

# YouGov Results

Sample: 2,195 UK adults aged 16+

Fieldwork Dates: 16th - 22nd June 2021



Total	Gender		Age group			
	Male	Female	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+

When it comes to interacting with friends, would you say you are...?

	2195	1019	1176	219	546	674	756
Unweighted base	2195	1019	1176	219	546	674	756
<b>Base</b>	2195	1065	1130	296	544	665	689
Very extroverted	5%	4%	5%	8%	6%	5%	2%
Fairly extroverted	37%	35%	39%	36%	34%	35%	41%
Fairly introverted	41%	44%	39%	35%	42%	42%	42%
Very introverted	9%	9%	9%	13%	9%	11%	6%
Don't know	9%	8%	9%	7%	9%	8%	9%

How many friends overall would you say you have?

	2195	1019	1176	219	546	674	756
Unweighted base	2195	1019	1176	219	546	674	756
<b>Base</b>	2195	1065	1130	296	544	665	689
1 - 3	15%	14%	17%	13%	16%	16%	16%
4 - 6	23%	23%	24%	15%	22%	25%	27%
7 - 10	20%	19%	22%	23%	21%	21%	18%
11 - 15	12%	12%	12%	15%	13%	11%	11%
16 - 25	11%	11%	10%	15%	10%	9%	11%
26 - 50	6%	5%	6%	4%	6%	4%	7%
51 - 100	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%
101 - 150	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	0%
151 - 200	0%	0%	0%	-	1%	-	0%
More than 200	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
None	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%	4%	2%
Don't know	6%	7%	5%	8%	7%	6%	5%

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## How many close friends do you have?

	Unweighted base	Male	Female	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+
	2130	981	1149	213	529	645	743
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1024</b>	<b>1104</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>677</b>
1	12%	12%	12%	9%	11%	14%	13%
2-3	41%	38%	43%	43%	39%	43%	39%
4-5	21%	20%	22%	22%	21%	20%	22%
6-7	8%	9%	7%	11%	10%	6%	8%
8-10	5%	6%	4%	6%	6%	4%	4%
11-15	2%	3%	1%	3%	3%	2%	2%
More than 16	1%	1%	0%	-	1%	1%	1%
None	7%	7%	7%	2%	5%	9%	9%
Don't know	3%	4%	2%	5%	4%	2%	2%

## You said you have no close friends. Why is that? Tick all that apply.

	Unweighted base	Male	Female	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+
	151	70	81	5	26	54	66
<b>Base</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>61</b>
I chose not to have close friends	16%	19%	13%	-	12%	18%	18%
I struggle to make close friends	27%	22%	31%	20%	74%	23%	10%
I lost touch or fell out with former close friends	24%	23%	24%	20%	26%	28%	20%
My close friend(s) died	11%	10%	12%	17%	3%	10%	14%
I have friends but do not regard any of them to be close	50%	49%	52%	33%	28%	47%	66%
Other	3%	4%	2%	-	4%	5%	1%
Don't know	3%	4%	2%	31%	11%	-	-

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Where did you meet your current close friends? Tick all the options where you met at least one of your close friends.

Unweighted base	1979	911	1068	208	503	591	677
<b>Base</b>	1980	956	1025	282	499	583	616
Through family	16%	14%	18%	12%	13%	14%	22%
At nursery	2%	2%	3%	6%	3%	2%	1%
At school	41%	40%	42%	77%	47%	35%	25%
At university	17%	16%	19%	31%	25%	14%	8%
At work	44%	41%	46%	17%	47%	49%	49%
At a party	4%	4%	4%	5%	4%	5%	4%
Through other people	27%	27%	28%	18%	30%	29%	29%
In my neighbourhood	19%	18%	21%	5%	10%	19%	34%
Through day-to-day life (waiting in a queue, in public transport, at an event...)	7%	6%	7%	3%	5%	8%	9%
Online	6%	8%	5%	12%	8%	6%	3%
Other	14%	15%	13%	7%	11%	16%	19%
Don't know	2%	3%	2%	4%	4%	2%	1%

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Total	Gender		Age group			
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## Do you have someone (excluding family or a partner) whom you would call your 'best friend'?

	Unweighted base	Male	Female	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+
	1979	911	1068	208	503	591	677
<b>Base</b>	1980	956	1025	282	499	583	616
I do, and they would call me their best friend	41%	33%	49%	43%	45%	42%	37%
I do, but I don't know if they would call me their best friend	19%	21%	18%	24%	18%	17%	21%
I do, but they would not call me their best friend	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	4%	4%
I do not have someone I would call my 'best friend'	28%	31%	26%	20%	24%	30%	34%
Don't know	8%	11%	5%	10%	12%	7%	4%

## Which of these types of friends do you have? Tick all that apply.

	Unweighted base	Male	Female	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+
	2130	981	1149	213	529	645	743
<b>Base</b>	2129	1024	1104	288	526	638	677
Friends that I don't like	9%	10%	9%	18%	11%	9%	6%
Friends that I like but don't really bother to see	37%	41%	34%	46%	43%	38%	28%
Friends that I maintain out of habit rather than choice	18%	18%	17%	26%	17%	16%	16%
Trophy friends (For example, good looking or popular/influential friends)	2%	3%	1%	5%	2%	1%	1%
Friends of convenience (For example, because we work together or do the same leisure activities)	22%	25%	19%	30%	25%	20%	17%
Pity friends (people I don't really want to hang out with but feel sorry for)	4%	4%	5%	6%	5%	3%	4%
None of these	45%	41%	49%	32%	38%	47%	55%
Don't know	4%	6%	3%	6%	6%	3%	3%

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How many friends, if any, do you have who hold different political beliefs to yours?

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Most of them	6%	7%	5%	8%	4%	5%	7%
A fair amount of them	13%	16%	11%	14%	13%	14%	12%
Some of them	35%	37%	32%	24%	36%	36%	36%
Hardly any of them	17%	15%	20%	26%	20%	16%	13%
None of them	5%	5%	6%	8%	4%	4%	7%
N/A I don't hold any political beliefs or don't have friends who have political beliefs	8%	6%	9%	5%	8%	8%	8%
Don't know	16%	15%	17%	14%	15%	16%	17%

Do you have anyone whom you would genuinely call a friend, who is at least ten years older or younger than you?

Unweighted base	2130	981	1149	213	529	645	743
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I do	53%	48%	57%	29%	50%	59%	59%
I do not	42%	44%	39%	62%	42%	36%	38%
Don't know	6%	8%	4%	9%	8%	5%	3%

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## When was the last time you made a new friend? Within...

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Unweighted base	2130	981	1149	213	529	645	743
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The last month	7%	7%	6%	17%	7%	5%	3%
The last 6 months	13%	14%	13%	26%	17%	11%	8%
The last year	14%	14%	15%	24%	18%	13%	10%
The last 2 years	18%	16%	20%	16%	23%	17%	16%
The last 5 years	18%	17%	19%	7%	13%	21%	23%
The last 10 years	10%	10%	10%	2%	6%	12%	14%
The last 20 years	4%	3%	5%	-	2%	4%	7%
More than 20 years ago	4%	4%	3%	-	1%	4%	8%
Don't know	12%	14%	9%	9%	14%	12%	11%

## Do you find it easy to make new friends?

	Total	Male	Female	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+
Unweighted base	2130	981	1149	213	529	645	743
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1024</b>	<b>1104</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>677</b>
I find it very easy	8%	9%	7%	7%	7%	9%	9%
I find it fairly easy	36%	36%	36%	31%	36%	36%	38%
I find it fairly difficult	35%	33%	36%	36%	33%	34%	36%
I find it very difficult	16%	15%	16%	17%	18%	16%	13%
Don't know	6%	7%	5%	8%	7%	5%	5%

## Do you have any friends whom you have never met in person, but just communicate with remotely?

	Total	Male	Female	16-24	25-39	40-59	60+
Unweighted base	2130	981	1149	213	529	645	743
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I do	26%	27%	26%	33%	31%	27%	19%
I do not	71%	69%	72%	58%	65%	71%	81%
Don't know	3%	4%	2%	9%	4%	2%	1%

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## Thinking about your friends, are they mostly men or women?

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Mostly men	27%	51%	5%	30%	32%	27%	21%
Mostly women	40%	10%	67%	45%	37%	38%	42%
Both equally	31%	36%	27%	20%	27%	34%	36%
Don't know	2%	3%	2%	5%	4%	1%	1%

## Who do you find it easier to make friends with?

Unweighted base	2130	981	1149	213	529	645	743
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1024</b>	<b>1104</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>677</b>
Men	20%	26%	14%	30%	23%	20%	13%
Women	23%	17%	29%	32%	22%	22%	22%
Equally easy with both	41%	42%	40%	23%	38%	41%	51%
Equally hard with both	10%	9%	12%	7%	10%	12%	10%
Don't know	6%	6%	6%	8%	7%	6%	4%

## Do you think heterosexual men and women can ever really be just friends?

Unweighted base	2130	981	1149	213	529	645	743
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1024</b>	<b>1104</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>677</b>
They can	84%	83%	85%	80%	84%	85%	84%
They cannot	6%	7%	6%	9%	7%	6%	5%
Don't know	10%	10%	9%	11%	9%	9%	11%

## How has the coronavirus pandemic affected your relationship with close friends?

Unweighted base	2130	981	1149	213	529	645	743
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1024</b>	<b>1104</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>677</b>
We became closer	7%	6%	8%	11%	7%	7%	6%
We became more distant	20%	23%	17%	23%	22%	19%	18%
I became closer with some and more distant with others	29%	23%	34%	47%	35%	24%	21%
No change	38%	42%	34%	13%	29%	44%	50%
Not applicable - I don't have close friend/friends	3%	3%	3%	1%	2%	4%	3%
Don't know	3%	3%	3%	5%	4%	2%	2%

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Following the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic, do you value your friendships more, less or the same as before?

