

M.E. /CFS

Poll

20/04/2015

Prepared on behalf of Action for M.E.



Methodology

Fieldwork Dates

16th – 17th April 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 Great Britain

Sample Size

1,314

Data Weighting

Data were weighted to the profile of all Great British adults aged 18+. Data were weighted by age, sex, region, household income, education and past vote. Targets for the weighted data were derived from Office for National Statistics data and the results of the 2010 General Election.

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 1,314 it is 95% certain that the 'true' value will fall within the range of 2.7% 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. Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (M.E.) is an illness which is sometimes also known as chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS). Which of the following statements matches your understanding of M.E./CFS (please select all that apply).

Base: All Respondents

	Gender		Age			Voting Intention						2010 Vote					SEG				Region6 + 1							
	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	CON	LAB	LD	UKIP	OTHER	Undecided	CON	LAB	LD	OTHER	Did Not Vote	AB	C1	C2	DE	London	Midlands	North	South	England	Scotland	Wales	
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Weighted Total	1314	638	676	378	464	472	347	346	65	182	93	202	342	275	218	91	298	278	193	408	436	168	219	306	443	1135	113	66
M E /CFS is an illness that causes people to feel tired all the time	722	313	409	175	261	285	184	190	38	96	54	125	197	144	130	48	161	150	107	237	227	83	115	176	251	625	67	30
	54.9%	49.0%	60.5%	46.2%	56.3%	60.5%	53.1%	54.8%	57.8%	52.5%	57.7%	61.6%	57.6%	52.5%	59.6%	52.6%	53.8%	54.1%	55.4%	58.2%	52.2%	49.2%	52.6%	57.4%	56.8%	55.0%	59.4%	45.3%
M E /CFS is an illness that can be caused by excessive consumption of alcohol	24	10	15	12	7	4	6	5	3	5	2	3	5	4	4	3	6	7	6	9	3	6	7	2	8	23	1	1
	1.9%	1.5%	2.2%	3.3%	1.6%	1.0%	1.8%	1.6%	3.9%	2.9%	1.6%	1.6%	1.3%	1.3%	1.9%	3.2%	1.9%	2.5%	2.9%	2.2%	0.7%	3.9%	3.1%	0.8%	1.7%	2.0%	0.7%	0.9%
M E /CFS is a neurological illness that affects the immune system	368	166	202	105	123	140	106	96	23	52	27	39	103	87	75	23	68	86	49	116	116	51	58	86	116	312	41	15
	28.0%	26.0%	29.9%	27.8%	26.4%	29.6%	30.4%	27.8%	34.8%	28.5%	29.2%	19.2%	30.0%	31.6%	34.4%	25.5%	22.7%	31.1%	25.2%	28.5%	26.7%	30.7%	26.8%	28.0%	26.2%	27.5%	35.8%	23.4%
M E /CFS is caused by overexertion	91	50	40	47	25	19	25	30	3	7	10	11	12	17	17	8	30	29	16	27	19	13	16	19	32	81	3	7
	6.9%	7.9%	6.0%	12.4%	5.4%	3.9%	7.1%	8.6%	4.4%	3.6%	10.3%	5.7%	3.6%	6.1%	7.9%	9.3%	10.0%	10.4%	8.5%	6.5%	4.3%	8.0%	7.5%	6.3%	7.1%	7.1%	2.7%	10.5%
M E /CFS is commonly triggered by viruses	186	63	123	41	66	79	59	38	8	20	26	29	56	33	38	19	33	46	30	60	51	20	35	44	58	157	24	5
	14.2%	9.9%	18.3%	11.0%	14.1%	16.8%	17.1%	10.9%	12.1%	11.1%	27.8%	14.3%	16.3%	11.9%	17.4%	20.6%	11.2%	16.6%	15.4%	14.6%	11.7%	12.2%	15.8%	14.3%	13.2%	13.9%	21.2%	7.7%
M E /CFS is another name for depression	95	56	39	28	34	33	28	26	8	17	6	8	23	19	25	4	22	18	13	35	28	13	14	21	37	85	7	3
	7.2%	8.8%	5.7%	7.4%	7.4%	6.9%	7.9%	7.6%	12.4%	9.4%	6.5%	3.8%	6.7%	6.7%	11.4%	4.6%	7.2%	6.5%	6.7%	8.7%	6.5%	8.0%	6.5%	6.7%	8.3%	7.5%	6.2%	3.8%
None of the above	258	142	116	79	103	77	63	72	8	28	13	47	57	51	34	15	66	48	43	69	99	33	46	51	94	224	15	19
	19.6%	22.3%	17.1%	20.8%	22.1%	16.3%	18.3%	20.7%	12.2%	15.5%	14.2%	23.4%	16.8%	18.7%	15.4%	16.7%	22.0%	17.2%	22.2%	16.9%	22.6%	19.6%	20.9%	16.8%	21.3%	19.7%	13.4%	28.8%
SIGMA	1743	800	944	487	619	637	471	458	89	225	138	262	452	354	323	120	385	385	262	553	543	221	291	399	596	1506	158	79
	132.7%	125.3%	139.6%	128.8%	133.4%	135.1%	135.8%	132.1%	137.6%	123.7%	147.4%	129.6%	132.4%	129.0%	148.2%	132.5%	128.9%	138.4%	136.2%	135.6%	124.7%	131.6%	133.1%	130.3%	134.6%	132.7%	139.4%	120.4%

