

## PARLIAMENTARY PANEL SURVEY - MPs - JANUARY 2011

**Q1: When a younger person is accused of breaking the law, to what extent, if at all, do you think each of the following should be taken into account by the courts?**

### Their intellectual ability

Base: All Respondents

	PARTY				COUNTRY			REGION				DATE OF BIRTH			MARGINALITY				LENGTH OF SERVICE							GENDER		
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dems	Other	Eng- land	Wales	Scot land & NI	Lon- don	South	Mids	North	Pre- 1950	1950- 1959	1960+	0.1- 9.9%	10.0- 19.9%	20.0- 29.9%	30%+	1986 or before	1987- 1991	1992- 1996	1997- 2000	2001- 2004	2005- 2009	2010+	Male	Fe- male
Unweighted Total	150	52	78	11	9	117	14	19	12	25	32	48	75	42	33	53	44	35	18	9	6	13	26	17	18	61	117	33
Weighted Total	150	71	60	13	6	123	9	18	17	32	38	36	72	44	34	51	46	32	20	11	5	11	26	14	16	67	120	30
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
To a great extent	17	6	9	2	*	14	2	2	4	4	2	4	12	5	1	9	4	4	1	3	1	1	3	*	1	8	14	3
	12%	8%	15%	17%	7%	11%	18%	11%	26%	11%	4%	11%	16%	10%	3%	17%	9%	11%	6%	23%	25%	9%	12%	3%	6%	12%	12%	11%
To some extent	77	34	30	8	4	64	5	8	7	14	22	21	36	25	16	25	28	18	5	7	2	6	14	9	9	29	62	14
	51%	49%	51%	64%	55%	52%	49%	46%	40%	44%	57%	59%	51%	56%	46%	48%	60%	57%	27%	63%	41%	57%	55%	63%	55%	44%	52%	48%
To no extent	47	27	17	1	2	38	3	6	6	10	12	10	20	14	13	16	13	8	10	1	1	4	7	5	5	24	38	9
	31%	37%	29%	7%	39%	31%	33%	31%	34%	32%	32%	29%	28%	31%	39%	31%	27%	25%	51%	14%	21%	34%	27%	33%	33%	36%	32%	30%
Don't know	6	3	2	2	-	5	-	1	-	3	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	-	-	-	2	-	1	3	5	1
	4%	4%	3%	13%	-	4%	-	6%	-	9%	4%	2%	3%	3%	7%	1%	4%	4%	12%	-	-	-	6%	-	6%	5%	4%	5%
Not stated	3	1	2	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	1	-	2	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	2
	2%	2%	3%	-	-	2%	-	6%	-	4%	2%	-	2%	-	4%	3%	-	2%	5%	-	13%	-	-	-	-	4%	1%	6%

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### Their age

Base: All Respondents

	PARTY				COUNTRY			REGION				DATE OF BIRTH			MARGINALITY				LENGTH OF SERVICE							GENDER		
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Other	Eng-land	Wales	Scot land & NI	Lon-don	South	Mids	North	Pre-1950	1950-1959	1960+	0.1-9.9%	10.0-19.9%	20.0-29.9%	30%+	1986 or before	1987-1991	1992-1996	1997-2000	2001-2004	2005-2009	2010+	Male	Fe-male
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Weighted Total	150	71	60	13	6	123	9	18	17	32	38	36	72	44	34	51	46	32	20	11	5	11	26	14	16	67	120	30
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
To a great extent	36	12	19	3	1	30	3	3	6	6	6	13	22	9	4	15	11	6	3	4	1	3	7	2	2	15	26	10
	24%	17%	32%	25%	20%	25%	28%	16%	34%	20%	15%	35%	31%	20%	12%	29%	24%	20%	15%	41%	24%	32%	29%	12%	12%	23%	21%	33%
To some extent	100	49	37	10	4	82	6	12	11	22	27	21	44	32	23	33	31	23	12	5	4	8	18	11	11	44	84	15
	66%	69%	62%	75%	67%	66%	65%	68%	66%	68%	71%	59%	62%	73%	67%	65%	67%	72%	60%	43%	76%	68%	69%	76%	69%	66%	70%	51%
To no extent	13	10	2	-	1	11	1	1	-	4	5	2	4	3	6	3	4	3	3	2	-	-	1	2	2	7	9	4
	9%	14%	3%	-	13%	9%	7%	5%	-	12%	14%	7%	5%	6%	18%	6%	9%	8%	16%	16%	-	-	2%	12%	13%	10%	7%	13%
Don't know	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
	1%	-	2%	-	-	-	-	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3%	-	-	-	5%	-	-	-	-	-	6%	-	1%	-
Not stated	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	1%	-	2%	-	-	-	-	6%	-	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2%	-	3%

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#### Their emotional and psychological maturity

Base: All Respondents

	PARTY				COUNTRY			REGION				DATE OF BIRTH			MARGINALITY				LENGTH OF SERVICE							GENDER		
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Other	Eng-land	Wales	Scot land & NI	Lon-don	South	Mids	North	Pre-1950	1950-1959	1960+	0.1-9.9%	10.0-19.9%	20.0-29.9%	30%+	1986 or before	1987-1991	1992-1996	1997-2000	2001-2004	2005-2009	2010+	Male	Fe-male
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	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
To a great extent	36	10	19	6	1	28	3	5	9	6	8	5	24	10	2	13	15	5	3	3	1	1	14	2	2	13	27	8
	24%	14%	32%	43%	20%	23%	31%	28%	52%	19%	21%	14%	34%	22%	5%	26%	33%	14%	14%	23%	25%	9%	56%	12%	13%	19%	23%	28%
To some extent	85	39	34	7	4	70	5	10	8	18	17	27	38	26	22	27	24	23	11	6	2	10	11	8	11	37	71	14
	57%	55%	58%	57%	67%	57%	56%	56%	48%	57%	45%	74%	53%	58%	63%	52%	52%	72%	56%	55%	46%	91%	42%	55%	70%	55%	59%	47%
To no extent	26	22	3	-	1	24	1	1	-	8	12	4	9	8	10	11	7	3	4	2	1	-	1	4	2	16	20	6
	17%	31%	5%	-	13%	19%	13%	5%	-	25%	33%	10%	12%	17%	28%	22%	15%	10%	20%	22%	29%	-	2%	25%	11%	24%	16%	21%
Don't know	2	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-
	1%	-	4%	-	-	1%	-	6%	-	-	2%	2%	-	3%	3%	-	-	4%	5%	-	-	-	-	8%	6%	-	2%	-
Not stated	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	1%	-	2%	-	-	-	-	6%	-	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2%	-	3%

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### Their ability to live independently of family support