	Unweighted base	981	1149	213	529	645	743
	Base	1024	1104	288	526	638	677
I value my friendships more than before the start of the pandemic	35%	29%	40%	55%	37%	31%	28%
I value my friendships less than before the start of the pandemic	4%	5%	4%	7%	6%	2%	4%
I value my friendships the same as before the start of the pandemic	56%	60%	52%	30%	50%	62%	66%
Don't know	5%	6%	4%	9%	7%	5%	3%

Since the coronavirus pandemic started in the UK, have you lost or stopped contact with any friends?

	Unweighted base	981	1149	213	529	645	743
	Base	1024	1104	288	526	638	677
I have, but I will seek to regain contact with them	26%	26%	27%	32%	30%	24%	24%
I have, and I will not seek to regain contact with them, or with some of them	14%	14%	13%	27%	16%	13%	8%
I have not	54%	53%	54%	29%	46%	59%	65%
Don't know	6%	6%	6%	12%	9%	4%	3%

Which, if any, did you do more of during lockdown than before?

	Unweighted base	981	1149	213	529	645	743
	Base	1024	1104	288	526	638	677
Spoke to friends on the phone	34%	32%	37%	40%	27%	29%	43%
Contacted friends via video call	36%	33%	39%	53%	46%	30%	27%
Met up with friends for a walk or an outdoor activity	26%	22%	30%	43%	32%	21%	20%
Contacted friends by email or online (via social media)	37%	34%	39%	43%	26%	37%	43%
Wrote to friends by post	4%	2%	6%	9%	3%	3%	5%
None of the above	21%	26%	17%	6%	22%	27%	23%
Don't know	3%	4%	2%	6%	5%	2%	1%

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	16-24/Male	16-24/Female	25-39/Male	25-39/Female	40-59/Male	40-59/Female	60+/Male	60+/Female

When it comes to interacting with friends, would you say you are...?

Unweighted base	2195	76	143	255	291	327	347	361	395
<b>Base</b>	2195	149	147	268	277	321	345	327	362
Very extroverted	5%	8%	8%	6%	6%	5%	4%	1%	3%
Fairly extroverted	37%	31%	41%	29%	39%	34%	35%	41%	40%
Fairly introverted	41%	36%	35%	46%	37%	43%	42%	46%	39%
Very introverted	9%	14%	12%	10%	7%	11%	10%	4%	7%
Don't know	9%	11%	4%	8%	11%	7%	8%	8%	11%

How many friends overall would you say you have?

Unweighted base	2195	76	143	255	291	327	347	361	395
<b>Base</b>	2195	149	147	268	277	321	345	327	362
1 - 3	15%	7%	19%	13%	18%	16%	16%	16%	16%
4 - 6	23%	13%	18%	21%	22%	24%	26%	27%	27%
7 - 10	20%	21%	26%	19%	23%	19%	23%	18%	19%
11 - 15	12%	16%	15%	15%	10%	11%	10%	9%	14%
16 - 25	11%	17%	12%	11%	8%	9%	10%	11%	10%
26 - 50	6%	6%	3%	5%	8%	4%	4%	7%	6%
51 - 100	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	1%	3%	1%
101 - 150	0%	-	-	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	-
151 - 200	0%	-	-	0%	1%	-	-	0%	0%
More than 200	1%	3%	-	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
None	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	6%	3%	2%	2%
Don't know	6%	12%	4%	7%	7%	8%	5%	6%	5%

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	16-24/Male	16-24/Female	25-39/Male	25-39/Female	40-59/Male	40-59/Female	60+/Male	60+/Female

## How many close friends do you have?

Unweighted base	2130	74	139	245	284	308	337	354	389
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>357</b>
1	12%	5%	12%	11%	10%	16%	12%	12%	14%
2-3	41%	40%	47%	37%	42%	36%	48%	40%	38%
4-5	21%	23%	21%	22%	21%	18%	21%	19%	24%
6-7	8%	14%	7%	9%	10%	8%	5%	7%	8%
8-10	5%	5%	6%	8%	5%	6%	3%	5%	4%
11-15	2%	5%	1%	3%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%
More than 16	1%	-	-	2%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%
None	7%	1%	3%	4%	6%	8%	9%	10%	8%
Don't know	3%	7%	3%	5%	3%	3%	1%	3%	2%

## You said you have no close friends. Why is that? Tick all that apply.

Unweighted base	151	1	4	9	17	26	28	34	32
<b>Base</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>29</b>
I chose not to have close friends	16%	-	-	-	18%	25%	11%	21%	15%
I struggle to make close friends	27%	-	28%	80%	71%	22%	23%	6%	15%
I lost touch or fell out with former close friends	24%	-	28%	35%	20%	34%	22%	13%	28%
My close friend(s) died	11%	-	24%	9%	-	5%	15%	14%	14%
I have friends but do not regard any of them to be close	50%	-	48%	30%	27%	44%	49%	61%	70%
Other	3%	-	-	-	6%	8%	3%	3%	-
Don't know	3%	100%	-	10%	11%	-	-	-	-

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Where did you meet your current close friends? Tick all the options where you met at least one of your close friends.

	1979	73	135	236	267	282	309	320	357
Unweighted base	1979	73	135	236	267	282	309	320	357
Base	1980	143	138	246	253	277	306	289	328
Through family	16%	10%	14%	8%	18%	11%	16%	22%	22%
At nursery	2%	6%	6%	2%	4%	1%	3%	0%	1%
At school	41%	76%	78%	46%	49%	36%	35%	20%	29%
At university	17%	24%	39%	26%	25%	15%	14%	6%	10%
At work	44%	13%	20%	45%	48%	47%	52%	48%	50%
At a party	4%	3%	7%	3%	4%	5%	4%	4%	3%
Through other people	27%	19%	17%	28%	32%	31%	27%	26%	31%
In my neighbourhood	19%	5%	4%	8%	12%	16%	21%	33%	36%
Through day-to-day life (waiting in a queue, in public transport, at an event...)	7%	3%	3%	6%	4%	8%	8%	7%	10%
Online	6%	14%	10%	10%	5%	6%	5%	4%	3%
Other	14%	6%	8%	10%	11%	17%	15%	23%	16%
Don't know	2%	7%	1%	4%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%

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Do you have someone (excluding family or a partner) whom you would call your 'best friend'?

	Unweighted base	16-24/Male	16-24/Female	25-39/Male	25-39/Female	40-59/Male	40-59/Female	60+/Male	60+/Female
	1979	73	135	236	267	282	309	320	357
	<b>Base</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>328</b>
I do, and they would call me their best friend	41%	30%	56%	35%	55%	38%	46%	28%	45%
I do, but I don't know if they would call me their best friend	19%	29%	19%	21%	15%	15%	19%	24%	18%
I do, but they would not call me their best friend	3%	4%	1%	2%	1%	4%	4%	5%	3%
I do not have someone I would call my 'best friend'	28%	21%	19%	27%	21%	34%	27%	38%	31%
Don't know	8%	15%	5%	16%	8%	9%	4%	5%	3%

Which of these types of friends do you have? Tick all that apply.

	Unweighted base	16-24/Male	16-24/Female	25-39/Male	25-39/Female	40-59/Male	40-59/Female	60+/Male	60+/Female
	2130	74	139	245	284	308	337	354	389
	<b>Base</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>357</b>
Friends that I don't like	9%	19%	16%	11%	12%	9%	8%	7%	4%
Friends that I like but don't really bother to see	37%	46%	46%	48%	39%	39%	37%	34%	23%
Friends that I maintain out of habit rather than choice	18%	31%	21%	18%	17%	14%	17%	18%	15%
Trophy friends (For example, good looking or popular/influential friends)	2%	8%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Friends of convenience (For example, because we work together or do the same leisure activities)	22%	28%	32%	26%	24%	24%	17%	23%	12%
Pity friends (people I don't really want to hang out with but feel sorry for)	4%	7%	5%	5%	6%	3%	4%	3%	4%
None of these	45%	28%	36%	36%	39%	46%	49%	46%	62%
Don't know	4%	11%	1%	7%	5%	4%	2%	4%	2%

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Sample: 2,195 UK adults aged 16+

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Total	Age Group 16+ by Gender							
	16-24/Male	16-24/Female	25-39/Male	25-39/Female	40-59/Male	40-59/Female	60+/Male	60+/Female

How many friends, if any, do you have who hold different political beliefs to yours?

