

Scottish Policing Poll

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Methodology

Fieldwork Dates

12th February – 17th February 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 16+ in Scotland

Sample Size

1,011

Data Weighting

Data were weighted to the profile of all Scottish adults aged 16+. Data were weighted by age, sex, region, 2011 Holyrood vote and 2014 referendum vote. Targets for the weighted data were derived from Office of National Statistics 2011 Census data, the results of the 2011 Holyrood election and the 2014 referendum result.

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 1,011 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.

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Table 1
Q1. In 2013 the eight regional police forces in Scotland were merged to create one national police force in Scotland. Do you think this has resulted in:
Base : All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age					2011 Holyrood Vote				2010 Westminster Vote				Westminster Voting Intention				ScotRegion								2014 Referendum Vote		SEG				Sector		
		Male	Female	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	CON	LAB	LD	SNP	CON	LAB	LD	SNP	CON	LAB	LD	SNP	Highlands and Islands	South Scotland	Central Scotland	Mid Scotland and Fife	Glasgow	West Scotland	Lothian	North East Scotland	Yes	No	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public sector	Private sector
Unweighted Total	1011	470	541	90	139	162	233	225	162	111	176	74	300	120	193	88	193	124	191	44	344	88	66	129	106	161	167	142	152	395	503	207	344	221	239	200	306
Weighted Total	1011	490	521	146	155	169	182	155	205	94	214	54	307	107	214	78	197	115	209	40	350	86	79	123	115	131	132	182	163	402	497	204	351	222	234	192	297
A much poorer service	157	87	70	4	15	24	31	30	52	24	34	15	46	24	32	21	31	27	35	9	40	19	21	11	17	19	19	25	26	43	108	43	49	32	32	27	44
	15.5%	17.7%	13.4%	2.6%	9.9%	14.1%	17.0%	19.6%	25.5%	25.3%	15.6%	28.0%	14.9%	22.3%	14.8%	26.8%	15.8%	23.2%	16.9%	22.7%	11.6%	22.0%	26.8%	9.2%	15.0%	14.3%	14.2%	13.7%	15.8%	10.7%	21.7%	21.1%	14.0%	14.4%	13.8%	14.2%	14.6%
A slightly poorer service	227	114	112	12	28	30	40	52	65	30	61	12	77	34	63	19	46	29	51	5	83	22	15	29	33	20	28	35	44	82	130	53	84	39	51	40	52
	22.4%	23.3%	21.6%	8.1%	18.0%	17.7%	22.0%	33.6%	31.8%	31.6%	28.6%	22.2%	25.1%	31.4%	29.2%	24.0%	23.5%	24.8%	24.4%	13.1%	23.6%	25.6%	19.2%	23.2%	29.0%	15.4%	21.4%	19.4%	27.1%	20.5%	26.3%	26.0%	24.0%	17.4%	21.7%	21.0%	17.4%
No change	298	149	149	41	60	61	51	38	46	22	66	11	92	29	67	22	62	34	56	12	106	19	17	40	26	46	51	57	42	124	147	55	97	74	72	63	102
	29.5%	30.5%	28.5%	28.5%	38.6%	36.4%	27.9%	24.7%	22.6%	23.9%	30.9%	20.4%	30.0%	26.7%	31.1%	28.1%	31.6%	29.9%	27.0%	28.9%	30.3%	22.4%	22.0%	32.3%	22.9%	35.1%	38.4%	31.2%	25.6%	30.9%	29.5%	27.1%	27.6%	33.2%	30.8%	32.7%	34.4%
A slightly better service	114	60	53	36	18	13	18	8	20	5	16	7	45	6	15	7	24	7	27	7	50	7	10	17	10	17	11	22	19	59	32	16	35	30	32	25	33
	11.2%	12.3%	10.3%	24.7%	11.3%	7.9%	9.9%	5.5%	9.8%	5.3%	7.2%	12.2%	14.7%	5.5%	6.9%	8.7%	12.1%	6.3%	13.1%	17.0%	14.3%	8.1%	12.9%	14.2%	8.4%	12.8%	8.6%	11.9%	12.0%	14.7%	6.4%	7.9%	10.1%	13.6%	13.6%	12.8%	11.1%
A much better service	39	19	20	12	6	9	3	4	5	4	6	1	10	4	7	2	7	5	8	1	18	3	3	5	7	5	6	7	4	23	10	7	15	9	8	6	11
	3.9%	3.9%	3.8%	8.5%	3.8%	5.4%	1.7%	2.5%	2.4%	4.0%	3.0%	2.0%	3.3%	3.4%	3.2%	2.6%	3.7%	4.2%	4.0%	1.6%	5.2%	2.9%	4.2%	3.9%	5.7%	4.1%	4.3%	3.8%	2.6%	5.8%	1.9%	3.4%	4.3%	4.1%	3.5%	3.3%	3.6%
Not sure	177	60	116	40	28	31	39	22	16	9	31	8	37	11	32	8	26	13	31	7	53	16	12	21	22	24	17	37	28	70	70	29	70	38	39	31	56
	17.5%	12.3%	22.3%	27.6%	18.3%	18.5%	21.4%	14.2%	7.8%	9.9%	14.6%	15.3%	12.0%	10.6%	14.9%	9.8%	13.3%	11.6%	14.7%	16.7%	15.1%	18.9%	15.0%	17.2%	19.0%	18.4%	13.1%	20.0%	17.0%	17.4%	14.1%	14.4%	20.0%	17.2%	16.7%	15.9%	18.8%
SIGMA	1011	490	521	146	155	169	182	155	205	94	214	54	307	107	214	78	197	115	209	40	350	86	79	123	115	131	132	182	163	402	497	204	351	222	234	192	297
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Table 2
Q2. In Scotland, police have the power to stop and search people, without needing grounds for suspicion, as long as they have given their verbal consent. Do you think police should:
Base : All Respondents

