

YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 1684 adults in GB
Fieldwork: 26th - 28th November 2021



Weighted Sample
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	Vote in 2019 GE			EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region					Age				
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Overall, how well or badly is the government doing at handling the issue of drug abuse...?

Very well	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Fairly well	9	15	5	6	7	12	9	9	10	9	8	11	8	10	11	9	11	9	4	10	10	8	10
TOTAL WELL	9	15	5	6	7	12	9	9	10	9	8	11	8	10	11	9	11	9	5	10	10	8	10
Fairly badly	31	37	28	36	32	32	31	30	26	29	33	35	35	26	35	32	29	30	31	26	31	28	36
Very badly	29	17	44	30	33	25	32	25	26	25	33	31	29	28	27	26	28	27	47	26	25	28	32
TOTAL BADLY	60	54	72	66	65	57	63	55	52	54	66	66	64	54	62	58	57	57	78	52	56	56	68
Don't know	31	30	23	29	27	30	27	35	38	37	26	22	27	36	28	33	31	34	18	38	34	35	22

Do you think the government is or isn't doing enough to tackle drug problems in your area?

It is	5	7	3	7	5	6	5	4	1	5	5	5	5	4	5	6	5	3	3	1	6	5	5
It isn't	54	51	63	55	57	51	57	50	54	52	56	54	56	51	56	48	53	58	61	54	50	54	56
Don't know	42	42	34	39	39	43	38	45	45	43	39	41	39	45	39	46	42	40	36	45	44	42	39

Do you think politicians running for office should or should not have to reveal if they have taken any recreational drugs?

Should	45	51	45	35	40	51	45	44	38	38	48	56	42	48	35	42	47	51	45	38	37	42	54
Should not	33	31	32	48	38	30	31	34	23	39	31	29	36	28	37	37	32	26	30	23	38	36	29
Don't know	23	17	23	17	21	19	24	21	39	23	21	15	22	24	28	20	21	23	25	39	25	22	17

Generally speaking, do you think drug laws in the UK are too strict, too lenient, or about right?

Too strict	19	8	29	25	26	11	22	15	30	21	17	12	21	15	22	18	22	14	21	30	23	18	13
About right	24	27	24	33	29	22	22	26	17	24	27	25	25	23	25	26	22	25	16	17	27	24	25
Too lenient	40	55	30	27	30	55	40	41	19	35	47	53	38	44	33	39	42	43	42	19	29	42	52
Don't know	17	10	18	15	15	13	15	19	34	20	10	10	17	17	21	17	13	18	20	34	21	16	10

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Do you think the possession of soft drugs (such as speed or cannabis), with the intention of personal use, should be legal or illegal?

Should be legal	30	19	41	36	38	22	33	27	37	33	27	25	31	29	40	27	32	26	36	37	33	32	24
Should be illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence rather than a criminal offence	33	36	32	40	36	34	30	35	26	33	33	36	35	30	28	34	30	37	30	26	32	33	36
Should be illegal and should be regarded as a criminal offence	25	34	19	15	18	32	24	25	14	20	31	31	24	26	17	26	28	24	21	14	19	24	32
Don't know	12	10	9	9	8	12	12	12	23	14	8	8	10	15	16	12	10	13	14	23	16	11	8

Do you think the possession of hard drugs (such as heroin or crack cocaine), with the intention of personal use, should be legal or illegal?

Should be legal	6	3	8	8	8	4	7	4	3	6	6	6	7	4	12	6	3	3	9	3	9	5	6
Should be illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence rather than a criminal offence	16	7	24	20	20	10	16	16	31	18	11	11	19	12	16	16	15	17	15	31	19	15	11
Should be illegal and should be regarded as a criminal offence	70	85	60	65	65	81	67	72	51	64	78	80	66	74	57	71	74	71	67	51	58	72	80
Don't know	9	4	9	7	7	5	9	8	16	12	5	3	8	9	15	7	8	8	8	16	15	8	3

Do you think selling soft drugs (such as cannabis or speed), should be legal or illegal?

Should be legal	19	10	23	25	25	13	23	16	18	21	20	14	20	18	24	17	20	14	29	18	22	21	15
Should be illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence rather than a criminal offence	24	25	27	24	24	24	23	25	33	21	20	29	25	23	25	23	23	27	15	33	22	20	26
Should be illegal and should be regarded as a criminal offence	47	58	39	45	43	55	43	50	25	45	53	52	46	47	34	48	48	51	44	25	42	49	54
Don't know	11	7	10	7	8	8	11	10	24	12	7	5	9	12	17	11	8	8	11	24	14	10	5

Do you think selling hard drugs (such as heroin or crack cocaine), should be legal or illegal?

Should be legal	3	2	5	4	5	2	4	3	2	4	4	3	4	3	6	3	3	2	4	2	6	2	4
Should be illegal but should be regarded as a minor offence rather than a criminal offence	6	4	10	5	7	5	8	5	13	7	4	4	7	6	8	6	4	7	8	13	8	5	4
Should be illegal and should be regarded as a criminal offence	83	90	77	87	83	89	79	86	66	80	88	91	83	83	69	84	88	83	84	66	74	86	90
Don't know	8	3	8	5	5	4	9	6	19	10	4	2	7	9	17	7	5	7	5	19	11	7	2

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%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Do you think drug addiction is mostly down to personal choice or mostly down to circumstances beyond personal control?

Mostly down to a personal choice	31	43	19	20	23	44	37	26	16	25	37	43	29	34	18	34	34	33	28	16	21	31	43
Mostly down to circumstances beyond personal control	16	10	28	21	22	11	14	19	18	20	14	11	17	15	20	14	14	19	18	18	24	16	12
Both equally	44	43	47	55	49	41	41	48	45	46	42	43	46	41	49	44	45	42	42	45	43	46	42
Neither	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	6	1	1	0	1	2	3	2	1	0	4	6	2	1	0
Don't know	7	4	5	4	4	4	7	7	15	8	5	2	6	8	10	6	6	6	8	15	10	6	3

Do you think that those who are addicted to drugs should be dealt with mainly by the police and the courts or mainly by the National Health Service?

Mainly by the police and the courts	19	29	10	9	11	28	23	15	7	15	23	26	17	20	13	19	23	18	16	7	11	20	25
Mainly by the National Health Service	24	10	38	38	34	12	24	25	37	29	17	18	28	19	37	23	21	23	25	37	32	22	18
Both equally	44	51	41	46	46	48	40	48	30	41	49	49	43	45	34	46	43	46	46	30	39	46	49
Neither	4	3	4	2	3	4	4	3	7	3	4	2	3	4	4	3	5	3	3	7	5	3	3
Don't know	10	7	6	6	6	8	10	9	19	11	7	5	9	11	12	9	9	10	10	19	13	9	5