

Childlessness and Motherhood Survey - September 2023

Methodology: Whitestone Insight interviewed 1502 women aged 18-35 living in the UK online from 21st and 25th September. Data were weighted to be representative of all UK women aged 18-35.

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 1
Q1. How many children do you have either biologically or through adoption (ie not including step-children), aged:
Base: All respondents

	Age			Region											Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?						
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say	
Unweighted base	1502	359	1143	100	55	158	140	151	108	73	127	225	190	135	40	517	480	231	274	914	228	235	88	37	245	520	20	8	7	
Weighted base	1502	556	946	120	60	165	120	135	105	75	135	195	210	135	45	330	466	315	391	958	218	212	79	34	250	563	17	9	9	
Under 5																														
None	1136	492	644	82	47	119	99	83	73	55	109	167	161	104	36	251	382	217	286	958	73	69	26	9	250	563	17	9	9	
1	277	48	230	28	10	30	18	44	23	18	14	20	42	24	5	61	63	73	81	100%	34%	32%	33%	27%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
2	79	13	66	7	3	13	2	8	10	2	10	7	7	3	15	21	24	19	-	66%	39%	42%	47%	-	-	-	-	-	-	
3	5%	2%	7%	6%	4%	8%	2%	6%	9%	3%	7%	4%	3%	5%	7%	5%	5%	8%	5%	-	-	28%	16%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	
4 or more	1%	1%	1%	2%	-	1%	*	-	-	-	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	* 1%	1%	-	-	-	9%	4%	-	-	-	-	-	
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5 to 11																														
None	1236	556	680	102	46	135	104	101	83	65	107	173	175	108	36	286	408	247	296	958	166	92	16	3	250	563	17	9	9	
1	186	-	186	16	10	20	10	23	15	8	22	17	24	17	5	30	40	44	72	100%	53%	91	31	12	-	-	-	-	-	
2	69	-	69	3	4	8	7	7	7	2	6	5	10	8	3	14	17	22	17	-	-	29	29	10	-	-	-	-	-	
3	5%	-	7%	2%	7%	5%	6%	5%	7%	3%	4%	2%	5%	6%	6%	4%	4%	7%	4%	-	4%	14%	37%	30%	-	-	-	-	-	
4 or more	1%	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	4%	-	-	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	*	*	1%	1%	-	-	-	3%	21%	-	-	-	-	-	
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12 to 18																														
None	1399	556	843	112	57	152	115	127	95	67	127	184	193	129	42	317	447	289	345	958	202	174	52	14	250	563	17	9	9	
1	93%	100%	89%	93%	94%	92%	95%	94%	90%	89%	94%	94%	92%	96%	94%	96%	96%	92%	88%	100%	93%	82%	65%	40%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
2	76	-	76	7	3	9	5	7	8	7	6	10	8	4	3	10	18	20	28	-	16	29	20	11	-	-	-	-	-	
3	5%	-	8%	6%	6%	5%	4%	5%	7%	10%	4%	5%	4%	3%	6%	3%	4%	6%	7%	-	7%	14%	25%	33%	-	-	-	-	-	
4 or more	26	-	26	1	-	5	1	2	2	1	2	1	8	2	-	3	1	5	17	-	-	10	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	
	2%	-	3%	1%	-	3%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	4%	2%	-	1%	*	2%	4%	-	-	5%	10%	24%	-	-	-	-	-	
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Over 18																														
None	1460	556	904	119	59	160	117	132	103	70	128	190	204	132	45	324	452	306	378	958	214	199	65	24	250	563	17	9	9	
1	97%	100%	96%	99%	99%	97%	98%	98%	93%	95%	97%	97%	98%	100%	-	98%	97%	97%	97%	100%	98%	94%	81%	70%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	
2	16	-	16	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	-	-	2	6	1	7	-	5	2	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	
3	1%	-	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	-	-	*	1%	*	2%	-	2%	1%	8%	10%	-	-	-	-	-	
4 or more	25	-	25	-	-	2	1	2	1	4	4	3	4	3	-	4	7	8	6	-	4	7	8	6	-	-	-	-	-	
	2%	-	3%	-	-	1%	1%	1%	6%	3%	1%	2%	2%	-	-	1%	1%	3%	1%	-	-	5%	10%	19%	-	-	-	-	-	
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Table 2
Q1. Total number children have either biologically or through adoption (ie not including step-children)
Base: All respondents

	Age			Region										Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?						
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	1502	359	1143	100	55	158	140	151	108	73	127	225	190	135	40	517	480	231	274	914	228	235	88	37	245	520	20	8	7
Weighted base	1502	556	946	120	60	165	120	135	105	75	135	195	210	135	45	330	466	315	391	958	218	212	79	34	250	563	17	9	9
None	958	492	466	72	37	101	89	67	55	46	90	150	131	89	31	223	342	168	225	958	-	-	-	-	250	563	17	9	9
	64%	89%	49%	60%	61%	61%	74%	49%	52%	61%	67%	77%	62%	66%	68%	68%	73%	53%	58%	100%	-	-	-	-	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
1	218	48	171	22	15	25	11	32	22	14	11	15	33	13	5	52	50	59	57	-	218	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	15%	9%	18%	18%	25%	15%	9%	24%	21%	19%	8%	8%	16%	9%	12%	16%	11%	19%	15%	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	212	13	199	16	4	20	15	19	19	9	25	21	31	27	6	36	53	61	61	-	-	212	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	14%	2%	21%	14%	7%	12%	12%	14%	18%	13%	18%	11%	15%	20%	13%	11%	11%	19%	16%	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	79	3	77	9	1	13	5	13	8	3	7	4	9	4	3	13	17	19	30	-	-	79	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	5%	1%	8%	7%	2%	8%	4%	10%	8%	4%	5%	2%	4%	3%	8%	4%	4%	6%	8%	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	26	-	26	1	3	4	*	4	1	1	2	4	6	2	-	4	2	6	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2%	-	3%	1%	4%	2%	*	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	-	1%	*	2%	4%	-	-	-	-	77%	-	-	-	-	-
5	8	-	8	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	1	-	2	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-
	1%	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	-	-	2%	1%	1%	-	1%	-	*	*	1%	1%	-	-	-	-	23%	-	-	-	-	-
6 or more	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Table 3

Q2. If you are able, do you hope to have children one day?

Base: All who do not have any children

	Age			Region										Social Grade				Number of children				Do you hope to have children one day?							
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	914	318	596	58	33	93	101	73	54	43	80	163	112	81	23	332	330	113	139	914	-	-	-	-	245	520	20	8	7
Weighted base	958	492	466	72	37	101	89	67	55	46	90	150	131	89	31	223	342	168	225	958	-	-	-	-	250	563	17	9	9
NET: No	250	109	141	17	9	37	19	22	14	9	28	38	26	22	8	57	89	39	64	250	-	-	-	-	250	-	-	-	-
	26%	22%	30%	24%	25%	36%	22%	32%	26%	20%	31%	25%	20%	25%	27%	25%	26%	23%	28%	26%	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-
Definitely not	115	42	72	8	2	18	11	9	4	7	15	18	13	8	3	22	38	19	36	115	-	-	-	-	115	-	-	-	-
	12%	9%	15%	11%	5%	18%	12%	13%	7%	16%	12%	10%	8%	9%	10%	11%	11%	16%	12%	-	-	-	-	46%	-	-	-	-	
Probably not	135	66	69	9	7	19	9	13	10	2	13	20	13	15	5	35	51	20	29	135	-	-	-	-	135	-	-	-	-
	14%	13%	15%	13%	20%	18%	10%	20%	18%	4%	15%	13%	10%	16%	17%	16%	15%	12%	13%	14%	-	-	-	-	54%	-	-	-	-
Probably yes	254	150	104	18	12	18	18	13	24	15	19	44	41	26	7	58	94	50	52	254	-	-	-	-	-	254	-	-	-
	27%	31%	22%	25%	32%	18%	20%	19%	44%	32%	21%	29%	31%	29%	22%	26%	27%	30%	23%	27%	-	-	-	-	-	45%	-	-	-
Definitely yes	308	174	134	21	11	34	36	22	9	16	29	51	37	28	14	73	113	50	72	308	-	-	-	-	-	308	-	-	-
	32%	35%	29%	28%	29%	34%	41%	33%	16%	34%	32%	34%	28%	32%	47%	33%	33%	30%	32%	32%	-	-	-	-	-	55%	-	-	-
NET: Yes	563	325	238	39	22	52	54	35	33	30	48	95	78	54	21	131	206	100	125	563	-	-	-	-	-	563	-	-	-
	59%	66%	51%	53%	60%	52%	61%	52%	61%	66%	53%	64%	60%	61%	69%	59%	60%	60%	55%	59%	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-
Not sure	111	45	66	14	3	11	9	7	8	5	6	15	23	10	1	25	40	24	21	111	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	12%	9%	14%	19%	7%	11%	10%	10%	14%	11%	6%	10%	17%	12%	4%	11%	12%	14%	10%	12%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
I'm currently pregnant or trying to get pregnant	17	5	11	1	-	1	3	2	-	-	4	1	4	1	-	7	1	4	5	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	-
	2%	1%	2%	2%	-	1%	4%	3%	-	-	4%	1%	3%	1%	-	3%	*	2%	2%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-
I/We are unable / no longer able to have children	9	2	7	1	-	1	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	7	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-
	1%	*	1%	2%	-	1%	4%	2%	-	3%	-	-	-	1%	-	*	-	1%	3%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-
Prefer not to say	9	7	2	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	1	-	-	2	4	-	4	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
	1%	1%	1%	-	7%	-	-	-	-	-	6%	*	*	-	-	1%	1%	-	2%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%

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Table 4

Q3. In a hypothetical world in which there were no barriers at all to having children (such as considerations around a partner, money, health, or difficult career choices), how many do you think you would wish to have, or to have had?

