

Public Spending Survey

ONLINE Fieldwork : 18th - 20th Sept 2009

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Rubbish collection and disposal	1857 90%	889 90%	968 91%	191 78%	285 88%	364 90%	320 93%	290 95%	407 95%	502 94%	538 90%	385 89%	433 88%	479 89%	496 92%	450 89%	269 93%	163 90%
Local road and street maintenance and cleaning	1724 84%	812 82%	913 85%	168 69%	255 78%	342 84%	302 88%	269 88%	388 91%	477 89%	495 83%	355 82%	398 81%	448 83%	457 85%	420 83%	250 86%	149 82%
Sports parks and libraries	1655 81%	788 80%	867 81%	158 65%	232 71%	331 82%	284 82%	277 91%	373 87%	465 87%	462 78%	351 81%	377 77%	434 81%	434 81%	397 78%	240 83%	150 83%
Schools	1535 75%	741 75%	794 74%	156 64%	241 74%	306 75%	261 75%	251 82%	321 75%	420 79%	443 74%	331 77%	341 69%	391 73%	401 75%	373 74%	224 77%	146 81%
Care for the elderly by social services	1491 73%	707 72%	784 73%	122 50%	198 61%	280 69%	272 79%	257 84%	362 85%	407 76%	417 70%	310 72%	357 72%	376 70%	390 73%	375 74%	208 72%	142 79%
Free bus travel for the over 60s and disabled people	1475 72%	682 69%	793 74%	140 58%	208 64%	260 64%	251 73%	254 83%	362 85%	397 74%	414 70%	299 69%	366 74%	393 73%	398 74%	354 70%	213 74%	118 65%
Help for disabled people by social services	1423 69%	666 68%	757 71%	104 43%	183 56%	273 67%	256 74%	243 80%	364 85%	384 72%	407 68%	287 67%	345 70%	364 68%	369 69%	369 73%	189 65%	131 73%
Housing services including homelessness	1417 69%	651 66%	766 72%	114 47%	201 62%	249 61%	260 75%	249 82%	344 81%	392 73%	394 66%	303 70%	327 66%	361 67%	386 72%	343 68%	197 68%	130 72%
Child protection and support for families by social services	1338 65%	622 63%	716 67%	111 45%	196 60%	259 64%	234 68%	226 74%	312 73%	373 70%	390 66%	271 63%	304 62%	348 65%	337 63%	330 65%	192 66%	129 71%
Police	1109 54%	501 51%	608 57%	132 54%	185 57%	218 54%	170 49%	172 56%	233 55%	290 54%	328 55%	236 55%	256 52%	267 50%	324 60%	288 57%	145 50%	86 48%
Fire service	1009 49%	470 48%	540 51%	113 46%	165 51%	195 48%	159 46%	157 52%	220 52%	266 50%	295 50%	212 49%	236 48%	231 43%	305 57%	269 53%	123 43%	80 45%
Benefit payments	907 44%	395 40%	511 48%	127 52%	185 57%	185 45%	137 40%	118 39%	155 36%	219 41%	270 45%	194 45%	224 46%	250 46%	250 46%	220 43%	123 42%	64 36%
GPs	595 29%	238 24%	357 33%	120 49%	142 44%	114 28%	74 21%	62 20%	83 19%	152 29%	170 29%	127 30%	145 29%	168 31%	165 31%	136 27%	69 24%	57 32%

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Doctors nurses and other staff in hospitals	463 23%	173 18%	290 27%	86 35%	115 35%	75 18%	61 18%	64 21%	63 15%	117 22%	132 22%	95 22%	119 24%	131 24%	120 22%	118 23%	49 17%	45 25%
Dentists	457 22%	173 18%	284 27%	92 38%	118 36%	85 21%	57 17%	51 17%	54 13%	120 22%	136 23%	99 23%	102 21%	118 22%	116 22%	116 23%	56 19%	51 28%
NHS managers	299 15%	118 12%	180 17%	41 17%	56 17%	43 11%	49 14%	43 14%	67 16%	86 16%	81 14%	51 12%	81 16%	78 14%	79 15%	83 16%	30 10%	29 16%
Defence	104 5%	31 3%	73 7%	11 4%	26 8%	15 4%	23 7%	10 3%	19 4%	26 5%	28 5%	20 5%	30 6%	24 4%	34 6%	30 6%	10 3%	6 4%
Overseas aid	38 2%	14 1%	23 2%	7 3%	11 3%	5 1%	6 2%	4 1%	5 1%	12 2%	9 2%	6 1%	10 2%	10 2%	15 3%	8 2%	3 1%	2 1%
None of these	6 *	4 *	2 *	- -	2 1%	2 *	- -	- -	2 *	- -	- -	3 1%	2 *	2 *	- -	- -	3 1%	- -
Don't know	114 6%	55 6%	59 6%	37 15%	20 6%	26 6%	14 4%	6 2%	11 3%	14 3%	44 7%	22 5%	35 7%	37 7%	21 4%	37 7%	8 3%	11 6%

