

The Royal College of Midwives – Support for midwives

METHODOLOGY NOTE

ComRes interviewed a representative sample of 1,000 GB adults living in the 40 most marginal constituencies where the Conservative and Labour shared first and second place between them at the last General Election in 2010. Of these 40 constituencies, 25 currently have a Conservative MP and 15 currently have a Labour MP. Each constituency is represented in the sample equally, with results weighted to be representative of all adults in all 40 constituencies as a whole. The survey was conducted online between the 18th and the 26th of September 2014. Data were also weighted by past vote recall. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules. Data were also weighted by past vote recall. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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Online Fieldwork: 18th - 26th September 2014

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	58%	58%	57%	47%	56%	60%	54%	67%	61%	54%	58%	60%	58%	58%	58%	56%	59%	57%	59%
Tend to support	252	123	129	27	46	44	46	32	56	66	79	49	58	157	95	88	69	54	41
	25%	25%	25%	22%	27%	24%	27%	22%	27%	31%	26%	23%	21%	25%	25%	25%	25%	27%	24%
Tend to oppose	56	29	27	14	10	6	7	8	12	17	12	9	18	33	23	17	16	13	10
	6%	6%	5%	11%	6%	3%	4%	5%	6%	8%	4%	4%	7%	5%	6%	5%	6%	7%	6%
Strongly oppose	41	27	14	3	8	7	12	2	9	8	16	13	5	32	9	20	12	7	2
	4%	5%	3%	2%	5%	4%	7%	1%	4%	4%	5%	6%	2%	5%	2%	6%	4%	3%	1%
Don't know	73	27	47	23	12	15	15	6	3	6	20	15	33	43	30	27	15	12	19
	7%	5%	9%	18%	7%	8%	9%	4%	1%	3%	6%	7%	12%	7%	8%	8%	6%	6%	11%
Net: Support	829	409	421	86	142	152	139	131	179	182	256	175	216	517	312	285	232	168	144
	83%	83%	83%	69%	83%	85%	80%	89%	88%	86%	84%	82%	80%	83%	83%	82%	84%	84%	82%
Net: Oppose	97	56	42	17	18	13	19	10	21	25	28	22	22	65	32	37	28	20	12
	10%	11%	8%	13%	10%	7%	11%	7%	10%	12%	9%	11%	8%	10%	9%	11%	10%	10%	7%
Mean	1.27	1.25	1.29	1.00	1.23	1.34	1.16	1.48	1.34	1.25	1.28	1.25	1.28	1.25	1.30	1.22	1.29	1.28	1.33
Standard deviation	1.08	1.14	1.03	1.14	1.11	1.03	1.18	0.91	1.07	1.08	1.09	1.15	1.02	1.12	1.02	1.14	1.09	1.06	0.96
Standard error	0.07	0.10	0.09	0.20	0.17	0.15	0.18	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.12	0.15	0.12	0.09	0.10	0.12	0.13	0.15	0.14

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Strongly support	577	137	208	30	83	26	174	165	91	225	165	94	50	43
	58%	56%	63%	67%	58%	63%	62%	59%	68%	60%	55%	63%	50%	58%
Tend to support	252	79	63	9	40	9	76	66	26	94	87	27	29	15
	25%	32%	19%	19%	28%	23%	27%	23%	20%	25%	29%	18%	29%	20%
Tend to oppose	56	16	21	1	6	4	19	18	4	18	16	4	11	6
	6%	7%	6%	2%	4%	10%	7%	6%	3%	5%	5%	3%	11%	8%
Strongly oppose	41	4	19	2	10	1	6	17	8	14	9	8	7	3
	4%	2%	6%	3%	7%	2%	2%	6%	6%	4%	3%	5%	7%	4%
Don't know	73	7	21	4	4	1	7	16	5	24	23	16	3	8
	7%	3%	6%	9%	3%	2%	3%	6%	4%	6%	8%	11%	3%	11%
Net: Support	829	216	270	39	123	36	249	231	117	319	252	122	79	58
	83%	89%	82%	86%	86%	86%	88%	82%	88%	85%	84%	81%	79%	77%
Net: Oppose	97	20	40	2	16	5	25	35	11	32	25	12	18	9
	10%	8%	12%	5%	11%	12%	9%	12%	8%	9%	8%	8%	18%	12%
Mean	1.27	1.35	1.27	1.44	1.27	1.35	1.39	1.22	1.42	1.33	1.28	1.30	1.03	1.19
Standard deviation	1.08	0.94	1.18	0.98	1.15	1.05	0.98	1.18	1.08	1.04	1.02	1.12	1.28	1.15
Standard error	0.07	0.12	0.13	0.29	0.19	0.32	0.11	0.14	0.18	0.11	0.12	0.18	0.25	0.26