Unweighted base	2130	74	139	245	284	308	337	354	389
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>357</b>
Most of them	6%	13%	4%	4%	4%	7%	3%	7%	7%
A fair amount of them	13%	18%	11%	16%	10%	17%	12%	13%	10%
Some of them	35%	24%	24%	40%	33%	39%	34%	38%	34%
Hardly any of them	17%	19%	34%	17%	22%	13%	19%	14%	13%
None of them	5%	8%	9%	3%	5%	4%	4%	6%	7%
N/A I don't hold any political beliefs or don't have friends who have political beliefs	8%	3%	6%	7%	10%	6%	10%	7%	10%
Don't know	16%	16%	12%	12%	17%	14%	18%	16%	19%

Do you have anyone whom you would genuinely call a friend, who is at least ten years older or younger than you?

Unweighted base	2130	74	139	245	284	308	337	354	389
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>357</b>
I do	53%	26%	32%	46%	54%	55%	62%	54%	63%
I do not	42%	61%	63%	43%	41%	40%	33%	41%	35%
Don't know	6%	13%	5%	12%	5%	5%	5%	5%	2%

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Sample: 2,195 UK adults aged 16+

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Total	Age Group 16+ by Gender							
	16-24/Male	16-24/Female	25-39/Male	25-39/Female	40-59/Male	40-59/Female	60+/Male	60+/Female

## When was the last time you made a new friend? Within...

Unweighted base	2130	74	139	245	284	308	337	354	389
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>357</b>
The last month	7%	19%	15%	8%	7%	5%	6%	4%	2%
The last 6 months	13%	27%	24%	19%	16%	10%	12%	9%	7%
The last year	14%	21%	26%	18%	18%	12%	14%	10%	10%
The last 2 years	18%	14%	18%	18%	28%	16%	18%	15%	17%
The last 5 years	18%	6%	8%	13%	13%	19%	24%	23%	24%
The last 10 years	10%	1%	2%	6%	6%	15%	10%	13%	16%
The last 20 years	4%	-	-	2%	2%	3%	5%	6%	9%
More than 20 years ago	4%	-	-	1%	0%	4%	3%	8%	7%
Don't know	12%	11%	7%	17%	12%	16%	9%	12%	9%

## Do you find it easy to make new friends?

Unweighted base	2130	74	139	245	284	308	337	354	389
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>357</b>
I find it very easy	8%	10%	5%	7%	7%	10%	8%	10%	8%
I find it fairly easy	36%	30%	33%	36%	36%	35%	36%	39%	36%
I find it fairly difficult	35%	30%	43%	33%	34%	32%	35%	35%	36%
I find it very difficult	16%	20%	14%	17%	19%	16%	16%	10%	16%
Don't know	6%	11%	5%	8%	6%	6%	4%	6%	4%

## Do you have any friends whom you have never met in person, but just communicate with remotely?

Unweighted base	2130	74	139	245	284	308	337	354	389
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>357</b>
I do	26%	32%	33%	30%	32%	28%	26%	20%	18%
I do not	71%	54%	62%	65%	65%	70%	72%	79%	82%
Don't know	3%	14%	5%	5%	3%	3%	1%	1%	1%

# YouGov Results

Sample: 2,195 UK adults aged 16+

Fieldwork Dates: 16th - 22nd June 2021



Total	Age Group 16+ by Gender							
	16-24/Male	16-24/Female	25-39/Male	25-39/Female	40-59/Male	40-59/Female	60+/Male	60+/Female

## Thinking about your friends, are they mostly men or women?

Unweighted base	2130	74	139	245	284	308	337	354	389
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>357</b>
Mostly men	27%	53%	8%	56%	9%	53%	4%	43%	2%
Mostly women	40%	17%	73%	9%	64%	8%	64%	11%	69%
Both equally	31%	23%	17%	31%	24%	36%	31%	46%	28%
Don't know	2%	8%	2%	4%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%

## Who do you find it easier to make friends with?

Unweighted base	2130	74	139	245	284	308	337	354	389
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>357</b>
Men	20%	42%	18%	26%	19%	25%	15%	19%	8%
Women	23%	22%	42%	16%	27%	16%	27%	17%	27%
Equally easy with both	41%	21%	25%	39%	38%	44%	38%	53%	49%
Equally hard with both	10%	6%	9%	11%	10%	10%	13%	7%	12%
Don't know	6%	10%	7%	7%	7%	5%	7%	3%	4%

## Do you think heterosexual men and women can ever really be just friends?

Unweighted base	2130	74	139	245	284	308	337	354	389
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>357</b>
They can	84%	77%	84%	82%	86%	85%	84%	83%	84%
They cannot	6%	9%	8%	8%	5%	7%	6%	5%	5%
Don't know	10%	14%	8%	10%	8%	9%	9%	11%	10%

## How has the coronavirus pandemic affected your relationship with close friends?

Unweighted base	2130	74	139	245	284	308	337	354	389
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>357</b>
We became closer	7%	13%	8%	4%	10%	6%	8%	4%	7%
We became more distant	20%	25%	20%	28%	17%	21%	17%	18%	17%
I became closer with some and more distant with others	29%	40%	54%	29%	41%	19%	30%	16%	26%
No change	38%	13%	13%	32%	25%	48%	40%	56%	45%
Not applicable - I don't have close friend/friends	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%
Don't know	3%	7%	3%	5%	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%

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Sample: 2,195 UK adults aged 16+

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Total	Age Group 16+ by Gender							
	16-24/Male	16-24/Female	25-39/Male	25-39/Female	40-59/Male	40-59/Female	60+/Male	60+/Female

Following the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic, do you value your friendships more, less or the same as before?

	Unweighted base	74	139	245	284	308	337	354	389
<b>Base</b>	2129	145	143	256	270	303	335	320	357
I value my friendships more than before the start of the pandemic	35%	51%	59%	31%	43%	25%	35%	21%	34%
I value my friendships less than before the start of the pandemic	4%	6%	8%	7%	6%	4%	1%	4%	4%
I value my friendships the same as before the start of the pandemic	56%	31%	28%	55%	45%	64%	60%	73%	60%
Don't know	5%	12%	5%	8%	6%	7%	4%	2%	3%

Since the coronavirus pandemic started in the UK, have you lost or stopped contact with any friends?

	Unweighted base	74	139	245	284	308	337	354	389
<b>Base</b>	2129	145	143	256	270	303	335	320	357
I have, but I will seek to regain contact with them	26%	33%	32%	30%	29%	23%	25%	23%	25%
I have, and I will not seek to regain contact with them, or with some of them	14%	26%	27%	16%	16%	14%	11%	9%	8%
I have not	54%	29%	29%	44%	48%	60%	59%	65%	65%
Don't know	6%	12%	12%	10%	7%	3%	5%	3%	2%

Which, if any, did you do more of during lockdown than before?

	Unweighted base	74	139	245	284	308	337	354	389
<b>Base</b>	2129	145	143	256	270	303	335	320	357
Spoke to friends on the phone	34%	42%	39%	25%	29%	27%	31%	39%	47%
Contacted friends via video call	36%	45%	62%	40%	52%	29%	31%	26%	28%
Met up with friends for a walk or an outdoor activity	26%	39%	47%	25%	39%	18%	24%	16%	23%
Contacted friends by email or online (via social media)	37%	41%	46%	23%	28%	35%	39%	39%	45%
Wrote to friends by post	4%	7%	11%	2%	3%	1%	4%	2%	7%
None of the above	21%	7%	6%	27%	16%	32%	22%	28%	18%
Don't know	3%	8%	4%	6%	4%	3%	1%	0%	1%

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Total	Part of the UK			
	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

When it comes to interacting with friends, would you say you are...?

	Total	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Unweighted base	2195	1852	102	190	51
<b>Base</b>	2195	1846	105	184	59
Very extroverted	5%	5%	3%	6%	6%
Fairly extroverted	37%	36%	38%	40%	29%
Fairly introverted	41%	41%	37%	37%	52%
Very introverted	9%	9%	12%	8%	5%
Don't know	9%	8%	9%	9%	7%

How many friends overall would you say you have?

	Total	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Unweighted base	2195	1852	102	190	51
<b>Base</b>	2195	1846	105	184	59
1 - 3	15%	15%	19%	15%	17%
4 - 6	23%	24%	18%	23%	31%
7 - 10	20%	20%	21%	20%	27%
11 - 15	12%	12%	15%	13%	7%
16 - 25	11%	11%	8%	11%	5%
26 - 50	6%	6%	4%	5%	-
51 - 100	2%	2%	1%	2%	-
101 - 150	0%	0%	-	0%	-
151 - 200	0%	0%	-	1%	-
More than 200	1%	1%	-	-	2%
None	3%	3%	5%	3%	2%
Don't know	6%	6%	9%	6%	9%

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Total	Part of the UK			
	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

## How many close friends do you have?

	Total	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Unweighted base	2130	1800	96	184	50
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1792</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>58</b>
1	12%	12%	16%	9%	12%
2-3	41%	41%	35%	38%	44%
4-5	21%	20%	27%	23%	25%
6-7	8%	8%	3%	8%	-
8-10	5%	5%	4%	6%	4%
11-15	2%	2%	4%	3%	-
More than 16	1%	1%	1%	2%	-
None	7%	7%	5%	7%	13%
Don't know	3%	3%	4%	3%	2%

## You said you have no close friends. Why is that? Tick all that apply.

	Total	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Unweighted base	151	126	5	14	6
<b>Base</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>
I chose not to have close friends	16%	16%	26%	15%	14%
I struggle to make close friends	27%	27%	39%	23%	14%
I lost touch or fell out with former close friends	24%	23%	-	49%	15%
My close friend(s) died	11%	13%	-	6%	-
I have friends but do not regard any of them to be close	50%	49%	35%	48%	85%
Other	3%	3%	-	6%	-
Don't know	3%	4%	-	-	-

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Total	Part of the UK			
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Where did you meet your current close friends? Tick all the options where you met at least one of your close friends.