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Rubbish collection and disposal	1857 90%	163 90%	77 83%	215 90%	158 89%	180 94%	103 97%	175 93%	229 88%	251 90%	166 91%	141 90%
Local road and street maintenance and cleaning	1724 84%	149 82%	74 81%	191 80%	155 88%	166 86%	95 89%	165 87%	213 82%	235 85%	155 85%	126 81%
Sports parks and libraries	1655 81%	150 83%	73 79%	177 74%	147 83%	158 82%	90 84%	151 80%	207 79%	227 82%	150 82%	125 80%
Schools	1535 75%	146 81%	62 67%	174 73%	137 78%	145 75%	86 81%	151 80%	195 75%	196 71%	137 75%	105 67%
Care for the elderly by social services	1491 73%	142 79%	65 71%	176 74%	134 76%	142 73%	76 71%	140 74%	187 72%	188 68%	132 72%	109 70%
Free bus travel for the over 60s and disabled people	1475 72%	118 65%	69 75%	166 70%	119 67%	140 72%	76 71%	150 80%	182 70%	211 76%	137 75%	108 69%
Help for disabled people by social services	1423 69%	131 73%	69 75%	165 69%	134 76%	132 68%	77 72%	131 69%	181 70%	183 66%	113 62%	106 68%
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Child protection and support for families by social services	1338 65%	129 71%	55 59%	157 66%	118 67%	119 62%	79 74%	118 62%	176 68%	172 62%	114 62%	100 64%
Police	1109 54%	86 48%	42 46%	144 61%	101 57%	111 58%	50 47%	127 67%	123 47%	144 52%	95 52%	86 55%
Fire service	1009 49%	80 45%	39 42%	124 52%	106 60%	101 52%	33 31%	115 61%	100 38%	131 47%	91 50%	89 57%
Benefit payments	907 44%	64 36%	34 37%	101 43%	85 48%	89 46%	48 45%	101 53%	131 50%	119 43%	75 41%	60 38%
GPs	595 29%	57 32%	15 16%	69 29%	51 29%	62 32%	27 25%	60 32%	95 36%	73 26%	42 23%	44 28%

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Dentists	457 22%	51 28%	14 15%	60 25%	41 23%	44 23%	18 17%	41 22%	60 23%	58 21%	38 21%	32 20%
NHS managers	299 15%	29 16%	13 14%	37 16%	33 19%	32 17%	12 11%	27 14%	37 14%	40 15%	17 10%	20 13%
Defence	104 5%	6 4%	2 2%	15 6%	14 8%	14 7%	2 2%	12 6%	9 3%	15 5%	8 4%	8 5%
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	Gender			Age						Social Class				Region				
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Yes protect some services	1611 78%	767 78%	845 79%	165 67%	236 72%	319 79%	280 81%	257 84%	355 83%	436 82%	453 76%	337 78%	385 78%	415 77%	411 76%	409 81%	225 78%	152 84%
No do not protect any services	229 11%	138 14%	91 9%	27 11%	44 13%	38 9%	44 13%	29 10%	48 11%	66 12%	79 13%	45 11%	39 8%	53 10%	73 13%	49 10%	39 14%	15 8%
Don't know	212 10%	80 8%	132 12%	53 22%	46 14%	49 12%	22 6%	19 6%	25 6%	32 6%	64 11%	49 11%	68 14%	70 13%	54 10%	49 10%	25 9%	14 8%

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Fire service	660 32%	326 33%	334 31%	79 32%	103 32%	148 36%	119 35%	84 28%	127 30%	156 29%	208 35%	139 32%	157 32%	161 30%	180 33%	172 34%	82 28%	66 37%
Police	652 32%	343 35%	310 29%	95 39%	116 36%	135 33%	108 31%	87 29%	111 26%	166 31%	196 33%	135 31%	155 32%	169 31%	187 35%	174 34%	68 24%	53 29%
Care for the elderly by social services	609 30%	266 27%	344 32%	30 12%	65 20%	100 24%	109 32%	122 40%	183 43%	165 31%	161 27%	126 29%	157 32%	153 28%	152 28%	147 29%	97 33%	61 34%
Schools	531 26%	281 29%	250 23%	89 37%	99 30%	136 34%	89 26%	60 20%	57 13%	154 29%	171 29%	122 28%	83 17%	126 23%	150 28%	117 23%	88 30%	50 28%
Rubbish collection and disposal	462 22%	221 22%	241 23%	31 13%	71 22%	79 19%	75 22%	80 26%	125 29%	118 22%	130 22%	105 24%	109 22%	112 21%	125 23%	117 23%	70 24%	38 21%
Child protection and support for families by social services	441 21%	154 16%	286 27%	42 17%	70 22%	96 24%	80 23%	74 24%	79 18%	120 23%	125 21%	83 19%	113 23%	108 20%	131 24%	109 21%	58 20%	35 20%
GPs	388 19%	184 19%	203 19%	56 23%	70 22%	87 22%	68 20%	51 17%	55 13%	109 20%	104 18%	83 19%	92 19%	101 19%	101 19%	98 19%	49 17%	38 21%
Help for disabled people by social services	366 18%	161 16%	204 19%	23 9%	39 12%	65 16%	64 19%	67 22%	108 25%	94 18%	96 16%	60 14%	115 23%	112 21%	77 14%	91 18%	52 18%	34 19%
Free bus travel for the over 60s and disabled people	167 8%	93 9%	74 7%	8 3%	3 1%	10 2%	15 4%	41 13%	90 21%	39 7%	40 7%	36 8%	52 10%	57 11%	35 6%	37 7%	26 9%	11 6%
Local road and street maintenance and cleaning	123 6%	71 7%	52 5%	4 2%	12 4%	37 9%	20 6%	21 7%	30 7%	38 7%	36 6%	25 6%	25 5%	31 6%	25 5%	34 7%	23 8%	10 6%
Housing services including homelessness	114 6%	49 5%	65 6%	14 6%	20 6%	19 5%	20 6%	20 6%	22 5%	39 7%	30 5%	15 4%	30 6%	34 6%	26 5%	25 5%	17 6%	12 7%
Benefit payments	104 5%	54 6%	50 5%	14 6%	15 5%	17 4%	24 7%	14 5%	20 5%	13 2%	25 4%	21 5%	46 9%	33 6%	27 5%	26 5%	10 3%	9 5%

