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Table 1
LOCALSAT1 - Generally speaking, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your local area as a place to live?

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		GENDER		AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		EDUCATION		PARLIAMENT REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	16-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	WORKING	NOT WORKING	GRADUATES / HNC OR ABOVE	BELOW HNC LEVEL	CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND LOTHIANS WEST	GLASGOW	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS	EDINBURGH AND LOTHIANS EAST	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND	SOUTH SCOTLAND	WEST SCOTLAND
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	(w)	(x)	(y)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	487	544	89	165	162	173	186	258	254	335	444	436	271	130	196	707	326	598	435	592	441	86	134	74	145	128	146	158	159
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	495	535	133*	159	154	163	177	247	291	318	424	403	266	146	219	668	365	568	465	472	561	129*	132	84*	134	126	143	140	141
	100%	48%	52%	13%*	15%	15%	16%	17%	24%	28%	31%	41%	39%	26%	14%	21%	65%	35%	55%	45%	46%	54%	13%*	13%	8%*	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
Very satisfied	**146**	65	80	11	16	10	17	32	59	28	27	91	65	38	18	25	103	43	60	86	80	66	13	17	18	28	16	20	16	18
	14%	13%	15%	9%	10%	6%	11%	18%	24%	10%	9%	22%	16%	14%	12%	12%	15%	12%	11%	19%	17%	12%	10%	13%	21%	21%	13%	14%	11%	13%
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Fairly satisfied	**468**	220	247	51	77	77	80	75	109	128	157	183	202	120	60	86	322	146	276	192	235	233	60	52	31	73	52	70	64	65
	45%	44%	46%	39%	48%	50%	49%	42%	44%	44%	49%	43%	50%	45%	41%	39%	48%	40%	49%	41%	50%	42%	47%	39%	37%	55%	41%	49%	45%	46%
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Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	**173**	95	79	28	36	25	26	29	30	64	51	59	52	49	29	44	101	72	99	75	56	117	25	31	13	13	20	25	25	21
	17%	19%	15%	21%	23%	16%	16%	16%	12%	22%	16%	14%	13%	19%	20%	20%	15%	20%	17%	16%	12%	21%	19%	24%	15%	9%	16%	17%	18%	15%
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Fairly dissatisfied	**157**	77	80	24	21	29	24	27	32	45	54	59	60	38	21	38	98	59	86	71	74	83	27	16	12	14	27	20	18	23
	15%	16%	15%	18%	13%	19%	15%	15%	13%	15%	17%	14%	15%	14%	14%	17%	15%	16%	15%	15%	16%	15%	21%	12%	14%	11%	21%	14%	13%	16%
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Very dissatisfied	**79**	32	48	13	8	13	15	13	18	20	28	31	22	17	18	22	40	40	41	39	24	55	4	13	10	6	10	8	15	13
	8%	6%	9%	10%	5%	9%	9%	7%	7%	7%	9%	7%	5%	7%	12%	10%	6%	11%	7%	8%	5%	10%	3%	10%	12%	5%	8%	6%	10%	9%
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Don't know	**4**	2	1	3	-	-	1	-	-	3	1	-	1	3	-	-	4	-	2	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
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Prefer not to say	**5**	5	-	3	1	-	-	1	-	4	-	1	1	-	-	4	1	4	5	-	2	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	2	-
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Satisfied (NET)	**615**	285	327	63	93	86	97	107	168	156	184	275	267	159	78	111	425	189	336	279	315	299	73	69	50	101	68	90	79	83
	59%	58%	61%	47%	59%	56%	60%	60%	68%	54%	58%	65%	66%	60%	54%	51%	64%	52%	59%	60%	67%	53%	56%	52%	59%	75%	54%	63%	57%	59%
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Dissatisfied (NET)	**237**	109	128	36	28	43	39	40	50	65	82	90	82	55	39	60	138	99	127	110	98	138	32	29	22	20	37	28	33	36
	23%	22%	24%	27%	18%	28%	24%	23%	20%	22%	26%	21%	20%	21%	27%	27%	21%	27%	22%	24%	21%	25%	24%	22%	26%	15%	29%	19%	23%	25%
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NET Difference	**378**	176	199	26	65	44	58	67	118	91	102	185	184	103	39	51	287	91	209	169	217	161	41	40	27	81	31	63	47	47
	37%	36%	37%	20%	41%	28%	36%	38%	48%	31%	32%	44%	46%	39%	27%	23%	43%	25%	37%	36%	46%	29%	32%	30%	32%	60%	24%	44%	33%	33%
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Table 2
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Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		TENURE		URBAN		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2026 CONSTITUENCY VOTE					INDY REF VOTE 2014		LA POPULATION SIZE				LA FAMILY			
	TOTAL	OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	URBAN (c)	RURAL (d)	UP TO £19,999 (e)	£20,000 - £34,999 (f)	£35,000 - £54,999 (g)	£55,000+ (h)	1 (i)	2 (j)	3 (k)	4+ (l)	ANY (m)	NONE (n)	CONSERVATIVE (o)	LABOUR (p)	LIB DEM (q)	SNP (r)	REFORM UK (s)	YES (t)	NO (u)	<99,999 (v)	100,000-149,999 (w)	150,000-249,999 (x)	250,000+ (y)	GROUP 1 (A)	GROUP 2 (B)	GROUP 3 (C)	GROUP 4 (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	761	245	844	189	134	207	232	367	221	383	200	229	322	711	87	186	73	344	93	396	342	142	226	218	447	295	187	272	279
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	728	270	845	188	154	216	221	340	222	374	199	237	316	717	87*	176	72*	319	105*	370	332	137	207	239	449	279	190	280	284
	100%	71%	26%	82%	18%	15%	21%	21%	33%	22%	36%	19%	23%	31%	69%	8%*	17%	7%*	31%	10%*	36%	32%	13%	20%	23%	43%	27%	18%	27%	27%
Very satisfied	**146**	122	21	103	43	26	33	30	47	31	65	21	29	34	112	14	20	10	65	6	65	36	23	33	31	60	50	42	31	23
	14%	17%	8%	12%	23%	17%	15%	13%	14%	14%	17%	11%	12%	11%	16%	16%	11%	13%	20%	5%	18%	11%	17%	16%	13%	13%	18%	22%	11%	8%
		b			c						k					s			os		u					CD	CD		
Fairly satisfied	**468**	339	115	385	83	59	93	103	163	100	175	92	102	144	324	38	89	42	153	30	180	149	54	102	108	204	135	85	131	117
	45%	46%	43%	46%	44%	38%	43%	47%	48%	45%	47%	46%	43%	46%	45%	43%	51%	58%	48%	28%	49%	45%	39%	49%	45%	45%	49%	45%	47%	41%
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Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	**173**	105	65	148	25	32	40	35	50	41	50	38	45	53	121	16	26	10	39	24	43	60	18	36	37	82	36	23	54	60
	17%	14%	24%	18%	13%	21%	19%	16%	15%	19%	13%	19%	19%	17%	17%	18%	15%	14%	12%	23%	12%	18%	13%	17%	15%	18%	13%	12%	19%	21%
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Fairly dissatisfied	**157**	113	40	135	22	25	28	34	54	40	46	32	40	51	106	15	37	9	44	16	56	56	28	20	46	63	36	27	44	50
	15%	15%	15%	16%	12%	16%	13%	15%	16%	18%	12%	16%	17%	16%	15%	17%	21%	12%	14%	15%	15%	17%	20%	10%	19%	14%	13%	14%	16%	18%
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Very dissatisfied	**79**	49	28	66	14	10	18	19	23	10	38	14	17	29	50	5	5	2	16	28	25	30	14	13	18	34	19	13	19	29
	8%	7%	10%	8%	7%	7%	8%	9%	7%	4%	10%	7%	7%	9%	7%	6%	3%	3%	5%	27%	7%	9%	10%	7%	7%	8%	7%	7%	7%	10%
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Don't know	**4**	1	1	4	-	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	3	3	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	-	3	2	-	1	-
	*	*	*	*	-	-	1%	-	1%	-	*	-	1%	1%	*	-	-	-	-	1%	*	-	-	1%	-	1%	1%	-	1%	-
Prefer not to say	**5**	-	1	5	-	2	2	-	1	-	1	3	2	2	3	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	-	3	1	-	-	4
	1%	-	*	1%	-	1%	1%	-	*	-	*	1%	1%	1%	*	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	1%	-	1%	*	-	-	1%
Satisfied (NET)	**615**	461	136	488	126	85	126	133	210	131	239	114	131	178	436	51	109	52	218	36	245	185	76	135	139	264	185	127	162	141
	59%	63%	50%	58%	67%	55%	58%	60%	62%	59%	64%	57%	55%	56%	61%	59%	62%	72%	68%	34%	66%	56%	56%	65%	58%	59%	66%	67%	58%	50%
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Dissatisfied (NET)	**237**	162	67	200	36	35	46	53	77	50	84	46	57	80	157	20	41	11	61	44	81	86	42	34	64	97	55	40	63	79
	23%	22%	25%	24%	19%	23%	22%	24%	23%	23%	22%	23%	24%	25%	22%	23%	24%	15%	19%	42%	22%	26%	31%	16%	27%	22%	20%	21%	22%	28%
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NET Difference	**378**	299	69	288	90	50	80	80	133	80	155	68	74	98	280	31	67	41	158	-9	164	100	34	102	75	167	130	87	99	62
	37%	41%	25%	34%	48%	32%	37%	36%	39%	36%	41%	34%	31%	31%	39%	35%	38%	57%	49%	-8%	44%	30%	25%	49%	31%	37%	47%	46%	35%	22%
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Table 3

LOCALSAT2 - How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of the following?

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

	Your nearest local city, town or village centre	The availability of jobs in your local area	The way your local Council runs things	The affordability of housing in your local area
UNWEIGHTED BASE	1033	1033	1033	1033
WEIGHTED BASE	1033	1033	1033	1033
Very satisfied	139	42	30	53
	13%	4%	3%	5%
Fairly satisfied	391	204	225	263
	38%	20%	22%	25%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	184	247	216	228
	18%	24%	21%	22%
Fairly dissatisfied	207	234	319	244
	20%	23%	31%	24%
Very dissatisfied	100	138	218	155
	10%	13%	21%	15%
Don't know	8	164	20	88
	1%	16%	2%	8%
Prefer not to say	4	4	5	3
	*	*	*	*
Satisfied (NET)	530	246	255	316
	51%	24%	25%	31%
Dissatisfied (NET)	307	371	537	398
	30%	36%	52%	39%
NET Difference	223	-126	-281	-82
	22%	-12%	-27%	-8%

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Table 4
LOCALSAT2_1 - How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of the following? Your nearest local city, town or village centre

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		GENDER		AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		EDUCATION		PARLIAMENT REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN (a)	WOMEN (b)	16-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	16-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (l)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	ABC1 (p)	C2DE (q)	WORKING (r)	NOT WORKING (s)	GRADUATES / HNC OR ABOVE (t)	BELOW HNC LEVEL (u)	CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND LOTHIANS WEST (v)	GLASGOW (w)	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS (x)	EDINBURGH AND LOTHIANS EAST (y)	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE (A)	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND (B)	SOUTH SCOTLAND (C)	WEST SCOTLAND (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	487	544	89	165	162	173	186	258	254	335	444	436	271	130	196	707	326	598	435	592	441	86	134	74	145	128	146	158	159
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	100%	48%	52%	13%*	15%	15%	16%	17%	24%	28%	31%	41%	39%	26%	14%	21%	65%	35%	55%	45%	46%	54%	13%*	13%	8%*	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
Very satisfied	**139**	67	72	23	29	17	18	14	37	52	35	52	61	31	14	33	92	47	74	65	73	66	19	17	9	23	12	24	23	11
	13%	14%	13%	18%	18%	11%	11%	8%	15%	18%	11%	12%	15%	12%	10%	15%	14%	13%	13%	14%	15%	12%	15%	13%	10%	17%	10%	17%	17%	8%
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Fairly satisfied	**391**	171	219	39	65	54	71	68	95	104	124	163	166	95	57	73	261	130	224	167	184	207	45	50	32	69	44	55	43	54
	38%	35%	41%	29%	41%	35%	43%	39%	38%	36%	39%	39%	41%	36%	39%	33%	39%	36%	39%	36%	39%	37%	35%	38%	38%	51%	35%	39%	31%	38%
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Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	**184**	92	91	29	26	29	20	36	43	55	50	79	61	58	24	41	119	65	101	83	76	108	22	23	14	24	27	20	28	24
	18%	19%	17%	22%	16%	19%	12%	20%	17%	19%	16%	19%	15%	22%	16%	19%	18%	18%	18%	18%	16%	19%	17%	17%	17%	18%	21%	14%	20%	17%
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Fairly dissatisfied	**207**	109	98	22	28	39	31	39	48	50	70	87	79	53	30	45	133	74	113	94	93	114	28	27	21	12	29	23	28	38
	20%	22%	18%	16%	18%	25%	19%	22%	19%	17%	22%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	20%	22%	21%	25%	9%	23%	16%	20%	27%
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Very dissatisfied	**100**	47	53	14	8	15	22	18	23	23	37	41	34	23	19	25	57	44	49	51	39	61	15	10	9	4	13	18	17	14
	10%	10%	10%	11%	5%	9%	14%	10%	9%	8%	12%	10%	8%	9%	13%	11%	9%	12%	9%	11%	8%	11%	12%	8%	11%	3%	11%	12%	12%	10%
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Don't know	**8**	6	2	3	2	1	1	1	-	5	2	1	1	5	1	1	6	2	5	3	6	1	-	3	-	-	2	3	1	-
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Prefer not to say	**4**	3	1	2	1	-	-	-	1	3	-	1	1	-	1	2	1	3	3	1	1	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	1
	*	1%	*	1%	*	-	-	-	*	1%	-	*	*	-	1%	1%	*	1%	*	*	*	1%	-	2%	-	-	-	-	-	1%
Satisfied (NET)	**530**	238	291	62	93	71	89	83	132	156	160	215	227	126	72	106	353	177	298	232	257	273	64	66	40	92	56	79	66	65
	51%	48%	54%	47%	59%	46%	54%	47%	53%	53%	50%	51%	56%	47%	49%	48%	53%	49%	52%	50%	54%	49%	49%	50%	48%	68%	45%	55%	47%	46%
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Dissatisfied (NET)	**307**	157	151	36	36	54	53	57	71	73	107	128	113	77	49	69	189	118	162	145	132	175	43	37	30	16	43	41	45	52
	30%	32%	28%	27%	23%	35%	33%	32%	29%	25%	34%	30%	28%	29%	33%	32%	28%	32%	28%	31%	28%	31%	33%	28%	35%	12%	34%	28%	32%	37%
					d						i												v	v	v		v	v	v	v
NET Difference	**223**	82	141	26	57	17	36	26	61	83	52	87	114	49	23	37	163	59	136	87	125	98	21	29	10	75	13	39	22	12
	22%	16%	26%	20%	36%	17%	22%	15%	25%	29%	17%	21%	28%	18%	16%	17%	24%	16%	24%	19%	26%	17%	16%	22%	12%	56%	10%	27%	15%	9%
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		TENURE		URBAN		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2026 CONSTITUENCY VOTE					INDY REF VOTE 2014		LA POPULATION SIZE				LA FAMILY			
	TOTAL	OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	URBAN (c)	RURAL (d)	UP TO £19,999 (e)	£20,000 - £34,999 (f)	£35,000 - £54,999 (g)	£55,000+ (h)	1 (i)	2 (j)	3 (k)	4+ (l)	ANY (m)	NONE (n)	CONSERVATIVE (o)	LABOUR (p)	LIB DEM (q)	SNP (r)	REFORM UK (s)	YES (t)	NO (u)	<99,999 (v)	100,000-149,999 (w)	150,000-249,999 (x)	250,000+ (y)	GROUP 1 (A)	GROUP 2 (B)	GROUP 3 (C)	GROUP 4 (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	761	245	844	189	134	207	232	367	221	383	200	229	322	711	87	186	73	344	93	396	342	142	226	218	447	295	187	272	279
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	728	270	845	188	154	216	221	340	222	374	199	237	316	717	87*	176	72*	319	105*	370	332	137	207	239	449	279	190	280	284
	100%	71%	26%	82%	18%	15%	21%	21%	33%	22%	36%	19%	23%	31%	69%	8%*	17%	7%*	31%	10%*	36%	32%	13%	20%	23%	43%	27%	18%	27%	27%
Very satisfied	**139**	100	37	117	22	21	34	29	47	29	48	32	30	41	98	8	23	6	61	6	59	29	15	29	30	65	45	26	37	31
	13%	14%	14%	14%	12%	14%	16%	13%	14%	13%	13%	16%	13%	13%	14%	9%	13%	8%	19%	6%	16%	9%	11%	14%	13%	14%	16%	14%	13%	11%
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Fairly satisfied	**391**	288	92	316	75	53	76	82	139	89	129	74	100	128	263	36	65	39	124	21	148	122	53	78	87	173	121	81	104	85
	38%	40%	34%	37%	40%	34%	35%	37%	41%	40%	34%	37%	42%	41%	37%	41%	37%	55%	39%	20%	40%	37%	38%	38%	36%	39%	44%	42%	37%	30%
																s	s	pqs	s								D	D		
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	**184**	122	53	149	35	29	50	32	49	38	87	31	28	48	136	19	30	10	50	31	55	68	28	43	37	76	40	38	57	49
	18%	17%	20%	18%	19%	18%	23%	15%	15%	17%	23%	16%	12%	15%	19%	22%	17%	14%	16%	29%	15%	21%	21%	21%	15%	17%	14%	20%	20%	17%
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Fairly dissatisfied	**207**	150	51	161	46	29	35	52	69	42	70	43	51	66	141	20	40	8	62	23	73	69	26	33	67	81	48	30	59	70
	20%	21%	19%	19%	25%	19%	16%	23%	20%	19%	19%	22%	22%	21%	20%	23%	23%	11%	19%	22%	20%	21%	19%	16%	28%	18%	17%	16%	21%	25%
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Very dissatisfied	**100**	67	31	91	10	21	18	25	30	24	37	14	25	28	73	4	16	8	19	23	34	43	15	23	16	47	21	15	21	44
	10%	9%	11%	11%	5%	14%	8%	11%	9%	11%	10%	7%	11%	9%	10%	5%	9%	12%	6%	22%	9%	13%	11%	11%	7%	10%	7%	8%	7%	16%
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Don't know	**8**	1	5	8	-	-	2	-	4	-	2	2	4	4	4	-	2	-	3	1	1	1	-	-	3	5	4	-	2	1
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Prefer not to say	**4**	-	2	4	-	2	1	-	1	-	1	3	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	-	4
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Satisfied (NET)	**530**	388	129	434	97	74	110	112	186	118	176	106	130	169	361	44	88	45	185	27	207	151	68	107	117	238	166	106	141	116
	51%	53%	48%	51%	51%	48%	51%	51%	55%	53%	47%	53%	55%	54%	50%	51%	50%	63%	58%	26%	56%	45%	50%	52%	49%	53%	60%	56%	50%	41%
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Dissatisfied (NET)	**307**	217	82	252	56	50	53	77	99	66	108	58	76	94	213	24	56	16	81	46	107	112	41	56	83	127	68	45	80	114
	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	32%	24%	35%	29%	30%	29%	29%	32%	30%	30%	27%	32%	23%	25%	44%	29%	34%	30%	27%	35%	28%	25%	24%	29%	40%
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NET Difference	**223**	171	47	182	41	24	58	35	87	52	69	49	54	75	148	20	32	29	104	-20	101	39	27	51	34	111	98	61	61	2
	22%	23%	17%	22%	22%	16%	27%	16%	26%	23%	18%	24%	23%	24%	21%	23%	18%	40%	33%	-19%	27%	12%	20%	24%	14%	25%	35%	32%	22%	1%
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Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - a/b - c/d - e/f/g/h - i/j/k/l - m/n - o/p/q/r/s - t/u - v/w/x/y - A/B/C/D
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Table 6
LOCALSAT2_2 - How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of the following? The availability of jobs in your local area

