

Rail Privatisation

Poll

23/12/2016

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Methodology

Fieldwork Dates

21st 22nd December 2016

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 the United Kingdom

Sample Size

1,026

Data Weighting

Data were weighted to the profile of all UK adults aged 18+. Data were weighted by age, sex, region, household income, education, 2015 General Election vote and 2016 EU Referendum vote. Targets for the weighted data were derived from Office for National Statistics 2011 Census data and the results of the 2015 General Election and 2016 EU Referendum.

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 1,026 it is 95% certain that the 'true' value will fall within the range of 3.1% 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 Suration.

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Table 1

Q1. Normal weightings

Q1. Railway privatisation was introduced in 1994. Since then, passenger numbers have increased as more people use the railway, but fares have also increased. To what extent do you think that rail privatisation has been a success or a failure, on balance?

Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			Region7 + 1							SEG				2015 Past Vote						EU Referendum				
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	London	Midlands	North	South	England	Scotland	Wales	NI	AB	C1	C2	DE	CON	LAB	LD	UKIP	Other	Did Not Vote	Leave	Remain	Did Not Vote	
Unweighted Total	1026	494	532	236	353	437	95	152	255	351	853	104	44	25	322	394	138	172	307	233	77	106	92	154	464	394	140	
Weighted Total	1026	500	526	294	351	381	134	164	244	319	862	84	51	29	316	374	133	203	302	248	65	103	99	154	445	413	140	
Privatisation has been a complete failure	286	167	118	87	84	115	41	46	65	99	251	18	11	6	73	102	38	72	70	104	15	34	32	25	146	111	25	
	27.9%	33.5%	22.5%	29.5%	24.0%	30.2%	30.5%	28.1%	26.7%	30.9%	29.1%	20.8%	22.0%	21.0%	23.2%	27.3%	28.8%	35.6%	23.3%	41.7%	23.3%	32.9%	32.5%	15.9%	32.7%	26.9%	17.7%	
Privatisation has been a partial failure	307	148	159	70	121	115	35	46	83	81	244	33	24	6	116	120	29	41	95	85	22	32	25	41	131	138	35	
	29.9%	29.5%	30.2%	23.9%	34.5%	30.3%	26.0%	27.7%	34.0%	25.2%	28.3%	38.7%	48.0%	20.0%	36.8%	32.1%	21.5%	20.4%	31.4%	34.1%	34.1%	30.7%	25.5%	26.3%	29.5%	33.3%	24.8%	
Privatisation has been neither a failure nor a success	155	62	94	54	49	52	25	23	31	53	134	9	7	6	56	49	30	20	53	19	10	15	22	23	66	55	28	
	15.1%	12.3%	17.8%	18.4%	13.9%	13.7%	18.8%	14.2%	12.9%	16.7%	15.5%	10.6%	13.5%	20.3%	17.8%	13.2%	22.2%	9.9%	17.7%	7.5%	14.7%	14.3%	22.7%	14.6%	14.7%	13.3%	20.1%	
Privatisation has been a partial success	119	78	41	22	30	68	18	21	21	41	100	14	2	3	49	36	19	15	51	14	11	10	7	20	46	59	12	
	11.6%	15.6%	7.8%	7.4%	8.4%	17.8%	13.0%	12.6%	8.5%	12.8%	11.6%	17.0%	4.0%	10.6%	15.4%	9.6%	14.6%	7.4%	16.8%	5.6%	16.8%	10.0%	6.8%	13.1%	10.3%	14.4%	8.4%	
Privatisation has been a complete success	11	5	6	2	8	1	5	2	2	1	11	*	-	-	5	3	2	1	3	2	2	-	-	4	3	3	5	
	1.1%	1.0%	1.1%	0.6%	2.3%	*	3.9%	1.4%	0.7%	*	1.2%	*	-	-	1.5%	0.9%	1.4%	*	1.0%	0.7%	2.5%	-	-	2.9%	0.7%	0.6%	3.9%	
Don't know	148	40	108	59	60	29	10	26	42	44	123	10	6	8	17	63	15	53	29	26	6	12	12	42	54	47	35	
	14.5%	8.0%	20.6%	20.2%	17.0%	7.7%	7.8%	16.0%	17.2%	13.9%	14.3%	12.5%	12.6%	28.1%	5.3%	16.9%	11.5%	26.2%	9.7%	10.4%	8.6%	12.1%	12.5%	27.1%	12.0%	11.5%	25.2%	
SIGMA	1026	500	526	294	351	381	134	164	244	319	862	84	51	29	316	374	133	203	302	248	65	103	99	154	445	413	140	
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Survation.

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Table 2

Q2. Normal weightings

Q2. What do you think would happen to rail fares if the railway was in public ownership instead of being privatised?

Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			Region7 + 1							SEG				2015 Past Vote						EU Referendum				
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	London	Midlands	North	South	England	Scotland	Wales	NI	AB	C1	C2	DE	CON	LAB	LD	UKIP	Other	Did Not Vote	Leave	Remain	Did Not Vote	
Unweighted Total	1026	494	532	236	353	437	95	152	255	351	853	104	44	25	322	394	138	172	307	233	77	106	92	154	464	394	140	
Weighted Total	1026	500	526	294	351	381	134	164	244	319	862	84	51	29	316	374	133	203	302	248	65	103	99	154	445	413	140	
Fares would be much cheaper	147	74	74	60	59	29	32	15	33	48	128	8	8	3	45	58	19	25	33	41	6	22	17	20	60	59	25	
	14.4%	14.8%	14.0%	20.3%	16.7%	7.7%	23.6%	9.1%	13.5%	15.1%	14.8%	9.3%	16.4%	11.4%	14.1%	15.6%	14.6%	12.3%	11.0%	16.6%	8.6%	21.7%	17.1%	13.0%	13.5%	14.3%	17.9%	
Fares would be somewhat cheaper	340	164	176	80	121	140	36	53	91	102	282	33	18	7	93	136	51	60	98	107	16	32	30	42	153	144	38	
	33.2%	32.8%	33.5%	27.1%	34.5%	36.6%	26.7%	32.2%	37.4%	31.9%	32.7%	39.8%	34.7%	25.5%	29.4%	36.5%	38.3%	29.5%	32.4%	43.2%	25.0%	31.5%	30.3%	27.5%	34.4%	34.8%	27.1%	
Fares would be the same	245	137	107	81	78	85	36	36	54	83	210	17	9	9	93	85	29	37	73	53	24	22	27	36	114	96	28	
	23.8%	27.5%	20.4%	27.7%	22.3%	22.3%	26.6%	22.2%	22.3%	26.0%	24.3%	20.0%	17.5%	31.6%	29.6%	22.7%	21.7%	18.4%	24.2%	21.3%	37.3%	21.2%	27.0%	23.2%	25.6%	23.2%	20.1%	
Fares would be somewhat more expensive	96	48	48	23	25	48	11	18	24	24	77	11	7	1	40	28	10	17	41	17	8	5	10	10	40	46	9	
	9.4%	9.6%	9.1%	8.0%	7.1%	12.5%	7.9%	11.0%	10.0%	7.4%	8.9%	13.2%	13.7%	4.2%	12.8%	7.5%	7.9%	8.5%	13.5%	7.0%	11.8%	5.0%	10.2%	6.6%	9.0%	11.2%	6.1%	
Fares would be much more expensive	37	25	12	8	5	24	9	7	7	7	30	2	4	1	13	4	8	12	13	3	3	6	3	7	18	13	5	
	3.6%	5.0%	2.2%	2.6%	1.5%	6.3%	6.5%	4.4%	2.9%	2.1%	3.5%	1.9%	7.5%	4.7%	4.1%	1.0%	6.2%	5.7%	4.3%	1.4%	4.2%	6.1%	3.4%	4.5%	4.0%	3.2%	3.3%	
Don't know	161	52	109	42	63	55	12	35	33	56	136	13	5	7	31	62	15	52	44	26	8	15	12	39	60	55	36	
	15.7%	10.3%	20.7%	14.3%	18.0%	14.5%	8.7%	21.1%	13.7%	17.5%	15.7%	15.8%	10.2%	22.6%	10.0%	16.7%	11.3%	25.6%	14.6%	10.6%	13.0%	14.6%	12.0%	25.1%	13.5%	13.2%	25.5%	
SIGMA	1026	500	526	294	351	381	134	164	244	319	862	84	51	29	316	374	133	203	302	248	65	103	99	154	445	413	140	
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Q3. Normal weightings

Q3. Passengers who rely on Southern Rail have been suffering a lot of disruption due to disagreements between workers and the train company about the level of staffing needed on trains and a proposal to make trains Driver-Only Operations. Some feel that Southern Rail are no longer suitable to run the service. They believe that a move to Driver-Only Operations is cost-cutting and the train company are prioritising profits over safety. However, others believe that Southern Rail is suitable to run the service. They believe that Driver-Only Operations are safe and the unions should stop striking. Which of the following is closest to your view?

Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age			Region7 + 1							SEG				2015 Past Vote						EU Referendum			
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	London	Midlands	North	South	England	Scotland	Wales	NI	AB	C1	C2	DE	CON	LAB	LD	UKIP	Other	Did Not Vote	Leave	Remain	Did Not Vote
Unweighted Total	1026	494	532	236	353	437	95	152	255	351	853	104	44	25	322	394	138	172	307	233	77	106	92	154	464	394	140
Weighted Total	1026	500	526	294	351	381	134	164	244	319	862	84	51	29	316	374	133	203	302	248	65	103	99	154	445	413	140
Southern Rail is suitable to run the service	209	112	97	88	53	67	44	32	31	60	167	18	16	7	106	52	22	29	70	42	19	11	18	34	77	88	38
	20.3%	22.4%	18.4%	30.1%	15.2%	17.5%	32.9%	19.4%	12.8%	18.8%	19.4%	21.8%	32.1%	23.6%	33.5%	13.9%	16.6%	14.2%	23.4%	17.0%	29.5%	11.1%	17.8%	21.8%	17.2%	21.3%	27.2%
Southern Rail is not suitable to run the service	514	279	234	115	189	210	67	71	136	165	439	37	25	13	149	202	70	93	155	151	28	61	52	57	252	211	48
	50.1%	55.9%	44.5%	39.0%	53.9%	55.0%	49.7%	43.2%	55.9%	51.6%	50.9%	43.8%	48.9%	45.4%	47.0%	54.1%	52.6%	45.7%	51.5%	61.0%	42.8%	59.2%	52.1%	37.1%	56.6%	51.0%	34.3%
Don't know	304	109	195	91	108	105	23	62	76	95	256	29	10	9	62	119	41	81	76	55	18	31	30	63	117	114	54
	29.6%	21.8%	37.0%	30.9%	30.9%	27.4%	17.3%	37.5%	31.4%	29.7%	29.7%	34.4%	18.9%	31.0%	19.5%	32.0%	30.7%	40.1%	25.1%	22.0%	27.7%	29.7%	30.0%	41.1%	26.2%	27.7%	38.4%
SIGMA	1026	500	526	294	351	381	134	164	244	319	862	84	51	29	316	374	133	203	302	248	65	103	99	154	445	413	140
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Table 4

Q4. Normal weightings

Q4. You said that you think Southern Rail are unsuitable to run the service. How would you like to see the service and others like it run instead?

Base: Respondents who think that Southern Rail is not suitable to run the service

	Total	Gender		Age			Region7 + 1							SEG				2015 Past Vote						EU Referendum				
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	London	Midlands	North	South	England	Scotland	Wales	NI	AB	C1	C2	DE	CON	LAB	LD	UKIP	Other	Did Not Vote	Leave	Remain	Did Not Vote	
Unweighted Total	527	281	246	94	180	253	47	73	144	182	446	48	20	13	161	216	69	81	155	147	39	62	49	63	261	206	56	
Weighted Total	514	279	234	115	189	210	67	71	136	165	439	37	25	13	149	202	70	93	155	151	28	61	52	57	252	211	48	
It should be run by another private train company like others	103	59	44	23	37	43	12	17	24	34	87	5	8	3	44	37	9	14	48	12	6	12	8	14	50	41	11	
	20.1%	21.2%	18.7%	19.8%	19.6%	20.7%	17.2%	23.6%	17.9%	20.6%	19.7%	14.3%	33.4%	23.0%	29.5%	18.1%	12.9%	14.8%	30.8%	7.8%	20.6%	19.1%	15.9%	24.7%	20.0%	19.3%	23.9%	
It should be brought back into public ownership, but others can remain ran by private train companies	115	73	42	29	43	43	27	19	22	31	99	10	5	1	42	41	20	12	36	37	7	18	12	6	65	46	5	
	22.4%	26.0%	18.1%	25.0%	22.7%	20.6%	40.1%	26.9%	16.0%	19.1%	22.6%	27.4%	18.5%	10.2%	28.3%	20.2%	27.9%	13.5%	23.2%	24.1%	25.0%	28.8%	22.5%	9.9%	25.7%	21.7%	9.9%	
The whole rail network should be brought back into public ownership	273	142	131	57	104	113	23	32	86	90	231	21	12	9	57	117	37	63	61	101	14	30	29	35	128	114	29	
	53.2%	50.8%	56.0%	49.6%	54.7%	53.8%	34.1%	45.2%	63.1%	54.7%	52.6%	58.3%	48.1%	66.9%	38.0%	57.8%	52.8%	67.6%	39.0%	66.5%	50.6%	49.4%	55.4%	61.0%	50.9%	54.0%	60.0%	
Don't know	22	6	17	6	6	10	6	3	4	9	22	-	-	-	6	8	5	4	11	2	1	2	3	3	9	11	3	
	4.3%	2.0%	7.1%	5.6%	2.9%	4.9%	8.6%	4.3%	3.1%	5.6%	5.1%	-	-	-	4.1%	3.8%	6.4%	4.2%	7.0%	1.5%	3.8%	2.7%	6.2%	4.5%	3.4%	5.1%	6.2%	
SIGMA	514	279	234	115	189	210	67	71	136	165	439	37	25	13	149	202	70	93	155	151	28	61	52	57	252	211	48	
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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