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	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dems	Other	Eng- land	Wales	Scot land & NI	Lon- don	South	Mids	North	Pre- 1950	1950- 1959	1960+	0.1- 9.9%	10.0- 19.9%	20.0- 29.9%	30%+	1986 or before	1987- 1991	1992- 1996	1997- 2000	2001- 2004	2005- 2009	2010+	Male	Fe- male
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	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
To a great extent	14	3	7	2	1	12	*	2	2	3	2	4	12	1	1	6	5	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	7	11	4
	9%	5%	13%	15%	18%	10%	5%	10%	15%	11%	6%	10%	16%	3%	4%	12%	11%	5%	6%	11%	21%	11%	9%	8%	3%	10%	9%	12%
To some extent	77	32	34	9	2	62	4	11	10	15	19	18	35	26	16	28	25	18	6	6	3	7	16	7	12	26	68	10
	52%	46%	57%	68%	33%	51%	48%	61%	59%	48%	49%	50%	49%	58%	48%	55%	54%	56%	32%	56%	54%	66%	62%	48%	74%	40%	56%	33%
To no extent	52	35	13	1	3	45	4	3	4	12	16	13	20	17	15	17	13	11	11	2	1	2	7	6	3	32	38	14
	35%	50%	22%	7%	50%	37%	40%	18%	26%	37%	42%	37%	28%	38%	45%	33%	29%	35%	53%	22%	12%	17%	26%	40%	16%	48%	32%	48%
Don't know	5	-	3	1	-	3	1	1	-	1	1	1	3	1	1	-	3	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	4	1
	3%	-	6%	10%	-	3%	7%	6%	-	4%	2%	3%	4%	1%	3%	-	7%	2%	5%	12%	-	6%	2%	4%	6%	1%	3%	2%
Not stated	2	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
	1%	-	3%	-	-	1%	-	6%	-	-	2%	-	2%	-	-	-	-	2%	5%	-	13%	-	-	-	-	2%	-	6%

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**Q1: When a younger person is accused of breaking the law, to what extent, if at all, do you think each of the following should be taken into account by the courts?**

### Whether they have caring responsibilities for children under 16

Base: All Respondents

	PARTY				COUNTRY			REGION				DATE OF BIRTH			MARGINALITY				LENGTH OF SERVICE							GENDER		
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Other	Eng-land	Wales	Scot land & NI	Lon-don	South	Mids	North	Pre-1950	1950-1959	1960+	0.1-9.9%	10.0-19.9%	20.0-29.9%	30%+	1986 or before	1987-1991	1992-1996	1997-2000	2001-2004	2005-2009	2010+	Male	Fe-male
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Weighted Total	150	71	60	13	6	123	9	18	17	32	38	36	72	44	34	51	46	32	20	11	5	11	26	14	16	67	120	30
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
To a great extent	36	7	22	5	2	27	2	8	7	1	9	10	23	8	4	14	13	8	2	2	2	4	6	5	4	13	30	6
	24%	10%	37%	37%	31%	22%	18%	43%	40%	4%	23%	28%	33%	19%	12%	27%	28%	24%	8%	22%	34%	35%	24%	36%	25%	19%	25%	19%
To some extent	73	38	25	8	2	62	7	5	4	23	17	17	30	24	19	25	20	17	11	6	2	5	16	7	7	30	61	12
	49%	53%	43%	63%	33%	50%	75%	27%	26%	73%	46%	46%	42%	54%	57%	49%	43%	54%	55%	51%	41%	48%	61%	51%	45%	45%	51%	42%
To no extent	33	23	8	-	2	29	1	3	6	5	10	8	14	11	8	12	13	5	3	2	1	1	4	1	4	21	25	9
	22%	33%	13%	-	37%	24%	7%	19%	34%	16%	28%	23%	20%	25%	24%	24%	28%	17%	15%	16%	12%	11%	14%	8%	23%	32%	21%	29%
Don't know	5	3	3	-	-	4	-	1	-	3	1	1	2	1	2	-	1	1	4	1	-	1	-	1	1	2	4	1
	4%	4%	5%	-	-	4%	-	6%	-	8%	2%	3%	3%	1%	7%	-	1%	4%	18%	11%	-	6%	-	4%	6%	3%	3%	5%
Not stated	2	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
	1%	-	3%	-	-	1%	-	6%	-	-	2%	-	2%	-	-	-	-	2%	5%	-	13%	-	-	-	-	2%	-	6%

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**Q1: When a younger person is accused of breaking the law, to what extent, if at all, do you think each of the following should be taken into account by the courts?**

**Whether they have caring responsibilities for an elderly or sick family member**

Base: All Respondents

	PARTY				COUNTRY			REGION				DATE OF BIRTH			MARGINALITY				LENGTH OF SERVICE							GENDER		
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dems	Other	Eng-land	Wales	Scot land & NI	Lon-don	South	Mids	North	Pre-1950	1950-1959	1960+	0.1-9.9%	10.0-19.9%	20.0-29.9%	30%+	1986 or before	1987-1991	1992-1996	1997-2000	2001-2004	2005-2009	2010+	Male	Fe-male
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Weighted Total	150	71	60	13	6	123	9	18	17	32	38	36	72	44	34	51	46	32	20	11	5	11	26	14	16	67	120	30
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
To a great extent	35	9	20	4	2	26	2	8	9	1	7	9	23	9	3	16	12	6	2	2	2	4	6	4	3	15	30	6
	24%	13%	34%	29%	31%	21%	18%	43%	52%	4%	19%	25%	33%	20%	9%	31%	26%	18%	8%	22%	34%	35%	24%	25%	19%	22%	25%	19%
To some extent	75	36	27	9	3	63	7	5	4	23	20	16	32	24	19	20	24	20	11	7	3	5	16	9	8	27	62	13
	50%	51%	45%	71%	44%	51%	75%	31%	22%	73%	52%	44%	45%	54%	56%	40%	52%	61%	55%	68%	55%	48%	61%	63%	52%	40%	52%	44%
To no extent	34	23	9	-	2	30	1	3	4	5	10	11	12	12	10	15	10	6	3	-	1	1	4	2	4	23	25	8
	22%	32%	15%	-	26%	25%	7%	15%	26%	16%	27%	29%	17%	26%	28%	29%	21%	18%	15%	-	12%	11%	14%	12%	23%	34%	21%	28%
Don't know	5	3	2	-	-	4	-	1	-	3	1	1	2	-	2	-	1	1	4	1	-	1	-	-	1	2	3	1
	3%	4%	4%	-	-	3%	-	6%	-	8%	2%	2%	3%	-	7%	-	1%	2%	18%	11%	-	6%	-	-	6%	3%	3%	5%
Not stated	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	1%	-	2%	-	-	-	-	6%	-	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2%	-	3%

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**Q2: Currently, an individual is considered a fully mature adult at the age of 18 and is subject to the law as it applies to adults.**

**When someone aged between 18 and their early 20s is accused of breaking the law, which of the following best describes how you think they should be treated in court?**

Base: All Respondents

	PARTY					COUNTRY			REGION				DATE OF BIRTH			MARGINALITY				LENGTH OF SERVICE							GENDER	
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dems	Other	Eng-land	Wales	Scot land & NI	Lon-don	South	Mids	North	Pre-1950	1950-1959	1960+	0.1-9.9%	10.0-19.9%	20.0-29.9%	30%+	1986 or before	1987-1991	1992-1996	1997-2000	2001-2004	2005-2009	2010+	Male	Fe-male
Unweighted Total	150	52	78	11	9	117	14	19	12	25	32	48	75	42	33	53	44	35	18	9	6	13	26	17	18	61	117	33
Weighted Total	150	71	60	13	6	123	9	18	17	32	38	36	72	44	34	51	46	32	20	11	5	11	26	14	16	67	120	30
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
They should be treated the same as older people (25 or over)	77	38	32	2	4	63	5	9	9	16	16	20	32	23	22	25	26	17	9	4	4	5	13	9	8	34	62	15
	51%	54%	54%	18%	62%	51%	54%	51%	56%	51%	44%	56%	45%	52%	63%	49%	56%	52%	46%	32%	87%	43%	51%	64%	48%	51%	51%	50%
They should be treated the same as 16-17 year olds	2	-	1	-	*	1	*	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	*	-	1	-	*	-	-	1	-	1	1
	1%	-	2%	-	7%	1%	5%	-	-	-	-	3%	2%	-	-	2%	-	1%	-	6%	-	4%	-	-	4%	-	1%	2%
They should be treated as a separate age group	16	6	5	4	1	13	1	3	-	1	8	3	8	7	1	5	6	3	2	4	1	1	3	2	1	6	13	3
	11%	9%	8%	30%	13%	10%	7%	16%	-	4%	23%	8%	11%	17%	2%	11%	12%	10%	9%	37%	13%	6%	10%	12%	5%	8%	11%	9%
It should be decided on a case by case basis whether they are treated like an adult or an under 18 year old	52	25	19	7	1	44	3	5	7	14	11	11	28	14	10	19	14	11	8	3	-	5	10	3	5	26	42	10
	35%	35%	32%	52%	18%	36%	35%	27%	44%	45%	30%	30%	39%	31%	30%	37%	30%	35%	40%	26%	-	48%	39%	23%	31%	38%	35%	34%
Don't know	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
	*	-	1%	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	2%	-	-	2%	-	-	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	4%	-	*	-
Not stated	3	1	2	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	1	2	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	2
	2%	2%	3%	-	-	2%	-	6%	-	-	4%	2%	2%	-	4%	1%	3%	-	5%	-	-	-	-	-	8%	2%	1%	5%

