

Issues Poll Scotland

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Methodology

Fieldwork Dates

8th – 15th May 2015

Data Collection Method

The survey was conducted via online panel. Invitations to complete surveys were sent out to members of the panel. Differential response rates from different demographic groups were taken into account.

Population Sampled

All residents aged 18+ in Scotland

Sample Size

1,056

Data Weighting

Data were weighted to the profile of all Scottish adults aged 18+. Targets for the weighted data were derived from Office for National Statistics data.

Margin of Error

Because only a sample of the full population was interviewed, all results are subject to margin of error, meaning that not all differences are statistically significant. For example, in a question where 50% (the worst case scenario as far as margin of error is concerned) gave a particular answer, with a sample of 1,056 it is 95% certain that the 'true' value will fall within the range of 3.02% from the sample result. Subsamples from the cross-breaks will be subject to higher margin of error, conclusions drawn from crossbreaks with very small sub-samples should be treated with caution.

Question presentation

All data tables shown in full below, in order and wording put to respondents, including but not limited to all tables relating to published data and all relevant tables preceding them. Tables for demographic questions might not be included but these should be clear from the cross-breaks on published tables. In all questions where the responses are a list of parties, names or statements, these will typically have been displayed to respondents in a randomising order. The only questions which would not have had randomising responses would be those in which there was a natural order to maintain – e.g. a scale from “strongly agree” to “strongly disagree”, a list of numbers from 0 to 10 or questions which had factual rather than opinion-related answers such as demographic information. “Other”, “Don't know” and “Refused” responses are not randomised.

Not all questions will have necessarily been asked to all respondents – this is because they may be follow-on questions from previous questions or only appropriate to certain demographic groups. Lower response counts should make clear where this has occurred.

Data were analysed and weighted by Survation.

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Table 1
Q1. Normal weightings
Q1. How likely do you think it is that Scotland becomes independent in the next five years?
Base: All Respondents

| | Total |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Unweighted Total | 1056 |
| Weighted Total | 1056 |
| Very likely | 107 10.1% |
| Somewhat likely | 238 22.5% |
| Somewhat unlikely | 369 34.9% |
| Very unlikely | 269 25.5% |
| Don't know | 74 7.0% |
| SIGMA | 1056 100% |

Table 2
Q2. Normal weightings
Q2. How likely do you think it is that Scotland becomes independent in the next ten years?
Base: All Respondents

| | Total |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Unweighted Total | 1056 |
| Weighted Total | 1056 |
| Very likely | 258 24.4% |
| Somewhat likely | 296 28.1% |
| Somewhat unlikely | 263 24.9% |
| Very unlikely | 150 14.2% |
| Don't know | 88 8.4% |
| SIGMA | 1056 100% |

Table 3
Q3. Normal weightings
Q3. How likely do you think it is that Scotland becomes independent in the next twenty-five years?
Base: All Respondents

| | Total |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Unweighted Total | 1056 |
| Weighted Total | 1056 |
| Very likely | 460 43.6% |
| Somewhat likely | 296 28.0% |
| Somewhat unlikely | 123 11.6% |
| Very unlikely | 58 5.5% |
| Don't know | 120 11.3% |
| SIGMA | 1056 100% |

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Table 4

Q4. Normal weightings

Q4. Following the significant gains in Scotland for the Scottish National Party (SNP) in the general election, which of the following comes closer to your view of the implications for the distribution of powers across England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland?

Base: All Respondents

| | Total |
|---|--------------|
| Unweighted Total | 1056 |
| Weighted Total | 1056 |
| The new government should now come up with a new constitutional settlement for the UK that offers significant powers to the nations and regions of the UK | 773 73.2% |
| The new government should not offer significant further powers to the nations and regions of the UK | 136 12.9% |
| Don't know | 146 13.9% |
| SIGMA | 1056 100% |