

Ipsos MORI January 2022 Political Monitor Topline Results

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

Leadership

Q9. On balance, do you agree or disagree that ... has what it takes to be a good Prime Minister?

Base: All respondents.

		Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Agree	Disagree	Net agree
Boris Johnson	Jan '22	9	14	9	12	52	4	23	64	-41
	Nov '21	11	23	10	18	37	2	34	55	-21
	Jun '21	23	22	10	12	31	2	45	43	+2
	Mar '21	19	24	10	14	31	2	43	45	-2
	Feb '21	17	25	12	16	28	2	42	44	-2
	Aug '20	20	25	11	11	32	1	45	43	+2
	Feb '20	25	24	8	10	30	3	49	40	+9
	July '19	19	19	13	13	30	5	38	43	-5
	June '19	14	20	10	13	40	3	34	53	-19
	May '19	11	14	7	12	52	3	25	64	-39
	Mar '19	8	16	7	15	49	5	24	64	-40
	Sep '18	9	16	8	13	51	3	25	64	-39
	Jul '18	12	13	6	13	53	3	25	66	-41
	Apr '18	7	10	5	19	53	6	17	72	-55
	Jul '16	11	10	5	22	48	4	21	70	-49
Keir Starmer	Jul '15	13	19	11	21	31	6	32	52	-20
	Jul '14	12	20	9	20	34	5	32	54	-22
	Jan '22	12	20	20	14	22	12	32	36	-4
	Nov '21	6	19	21	17	24	13	25	41	-16
	Jun '21	6	18	13	19	29	16	24	48	-24
	Mar '21	9	21	22	14	21	14	30	35	-5
	Feb '21	11	25	27	12	13	12	36	25	+11
Rishi Sunak	Aug '20	14	24	24	10	14	14	38	24	+14
	Feb '20	11	21	20	11	14	22	32	25	+7
	Jan '22	12	21	21	14	20	13	33	34	-1
	Nov '21	8	21	20	17	21	14	29	38	-9
	Jun '21	11	25	17	12	17	18	36	29	+7
	Mar '21	12	21	24	14	15	13	33	29	+4
	Feb '21	10	22	29	15	11	14	32	26	+6
Michael Gove	Aug '20	13	23	27	10	12	15	36	22	+14
	Jan '22	3	6	16	21	42	12	9	63	-54
	Jun '21	3	10	10	17	43	18	13	60	-47
	May '19	4	12	13	17	39	13	16	56	-40
	Mar '19	3	12	11	18	41	15	15	59	-44
	Sep '18	2	9	17	21	35	17	11	56	-45
	Jul '18	3	7	14	20	41	14	10	61	-51
	Apr '18	4	8	10	22	38	18	12	60	-48
	Jul '15	3	10	18	18	35	16	13	53	-40
	Jul '14	2	9	10	18	48	13	11	66	-55
Jeremy Hunt	Jan '22	3	13	22	22	27	13	16	49	-33
	Jun '19	7	24	17	17	25	10	31	42	-11
	May '19	4	15	17	16	36	11	19	52	-33
	Mar '19	4	15	13	20	33	16	19	53	-34
	Sep '18	2	12	20	20	33	14	14	53	-39
	Jul '18	4	11	14	18	40	13	15	58	-43

Sajid Javid	Jan '22	5	18	22	17	25	12	23	42	-19
	May '19	4	16	18	16	31	15	20	47	-27
	Mar '19	5	17	15	19	28	15	22	47	-25
	Sep '18	2	15	26	20	18	19	17	38	-21
	Jul '18	3	16	20	18	23	20	19	41	-22
Liz Truss	Jan '22	3	10	26	13	27	20	13	40	-27
	Nov '21	3	7	31	12	22	25	10	34	-24
Nadhim Zahawi	Jan '22	2	10	31	17	20	20	12	37	-25

Base: Own party supporters

		Base	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Agree	Disagree	Net agree
Boris Johnson	Jan '22	250	32	31	12	10	15	*	63	25	+38
	Nov '21	281	26	45	11	10	8	*	71	18	+53
	Jun '21	324	48	31	8	7	5	1	79	12	+67
	Mar '21	343	39	42	7	9	3	1	81	12	+69
	Feb '21	342	41	38	8	5	7	1	79	12	+67
	Aug '20	370	46	41	4	6	2	1	87	8	+79
	Feb '20	413	53	35	6	2	2	1	88	4	+84
	July '19	323	46	31	9	6	4	4	77	10	+67
	June '19	252	29	30	11	15	13	1	59	28	+31
	May '19	322	13	23	9	20	33	2	36	53	-17
	Mar '19	324	12	20	7	18	40	4	32	58	-26
	Sep '18	334	13	26	7	16	35	4	39	51	-12
	Jul '18	382	10	21	9	19	38	4	31	57	-26
	Apr '18	340	11	15	6	30	32	6	26	62	-36
	Jul '16	292	9	14	6	29	39	3	23	68	-45
	Jul '15	312	20	27	8	26	16	3	47	42	5
	Jul '14	242	21	26	12	18	19	4	47	37	10
Keir Starmer	Jan '22	349	22	31	24	11	6	6	53	17	+36
	Nov '21	293	13	35	22	13	10	7	48	23	+25
	Jun '21	272	18	30	12	16	14	10	48	30	+18
	Mar '21	342	21	32	20	10	7	10	53	17	+36
	Feb '21	354	23	37	26	7	2	5	60	9	+51
	Aug '20	320	25	35	23	5	4	8	60	9	+51
	Feb '20	278	20	25	23	9	4	19	45	13	+32
Rishi Sunak	Jan '22	250	19	32	18	10	13	8	51	23	+28
	Nov '21	281	17	33	15	11	13	11	50	24	+26
	Jun '21	324	24	34	13	7	12	10	58	19	+39
	Mar '21	343	23	27	27	10	6	8	50	16	+34
	Feb '21	342	21	33	25	6	4	11	54	10	+44
	Aug '20	370	22	24	23	10	5	16	46	15	+31
Michael Gove	Jan '22	250	5	10	16	30	28	10	15	58	-43
	Jun '21	324	6	20	13	20	29	12	26	49	-23
	May '19	222	7	19	14	29	19	12	26	48	-22
	Mar '19	324	6	24	12	20	25	13	30	45	-15
	Sep '18	334	5	16	16	26	25	12	21	51	-30
	July '18	382	4	10	15	25	35	11	14	60	-46
	Apr '18	340	7	12	13	31	26	11	20	56	-36
	Jul '15	312	4	12	20	26	22	16	16	53	-37
	Jul '14	242	2	13	10	27	37	12	14	64	-50

