

YouGov Survey Results

Fieldwork: 29 July - 3 August 2021

Sample Size: 3394 GB Adults

	Vote In 2019 GE			2016 EU Ref		Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region					
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
Weighted Sample	3394	1151	842	305	1259	1344	1649	1745	370	1415	818	791	1935	1459	407	1140	737	818	292
Unweighted Sample	3394	1167	839	325	1374	1368	1462	1932	264	1377	853	900	2023	1371	359	1191	703	841	300
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

How would you feel if someone, who was not a romantic partner or sexual partner or friend, wolf whistled at you?

I would think it was acceptable, and find it flattering	21	28	13	15	13	30	25	16	9	19	26	23	18	24	14	20	27	20	17
I would think it was acceptable, but would not be flattered	5	5	5	2	4	5	5	5	5	5	4	6	4	5	3	4	6	6	4
I would not have any strong feelings either way	27	33	19	22	26	32	27	27	12	24	29	37	26	28	17	28	27	27	33
I would think it was inappropriate, but would not feel uncomfortable	16	14	19	21	20	13	14	18	11	19	16	13	18	13	19	17	13	16	16
I would think it was inappropriate, and it would make me feel uncomfortable	20	10	33	26	26	9	11	28	44	23	15	7	24	15	30	21	15	17	20
Prefer not to say	2	1	1	3	2	1	2	1	5	2	1	1	1	2	4	1	2	1	2
Don't know/ Not applicable	11	9	9	10	9	10	16	5	15	9	9	14	9	13	13	9	10	12	9

Have you ever experienced the following directed at you when out in the street or other public place?

Being wolf-whistled at

Yes, this has happened to me multiple times	28	25	31	31	31	26	7	48	24	30	26	27	30	25	28	28	28	26	30
Yes, this has happened to me once	17	19	17	17	17	18	10	25	17	19	19	14	18	17	16	18	15	20	18
TOTAL YES	45	44	48	48	48	44	17	73	41	49	45	41	48	42	44	46	43	46	48
No, this has not happened to me	46	49	46	44	46	48	74	19	47	41	48	52	46	46	42	47	52	42	43
Prefer not to say	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	4	2	2	3	2	3	4	2	2	3	2
Don't know	6	5	5	5	4	6	7	6	9	8	5	4	5	9	10	5	4	9	7

Being cat called

Yes, this has happened to me multiple times	17	13	23	21	22	13	5	29	22	22	16	8	21	13	25	19	15	14	18
Yes, this has happened to me once	11	10	12	9	11	9	7	14	13	13	10	6	11	10	9	11	10	10	12
TOTAL YES	28	23	35	30	33	22	12	43	35	35	26	14	32	23	34	30	25	24	30
No, this has not happened to me	57	65	52	53	54	63	76	39	49	47	60	74	54	60	49	57	63	56	52
Prefer not to say	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	5	2	3	2	2	3	3	2	1	3	3
Don't know	13	11	11	14	11	13	10	15	12	16	12	10	12	15	14	11	12	16	15

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		Gender x Age									
		Male 18-29	Male 30-39	Male 40-49	Male 50-59	Male 60+	Female 18-29	Female 30-39	Female 40-49	Female 50-59	Female 60+
Weighted Sample	3394	268	251	371	262	499	314	290	292	272	577
Unweighted Sample	3394	145	208	304	270	535	317	342	325	283	665
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

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I would think it was acceptable, and find it flattering	21	15	21	35	31	22	5	8	15	23	24
I would think it was acceptable, but would not be flattered	5	8	4	5	4	5	4	5	3	2	7
I would not have any strong feelings either way	27	15	27	25	25	36	9	25	26	32	35
I would think it was inappropriate, but would not feel uncomfortable	16	17	25	11	14	8	12	19	22	18	18
I would think it was inappropriate, and it would make me feel uncomfortable	20	24	10	12	8	6	61	36	22	21	13
Prefer not to say	2	4	2	1	1	1	3	1	2	1	1
Don't know/ Not applicable	11	18	11	11	17	23	7	6	9	3	3

Have you ever experienced the following directed at you when out in the street or other public place?