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Table 2
Q2. Normal weightings
Q2. Which of the following options best matches your understanding of how many people in Britain live with M.E./CFS?
Base: All Respondents

	Gender		Age			Voting Intention						2010 Vote					SEG				Region6 + 1							
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Around 10,000 people in Britain live with M E /CFS	82	30	52	47	18	16	15	22	11	17	2	9	15	18	8	3	32	14	8	25	34	9	18	19	25	71	6	5
	6.2%	4.6%	7.7%	12.5%	3.9%	3.4%	4.3%	6.2%	17.2%	9.3%	1.9%	4.5%	4.2%	6.6%	3.7%	3.4%	10.8%	5.1%	4.2%	6.1%	7.9%	5.2%	8.1%	6.2%	5.7%	6.2%	5.2%	7.7%
Around 50,000 people in Britain live with M E /CFS	141	66	75	57	49	35	43	50	2	19	10	14	35	43	30	5	24	34	20	41	46	24	16	42	46	128	9	4
	10.7%	10.4%	11.1%	15.2%	10.5%	7.4%	12.3%	14.4%	2.8%	10.6%	10.3%	7.0%	10.3%	15.8%	13.7%	5.4%	8.1%	12.3%	10.1%	10.2%	10.5%	14.5%	7.4%	13.6%	10.3%	11.2%	8.4%	5.9%
Around 100,000 people in Britain live with M E /CFS	134	65	69	63	35	36	36	31	15	16	16	12	35	28	19	12	38	41	20	37	36	18	26	34	40	118	9	7
	10.2%	10.1%	10.3%	16.6%	7.6%	7.6%	10.4%	8.9%	22.5%	8.9%	17.1%	6.0%	10.2%	10.3%	8.7%	12.7%	12.9%	14.7%	10.2%	9.2%	8.3%	10.7%	11.7%	11.2%	9.0%	10.4%	8.4%	10.4%
Around 250,000 people in Britain live with M E /CFS	80	39	41	35	28	16	21	24	3	15	8	5	17	17	9	12	19	23	18	21	18	22	8	15	22	68	11	1
	6.1%	6.1%	6.0%	9.2%	6.1%	3.4%	5.9%	6.9%	5.1%	8.2%	8.9%	2.6%	5.0%	6.1%	4.1%	13.5%	6.5%	8.4%	9.3%	5.1%	4.0%	13.2%	3.9%	5.0%	4.9%	6.0%	9.4%	2.0%
Around 500,000 people in Britain live with M E /CFS	60	27	33	15	22	23	10	17	3	9	4	11	13	10	10	3	24	12	9	21	18	5	16	12	16	49	9	2
	4.6%	4.3%	4.9%	4.1%	4.8%	4.8%	2.8%	4.8%	4.9%	4.8%	3.9%	5.6%	3.8%	3.7%	4.5%	3.3%	8.0%	4.4%	4.5%	5.2%	4.2%	3.1%	7.2%	4.0%	3.7%	4.4%	7.7%	3.2%
Around 1,000,000 people in Britain live with M E /CFS	45	20	25	12	22	11	13	10	2	9	3	4	6	11	1	7	20	10	8	17	10	11	5	8	12	36	8	1
	3.4%	3.2%	3.6%	3.2%	4.8%	2.2%	3.7%	2.8%	3.4%	4.7%	3.3%	1.9%	1.8%	4.0%	0.6%	7.2%	6.7%	3.5%	4.3%	4.3%	2.2%	6.3%	2.3%	2.5%	2.8%	3.1%	6.7%	2.3%
Don't know	773	392	381	148	289	336	210	194	29	98	51	146	221	147	141	50	140	143	110	245	274	79	130	176	282	666	61	45
	58.8%	61.4%	56.4%	39.2%	62.3%	71.1%	60.6%	55.9%	44.2%	53.6%	54.6%	72.3%	64.6%	53.7%	64.7%	54.6%	47.1%	51.6%	57.4%	60.1%	62.9%	46.9%	59.4%	57.5%	63.6%	58.7%	54.3%	68.6%
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	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Table 3
Q3. Normal weightings
Q3. Which one of the following options best describes your understanding of how living with M.E./CFS affects the ability of people to work?
Base: All Respondents

