

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1684 adults in GB
Fieldwork: 18th - 19th August 2021

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	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
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How likely, if at all, do you think it is that the following predictions about working from home will come true?

People will never return to offices at the same rate as before the pandemic

Very likely	23	23	22	26	24	23	18	27	16	25	21	19	24	26
Fairly likely	47	44	50	48	44	50	49	46	49	42	48	49	47	46
TOTAL LIKELY	70	67	72	74	68	73	67	73	65	67	69	68	71	72
Fairly unlikely	15	16	13	9	15	11	21	13	16	15	15	14	15	12
Very unlikely	6	8	5	3	7	7	5	6	7	10	5	8	4	7
TOTAL UNLIKELY	21	24	18	12	22	18	26	19	23	25	20	22	19	19
Don't know	9	9	10	13	11	8	6	7	12	8	10	10	9	8

Young workers working from home will struggle more to progress in their career than those going into the office

Very likely	20	18	21	18	15	21	29	21	19	24	16	19	23	21
Fairly likely	42	45	40	43	39	45	45	42	43	48	48	37	39	37
TOTAL LIKELY	62	63	61	61	54	66	74	63	62	72	64	56	62	58
Fairly unlikely	13	13	14	11	18	11	9	14	12	11	13	16	13	13
Very unlikely	5	7	3	7	6	6	3	5	5	7	5	4	5	7
TOTAL UNLIKELY	18	20	17	18	24	17	12	19	17	18	18	20	18	20
Don't know	19	17	21	22	23	16	14	18	21	10	17	24	20	23

People working from home will be less productive than those working from proper workplaces

Very likely	12	13	10	9	12	11	12	10	13	13	10	9	15	12
Fairly likely	23	24	22	28	19	20	30	21	25	24	24	23	23	17
TOTAL LIKELY	35	37	32	37	31	31	42	31	38	37	34	32	38	29
Fairly unlikely	26	24	29	21	25	30	28	30	22	17	26	31	27	28
Very unlikely	24	25	23	20	27	27	17	26	21	36	24	21	19	28
TOTAL UNLIKELY	50	49	52	41	52	57	45	56	43	53	50	52	46	56
Don't know	15	14	16	22	17	12	13	12	19	11	15	17	16	16

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Working from home will help advance women's careers as childcare and caring duties become less of a hindrance for working full-time

Very likely	16	13	18	23	16	18	10	15	17	22	12	19	16	16
Fairly likely	40	41	38	42	41	36	40	42	36	39	42	40	40	33
TOTAL LIKELY	56	54	56	65	57	54	50	57	53	61	54	59	56	49
Fairly unlikely	17	18	17	13	14	22	21	18	16	11	20	16	16	24
Very unlikely	8	9	8	5	7	9	10	9	7	7	10	5	7	12
TOTAL UNLIKELY	25	27	25	18	21	31	31	27	23	18	30	21	23	36
Don't know	19	19	19	18	21	16	18	16	23	21	16	20	21	15

If many people continue working from home, it will harm the economy

Very likely	11	11	10	8	9	12	13	10	12	13	10	9	11	12
Fairly likely	23	24	22	21	21	24	25	22	23	26	23	23	20	23
TOTAL LIKELY	34	35	32	29	30	36	38	32	35	39	33	32	31	35
Fairly unlikely	27	28	27	24	29	26	27	29	25	13	29	32	28	25
Very unlikely	22	23	21	22	24	23	19	24	19	29	24	18	19	25
TOTAL UNLIKELY	49	51	48	46	53	49	46	53	44	42	53	50	47	50
Don't know	17	14	21	25	18	14	16	15	21	19	14	18	22	16

Remote working increases the risk of British workers losing jobs to cheaper workers in other countries