Being wolf-whistled at

Yes, this has happened to me multiple times	28	7	10	12	7	2	49	51	44	47	47
Yes, this has happened to me once	17	10	12	11	12	7	23	25	28	27	23
TOTAL YES	45	17	22	23	19	9	72	76	72	74	70
No, this has not happened to me	46	68	66	69	73	85	19	15	17	19	23
Prefer not to say	2	4	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	4
Don't know	6	11	10	6	6	5	7	7	8	5	3

Being cat called

Yes, this has happened to me multiple times	17	4	9	6	6	2	47	39	27	27	17
Yes, this has happened to me once	11	7	11	8	6	5	19	15	16	16	8
TOTAL YES	28	11	20	14	12	7	66	54	43	43	25
No, this has not happened to me	57	70	66	72	74	87	20	26	30	41	58
Prefer not to say	2	4	1	1	3	1	3	2	2	2	4
Don't know	13	15	13	12	11	6	10	17	25	15	13

Other unwanted sexualised comments, gestures or acts

Yes, this has happened to me multiple times	27	22	36	29	33	22	13	41	30	35	24	16	31	23	36	28	25	25	29
Yes, this has happened to me once	15	14	16	21	17	13	13	16	17	15	16	12	16	13	14	17	13	16	11
TOTAL YES	42	36	52	50	50	35	26	57	47	50	40	28	47	36	50	45	38	41	40
No, this has not happened to me	47	55	40	39	42	55	63	32	37	38	51	64	44	51	37	47	54	47	45
Prefer not to say	3	3	3	4	3	3	2	4	5	2	3	3	3	4	3	3	2	3	4
Don't know	8	7	6	6	5	8	9	7	11	10	6	5	7	9	10	6	6	9	10

There are currently discussions looking into making some types of public or street harassment a specific crime. Thinking about if someone did each of the following to a woman, do you think this should or should not be considered a criminal offence?

Wolf-whistle

This should be a criminal offence	8	4	12	9	10	3	7	8	18	9	5	3	9	6	14	8	6	7	6
This should not be a criminal offence	78	90	71	74	74	89	76	79	50	74	85	90	78	78	64	82	79	78	79
Prefer not to say	2	1	2	2	2	1	2	2	5	2	2	1	2	2	4	2	1	2	3
Don't know	12	5	15	15	13	8	14	11	26	15	8	5	11	14	18	9	13	13	13

Continue to talk to someone after they have asked to be left alone

This should be a criminal offence	37	36	43	39	40	35	33	41	36	39	36	36	36	39	40	38	36	35	37
This should not be a criminal offence	44	53	37	41	42	49	47	41	32	41	48	52	46	41	38	47	45	44	41
Prefer not to say	3	2	2	3	2	3	3	2	6	3	1	2	3	2	4	2	2	3	3
Don't know	16	10	18	17	16	13	17	15	26	17	14	10	14	18	18	13	16	18	19

Intentionally invade personal space or block the way

This should be a criminal offence	60	58	66	63	65	57	53	66	55	60	58	62	60	59	60	61	58	59	59
This should not be a criminal offence	25	30	21	22	22	29	30	21	21	24	28	28	27	24	22	26	27	26	24
Prefer not to say	2	2	1	4	2	2	3	2	7	2	2	2	2	3	4	2	2	2	5
Don't know	12	10	12	11	11	12	14	11	17	14	12	8	11	14	14	11	12	13	13

Other unwanted sexualised comments, gestures or acts

Yes, this has happened to me multiple times	27	14	20	18	12	8	53	51	46	38	27
Yes, this has happened to me once	15	17	18	12	15	8	16	18	14	18	17
TOTAL YES	42	31	38	30	27	16	69	69	60	56	44
No, this has not happened to me	47	51	48	61	62	78	17	22	26	37	47
Prefer not to say	3	5	3	1	2	1	3	2	4	3	6
Don't know	8	13	11	8	9	5	10	7	11	5	4

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Wolf-whistle

This should be a criminal offence	8	12	10	7	6	5	22	10	5	6	2
This should not be a criminal offence	78	56	72	76	81	88	55	77	77	86	92
Prefer not to say	2	4	1	2	3	1	4	3	2	1	1
Don't know	12	29	18	15	10	6	19	11	16	7	5

Continue to talk to someone after they have asked to be left alone

This should be a criminal offence	37	30	31	32	33	37	48	47	42	38	36
This should not be a criminal offence	44	38	45	48	49	51	25	38	37	46	52
Prefer not to say	3	7	4	3	2	2	5	1	2	1	2
Don't know	16	25	20	17	15	11	22	14	19	15	10