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Sports parks and libraries	66 3%	42 4%	23 2%	6 2%	13 4%	20 5%	9 3%	13 4%	5 1%	18 3%	15 3%	20 5%	12 2%	19 3%	16 3%	16 3%	9 3%	6 3%
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NHS managers	15 1%	10 1%	5 *	4 2%	7 2%	2 *	- -	1 *	1 *	4 1%	5 1%	1 *	5 1%	6 1%	2 *	3 1%	3 1%	2 1%
Overseas aid	13 1%	7 1%	6 1%	* *	4 1%	1 *	3 1%	4 1%	1 *	4 1%	2 *	1 *	6 1%	4 1%	3 1%	3 1%	2 1%	1 1%
None of these	76 4%	40 4%	35 3%	11 4%	11 4%	12 3%	15 4%	7 2%	20 5%	24 5%	21 4%	16 4%	14 3%	21 4%	23 4%	12 2%	15 5%	4 2%
Don't know	98 5%	37 4%	61 6%	24 10%	28 9%	17 4%	9 3%	9 3%	11 3%	11 2%	42 7%	21 5%	24 5%	29 5%	20 4%	25 5%	15 5%	8 5%

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Police	652 32%	53 29%	31 34%	85 36%	58 33%	72 37%	24 22%	64 34%	66 25%	104 37%	45 24%	52 33%
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Sports parks and libraries	66 3%	6 3%	3 3%	12 5%	* *	10 5%	2 2%	6 3%	11 4%	8 3%	6 4%	1 *
Dentists	49 2%	11 6%	2 2%	3 1%	5 3%	1 *	4 4%	2 1%	7 3%	8 3%	3 2%	3 2%
NHS managers	15 1%	2 1%	1 1%	2 1%	- -	1 1%	2 1%	- -	2 1%	3 1%	1 1%	* *
Overseas aid	13 1%	1 1%	* *	- -	2 1%	1 *	- -	2 1%	1 *	3 1%	2 1%	1 *
None of these	76 4%	4 2%	1 1%	7 3%	5 3%	3 2%	4 4%	5 3%	8 3%	13 5%	11 6%	15 9%
Don't know	98 5%	8 5%	4 5%	7 3%	14 8%	8 4%	7 6%	4 2%	17 7%	12 4%	8 5%	8 5%

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Overseas aid	1263	627	636	117	164	260	229	209	285	315	361	278	309	304	335	320	180	124
	62%	64%	60%	48%	50%	64%	66%	68%	67%	59%	61%	64%	63%	56%	62%	63%	62%	69%
NHS managers	967	476	491	66	119	186	181	170	244	233	276	222	237	231	255	247	142	93
	47%	48%	46%	27%	37%	46%	52%	56%	57%	44%	46%	51%	48%	43%	47%	49%	49%	52%
Benefit payments	664	356	307	107	119	139	97	87	113	208	203	161	91	175	175	172	89	52
	32%	36%	29%	44%	37%	34%	28%	29%	26%	39%	34%	37%	19%	33%	33%	34%	31%	29%
Defence	518	316	202	49	57	125	75	97	114	166	131	104	117	142	144	129	53	51
	25%	32%	19%	20%	17%	31%	22%	32%	27%	31%	22%	24%	24%	26%	27%	25%	18%	28%
Sports parks and libraries	328	154	174	40	44	48	65	40	91	81	84	56	107	88	81	84	51	24
	16%	16%	16%	17%	13%	12%	19%	13%	21%	15%	14%	13%	22%	16%	15%	17%	18%	13%
Free bus travel for the over 60s and disabled people	282	133	149	48	51	62	56	22	42	85	82	52	62	76	75	65	47	19
	14%	13%	14%	20%	16%	15%	16%	7%	10%	16%	14%	12%	13%	14%	14%	13%	16%	10%
Housing services including homelessness	173	99	75	17	26	44	27	24	34	49	50	43	31	48	47	36	24	19
	8%	10%	7%	7%	8%	11%	8%	8%	8%	9%	8%	10%	6%	9%	9%	7%	8%	11%
Local road and street maintenance and cleaning	112	56	56	20	18	26	19	13	17	24	32	24	32	35	31	18	13	15
	5%	6%	5%	8%	5%	6%	5%	4%	4%	5%	5%	6%	7%	6%	6%	4%	5%	8%
Dentists	80	36	44	14	13	10	11	14	17	19	16	22	23	17	28	13	17	4
	4%	4%	4%	6%	4%	2%	3%	5%	4%	3%	3%	5%	5%	3%	5%	3%	6%	2%
GPs	73	42	32	9	19	13	10	3	19	17	19	17	21	17	22	15	10	9
	4%	4%	3%	4%	6%	3%	3%	1%	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	5%
Police	68	47	21	12	13	13	13	5	13	12	20	12	24	13	25	13	10	7
	3%	5%	2%	5%	4%	3%	4%	1%	3%	2%	3%	3%	5%	2%	5%	3%	3%	4%
Rubbish collection and disposal	60	31	29	13	14	13	10	5	5	24	13	14	9	13	19	14	7	7
	3%	3%	3%	5%	4%	3%	3%	2%	1%	4%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%
Schools	49	31	19	1	7	12	13	4	12	12	14	9	14	16	15	10	7	2
	2%	3%	2%	*	2%	3%	4%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	1%

