

**Taxi Poll Survey**  
**EXCL. Scotland**  
**ONLINE Fieldwork : 25th - 26th May 2011**

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<b><u>Nationally held data on the driver's criminal convictions that are current, and need to be declared</u></b>																		
Yes	1759	871	887	209	275	320	302	270	384	489	501	376	393	486	512	481	279	-
	95%	95%	95%	92%	94%	92%	96%	99%	97%	96%	95%	94%	94%	94%	96%	95%	96%	-
No	14	11	3	2	1	6	2	1	3	3	3	3	4	6	3	4	1	-
	1%	1%	*	1%	*	2%	1%	*	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	*	-
Don't know	77	36	42	16	18	23	11	2	8	15	21	20	22	22	20	23	12	-
	4%	4%	4%	7%	6%	7%	3%	1%	2%	3%	4%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%	-
<b><u>Nationally held data on the driver's criminal convictions that are in the past, and no longer need to be declared</u></b>																		
Yes	1111	541	569	136	188	195	182	178	232	308	304	253	247	299	318	311	183	-
	60%	59%	61%	60%	64%	56%	58%	66%	59%	61%	58%	63%	59%	58%	59%	61%	63%	-
No	483	263	220	60	68	91	91	69	104	147	138	97	101	143	141	131	67	-
	26%	29%	24%	27%	23%	26%	29%	26%	26%	29%	26%	24%	24%	28%	26%	26%	23%	-
Don't know	257	114	143	30	38	64	42	24	59	53	84	49	71	72	76	66	42	-
	14%	12%	15%	13%	13%	18%	13%	9%	15%	10%	16%	12%	17%	14%	14%	13%	14%	-

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<b><u>Nationally held data on cautions/reprimands/final warnings given by the police to the driver</u></b>																		
Yes	1458	697	761	177	221	262	254	223	322	395	427	311	326	397	421	403	238	-
	79%	76%	82%	78%	75%	75%	81%	82%	82%	78%	81%	78%	78%	77%	79%	79%	82%	-
No	210	128	82	22	37	50	38	36	27	74	50	49	37	66	63	61	20	-
	11%	14%	9%	10%	12%	14%	12%	13%	7%	15%	9%	12%	9%	13%	12%	12%	7%	-
Don't know	182	93	89	27	37	37	23	13	45	38	49	39	56	52	51	45	34	-
	10%	10%	10%	12%	12%	11%	7%	5%	11%	8%	9%	10%	13%	10%	10%	9%	12%	-
<b><u>Information on whether the driver is included on the Sex Offenders Register</u></b>																		
Yes	1727	853	874	203	264	318	302	266	373	481	487	370	389	471	501	480	275	-
	93%	93%	94%	90%	90%	91%	96%	98%	94%	95%	93%	93%	93%	91%	94%	94%	94%	-
No	35	21	14	6	8	12	3	1	5	11	11	7	6	19	10	6	-	-
	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%	3%	1%	*	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	4%	2%	1%	-	-
Don't know	88	44	44	17	22	19	10	4	17	15	27	22	24	25	23	22	18	-
	5%	5%	5%	7%	7%	5%	3%	2%	4%	3%	5%	5%	6%	5%	4%	4%	6%	-

