

YouGov / Eurotrack Survey Results

Sample Size: 1669 Adults in GB / 1042 Adults in France / 2003 Adults in Germany / 1017 Adults in Denmark / 1007 Adults in Sweden / 1022 Adults in Spain / 1012 Adults in Italy

Fieldwork: 6th - 23rd May 2022



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		GB	France	Germany	Denmark	Sweden	Spain	Italy
Weighted Sample		1669	1042	2003	1017	1007	1022	1012
Unweighted Sample		1669	1042	2003	1017	1007	1022	1012
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%
		16-17	12-17	17-23	11-16	11-14	12-16	6-16
		May	May	May	May	May	May	May

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 COUNTRY, or would it not make much difference?

Significantly improve quality of life	19	14	24	11	15	26	21
Somewhat improve quality of life	29	28	28	23	23	31	32
TOTAL IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE	48	42	52	34	38	57	53
Would not make much difference to quality of life	19	26	26	26	26	15	22
Somewhat worsen quality of life	9	9	8	6	9	10	10
Significantly worsen quality of life	6	10	5	10	9	12	6
TOTAL WORSEN QUALITY OF LIFE	15	19	13	16	18	22	16
Don't know	18	14	10	23	18	6	10

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

Significantly reduce poverty	15	11	18	9	11	17	16
Somewhat reduce poverty	34	30	34	25	30	35	36
TOTAL REDUCE POVERTY	49	41	52	34	41	52	52
Would not make much difference to poverty	26	29	31	31	29	27	27
Somewhat increase poverty	5	9	6	7	8	7	9
Significantly increase poverty	3	7	3	6	6	9	3
TOTAL INCREASE POVERTY	8	16	9	13	14	16	12
Don't know	16	14	8	22	17	5	9

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

Significantly increase economic growth	11	8	11	6	6	14	13
Somewhat increase economic growth	23	23	23	15	17	26	27
TOTAL INCREASE ECONOMIC GROWTH	34	31	34	21	23	40	40
Would not make much difference to economic growth	23	30	35	30	29	26	29
Somewhat reduce economic growth	13	11	12	12	13	13	13
Significantly reduce economic growth	6	10	5	9	10	15	6
TOTAL REDUCE ECONOMIC GROWTH	19	21	17	21	23	28	19
Don't know	24	18	14	28	25	6	11

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Do you think COUNTRY 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	35	47	29	33	30	33
The government cannot afford to give its citizens a universal basic income	45	46	37	49	47	57	53
Don't know	20	19	16	22	20	13	15

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	13	11	11	13	18	17
About the same	34	36	46	40	36	34	35
Fewer people in work	31	31	34	31	34	38	35
Don't know	18	20	8	19	17	10	13

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	8	8	5	6	8	4
About the same	43	48	52	47	47	49	49
Fewer hours	31	25	30	28	30	36	35
Don't know	20	19	10	20	17	7	12

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

Strongly support	21	15	29	9	18	22	22
Tend to support	27	24	26	20	21	31	30
TOTAL SUPPORT	48	39	55	29	39	53	52
Tend to oppose	16	24	18	26	18	19	20
Strongly oppose	12	22	16	18	23	17	11
TOTAL OPPOSE	28	46	34	44	41	36	31
Don't know	25	14	11	28	19	11	17

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

[Asked to those who support the government introducing a universal basic income in their country; GB=818, France=413, Germany=1126, Denmark=286, Sweden=388, Spain=537, Italy=530]

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	62	45	54	37	59
At a level that is enough to cover some basic living costs, but is expected to be supplemented by other income from employment or benefits	41	46	33	48	39	59	37
Don't know	5	7	5	7	6	3	5