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**Q1: When a younger person is accused of breaking the law, to what extent, if at all, do you think each of the following should be taken into account by the courts?**

### Their intellectual ability

Base: All Respondents

	PARTY				COUNTRY			REGION				DATE OF BIRTH			MARGINALITY				LENGTH OF SERVICE							GENDER		
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dems	Other	Eng- land	Wales	Scot land & NI	Lon- don	South	Mids	North	Pre- 1950	1950- 1959	1960+	0.1- 9.9%	10.0- 19.9%	20.0- 29.9%	30%+	1986 or before	1987- 1991	1992- 1996	1997- 2000	2001- 2004	2005- 2009	2010+	Male	Fe- male
Unweighted Total	150	52	78	11	9	117	14	19	12	25	32	48	75	42	33	53	44	35	18	9	6	13	26	17	18	61	117	33
Weighted Total	150	71	60	13	6	123	9	18	17	32	38	36	72	44	34	51	46	32	20	11	5	11	26	14	16	67	120	30
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
To a great extent	17	6	9	2	*	14	2	2	4	4	2	4	12	5	1	9	4	4	1	3	1	1	3	*	1	8	14	3
	12%	8%	15%	17%	7%	11%	18%	11%	26%	11%	4%	11%	16%	10%	3%	17%	9%	11%	6%	23%	25%	9%	12%	3%	6%	12%	12%	11%
To some extent	77	34	30	8	4	64	5	8	7	14	22	21	36	25	16	25	28	18	5	7	2	6	14	9	9	29	62	14
	51%	49%	51%	64%	55%	52%	49%	46%	40%	44%	57%	59%	51%	56%	46%	48%	60%	57%	27%	63%	41%	57%	55%	63%	55%	44%	52%	48%
To no extent	47	27	17	1	2	38	3	6	6	10	12	10	20	14	13	16	13	8	10	1	1	4	7	5	5	24	38	9
	31%	37%	29%	7%	39%	31%	33%	31%	34%	32%	32%	29%	28%	31%	39%	31%	27%	25%	51%	14%	21%	34%	27%	33%	33%	36%	32%	30%
Don't know	6	3	2	2	-	5	-	1	-	3	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	-	-	-	2	-	1	3	5	1
	4%	4%	3%	13%	-	4%	-	6%	-	9%	4%	2%	3%	3%	7%	1%	4%	4%	12%	-	-	-	6%	-	6%	5%	4%	5%
Not stated	3	1	2	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	1	-	2	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	2
	2%	2%	3%	-	-	2%	-	6%	-	4%	2%	-	2%	-	4%	3%	-	2%	5%	-	13%	-	-	-	-	4%	1%	6%



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**Q1: When a younger person is accused of breaking the law, to what extent, if at all, do you think each of the following should be taken into account by the courts?**

#### Their age

Base: All Respondents

	PARTY				COUNTRY			REGION				DATE OF BIRTH			MARGINALITY				LENGTH OF SERVICE							GENDER		
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Other	Eng-land	Wales	Scot land & NI	Lon-don	South	Mids	North	Pre-1950	1950-1959	1960+	0.1-9.9%	10.0-19.9%	20.0-29.9%	30%+	1986 or before	1987-1991	1992-1996	1997-2000	2001-2004	2005-2009	2010+	Male	Fe-male
Unweighted Total	150	52	78	11	9	117	14	19	12	25	32	48	75	42	33	53	44	35	18	9	6	13	26	17	18	61	117	33
Weighted Total	150	71	60	13	6	123	9	18	17	32	38	36	72	44	34	51	46	32	20	11	5	11	26	14	16	67	120	30
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
To a great extent	36	12	19	3	1	30	3	3	6	6	6	13	22	9	4	15	11	6	3	4	1	3	7	2	2	15	26	10
	24%	17%	32%	25%	20%	25%	28%	16%	34%	20%	15%	35%	31%	20%	12%	29%	24%	20%	15%	41%	24%	32%	29%	12%	12%	23%	21%	33%
To some extent	100	49	37	10	4	82	6	12	11	22	27	21	44	32	23	33	31	23	12	5	4	8	18	11	11	44	84	15
	66%	69%	62%	75%	67%	66%	65%	68%	66%	68%	71%	59%	62%	73%	67%	65%	67%	72%	60%	43%	76%	68%	69%	76%	69%	66%	70%	51%
To no extent	13	10	2	-	1	11	1	1	-	4	5	2	4	3	6	3	4	3	3	2	-	-	1	2	2	7	9	4
	9%	14%	3%	-	13%	9%	7%	5%	-	12%	14%	7%	5%	6%	18%	6%	9%	8%	16%	16%	-	-	2%	12%	13%	10%	7%	13%
Don't know	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
	1%	-	2%	-	-	-	-	6%	-	-	-	-	-	-	3%	-	-	-	5%	-	-	-	-	-	6%	-	1%	-
Not stated	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	1%	-	2%	-	-	-	-	6%	-	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2%	-	-	3%

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**Q1: When a younger person is accused of breaking the law, to what extent, if at all, do you think each of the following should be taken into account by the courts?**

#### Their emotional and psychological maturity

Base: All Respondents

	PARTY				COUNTRY			REGION				DATE OF BIRTH			MARGINALITY				LENGTH OF SERVICE							GENDER		
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dems	Other	Eng-land	Wales	Scot land & NI	Lon-don	South	Mids	North	Pre-1950	1950-1959	1960+	0.1-9.9%	10.0-19.9%	20.0-29.9%	30%+	1986 or before	1987-1991	1992-1996	1997-2000	2001-2004	2005-2009	2010+	Male	Fe-male
Unweighted Total	150	52	78	11	9	117	14	19	12	25	32	48	75	42	33	53	44	35	18	9	6	13	26	17	18	61	117	33
Weighted Total	150	71	60	13	6	123	9	18	17	32	38	36	72	44	34	51	46	32	20	11	5	11	26	14	16	67	120	30
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
To a great extent	36	10	19	6	1	28	3	5	9	6	8	5	24	10	2	13	15	5	3	3	1	1	14	2	2	13	27	8
	24%	14%	32%	43%	20%	23%	31%	28%	52%	19%	21%	14%	34%	22%	5%	26%	33%	14%	14%	23%	25%	9%	56%	12%	13%	19%	23%	28%
To some extent	85	39	34	7	4	70	5	10	8	18	17	27	38	26	22	27	24	23	11	6	2	10	11	8	11	37	71	14
	57%	55%	58%	57%	67%	57%	56%	56%	48%	57%	45%	74%	53%	58%	63%	52%	52%	72%	56%	55%	46%	91%	42%	55%	70%	55%	59%	47%
To no extent	26	22	3	-	1	24	1	1	-	8	12	4	9	8	10	11	7	3	4	2	1	-	1	4	2	16	20	6
	17%	31%	5%	-	13%	19%	13%	5%	-	25%	33%	10%	12%	17%	28%	22%	15%	10%	20%	22%	29%	-	2%	25%	11%	24%	16%	21%
Don't know	2	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-
	1%	-	4%	-	-	1%	-	6%	-	-	2%	2%	-	3%	3%	-	-	4%	5%	-	-	-	-	8%	6%	-	2%	-
Not stated	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	1%	-	2%	-	-	-	-	6%	-	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2%	-	3%