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		GENDER		AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		EDUCATION		PARLIAMENT REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN (a)	WOMEN (b)	16-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	16-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (l)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	ABC1 (p)	C2DE (q)	WORKING (r)	NOT WORKING (s)	GRADUATES / HNC OR ABOVE (t)	BELOW HNC LEVEL (u)	CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND LOTHIANS WEST (v)	GLASGOW (w)	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS (x)	EDINBURGH AND LOTHIANS EAST (y)	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE (A)	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND (B)	SOUTH SCOTLAND (C)	WEST SCOTLAND (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	487	544	89	165	162	173	186	258	254	335	444	436	271	130	196	707	326	598	435	592	441	86	134	74	145	128	146	158	159
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	495	535	133*	159	154	163	177	247	291	318	424	403	266	146	219	668	365	568	465	472	561	129*	132	84*	134	126	143	140	141
	100%	48%	52%	13%*	15%	15%	16%	17%	24%	28%	31%	41%	39%	26%	14%	21%	65%	35%	55%	45%	46%	54%	13%*	13%	8%*	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
Very satisfied	**42**	22	19	8	13	8	7	3	4	21	14	7	18	9	5	10	27	15	33	9	21	20	5	8	3	12	2	2	2	5
	4%	5%	4%	6%	8%	5%	4%	2%	2%	7%	5%	2%	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%	6%	2%	4%	4%	4%	6%	3%	9%	2%	2%	2%	4%
				h	afh	h				k	k								s							ABC				
Fairly satisfied	**204**	99	105	11	39	41	38	38	36	51	80	74	99	56	27	22	155	49	156	48	119	86	26	32	23	25	26	27	25	19
	20%	20%	20%	8%	25%	27%	24%	21%	15%	17%	25%	17%	25%	21%	18%	10%	23%	13%	27%	10%	25%	15%	20%	25%	27%	18%	21%	19%	18%	13%
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Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	**247**	123	125	22	35	33	45	51	60	57	79	112	81	63	35	68	144	103	128	119	106	142	35	30	16	33	25	38	34	35
	24%	25%	23%	17%	22%	21%	28%	29%	24%	20%	25%	26%	20%	24%	24%	31%	22%	28%	23%	26%	22%	25%	27%	23%	18%	24%	20%	27%	24%	25%
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Fairly dissatisfied	**234**	107	127	40	44	35	41	38	37	84	75	75	89	60	32	52	150	84	142	92	104	130	34	30	13	26	27	31	35	39
	23%	22%	24%	30%	28%	22%	25%	21%	15%	29%	24%	18%	22%	23%	22%	24%	22%	23%	25%	20%	22%	23%	26%	23%	15%	19%	21%	21%	25%	28%
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Very dissatisfied	**138**	72	64	42	18	19	23	13	21	60	43	35	44	35	30	29	79	58	68	69	56	82	8	17	18	12	18	26	21	18
	13%	15%	12%	31%	11%	13%	14%	8%	9%	21%	13%	8%	11%	13%	20%	13%	12%	16%	12%	15%	12%	15%	7%	13%	22%	9%	14%	18%	15%	13%
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Don't know	**164**	69	94	8	8	18	8	34	88	16	26	122	70	42	16	37	111	53	38	126	66	99	21	12	12	28	29	17	22	25
	16%	14%	18%	6%	5%	12%	5%	19%	36%	5%	8%	29%	17%	16%	11%	17%	17%	15%	7%	27%	14%	18%	16%	9%	14%	21%	23%	12%	16%	17%
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Prefer not to say	**4**	4	1	2	2	-	1	-	-	4	1	-	2	-	1	2	2	3	4	1	2	3	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	-
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Satisfied (NET)	**246**	121	124	19	52	49	45	40	40	71	94	80	117	65	32	32	182	63	188	57	140	106	31	41	25	36	28	30	28	24
	24%	25%	23%	14%	33%	32%	28%	23%	16%	24%	30%	19%	29%	25%	22%	14%	27%	17%	33%	12%	30%	19%	24%	31%	30%	27%	22%	21%	20%	17%
					cdh	ch	ch			k	k		o	o			o		s		u			CD	D	D				
Dissatisfied (NET)	**371**	179	191	81	62	54	64	51	58	144	118	110	133	96	62	80	229	142	210	161	159	212	42	46	31	38	44	56	56	57
	36%	36%	36%	61%	39%	35%	39%	29%	24%	49%	37%	26%	33%	36%	43%	37%	34%	39%	37%	35%	34%	38%	33%	35%	37%	28%	35%	39%	40%	40%
				defgh	h	h	h			ik	k																		v	v
NET Difference	**-126**	-57	-67	-62	-10	-5	-19	-11	-18	-72	-24	-29	-16	-30	-30	-49	-47	-79	-21	-104	-20	-106	-11	-6	-6	-1	-16	-26	-28	-33
	-12%	-12%	-13%	-47%	-6%	-3%	-12%	-6%	-7%	-25%	-8%	-7%	-4%	-11%	-21%	-22%	-7%	-22%	-4%	-22%	-4%	-19%	-8%	-4%	-7%	-1%	-13%	-18%	-20%	-23%

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Table 7
LOCALSAT2_2 - How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of the following? The availability of jobs in your local area

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		TENURE		URBAN		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2026 CONSTITUENCY VOTE					INDY REF VOTE 2014		LA POPULATION SIZE				LA FAMILY			
	TOTAL	OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	URBAN (c)	RURAL (d)	UP TO £19,999 (e)	£20,000 - £34,999 (f)	£35,000 - £54,999 (g)	£55,000+ (h)	1 (i)	2 (j)	3 (k)	4+ (l)	ANY (m)	NONE (n)	CONSERVATIVE (o)	LABOUR (p)	LIB DEM (q)	SNP (r)	REFORM UK (s)	YES (t)	NO (u)	<99,999 (v)	100,000-149,999 (w)	150,000-249,999 (x)	250,000+ (y)	GROUP 1 (A)	GROUP 2 (B)	GROUP 3 (C)	GROUP 4 (D)
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WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	728	270	845	188	154	216	221	340	222	374	199	237	316	717	87*	176	72*	319	105*	370	332	137	207	239	449	279	190	280	284
	100%	71%	26%	82%	18%	15%	21%	21%	33%	22%	36%	19%	23%	31%	69%	8%*	17%	7%*	31%	10%*	36%	32%	13%	20%	23%	43%	27%	18%	27%	27%
Very satisfied	**42**	26	14	39	3	10	8	8	16	6	7	10	19	24	17	2	7	3	15	4	12	11	4	3	6	28	15	5	10	12
	4%	4%	5%	5%	1%	6%	4%	4%	5%	3%	2%	5%	8%	8%	2%	2%	4%	4%	5%	4%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	6%	5%	3%	4%	4%
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Fairly satisfied	**204**	157	45	163	41	13	39	42	95	44	58	49	52	81	123	19	39	16	71	10	88	63	25	30	60	89	64	36	53	50
	20%	22%	17%	19%	22%	9%	18%	19%	28%	20%	16%	25%	22%	26%	17%	22%	22%	23%	22%	9%	24%	19%	18%	15%	25%	20%	23%	19%	19%	18%
							e	e	efz			j		n		x	x	x	x						w					
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	**247**	174	63	200	47	38	56	50	73	54	103	39	51	68	180	27	35	17	77	28	93	88	27	54	56	109	72	43	66	67
	24%	24%	23%	24%	25%	25%	26%	23%	21%	24%	28%	20%	22%	21%	25%	31%	20%	24%	24%	27%	25%	27%	20%	26%	24%	24%	26%	23%	23%	24%
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Fairly dissatisfied	**234**	159	69	198	36	38	46	55	72	43	78	56	57	84	150	12	48	17	66	27	72	70	33	51	49	100	55	41	65	72
	23%	22%	26%	23%	19%	25%	21%	25%	21%	19%	21%	28%	24%	27%	21%	14%	27%	23%	21%	26%	20%	21%	24%	25%	21%	22%	20%	22%	23%	25%
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Very dissatisfied	**138**	78	54	111	27	24	34	32	42	27	45	27	38	38	100	9	21	8	35	27	38	36	27	30	32	49	26	34	33	45
	13%	11%	20%	13%	14%	15%	16%	15%	12%	12%	12%	14%	16%	12%	14%	11%	12%	11%	11%	25%	10%	11%	20%	14%	13%	11%	9%	18%	12%	16%
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Don't know	**164**	134	24	130	34	29	33	33	42	46	84	15	19	20	144	18	26	11	54	9	66	64	21	38	34	71	45	31	54	35
	16%	18%	9%	15%	18%	19%	15%	15%	12%	21%	22%	8%	8%	6%	20%	21%	15%	15%	17%	9%	18%	19%	15%	18%	14%	16%	16%	16%	19%	12%
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Prefer not to say	**4**	1	1	4	-	2	1	-	1	1	-	3	-	1	4	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	3	2	-	-	3
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Satisfied (NET)	**246**	183	59	202	44	23	46	50	111	51	65	59	71	105	140	21	46	19	86	14	100	74	29	34	66	117	79	41	63	62
	24%	25%	22%	24%	23%	15%	22%	23%	33%	23%	17%	29%	30%	33%	20%	24%	26%	26%	27%	13%	27%	22%	21%	16%	27%	26%	28%	22%	22%	22%
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Dissatisfied (NET)	**371**	237	123	309	63	62	80	87	114	70	122	83	95	121	250	22	69	25	101	54	111	105	60	81	81	149	81	75	98	117
	36%	32%	46%	37%	33%	40%	37%	40%	33%	32%	33%	42%	40%	39%	35%	25%	39%	34%	32%	51%	30%	32%	44%	39%	34%	33%	29%	39%	35%	41%
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NET Difference	**-126**	-54	-64	-107	-19	-39	-33	-37	-3	-20	-57	-25	-24	-16	-109	-1	-23	-6	-15	-39	-11	-32	-31	-47	-15	-32	-2	-34	-35	-55
	-12%	-7%	-24%	-13%	-10%	-25%	-15%	-17%	-1%	-9%	-15%	-12%	-10%	-5%	-15%	-1%	-13%	-8%	-5%	-38%	-3%	-10%	-22%	-23%	-6%	-7%	-1%	-18%	-12%	-19%

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Table 8
LOCALSAT2_3 - How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of the following? The way your local Council runs things

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		GENDER		AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		EDUCATION		PARLIAMENT REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN (a)	WOMEN (b)	16-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	16-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (l)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	ABC1 (p)	C2DE (q)	WORKING (r)	NOT WORKING (s)	GRADUATES / HNC OR ABOVE (t)	BELOW HNC LEVEL (u)	CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND LOTHIANS WEST (v)	GLASGOW (w)	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS (x)	EDINBURGH AND LOTHIANS EAST (y)	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE (A)	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND (B)	SOUTH SCOTLAND (C)	WEST SCOTLAND (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	487	544	89	165	162	173	186	258	254	335	444	436	271	130	196	707	326	598	435	592	441	86	134	74	145	128	146	158	159
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	495	535	133*	159	154	163	177	247	291	318	424	403	266	146	219	668	365	568	465	472	561	129*	132	84*	134	126	143	140	141
	100%	48%	52%	13%*	15%	15%	16%	17%	24%	28%	31%	41%	39%	26%	14%	21%	65%	35%	55%	45%	46%	54%	13%*	13%	8%*	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
Very satisfied	**30**	16	15	4	10	6	2	2	6	14	8	8	9	6	5	10	15	15	18	13	20	11	3	9	2	4	3	2	2	3
	3%	3%	3%	3%	6% fz	4%	1%	1%	3%	5%	3%	2%	2%	2%	4%	5%	2%	4%	3%	3%	4% u	2%	2%	7% BC	3%	3%	3%	2%	1%	2%
Fairly satisfied	**225**	116	108	32	34	24	36	31	68	67	59	99	89	60	35	40	150	75	129	96	118	106	27	22	12	41	35	28	36	25
	22%	23%	20%	24%	21%	15%	22%	18%	27% ea	23%	19%	23%	22%	23%	24%	18%	22%	21%	23%	21%	25% u	19%	21%	17%	14%	31% wxBD	28% wxD	19%	25%	17%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	**216**	103	113	31	42	33	27	34	49	73	60	83	85	56	30	45	142	75	120	96	101	116	28	26	21	31	27	32	26	23
	21%	21%	21%	24%	26% r	22%	16%	19%	20%	25%	19%	20%	21%	21%	21%	20%	21%	20%	21%	21%	21%	21%	21%	20%	25%	23%	21%	22%	19%	17%
Fairly dissatisfied	**319**	149	170	39	45	51	53	60	71	84	104	130	135	81	39	64	216	103	177	142	148	171	42	43	31	32	32	50	40	48
	31%	30%	32%	30%	28%	33%	33%	34%	29%	29%	33%	31%	34%	31%	27%	29%	32%	28%	31%	31%	31%	30%	33%	33%	37%	24%	26%	35%	29%	34%
Very dissatisfied	**218**	101	117	19	21	36	45	47	50	40	81	97	75	55	33	55	129	88	114	104	76	142	27	26	18	23	28	30	29	37
	21%	20%	22%	14%	13%	23% d	28% cd	27% cd	20%	14%	26% j	23% j	19%	21%	23%	25%	19%	24%	20%	22%	16%	25% t	21%	20%	22%	17%	23%	21%	21%	26%
Don't know	**20**	6	13	5	5	4	1	3	2	11	4	5	8	7	2	4	14	6	8	13	9	12	3	1	-	3	-	2	7	4
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Prefer not to say	**5**	4	1	2	2	-	-	-	1	4	-	1	2	-	1	2	2	3	4	1	1	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	1
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Satisfied (NET)	**255**	132	123	36	44	30	38	33	74	80	68	107	98	67	41	50	165	90	147	109	138	117	30	31	14	45	39	30	37	28
	25%	27%	23%	27%	28%	20%	23%	19%	30% ea	28%	21%	25%	24%	25%	28%	23%	25%	25%	26%	23%	29% u	21%	23%	24%	17%	33% xBD	31% xD	21%	27%	20%
Dissatisfied (NET)	**537**	250	287	58	66	87	98	107	120	124	185	227	210	136	72	119	346	191	291	246	224	313	69	69	49	55	60	79	69	85
	52%	50%	54%	44%	41%	56% d	60% cdh	60% cdh	49%	43%	58% i	54% i	52%	51%	49%	54%	52%	52%	51%	53%	47%	56% t	54%	53%	59% y	41%	48%	56% y	50%	60% y
NET Difference	**-281**	-118	-164	-22	-22	-57	-61	-74	-46	-44	-118	-120	-112	-69	-31	-69	-181	-100	-144	-137	-86	-195	-40	-38	-35	-10	-22	-49	-32	-57
	-27%	-24%	-31%	-16%	-14%	-37%	-37%	-42%	-19%	-15%	-37%	-28%	-28%	-26%	-21%	-32%	-27%	-27%	-25%	-30%	-18%	-35%	-31%	-29%	-42%	-7%	-17%	-35%	-23%	-40%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q - r/s - t/u - v/w/x/y/A/B/C/D
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Table 9
LOCALSAT2_3 - How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of the following? The way your local Council runs things

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		TENURE		URBAN		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2026 CONSTITUENCY VOTE					INDY REF VOTE 2014		LA POPULATION SIZE				LA FAMILY			
	TOTAL	OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	URBAN (c)	RURAL (d)	UP TO £19,999 (e)	£20,000 - £34,999 (f)	£35,000 - £54,999 (g)	£55,000+ (h)	1 (i)	2 (j)	3 (k)	4+ (l)	ANY (m)	NONE (n)	CONSERVATIVE (o)	LABOUR (p)	LIB DEM (q)	SNP (r)	REFORM UK (s)	YES (t)	NO (u)	<99,999 (v)	100,000-149,999 (w)	150,000-249,999 (x)	250,000+ (y)	GROUP 1 (A)	GROUP 2 (B)	GROUP 3 (C)	GROUP 4 (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	761	245	844	189	134	207	232	367	221	383	200	229	322	711	87	186	73	344	93	396	342	142	226	218	447	295	187	272	279
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	728	270	845	188	154	216	221	340	222	374	199	237	316	717	87*	176	72*	319	105*	370	332	137	207	239	449	279	190	280	284
	100%	71%	26%	82%	18%	15%	21%	21%	33%	22%	36%	19%	23%	31%	69%	8%*	17%	7%*	31%	10%*	36%	32%	13%	20%	23%	43%	27%	18%	27%	27%
Very satisfied	**30**	18	12	27	3	8	7	6	10	7	6	9	9	18	12	-	3	1	15	2	11	4	6	3	3	19	4	7	6	14
	3%	3%	4%	3%	2%	5%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	4%	4%	6%	2%	-	2%	1%	5%	2%	3%	1%	4%	2%	1%	4%	1%	4%	2%	5%
														m					o							x				A
Fairly satisfied	**225**	167	53	179	46	35	55	50	71	59	74	39	53	64	161	18	39	13	94	14	91	57	26	48	56	94	74	41	67	42
	22%	23%	20%	21%	24%	23%	26%	23%	21%	26%	20%	20%	22%	20%	22%	20%	22%	18%	29%	14%	25%	17%	19%	23%	24%	21%	27%	21%	24%	15%
																			q		u						D		D	
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	**216**	150	61	177	39	33	52	34	72	50	77	41	47	66	151	17	29	20	74	10	78	58	19	45	49	103	64	41	57	55
	21%	21%	23%	21%	21%	21%	24%	15%	21%	22%	21%	21%	20%	21%	21%	20%	17%	28%	23%	9%	21%	17%	14%	21%	21%	23%	23%	21%	20%	19%
							g											ps	s							v				
Fairly dissatisfied	**319**	223	84	256	63	39	51	82	107	61	120	66	71	96	222	32	70	27	90	32	116	109	51	63	72	132	79	58	84	98
	31%	31%	31%	30%	33%	25%	24%	37%	32%	28%	32%	33%	30%	31%	31%	37%	40%	37%	28%	30%	31%	33%	38%	31%	30%	29%	28%	31%	30%	34%
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Very dissatisfied	**218**	157	52	185	33	34	48	47	71	43	87	35	53	65	152	18	32	10	44	45	71	99	33	43	56	86	53	41	58	66
	21%	22%	19%	22%	18%	22%	22%	21%	21%	19%	23%	17%	22%	21%	21%	21%	18%	14%	14%	43%	19%	30%	24%	21%	23%	19%	19%	21%	21%	23%
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Don't know	**20**	13	5	16	4	3	3	3	6	3	7	7	3	5	15	2	2	1	3	2	2	5	2	4	3	12	5	3	8	5
	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	4%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	*	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%
Prefer not to say	**5**	-	3	5	-	2	1	-	2	-	2	3	-	1	4	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	4	-	-	-	5
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Satisfied (NET)	**255**	185	65	206	49	44	62	55	81	65	80	48	62	82	173	18	42	14	109	17	102	61	32	52	59	112	78	47	74	56
	25%	25%	24%	24%	26%	28%	29%	25%	24%	29%	21%	24%	26%	26%	24%	20%	24%	19%	34%	16%	28%	19%	24%	25%	25%	25%	28%	25%	26%	20%
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Dissatisfied (NET)	**537**	381	135	441	96	73	98	129	179	105	207	100	124	162	375	50	101	37	134	77	187	207	84	106	128	218	132	99	142	163
	52%	52%	50%	52%	51%	47%	46%	58%	53%	47%	55%	50%	53%	51%	52%	57%	58%	51%	42%	73%	51%	63%	62%	51%	54%	48%	47%	52%	51%	58%
								f								r	r			oqqr		t	v							A
NET Difference	**-281**	-196	-70	-235	-46	-29	-37	-73	-97	-39	-127	-53	-63	-80	-202	-33	-59	-23	-25	-60	-85	-146	-52	-55	-69	-105	-54	-52	-69	-107
	-27%	-27%	-26%	-28%	-25%	-19%	-17%	-33%	-29%	-18%	-34%	-26%	-26%	-25%	-28%	-37%	-33%	-31%	-8%	-57%	-23%	-44%	-38%	-26%	-29%	-23%	-19%	-27%	-25%	-38%

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Table 10
LOCALSAT2_4 - How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of the following? The affordability of housing in your local area

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		GENDER		AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		EDUCATION		PARLIAMENT REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN (a)	WOMEN (b)	16-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	16-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (l)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	ABC1 (p)	C2DE (q)	WORKING (r)	NOT WORKING (s)	GRADUATES / HNC OR ABOVE (t)	BELOW HNC LEVEL (u)	CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND LOTHIANS WEST (v)	GLASGOW (w)	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS (x)	EDINBURGH AND LOTHIANS EAST (y)	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE (A)	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND (B)	SOUTH SCOTLAND (C)	WEST SCOTLAND (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	487	544	89	165	162	173	186	258	254	335	444	436	271	130	196	707	326	598	435	592	441	86	134	74	145	128	146	158	159
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	495	535	133*	159	154	163	177	247	291	318	424	403	266	146	219	668	365	568	465	472	561	129*	132	84*	134	126	143	140	141
	100%	48%	52%	13%*	15%	15%	16%	17%	24%	28%	31%	41%	39%	26%	14%	21%	65%	35%	55%	45%	46%	54%	13%*	13%	8%*	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
Very satisfied	**53**	33	20	12	9	6	5	5	16	21	11	21	25	12	6	10	37	16	29	25	23	30	8	6	2	5	8	10	6	8
	5%	7% b	4%	9% fz	6%	4%	3%	3%	6%	7%	3%	5%	6%	5%	4%	5%	6%	4%	5%	5%	5%	5%	6%	4%	3%	4%	6%	7%	4%	6%
Fairly satisfied	**263**	141	121	27	42	36	40	42	76	69	76	118	123	65	31	44	188	75	148	115	129	134	38	30	24	26	26	49	40	29
	25%	28% b	23%	21%	26%	23%	24%	24%	31%	24%	24%	28%	30% o	24%	21%	20%	28% o	21%	26%	25%	27%	24%	30%	23%	28%	19%	21%	34% wxAD	28%	21%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	**228**	119	109	38	33	28	41	42	46	70	69	88	87	60	26	54	148	80	130	98	107	121	20	36	12	26	32	32	37	33
	22%	24%	20%	28%	21%	18%	25%	24%	19%	24%	22%	21%	22%	23%	18%	25%	22%	22%	23%	21%	23%	21%	15%	27% Vt	14%	20%	25%	22%	26%	23%
Fairly dissatisfied	**244**	112	131	25	43	50	39	44	42	68	89	87	88	62	47	47	150	93	138	105	116	128	35	32	17	41	32	23	28	35
	24%	23%	25%	19%	27% h	32% ch	24%	25%	17%	23%	28% k	20%	22%	23%	32% lo	21%	22%	26%	24%	23%	24%	23%	27%	24%	21%	30% BC	25%	16%	20%	25%
Very dissatisfied	**155**	57	97	25	25	28	28	22	27	50	56	49	49	38	30	38	86	68	95	60	68	87	18	20	25	24	16	17	15	19
	15%	11%	18% a	19%	16%	18% h	17%	12%	11%	17%	18% k	12%	12%	14%	21% l	17%	13%	19% p	17%	13%	14%	18%	14%	15%	29% vwABCD	18%	12%	12%	11%	14%
Don't know	**88**	30	58	4	6	5	10	21	41	10	15	62	30	28	6	24	58	30	24	63	28	59	10	6	5	12	13	11	14	17
	8%	6%	11% a	3%	4%	3%	6%	12% cdo	16% cdof	4%	5%	15% ij	7%	10%	4%	11%	9%	8%	4%	14% r	6%	11% t	8%	5%	5%	9%	10%	8%	10%	12% w
Prefer not to say	**3**	3	-	2	1	1	-	-	-	3	1	-	1	1	-	2	2	2	3	-	1	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	-
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Satisfied (NET)	**316**	174	140	40	51	42	45	48	91	90	87	139	148	77	37	54	225	91	177	139	152	164	46	36	26	31	34	60	45	37
	31%	35% b	26%	30%	32%	27%	27%	27%	37% fg	31%	27%	33%	37% no	29%	25%	25%	34% q	25%	31%	30%	32%	29%	36%	27%	30%	23%	27%	42% wyAD	32%	26%
Dissatisfied (NET)	**398**	169	229	49	68	78	67	66	69	118	145	135	137	99	77	85	236	162	233	165	183	215	53	51	42	65	48	40	43	55
	39%	34%	43% a	37%	43% h	50% ah	41% h	37%	28%	40% k	46% k	32%	34%	37%	53% lmo	39%	35%	44% o	41%	35%	39%	38%	41%	39%	50% BC	48% BC	38%	28%	31%	39%
NET Difference	**-82**	6	-88	-10	-18	-36	-23	-18	22	-27	-58	3	10	-22	-40	-31	-11	-71	-56	-26	-31	-51	-7	-16	-16	-34	-14	19	2	-17
	-8%	1%	-16%	-7%	-11%	-23%	-14%	-10%	9% cde	-9%	-18%	1%	3%	-8%	-27%	-14%	-2%	-19%	-10%	-6%	-7%	-9%	-5%	-12%	-19%	-25%	-11%	13% vwxACD	1%	-12%