Base: All respondents

	Age			Region											Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?					
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	1502	359	1143	100	55	158	140	151	108	73	127	225	190	135	40	517	480	231	274	914	228	235	88	37	245	520	20	8	7
Weighted base	1502	556	946	120	60	165	120	135	105	75	135	195	210	135	45	330	466	315	391	958	218	212	79	34	250	563	17	9	9
None	186	71	115	10	6	27	15	16	8	9	17	30	26	18	4	39	67	23	58	163	5	14	1	2	146	3	-	3	3
1	121	13%	12%	9%	9%	16%	13%	12%	7%	12%	16%	13%	13%	8%	12%	14%	7%	15%	17%	2%	7%	1%	7%	59%	1%	-	36%	30%	
2	121	49	71	13	8	6	11	12	8	7	7	18	11	12	6	33	38	23	26	95	22	1	1	1	33	23	2	3	-
3	8%	9%	8%	11%	14%	4%	9%	9%	8%	9%	5%	9%	5%	9%	13%	10%	8%	7%	7%	10%	10%	1%	1%	4%	13%	4%	14%	29%	-
4	624	231	393	48	32	73	43	60	47	34	63	73	87	54	12	137	191	144	152	411	119	77	9	9	59	280	8	3	3
5	42%	42%	41%	40%	53%	44%	36%	44%	44%	45%	46%	37%	41%	40%	26%	42%	41%	46%	39%	43%	54%	36%	11%	25%	24%	50%	47%	36%	31%
6	305	121	184	23	6	28	31	32	16	16	22	44	50	30	8	76	92	67	71	173	44	61	25	3	3	153	5	-	4
7	20%	22%	19%	19%	9%	17%	26%	24%	15%	22%	16%	22%	24%	22%	19%	23%	20%	21%	18%	18%	20%	29%	31%	10%	1%	27%	30%	-	38%
8	175	62	113	11	7	21	15	13	19	6	18	20	23	12	10	33	50	41	51	84	19	40	24	8	4	77	1	-	-
9	12%	11%	12%	9%	12%	13%	13%	10%	18%	8%	13%	10%	11%	9%	23%	10%	11%	13%	13%	9%	9%	19%	30%	23%	2%	14%	3%	-	-
10	91	22	70	15	1	10	4	3	8	4	9	11	12	10	5	12	28	18	33	32	10	18	20	11	4	27	1	-	-
11	6%	4%	7%	13%	2%	6%	3%	2%	7%	5%	7%	6%	7%	12%	4%	6%	6%	9%	3%	5%	9%	25%	32%	2%	5%	5%	-	-	
12	2.35	2.25	2.41	2.6	2.1	2.31	2.29	2.18	2.58	2.24	2.39	2.25	2.38	2.32	2.83	2.24	2.29	2.48	2.42	2.05	2.41	2.87	3.89	3.65	0.8	2.69	2.42	1	1.77
13	Standard deviation	1.45	1.35	1.5	1.64	1.22	1.51	1.34	1.21	1.45	1.35	1.47	1.48	1.42	1.5	1.31	1.47	1.33	1.6	1.36	1.14	1.4	1.45	1.95	1.18	1.09	1.12	0.9	1.32
14	Standard error	0.04	0.07	0.04	0.16	0.16	0.12	0.11	0.1	0.14	0.16	0.13	0.1	0.1	0.13	0.06	0.07	0.09	0.1	0.04	0.08	0.09	0.15	0.32	0.08	0.05	0.25	0.32	0.5

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Table 5

Q4. Thinking about the reasons behind your choice, which of these have factored into your decision to not have children now or in the future?

Base: All who definitely/probably do not hope to have children

	Age			Region											Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?					
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	245	74	171	14	10	30	24	22	12	11	24	47	24	22	5	79	93	31	42	245	-	-	-	-	245	-	-	-	-
Weighted base	250	109	141	17	9	37	19	22	14	9	28	38	26	22	8	57	89	39	64	250	-	-	-	-	250	-	-	-	-
It would affect my lifestyle too much	154	67	88	16	6	17	14	17	9	5	13	26	17	11	3	41	53	26	35	154	-	-	-	-	154	-	-	-	-
	62%	62%	62%	95%	66%	47%	73%	76%	61%	60%	46%	68%	65%	48%	43%	72%	59%	67%	54%	62%	-	-	-	-	62%	-	-	-	-
I have never had the desire to have children	142	64	78	10	6	21	10	13	3	7	19	20	12	16	4	33	49	19	41	142	-	-	-	-	142	-	-	-	-
	57%	59%	56%	60%	66%	58%	52%	59%	25%	74%	69%	53%	45%	72%	49%	58%	55%	48%	64%	57%	-	-	-	-	57%	-	-	-	-
It would hit household finances too much	136	53	83	12	5	21	11	13	9	5	19	17	12	7	6	28	49	25	34	136	-	-	-	-	136	-	-	-	-
	54%	49%	59%	68%	54%	56%	57%	58%	62%	54%	67%	45%	45%	33%	76%	49%	55%	63%	53%	54%	-	-	-	-	54%	-	-	-	-
Motherhood is a deeply unappealing prospect	135	55	79	10	4	24	8	15	5	6	16	22	8	12	5	29	48	22	35	135	-	-	-	-	135	-	-	-	-
	54%	51%	56%	58%	48%	65%	42%	67%	39%	60%	58%	60%	29%	53%	60%	51%	53%	57%	55%	54%	-	-	-	-	54%	-	-	-	-
I do not particularly like children	112	48	64	7	4	15	7	12	4	5	12	15	11	16	3	23	43	14	33	112	-	-	-	-	112	-	-	-	-
	45%	44%	46%	40%	40%	42%	38%	56%	31%	58%	43%	40%	42%	71%	43%	40%	48%	35%	52%	45%	-	-	-	-	45%	-	-	-	-
I am concerned about the impact of more humans on the environment	103	42	61	4	3	12	12	9	5	3	15	17	11	10	2	23	38	17	26	103	-	-	-	-	103	-	-	-	-
	41%	39%	43%	23%	28%	33%	63%	40%	35%	31%	53%	45%	43%	46%	28%	40%	42%	42%	41%	41%	-	-	-	-	41%	-	-	-	-
It would harm my career	53	29	24	5	1	6	4	7	2	1	6	15	1	4	3	14	24	8	7	53	-	-	-	-	53	-	-	-	-
	21%	27%	17%	29%	6%	16%	18%	33%	11%	15%	21%	40%	4%	16%	32%	25%	27%	20%	10%	21%	-	-	-	-	21%	-	-	-	-
Not finding a partner with whom I would wish to raise a child	50	20	30	3	3	7	3	2	4	2	9	6	6	5	-	15	14	7	14	50	-	-	-	-	50	-	-	-	-
	20%	18%	21%	14%	37%	18%	10%	10%	26%	24%	31%	15%	25%	24%	-	26%	16%	17%	22%	20%	-	-	-	-	20%	-	-	-	-
It has never felt like the right time to become a mother	47	24	23	1	2	8	4	4	4	1	7	7	1	3	4	13	17	5	12	47	-	-	-	-	47	-	-	-	-
	19%	22%	16%	7%	25%	21%	21%	19%	28%	9%	24%	19%	4%	15%	50%	23%	19%	11%	19%	19%	-	-	-	-	19%	-	-	-	-
I would have wanted to have children when I was younger, but I no longer do	20	5	15	-	1	4	3	2	4	-	4	2	1	-	-	2	7	5	5	20	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-
	8%	5%	10%	-	9%	11%	13%	8%	26%	-	11%	7%	3%	-	-	4%	8%	13%	8%	8%	-	-	-	-	8%	-	-	-	-
I live too far from my parents/wider family	18	6	11	3	-	2	2	1	-	1	-	4	2	2	-	5	9	1	2	18	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	-
	7%	6%	8%	18%	-	5%	9%	5%	-	9%	-	11%	9%	11%	-	9%	10%	3%	4%	7%	-	-	-	-	7%	-	-	-	-
A break-up or divorce	17	8	9	1	1	-	1	1	3	-	5	3	1	2	-	7	7	-	4	17	-	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	-
	7%	7%	7%	7%	9%	-	7%	5%	19%	-	17%	8%	2%	8%	-	12%	8%	-	6%	7%	-	-	-	-	7%	-	-	-	-
I feel I'm getting too old to start a family	15	-	15	-	2	3	2	2	1	-	2	1	2	-	-	2	6	3	5	15	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-
	6%	-	11%	-	18%	9%	11%	8%	9%	-	4%	5%	11%	-	-	3%	7%	8%	7%	6%	-	-	-	-	6%	-	-	-	-
My partner does not want (more) children	13	7	6	3	-	-	2	1	-	-	2	1	3	1	-	4	5	3	1	13	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-
	5%	6%	5%	18%	-	-	8%	4%	-	-	8%	2%	11%	6%	-	6%	5%	8%	2%	5%	-	-	-	-	5%	-	-	-	-
I have given up on my dream to be a mother one day	9	3	5	-	-	3	1	-	-	1	-	2	1	1	-	3	3	2	-	9	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-
	3%	3%	4%	-	-	8%	5%	-	-	9%	-	6%	4%	3%	-	6%	3%	6%	-	3%	-	-	-	-	3%	-	-	-	-
Few of my friends have children	8	6	2	2	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	2	6	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-
	3%	6%	1%	11%	-	2%	-	6%	-	6%	-	10%	-	-	-	4%	7%	-	-	3%	-	-	-	-	3%	-	-	-	-
Other	30	15	14	1	2	4	2	2	-	2	2	5	6	3	-	9	10	3	7	30	-	-	-	-	30	-	-	-	-
	12%	14%	10%	7%	25%	12%	9%	9%	-	20%	6%	13%	23%	16%	-	16%	11%	9%	11%	12%	-	-	-	-	12%	-	-	-	-

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Q5. What, if anything, do you feel would need to happen for you to decide to try to have a child, either now or in the future?
Base: All who probably not, probably yes or not sure about hoping to have children

