

## YouGov Survey Results

Sample Size: 2783 GB Adults  
Fieldwork: 30th - 31st August 2011

	Gender		Age				Social grade		Region				
Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-39	40-59	60+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland
<b>Weighted Sample</b> 2783	1353	1430	337	710	952	785	1586	1197	356	904	596	685	242
Unweighted Sample	1329	1454	200	724	1021	838	1860	923	417	926	582	629	229
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Currently squatting is not a criminal offence in England, providing there is no evidence of forced entry. Some have called on the law to be changed, making squatting a criminal offence. They point out that the squatters are entering the premises without the permission of the owner, making it difficult and time-consuming for landlords to remove them from their property. Others argue that it is better to put an empty property to good use highlighting that the landlords are able to remove the squatters once they have been discovered.

Do you think the law should be changed making squatting a criminal offence or should it be left as it currently is?

The law should be changed	<b>79</b>	80	79	68	75	83	85	80	78	78	81	79	79	79
The law should be left as it is	<b>15</b>	14	15	19	17	14	12	15	14	13	14	15	16	15
Don't know	<b>6</b>	5	6	13	9	4	3	4	8	9	4	7	6	6