

# BBC London – Trust in the Metropolitan Police

## METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 1,000 adults from London by telephone between 12<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2014. Data were weighted to be representative of all London adults. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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## London Met Police Poll 2014

### CATI Fieldwork : 12th - 16th March 2014

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

**Q1. Overall, how trustworthy or untrustworthy do you consider the Metropolitan Police to be?****Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age I						Age II			Income				Ethnicity I			Ethnicity II		Borough		Q1. Trust in Met Police		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	18-34	35-54	55+	Up to £14k	£14k-£28k	£28k-£55k	Over £55k	White	Asian	Black	White	BME	Inner	Outer	Trust-worthy	Untrust-worthy	
Unweighted base	1000	449	551	73	168	248	161	155	195	241	409	350	176	156	198	201	703	115	80	703	270	403	597	816	154	
Weighted base	1000	480	520	130	230	210	150	120	160	360	360	280	160	161	211	202	600	162	106	600	366	385	615	810	160	
NET: Trustworthy	810	376	433	102	191	174	123	96	124	293	297	220	125	131	176	164	504	128	76	504	281	303	506	810	-	
	81%	78%	83%	79%	83%	83%	82%	80%	78%	81%	82%	79%	78%	82%	83%	81%	84%	79%	71%	84%	77%	79%	82%	100%	-	
Very trustworthy	(4)	236	102	134	34	60	46	34	23	39	93	80	62	45	30	45	39	156	40	15	156	74	74	162	236	-
		24%	21%	26%	26%	26%	22%	23%	19%	24%	26%	22%	22%	28%	18%	21%	19%	26%	25%	14%	26%	20%	19%	26%	29%	-
Fairly trustworthy	(3)	574	274	299	69	131	128	89	73	85	200	217	158	80	102	131	125	348	88	61	348	208	229	345	574	-
		57%	57%	58%	53%	57%	61%	59%	61%	53%	55%	60%	56%	50%	63%	62%	62%	58%	54%	57%	58%	57%	60%	56%	71%	-
Fairly untrustworthy	(2)	105	60	46	19	17	27	17	11	14	36	44	25	12	19	21	26	60	13	16	60	41	43	62	-	105
		11%	12%	9%	15%	7%	13%	11%	9%	9%	10%	12%	9%	8%	12%	10%	13%	10%	8%	15%	10%	11%	11%	10%	-	66%
Very untrustworthy	(1)	55	33	22	8	16	5	6	9	10	25	12	19	14	10	10	10	26	17	7	26	27	27	28	-	55
		6%	7%	4%	6%	7%	2%	4%	8%	6%	7%	3%	7%	9%	6%	5%	5%	4%	11%	6%	4%	7%	7%	5%	-	34%
NET: Untrustworthy		160	93	67	28	33	33	23	20	24	61	56	44	26	29	32	36	86	30	23	86	68	70	90	-	160
		16%	19%	13%	21%	14%	15%	16%	16%	15%	17%	15%	16%	16%	18%	15%	18%	14%	19%	22%	14%	18%	18%	15%	-	100%
Don't know		30	11	19	-	6	4	4	4	12	6	8	16	9	-	4	3	10	4	8	10	17	12	18	-	-
		3%	2%	4%	-	3%	2%	3%	4%	7%	2%	2%	6%	5%	-	2%	1%	2%	3%	7%	2%	5%	3%	3%	-	-
Mean		3.02	2.95	3.09	2.98	3.05	3.04	3.03	2.95	3.04	3.02	3.04	3.00	3.04	2.94	3.01	2.96	3.07	2.95	2.85	3.07	2.94	2.94	3.07	3.29	1.66
Standard deviation		0.76	0.79	0.73	0.82	0.80	0.68	0.73	0.78	0.79	0.81	0.70	0.79	0.87	0.74	0.72	0.73	0.73	0.88	0.75	0.73	0.80	0.77	0.75	0.45	0.48