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Table 11
LOCALSAT2_4 - How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with each of the following? The affordability of housing in your local area

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		TENURE		URBAN		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2026 CONSTITUENCY VOTE					INDY REF VOTE 2014		LA POPULATION SIZE				LA FAMILY			
	TOTAL	OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	URBAN (c)	RURAL (d)	UP TO £19,999 (e)	£20,000 - £34,999 (f)	£35,000 - £54,999 (g)	£55,000+ (h)	1 (i)	2 (j)	3 (k)	4+ (l)	ANY (m)	NONE (n)	CONSERVATIVE (o)	LABOUR (p)	LIB DEM (q)	SNP (r)	REFORM UK (s)	YES (t)	NO (u)	<99,999 (v)	100,000-149,999 (w)	150,000-249,999 (x)	250,000+ (y)	GROUP 1 (A)	GROUP 2 (B)	GROUP 3 (C)	GROUP 4 (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	761	245	844	189	134	207	232	367	221	383	200	229	322	711	87	186	73	344	93	396	342	142	226	218	447	295	187	272	279
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	728	270	845	188	154	216	221	340	222	374	199	237	316	717	87*	176	72*	319	105*	370	332	137	207	239	449	279	190	280	284
	100%	71%	26%	82%	18%	15%	21%	21%	33%	22%	36%	19%	23%	31%	69%	8%*	17%	7%*	31%	10%*	36%	32%	13%	20%	23%	43%	27%	18%	27%	27%
Very satisfied	**53**	42	11	44	9	10	10	13	17	8	18	11	16	19	34	2	7	3	25	6	21	8	9	9	16	20	14	7	18	14
	5%	6%	4%	5%	5%	7%	5%	6%	5%	4%	5%	6%	7%	6%	5%	3%	4%	4%	8%	6%	6% u	2%	6%	4%	7%	5%	5%	4%	6%	5%
Fairly satisfied	**263**	205	52	209	54	25	58	60	93	57	96	53	56	86	177	36	56	20	82	17	96	90	39	56	70	97	69	61	65	68
	25%	28% b	19%	25%	29%	16%	27% e	27% e	27% e	26%	26%	27%	24%	27%	25%	41% rs	32% s	28%	26%	17%	26%	27%	28%	27%	29% v	22%	25%	32% C	23%	24%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	**228**	150	69	188	40	38	47	48	72	42	89	34	63	71	157	22	37	11	68	24	69	76	22	56	53	98	45	35	76	72
	22%	21%	25%	22%	21%	25%	22%	22%	21%	19%	24%	17%	27% k	22%	22%	25%	21%	15%	21%	23%	19%	23%	16%	27% v	22%	22%	16%	18%	27% AB	26% A
Fairly dissatisfied	**244**	179	62	209	35	33	52	55	88	51	85	55	53	71	172	8	48	22	70	26	93	76	35	44	45	119	72	41	61	70
	24%	25%	23%	25%	19%	21%	24%	25%	26%	23%	23%	28%	22%	23%	24%	9%	28% q	31% p	22% o	24% o	25%	23%	25%	21%	19%	27% x	26%	21%	22%	25%
Very dissatisfied	**155**	89	54	122	33	22	27	32	53	29	54	33	38	57	98	6	16	12	50	23	58	45	25	19	38	74	52	32	35	35
	15%	12%	20% a	14%	18%	14%	12%	14%	15%	13%	14%	17%	16%	18%	14%	7%	9%	17%	16% o	22% oo	16%	13%	18% w	9%	16% w	16% w	19%	17%	13%	12%
Don't know	**88**	62	22	70	17	24	22	13	16	35	32	10	11	11	76	13	11	4	24	8	33	38	9	24	18	37	27	15	24	21
	8%	9%	8%	8%	9%	16% eh	10% h	6%	5%	16% ikl	8%	5%	5%	4%	11% m	15% or	6%	6%	8%	8%	9%	12%	7%	11%	7%	8%	10%	8%	9%	7%
Prefer not to say	**3**	1	1	3	-	2	-	-	2	-	1	3	-	1	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	3
	*	*	*	*	-	1%	-	-	*	-	*	1%	-	*	*	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	1%	-	-	*	1%
Satisfied (NET)	**316**	247	63	253	63	35	68	73	110	65	115	64	72	105	211	38	63	23	106	24	117	97	47	65	86	118	83	68	83	83
	31%	34% b	23%	30%	34%	23%	32%	33% e	32% e	29%	31%	32%	30%	33%	29%	44% s	36% s	32%	33%	23%	32%	29%	34%	31%	36% v	26%	30%	36%	30%	29%
Dissatisfied (NET)	**398**	269	116	330	68	55	79	87	140	80	139	89	91	128	270	14	65	34	120	49	151	120	59	63	83	193	124	73	96	105
	39%	37%	43%	39%	36%	36%	36%	39%	41%	36%	37%	45%	38%	40%	38%	16%	37% o	48%	38% o	46% o	41%	36%	43% w	30%	35%	43% w	44% C	38%	34%	37%
NET Difference	**-82**	-22	-53	-77	-5	-20	-10	-14	-30	-15	-24	-24	-19	-23	-59	25	-2	-11	-13	-25	-34	-23	-12	2	3	-75	-41	-5	-13	-22
	-8%	-3%	-19%	-9%	-3%	-13%	-5%	-6%	-9%	-7%	-6%	-12%	-8%	-7%	-8%	28% pqr	-1%	-16%	-4%	-24%	-9%	-7%	-9%	1%	1%	-17%	-15%	-3%	-5%	-8%

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Table 12

DEVCURRENT - As far as you know or have heard, who currently makes most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland?

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

	NHS services	Social care services, including for older and disabled people	Oil and gas drilling licences for the North Sea	The level of National Insurance	Income tax bands and rates	Immigration policy	Planning decisions for new housing developments	Schools and further education colleges
UNWEIGHTED BASE	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033
WEIGHTED BASE	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033
The Scottish Government	678	547	169	174	577	116	411	688
	66%	53%	16%	17%	56%	11%	40%	67%
The UK Government	265	165	734	739	337	813	97	118
	26%	16%	71%	72%	33%	79%	9%	11%
Local councils	22	224	16	21	48	12	428	146
	2%	22%	2%	2%	5%	1%	41%	14%
Don't know	61	94	110	91	63	88	93	76
	6%	9%	11%	9%	6%	9%	9%	7%
Prefer not to say	7	3	4	8	9	4	5	5
	1%	*	*	1%	1%	*	*	*

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Table 13
DEVCURRENT_1 - As far as you know or have heard, who currently makes most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? NHS services

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		GENDER		AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		EDUCATION		PARLIAMENT REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	16-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	WORKING	NOT WORKING	GRADUATES / HNC OR ABOVE	BELOW HNC LEVEL	CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND LOTHIANS WEST	GLASGOW	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS	EDINBURGH AND LOTHIANS EAST	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND	SOUTH SCOTLAND	WEST SCOTLAND
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	(w)	(x)	(y)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	487	544	89	165	162	173	186	258	254	335	444	436	271	130	196	707	326	598	435	592	441	86	134	74	145	128	146	158	159
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	495	535	133*	159	154	163	177	247	291	318	424	403	266	146	219	668	365	568	465	472	561	129*	132	84*	134	126	143	140	141
	100%	48%	52%	13%*	15%	15%	16%	17%	24%	28%	31%	41%	39%	26%	14%	21%	65%	35%	55%	45%	46%	54%	13%*	13%	8%*	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
The Scottish Government	**678**	344	332	55	71	104	124	130	194	126	228	323	301	174	74	129	475	203	346	332	336	342	88	77	59	93	83	91	86	101
	66%	69%	62%	41%	45%	68%	76%	73%	78%	43%	72%	76%	75%	66%	51%	59%	71%	56%	61%	71%	71%	61%	68%	59%	70%	69%	66%	63%	62%	71%
		b				cd	cd	cd	cde		i	i	mno	n			o			r	u								w
The UK Government	**265**	116	149	57	66	34	29	38	41	123	63	79	84	69	47	65	153	112	169	96	115	150	28	38	16	31	32	44	42	33
	26%	23%	28%	43%	42%	22%	18%	21%	17%	42%	20%	19%	21%	26%	32%	30%	23%	31%	30%	21%	24%	27%	21%	29%	19%	23%	25%	31%	30%	23%
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Local councils	**22**	8	15	4	8	3	3	2	3	12	6	5	10	5	4	3	15	8	17	5	8	15	3	6	-	4	2	2	4	2
	2%	2%	3%	3%	5%	2%	2%	1%	1%	4%	2%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	3%	3%	4%	-	3%	1%	1%	3%	1%
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Don't know	**61**	24	37	16	12	11	7	5	9	28	19	14	7	16	18	20	23	38	31	30	9	52	9	8	10	6	10	7	8	4
	6%	5%	7%	12%	8%	7%	5%	3%	3%	10%	6%	3%	2%	6%	12%	9%	3%	10%	5%	7%	2%	9%	7%	6%	11%	4%	8%	5%	5%	3%
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Prefer not to say	**7**	4	2	1	1	2	-	2	1	2	2	3	1	2	2	2	3	4	5	1	4	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	2
	1%	1%	*	1%	*	1%	-	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	*	1%	*	1%	2%	-	-	-	-	-	1%

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Table 14

DEVCURRENT_1 - As far as you know or have heard, who currently makes most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? NHS services

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		TENURE		URBAN		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2026 CONSTITUENCY VOTE					INDY REF VOTE 2014		LA POPULATION SIZE				LA FAMILY			
	TOTAL	OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	URBAN (c)	RURAL (d)	UP TO £19,999 (e)	£20,000 - £34,999 (f)	£35,000 - £54,999 (g)	£55,000+ (h)	1 (i)	2 (j)	3 (k)	4+ (l)	ANY (m)	NONE (n)	CONSERVATIVE (o)	LABOUR (p)	LIB DEM (q)	SNP (r)	REFORM UK (s)	YES (t)	NO (u)	<99,999 (v)	100,000-149,999 (w)	150,000-249,999 (x)	250,000+ (y)	GROUP 1 (A)	GROUP 2 (B)	GROUP 3 (C)	GROUP 4 (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	761	245	844	189	134	207	232	367	221	383	200	229	322	711	87	186	73	344	93	396	342	142	226	218	447	295	187	272	279
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	728	270	845	188	154	216	221	340	222	374	199	237	316	717	87*	176	72*	319	105*	370	332	137	207	239	449	279	190	280	284
100%		71%	26%	82%	18%	15%	21%	21%	33%	22%	36%	19%	23%	31%	69%	85*	17%	7%*	31%	10%*	36%	32%	13%	20%	23%	43%	27%	18%	27%	27%
The Scottish Government	**678**	524	132	548	130	81	138	160	240	147	283	118	130	181	497	69	114	56	227	69	262	251	95	139	160	285	184	136	175	182
	66%	72%	49%	65%	69%	52%	64%	73%	71%	66%	76%	59%	55%	57%	69%	79%	65%	78%	71%	65%	71%	76%	69%	67%	67%	63%	66%	72%	63%	64%
		b					e	e	e	f	iki			m	m	os												C		
The UK Government	**265**	165	93	223	42	56	57	44	77	57	68	61	79	102	163	16	51	12	74	29	83	63	31	52	64	118	73	38	81	73
	26%	23%	35%	26%	22%	36%	27%	20%	23%	26%	18%	31%	33%	32%	23%	18%	29%	17%	23%	27%	22%	19%	23%	25%	27%	26%	26%	20%	29%	26%
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Local councils	**22**	9	11	20	2	2	4	8	5	5	8	4	6	9	14	-	3	1	4	5	8	4	2	4	5	14	5	3	5	9
	2%	1%	4%	2%	1%	1%	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	-	2%	2%	1%	5%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%
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Don't know	**61**	29	29	47	14	15	14	8	16	12	13	14	22	22	39	2	8	3	11	2	14	13	10	11	13	27	15	12	19	15
	6%	4%	11%	6%	7%	10%	6%	4%	5%	5%	4%	7%	9%	7%	5%	2%	5%	4%	4%	2%	4%	4%	7%	5%	6%	6%	5%	6%	7%	5%
			a			gh							j																	
Prefer not to say	**7**	2	4	7	-	-	3	1	1	2	3	2	-	2	5	-	-	-	4	-	4	-	-	2	-	4	2	-	-	5
	1%	*	1%	1%	-	-	1%	*	*	1%	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	-	-	-	1%	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	1%	1%	-	-	2%
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Table 15

DEVCURRENT_2 - As far as you know or have heard, who currently makes most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? Social care services, including for older and disabled people

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		GENDER		AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		EDUCATION		PARLIAMENT REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	16-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	WORKING	NOT WORKING	GRADUATES / HNC OR ABOVE	BELOW HNC LEVEL	CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND LOTHIANS WEST	GLASGOW	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS	EDINBURGH AND LOTHIANS EAST	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND	SOUTH SCOTLAND	WEST SCOTLAND
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	(w)	(x)	(y)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	487	544	89	165	162	173	186	258	254	335	444	436	271	130	196	707	326	598	435	592	441	86	134	74	145	128	146	158	159
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	495	535	133*	159	154	163	177	247	291	318	424	403	266	146	219	668	365	568	465	472	561	129*	132	84*	134	126	143	140	141
	100%	48%	52%	13%*	15%	15%	16%	17%	24%	28%	31%	41%	39%	26%	14%	21%	65%	35%	55%	45%	46%	54%	13%*	13%	8%*	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
The Scottish Government	**547**	269	278	52	66	76	94	104	155	118	170	259	226	136	69	116	362	185	278	269	264	283	66	62	35	84	73	83	69	74
	53%	54%	52%	39%	42%	49%	58% cd	59% cd	63% cde	41%	53% i	61% ii	56%	51%	47%	53%	54%	51%	49%	58% r	56%	50%	51%	47%	41%	62% wxC	58% x	58% x	49%	52%
Local councils	**224**	105	116	30	24	35	35	42	57	54	71	99	94	56	29	45	151	73	123	101	114	110	35	32	28	21	22	20	27	36
	22%	21%	22%	22%	15%	23%	22%	24%	23%	19%	22%	23%	23%	21%	20%	20%	23%	20%	22%	22%	24%	20%	27% B	24% B	33% vkBC	16%	18%	14%	19%	26% vB
The UK Government	**165**	75	90	27	46	29	22	19	22	73	51	41	57	48	28	32	104	60	111	53	67	97	18	26	8	19	18	25	35	16
	16%	15%	17%	20% h	29% efgh	19% eh	14%	11%	9%	25% jk	16% k	10%	14%	18%	19%	15%	16%	17%	20% s	12%	14%	17%	14%	20%	9%	14%	14%	18%	25% vwxkD	11%
Don't know	**94**	45	50	25	21	14	12	11	12	46	26	23	25	26	19	24	51	44	53	41	25	70	11	11	13	10	12	14	9	14
	9%	9%	9%	19% fgh	13% gh	9%	7%	6%	5%	16% jk	8%	5%	6%	10%	13% i	11% i	8%	12% p	9%	9%	5%	12% t	8%	8%	16% C	7%	10%	10%	6%	10%
Prefer not to say	**3**	2	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	2	1	-	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
	*	*	*	-	*	-	-	*	*	*	-	*	*	-	1%	*	*	1%	*	*	*	*	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	1%

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Table 16

DEVCURRENT_2 - As far as you know or have heard, who currently makes most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? Social care services, including for older and disabled people

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		TENURE		URBAN		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2026 CONSTITUENCY VOTE					INDY REF VOTE 2014		LA POPULATION SIZE				LA FAMILY			
	TOTAL	OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	URBAN (c)	RURAL (d)	UP TO £19,999 (e)	£20,000 - £34,999 (f)	£35,000 - £54,999 (g)	£55,000+ (h)	1 (i)	2 (j)	3 (k)	4+ (l)	ANY (m)	NONE (n)	CONSERVATIVE (o)	LABOUR (p)	LIB DEM (q)	SNP (r)	REFORM UK (s)	YES (t)	NO (u)	<99,999 (v)	100,000-149,999 (w)	150,000-249,999 (x)	250,000+ (y)	GROUP 1 (A)	GROUP 2 (B)	GROUP 3 (C)	GROUP 4 (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	761	245	844	189	134	207	232	367	221	383	200	229	322	711	87	186	73	344	93	396	342	142	226	218	447	295	187	272	279
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	728	270	845	188	154	216	221	340	222	374	199	237	316	717	87*	176	72*	319	105*	370	332	137	207	239	449	279	190	280	284
	100%	71%	26%	82%	18%	15%	21%	21%	33%	22%	36%	19%	23%	31%	69%	8%*	17%	7%*	31%	10%*	36%	32%	13%	20%	23%	43%	27%	18%	27%	27%
The Scottish Government	**547**	412	123	440	107	76	114	119	182	119	227	95	106	142	405	54	93	48	187	51	216	193	62	116	127	242	157	99	149	142
	53%	57% b	45%	52%	57%	49%	53%	54%	53%	53%	61% kl	47%	45%	45%	56% m	62%	53%	67% s	58%	49%	58%	58%	45%	56%	53%	54%	56%	52%	53%	50%
Local councils	**224**	158	58	183	41	38	40	51	75	57	72	45	51	68	156	19	44	17	63	23	75	75	47	42	51	84	46	48	62	68
	22%	22%	22%	22%	22%	25%	19%	23%	22%	25%	19%	23%	21%	22%	22%	22%	25%	24%	20%	22%	20%	23%	34% wxy	20%	21%	19%	17%	25% A	22%	24% A
The UK Government	**165**	99	57	144	20	24	36	40	51	33	44	37	51	72	93	11	32	5	49	21	59	41	16	28	37	83	44	23	53	45
	16%	14%	21% a	17% d	11%	16%	16%	18%	15%	15%	12%	18% j	21% j	23% n	13%	13%	18% q	7%	15%	20% q	16%	12%	12%	14%	16%	19%	16%	12%	19%	16%
Don't know	**94**	60	31	75	19	16	25	11	31	14	29	22	29	32	62	3	7	2	20	10	18	23	13	20	24	38	31	20	17	26
	9%	8%	11%	9%	10%	10%	12% R	5%	9%	6%	8%	11%	12% i	10%	9%	4%	4%	3%	6%	9%	5%	7%	9%	9%	10%	8%	11% C	11%	6%	9%
Prefer not to say	**3**	-	2	3	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	-	2
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Table 17

DEVCURRENT_3 - As far as you know or have heard, who currently makes most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? Oil and gas drilling licences for the North Sea

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		GENDER		AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		EDUCATION		PARLIAMENT REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	16-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	WORKING	NOT WORKING	GRADUATES / HNC OR ABOVE	BELOW HNC LEVEL	CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND LOTHIANS WEST	GLASGOW	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS	EDINBURGH AND LOTHIANS EAST	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND	SOUTH SCOTLAND	WEST SCOTLAND
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	(w)	(x)	(y)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	487	544	89	165	162	173	186	258	254	335	444	436	271	130	196	707	326	598	435	592	441	86	134	74	145	128	146	158	159
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	495	535	133*	159	154	163	177	247	291	318	424	403	266	146	219	668	365	568	465	472	561	129*	132	84*	134	126	143	140	141
	100%	48%	52%	13%*	15%	15%	16%	17%	24%	28%	31%	41%	39%	26%	14%	21%	65%	35%	55%	45%	46%	54%	13%*	13%	8%*	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
The UK Government	**734**	380	352	77	107	104	120	139	187	184	224	326	314	197	89	134	511	223	409	325	362	372	89	96	60	100	88	102	95	102
	71%	77%	66%	58%	67%	67%	74%	78%	76%	63%	71%	77%	78%	74%	61%	61%	76%	61%	72%	70%	77%	66%	69%	73%	72%	74%	70%	71%	68%	73%
		b					c	cde	c			i	no	no			o				u									
The Scottish Government	**169**	67	102	16	27	27	30	30	38	43	57	68	58	38	24	49	96	73	85	84	70	99	22	18	9	21	22	26	30	22
	16%	14%	19%	12%	17%	18%	18%	17%	16%	15%	18%	16%	15%	14%	16%	22%	14%	20%	15%	18%	15%	18%	17%	13%	10%	16%	18%	18%	21%	15%
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Local councils	**16**	10	7	8	4	1	-	1	1	13	1	2	2	5	4	6	7	9	12	4	5	11	4	4	-	4	1	2	-	2
	2%	2%	1%	6%	3%	1%	-	1%	*	4%	*	1%	*	2%	3%	3%	1%	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%	3%	3%	-	3%	1%	2%	-	1%
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Don't know	**110**	37	73	31	19	22	12	7	19	51	34	25	27	26	28	29	53	57	60	50	32	78	15	13	15	10	14	14	16	13
	11%	7%	14%	24%	12%	14%	7%	4%	7%	17%	11%	6%	7%	10%	19%	13%	8%	16%	11%	11%	7%	14%	11%	10%	18%	7%	11%	9%	11%	9%
			a	dfgh	g	gh				jk	k				lm	l		p				t			v					
Prefer not to say	**4**	2	3	-	1	-	1	1	2	1	1	3	1	-	1	1	1	3	2	2	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
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Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q - r/s - t/u - v/w/x/y/A/B/C/D
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Table 18

