

YouGov Survey Results

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In general, do you support or oppose the power of the police to use stop and search?

Strongly support	30	47	17	13	20	43	33	27	11	25	39	34	28	32	30	30	31	31	23
Tend to support	43	45	39	57	45	44	40	45	31	41	43	49	43	41	37	44	44	42	42
TOTAL SUPPORT	73	92	56	70	65	87	73	72	42	66	82	83	71	73	67	74	75	73	65
Tend to oppose	12	5	20	16	19	5	13	11	21	14	8	9	14	9	15	13	10	10	17
Strongly oppose	5	1	10	3	7	3	6	5	10	8	3	3	6	5	9	4	6	5	6
TOTAL OPPOSE	17	6	30	19	26	8	19	16	31	22	11	12	20	14	24	17	16	15	23
Don't know	10	3	14	10	9	5	8	12	26	12	7	5	9	12	9	9	10	12	12

In general, do you think police powers to stop and search are used too much, too little, or about the right amount?

Too much	15	4	29	18	24	8	16	15	28	19	11	10	18	13	29	14	15	12	18
About right	31	40	26	34	29	36	32	31	23	27	36	37	31	31	25	32	33	31	28
Too little	17	25	8	8	8	26	20	14	7	15	21	19	15	19	21	15	17	19	14
Don't know	36	31	36	39	39	30	32	41	43	39	32	34	36	37	25	38	36	37	41

Would you support or oppose giving the police more power to stop and search people, even if they do not suspect them of a crime?

Strongly support	15	23	7	5	8	23	16	14	7	13	20	17	13	17	15	15	15	16	12
Tend to support	21	32	13	12	16	28	22	21	13	19	23	27	21	22	23	22	22	22	16
TOTAL SUPPORT	36	55	20	17	24	51	38	35	20	32	43	44	34	39	38	37	37	38	28
Tend to oppose	27	25	29	42	32	25	27	28	26	25	27	30	28	27	25	28	28	27	26
Strongly oppose	21	8	35	22	30	12	24	18	30	26	17	13	24	17	28	20	17	20	30
TOTAL OPPOSE	48	33	64	64	62	37	51	46	56	51	44	43	52	44	53	48	45	47	56
Don't know	15	11	15	20	14	13	11	19	24	17	13	12	14	17	9	16	18	15	16

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How much confidence, if any, do you have in the police to apply stop and search in a way that is fair to black and minority ethnic people?

A great amount of confidence	15	25	6	6	7	24	18	12	10	13	20	16	14	16	13	16	16	16	9
A fair amount of confidence	30	42	20	23	25	38	30	30	13	26	32	40	29	30	32	28	30	30	31
TOTAL A GREAT / A FAIR AMOUNT OF CONFIDENCE	45	67	26	29	32	62	48	42	23	39	52	56	43	46	45	44	46	46	40
Not very much confidence	26	18	34	44	36	18	24	27	32	25	25	25	29	22	24	27	27	24	24
No confidence at all	14	3	28	12	21	6	16	13	20	20	10	8	16	12	19	11	13	16	21
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH/ NO CONFIDENCE AT ALL	40	21	62	56	57	24	40	40	52	45	35	33	45	34	43	38	40	40	45
Don't know	15	12	12	15	11	14	13	18	26	17	14	11	12	20	11	17	14	15	15

Thinking about your local area, does the police's use of stop and search make you feel more or less safe?

Much safer than if they did not have this power	11	18	6	7	7	16	11	12	4	11	15	12	11	11	10	12	13	12	7
A little safer than if they did not have this power	16	21	14	21	18	15	18	15	16	17	16	17	17	16	18	16	15	15	21
TOTAL SAFER	27	39	20	28	25	31	29	27	20	28	31	29	28	27	28	28	28	27	28
Neither safer nor less safe	41	34	47	47	45	40	43	39	35	41	40	44	40	41	36	40	43	41	44
A little less safe than if they did not have this power	4	3	5	4	4	3	4	4	9	4	3	3	5	3	8	3	4	3	6
Much less safe than if they did not have this power	3	3	5	0	4	3	3	3	5	4	3	1	4	3	7	2	4	4	3
TOTAL LESS SAFE	7	6	10	4	8	6	7	7	14	8	6	4	9	6	15	5	8	7	9
Don't know	24	22	24	20	22	23	21	27	31	24	23	23	23	26	21	26	22	26	20

Does the police's use of stop and search in your local area make you feel more or less confident in the police?

Much more confident in the police	10	16	6	4	5	16	10	10	7	9	14	10	10	11	9	10	12	10	7
Somewhat more confident in the police	17	22	12	21	15	19	16	18	11	15	16	23	17	17	24	16	18	16	14
TOTAL MORE CONFIDENT	27	38	18	25	20	35	26	28	18	24	30	33	27	28	33	26	30	26	21
Neither more nor less confident	43	41	45	47	48	43	47	40	31	44	45	45	41	45	34	45	44	42	47
Somewhat less confident in the police	4	2	7	3	5	2	4	4	13	5	2	1	5	3	6	5	3	3	4
Much less confident in the police	4	1	8	2	6	1	4	4	7	6	3	1	5	2	10	2	3	4	7
TOTAL LESS CONFIDENT	8	3	15	5	11	3	8	8	20	11	5	2	10	5	16	7	6	7	11
Don't know	22	18	22	23	21	18	18	25	31	22	19	20	22	21	16	22	20	25	21

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What impact, if any, do you think stop and search powers have on the following types of crime:

Drug-related crimes

Stop and search reduces this type of crime	59	69	49	63	54	67	58	60	49	55	64	63	59	58	53	60	60	61	53
Stop and search makes no difference to this type of crime	24	18	30	19	27	21	25	22	31	26	20	21	25	23	29	21	24	22	31
Stop and search increases this type of crime	1	1	2	1	2	0	2	1	5	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1
Don't know	16	11	19	16	18	12	15	17	15	17	16	15	15	18	15	18	15	16	15