	Age			Region											Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?					
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	475	170	305	34	22	45	42	38	39	21	37	86	61	9	171	178	62	64	475	-	-	-	-	-	131	230	-	-	-
Weighted base	501	261	239	41	22	47	36	33	42	22	38	79	77	51	118	185	95	102	501	-	-	-	-	-	135	254	-	-	-
If I felt I could afford enough childcare	220	112	108	13	10	16	22	15	21	5	19	36	34	27	57	85	43	35	220	-	-	-	-	-	55	113	-	-	-
See more of the world	220	126	95	14	9	19	17	17	20	11	17	29	29	9	62	79	43	36	220	-	-	-	-	-	48	118	-	-	-
Move into a first or larger home	207	113	94	11	9	23	22	12	12	6	19	24	38	25	50	71	43	44	207	-	-	-	-	-	38	125	-	-	-
Become less economically vulnerable	204	116	89	14	12	20	18	10	14	11	16	29	33	22	46	77	43	38	204	-	-	-	-	-	42	118	-	-	-
Advance my career more	192	121	71	10	9	19	19	14	15	10	9	29	31	24	47	77	32	36	192	-	-	-	-	-	36	111	-	-	-
Find a suitable partner who also wants to start a family	172	89	83	9	8	10	17	13	18	9	17	22	29	17	42	61	32	37	172	-	-	-	-	-	33	103	-	-	-
If there was more financial support for full time parents	160	73	87	12	5	16	18	6	12	6	11	26	26	16	40	58	40	22	160	-	-	-	-	-	43	80	-	-	-
If there was more help to buy a home	137	76	61	8	4	10	16	6	9	3	12	22	25	13	37	37	30	33	137	-	-	-	-	-	33	68	-	-	-
I'm too young to have children	108	98	10	4	4	9	5	5	7	4	7	25	18	16	18	39	25	27	108	-	-	-	-	-	24	67	-	-	-
Pay off my debts	89	45	44	8	5	8	7	5	4	1	5	15	16	14	16	35	20	18	89	-	-	-	-	-	17	47	-	-	-
Finish my education or training	86	72	14	5	2	3	12	9	5	4	4	16	17	11	16	38	8	23	86	-	-	-	-	-	13	63	-	-	-
If child benefit were more generous	80	35	45	11	1	8	3	1	7	4	7	14	9	11	23	29	13	15	80	-	-	-	-	-	19	43	-	-	-
If there was better protection from redundancy or demotion after returning to work	79	49	30	6	3	7	10	2	3	6	9	12	8	11	24	25	11	19	79	-	-	-	-	-	19	48	-	-	-
If adoption were easier	78	41	37	10	-	9	6	8	6	1	12	7	12	5	19	30	8	22	78	-	-	-	-	-	38	28	-	-	-
If first-time parents were offered an interest free loan or one-off payment per child	67	33	34	5	2	6	4	1	6	2	3	12	12	11	20	19	9	19	67	-	-	-	-	-	16	37	-	-	-
If there was an income tax benefit for having children	66	36	30	5	1	6	1	-	9	4	4	12	11	9	15	30	13	9	66	-	-	-	-	-	17	35	-	-	-
If there were more part-time/job share contracts available to mothers	65	31	34	7	4	5	7	3	8	5	4	8	8	6	18	24	9	14	65	-	-	-	-	-	15	41	-	-	-
If I felt I/we would get enough maternity/ paternity leave	63	36	26	8	1	5	5	4	4	3	6	17	4	4	16	27	13	6	63	-	-	-	-	-	13	37	-	-	-
If there were accelerated net zero policies	39	15	24	1	2	3	4	1	2	2	7	6	5	5	17	13	2	7	39	-	-	-	-	-	12	19	-	-	-
If there were more and better infertility treatments available	29	15	14	2	-	5	2	1	3	1	3	1	8	4	8	10	6	5	29	-	-	-	-	-	2	20	-	-	-
	6%	6%	6%	5%	-	11%	5%	2%	8%	3%	8%	1%	10%	7%	7%	5%	7%	5%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	1%	8%	-	-	-

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Q5. What, if anything, do you feel would need to happen for you to decide to try to have a child, either now or in the future?

Base: All who probably not, probably yes or not sure about hoping to have children

	Age			Region											Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?					
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say
Weighted base	501	261	239	41	22	47	36	33	42	22	38	79	77	51	13	118	185	95	102	501	-	-	-	-	135	254	-	-	-
My partner needs more time	26 5%	13 5%	13 5%	3 7%	2 11%	2 4%	1 3%	1 4%	2 4%	1 3%	-	5 6%	7 9%	2 3%	-	4 4%	9 5%	7 8%	5 5%	26 5%	-	-	-	-	3 2%	19 7%	-	-	-
Wait until more of my friends start having children	24 5%	15 6%	9 4%	2 4%	-	2 5%	2 6%	-	-	1 6%	2 6%	4 5%	6 8%	4 9%	-	6 5%	9 5%	8 8%	1 1%	24 5%	-	-	-	-	3 3%	13 5%	-	-	-
Relocate near my parents and wider family	22 4%	10 4%	12 5%	4 9%	-	2 4%	3 8%	-	3 7%	1 3%	1 3%	2 3%	4 5%	2 3%	1 10%	12 10%	6 3%	3 3%	1 1%	22 4%	-	-	-	-	3 2%	13 5%	-	-	-
Other	40 8%	11 4%	29 12%	4 9%	2 11%	4 9%	1 3%	2 5%	1 3%	2 10%	4 9%	8 10%	8 10%	4 8%	1 7%	10 8%	13 7%	10 10%	8 8%	40 8%	-	-	-	-	20 15%	6 2%	-	-	-

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Table 7

Q6. We understand this may be a very sensitive topic, but we would like to ask if you agree or disagree with these statements:

Summary

Base: All who are unable to have children

	Statements			
	I would like to have become a mother one day	Sometimes I feel sad that I will not become a mother	Sometimes I worry about my future without children	I feel teenagers should be given more information on the fertility window and infertility risks of leaving it too long before having children
Unweighted base	8	8	8	8
Weighted base	9	9	9	9
NET: Agree	6	7	5	4
	64%	83%	53%	42%
Agree strongly	4	6	-	1
	43%	64%	-	14%
Agree	2	2	5	2
	22%	19%	53%	28%
Disagree	1	1	-	2
	6%	6%	-	26%
Disagree strongly	1	1	3	1
	16%	11%	31%	11%
NET: Disagree	2	2	3	3
	22%	17%	31%	36%
Don't know/Prefer not to say	1	-	1	2
	14%	-	17%	22%

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Table 8

Q6. We understand this may be a very sensitive topic, but we would like to ask if you agree or disagree with these statements:

I would like to have become a mother one day

Base: All who are unable to have children

	Age		Region											Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?						
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	8	1	7	1	-	1	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	5	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-
Weighted base	9	2	7	1	-	1	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	7	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	
NET: Agree	6	2	4	1	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	
	64%	100%	54%	100%	-	-	58%	100%	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	83%	64%	-	-	-	-	-	-	64%	-	
Agree strongly	4	-	4	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	
	43%	-	54%	100%	-	-	-	100%	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55%	43%	-	-	-	-	-	-	43%	-	
Agree	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	
	22%	100%	-	-	-	-	58%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28%	22%	-	-	-	-	-	-	22%	-	
Disagree	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
	6%	-	8%	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56%	-	-	-	6%	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	6%	-	
Disagree strongly	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
	16%	-	20%	-	-	-	42%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44%	-	100%	-	16%	16%	-	-	-	-	-	-	16%	-	
NET: Disagree	2	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	
	22%	-	28%	-	-	100%	42%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	100%	-	22%	22%	-	-	-	-	-	-	22%	-	
Don't know/Prefer not to say	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
	14%	-	17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	17%	14%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	14%	-	

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Table 9

Q6. We understand this may be a very sensitive topic, but we would like to ask if you agree or disagree with these statements:

Sometimes I feel sad that I will not become a mother

Base: All who are unable to have children

	Age		Region											Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?						
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	8	1	7	1	-	1	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	5	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-
Weighted base	9	2	7	1	-	1	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	7	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-
NET: Agree	7	2	5	1	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-
	83%	100%	78%	100%	-	-	71%	100%	-	100%	-	-	-	100%	-	44%	-	-	100%	83%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	83%	-
Agree strongly	6	2	4	1	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	
	64%	100%	54%	100%	-	-	58%	100%	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	83%	64%	-	-	-	-	-	-	64%	-	
Agree	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	
	19%	-	24%	-	-	-	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	44%	-	-	17%	19%	-	-	-	-	-	-	19%	-	
Disagree	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
	6%	-	8%	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56%	-	-	-	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	6%	-	
Disagree strongly	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
	11%	-	14%	-	-	-	29%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	11%	-	
NET: Disagree	2	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	
	17%	-	22%	-	-	100%	29%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56%	-	100%	-	17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	17%	-	
Don't know/Prefer not to say	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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Table 10

Q6. We understand this may be a very sensitive topic, but we would like to ask if you agree or disagree with these statements:

Sometimes I worry about my future without children

Base: All who are unable to have children

	Age			Region											Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?					
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	8	1	7	1	-	1	3	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	5	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-
Weighted base	9	2	7	1	-	1	3	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	7	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	
NET: Agree	5	2	3	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	
	53%	100%	40%	-	-	-	71%	100%	-	100%	-	-	-	-	44%	-	-	61%	53%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53%	-	
Agree strongly	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Agree	5	2	3	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	
	53%	100%	40%	-	-	-	71%	100%	-	100%	-	-	-	-	44%	-	-	61%	53%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53%	-	
Disagree	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Disagree strongly	3	-	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	
	31%	-	39%	-	-	100%	29%	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	56%	-	100%	17%	31%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31%	-	
NET: Disagree	3	-	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	
	31%	-	39%	-	-	100%	29%	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	56%	-	100%	17%	31%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31%	-	
Don't know/Prefer not to say	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
	17%	-	21%	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21%	17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17%	-	

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Table 11

Q6. We understand this may be a very sensitive topic, but we would like to ask if you agree or disagree with these statements:
I feel teenagers should be given more information on the fertility window and infertility risks of leaving it too long before having children
Base: All who are unable to have children

	Age		Region											Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?						
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	8	1	7	1	-	1	3	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	5	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-
Weighted base	9	2	7	1	-	1	3	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	7	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	
NET: Agree	4	2	2	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	
	42%	100%	26%	-	-	100%	58%	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	56%	-	-	46%	42%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42%	-	
Agree strongly	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
	14%	-	18%	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18%	14%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14%	-	
Agree	2	2	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-		
	28%	100%	8%	-	-	100%	58%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56%	-	-	28%	28%	-	-	-	-	-	-	28%	-		
Disagree	2	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-		
	26%	-	33%	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	-	33%	26%	-	-	-	-	-	-	26%	-		
Disagree strongly	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		
	11%	-	14%	-	-	-	29%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	11%	-		
NET: Disagree	3	-	3	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-		
	36%	-	47%	-	-	29%	100%	-	-	-	-	-	100%	-	-	-	100%	33%	36%	-	-	-	-	-	-	36%	-		
Don't know/Prefer not to say	2	-	2	1	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-		
	22%	-	27%	100%	-	-	13%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44%	-	-	21%	22%	-	-	-	-	-	-	22%	-		

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Q7. Thinking more generally, which of the following factors do you think are influential in encouraging women among your family or friends to delay parenthood or decide not to have children at all?