Jeremy Hunt	Jan '22	250	4	21	24	22	18	10	25	40	-15
	Jun '19	252	19	34	16	11	13	7	53	24	+29
	May '19	222	7	22	20	26	15	9	29	41	-12
	Mar '19	324	7	25	15	21	15	15	32	36	-4
	Sep '18	334	3	19	23	20	22	14	22	43	-21
	Jul '18	382	6	16	19	21	24	13	22	45	-23
Sajid Javid	Jan '22	250	7	29	24	16	14	9	36	30	+6
	May '19	322	5	31	17	19	17	11	36	36	0
	Mar '19	324	7	25	18	20	20	11	32	40	-8
	Sep '18	334	3	23	23	20	13	18	26	33	-7
	Jul '18	382	4	14	26	20	20	17	18	40	-22
Liz Truss	Jan '22	250	5	16	30	17	18	14	21	35	-14
	Nov '21	281	9	11	31	14	10	25	20	24	-4
Nadhim Zahawi	Jan '22	250	1	13	33	23	12	17	14	35	-21

Q10 Who do you think would make the most capable Prime Minister:

Boris Johnson or Keir Starmer?

	Boris Johnson /PM %	Keir Starmer /LoTO %	Neither %	No difference %	Other %	Don't know %
Jan 2022	31	49	10	1	1	9
Dec 2021	31	44	13	1	1	10
Sept 2021	38	38	13	*	1	9
March 2021	47	37	6	*	1	10
June 2020	43	38	5	1	1	12
Boris Johnson v Jeremy Corbyn						
11 Dec 2019	43	29	19	*	2	6
6 Dec 2019	47	31	13	1	*	6
Nov 2019	49	30	14	1	2	5
Sept 2019	50	29	16	*	1	3
July 2019	52	27	14	1	*	6
June 2019	51	33	11	1	*	4
Theresa May v Jeremy Corbyn						
Sep 2018	46	37	12	*	*	4
July 2017	46	38	8	1	2	5
7 June 2017	47	36	7	1	*	8
1 June 2017	50	35	6	*	*	8
May 2017	56	29	7	*	1	6
Apr 2017	61	23	6	1	1	7
David Cameron v Jeremy Corbyn						
Sept 2015	57	28	2	*	2	9
David Cameron v Ed Miliband						
Apr 2015	52	31	12	-	-	4
Apr 2011	45	25	-	-	7	23
Sep 2010	50	19	-	-	12	19
Gordon Brown v David Cameron						
May 2010	29	33	-	-	19	19
Apr 2010	28	32	-	-	17	23
Feb 2010	29	38	12	-	12	8
Sept 2009	24	41	14	-	16	5
Jan 2008	37	33	17	-	-	12

<i>Oct 2007</i>	45	29	16	-	-	9
<i>Sept 2007</i>	58	17	17	-	-	8
<i>June 2007</i>	40	22	14	-	5	19

Q11. To what extent, if at all, do you agree or disagree with the following statements

(a) Labour is ready to form the next government

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Agree	Disagree
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Jan '22	15	23	17	16	24	6	38	40
<i>Sept '21</i>	8	17	20	22	29	4	25	51
<i>Feb '21</i>	9	23	16	19	24	8	32	43
<i>Aug '20</i>	9	20	19	20	27	6	29	47
<i>Nov '19</i>	12	20	8	13	46	1	32	59
<i>Sep '19</i>	12	15	9	16	46	2	27	62
<i>May '17</i>	12	18	6	17	43	4	30	60
<i>May '16</i>	13	14	5	22	41	6	27	63
<i>Feb '15</i>	11	22	12	19	33	3	33	52
<i>Nov '14</i>	7	16	12	26	35	4	23	61
<i>June '14</i>	12	23	9	21	31	4	35	52
<i>Apr '13</i>	10	19	8	23	35	6	29	58
<i>May '11</i>	12	19	7	24	33	5	31	57
<i>Apr '97</i>							55	33
<i>Jan '96</i>							56	33
<i>Dec '94</i>							66	25

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

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know	Agree	Disagree
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Jan '22	14	14	10	12	44	6	28	56
<i>Sept '21</i>	15	17	18	12	34	4	32	46

(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>Sep '19</i>	12	15	9	11	52	1	27	63
	<i>May '17</i>	14	17	4	14	46	5	31	60

	May '16	10	12	5	19	46	7	22	65
Ed Miliband	Feb '15	8	13	11	20	43	4	21	63
	Jun '14	7	15	9	22	43	4	22	65
	Apr '13	8	16	6	24	42	5	24	66
	May '11	3	14	7	32	37	7	17	69
Tony Blair	Apr '97						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
<i>Theresa May as leader</i>									
Jul '18	15	19	12	19	32	2	34	51	-17
Sep '17	13	15	10	22	39	1	28	61	-33
<i>David Cameron as leader</i>									
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