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Table 2

**Q2. An independent report published last week found that the Metropolitan Police used an undercover police officer to spy on the family of the murdered teenager Stephen Lawrence. To what extent, if at all, has this revelation affected your opinion of the Metropolitan Police?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age I						Age II			Income				Ethnicity I			Ethnicity II		Borough		Q1. Trust in Met Police	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	18-34	35-54	55+	Up to £14k	£14k-£28k	£28k-£55k	Over £55k	White	Asian	Black	White	BME	Inner	Outer	Trust-worthy	Untrust-worthy
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NET: More likely to trust now	49 5%	35 7%	14 3%	9 7%	6 2%	9 4%	6 4%	6 5%	12 8%	15 4%	15 4%	19 7%	12 7%	10 6%	7 3%	3 1%	31 5%	12 8%	2 1%	31 5%	18 5%	22 6%	28 4%	41 5%	8 5%
I am much more likely to trust them now	(5) 29 3%	21 4%	8 1%	4 3%	2 1%	7 3%	4 3%	5 4%	8 5%	5 1%	11 3%	13 5%	8 5%	5 3%	4 2%	2 1%	18 3%	9 5%	- -	18 3%	11 3%	11 3%	18 3%	23 3%	7 4%
I am slightly more likely to trust them now	(4) 20 2%	14 3%	6 1%	6 4%	4 2%	2 1%	2 1%	1 1%	4 3%	10 3%	5 1%	6 2%	4 3%	4 3%	3 1%	1 1%	13 2%	4 2%	2 1%	13 2%	7 2%	10 3%	10 2%	18 2%	2 1%
It has made no difference to me	(3) 539 54%	271 57%	267 51%	67 52%	127 55%	110 52%	85 57%	67 56%	83 52%	194 54%	195 54%	150 54%	95 59%	84 52%	105 50%	114 56%	345 57%	91 56%	35 33%	345 57%	177 48%	205 53%	334 54%	461 57%	60 38%
I am slightly less likely to trust them now	(2) 271 27%	107 22%	164 32%	33 25%	76 33%	63 30%	32 21%	28 23%	40 25%	109 30%	95 26%	68 24%	33 20%	42 26%	74 35%	61 30%	164 27%	36 22%	42 39%	164 27%	101 28%	103 27%	168 27%	244 30%	24 15%
I am much less likely to trust them now	(1) 116 12%	56 12%	61 12%	17 13%	18 8%	23 11%	23 15%	16 14%	20 12%	35 10%	45 13%	36 13%	17 11%	25 16%	23 11%	23 11%	53 9%	17 10%	26 24%	53 9%	54 15%	48 12%	69 11%	50 6%	64 40%
NET: Less likely to trust now	388 39%	163 34%	225 43%	50 39%	94 41%	85 41%	55 37%	44 37%	60 38%	144 40%	140 39%	104 37%	50 31%	67 42%	97 46%	84 42%	217 36%	53 33%	68 64%	217 36%	155 42%	151 39%	237 39%	294 36%	88 55%
Don't know	24 2%	11 2%	14 3%	4 3%	4 2%	6 3%	4 2%	2 2%	4 3%	8 2%	10 3%	7 2%	3 2%	- -	1 1%	2 1%	7 1%	6 4%	2 2%	7 1%	16 4%	8 2%	16 3%	14 2%	4 2%
Mean	2.56	2.66	2.48	2.57	2.54	2.55	2.54	2.58	2.62	2.55	2.55	2.60	2.69	2.52	2.48	2.49	2.63	2.69	2.12	2.63	2.48	2.56	2.56	2.65	2.12
Standard deviation	0.84	0.89	0.78	0.89	0.70	0.83	0.88	0.90	0.93	0.77	0.85	0.92	0.88	0.91	0.78	0.74	0.80	0.90	0.80	0.80	0.89	0.86	0.83	0.76	1.10

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Table 3

**Q3. In the past, the Metropolitan police has been accused of being institutionally racist. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view on this subject?**

**Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age I					Age II			Income				Ethnicity I			Ethnicity II		Borough		Q1. Trust in Met Police		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	18-34	35-54	55+	Up to £14k	£14k-£28k	£28k-£55k	Over £55k	White	Asian	Black	White	BME	Inner	Outer	Trust-worthy	Untrust-worthy
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Weighted base	1000	480	520	130	230	210	150	120	160	360	360	280	160	161	211	202	600	162	106	600	366	385	615	810	160
NET: Is/ has been institutionally racist	668 67%	316 66%	352 68%	95 73%	139 60%	150 71%	105 70%	79 66%	101 63%	234 65%	255 71%	180 64%	98 61%	112 70%	164 78%	152 75%	390 65%	108 67%	85 80%	390 65%	255 70%	257 67%	411 67%	524 65%	136 85%
The Metropolitan Police has been institutionally racist in the past but is not any more	348 35%	167 35%	182 35%	46 36%	70 31%	81 39%	53 35%	43 36%	55 34%	117 32%	134 37%	97 35%	54 34%	50 31%	92 44%	79 39%	234 39%	55 34%	29 28%	234 39%	108 30%	126 33%	223 36%	331 41%	14 9%
The Metropolitan Police is an institutionally racist organisation	320 32%	150 31%	170 33%	48 37%	69 30%	69 33%	52 35%	36 30%	46 29%	117 33%	120 33%	82 29%	44 27%	62 39%	72 34%	73 36%	157 26%	53 33%	55 52%	157 26%	147 40%	131 34%	188 31%	192 24%	122 76%
The Metropolitan police has never been an institutionally racist organisation	200 20%	113 24%	87 17%	27 21%	54 23%	37 18%	22 15%	24 20%	35 22%	81 22%	60 17%	60 21%	41 26%	36 23%	31 15%	29 14%	134 22%	34 21%	9 8%	134 22%	61 17%	71 18%	129 21%	183 23%	16 10%
Don't know	131 13%	50 10%	81 16%	8 6%	37 16%	23 11%	23 15%	17 14%	23 15%	46 13%	46 13%	40 14%	21 13%	12 7%	16 7%	22 11%	76 13%	20 12%	13 12%	76 13%	50 14%	57 15%	75 12%	103 13%	8 5%

