

## National Income

### ONLINE Fieldwork : 8th - 10th July 2011

Table 1

Absolutes/col percents

#### Q1. What proportion of the UK's national income would you estimate is currently spent by Government?

Base : All respondents

	Gender			Age						Social grade				Region								Employment Sector					
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorks & Hum 'side	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East-ern	Lon-don	South East	South West	Pub-lic	Pri-vate	
Unweighted Base	2050	905	1145	149	344	414	358	324	461	740	522	272	514	178	99	240	181	197	162	112	169	242	280	190	306	752	
Weighted Base	2050	1004	1046	246	328	389	348	308	431	553	594	431	472	178	93	241	181	190	159	109	192	258	263	187	322	826	
0% - 10%	(5)	19 1%	12 1%	8 1%	- -	3 1%	6 2%	5 1%	4 1%	1 *	4 1%	3 *	5 1%	7 2%	- -	2 1%	2 1%	- -	7 4%	1 1%	4 2%	1 *	1 *	1 1%	1 *	10 1%	
11% - 20%	(15)	59 3%	45 4%	15 1%	10 4%	11 3%	17 4%	7 2%	6 2%	8 3%	15 3%	15 3%	13 3%	3 2%	3 3%	12 5%	1 1%	7 4%	3 2%	3 2%	4 2%	8 3%	4 1%	13 7%	6 2%	31 4%	
21% - 30%	(25)	141 7%	78 8%	63 6%	25 10%	26 8%	28 7%	25 7%	19 6%	17 4%	44 8%	51 9%	26 6%	19 4%	8 5%	17 7%	13 7%	15 8%	7 5%	7 7%	12 6%	24 9%	20 8%	12 6%	28 9%	69 8%	
31% - 40%	(35)	211 10%	110 11%	100 10%	22 9%	39 12%	42 11%	24 7%	31 10%	52 12%	63 11%	71 12%	28 7%	49 10%	16 9%	8 8%	28 11%	18 10%	20 10%	17 11%	10 9%	28 15%	32 12%	20 8%	15 8%	31 10%	75 9%
41% - 50%	(45)	216 11%	111 11%	105 10%	31 13%	26 8%	35 9%	44 13%	34 11%	46 11%	67 12%	74 12%	35 8%	41 9%	20 11%	10 11%	16 7%	21 12%	26 14%	24 15%	8 7%	16 8%	25 10%	41 16%	9 5%	42 13%	92 11%
51% - 60%	(55)	294 14%	133 13%	161 15%	40 16%	52 16%	53 13%	49 14%	36 12%	64 15%	75 14%	87 15%	74 17%	57 12%	21 12%	33 14%	22 12%	19 10%	21 13%	22 20%	24 13%	37 14%	41 15%	37 20%	40 12%	119 14%	
61% - 70%	(65)	312 15%	141 14%	172 16%	34 14%	50 15%	52 13%	69 20%	46 15%	61 14%	90 16%	68 11%	70 16%	84 18%	28 16%	8 8%	38 16%	23 13%	27 14%	22 14%	23 21%	17 9%	48 18%	42 16%	38 20%	58 18%	123 15%
71% - 80%	(75)	353 17%	164 16%	189 18%	47 19%	57 17%	67 17%	57 16%	51 17%	73 17%	89 16%	96 16%	81 19%	87 18%	35 20%	21 23%	37 16%	38 21%	34 18%	25 16%	12 11%	33 17%	48 19%	43 16%	26 14%	48 15%	147 18%
81% - 90%	(85)	189 9%	90 9%	99 9%	10 4%	32 10%	34 9%	37 10%	33 11%	44 10%	38 7%	51 9%	44 10%	56 12%	19 10%	9 10%	18 8%	21 11%	17 9%	19 12%	9 8%	18 10%	18 7%	23 9%	18 9%	38 12%	57 7%
91% - 100%	(95)	255 12%	121 12%	134 13%	26 10%	32 10%	55 14%	32 9%	47 15%	63 15%	67 12%	79 13%	51 12%	58 12%	27 15%	14 15%	38 16%	23 13%	24 13%	14 9%	15 13%	36 19%	17 7%	29 11%	18 10%	29 9%	103 13%
Mean	60.89	59.20	62.52	57.89	59.24	60.26	60.83	62.64	63.24	59.28	59.78	62.21	62.99	64.73	63.80	60.70	62.84	60.47	58.93	61.08	62.26	57.61	60.74	59.51	60.18	59.56	
Standard deviation	22.69	23.68	21.59	22.18	22.78	24.21	21.60	23.22	21.76	22.69	23.08	22.33	22.38	21.28	22.42	24.34	22.21	22.98	23.39	22.19	24.96	21.46	21.15	22.73	21.79	23.31	
Standard error	0.50	0.79	0.64	1.82	1.23	1.19	1.14	1.29	1.01	0.83	1.01	1.35	0.99	1.60	2.25	1.57	1.65	1.64	1.84	2.10	1.92	1.38	1.26	1.65	1.25	0.85	

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**Q2. Which of these statements do you believe is true?**

