

BBC Regions – Regional Devolution and Scottish Independence Survey

METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 2,943 English adults by telephone between 17th and 27th October 2014, including at least 300 adults in each English government office region. Data were weighted to be representative of all English adults aged 18+.

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Table 1
Q1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements ...
Base: All respondents

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Weighted base	2943	1434	1509	367	487	553	504	432	599	808	861	621	653	155	402	302	316	266	320	431	439	312
<u>I wish Scotland had voted to leave the United Kingdom at the recent referendum</u>																						
Agree	450	264	186	62	60	83	96	59	90	103	124	111	112	27	43	54	60	43	46	72	57	47
	15%	18%	12%	17%	12%	15%	19%	14%	15%	13%	14%	18%	17%	18%	11%	18%	19%	16%	14%	17%	13%	15%
Disagree	2371	1133	1238	294	408	441	395	355	480	678	711	490	492	122	339	234	242	210	259	347	361	257
	81%	79%	82%	80%	84%	80%	78%	82%	80%	84%	83%	79%	75%	79%	84%	78%	77%	79%	81%	81%	82%	82%
Don't know	122	37	85	12	20	29	14	18	29	26	27	20	49	5	20	14	14	13	15	12	22	8
	4%	3%	6%	3%	4%	5%	3%	4%	5%	3%	3%	3%	8%	3%	5%	5%	4%	5%	5%	3%	5%	3%
<u>I am glad Scotland is staying as part of the United Kingdom</u>																						
Agree	2578	1236	1342	321	430	484	426	372	544	713	769	536	560	135	360	252	271	228	285	377	392	278
	88%	86%	89%	87%	88%	88%	85%	86%	91%	88%	89%	86%	86%	87%	89%	83%	86%	86%	89%	88%	89%	89%
Disagree	272	166	106	37	38	50	63	44	40	73	68	66	66	14	30	36	40	26	27	37	30	31
	9%	12%	7%	10%	8%	9%	13%	10%	7%	9%	8%	11%	10%	9%	7%	12%	13%	10%	9%	9%	7%	10%
Don't know	93	32	61	10	19	19	15	16	15	22	25	20	27	6	12	14	4	11	8	16	17	3
	3%	2%	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	5%	1%	4%	3%	4%	4%	1%

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Weighted base	2943	1434	1509	367	487	553	504	432	599	808	861	621	653	155	402	302	316	266	320	431	439	312
<u>The UK is better off with Scotland than it would be without it</u>																						
Agree	2404	1169	1235	296	400	445	402	368	493	683	720	501	500	129	325	249	253	201	260	354	373	259
	82%	82%	82%	81%	82%	81%	80%	85%	82%	85%	84%	81%	77%	84%	81%	82%	80%	76%	81%	82%	85%	83%
Disagree	409	219	190	58	67	75	84	47	79	94	116	89	110	21	55	35	52	56	42	59	47	43
	14%	15%	13%	16%	14%	14%	17%	11%	13%	12%	13%	14%	17%	13%	14%	11%	16%	21%	13%	14%	11%	14%
Don't know	130	46	84	13	20	33	18	18	28	30	25	31	43	4	22	18	11	9	18	17	20	10
	4%	3%	6%	4%	4%	6%	4%	4%	5%	4%	3%	5%	7%	3%	5%	6%	3%	3%	6%	4%	5%	3%
<u>The UK would be better off without Scotland</u>																						
Agree	307	169	137	33	42	53	64	50	64	71	82	73	81	17	34	30	48	33	36	34	43	33
	10%	12%	9%	9%	9%	10%	13%	11%	11%	9%	10%	12%	12%	11%	8%	10%	15%	12%	11%	8%	10%	11%
Disagree	2514	1221	1293	319	425	476	425	361	509	713	750	524	527	132	341	257	262	223	266	382	379	271
	85%	85%	86%	87%	87%	86%	84%	84%	85%	88%	87%	84%	81%	86%	85%	85%	83%	84%	83%	89%	86%	87%
Don't know	122	43	79	16	20	23	16	21	27	23	29	24	45	5	27	16	6	10	19	14	17	8
	4%	3%	5%	4%	4%	4%	3%	5%	4%	3%	3%	4%	7%	3%	7%	5%	2%	4%	6%	3%	4%	3%

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Table 2

Q2. Do you support or oppose each of the following ...

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Weighted base	2943	1434	1509	367	487	553	504	432	599	808	861	621	653	155	402	302	316	266	320	431	439	312
<u>Allowing only MPs from England to vote on laws in the Westminster Parliament that affect only England</u>																						
Support	1944	983	962	255	311	367	334	280	398	527	580	415	421	101	256	197	213	196	218	263	296	204
	66%	69%	64%	69%	64%	66%	66%	65%	66%	65%	67%	67%	65%	65%	64%	65%	67%	74%	68%	61%	67%	65%
Oppose	866	405	460	94	156	166	152	132	165	255	248	176	187	47	132	92	88	61	88	142	123	93
	29%	28%	30%	26%	32%	30%	30%	31%	28%	32%	29%	28%	29%	31%	33%	30%	28%	23%	28%	33%	28%	30%
Don't know	133	46	87	19	20	19	19	20	37	26	34	30	44	7	15	13	15	9	14	26	20	15
	5%	3%	6%	5%	4%	4%	4%	5%	6%	3%	4%	5%	7%	4%	4%	4%	5%	3%	4%	6%	5%	5%
<u>Giving more decision making powers on issues such as tax, education, policing to local areas</u>																						
Support	2428	1177	1251	325	423	473	409	333	465	645	707	537	538	131	332	245	268	214	258	353	365	260
	82%	82%	83%	89%	87%	85%	81%	77%	78%	80%	82%	86%	82%	85%	83%	81%	85%	81%	81%	82%	83%	83%
Oppose	432	219	213	26	52	67	83	92	111	147	138	62	83	20	66	47	34	45	46	68	61	44
	15%	15%	14%	7%	11%	12%	16%	21%	18%	18%	16%	10%	13%	13%	16%	16%	11%	17%	15%	16%	14%	14%
Don't know	84	38	46	16	12	13	12	7	24	15	16	22	31	4	4	10	14	7	16	9	13	8
	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	2%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	5%	2%	1%	3%	5%	3%	5%	2%	3%	3%