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Table 4

Q.4 Please select up to three of the following areas of public spending you think should be cut to save public money?

Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age						Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Weighted base	2053	985	1068	244	325	406	346	305	427	534	595	431	493	538	538	507	289	181
Child protection and support for families by social services	35 2%	28 3%	8 1%	5 2%	5 1%	5 1%	10 3%	1 *	10 2%	20 4%	5 1%	9 2%	1 *	12 2%	14 3%	6 1%	2 1%	* *
Care for the elderly by social services	25 1%	20 2%	5 *	8 3%	9 3%	5 1%	2 1%	- -	1 *	5 1%	7 1%	7 2%	6 1%	6 1%	11 2%	6 1%	2 1%	- -
Help for disabled people by social services	22 1%	10 1%	12 1%	4 2%	8 3%	4 1%	3 1%	- -	3 1%	5 1%	6 1%	3 1%	9 2%	4 1%	9 2%	1 *	3 1%	4 2%
Doctors nurses and other staff in hospitals	18 1%	10 1%	8 1%	3 1%	2 1%	3 1%	1 *	2 1%	7 2%	9 2%	5 1%	1 *	4 1%	7 1%	5 1%	1 *	1 *	3 2%
Fire service	7 *	7 1%	- -	1 *	1 *	1 *	1 *	2 1%	1 *	3 1%	- -	2 *	2 *	3 1%	3 *	1 *	- -	- -
None of these	113 6%	28 3%	85 8%	9 4%	21 6%	14 3%	21 6%	23 7%	26 6%	20 4%	35 6%	20 5%	39 8%	29 5%	26 5%	32 6%	19 6%	8 4%
Don't know	141 7%	46 5%	96 9%	24 10%	42 13%	28 7%	14 4%	16 5%	18 4%	31 6%	46 8%	27 6%	36 7%	36 7%	32 6%	43 8%	21 7%	9 5%

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Base: All respondents

	Total	Region										
		Scot-land	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	West Mids	Wales	East-ern	London	South East	South West	East Mids
Unweighted base	2053	187	96	249	169	187	95	181	240	292	192	165
Weighted base	2053	181	92	238	177	193	107	189	261	277	183	156
Overseas aid	1263 62%	124 69%	60 65%	143 60%	117 66%	123 64%	65 61%	108 57%	131 50%	172 62%	115 63%	104 67%
NHS managers	967 47%	93 52%	39 42%	113 48%	95 54%	95 49%	52 49%	88 46%	103 40%	127 46%	90 49%	72 46%
Benefit payments	664 32%	52 29%	34 37%	82 34%	56 32%	59 31%	25 24%	63 33%	82 31%	93 34%	63 35%	53 34%
Defence	518 25%	51 28%	22 23%	60 25%	47 26%	47 25%	18 17%	53 28%	82 31%	60 22%	35 19%	44 28%
Sports parks and libraries	328 16%	24 13%	16 17%	38 16%	30 17%	32 17%	20 18%	29 16%	39 15%	49 18%	31 17%	20 13%
Free bus travel for the over 60s and disabled people	282 14%	19 10%	20 22%	27 11%	18 10%	15 8%	15 14%	37 20%	33 13%	43 15%	32 17%	22 14%
Housing services including homelessness	173 8%	19 11%	10 11%	14 6%	11 6%	17 9%	8 8%	16 8%	22 8%	26 9%	16 9%	14 9%
Local road and street maintenance and cleaning	112 5%	15 8%	3 3%	12 5%	3 2%	18 10%	6 6%	8 4%	19 7%	16 6%	7 4%	5 3%
Dentists	80 4%	4 2%	2 2%	7 3%	5 3%	6 3%	7 7%	12 6%	9 4%	8 3%	10 5%	10 7%
GPs	73 4%	9 5%	7 7%	4 2%	4 2%	9 5%	4 4%	6 3%	7 3%	10 4%	6 3%	8 5%
Police	68 3%	7 4%	4 5%	7 3%	3 1%	12 6%	3 3%	7 3%	6 2%	6 2%	7 4%	7 4%
Rubbish collection and disposal	60 3%	7 4%	6 6%	4 2%	3 2%	11 6%	2 2%	6 3%	7 3%	6 2%	5 3%	2 1%
Schools	49 2%	2 1%	1 2%	7 3%	1 1%	2 1%	- -	10 5%	6 2%	10 3%	7 4%	3 2%