	1979	1674	91	170	44
Unweighted base	1979	1674	91	170	44
<b>Base</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>1670</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>51</b>
Through family	16%	16%	8%	23%	9%
At nursery	2%	2%	4%	2%	4%
At school	41%	42%	39%	41%	26%
At university	17%	17%	16%	20%	15%
At work	44%	44%	35%	48%	41%
At a party	4%	4%	5%	7%	7%
Through other people	27%	27%	31%	31%	36%
In my neighbourhood	19%	20%	18%	22%	10%
Through day-to-day life (waiting in a queue, in public transport, at an event...)	7%	6%	6%	8%	11%
Online	6%	7%	6%	5%	2%
Other	14%	15%	13%	12%	7%
Don't know	2%	2%	3%	2%	4%

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Total	Part of the UK			
	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

Do you have someone (excluding family or a partner) whom you would call your 'best friend'?

	Unweighted base	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
	1979	1674	91	170	44
<b>Base</b>	1980	1670	94	166	51
I do, and they would call me their best friend	41%	40%	45%	50%	40%
I do, but I don't know if they would call me their best friend	19%	20%	20%	14%	13%
I do, but they would not call me their best friend	3%	3%	2%	4%	4%
I do not have someone I would call my 'best friend'	28%	29%	23%	29%	32%
Don't know	8%	8%	11%	3%	11%

Which of these types of friends do you have? Tick all that apply.

	Unweighted base	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
	2130	1800	96	184	50
<b>Base</b>	2129	1792	100	179	58
Friends that I don't like	9%	10%	3%	8%	7%
Friends that I like but don't really bother to see	37%	38%	25%	37%	33%
Friends that I maintain out of habit rather than choice	18%	18%	12%	19%	14%
Trophy friends (For example, good looking or popular/influential friends)	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%
Friends of convenience (For example, because we work together or do the same leisure activities)	22%	22%	15%	25%	29%
Pity friends (people I don't really want to hang out with but feel sorry for)	4%	4%	1%	7%	4%
None of these	45%	44%	60%	47%	48%
Don't know	4%	4%	6%	1%	6%

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Total	Part of the UK			
	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

How many friends, if any, do you have who hold different political beliefs to yours?

Unweighted base	2130	1800	96	184	50
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1792</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>58</b>
Most of them	6%	6%	7%	4%	11%
A fair amount of them	13%	13%	9%	15%	7%
Some of them	35%	34%	34%	39%	31%
Hardly any of them	17%	17%	19%	19%	17%
None of them	5%	5%	6%	5%	8%
N/A I don't hold any political beliefs or don't have friends who have political beliefs	8%	8%	9%	6%	10%
Don't know	16%	16%	16%	12%	16%

Do you have anyone whom you would genuinely call a friend, who is at least ten years older or younger than you?

Unweighted base	2130	1800	96	184	50
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1792</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>58</b>
I do	53%	52%	54%	57%	55%
I do not	42%	42%	42%	38%	36%
Don't know	6%	6%	4%	5%	9%

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Total	Part of the UK			
	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

## When was the last time you made a new friend? Within...

	Total	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Unweighted base	2130	1800	96	184	50
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1792</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>58</b>
The last month	7%	7%	6%	4%	3%
The last 6 months	13%	13%	26%	13%	15%
The last year	14%	15%	11%	11%	20%
The last 2 years	18%	18%	14%	22%	13%
The last 5 years	18%	18%	13%	21%	16%
The last 10 years	10%	10%	7%	10%	5%
The last 20 years	4%	4%	7%	6%	5%
More than 20 years ago	4%	4%	5%	4%	4%
Don't know	12%	12%	11%	9%	18%

## Do you find it easy to make new friends?

	Total	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Unweighted base	2130	1800	96	184	50
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1792</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>58</b>
I find it very easy	8%	8%	10%	10%	7%
I find it fairly easy	36%	35%	34%	37%	43%
I find it fairly difficult	35%	35%	27%	33%	31%
I find it very difficult	16%	15%	21%	17%	10%
Don't know	6%	6%	8%	3%	10%

## Do you have any friends whom you have never met in person, but just communicate with remotely?

	Total	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Unweighted base	2130	1800	96	184	50
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1792</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>58</b>
I do	26%	26%	36%	22%	21%
I do not	71%	70%	60%	78%	75%
Don't know	3%	3%	4%	1%	4%

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Total	Part of the UK			
	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

## Thinking about your friends, are they mostly men or women?

	Total	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Unweighted base	2130	1800	96	184	50
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1792</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>58</b>
Mostly men	27%	27%	35%	27%	22%
Mostly women	40%	40%	34%	40%	36%
Both equally	31%	31%	26%	32%	39%
Don't know	2%	2%	5%	1%	4%

## Who do you find it easier to make friends with?

	Total	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Unweighted base	2130	1800	96	184	50
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1792</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>58</b>
Men	20%	20%	24%	19%	10%
Women	23%	23%	16%	24%	28%
Equally easy with both	41%	41%	42%	42%	48%
Equally hard with both	10%	10%	8%	12%	4%
Don't know	6%	6%	10%	3%	10%

## Do you think heterosexual men and women can ever really be just friends?

	Total	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Unweighted base	2130	1800	96	184	50
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1792</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>58</b>
They can	84%	84%	87%	82%	79%
They cannot	6%	6%	5%	8%	7%
Don't know	10%	10%	8%	10%	13%

## How has the coronavirus pandemic affected your relationship with close friends?

	Total	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Unweighted base	2130	1800	96	184	50
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1792</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>58</b>
We became closer	7%	7%	11%	7%	7%
We became more distant	20%	20%	19%	17%	17%
I became closer with some and more distant with others	29%	28%	29%	36%	24%
No change	38%	38%	35%	36%	46%
Not applicable - I don't have close friend/friends	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%
Don't know	3%	3%	5%	1%	4%

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Total	Part of the UK			
	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

Following the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic, do you value your friendships more, less or the same as before?

	Unweighted base	2130	1800	96	184	50
<b>Base</b>		2129	1792	100	179	58
I value my friendships more than before the start of the pandemic		35%	34%	42%	35%	39%
I value my friendships less than before the start of the pandemic		4%	5%	3%	5%	3%
I value my friendships the same as before the start of the pandemic		56%	56%	47%	56%	52%
Don't know		5%	5%	8%	4%	6%

Since the coronavirus pandemic started in the UK, have you lost or stopped contact with any friends?

	Unweighted base	2130	1800	96	184	50
<b>Base</b>		2129	1792	100	179	58
I have, but I will seek to regain contact with them		26%	26%	29%	27%	27%
I have, and I will not seek to regain contact with them, or with some of them		14%	14%	8%	15%	10%
I have not		54%	53%	58%	53%	57%
Don't know		6%	6%	5%	5%	6%

Which, if any, did you do more of during lockdown than before?

	Unweighted base	2130	1800	96	184	50
<b>Base</b>		2129	1792	100	179	58
Spoke to friends on the phone		34%	34%	35%	42%	24%
Contacted friends via video call		36%	36%	37%	43%	25%
Met up with friends for a walk or an outdoor activity		26%	27%	23%	27%	17%
Contacted friends by email or online (via social media)		37%	37%	28%	41%	37%
Wrote to friends by post		4%	4%	9%	8%	-
None of the above		21%	22%	22%	17%	31%
Don't know		3%	3%	4%	1%	6%

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Total	Region UK							
	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

When it comes to interacting with friends, would you say you are...?

	Total	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Unweighted base	2195	527	349	220	259	497	102	190	51
<b>Base</b>	2195	511	353	212	288	482	105	184	59
Very extroverted	5%	4%	4%	3%	6%	5%	3%	6%	6%
Fairly extroverted	37%	34%	39%	37%	35%	38%	38%	40%	29%
Fairly introverted	41%	39%	40%	43%	43%	43%	37%	37%	52%
Very introverted	9%	11%	8%	10%	8%	8%	12%	8%	5%
Don't know	9%	11%	9%	8%	7%	6%	9%	9%	7%

How many friends overall would you say you have?

