

Ipsos MORI January 2022 Political Monitor Topline Results

28th January 2022

Fieldwork: 19th – 25th January 2022

Technical Details

Ipsos MORI interviewed a representative sample of 1059 adults aged 18+ across Great Britain. Interviews were conducted by telephone: 19th – 25th January 2022. Data are weighted to match the profile of the population.

Where percentages do not sum to 100 this may be due to computer rounding, the exclusion of “don’t know” categories, or multiple answers. An asterisk (*) denotes any value of less than half a per cent. Data are based on all adults unless otherwise stated

Voting Intention

Voting intention polls between elections are a measurement of how a representative sample of the public think they would vote at a given point in time. Voting intentions should be read in conjunction with other political indicators.

Voting intentions: headline indicator

Our headline indicator takes into account past voting behaviour (do people always or usually vote in general elections, or say it depends) as well as stated likelihood to vote in an upcoming election (those who say they are at least 9 out of 10 certain to vote). We continually review our methods, and may make further refinements to our methodology in the future.

As previously, please note that this measure is not based on the assumption that this is the group who will vote at the next general election, as this population is not accurately identifiable at this stage of a parliament. Rather, it includes only those voters whose past behaviour and frame of mind is nearest to those who actually vote at elections.

All polls are subject to a wide range of potential sources of error. On the basis of the historical record of the polls at recent general elections, there is a 9 in 10 chance that the true value of a party’s support lies within 4 points of the estimates provided by this poll, and a 2 in 3 chance that they lie within 2 points. This is especially important to keep in mind when calculating party lead figures.

Q1 How would you vote if there were a General Election tomorrow?

IF UNDECIDED OR REFUSED AT Q1a

Q1b Which party are you most inclined to support?

Base: All 9-10 certain to vote and always/usually/depends vote in General Elections (716)

	January 2022	December 2021
	%	%
Conservative	31	34
Labour	40	39
Liberal Democrats (Lib Dem)	13	11
Scottish National Party/Plaid Cymru	4	6
Green Party	9	7
Other	2	5
Conservative lead (\pm%)	-9	-5
<i>Would not vote</i>	*	1
<i>Undecided</i>	5	3
<i>Refused</i>	1	3

Voting intentions: all naming a party

The voting intention figures based on all those giving a voting intention is the measure with the longest pedigree; our regular trends on this basis go back to the 1970s. When turnouts were much higher than is usual today, this offered a good approximation to actual voting behaviour; in more recent years however, there have been differing turnout levels among the supporters of the various parties.

Q1a How would you vote if there were a General Election tomorrow?

Q1b Which party are you most inclined to support?

	%
Conservative	30
Labour	42
Liberal Democrats (Lib Dem)	12
Scottish National Party/Plaid Cymru	3
Green Party	8
Other	3
Conservative lead (\pm%)	-12
<i>Would not vote</i>	12
<i>Undecided</i>	6
<i>Refused</i>	4

Certainty of voting

- Q2 And how likely would you be to vote in the General Election, on a scale of 1 to 10, where 10 means you would be absolutely certain to vote, and 1 means that you would be absolutely certain not to vote?

	%
10 – absolutely certain to vote	59
9	4
8	7
7	3
6	1
5	8
4	1
3	1
2	2
1 – absolutely certain not to vote	10
Don't know	2

Satisfaction Ratings

Satisfaction among general public aged 18+

- Q3 Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way the Government is running the country?
- Q4 Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Boris Johnson is doing his job as Prime Minister?
- Q5 Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Keir Starmer is doing his job as leader of the Labour party?
- Q6 Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way Ed Davey is doing his job as leader of the Liberal Democrats?

	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Don't know	Net satisfaction
	%	%	%	±
Government (Q3) Jan '22	25	67	8	-42
Dec '21	25	65	10	-40
Johnson (Q4) Jan '22	24	70	6	-46
Dec '21	28	65	7	-37
Starmer (Q5) Jan '22	33	48	19	-15
Dec '21	28	49	24	-21
Davey (Q6) Jan '22	27	28	45	-1
Dec '21	19	33	48	-14

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Base: All party supporters (*Government is based on Conservative supporters)

	Base	Satisfied %	Dissatisfied %	Don't know %	Net satisfaction ±
Government (Q3) Jan '22	250	58	31	11	+27
Dec '21	250	61	29	10	+32
Johnson (Q4) Jan '22	250	57	34	9	+23
Dec '21	250	67	28	5	+39
Starmer (Q8) Jan '22	349	55	34	11	+21
Dec '21	325	44	40	16	+4

Coronavirus

Q8 Overall, how well or badly do you think each of the following have handled the coronavirus outbreak so far?

	Very well %	Fairly well %	Neither well nor badly %	Fairly badly %	Very badly %	Don't know %	Don't know who they are %	Very/fairly well %	Very/fairly badly %	Net well %
The Government										
Jan 2022	13	24	18	19	25	1	*	37	44	-7
Dec 2021	9	25	16	23	26	1	*	34	49	-15
Nov 2021	7	29	16	23	25	1	*	36	48	-12
Sept 2021	8	36	18	17	19	*	*	44	36	+8
August 2021	8	36	18	18	19	1	-	44	37	+7
July 2021	9	32	15	22	21	1	*	41	43	-2
June 2021	15	29	16	18	20	2	*	44	38	+6
Apr 2021	12	33	9	23	22	*	-	45	45	0
Mar 2021	10	31	13	22	22	1	*	41	44	-3
Feb 2021	10	28	15	18	28	1	*	38	46	-8
Dec 2020	6	31	15	23	24	1	*	37	47	-10
October 2020	5	25	16	24	26	2	1	30	50	-20
Sept 2020	7	25	18	23	27	*	*	32	50	-18
August 2020	9	33	16	20	20	2	*	42	40	+2
June 2020	8	32	14	21	23	1	*	40	44	-4
March 2020	10	39	13	20	15	2	1	49	35	+14

(a) Labour is ready to form the next government

(b) The Conservative Government deserves to be re-elected

(C) Keir Starmer is ready to be Prime Minister?

		Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Agree	Disagree
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Keir Starmer	Jan '22	13	25	15	15	25	8	38	40
	<i>Feb '21</i>	12	21	20	18	19	10	33	37
<i>Jeremy Corbyn</i>	<i>Nov '19</i>	11	13	8	12	53	2	24	65
	<i>Sept '19</i>	12	15	9	11	52	1	27	63
	<i>May '17</i>	14	17	4	14	46	5	31	60
	<i>May '16</i>	10	12	5	19	46	7	22	65
	<i>Feb '15</i>	8	13	11	20	43	4	21	63
<i>Ed Miliband</i>	<i>Jun '14</i>	7	15	9	22	43	4	22	65
	<i>Apr '13</i>	8	16	6	24	42	5	24	66
	<i>May '11</i>	3	14	7	32	37	7	17	69
	<i>Apr '97</i>						13	53	34

Q12. Please tell me to what extent, if at all, you agree or disagree with the following statement:

The ... Party should change its leader before the next general election

Base: All respondents.

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Agree	Disagree	Net agree
The Labour Party should change its leader before the next general election									
<i>Keir Starmer as leader</i>									
Jan '22	19	18	18	20	18	8	37	38	-1
Jul '21	21	13	27	14	17	9	34	31	+3
Jun '21	31	19	15	14	12	9	50	26	+24
<i>Jeremy Corbyn as leader</i>									
Jul '19	48	14	11	10	13	4	62	23	+39
Jul '18	37	17	14	10	17	5	55	27	+28
Sep '17	31	12	12	20	23	2	43	43	0
Jul '16	50	16	6	10	15	3	66	25	+41
Oct '15	30	12	21	12	19	6	42	31	+11
<i>Ed Miliband as leader</i>									
Jun '14	27	22	16	16	14	4	49	30	+19
The Conservative Party should change its leader before the next general election									
<i>Boris Johnson as leader</i>									
Jan '22	45	16	12	10	13	5	61	23	-38
Jul '21	26	16	23	11	19	5	42	30	+12
Jun '21	27	13	14	15	24	7	40	39	-1
Jul '19	18	11	19	16	31	4	29	47	-18
<i>Theresa May as leader</i>									
Jul '18	28	18	18	15	16	4	46	31	+15
Sep '17	29	16	16	17	21	2	45	38	+7
<i>David Cameron as leader</i>									
Oct '15	22	17	25	13	19	5	39	32	+7
Jun '14	14	13	21	21	26	4	27	37	-10

Base: Own party supporters

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Agree	Disagree	Net agree
The Labour Party should change its leader before the next general election									
<i>Keir Starmer as leader</i>									
Jan '22	15	13	14	24	30	3	28	54	-26
Jul '21	20	18	20	19	20	3	38	39	-1
Jun '21	25	23	10	18	21	3	48	39	+9
<i>Jeremy Corbyn as leader</i>									
Jul '19	21	16	11	24	26	3	37	50	-13
Jul '18	22	15	10	16	33	4	37	49	-12
Sep '17	11	10	11	29	37	1	21	37	-16
Jul '16	41	13	3	12	29	2	54	41	+13
Oct '15	16	11	22	17	30	5	27	47	-20
<i>Ed Miliband as leader</i>									
Jun '14	18	26	9	27	20	1	44	47	-3
The Conservative Party should change its leader before the next general election									
<i>Boris Johnson as leader</i>									
Jan '22	17	18	8	22	34	2	35	56	-21

Jul '21	7	12	15	19	45	2	19	64	-45
Jun '21	10	12	6	20	50	1	22	70	-48
Jul '19	5	5	6	17	66	1	10	83	-73
Theresa May as leader									
Jul '18	15	19	12	19	32	2	34	51	-17
Sep '17	13	15	10	22	39	1	28	61	-33
David Cameron as leader									
Oct '15	12	13	16	18	37	5	25	55	-30
Jun '14	4	5	7	21	58	3	9	79	-70

Q13. Which party, if any, do you trust most to....?

		Conserv- atives %	Labour %	Lib Dems %	Another Party %	None %	Don't know %
<i>Base: British adults 18+</i>							
Grow Britain's economy	Jan 2022	37	31	5	7	7	13
	Nov 2013	36	24	4	10	16	11
Reduce you and your family's cost of living	Jan 2022	21	38	6	8	12	14
	Nov 2013	23	31	5	11	19	11
Manage immigration	Jan 2022	23	32	6	12	10	15
Improve the NHS	Jan 2022	18	45	6	8	9	13
Reduce crime	Jan 2022	25	29	7	8	11	19
Set the right level of taxation	Jan 2022	27	37	8	9	7	12
Handle the Coronavirus pandemic	Jan 2022	33	29	3	11	9	13
Protect the environment	Jan 2022	15	17	12	37 (Greens: 26%)	7	12
Reduce the inequalities between different regions of the country, also known as "levelling up"	Jan 2022	14	44	9	8	9	16