



British Chambers of Commerce Government Spending Survey

METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 2,064 British adults online from 13th to 15th February 2013. Data were weighted to be demographically representative of all GB adults aged 18+. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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ONLINE Fieldwork : 13th-15th February 2013

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

Q.1 The Government is expected to spend £683bn this year - equivalent to 43% of the size of the UK economy. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Base: All respondents

	Gender			Age						Social Grade				Employment Sector	
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	2064	1005	1059	229	311	397	370	318	439	587	641	322	514	284	748
Weighted base	2064	1011	1053	248	330	392	351	310	433	557	599	433	475	324	832

The Government should shift its spending towards measures designed to boost economic growth like investing in road building and house building, even if this requires cuts to universal welfare benefits and other social spending

Agree	1057 51%	624 62%	434 41%	113 46%	162 49%	186 47%	150 43%	178 58%	268 62%	341 61%	314 53%	208 48%	194 41%	174 54%	458 55%
Disagree	581 28%	265 26%	316 30%	62 25%	88 27%	120 31%	119 34%	92 30%	100 23%	131 24%	157 26%	117 27%	176 37%	94 29%	207 25%
Don't know	426 21%	123 12%	303 29%	73 29%	80 24%	86 22%	82 23%	39 13%	66 15%	85 15%	127 21%	109 25%	104 22%	57 17%	167 20%

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Disagree	827 40%	423 42%	404 38%	87 35%	135 41%	154 39%	143 41%	137 44%	170 39%	214 38%	208 35%	177 41%	228 48%	137 42%	296 36%
Don't know	452 22%	146 14%	305 29%	76 31%	72 22%	86 22%	84 24%	49 16%	86 20%	107 19%	136 23%	105 24%	104 22%	59 18%	178 21%

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	Total	England	Scotland	North East	North West	Yorkshire & Humberside	West Midlands	East Midlands	Wales	East-ern	London	South East	South West	NET: Working	Working full time	Working part time	NET: Not working	Not working seeking work	Not working and not seeking work	Retired on a state pension only	Retired with a private pension	House person
Unweighted base	2064	1794	185	85	258	186	206	154	85	177	232	297	199	1032	680	352	1032	148	146	98	453	187
Weighted base	2064	1775	179	93	243	182	191	160	109	193	260	265	188	1156	908	248	908	118	112	106	400	172
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