	Total	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Unweighted base	2195	527	349	220	259	497	102	190	51
<b>Base</b>	2195	511	353	212	288	482	105	184	59
1 – 3	15%	19%	14%	19%	12%	12%	19%	15%	17%
4 – 6	23%	24%	25%	23%	25%	22%	18%	23%	31%
7 – 10	20%	19%	24%	19%	19%	20%	21%	20%	27%
11 – 15	12%	12%	10%	11%	10%	14%	15%	13%	7%
16 – 25	11%	9%	8%	11%	12%	13%	8%	11%	5%
26 - 50	6%	5%	6%	4%	6%	7%	4%	5%	-
51 - 100	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	-
101 - 150	0%	1%	-	1%	-	-	-	0%	-
151 - 200	0%	1%	-	0%	-	-	-	1%	-
More than 200	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	-	-	2%
None	3%	2%	3%	2%	4%	3%	5%	3%	2%
Don't know	6%	6%	6%	5%	7%	6%	9%	6%	9%

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Total	Region UK							
	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

## How many close friends do you have?

	Total	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Unweighted base	2130	515	339	215	248	483	96	184	50
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>58</b>
1	12%	12%	15%	12%	11%	12%	16%	9%	12%
2-3	41%	42%	43%	42%	39%	40%	35%	38%	44%
4-5	21%	19%	21%	19%	23%	21%	27%	23%	25%
6-7	8%	8%	6%	10%	10%	9%	3%	8%	-
8-10	5%	5%	3%	6%	5%	6%	4%	6%	4%
11-15	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	3%	4%	3%	-
More than 16	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	-
None	7%	8%	7%	7%	7%	6%	5%	7%	13%
Don't know	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	2%

## You said you have no close friends. Why is that? Tick all that apply.

	Total	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Unweighted base	151	42	24	15	16	29	5	14	6
<b>Base</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>
I chose not to have close friends	16%	18%	10%	15%	5%	25%	26%	15%	14%
I struggle to make close friends	27%	37%	12%	18%	18%	37%	39%	23%	14%
I lost touch or fell out with former close friends	24%	25%	16%	12%	37%	20%	-	49%	15%
My close friend(s) died	11%	6%	23%	24%	6%	12%	-	6%	-
I have friends but do not regard any of them to be close	50%	47%	46%	67%	50%	46%	35%	48%	85%
Other	3%	2%	-	-	10%	4%	-	6%	-
Don't know	3%	-	13%	-	12%	-	-	-	-

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Where did you meet your current close friends? Tick all the options where you met at least one of your close friends.

	1979	473	315	200	232	454	91	170	44
Unweighted base	1979	473	315	200	232	454	91	170	44
<b>Base</b>	1980	459	319	194	257	441	94	166	51
Through family	16%	17%	13%	19%	16%	15%	8%	23%	9%
At nursery	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	2%	4%	2%	4%
At school	41%	40%	35%	39%	47%	46%	39%	41%	26%
At university	17%	15%	13%	14%	26%	20%	16%	20%	15%
At work	44%	42%	48%	53%	39%	42%	35%	48%	41%
At a party	4%	2%	4%	3%	7%	4%	5%	7%	7%
Through other people	27%	23%	24%	32%	27%	29%	31%	31%	36%
In my neighbourhood	19%	19%	16%	23%	16%	23%	18%	22%	10%
Through day-to-day life (waiting in a queue, in public transport, at an event...)	7%	6%	7%	6%	8%	6%	6%	8%	11%
Online	6%	9%	5%	12%	4%	5%	6%	5%	2%
Other	14%	17%	18%	10%	12%	14%	13%	12%	7%
Don't know	2%	3%	2%	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%	4%

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Total	Region UK							
	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

## Do you have someone (excluding family or a partner) whom you would call your 'best friend'?

	Total	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Unweighted base	1979	473	315	200	232	454	91	170	44
<b>Base</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>51</b>
I do, and they would call me their best friend	41%	40%	40%	36%	38%	44%	45%	50%	40%
I do, but I don't know if they would call me their best friend	19%	22%	20%	20%	17%	20%	20%	14%	13%
I do, but they would not call me their best friend	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%	2%	4%	4%
I do not have someone I would call my 'best friend'	28%	27%	29%	34%	33%	26%	23%	29%	32%
Don't know	8%	9%	8%	9%	9%	6%	11%	3%	11%

## Which of these types of friends do you have? Tick all that apply.

	Total	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Unweighted base	2130	515	339	215	248	483	96	184	50
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>58</b>
Friends that I don't like	9%	9%	9%	8%	12%	11%	3%	8%	7%
Friends that I like but don't really bother to see	37%	40%	37%	37%	38%	38%	25%	37%	33%
Friends that I maintain out of habit rather than choice	18%	18%	18%	15%	23%	17%	12%	19%	14%
Trophy friends (For example, good looking or popular/influential friends)	2%	2%	2%	1%	4%	1%	1%	3%	2%
Friends of convenience (For example, because we work together or do the same leisure activities)	22%	21%	22%	18%	23%	23%	15%	25%	29%
Pity friends (people I don't really want to hang out with but feel sorry for)	4%	3%	6%	3%	5%	4%	1%	7%	4%
None of these	45%	45%	43%	49%	39%	45%	60%	47%	48%
Don't know	4%	4%	5%	3%	5%	4%	6%	1%	6%

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Total	Region UK							
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How many friends, if any, do you have who hold different political beliefs to yours?

Unweighted base	2130	515	339	215	248	483	96	184	50
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>58</b>
Most of them	6%	8%	3%	4%	5%	6%	7%	4%	11%
A fair amount of them	13%	10%	16%	17%	13%	14%	9%	15%	7%
Some of them	35%	33%	35%	37%	30%	36%	34%	39%	31%
Hardly any of them	17%	17%	14%	14%	22%	18%	19%	19%	17%
None of them	5%	6%	5%	6%	5%	4%	6%	5%	8%
N/A I don't hold any political beliefs or don't have friends who have political beliefs	8%	8%	7%	6%	7%	10%	9%	6%	10%
Don't know	16%	17%	20%	15%	18%	13%	16%	12%	16%

Do you have anyone whom you would genuinely call a friend, who is at least ten years older or younger than you?

Unweighted base	2130	515	339	215	248	483	96	184	50
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>58</b>
I do	53%	51%	55%	56%	49%	51%	54%	57%	55%
I do not	42%	44%	37%	39%	44%	44%	42%	38%	36%
Don't know	6%	4%	8%	5%	6%	6%	4%	5%	9%

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	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

## When was the last time you made a new friend? Within...

Unweighted base	2130	515	339	215	248	483	96	184	50
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>58</b>
The last month	7%	5%	5%	6%	12%	9%	6%	4%	3%
The last 6 months	13%	14%	12%	10%	13%	13%	26%	13%	15%
The last year	14%	14%	15%	17%	15%	14%	11%	11%	20%
The last 2 years	18%	17%	18%	18%	21%	18%	14%	22%	13%
The last 5 years	18%	21%	15%	21%	15%	17%	13%	21%	16%
The last 10 years	10%	10%	11%	11%	10%	10%	7%	10%	5%
The last 20 years	4%	3%	6%	5%	2%	4%	7%	6%	5%
More than 20 years ago	4%	4%	4%	2%	2%	5%	5%	4%	4%
Don't know	12%	13%	14%	10%	11%	11%	11%	9%	18%

## Do you find it easy to make new friends?

Unweighted base	2130	515	339	215	248	483	96	184	50
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>58</b>
I find it very easy	8%	8%	7%	8%	11%	7%	10%	10%	7%
I find it fairly easy	36%	35%	37%	35%	34%	35%	34%	37%	43%
I find it fairly difficult	35%	31%	37%	36%	35%	38%	27%	33%	31%
I find it very difficult	16%	19%	13%	19%	12%	14%	21%	17%	10%
Don't know	6%	6%	6%	2%	8%	6%	8%	3%	10%

## Do you have any friends whom you have never met in person, but just communicate with remotely?

Unweighted base	2130	515	339	215	248	483	96	184	50
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>58</b>
I do	26%	28%	26%	31%	28%	22%	36%	22%	21%
I do not	71%	69%	71%	66%	68%	74%	60%	78%	75%
Don't know	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%	4%	4%	1%	4%

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Total	Region UK							
	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

## Thinking about your friends, are they mostly men or women?

Unweighted base	2130	515	339	215	248	483	96	184	50
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>58</b>
Mostly men	27%	27%	27%	28%	27%	25%	35%	27%	22%
Mostly women	40%	37%	42%	40%	41%	41%	34%	40%	36%
Both equally	31%	33%	29%	31%	27%	32%	26%	32%	39%
Don't know	2%	3%	2%	1%	5%	2%	5%	1%	4%

## Who do you find it easier to make friends with?

Unweighted base	2130	515	339	215	248	483	96	184	50
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>58</b>
Men	20%	21%	18%	19%	21%	20%	24%	19%	10%
Women	23%	20%	25%	22%	24%	26%	16%	24%	28%
Equally easy with both	41%	39%	42%	44%	42%	38%	42%	42%	48%
Equally hard with both	10%	12%	9%	11%	7%	11%	8%	12%	4%
Don't know	6%	7%	6%	4%	6%	5%	10%	3%	10%

## Do you think heterosexual men and women can ever really be just friends?

Unweighted base	2130	515	339	215	248	483	96	184	50
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>58</b>
They can	84%	83%	85%	85%	80%	86%	87%	82%	79%
They cannot	6%	7%	5%	4%	9%	5%	5%	8%	7%
Don't know	10%	10%	10%	10%	11%	9%	8%	10%	13%

## How has the coronavirus pandemic affected your relationship with close friends?

Unweighted base	2130	515	339	215	248	483	96	184	50
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>58</b>
We became closer	7%	6%	8%	11%	9%	5%	11%	7%	7%
We became more distant	20%	24%	18%	17%	17%	21%	19%	17%	17%
I became closer with some and more distant with others	29%	23%	29%	30%	35%	30%	29%	36%	24%
No change	38%	39%	39%	37%	32%	40%	35%	36%	46%
Not applicable - I don't have close friend/friends	3%	4%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%
Don't know	3%	3%	4%	3%	5%	2%	5%	1%	4%

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Total	Region UK							
	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland

Following the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic, do you value your friendships more, less or the same as before?

