

Ipsos July 2022

Attitudes towards climate change

Topline Results

July 2022

Fieldwork: 21st– 27th July 2022

Technical Details

Ipsos interviewed a representative sample of **1,052** adults aged 18+ across Great Britain. Interviews were conducted by telephone: 21st-27th July 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

Q14. How concerned, if at all, are you about climate change, sometimes referred to as ‘global warming’?

	Very concerned	Fairly concerned	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned	Don't know	Concerned	Not concerned
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
July 2022	52	32	8	7	1	84	15
<i>Apr 2022</i>	38	38	11	11	3	76	21
<i>Aug 2021</i>	48	37	8	5	1	85	13
<i>Jul 2019</i>	52	33	9	5	1	85	14
<i>2014</i>	18	49	24	7	1	67	31
<i>2013</i>	21	39	27	7	5	60	34
<i>2011</i>	22	41	22	13	1	63	35
<i>2010</i>	28	43	19	8	2	71	27
<i>2005</i>	44	38	12	3	1	82	15

Q15. When, if at all, do you think Britain will start feeling the effects of climate change?

	July 2022 %	<i>Apr 2022</i> %	<i>Aug 2021</i> %	<i>Jul 2019</i> %	<i>2017</i> %	<i>2014</i> %	<i>2010</i> %
We are already feeling the effects	72	67	73	73	61	55	41
In the next 10 years	10	10	8	10	12	12	13
In the next 25 years	5	5	4	4	11	12	14
In the next 50 years	2	3	5	4	6	8	11
In the next 100 years	2	3	3	3	3	5	5
Beyond the next 100 years	1	2	2	2	2	2	4
Never	3	2	2	3	3	2	4
Don't know	4	10	4	2	4	4	7

Q16. Thinking about the recent hot weather in parts of the UK. Would you say that it is...?

	<i>July 2019</i> %	July 2022 %
Mainly caused by climate change as a result of human activity	26	40
Mainly caused by natural weather processes	15	12
Partly caused by natural weather processes and partly caused by climate change as a result of human activity	57	45
Don't know	2	3

As you may know, the UK government has committed to end its contribution to global warming by 2050 by bringing all greenhouse gases to net zero by that date.

Q17. Which of the following statements best describes how you feel about this target?

	<i>July 2019</i> %	July 2022 %
The UK should bring all emissions to net zero more quickly than 2050	55	52
2050 is about the right target for the UK to bring all emissions to net zero	26	26
The UK should bring all emissions to net zero more slowly than 2050	4	7
Britain should not have a target to bring all emissions to net zero	11	11
Don't know	4	4