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**Q1: When a younger person is accused of breaking the law, to what extent, if at all, do you think each of the following should be taken into account by the courts?**

### Their ability to live independently of family support

Base: All Respondents

	PARTY				COUNTRY			REGION				DATE OF BIRTH			MARGINALITY				LENGTH OF SERVICE							GENDER		
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dems	Other	Eng- land	Wales	Scot land & NI	Lon- don	South	Mids	North	Pre- 1950	1950- 1959	1960+	0.1- 9.9%	10.0- 19.9%	20.0- 29.9%	30%+	1986 or before	1987- 1991	1992- 1996	1997- 2000	2001- 2004	2005- 2009	2010+	Male	Fe- male
Unweighted Total	150	52	78	11	9	117	14	19	12	25	32	48	75	42	33	53	44	35	18	9	6	13	26	17	18	61	117	33
Weighted Total	150	71	60	13	6	123	9	18	17	32	38	36	72	44	34	51	46	32	20	11	5	11	26	14	16	67	120	30
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
To a great extent	14	3	7	2	1	12	*	2	2	3	2	4	12	1	1	6	5	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	7	11	4
	9%	5%	13%	15%	18%	10%	5%	10%	15%	11%	6%	10%	16%	3%	4%	12%	11%	5%	6%	11%	21%	11%	9%	8%	3%	10%	9%	12%
To some extent	77	32	34	9	2	62	4	11	10	15	19	18	35	26	16	28	25	18	6	6	3	7	16	7	12	26	68	10
	52%	46%	57%	68%	33%	51%	48%	61%	59%	48%	49%	50%	49%	58%	48%	55%	54%	56%	32%	56%	54%	66%	62%	48%	74%	40%	56%	33%
To no extent	52	35	13	1	3	45	4	3	4	12	16	13	20	17	15	17	13	11	11	2	1	2	7	6	3	32	38	14
	35%	50%	22%	7%	50%	37%	40%	18%	26%	37%	42%	37%	28%	38%	45%	33%	29%	35%	53%	22%	12%	17%	26%	40%	16%	48%	32%	48%
Don't know	5	-	3	1	-	3	1	1	-	1	1	1	3	1	1	-	3	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	4	1
	3%	-	6%	10%	-	3%	7%	6%	-	4%	2%	3%	4%	1%	3%	-	7%	2%	5%	12%	-	6%	2%	4%	6%	1%	3%	2%
Not stated	2	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
	1%	-	3%	-	-	1%	-	6%	-	-	2%	-	2%	-	-	-	-	2%	5%	-	13%	-	-	-	-	2%	-	6%

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**Q1: When a younger person is accused of breaking the law, to what extent, if at all, do you think each of the following should be taken into account by the courts?**

### Whether they have caring responsibilities for children under 16

Base: All Respondents

	PARTY				COUNTRY			REGION				DATE OF BIRTH			MARGINALITY				LENGTH OF SERVICE							GENDER		
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dems	Other	Eng-land	Wales	Scot land & NI	Lon-don	South	Mids	North	Pre-1950	1950-1959	1960+	0.1-9.9%	10.0-19.9%	20.0-29.9%	30%+	1986 or before	1987-1991	1992-1996	1997-2000	2001-2004	2005-2009	2010+	Male	Fe-male
Unweighted Total	150	52	78	11	9	117	14	19	12	25	32	48	75	42	33	53	44	35	18	9	6	13	26	17	18	61	117	33
Weighted Total	150	71	60	13	6	123	9	18	17	32	38	36	72	44	34	51	46	32	20	11	5	11	26	14	16	67	120	30
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
To a great extent	36	7	22	5	2	27	2	8	7	1	9	10	23	8	4	14	13	8	2	2	2	4	6	5	4	13	30	6
	24%	10%	37%	37%	31%	22%	18%	43%	40%	4%	23%	28%	33%	19%	12%	27%	28%	24%	8%	22%	34%	35%	24%	36%	25%	19%	25%	19%
To some extent	73	38	25	8	2	62	7	5	4	23	17	17	30	24	19	25	20	17	11	6	2	5	16	7	7	30	61	12
	49%	53%	43%	63%	33%	50%	75%	27%	26%	73%	46%	46%	42%	54%	57%	49%	43%	54%	55%	51%	41%	48%	61%	51%	45%	45%	51%	42%
To no extent	33	23	8	-	2	29	1	3	6	5	10	8	14	11	8	12	13	5	3	2	1	1	4	1	4	21	25	9
	22%	33%	13%	-	37%	24%	7%	19%	34%	16%	28%	23%	20%	25%	24%	24%	28%	17%	15%	16%	12%	11%	14%	8%	23%	32%	21%	29%
Don't know	5	3	3	-	-	4	-	1	-	3	1	1	2	1	2	-	1	1	4	1	-	1	-	1	1	2	4	1
	4%	4%	5%	-	-	4%	-	6%	-	8%	2%	3%	3%	1%	7%	-	1%	4%	18%	11%	-	6%	-	4%	6%	3%	3%	5%
Not stated	2	-	2	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
	1%	-	3%	-	-	1%	-	6%	-	-	2%	-	2%	-	-	-	-	2%	5%	-	13%	-	-	-	-	2%	-	6%

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**Q1: When a younger person is accused of breaking the law, to what extent, if at all, do you think each of the following should be taken into account by the courts?**

