

YouGov Survey Results

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Which of the following best reflects your view?

Academic qualifications are respected more than vocational qualifications	47	47	56	59	56	42	49	45	44	46	52	45	54	38	52	47	44	47	48	48	45	55	49
Vocational qualifications are respected more than academic qualifications	6	6	4	6	5	8	8	5	1	9	5	6	5	8	4	7	6	6	6	6	8	9	6
Academic and vocation qualifications are equally respected	27	29	28	24	29	27	25	29	25	27	24	30	29	24	23	28	27	27	28	27	29	26	28
Don't know	20	18	12	11	10	23	19	21	30	19	19	19	12	31	20	18	24	21	18	18	18	11	17

How, if at all, has the coronavirus outbreak changed your employment situation?

I wasn't employed and am still not employed	36	41	29	32	27	44	34	39	35	17	32	75	30	45	29	37	37	38	36	45	0	18	38
I was and am still employed	45	43	54	50	55	42	47	43	33	64	51	9	53	34	47	45	43	45	45	55	0	55	47
I am still employed but I have been furloughed	3	2	4	4	4	2	4	3	6	4	4	2	4	3	4	3	5	2	2	0	25	5	3
I'm employed but my pay/hours have reduced, however I have not been officially furloughed	5	5	5	2	4	4	6	4	9	5	5	2	5	5	4	4	6	3	7	0	36	10	4
I was employed but have now lost my job	5	4	5	6	5	5	4	6	5	6	6	3	5	5	7	5	4	6	5	0	39	10	4
Don't know	6	4	3	5	4	4	6	5	12	4	3	9	4	8	8	6	5	6	4	0	0	2	4

How likely or unlikely are you to retrain in another sector in the near future?

Very likely	5	4	7	3	4	4	5	5	10	7	3	1	5	5	3	4	6	7	2	5	7	35	0
Fairly likely	9	8	13	5	10	7	9	9	7	15	7	1	10	8	17	7	10	8	5	8	19	65	0
TOTAL LIKELY	14	12	20	8	14	11	14	14	17	22	10	2	15	13	20	11	16	15	7	13	26	100	0
Fairly unlikely	16	12	21	15	22	10	18	14	19	23	16	3	17	14	19	14	16	15	21	15	23	0	23
Very unlikely	55	67	44	62	53	65	54	55	31	36	64	89	56	53	40	62	51	52	62	59	31	0	77
TOTAL UNLIKELY	71	79	65	77	75	75	72	69	50	59	80	92	73	67	59	76	67	67	83	74	54	0	100
Don't know	16	10	15	15	11	14	14	17	32	19	10	7	12	20	21	13	16	18	9	13	20	0	0

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Please say whether you would or would not consider working in each of the following sectors?

Food production and processing (e.g. butcher, chef)

Would consider	16	18	17	10	16	16	18	15	15	18	18	12	14	20	17	15	17	17	20	16	23	26	14
Would not consider	75	73	79	86	79	74	73	77	74	76	75	74	81	67	73	77	74	73	74	77	71	70	79
Don't know	9	9	5	5	5	10	9	9	11	6	7	14	6	13	10	8	9	10	6	7	6	5	7

Social work

Would consider	27	20	34	27	30	22	22	32	32	34	23	16	27	27	26	25	29	29	25	27	32	42	23
Would not consider	65	71	62	66	65	69	71	59	56	61	71	70	67	62	62	67	63	63	69	66	64	54	71
Don't know	8	8	5	7	5	9	8	9	11	6	6	14	7	11	12	8	8	8	6	7	4	4	6

Teaching

Would consider	29	24	37	35	34	20	25	32	43	33	27	15	33	23	37	30	24	26	27	28	35	38	27
Would not consider	63	67	59	60	60	71	66	60	43	60	66	72	60	66	51	62	67	66	61	65	56	58	66
Don't know	9	10	4	5	6	9	9	8	14	6	7	12	7	11	11	8	9	8	11	7	9	4	7

Nursing

Would consider	18	17	20	12	19	17	12	25	23	21	16	13	16	22	16	17	21	21	12	19	19	33	15
Would not consider	73	72	75	82	77	72	79	66	63	74	77	71	77	67	74	75	70	70	75	74	74	64	77
Don't know	9	10	4	6	4	11	9	9	14	5	7	16	7	12	10	8	8	8	13	7	7	3	8

Construction (e.g. bricklayer)

Would consider	13	14	13	7	12	15	22	5	11	17	13	8	12	15	15	13	12	13	15	13	18	22	11
Would not consider	78	78	84	85	82	76	69	87	79	75	81	81	82	74	74	78	81	79	78	80	77	73	82
Don't know	8	9	4	8	5	9	9	8	10	8	6	11	7	11	10	9	7	8	7	7	5	6	6