Base: All respondents

	Age			Region											Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?					
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	1502	369	1143	100	55	158	140	151	108	73	127	225	190	135	40	517	480	231	274	914	228	235	88	37	245	520	20	8	7
Weighted base	1502	556	946	120	60	165	120	135	105	75	135	195	210	135	45	330	466	315	391	958	218	212	79	34	250	563	17	9	9
The impact on household finances	1045	362	684	83	46	109	91	80	71	56	100	121	160	97	32	232	321	223	269	656	159	149	60	21	170	391	13	9	1
70%	796	313	483	64	30	93	71	63	52	38	69	109	114	69	23	208	258	169	160	517	108	109	48	14	131	321	4	5	4
The impact on career	53%	56%	51%	54%	50%	56%	59%	47%	50%	50%	51%	56%	54%	51%	51%	63%	55%	54%	41%	54%	49%	51%	60%	42%	53%	57%	25%	57%	44%
Motherhood can feel daunting	663	254	409	52	27	80	54	54	40	32	65	76	98	62	23	150	210	141	162	462	88	67	34	12	128	262	2	5	3
44%	46%	43%	43%	45%	49%	45%	40%	38%	42%	48%	39%	47%	46%	51%	45%	45%	45%	42%	48%	40%	32%	42%	35%	51%	47%	12%	55%	33%	
Raising a child is too much responsibility	643	271	372	46	25	75	56	47	37	32	58	91	101	53	22	147	206	137	152	453	78	68	28	17	138	240	5	5	4
43%	49%	39%	38%	42%	46%	46%	35%	36%	43%	43%	47%	48%	39%	49%	45%	44%	43%	39%	47%	36%	32%	35%	50%	55%	43%	32%	57%	46%	
Economic vulnerability for mothers	536	207	329	39	29	52	50	41	38	27	46	75	74	47	17	132	160	133	111	369	85	52	24	5	109	200	5	2	1
36%	37%	35%	32%	48%	32%	42%	31%	36%	36%	34%	38%	35%	35%	38%	40%	34%	42%	28%	38%	39%	25%	31%	15%	44%	36%	32%	28%	12%	
Difficulty in finding a partner	515	203	312	37	18	50	43	37	32	25	45	85	80	45	19	116	170	113	116	377	62	47	23	6	81	246	2	3	1
34%	37%	33%	31%	30%	30%	36%	27%	31%	33%	34%	43%	38%	33%	41%	35%	36%	36%	30%	39%	28%	22%	29%	18%	32%	44%	10%	35%	13%	
Having unsupportive partners	487	170	317	37	23	51	51	43	34	21	44	62	71	37	15	98	140	102	147	286	82	74	31	13	75	174	2	3	2
32%	31%	34%	31%	38%	31%	42%	32%	33%	28%	32%	32%	34%	27%	32%	30%	30%	30%	32%	38%	30%	38%	35%	39%	39%	30%	31%	10%	34%	18%
Concerns about not being a good mother	392	167	225	33	19	33	31	36	26	19	33	57	63	30	11	93	117	82	99	265	57	43	22	5	77	150	3	2	2
26%	30%	24%	28%	32%	20%	26%	27%	25%	25%	24%	29%	30%	22%	25%	28%	25%	26%	25%	28%	26%	20%	27%	15%	31%	27%	16%	22%	18%	
It seldom feels like the right time to start	356	111	245	32	10	38	26	29	16	20	46	44	54	35	7	83	119	72	83	247	45	43	14	7	69	143	3	2	-
24%	20%	26%	27%	16%	23%	21%	21%	15%	27%	34%	22%	25%	26%	15%	25%	25%	23%	21%	26%	20%	20%	18%	20%	28%	25%	16%	28%	-	
Concerns for the environment	350	133	216	25	16	31	32	26	11	22	27	62	57	30	11	89	113	74	73	262	35	31	15	6	92	125	2	4	5
23%	24%	23%	21%	26%	19%	27%	19%	11%	30%	20%	32%	27%	22%	24%	27%	24%	24%	19%	27%	16%	15%	19%	17%	37%	22%	11%	51%	50%	
They see motherhood as a deeply unappealing prospect	335	146	189	24	19	28	30	27	24	15	26	45	53	35	9	74	115	62	84	262	29	32	9	3	98	119	3	4	-
22%	26%	20%	20%	31%	17%	25%	20%	23%	20%	19%	23%	25%	26%	19%	22%	25%	20%	21%	27%	13%	15%	11%	10%	39%	21%	17%	44%	-	
There's a negative perception of motherhood in the media	148	69	79	10	10	15	14	14	7	8	11	19	23	14	4	35	47	21	45	98	23	15	9	3	20	59	3	2	3
10%	12%	8%	9%	16%	9%	11%	10%	6%	11%	8%	10%	11%	10%	9%	11%	10%	7%	11%	10%	11%	7%	11%	8%	8%	11%	16%	22%	30%	
Waiting for friends to start having children	72	37	35	7	3	11	11	5	1	5	5	9	4	7	3	16	22	7	27	49	11	9	2	1	11	26	*	2	2
5%	7%	4%	5%	6%	7%	9%	3%	1%	7%	4%	5%	2%	5%	7%	5%	5%	2%	7%	5%	5%	4%	2%	4%	5%	5%	3%	22%	17%	
Other	41	7	33	5	-	7	2	2	3	4	1	5	8	4	-	9	6	9	16	23	7	8	1	3	6	8	*	1	-
3%	1%	4%	5%	-	4%	2%	2%	3%	5%	1%	3%	4%	3%	-	3%	1%	3%	4%	2%	3%	4%	1%	8%	3%	1%	3%	14%	-	

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Table 13
Q8. Do you agree or disagree with these statements? Summary
 Base: All respondents

	Statements									
	There are too many people on the planet	Rates of childlessness are a threat to our future	Society doesn't value motherhood as much as it should	It is fine for a woman to prioritise her career over having children	The UK is a good country to be a mother	Ideally children should be raised by both a mother and father to have the best start in life	Scientific advances mean that women can have a baby at almost any age before the menopause	Waiting until 35 is too late to start a family	There should be better fertility education in our secondary school system	It would feel insulting for the Government to tell women they should be having more children
Unweighted base	1502	1502	1502	1502	1502	1502	1502	1502	1502	1502
Weighted base	1502	1502	1502	1502	1502	1502	1502	1502	1502	1502
NET: Agree	882	390	1081	1257	880	925	915	352	1166	1264
	59%	26%	72%	84%	59%	62%	61%	23%	78%	84%
Agree strongly	369	87	481	703	156	467	180	81	479	765
	25%	6%	32%	47%	10%	31%	12%	5%	32%	51%
Agree	513	304	600	554	724	458	734	272	686	499
	34%	20%	40%	37%	48%	30%	49%	18%	46%	33%
Disagree	273	512	198	107	279	299	226	683	104	110
	18%	34%	13%	7%	19%	20%	15%	45%	7%	7%
Disagree strongly	77	290	67	41	103	150	59	356	22	32
	5%	19%	4%	3%	7%	10%	4%	24%	1%	2%
NET: Disagree	350	802	265	148	383	449	285	1039	126	142
	23%	53%	18%	10%	25%	30%	19%	69%	8%	9%
Don't know/Prefer not to say	269	310	156	98	240	128	302	111	211	96
	18%	21%	10%	7%	16%	9%	20%	7%	14%	6%

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Table 14

Q8. Do you agree or disagree with these statements? There are too many people on the planet