	Total	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Unweighted base	2130	515	339	215	248	483	96	184	50
Base	2129	499	342	207	275	469	100	179	58
I value my friendships more than before the start of the pandemic	35%	34%	28%	35%	36%	36%	42%	35%	39%
I value my friendships less than before the start of the pandemic	4%	5%	4%	3%	5%	5%	3%	5%	3%
I value my friendships the same as before the start of the pandemic	56%	56%	62%	58%	52%	55%	47%	56%	52%
Don't know	5%	4%	6%	5%	7%	5%	8%	4%	6%

Since the coronavirus pandemic started in the UK, have you lost or stopped contact with any friends?

	Total	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Unweighted base	2130	515	339	215	248	483	96	184	50
Base	2129	499	342	207	275	469	100	179	58
I have, but I will seek to regain contact with them	26%	26%	26%	25%	31%	25%	29%	27%	27%
I have, and I will not seek to regain contact with them, or with some of them	14%	15%	13%	13%	13%	15%	8%	15%	10%
I have not	54%	54%	54%	54%	49%	56%	58%	53%	57%
Don't know	6%	5%	7%	8%	6%	5%	5%	5%	6%

Which, if any, did you do more of during lockdown than before?

	Total	North	Midlands	East	London	South	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland
Unweighted base	2130	515	339	215	248	483	96	184	50
Base	2129	499	342	207	275	469	100	179	58
Spoke to friends on the phone	34%	36%	32%	28%	33%	36%	35%	42%	24%
Contacted friends via video call	36%	34%	36%	36%	37%	37%	37%	43%	25%
Met up with friends for a walk or an outdoor activity	26%	25%	23%	23%	27%	33%	23%	27%	17%
Contacted friends by email or online (via social media)	37%	39%	34%	42%	31%	38%	28%	41%	37%
Wrote to friends by post	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%	5%	9%	8%	-
None of the above	21%	22%	24%	18%	22%	21%	22%	17%	31%
Don't know	3%	3%	3%	5%	3%	2%	4%	1%	6%

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Total	Social Grade		Marital status						
	ABC1	C2DE	Civil Partnership	Divorced	Living as married	Married	Never married	Separated (after being married)	Widowed

When it comes to interacting with friends, would you say you are...?

Unweighted base	2195	1279	916	20	148	302	932	619	27	71
<b>Base</b>	2195	1200	995	22	141	302	885	669	25	65
Very extroverted	5%	4%	5%	9%	5%	3%	3%	6%	4%	4%
Fairly extroverted	37%	40%	33%	32%	43%	42%	37%	31%	36%	47%
Fairly introverted	41%	43%	38%	29%	35%	43%	43%	42%	44%	36%
Very introverted	9%	8%	10%	10%	12%	7%	8%	12%	-	6%
Don't know	9%	5%	13%	21%	6%	6%	9%	9%	16%	8%

How many friends overall would you say you have?

Unweighted base	2195	1279	916	20	148	302	932	619	27	71
<b>Base</b>	2195	1200	995	22	141	302	885	669	25	65
1 - 3	15%	13%	18%	15%	16%	15%	16%	15%	18%	14%
4 - 6	23%	24%	22%	19%	30%	23%	24%	23%	7%	27%
7 - 10	20%	21%	20%	28%	20%	23%	19%	20%	37%	18%
11 - 15	12%	14%	10%	9%	12%	12%	12%	12%	15%	9%
16 - 25	11%	11%	10%	5%	8%	11%	11%	9%	9%	17%
26 - 50	6%	7%	4%	12%	4%	5%	6%	4%	3%	8%
51 - 100	2%	2%	2%	-	2%	3%	2%	2%	4%	3%
101 - 150	0%	0%	0%	-	-	0%	0%	0%	-	-
151 - 200	0%	0%	0%	-	-	0%	0%	0%	-	-
More than 200	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	0%	1%	1%	-	-
None	3%	2%	4%	-	5%	2%	2%	4%	4%	-
Don't know	6%	4%	9%	12%	3%	6%	6%	8%	3%	4%

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Total	Social Grade		Marital status						
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## How many close friends do you have?

Unweighted base	2130	1250	880	20	141	296	911	591	26	71
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>65</b>
1	12%	12%	13%	10%	9%	11%	14%	12%	15%	7%
2-3	41%	42%	40%	51%	43%	42%	40%	42%	37%	40%
4-5	21%	22%	20%	14%	23%	21%	22%	20%	18%	29%
6-7	8%	8%	8%	6%	9%	6%	8%	8%	18%	10%
8-10	5%	6%	4%	7%	3%	7%	4%	5%	-	1%
11-15	2%	2%	2%	-	1%	3%	2%	3%	-	-
More than 16	1%	1%	1%	-	-	1%	1%	0%	4%	3%
None	7%	6%	8%	-	11%	7%	8%	5%	4%	7%
Don't know	3%	2%	4%	12%	1%	3%	2%	5%	4%	3%

## You said you have no close friends. Why is that? Tick all that apply.

Unweighted base	151	75	76	-	15	21	75	29	1	5
<b>Base</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
I chose not to have close friends	16%	13%	18%	-	19%	18%	16%	16%	-	18%
I struggle to make close friends	27%	20%	33%	-	12%	24%	20%	49%	-	-
I lost touch or fell out with former close friends	24%	20%	27%	-	40%	20%	21%	22%	-	-
My close friend(s) died	11%	13%	9%	-	28%	6%	9%	10%	-	41%
I have friends but do not regard any of them to be close	50%	67%	36%	-	53%	56%	56%	35%	100%	41%
Other	3%	3%	4%	-	-	9%	1%	3%	-	-
Don't know	3%	1%	5%	-	-	-	3%	10%	-	-

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Where did you meet your current close friends? Tick all the options where you met at least one of your close friends.

Unweighted base	1979	1175	804	20	126	275	836	562	25	66
<b>Base</b>	1980	1101	879	22	119	275	793	609	23	60
Through family	16%	16%	15%	8%	18%	11%	19%	13%	15%	21%
At nursery	2%	2%	3%	5%	2%	2%	2%	4%	-	1%
At school	41%	38%	45%	35%	31%	45%	32%	52%	36%	25%
At university	17%	22%	12%	-	13%	19%	12%	24%	-	12%
At work	44%	51%	35%	17%	53%	51%	50%	32%	54%	48%
At a party	4%	4%	4%	5%	7%	3%	3%	5%	7%	6%
Through other people	27%	29%	26%	12%	30%	30%	28%	24%	42%	32%
In my neighbourhood	19%	20%	19%	16%	30%	16%	24%	13%	27%	38%
Through day-to-day life (waiting in a queue, in public transport, at an event...)	7%	8%	5%	-	7%	5%	8%	6%	12%	12%
Online	6%	5%	8%	14%	3%	4%	4%	12%	7%	3%
Other	14%	15%	13%	11%	18%	9%	17%	13%	7%	21%
Don't know	2%	2%	3%	12%	1%	3%	1%	4%	-	3%

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	ABC1	C2DE	Civil Partnership	Divorced	Living as married	Married	Never married	Separated (after being married)	Widowed

Do you have someone (excluding family or a partner) whom you would call your 'best friend'?

	Unweighted base	1979	1175	804	20	126	275	836	562	25	66
<b>Base</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>1101</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>609</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>60</b>	
I do, and they would call me their best friend	41%	42%	40%	35%	45%	41%	39%	42%	54%	43%	
I do, but I don't know if they would call me their best friend	19%	17%	22%	30%	20%	17%	20%	18%	16%	23%	
I do, but they would not call me their best friend	3%	3%	3%	5%	6%	2%	4%	2%	5%	3%	
I do not have someone I would call my 'best friend'	28%	32%	24%	15%	25%	31%	33%	26%	25%	24%	
Don't know	8%	5%	11%	15%	5%	8%	5%	12%	-	8%	

Which of these types of friends do you have? Tick all that apply.

	Unweighted base	2130	1250	880	20	141	296	911	591	26	71
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>65</b>	
Friends that I don't like	9%	9%	10%	17%	9%	10%	7%	12%	9%	6%	
Friends that I like but don't really bother to see	37%	39%	35%	52%	33%	41%	33%	41%	42%	24%	
Friends that I maintain out of habit rather than choice	18%	20%	15%	14%	15%	16%	16%	20%	27%	18%	
Trophy friends (For example, good looking or popular/influential friends)	2%	1%	3%	5%	2%	1%	2%	2%	-	4%	
Friends of convenience (For example, because we work together or do the same leisure activities)	22%	22%	21%	24%	16%	23%	19%	25%	19%	15%	
Pity friends (people I don't really want to hang out with but feel sorry for)	4%	4%	5%	5%	3%	4%	3%	5%	3%	5%	
None of these	45%	46%	44%	23%	52%	43%	50%	39%	43%	58%	
Don't know	4%	2%	7%	15%	6%	4%	3%	6%	-	2%	

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How many friends, if any, do you have who hold different political beliefs to yours?