DEVCURRENT_3 - As far as you know or have heard, who currently makes most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? Oil and gas drilling licences for the North Sea

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		TENURE		URBAN		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2026 CONSTITUENCY VOTE					INDY REF VOTE 2014		LA POPULATION SIZE				LA FAMILY			
	TOTAL	OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	URBAN (c)	RURAL (d)	UP TO £19,999 (e)	£20,000 - £34,999 (f)	£35,000 - £54,999 (g)	£55,000+ (h)	1 (i)	2 (j)	3 (k)	4+ (l)	ANY (m)	NONE (n)	CONSERVATIVE (o)	LABOUR (p)	LIB DEM (q)	SNP (r)	REFORM UK (s)	YES (t)	NO (u)	<99,999 (v)	100,000-149,999 (w)	150,000-249,999 (x)	250,000+ (y)	GROUP 1 (A)	GROUP 2 (B)	GROUP 3 (C)	GROUP 4 (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	761	245	844	189	134	207	232	367	221	383	200	229	322	711	87	186	73	344	93	396	342	142	226	218	447	295	187	272	279
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	728	270	845	188	154	216	221	340	222	374	199	237	316	717	87*	176	72*	319	105*	370	332	137	207	239	449	279	190	280	284
	100%	71%	26%	82%	18%	15%	21%	21%	33%	22%	36%	19%	23%	31%	69%	8%*	17%	7%*	31%	10%*	36%	32%	13%	20%	23%	43%	27%	18%	27%	27%
The UK Government	**734**	546	170	605	129	101	150	175	242	164	277	140	153	216	518	63	124	52	252	76	296	233	95	147	170	322	201	132	185	217
	71%	75% b	63%	72%	69%	66%	70%	79% afh	71%	74%	74% i	70%	65%	68%	72%	72%	71%	71%	79% p	73%	80% u	70%	69%	71%	71%	72%	72%	69%	66%	76% C
The Scottish Government	**169**	114	49	138	31	25	36	33	60	38	56	33	41	53	116	17	34	14	44	22	52	69	27	33	37	72	39	35	61	34
	16%	16%	18%	16%	16%	16%	17%	15%	18%	17%	15%	17%	17%	17%	16%	19%	19%	19%	14%	21%	14%	21% t	20%	16%	15%	16%	14%	18%	22% AD	12%
Local councils	**16**	3	10	15	1	7	1	4	3	4	4	2	7	7	10	-	5	-	3	3	1	2	2	2	3	10	9	2	1	5
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Don't know	**110**	64	39	84	26	20	27	10	33	15	35	24	36	39	71	8	12	7	20	4	19	27	14	24	28	44	29	22	33	25
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Prefer not to say	**4**	1	2	4	-	1	1	-	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	-	1	-	1	-	3	-	-	2	1	2	1	-	1	3
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Table 19

DEVCURRENT_4 - As far as you know or have heard, who currently makes most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? The level of National Insurance

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		GENDER		AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		EDUCATION		PARLIAMENT REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	16-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	WORKING	NOT WORKING	GRADUATES / HNC OR ABOVE	BELOW HNC LEVEL	CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND LOTHIANS WEST	GLASGOW	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS	EDINBURGH AND LOTHIANS EAST	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND	SOUTH SCOTLAND	WEST SCOTLAND
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	(w)	(x)	(y)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	487	544	89	165	162	173	186	258	254	335	444	436	271	130	196	707	326	598	435	592	441	86	134	74	145	128	146	158	159
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	495	535	133*	159	154	163	177	247	291	318	424	403	266	146	219	668	365	568	465	472	561	129*	132	84*	134	126	143	140	141
	100%	48%	52%	13%*	15%	15%	16%	17%	24%	28%	31%	41%	39%	26%	14%	21%	65%	35%	55%	45%	46%	54%	13%*	13%	8%*	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
The UK Government	**739**	357	381	71	98	106	122	142	200	169	228	342	310	195	97	138	504	235	402	337	365	374	95	98	60	103	86	100	96	99
	72%	72%	71%	54%	62%	69%	75%	80%	81%	58%	72%	81%	77%	73%	66%	63%	75%	64%	71%	73%	77%	67%	73%	74%	71%	77%	69%	70%	69%	70%
						c	cd	cde	cde		i	ii	no	o			o				u									
The Scottish Government	**174**	82	91	28	38	25	25	25	32	66	51	57	66	38	21	48	104	70	100	73	72	102	16	23	12	23	22	26	27	24
	17%	17%	17%	21%	24%	16%	15%	14%	13%	23%	16%	13%	16%	14%	15%	22%	16%	19%	18%	16%	15%	18%	12%	17%	15%	17%	18%	18%	19%	17%
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Local councils	**21**	16	5	6	6	5	4	-	1	11	9	1	7	1	9	4	8	13	17	4	6	15	5	2	-	2	1	5	4	3
	2%	3%	1%	4%	4%	3%	2%	-	*	4%	3%	*	2%	*	6%	2%	1%	4%	3%	1%	1%	3%	4%	2%	-	1%	1%	3%	3%	2%
		b		afh	afh	afh	e			k	k				lmo			o	s										
Don't know	**91**	38	52	24	15	19	12	9	13	38	30	22	19	29	17	26	48	43	45	45	27	64	10	8	12	7	15	12	12	14
	9%	8%	10%	18%	9%	12%	7%	5%	5%	13%	10%	5%	5%	11%	12%	12%	7%	12%	8%	10%	6%	11%	8%	6%	14%	5%	12%	9%	8%	10%
				fgh		gh				k	k			i	i	i		p				t			v		v			
Prefer not to say	**8**	2	7	4	2	-	-	1	1	6	-	2	1	4	1	2	5	3	3	5	2	7	4	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
	1%	*	1%	3%	1%	-	-	*	*	2%	-	*	*	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	3%	1%	-	-	-	-	1%	1%
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Table 20

DEVCURRENT_4 - As far as you know or have heard, who currently makes most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? The level of National Insurance

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		TENURE		URBAN		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2026 CONSTITUENCY VOTE					INDY REF VOTE 2014		LA POPULATION SIZE				LA FAMILY			
	TOTAL	OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	URBAN (c)	RURAL (d)	UP TO £19,999 (e)	£20,000 - £34,999 (f)	£35,000 - £54,999 (g)	£55,000+ (h)	1 (i)	2 (j)	3 (k)	4+ (l)	ANY (m)	NONE (n)	CONSERVATIVE (o)	LABOUR (p)	LIB DEM (q)	SNP (r)	REFORM UK (s)	YES (t)	NO (u)	<99,999 (v)	100,000-149,999 (w)	150,000-249,999 (x)	250,000+ (y)	GROUP 1 (A)	GROUP 2 (B)	GROUP 3 (C)	GROUP 4 (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	761	245	844	189	134	207	232	367	221	383	200	229	322	711	87	186	73	344	93	396	342	142	226	218	447	295	187	272	279
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	728	270	845	188	154	216	221	340	222	374	199	237	316	717	87*	176	72*	319	105*	370	332	137	207	239	449	279	190	280	284
	100%	71%	26%	82%	18%	15%	21%	21%	33%	22%	36%	19%	23%	31%	69%	8%*	17%	7%*	31%	10%*	36%	32%	13%	20%	23%	43%	27%	18%	27%	27%
The UK Government	**739**	562	163	608	131	100	147	174	249	161	288	141	149	201	538	66	129	57	250	70	290	250	98	137	175	329	205	133	212	190
	72%	77%	60%	72%	70%	65%	68%	79%	73%	73%	77%	71%	63%	64%	75%	75%	73%	78%	78%	67%	78%	75%	72%	66%	73%	73%	73%	70%	76%	67%
		b						of		i	i				m				s									D	
The Scottish Government	**174**	112	50	144	30	23	45	27	62	34	60	30	50	67	107	15	32	11	49	19	60	50	23	43	37	71	41	36	39	59
	17%	15%	18%	17%	16%	15%	21%	12%	18%	15%	16%	15%	21%	21%	15%	18%	18%	16%	15%	18%	16%	15%	17%	21%	15%	16%	15%	19%	14%	21%
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Local councils	**21**	8	14	19	2	9	3	5	3	6	4	2	9	14	7	1	6	-	4	6	5	4	2	5	2	12	7	4	4	7
	2%	1%	5%	2%	1%	6%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	4%	4%	1%	1%	3%	-	1%	5%	1%	1%	1%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%
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Don't know	**91**	48	37	66	24	21	20	12	24	21	21	21	28	31	59	6	6	4	15	10	13	28	14	21	23	33	26	18	22	25
	9%	7%	14%	8%	13%	14%	9%	6%	7%	9%	6%	10%	12%	10%	8%	6%	3%	6%	5%	10%	4%	8%	10%	10%	10%	7%	9%	9%	8%	9%
			a		c	gh						j	j							p		t								
Prefer not to say	**8**	-	7	8	-	1	1	2	1	-	2	6	-	2	6	-	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	2	5	1	-	4	3
	1%	-	3%	1%	-	1%	1%	1%	*	-	1%	3%	-	1%	1%	-	1%	-	*	-	1%	-	-	1%	1%	1%	*	-	1%	1%
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Table 21

DEVCURRENT_5 - As far as you know or have heard, who currently makes most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? Income tax bands and rates

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		GENDER		AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		EDUCATION		PARLIAMENT REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	16-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	WORKING	NOT WORKING	GRADUATES / HNC OR ABOVE	BELOW HNC LEVEL	CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND LOTHIANS WEST	GLASGOW	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS	EDINBURGH AND LOTHIANS EAST	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND	SOUTH SCOTLAND	WEST SCOTLAND
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	(w)	(x)	(y)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	487	544	89	165	162	173	186	258	254	335	444	436	271	130	196	707	326	598	435	592	441	86	134	74	145	128	146	158	159
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	495	535	133*	159	154	163	177	247	291	318	424	403	266	146	219	668	365	568	465	472	561	129*	132	84*	134	126	143	140	141
	100%	48%	52%	13%*	15%	15%	16%	17%	24%	28%	31%	41%	39%	26%	14%	21%	65%	35%	55%	45%	46%	54%	13%*	13%	8%*	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
The Scottish Government	**577**	301	275	46	64	80	98	111	177	110	179	288	262	144	65	105	406	170	290	287	288	289	69	71	48	81	75	68	77	88
	56%	61%	51%	35%	40%	52%	60%	63%	71%	38%	56%	68%	65%	54%	45%	48%	61%	47%	51%	62%	61%	52%	53%	54%	57%	60%	60%	47%	55%	62%
		b				cd	cd	cd	cdef		i	ii	mno				o			r	u					B			B
The UK Government	**337**	153	184	61	65	55	50	54	52	126	105	106	118	85	52	82	203	134	214	123	151	186	47	45	21	41	33	59	54	36
	33%	31%	34%	46%	41%	36%	31%	31%	21%	43%	33%	25%	29%	32%	35%	38%	30%	37%	38%	26%	32%	33%	36%	34%	25%	30%	26%	41%	38%	26%
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Local councils	**48**	17	29	9	13	9	8	1	8	22	17	9	12	14	11	10	26	22	31	17	19	29	8	5	1	6	7	8	4	9
	5%	3%	5%	7%	8%	6%	5%	1%	3%	8%	5%	2%	3%	5%	8%	5%	4%	6%	5%	4%	4%	5%	6%	4%	2%	4%	5%	5%	3%	7%
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Don't know	**63**	19	44	15	14	9	7	9	9	29	16	19	7	22	14	20	29	34	26	37	11	52	3	9	14	7	11	9	6	5
	6%	4%	8%	11%	9%	6%	4%	5%	4%	10%	5%	4%	2%	8%	10%	9%	4%	9%	5%	8%	2%	9%	2%	7%	16%	5%	9%	6%	4%	3%
			a	fh						jk				I	I	I		p		r		t			vwyBCD					
Prefer not to say	**9**	5	3	1	4	1	1	1	1	5	2	2	4	-	4	1	4	5	7	1	3	5	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	3
	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	*	*	*	2%	1%	*	1%	.	3%	*	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	2%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	2%
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Table 22
DEVCURRENT_5 - As far as you know or have heard, who currently makes most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? Income tax bands and rates

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		TENURE		URBAN		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2026 CONSTITUENCY VOTE					INDY REF VOTE 2014		LA POPULATION SIZE				LA FAMILY			
	TOTAL	OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	URBAN (c)	RURAL (d)	UP TO £19,999 (e)	£20,000 - £34,999 (f)	£35,000 - £54,999 (g)	£55,000+ (h)	1 (i)	2 (j)	3 (k)	4+ (l)	ANY (m)	NONE (n)	CONSERVATIVE (o)	LABOUR (p)	LIB DEM (q)	SNP (r)	REFORM UK (s)	YES (t)	NO (u)	<99,999 (v)	100,000-149,999 (w)	150,000-249,999 (x)	250,000+ (y)	GROUP 1 (A)	GROUP 2 (B)	GROUP 3 (C)	GROUP 4 (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	761	245	844	189	134	207	232	367	221	383	200	229	322	711	87	186	73	344	93	396	342	142	226	218	447	295	187	272	279
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	728	270	845	188	154	216	221	340	222	374	199	237	316	717	87*	176	72*	319	105*	370	332	137	207	239	449	279	190	280	284
	100%	71%	26%	82%	18%	15%	21%	21%	33%	22%	36%	19%	23%	31%	69%	8%*	17%	7%*	31%	10%*	36%	32%	13%	20%	23%	43%	27%	18%	27%	27%
The Scottish Government	**577**	449	112	474	102	71	115	142	200	129	242	85	120	145	432	62	106	46	181	58	214	225	82	118	130	246	148	115	156	157
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The UK Government	**337**	216	110	280	57	61	76	55	109	70	101	85	81	127	210	16	58	22	110	33	124	81	38	65	85	149	95	51	107	84
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Local councils	**48**	25	22	36	11	7	8	15	13	14	11	14	10	17	30	4	8	1	16	6	16	11	6	14	9	19	13	10	6	19
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Don't know	**63**	37	20	46	17	15	13	8	14	9	17	15	22	22	41	5	4	4	10	7	14	14	11	8	15	29	21	14	11	17
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Prefer not to say	**9**	2	6	9	-	-	4	-	4	-	4	1	4	4	4	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	2	1	6	2	-	1	6
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Table 23

DEVCURRENT_6 - As far as you know or have heard, who currently makes most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? Immigration policy

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		GENDER		AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		EDUCATION		PARLIAMENT REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	16-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	WORKING	NOT WORKING	GRADUATES / HNC OR ABOVE	BELOW HNC LEVEL	CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND LOTHIANS WEST	GLASGOW	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS	EDINBURGH AND LOTHIANS EAST	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND	SOUTH SCOTLAND	WEST SCOTLAND
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	(w)	(x)	(y)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	487	544	89	165	162	173	186	258	254	335	444	436	271	130	196	707	326	598	435	592	441	86	134	74	145	128	146	158	159
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	495	535	133*	159	154	163	177	247	291	318	424	403	266	146	219	668	365	568	465	472	561	129*	132	84*	134	126	143	140	141
	100%	48%	52%	13%*	15%	15%	16%	17%	24%	28%	31%	41%	39%	26%	14%	21%	65%	35%	55%	45%	46%	54%	13%*	13%	8%*	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
The UK Government	**813**	397	415	94	116	121	131	153	199	209	252	352	340	217	99	157	556	256	450	363	400	413	99	88	69	114	103	118	109	111
	79%	80%	78%	70%	73%	78%	80%	86% cd	80%	72%	79%	83% i	84% no	82% no	68%	72%	83% o	70%	79%	78%	85% u	74%	76%	67%	82% w	85% w	82% w	82% w	78% w	79% w
The Scottish Government	**116**	52	63	21	16	14	19	17	29	37	32	46	39	22	22	33	62	54	56	60	43	73	15	19	5	9	13	16	19	21
	11%	10%	12%	16%	10%	9%	11%	10%	12%	13%	10%	11%	10%	8%	15%	15% m	9%	15% o	10%	13%	9%	13%	11%	15% v	6%	7%	11%	11%	13%	15% v
Local councils	**12**	10	2	-	5	4	-	1	2	5	4	3	7	1	4	-	8	4	9	2	5	6	4	4	-	2	-	-	1	-
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Don't know	**88**	35	54	18	21	15	13	5	16	39	28	21	14	26	20	28	40	48	50	38	21	67	12	18	10	9	9	10	11	8
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Prefer not to say	**4**	3	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	-	1	1	2	2	3	1	3	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	1
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Table 24

DEVCURRENT_6 - As far as you know or have heard, who currently makes most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? Immigration policy

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		TENURE		URBAN		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2026 CONSTITUENCY VOTE					INDY REF VOTE 2014		LA POPULATION SIZE				LA FAMILY			
	TOTAL	OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	URBAN (c)	RURAL (d)	UP TO £19,999 (e)	£20,000 - £34,999 (f)	£35,000 - £54,999 (g)	£55,000+ (h)	1 (i)	2 (j)	3 (k)	4+ (l)	ANY (m)	NONE (n)	CONSERVATIVE (o)	LABOUR (p)	LIB DEM (q)	SNP (r)	REFORM UK (s)	YES (t)	NO (u)	<99,999 (v)	100,000-149,999 (w)	150,000-249,999 (x)	250,000+ (y)	GROUP 1 (A)	GROUP 2 (B)	GROUP 3 (C)	GROUP 4 (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	761	245	844	189	134	207	232	367	221	383	200	229	322	711	87	186	73	344	93	396	342	142	226	218	447	295	187	272	279
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	728	270	845	188	154	216	221	340	222	374	199	237	316	717	87*	176	72*	319	105*	370	332	137	207	239	449	279	190	280	284
	100%	71%	26%	82%	18%	15%	21%	21%	33%	22%	36%	19%	23%	31%	69%	8%*	17%	7%*	31%	10%*	36%	32%	13%	20%	23%	43%	27%	18%	27%	27%
The UK Government	**813**	594	195	659	154	107	168	191	271	174	304	159	176	241	572	68	140	59	273	82	311	263	111	160	194	348	227	159	217	210
	79%	82% b	72%	78%	82%	69%	78%	86% ef	80% e	78%	81%	80%	74%	76%	80%	78%	80%	81%	86%	78%	84%	79%	81%	77%	81%	78%	81%	84% D	77%	74%
The Scottish Government	**116**	74	39	97	19	23	27	15	38	31	38	20	28	34	82	14	26	9	30	12	37	39	18	26	25	47	26	17	35	39
	11%	10%	14%	12%	10%	15% e	13% e	7%	11%	14%	10%	10%	12%	11%	11%	16%	15%	12%	9%	11%	10%	12%	13%	13%	10%	11%	9%	9%	12%	14%
Local councils	**12**	4	7	10	1	5	1	3	2	2	7	1	1	6	5	-	2	-	2	4	3	5	-	2	-	10	2	1	1	8
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Don't know	**88**	55	27	75	13	19	18	12	27	14	24	19	31	32	56	5	7	5	12	7	16	25	9	18	21	41	23	13	28	24
	9%	8%	10%	9%	7%	12% g	8%	6%	8%	7%	6%	9%	13% ij	10%	8%	6%	4%	7%	4%	7%	4%	7%	6%	9%	9%	9%	8%	7%	10%	9%
Prefer not to say	**4**	1	2	3	1	-	1	-	2	-	2	1	1	2	2	-	1	-	1	-	3	1	-	1	-	3	1	-	1	3
	*	*	1%	*	*	-	1%	-	1%	-	1%	*	1%	1%	*	-	*	-	*	-	1%	*	-	1%	-	1%	*	-	*	1%

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Table 25

DEVCURRENT_7 - As far as you know or have heard, who currently makes most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? Planning decisions for new housing developments