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	Total	Region										
		Scot-land	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	West Mids	Wales	East-ern	London	South East	South West	East Mids
Weighted base	2053	181	92	238	177	193	107	189	261	277	183	156
Child protection and support for families by social services	35 2%	* *	1 1%	4 2%	1 1%	3 2%	- -	10 5%	8 3%	4 1%	2 1%	1 1%
Care for the elderly by social services	25 1%	- -	1 1%	5 2%	- -	1 *	- -	5 3%	3 1%	3 1%	2 1%	6 4%
Help for disabled people by social services	22 1%	4 2%	- -	1 *	- -	4 2%	2 2%	2 1%	1 *	3 1%	1 1%	3 2%
Doctors nurses and other staff in hospitals	18 1%	3 2%	* *	1 *	- -	3 2%	1 1%	- -	6 2%	* *	1 *	2 1%
Fire service	7 *	- -	1 1%	1 *	- -	1 *	- -	1 1%	2 1%	1 *	- -	1 *
None of these	113 6%	8 4%	2 2%	17 7%	14 8%	6 3%	8 8%	8 4%	17 7%	12 4%	10 6%	12 8%
Don't know	141 7%	9 5%	9 9%	17 7%	17 10%	13 6%	6 5%	12 6%	21 8%	15 5%	15 8%	8 5%

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**Q.5 Now you have seen this please select up to three of the following areas of public spending you think should be protected from any cuts?
spent you chose to protect:
Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age						Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	2053	987	1066	237	325	390	356	292	453	766	479	288	520	532	533	514	287	187
Weighted base	2053	985	1068	244	325	406	346	305	427	534	595	431	493	538	538	507	289	181
Doctors nurses and other staff in hospitals	675 33%	314 32%	361 34%	88 36%	86 26%	134 33%	112 32%	105 34%	151 35%	176 33%	194 33%	136 32%	169 34%	175 33%	186 35%	173 34%	90 31%	50 28%
Police	624 30%	325 33%	299 28%	88 36%	109 33%	124 31%	104 30%	86 28%	113 26%	166 31%	184 31%	116 27%	159 32%	157 29%	172 32%	164 32%	77 27%	55 31%
Fire service	595 29%	300 30%	295 28%	66 27%	95 29%	119 29%	114 33%	84 27%	117 27%	152 28%	176 30%	122 28%	145 29%	140 26%	160 30%	156 31%	85 29%	55 30%
Care for the elderly by social services	590 29%	265 27%	325 30%	35 14%	55 17%	95 23%	98 28%	121 40%	186 44%	162 30%	165 28%	123 28%	140 29%	145 27%	146 27%	149 29%	93 32%	56 31%
Schools	493 24%	244 25%	249 23%	91 37%	99 31%	119 29%	74 22%	55 18%	55 13%	151 28%	157 26%	107 25%	79 16%	124 23%	139 26%	98 19%	77 27%	56 31%
Child protection and support for families by social services	459 22%	173 18%	286 27%	44 18%	77 24%	86 21%	86 25%	76 25%	90 21%	123 23%	142 24%	78 18%	116 24%	126 23%	116 22%	119 23%	64 22%	34 19%
Help for disabled people by social services	376 18%	177 18%	199 19%	24 10%	40 12%	71 17%	60 17%	67 22%	115 27%	95 18%	103 17%	68 16%	110 22%	111 21%	76 14%	100 20%	54 19%	36 20%
Rubbish collection and disposal	375 18%	188 19%	187 17%	24 10%	56 17%	66 16%	69 20%	68 22%	91 21%	103 19%	110 18%	79 18%	84 17%	93 17%	98 18%	90 18%	57 20%	36 20%
GPs	335 16%	164 17%	171 16%	46 19%	61 19%	78 19%	53 15%	42 14%	55 13%	95 18%	86 15%	66 15%	87 18%	96 18%	90 17%	75 15%	42 14%	33 18%
Free bus travel for the over 60s and disabled people	154 7%	81 8%	72 7%	6 3%	4 1%	15 4%	16 5%	37 12%	76 18%	33 6%	39 7%	31 7%	50 10%	50 9%	33 6%	41 8%	18 6%	11 6%
Housing services including homelessness	121 6%	53 5%	68 6%	14 6%	17 5%	21 5%	27 8%	18 6%	24 6%	41 8%	29 5%	16 4%	34 7%	40 7%	28 5%	25 5%	16 5%	12 6%
Benefit payments	118 6%	64 7%	54 5%	17 7%	11 3%	15 4%	30 9%	21 7%	24 6%	17 3%	34 6%	20 5%	48 10%	32 6%	27 5%	32 6%	13 4%	14 8%