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Unweighted base	1,000	159	834	200	256	34	848	90	636	287
Weighted base	1,000	182	808	175	288	35	829	97	650	261
Strongly support	577	110	466	95	184	21	577	-	463	97
	58%	61%	58%	55%	64%	60%	70%	-	71%	37%
Tend to support	252	42	208	58	57	9	252	-	127	103
	25%	23%	26%	33%	20%	26%	30%	-	20%	39%
Tend to oppose	56	12	44	12	18	1	-	56	20	34
	6%	6%	5%	7%	6%	2%	-	57%	3%	13%
Strongly oppose	41	10	30	3	16	3	-	41	29	12
	4%	6%	4%	2%	5%	9%	-	43%	4%	4%
Don't know	73	7	60	6	14	1	-	-	10	16
	7%	4%	7%	4%	5%	2%	-	-	2%	6%
Net: Support	829	153	673	153	241	30	829	-	590	200
	83%	84%	83%	88%	84%	86%	100%	-	91%	76%
Net: Oppose	97	22	75	15	33	4	-	97	49	46
	10%	12%	9%	8%	12%	12%	-	100%	8%	18%
Mean	1.27	1.27	1.28	1.32	1.30	1.25	1.70	-1.43	1.50	0.92
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Strongly support	378	199	179	37	64	68	67	66	77	70	112	84	112	244	133	127	118	70	64
	38%	40%	35%	29%	37%	38%	38%	45%	38%	33%	37%	40%	41%	39%	36%	36%	43%	35%	36%
Tend to support	272	129	143	42	43	49	54	36	49	57	85	57	74	168	104	100	69	57	47
	27%	26%	28%	33%	25%	27%	31%	25%	24%	27%	28%	27%	27%	27%	28%	28%	25%	29%	27%
Tend to oppose	147	79	68	14	31	24	18	21	39	46	52	29	20	86	61	49	37	32	29
	15%	16%	13%	11%	18%	13%	11%	14%	19%	22%	17%	14%	8%	14%	16%	14%	14%	16%	17%
Strongly oppose	114	51	63	5	16	20	25	18	30	31	31	24	29	76	38	41	35	22	16
	11%	10%	12%	4%	9%	11%	14%	12%	15%	14%	10%	11%	10%	12%	10%	12%	13%	11%	9%
Don't know	89	33	56	27	18	19	10	6	8	9	24	19	37	51	38	34	16	18	20
	9%	7%	11%	21%	11%	11%	6%	4%	4%	4%	8%	9%	14%	8%	10%	10%	6%	9%	11%
Net: Support	650	328	322	78	107	117	120	102	126	126	197	141	186	413	237	226	186	127	110
	65%	67%	63%	63%	62%	65%	69%	69%	62%	60%	65%	66%	68%	66%	63%	65%	68%	63%	63%
Net: Oppose	261	130	131	20	47	44	43	39	69	77	83	53	49	162	100	89	72	55	45
	26%	26%	26%	16%	27%	24%	25%	26%	34%	36%	27%	25%	18%	26%	27%	25%	26%	27%	26%
Mean	0.65	0.70	0.60	0.72	0.62	0.67	0.69	0.76	0.51	0.42	0.64	0.70	0.81	0.67	0.62	0.64	0.72	0.60	0.64
Standard deviation	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.13	1.38	1.38	1.43	1.44	1.51	1.48	1.39	1.39	1.32	1.42	1.37	1.39	1.45	1.39	1.36
Standard error	0.09	0.12	0.12	0.20	0.21	0.20	0.21	0.23	0.21	0.20	0.16	0.19	0.16	0.11	0.14	0.15	0.17	0.19	0.20