Intentionally invade personal space or block the way

This should be a criminal offence	60	42	57	52	53	58	70	72	63	62	64
This should not be a criminal offence	25	29	26	31	30	30	16	18	17	25	26
Prefer not to say	2	7	4	2	2	2	4	2	1	2	2
Don't know	12	22	13	15	15	10	11	8	19	11	8

Persistently request someone's name, number, or other information

This should be a criminal offence	59	56	66	58	62	57	55	62	61	57	57	61	59	58	57	60	61	55	58
This should not be a criminal offence	27	33	21	27	25	31	30	24	19	27	31	28	29	25	25	29	25	28	27
Prefer not to say	2	2	1	4	2	1	2	2	5	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2
Don't know	12	9	12	12	12	11	12	12	15	14	11	9	11	14	15	9	12	15	13

Continue to stare at someone after being asked to stop

This should be a criminal offence	27	24	32	26	28	25	24	29	31	25	28	26	25	29	28	26	26	28	26
This should not be a criminal offence	54	62	49	52	52	59	55	53	41	54	56	58	58	49	47	59	54	52	50
Prefer not to say	3	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	6	2	2	2	2	3	5	2	2	3	3
Don't know	17	12	17	19	17	14	18	16	23	19	14	13	15	19	20	14	18	18	21

Take a photo of someone without their consent

This should be a criminal offence	64	59	70	66	67	60	55	72	69	67	60	60	64	63	64	65	65	60	65
This should not be a criminal offence	23	30	17	20	20	27	30	16	12	18	28	30	24	21	20	23	21	25	20
Prefer not to say	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	6	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	4
Don't know	12	9	11	12	11	11	13	10	13	13	11	8	10	13	13	9	12	13	12

Cat-calling someone

This should be a criminal offence	23	19	28	25	26	18	19	26	30	22	21	22	23	22	27	22	21	23	21
This should not be a criminal offence	50	60	44	43	48	57	54	47	34	49	54	56	52	49	45	52	52	49	51
Prefer not to say	3	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	6	2	2	3	3	3	5	2	2	3	2
Don't know	24	19	26	28	24	22	24	25	30	27	23	19	23	27	23	23	25	26	26

Make sexually graphic or lewd comments

This should be a criminal offence	69	71	73	75	73	70	62	76	65	62	72	81	70	69	66	71	70	68	69
This should not be a criminal offence	17	20	13	10	14	19	22	12	14	21	17	12	18	16	14	18	18	16	18
Prefer not to say	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	4	2	2	2	2	2	5	1	1	2	2
Don't know	12	8	11	13	11	10	14	9	18	15	9	5	11	13	15	10	11	14	11

Persistently request someone's name, number, or other information

This should be a criminal offence	59	54	58	48	56	60	69	66	57	56	61
This should not be a criminal offence	27	24	28	36	32	29	16	20	24	29	29
Prefer not to say	2	5	2	2	2	1	3	2	1	2	2
Don't know	12	16	13	14	10	10	12	12	18	13	9

Continue to stare at someone after being asked to stop

This should be a criminal offence	27	23	24	21	27	26	34	29	26	29	27
This should not be a criminal offence	54	49	53	57	57	58	42	52	53	56	57
Prefer not to say	3	6	3	2	2	1	4	1	1	2	3
Don't know	17	22	20	20	14	15	20	18	19	12	13

Take a photo of someone without their consent

This should be a criminal offence	64	58	57	61	54	48	80	81	68	69	68
This should not be a criminal offence	23	18	24	26	33	41	8	10	14	19	22
Prefer not to say	2	6	1	2	0	2	3	1	2	2	2
Don't know	12	17	18	12	12	10	9	8	16	10	8

Cat-calling someone

This should be a criminal offence	23	18	19	16	20	21	38	26	23	24	22
This should not be a criminal offence	50	44	55	54	56	59	36	43	44	51	54
Prefer not to say	3	6	2	2	1	3	4	3	1	2	3
Don't know	24	32	24	28	23	18	22	29	31	23	22

Make sexually graphic or lewd comments

This should be a criminal offence	69	49	54	54	63	77	76	74	69	74	82
This should not be a criminal offence	17	25	27	27	23	14	9	14	14	14	11
Prefer not to say	2	4	2	2	2	2	4	1	1	3	2
Don't know	12	22	17	17	12	7	11	11	16	8	5