

# ITV Border – Scottish Independence Poll

#### METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 1,004 adults living in the council areas of the Scottish Borders and Dumfries & Galloway by telephone between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014. Data were weighted to be representative of all adults aged 16+ from the region. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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Q.1 If there were a referendum tomorrow on whether Scotland should become an independent country, how likely would you be to vote on a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 means you are certain NOT to vote and 10 means you are absolutely CERTAIN to vote? Base: All respondents

			Gender				Ag	je				Social	Grade		Cou	
		Total	Male	<u>Female</u>	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 or older	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scot- tish Bord- ers	Dum- fries and Gall- oway
Unweighted base		1004	485	519	55	71	189	231	179	276	285	208	217	255	427	577
Weighted base		1004	522	482	126	108	153	184	176	254	147	237	255	326	430	574
Absolutely certain to vote	(10)	590 59%	327 63%	264 55%	44 35%	58 54%	84 55%	117 64%	113 64%	174 68%	103 70%	152 64%	144 56%	176 54%	246 57%	344 60%
	(9)	32 3%	20 4%	12 3%	-	3 3%	2 1%	7 4%	14 8%	7 3%	5 3%	4 2%	7 3%	16 5%	16 4%	17 3%
	(8)	54 5%	25 5%	29 6%	8 6%	8 7%	14 9%	6 3%	3 2%	15 6%	13 9%	9 4%	15 6%	14 4%	22 5%	32 6%
	(7)	49 5%	25 5%	24 5%	13 10%	6 6%	7 5%	13 7%	5 3%	5 2%	6 4%	11 5%	12 5%	20 6%	28 7%	20 4%
	(6)	18 2%	9 2%	9 2%	-	3 3%	3 2%	2 1%	5 3%	5 2%	2 1%	5 2%	2 1%	9 3%	9 2%	9 2%
	(5)	87 9%	31 6%	57 12%	23 18%	10 9%	11 7%	13 7%	19 11%	12 5%	4 3%	25 10%	30 12%	25 8%	37 9%	50 9%
	(4)	19 2%	6 1%	13 3%	7 6%	1 1%	5 3%	3 2%	1 1%	2 1%	2 1%	6 3%	5 2%	4 1%	3 1%	16 3%
	(3)	18 2%	9 2%	9 2%	5 4%	-	5 3%	4 2%	-	3 1%	2 1%	5 2%	4 2%	7 2%	9 2%	8 1%
	(2)	16 2%	6 1%	10 2%	3 2%	4 3%	5 3%	-	*	4 2%	1 1%	-	3 1%	12 4%	4 1%	12 2%
Certain not to vote	(1)	101 10%	55 11%	46 10%	19 15%	16 15%	13 9%	15 8%	15 9%	21 8%	9 6%	20 8%	28 11%	36 11%	46 11%	55 10%
Refused		3 *	3 1%	-	-	-	* *	-	-	3 1%	*	-	-	3 1%	-	3 1%
Don't know		17 2%	6 1%	10 2%	5 4%	-	4 2%	3 2%	1 *	4 2%	1 1%	2 1%	6 2%	5 1%	8 2%	8 1%
Mean		7.90	8.09	7.69	6.33	7.45	7.70	8.26	8.31	8.44	8.72	8.11	7.75	7.62	7.86	7.92
Standard error		0.10	0.14	0.14	0.46	0.40	0.23	0.19	0.21	0.18	0.15	0.21	0.22	0.21	0.15	0.13



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Weighted base		1004	179	445	127	108	449	350	211	242	354	68	116	453	184
Absolutely certain to vote	(10)	590 59%	144 81%	364 82%	81 64%	78 72%	284 63%	179 51%	119 56%	126 52%	221 62%	45 66%	72 62%	244 54%	116 63%
	(9)	32 3%	6 3%	17 4%	7 5%	3 3%	18 4%	10 3%	7 3%	9 4%	12 3%	3 5%	-	16 3%	3 2%
	(8)	54 5%	10 5%	25 6%	8 7%	5 4%	23 5%	19 5%	14 7%	13 6%	17 5%	1 2%	8 7%	28 6%	10 5%
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	(3)	18 2%	-	-	-	1 1%	6 1%	10 3%	7 3%	2 1%	6 2%	* 1%	2 2%	9 2%	3 2%
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Refused		3 *	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	1 *	-	1 1%	*	1 1%
Don't know		17 2%	-	-	-	*	3 1%	5 1%	2 1%	8 3%	6 2%	-	1 1%	10 2%	1 1%