Knife crime

Stop and search reduces this type of crime	65	73	58	70	60	72	66	64	54	64	68	67	65	64	59	66	67	65	59
Stop and search makes no difference to this type of crime	18	15	22	12	20	15	18	17	28	17	16	17	18	17	21	15	17	18	24
Stop and search increases this type of crime	1	0	2	1	2	1	2	1	0	2	0	1	2	1	4	1	2	1	1
Don't know	16	11	18	17	18	12	14	18	17	17	16	15	15	18	16	18	15	16	17

Theft and burglary

Stop and search reduces this type of crime	40	52	30	36	31	52	40	39	23	32	48	48	37	42	39	38	38	45	33
Stop and search makes no difference to this type of crime	41	33	46	47	48	32	42	39	55	47	33	33	44	36	42	42	42	35	48
Stop and search increases this type of crime	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	0
Don't know	19	14	23	16	20	15	16	21	20	19	18	18	17	21	17	20	18	19	19

Graffiti

Stop and search reduces this type of crime	29	34	20	32	26	34	30	29	18	33	31	26	29	29	26	32	29	28	25
Stop and search makes no difference to this type of crime	46	44	53	46	49	43	47	45	59	41	44	50	49	43	56	43	45	47	49
Stop and search increases this type of crime	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	1	4	2	2	2	2	3	1	3	2	2	4
Don't know	23	20	24	20	23	21	20	25	19	24	23	22	20	25	17	23	24	23	22

Sexual violence

Stop and search reduces this type of crime	10	12	7	10	8	13	10	10	2	9	11	13	8	12	9	10	9	11	9
Stop and search makes no difference to this type of crime	67	67	71	67	71	65	69	66	76	70	66	62	72	62	70	65	69	66	72
Stop and search increases this type of crime	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	4	2	0	1	2	1	3	1	1	1	2
Don't know	21	19	20	22	19	21	19	23	19	20	23	23	18	25	19	24	20	22	17

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For each of the following statements about stop and search, please indicate whether you think they are true or false:

There are situations where a police officer does not have to suspect someone of a crime to stop and search them

TRUE	44	49	41	39	42	48	45	43	43	42	48	45	43	46	42	45	43	43	50
FALSE	27	23	31	28	29	25	30	24	31	30	24	23	30	23	30	25	27	28	29
Don't know	29	28	28	33	30	26	25	32	26	28	29	32	27	31	28	30	30	29	20

A police officer does not have to tell me the legal grounds for why I am being stopped and searched until after the search is over

TRUE	17	19	15	14	17	18	17	17	19	15	14	23	16	18	21	17	20	13	18
FALSE	55	55	55	55	53	57	60	50	48	60	58	45	55	54	51	53	57	56	58
Don't know	28	27	30	31	30	25	23	33	33	24	28	33	28	28	28	30	23	32	24

A police officer can stop and search anyone who matches the description of someone committing an offence in the area

TRUE	78	81	74	77	74	82	78	77	72	78	77	80	77	78	80	76	78	80	75
FALSE	4	3	4	4	4	3	5	3	9	5	3	3	4	4	2	4	4	4	7
Don't know	18	16	22	19	22	15	17	20	19	18	20	17	19	17	19	20	18	16	18

If I am stopped and searched, I always have to give the police my name, address and date of birth

TRUE	45	52	37	38	39	52	39	50	23	43	45	56	42	48	32	48	45	47	38
FALSE	24	18	30	24	27	19	30	18	43	27	22	13	26	20	33	20	25	20	34
Don't know	32	30	33	38	34	29	31	33	33	31	33	31	31	32	35	32	30	33	28

If a police officer has stopped and searched me, I can ask them for the grounds for the search and see the search record

TRUE	72	71	69	73	72	71	77	67	73	76	71	64	74	69	74	71	72	72	70
FALSE	5	5	5	2	4	6	5	5	6	5	4	5	5	4	2	5	6	5	5
Don't know	23	24	26	25	24	23	18	28	21	18	25	31	21	27	24	24	22	24	25

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I am not allowed to complain about the way I am treated during a stop and search

TRUE	10	8	10	10	10	10	9	11	10	11	7	10	11	9	9	10	10	9	9
FALSE	74	76	72	75	74	76	78	70	63	74	80	72	75	73	74	73	74	74	77
Don't know	16	16	17	15	15	15	13	19	27	15	13	18	15	19	17	17	15	17	14

I can be stopped and searched based on my nationality or race

TRUE	13	12	16	10	13	13	13	13	16	14	9	14	12	14	16	13	13	11	13
FALSE	72	76	68	77	73	75	74	70	56	73	76	71	76	67	67	72	73	72	74
Don't know	15	12	17	13	14	12	13	18	27	14	15	14	13	19	17	16	14	17	13

A police officer from the opposite sex can search me during a stop and search

TRUE	29	25	32	31	30	26	34	25	46	31	26	23	31	27	27	30	31	27	29
FALSE	43	47	38	39	40	49	42	44	27	43	45	45	40	46	40	44	40	45	44
Don't know	28	28	30	30	31	25	25	31	27	26	29	32	29	27	33	26	29	29	27

A police officer who is searching me must tell me their identity and police station before I am searched

TRUE	57	57	55	60	61	55	55	60	50	62	60	50	58	57	62	59	56	52	62
FALSE	15	18	15	9	11	19	19	12	23	13	14	18	15	15	12	13	16	19	14
Don't know	27	25	30	31	28	25	26	28	27	25	26	32	27	27	26	27	27	28	24