

BBC: Pensions

METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 2,111 British adults aged between 18 and 60 by telephone between the 8th and 31st August 2014. Data were weighted to be representative of all British adults aged between 18 and 60.

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Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

Q1. Do you have a private pension? By private pension we mean a scheme into which you contribute from your earnings, which then will pay you a private pension after you retire?

Base: All respondents aged 18-60

	Gender		Age					Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-60	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scot-land	North	Wales	South
Unweighted base	2111	1076	1035	255	466	476	591	323	844	517	351	399	202	511	595	803
Weighted base	2163	1082	1081	356	506	503	534	263	611	653	497	402	196	514	627	826
Yes	1134	594	540	65	262	294	340	172	412	370	226	126	103	277	330	423
	52%	55%	50%	18%	52%	59%	64%	66%	67%	57%	45%	31%	53%	54%	53%	51%
No	1029	489	540	291	244	209	194	90	198	283	272	276	93	237	296	403
	48%	45%	50%	82%	48%	41%	36%	34%	33%	43%	55%	69%	47%	46%	47%	49%

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Table 2

Q2. Which two or three of the following are the most important reasons why you do not take out a pension?

Base: All respondents aged 18-60 without a private pension

	Gender		Age					Class				Region				
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-60	AB	C1	C2	DE	Scot-land	North	Mid-lands & Wales	South
Unweighted base	906	440	466	198	219	182	203	104	258	207	187	254	87	216	253	350
Weighted base	1029	489	540	291	244	209	194	90	198	283	272	276	93	237	296	403
I can't afford a pension right now	403 39%	181 37%	222 41%	94 32%	95 39%	90 43%	86 44%	38 42%	67 34%	116 41%	93 34%	128 46%	35 38%	101 43%	114 38%	153 38%
I'm too young to think about pensions	291 28%	149 30%	142 26%	209 72%	57 23%	22 11%	3 2%	-	46 23%	90 32%	73 27%	81 30%	20 22%	63 27%	80 27%	128 32%
I just haven't got round to it yet	281 27%	135 28%	147 27%	113 39%	79 32%	52 25%	31 16%	7 8%	54 27%	83 29%	85 31%	59 22%	26 28%	70 30%	69 23%	115 29%
I've invested my money in other things, such as property or long-term savings	213 21%	98 20%	114 21%	31 11%	61 25%	55 26%	46 24%	19 21%	52 26%	70 25%	64 23%	27 10%	18 20%	42 18%	63 21%	90 22%
I don't trust pensions companies	181 18%	105 21%	76 14%	23 8%	41 17%	47 23%	52 27%	18 20%	33 17%	47 17%	55 20%	46 17%	12 13%	34 15%	57 19%	77 19%
I'm concerned that I wouldn't get enough back for the money I put in	146 14%	72 15%	75 14%	14 5%	31 13%	40 19%	39 20%	22 24%	27 14%	42 15%	40 15%	37 13%	15 16%	31 13%	47 16%	53 13%
I find it too confusing	139 14%	60 12%	79 15%	55 19%	34 14%	27 13%	17 9%	6 6%	30 15%	18 6%	50 18%	41 15%	6 6%	32 13%	47 16%	55 14%
I'd rather have the money today	116 11%	54 11%	62 11%	30 10%	39 16%	22 10%	14 7%	11 12%	24 12%	30 11%	34 13%	28 10%	13 14%	25 11%	27 9%	49 12%
I will be able to manage on the state pension	61 6%	38 8%	23 4%	5 2%	8 3%	19 9%	10 5%	18 20%	8 4%	19 7%	17 6%	17 6%	8 8%	19 8%	18 6%	16 4%
Other	111 11%	52 11%	59 11%	19 7%	32 13%	19 9%	26 13%	14 16%	26 13%	33 12%	24 9%	27 10%	13 14%	27 12%	30 10%	40 10%
Don't know	14 1%	8 2%	6 1%	2 1%	2 1%	4 2%	3 2%	3 3%	4 2%	1 *	3 1%	5 2%	1 1%	2 1%	4 2%	7 2%