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A Universal Basic Income is a fixed payment, paid equally by the government to **every** citizen of a country, **regardless of whether they are in work or out of work**, paid for by general taxes and removing some other benefits. People have suggested it could be set at different levels, but in an experiment in Finland in 2017 it was set at €560 a month (£470 a month).

Some people say that a universal basic income would improve quality of life, significantly reduce poverty and increase economic growth, because people would be more financially secure and subsequently take more risks that are currently only available to those who have disposable income - higher education, further training for high-skilled jobs, or entrepreneurship. Others say that a universal basic income is too expensive, will lead to a decline in economic productivity as people may not want to work if their income is guaranteed, and is an unfair system, since it pays out equally to people regardless of how much they contribute to society.

Do you think a universal basic income would improve or worsen the quality of life in the UK, or would it not make much difference?

Significantly improve quality of life	19	10	29	22	25	15	22	17	20	25	19	10	20	18	22	17	19	19	26
Somewhat improve quality of life	29	24	37	41	36	22	26	31	30	30	28	26	30	27	29	30	28	25	32
TOTAL IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE	48	34	66	63	61	37	48	48	50	55	47	36	50	45	51	47	47	44	58
Would not make much difference to quality of life	19	25	12	16	14	24	22	16	16	16	20	24	20	17	17	20	19	21	12
Somewhat worsen quality of life	9	13	6	8	7	12	10	8	4	7	8	15	9	9	9	8	11	8	9
Significantly worsen quality of life	6	10	3	3	5	8	6	6	5	5	7	6	6	6	7	6	5	6	4
TOTAL WORSEN QUALITY OF LIFE	15	23	9	11	12	20	16	14	9	12	15	21	15	15	16	14	16	14	13
Don't know	18	18	13	10	13	19	15	22	25	17	18	18	15	23	17	19	17	20	16

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Do you think a universal basic income would reduce or increase poverty in the UK, or would it not make much difference?

Significantly reduce poverty	15	7	26	20	22	10	16	15	14	20	14	8	16	14	17	14	15	15	18
Somewhat reduce poverty	34	31	40	47	40	29	34	34	35	34	34	34	37	31	35	36	34	30	37
TOTAL REDUCE POVERTY	49	38	66	67	62	39	50	49	49	54	48	42	53	45	52	50	49	45	55
Would not make much difference to poverty	26	36	17	24	21	33	28	24	18	22	28	34	25	27	30	26	25	26	21
Somewhat increase poverty	5	8	3	4	4	8	6	5	4	6	4	7	5	6	5	5	6	6	4
Significantly increase poverty	3	4	3	1	2	4	4	3	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	2
TOTAL INCREASE POVERTY	8	12	6	5	6	12	10	8	7	9	8	10	8	9	8	8	10	10	6
Don't know	16	15	11	5	11	16	13	19	25	14	16	15	13	19	10	17	15	18	18

Do you think a universal basic income would increase or reduce economic growth in the UK, or would it not make much difference?

Significantly increase economic growth	11	4	17	14	15	7	12	9	12	14	10	5	11	11	13	9	9	11	14
Somewhat increase economic growth	23	19	32	29	29	19	22	24	24	25	24	18	24	22	25	23	21	21	35
TOTAL INCREASE ECONOMIC GROWTH	34	23	49	43	44	26	34	33	36	39	34	23	35	33	38	32	30	32	49
Would not make much difference to economic growth	23	25	21	22	24	22	26	20	19	21	25	25	24	22	24	25	24	23	11
Somewhat reduce economic growth	13	19	6	16	10	18	14	12	7	10	14	18	14	10	12	13	14	11	12
Significantly reduce economic growth	6	11	4	2	4	11	7	5	3	7	6	8	7	5	7	6	6	6	5
TOTAL REDUCE ECONOMIC GROWTH	19	30	10	18	14	29	21	17	10	17	20	26	21	15	19	19	20	17	17
Don't know	24	21	21	17	18	24	19	30	34	22	22	26	20	30	18	24	26	28	23

Do you think the UK government would be able to afford giving everyone a universal basic income, or not?

The government can afford to give its citizens a universal basic income	35	20	55	47	47	25	38	32	39	39	34	27	36	34	42	32	32	36	45
The government cannot afford to give its citizens a universal basic income	45	63	28	43	36	57	45	44	34	40	50	52	47	42	42	48	47	43	33
Don't know	20	17	17	10	16	18	17	23	27	20	16	21	17	24	17	20	22	20	22

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Do you think a universal basic income would lead to more people in work, fewer people in work, or about the same?

More people in work	16	9	24	23	21	12	18	15	21	20	14	10	16	16	19	16	17	15	17
About the same	34	29	43	42	43	29	36	33	31	35	37	33	36	33	39	36	32	32	35
Fewer people in work	31	45	18	25	22	43	31	30	22	27	33	40	32	29	25	30	33	32	30
Don't know	18	16	15	11	14	17	15	21	26	18	16	18	16	22	17	18	18	20	18

If a universal basic income was introduced, do you think that people who **remain in work** would tend to do more or fewer hours, or about the same?

More hours	5	5	6	4	5	5	5	5	7	6	6	3	5	5	10	4	4	6	6
About the same	43	40	52	47	50	40	47	40	33	46	42	43	44	42	42	45	45	40	44
Fewer hours	31	37	25	31	30	36	30	33	28	29	35	32	33	29	31	32	30	31	31
Don't know	20	18	17	18	16	19	18	23	31	18	17	22	18	24	17	19	21	24	19

Would you support or oppose the government introducing a universal basic income in the UK?

Strongly support	21	11	33	24	28	15	22	20	16	28	21	11	21	22	25	18	22	19	31
Tend to support	27	24	32	40	31	22	27	26	29	27	26	25	28	25	26	31	24	26	18
TOTAL SUPPORT	48	35	65	64	59	37	49	46	45	55	47	36	49	47	51	49	46	45	49
Tend to oppose	16	22	10	15	16	18	17	14	16	13	14	22	16	15	14	14	17	18	14
Strongly oppose	12	21	4	6	6	19	14	10	6	9	13	18	13	10	13	12	10	13	13
TOTAL OPPOSE	28	43	14	21	22	37	31	24	22	22	27	40	29	25	27	26	27	31	27
Don't know	25	23	20	14	19	25	20	29	33	23	24	24	22	27	21	25	26	25	23

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Only shown to those who support introducing universal basic income in the UK (n=819)

If a universal basic income was introduced in the UK, approximately what level do you think it should be set at?

At a level that is at least enough to pay for a person's basic living costs, even if they have no other form of income	54	47	60	53	57	52	56	51	51	52	58	55	53	54	60	47	56	59	54
At a level that is enough to cover some basic living costs, but is expected to be supplemented by other income from empl	41	48	37	42	39	43	40	43	41	43	37	41	43	39	35	48	39	37	37
Don't know	5	5	3	5	4	5	4	6	9	5	4	4	4	7	5	5	5	4	9