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		GENDER		AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		EDUCATION		PARLIAMENT REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN (a)	WOMEN (b)	16-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	16-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (l)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	ABC1 (p)	C2DE (q)	WORKING (r)	NOT WORKING (s)	GRADUATES / HNC OR ABOVE (t)	BELOW HNC LEVEL (u)	CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND LOTHIANS WEST (v)	GLASGOW (w)	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS (x)	EDINBURGH AND LOTHIANS EAST (y)	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE (A)	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND (B)	SOUTH SCOTLAND (C)	WEST SCOTLAND (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	487	544	89	165	162	173	186	258	254	335	444	436	271	130	196	707	326	598	435	592	441	86	134	74	145	128	146	158	159
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	495	535	133*	159	154	163	177	247	291	318	424	403	266	146	219	668	365	568	465	472	561	129*	132	84*	134	126	143	140	141
	100%	48%	52%	13%*	15%	15%	16%	17%	24%	28%	31%	41%	39%	26%	14%	21%	65%	35%	55%	45%	46%	54%	13%*	13%	8%*	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
Local councils	**428**	209	216	53	55	60	80	84	96	108	140	180	190	102	58	77	292	135	234	194	214	213	47	49	41	47	60	64	56	63
	41%	42%	40%	40%	34%	39%	49% dh	48% d	39%	37%	44%	42%	47% mo	39%	40%	35%	44%	37%	41%	42%	45% u	38%	37%	37%	49%	35%	48% v	44%	40%	45%
The Scottish Government	**411**	208	203	39	51	60	62	75	124	89	123	199	155	107	56	93	262	149	226	185	188	223	63	54	26	63	47	50	55	53
	40%	42%	38%	29%	32%	39%	38%	42% c	50% cdef	31%	39%	47% ii	39%	40%	38%	42%	39%	41%	40%	40%	40%	40%	49% xB	41%	31%	47% xB	38%	35%	39%	37%
The UK Government	**97**	38	58	17	32	21	12	9	6	49	33	15	35	25	16	21	60	37	71	26	45	52	8	17	3	13	7	17	19	13
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Don't know	**93**	38	55	22	20	13	9	8	20	43	22	28	21	30	15	27	51	42	36	57	24	69	9	10	15	11	12	13	11	11
	9%	8%	10%	17% fgh	13% fg	9%	5%	4%	8%	15% jk	7%	7%	5%	11% i	10%	12% i	8%	11%	6%	12% r	5%	12% t	7%	8%	17% vwCD	-	9%	9%	8%	8%
Prefer not to say	**5**	2	3	2	1	-	-	1	1	3	-	2	1	2	1	1	3	2	2	3	2	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
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Table 26

DEVCURRENT_7 - As far as you know or have heard, who currently makes most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? Planning decisions for new housing developments

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		TENURE		URBAN		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2026 CONSTITUENCY VOTE					INDY REF VOTE 2014		LA POPULATION SIZE				LA FAMILY			
	TOTAL	OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	URBAN (c)	RURAL (d)	UP TO £19,999 (e)	£20,000 - £34,999 (f)	£35,000 - £54,999 (g)	£55,000+ (h)	1 (i)	2 (j)	3 (k)	4+ (l)	ANY (m)	NONE (n)	CONSERVATIVE (o)	LABOUR (p)	LIB DEM (q)	SNP (r)	REFORM UK (s)	YES (t)	NO (u)	<99,999 (v)	100,000-149,999 (w)	150,000-249,999 (x)	250,000+ (y)	GROUP 1 (A)	GROUP 2 (B)	GROUP 3 (C)	GROUP 4 (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	761	245	844	189	134	207	232	367	221	383	200	229	322	711	87	186	73	344	93	396	342	142	226	218	447	295	187	272	279
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	728	270	845	188	154	216	221	340	222	374	199	237	316	717	87*	176	72*	319	105*	370	332	137	207	239	449	279	190	280	284
	100%	71%	26%	82%	18%	15%	21%	21%	33%	22%	36%	19%	23%	31%	69%	8%*	17%	7%*	31%	10%*	36%	32%	13%	20%	23%	43%	27%	18%	27%	27%
Local councils	**428**	328	92	340	88	56	74	97	161	91	172	75	90	117	310	33	66	34	135	41	161	134	69	87	96	176	118	91	110	109
	41%	45% b	34%	40%	47%	36%	34%	44% f	47% ef	41%	46%	38%	38%	37%	43%	37%	38%	46%	42%	39%	44%	40%	50% v	42%	40%	39%	42%	48%	39%	38%
The Scottish Government	**411**	303	94	346	65	56	95	91	126	95	148	76	92	121	290	47	74	28	138	45	156	150	47	75	100	189	111	70	122	108
	40%	42%	35%	41%	35%	36%	44%	41%	37%	43%	39%	38%	39%	38%	40%	54%	42%	38%	43%	43%	42%	45%	34%	36%	42%	42%	40%	37%	44%	38%
The UK Government	**97**	50	42	81	16	18	24	20	32	17	23	26	30	48	49	5	23	4	27	11	31	21	10	23	20	44	26	11	25	35
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Don't know	**93**	47	39	74	19	24	22	12	21	19	30	19	25	29	64	3	10	7	18	8	20	27	11	22	21	39	24	19	21	30
	9%	6%	14% a	9%	10%	16% eh	10%	5%	6%	8%	8%	9%	11%	9%	9%	3%	6%	10%	6%	7%	5%	8%	8%	10%	9%	9%	9%	10%	7%	11%
Prefer not to say	**5**	-	4	5	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	3	-	1	4	-	2	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	2	2	1	-	2	2
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Table 27

DEVCURRENT_8 - As far as you know or have heard, who currently makes most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? Schools and further education colleges

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		GENDER		AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		EDUCATION		PARLIAMENT REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	16-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	WORKING	NOT WORKING	GRADUATES / HNC OR ABOVE	BELOW HNC LEVEL	CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND LOTHIANS WEST	GLASGOW	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS	EDINBURGH AND LOTHIANS EAST	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND	SOUTH SCOTLAND	WEST SCOTLAND
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	(w)	(x)	(y)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	487	544	89	165	162	173	186	258	254	335	444	436	271	130	196	707	326	598	435	592	441	86	134	74	145	128	146	158	159
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	495	535	133*	159	154	163	177	247	291	318	424	403	266	146	219	668	365	568	465	472	561	129*	132	84*	134	126	143	140	141
	100%	48%	52%	13%*	15%	15%	16%	17%	24%	28%	31%	41%	39%	26%	14%	21%	65%	35%	55%	45%	46%	54%	13%*	13%	8%*	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
The Scottish Government	**688**	342	344	79	91	94	118	122	185	170	212	307	279	184	86	139	463	225	376	312	337	351	85	83	52	96	91	103	84	93
	67%	69%	64%	60%	57%	61%	72%	69%	75%	58%	67%	72%	69%	69%	59%	64%	69%	62%	66%	67%	71%	63%	66%	63%	62%	72%	73%	72%	60%	65%
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Local councils	**146**	70	74	11	20	26	24	26	40	31	50	65	68	34	19	25	102	44	72	74	69	77	21	13	15	17	20	13	22	25
	14%	14%	14%	9%	12%	17%	15%	15%	16%	11%	16%	15%	17%	13%	13%	11%	15%	12%	13%	16%	15%	14%	16%	10%	18%	13%	16%	9%	16%	17%
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The UK Government	**118**	51	67	22	31	24	13	19	9	53	37	28	44	24	21	30	67	51	81	37	47	71	14	23	6	11	6	20	20	17
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Don't know	**76**	29	47	18	17	10	9	10	13	35	19	23	11	23	18	24	34	42	37	39	17	60	10	12	11	9	9	7	12	6
	7%	6%	9%	14%	11%	6%	5%	5%	5%	12%	6%	5%	3%	9%	13%	11%	5%	12%	7%	8%	4%	11%	7%	9%	13%	7%	7%	5%	9%	5%
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Prefer not to say	**5**	2	3	1	1	-	1	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	1	3	2	2	3	2	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	1
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Table 28

DEVCURRENT_8 - As far as you know or have heard, who currently makes most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? Schools and further education colleges

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		TENURE		URBAN		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2026 CONSTITUENCY VOTE					INDY REF VOTE 2014		LA POPULATION SIZE				LA FAMILY			
	TOTAL	OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	URBAN (c)	RURAL (d)	UP TO £19,999 (e)	£20,000 - £34,999 (f)	£35,000 - £54,999 (g)	£55,000+ (h)	1 (i)	2 (j)	3 (k)	4+ (l)	ANY (m)	NONE (n)	CONSERVATIVE (o)	LABOUR (p)	LIB DEM (q)	SNP (r)	REFORM UK (s)	YES (t)	NO (u)	<99,999 (v)	100,000-149,999 (w)	150,000-249,999 (x)	250,000+ (y)	GROUP 1 (A)	GROUP 2 (B)	GROUP 3 (C)	GROUP 4 (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	761	245	844	189	134	207	232	367	221	383	200	229	322	711	87	186	73	344	93	396	342	142	226	218	447	295	187	272	279
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	728	270	845	188	154	216	221	340	222	374	199	237	316	717	87*	176	72*	319	105*	370	332	137	207	239	449	279	190	280	284
100%		71%	26%	82%	18%	15%	21%	21%	33%	22%	36%	19%	23%	31%	69%	8%*	17%	7%*	31%	10%*	36%	32%	13%	20%	23%	43%	27%	18%	27%	27%
The Scottish Government	**688**	514	155	559	129	94	145	148	236	157	265	127	139	189	499	65	122	53	236	66	263	238	88	129	166	304	202	126	183	176
	67%	71% b	57%	66%	69%	61%	67%	67%	69%	70% i	71% i	64%	59%	60%	70% m	75%	69%	74%	74% k	62%	71%	72%	64%	62%	70%	68%	72% D	66%	65%	62%
Local councils	**146**	110	32	122	24	18	29	35	50	30	58	23	35	48	98	11	24	8	39	18	47	50	29	28	36	53	35	32	46	33
	14%	15%	12%	14%	13%	11%	13%	16%	15%	14%	15%	11%	15%	15%	14%	13%	14%	11%	12%	17%	13%	15%	21% v	14%	15%	12%	12%	17%	16%	12%
The UK Government	**118**	68	46	99	19	30	20	27	35	22	29	28	39	53	66	6	24	7	29	15	41	22	13	30	21	54	21	18	31	49
	11%	9%	17% a	12%	10%	20% fh	9%	12%	10%	10%	8%	14% j	16% j	17% n	9%	6%	14%	9%	9%	14%	11% u	7%	10%	14%	9%	12%	7%	9%	11%	17% ABC
Don't know	**76**	35	35	60	16	12	20	12	18	13	21	21	21	24	53	6	5	4	14	6	18	20	7	19	16	35	20	14	19	21
	7%	5%	13% a	7%	9%	8%	9%	5%	5%	6%	6%	11% j	9%	7%	7%	6%	3%	6%	4%	5%	5%	6%	5%	9%	7%	8%	7%	8%	7%	8%
Prefer not to say	**5**	1	2	5	-	-	3	-	1	-	2	1	2	3	2	-	1	-	1	1	2	1	-	1	-	4	1	-	1	2
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Table 29

DEVSHOULD - In your view, who should make most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland?

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

	NHS services	Social care services, including for older and disabled people	Oil and gas drilling licences for the North Sea	The level of National Insurance	Income tax bands and rates	Immigration policy	Planning decisions for new housing developments	Schools and further education colleges
UNWEIGHTED BASE	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033
WEIGHTED BASE	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033	1033
The Scottish Government	678	584	595	531	602	496	406	642
	66%	57%	58%	51%	58%	48%	39%	62%
The UK Government	252	159	344	392	304	427	119	162
	24%	15%	33%	38%	29%	41%	12%	16%
Local councils	57	233	21	30	61	38	454	170
	6%	23%	2%	3%	6%	4%	44%	16%
Don't know	42	52	68	74	61	66	51	53
	4%	5%	7%	7%	6%	6%	5%	5%
Prefer not to say	4	4	5	6	5	5	3	7
	*	*	*	1%	*	*	*	1%

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Table 30

DEVSHOULD_1 - In your view, who should make most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? NHS services

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		GENDER		AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		EDUCATION		PARLIAMENT REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	16-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	WORKING	NOT WORKING	GRADUATES / HNC OR ABOVE	BELOW HNC LEVEL	CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND LOTHIANS WEST	GLASGOW	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS	EDINBURGH AND LOTHIANS EAST	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND	SOUTH SCOTLAND	WEST SCOTLAND
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	(w)	(x)	(y)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	487	544	89	165	162	173	186	258	254	335	444	436	271	130	196	707	326	598	435	592	441	86	134	74	145	128	146	158	159
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	495	535	133*	159	154	163	177	247	291	318	424	403	266	146	219	668	365	568	465	472	561	129*	132	84*	134	126	143	140	141
	100%	48%	52%	13%*	15%	15%	16%	17%	24%	28%	31%	41%	39%	26%	14%	21%	65%	35%	55%	45%	46%	54%	13%*	13%	8%*	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
The Scottish Government	**678**	313	362	67	99	108	121	117	166	166	229	283	276	166	95	142	441	237	382	296	341	337	88	86	48	93	82	89	101	91
	66%	63%	68%	50%	63%	70%	74%	66%	67%	57%	72%	67%	68%	62%	65%	65%	66%	65%	67%	64%	72%	60%	68%	65%	56%	69%	65%	62%	72%	64%
						c	cd	c	c		i	j									u								x	
The UK Government	**252**	137	115	48	38	28	29	46	63	86	57	108	91	71	37	52	162	90	136	116	87	164	31	30	26	28	23	43	30	39
	24%	28%	21%	36%	24%	18%	18%	26%	25%	30%	18%	26%	23%	27%	26%	24%	24%	25%	24%	25%	19%	29%	24%	23%	30%	21%	18%	30%	21%	28%
		b		ef						i		i										t						A		
Local councils	**57**	24	33	4	14	8	11	8	12	18	19	20	26	10	11	10	36	21	36	21	33	24	3	9	7	5	14	8	4	6
	6%	5%	6%	3%	9%	5%	7%	5%	5%	6%	6%	5%	6%	4%	8%	5%	5%	6%	6%	5%	7%	4%	2%	6%	9%	4%	11%	6%	3%	4%
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Don't know	**42**	18	24	13	7	9	2	5	5	20	12	10	8	19	1	14	27	15	12	30	10	32	6	6	4	8	7	3	6	4
	4%	4%	5%	10%	4%	6%	1%	3%	2%	7%	4%	2%	2%	7%	1%	6%	4%	4%	2%	7%	2%	6%	4%	5%	4%	6%	5%	2%	4%	3%
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Prefer not to say	**4**	3	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	2	2	-	1	1	2	2	3	1	2	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
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Table 31

DEVSHOULD_1 - In your view, who should make most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? NHS services

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		TENURE		URBAN		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2026 CONSTITUENCY VOTE					INDY REF VOTE 2014		LA POPULATION SIZE				LA FAMILY			
	TOTAL	OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	URBAN (c)	RURAL (d)	UP TO £19,999 (e)	£20,000 - £34,999 (f)	£35,000 - £54,999 (g)	£55,000+ (h)	1 (i)	2 (j)	3 (k)	4+ (l)	ANY (m)	NONE (n)	CONSERVATIVE (o)	LABOUR (p)	LIB DEM (q)	SNP (r)	REFORM UK (s)	YES (t)	NO (u)	<99,999 (v)	100,000-149,999 (w)	150,000-249,999 (x)	250,000+ (y)	GROUP 1 (A)	GROUP 2 (B)	GROUP 3 (C)	GROUP 4 (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	761	245	844	189	134	207	232	367	221	383	200	229	322	711	87	186	73	344	93	396	342	142	226	218	447	295	187	272	279
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	728	270	845	188	154	216	221	340	222	374	199	237	316	717	87*	176	72*	319	105*	370	332	137	207	239	449	279	190	280	284
	100%	71%	26%	82%	18%	15%	21%	21%	33%	22%	36%	19%	23%	31%	69%	8%*	17%	7%*	31%	10%*	36%	32%	13%	20%	23%	43%	27%	18%	27%	27%
The Scottish Government	**678**	486	177	551	127	86	145	161	224	136	265	137	140	206	472	37	101	48	277	39	306	175	87	138	155	299	178	122	196	182
	66%	67%	65%	65%	68%	56%	67% e	73% e	66% e	61%	71% g	69%	59%	65%	66%	43%	58% os	66% os	87% oqrs	37%	83% u	53%	63%	66%	65%	66%	64%	64%	70%	64%
The UK Government	**252**	179	59	204	48	51	47	43	87	65	76	43	67	71	181	45	63	19	20	47	35	125	36	53	66	98	78	43	55	75
	24%	25%	22%	24%	26%	33% fg	22%	19%	26%	29% i	20%	22%	28% i	22%	25%	52% oqr	36% r	26%	6%	45% or	9%	38% t	26%	25%	27%	22%	28% z	23%	20%	27%
Local councils	**57**	40	17	44	13	8	13	13	18	17	19	7	15	21	37	5	8	3	16	10	19	21	11	9	10	27	14	17	13	13
	6%	5%	6%	5%	7%	5%	6%	6%	5%	8%	5%	3%	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%	4%	5%	9%	5%	6%	8%	4%	4%	6%	5%	9%	5%	5%
Don't know	**42**	24	14	42	-	8	10	4	10	4	11	11	15	16	26	-	3	3	3	9	7	11	3	7	8	23	9	8	16	9
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Prefer not to say	**4**	-	3	4	-	1	1	-	1	-	3	1	-	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	-	1	-	3	1	-	-	3
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Table 32
DEVSHOULD_2 - In your view, who should make most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? Social care services, including for older and disabled people

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		GENDER		AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		EDUCATION		PARLIAMENT REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	16-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	WORKING	NOT WORKING	GRADUATES / HNC OR ABOVE	BELOW HNC LEVEL	CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND LOTHIANS WEST	GLASGOW	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS	EDINBURGH AND LOTHIANS EAST	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND	SOUTH SCOTLAND	WEST SCOTLAND
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	(w)	(x)	(y)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	487	544	89	165	162	173	186	258	254	335	444	436	271	130	196	707	326	598	435	592	441	86	134	74	145	128	146	158	159
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	495	535	133*	159	154	163	177	247	291	318	424	403	266	146	219	668	365	568	465	472	561	129*	132	84*	134	126	143	140	141
	100%	48%	52%	13%*	15%	15%	16%	17%	24%	28%	31%	41%	39%	26%	14%	21%	65%	35%	55%	45%	46%	54%	13%*	13%	8%*	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
The Scottish Government	**584**	273	309	64	84	85	105	109	137	148	190	246	228	156	78	123	384	201	322	262	276	308	72	76	40	83	76	82	84	70
	57%	55%	58%	48%	53%	55%	65%	62%	56%	51%	60%	58%	57%	59%	54%	56%	57%	55%	57%	56%	59%	55%	56%	58%	47%	62%	61%	57%	60%	50%
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Local councils	**233**	121	113	35	36	35	33	34	61	70	67	96	103	49	36	45	152	82	136	97	116	118	33	24	25	20	26	39	31	36
	23%	24%	21%	26%	22%	23%	20%	19%	25%	24%	21%	23%	26%	18%	25%	21%	23%	22%	24%	21%	25%	21%	25%	18%	30%	15%	20%	27%	22%	25%
													m												v		v			v
The UK Government	**159**	77	82	16	28	25	20	29	41	44	45	70	60	40	24	34	100	59	86	73	66	93	15	21	16	20	17	21	20	27
	15%	16%	15%	12%	18%	16%	12%	16%	17%	15%	14%	16%	15%	15%	17%	16%	15%	16%	15%	16%	14%	17%	12%	16%	19%	15%	13%	14%	14%	19%
Don't know	**52**	24	29	18	8	10	5	4	6	27	16	10	11	20	6	16	30	22	20	32	13	40	8	9	3	12	7	2	5	7
	5%	5%	5%	14%	5%	7%	3%	2%	2%	9%	5%	2%	3%	7%	4%	7%	5%	6%	4%	7%	3%	7%	6%	7%	4%	9%	5%	1%	4%	5%
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Prefer not to say	**4**	2	3	-	2	-	-	1	1	2	-	2	1	2	1	1	2	2	3	1	2	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
	*	*	1%	-	1%	-	-	*	*	1%	-	*	*	1%	1%	*	*	1%	1%	*	*	*	1%	1%	-	-	-	-	-	1%

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Table 33
DEVSHOULD_2 - In your view, who should make most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? Social care services, including for older and disabled people

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		TENURE		URBAN		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2026 CONSTITUENCY VOTE					INDY REF VOTE 2014		LA POPULATION SIZE				LA FAMILY			
	TOTAL	OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	URBAN (c)	RURAL (d)	UP TO £19,999 (e)	£20,000 - £34,999 (f)	£35,000 - £54,999 (g)	£55,000+ (h)	1 (i)	2 (j)	3 (k)	4+ (l)	ANY (m)	NONE (n)	CONSERVATIVE (o)	LABOUR (p)	LIB DEM (q)	SNP (r)	REFORM UK (s)	YES (t)	NO (u)	<99,999 (v)	100,000-149,999 (w)	150,000-249,999 (x)	250,000+ (y)	GROUP 1 (A)	GROUP 2 (B)	GROUP 3 (C)	GROUP 4 (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	761	245	844	189	134	207	232	367	221	383	200	229	322	711	87	186	73	344	93	396	342	142	226	218	447	295	187	272	279
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	728	270	845	188	154	216	221	340	222	374	199	237	316	717	87*	176	72*	319	105*	370	332	137	207	239	449	279	190	280	284
100%		71%	26%	82%	18%	15%	21%	21%	33%	22%	36%	19%	23%	31%	69%	8%*	17%	7%*	31%	10%*	36%	32%	13%	20%	23%	43%	27%	18%	27%	27%
The Scottish Government	**584**	416	148	477	107	93	123	114	200	136	209	112	127	163	421	36	94	38	220	40	253	166	76	117	126	266	153	109	166	155
	57%	57%	55%	56%	57%	60%	57%	51%	59%	61%	56%	56%	54%	52%	59% m	42%	53% s	53%	69% oqqs	38%	68% u	50%	55%	56%	53%	59%	55%	58%	59%	55%
Local councils	**233**	165	63	182	51	26	48	61	75	43	90	49	51	84	149	18	46	19	72	29	88	65	32	56	59	86	62	47	57	68
	23%	23%	23%	22%	27%	17%	22%	28% k	22%	19%	24%	25%	22%	27%	21%	20%	26%	26%	22%	27%	24%	19%	23%	27% v	25%	19%	22%	25%	20%	24%
The UK Government	**159**	119	34	131	27	24	31	38	55	32	60	24	42	49	109	32	30	11	20	32	20	85	25	25	42	66	47	27	38	46
	15%	16%	13%	16%	15%	16%	14%	17%	16%	14%	16%	12%	18%	16%	15%	37% par	17% r	16% r	6%	30% par	6%	26% t	18%	12%	17%	15%	17%	14%	13%	16%
Don't know	**52**	28	21	50	2	11	13	6	9	11	14	11	16	17	36	1	7	4	6	5	7	15	4	8	12	28	15	7	20	11
	5%	4%	8% a	6% d	1%	7% h	6%	3%	3%	5%	4%	6%	7%	5%	5%	1%	4%	5%	2%	4%	2%	5% t	3%	4%	5%	6%	5%	3%	7%	4%
Prefer not to say	**4**	-	3	4	-	-	1	2	1	-	2	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	3	1	-	-	3
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Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - a/b - c/d - e/f/g/h - i/j/k/l - m/n - o/p/q/r/s - t/u - v/w/x/y - A/B/C/D
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Table 34