Unweighted base	2130	1250	880	20	141	296	911	591	26	71
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>65</b>
Most of them	6%	5%	6%	-	7%	6%	6%	4%	4%	7%
A fair amount of them	13%	14%	12%	20%	9%	15%	13%	14%	10%	10%
Some of them	35%	38%	31%	21%	33%	33%	38%	32%	37%	41%
Hardly any of them	17%	19%	16%	16%	12%	20%	14%	22%	16%	8%
None of them	5%	4%	7%	9%	9%	6%	4%	6%	7%	5%
N/A I don't hold any political beliefs or don't have friends who have political beliefs	8%	6%	10%	10%	11%	8%	8%	7%	8%	11%
Don't know	16%	14%	18%	24%	19%	13%	17%	15%	19%	18%

Do you have anyone whom you would genuinely call a friend, who is at least ten years older or younger than you?

Unweighted base	2130	1250	880	20	141	296	911	591	26	71
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>65</b>
I do	53%	57%	48%	60%	68%	53%	55%	46%	57%	63%
I do not	42%	39%	44%	16%	31%	43%	41%	44%	39%	34%
Don't know	6%	4%	8%	24%	1%	5%	4%	9%	4%	2%

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## When was the last time you made a new friend? Within...

Unweighted base	2130	1250	880	20	141	296	911	591	26	71
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>65</b>
The last month	7%	5%	9%	5%	6%	5%	4%	10%	7%	1%
The last 6 months	13%	13%	14%	7%	7%	15%	10%	18%	17%	13%
The last year	14%	14%	15%	9%	12%	15%	13%	17%	7%	7%
The last 2 years	18%	20%	16%	25%	15%	21%	17%	18%	15%	18%
The last 5 years	18%	20%	15%	13%	23%	16%	21%	14%	29%	23%
The last 10 years	10%	11%	9%	7%	17%	8%	13%	6%	8%	16%
The last 20 years	4%	5%	3%	-	8%	2%	6%	2%	3%	5%
More than 20 years ago	4%	3%	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%	2%	8%	8%
Don't know	12%	10%	14%	29%	9%	13%	12%	13%	5%	8%

## Do you find it easy to make new friends?

Unweighted base	2130	1250	880	20	141	296	911	591	26	71
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>65</b>
I find it very easy	8%	7%	10%	19%	14%	6%	8%	6%	19%	9%
I find it fairly easy	36%	37%	34%	35%	30%	39%	39%	31%	36%	35%
I find it fairly difficult	35%	37%	32%	17%	38%	38%	34%	35%	16%	35%
I find it very difficult	16%	15%	17%	5%	13%	12%	14%	20%	25%	16%
Don't know	6%	5%	7%	24%	4%	6%	5%	8%	4%	5%

## Do you have any friends whom you have never met in person, but just communicate with remotely?

Unweighted base	2130	1250	880	20	141	296	911	591	26	71
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>65</b>
I do	26%	24%	28%	22%	22%	29%	21%	33%	26%	16%
I do not	71%	75%	66%	57%	77%	69%	77%	61%	74%	82%
Don't know	3%	1%	6%	21%	1%	2%	1%	6%	-	2%

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Total	Social Grade		Marital status						
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## Thinking about your friends, are they mostly men or women?

Unweighted base	2130	1250	880	20	141	296	911	591	26	71
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>65</b>
Mostly men	27%	24%	30%	10%	19%	31%	24%	32%	23%	12%
Mostly women	40%	44%	35%	34%	44%	39%	41%	35%	51%	52%
Both equally	31%	31%	31%	41%	38%	29%	33%	29%	26%	34%
Don't know	2%	1%	4%	15%	-	1%	1%	5%	-	1%

## Who do you find it easier to make friends with?

Unweighted base	2130	1250	880	20	141	296	911	591	26	71
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>65</b>
Men	20%	18%	22%	14%	22%	24%	14%	25%	12%	14%
Women	23%	24%	22%	10%	22%	21%	22%	26%	41%	19%
Equally easy with both	41%	43%	38%	47%	42%	42%	49%	30%	40%	51%
Equally hard with both	10%	10%	10%	5%	11%	7%	11%	11%	4%	13%
Don't know	6%	4%	8%	24%	2%	5%	5%	8%	3%	3%

## Do you think heterosexual men and women can ever really be just friends?

Unweighted base	2130	1250	880	20	141	296	911	591	26	71
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>65</b>
They can	84%	85%	82%	58%	86%	87%	85%	82%	81%	87%
They cannot	6%	6%	7%	4%	6%	5%	6%	7%	8%	7%
Don't know	10%	9%	11%	38%	8%	9%	9%	11%	11%	6%

## How has the coronavirus pandemic affected your relationship with close friends?

Unweighted base	2130	1250	880	20	141	296	911	591	26	71
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>1171</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>65</b>
We became closer	7%	8%	6%	14%	5%	6%	6%	9%	15%	6%
We became more distant	20%	20%	20%	6%	10%	20%	20%	23%	29%	19%
I became closer with some and more distant with others	29%	31%	26%	23%	31%	29%	24%	34%	28%	26%
No change	38%	37%	39%	38%	50%	40%	45%	27%	28%	45%
Not applicable - I don't have close friend/friends	3%	2%	3%	-	4%	2%	3%	2%	-	2%
Don't know	3%	1%	5%	19%	1%	2%	2%	5%	-	3%

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Following the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic, do you value your friendships more, less or the same as before?

	Unweighted base	2130	1250	880	20	141	296	911	591	26	71
	<b>Base</b>	2129	1171	958	22	133	296	865	640	24	65
I value my friendships more than before the start of the pandemic		35%	37%	32%	29%	29%	30%	30%	41%	49%	30%
I value my friendships less than before the start of the pandemic		4%	4%	5%	17%	2%	3%	4%	5%	-	4%
I value my friendships the same as before the start of the pandemic		56%	57%	55%	35%	64%	61%	62%	47%	51%	63%
Don't know		5%	2%	9%	19%	5%	6%	3%	7%	-	3%

Since the coronavirus pandemic started in the UK, have you lost or stopped contact with any friends?

	Unweighted base	2130	1250	880	20	141	296	911	591	26	71
	<b>Base</b>	2129	1171	958	22	133	296	865	640	24	65
I have, but I will seek to regain contact with them		26%	29%	24%	24%	17%	29%	26%	26%	34%	28%
I have, and I will not seek to regain contact with them, or with some of them		14%	12%	16%	21%	15%	13%	11%	18%	3%	16%
I have not		54%	56%	50%	35%	64%	54%	60%	45%	59%	55%
Don't know		6%	3%	10%	19%	3%	5%	3%	11%	4%	-

Which, if any, did you do more of during lockdown than before?

	Unweighted base	2130	1250	880	20	141	296	911	591	26	71
	<b>Base</b>	2129	1171	958	22	133	296	865	640	24	65
Spoke to friends on the phone		34%	36%	32%	33%	39%	27%	33%	34%	45%	58%
Contacted friends via video call		36%	40%	31%	22%	24%	39%	32%	44%	29%	23%
Met up with friends for a walk or an outdoor activity		26%	29%	24%	19%	22%	25%	23%	31%	30%	21%
Contacted friends by email or online (via social media)		37%	40%	33%	30%	38%	29%	39%	37%	34%	47%
Wrote to friends by post		4%	4%	4%	4%	5%	2%	3%	6%	4%	5%
None of the above		21%	19%	25%	10%	24%	27%	24%	17%	16%	16%
Don't know		3%	1%	5%	24%	2%	2%	2%	5%	-	2%

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Total	2019 GE election vote			Extrovert/introvert		Sexuality	
	Con	Lab	Lib dem	Extrovert	Introvert	Heterosexual men	Heterosexual women

When it comes to interacting with friends, would you say you are...?

Unweighted base	2195	733	634	194	916	1096	852	1003
<b>Base</b>	2195	704	623	184	905	1101	870	966
Very extroverted	5%	4%	5%	4%	11%	-	4%	5%
Fairly extroverted	37%	40%	38%	37%	89%	-	35%	38%
Fairly introverted	41%	41%	42%	41%	-	82%	44%	40%
Very introverted	9%	7%	8%	14%	-	18%	9%	7%
Don't know	9%	8%	8%	4%	-	-	8%	10%

How many friends overall would you say you have?

