

YouGov / CIVEA Survey Results

Sample Size: 1606 Adults in GB
Fieldwork: 4th - 5th August 2020

	Vote in 2019 GE			EU Ref 2016		Gender		Age				Social Grade		Region					
Total	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Remain	Leave	Male	Female	18-24	25-49	50-64	65+	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted Sample	1606	544	398	145	596	636	781	825	175	670	387	374	915	691	193	540	349	387	138
Unweighted Sample	1606	595	464	162	697	651	697	909	131	690	412	373	947	659	164	558	360	396	128
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

If people have not paid their council tax, do you think councils should or should not use bailiffs to try and collect the money from people who can but won't pay?

They should	56	67	48	54	56	60	58	53	31	53	61	66	60	50	48	59	52	55	66
They should not	28	21	36	32	28	29	27	29	28	32	27	23	25	32	32	26	28	31	21
Don't know	16	12	16	14	16	11	15	18	41	15	13	11	15	18	20	15	19	14	13

If people have not paid fines imposed by a court, do you think bailiffs should or should not be used to collect the money?

They should	64	78	56	66	62	71	67	61	40	61	69	76	68	59	55	66	62	65	72
They should not	20	13	25	20	20	20	18	22	23	23	18	15	17	24	22	18	22	21	17
Don't know	16	9	19	14	18	9	14	17	37	16	13	10	15	17	24	16	16	15	11

If someone has not paid their council tax, and there are costs associated with collecting the money, who do you think should pay for these costs?

The costs of collecting the money should be paid for by the council	12	9	15	15	11	10	13	12	22	16	6	8	13	12	11	11	14	13	13
The cost of collecting the money should be paid for by the person who has not paid	66	79	57	71	65	74	68	64	39	62	77	76	69	63	56	70	64	67	67
Neither	6	3	6	3	5	5	7	5	12	6	5	5	3	10	9	5	7	5	7
Don't know	15	9	23	11	19	11	12	19	27	16	11	12	15	15	23	13	15	15	13

If councils were to stop using bailiffs to collect council tax, do you think...?

More people would pay council tax	5	5	7	3	4	5	6	5	5	7	5	3	5	6	4	4	10	3	8
Fewer people would pay council tax	42	53	32	43	41	48	47	36	26	37	49	49	45	37	35	44	40	44	41
It wouldn't make much difference either way	39	34	45	39	45	37	36	42	35	42	36	39	37	42	41	38	42	38	39
Don't know	14	8	15	15	11	10	11	16	34	13	11	10	13	15	20	14	9	15	13

Do you think local services like social care would or would not be put at risk if fewer people paid their council tax?

Yes, services would be put at risk	65	70	69	74	74	65	69	62	45	62	70	75	70	58	62	65	67	62	71
No, services would not be put at risk	15	16	12	15	11	17	16	14	14	17	15	12	13	18	12	17	15	16	10
Don't know	20	14	19	11	15	18	15	24	41	21	15	13	17	24	26	18	18	22	19

Do you think some people who can afford to pay their council tax will use coronavirus as an excuse to say they cannot afford to pay?

Yes, some people will use coronavirus as an excuse	71	78	63	67	67	76	73	69	59	71	73	73	71	70	65	68	72	75	70
No, people will not use coronavirus as an excuse	10	7	13	12	11	8	9	11	12	14	7	4	10	10	6	12	9	11	8
Don't know	19	15	24	21	22	17	18	21	29	15	20	22	19	20	30	20	19	14	21