



# NUS Wales – Wales Research

## METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed 250 Welsh adults aged 18+ online between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October 2015. Data were weighted to be representative of the Welsh public by age, gender and SEG. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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## Opinion Poll - Wales

### ONLINE Fieldwork: 14th - 18th October 2015

Absolutes/col percents

Table 1

**Q.1 How important or unimportant do you think the following should be in terms of priorities for the Welsh Government with regard to the university and college education system?**

#### Summary

Base: All respondents

	Priorities					
	Reducing the level of tuition fees paid by students	Giving increased financial support to prospective postgraduate students	Prioritising spending on part-time education, adult learning and supporting college education and prospective college students rather than full time university education	Increased financial support to help university and college students pay living costs, such as rent and bills	Additional regulation and enforcement with regards to standards and costs of private sector housing rented by students	Fewer restrictions on non-EU students' right to work in Wales after graduation from a higher or further education course
Unweighted base	250	250	250	250	250	250
Weighted base	250	250	250	250	250	250
NET: Important	174 70%	136 54%	148 59%	157 63%	180 72%	102 41%
Very important (4)	86 34%	47 19%	42 17%	65 26%	69 28%	30 12%
Fairly important (3)	88 35%	89 35%	106 43%	91 37%	111 44%	72 29%
Fairly unimportant (2)	31 12%	52 21%	41 16%	50 20%	28 11%	63 25%
Very unimportant (1)	18 7%	20 8%	8 3%	17 7%	7 3%	44 17%
NET: Unimportant	49 20%	72 29%	49 20%	67 27%	35 14%	107 43%
Don't know	27 11%	42 17%	52 21%	26 10%	35 14%	41 16%
Mean	3.09	2.79	2.92	2.91	3.12	2.42
Standard deviation	0.92	0.91	0.77	0.91	0.76	0.98
Standard error	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.07

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Table 2

**Q.1 How important or unimportant do you think the following should be in terms of priorities for the Welsh Government with regard to the university and college education system?**

**Reducing the level of tuition fees paid by students**

**Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age							Social Grade						Employment Sector		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	18-44	45+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	250	132	118	20	34	40	48	44	64	94	156	55	80	41	74	135	115	37	90
Weighted base	250	121	129	31	37	41	43	40	58	108	142	45	73	61	71	118	132	36	93
NET: Important	174 70%	76 63%	98 76%	19 62%	24 66%	28 69%	36 82%	30 75%	37 63%	71 66%	103 73%	33 74%	45 62%	41 66%	55 77%	79 67%	95 72%	28 76%	60 64%
Very important	(4) 86 34%	38 31%	48 38%	8 25%	18 49%	15 38%	17 40%	17 42%	10 18%	41 38%	45 32%	19 43%	21 29%	18 30%	27 39%	40 34%	46 34%	11 32%	30 32%
Fairly important	(3) 88 35%	39 32%	49 38%	11 37%	6 17%	13 31%	18 42%	13 33%	26 45%	30 28%	58 41%	14 31%	24 33%	22 37%	27 38%	38 32%	50 38%	16 45%	30 32%
Fairly unimportant	(2) 31 12%	18 15%	13 10%	4 13%	6 17%	6 14%	2 4%	6 14%	7 13%	16 15%	15 10%	3 7%	12 16%	9 14%	7 10%	15 13%	16 12%	6 16%	14 15%
Very unimportant	(1) 18 7%	13 11%	5 4%	2 7%	1 2%	3 7%	2 5%	2 5%	8 14%	6 5%	12 9%	2 5%	8 11%	4 6%	4 5%	10 9%	8 6%	-	4 4%
NET: Unimportant	49 20%	31 25%	18 14%	6 21%	7 19%	9 21%	4 9%	7 18%	16 27%	22 20%	27 19%	6 12%	20 27%	13 21%	11 15%	25 22%	24 18%	6 16%	18 19%
Don't know	27 11%	14 12%	13 10%	5 17%	6 15%	4 10%	4 9%	2 6%	6 10%	15 14%	12 8%	6 13%	8 11%	8 13%	5 7%	14 12%	13 10%	3 8%	16 17%
Mean	3.09	2.94	3.22	2.96	3.32	3.11	3.28	3.20	2.75	3.14	3.04	3.30	2.90	3.03	3.19	3.05	3.12	3.17	3.10
Standard deviation	0.92	1.01	0.81	0.93	0.90	0.94	0.79	0.88	0.96	0.92	0.91	0.86	1.00	0.90	0.85	0.97	0.88	0.71	0.88
Standard error	0.06	0.09	0.08	0.23	0.17	0.16	0.12	0.14	0.13	0.10	0.08	0.12	0.12	0.15	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.12	0.10