	Gender		Age						2011 Holyrood Vote				2010 Westminster Vote				Westminster Voting Intention				ScotRegion										2014 Referendum Vote		SEG				Sector	
	Total	Male	Female	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	CON	LAB	LD	SNP	CON	LAB	LD	SNP	CON	LAB	LD	SNP	Highlands and Islands	South Scotland	Central Scotland	Mid Scotland and Fife	Glasgow	West Scotland	Lothian	North East Scotland	Yes	No	AB	C1	C2	DE	Public sector	Private sector	
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Be allowed to continue with this practice	561	286	275	65	76	90	110	101	119	67	111	30	193	73	111	44	125	83	122	22	187	48	46	66	61	66	80	108	85	218	297	123	190	124	124	111	158	
	55.5%	58.3%	52.8%	44.4%	48.9%	53.6%	60.6%	65.5%	57.8%	71.0%	51.6%	55.8%	62.6%	68.6%	51.7%	56.6%	63.3%	71.7%	58.3%	55.1%	53.3%	56.0%	58.0%	53.8%	53.3%	50.8%	60.5%	59.0%	52.4%	54.3%	59.8%	60.1%	54.0%	55.9%	53.2%	57.8%	53.2%	
No longer be allowed to continue with this practice	311	163	148	57	55	50	47	37	66	21	74	21	85	25	75	29	47	25	60	18	121	29	26	40	39	40	35	53	49	135	139	65	106	66	74	56	99	
	30.8%	33.3%	28.4%	39.2%	35.4%	29.6%	25.6%	24.0%	31.9%	22.3%	34.4%	38.3%	27.5%	23.2%	34.9%	37.1%	23.8%	21.4%	28.8%	44.9%	34.6%	33.0%	33.5%	32.3%	33.7%	30.7%	26.9%	29.0%	30.1%	33.6%	28.0%	31.9%	30.2%	29.6%	31.8%	29.2%	33.4%	
Not sure	139	41	98	24	24	28	25	16	21	6	30	3	30	9	29	5	25	8	27	-	42	9	7	17	15	24	16	22	29	49	61	16	56	32	35	25	40	
	13.8%	8.4%	18.8%	16.4%	15.7%	16.9%	13.8%	10.5%	10.3%	6.8%	14.0%	6.0%	9.9%	8.2%	13.4%	6.3%	12.8%	6.8%	12.9%	-	12.1%	10.9%	8.4%	13.9%	13.0%	18.5%	12.5%	12.0%	17.5%	12.1%	12.2%	8.0%	15.8%	14.4%	15.0%	13.0%	13.4%	
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Q3. In Scotland, there is a "watchdog" called the Scottish Police Authority which is tasked with holding the single national police force to account. Do you think it is performing well or badly?
Base : All Respondents