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Weighted base	2943	1434	1509	367	487	553	504	432	599	808	861	621	653	155	402	302	316	266	320	431	439	312
Setting up an English Parliament for MPs representing only English constituencies																						
Support	1552 53%	805 56%	747 49%	195 53%	263 54%	285 52%	274 54%	213 49%	321 54%	391 48%	436 51%	361 58%	364 56%	81 53%	184 46%	175 58%	169 54%	163 62%	170 53%	208 48%	229 52%	172 55%
Oppose	1214 41%	566 39%	649 43%	155 42%	201 41%	236 43%	204 40%	187 43%	232 39%	375 46%	386 45%	225 36%	228 35%	62 40%	200 50%	112 37%	130 41%	90 34%	127 40%	190 44%	188 43%	117 37%
Don't know	177 6%	63 4%	114 8%	17 5%	23 5%	32 6%	26 5%	32 7%	47 8%	42 5%	39 5%	35 6%	61 9%	12 8%	18 5%	15 5%	17 5%	13 5%	24 7%	33 8%	22 5%	23 7%

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Q3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements ...

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Weighted base	2943	1434	1509	367	487	553	504	432	599	808	861	621	653	155	402	302	316	266	320	431	439	312
The rest of the UK is at a disadvantage because the most talented people are drawn to London																						
Agree	1584	835	749	200	243	268	269	259	344	410	456	345	373	96	227	180	178	123	173	243	211	151
	54%	58%	50%	54%	50%	48%	53%	60%	57%	51%	53%	55%	57%	62%	57%	59%	56%	46%	54%	56%	48%	48%
Disagree	1297	580	718	162	235	278	227	164	231	387	394	261	256	54	170	117	131	136	140	175	217	157
	44%	40%	48%	44%	48%	50%	45%	38%	39%	48%	46%	42%	39%	35%	42%	39%	42%	51%	44%	41%	49%	50%
Don't know	62	19	43	5	9	7	8	9	25	11	11	16	24	4	5	6	7	6	7	13	11	4
	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	4%	1%	1%	3%	4%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%
Politicians in Westminster don't understand what is best for the rest of the UK																						
Agree	2097	992	1105	270	347	387	367	322	405	531	596	480	491	118	317	231	238	186	228	266	291	220
	71%	69%	73%	73%	71%	70%	73%	75%	68%	66%	69%	77%	75%	76%	79%	77%	75%	70%	71%	62%	66%	71%
Disagree	768	412	357	84	129	154	125	102	173	254	249	125	140	35	78	62	69	72	83	150	132	87
	26%	29%	24%	23%	26%	28%	25%	24%	29%	31%	29%	20%	22%	22%	19%	21%	22%	27%	26%	35%	30%	28%
Don't know	78	30	48	13	11	12	13	8	20	22	16	17	22	2	7	8	9	7	9	14	16	5
	3%	2%	3%	4%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%

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<u>Too much of the country's resources are spent on London</u>																						
Agree	1797	910	887	230	276	307	322	297	364	457	515	405	420	121	299	226	222	175	174	187	213	179
	61%	63%	59%	63%	57%	56%	64%	69%	61%	57%	60%	65%	64%	78%	74%	75%	70%	66%	54%	43%	48%	57%
Disagree	991	471	520	121	186	217	160	115	191	322	300	187	182	29	90	64	75	79	124	219	193	117
	34%	33%	34%	33%	38%	39%	32%	27%	32%	40%	35%	30%	28%	19%	23%	21%	24%	30%	39%	51%	44%	37%
Don't know	155	53	103	16	25	29	22	19	44	28	47	29	51	4	12	12	19	12	22	25	33	16
	5%	4%	7%	4%	5%	5%	4%	4%	7%	4%	5%	5%	8%	3%	3%	4%	6%	4%	7%	6%	8%	5%
<u>Britain is better off for having a strong capital city like London</u>																						
Agree	2263	1089	1174	283	382	419	377	329	473	661	658	460	483	104	272	201	229	202	271	375	359	248
	77%	76%	78%	77%	78%	76%	75%	76%	79%	82%	76%	74%	74%	67%	68%	66%	72%	76%	85%	87%	82%	80%
Disagree	618	320	297	74	96	126	115	90	117	136	188	144	149	46	121	91	80	57	42	47	75	59
	21%	22%	20%	20%	20%	23%	23%	21%	19%	17%	22%	23%	23%	30%	30%	30%	25%	22%	13%	11%	17%	19%
Don't know	63	25	38	10	9	8	12	13	10	10	15	17	21	5	9	10	7	6	7	8	5	5
	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%