Unweighted base	2195	733	634	194	916	1096	852	1003
<b>Base</b>	2195	704	623	184	905	1101	870	966
1 - 3	15%	15%	14%	12%	9%	21%	14%	17%
4 - 6	23%	24%	22%	28%	20%	27%	22%	25%
7 - 10	20%	22%	22%	17%	22%	20%	20%	22%
11 - 15	12%	12%	13%	13%	16%	9%	13%	11%
16 - 25	11%	10%	11%	10%	15%	8%	11%	9%
26 - 50	6%	6%	5%	7%	7%	4%	5%	6%
51 - 100	2%	3%	2%	1%	4%	1%	3%	1%
101 - 150	0%	1%	0%	-	0%	0%	0%	0%
151 - 200	0%	0%	0%	-	0%	0%	0%	0%
More than 200	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	0%
None	3%	2%	3%	3%	1%	5%	3%	2%
Don't know	6%	5%	7%	7%	4%	5%	7%	5%

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Total	2019 GE election vote			Extrovert/Introvert		Sexuality	
	Con	Lab	Lib dem	Extrovert	Introvert	Heterosexual men	Heterosexual women

## How many close friends do you have?

Unweighted base	2130	717	614	188	912	1045	825	982
<b>Base</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>604</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>1051</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>946</b>
1	12%	13%	12%	11%	9%	15%	13%	13%
2-3	41%	39%	41%	44%	37%	46%	38%	43%
4-5	21%	22%	24%	17%	24%	19%	20%	23%
6-7	8%	8%	9%	12%	12%	5%	9%	8%
8-10	5%	5%	5%	4%	8%	3%	5%	4%
11-15	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	2%
More than 16	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	0%	2%	0%
None	7%	7%	5%	7%	3%	10%	7%	7%
Don't know	3%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	3%	2%

## You said you have no close friends. Why is that? Tick all that apply.

Unweighted base	151	51	33	15	28	103	64	67
<b>Base</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>66</b>
I chose not to have close friends	16%	14%	17%	14%	20%	17%	21%	13%
I struggle to make close friends	27%	17%	36%	26%	14%	30%	23%	27%
I lost touch or fell out with former close friends	24%	19%	31%	19%	20%	24%	26%	24%
My close friend(s) died	11%	18%	14%	-	12%	11%	11%	10%
I have friends but do not regard any of them to be close	50%	47%	54%	81%	50%	54%	48%	55%
Other	3%	4%	6%	-	3%	3%	5%	1%
Don't know	3%	2%	3%	-	3%	1%	2%	3%

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Where did you meet your current close friends? Tick all the options where you met at least one of your close friends.

	Unweighted base	1979	666	581	173	884	942	761	915
<b>Base</b>	1980	640	572	166	874	950	780	880	
Through family	16%	17%	13%	19%	17%	16%	15%	19%	
At nursery	2%	2%	3%	-	3%	2%	2%	3%	
At school	41%	36%	43%	38%	45%	38%	40%	41%	
At university	17%	9%	26%	27%	20%	17%	15%	16%	
At work	44%	50%	45%	44%	48%	41%	43%	48%	
At a party	4%	3%	5%	5%	6%	3%	4%	4%	
Through other people	27%	26%	32%	25%	33%	24%	25%	28%	
In my neighbourhood	19%	27%	14%	26%	21%	17%	19%	22%	
Through day-to-day life (waiting in a queue, in public transport, at an event...)	7%	7%	7%	6%	8%	6%	6%	7%	
Online	6%	3%	7%	9%	5%	8%	6%	4%	
Other	14%	17%	13%	14%	15%	14%	16%	14%	
Don't know	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	

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Do you have someone (excluding family or a partner) whom you would call your 'best friend'?

	Unweighted base	1979	666	581	173	884	942	761	915
<b>Base</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>640</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>880</b>	
I do, and they would call me their best friend	41%	42%	42%	35%	51%	34%	31%	50%	
I do, but I don't know if they would call me their best friend	19%	18%	20%	23%	17%	22%	22%	17%	
I do, but they would not call me their best friend	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	3%	4%	2%	
I do not have someone I would call my 'best friend'	28%	31%	27%	34%	23%	35%	33%	26%	
Don't know	8%	5%	8%	6%	6%	6%	10%	4%	

Which of these types of friends do you have? Tick all that apply.

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Friends that I don't like	9%	7%	11%	12%	10%	10%	10%	8%	
Friends that I like but don't really bother to see	37%	32%	41%	37%	35%	41%	40%	33%	
Friends that I maintain out of habit rather than choice	18%	15%	18%	23%	18%	18%	18%	17%	
Trophy friends (For example, good looking or popular/influential friends)	2%	2%	2%	-	3%	1%	2%	1%	
Friends of convenience (For example, because we work together or do the same leisure activities)	22%	19%	22%	26%	21%	24%	25%	18%	
Pity friends (people I don't really want to hang out with but feel sorry for)	4%	3%	4%	6%	6%	4%	3%	5%	
None of these	45%	50%	44%	45%	48%	43%	41%	51%	
Don't know	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	6%	2%	

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How many friends, if any, do you have who hold different political beliefs to yours?

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Most of them	6%	7%	5%	3%	7%	5%	7%	5%
A fair amount of them	13%	15%	10%	14%	16%	12%	16%	10%
Some of them	35%	36%	36%	42%	36%	35%	37%	34%
Hardly any of them	17%	10%	28%	19%	19%	18%	14%	17%
None of them	5%	4%	7%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%
N/A I don't hold any political beliefs or don't have friends who have political beliefs	8%	9%	3%	4%	6%	8%	7%	10%
Don't know	16%	19%	11%	12%	10%	16%	15%	18%

Do you have anyone whom you would genuinely call a friend, who is at least ten years older or younger than you?

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I do	53%	56%	56%	55%	62%	46%	47%	58%
I do not	42%	40%	38%	41%	35%	49%	45%	39%
Don't know	6%	4%	6%	4%	3%	5%	7%	3%

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## When was the last time you made a new friend? Within...

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The last month	7%	5%	5%	8%	8%	5%	6%	5%
The last 6 months	13%	9%	15%	15%	17%	12%	14%	12%
The last year	14%	12%	17%	9%	16%	14%	14%	14%
The last 2 years	18%	18%	21%	15%	21%	17%	16%	20%
The last 5 years	18%	20%	19%	22%	17%	19%	18%	20%
The last 10 years	10%	13%	9%	12%	9%	11%	10%	11%
The last 20 years	4%	5%	3%	6%	3%	5%	3%	5%
More than 20 years ago	4%	5%	3%	3%	2%	5%	4%	4%
Don't know	12%	12%	9%	10%	7%	12%	14%	9%

## Do you find it easy to make new friends?

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I find it very easy	8%	10%	5%	7%	15%	3%	8%	7%
I find it fairly easy	36%	38%	36%	30%	51%	23%	37%	37%
I find it fairly difficult	35%	34%	40%	36%	24%	46%	34%	36%
I find it very difficult	16%	12%	13%	22%	6%	25%	13%	15%
Don't know	6%	7%	5%	5%	4%	4%	7%	4%

## Do you have any friends whom you have never met in person, but just communicate with remotely?

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I do	26%	21%	31%	28%	27%	27%	25%	23%
I do not	71%	77%	66%	71%	71%	71%	71%	75%
Don't know	3%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	4%	2%

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## Thinking about your friends, are they mostly men or women?

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Mostly men	27%	28%	24%	25%	27%	29%	52%	4%
Mostly women	40%	37%	43%	43%	41%	39%	8%	69%
Both equally	31%	33%	31%	31%	32%	30%	38%	26%
Don't know	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%

## Who do you find it easier to make friends with?

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Men	20%	18%	21%	17%	19%	22%	27%	14%
Women	23%	21%	26%	23%	23%	24%	16%	28%
Equally easy with both	41%	47%	38%	41%	51%	33%	44%	42%
Equally hard with both	10%	10%	11%	13%	5%	15%	8%	11%
Don't know	6%	4%	5%	6%	2%	6%	5%	6%

## Do you think heterosexual men and women can ever really be just friends?

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They can	84%	83%	87%	89%	87%	84%	83%	85%
They cannot	6%	6%	5%	3%	6%	8%	7%	6%
Don't know	10%	11%	7%	9%	7%	9%	10%	9%

## How has the coronavirus pandemic affected your relationship with close friends?

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We became closer	7%	6%	10%	5%	9%	6%	5%	8%
We became more distant	20%	21%	17%	23%	15%	25%	23%	18%
I became closer with some and more distant with others	29%	23%	36%	33%	35%	26%	21%	32%
No change	38%	45%	32%	36%	38%	37%	45%	36%
Not applicable - I don't have close friend/friends	3%	4%	2%	2%	1%	4%	3%	3%
Don't know	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	3%

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Following the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic, do you value your friendships more, less or the same as before?

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I value my friendships more than before the start of the pandemic	35%	29%	40%	31%	40%	32%	27%	39%	
I value my friendships less than before the start of the pandemic	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%	4%	
I value my friendships the same as before the start of the pandemic	56%	63%	54%	62%	54%	59%	63%	53%	
Don't know	5%	4%	2%	3%	3%	4%	5%	4%	

Since the coronavirus pandemic started in the UK, have you lost or stopped contact with any friends?

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I have, but I will seek to regain contact with them	26%	23%	28%	29%	28%	27%	26%	26%	
I have, and I will not seek to regain contact with them, or with some of them	14%	11%	13%	18%	14%	15%	13%	12%	
I have not	54%	62%	53%	49%	54%	54%	54%	57%	
Don't know	6%	4%	6%	4%	5%	5%	6%	5%	

Which, if any, did you do more of during lockdown than before?

	Unweighted base	2130	717	614	188	912	1045	825	982
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Spoke to friends on the phone	34%	37%	34%	34%	42%	30%	32%	37%	
Contacted friends via video call	36%	30%	44%	35%	45%	31%	32%	36%	
Met up with friends for a walk or an outdoor activity	26%	20%	31%	27%	35%	21%	21%	29%	
Contacted friends by email or online (via social media)	37%	35%	38%	45%	40%	36%	34%	38%	
Wrote to friends by post	4%	4%	4%	8%	5%	4%	1%	5%	
None of the above	21%	24%	18%	21%	15%	26%	27%	18%	
Don't know	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	

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