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Very well	28	13	15	7	9	2	6	2	2	1	3	1	12	1	2	1	9	-	9	1	15	-	1	3	3	7	5	8	2	14	7	6	4	9	9	6	9
	2.8%	2.7%	2.9%	4.6%	6.1%	1.5%	3.3%	1.2%	0.8%	1.6%	1.6%	1.1%	4.0%	1.1%	1.0%	1.2%	4.7%	-	4.4%	1.9%	4.4%	-	0.8%	2.2%	2.8%	5.2%	4.0%	4.2%	1.2%	3.4%	1.4%	2.8%	1.2%	4.1%	4.0%	3.3%	3.1%
Fairly well	178	87	90	53	36	27	24	14	24	10	34	8	52	13	35	15	30	18	45	13	68	17	13	23	14	24	19	36	31	77	66	45	57	38	38	38	60
	17.6%	17.8%	17.4%	36.1%	23.1%	15.7%	13.4%	9.1%	11.8%	10.3%	15.6%	15.6%	16.9%	12.2%	16.5%	18.8%	15.2%	15.8%	21.8%	33.6%	19.4%	19.5%	17.0%	18.7%	12.4%	18.3%	14.7%	19.8%	18.8%	19.2%	13.4%	21.9%	16.2%	16.9%	16.4%	19.9%	20.1%
Neither well nor badly	260	123	137	35	31	42	53	41	59	26	64	13	86	28	63	11	58	33	48	9	99	16	24	36	25	33	41	40	45	105	132	35	83	64	77	51	66
	25.7%	25.0%	26.3%	24.2%	19.9%	24.8%	28.9%	26.3%	28.5%	28.1%	30.0%	23.7%	28.0%	26.4%	29.6%	13.6%	29.5%	28.4%	23.1%	21.9%	28.2%	18.2%	30.3%	29.5%	21.3%	25.1%	31.4%	22.0%	27.8%	26.2%	26.5%	17.0%	23.7%	29.0%	33.1%	26.6%	22.2%
Fairly badly	127	85	42	1	15	14	17	31	49	14	33	7	51	17	33	15	32	17	27	4	46	13	9	8	12	16	18	31	20	48	74	40	41	26	20	21	26
	12.6%	17.4%	8.0%	0.8%	9.8%	8.1%	9.3%	19.8%	24.0%	14.4%	15.6%	13.0%	16.7%	16.0%	15.2%	19.2%	16.0%	14.6%	12.9%	8.8%	13.1%	15.2%	11.0%	6.8%	10.4%	12.4%	13.4%	17.0%	12.2%	11.9%	15.0%	19.5%	11.7%	11.7%	8.6%	11.2%	8.8%
Very badly	51	37	14	-	1	6	12	11	21	12	11	6	14	11	12	6	6	10	14	2	11	6	6	3	7	5	8	9	7	14	35	13	15	10	13	10	21
	5.0%	7.5%	2.7%	-	0.6%	3.6%	6.6%	7.1%	10.1%	13.0%	5.0%	11.0%	4.4%	10.7%	5.7%	8.3%	2.9%	9.0%	6.7%	6.1%	3.0%	6.6%	7.5%	2.7%	5.8%	3.8%	6.0%	5.1%	4.3%	3.5%	7.1%	6.4%	4.4%	4.3%	5.5%	5.2%	6.9%
Don't know	368	145	222	50	63	78	70	56	51	31	69	19	92	36	69	30	63	37	65	11	111	35	26	50	55	46	40	58	58	144	182	66	150	75	76	65	116
	36.4%	29.7%	42.7%	34.3%	40.5%	46.3%	38.5%	36.4%	24.7%	32.6%	32.3%	35.6%	29.9%	33.7%	32.0%	38.9%	31.8%	32.3%	31.2%	27.8%	31.8%	40.5%	33.3%	40.1%	47.3%	35.2%	30.6%	31.9%	35.7%	35.8%	36.7%	32.3%	42.9%	34.0%	32.5%	33.8%	39.0%
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