



Scottish Public Opinion Monitor

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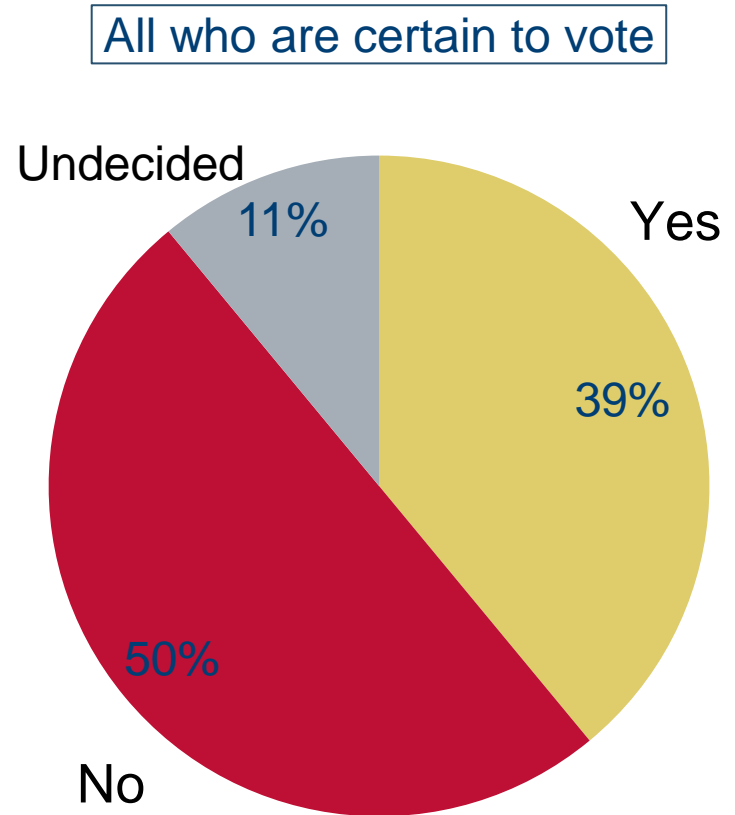
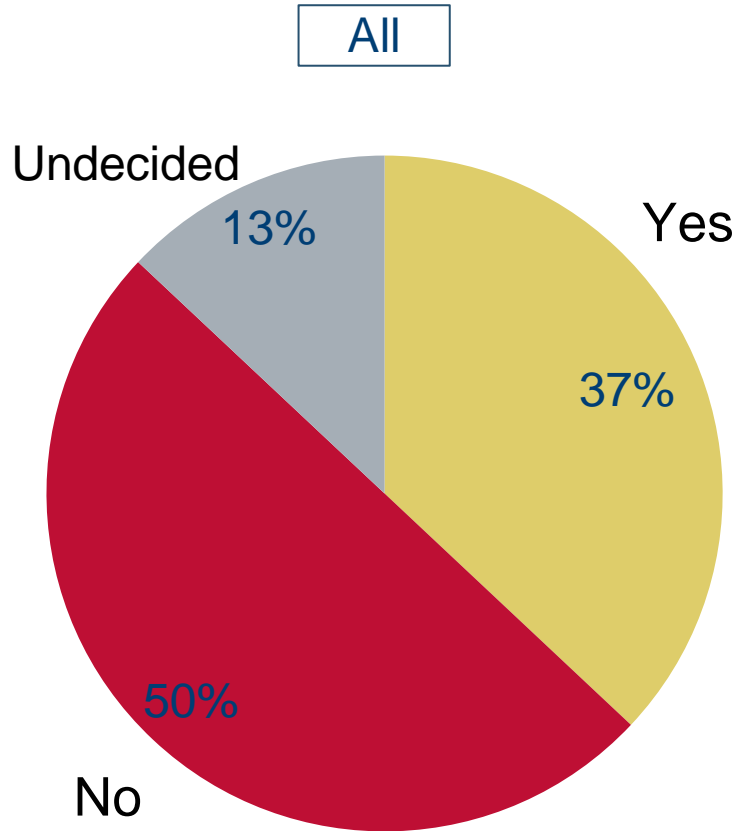


- This presents the topline results from Scotland
- Results are based on a survey of 1,005 respondents conducted by telephone
- Fieldwork dates: 27th January – 29th January 2012
- Data are weight by: age, sex and working status using census data; tenure using SHS 2007-2008 data; and public-private sector employment using Scottish Government Quarterly Public Sector Employment series data
- Where results do not sum to 100%, this may be due to computer rounding, multiple responses, or the exclusion of “don’t know” categories
- Results are based on all respondents (1,005) unless otherwise stated



Half of Scots oppose independence, while around two in five support independence

Q: Do you agree that Scotland should be an independent country?

