42 | 34 | 35 | 23 | 34 | 36 | 37 | 39 |
| An environmental cause | *51* | **44** | 38 | 53 | 59 | 52 | 39 | 46 | 43 | 44 | 48 | 46 | 35 | 48 | 39 | 53 | 44 | 41 | 45 | 40 |
| Don't know | *22* | **21** | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 24 | 30 | 20 | 18 | 23 | 18 | 25 | 24 | 22 | 23 | 18 | 21 |


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| | | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % | % |
| **And which of the following, if any, do you think are the most likely to cause human extinction? Please select up to three.** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nuclear war | *43* | **61** | 67 | 62 | 49 | 60 | 66 | 56 | 65 | 43 | 61 | 59 | 69 | 61 | 60 | 56 | 65 | 58 | 59 | 61 |
| Global warming / climate change | *42* | **41** | 31 | 56 | 56 | 54 | 30 | 39 | 43 | 48 | 45 | 37 | 34 | 45 | 35 | 50 | 43 | 36 | 37 | 45 |
| A pandemic | *30* | **29** | 30 | 30 | 36 | 32 | 30 | 29 | 29 | 20 | 24 | 37 | 35 | 30 | 28 | 23 | 29 | 34 | 27 | 33 |
| A meteor / asteroid | *25* | **25** | 30 | 21 | 27 | 24 | 28 | 29 | 21 | 12 | 27 | 28 | 24 | 26 | 23 | 25 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 23 |
| An extreme seismic event (volcano / tsunami) | *23* | **18** | 20 | 21 | 19 | 20 | 17 | 19 | 18 | 22 | 19 | 19 | 15 | 20 | 16 | 20 | 19 | 19 | 17 | 16 |
| The bees dying out | *16* | **16** | 16 | 20 | 12 | 17 | 18 | 15 | 17 | 12 | 13 | 17 | 21 | 15 | 17 | 16 | 17 | 15 | 14 | 20 |
| A solar flare | *7* | **7** | 8 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 3 |
| A religious apocalypse | *5* | **3** | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Robots / artificial intelligence | *7* | **7** | 8 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 9 |
| A zombie apocalypse | *x* | **1** | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| An alien invasion | *2* | **2** | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Other | *3* | **2** | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Don't know | *14* | **12** | 8 | 10 | 13 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 12 | 24 | 11 | 8 | 11 | 10 | 13 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 9 |
| **And do you think the government should or should not be developing realistic contingency plans for the following threats?** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **A zombie apocalypse** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Should be developing a contingency plan | | **7** | 6 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 12 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 5 |
| Should not be developing a contingency plan | | **77** | 80 | 83 | 83 | 84 | 80 | 79 | 75 | 63 | 79 | 84 | 74 | 82 | 70 | 77 | 78 | 78 | 73 | 81 |
| Don't know | | **16** | 14 | 14 | 10 | 12 | 15 | 13 | 20 | 25 | 14 | 11 | 23 | 12 | 22 | 18 | 14 | 17 | 20 | 14 |
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| **Global warming / climate change** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Should be developing a contingency plan | *81* | **81** | 79 | 89 | 92 | 92 | 76 | 79 | 84 | 73 | 82 | 85 | 79 | 85 | 76 | 81 | 82 | 80 | 81 | 82 |
| Should not be developing a contingency plan | *8* | **8** | 13 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 11 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 13 | 7 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 9 |
| Don't know | *11* | **11** | 7 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 20 | 12 | 5 | 8 | 8 | 14 | 11 | 10 | 12 | 10 | 10 |
| **A meteor / asteroid** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Should be developing a contingency plan | *57* | **61** | 61 | 64 | 67 | 66 | 58 | 64 | 59 | 54 | 68 | 61 | 52 | 61 | 61 | 63 | 59 | 63 | 63 | 57 |
| Should not be developing a contingency plan | *22* | **19** | 22 | 20 | 15 | 18 | 23 | 21 | 18 | 17 | 14 | 21 | 26 | 22 | 15 | 16 | 22 | 16 | 18 | 25 |
| Don't know | *21* | **20** | 18 | 16 | 18 | 16 | 19 | 16 | 23 | 29 | 18 | 17 | 21 | 17 | 24 | 21 | 19 | 21 | 19 | 18 |
| **The bees dying out** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Should be developing a contingency plan | *72* | **74** | 75 | 80 | 80 | 79 | 75 | 74 | 75 | 61 | 73 | 81 | 77 | 76 | 73 | 71 | 75 | 75 | 72 | 80 |
| Should not be developing a contingency plan | *12* | **10** | 12 | 7 | 7 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 8 | 13 | 10 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 9 | 10 | 9 | 9 | 12 | 7 |
| Don't know | *16* | **16** | 13 | 13 | 14 | 11 | 13 | 15 | 17 | 26 | 18 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 19 | 19 | 16 | 16 | 15 | 13 |