#### Whether they have caring responsibilities for an elderly or sick family member

Base: All Respondents

	PARTY				COUNTRY			REGION				DATE OF BIRTH			MARGINALITY				LENGTH OF SERVICE							GENDER		
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dems	Other	Eng-land	Wales	Scot land & NI	Lon-don	South	Mids	North	Pre-1950	1950-1959	1960+	0.1-9.9%	10.0-19.9%	20.0-29.9%	30%+	1986 or before	1987-1991	1992-1996	1997-2000	2001-2004	2005-2009	2010+	Male	Fe-male
Unweighted Total	150	52	78	11	9	117	14	19	12	25	32	48	75	42	33	53	44	35	18	9	6	13	26	17	18	61	117	33
Weighted Total	150	71	60	13	6	123	9	18	17	32	38	36	72	44	34	51	46	32	20	11	5	11	26	14	16	67	120	30
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
To a great extent	35	9	20	4	2	26	2	8	9	1	7	9	23	9	3	16	12	6	2	2	2	4	6	4	3	15	30	6
	24%	13%	34%	29%	31%	21%	18%	43%	52%	4%	19%	25%	33%	20%	9%	31%	26%	18%	8%	22%	34%	35%	24%	25%	19%	22%	25%	19%
To some extent	75	36	27	9	3	63	7	5	4	23	20	16	32	24	19	20	24	20	11	7	3	5	16	9	8	27	62	13
	50%	51%	45%	71%	44%	51%	75%	31%	22%	73%	52%	44%	45%	54%	56%	40%	52%	61%	55%	68%	55%	48%	61%	63%	52%	40%	52%	44%
To no extent	34	23	9	-	2	30	1	3	4	5	10	11	12	12	10	15	10	6	3	-	1	1	4	2	4	23	25	8
	22%	32%	15%	-	26%	25%	7%	15%	26%	16%	27%	29%	17%	26%	28%	29%	21%	18%	15%	-	12%	11%	14%	12%	23%	34%	21%	28%
Don't know	5	3	2	-	-	4	-	1	-	3	1	1	2	-	2	-	1	1	4	1	-	1	-	-	1	2	3	1
	3%	4%	4%	-	-	3%	-	6%	-	8%	2%	2%	3%	-	7%	-	1%	2%	18%	11%	-	6%	-	-	6%	3%	3%	5%
Not stated	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
	1%	-	2%	-	-	-	-	6%	-	-	-	-	1%	-	-	-	-	-	5%	-	-	-	-	-	-	2%	-	3%

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**Q2: Currently, an individual is considered a fully mature adult at the age of 18 and is subject to the law as it applies to adults.**

**When someone aged between 18 and their early 20s is accused of breaking the law, which of the following best describes how you think they should be treated in court?**

Base: All Respondents

	PARTY					COUNTRY			REGION				DATE OF BIRTH			MARGINALITY				LENGTH OF SERVICE							GENDER	
	Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dems	Other	Eng-land	Wales	Scot land & NI	Lon-don	South	Mids	North	Pre-1950	1950-1959	1960+	0.1-9.9%	10.0-19.9%	20.0-29.9%	30%+	1986 or before	1987-1991	1992-1996	1997-2000	2001-2004	2005-2009	2010+	Male	Fe-male
Unweighted Total	150	52	78	11	9	117	14	19	12	25	32	48	75	42	33	53	44	35	18	9	6	13	26	17	18	61	117	33
Weighted Total	150	71	60	13	6	123	9	18	17	32	38	36	72	44	34	51	46	32	20	11	5	11	26	14	16	67	120	30
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
They should be treated the same as older people (25 or over)	77	38	32	2	4	63	5	9	9	16	16	20	32	23	22	25	26	17	9	4	4	5	13	9	8	34	62	15
	51%	54%	54%	18%	62%	51%	54%	51%	56%	51%	44%	56%	45%	52%	63%	49%	56%	52%	46%	32%	87%	43%	51%	64%	48%	51%	51%	50%
They should be treated the same as 16-17 year olds	2	-	1	-	*	1	*	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	-	*	-	1	-	*	-	-	1	-	1	1
	1%	-	2%	-	7%	1%	5%	-	-	-	-	3%	2%	-	-	2%	-	1%	-	6%	-	4%	-	-	4%	-	1%	2%
They should be treated as a separate age group	16	6	5	4	1	13	1	3	-	1	8	3	8	7	1	5	6	3	2	4	1	1	3	2	1	6	13	3
	11%	9%	8%	30%	13%	10%	7%	16%	-	4%	23%	8%	11%	17%	2%	11%	12%	10%	9%	37%	13%	6%	10%	12%	5%	8%	11%	9%
It should be decided on a case by case basis whether they are treated like an adult or an under 18 year old	52	25	19	7	1	44	3	5	7	14	11	11	28	14	10	19	14	11	8	3	-	5	10	3	5	26	42	10
	35%	35%	32%	52%	18%	36%	35%	27%	44%	45%	30%	30%	39%	31%	30%	37%	30%	35%	40%	26%	-	48%	39%	23%	31%	38%	35%	34%
Don't know	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
	*	-	1%	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	2%	-	-	2%	-	-	2%	-	-	-	-	-	-	4%	-	*	-
Not stated	3	1	2	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	1	1	2	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	2
	2%	2%	3%	-	-	2%	-	6%	-	-	4%	2%	2%	-	4%	1%	3%	-	5%	-	-	-	-	-	8%	2%	1%	5%

## Law and Maturity

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Table 1

Absolutes/col percents

**Q1. When a young person is accused of breaking the law, to what extent, if at all, do you think each of the following should be taken into account by the courts?**

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

	Their intellectual ability	Their age	Their emotional and psychological maturity	Their ability to live independently of family support	Whether they have caring responsibilities for children under 16	Whether they have caring responsibilities for an elderly or sick family member
Unweighted Base	2051	2051	2051	2051	2051	2051
Weighted Base	2051	2051	2051	2051	2051	2051
To a great extent	253 12%	248 12%	327 16%	195 10%	304 15%	332 16%
To some extent	891 43%	913 45%	1078 53%	831 41%	949 46%	977 48%
To no extent	828 40%	833 41%	577 28%	891 43%	697 34%	642 31%
Don't know	79 4%	56 3%	70 3%	134 7%	102 5%	100 5%

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Table 2

Absolutes/col percents

**Q1. When a young person is accused of breaking the law, to what extent, if at all, do you think each of the following should be taken into account by the courts?**

**Their intellectual ability**

**Base : All respondents**

	Gender		Age							SEG				Region					Employment Sector	
	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	Pub-lic	Pri-vate
Unweighted Base	2051	906	1145	236	336	411	361	317	390	702	518	287	537	543	540	498	298	172	307	741
Weighted Base	2051	1005	1046	246	328	389	348	308	432	554	595	431	472	521	541	515	296	178	331	817
To a great extent	253 12%	139 14%	115 11%	32 13%	43 13%	49 13%	48 14%	31 10%	51 12%	75 14%	69 12%	58 13%	51 11%	67 13%	60 11%	65 13%	38 13%	24 13%	51 15%	99 12%
To some extent	891 43%	410 41%	482 46%	106 43%	144 44%	165 42%	151 43%	128 42%	196 45%	234 42%	295 50%	175 41%	188 40%	241 46%	226 42%	204 40%	127 43%	93 52%	155 47%	335 41%
To no extent	828 40%	417 42%	410 39%	95 39%	119 36%	155 40%	139 40%	141 46%	178 41%	224 40%	210 35%	178 41%	215 45%	201 39%	226 42%	228 44%	122 41%	50 28%	113 34%	344 42%
Don't know	79 4%	39 4%	39 4%	13 5%	22 7%	19 5%	11 3%	7 2%	7 2%	20 4%	20 3%	20 5%	18 4%	13 3%	29 5%	18 3%	8 3%	11 6%	12 4%	39 5%



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Table 3

Absolutes/col percents

**Q1. When a young person is accused of breaking the law, to what extent, if at all, do you think each of the following should be taken into account by the courts?  
Their age**