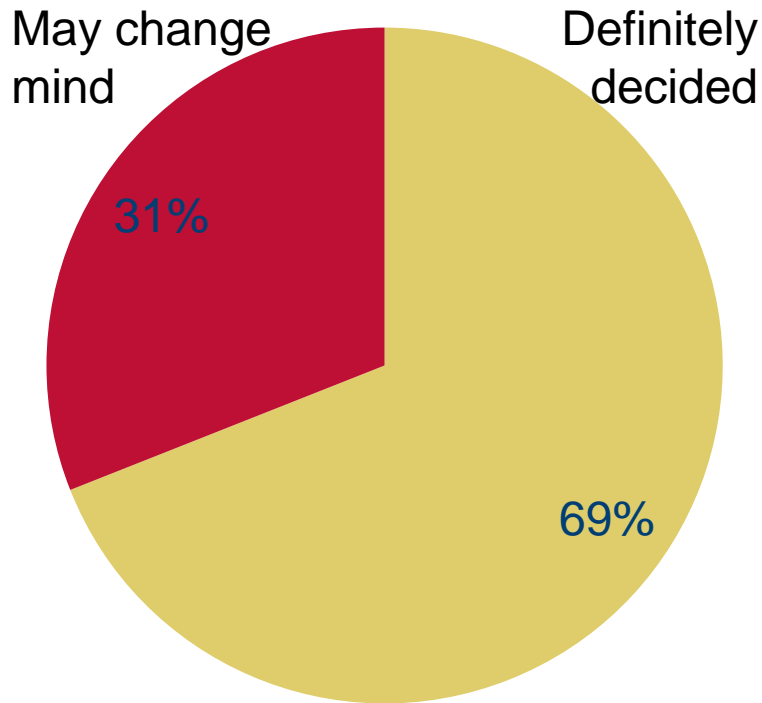


Base: All (1,005); All certain to vote (780). Data collected among 1,005 Scottish adults 18+, 27-29 January 2012

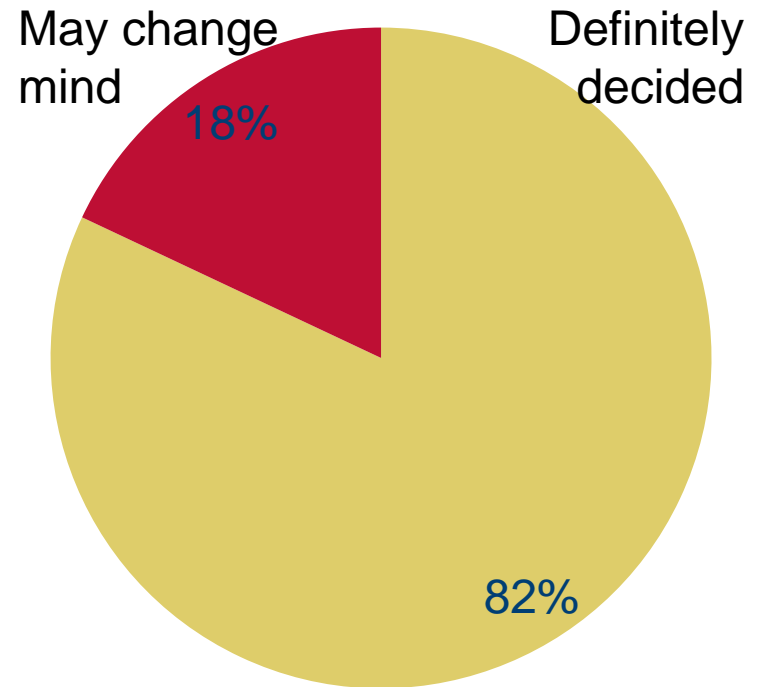
Those who oppose independence are more likely to have made their mind up

Q: Do you agree that Scotland should be an independent country?