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Table 3

**Q.1 How important or unimportant do you think the following should be in terms of priorities for the Welsh Government with regard to the university and college education system?**

**Reducing the level of tuition fees paid by students**

**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Do you have any children aged 18 or under? If so, how old are they?					
		No children aged 18 or under	NET: Yes	Yes - children aged under 5 years old	Yes - children aged 5 to 10 years old	Yes - children aged 11 to 15 years old	Yes - children aged 16 to 18 years old
Unweighted base	250	190	60	18	29	21	17
Weighted base	250	191	59	19	30	20	15
NET: Important	174 70%	125 66%	49 82%	14 73%	26 87%	17 83%	14 94%
Very important	(4) 34%	86 31%	59 45%	26 40%	8 55%	17 51%	10 45%
Fairly important	(3) 35%	88 34%	66 38%	22 32%	6 32%	10 32%	7 49%
Fairly unimportant	(2) 12%	31 14%	26 8%	5 8%	2 8%	2 7%	3 13%
Very unimportant	(1) 7%	18 8%	16 3%	2 9%	2 3%	1 4%	1 -
NET: Unimportant	49 20%	42 22%	7 11%	3 17%	3 10%	4 17%	- -
Don't know	27 11%	23 12%	4 6%	2 10%	1 3%	- -	1 6%
Mean	3.09	3.01	3.32	3.15	3.44	3.29	3.48
Standard deviation	0.92	0.95	0.77	0.99	0.77	0.87	0.52
Standard error	0.06	0.07	0.10	0.25	0.14	0.19	0.13

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Table 4

**Q.1 How important or unimportant do you think the following should be in terms of priorities for the Welsh Government with regard to the university and college education system?**

**Giving increased financial support to prospective postgraduate students**

**Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age							Social Grade						Employment Sector		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	18-44	45+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	250	132	118	20	34	40	48	44	64	94	156	55	80	41	74	135	115	37	90
Weighted base	250	121	129	31	37	41	43	40	58	108	142	45	73	61	71	118	132	36	93
NET: Important	136	60	76	21	25	18	21	22	29	64	72	24	43	27	41	68	68	22	45
	54%	50%	59%	70%	67%	44%	48%	55%	50%	59%	51%	54%	60%	44%	58%	58%	52%	60%	49%
Very important	(4) 47	17	30	13	10	5	7	8	5	28	20	6	17	11	13	23	24	5	18
	19%	14%	23%	42%	26%	13%	16%	20%	8%	26%	14%	14%	23%	19%	18%	20%	18%	15%	19%
Fairly important	(3) 89	43	46	8	15	13	14	14	24	36	52	18	26	16	28	45	44	16	27
	35%	36%	35%	28%	41%	31%	32%	35%	42%	34%	37%	40%	36%	26%	40%	38%	33%	45%	29%
Fairly unimportant	(2) 52	23	29	3	5	12	8	8	16	20	32	12	16	14	10	28	25	8	17
	21%	19%	23%	8%	13%	31%	19%	21%	27%	18%	23%	27%	21%	23%	15%	23%	19%	24%	18%
Very unimportant	(1) 20	13	7	-	2	4	2	4	8	6	14	3	4	5	7	8	12	1	7
	8%	11%	5%	-	5%	9%	5%	11%	13%	5%	10%	8%	6%	8%	10%	6%	9%	3%	7%
NET: Unimportant	72	36	36	3	7	16	11	13	23	25	47	15	20	19	18	35	37	9	24
	29%	30%	28%	8%	18%	40%	25%	32%	40%	23%	33%	34%	27%	32%	25%	30%	28%	26%	26%
Don't know	42	25	17	7	6	7	12	5	6	19	23	5	10	15	12	15	27	5	24
	17%	20%	13%	22%	15%	16%	27%	14%	10%	17%	16%	12%	13%	24%	17%	13%	20%	14%	26%
Mean	2.79	2.66	2.89	3.44	3.03	2.58	2.81	2.74	2.49	2.97	2.65	2.69	2.89	2.72	2.79	2.81	2.76	2.84	2.82
Standard deviation	0.91	0.93	0.88	0.69	0.85	0.89	0.88	0.96	0.86	0.89	0.90	0.85	0.88	0.97	0.93	0.87	0.94	0.76	0.94
Standard error	0.06	0.09	0.09	0.17	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.16	0.11	0.10	0.08	0.12	0.11	0.17	0.12	0.08	0.10	0.13	0.11