**Base : All respondents**

	Gender		Age							SEG				Region					Employment Sector	
	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	Pub-lic	Pri-vate
Unweighted Base	2051	906	1145	236	336	411	361	317	390	702	518	287	537	543	540	498	298	172	307	741
Weighted Base	2051	1005	1046	246	328	389	348	308	432	554	595	431	472	521	541	515	296	178	331	817
To a great extent	248 12%	143 14%	106 10%	54 22%	40 12%	46 12%	35 10%	29 10%	44 10%	58 10%	82 14%	61 14%	48 10%	72 14%	53 10%	57 11%	43 14%	24 13%	34 10%	90 11%
To some extent	913 45%	413 41%	500 48%	100 41%	146 45%	172 44%	166 48%	126 41%	202 47%	273 49%	255 43%	188 44%	198 42%	229 44%	225 42%	224 43%	131 44%	105 59%	164 50%	376 46%
To no extent	833 41%	418 42%	415 40%	78 32%	125 38%	161 41%	139 40%	149 48%	182 42%	208 38%	241 41%	170 39%	215 46%	212 41%	240 44%	223 43%	117 40%	42 24%	124 37%	321 39%
Don't know	56 3%	31 3%	25 2%	14 6%	16 5%	11 3%	9 2%	4 1%	4 1%	16 3%	17 3%	12 3%	11 2%	9 2%	24 4%	11 2%	6 2%	7 4%	9 3%	30 4%

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Table 4

Absolutes/col percents

**Q1. When a young person is accused of breaking the law, to what extent, if at all, do you think each of the following should be taken into account by the courts?  
Their emotional and psychological maturity**

**Base : All respondents**

	Gender		Age							SEG			Region					Employment Sector		
	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	Pub-lic	Pri-vate
Unweighted Base	2051	906	1145	236	336	411	361	317	390	702	518	287	537	543	540	498	298	172	307	741
Weighted Base	2051	1005	1046	246	328	389	348	308	432	554	595	431	472	521	541	515	296	178	331	817
To a great extent	327 16%	151 15%	176 17%	57 23%	53 16%	59 15%	61 17%	34 11%	63 15%	85 15%	117 20%	60 14%	64 14%	80 15%	82 15%	80 16%	54 18%	30 17%	62 19%	126 15%
To some extent	1078 53%	497 49%	581 56%	115 47%	170 52%	209 54%	178 51%	169 55%	237 55%	312 56%	307 52%	225 52%	234 50%	281 54%	265 49%	266 52%	162 55%	105 59%	178 54%	429 52%
To no extent	577 28%	316 31%	261 25%	62 25%	85 26%	109 28%	98 28%	99 32%	124 29%	137 25%	153 26%	128 30%	158 34%	150 29%	166 31%	156 30%	73 25%	31 18%	81 24%	226 28%
Don't know	70 3%	41 4%	29 3%	12 5%	20 6%	12 3%	12 4%	6 2%	7 2%	20 4%	18 3%	17 4%	15 3%	11 2%	28 5%	13 2%	7 2%	11 6%	11 3%	37 5%

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Table 5

Absolutes/col percents

**Q1. When a young person is accused of breaking the law, to what extent, if at all, do you think each of the following should be taken into account by the courts?**  
**Their ability to live independently of family support**

**Base : All respondents**

	Gender		Age							SEG			Region					Employment Sector		
	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	Pub-lic	Pri-vate
Unweighted Base	2051	906	1145	236	336	411	361	317	390	702	518	287	537	543	540	498	298	172	307	741
Weighted Base	2051	1005	1046	246	328	389	348	308	432	554	595	431	472	521	541	515	296	178	331	817
To a great extent	195 10%	92 9%	103 10%	26 11%	38 11%	35 9%	32 9%	23 7%	41 9%	46 8%	65 11%	39 9%	45 10%	53 10%	51 9%	50 10%	22 7%	18 10%	39 12%	62 8%
To some extent	831 41%	393 39%	438 42%	109 44%	126 38%	142 36%	148 42%	119 39%	187 43%	226 41%	269 45%	166 39%	170 36%	209 40%	211 39%	195 38%	134 45%	83 47%	135 41%	335 41%
To no extent	891 43%	454 45%	436 42%	99 40%	134 41%	189 48%	149 43%	146 48%	174 40%	245 44%	229 38%	190 44%	227 48%	236 45%	227 42%	242 47%	120 41%	65 36%	139 42%	358 44%
Don't know	134 7%	65 6%	69 7%	12 5%	30 9%	24 6%	19 6%	20 6%	30 7%	38 7%	31 5%	35 8%	29 6%	22 4%	53 10%	27 5%	19 7%	12 7%	18 5%	62 8%

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Table 6

Absolutes/col percents

**Q1. When a young person is accused of breaking the law, to what extent, if at all, do you think each of the following should be taken into account by the courts?  
Whether they have caring responsibilities for children under 16**

**Base : All respondents**

	Gender		Age							SEG				Region					Employment Sector	
	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	Pub-lic	Pri-vate
Unweighted Base	2051	906	1145	236	336	411	361	317	390	702	518	287	537	543	540	498	298	172	307	741
Weighted Base	2051	1005	1046	246	328	389	348	308	432	554	595	431	472	521	541	515	296	178	331	817
To a great extent	304 15%	139 14%	164 16%	49 20%	60 18%	52 13%	34 10%	44 14%	64 15%	78 14%	99 17%	55 13%	72 15%	85 16%	68 13%	72 14%	53 18%	26 15%	54 16%	105 13%
To some extent	949 46%	479 48%	470 45%	105 43%	152 46%	167 43%	158 45%	133 43%	234 54%	270 49%	275 46%	197 46%	207 44%	239 46%	246 45%	229 45%	139 47%	95 53%	149 45%	372 46%
To no extent	697 34%	338 34%	359 34%	76 31%	94 29%	148 38%	134 38%	121 39%	123 29%	182 33%	193 32%	155 36%	167 35%	181 35%	189 35%	196 38%	87 29%	43 24%	116 35%	287 35%
Don't know	102 5%	49 5%	53 5%	16 7%	22 7%	22 6%	22 6%	10 3%	10 2%	24 4%	28 5%	23 5%	26 6%	16 3%	38 7%	17 3%	17 6%	14 8%	12 4%	53 7%

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Table 7

Absolutes/col percents

**Q1. When a young person is accused of breaking the law, to what extent, if at all, do you think each of the following should be taken into account by the courts?  
Whether they have caring responsibilities for an elderly or sick family member**

**Base : All respondents**

	Gender		Age							SEG				Region					Employment Sector	
	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	Pub-lic	Pri-vate
Unweighted Base	2051	906	1145	236	336	411	361	317	390	702	518	287	537	543	540	498	298	172	307	741
Weighted Base	2051	1005	1046	246	328	389	348	308	432	554	595	431	472	521	541	515	296	178	331	817
To a great extent	332 16%	162 16%	171 16%	48 20%	54 17%	54 14%	50 14%	45 15%	81 19%	90 16%	108 18%	59 14%	75 16%	95 18%	72 13%	84 16%	53 18%	29 16%	51 15%	126 15%
To some extent	977 48%	481 48%	495 47%	111 45%	153 47%	177 45%	149 43%	148 48%	239 55%	273 49%	286 48%	201 47%	217 46%	234 45%	265 49%	233 45%	142 48%	102 57%	151 46%	376 46%
To no extent	642 31%	315 31%	327 31%	69 28%	96 29%	140 36%	128 37%	105 34%	105 24%	164 30%	173 29%	148 34%	158 33%	175 34%	167 31%	180 35%	85 29%	35 20%	118 36%	257 31%
Don't know	100 5%	47 5%	53 5%	18 7%	24 7%	19 5%	22 6%	9 3%	7 2%	26 5%	28 5%	23 5%	23 5%	17 3%	37 7%	17 3%	15 5%	12 7%	11 3%	58 7%

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Table 8

Absolutes/col percents

**Q2. Currently an individual is considered a fully mature adult at the age of 18 and is subject to the law as it applies to adults. When someone aged between 18 and their early 20's is accused of breaking the law, which of the following best describes how you think they should be treated in court?**