DEVSHOULD_3 - In your view, who should make most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? Oil and gas drilling licences for the North Sea

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		GENDER		AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		EDUCATION		PARLIAMENT REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	16-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	WORKING	NOT WORKING	GRADUATES / HNC OR ABOVE	BELOW HNC LEVEL	CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND LOTHIANS WEST	GLASGOW	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS	EDINBURGH AND LOTHIANS EAST	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND	SOUTH SCOTLAND	WEST SCOTLAND
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	(w)	(x)	(y)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	487	544	89	165	162	173	186	258	254	335	444	436	271	130	196	707	326	598	435	592	441	86	134	74	145	128	146	158	159
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	495	535	133*	159	154	163	177	247	291	318	424	403	266	146	219	668	365	568	465	472	561	129*	132	84*	134	126	143	140	141
	100%	48%	52%	13%*	15%	15%	16%	17%	24%	28%	31%	41%	39%	26%	14%	21%	65%	35%	55%	45%	46%	54%	13%*	13%	8%*	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
The Scottish Government	**595**	267	327	65	84	92	106	110	138	149	198	248	237	151	77	130	388	207	342	253	299	296	77	72	43	72	81	87	87	77
	58%	54%	61%	49%	53%	59%	65%	62%	56%	51%	62%	58%	59%	57%	53%	59%	58%	57%	60%	55%	63%	53%	59%	55%	51%	54%	64%	61%	62%	54%
			a				cd	c			i										u								
The UK Government	**344**	189	154	40	55	47	50	59	93	94	97	153	138	89	53	64	227	117	185	159	148	196	42	43	32	49	33	46	45	52
	33%	38%	29%	30%	35%	30%	31%	33%	38%	32%	30%	36%	34%	34%	36%	29%	34%	32%	33%	34%	31%	35%	32%	33%	38%	37%	26%	32%	32%	36%
		b																												
Local councils	**21**	17	4	7	6	3	1	1	3	13	4	4	7	5	5	4	12	9	13	9	4	17	-	6	4	3	4	2	2	1
	2%	3%	1%	6%	4%	2%	1%	*	1%	5%	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	-	4%	4%	2%	3%	2%	1%	1%
		b		fgh	g					jk												t		vO	v					
Don't know	**68**	22	47	21	11	13	6	6	12	32	19	18	19	20	8	20	40	29	26	42	19	49	11	9	5	9	8	8	7	11
	7%	4%	9%	15%	7%	8%	4%	3%	5%	11%	6%	4%	5%	8%	6%	9%	6%	8%	5%	9%	4%	9%	8%	7%	6%	7%	7%	5%	5%	8%
			a	dfgh		g				jk						l				r		t								
Prefer not to say	**5**	2	3	-	3	-	-	1	1	3	-	2	1	1	2	1	2	3	2	2	2	2	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	1
	*	*	1%	-	2%	-	-	*	*	1%	-	*	*	*	2%	*	*	1%	*	1%	*	*	-	2%	-	1%	-	-	-	1%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q - r/s - t/u - v/w/x/y/A/B/C/D
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Table 35

DEVSHOULD_3 - In your view, who should make most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? Oil and gas drilling licences for the North Sea

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		TENURE		URBAN		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2026 CONSTITUENCY VOTE					INDY REF VOTE 2014		LA POPULATION SIZE				LA FAMILY			
	TOTAL	OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	URBAN (c)	RURAL (d)	UP TO £19,999 (e)	£20,000 - £34,999 (f)	£35,000 - £54,999 (g)	£55,000+ (h)	1 (i)	2 (j)	3 (k)	4+ (l)	ANY (m)	NONE (n)	CONSERVATIVE (o)	LABOUR (p)	LIB DEM (q)	SNP (r)	REFORM UK (s)	YES (t)	NO (u)	<99,999 (v)	100,000-149,999 (w)	150,000-249,999 (x)	250,000+ (y)	GROUP 1 (A)	GROUP 2 (B)	GROUP 3 (C)	GROUP 4 (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	761	245	844	189	134	207	232	367	221	383	200	229	322	711	87	186	73	344	93	396	342	142	226	218	447	295	187	272	279
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	728	270	845	188	154	216	221	340	222	374	199	237	316	717	87*	176	72*	319	105*	370	332	137	207	239	449	279	190	280	284
	100%	71%	26%	82%	18%	15%	21%	21%	33%	22%	36%	19%	23%	31%	69%	8%*	17%	7%*	31%	10%*	36%	32%	13%	20%	23%	43%	27%	18%	27%	27%
The Scottish Government	**595**	438	146	479	116	80	123	136	200	127	215	128	125	179	416	19	78	35	273	35	302	128	76	125	136	258	154	108	174	160
	58%	60%	54%	57%	62%	52%	57%	62%	59%	57%	57%	64% i	53%	57%	58%	22%	45% o	48% o	86% oqst	33%	82% u	39%	56%	60%	57%	57%	55%	57%	62%	56%
The UK Government	**344**	243	86	289	55	56	70	72	119	78	126	56	83	106	238	62	81	31	33	61	52	181	47	69	87	141	91	71	85	97
	33%	33%	32%	34%	29%	36%	33%	33%	35%	35%	34%	28%	35%	34%	33%	70% pqr	46% r	44% r	10%	58% r	14%	55% t	34%	33%	36%	31%	33%	37%	30%	34%
Local councils	**21**	6	10	15	6	4	2	6	6	5	6	2	8	9	12	3	7	1	3	2	6	1	4	1	4	12	9	1	3	8
	2%	1%	4% a	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4% r	1%	1%	2%	2%	*	3%	*	2%	3%	3%	1%	1%	3%
Don't know	**68**	39	26	58	10	15	20	7	13	11	25	12	20	19	49	4	10	5	9	7	7	22	10	11	12	35	24	11	19	15
	7%	5%	10% a	7%	5%	10% gh	9% gh	3%	4%	5%	7%	6%	8%	6%	7%	4%	6%	7%	3%	7%	2%	7% t	7%	5%	5%	8%	8%	6%	7%	5%
Prefer not to say	**5**	2	2	5	-	-	1	-	3	-	3	1	1	2	3	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	4	2	-	-	3
	*	*	1%	1%	-	-	1%	-	1%	-	1%	*	1%	1%	*	-	-	-	*	-	1%	-	-	1%	-	1%	1%	-	-	1%

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Table 36

DEVSHOULD_4 - In your view, who should make most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? The level of National Insurance

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		GENDER		AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		EDUCATION		PARLIAMENT REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN (a)	WOMEN (b)	16-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	16-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (l)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	ABC1 (p)	C2DE (q)	WORKING (r)	NOT WORKING (s)	GRADUATES / HNC OR ABOVE (t)	BELOW HNC LEVEL (u)	CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND LOTHIANS WEST (v)	GLASGOW (w)	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS (x)	EDINBURGH AND LOTHIANS EAST (y)	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE (A)	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND (B)	SOUTH SCOTLAND (C)	WEST SCOTLAND (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	487	544	89	165	162	173	186	258	254	335	444	436	271	130	196	707	326	598	435	592	441	86	134	74	145	128	146	158	159
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	495	535	133*	159	154	163	177	247	291	318	424	403	266	146	219	668	365	568	465	472	561	129*	132	84*	134	126	143	140	141
	100%	48%	52%	13%*	15%	15%	16%	17%	24%	28%	31%	41%	39%	26%	14%	21%	65%	35%	55%	45%	46%	54%	13%*	13%	8%*	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
The Scottish Government	**531**	239	290	45	89	89	95	95	118	134	184	213	216	128	72	115	345	187	318	213	271	260	72	67	38	69	60	74	82	70
	51%	48%	54%	34%	56%	58%	58%	54%	48%	46%	58%	50%	54%	48%	49%	52%	52%	51%	56%	46%	57%	46%	56%	51%	45%	52%	48%	51%	58%	49%
					c	c	ch	c	c		ik								s		u									
The UK Government	**392**	209	183	50	49	46	63	74	111	99	108	185	163	103	54	72	266	126	204	188	173	219	43	47	37	52	48	58	44	60
	38%	42%	34%	37%	31%	30%	38%	42%	45%	34%	34%	44%	40%	39%	37%	33%	40%	35%	36%	40%	37%	39%	33%	36%	44%	39%	39%	41%	31%	43%
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Local councils	**30**	17	13	14	7	4	1	-	4	21	5	4	8	8	6	8	16	14	17	13	10	20	6	6	2	2	3	5	6	-
	3%	3%	2%	11%	4%	3%	*	-	2%	7%	1%	1%	2%	3%	4%	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	2%	4%	4%	4%	3%	2%	2%	4%	4%	-
		efgh		fg		g				jk													D	D				D	D	
Don't know	**74**	28	46	24	13	13	4	8	12	37	17	20	15	26	12	21	41	32	27	47	16	58	9	11	6	11	14	6	8	10
	7%	6%	9%	18%	8%	8%	3%	4%	5%	13%	5%	5%	4%	10%	8%	9%	6%	9%	5%	10%	3%	10%	7%	9%	7%	8%	11%	4%	5%	7%
		defgh			f	f				jk				I		I				r		t								
Prefer not to say	**6**	3	3	-	1	3	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	-	2	3	1	5	2	4	2	4	-	1	1	-	1	-	1	1
	1%	1%	1%	-	*	2%	*	*	*	*	1%	*	*	-	2%	1%	*	1%	*	1%	*	1%	-	1%	2%	-	1%	-	1%	1%
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Table 37

DEVSHOULD_4 - In your view, who should make most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? The level of National Insurance

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		TENURE		URBAN		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2026 CONSTITUENCY VOTE					INDY REF VOTE 2014		LA POPULATION SIZE				LA FAMILY			
	TOTAL	OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	URBAN (c)	RURAL (d)	UP TO £19,999 (e)	£20,000 - £34,999 (f)	£35,000 - £54,999 (g)	£55,000+ (h)	1 (i)	2 (j)	3 (k)	4+ (l)	ANY (m)	NONE (n)	CONSERVATIVE (o)	LABOUR (p)	LIB DEM (q)	SNP (r)	REFORM UK (s)	YES (t)	NO (u)	<99,999 (v)	100,000-149,999 (w)	150,000-249,999 (x)	250,000+ (y)	GROUP 1 (A)	GROUP 2 (B)	GROUP 3 (C)	GROUP 4 (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	761	245	844	189	134	207	232	367	221	383	200	229	322	711	87	186	73	344	93	396	342	142	226	218	447	295	187	272	279
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	728	270	845	188	154	216	221	340	222	374	199	237	316	717	87*	176	72*	319	105*	370	332	137	207	239	449	279	190	280	284
	100%	71%	26%	82%	18%	15%	21%	21%	33%	22%	36%	19%	23%	31%	69%	8%*	17%	7%*	31%	10%*	36%	32%	13%	20%	23%	43%	27%	18%	27%	27%
The Scottish Government	**531**	380	138	433	98	71	107	128	178	113	195	106	116	167	364	20	71	23	251	21	283	101	62	121	122	227	129	100	151	152
	51%	52%	51%	51%	52%	46%	50%	58% a	52%	51%	52%	53%	49%	53%	51%	23%	40% os	32%	79% oqos	20%	77% u	31%	45%	58% v	51%	51%	46%	53%	54%	53%
The UK Government	**392**	298	83	317	75	59	78	82	136	86	140	72	93	115	277	62	95	42	49	66	66	203	61	71	97	163	121	72	97	102
	38%	41% b	31%	38%	40%	38%	36%	37%	40%	39%	37%	36%	39%	37%	39%	71% pr	54% r	58% r	15%	63% r	18%	61% t	44%	34%	41%	36%	44% C	38%	34%	36%
Local councils	**30**	11	16	23	7	8	8	4	9	6	11	7	6	10	20	3	4	2	5	8	5	8	1	6	5	18	11	5	5	9
	3%	1%	6% a	3%	4%	5%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	2%	2%	7% r	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	4%	4%	3%	2%	3%
Don't know	**74**	38	29	65	8	17	19	7	16	17	26	12	20	21	53	2	6	6	13	11	13	20	14	8	14	38	17	11	26	20
	7%	5%	11% a	8%	4%	11% gh	9% R	3%	5%	8%	7%	6%	8%	7%	7%	3%	3%	8%	4%	10% pr	4%	6%	10% w	4%	6%	8% w	6%	6%	9%	7%
Prefer not to say	**6**	1	4	6	-	-	4	-	1	-	2	2	2	2	4	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	1	4	1	1	2	2
	1%	*	1% a	1%	-	-	2%	-	*	-	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	-	-	-	*	-	1%	-	-	1%	1%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - a/b - c/d - e/f/e/h - i/j/k/l - m/n - o/o/o/r/s - t/u - v/w/x/v - A/B/C/D
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Table 38

DEVSHOULD_5 - In your view, who should make most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? Income tax bands and rates

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		GENDER		AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		EDUCATION		PARLIAMENT REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN (a)	WOMEN (b)	16-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	16-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (l)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	ABC1 (p)	C2DE (q)	WORKING (r)	NOT WORKING (s)	GRADUATES / HNC OR ABOVE (t)	BELOW HNC LEVEL (u)	CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND LOTHIANS WEST (v)	GLASGOW (w)	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS (x)	EDINBURGH AND LOTHIANS EAST (y)	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE (A)	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND (B)	SOUTH SCOTLAND (C)	WEST SCOTLAND (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	487	544	89	165	162	173	186	258	254	335	444	436	271	130	196	707	326	598	435	592	441	86	134	74	145	128	146	158	159
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	495	535	133*	159	154	163	177	247	291	318	424	403	266	146	219	668	365	568	465	472	561	129*	132	84*	134	126	143	140	141
	100%	48%	52%	13%*	15%	15%	16%	17%	24%	28%	31%	41%	39%	26%	14%	21%	65%	35%	55%	45%	46%	54%	13%*	13%	8%*	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
The Scottish Government	**602**	283	319	59	93	91	106	107	147	152	197	253	237	156	85	123	393	208	340	262	302	300	80	78	43	77	82	77	88	75
	58%	57%	60%	44%	59% c	59% c	65% c	60% c	59% c	52%	62% i	60%	59%	59%	59%	56%	59%	57%	60%	56%	64% u	53%	62%	60%	51%	58%	65% D	54%	63%	53%
The UK Government	**304**	158	144	40	34	37	49	58	85	74	87	143	131	77	36	60	208	96	165	139	128	176	39	34	29	38	31	44	41	47
	29%	32%	27%	30%	21%	24%	30%	33% d	34% de	25%	27%	34% i	32%	29%	25%	27%	31%	26%	29%	30%	27%	31%	30%	26%	34%	28%	25%	31%	29%	34%
Local councils	**61**	27	34	15	19	11	5	3	7	35	16	10	19	13	14	15	32	29	37	24	24	37	1	7	7	9	7	18	6	6
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Don't know	**61**	24	37	18	10	14	3	8	8	29	17	16	13	19	9	20	32	29	23	38	14	47	9	10	6	10	6	4	6	12
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Prefer not to say	**5**	4	1	-	2	1	-	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1	1	3	2	4	1	4	1	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	1
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Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q - r/s - t/u - v/w/x/y/A/B/C/D
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Table 39

DEVSHOULD_5 - In your view, who should make most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? Income tax bands and rates

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		TENURE		URBAN		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2026 CONSTITUENCY VOTE					INDY REF VOTE 2014		LA POPULATION SIZE				LA FAMILY			
	TOTAL	OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	URBAN (c)	RURAL (d)	UP TO £19,999 (e)	£20,000 - £34,999 (f)	£35,000 - £54,999 (g)	£55,000+ (h)	1 (i)	2 (j)	3 (k)	4+ (l)	ANY (m)	NONE (n)	CONSERVATIVE (o)	LABOUR (p)	LIB DEM (q)	SNP (r)	REFORM UK (s)	YES (t)	NO (u)	<99,999 (v)	100,000-149,999 (w)	150,000-249,999 (x)	250,000+ (y)	GROUP 1 (A)	GROUP 2 (B)	GROUP 3 (C)	GROUP 4 (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	761	245	844	189	134	207	232	367	221	383	200	229	322	711	87	186	73	344	93	396	342	142	226	218	447	295	187	272	279
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	728	270	845	188	154	216	221	340	222	374	199	237	316	717	87*	176	72*	319	105*	370	332	137	207	239	449	279	190	280	284
100%		71%	26%	82%	18%	15%	21%	21%	33%	22%	36%	19%	23%	31%	69%	8%*	17%	7%*	31%	10%*	36%	32%	13%	20%	23%	43%	27%	18%	27%	27%
The Scottish Government	**602**	427	164	490	112	86	125	136	195	134	226	116	125	173	429	27	87	34	262	38	296	135	80	115	136	271	159	104	172	166
	58%	59%	61%	58%	60%	56%	58%	62%	57%	60%	60%	58%	53%	55%	60%	31%	50% os	48% o	82% oqrs	36%	80% u	41%	58%	56%	57%	60%	57%	55%	61%	59%
The UK Government	**304**	233	60	250	54	43	65	60	107	61	111	62	69	94	210	54	80	32	32	52	42	170	45	61	77	121	85	58	80	81
	29%	32% b	22%	30%	29%	28%	30%	27%	31%	28%	30%	31%	29%	30%	29%	62% pqr	46% r	44% r	10%	50% r	11%	51% t	33%	30%	32%	27%	30%	31%	29%	29%
Local councils	**61**	30	27	44	17	8	13	17	19	16	17	12	16	21	40	4	5	1	18	7	20	8	5	18	12	26	21	15	10	15
	6%	4%	10% a	5%	9%	5%	6%	8%	6%	7%	5%	6%	7%	7%	6%	5%	3%	2%	6%	7%	5% u	2%	4%	9%	5%	6%	7%	8% C	4%	5%
Don't know	**61**	36	17	56	5	17	12	8	16	11	18	8	25	25	36	2	4	5	7	8	10	19	7	11	15	28	13	12	18	17
	6%	5%	6%	7% d	3%	11% gh	5%	3%	5%	5%	5%	4%	10% ijk	8%	5%	2%	2%	7% r	2%	8% pr	3%	6%	5%	5%	6%	6%	5%	7%	7%	6%
Prefer not to say	**5**	2	2	5	-	-	1	-	3	-	3	1	1	2	3	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	1	-	4	1	-	-	4
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Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5% risk level) - a/b - c/d - e/f/g/h - i/j/k/l - m/n - o/p/q/r/s - t/u - v/w/x/y - A/B/C/D

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Table 40

DEVSHOULD_6 - In your view, who should make most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? Immigration policy

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		GENDER		AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		EDUCATION		PARLIAMENT REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN (a)	WOMEN (b)	16-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	16-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (l)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	ABC1 (p)	C2DE (q)	WORKING (r)	NOT WORKING (s)	GRADUATES / HNC OR ABOVE (t)	BELOW HNC LEVEL (u)	CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND LOTHIANS WEST (v)	GLASGOW (w)	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS (x)	EDINBURGH AND LOTHIANS EAST (y)	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE (A)	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND (B)	SOUTH SCOTLAND (C)	WEST SCOTLAND (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	487	544	89	165	162	173	186	258	254	335	444	436	271	130	196	707	326	598	435	592	441	86	134	74	145	128	146	158	159
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	495	535	133*	159	154	163	177	247	291	318	424	403	266	146	219	668	365	568	465	472	561	129*	132	84*	134	126	143	140	141
	100%	48%	52%	13%*	15%	15%	16%	17%	24%	28%	31%	41%	39%	26%	14%	21%	65%	35%	55%	45%	46%	54%	13%*	13%	8%*	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
The Scottish Government	**496**	227	268	41	76	80	88	91	121	117	168	212	195	120	74	107	315	181	295	202	255	241	69	56	37	62	70	67	65	68
	48%	46%	50%	31%	48%	52%	54%	51%	49%	40%	53%	50%	48%	45%	51%	49%	47%	50%	52%	43%	54%	43%	53%	42%	44%	47%	56%	47%	46%	48%
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The UK Government	**427**	222	204	64	60	58	61	78	106	125	119	184	185	117	51	75	302	125	223	205	186	241	46	57	39	56	45	62	63	60
	41%	45%	38%	48%	38%	37%	37%	44%	43%	43%	37%	43%	46%	44%	35%	34%	45%	34%	39%	44%	39%	43%	35%	43%	47%	41%	36%	44%	45%	43%
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Local councils	**38**	19	19	11	9	4	7	2	6	20	11	8	8	10	10	10	18	20	23	15	11	28	2	8	5	4	7	4	5	4
	4%	4%	4%	8%	6%	3%	4%	1%	2%	7%	3%	2%	2%	4%	7%	5%	3%	6%	4%	3%	2%	5%	1%	6%	5%	3%	6%	3%	4%	3%
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Don't know	**66**	24	42	17	13	11	8	6	12	29	19	18	13	18	10	25	32	35	27	40	18	48	13	11	2	12	3	10	7	7
	6%	5%	8%	13%	8%	7%	5%	4%	5%	10%	6%	4%	3%	7%	7%	11%	5%	10%	5%	9%	4%	9%	10%	8%	2%	9%	3%	7%	5%	5%
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Prefer not to say	**5**	3	2	-	1	1	-	1	2	1	1	3	1	1	1	2	1	3	2	3	2	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
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Table 41