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Table 5

**Q.1 How important or unimportant do you think the following should be in terms of priorities for the Welsh Government with regard to the university and college education system?**

**Giving increased financial support to prospective postgraduate students**

**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Do you have any children aged 18 or under? If so, how old are they?					
		No children aged 18 or under	NET: Yes	Yes - children aged under 5 years old	Yes - children aged 5 to 10 years old	Yes - children aged 11 to 15 years old	Yes - children aged 16 to 18 years old
Unweighted base	250	190	60	18	29	21	17
Weighted base	250	191	59	19	30	20	15
NET: Important	136 54%	102 54%	34 57%	9 49%	17 58%	13 62%	9 62%
Very important	(4) 19%	47 19%	36 20%	12 22%	4 11%	3 25%	5 22%
Fairly important	(3) 35%	89 35%	66 37%	22 27%	5 46%	14 37%	8 40%
Fairly unimportant	(2) 21%	52 21%	41 22%	11 18%	5 26%	5 15%	3 17%
Very unimportant	(1) 8%	20 8%	15 8%	5 9%	2 9%	3 9%	2 6%
NET: Unimportant	72 29%	57 30%	16 26%	7 35%	7 25%	5 25%	2 15%
Don't know	42 17%	32 17%	10 16%	3 15%	5 18%	3 13%	3 23%
Mean	2.79	2.77	2.83	2.73	2.73	2.90	3.01
Standard deviation	0.91	0.91	0.91	1.00	0.85	0.95	0.89
Standard error	0.06	0.07	0.13	0.26	0.17	0.22	0.25

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Table 6

**Q.1 How important or unimportant do you think the following should be in terms of priorities for the Welsh Government with regard to the university and college education system?**

**Prioritising spending on part-time education, adult learning and supporting college education and prospective college students rather than full time university education**

**Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age							Social Grade						Employment Sector		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	18-44	45+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	250	132	118	20	34	40	48	44	64	94	156	55	80	41	74	135	115	37	90
Weighted base	250	121	129	31	37	41	43	40	58	108	142	45	73	61	71	118	132	36	93
NET: Important	148 59%	68 56%	81 63%	18 60%	17 45%	23 55%	29 66%	25 61%	37 65%	57 53%	91 64%	27 61%	44 60%	34 56%	43 60%	71 60%	77 58%	23 65%	52 55%
Very important	(4) 42 17%	20 16%	22 17%	3 10%	8 21%	9 21%	9 20%	9 22%	5 9%	19 18%	23 16%	7 15%	16 22%	9 14%	11 15%	22 19%	19 15%	7 19%	22 23%
Fairly important	(3) 106 43%	48 39%	59 46%	15 50%	9 24%	14 34%	20 47%	16 40%	32 56%	38 35%	68 48%	21 46%	28 39%	26 42%	32 45%	49 41%	58 44%	16 46%	30 32%
Fairly unimportant	(2) 41 16%	23 19%	18 14%	5 17%	9 24%	10 25%	4 8%	5 13%	8 14%	24 22%	17 12%	9 19%	13 18%	9 15%	10 14%	22 19%	19 14%	5 13%	15 16%
Very unimportant	(1) 8 3%	6 5%	3 2%	- -	- -	2 5%	- -	3 7%	4 7%	2 2%	7 5%	3 7%	1 1%	3 4%	2 3%	4 3%	4 3%	1 3%	3 3%
NET: Unimportant	49 20%	28 23%	21 16%	5 17%	9 24%	12 29%	4 8%	8 20%	12 20%	26 24%	23 17%	12 26%	14 20%	11 19%	12 17%	26 22%	23 18%	5 15%	18 19%
Don't know	52 21%	25 21%	27 21%	7 23%	12 31%	6 15%	11 25%	7 18%	9 15%	25 23%	27 19%	6 13%	15 20%	15 25%	16 23%	21 17%	32 24%	7 20%	23 25%
Mean	2.92	2.85	2.98	2.91	2.95	2.85	3.15	2.93	2.79	2.90	2.93	2.79	3.01	2.88	2.95	2.92	2.92	3.02	3.01
Standard deviation	0.77	0.82	0.71	0.60	0.82	0.87	0.60	0.89	0.74	0.78	0.76	0.83	0.76	0.78	0.72	0.79	0.75	0.74	0.84
Standard error	0.05	0.08	0.07	0.15	0.17	0.15	0.10	0.15	0.10	0.09	0.07	0.12	0.09	0.14	0.10	0.07	0.08	0.13	0.10

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Table 7

**Q.1 How important or unimportant do you think the following should be in terms of priorities for the Welsh Government with regard to the university and college education system?**

**Prioritising spending on part-time education, adult learning and supporting college education and prospective college students rather than full time university education**

**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Do you have any children aged 18 or under? If so, how old are they?					
		No children aged 18 or under	NET: Yes	Yes - children aged under 5 years old	Yes - children aged 5 to 10 years old	Yes - children aged 11 to 15 years old	Yes - children aged 16 to 18 years old
Unweighted base	250	190	60	18	29	21	17
Weighted base	250	191	59	19	30	20	15
NET: Important	148 59%	110 58%	39 65%	10 51%	19 62%	17 84%	10 63%
Very important	(4) 17%	42 14%	27 26%	15 32%	6 27%	8 26%	5 17%
Fairly important	(3) 43%	106 44%	83 39%	23 19%	4 19%	11 35%	12 58%
Fairly unimportant	(2) 16%	41 16%	35 19%	6 9%	2 10%	2 6%	2 12%
Very unimportant	(1) 3%	8 3%	8 4%	1 2%	1 5%	- -	- -
NET: Unimportant	49 20%	43 23%	6 11%	3 15%	2 6%	2 12%	2 14%
Don't know	52 21%	38 20%	14 24%	6 34%	10 31%	1 4%	4 23%
Mean	2.92	2.84	3.18	3.19	3.31	3.15	3.05
Standard deviation	0.77	0.76	0.73	0.99	0.64	0.63	0.66
Standard error	0.05	0.06	0.11	0.29	0.14	0.14	0.18



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Table 8

**Q.1 How important or unimportant do you think the following should be in terms of priorities for the Welsh Government with regard to the university and college education system?**