**Base : All respondents**

	Gender		Age						SEG			Region					Employment Sector			
	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	Pub-lic	Pri-vate
Unweighted Base	2051	906	1145	236	336	411	361	317	390	702	518	287	537	543	540	498	298	172	307	741
Weighted Base	2051	1005	1046	246	328	389	348	308	432	554	595	431	472	521	541	515	296	178	331	817
They should be treated the same as older adults (25 or over)	1087	591	496	122	165	211	162	183	243	292	281	236	278	243	312	279	175	77	159	430
	53%	59%	47%	50%	50%	54%	47%	59%	56%	53%	47%	55%	59%	47%	58%	54%	59%	43%	48%	53%
It should be decided on a case by case basis whether they are treated like an adult or an under 18 year old	714	304	410	72	99	124	153	98	168	185	234	146	149	189	187	177	87	74	130	270
	35%	30%	39%	29%	30%	32%	44%	32%	39%	33%	39%	34%	32%	36%	35%	34%	29%	42%	39%	33%
They should be treated as a separate age group	143	57	86	32	31	31	14	17	17	44	54	25	21	57	22	38	19	8	25	54
	7%	6%	8%	13%	10%	8%	4%	6%	4%	8%	9%	6%	4%	11%	4%	7%	6%	5%	8%	7%
They should be treated the same as 16-17 year olds	61	41	20	7	15	17	15	5	2	22	17	12	10	26	8	11	11	4	14	34
	3%	4%	2%	3%	5%	4%	4%	2%	1%	4%	3%	3%	2%	5%	1%	2%	4%	3%	4%	4%
Don't know	46	13	34	13	17	6	5	6	1	11	9	12	14	7	12	9	4	14	3	29
	2%	1%	3%	5%	5%	1%	1%	2%	*	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	2%	1%	8%	1%	4%

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Table 9

Absolutes/col percents

**Q3. At what age do you think people reach full maturity in each of the following areas? Summary****Base : All respondents**

	Intellectually	Emotionally	Ability to understand and take responsibility for actions	Ability to manage own finances	Ability to live independently	Ability to raise a family
Unweighted Base	2051	2051	2051	2051	2051	2051
Weighted Base	2051	2051	2051	2051	2051	2051
Under 16	58 3%	71 3%	621 30%	75 4%	22 1%	13 1%
16-17	183 9%	121 6%	489 24%	262 13%	181 9%	61 3%
18-21	660 32%	561 27%	502 24%	880 43%	1136 55%	398 19%
22-24	539 26%	578 28%	261 13%	476 23%	487 24%	779 38%
25-30	489 24%	594 29%	138 7%	276 13%	157 8%	731 36%
Don't know	123 6%	126 6%	40 2%	82 4%	68 3%	69 3%

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Table 10

Absolutes/col percents

#### Q3. At what age do you think people reach full maturity in each of the following areas? Intellectually

Base : All respondents

	Gender		Age							SEG				Region					Employment Sector	
	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	Pub-lic	Pri-vate
Unweighted Base	2051	906	1145	236	336	411	361	317	390	702	518	287	537	543	540	498	298	172	307	741
Weighted Base	2051	1005	1046	246	328	389	348	308	432	554	595	431	472	521	541	515	296	178	331	817
Under 16	58 3%	32 3%	26 2%	21 9%	14 4%	6 1%	12 3%	2 1%	3 1%	8 1%	16 3%	13 3%	21 4%	16 3%	17 3%	15 3%	7 2%	2 1%	17 5%	20 2%
16-17	183 9%	99 10%	84 8%	40 16%	47 14%	26 7%	26 7%	17 6%	27 6%	44 8%	64 11%	36 8%	38 8%	54 10%	39 7%	39 8%	33 11%	17 10%	42 13%	58 7%
18-21	660 32%	307 31%	353 34%	92 37%	98 30%	121 31%	111 32%	95 31%	143 33%	197 36%	187 31%	148 34%	129 27%	170 33%	155 29%	179 35%	99 33%	57 32%	124 37%	249 31%
22-24	539 26%	269 27%	270 26%	51 21%	88 27%	103 26%	89 26%	66 22%	141 33%	165 30%	155 26%	100 23%	120 25%	135 26%	132 24%	147 29%	74 25%	51 29%	69 21%	232 28%
25-30	489 24%	249 25%	240 23%	28 11%	61 19%	109 28%	88 25%	107 35%	96 22%	117 21%	141 24%	108 25%	123 26%	114 22%	158 29%	112 22%	67 23%	39 22%	61 19%	210 26%
Don't know	123 6%	50 5%	73 7%	14 6%	19 6%	25 6%	23 7%	20 6%	22 5%	22 4%	32 5%	27 6%	41 9%	33 6%	40 7%	22 4%	15 5%	13 7%	19 6%	48 6%



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Table 11

Absolutes/col percents

**Q3. At what age do you think people reach full maturity in each of the following areas? Emotionally**

**Base : All respondents**

	Gender		Age							SEG				Region					Employment Sector	
	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	Pub-lic	Pri-vate
Unweighted Base	2051	906	1145	236	336	411	361	317	390	702	518	287	537	543	540	498	298	172	307	741
Weighted Base	2051	1005	1046	246	328	389	348	308	432	554	595	431	472	521	541	515	296	178	331	817
Under 16	71	40	31	39	11	6	9	1	6	12	22	18	20	26	18	20	7	*	17	23
	3%	4%	3%	16%	3%	1%	3%	*	1%	2%	4%	4%	4%	5%	3%	4%	2%	*	5%	3%
16-17	121	70	51	24	33	11	21	14	18	27	47	22	25	38	18	36	24	6	29	46
	6%	7%	5%	10%	10%	3%	6%	5%	4%	5%	8%	5%	5%	7%	3%	7%	8%	3%	9%	6%
18-21	561	274	287	73	106	113	78	74	117	147	145	138	131	149	154	136	81	40	94	205
	27%	27%	27%	30%	32%	29%	22%	24%	27%	27%	24%	32%	28%	29%	29%	27%	27%	22%	28%	25%
22-24	578	285	293	68	74	112	104	84	137	166	174	109	129	133	158	139	92	56	83	236
	28%	28%	28%	28%	22%	29%	30%	27%	32%	30%	29%	25%	27%	26%	29%	27%	31%	32%	25%	29%
25-30	594	273	322	31	82	125	116	112	128	174	176	115	129	149	157	150	75	63	89	260
	29%	27%	31%	13%	25%	32%	33%	36%	30%	31%	30%	27%	27%	29%	29%	29%	26%	35%	27%	32%
Don't know	126	63	63	11	23	23	20	22	27	28	31	29	38	26	36	34	16	13	19	47
	6%	6%	6%	5%	7%	6%	6%	7%	6%	5%	5%	7%	8%	5%	7%	7%	6%	7%	6%	6%

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Table 12

Absolutes/col percents

**Q3. At what age do you think people reach full maturity in each of the following areas? Ability to understand and take responsibility for actions**