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Table 4

**Q4. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?****Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age I						Age II			Income				Ethnicity I			Ethnicity II		Borough		Q1. Trust in Met Police			
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	18-34	35-54	55+	Up to £14k	£14k-£28k	£28k-£55k	Over £55k	White	Asian	Black	White	BME	Inner	Outer	Trust-worthy	Untrust-worthy		
Unweighted base	1000	449	551	73	168	248	161	155	195	241	409	350	176	156	198	201	703	115	80	703	270	403	597	816	154		
Weighted base	1000	480	520	130	230	210	150	120	160	360	360	280	160	161	211	202	600	162	106	600	366	385	615	810	160		
<b>Generally speaking, most Metropolitan Police officers are trustworthy</b>																											
Agree	860	415	444	111	200	181	127	102	139	311	307	241	133	135	182	186	539	133	82	539	292	324	536	755	86		
	86%	86%	85%	86%	87%	86%	84%	85%	87%	86%	85%	86%	83%	84%	87%	92%	90%	82%	77%	90%	80%	84%	87%	93%	54%		
Disagree	116	56	60	19	29	22	20	14	12	47	42	26	21	24	25	12	50	25	19	50	60	51	65	45	70		
	12%	12%	12%	14%	12%	11%	13%	11%	8%	13%	12%	9%	13%	15%	12%	6%	8%	16%	18%	8%	16%	13%	11%	6%	44%		
Don't know	24	9	16	-	2	7	3	4	8	2	10	13	5	2	4	4	11	4	5	11	13	10	14	10	5		
	2%	2%	3%	-	1%	3%	2%	4%	5%	*	3%	5%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	5%	2%	4%	3%	2%	1%	3%		
<b>Corruption is widespread in the Metropolitan Police</b>																											
Agree	215	98	117	35	54	52	30	25	20	89	82	45	39	35	53	30	91	55	44	91	118	98	118	121	90		
	22%	20%	23%	27%	23%	25%	20%	21%	12%	25%	23%	16%	24%	22%	25%	15%	15%	34%	41%	15%	32%	25%	19%	15%	56%		
Disagree	688	348	341	93	149	139	107	83	117	242	245	201	102	114	145	155	455	99	48	455	208	250	438	619	60		
	69%	72%	66%	72%	65%	66%	71%	69%	73%	67%	68%	72%	64%	71%	69%	76%	76%	61%	45%	76%	57%	65%	71%	76%	37%		
Don't know	96	34	62	2	27	20	13	12	23	29	33	35	19	11	13	17	54	9	14	54	40	37	59	70	11		
	10%	7%	12%	1%	12%	9%	9%	10%	14%	8%	9%	12%	12%	7%	6%	9%	9%	5%	13%	9%	11%	10%	10%	9%	7%		
<b>In my experience, Metropolitan Police officers act in a professional manner when dealing with the public</b>																											
Agree	835	401	434	107	194	176	115	104	139	301	292	242	144	130	178	176	520	131	79	520	283	320	515	729	84		
	83%	84%	83%	82%	84%	84%	77%	87%	87%	84%	81%	87%	90%	81%	84%	87%	87%	81%	74%	87%	77%	83%	84%	90%	52%		
Disagree	136	70	66	24	32	22	29	14	15	56	51	30	13	27	29	20	68	28	23	68	66	49	87	68	66		
	14%	15%	13%	18%	14%	10%	19%	12%	10%	15%	14%	11%	8%	17%	14%	10%	11%	17%	21%	11%	18%	13%	14%	8%	41%		
Don't know	29	9	20	-	3	12	5	2	6	3	18	8	3	4	4	6	12	3	5	12	16	15	14	13	11		
	3%	2%	4%	-	2%	6%	4%	1%	4%	1%	5%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	5%	2%	4%	4%	2%	2%	7%		
<b>Corruption in the Metropolitan Police is worse than in other forces</b>																											
Agree	246	129	116	33	69	57	29	30	29	102	86	58	48	47	41	44	121	49	38	121	115	96	150	160	83		
	25%	27%	22%	25%	30%	27%	19%	25%	18%	28%	24%	21%	30%	29%	19%	22%	20%	30%	36%	20%	31%	25%	24%	20%	51%		
Disagree	608	287	321	88	131	123	96	68	103	219	219	170	90	99	142	127	389	98	53	389	200	224	384	543	55		
	61%	60%	62%	67%	57%	58%	64%	56%	64%	61%	61%	61%	56%	62%	67%	63%	65%	60%	50%	65%	55%	58%	62%	67%	35%		
Don't know	146	64	83	9	30	31	25	23	28	40	56	51	22	14	28	32	90	16	15	90	50	65	81	107	22		
	15%	13%	16%	7%	13%	15%	17%	19%	18%	11%	15%	18%	14%	9%	13%	16%	15%	10%	14%	15%	14%	17%	13%	13%	14%		

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Table 5

**Q5. The police across the UK have the power to stop and search anyone that they believe may be in possession of stolen goods, drugs or a weapon or if a serious incident has just occurred. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements ...**

**Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age I						Age II			Income				Ethnicity I			Ethnicity II		Borough		Q1. Trust in Met Police			
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	18-34	35-54	55+	Up to £14k	£14k-£28k	£28k-£55k	Over £55k	White	Asian	Black	White	BME	Inner	Outer	Trust-worthy	Untrust-worthy		
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Weighted base	1000	480	520	130	230	210	150	120	160	360	360	280	160	161	211	202	600	162	106	600	366	385	615	810	160		
<b><u>The police currently use stop and search powers too much</u></b>																											
Agree	389	172	217	72	102	77	45	44	50	175	121	93	63	74	85	69	192	73	67	192	183	168	222	277	104		
	39%	36%	42%	56%	44%	36%	30%	36%	31%	49%	34%	33%	40%	46%	40%	34%	32%	45%	63%	32%	50%	44%	36%	34%	65%		
Disagree	509	269	239	50	109	109	85	63	91	160	195	154	84	74	109	112	345	79	28	345	148	173	335	457	44		
	51%	56%	46%	39%	47%	52%	57%	53%	57%	44%	54%	55%	53%	46%	52%	56%	58%	49%	26%	58%	41%	45%	55%	57%	27%		
Don't know	102	39	63	7	19	24	20	13	19	26	44	32	12	12	17	21	63	10	12	63	35	44	58	76	13		
	10%	8%	12%	5%	8%	11%	13%	11%	12%	7%	12%	11%	8%	7%	8%	11%	10%	6%	11%	10%	9%	11%	9%	9%	8%		
<b><u>Stop and search is an effective way of reducing crime</u></b>																											
Agree	744	369	375	98	159	152	114	84	137	257	266	221	126	118	151	142	464	130	65	464	259	267	478	643	82		
	74%	77%	72%	75%	69%	72%	76%	70%	86%	71%	74%	79%	79%	74%	72%	70%	77%	80%	61%	77%	71%	69%	78%	79%	51%		
Disagree	227	100	127	32	69	47	30	31	17	101	78	48	31	40	55	52	119	32	38	119	99	101	126	149	74		
	23%	21%	24%	25%	30%	23%	20%	26%	11%	28%	22%	17%	19%	25%	26%	26%	20%	20%	22%	35%	27%	26%	20%	18%	46%		
Don't know	29	11	18	-	2	10	6	5	6	2	16	10	3	2	5	8	17	1	3	17	9	17	11	17	4		
	3%	2%	3%	-	1%	5%	4%	4%	4%	1%	4%	4%	2%	1%	3%	4%	3%	1%	3%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%		
<b><u>Stop and search unfairly targets young black men</u></b>																											
Agree	512	237	275	74	114	115	82	57	70	188	198	126	74	95	106	117	297	78	75	297	199	213	299	382	120		
	51%	49%	53%	57%	50%	55%	55%	47%	44%	52%	55%	45%	47%	59%	50%	58%	49%	48%	71%	49%	54%	55%	49%	47%	75%		
Disagree	418	215	203	52	102	78	58	52	75	154	136	128	73	61	95	74	265	73	24	265	139	146	272	371	39		
	42%	45%	39%	40%	44%	37%	39%	44%	47%	43%	38%	46%	46%	38%	45%	37%	44%	45%	22%	44%	38%	38%	44%	46%	24%		
Don't know	70	28	42	4	13	17	10	11	15	18	27	26	13	5	10	11	38	12	7	38	29	27	44	57	2		
	7%	6%	8%	3%	6%	8%	6%	9%	9%	5%	7%	9%	8%	3%	5%	5%	6%	7%	7%	6%	8%	7%	7%	7%	1%		

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**Q6. How important, if at all, is it to you personally that the Metropolitan Police service reflects the ethnic make-up of London?**

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NET: Important	802	373	429	109	197	183	115	88	111	305	297	199	118	125	181	173	469	142	84	469	313	321	481	646	132	
	80%	78%	83%	84%	85%	87%	77%	74%	69%	85%	83%	71%	74%	78%	86%	85%	78%	87%	79%	78%	86%	83%	78%	80%	82%	
Very important	(4)	429	199	230	53	96	99	72	48	61	149	171	110	57	56	102	104	247	74	50	247	168	161	268	334	84
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Fairly important	(3)	373	173	199	56	101	83	43	40	50	157	126	90	62	69	79	69	222	68	34	222	145	160	213	312	48
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Not at all important	(1)	68	39	29	7	10	10	13	14	15	17	23	29	14	19	8	6	47	8	8	47	16	24	44	50	15
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Mean		3.18	3.11	3.24	3.19	3.25	3.30	3.17	3.05	3.02	3.23	3.25	3.03	3.04	3.01	3.31	3.33	3.12	3.30	3.21	3.12	3.30	3.21	3.16	3.17	3.25
Standard deviation		0.89	0.93	0.85	0.83	0.79	0.81	0.97	1.01	0.98	0.81	0.88	0.99	0.93	0.96	0.80	0.80	0.92	0.80	0.93	0.92	0.80	0.85	0.92	0.88	0.96