Business banking service quality - Great Britain

Independent service quality survey results

Business current accounts

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As part of a regulatory requirement, an independent survey was conducted to ask customers of the 15 largest business current account providers if they would recommend their provider to other small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs*). The results represent the view of customers who took part in the survey.

These results are from an independent survey carried out between January and December 2023 by BVA BDRC as part of a regulatory requirement, and we have published this information at the request of the providers and the Competition and Markets Authority so you can compare the quality of service from business current account providers. In providing this information, we are not giving you any advice or making any recommendation to you.

SME customers with business current accounts were asked how likely they would be to recommend their provider, their provider's online and mobile banking services, services in branches and business centres, SME overdraft and loan services and relationship/account management services to other SMEs. The results show the proportion of customers of each provider, among those who took part in the survey, who said they were 'extremely likely' or 'very likely' to recommend each service.

Participating providers: Bank of Scotland, Barclays, Handelsbanken, HSBC UK, Lloyds Bank, Metro Bank, Monzo, NatWest, Royal Bank of Scotland, Santander, Starling Bank, The Co-operative Bank, Tide, TSB, Virgin Money.

Approximately 1,200 customers a year are surveyed across Great Britain for each provider; results are only published where at least 100 customers have provided an eligible score for that service in the survey period.

18,000 people were surveyed in total.

Results are updated every six months, in August and February.

*SMEs include businesses, clubs, charities and societies with an annual turnover/income of up to £25m (exclusive of VAT and other turnover-related taxes).

Overall service quality

We asked customers how likely they would be to recommend their business current account provider to other SMEs.

Ranking

1		monzo	84%
2		Starling Bank	83%
3	=	tide	74 %
3	=	Handelsbanken	74 %
5		ETRO BANK	65%
6	=	♦ Santander	60%
6	=	LLOYDS BANK	60%
8		NatWest	56%
9		BANK OF SCOTLAND	54%
10	=	MONEY	51%
10	=	TSB	51%
12		Royal Bank of Scotland	49%
13		The co-operative bank	48%
14		BARCLAYS	47%
15		HSBC UK	43%

Online and mobile banking services

We asked customers how likely they would be to recommend their provider's online and mobile banking services to other SMEs.

Ranking

1	monzo	88%
2	Starling Bank	86%
3	tide	77%
4	NatWest	69%
5	LLOYDS BANK	68%
6	ETRO BANK	67%
7	BANK OF SCOTLAND	65%
8	BARCLAYS	64%
9	Royal Bank of Scotland	63%
10	♦ Santander	61%
11	TSB	60%
12	MONEY	57 %
13	Handelsbanken	56%
14	HSBC UK	55 %
15	The co-operative bank	38%

SME overdraft and loan services

We asked customers how likely they would be to recommend their provider's SME overdraft and loan services to other SMEs.

Ranking



Note: The ranking does not include any brands where the eligible sample size is less than 100 (Starling Bank, Tide and The Co-operative Bank are excluded from this table)





The **co-operative** bank

Monzo is excluded from this measure as does not offer SME overdraft and loan services



Relationship/account management

We asked customers how likely they would be to recommend their provider's relationship/ account management to other SMEs.

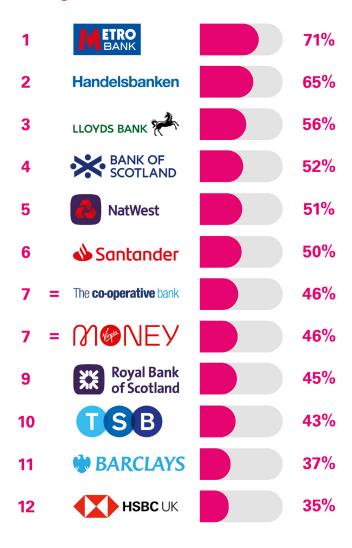
Ranking

1	Handelsbanken	82%
2	monzo	78 %
3	Starling Bank	71%
4	tide	66%
5	ETRO BANK	65 %
6	LLOYDS BANK	58%
7	NatWest	57 %
8	♦ Santander	53%
9	TSB	51 %
10	BANK OF SCOTLAND	50%
11	Royal Bank of Scotland	48%
12	MONEY	46%
13	The co-operative bank	45%
14	BARCLAYS	43%
15	HSBC UK	41%

Service in branches and business centres

We asked customers how likely they would be to recommend their provider's branch and business centre services to other SMEs.

Ranking



Monzo, Starling Bank and Tide are excluded from this measure as do not operate a branch network