**Base : All respondents**

	Gender		Age							SEG				Region					Employment Sector	
	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	Pub-lic	Pri-vate
Unweighted Base	2051	906	1145	236	336	411	361	317	390	702	518	287	537	543	540	498	298	172	307	741
Weighted Base	2051	1005	1046	246	328	389	348	308	432	554	595	431	472	521	541	515	296	178	331	817
Under 16	621	300	321	69	73	120	120	96	143	168	192	137	124	148	155	181	94	43	105	242
	30%	30%	31%	28%	22%	31%	35%	31%	33%	30%	32%	32%	26%	28%	29%	35%	32%	24%	32%	30%
16-17	489	234	254	72	78	81	80	65	113	144	139	87	118	124	121	119	69	55	88	174
	24%	23%	24%	29%	24%	21%	23%	21%	26%	26%	23%	20%	25%	24%	22%	23%	23%	31%	26%	21%
18-21	502	233	269	60	83	90	89	71	109	136	136	127	104	138	153	105	64	42	76	198
	24%	23%	26%	25%	25%	23%	26%	23%	25%	24%	23%	30%	22%	27%	28%	20%	22%	23%	23%	24%
22-24	261	140	120	32	54	61	40	36	38	59	79	46	77	59	71	70	37	23	37	112
	13%	14%	12%	13%	16%	16%	12%	12%	9%	11%	13%	11%	16%	11%	13%	14%	13%	13%	11%	14%
25-30	138	73	65	8	30	28	16	31	25	37	41	25	36	45	29	33	24	8	22	71
	7%	7%	6%	3%	9%	7%	5%	10%	6%	7%	7%	6%	8%	9%	5%	6%	8%	4%	7%	9%
Don't know	40	24	16	4	10	10	3	9	3	9	8	9	13	6	12	7	8	8	4	20
	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	3%	4%	1%	2%

## Law and Maturity

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Table 13

Absolutes/col percents

**Q3. At what age do you think people reach full maturity in each of the following areas? Ability to manage own finances**

**Base : All respondents**

	Gender		Age							SEG				Region					Employment Sector	
	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	Pub-lic	Pri-vate
Unweighted Base	2051	906	1145	236	336	411	361	317	390	702	518	287	537	543	540	498	298	172	307	741
Weighted Base	2051	1005	1046	246	328	389	348	308	432	554	595	431	472	521	541	515	296	178	331	817
Under 16	75 4%	45 5%	30 3%	12 5%	10 3%	22 6%	13 4%	5 2%	13 3%	15 3%	17 3%	23 5%	20 4%	13 3%	19 4%	25 5%	14 5%	4 2%	17 5%	29 4%
16-17	262 13%	134 13%	128 12%	53 22%	36 11%	37 10%	51 15%	29 9%	55 13%	80 14%	83 14%	49 11%	50 11%	80 15%	61 11%	65 13%	33 11%	22 12%	46 14%	89 11%
18-21	880 43%	407 40%	473 45%	101 41%	133 41%	171 44%	137 39%	127 41%	212 49%	240 43%	247 42%	208 48%	185 39%	225 43%	240 44%	222 43%	115 39%	79 44%	150 45%	343 42%
22-24	476 23%	232 23%	244 23%	57 23%	85 26%	80 21%	85 24%	74 24%	96 22%	124 22%	140 24%	85 20%	127 27%	106 20%	124 23%	125 24%	75 25%	45 25%	67 20%	188 23%
25-30	276 13%	146 14%	131 13%	19 8%	46 14%	63 16%	48 14%	58 19%	42 10%	73 13%	89 15%	54 12%	61 13%	82 16%	67 12%	62 12%	43 15%	23 13%	40 12%	136 17%
Don't know	82 4%	41 4%	41 4%	4 2%	18 5%	16 4%	14 4%	17 5%	14 3%	22 4%	18 3%	13 3%	29 6%	16 3%	29 5%	17 3%	15 5%	5 3%	11 3%	32 4%

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Table 14

Absolutes/col percents

**Q3. At what age do you think people reach full maturity in each of the following areas? Ability to live independently**

**Base : All respondents**

	Gender		Age							SEG				Region					Employment Sector	
	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	Pub-lic	Pri-vate
Unweighted Base	2051	906	1145	236	336	411	361	317	390	702	518	287	537	543	540	498	298	172	307	741
Weighted Base	2051	1005	1046	246	328	389	348	308	432	554	595	431	472	521	541	515	296	178	331	817
Under 16	22 1%	17 2%	6 1%	7 3%	2 1%	4 1%	8 2%	1 *	1 *	2 *	4 1%	8 2%	9 2%	5 1%	9 2%	5 1%	2 1%	* *	9 3%	5 1%
16-17	181 9%	92 9%	89 8%	20 8%	27 8%	43 11%	40 11%	31 10%	20 5%	52 9%	52 9%	40 9%	37 8%	41 8%	37 7%	53 10%	27 9%	22 12%	40 12%	71 9%
18-21	1136 55%	534 53%	602 58%	151 62%	175 53%	192 49%	179 51%	159 52%	280 65%	325 59%	336 57%	237 55%	238 50%	300 58%	297 55%	280 54%	179 60%	80 45%	186 56%	436 53%
22-24	487 24%	236 24%	251 24%	47 19%	80 24%	95 24%	84 24%	80 26%	101 23%	133 24%	149 25%	86 20%	119 25%	120 23%	142 26%	111 22%	62 21%	51 29%	69 21%	193 24%
25-30	157 8%	91 9%	67 6%	12 5%	32 10%	38 10%	24 7%	28 9%	24 6%	28 5%	40 7%	45 10%	44 9%	43 8%	28 5%	51 10%	17 6%	18 10%	18 5%	79 10%
Don't know	68 3%	35 4%	32 3%	8 3%	13 4%	18 5%	14 4%	10 3%	6 1%	14 2%	14 2%	15 3%	25 5%	12 2%	27 5%	14 3%	8 3%	6 4%	10 3%	33 4%

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Table 15

Absolutes/col percents

**Q3. At what age do you think people reach full maturity in each of the following areas? Ability to raise a family**

**Base : All respondents**

	Gender		Age							SEG				Region					Employment Sector	
	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	Pub-lic	Pri-vate
Unweighted Base	2051	906	1145	236	336	411	361	317	390	702	518	287	537	543	540	498	298	172	307	741
Weighted Base	2051	1005	1046	246	328	389	348	308	432	554	595	431	472	521	541	515	296	178	331	817
Under 16	13 1%	11 1%	2 *	1 *	1 *	2 1%	6 2%	- -	3 1%	1 *	3 1%	6 1%	3 1%	4 1%	3 1%	4 1%	2 1%	- -	5 1%	3 *
16-17	61 3%	37 4%	24 2%	16 6%	18 5%	9 2%	12 3%	4 1%	3 1%	13 2%	15 3%	20 5%	12 3%	13 3%	16 3%	12 2%	12 4%	7 4%	22 6%	19 2%
18-21	398 19%	227 23%	171 16%	50 20%	54 17%	71 18%	52 15%	76 25%	94 22%	118 21%	101 17%	81 19%	99 21%	97 19%	96 18%	98 19%	73 25%	34 19%	58 18%	156 19%
22-24	779 38%	373 37%	406 39%	96 39%	113 35%	128 33%	146 42%	99 32%	196 46%	214 39%	218 37%	154 36%	193 41%	188 36%	224 41%	190 37%	107 36%	69 39%	117 35%	282 34%
25-30	731 36%	330 33%	401 38%	74 30%	124 38%	165 42%	123 35%	120 39%	125 29%	192 35%	241 41%	158 37%	140 30%	204 39%	183 34%	190 37%	93 32%	61 34%	120 36%	332 41%
Don't know	69 3%	27 3%	42 4%	9 4%	17 5%	14 4%	10 3%	9 3%	10 2%	15 3%	16 3%	12 3%	25 5%	16 3%	19 4%	20 4%	7 2%	6 4%	10 3%	26 3%