Business banking service quality - Great Britain

Independent service quality survey results

Business current accounts

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

These results are from an independent survey carried out between July 2022 and June 2023 by BVA BDRC as part of a regulatory requirement, and we have published this information at the request of the providers and the Competition and Markets Authority so you can compare the quality of service from business current account providers. In providing this information, we are not giving you any advice or making any recommendation to you.

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

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

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

18,000 people were surveyed in total.

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

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

Overall service quality

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

Ranking

1		monzo	84%
2		Starling Bank	82%
3		Handelsbanken	74 %
4		tide	73 %
5		ETRO BANK	63%
6		♦ Santander	59%
7		LLOYDS BANK	58%
8	=	BANK OF SCOTLAND	54%
8	=	№ NatWest	54 %
10		BARCLAYS	50%
11	=	TSB	49%
11	=	Royal Bank of Scotland	49%
13		MONEY	48%
14		The co-operative bank	45%
15		HSBC UK	42%

Online and mobile banking services

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

Ranking

1		monzo	87%
2		Starling Bank	86%
3		tide	76 %
4	=	LLOYDS BANK	68%
4	=	♣ NatWest	68%
6	=	BARCLAYS	64%
6	=	ETRO BANK	64%
6	=	Royal Bank of Scotland	64%
6	=	BANK OF SCOTLAND	64%
10		♦ Santander	59%
11	=	Handelsbanken	56%
11	=	TSB	56%
13		WONEY	55 %
14		HSBC UK	54 %
15		The co-operative bank	38%

SME overdraft and loan services

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

Ranking



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





Monzo is excluded from this measure as Monzo did not provide overdraft and loan services to SME customers for the full duration of the survey period



Relationship/account management

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

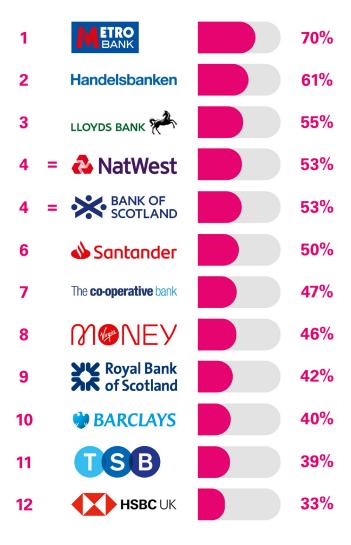
Ranking

1	Handelsbanken	81%
2	monzo	73 %
3	tide	69%
4	Starling Bank	68%
5	ETRO BANK	63%
6	LLOYDS BANK	58%
7	NatWest	54%
8	♦ Santander	53 %
9	TSB	51 %
10	BANK OF SCOTLAND	50 %
11	= XX Royal Bank of Scotland	49%
11	= *BARCLAYS	49%
13	WONEY	44%
14	The co-operative bank	42%
15	HSBC UK	40%

Service in branches and business centres

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

Ranking



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