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<b>Local police records - other relevant information, where no further action is likely to be taken</b>																		
Yes	975	451	524	115	164	185	165	148	199	270	280	201	224	269	290	264	153	-
	53%	49%	56%	51%	56%	53%	52%	55%	51%	53%	53%	50%	54%	52%	54%	52%	52%	-
No	597	341	255	77	88	105	103	94	129	172	165	141	118	179	167	163	87	-
	32%	37%	27%	34%	30%	30%	33%	35%	33%	34%	31%	35%	28%	35%	31%	32%	30%	-
Don't know	278	126	152	35	42	59	47	29	66	65	80	56	77	66	78	82	52	-
	15%	14%	16%	15%	14%	17%	15%	11%	17%	13%	15%	14%	18%	13%	15%	16%	18%	-
<b>Local police records - other relevant information, where further action is likely to be taken</b>																		
Yes	1574	756	817	182	237	288	268	252	347	437	449	335	352	422	467	432	252	-
	85%	82%	88%	81%	81%	82%	85%	93%	88%	86%	85%	84%	84%	82%	87%	85%	86%	-
No	122	79	43	20	25	25	18	13	22	33	32	33	23	48	25	33	16	-
	7%	9%	5%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	5%	7%	6%	8%	6%	9%	5%	6%	6%	-
Don't know	155	82	72	24	32	37	29	7	26	37	44	30	44	45	43	43	24	-
	8%	9%	8%	11%	11%	10%	9%	3%	7%	7%	8%	8%	10%	9%	8%	9%	8%	-

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<b>Information on whether the driver has been banned from working with vulnerable adults</b>																		
Yes	1706	842	864	200	254	319	295	266	372	470	486	368	383	463	499	473	271	-
	92%	92%	93%	88%	86%	92%	94%	98%	94%	93%	92%	92%	91%	90%	93%	93%	93%	-
No	46	26	21	9	12	8	8	3	5	14	13	11	8	20	10	12	4	-
	3%	3%	2%	4%	4%	2%	3%	1%	1%	3%	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	-
Don't know	98	50	47	17	28	21	11	3	17	23	27	20	28	32	26	23	17	-
	5%	5%	5%	8%	10%	6%	4%	1%	4%	4%	5%	5%	7%	6%	5%	5%	6%	-
<b>Information on whether the driver has been banned from working with children</b>																		
Yes	1716	846	870	195	258	321	300	264	377	477	485	366	389	470	495	477	275	-
	93%	92%	93%	86%	88%	92%	95%	97%	96%	94%	92%	92%	93%	91%	93%	94%	94%	-
No	37	18	19	11	11	6	3	3	4	12	10	7	8	14	11	8	4	-
	2%	2%	2%	5%	4%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	-
Don't know	97	53	43	20	24	22	12	5	13	19	30	27	22	31	28	24	14	-
	5%	6%	5%	9%	8%	6%	4%	2%	3%	4%	6%	7%	5%	6%	5%	5%	5%	-

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**Summary Table****Base: All respondents**

		Local police records - other relevant information, where no further action is likely to be taken	Local police records - other relevant information, where further action is likely to be taken	Information on whether the driver has been banned from working with vulnerable adults	Information on whether the driver has been banned from working with children
Unweighted base		1852	1852	1852	1852
Weighted base		1850	1850	1850	1850
Net: Agree		1060 57%	1574 85%	1625 88%	1628 88%
Strongly agree	(4)	460 25%	965 52%	1339 72%	1392 75%
Agree	(3)	601 32%	609 33%	286 15%	236 13%
Disagree	(2)	483 26%	112 6%	55 3%	41 2%
Strongly disagree	(1)	82 4%	65 4%	108 6%	115 6%
Net: Disagree		565 31%	177 10%	163 9%	156 8%
Don't know		225 12%	99 5%	62 3%	67 4%
Mean		2.88	3.41	3.60	3.63
Standard deviation		0.88	0.77	0.82	0.82
Standard error		0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02