DEVSHOULD_6 - In your view, who should make most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? Immigration policy

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		TENURE		URBAN		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2026 CONSTITUENCY VOTE					INDY REF VOTE 2014		LA POPULATION SIZE				LA FAMILY			
	TOTAL	OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	URBAN (c)	RURAL (d)	UP TO £19,999 (e)	£20,000 - £34,999 (f)	£35,000 - £54,999 (g)	£55,000+ (h)	1 (i)	2 (j)	3 (k)	4+ (l)	ANY (m)	NONE (n)	CONSERVATIVE (o)	LABOUR (p)	LIB DEM (q)	SNP (r)	REFORM UK (s)	YES (t)	NO (u)	<99,999 (v)	100,000-149,999 (w)	150,000-249,999 (x)	250,000+ (y)	GROUP 1 (A)	GROUP 2 (B)	GROUP 3 (C)	GROUP 4 (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	761	245	844	189	134	207	232	367	221	383	200	229	322	711	87	186	73	344	93	396	342	142	226	218	447	295	187	272	279
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	728	270	845	188	154	216	221	340	222	374	199	237	316	717	87*	176	72*	319	105*	370	332	137	207	239	449	279	190	280	284
	100%	71%	26%	82%	18%	15%	21%	21%	33%	22%	36%	19%	23%	31%	69%	8%*	17%	7%*	31%	10%*	36%	32%	13%	20%	23%	43%	27%	18%	27%	27%
The Scottish Government	**496**	353	137	407	89	70	112	109	158	110	191	100	96	147	349	16	64	24	250	24	277	87	67	106	114	210	132	97	132	135
	48%	48%	51%	48%	47%	45%	52%	49%	47%	49%	51% j	50%	40%	47%	49%	18%	36% oq	33% o	78% oqqs	22%	75% u	26%	49%	51%	48%	47%	47%	51%	47%	48%
The UK Government	**427**	323	88	345	83	62	74	94	157	90	152	77	108	125	302	65	101	44	49	64	70	213	60	79	104	185	120	76	115	116
	41%	44% b	33%	41%	44%	40%	34%	43%	46% f	41%	41%	39%	46%	40%	42%	74% pr	57% r	61% r	15%	61% r	19%	64% t	44%	38%	44%	41%	43%	40%	41%	41%
Local councils	**38**	19	18	31	8	6	12	9	10	10	11	9	9	17	22	5	2	1	9	12	10	12	8	8	6	17	8	9	10	12
	4%	3%	7% a	4%	4%	4%	6%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	4%	5%	3%	6%	1%	1%	3%	11% pqr	3%	4%	6%	4%	2%	4%	3%	5%	4%	4%
Don't know	**66**	32	25	58	8	17	15	9	14	12	18	13	23	26	41	1	9	4	11	6	11	19	3	13	14	37	18	7	23	18
	6%	4%	9% a	7%	4%	11% gh	7%	4%	4%	6%	5%	7%	10% i	8%	6%	2%	5%	5%	3%	5%	3%	6%	2%	6%	6%	8% v	7%	4%	8%	6%
Prefer not to say	**5**	2	2	5	-	-	2	-	1	-	3	1	1	1	4	1	-	-	1	-	2	1	-	2	1	2	1	1	-	3
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Table 42

DEVSHOULD_7 - In your view, who should make most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? Planning decisions for new housing developments

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		GENDER		AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		EDUCATION		PARLIAMENT REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN (a)	WOMEN (b)	16-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	16-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (l)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	ABC1 (p)	C2DE (q)	WORKING (r)	NOT WORKING (s)	GRADUATES / HNC OR ABOVE (t)	BELOW HNC LEVEL (u)	CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND LOTHIANS WEST (v)	GLASGOW (w)	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS (x)	EDINBURGH AND LOTHIANS EAST (y)	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE (A)	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND (B)	SOUTH SCOTLAND (C)	WEST SCOTLAND (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	487	544	89	165	162	173	186	258	254	335	444	436	271	130	196	707	326	598	435	592	441	86	134	74	145	128	146	158	159
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	495	535	133*	159	154	163	177	247	291	318	424	403	266	146	219	668	365	568	465	472	561	129*	132	84*	134	126	143	140	141
	100%	48%	52%	13%*	15%	15%	16%	17%	24%	28%	31%	41%	39%	26%	14%	21%	65%	35%	55%	45%	46%	54%	13%*	13%	8%*	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
Local councils	**454**	235	217	62	65	62	71	75	120	127	133	194	184	127	66	76	311	143	245	209	218	236	55	50	51	55	57	71	49	63
	44%	47%	40%	47%	41%	40%	44%	42%	48%	44%	42%	46%	46%	48%	46%	35%	47%	39%	43%	45%	46%	42%	42%	38%	61%	41%	45%	50%	35%	45%
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The Scottish Government	**406**	172	233	30	58	69	72	81	96	88	141	177	167	97	50	92	264	142	225	181	195	211	58	55	18	50	48	53	73	51
	39%	35%	44%	23%	36%	44%	44%	46%	39%	30%	44%	42%	41%	36%	35%	42%	39%	39%	40%	39%	41%	38%	45%	42%	21%	37%	38%	37%	52%	36%
			a		c	c	c	c	c		I	I											x	x		x	x	x	avABD	x
The UK Government	**119**	69	50	25	26	13	19	15	21	51	32	37	43	26	22	28	69	50	78	41	46	73	13	16	11	17	15	14	13	20
	12%	14%	9%	19%	16%	8%	11%	9%	9%	17%	10%	9%	11%	10%	15%	13%	10%	14%	14%	9%	10%	13%	10%	12%	13%	12%	12%	10%	9%	14%
		b		eqh	eqh					jk									s											
Don't know	**51**	17	34	15	10	11	1	5	9	25	12	14	7	16	6	22	24	28	18	33	11	40	3	9	4	12	6	5	6	6
	5%	3%	6%	12%	6%	7%	1%	3%	4%	9%	4%	3%	2%	6%	4%	10%	4%	8%	3%	7%	2%	7%	2%	7%	5%	9%	5%	3%	4%	4%
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Prefer not to say	**3**	2	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	2	1	-	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
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Table 43
DEVSHOULD_7 - In your view, who should make most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? Planning decisions for new housing developments

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		TENURE		URBAN		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2026 CONSTITUENCY VOTE					INDY REF VOTE 2014		LA POPULATION SIZE				LA FAMILY			
	TOTAL	OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	URBAN (c)	RURAL (d)	UP TO £19,999 (e)	£20,000 - £34,999 (f)	£35,000 - £54,999 (g)	£55,000+ (h)	1 (i)	2 (j)	3 (k)	4+ (l)	ANY (m)	NONE (n)	CONSERVATIVE (o)	LABOUR (p)	LIB DEM (q)	SNP (r)	REFORM UK (s)	YES (t)	NO (u)	<99,999 (v)	100,000-149,999 (w)	150,000-249,999 (x)	250,000+ (y)	GROUP 1 (A)	GROUP 2 (B)	GROUP 3 (C)	GROUP 4 (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	761	245	844	189	134	207	232	367	221	383	200	229	322	711	87	186	73	344	93	396	342	142	226	218	447	295	187	272	279
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	728	270	845	188	154	216	221	340	222	374	199	237	316	717	87*	176	72*	319	105*	370	332	137	207	239	449	279	190	280	284
	100%	71%	26%	82%	18%	15%	21%	21%	33%	22%	36%	19%	23%	31%	69%	8%*	17%	7%*	31%	10%*	36%	32%	13%	20%	23%	43%	27%	18%	27%	27%
Local councils	**454**	338	107	354	100	60	75	107	169	89	188	83	94	128	326	36	85	47	135	36	160	147	73	91	109	181	127	104	112	111
	44%	46%	40%	42%	53%	39%	35%	49%	50%	40%	50%	42%	40%	40%	46%	41%	49%	65%	42%	34%	43%	44%	53%	44%	46%	40%	46%	55%	40%	39%
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The Scottish Government	**406**	288	107	329	76	59	97	83	124	91	137	89	88	128	277	32	62	15	165	31	184	118	41	86	92	187	105	60	126	115
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The UK Government	**119**	78	36	113	6	19	28	28	37	30	33	18	38	43	76	17	27	9	11	32	17	53	18	21	28	53	31	19	27	42
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Table 44

DEVSHOULD_B - In your view, who should make most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? Schools and further education colleges

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		GENDER		AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		EDUCATION		PARLIAMENT REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN (a)	WOMEN (b)	16-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	16-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (l)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	ABC1 (p)	C2DE (q)	WORKING (r)	NOT WORKING (s)	GRADUATES / HNC OR ABOVE (t)	BELOW HNC LEVEL (u)	CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND LOTHIANS WEST (v)	GLASGOW (w)	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS (x)	EDINBURGH AND LOTHIANS EAST (y)	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE (A)	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND (B)	SOUTH SCOTLAND (C)	WEST SCOTLAND (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	487	544	89	165	162	173	186	258	254	335	444	436	271	130	196	707	326	598	435	592	441	86	134	74	145	128	146	158	159
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	495	535	133*	159	154	163	177	247	291	318	424	403	266	146	219	668	365	568	465	472	561	129*	132	84*	134	126	143	140	141
	100%	48%	52%	13%*	15%	15%	16%	17%	24%	28%	31%	41%	39%	26%	14%	21%	65%	35%	55%	45%	46%	54%	13%*	13%	8%*	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
The Scottish Government	**642**	301	339	79	96	89	114	109	155	175	203	264	251	170	92	128	421	221	361	281	316	326	81	89	43	85	78	96	88	82
	62%	61%	63%	60%	60%	58%	70% o	61%	63%	60%	64%	62%	62%	64%	63%	59%	63%	61%	63%	60%	67% u	58%	62%	67% x	51%	64%	62%	67% x	62%	58%
Local councils	**170**	78	92	20	24	30	23	30	42	44	53	72	74	39	20	38	112	57	89	81	80	90	26	18	19	18	24	18	24	24
	16%	16%	17%	15%	15%	20%	14%	17%	17%	15%	17%	17%	18%	15%	14%	17%	17%	16%	16%	17%	17%	16%	20%	13%	22%	13%	19%	13%	17%	17%
The UK Government	**162**	92	70	18	29	21	23	32	38	47	44	70	69	31	24	37	101	61	93	69	66	96	16	21	19	19	18	20	22	25
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Don't know	**53**	22	31	13	7	13	3	5	11	21	16	16	8	22	8	14	30	22	23	30	9	43	5	4	3	13	5	9	5	9
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Prefer not to say	**7**	3	4	1	2	1	-	1	1	4	1	2	1	3	1	2	4	3	3	4	2	6	2	1	1	-	-	-	1	1
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Table 45

DEVSHOULD_B - In your view, who should make most of the decisions about each of the following in Scotland? Schools and further education colleges

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		TENURE		URBAN		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2026 CONSTITUENCY VOTE					INDY REF VOTE 2014		LA POPULATION SIZE				LA FAMILY			
	TOTAL	OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	URBAN (c)	RURAL (d)	UP TO £19,999 (e)	£20,000 - £34,999 (f)	£35,000 - £54,999 (g)	£55,000+ (h)	1 (i)	2 (j)	3 (k)	4+ (l)	ANY (m)	NONE (n)	CONSERVATIVE (o)	LABOUR (p)	LIB DEM (q)	SNP (r)	REFORM UK (s)	YES (t)	NO (u)	<99,999 (v)	100,000-149,999 (w)	150,000-249,999 (x)	250,000+ (y)	GROUP 1 (A)	GROUP 2 (B)	GROUP 3 (C)	GROUP 4 (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	761	245	844	189	134	207	232	367	221	383	200	229	322	711	87	186	73	344	93	396	342	142	226	218	447	295	187	272	279
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	728	270	845	188	154	216	221	340	222	374	199	237	316	717	87*	176	72*	319	105*	370	332	137	207	239	449	279	190	280	284
	100%	71%	26%	82%	18%	15%	21%	21%	33%	22%	36%	19%	23%	31%	69%	8%*	17%	7%*	31%	10%*	36%	32%	13%	20%	23%	43%	27%	18%	27%	27%
The Scottish Government	**642**	458	166	518	124	97	130	141	215	132	237	133	140	188	454	43	107	46	254	36	280	168	77	127	152	286	173	113	180	177
	62%	63%	61%	61%	66%	63%	60%	64%	63%	59%	63%	67%	59%	60%	63%	50%	61%	64%	80%	34%	76%	51%	56%	61%	63%	64%	62%	59%	64%	62%
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Local councils	**170**	123	47	132	38	19	34	35	60	38	67	31	34	52	118	15	30	11	43	20	56	59	27	39	41	63	40	39	54	37
	16%	17%	17%	16%	20%	12%	16%	16%	18%	17%	18%	16%	14%	16%	16%	17%	17%	15%	13%	19%	15%	18%	20%	19%	17%	14%	14%	21%	19%	13%
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The UK Government	**162**	113	39	141	21	24	38	38	50	39	55	24	43	56	106	26	35	12	14	42	23	85	27	30	35	70	45	29	29	59
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Don't know	**53**	33	15	48	5	15	10	4	13	13	13	9	17	16	37	3	3	2	7	5	9	19	6	11	11	25	21	7	17	8
	5%	5%	5%	6%	3%	9%	5%	2%	4%	6%	3%	5%	7%	5%	5%	3%	2%	3%	2%	5%	3%	6%	5%	5%	4%	6%	7%	4%	6%	3%
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Prefer not to say	**7**	1	3	7	-	-	4	2	1	-	2	2	3	4	3	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	1	1	5	1	1	1	3
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Table 46

COUNCILPOWER - To what extent would you support or oppose more decision-making powers being given to local councils in Scotland?

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		GENDER		AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		EDUCATION		PARLIAMENT REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN (a)	WOMEN (b)	16-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	16-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (l)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	ABC1 (p)	C2DE (q)	WORKING (r)	NOT WORKING (s)	GRADUATES / HNC OR ABOVE (t)	BELOW HNC LEVEL (u)	CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND LOTHIANS WEST (v)	GLASGOW (w)	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS (x)	EDINBURGH AND LOTHIANS EAST (y)	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE (A)	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND (B)	SOUTH SCOTLAND (C)	WEST SCOTLAND (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	487	544	89	165	162	173	186	258	254	335	444	436	271	130	196	707	326	598	435	592	441	86	134	74	145	128	146	158	159
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	495	535	133*	159	154	163	177	247	291	318	424	403	266	146	219	668	365	568	465	472	561	129*	132	84*	134	126	143	140	141
	100%	48%	52%	13%*	15%	15%	16%	17%	24%	28%	31%	41%	39%	26%	14%	21%	65%	35%	55%	45%	46%	54%	13%*	13%	8%*	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
Strongly support	**131**	64	67	20	28	29	17	26	11	48	46	37	42	27	25	37	69	62	85	46	59	71	10	15	7	17	15	25	25	14
	13%	13%	12%	15%	18%	19%	10%	15%	4%	17%	14%	9%	10%	10%	17%	17%	10%	17%	15%	10%	13%	13%	8%	12%	8%	13%	12%	18%	18%	10%
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Tend to support	**363**	181	182	47	66	56	55	49	90	113	111	138	150	98	49	66	248	115	226	136	192	171	57	49	29	51	40	49	44	44
	35%	36%	34%	36%	41%	36%	34%	27%	36%	39%	35%	33%	37%	37%	34%	30%	37%	32%	40%	29%	41%	30%	44%	37%	34%	38%	31%	34%	32%	31%
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Neither support nor oppose	**216**	106	109	31	40	30	35	25	55	71	65	80	81	49	29	57	130	86	107	109	94	122	18	34	18	28	26	33	29	30
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Tend to oppose	**174**	83	91	16	16	20	27	39	56	32	47	95	80	45	21	28	124	49	84	90	73	101	22	18	12	21	28	21	26	28
	17%	17%	17%	12%	10%	13%	17%	22%	23%	11%	15%	22%	20%	17%	15%	13%	19%	13%	15%	19%	15%	18%	17%	13%	14%	15%	22%	14%	18%	20%
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Strongly oppose	**108**	52	56	12	2	12	25	29	27	14	38	56	42	28	14	23	70	38	50	58	39	69	19	12	15	15	10	11	10	16
	10%	10%	10%	9%	1%	8%	16%	17%	11%	5%	12%	13%	10%	11%	10%	11%	11%	10%	9%	13%	8%	12%	15%	9%	18%	11%	8%	8%	7%	11%
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Don't know	**38**	9	28	5	7	8	3	8	7	12	11	16	6	18	7	7	25	13	15	23	14	24	3	3	4	3	7	4	5	9
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Support (NET)	**493**	244	249	68	93	85	72	74	101	161	157	175	192	124	74	103	317	177	311	182	251	242	67	64	35	68	55	74	69	58
	48%	49%	46%	51%	59%	55%	44%	42%	41%	55%	49%	41%	48%	47%	51%	47%	47%	48%	55%	39%	53%	43%	52%	49%	42%	51%	43%	52%	50%	41%
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Oppose (NET)	**282**	135	147	28	18	32	53	68	83	46	85	151	122	73	35	51	195	87	133	148	112	170	41	30	27	36	38	32	35	43
	27%	27%	27%	21%	11%	21%	32%	39%	34%	16%	27%	36%	30%	27%	24%	23%	29%	24%	23%	32%	24%	30%	31%	23%	32%	27%	30%	22%	25%	31%
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NET Difference	**212**	110	102	40	75	53	20	6	18	115	72	24	70	52	38	51	122	90	178	34	139	72	27	34	8	33	16	42	34	15
	20%	22%	19%	30%	48%	34%	12%	3%	7%	40%	23%	6%	17%	19%	26%	23%	18%	25%	31%	7%	29%	13%	21%	26%	10%	24%	13%	30%	24%	11%
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Table 47

COUNCILPOWER - To what extent would you support or oppose more decision-making powers being given to local councils in Scotland?