Base: All respondents

	Age			Region											Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?					
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	1502	359	1143	100	55	158	140	151	108	73	127	225	190	135	40	517	480	231	274	914	228	235	88	37	245	520	20	8	7
Weighted base	1502	556	946	120	60	165	120	135	105	75	135	195	210	135	45	330	466	315	391	958	218	212	79	34	250	563	17	9	9
NET: Agree	882	334	548	74	38	95	73	72	63	41	84	110	132	79	22	212	269	173	228	610	121	105	30	16	216	301	8	5	5
	59%	60%	58%	61%	64%	57%	61%	53%	60%	54%	62%	56%	63%	59%	48%	64%	58%	55%	58%	64%	56%	50%	38%	45%	87%	54%	46%	62%	57%
Agree strongly	369	138	231	23	21	38	29	26	26	19	43	49	58	33	4	88	115	69	98	280	45	28	9	7	135	102	3	3	3
	25%	25%	24%	19%	34%	23%	24%	19%	25%	25%	32%	25%	28%	24%	9%	27%	25%	22%	25%	29%	21%	13%	11%	20%	54%	18%	16%	29%	37%
Agree	513	196	317	51	18	57	44	46	37	22	41	61	73	47	18	124	155	104	131	330	77	77	21	9	81	200	5	3	2
	34%	35%	33%	42%	29%	35%	36%	34%	35%	29%	30%	31%	35%	34%	39%	38%	33%	33%	33%	34%	35%	36%	27%	26%	33%	35%	30%	32%	19%
Disagree	273	99	174	16	14	27	20	25	18	16	25	45	33	24	11	50	91	58	74	153	34	52	27	8	11	118	7	-	2
	18%	18%	18%	13%	23%	16%	16%	19%	18%	21%	19%	23%	16%	18%	24%	15%	19%	18%	19%	16%	15%	24%	33%	23%	4%	21%	42%	-	26%
Disagree strongly	77	29	48	7	3	8	7	11	4	5	5	11	4	9	4	21	17	20	19	37	19	14	5	2	7	28	-	-	-
	5%	5%	5%	6%	5%	5%	6%	8%	4%	6%	3%	6%	2%	6%	9%	6%	4%	6%	5%	4%	9%	7%	6%	6%	3%	5%	-	-	-
NET: Disagree	350	128	222	23	16	35	27	37	22	20	30	56	37	33	15	71	108	78	93	191	53	65	32	10	18	146	7	-	2
	23%	23%	23%	19%	27%	21%	22%	27%	21%	27%	22%	28%	18%	24%	33%	22%	23%	25%	24%	20%	24%	31%	40%	29%	7%	26%	42%	-	26%
Don't know/Prefer not to say	269	94	176	24	5	36	21	26	20	14	21	30	41	23	8	47	88	64	69	158	44	42	17	9	16	115	2	3	2
	18%	17%	19%	20%	9%	22%	17%	19%	19%	18%	16%	15%	20%	17%	19%	14%	19%	20%	18%	16%	20%	20%	22%	26%	6%	21%	11%	38%	17%

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Table 15

Q8. Do you agree or disagree with these statements? Rates of childlessness are a threat to our future
Base: All respondents

	Age			Region											Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?					
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	1502	359	1143	100	55	158	140	151	108	73	127	225	190	135	40	517	480	231	274	914	228	235	88	37	245	520	20	8	7
Weighted base	1502	556	946	120	60	165	120	135	105	75	135	195	210	135	45	330	466	315	391	958	218	212	79	34	250	563	17	9	9
NET: Agree	390	156	234	40	15	31	34	39	26	21	21	60	56	29	17	97	104	82	106	198	83	69	26	13	33	141	2	1	1
	26%	28%	25%	33%	25%	19%	29%	29%	25%	28%	16%	31%	27%	21%	38%	29%	22%	26%	27%	21%	38%	33%	33%	39%	13%	25%	12%	14%	12%
Agree strongly	87	37	50	7	3	8	6	12	7	9	5	13	8	4	4	27	21	20	19	32	26	16	9	4	5	21	-	1	-
	6%	7%	5%	6%	5%	5%	5%	9%	6%	13%	4%	7%	4%	3%	9%	8%	5%	6%	5%	3%	12%	7%	11%	12%	2%	4%	-	14%	-
Agree	304	119	184	33	12	23	28	27	19	12	16	47	49	25	13	70	83	63	87	166	57	53	18	9	27	121	2	-	1
	20%	21%	19%	28%	20%	14%	23%	20%	18%	16%	12%	24%	23%	18%	29%	21%	18%	20%	22%	17%	26%	25%	22%	27%	11%	21%	12%	-	12%
Disagree	512	184	328	34	17	54	45	38	40	24	53	61	82	55	8	119	181	95	116	346	59	81	22	3	97	189	10	3	5
	34%	33%	35%	28%	28%	33%	37%	28%	38%	33%	39%	31%	39%	41%	18%	36%	39%	30%	30%	36%	27%	38%	28%	10%	39%	34%	62%	37%	57%
Disagree strongly	290	103	187	16	16	30	21	31	21	19	32	36	38	24	6	61	89	56	84	212	39	22	11	6	104	83	-	1	1
	19%	19%	20%	13%	27%	18%	18%	23%	20%	25%	24%	18%	18%	17%	14%	18%	19%	18%	22%	22%	18%	10%	14%	19%	42%	15%	-	11%	13%
NET: Disagree	802	287	515	50	33	85	66	69	61	43	85	96	120	79	14	180	270	152	200	558	97	103	33	10	200	273	10	4	7
	53%	52%	54%	42%	55%	51%	55%	51%	58%	58%	63%	49%	57%	58%	32%	54%	58%	48%	51%	58%	45%	49%	41%	29%	80%	48%	62%	48%	71%
Don't know/Prefer not to say	310	112	198	30	12	49	20	27	18	11	29	39	34	28	13	53	91	81	84	202	38	39	21	11	16	149	4	3	2
	21%	20%	21%	25%	20%	30%	17%	20%	17%	14%	21%	20%	16%	20%	30%	16%	20%	26%	22%	21%	17%	19%	26%	32%	7%	26%	26%	38%	17%

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Table 16

Q8. Do you agree or disagree with these statements? Society doesn't value motherhood as much as it should
Base: All respondents

	Age			Region											Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?					
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	1502	359	1143	100	55	158	140	151	108	73	127	225	190	135	40	517	480	231	274	914	228	235	88	37	245	520	20	8	7
Weighted base	1502	556	946	120	60	165	120	135	105	75	135	195	210	135	45	330	466	315	391	958	218	212	79	34	250	563	17	9	9
NET: Agree	1081	395	686	84	47	120	84	95	81	54	91	146	140	100	40	232	330	228	292	633	177	176	71	24	137	411	12	7	6
	72%	71%	72%	70%	78%	73%	70%	70%	77%	72%	68%	75%	67%	74%	88%	70%	71%	72%	75%	66%	81%	83%	90%	69%	55%	73%	73%	78%	70%
Agree strongly	481	161	320	35	21	57	36	40	29	28	37	67	63	50	18	106	147	107	121	261	84	84	41	10	59	172	3	1	1
	32%	29%	34%	29%	35%	34%	30%	30%	28%	37%	28%	34%	30%	37%	41%	32%	32%	34%	31%	27%	39%	40%	51%	31%	24%	31%	17%	14%	6%
Agree	600	234	366	49	26	63	48	54	51	26	54	79	78	50	21	126	183	120	171	372	93	92	30	13	78	238	9	6	6
	40%	42%	39%	41%	44%	38%	40%	40%	49%	35%	40%	40%	37%	37%	47%	38%	39%	38%	44%	39%	42%	43%	38%	38%	31%	42%	56%	64%	63%
Disagree	198	81	117	17	4	23	17	18	13	15	19	21	34	15	4	41	66	43	48	153	20	15	6	4	45	87	-	-	-
	13%	15%	12%	14%	7%	14%	14%	13%	12%	19%	14%	11%	16%	11%	9%	12%	14%	14%	12%	16%	9%	7%	7%	12%	18%	16%	3%	-	-
Disagree strongly	67	25	42	7	3	8	6	9	2	2	12	6	6	6	1	30	13	15	9	47	13	7	1	-	27	12	2	1	-
	4%	5%	4%	6%	5%	5%	7%	2%	3%	9%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	9%	3%	5%	2%	5%	6%	3%	1%	-	11%	2%	10%	11%	-
NET: Disagree	265	107	159	23	7	30	22	27	15	17	31	27	40	21	5	72	79	58	57	200	32	22	7	4	71	99	2	1	-
	18%	19%	17%	19%	12%	18%	19%	20%	14%	22%	23%	14%	19%	15%	12%	22%	17%	18%	15%	21%	15%	10%	8%	12%	29%	18%	12%	11%	-
Don't know/Prefer not to say	156	54	102	13	6	15	14	14	9	5	13	23	30	14	-	27	56	30	42	125	9	14	2	6	41	53	2	1	3
	10%	10%	11%	11%	10%	9%	12%	10%	9%	6%	10%	12%	14%	11%	-	8%	12%	10%	11%	13%	4%	7%	2%	19%	17%	9%	15%	11%	30%

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Table 17

Q8. Do you agree or disagree with these statements? It is fine for a woman to prioritise her career over having children

Base: All respondents

	Age			Region											Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?					
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	1502	359	1143	100	55	158	140	151	108	73	127	225	190	135	40	517	480	231	274	914	228	235	88	37	245	520	20	8	7
Weighted base	1502	556	946	120	60	165	120	135	105	75	135	195	210	135	45	330	466	315	391	958	218	212	79	34	250	563	17	9	9
NET: Agree	1257	480	776	96	53	150	97	100	88	67	117	157	186	106	38	288	399	258	311	846	175	146	67	22	237	487	13	5	8
	84%	86%	82%	80%	88%	91%	81%	74%	84%	90%	86%	80%	88%	79%	85%	87%	86%	82%	80%	88%	80%	69%	84%	64%	95%	87%	76%	56%	83%
Agree strongly	703	289	414	52	33	83	54	53	49	40	71	88	92	70	18	172	227	144	160	538	73	52	32	8	192	262	7	4	4
	47%	52%	44%	43%	55%	50%	45%	39%	46%	54%	53%	45%	44%	52%	40%	52%	49%	46%	41%	56%	34%	25%	40%	23%	77%	46%	39%	44%	46%
Agree	554	191	362	44	20	67	43	47	39	27	46	69	94	36	21	116	172	115	151	308	102	94	35	14	46	226	6	1	3
	37%	34%	38%	37%	33%	40%	36%	35%	38%	36%	34%	35%	45%	27%	46%	35%	37%	36%	39%	32%	47%	45%	44%	41%	18%	40%	37%	12%	37%
Disagree	107	34	72	10	2	8	9	15	8	3	11	15	9	16	2	23	25	22	37	39	22	35	5	6	4	29	1	1	-
	7%	6%	8%	9%	3%	5%	7%	11%	7%	4%	8%	8%	4%	12%	5%	7%	5%	7%	9%	4%	10%	16%	7%	17%	2%	5%	6%	14%	-
Disagree strongly	41	13	28	4	-	3	2	5	3	4	3	10	3	5	-	9	9	9	13	17	8	11	3	2	1	13	-	1	-
	3%	2%	3%	3%	-	2%	2%	4%	3%	5%	2%	5%	1%	4%	-	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	4%	5%	4%	7%	-	2%	3%	14%	-
NET: Disagree	148	48	100	14	2	11	11	20	10	7	13	25	11	21	2	32	34	31	50	56	30	46	8	8	5	43	1	2	-
	10%	9%	11%	12%	3%	6%	9%	15%	10%	9%	10%	13%	5%	16%	5%	10%	7%	10%	13%	6%	14%	21%	11%	23%	2%	8%	8%	27%	-
Don't know/Prefer not to say	98	28	70	9	5	5	12	15	6	1	5	13	13	8	5	10	33	26	29	56	13	20	4	4	7	33	3	1	2
	7%	5%	7%	8%	9%	3%	10%	11%	6%	2%	4%	7%	6%	6%	10%	3%	7%	8%	7%	6%	6%	9%	5%	13%	3%	6%	16%	17%	17%