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		Refe	rendum \ Intention	0	Inde	Effect of ependence Economy	e on			Self-Des	scribed Na	ationality		
	Total	Yes	No	Don't know	Better	Worse	Remain about the same	Scot- tish not Brit- ish	More Scot- tish than Brit- ish	Equ- ally Scot- tish and Brit- ish	More Brit- ish than Scot- tish	Brit- ish not Scot- tish	NET: Scot- tish	NET: Brit- ish
Weighted base	1004	179	445	127	108	449	350	211	242	354	68	116	453	184
Mean	7.90	9.43	9.51	8.75	8.73	7.95	7.56	7.75	7.68	8.10	8.22	7.84	7.71	7.98
Standard error	0.10	0.10	0.06	0.17	0.24	0.15	0.17	0.23	0.21	0.16	0.36	0.29	0.15	0.23



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Table 2

Q.2 How would you vote in response to the question: "Should Scotland be an independent country"? Base: All respondents

		Ge	nder			Ag	ge				Social (	Grade		Cou	nty Dum-
	Total	Male	Female	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 or older	AB	<u>C1</u>	C2	DE	Scot- tish Bord- ers	fries and Gall- oway
Unweighted base	1004	485	519	55	71	189	231	179	276	285	208	217	255	427	577
Weighted base	1004	522	482	126	108	153	184	176	254	147	237	255	326	430	574
Yes	211 21%	115 22%	96 20%	26 21%	34 32%	32 21%	37 20%	40 23%	41 16%	29 20%	56 24%	57 22%	61 19%	89 21%	122 21%
No	602 60%	311 60%	291 60%	81 64%	61 56%	89 58%	112 61%	91 52%	167 66%	100 68%	137 58%	150 59%	197 60%	264 61%	338 59%
Don't know	191 19%	96 18%	95 20%	19 15%	13 12%	31 21%	35 19%	45 25%	46 18%	18 12%	44 18%	48 19%	68 21%	77 18%	114 20%



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Q.2 How would you vote in response to the question: "Should Scotland be an independent country"? Base: All respondents

			endum V	oting		Effect of ependence Economy	ce on			Self-Des	cribed Na	ationality		
	_Total_	Yes	No	Don't know	Better off	Worse	Remain about the _same	Scot- tish not Brit- ish	More Scot- tish than Brit- ish	Equ- ally Scot- tish and Brit- ish	More Brit- ish than Scot- tish	Brit- ish not Scot- tish	NET: Scot- tish	NET: Brit- ish
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Weighted base	1004	179	445	127	108	449	350	211	242	354	68	116	453	184
Yes	211 21%	179 100%	-	-	88 81%	6 1%	107 30%	83 39%	71 29%	41 12%	4 7%	6 5%	154 34%	11 6%
No	602 60%	-	445 100%	-	3 2%	411 92%	160 46%	86 41%	120 49%	253 71%	55 82%	85 73%	206 45%	140 76%
Don't know	191 19%	-	-	127 100%	17 16%	32 7%	84 24%	41 20%	51 21%	60 17%	8 12%	25 22%	93 20%	33 18%



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Table 3

Q.1/2 Referendum voting intention (weighted to turnout values) Base: All respondents saying 5-10 likelihood to vote

		Ger	nder			Aç	ge				Social (	Grade		Cou	
	Total	Male	Female	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 or older	AB	<u>C1</u>	C2	DE	Scot- tish Bord- ers	Dum- fries and Gall- oway
Unweighted base	783	391	393	31	53	138	186	148	227	244	170	163	182	336	448
Weighted base	751	403	348	70	78	109	145	144	204	124	185	186	233	322	429
Yes	179 24%	103 26%	76 22%	19 27%	27 35%	23 22%	33 23%	38 26%	38 19%	26 21%	49 26%	45 24%	53 23%	74 23%	105 25%
No	445 59%	234 58%	211 61%	45 64%	41 53%	67 61%	87 60%	72 50%	134 66%	85 68%	102 55%	112 60%	137 59%	196 61%	249 58%
Don't know	127 17%	66 16%	61 18%	7 9%	10 12%	18 17%	25 17%	34 24%	32 16%	13 10%	34 19%	30 16%	43 19%	52 16%	75 17%



