

SPA Public Opinion Survey Initial High Level Results

5 May 2020

Public Opinion Survey Comparators

- SPA Survey YouGov Fieldwork weekend 28 April 2020
 - 1660 Respondents
 - 479 North Scotland, 505 East Scotland, 676 West Scotland
 - 797 males, 863 females
 - 481 under 35, 249 35-44s, 282 45-54s, 266 55-64s, 382 over 65s
- Crest Commissioned Yougov Survey Weekend 3-6 April 2020
 - 1646 Respondents
 - 198 London, 553 South, 357 Midlands/Wales, 396 North, 142 Scotland
 - 800 males, 846 females
 - 179 under 24, 686 25-49s, 397 50-64s, 384 over 65s
- Scottish Crime and Justice Survey 2017/18
 - 5,475 Respondents
 - 2,518 males, 2,957 females
 - 408 16-24, 1,519 25-44, 1,396 45-59, 2,152 60+

Which of the following statements best describes your *current* personal status regarding the Coronavirus / Covid-19 lockdown?

Statement	Scotland	West	East	North
I am shielding myself or self-isolating	15%	17%	12%	16%
I spend most of my time at home, and practice social-distancing when I go out into public places	64%	62%	66%	63%
I have to leave the house quite often (for work and/or exercise and/or caring responsibilities) but practice social-distancing whenever possible	20%	20%	21%	21%
None of the above	1%	1%	0%	1%

Range of opinion: “Excellent” 26% in 35-44s to 9% under 35s

Taking everything into account how good a job do you think the police in your **local area** are doing?

Statement	Scotland	West	East	North	SCJS
Excellent	17%	16%	16%	18%	10%
Good	32%	29%	33%	33%	47%
Fair	17%	20%	17%	12%	31%
Poor	6%	7%	6%	5%	7%
Very poor	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%
Don't know	27%	25%	27%	30%	3%
Rather not say	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%

Range of opinion: “Excellent” 26% in 35-44s to 9% under 35s

How confident are you in the ability of police in your **local area** to respond quickly?

Statement	Scotland	West	East	North	SCJS
Very confident	17%	17%	18%	18%	15%
Fairly confident	50%	48%	50%	54%	48%
Not very confident	15%	18%	13%	13%	23%
Not at all confident	5%	5%	4%	5%	9%
Don't know	12%	12%	14%	11%	5%

Range of opinion: “Very confident” 22% in single person households to 15% in two person households

How confident are you in the ability of police in your **local area** to deal with incidents as they occur?

Statement	Scotland	West	East	North	SCJS
Very confident	18%	18%	18%	19%	12%
Fairly confident	52%	49%	54%	54%	53%
Not very confident	14%	17%	13%	11%	23%
Not at all confident	5%	5%	4%	6%	7%
Don't know	11%	11%	11%	10%	5%

Range of opinion: “Very confident” 27% of 35-44s to 16% in overs 65s

Overall do you think that the police presence in your local area is?

Statement	Scotland	West	East	North	SCJS
Not enough	38%	40%	37%	36%	50%
About right	44%	42%	44%	47%	44%
Too much	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%
Don't know	16%	17%	17%	14%	6%

Range of opinion: "About right" 49% of 35-44s to 38% in overs 65s

Which of the following statements comes closest to your view of how the police in Scotland are handling the COVID 19 lockdown?

Statement	Scotland	West	East	North	GB Average (Yougov)
I fully support the approach taken by the police	46%	42%	47%	49%	42%
I support the approach taken by the police but in some cases they are going too far	17%	17%	19%	14%	32%
The approach taken by the police to enforcing the COVID 19 lockdown is too heavy handed	2%	3%	1%	2%	6%
The police should take tougher action to ensure public compliance	28%	31%	25%	26%	14%
The police have no role in enforcing the COVID 19 lockdown, compliance should be a matter for individuals	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%
None of the above	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%

Range of opinion: “Fully support” 50% in rural areas to 39% under 35s

To what extent are you comfortable or uncomfortable with each of the following police measures in response to COVID-19?

Asking people to provide a valid reason for being out of their home when challenged (stop and account)

Statement	Scotland	West	East	North	GB Average (Yougov)
Very comfortable	50%	46%	53%	52%	47%
Fairly comfortable	34%	35%	35%	31%	35%
Fairly uncomfortable	9%	11%	6%	8%	9%
Very uncomfortable	6%	6%	5%	8%	5%
Don't know	2%	3%	1%	2%	5%

Range of opinion: “Very comfortable” 53% in east and rural areas to 47% in males

To what extent are you comfortable or uncomfortable with each of the following police measures in response to COVID-19?

Arresting people who fail to comply with police instructions to return home

Statement	Scotland	West	East	North	GB Average (Yougov)
Very comfortable	47%	46%	48%	48%	41%
Fairly comfortable	32%	31%	30%	36%	31%
Fairly uncomfortable	11%	12%	12%	8%	15%
Very uncomfortable	7%	8%	7%	6%	7%
Don't know	3%	3%	3%	2%	6%

Range of opinion: “Very comfortable” 52% in 35-44s to 42% in under 35s

To what extent are you comfortable or uncomfortable with each of the following police measures in response to COVID-19?

Issuing people breaching the lockdown with penalty fines

Statement	Scotland	West	East	North	GB Average (Yougov)
Very comfortable	57%	55%	59%	48%	41%
Fairly comfortable	28%	28%	29%	36%	34%
Fairly uncomfortable	7%	8%	7%	8%	13%
Very uncomfortable	5%	6%	3%	6%	6%
Don't know	3%	3%	2%	2%	6%

Range of opinion: “Very comfortable” 63% in 35-44s to 54% in under 35s

Which of the following measures would you be **comfortable** with the policing using to maintain compliance with the COVID-19 lockdown?

Statement	Scotland	West	East	North	GB Average (YouGov)
Roadblocks asking motorists to justify their journeys	59%	54%	62%	61%	70%
Asking people to report others who breach the rules (ie by holding or attending gatherings)	48%	47%	50%	49%	51%
Using drone technology / unmanned aircraft to photograph people making unessential journeys	33%	33%	38%	29%	50%
Analysis of social media accounts (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook etc) to identify those breaching the lockdown	32%	32%	31%	32%	43%
Naming and shaming on social media	22%	25%	22%	17%	38%

Range of opinion: “Comfortable” 67% with roadblocks amongst 35-44s to 16% social media shaming in under 35s