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**Base : All respondents**

	Gender		Age							Social grade				Region										Employment Sector		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorks & Hum 'side	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East-ern	Lon-don	South East	South West	Pub-lic	Pri-vate
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The Government is intending to REDUCE the national debt by £350bn before the next election.	1443 70%	757 75%	686 66%	172 70%	202 62%	264 68%	250 72%	208 68%	347 81%	423 76%	426 72%	302 70%	292 62%	116 65%	66 71%	174 72%	123 68%	137 72%	118 74%	76 70%	125 65%	178 69%	197 75%	132 71%	231 72%	578 70%
The Government is NOT INTENDING TO INCREASE OR REDUCE the national debt before the next election.	431 21%	171 17%	260 25%	57 23%	90 27%	84 22%	71 20%	69 23%	60 14%	88 16%	125 21%	99 23%	119 25%	47 26%	20 21%	46 19%	37 20%	36 19%	30 19%	19 18%	56 29%	64 25%	47 18%	30 16%	68 21%	180 22%
The Government is intending to ADD £350bn to the national debt before the next election.	176 9%	76 8%	100 10%	17 7%	35 11%	42 11%	27 8%	31 10%	24 6%	42 8%	44 7%	30 7%	60 13%	15 9%	7 8%	20 8%	21 12%	16 9%	11 7%	14 13%	11 6%	16 6%	19 7%	25 13%	23 7%	68 8%

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Table 3

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**Q3. By the time of the next election the current Government's plan is to spend around 40% of the UK's national income each year. What proportion of the nation's income do you think the government should be aiming to spend?**

**Base : All respondents**

	Gender		Age							Social grade				Region										Employment Sector			
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scot-land	North East	North West	Yorks & Hum'side	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East-ern	Lon-don	South East	South West	Pub-lic	Pri-vate	
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Less than 25%	(12.5)	293	124	169	56	69	59	45	36	28	56	84	73	80	23	15	34	18	20	36	18	18	50	29	32	29	141
		14%	12%	16%	23%	21%	15%	13%	12%	7%	10%	14%	17%	17%	13%	16%	14%	10%	11%	23%	17%	9%	19%	11%	17%	9%	17%
Between 25% and 35%	(30)	676	319	357	95	123	117	117	86	138	192	205	134	145	48	32	72	64	75	44	28	65	88	111	47	113	288
		33%	32%	34%	39%	37%	30%	34%	28%	32%	35%	34%	31%	31%	27%	35%	30%	35%	40%	28%	26%	34%	34%	42%	25%	35%	35%
Between 35% and 45%	(40)	507	276	231	36	67	82	76	82	165	175	151	83	98	40	19	67	52	49	49	18	52	49	62	50	72	199
		25%	27%	22%	14%	20%	21%	22%	27%	38%	32%	25%	19%	21%	23%	21%	28%	29%	26%	31%	17%	27%	19%	24%	26%	22%	24%
More than 45%	(50)	281	166	115	38	22	56	59	53	53	74	77	69	60	38	16	31	23	14	14	20	25	38	33	30	67	91
		14%	17%	11%	15%	7%	14%	17%	17%	12%	13%	13%	16%	13%	21%	17%	13%	12%	8%	9%	18%	13%	15%	12%	16%	21%	11%
Don't know		293	119	174	21	47	76	52	51	46	57	77	70	88	29	11	36	25	31	17	24	31	32	28	29	42	106
		14%	12%	17%	9%	14%	19%	15%	16%	11%	10%	13%	16%	19%	16%	11%	15%	14%	16%	11%	22%	16%	13%	11%	15%	13%	13%
Mean		33.16	34.42	31.89	30.58	29.66	32.85	33.90	34.93	35.75	34.55	33.05	32.61	32.05	35.01	33.11	33.41	34.17	32.65	30.92	33.10	34.35	31.71	33.30	33.39	35.52	31.86
Standard deviation		11.57	11.40	11.62	12.65	11.44	12.14	11.68	11.55	9.38	10.42	11.40	12.49	12.18	12.28	12.14	11.57	10.48	10.00	12.28	13.20	10.52	12.46	10.45	12.54	11.06	11.62
Standard error		0.28	0.40	0.38	1.09	0.67	0.66	0.67	0.70	0.46	0.41	0.53	0.83	0.60	1.01	1.34	0.82	0.84	0.78	1.01	1.42	0.87	0.85	0.66	0.99	0.68	0.45

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**Q4. By the time of the next election the current Government's plan is to spend around 40% of the UK's national income each year.**

**If the Government were to reduce its spending to 30% of national income, the Government would have less money to spend, but each household would pay around £7,500 less tax on average.**

**Would you support or oppose this reduction in government spending?**

**Base : All respondents**

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Support it	1431	679	752	177	261	276	245	196	277	366	429	317	319	108	69	168	135	131	128	75	128	164	196	129	226	609
	70%	68%	72%	72%	80%	71%	70%	64%	64%	66%	72%	74%	68%	61%	75%	70%	75%	69%	80%	69%	67%	64%	74%	69%	70%	74%
Oppose it	619	325	294	69	67	113	104	112	154	187	165	114	153	70	23	72	46	59	31	34	64	94	67	58	96	217
	30%	32%	28%	28%	20%	29%	30%	36%	36%	34%	28%	26%	32%	39%	25%	30%	25%	31%	20%	31%	33%	36%	26%	31%	30%	26%