

YouGov - Italian food

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Unweighted sample	1030	2026	1054	1036	1015	1016	1026	1009	2628	1121
Please say whether you think it is acceptable or unacceptable to do each of the following things when cooking or eating Italian food										
Snapping dry spaghetti before boiling it										
Acceptable	46%	60%	56%	57%	69%	72%	37%	47%	67%	37%
Unacceptable	47%	27%	36%	37%	22%	20%	55%	42%	18%	54%
Don't know	6%	13%	8%	6%	10%	9%	8%	12%	15%	9%
Putting pasta in cold water and then boiling it, rather than adding pasta to already-boiling water										
Acceptable	10%	31%	24%	23%	37%	31%	20%	23%	27%	30%
Unacceptable	81%	49%	63%	62%	39%	52%	61%	56%	41%	52%
Don't know	8%	20%	14%	16%	24%	17%	19%	21%	32%	18%
Drinking cappuccino after an Italian meal										
Acceptable	32%	68%	76%	73%	68%	71%	75%	59%	60%	62%
Unacceptable	55%	12%	13%	10%	10%	10%	10%	12%	10%	17%
Don't know	13%	20%	11%	17%	23%	19%	15%	29%	30%	20%
Having cheese on a pasta meal that contains seafood (e.g. fish or clams)										
Acceptable	26%	45%	48%	56%	55%	61%	38%	42%	55%	54%
Unacceptable	64%	31%	35%	28%	22%	19%	46%	27%	19%	31%
Don't know	10%	24%	17%	15%	23%	20%	16%	31%	26%	15%
Including cream in carbonara sauce										
Acceptable	23%	62%	63%	72%	72%	73%	69%	57%	43%	47%
Unacceptable	68%	17%	21%	17%	11%	10%	21%	15%	13%	19%
Don't know	9%	21%	16%	11%	17%	16%	10%	28%	44%	34%

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Snapping dry spaghetti before boiling it							
Acceptable	47%	36%	58%	49%	47%	39%	53%
Unacceptable	32%	31%	27%	35%	40%	38%	33%
Don't know	21%	33%	15%	17%	13%	22%	14%
Putting pasta in cold water and then boiling it, rather than adding pasta to already-boiling water							
Acceptable	35%	40%	32%	48%	37%	36%	31%
Unacceptable	44%	38%	48%	32%	39%	39%	48%
Don't know	20%	22%	20%	20%	24%	26%	21%
Drinking cappuccino after an Italian meal							
Acceptable	57%	51%	70%	65%	69%	74%	65%
Unacceptable	23%	23%	12%	18%	15%	8%	15%
Don't know	20%	25%	17%	17%	16%	18%	20%
Having cheese on a pasta meal that contains seafood (e.g. fish or clams)							
Acceptable	60%	46%	56%	50%	60%	73%	52%
Unacceptable	26%	31%	26%	33%	26%	14%	28%
Don't know	15%	23%	18%	17%	14%	14%	19%
Including cream in carbonara sauce							
Acceptable	54%	33%	67%	39%	59%	67%	56%
Unacceptable	21%	29%	17%	40%	18%	16%	21%
Don't know	25%	38%	16%	20%	23%	17%	23%

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Not adding salt to the boiling water for your pasta										
Acceptable	36%	52%	29%	49%	37%	42%	37%	40%	45%	35%
Unacceptable	53%	36%	62%	43%	50%	48%	51%	39%	38%	50%
Don't know	11%	12%	9%	8%	13%	10%	12%	20%	17%	14%
Having pasta as a side dish										
Acceptable	17%	59%	77%	84%	80%	67%	60%	50%	79%	70%
Unacceptable	72%	24%	15%	9%	9%	14%	28%	24%	8%	19%
Don't know	11%	17%	9%	7%	11%	19%	12%	26%	13%	11%
Having pineapple on a pizza										
Acceptable	14%	57%	59%	36%	57%	66%	47%	61%	55%	71%
Unacceptable	77%	34%	32%	51%	34%	26%	43%	26%	32%	21%
Don't know	8%	9%	9%	13%	8%	8%	10%	13%	13%	7%
Having Bolognese sauce with spaghetti										
Acceptable	88%	88%	86%	93%	87%	87%	92%	83%	57%	90%
Unacceptable	7%	4%	7%	4%	4%	3%	4%	6%	11%	4%
Don't know	5%	8%	6%	4%	9%	10%	5%	11%	32%	6%
Rinsing or cooling off cooked pasta under cold water										
Acceptable	34%	41%	50%	54%	51%	59%	56%	65%	53%	61%
Unacceptable	58%	38%	39%	37%	32%	27%	32%	22%	27%	27%
Don't know	8%	20%	11%	9%	17%	14%	11%	13%	19%	13%
Adding plain pasta to a plate or bowl and then adding the sauce afterwards										
Acceptable	44%	66%	82%	80%	82%	82%	75%	74%	76%	72%
Unacceptable	48%	20%	10%	13%	8%	9%	17%	13%	11%	17%
Don't know	8%	13%	7%	7%	10%	9%	9%	13%	14%	11%