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			endum Vo	oting		Effect of ependenc Economy	e on			Self-Des	cribed Na	ationality		
	Total	Yes	No	Don't know	Better off	Worse off	Remain about the same	Scot- tish not Brit- ish	More Scot- tish than Brit- ish	Equ- ally Scot- tish and Brit- ish	More Brit- ish than Scot- tish	Brit- ish not Scot- tish	NET: Scot- tish	NET: Brit- ish
Unweighted base	783	175	478	130	90	379	243	141	173	296	61	101	314	161
Weighted base	751	179	445	127	92	341	251	155	174	271	55	86	329	141
Yes	179 24%	179 100%	-	-	78 84%	5 1%	87 35%	73 47%	61 35%	34 13%	3 6%	3 4%	135 41%	7 5%
No	445 59%	-	445 100%	-	1 1%	313 92%	110 44%	53 34%	82 47%	194 71%	45 82%	69 80%	135 41%	114 81%
Don't know	127 17%	-	-	127 100%	14 15%	23 7%	53 21%	29 19%	30 17%	43 16%	7 12%	14 16%	59 18%	20 14%



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Table 4

Q.1/2 Referendum voting intention (weighted to turnout values) (Excluding Don't knows) Base: All respondents expressing a voting intention and saying 5-10 likelihood to vote

		Ge	nder			Ag	ge				Social	Grade		Cou	inty
	Total	Male	Female	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 or older	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scot- tish Bord- ers	Dum- fries and Gall- oway
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Unweighted base	653	328	325	28	47	116	156	113	193	215	137	138	147	281	372
Weighted base	624	337	287	63	68	90	120	110	172	111	151	157	190	270	354
Yes	179 29%	103 30%	76 27%	19 30%	27 40%	23 26%	33 28%	38 35%	38 22%	26 24%	49 32%	45 29%	53 28%	74 27%	105 30%
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Q.1/2 Referendum voting intention (weighted to turnout values) (Excluding Don't knows) Base: All respondents expressing a voting intention and saying 5-10 likelihood to vote

		Refere Voti Inten	ng		Effect of ependence Economy	e on				cribed Na	ationality		
				Better	Worse	Remain about the	Scot- tish not Brit-	More Scot- tish than Brit-	Equ- ally Scot- tish and Brit-	More Brit- ish than Scot-	Brit- ish not Scot-	NET: Scot-	NET: Brit-
	Total	Yes	No	off	off	same	ish	ish	ish	tish	tish	tish	ish
Unweighted base	653	175	478	76	351	193	117	143	247	53	87	259	141
Weighted base	624	179	445	79	318	197	126	144	228	48	73	270	121
Yes	179 29%	179 100%	-	78 99%	5 1%	87 44%	73 58%	61 43%	34 15%	3 7%	3 5%	135 50%	7 5%
No	445 71%	-	445 100%	1 1%	313 99%	110 56%	53 42%	82 57%	194 85%	45 93%	69 95%	135 50%	114 95%



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Table 5

Q.3 Thinking about if Scotland became independent, do you think that the economy in your local area would become better off, worse off or remain about the same? Base: All respondents

		Gender				Ag	je				Social (	Grade		Cou	<u>inty</u> Dum-
	Total	Male	Female	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 or older	AB	<u>C1</u>	C2	DE	Scot- tish Bord- ers	fries and Gall- oway
Unweighted base	1004	485	519	55	71	189	231	179	276	285	208	217	255	427	577
Weighted base	1004	522	482	126	108	153	184	176	254	147	237	255	326	430	574
Better off	108	64	44	13	13	10	20	27	23	14	22	29	37	46	62
	11%	12%	9%	10%	12%	7%	11%	15%	9%	10%	9%	11%	11%	11%	11%
Worse off	449	220	229	42	55	70	87	77	116	76	101	123	131	181	268
	45%	42%	48%	34%	51%	46%	47%	44%	46%	52%	43%	48%	40%	42%	47%
Remain about the same	350	204	147	66	34	53	61	54	81	48	91	76	126	160	190
	35%	39%	30%	52%	32%	35%	33%	31%	32%	33%	38%	30%	39%	37%	33%
Don't know	97	35	62	5	6	19	15	17	34	8	23	27	32	43	54
	10%	7%	13%	4%	6%	13%	8%	10%	13%	6%	10%	11%	10%	10%	9%