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Engineering																							
Would consider	26	24	27	28	30	25	41	12	22	35	24	15	26	27	32	25	22	27	30	27	25	40	24
Would not consider	64	65	68	67	64	64	48	78	61	58	68	71	66	60	55	66	68	63	54	65	64	54	67
Don't know	10	11	6	5	6	11	11	10	17	8	9	13	8	13	13	9	10	9	16	8	11	6	9
Manufacturing																							
Would consider	29	31	25	27	28	31	40	19	22	34	33	18	25	34	23	30	31	30	24	29	31	46	25
Would not consider	61	59	69	65	64	58	52	70	67	57	58	68	68	53	65	62	57	60	66	62	63	48	68
Don't know	10	10	7	8	8	11	9	11	11	8	8	14	8	13	12	8	12	10	10	9	6	6	8
Agriculture and farming (e.g. fruit picker)																							
Would consider	22	23	18	18	19	24	23	20	17	26	24	14	19	26	17	24	21	22	21	22	26	31	18
Would not consider	69	67	78	78	76	67	68	70	70	68	69	71	74	63	74	69	69	70	64	71	65	65	74
Don't know	9	10	4	4	5	9	8	9	14	6	7	14	7	12	9	7	10	8	15	7	9	4	8
Electricians and mechanics																							
Would consider	23	21	25	18	23	24	39	9	18	31	21	14	21	27	24	21	23	25	26	24	24	34	22
Would not consider	68	69	69	76	70	66	53	82	70	62	71	74	72	61	66	71	67	66	65	68	70	59	72
Don't know	9	10	6	5	6	10	9	10	12	7	7	12	7	12	10	8	10	9	8	8	5	6	7
IT and software development																							
Would consider	30	26	33	34	35	25	42	18	29	39	28	17	34	24	37	26	31	28	35	30	31	47	27
Would not consider	60	64	61	60	59	64	48	72	54	54	65	69	58	63	51	65	59	62	52	62	59	47	66
Don't know	10	10	6	6	6	10	10	10	17	7	7	15	8	13	12	9	10	10	12	8	10	7	8
Cyber security																							
Would consider	29	24	32	35	31	26	41	19	30	40	25	15	31	27	31	27	33	29	27	30	29	48	25
Would not consider	60	65	63	59	61	63	50	70	56	52	66	71	61	60	54	65	57	60	62	61	63	46	66
Don't know	10	11	6	6	7	11	9	11	14	8	9	15	8	13	15	8	11	11	11	9	8	6	8

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Which of the following best reflects your view?

Given the coronavirus outbreak, it is not possible for the government to save every job	81	93	78	84	82	89	81	81	61	78	87	90	84	77	73	87	79	80	79	84	73	80	85
Even with the coronavirus outbreak, it is possible for the government to save every job	9	4	14	8	10	6	10	8	16	11	6	5	9	9	14	6	10	10	9	8	17	13	9
Don't know	10	4	7	7	7	5	9	10	23	11	7	5	7	14	14	7	11	9	12	7	10	7	6

Which of the following best reflects your view?

The government should do more to help people improve their skills to find new jobs	55	35	80	68	69	43	54	56	58	60	57	42	57	52	61	51	49	59	64	56	58	77	53
The government is doing all it reasonably can to help people improve their skills to find new jobs	30	52	11	20	20	42	32	28	20	24	32	44	31	29	24	35	33	27	21	31	32	18	34
Don't know	15	13	8	12	11	15	14	16	22	16	11	14	12	18	15	14	18	13	15	14	10	5	13

Thinking about jobs that are currently unsustainable as a result of coronavirus, do you think people working in these sectors should...?

Be helped to retrain so they can find alternative jobs	37	44	29	40	36	43	40	33	17	33	43	45	38	34	31	37	41	37	30	37	41	43	38
Be supported in their current jobs so they can return to them after the coronavirus	48	43	60	50	52	42	44	51	64	51	43	40	49	47	49	48	44	48	58	48	52	51	49
Don't know	15	13	11	10	12	15	15	16	19	16	14	14	13	18	20	15	16	14	12	15	7	6	13

How effective, if at all, do you think each of the following are in helping people retrain or to gain jobs/skills?