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Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age						Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Weighted base	2053	985	1068	244	325	406	346	305	427	534	595	431	493	538	538	507	289	181
Local road and street maintenance and cleaning	106 5%	62 6%	44 4%	6 2%	8 2%	28 7%	17 5%	17 6%	29 7%	31 6%	30 5%	23 5%	21 4%	23 4%	24 4%	25 5%	24 8%	9 5%
Defence	96 5%	59 6%	37 3%	16 7%	14 4%	11 3%	23 7%	12 4%	20 5%	24 5%	24 4%	32 7%	16 3%	25 5%	33 6%	18 4%	11 4%	10 5%
Sports parks and libraries	63 3%	37 4%	27 2%	8 3%	11 3%	17 4%	11 3%	11 4%	5 1%	16 3%	19 3%	17 4%	11 2%	15 3%	14 3%	21 4%	11 4%	4 2%
Dentists	60 3%	32 3%	27 3%	8 3%	9 3%	10 2%	19 6%	4 1%	10 2%	13 2%	14 2%	21 5%	12 2%	17 3%	9 2%	16 3%	8 3%	9 5%
NHS managers	24 1%	16 2%	8 1%	4 2%	6 2%	5 1%	1 *	3 1%	5 1%	6 1%	6 1%	4 1%	8 2%	9 2%	4 1%	5 1%	5 2%	1 *
Overseas aid	21 1%	6 1%	14 1%	3 1%	3 1%	4 1%	5 1%	4 1%	3 1%	7 1%	5 1%	4 1%	5 1%	10 2%	4 1%	7 1%	* *	- -
None of these	75 4%	38 4%	36 3%	8 3%	12 4%	14 3%	14 4%	7 2%	20 5%	22 4%	22 4%	17 4%	14 3%	19 4%	26 5%	9 2%	14 5%	6 4%
Don't know	163 8%	69 7%	95 9%	28 11%	46 14%	42 10%	19 6%	17 6%	11 3%	25 5%	53 9%	44 10%	41 8%	43 8%	42 8%	45 9%	21 7%	12 7%

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Base: All respondents**

	Total	Region										
		Scot-land	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	West Mids	Wales	East-ern	London	South East	South West	East Mids
Unweighted base	2053	187	96	249	169	187	95	181	240	292	192	165
Weighted base	2053	181	92	238	177	193	107	189	261	277	183	156
Doctors nurses and other staff in hospitals	675 33%	50 28%	29 31%	84 35%	61 34%	66 34%	29 28%	70 37%	78 30%	97 35%	61 33%	50 32%
Police	624 30%	55 31%	29 31%	80 34%	55 31%	65 34%	26 25%	58 31%	65 25%	91 33%	51 28%	48 31%
Fire service	595 29%	55 30%	29 32%	71 30%	55 31%	59 30%	38 35%	53 28%	49 19%	91 33%	47 26%	48 31%
Care for the elderly by social services	590 29%	56 31%	30 33%	62 26%	56 32%	61 32%	27 26%	49 26%	79 30%	66 24%	66 36%	36 23%
Schools	493 24%	56 31%	19 21%	45 19%	33 19%	48 25%	35 32%	60 32%	54 21%	70 25%	42 23%	31 20%
Child protection and support for families by social services	459 22%	34 19%	21 23%	53 22%	45 25%	37 19%	26 25%	39 21%	63 24%	63 23%	37 20%	40 26%
Help for disabled people by social services	376 18%	36 20%	15 17%	54 23%	30 17%	36 19%	13 12%	24 13%	67 26%	44 16%	41 22%	15 10%
Rubbish collection and disposal	375 18%	36 20%	22 23%	42 18%	27 15%	27 14%	22 20%	44 23%	39 15%	54 20%	35 19%	28 18%
GPs	335 16%	33 18%	13 14%	42 17%	21 12%	25 13%	20 19%	35 18%	39 15%	58 21%	22 12%	30 19%
Free bus travel for the over 60s and disabled people	154 7%	11 6%	8 9%	18 8%	14 8%	16 8%	4 4%	9 5%	38 14%	13 5%	14 8%	9 6%
Housing services including homelessness	121 6%	12 6%	7 8%	12 5%	5 3%	9 5%	10 9%	12 7%	23 9%	17 6%	6 3%	7 4%
Benefit payments	118 6%	14 8%	6 6%	14 6%	12 7%	15 8%	3 3%	8 4%	18 7%	13 5%	10 5%	4 3%