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Table 18
Q8. Do you agree or disagree with these statements? The UK is a good country to be a mother
Base: All respondents

	Age			Region											Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?					
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	1502	359	1143	100	55	158	140	151	108	73	127	225	190	135	40	517	480	231	274	914	228	235	88	37	245	520	20	8	7
Weighted base	1502	556	946	120	60	165	120	135	105	75	135	195	210	135	45	330	466	315	391	958	218	212	79	34	250	563	17	9	9
NET: Agree	880	346	534	70	37	108	62	88	59	49	78	104	118	83	25	198	268	189	225	525	145	125	58	26	113	346	10	4	5
	59%	62%	56%	58%	62%	65%	51%	65%	57%	65%	58%	53%	56%	61%	55%	60%	57%	60%	58%	55%	66%	59%	73%	77%	45%	61%	60%	48%	51%
Agree strongly	156	59	97	9	6	14	8	22	8	11	22	21	17	13	5	35	50	30	41	65	45	29	9	8	13	46	*	-	-
	10%	11%	10%	7%	10%	9%	7%	16%	7%	15%	16%	11%	8%	10%	11%	11%	11%	9%	11%	7%	21%	13%	12%	25%	5%	8%	3%	-	-
Agree	724	287	436	61	31	93	54	65	52	38	56	83	101	69	20	163	217	159	184	460	100	97	49	18	100	301	10	4	5
	48%	52%	46%	51%	52%	57%	45%	48%	49%	50%	42%	43%	48%	51%	44%	49%	47%	51%	47%	48%	46%	46%	62%	52%	40%	53%	58%	48%	51%
Disagree	279	88	191	23	11	29	22	15	23	14	21	43	35	36	6	65	101	45	68	175	40	50	12	2	47	97	2	2	1
	19%	16%	20%	20%	18%	17%	19%	11%	22%	19%	16%	22%	16%	27%	14%	20%	22%	14%	17%	18%	18%	23%	15%	7%	19%	17%	13%	20%	12%
Disagree strongly	103	33	70	6	5	9	12	7	10	5	12	15	15	4	4	24	23	28	28	73	14	12	4	-	34	30	1	-	1
	7%	6%	7%	5%	9%	5%	10%	5%	9%	6%	9%	8%	7%	3%	8%	7%	5%	9%	7%	8%	7%	6%	5%	-	14%	5%	8%	-	6%
NET: Disagree	383	121	262	29	16	37	34	22	33	19	33	58	50	40	10	89	125	73	96	248	54	62	16	2	81	127	4	2	2
	25%	22%	28%	24%	27%	22%	29%	16%	32%	26%	24%	30%	24%	30%	22%	27%	27%	23%	25%	26%	25%	29%	20%	7%	32%	23%	22%	20%	18%
Don't know/Prefer not to say	240	89	151	21	7	20	24	25	12	7	24	33	42	12	10	44	73	53	69	185	19	24	5	6	56	90	3	3	3
	16%	16%	16%	18%	11%	12%	20%	19%	12%	10%	18%	17%	20%	9%	23%	13%	16%	17%	18%	19%	9%	12%	7%	16%	22%	16%	18%	32%	30%

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Table 19

Q8. Do you agree or disagree with these statements? Ideally children should be raised by both a mother and father to have the best start in life
Base: All respondents

	Age			Region											Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?					
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	1502	359	1143	100	55	158	140	151	108	73	127	225	190	135	40	517	480	231	274	914	228	235	88	37	245	520	20	8	7
Weighted base	1502	556	946	120	60	165	120	135	105	75	135	195	210	135	45	330	466	315	391	958	218	212	79	34	250	563	17	9	9
NET: Agree	925	345	580	77	32	94	70	86	63	47	88	130	120	89	29	210	278	191	246	566	136	141	55	26	136	347	14	4	4
	62%	62%	61%	64%	53%	57%	58%	64%	60%	63%	65%	67%	57%	66%	65%	63%	60%	60%	63%	59%	62%	67%	70%	75%	55%	62%	85%	46%	45%
Agree strongly	467	181	286	31	18	49	28	51	25	32	45	78	53	42	16	103	147	89	129	273	64	80	35	15	67	168	5	3	1
	31%	33%	30%	25%	31%	30%	24%	38%	24%	43%	33%	40%	25%	31%	35%	31%	31%	28%	33%	28%	29%	38%	44%	44%	27%	30%	32%	34%	12%
Agree	458	164	294	47	14	45	41	35	37	15	43	53	67	47	14	107	131	102	118	293	72	61	20	10	69	180	9	1	3
	30%	29%	31%	39%	23%	27%	34%	26%	36%	20%	32%	27%	32%	35%	30%	32%	28%	32%	30%	31%	33%	29%	26%	30%	28%	32%	53%	12%	32%
Disagree	299	109	190	23	19	43	20	23	25	13	21	28	47	30	8	73	97	67	62	191	52	36	16	4	54	106	2	3	3
	20%	20%	20%	20%	32%	26%	17%	17%	24%	18%	15%	14%	23%	22%	17%	22%	21%	21%	16%	20%	24%	17%	20%	12%	22%	19%	12%	38%	31%
Disagree strongly	150	53	97	12	7	19	13	13	12	8	13	18	22	7	5	30	56	28	37	105	23	16	6	-	40	52	1	-	-
	10%	9%	10%	10%	12%	12%	10%	10%	11%	10%	9%	11%	5%	11%		9%	12%	9%	9%	11%	11%	7%	7%	-	16%	9%	3%	5%	-
NET: Disagree	449	162	288	36	26	62	32	36	37	21	34	47	69	37	12	103	153	94	99	296	76	52	22	4	94	158	2	4	3
	30%	29%	30%	30%	44%	37%	27%	27%	35%	28%	25%	24%	33%	27%	27%	31%	33%	30%	25%	31%	35%	25%	27%	12%	38%	28%	15%	43%	31%
Don't know/Prefer not to say	128	50	78	7	2	10	18	13	5	7	14	18	21	9	3	18	35	30	45	96	6	18	3	4	19	57	-	1	2
	9%	9%	8%	6%	3%	6%	15%	10%	5%	9%	10%	9%	10%	7%	8%	5%	7%	10%	12%	10%	3%	9%	3%	13%	8%	10%	-	11%	24%

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Table 20

Q8. Do you agree or disagree with these statements? Scientific advances mean that women can have a baby at almost any age before the menopause

Base: All respondents

	Age			Region											Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?					
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	1502	359	1143	100	55	158	140	151	108	73	127	225	190	135	40	517	480	231	274	914	228	235	88	37	245	520	20	8	7
Weighted base	1502	556	946	120	60	165	120	135	105	75	135	195	210	135	45	330	466	315	391	958	218	212	79	34	250	563	17	9	9
NET: Agree	915	333	582	66	36	107	77	83	60	48	90	112	131	82	22	204	296	180	234	541	148	145	62	18	150	322	9	-	5
	61%	60%	61%	55%	60%	65%	64%	61%	57%	64%	67%	57%	62%	61%	49%	62%	64%	57%	60%	56%	68%	69%	78%	54%	60%	57%	57%	-	55%
Agree strongly	180	71	110	10	5	19	15	25	6	10	25	25	20	16	3	43	53	20	64	98	34	25	15	8	33	54	*	-	-
	12%	13%	12%	8%	8%	12%	12%	19%	6%	14%	18%	13%	10%	12%	7%	13%	11%	6%	16%	10%	16%	12%	19%	23%	13%	10%	3%	-	-
Agree	734	262	472	56	31	88	63	58	53	37	65	88	111	66	19	161	243	160	170	443	114	120	47	11	116	268	9	-	5
	49%	47%	50%	47%	51%	53%	52%	43%	51%	50%	48%	45%	53%	49%	42%	49%	52%	51%	44%	46%	52%	57%	59%	32%	47%	48%	54%	-	55%
Disagree	226	89	137	23	12	20	19	17	16	11	16	29	30	27	5	60	85	31	50	172	26	19	6	3	44	97	4	5	2
	15%	16%	14%	19%	20%	12%	16%	12%	15%	15%	12%	15%	14%	20%	11%	18%	18%	10%	13%	18%	12%	9%	8%	8%	18%	17%	26%	52%	25%
Disagree strongly	59	24	35	-	-	2	5	4	5	2	4	13	5	7	10	17	9	22	11	41	5	11	*	2	10	25	-	2	1
	4%	4%	4%	-	-	1%	4%	3%	5%	3%	3%	7%	2%	6%	23%	5%	2%	7%	3%	4%	2%	5%	1%	5%	4%	4%	-	20%	6%
NET: Disagree	285	113	172	23	12	22	24	21	21	14	20	42	35	35	15	78	94	53	61	213	31	30	7	5	54	122	4	6	3
	19%	20%	18%	19%	20%	13%	20%	16%	20%	18%	15%	22%	17%	26%	34%	23%	20%	17%	16%	22%	14%	14%	8%	13%	22%	22%	26%	73%	31%
Don't know/Prefer not to say	302	110	192	31	13	36	19	31	24	13	25	41	44	18	8	48	76	82	96	204	39	37	11	11	46	119	3	2	1
	20%	20%	20%	25%	21%	22%	15%	23%	23%	18%	19%	21%	21%	13%	17%	15%	16%	26%	24%	21%	18%	17%	14%	33%	18%	21%	18%	27%	13%