	Gender		Age			Voting Intention						2010 Vote					SEG				Region6 + 1							
	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	CON	LAB	LD	UKIP	OTHER	Undecided	CON	LAB	LD	OTHER	Did Not Vote	AB	C1	C2	DE	London	Midlands	North	South	England	Scotland	Wales	
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Living with M E /CFS never causes people to be unable to work	48	21	27	22	13	14	14	9	8	9	2	3	12	11	9	3	11	12	10	12	15	9	7	13	13	42	4	3
	3.7%	3.2%	4.1%	5.7%	2.7%	2.9%	3.9%	2.7%	12.8%	5.0%	2.4%	1.6%	3.6%	4.0%	4.2%	3.1%	3.8%	4.2%	4.9%	3.0%	3.3%	5.6%	3.0%	4.1%	3.0%	3.7%	3.1%	4.2%
Living with M E /CFS rarely causes people to be unable to work	85	43	42	54	20	12	18	27	4	16	6	12	15	24	12	4	25	22	18	19	26	10	17	31	16	73	9	3
	6.5%	6.8%	6.2%	14.2%	4.3%	2.5%	5.1%	7.8%	6.4%	9.0%	6.3%	5.8%	4.3%	8.7%	5.5%	4.4%	8.5%	8.0%	9.2%	4.7%	6.0%	5.8%	7.7%	10.0%	3.7%	6.5%	8.0%	4.3%
Living with M E /CFS sometimes causes people to be unable to work	395	177	218	122	145	128	109	99	18	58	29	58	112	88	53	23	99	89	52	134	120	44	65	98	139	346	30	19
	30.1%	27.8%	32.2%	32.3%	31.3%	27.0%	31.4%	28.5%	27.3%	32.0%	31.2%	28.7%	32.9%	32.1%	24.4%	25.2%	33.3%	32.0%	26.9%	32.8%	27.6%	26.1%	29.8%	32.0%	31.4%	30.5%	26.3%	29.2%
Living with M E /CFS often causes people to be unable to work	365	162	202	81	125	159	96	96	24	53	35	40	94	71	73	36	73	77	51	128	110	48	48	79	129	304	46	15
	27.8%	25.4%	30.0%	21.5%	26.9%	33.6%	27.6%	27.7%	36.6%	29.0%	37.0%	19.8%	27.5%	25.9%	33.4%	40.1%	24.6%	27.6%	26.4%	31.3%	25.2%	28.4%	22.1%	25.8%	29.1%	26.8%	40.6%	22.6%
Living with M E /CFS always causes people to be unable to work	59	21	38	10	20	28	13	22	-	6	6	9	8	9	17	6	15	10	8	13	28	5	11	7	25	49	6	4
	4.5%	3.3%	5.6%	2.7%	4.3%	6.0%	3.8%	6.3%	-	3.2%	6.7%	4.4%	2.2%	3.4%	7.6%	6.4%	5.1%	3.7%	3.9%	3.3%	6.3%	2.9%	5.2%	2.4%	5.7%	4.3%	5.1%	6.6%
Dont know	362	214	148	89	141	132	97	93	11	40	15	80	101	71	54	19	74	68	55	102	137	52	70	79	120	321	19	22
	27.5%	33.5%	21.9%	23.6%	30.4%	27.9%	28.1%	26.9%	16.8%	21.8%	16.3%	39.7%	29.5%	26.0%	24.9%	20.8%	24.7%	24.4%	28.5%	24.9%	31.6%	31.2%	32.2%	25.7%	27.0%	28.3%	16.8%	33.1%
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	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%