**Increased financial support to help university and college students pay living costs, such as rent and bills**

**Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age							Social Grade						Employment Sector		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	18-44	45+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	250	132	118	20	34	40	48	44	64	94	156	55	80	41	74	135	115	37	90
Weighted base	250	121	129	31	37	41	43	40	58	108	142	45	73	61	71	118	132	36	93
NET: Important	157	72	85	20	21	27	27	28	33	68	88	30	50	30	46	80	77	27	51
	63%	59%	66%	67%	57%	66%	63%	69%	57%	63%	62%	68%	68%	50%	65%	68%	58%	76%	54%
Very important	(4) 65	28	37	14	11	11	13	11	6	36	30	11	22	16	16	33	32	7	26
	26%	23%	29%	46%	28%	28%	29%	26%	11%	33%	21%	25%	30%	26%	23%	28%	25%	19%	28%
Fairly important	(3) 91	44	48	6	10	16	15	17	27	33	59	19	28	14	30	47	44	21	25
	37%	36%	37%	21%	28%	39%	34%	43%	46%	30%	42%	43%	39%	23%	42%	40%	33%	57%	27%
Fairly unimportant	(2) 50	23	27	5	8	6	12	5	14	19	30	6	12	19	13	18	32	5	20
	20%	19%	21%	16%	23%	15%	27%	12%	24%	18%	22%	13%	16%	31%	19%	15%	24%	14%	21%
Very unimportant	(1) 17	11	7	-	2	4	1	4	6	6	11	5	4	3	6	8	9	2	6
	7%	9%	5%	-	5%	11%	3%	10%	10%	6%	8%	11%	5%	4%	9%	7%	7%	5%	6%
NET: Unimportant	67	34	34	5	10	11	13	9	20	26	42	11	15	22	19	26	41	7	25
	27%	28%	26%	16%	28%	26%	30%	22%	34%	24%	29%	24%	21%	35%	28%	22%	31%	19%	27%
Don't know	26	16	10	5	6	3	3	4	5	14	12	4	8	9	5	11	15	2	17
	10%	13%	8%	17%	15%	8%	7%	10%	8%	13%	8%	8%	11%	15%	7%	10%	11%	5%	18%
Mean	2.91	2.84	2.97	3.36	2.94	2.90	2.96	2.94	2.64	3.04	2.82	2.89	3.04	2.85	2.86	2.98	2.85	2.95	2.94
Standard deviation	0.91	0.93	0.88	0.80	0.93	0.98	0.87	0.93	0.84	0.93	0.88	0.95	0.86	0.93	0.91	0.90	0.91	0.75	0.95
Standard error	0.06	0.09	0.08	0.19	0.17	0.16	0.13	0.15	0.11	0.10	0.07	0.13	0.10	0.16	0.11	0.08	0.09	0.13	0.11

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Table 9

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**Increased financial support to help university and college students pay living costs, such as rent and bills**

**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Do you have any children aged 18 or under? If so, how old are they?					
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Fairly important	(3) 37%	91 36%	69 37%	22 40%	8 44%	13 36%	7 34%
Fairly unimportant	(2) 20%	50 20%	39 19%	11 13%	2 11%	3 22%	5 21%
Very unimportant	(1) 7%	17 7%	14 6%	4 9%	2 9%	3 4%	1 -
NET: Unimportant	67 27%	53 28%	15 25%	4 22%	6 20%	5 26%	3 21%
Don't know	26 10%	23 12%	3 5%	2 11%	1 4%	- -	1 6%
Mean	2.91	2.88	3.02	2.95	3.03	3.07	3.19
Standard deviation	0.91	0.91	0.91	0.96	0.93	0.89	0.81
Standard error	0.06	0.07	0.12	0.24	0.18	0.19	0.20

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Table 10

**Q.1 How important or unimportant do you think the following should be in terms of priorities for the Welsh Government with regard to the university and college education system?**

**Additional regulation and enforcement with regards to standards and costs of private sector housing rented by students**

**Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age							Social Grade						Employment Sector		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	18-44	45+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	Public	Private
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Weighted base	250	121	129	31	37	41	43	40	58	108	142	45	73	61	71	118	132	36	93
NET: Important	180	79	101	26	23	28	30	29	44	78	102	33	52	44	50	86	94	26	60
	72%	65%	79%	86%	63%	69%	68%	72%	76%	72%	72%	74%	72%	72%	70%	73%	71%	71%	64%
Very important	(4) 69	32	38	11	9	11	12	15	12	31	39	14	22	16	17	36	33	7	23
	28%	26%	29%	36%	23%	27%	28%	36%	21%	28%	27%	31%	30%	26%	25%	31%	25%	20%	24%
Fairly important	(3) 111	47	63	15	15	17	17	14	32	47	63	19	30	29	32	50	61	18	37
	44%	39%	49%	51%	40%	42%	40%	35%	55%	43%	45%	43%	42%	47%	46%	42%	46%	51%	40%
Fairly unimportant	(2) 28	18	10	2	5	6	4	4	6	14	14	5	13	4	7	17	10	2	13
	11%	15%	8%	7%	14%	15%	9%	11%	10%	12%	10%	11%	17%	6%	9%	15%	8%	6%	14%
Very unimportant	(1) 7	5	2	-	1	1	1	2	3	2	5	1	-	1	5	1	6	1	3
	3%	4%	2%	-	3%	2%	2%	4%	5%	2%	4%	3%	-	2%	7%	1%	5%	2%	3%
NET: Unimportant	35	23	12	2	6	7	5	6	9	16	20	6	13	5	11	19	16	3	16
	14%	19%	10%	7%	17%	17%	11%	14%	16%	14%	14%	14%	17%	8%	16%	16%	12%	8%	17%
Don't know	35	19	15	2	7	6	9	5	5	15	19	5	8	12	13	21	21	8	18
	14%	16%	12%	6%	20%	15%	21%	14%	8%	14%	14%	12%	11%	19%	14%	11%	16%	21%	19%
Mean	3.12	3.03	3.20	3.30	3.03	3.10	3.19	3.21	2.99	3.14	3.11	3.16	3.15	3.19	3.02	3.15	3.10	3.13	3.06
Standard deviation	0.76	0.83	0.68	0.62	0.80	0.77	0.73	0.84	0.77	0.74	0.78	0.78	0.72	0.69	0.84	0.74	0.78	0.66	0.79
Standard error	0.05	0.08	0.07	0.14	0.15	0.13	0.12	0.14	0.10	0.08	0.07	0.11	0.09	0.12	0.11	0.07	0.08	0.12	0.09

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Table 11

**Q.1 How important or unimportant do you think the following should be in terms of priorities for the Welsh Government with regard to the university and college education system?**

**Additional regulation and enforcement with regards to standards and costs of private sector housing rented by students**

**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Do you have any children aged 18 or under? If so, how old are they?						
		No children aged 18 or under	NET: Yes	Yes - children aged under 5 years old	Yes - children aged 5 to 10 years old	Yes - children aged 11 to 15 years old	Yes - children aged 16 to 18 years old	
Unweighted base	250	190	60	18	29	21	17	
Weighted base	250	191	59	19	30	20	15	
NET: Important	180 72%	136 71%	45 75%	11 60%	21 69%	18 90%	13 84%	
Very important	(4) 28%	69 28%	51 27%	19 31%	4 23%	9 29%	11 51%	4 28%
Fairly important	(3) 44%	111 44%	85 44%	26 44%	7 37%	12 40%	8 39%	8 55%
Fairly unimportant	(2) 11%	28 11%	21 11%	7 11%	3 17%	4 13%	1 6%	1 5%
Very unimportant	(1) 3%	7 3%	7 4%	-	-	-	-	-
NET: Unimportant	35 14%	29 15%	7 11%	3 17%	4 13%	1 6%	1 5%	
Don't know	35 14%	27 14%	8 14%	4 23%	5 17%	1 4%	2 12%	
Mean	3.12	3.09	3.23	3.08	3.19	3.48	3.27	
Standard deviation	0.76	0.79	0.67	0.74	0.70	0.62	0.57	
Standard error	0.05	0.06	0.09	0.20	0.14	0.14	0.15	

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Table 12

**Q.1 How important or unimportant do you think the following should be in terms of priorities for the Welsh Government with regard to the university and college education system?**

**Fewer restrictions on non-EU students' right to work in Wales after graduation from a higher or further education course, to encourage more students from around the world to study in Wales**

**Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age							Social Grade						Employment Sector		
	Total	Male	Female	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	18-44	45+	AB	C1	C2	DE	ABC1	C2DE	Public	Private
Unweighted base	250	132	118	20	34	40	48	44	64	94	156	55	80	41	74	135	115	37	90
Weighted base	250	121	129	31	37	41	43	40	58	108	142	45	73	61	71	118	132	36	93
NET: Important	102 41%	52 43%	50 39%	16 54%	17 46%	16 40%	15 34%	14 36%	23 40%	49 46%	52 37%	22 48%	27 37%	27 44%	26 37%	49 41%	53 40%	15 40%	40 43%
Very important	(4) 30 12%	20 16%	11 8%	5 17%	6 15%	5 12%	5 12%	3 7%	6 11%	16 14%	14 10%	6 14%	8 11%	9 15%	6 9%	15 12%	16 12%	4 10%	15 17%
Fairly important	(3) 72 29%	32 26%	40 31%	11 37%	11 30%	11 28%	10 22%	11 28%	17 30%	34 31%	38 27%	15 34%	19 26%	18 29%	19 27%	34 29%	37 28%	11 30%	25 27%
Fairly unimportant	(2) 63 25%	28 23%	35 27%	1 4%	7 18%	13 31%	11 25%	12 29%	20 35%	21 19%	43 30%	12 27%	16 23%	13 21%	22 31%	28 24%	35 26%	8 22%	17 18%
Very unimportant	(1) 44 17%	25 20%	19 15%	8 25%	4 10%	7 17%	10 23%	6 16%	9 16%	18 17%	25 18%	7 15%	14 20%	12 19%	11 16%	21 18%	23 17%	7 18%	14 15%
NET: Unimportant	107 43%	53 44%	54 42%	9 29%	10 28%	20 48%	21 48%	18 45%	29 51%	39 36%	68 48%	19 41%	31 42%	25 40%	33 47%	49 42%	58 44%	15 41%	31 33%
Don't know	41 16%	17 14%	24 19%	5 17%	10 27%	5 12%	8 19%	8 20%	5 9%	20 18%	21 15%	5 10%	15 21%	10 16%	12 17%	20 17%	22 16%	7 19%	22 24%
Mean	2.42	2.44	2.40	2.55	2.69	2.39	2.28	2.34	2.39	2.53	2.34	2.53	2.36	2.47	2.36	2.43	2.41	2.40	2.59
Standard deviation	0.98	1.05	0.90	1.14	0.97	0.97	1.04	0.91	0.92	1.01	0.95	0.96	1.01	1.04	0.92	0.99	0.97	0.98	1.04
Standard error	0.07	0.10	0.09	0.28	0.19	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.12	0.12	0.08	0.14	0.13	0.17	0.12	0.09	0.10	0.18	0.12

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Table 13

**Q.1 How important or unimportant do you think the following should be in terms of priorities for the Welsh Government with regard to the university and college education system?**

**Fewer restrictions on non-EU students' right to work in Wales after graduation from a higher or further education course, to encourage more students from around the world to study in Wales**

**Base: All respondents**

	Total	Do you have any children aged 18 or under? If so, how old are they?					
		No children aged 18 or under	NET: Yes	Yes - children aged under 5 years old	Yes - children aged 5 to 10 years old	Yes - children aged 11 to 15 years old	Yes - children aged 16 to 18 years old
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Weighted base	250	191	59	19	30	20	15
NET: Important	102 41%	78 41%	24 40%	8 41%	15 48%	9 42%	5 33%
Very important	(4) 12%	30 13%	24 10%	6 10%	2 11%	3 3%	1 11%
Fairly important	(3) 29%	72 29%	54 28%	18 30%	6 31%	11 37%	8 39%
Fairly unimportant	(2) 25%	63 25%	49 26%	14 23%	4 22%	5 17%	3 17%
Very unimportant	(1) 17%	44 17%	32 17%	12 20%	1 6%	8 25%	8 37%
NET: Unimportant	107 43%	81 42%	26 44%	5 28%	13 42%	11 54%	7 49%
Don't know	41 16%	31 17%	10 16%	6 32%	3 10%	1 4%	3 18%
Mean	2.42	2.45	2.35	2.66	2.38	2.09	2.45
Standard deviation	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.86	1.04	0.99	0.87
Standard error	0.07	0.08	0.14	0.25	0.20	0.22	0.23