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Strongly support	378	61	154	13	60	22	84	129	50	139	123	63	32	21
	38%	25%	47%	29%	42%	53%	30%	46%	38%	37%	41%	42%	32%	28%
Tend to support	272	65	109	14	34	5	66	96	40	112	76	30	32	22
	27%	27%	33%	32%	24%	13%	23%	34%	30%	30%	25%	20%	32%	30%
Tend to oppose	147	66	28	10	16	4	67	27	23	52	43	24	17	11
	15%	27%	8%	22%	11%	9%	24%	10%	17%	14%	14%	16%	17%	15%
Strongly oppose	114	43	22	5	25	5	53	17	11	45	31	16	13	9
	11%	17%	7%	12%	17%	13%	19%	6%	8%	12%	10%	10%	13%	12%
Don't know	89	9	18	2	8	5	11	14	9	27	27	18	7	11
	9%	4%	5%	5%	6%	13%	4%	5%	7%	7%	9%	12%	7%	15%
Net: Support	650	127	264	27	94	27	150	225	90	251	199	93	64	43
	65%	52%	80%	61%	66%	65%	53%	80%	68%	67%	66%	62%	64%	58%
Net: Oppose	261	109	50	15	41	9	120	43	34	97	74	40	30	20
	26%	45%	15%	34%	29%	22%	43%	15%	25%	26%	25%	27%	30%	27%
Mean	0.65	0.15	1.05	0.44	0.61	0.83	0.22	1.04	0.72	0.66	0.72	0.67	0.53	0.46
Standard deviation	1.40	1.49	1.20	1.41	1.53	1.47	1.54	1.19	1.33	1.40	1.39	1.42	1.41	1.36
Standard error	0.09	0.19	0.13	0.41	0.25	0.45	0.18	0.14	0.23	0.14	0.16	0.23	0.28	0.31

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Strongly support	378	65	311	45	141	8	346	28	378	-
	38%	36%	38%	26%	49%	23%	42%	29%	58%	-
Tend to support	272	60	210	45	92	12	244	21	272	-
	27%	33%	26%	26%	32%	35%	29%	22%	42%	-
Tend to oppose	147	27	120	43	23	8	123	19	-	147
	15%	15%	15%	25%	8%	21%	15%	20%	-	56%
Strongly oppose	114	23	87	36	17	6	76	27	-	114
	11%	13%	11%	21%	6%	16%	9%	27%	-	44%
Don't know	89	6	80	6	14	2	39	2	-	-
	9%	3%	10%	3%	5%	5%	5%	2%	-	-
Net: Support	650	125	521	89	233	20	590	49	650	-
	65%	69%	64%	51%	81%	58%	71%	51%	100%	-
Net: Oppose	261	50	207	80	40	13	200	46	-	261
	26%	28%	26%	46%	14%	37%	24%	47%	-	100%
Mean	0.65	0.64	0.67	0.10	1.10	0.28	0.80	0.05	1.58	-1.44
Standard deviation	1.40	1.42	1.39	1.53	1.18	1.43	1.36	1.63	0.49	0.50
Standard error	0.09	0.21	0.10	0.23	0.14	0.47	0.09	0.32	0.04	0.06

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Strongly support	493	238	254	57	75	98	97	70	95	89	156	107	140	300	192	161	139	103	89
	49%	49%	50%	45%	44%	55%	56%	48%	47%	42%	52%	50%	51%	48%	51%	46%	50%	52%	51%
Tend to support	316	151	165	27	59	53	52	56	69	84	90	66	77	203	113	114	89	59	53
	32%	31%	32%	22%	34%	30%	30%	38%	34%	39%	30%	31%	28%	33%	30%	33%	32%	30%	31%
Tend to oppose	86	53	33	16	15	7	12	11	25	25	27	18	16	58	28	35	23	19	10
	9%	11%	6%	13%	9%	4%	7%	7%	12%	12%	9%	9%	6%	9%	7%	10%	8%	9%	5%
Strongly oppose	18	14	4	-	3	3	2	4	6	9	4	3	2	9	8	5	4	5	4
	2%	3%	1%	-	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%	4%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Don't know	88	35	54	25	20	18	12	5	8	5	27	18	37	55	33	35	20	14	19
	9%	7%	11%	20%	11%	10%	7%	4%	4%	3%	9%	9%	14%	9%	9%	10%	7%	7%	11%
Net: Support	808	390	419	84	134	152	148	127	164	173	246	173	217	503	305	275	228	163	143
	81%	79%	82%	67%	78%	84%	85%	86%	81%	81%	81%	81%	80%	81%	81%	79%	83%	81%	81%
Net: Oppose	103	67	37	16	18	10	13	15	31	34	30	21	18	67	36	40	27	23	13
	10%	14%	7%	13%	11%	6%	8%	10%	15%	16%	10%	10%	7%	11%	10%	11%	10%	12%	8%
Mean	1.18	1.11	1.24	1.00	1.09	1.32	1.33	1.22	1.10	1.03	1.21	1.20	1.24	1.16	1.21	1.12	1.22	1.19	1.23
Standard deviation	1.02	1.11	0.93	1.08	1.03	0.93	0.93	1.00	1.12	1.14	1.01	1.01	0.95	1.02	1.03	1.04	1.00	1.06	0.99
Standard error	0.06	0.10	0.08	0.19	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.11	0.14	0.11	0.08	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.15	0.15