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| **An alien invasion** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Should be developing a contingency plan | *15* | **16** | 13 | 13 | 15 | 13 | 14 | 19 | 12 | 19 | 19 | 16 | 8 | 14 | 17 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 15 |
| Should not be developing a contingency plan | *62* | **65** | 68 | 70 | 74 | 73 | 66 | 64 | 66 | 50 | 64 | 70 | 68 | 71 | 57 | 65 | 67 | 62 | 63 | 67 |
| Don't know | *23* | **19** | 19 | 17 | 11 | 14 | 19 | 17 | 22 | 31 | 17 | 14 | 24 | 15 | 25 | 21 | 18 | 22 | 20 | 18 |
| **A pandemic** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Should be developing a contingency plan | *84* | **86** | 88 | 91 | 95 | 92 | 85 | 85 | 87 | 69 | 85 | 91 | 89 | 89 | 82 | 83 | 86 | 86 | 85 | 90 |
| Should not be developing a contingency plan | *5* | **5** | 6 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 5 |
| Don't know | *11* | **9** | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 21 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 12 | 11 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 6 |
| **Nuclear war** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Should be developing a contingency plan | *79* | **87** | 90 | 90 | 93 | 91 | 87 | 87 | 88 | 77 | 87 | 92 | 88 | 89 | 85 | 84 | 90 | 86 | 86 | 88 |
| Should not be developing a contingency plan | *8* | **4** | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 7 |
| Don't know | *13* | **9** | 6 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 10 | 17 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 11 | 12 | 8 | 10 | 9 | 5 |
| **A solar flare** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Should be developing a contingency plan | *46* | **50** | 48 | 52 | 59 | 55 | 46 | 53 | 48 | 45 | 57 | 53 | 37 | 51 | 49 | 55 | 51 | 50 | 48 | 45 |
| Should not be developing a contingency plan | *23* | **22** | 26 | 19 | 19 | 19 | 27 | 25 | 19 | 16 | 18 | 22 | 31 | 24 | 19 | 18 | 22 | 20 | 22 | 28 |
| Don't know | *32* | **28** | 26 | 29 | 22 | 25 | 27 | 22 | 34 | 39 | 25 | 24 | 32 | 25 | 32 | 27 | 27 | 30 | 29 | 27 |
| **Robots / artificial intelligence** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Should be developing a contingency plan | *43* | **44** | 44 | 45 | 48 | 45 | 43 | 47 | 41 | 44 | 48 | 48 | 33 | 45 | 42 | 46 | 46 | 42 | 43 | 42 |
| Should not be developing a contingency plan | *33* | **35** | 40 | 35 | 34 | 38 | 37 | 36 | 33 | 25 | 33 | 35 | 41 | 36 | 32 | 30 | 35 | 34 | 35 | 40 |
| Don't know | *24* | **21** | 17 | 20 | 18 | 17 | 20 | 17 | 26 | 31 | 19 | 17 | 25 | 18 | 26 | 23 | 19 | 24 | 22 | 18 |
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| Should be developing a contingency plan | *61* | **62** | 57 | 69 | 72 | 68 | 55 | 61 | 63 | 61 | 68 | 64 | 50 | 64 | 59 | 62 | 62 | 63 | 61 | 65 |
| Should not be developing a contingency plan | *19* | **21** | 26 | 19 | 14 | 20 | 26 | 24 | 17 | 14 | 17 | 22 | 29 | 22 | 19 | 21 | 22 | 20 | 19 | 21 |
| Don't know | *20* | **17** | 17 | 12 | 14 | 12 | 19 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 15 | 14 | 21 | 14 | 22 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 20 | 14 |
| **A religious apocalypse** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Should be developing a contingency plan | *20* | **18** | 20 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 20 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 19 | 20 | 15 | 17 | 20 | 16 | 19 | 18 | 20 | 16 |
| Should not be developing a contingency plan | *53* | **58** | 62 | 61 | 68 | 63 | 59 | 64 | 54 | 48 | 61 | 59 | 58 | 63 | 52 | 59 | 61 | 56 | 55 | 61 |
| Don't know | *26* | **23** | 18 | 24 | 16 | 21 | 21 | 18 | 28 | 32 | 20 | 21 | 27 | 20 | 28 | 25 | 19 | 25 | 25 | 23 |
| **Thinking about how people and countries responded to the pandemic, has your confidence in humanity surviving a threat of human extinction increased, decreased, or remained unchanged?** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Increased a lot | *4* | **5** | 5 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| Increased a little | *15* | **19** | 22 | 16 | 21 | 20 | 21 | 18 | 20 | 15 | 18 | 23 | 20 | 21 | 18 | 21 | 18 | 20 | 19 | 19 |
| **TOTAL INCREASED** | **19** | **24** | **27** | **21** | **28** | **24** | **27** | **24** | **24** | **22** | **22** | **27** | **28** | **25** | **24** | **23** | **24** | **25** | **25** | **25** |
| Remained unchanged | *45* | **46** | 52 | 41 | 46 | 44 | 53 | 45 | 46 | 24 | 45 | 48 | 55 | 44 | 48 | 41 | 46 | 46 | 48 | 40 |
| Decreased a little | *15* | **12** | 10 | 14 | 12 | 14 | 9 | 12 | 12 | 16 | 13 | 12 | 7 | 13 | 10 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 16 |
| Decreased a lot | *10* | **9** | 6 | 14 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 10 | 7 | 12 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 10 | 7 | 13 | 10 | 5 | 8 | 9 |
| **TOTAL DECREASED** | **25** | **21** | **16** | **28** | **21** | **24** | **15** | **22** | **19** | **28** | **25** | **18** | **11** | **23** | **17** | **25** | **22** | **16** | **19** | **25** |
| Not sure | *11* | **9** | 4 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 11 | 25 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 11 | 11 | 7 | 12 | 10 | 10 |


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