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Net: Agree	1060 57%	497 54%	563 60%	129 57%	173 59%	203 58%	182 58%	159 59%	213 54%	290 57%	301 57%	229 58%	240 57%	290 56%	303 57%	301 59%	166 57%	-	
Strongly agree	(4) 25%	460 24%	221 26%	239 27%	61 23%	69 24%	84 29%	92 25%	67 22%	87 23%	116 26%	138 26%	105 24%	100 26%	132 26%	118 22%	139 27%	71 24%	-
Agree	(3) 32%	601 30%	276 35%	324 30%	68 30%	104 35%	119 34%	90 29%	93 34%	126 32%	173 34%	163 31%	125 31%	140 33%	158 31%	185 35%	162 32%	95 32%	-
Disagree	(2) 26%	483 28%	257 24%	226 24%	54 24%	69 23%	86 25%	87 28%	78 29%	109 28%	142 28%	138 26%	105 26%	98 23%	141 27%	144 27%	126 25%	73 25%	-
Strongly disagree	(1) 4%	82 6%	56 3%	26 3%	12 5%	12 4%	13 4%	12 4%	23 6%	20 4%	24 5%	16 4%	22 5%	21 4%	22 4%	26 5%	13 5%	-	
Net: Disagree	565 31%	314 34%	252 27%	66 29%	80 27%	99 28%	98 31%	90 33%	132 33%	163 32%	162 31%	120 30%	120 29%	161 31%	166 31%	152 30%	87 30%	-	
Don't know	225 12%	107 12%	117 13%	31 14%	41 14%	47 13%	35 11%	22 8%	49 12%	55 11%	62 12%	49 12%	59 14%	64 12%	66 12%	55 11%	40 14%	-	
Mean	2.88	2.82	2.95	2.91	2.91	2.91	2.94	2.86	2.80	2.85	2.90	2.91	2.88	2.89	2.85	2.91	2.89	-	
Standard deviation	0.88	0.91	0.83	0.91	0.85	0.85	0.89	0.87	0.89	0.86	0.89	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.85	0.90	0.88	-	
Standard error	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	-	

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Net: Agree	1574 85%	749 82%	825 88%	182 81%	236 80%	297 85%	279 89%	235 87%	344 87%	430 85%	455 87%	348 87%	341 81%	417 81%	462 86%	440 86%	256 87%	-
Strongly agree	(4) 965 52%	424 46%	541 58%	101 45%	129 44%	179 51%	165 53%	166 61%	224 57%	261 51%	286 55%	205 51%	213 51%	263 51%	280 52%	279 55%	143 49%	-
Agree	(3) 609 33%	325 35%	284 31%	82 36%	107 36%	119 34%	113 36%	69 25%	119 30%	170 33%	168 32%	143 36%	128 30%	154 30%	181 34%	161 32%	113 39%	-
Disagree	(2) 112 6%	65 7%	46 5%	14 6%	22 8%	15 4%	17 5%	23 8%	21 5%	43 8%	26 5%	17 4%	26 6%	42 8%	26 5%	32 6%	13 4%	-
Strongly disagree	(1) 65 4%	43 5%	22 2%	8 3%	8 3%	11 3%	9 3%	8 3%	21 5%	13 3%	17 3%	10 3%	25 6%	19 4%	22 4%	15 3%	9 3%	-
Net: Disagree	177 10%	108 12%	69 7%	22 10%	30 10%	26 8%	26 8%	31 11%	42 11%	56 11%	43 8%	27 7%	51 12%	61 12%	48 9%	47 9%	22 7%	-
Don't know	99 5%	61 7%	38 4%	22 10%	27 9%	25 7%	11 3%	6 2%	9 2%	21 4%	27 5%	24 6%	27 7%	37 7%	25 5%	22 4%	15 5%	-
Mean	3.41	3.32	3.50	3.35	3.34	3.44	3.43	3.48	3.42	3.39	3.45	3.45	3.35	3.38	3.41	3.45	3.40	-
Standard deviation	0.77	0.82	0.71	0.77	0.76	0.74	0.73	0.78	0.83	0.76	0.75	0.71	0.86	0.81	0.78	0.75	0.73	-
Standard error	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.04	-