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Tend to support	316	103	82	17	41	14	109	87	36	121	93	46	35	21
	32%	42%	25%	38%	29%	33%	39%	31%	27%	32%	31%	31%	35%	28%
Tend to oppose	86	29	21	6	16	1	35	16	13	30	25	8	13	9
	9%	12%	6%	13%	11%	3%	13%	6%	10%	8%	8%	5%	13%	12%
Strongly oppose	18	9	4	-	1	1	11	3	1	9	3	2	2	1
	2%	4%	1%	-	1%	2%	4%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%
Don't know	88	14	21	1	7	-	14	12	7	31	24	20	4	9
	9%	6%	6%	2%	5%	-	5%	4%	5%	8%	8%	13%	4%	12%
Net: Support	808	191	285	38	119	40	222	251	113	305	247	119	81	55
	81%	79%	86%	85%	83%	95%	79%	89%	85%	81%	82%	80%	81%	74%
Net: Oppose	103	38	25	6	17	2	46	19	14	39	28	10	15	11
	10%	16%	8%	13%	12%	5%	16%	7%	10%	10%	9%	7%	15%	14%
Mean	1.18	0.95	1.39	1.19	1.24	1.50	0.99	1.40	1.31	1.18	1.23	1.20	1.10	1.04
Standard deviation	1.02	1.11	0.95	0.98	1.03	0.82	1.14	0.89	0.99	1.04	0.99	0.96	1.09	1.11
Standard error	0.06	0.14	0.10	0.29	0.17	0.25	0.13	0.10	0.17	0.10	0.11	0.15	0.21	0.25

Support for midwives in marginal constituencies
Online Fieldwork: 18th - 26th September 2014

Absolutes/col percents

Q3 To what extent would you support or oppose a proposal for NHS workers' pay (e.g. paramedics, nurses and midwives) to increase at least as much as inflation (i.e. the increase to the cost of living) each year?

Base: All respondents

	Total	Personally used NHS maternity care in past 12 months		Political party trusted most to manage the NHS			Support for 1% pay rise for NHS staff		Support for midwives' industrial action	
		Yes	No	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrats	Support	Oppose	Support	Oppose
Unweighted base	1,000	159	834	200	256	34	848	90	636	287
Weighted base	1,000	182	808	175	288	35	829	97	650	261
Strongly support	493	91	398	59	180	14	439	41	406	72
	49%	50%	49%	34%	63%	40%	53%	42%	63%	27%
Tend to support	316	62	253	74	70	14	273	25	185	104
	32%	34%	31%	43%	24%	39%	33%	26%	28%	40%
Tend to oppose	86	16	69	24	16	7	62	22	32	53
	9%	9%	9%	14%	6%	21%	8%	23%	5%	20%
Strongly oppose	18	2	15	8	5	-	9	8	4	13
	2%	1%	2%	5%	2%	-	1%	8%	1%	5%
Don't know	88	11	74	9	16	-	46	2	23	19
	9%	6%	9%	5%	6%	-	6%	2%	4%	7%
Net: Support	808	152	650	134	250	28	711	66	591	176
	81%	84%	80%	77%	87%	79%	86%	67%	91%	67%
Net: Oppose	103	18	84	32	21	7	72	30	36	67
	10%	10%	10%	19%	7%	21%	9%	31%	6%	25%
Mean	1.18	1.22	1.17	0.87	1.40	0.98	1.29	0.71	1.47	0.64
Standard deviation	1.02	0.98	1.03	1.17	0.95	1.11	0.95	1.40	0.83	1.22
Standard error	0.06	0.14	0.07	0.17	0.11	0.37	0.06	0.28	0.06	0.15