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		TENURE		URBAN		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2026 CONSTITUENCY VOTE					INDY REF VOTE 2014		LA POPULATION SIZE				LA FAMILY			
	TOTAL	OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	URBAN (c)	RURAL (d)	UP TO £19,999 (e)	£20,000 - £34,999 (f)	£35,000 - £54,999 (g)	£55,000+ (h)	1 (i)	2 (j)	3 (k)	4+ (l)	ANY (m)	NONE (n)	CONSERVATIVE (o)	LABOUR (p)	LIB DEM (q)	SNP (r)	REFORM UK (s)	YES (t)	NO (u)	<99,999 (v)	100,000-149,999 (w)	150,000-249,999 (x)	250,000+ (y)	GROUP 1 (A)	GROUP 2 (B)	GROUP 3 (C)	GROUP 4 (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	761	245	844	189	134	207	232	367	221	383	200	229	322	711	87	186	73	344	93	396	342	142	226	218	447	295	187	272	279
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	728	270	845	188	154	216	221	340	222	374	199	237	316	717	87*	176	72*	319	105*	370	332	137	207	239	449	279	190	280	284
	100%	71%	26%	82%	18%	15%	21%	21%	33%	22%	36%	19%	23%	31%	69%	8%*	17%	7%*	31%	10%*	36%	32%	13%	20%	23%	43%	27%	18%	27%	27%
Strongly support	**131**	75	51	111	19	19	32	32	41	23	36	28	43	59	72	2	19	3	65	9	64	21	15	29	27	60	44	22	29	36
	13%	10%	19%	13%	10%	12%	15%	15%	12%	10%	10%	14%	18%	19%	10%	2%	11%	4%	20%	8%	17%	6%	11%	14%	11%	13%	16%	11%	10%	13%
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Tend to support	**363**	250	105	295	67	47	82	76	127	74	120	83	86	131	231	29	68	29	122	32	148	104	40	70	86	167	104	60	96	102
	35%	34%	39%	35%	36%	30%	38%	34%	37%	33%	32%	42%	36%	42%	32%	33%	39%	40%	38%	30%	40%	31%	29%	34%	36%	37%	37%	32%	34%	36%
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Neither support nor oppose	**216**	154	55	184	32	36	35	48	69	40	90	35	51	54	162	7	31	17	67	22	60	63	24	43	46	103	47	45	58	66
	21%	21%	20%	22%	17%	23%	16%	22%	20%	18%	24%	18%	21%	17%	23%	8%	18%	24%	21%	21%	16%	19%	17%	21%	19%	23%	17%	24%	21%	23%
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Tend to oppose	**174**	141	27	133	41	26	36	38	55	51	65	28	30	39	135	24	34	16	48	11	67	69	31	36	47	60	46	29	55	44
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Strongly oppose	**108**	82	22	86	21	22	19	21	37	26	50	16	17	21	87	23	15	5	13	29	23	59	17	22	29	39	28	27	26	27
	10%	11%	8%	10%	11%	14%	9%	10%	11%	12%	13%	8%	7%	7%	12%	27%	9%	8%	4%	28%	6%	18%	13%	11%	12%	9%	10%	14%	9%	9%
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Don't know	**38**	27	8	31	7	5	9	5	10	9	12	8	9	10	28	2	8	2	4	1	6	16	11	7	4	16	9	8	14	7
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Prefer not to say	**4**	-	2	4	-	-	3	-	1	-	2	1	1	2	2	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	1	-	3	1	-	1	2
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Support (NET)	**493**	325	156	407	87	66	114	108	168	96	156	112	129	190	303	31	87	32	187	40	212	125	55	99	113	227	148	82	125	138
	48%	45%	58%	48%	46%	43%	53%	49%	49%	43%	42%	56%	54%	60%	42%	35%	50%	44%	58%	38%	57%	38%	40%	48%	47%	51%	53%	43%	45%	49%
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Oppose (NET)	**282**	223	49	219	62	47	55	59	92	76	115	44	47	60	222	47	49	21	61	41	91	128	48	58	76	99	74	56	81	71
	27%	31%	18%	26%	33%	31%	25%	27%	27%	34%	31%	22%	20%	19%	31%	54%	28%	29%	19%	39%	25%	38%	35%	28%	32%	22%	27%	29%	29%	25%
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NET Difference	**212**	102	108	187	24	19	60	49	75	20	42	68	82	130	82	-16	38	11	126	*	121	-2	7	40	36	128	74	26	44	68
	20%	14%	40%	22%	13%	12%	28%	22%	22%	9%	11%	34%	35%	41%	11%	-18%	21%	15%	40%	*	33%	-1%	5%	20%	15%	29%	27%	14%	16%	24%
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Table 48
LOCALVNAT - When thinking about how local public services (such as bin collection, road maintenance, local transport, housing, and skills training) are managed, which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		GENDER		AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		EDUCATION		PARLIAMENT REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN (a)	WOMEN (b)	16-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	16-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (l)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	ABC1 (p)	C2DE (q)	WORKING (r)	NOT WORKING (s)	GRADUATES / HNC OR ABOVE (t)	BELOW HNC LEVEL (u)	CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND LOTHIANS WEST (v)	GLASGOW (w)	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS (x)	EDINBURGH AND LOTHIANS EAST (y)	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE (A)	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND (B)	SOUTH SCOTLAND (C)	WEST SCOTLAND (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	487	544	89	165	162	173	186	258	254	335	444	436	271	130	196	707	326	598	435	592	441	86	134	74	145	128	146	158	159
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	495	535	133*	159	154	163	177	247	291	318	424	403	266	146	219	668	365	568	465	472	561	129*	132	84*	134	126	143	140	141
	100%	48%	52%	13%*	15%	15%	16%	17%	24%	28%	31%	41%	39%	26%	14%	21%	65%	35%	55%	45%	46%	54%	13%*	13%	8%*	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
It is more important that local areas have control over their own public services to suit local needs, even if it means the quality and cost of services varies in different parts of Scotland	**547**	264	283	64	96	80	91	80	136	160	171	216	225	138	69	116	363	185	319	228	281	267	62	76	47	73	67	79	73	70
	53%	53%	53%	48%	61% g	52%	55%	46%	55%	55%	54%	51%	56%	52%	47%	53%	54%	51%	56% s	49%	59% u	48%	48%	58%	56%	54%	53%	55%	52%	50%
It is more important that public services are the same across Scotland, even if it means local areas have less control over how things are run	**294**	141	153	29	41	47	42	66	70	69	89	136	128	68	42	57	196	99	166	129	137	158	41	25	18	46	34	48	39	44
	29%	28%	29%	22%	26%	30%	26%	37% cdf	29%	24%	28%	32% i	32%	25%	29%	26%	29%	27%	29%	28%	29%	28%	31%	19%	21%	34% wx	27%	33% w	28%	31% w
Neither of these	**82**	42	40	14	8	14	15	15	16	22	29	31	24	25	16	17	48	34	39	43	29	53	13	14	8	7	6	9	14	12
	8%	9%	7%	11%	5%	9%	9%	9%	6%	8%	9%	7%	6%	9%	11%	8%	7%	9%	7%	9%	6%	9%	10%	11%	9%	5%	5%	6%	10%	8%
Don't know	**95**	39	54	19	13	13	16	14	20	32	29	34	24	31	16	24	55	40	41	54	24	71	12	14	12	8	15	7	13	13
	9%	8%	10%	14%	8%	8%	10%	8%	8%	11%	9%	8%	6%	12% i	11%	11% i	8%	11%	7%	12% r	5%	13% t	10%	11%	14% B	6%	12% B	5%	9%	9%
Prefer not to say	**14**	9	5	7	1	-	-	2	5	8	-	7	2	5	3	5	7	8	4	10	2	13	2	3	-	-	4	2	2	2
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Table 49
LOCALVNAT - When thinking about how local public services (such as bin collection, road maintenance, local transport, housing, and skills training) are managed, which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		TENURE		URBAN		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2026 CONSTITUENCY VOTE					INDY REF VOTE 2014		LA POPULATION SIZE				LA FAMILY			
	TOTAL	OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	URBAN (c)	RURAL (d)	UP TO £19,999 (e)	£20,000 - £34,999 (f)	£35,000 - £54,999 (g)	£55,000+ (h)	1 (i)	2 (j)	3 (k)	4+ (l)	ANY (m)	NONE (n)	CONSERVATIVE (o)	LABOUR (p)	LIB DEM (q)	SNP (r)	REFORM UK (s)	YES (t)	NO (u)	<99,999 (v)	100,000-149,999 (w)	150,000-249,999 (x)	250,000+ (y)	GROUP 1 (A)	GROUP 2 (B)	GROUP 3 (C)	GROUP 4 (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	761	245	844	189	134	207	232	367	221	383	200	229	322	711	87	186	73	344	93	396	342	142	226	218	447	295	187	272	279
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	728	270	845	188	154	216	221	340	222	374	199	237	316	717	87*	176	72*	319	105*	370	332	137	207	239	449	279	190	280	284
	100%	71%	26%	82%	18%	15%	21%	21%	33%	22%	36%	19%	23%	31%	69%	8%*	17%	7%*	31%	10%*	36%	32%	13%	20%	23%	43%	27%	18%	27%	27%
It is more important that local areas have control over their own public services to suit local needs, even if it means the quality and cost of services varies in different parts of Scotland	**547**	389	150	431	116	75	106	125	195	116	194	105	133	180	368	51	94	39	183	46	211	167	83	104	111	249	160	105	134	148
	53%	53%	55%	51%	62% c	48%	49%	57%	57%	52%	52%	53%	56%	57%	51%	58%	53%	54%	57% s	44%	57%	50%	60% x	50%	47%	55% x	57% C	55%	48%	52%
It is more important that public services are the same across Scotland, even if it means local areas have less control over how things are run	**294**	210	75	252	42	45	65	67	94	70	109	58	58	86	209	26	66	18	86	39	106	111	37	75	77	106	78	58	78	81
	29%	29%	28%	30% d	22%	29%	30%	30%	28%	31%	29%	29%	25%	27%	29%	30%	37% r	26%	27%	38%	29%	33%	27%	36% w	32% w	24%	28%	30%	28%	29%
Neither of these	**82**	63	15	69	13	15	14	15	28	18	24	19	21	25	57	8	11	2	24	12	24	27	7	11	24	40	16	12	31	22
	8%	9%	6%	8%	7%	10%	7%	7%	8%	8%	6%	10%	9%	8%	8%	10%	6%	2%	7%	11% q	7%	8%	5%	5%	10%	9%	6%	6%	11% A	8%
Don't know	**95**	64	22	83	12	18	24	12	22	17	40	16	22	21	74	2	5	12	25	8	25	24	11	14	25	46	22	15	31	27
	9%	9%	8%	10%	6%	12% jk	11% jk	5%	6%	7%	11%	8%	9%	7%	10%	3%	3%	17% opr	8% p	7%	7%	7%	8%	7%	10%	10%	8%	8%	11%	10%
Prefer not to say	**14**	4	8	10	4	1	6	1	2	3	8	1	3	4	10	-	-	1	2	-	3	3	-	4	3	8	3	-	6	5
	1%	*	3% a	1%	2%	1%	3% h	1%	1%	1%	2%	*	1%	1%	1%	-	-	2%	1%	-	1%	1%	-	2%	1%	2%	1%	-	2%	2%

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Table 50
SIZEVIEWS - Thinking about the area covered by your local council, which of these comes closest to your view?

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		GENDER		AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		EDUCATION		PARLIAMENT REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN (a)	WOMEN (b)	16-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	16-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (l)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	ABC1 (p)	C2DE (q)	WORKING (r)	NOT WORKING (s)	GRADUATES / HNC OR ABOVE (t)	BELOW HNC LEVEL (u)	CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND LOTHIANS WEST (v)	GLASGOW (w)	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS (x)	EDINBURGH AND LOTHIANS EAST (y)	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE (A)	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND (B)	SOUTH SCOTLAND (C)	WEST SCOTLAND (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	487	544	89	165	162	173	186	258	254	335	444	436	271	130	196	707	326	598	435	592	441	86	134	74	145	128	146	158	159
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	495	535	133*	159	154	163	177	247	291	318	424	403	266	146	219	668	365	568	465	472	561	129*	132	84*	134	126	143	140	141
	100%	48%	52%	13%*	15%	15%	16%	17%	24%	28%	31%	41%	39%	26%	14%	21%	65%	35%	55%	45%	46%	54%	13%*	13%	8%*	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
It is about the right size	**506**	249	257	65	87	82	75	80	117	152	156	198	211	127	70	98	338	168	284	223	247	259	67	72	18	84	64	75	60	68
	49%	50%	48%	49%	55%	53%	46%	46%	47%	52%	49%	47%	52%	48%	48%	45%	51%	46%	50%	48%	52%	46%	52%	54%	21%	62%	51%	52%	43%	48%
																							x	x		xCD	x	x	x	x
It is too large to be genuinely local	**265**	135	130	24	31	41	50	50	68	55	92	119	121	64	36	44	185	80	146	119	126	140	26	34	38	32	27	31	41	36
	26%	27%	24%	18%	19%	27%	31% cd	28%	28%	19%	29% i	28% i	30% o	24%	25%	20%	28%	22%	26%	26%	27%	25%	20%	26%	45% vwxABCD	24%	22%	22%	29%	26%
It is too small to plan and deliver services effectively	**88**	43	45	12	17	11	17	18	13	29	28	31	24	19	17	28	44	44	58	30	40	48	10	9	10	6	13	14	12	14
	9%	9%	8%	9%	11% h	7%	11% h	10%	5%	10%	9%	7%	6%	7%	11%	13% l	7%	12% p	10% s	6%	8%	9%	8%	7%	11%	5%	10%	10%	9%	10%
Don't know	**167**	64	102	27	23	21	21	27	49	50	42	75	45	55	23	44	100	67	75	91	58	109	26	14	19	12	20	24	26	23
	16%	13%	19% a	20%	14%	13%	13%	15%	20%	17%	13%	18%	11%	21% l	16%	20% l	15%	18%	13%	20% r	12%	19% t	20% y	10%	23% wy	9%	16%	17%	19% y	16%
Prefer not to say	**7**	5	2	5	1	-	-	1	-	6	-	1	1	-	-	6	1	6	5	2	2	5	-	3	-	-	2	-	2	1
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Table 51
SIZEVIEWS - Thinking about the area covered by your local council, which of these comes closest to your view?

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		TENURE		URBAN		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2026 CONSTITUENCY VOTE					INDY REF VOTE 2014		LA POPULATION SIZE				LA FAMILY			
	TOTAL	OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	URBAN (c)	RURAL (d)	UP TO £19,999 (e)	£20,000 - £34,999 (f)	£35,000 - £54,999 (g)	£55,000+ (h)	1 (i)	2 (j)	3 (k)	4+ (l)	ANY (m)	NONE (n)	CONSERVATIVE (o)	LABOUR (p)	LIB DEM (q)	SNP (r)	REFORM UK (s)	YES (t)	NO (u)	<99,999 (v)	100,000-149,999 (w)	150,000-249,999 (x)	250,000+ (y)	GROUP 1 (A)	GROUP 2 (B)	GROUP 3 (C)	GROUP 4 (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	761	245	844	189	134	207	232	367	221	383	200	229	322	711	87	186	73	344	93	396	342	142	226	218	447	295	187	272	279
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	728	270	845	188	154	216	221	340	222	374	199	237	316	717	87*	176	72*	319	105*	370	332	137	207	239	449	279	190	280	284
	100%	71%	26%	82%	18%	15%	21%	21%	33%	22%	36%	19%	23%	31%	69%	8%*	17%	7%*	31%	10%*	36%	32%	13%	20%	23%	43%	27%	18%	27%	27%
It is about the right size	**506**	364	134	435	71	65	108	121	176	111	162	108	125	163	343	41	93	35	171	46	187	159	66	101	107	232	150	78	140	138
	49%	50%	50%	51% d	38%	42%	50%	55% e	52%	50%	43%	54% f	53%	52%	48%	47%	53%	48%	53%	44%	51%	48%	48%	49%	45%	52%	54% B	41%	50%	49%
It is too large to be genuinely local	**265**	193	59	201	65	35	61	57	85	56	113	46	51	76	190	20	45	26	81	31	103	97	33	44	60	129	68	68	59	71
	26%	26%	22%	24%	35% c	23%	28%	26%	25%	25%	30% f	23%	21%	24%	26%	23%	25%	36%	25%	29%	28%	29%	24%	21%	25%	29% w	24%	36% ACD	21%	25%
It is too small to plan and deliver services effectively	**88**	60	28	71	17	23	12	21	29	21	26	18	22	32	56	12	19	4	26	10	34	25	23	26	17	22	17	18	24	29
	9%	8%	10%	8%	9%	15% f	5%	9%	8%	10%	7%	9%	9%	10%	8%	13%	11%	5%	8%	10%	9%	7%	17% xy	13% y	7%	5%	6%	9%	9%	10%
Don't know	**167**	111	47	131	36	30	34	21	49	34	72	25	36	41	126	15	19	7	40	18	45	50	15	35	55	62	43	27	54	42
	16%	15%	17%	16%	19%	19% g	16%	10%	14%	15%	19%	12%	15%	13%	18%	17%	11%	10%	12%	17%	12%	15%	11%	17%	23% vy	14%	16%	14%	19%	15%
Prefer not to say	**7**	1	2	7	-	2	2	-	1	-	1	3	3	4	3	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	2	1	5	1	-	2	4
	1%	*	1%	1%	-	1%	1%	-	*	-	*	1%	1%	1%	*	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	-	1%	*	1%	*	-	1%	1%

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Table 52

SCOTMAYORS - Overall, do you think having a directly elected Mayor would be a good or bad thing for your local council area, if either?

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		GENDER		AGE BAND 1						AGE BAND 2			SOCIAL GRADE				SOCIAL GRADE 2		WORKING STATUS		EDUCATION		PARLIAMENT REGION							
	TOTAL	MEN	WOMEN	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	16-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	WORKING	NOT WORKING	GRADUATES / HNC OR ABOVE	BELOW HNC LEVEL	CENTRAL SCOTLAND AND LOTHIANS WEST	GLASGOW	HIGHLANDS AND ISLANDS	EDINBURGH AND LOTHIANS EAST	MID SCOTLAND AND FIFE	NORTH EAST SCOTLAND	SOUTH SCOTLAND	WEST SCOTLAND
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(k)	(l)	(m)	(n)	(o)	(p)	(q)	(r)	(s)	(t)	(u)	(v)	(w)	(x)	(y)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	487	544	89	165	162	173	186	258	254	335	444	436	271	130	196	707	326	598	435	592	441	86	134	74	145	128	146	158	159
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	495	535	133*	159	154	163	177	247	291	318	424	403	266	146	219	668	365	568	465	472	561	129*	132	84*	134	126	143	140	141
	100%	48%	52%	13%*	15%	15%	16%	17%	24%	28%	31%	41%	39%	26%	14%	21%	65%	35%	55%	45%	46%	54%	13%*	13%	8%*	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%
Neither a good nor a bad thing	**345**	156	190	33	57	59	61	60	76	90	120	136	126	93	42	85	219	127	189	157	157	188	48	47	26	43	38	51	45	46
	33%	31%	35%	25%	36%	38% c	37%	34%	31%	31%	38%	32%	31%	35%	29%	39%	33%	35%	33%	34%	33%	34%	37%	36%	31%	32%	30%	36%	32%	32%
Bad thing	**280**	145	135	22	19	28	43	62	106	41	71	168	124	71	31	55	194	86	136	145	128	153	33	27	28	37	40	38	34	43
	27%	29%	25%	16%	12%	18%	27% d	35% cde	43% cdef	14%	22% i	40% ii	31%	27%	22%	25%	29%	24%	24%	31% r	27%	27%	26%	20%	33% w	28%	32% w	27%	24%	31%
Good thing	**258**	134	124	52	61	41	37	30	37	113	78	67	109	56	48	45	165	93	162	96	134	124	36	47	6	37	24	41	40	25
	25%	27%	23%	39% fgh	39% efgh	27% eh	22%	17%	15%	39% jk	24% k	16%	27%	21%	33% mo	21%	25%	26%	28% s	21%	28% u	22%	28% x	36% xAD	7%	28% x	19% x	29% xD	29% xD	18% x
Don't know	**144**	58	85	22	21	26	23	24	28	43	49	53	43	45	25	31	88	56	77	67	52	93	12	8	22	17	24	13	21	27
	14%	12%	16%	17%	13%	17%	14%	14%	11%	15%	15%	12%	11%	17% l	17%	14%	13%	15%	14%	14%	11%	17% t	9%	6%	27% vwyBC	-	19% wB	9%	15% w	19% vwB
Prefer not to say	**5**	3	1	3	1	-	-	1	-	4	-	1	1	1	-	3	2	3	5	-	2	3	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-
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Table 53

SCOTMAYORS - Overall, do you think having a directly elected Mayor would be a good or bad thing for your local council area, if either?

Base: Adults aged 16+ in Scotland

		TENURE		URBAN		INCOME				HOUSEHOLD SIZE				PRESENCE OF CHILDREN HH (17 OR UNDER)		2026 CONSTITUENCY VOTE					INDY REF VOTE 2014		LA POPULATION SIZE				LA FAMILY			
	TOTAL	OWNER OCCUPIED (a)	RENTER (b)	URBAN (c)	RURAL (d)	UP TO £19,999 (e)	£20,000 - £34,999 (f)	£35,000 - £54,999 (g)	£55,000+ (h)	1 (i)	2 (j)	3 (k)	4+ (l)	ANY (m)	NONE (n)	CONSERVATIVE (o)	LABOUR (p)	LIB DEM (q)	SNP (r)	REFORM UK (s)	YES (t)	NO (u)	<99,999 (v)	100,000-149,999 (w)	150,000-249,999 (x)	250,000+ (y)	GROUP 1 (A)	GROUP 2 (B)	GROUP 3 (C)	GROUP 4 (D)
UNWEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	761	245	844	189	134	207	232	367	221	383	200	229	322	711	87	186	73	344	93	396	342	142	226	218	447	295	187	272	279
WEIGHTED BASE	**1033**	728	270	845	188	154	216	221	340	222	374	199	237	316	717	87*	176	72*	319	105*	370	332	137	207	239	449	279	190	280	284
	100%	71%	26%	82%	18%	15%	21%	21%	33%	22%	36%	19%	23%	31%	69%	8%*	17%	7%*	31%	10%*	36%	32%	13%	20%	23%	43%	27%	18%	27%	27%
Neither a good nor a bad thing	**345**	237	102	294	52	56	67	70	113	77	127	60	80	112	234	20	50	28	128	31	134	105	45	73	69	159	88	55	98	105
	33%	32%	38%	35%	28%	37%	31%	32%	33%	35%	34%	30%	34%	35%	33%	23%	28%	39%	40%	30%	36%	32%	33%	35%	29%	35%	32%	29%	35%	37%
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Bad thing	**280**	218	55	224	56	46	60	68	80	71	130	40	40	55	225	39	41	16	103	34	115	106	40	63	73	105	79	58	69	75
	27%	30%	21%	27%	30%	30%	28%	31%	23%	32%	35%	20%	17%	17%	31%	45%	23%	22%	32%	32%	31%	32%	29%	30%	30%	23%	28%	30%	25%	26%
		b								kl	kl				m	oqr			o											
Good thing	**258**	174	74	217	41	29	50	63	102	36	71	63	88	108	150	14	66	17	61	26	80	71	24	50	53	131	76	39	67	76
	25%	24%	27%	26%	22%	19%	23%	28%	30%	16%	19%	32%	37%	34%	21%	16%	38%	23%	19%	25%	22%	21%	17%	24%	22%	29%	27%	21%	24%	27%
								e	e			ij	ij	n			oqrs									v				
Don't know	**144**	99	38	107	37	21	38	20	44	37	45	32	29	40	105	14	19	11	27	14	40	50	27	22	45	51	35	37	47	25
	14%	14%	14%	13%	20%	14%	18%	9%	13%	17%	12%	16%	12%	13%	15%	16%	11%	16%	8%	14%	11%	15%	20%	10%	19%	11%	13%	19%	17%	9%
					c		R									r							wy		wy			D	D	
Prefer not to say	**5**	1	1	3	1	2	-	-	1	-	1	4	-	1	4	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	3	1	1	-	3
	*	*	*	*	1%	1%	-	-	*	-	*	2%	-	*	1%	-	-	-	*	-	*	-	1%	-	-	1%	*	1%	-	1%
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