



BBC News – Public Trust In The Police

METHODOLOGY NOTE

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NET: Likely	823 82%	386 79%	437 86%	98 83%	144 86%	138 82%	148 83%	117 79%	178 82%	225 84%	234 84%	171 79%	193 81%	70 77%	33 82%	91 83%	73 81%	70 78%	56 79%	44 88%	88 88%	104 80%	120 86%	74 82%
Very likely	(4) 29%	130 26%	160 31%	32 27%	54 32%	47 28%	46 26%	45 31%	65 30%	84 31%	82 29%	56 26%	69 29%	27 30%	14 34%	28 25%	25 28%	25 28%	11 15%	18 37%	25 25%	39 30%	43 31%	36 40%
Fairly likely	(3) 53%	256 52%	277 54%	66 55%	90 54%	91 54%	102 57%	71 48%	113 52%	141 53%	152 55%	115 53%	125 52%	42 47%	19 48%	63 58%	48 53%	46 51%	45 64%	25 51%	64 64%	66 51%	77 55%	38 42%
Fairly unlikely	(2) 10%	57 12%	39 8%	8 7%	11 6%	15 9%	21 12%	23 16%	18 8%	24 9%	27 10%	25 12%	20 8%	12 14%	* 1%	10 9%	4 4%	10 11%	8 12%	5 11%	8 8%	15 11%	12 9%	10 11%
Very unlikely	(1) 6%	37 8%	25 5%	13 11%	11 6%	13 8%	7 4%	5 3%	14 7%	16 6%	12 4%	17 8%	17 7%	7 8%	5 13%	5 5%	11 13%	8 9%	5 7%	1 2%	2 2%	9 7%	6 5%	3 4%
NET: Unlikely	158 16%	94 19%	64 13%	21 17%	21 13%	28 16%	27 15%	28 19%	33 15%	39 15%	40 14%	43 20%	37 16%	19 21%	6 14%	15 14%	15 17%	18 21%	13 19%	6 12%	10 10%	23 18%	18 13%	14 15%
Don't know	19 2%	10 2%	8 2%	- -	3 2%	3 2%	3 1%	4 2%	7 3%	3 1%	4 1%	4 2%	8 3%	2 2%	1 4%	3 3%	2 2%	1 1%	1 2%	- -	2 2%	2 2%	1 1%	2 2%
Mean	3.07	3.00	3.14	2.99	3.13	3.04	3.07	3.08	3.09	3.11	3.11	2.98	3.06	3.02	3.07	3.07	2.98	2.98	2.90	3.22	3.14	3.05	3.13	3.21
Standard deviation	0.80	0.84	0.76	0.88	0.80	0.83	0.73	0.78	0.82	0.80	0.75	0.84	0.83	0.87	0.96	0.74	0.92	0.88	0.74	0.71	0.62	0.83	0.75	0.80
Standard error	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.09	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.04	0.05	0.07	0.05	0.09	0.15	0.07	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.10	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.09

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NET: Likely	823 82%	823 100%	-	510 96%	264 66%
Very likely	(4) 290 29%	290 35%	-	226 42%	48 12%
Fairly likely	(3) 533 53%	533 65%	-	284 53%	216 54%
Fairly unlikely	(2) 96 10%	-	96 60%	7 1%	85 21%
Very unlikely	(1) 63 6%	-	63 40%	11 2%	47 12%
NET: Unlikely	158 16%	-	158 100%	18 3%	132 33%
Don't know	19 2%	-	-	5 1%	6 2%
Mean	3.07	3.35	1.60	3.37	2.67
Standard deviation	0.80	0.48	0.49	0.62	0.84
Standard error	0.03	0.02	0.04	0.03	0.04

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I am much more likely to trust the police	(5) 28 3%	13 3%	14 3%	5 4%	2 1%	6 4%	2 1%	6 4%	6 3%	4 1%	1 *	12 5%	11 5%	3 3%	- -	3 3%	1 1%	- -	1 2%	2 4%	3 3%	8 6%	- -	7 8%
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It has made no difference to me	(3) 672 67%	329 67%	343 67%	75 63%	127 76%	120 71%	121 68%	93 63%	136 62%	178 67%	205 74%	133 61%	156 66%	56 62%	28 70%	81 74%	66 73%	59 66%	57 81%	30 61%	60 60%	78 60%	106 76%	51 57%
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Mean	2.74	2.74	2.74	2.71	2.81	2.83	2.69	2.70	2.68	2.70	2.73	2.72	2.80	2.71	2.83	2.80	2.71	2.61	2.82	2.83	2.68	2.73	2.72	2.77
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