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Table 21

Q8. Do you agree or disagree with these statements? Waiting until 35 is too late to start a family

Base: All respondents

	Age			Region											Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?					
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	1502	359	1143	100	55	158	140	151	108	73	127	225	190	135	40	517	480	231	274	914	228	235	88	37	245	520	20	8	7
Weighted base	1502	556	946	120	60	165	120	135	105	75	135	195	210	135	45	330	466	315	391	958	218	212	79	34	250	563	17	9	9
NET: Agree	352	150	202	26	13	40	23	41	40	21	32	44	39	28	7	79	102	74	97	175	70	65	29	13	33	121	5	2	-
	23%	27%	21%	21%	22%	24%	19%	30%	38%	28%	24%	22%	18%	21%	15%	24%	22%	24%	25%	18%	32%	31%	36%	38%	13%	22%	32%	20%	-
Agree strongly	81	32	49	5	4	6	3	15	5	8	5	17	5	7	-	20	23	17	21	30	23	15	9	4	3	23	-	-	-
	5%	6%	5%	4%	7%	4%	3%	11%	5%	11%	4%	9%	2%	5%	-	6%	5%	5%	5%	3%	11%	7%	11%	12%	1%	4%	-	-	-
Agree	272	119	153	21	9	33	20	26	34	13	27	27	34	21	7	59	79	58	76	145	47	50	20	9	29	98	5	2	-
	18%	21%	16%	17%	15%	20%	17%	19%	33%	17%	20%	14%	16%	15%	15%	18%	17%	18%	19%	15%	22%	24%	26%	27%	12%	17%	32%	20%	-
Disagree	683	244	438	53	26	72	61	56	38	28	70	91	97	70	21	148	212	144	179	440	92	105	33	12	109	262	9	4	6
	45%	44%	46%	44%	43%	43%	51%	41%	37%	37%	52%	47%	46%	52%	48%	45%	46%	46%	46%	46%	42%	50%	42%	36%	44%	47%	55%	50%	63%
Disagree strongly	356	140	217	28	16	47	24	28	20	20	26	48	53	32	13	86	116	81	73	272	41	25	15	3	90	141	2	3	2
	24%	25%	23%	24%	27%	28%	20%	21%	19%	27%	19%	25%	24%	29%	26%	26%	25%	26%	19%	28%	19%	12%	19%	9%	36%	25%	13%	30%	24%
NET: Disagree	1039	384	655	81	42	119	85	84	59	48	96	140	149	102	34	234	329	225	252	712	133	131	48	15	199	403	11	7	8
	69%	69%	69%	67%	71%	72%	71%	62%	56%	64%	71%	72%	71%	76%	76%	71%	71%	71%	64%	74%	61%	62%	61%	44%	80%	72%	68%	80%	87%
Don't know/Prefer not to say	111	22	89	14	4	7	12	10	7	6	8	12	23	5	4	18	34	16	42	71	15	16	2	6	17	38	-	-	1
	7%	4%	9%	11%	7%	4%	10%	8%	7%	8%	6%	6%	11%	4%	9%	5%	7%	5%	11%	7%	7%	8%	3%	17%	7%	7%	-	-	13%

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Table 22

Q8. Do you agree or disagree with these statements? There should be better fertility education in our secondary school system

Base: All respondents

	Age			Region											Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?					
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	1502	359	1143	100	55	158	140	151	108	73	127	225	190	135	40	517	480	231	274	914	228	235	88	37	245	520	20	8	7
Weighted base	1502	556	946	120	60	165	120	135	105	75	135	195	210	135	45	330	466	315	391	958	218	212	79	34	250	563	17	9	9
NET: Agree	1166	452	713	79	45	126	98	104	79	60	103	155	166	114	36	276	370	225	294	749	173	159	60	23	177	461	14	7	6
	78%	81%	75%	66%	74%	76%	81%	77%	75%	80%	76%	79%	79%	85%	81%	84%	80%	71%	75%	78%	79%	75%	76%	68%	71%	82%	84%	84%	65%
Agree strongly	479	196	284	31	19	51	32	44	39	28	48	64	73	33	19	123	141	91	124	312	79	55	24	9	76	199	5	1	1
	32%	35%	30%	26%	31%	31%	27%	32%	37%	38%	35%	33%	35%	24%	42%	37%	30%	29%	32%	33%	36%	26%	31%	28%	31%	35%	30%	14%	6%
Agree	686	256	430	48	26	75	66	61	40	32	56	91	93	81	17	153	229	135	169	438	95	104	36	14	101	263	9	6	5
	46%	46%	45%	40%	43%	45%	55%	45%	38%	42%	41%	47%	44%	60%	39%	46%	49%	43%	43%	46%	43%	49%	45%	40%	40%	47%	54%	70%	59%
Disagree	104	42	62	9	6	16	6	5	11	5	13	13	8	6	4	19	29	29	26	66	13	18	6	1	24	33	2	-	2
	7%	8%	7%	8%	10%	9%	5%	4%	11%	7%	10%	7%	4%	5%	9%	6%	6%	9%	7%	7%	6%	9%	7%	4%	10%	6%	12%	-	17%
Disagree strongly	22	7	15	3	-	3	2	3	1	-	1	5	3	1	-	7	4	4	7	14	2	3	3	1	8	4	-	-	-
	1%	1%	2%	3%	-	2%	2%	2%	1%	-	1%	3%	1%	1%	-	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	2%	3%	1%	-	-	-
NET: Disagree	126	49	77	13	6	19	8	8	12	5	14	19	11	7	4	26	33	34	33	79	15	21	8	2	32	37	2	-	2
	8%	9%	8%	11%	10%	11%	7%	6%	11%	7%	11%	10%	5%	5%	9%	8%	7%	11%	8%	8%	7%	10%	11%	5%	13%	7%	12%	-	17%
Don't know/Prefer not to say	211	55	156	28	9	21	14	23	14	10	18	22	34	14	5	28	62	56	64	129	30	31	11	9	40	65	1	1	2
	14%	10%	16%	23%	16%	13%	12%	17%	13%	13%	13%	11%	16%	10%	10%	9%	13%	18%	16%	13%	14%	15%	14%	27%	16%	12%	3%	16%	18%

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Table 23

Q8. Do you agree or disagree with these statements? It would feel insulting for the Government to tell women they should be having more children

Base: All respondents

	Age		Region											Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?						
	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say	
Unweighted base	1502	359	1143	100	55	158	140	151	108	73	127	225	190	135	40	517	480	231	274	914	228	235	88	37	245	520	20	8	7
Weighted base	1502	556	946	120	60	165	120	135	105	75	135	195	210	135	45	330	466	315	391	958	218	212	79	34	250	563	17	9	9
NET: Agree	1264	472	792	97	53	151	100	108	89	60	114	163	172	118	37	296	387	265	315	834	185	157	66	21	232	484	12	8	8
	84%	85%	84%	81%	88%	91%	84%	80%	85%	80%	85%	83%	82%	87%	83%	90%	83%	84%	81%	87%	85%	74%	84%	62%	93%	86%	72%	86%	83%
Agree strongly	765	283	482	54	30	90	62	67	52	46	69	97	100	74	22	194	230	157	185	541	103	76	32	12	183	285	6	5	4
	51%	51%	51%	45%	50%	55%	52%	49%	50%	61%	51%	50%	47%	55%	49%	59%	49%	50%	47%	56%	47%	36%	41%	35%	74%	51%	33%	58%	46%
Agree	499	189	310	44	22	61	38	42	37	14	45	66	72	43	15	103	157	109	130	293	81	81	34	9	48	199	6	2	3
	33%	34%	33%	36%	37%	37%	32%	31%	35%	19%	33%	34%	34%	32%	33%	31%	34%	34%	33%	31%	37%	38%	43%	27%	19%	35%	39%	28%	37%
Disagree	110	41	69	9	4	9	6	11	4	7	13	14	17	11	4	18	36	25	31	56	16	28	7	3	9	33	5	1	-
	7%	7%	7%	8%	7%	6%	5%	8%	4%	10%	10%	7%	8%	8%	9%	6%	8%	8%	8%	6%	7%	13%	8%	10%	4%	6%	28%	14%	-
Disagree strongly	32	10	21	2	-	1	3	6	3	1	-	8	5	3	1	7	9	9	7	17	4	8	1	2	4	13	-	-	-
	2%	2%	2%	1%	-	1%	2%	4%	3%	1%	-	4%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%	6%	1%	2%	-	-	-
NET: Disagree	142	52	90	11	4	10	9	16	7	8	13	22	22	14	5	25	46	33	38	73	19	36	8	6	13	46	5	1	-
	9%	9%	10%	9%	7%	6%	7%	12%	7%	11%	10%	11%	11%	10%	11%	8%	10%	11%	10%	8%	9%	17%	10%	17%	5%	8%	28%	14%	-
Don't know/Prefer not to say	96	32	64	12	3	4	11	10	9	7	8	10	16	4	3	9	33	17	38	51	14	19	5	7	5	33	-	-	2
	6%	6%	7%	10%	5%	2%	9%	8%	9%	9%	6%	5%	7%	3%	6%	3%	7%	5%	10%	5%	7%	9%	6%	21%	2%	6%	-	-	17%

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Table 24

Q9. For each of these pairs of statements, please indicate which you agree with most:

Statement A: Infertility affects around 1 in 7 couples

Statement B: Infertility affects around 1 in 20 couples

Base: All respondents

	Age			Region											Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?					
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	1502	359	1143	100	55	158	140	151	108	73	127	225	190	135	40	517	480	231	274	914	228	235	88	37	245	520	20	8	7
Weighted base	1502	556	946	120	60	165	120	135	105	75	135	195	210	135	45	330	466	315	391	958	218	212	79	34	250	563	17	9	9
Statement A more than Statement B	514	171	343	41	24	54	44	45	34	22	45	60	88	43	15	135	150	112	117	302	93	80	31	7	74	190	8	3	-
Neutral (A & B the same)	34%	31%	36%	34%	40%	33%	36%	33%	32%	30%	33%	30%	42%	32%	33%	41%	32%	36%	30%	31%	43%	38%	39%	22%	30%	34%	48%	32%	-
	225	97	129	24	6	27	17	20	15	5	22	39	24	23	3	44	77	35	70	141	31	37	9	7	34	84	1	-	4
	15%	17%	14%	20%	10%	16%	14%	15%	15%	7%	17%	20%	11%	17%	6%	13%	16%	11%	18%	15%	14%	17%	11%	21%	13%	15%	8%	-	38%
Statement B more than Statement A	192	72	120	7	7	21	20	17	11	19	19	24	22	22	2	40	52	42	58	111	30	30	16	6	26	71	1	3	-
	13%	13%	13%	6%	12%	13%	17%	13%	11%	25%	14%	13%	10%	16%	5%	12%	11%	13%	15%	12%	14%	14%	20%	19%	10%	13%	5%	30%	-
Don't know	560	208	352	48	22	61	38	52	44	29	49	70	44	26	106	185	124	145	397	63	65	23	12	115	214	6	3	6	
	37%	37%	37%	40%	36%	37%	32%	39%	42%	38%	36%	36%	33%	57%	32%	40%	39%	37%	41%	29%	31%	29%	35%	46%	38%	38%	38%	62%	
Prefer not to say	11	8	3	-	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	2	1	3	-	6	3	2	-	7	2	1	*	1	2	4	-	-	-
	1%	1%	*	-	2%	1%	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	*	2%	-	2%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	*	1%	3%	1%	1%	-	-	-

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Table 25

Q9. For each of these pairs of statements, please indicate which you agree with most:

Statement A: Lower numbers of children being born in the UK would either not matter or lead to mostly positive consequences for society

Statement B: Lower numbers of children being born in the UK would lead to mostly negative consequences for society

Base: All respondents

	Age			Region											Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?					
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	1502	359	1143	100	55	158	140	151	108	73	127	225	190	135	40	517	480	231	274	914	228	235	88	37	245	520	20	8	7
Weighted base	1502	556	946	120	60	165	120	135	105	75	135	195	210	135	45	330	466	315	391	958	218	212	79	34	250	563	17	9	9
Statement A more than Statement B	447	169	278	21	21	49	33	53	34	20	44	65	56	43	7	106	128	99	113	313	65	41	20	8	122	146	2	2	2
Neutral (A & B the same)	516	179	337	48	14	59	45	44	30	23	49	55	78	52	20	109	177	89	142	320	79	79	27	10	77	175	11	4	4
Statement B more than Statement A	34%	32%	36%	40%	23%	36%	37%	32%	29%	30%	36%	28%	37%	39%	44%	33%	38%	28%	36%	33%	36%	37%	34%	30%	31%	31%	68%	47%	44%
Don't know	272	126	146	23	15	24	26	15	20	19	22	39	44	19	5	71	85	59	57	164	41	48	14	5	23	136	-	1	1
Prefer not to say	18%	23%	15%	19%	26%	15%	22%	11%	19%	26%	16%	20%	21%	14%	12%	22%	18%	19%	14%	17%	19%	22%	18%	14%	9%	24%	-	14%	12%
Don't know	258	77	181	28	9	33	16	20	21	13	20	33	31	20	13	44	71	68	75	155	32	43	18	11	27	102	4	1	2
Prefer not to say	17%	14%	19%	24%	14%	20%	13%	15%	20%	18%	15%	17%	15%	29%		13%	15%	22%	19%	16%	15%	20%	23%	31%	11%	18%	22%	17%	24%
Prefer not to say	8	5	4	-	1	-	1	3	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	1	5	-	3	6	1	1	-	1	1	3	-	-	-
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	*	-	2%	-	1%	2%	-	-	-	2%	*	-	-	*	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	*	-	2%	*	1%	-	-	-

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Table 26

Q9. For each of these pairs of statements, please indicate which you agree with most:
Statement A: Waiting to start a family until you're over 30 is not particularly risky for women wanting to have children one day
Statement B: Waiting to start a family until you're over 30 means women face a fifty percent chance of never having children
Base: All respondents

	Age			Region											Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?					
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	1502	359	1143	100	55	158	140	151	108	73	127	225	190	135	40	517	480	231	274	914	228	235	88	37	245	520	20	8	7
Weighted base	1502	556	946	120	60	165	120	135	105	75	135	195	210	135	45	330	466	315	391	958	218	212	79	34	250	563	17	9	9
Statement A more than Statement B	423	139	283	28	16	41	33	37	32	21	31	64	59	41	18	112	146	84	81	281	71	48	18	4	88	158	2	1	2
Neutral (A & B the same)	28%	25%	30%	24%	27%	25%	28%	28%	30%	28%	23%	33%	28%	31%	40%	34%	31%	27%	21%	29%	33%	22%	23%	13%	35%	28%	13%	11%	25%
Statement B more than Statement A	443	161	281	33	23	56	30	36	32	15	43	59	60	43	13	85	129	97	132	273	67	70	24	9	73	159	5	2	-
Don't know	29%	29%	30%	27%	38%	34%	25%	27%	30%	20%	32%	30%	28%	32%	28%	26%	28%	31%	34%	28%	31%	33%	30%	26%	29%	28%	33%	22%	-
Prefer not to say	15	5	9	-	-	4	1	3	-	3	-	2	1	2	-	3	5	1	6	6	2	4	1	2	2	2	-	-	-
	1%	1%	1%	-	-	2%	1%	2%	-	3%	-	1%	*	1%	-	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	5%	1%	*	-	-	-

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Table 27

Q9. For each of these pairs of statements, please indicate which you agree with most:

Statement A: Most people who remain childless did not want children

Statement B: Most people who remain childless had planned to have children one day

Base: All respondents

	Age			Region											Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?					
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	1502	359	1143	100	55	158	140	151	108	73	127	225	190	135	40	517	480	231	274	914	228	235	88	37	245	520	20	8	7
Weighted base	1502	556	946	120	60	165	120	135	105	75	135	195	210	135	45	330	466	315	391	958	218	212	79	34	250	563	17	9	9
Statement A more than Statement B	360	152	208	27	17	42	25	27	24	15	39	59	52	25	8	83	109	74	94	246	48	41	19	6	99	114	6	-	2
Neutral (A & B the same)	24%	27%	22%	23%	28%	25%	21%	20%	22%	20%	29%	30%	25%	18%	19%	25%	23%	23%	24%	26%	22%	20%	24%	18%	40%	20%	39%	-	18%
Statement B more than Statement A	639	250	389	57	24	64	51	61	45	33	50	80	95	62	18	148	203	127	161	427	86	89	27	12	97	269	3	6	1
Don't know	43%	45%	41%	47%	40%	39%	43%	45%	43%	44%	37%	41%	45%	46%	40%	45%	44%	40%	41%	45%	39%	42%	34%	35%	39%	48%	18%	69%	12%
Prefer not to say	243	85	158	16	8	28	18	25	11	14	17	29	38	27	13	53	74	48	68	127	44	46	18	8	21	89	4	3	-
	16%	15%	17%	13%	13%	17%	15%	19%	10%	18%	12%	15%	18%	20%	28%	16%	16%	15%	17%	13%	20%	22%	23%	23%	8%	16%	23%	31%	-
	250	65	185	21	11	31	25	21	26	13	30	27	24	17	4	45	76	63	66	152	40	35	15	8	33	86	3	-	6
	17%	12%	20%	17%	18%	19%	21%	15%	24%	18%	22%	14%	12%	13%	10%	14%	16%	20%	17%	16%	18%	16%	19%	23%	13%	15%	21%	-	70%
	9	4	6	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	2	4	1	1	3	4	1	7	1	1	-	1	-	5	-	-	-
	1%	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	3%	3%	-	*	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	*	-	2%	-	1%	-	-	-

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Table 28

Q9. For each of these pairs of statements, please indicate which you agree with most:
Statement A: The Government should be finding ways of promoting parenthood generally and motherhood especially
Statement B: It is not the Government's role to encourage people to have children
Base: All respondents

	Age			Region											Social Grade				Number of children					Do you hope to have children one day?					
	Total	18-24	25-35	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire and the Humber	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East of England	London	South East	South West	Northern Ireland	AB	C1	C2	DE	None	1	2	3	4+	NET: No	NET: Yes	Currently pregnant / trying	Unable to have children	Prefer not to say
Unweighted base	1502	359	1143	100	55	158	140	151	108	73	127	225	190	135	40	517	480	231	274	914	228	235	88	37	245	520	20	8	7
Weighted base	1502	556	946	120	60	165	120	135	105	75	135	195	210	135	45	330	466	315	391	958	218	212	79	34	250	563	17	9	9
Statement A more than Statement B	306	101	205	27	11	33	24	27	24	15	23	37	52	23	9	81	95	61	68	158	56	62	24	6	22	118	2	-	-
Neutral (A & B the same)	20%	18%	22%	22%	19%	20%	20%	20%	23%	20%	17%	19%	25%	17%	20%	25%	20%	19%	17%	16%	26%	29%	30%	18%	9%	21%	10%	-	-
Statement B more than Statement A	331	130	201	23	13	30	34	28	21	15	29	51	49	30	9	70	103	65	93	219	37	52	16	7	54	133	7	4	-
Don't know	22%	23%	21%	19%	21%	18%	28%	20%	20%	19%	21%	26%	23%	20%	21%	22%	21%	24%	23%	17%	25%	20%	20%	22%	24%	39%	43%	-	
Prefer not to say	11	7	5	2	-	1	2	1	1	1	-	1	2	1	-	3	6	-	2	4	4	3	-	1	-	3	-	-	-
	1%	1%	*	2%	-	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	*	-	1%	1%	-	1%	*	2%	2%	-	2%	-	1%	-	-	-

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