Support independence



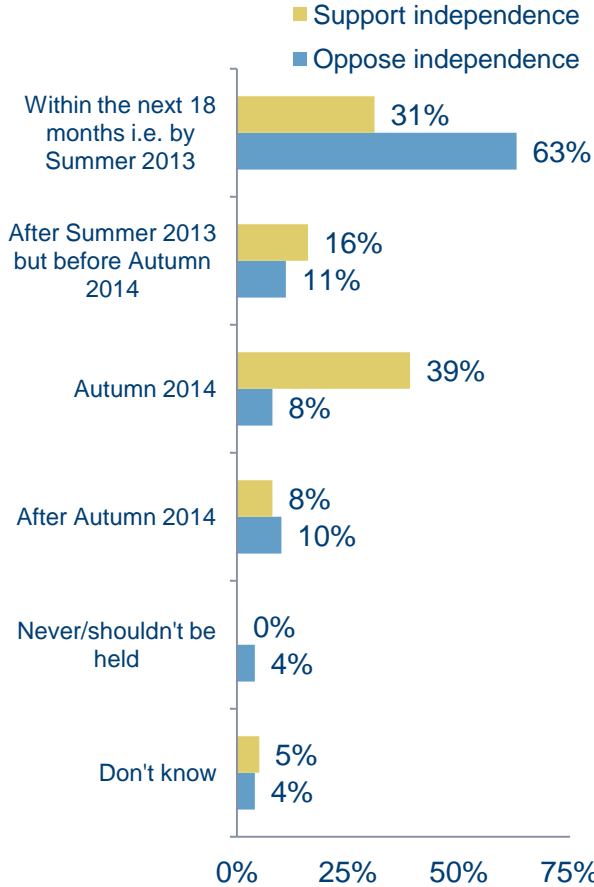
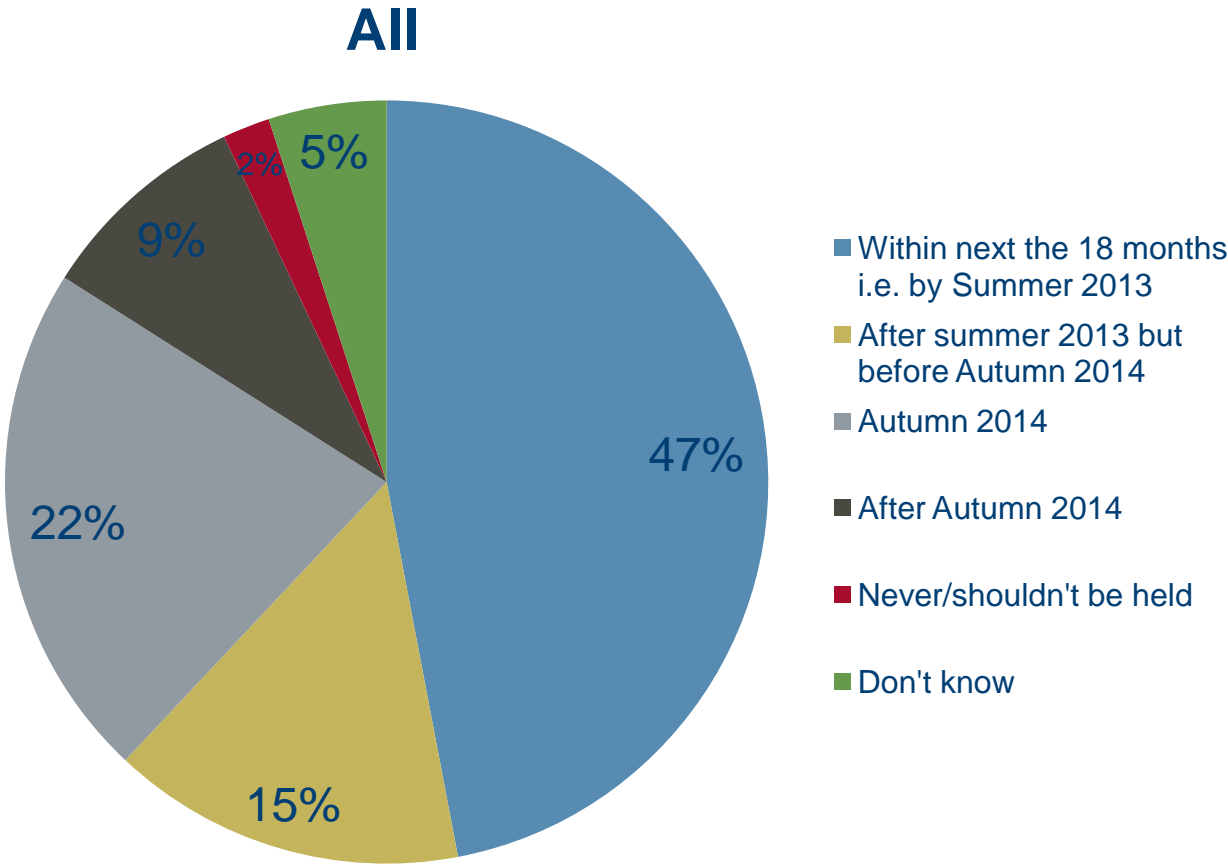
Oppose independence



Base: All who would vote Yes (374); All who would vote No (499). Data collected among 1,005 Scottish adults 18+, 27-29 January 2012

Almost half of Scots think the referendum should be held within the next 18 months

When do you think the referendum should be held?



Base: All (1,005); All who support independence (374); All who oppose independence (499). Data collected among 1,005 Scottish adults 18+, 27-29 January 2012



Thank you

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