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Net: Agree	1625	779	846	198	232	317	283	241	354	446	468	343	368	439	467	457	262	-
	88%	85%	91%	87%	79%	91%	90%	89%	90%	88%	89%	86%	88%	85%	87%	90%	90%	-
Strongly agree	(4) 1339	605	734	150	183	250	244	216	296	361	391	275	312	352	390	382	215	-
	72%	66%	79%	66%	62%	72%	77%	79%	75%	71%	75%	69%	74%	68%	73%	75%	73%	-
Agree	(3) 286	174	112	48	49	66	39	25	58	85	76	68	56	87	77	75	47	-
	15%	19%	12%	21%	17%	19%	12%	9%	15%	17%	15%	17%	13%	17%	14%	15%	16%	-
Disagree	(2) 55	38	17	8	14	8	6	13	6	20	14	10	11	24	18	10	2	-
	3%	4%	2%	4%	5%	2%	2%	5%	1%	4%	3%	3%	3%	5%	3%	2%	1%	-
Strongly disagree	(1) 108	65	43	3	23	16	20	14	32	27	24	26	31	34	33	25	16	-
	6%	7%	5%	1%	8%	4%	6%	5%	8%	5%	5%	7%	7%	7%	6%	5%	6%	-
Net: Disagree	163	103	60	11	37	24	26	27	38	47	38	37	42	58	51	35	19	-
	9%	11%	6%	5%	13%	7%	8%	10%	10%	9%	7%	9%	10%	11%	10%	7%	6%	-
Don't know	62	36	26	18	24	9	6	3	2	14	19	19	10	17	16	17	12	-
	3%	4%	3%	8%	8%	2%	2%	1%	*	3%	4%	5%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%	-
Mean	3.60	3.49	3.70	3.65	3.45	3.62	3.64	3.65	3.57	3.58	3.65	3.56	3.58	3.52	3.59	3.66	3.64	-
Standard deviation	0.82	0.88	0.73	0.63	0.94	0.75	0.81	0.80	0.88	0.81	0.75	0.85	0.87	0.87	0.84	0.75	0.77	-
Standard error	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.05	-



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Net: Agree	1628	778	850	195	237	314	285	241	355	447	470	344	366	447	461	457	262	-
	88%	85%	91%	86%	81%	90%	91%	88%	90%	88%	90%	86%	87%	87%	86%	90%	90%	-
Strongly agree	(4) 1392	634	758	155	192	258	254	222	311	376	401	294	321	375	400	395	222	-
	75%	69%	81%	69%	65%	74%	81%	82%	79%	74%	76%	74%	77%	73%	75%	78%	76%	-
Agree	(3) 236	144	92	40	46	56	31	18	44	71	69	50	45	72	62	62	41	-
	13%	16%	10%	18%	16%	16%	10%	7%	11%	14%	13%	12%	11%	14%	12%	12%	14%	-
Disagree	(2) 41	29	12	3	10	6	4	12	5	18	8	3	11	16	16	7	2	-
	2%	3%	1%	1%	3%	2%	1%	4%	1%	4%	2%	1%	3%	3%	3%	1%	1%	-
Strongly disagree	(1) 115	70	45	5	25	17	21	15	32	30	26	27	32	37	35	28	16	-
	6%	8%	5%	2%	9%	5%	7%	6%	8%	6%	5%	7%	8%	7%	7%	5%	6%	-
Net: Disagree	156	99	57	9	35	23	25	27	37	48	35	31	43	52	50	35	19	-
	8%	11%	6%	4%	12%	7%	8%	10%	9%	10%	7%	8%	10%	10%	9%	7%	6%	-
Don't know	67	42	25	22	21	12	5	4	2	12	20	24	10	16	23	17	11	-
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Mean	3.63	3.53	3.72	3.69	3.48	3.65	3.67	3.67	3.61	3.60	3.67	3.63	3.60	3.57	3.61	3.68	3.67	-
Standard deviation	0.82	0.89	0.73	0.64	0.94	0.75	0.81	0.81	0.87	0.82	0.75	0.83	0.87	0.87	0.84	0.77	0.77	-
Standard error	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.05	-