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Acceptable	36%	34%	46%	52%	54%	49%	43%
Unacceptable	49%	48%	43%	26%	26%	34%	42%
Don't know	14%	17%	11%	22%	20%	18%	14%
Having pasta as a side dish							
Acceptable	61%	62%	67%	57%	71%	64%	65%
Unacceptable	27%	25%	19%	29%	18%	24%	22%
Don't know	12%	14%	14%	15%	11%	12%	13%
Having pineapple on a pizza							
Acceptable	52%	46%	72%	65%	50%	83%	57%
Unacceptable	36%	40%	22%	23%	35%	11%	33%
Don't know	12%	14%	7%	12%	15%	6%	10%
Having Bolognese sauce with spaghetti							
Acceptable	61%	35%	87%	77%	84%	82%	79%
Unacceptable	16%	24%	5%	12%	5%	6%	8%
Don't know	23%	41%	8%	11%	11%	11%	14%
Rinsing or cooling off cooked pasta under cold water							
Acceptable	56%	46%	53%	57%	56%	61%	53%
Unacceptable	28%	34%	32%	26%	26%	21%	31%
Don't know	16%	20%	15%	17%	18%	18%	15%
Adding plain pasta to a plate or bowl and then adding the sauce afterwards							
Acceptable	70%	54%	69%	73%	79%	74%	72%
Unacceptable	18%	28%	19%	15%	10%	14%	17%
Don't know	12%	18%	12%	12%	11%	12%	11%

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Putting oil in the water you are cooking your pasta in										
Acceptable	44%	58%	46%	62%	73%	63%	61%	68%	63%	57%
Unacceptable	43%	22%	41%	28%	15%	21%	29%	18%	17%	29%
Don't know	13%	20%	13%	10%	12%	16%	11%	14%	21%	14%
Having garlic bread with a pasta meal										
Acceptable	34%	86%	62%	64%	81%	81%	69%	48%	88%	83%
Unacceptable	48%	6%	25%	21%	9%	9%	16%	26%	5%	9%
Don't know	18%	8%	13%	16%	10%	10%	15%	26%	8%	9%
Having meatballs with spaghetti										
Acceptable	75%	88%	75%	89%	85%	86%	77%	71%	88%	91%
Unacceptable	17%	3%	15%	6%	7%	7%	15%	11%	4%	5%
Don't know	8%	9%	10%	5%	9%	7%	9%	18%	8%	4%
Having ketchup with pasta										
Acceptable	7%	28%	52%	50%	71%	70%	24%	50%	17%	33%
Unacceptable	89%	61%	40%	42%	21%	22%	70%	34%	65%	57%
Don't know	3%	11%	8%	7%	8%	8%	7%	15%	17%	10%
Eating pizza with a fork rather than your hands										
Acceptable	82%	67%	76%	82%	81%	85%	53%	60%	60%	39%
Unacceptable	13%	23%	17%	12%	10%	7%	39%	27%	26%	52%
Don't know	5%	10%	7%	6%	9%	9%	8%	13%	14%	9%
Cutting long pasta with a knife										
Acceptable	23%	55%	45%	50%	67%	66%	36%	32%	52%	31%
Unacceptable	69%	29%	45%	41%	19%	18%	51%	47%	27%	55%
Don't know	8%	16%	9%	9%	14%	16%	13%	21%	21%	14%

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Unacceptable	19%	28%	24%	28%	18%	21%	24%
Don't know	14%	17%	18%	19%	18%	18%	16%
Having garlic bread with a pasta meal							
Acceptable	73%	63%	86%	51%	70%	87%	73%
Unacceptable	15%	21%	6%	31%	15%	7%	15%
Don't know	12%	15%	8%	17%	15%	7%	12%
Having meatballs with spaghetti							
Acceptable	76%	43%	84%	69%	77%	88%	80%
Unacceptable	12%	28%	9%	18%	15%	6%	10%
Don't know	12%	29%	7%	13%	8%	6%	10%
Having ketchup with pasta							
Acceptable	65%	67%	32%	71%	84%	55%	46%
Unacceptable	26%	21%	56%	18%	8%	36%	44%
Don't know	9%	12%	11%	11%	8%	9%	10%
Eating pizza with a fork rather than your hands							
Acceptable	51%	43%	58%	70%	67%	70%	65%
Unacceptable	41%	46%	33%	18%	24%	22%	25%
Don't know	9%	11%	10%	12%	8%	7%	9%
Cutting long pasta with a knife							
Acceptable	44%	50%	49%	60%	53%	46%	48%
Unacceptable	43%	32%	35%	23%	35%	36%	37%
Don't know	13%	19%	15%	17%	13%	18%	15%

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Having risotto as an appetiser or side dish										
Acceptable	45%	56%	64%	62%	65%	66%	54%	53%	61%	57%
Unacceptable	43%	18%	17%	21%	12%	14%	31%	17%	8%	17%
Don't know	12%	26%	19%	17%	22%	19%	16%	30%	31%	27%
Eating pizza for lunch										
Acceptable	93%	90%	86%	66%	84%	88%	70%	78%	89%	65%
Unacceptable	4%	3%	8%	25%	6%	6%	20%	9%	3%	25%
Don't know	3%	7%	6%	10%	10%	6%	10%	13%	8%	10%

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Unacceptable	20%	25%	17%	28%	17%	17%	19%
Don't know	28%	38%	20%	20%	25%	25%	24%
Eating pizza for lunch							
Acceptable	82%	70%	90%	77%	83%	92%	83%
Unacceptable	11%	23%	5%	14%	10%	4%	10%
Don't know	7%	7%	4%	9%	8%	4%	7%