Very likely	16	17	14	16	14	15	20	15	17	26	14	14	15	14
Fairly likely	22	22	21	17	20	25	24	21	23	23	20	20	24	27
TOTAL LIKELY	38	39	35	33	34	40	44	36	40	49	34	34	39	41
Fairly unlikely	24	26	22	23	27	23	21	28	19	21	26	26	24	18
Very unlikely	12	13	11	11	12	15	10	13	11	12	15	12	9	16
TOTAL UNLIKELY	36	39	33	34	39	38	31	41	30	33	41	38	33	34
Don't know	26	21	31	33	28	22	25	23	30	18	26	29	28	26

Working from home will make parents better workers

Very likely	10	8	11	12	12	9	6	11	8	9	10	10	9	9
Fairly likely	29	30	29	32	33	27	24	32	26	28	31	29	28	26
TOTAL LIKELY	39	38	40	44	45	36	30	43	34	37	41	39	37	35
Fairly unlikely	25	28	22	24	21	23	34	25	25	31	22	24	24	29
Very unlikely	10	10	10	3	10	13	11	9	11	5	11	9	11	12
TOTAL UNLIKELY	35	38	32	27	31	36	45	34	36	36	33	33	35	41
Don't know	26	24	29	29	25	28	26	24	30	27	25	28	28	23

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Workplaces allowing people to work from home will help level the playing field between workers by being more accommodating to people with mental health issues or disabilities

Very likely	17	14	20	27	21	14	8	19	14	17	18	16	16	15
Fairly likely	39	37	41	47	35	45	37	40	37	40	41	38	35	42
TOTAL LIKELY	56	51	61	74	56	59	45	59	51	57	59	54	51	57
Fairly unlikely	15	19	12	4	16	15	19	13	18	17	13	16	18	13
Very unlikely	7	8	5	4	5	8	9	7	6	3	9	6	5	6
TOTAL UNLIKELY	22	27	17	8	21	23	28	20	24	20	22	22	23	19
Don't know	22	22	23	18	23	18	27	20	26	23	19	24	26	24

Working from home will become a drain on creativity and collaboration in the long term

Very likely	11	13	10	12	10	11	13	13	10	18	12	8	11	10
Fairly likely	27	28	26	26	24	29	32	27	28	28	26	29	26	27
TOTAL LIKELY	38	41	36	38	34	40	45	40	38	46	38	37	37	37
Fairly unlikely	26	26	25	25	27	23	26	28	22	20	28	27	25	21
Very unlikely	14	13	14	9	15	18	8	14	13	14	15	15	11	17
TOTAL UNLIKELY	40	39	39	34	42	41	34	42	35	34	43	42	36	38
Don't know	22	19	25	27	24	19	20	18	28	21	19	22	27	25

The government will introduce a tax for companies with employees working from home

Very likely	14	13	14	8	13	17	13	11	16	9	15	13	15	13
Fairly likely	26	26	25	27	27	27	23	25	27	28	24	24	30	24
TOTAL LIKELY	40	39	39	35	40	44	36	36	43	37	39	37	45	37
Fairly unlikely	16	19	13	19	14	13	20	18	13	18	17	15	13	15
Very unlikely	10	13	7	11	11	9	9	13	7	12	11	11	8	10
TOTAL UNLIKELY	26	32	20	30	25	22	29	31	20	30	28	26	21	25
Don't know	34	28	41	35	34	34	36	33	36	33	33	37	34	37

Working from home will make it more obvious who the talented workers at a company are

Very likely	6	8	4	8	5	6	7	6	6	7	6	4	7	5
Fairly likely	20	21	20	16	23	17	22	21	20	16	22	22	20	20
TOTAL LIKELY	26	29	24	24	28	23	29	27	26	23	28	26	27	25
Fairly unlikely	25	25	24	24	24	26	25	26	23	46	22	20	24	22
Very unlikely	15	15	16	14	15	17	15	17	14	5	16	18	17	15
TOTAL UNLIKELY	40	40	40	38	39	43	40	43	37	51	38	38	41	37
Don't know	33	31	36	37	34	33	31	30	38	26	34	36	32	38