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			endum V	oting		Effect of pendenc Economy	e on			Self-Des	cribed Na	ationality		
	_Total	Yes	No	Don't know	Better off	Worse off	Remain about the same	Scot- tish not Brit- ish	More Scot- tish than Brit- ish	Equ- ally Scot- tish and Brit- ish	More Brit- ish than Scot- tish	Brit- ish not Scot- tish	NET: Scot- tish	NET: Brit- ish
Unweighted base	1004	175	478	130	103	471	328	187	233	367	74	128	420	202
Weighted base	1004	179	445	127	108	449	350	211	242	354	68	116	453	184
Better off	108 11%	78 43%	1 *	14 11%	108 100%	-	-	51 24%	28 11%	22 6%	4 5%	4 3%	78 17%	7 4%
Worse off	449 45%	5 3%	313 70%	23 18%	-	449 100%	-	62 29%	86 35%	181 51%	40 60%	74 64%	147 33%	114 62%
Remain about the same	350 35%	87 49%	110 25%	53 42%	-	-	350 100%	78 37%	104 43%	114 32%	19 29%	31 27%	182 40%	51 28%
Don't know	97 10%	9 5%	21 5%	37 29%	-	-	-	21 10%	25 10%	37 11%	4 6%	7 6%	45 10%	11 6%

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Table 6

Q.4 Which of the following would you say describes you best? Base: All respondents

		Ger	nder			Ag	ge				Social	Grade		Cou	inty
	Total	Male	Female	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 or older	AB	<u>C1</u>	<u>C2</u>	DE	Scot- tish Bord- ers	Dum- fries and Gall- oway
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Weighted base	1004	522	482	126	108	153	184	176	254	147	237	255	326	430	574
Scottish not British	211	114	96	29	23	22	30	51	55	16	61	51	76	89	122
	21%	22%	20%	23%	21%	15%	16%	29%	22%	11%	26%	20%	23%	21%	21%
More Scottish than	242	122	120	38	32	36	52	38	45	36	38	76	85	115	127
British	24%	23%	25%	30%	30%	24%	29%	21%	18%	24%	16%	30%	26%	27%	22%
Equally Scottish and British	354	182	172	49	31	59	60	52	103	59	87	84	109	125	229
	35%	35%	36%	39%	28%	38%	33%	30%	40%	40%	37%	33%	33%	29%	40%
More British than	68	38	30	5	6	10	15	12	20	11	19	12	21	38	30
Scottish	7%	7%	6%	4%	5%	6%	8%	7%	8%	8%	8%	5%	6%	9%	5%
British not Scottish	116	59	57	6	12	24	25	20	29	22	27	29	35	54	62
	12%	11%	12%	5%	11%	16%	13%	11%	12%	15%	11%	11%	11%	13%	11%
Don't know	14 1%	6 1%	8 2%	-	4 4%	2 1%	1 1%	4 2%	3 1%	2 1%	5 2%	2 1%	1 *	9 2%	4 1%
NET: Scottish	453	237	216	67	55	59	82	89	100	52	100	127	161	204	249
	45%	45%	45%	53%	51%	38%	45%	50%	39%	36%	42%	50%	49%	47%	43%
NET: British	184	97	87	11	18	34	40	32	49	33	45	41	56	92	92
	18%	19%	18%	9%	17%	22%	22%	18%	19%	23%	19%	16%	17%	21%	16%



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#### Q.4 Which of the following would you say describes you best? Base: All respondents

		Referendum Voting Intention			Effect of Independence on Economy			Self-Described Nationality						
	<u></u>	Yes	No	Don't know	Better off	Worse off	Remain about the same	Scot- tish not Brit- ish	More Scot- tish than Brit- ish	Equ- ally Scot- tish and Brit- ish	More Brit- ish than Scot- tish	Brit- ish not Scot- tish	NET: Scot- tish	NET: Brit- ish
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Weighted base	1004	179	445	127	108	449	350	211	242	354	68	116	453	184
Scottish not British	211 21%	73 41%	53 12%	29 23%	51 47%	62 14%	78 22%	211 100%	-	-	-	-	211 47%	-
More Scottish than British	242 24%	61 34%	82 18%	30 23%	28 26%	86 19%	104 30%	-	242 100%	-	-	-	242 53%	-
Equally Scottish and British	354 35%	34 19%	194 44%	43 34%	22 20%	181 40%	114 32%	-	-	354 100%	-	-	-	-
More British than Scottish	68 7%	3 2%	45 10%	7 5%	4 3%	40 9%	19 6%	-	-	-	68 100%	-	-	68 37%
British not Scottish	116 12%	3 2%	69 16%	14 11%	4 3%	74 16%	31 9%	-	-	-	-	116 100%	-	116 63%
Don't know	14 1%	4 2%	2 *	4 4%	*	6 1%	4 1%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NET: Scottish	453 45%	135 75%	135 30%	59 46%	78 72%	147 33%	182 52%	211 100%	242 100%	-	-	-	453 100%	-
NET: British	184 18%	7 4%	114 26%	20 16%	7 7%	114 25%	51 15%	-	-	-	68 100%	116 100%	-	184 100%