Fully funded college course to all people over 18 in England without an A-level or equivalent qualification

Very effective	17	14	25	14	21	10	16	18	23	21	15	10	18	17	18	17	17	20	10	17	19	33	14
Fairly effective	36	34	39	45	37	36	35	37	43	35	33	39	37	35	43	36	36	33	37	38	37	35	38
TOTAL EFFECTIVE	53	48	64	59	58	46	51	55	66	56	48	49	55	52	61	53	53	53	47	55	56	68	52
Not very effective	15	19	13	17	15	18	19	12	9	14	18	17	16	13	9	14	17	16	20	14	19	12	17
Not effective at all	5	5	4	3	4	6	6	4	5	3	7	6	4	5	8	4	4	5	4	5	4	4	5
TOTAL NOT EFFECTIVE	20	24	17	20	19	24	25	16	14	17	25	23	20	18	17	18	21	21	24	19	23	16	22
Don't know	27	27	18	21	23	30	24	29	20	28	27	29	25	30	22	29	26	26	29	26	21	17	25

More flexible higher education loans

Very effective	10	6	12	12	11	6	7	12	18	11	7	6	10	9	11	10	7	12	5	10	12	22	7
Fairly effective	29	29	35	35	33	25	30	29	27	32	26	28	31	27	29	30	31	29	24	31	26	35	31
TOTAL EFFECTIVE	39	35	47	47	44	31	37	41	45	43	33	34	41	36	40	40	38	41	29	41	38	57	38
Not very effective	21	23	22	22	24	22	21	21	14	18	27	22	23	19	20	21	22	18	25	22	22	16	24
Not effective at all	9	8	8	7	6	10	11	7	11	9	8	8	9	9	11	8	10	7	14	8	15	11	9
TOTAL NOT EFFECTIVE	30	31	30	29	30	32	32	28	25	27	35	30	32	28	31	29	32	25	39	30	37	27	33
Don't know	31	34	22	24	26	36	31	32	30	29	31	36	27	37	29	31	29	35	31	30	26	17	30

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Offering small businesses financial incentives to take on apprentices

Very effective	17	20	19	10	17	17	15	20	20	17	16	18	17	17	18	18	17	19	10	18	19	27	16
Fairly effective	46	47	49	57	50	44	47	46	44	46	45	48	48	43	46	50	50	38	46	48	44	47	48
TOTAL EFFECTIVE	63	67	68	67	67	61	62	66	64	63	61	66	65	60	64	68	67	57	56	66	63	74	64
Not very effective	11	11	14	14	13	12	13	10	5	11	16	10	12	11	10	10	11	14	15	11	14	11	12
Not effective at all	4	3	4	3	4	3	6	2	12	3	2	3	4	4	7	2	4	5	7	3	8	4	4
TOTAL NOT EFFECTIVE	15	14	18	17	17	15	19	12	17	14	18	13	16	15	17	12	15	19	22	14	22	15	16
Don't know	21	20	15	16	16	24	20	22	20	22	20	21	19	24	20	21	18	24	22	20	16	11	20

Holding skills 'bootcamps' in sectors like IT, construction and engineering

Very effective	10	12	9	4	8	9	10	11	12	12	9	7	10	11	8	9	12	13	6	10	10	21	8
Fairly effective	35	40	36	41	36	38	33	36	31	35	33	38	37	32	35	38	38	32	20	36	34	44	36
TOTAL EFFECTIVE	45	52	45	45	44	47	43	47	43	47	42	45	47	43	43	47	50	45	26	46	44	65	44
Not very effective	16	13	21	23	20	14	18	14	13	16	18	16	17	15	16	16	15	15	25	16	21	12	18
Not effective at all	6	3	6	2	6	4	8	3	12	5	5	3	6	4	8	4	5	5	12	5	9	4	6
TOTAL NOT EFFECTIVE	22	16	27	25	26	18	26	17	25	21	23	19	23	19	24	20	20	20	37	21	30	16	24
Don't know	33	32	27	30	30	36	31	35	32	32	35	36	30	38	34	33	31	35	37	33	26	20	32

Job Support Scheme which subsidises the pay of employees in small and medium-sized businesses who are working at least a third of their usual hours

Very effective	13	14	16	7	14	11	11	15	17	14	10	12	13	13	18	11	12	17	7	13	18	26	11
Fairly effective	41	42	43	50	46	41	44	39	35	40	45	44	44	38	35	46	42	37	42	42	39	42	45
TOTAL EFFECTIVE	54	56	59	57	60	52	55	54	52	54	55	56	57	51	53	57	54	54	49	55	57	68	56
Not very effective	12	13	14	12	13	14	13	11	8	12	15	12	13	11	11	12	14	12	14	12	18	12	13
Not effective at all	5	3	4	7	5	4	7	3	11	5	4	3	6	4	10	4	4	4	6	5	8	4	5
TOTAL NOT EFFECTIVE	17	16	18	19	18	18	20	14	19	17	19	15	19	15	21	16	18	16	20	17	26	16	18
Don't know	28	27	22	24	23	31	25	32	28	29	26	30	24	34	26	28	28	29	31	28	18	16	27