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Base: All respondents

	Total	Region										
		Scot-land	North East	North West	Yorks & Humber	West Mids	Wales	East-ern	London	South East	South West	East Mids
Weighted base	2053	181	92	238	177	193	107	189	261	277	183	156
Local road and street maintenance and cleaning	106 5%	9 5%	2 3%	9 4%	14 8%	10 5%	7 7%	7 4%	13 5%	10 4%	17 9%	7 5%
Defence	96 5%	10 5%	2 2%	11 5%	5 3%	15 8%	3 2%	12 6%	14 5%	11 4%	8 4%	7 4%
Sports parks and libraries	63 3%	4 2%	4 4%	13 6%	4 2%	8 4%	2 2%	4 2%	9 3%	6 2%	8 5%	2 1%
Dentists	60 3%	9 5%	3 3%	5 2%	9 5%	3 1%	3 3%	4 2%	8 3%	9 3%	5 3%	3 2%
NHS managers	24 1%	1 *	3 3%	1 *	1 1%	4 2%	5 4%	- -	4 2%	5 2%	1 *	1 1%
Overseas aid	21 1%	- -	2 2%	3 1%	2 1%	2 1%	- -	2 1%	4 1%	6 2%	* *	- -
None of these	75 4%	6 4%	1 1%	5 2%	4 2%	2 1%	3 3%	5 3%	5 2%	15 5%	10 6%	18 12%
Don't know	163 8%	12 7%	9 10%	19 8%	17 10%	17 9%	11 10%	14 7%	28 11%	14 5%	11 6%	12 8%

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Table 6

Q.6 And please select up to three of the following areas of public spending you think should be cut to save public money?

Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age						Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Unweighted base	2053	987	1066	237	325	390	356	292	453	766	479	288	520	532	533	514	287	187
Weighted base	2053	985	1068	244	325	406	346	305	427	534	595	431	493	538	538	507	289	181
Overseas aid	1230	612	618	105	160	244	225	212	285	308	348	263	311	303	322	311	175	119
	60%	62%	58%	43%	49%	60%	65%	69%	67%	58%	58%	61%	63%	56%	60%	61%	60%	66%
NHS managers	999	501	497	71	115	182	190	171	268	252	289	230	229	233	273	252	148	94
	49%	51%	47%	29%	35%	45%	55%	56%	63%	47%	48%	53%	46%	43%	51%	50%	51%	52%
Benefit payments	644	342	302	106	113	120	99	80	126	206	196	155	87	171	178	162	83	50
	31%	35%	28%	43%	35%	30%	29%	26%	30%	39%	33%	36%	18%	32%	33%	32%	29%	28%
Defence	528	311	217	44	58	124	80	100	123	164	132	112	118	138	141	131	64	54
	26%	32%	20%	18%	18%	30%	23%	33%	29%	31%	22%	26%	24%	26%	26%	26%	22%	30%
Sports parks and libraries	314	140	174	31	42	45	62	49	83	74	83	46	111	87	81	71	46	29
	15%	14%	16%	13%	13%	11%	18%	16%	20%	14%	14%	11%	22%	16%	15%	14%	16%	16%
Free bus travel for the over 60s and disabled people	260	119	141	46	53	54	50	21	36	80	75	53	52	66	69	61	45	19
	13%	12%	13%	19%	16%	13%	15%	7%	9%	15%	13%	12%	11%	12%	13%	12%	15%	10%
Housing services including homelessness	156	90	66	18	31	35	24	21	27	47	41	41	27	41	37	33	29	15
	8%	9%	6%	7%	10%	9%	7%	7%	6%	9%	7%	9%	6%	8%	7%	7%	10%	8%
Local road and street maintenance and cleaning	108	51	58	22	18	26	20	7	14	26	31	25	26	35	32	18	14	10
	5%	5%	5%	9%	6%	6%	6%	2%	3%	5%	5%	6%	5%	6%	6%	4%	5%	6%
GPs	86	48	39	8	16	22	13	8	19	29	16	21	20	27	26	15	11	7
	4%	5%	4%	3%	5%	5%	4%	3%	4%	5%	3%	5%	4%	5%	5%	3%	4%	4%
Dentists	84	35	49	16	17	6	10	15	19	23	17	20	24	21	27	18	13	4
	4%	4%	5%	7%	5%	2%	3%	5%	4%	4%	3%	5%	5%	4%	5%	4%	5%	2%
Rubbish collection and disposal	65	34	31	15	17	13	10	4	7	23	14	18	11	15	17	17	9	7
	3%	3%	3%	6%	5%	3%	3%	1%	2%	4%	2%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%
Police	62	39	23	9	12	14	8	6	13	12	17	10	23	13	18	16	10	4
	3%	4%	2%	4%	4%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	5%	2%	3%	3%	4%	2%
Schools	47	29	18	5	4	8	12	6	11	10	17	7	12	16	11	14	5	*
	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	*

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Q.6 And please select up to three of the following areas of public spending you think should be cut to save public money?

Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age						Social Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	South East	Mid-lands	North Eng-land	Wales & South West	Scot-land
Weighted base	2053	985	1068	244	325	406	346	305	427	534	595	431	493	538	538	507	289	181
Doctors nurses and other staff in hospitals	37 2%	18 2%	19 2%	10 4%	10 3%	3 1%	2 *	3 1%	9 2%	10 2%	19 3%	3 1%	5 1%	11 2%	10 2%	7 1%	4 1%	5 3%
Child protection and support for families by social services	30 1%	23 2%	7 1%	4 2%	2 1%	3 1%	9 3%	1 *	9 2%	18 3%	3 *	8 2%	1 *	9 2%	13 2%	6 1%	2 1%	1 *
Care for the elderly by social services	20 1%	15 1%	5 *	5 2%	6 2%	5 1%	2 1%	2 *	1 *	3 1%	5 1%	7 2%	4 1%	6 1%	7 1%	5 1%	- -	3 1%
Help for disabled people by social services	18 1%	8 1%	10 1%	4 1%	5 2%	3 1%	3 1%	2 1%	1 *	6 1%	5 1%	3 1%	3 1%	4 1%	9 2%	1 *	3 1%	* *
Fire service	13 1%	8 1%	4 *	1 *	2 1%	3 1%	1 *	2 1%	4 1%	6 1%	1 *	2 *	4 1%	5 1%	4 1%	1 *	1 *	1 1%
None of these	89 4%	26 3%	63 6%	10 4%	7 2%	16 4%	18 5%	16 5%	23 5%	19 4%	27 5%	13 3%	30 6%	27 5%	23 4%	25 5%	9 3%	5 3%
Don't know	187 9%	70 7%	117 11%	31 13%	54 17%	43 11%	21 6%	18 6%	19 4%	30 6%	65 11%	36 8%	55 11%	45 8%	43 8%	57 11%	29 10%	14 7%

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Unweighted base	2053	187	96	249	169	187	95	181	240	292	192	165
Weighted base	2053	181	92	238	177	193	107	189	261	277	183	156
Overseas aid	1230 60%	119 66%	62 67%	138 58%	111 63%	117 60%	65 60%	112 59%	129 50%	174 63%	110 60%	93 60%
NHS managers	999 49%	94 52%	45 48%	119 50%	88 50%	102 53%	54 51%	92 49%	108 41%	125 45%	93 51%	79 51%
Benefit payments	644 31%	50 28%	31 34%	74 31%	57 32%	62 32%	24 23%	63 33%	85 33%	86 31%	59 32%	53 34%
Defence	528 26%	54 30%	21 23%	66 28%	45 25%	48 25%	23 22%	57 30%	74 28%	64 23%	41 23%	35 23%
Sports parks and libraries	314 15%	29 16%	16 18%	28 12%	28 16%	28 14%	16 15%	31 16%	39 15%	48 17%	30 16%	22 14%
Free bus travel for the over 60s and disabled people	260 13%	19 10%	22 24%	26 11%	13 8%	12 6%	13 12%	36 19%	29 11%	37 13%	31 17%	22 14%
Housing services including homelessness	156 8%	15 8%	6 7%	13 5%	15 8%	16 8%	8 8%	13 7%	15 6%	27 10%	21 12%	8 5%
Local road and street maintenance and cleaning	108 5%	10 6%	3 3%	10 4%	5 3%	18 9%	8 8%	6 3%	18 7%	16 6%	6 3%	7 5%
GPs	86 4%	7 4%	5 5%	5 2%	6 3%	13 7%	6 5%	6 3%	13 5%	14 5%	6 3%	6 4%
Dentists	84 4%	4 2%	1 1%	8 4%	9 5%	4 2%	5 5%	11 6%	12 4%	10 4%	8 4%	12 8%
Rubbish collection and disposal	65 3%	7 4%	8 9%	7 3%	2 1%	10 5%	2 2%	5 3%	9 3%	6 2%	7 4%	2 1%
Police	62 3%	4 2%	5 6%	9 4%	2 1%	8 4%	5 4%	6 3%	7 3%	6 2%	6 3%	5 3%
Schools	47 2%	* *	1 2%	12 5%	1 *	1 1%	- -	6 3%	7 3%	9 3%	5 3%	3 2%

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Weighted base	2053	985	1068	244	325	406	346	305	427	534	595	431	493	538	538	507	289	181
Local councillors	1330	656	675	141	202	245	228	210	304	362	381	284	303	364	340	329	185	113
	65%	67%	63%	58%	62%	60%	66%	69%	71%	68%	64%	66%	62%	68%	63%	65%	64%	62%
MPs	224	135	88	22	32	54	33	31	52	71	60	45	47	57	61	57	24	25
	11%	14%	8%	9%	10%	13%	10%	10%	12%	13%	10%	11%	10%	11%	11%	11%	8%	14%
Officials in quangos	68	36	32	9	15	16	15	5	8	20	16	15	17	14	19	19	12	4
	3%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	2%	2%	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	2%
Don't know	431	159	272	72	77	91	69	59	63	82	138	86	125	103	117	103	68	39
	21%	16%	26%	29%	24%	22%	20%	19%	15%	15%	23%	20%	25%	19%	22%	20%	23%	22%

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	65%	62%	59%	67%	64%	65%	57%	62%	65%	70%	68%	63%
MPs	224	25	7	30	19	23	8	16	34	23	16	22
	11%	14%	8%	13%	11%	12%	8%	8%	13%	8%	9%	14%
Officials in quangos	68	4	1	12	6	6	4	3	10	3	8	11
	3%	2%	1%	5%	3%	3%	4%	1%	4%	1%	5%	7%
Don't know	431	39	29	36	38	39	33	53	47	56	35	25
	21%	22%	31%	15%	22%	20%	31%	28%	18%	20%	19%	16%