



BALPA – Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS)

METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 2,036 GB adults online between 10th and 12th April 2015. Data were weighted to be representative of all adults in Great Britain aged 18+. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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RPAS Survey

ONLINE Fieldwork: 10th-12th April 2015

Absolutes/col percents

Table 4

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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	2036	1025	1011	222	278	333	382	324	497	580	599	358	499	215	669
Weighted base	2036	998	1038	242	343	343	363	302	443	544	564	444	484	288	852
Anyone	114 6%	79 8%	34 3%	27 11%	41 12%	24 7%	14 4%	4 1%	5 1%	31 6%	28 5%	28 6%	27 6%	14 5%	72 9%
Anyone with a UK drone licence (obtained through 2 days ground school, 2 hours flying and one flight test)	481 24%	308 31%	173 17%	70 29%	106 31%	75 22%	78 21%	64 21%	89 20%	150 28%	132 23%	93 21%	107 22%	68 24%	215 25%
Anyone with a licence requiring the same amount of training as for piloted aircraft (approximately 18 months)	886 44%	393 39%	493 47%	98 41%	150 44%	151 44%	161 44%	117 39%	208 47%	235 43%	253 45%	211 48%	186 38%	132 46%	344 40%
No one	626 31%	248 25%	378 36%	60 25%	68 20%	107 31%	119 33%	120 40%	152 34%	147 27%	180 32%	127 29%	172 36%	84 29%	256 30%
Anyone with a UK drone licence ONLY	410 20%	277 28%	133 13%	57 24%	84 25%	61 18%	68 19%	61 20%	79 18%	131 24%	104 18%	78 18%	98 20%	57 20%	180 21%
Anyone with a licence requiring the same amount of training as for piloted aircraft ONLY	815 40%	362 36%	453 44%	85 35%	128 37%	137 40%	152 42%	114 38%	197 45%	216 40%	225 40%	196 44%	178 37%	122 42%	309 36%
At least a licence requiring the same amount of training as for piloted aircraft	1441 71%	610 61%	831 80%	145 60%	196 57%	245 71%	272 75%	235 78%	349 79%	363 67%	405 72%	323 73%	350 72%	206 71%	565 66%

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	52%	54%	51%	35%	41%	49%	57%	61%	64%	54%	49%	54%	54%	49%	46%
NET: Non-prison punishment	736	360	376	120	160	107	117	100	133	207	210	152	167	102	355
	36%	36%	36%	50%	47%	31%	32%	33%	30%	38%	37%	34%	35%	35%	42%
A fine	496	249	247	79	104	76	85	73	79	131	144	106	116	65	248
	24%	25%	24%	33%	30%	22%	23%	24%	18%	24%	25%	24%	24%	23%	29%
Community service	240	111	129	41	56	31	32	26	54	77	66	46	51	37	106
	12%	11%	12%	17%	16%	9%	9%	9%	12%	14%	12%	10%	11%	13%	12%
Don't know	231	102	129	38	43	66	41	18	25	45	80	51	55	44	106
	11%	10%	12%	16%	13%	19%	11%	6%	6%	8%	14%	12%	11%	15%	12%

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