

Loneliness

Poll

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Methodology

Fieldwork Dates

8th – 13th May 2015

Data Collection Method

The survey was conducted via telephone interview. Differential response rates from different demographic groups were taken into account.

Population Sampled

All UK residents aged 60+

Sample Size

1,254

Data Weighting

Data were weighted to the profile of all UK adults aged 60+. Data were weighted by age, sex and region. Targets for the weighted data were derived from Office for National Statistics 2011 Census 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 1,254 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 Survation.

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Table 1
Q1. Normal weightings
Q1. How often would you say you feel lonely?
Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age					Region6 + 1						How often you feel lonely?				
		Male	Female	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80+	London	Midlands	North	South	England	Scotland	Wales	Never	Hardly ever	Some of the time	Often
Unweighted Total	1254	530	724	235	235	207	207	370	120	215	303	403	1041	114	66	858	198	121	77
Weighted Total	1254	572	682	336	267	218	177	256	110	207	305	424	1047	108	68	873	195	115	71
Never	873	424	449	245	190	151	132	154	77	151	202	295	725	84	44	873	-	-	-
	69.6%	74.1%	65.8%	73.0%	71.3%	69.0%	74.7%	60.3%	69.8%	72.9%	66.2%	69.6%	69.3%	77.8%	64.3%	100.0%	-	-	-
Hardly ever	195	79	116	52	44	31	25	44	15	32	45	69	161	12	15	-	195	-	-
	15.6%	13.8%	17.1%	15.4%	16.6%	14.2%	13.9%	17.1%	13.8%	15.6%	14.8%	16.2%	15.4%	10.7%	22.0%	-	100.0%	-	-
Some of the time	115	38	77	25	21	22	15	32	12	12	38	40	102	4	7	-	-	115	-
	9.2%	6.6%	11.3%	7.5%	7.7%	10.2%	8.7%	12.5%	11.0%	5.9%	12.3%	9.4%	9.7%	4.1%	10.0%	-	-	100.0%	-
Often	71	31	39	14	12	14	5	26	6	12	20	20	58	8	3	-	-	-	71
	5.7%	5.5%	5.8%	4.2%	4.4%	6.6%	2.8%	10.1%	5.4%	5.6%	6.7%	4.8%	5.6%	7.4%	3.7%	-	-	-	100.0%
SIGMA	1254	572	682	336	267	218	177	256	110	207	305	424	1047	108	68	873	195	115	71
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Table 2
Q2. Normal weightings
Q2. I feel that I have someone to turn to when I feel lonely
 Base: Those who said they feel lonely often, some of the time

	Total	Gender		Age					Region6 + 1						How often you feel lonely?				
		Male	Female	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80+	London	Midlands	North	South	England	Scotland	Wales	Never	Hardly ever	Some of the time	Often
Unweighted Total	198	69	129	28	28	35	24	83	19	28	60	62	169	15	9	0	0	121	77
Weighted Total	186	69	117	39	32	37	20	58	18	24	58	60	160	12	9	0	0	115	71
Strongly agree	36	14	23	4	9	9	2	13	-	5	11	13	30	3	3	-	-	22	14
	19.6%	20.0%	19.3%	10.2%	26.4%	25.7%	9.3%	21.9%	-	20.3%	19.6%	22.2%	18.5%	23.3%	35.4%	-	-	19.2%	20.1%
Agree	104	34	70	23	17	18	14	32	15	13	34	33	95	5	3	-	-	69	35
	55.9%	48.7%	60.2%	59.7%	52.1%	48.6%	69.3%	55.3%	81.2%	54.5%	58.9%	54.9%	59.3%	38.4%	30.4%	-	-	59.8%	49.5%
Neutral	9	4	5	-	3	2	-	3	1	2	1	4	8	-	1	-	-	6	3
	4.9%	6.1%	4.1%	-	10.5%	6.0%	-	6.0%	5.4%	7.5%	2.4%	7.0%	5.3%	-	7.0%	-	-	4.9%	4.8%
Disagree	24	11	12	7	1	5	3	7	2	1	6	8	18	3	1	-	-	15	8
	12.7%	16.0%	10.6%	19.0%	3.7%	14.3%	13.2%	12.1%	13.3%	4.0%	10.9%	13.5%	11.1%	21.2%	10.7%	-	-	13.3%	11.6%
Strongly disagree	13	6	7	4	2	2	2	3	-	3	5	1	9	2	2	-	-	3	10
	7.0%	9.2%	5.7%	11.1%	7.3%	5.4%	8.1%	4.7%	-	13.8%	8.2%	2.3%	5.9%	17.1%	16.5%	-	-	2.7%	13.9%
SIGMA	186	69	117	39	32	37	20	58	18	24	58	60	160	12	9	-	-	115	71
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	-	-	100%	100%

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Table 6
Q6. Normal weightings
Q6. I find that transport is a barrier to me seeing people
Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age					Region6 + 1						How often you feel lonely?				
		Male	Female	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80+	London	Midlands	North	South	England	Scotland	Wales	Never	Hardly ever	Some of the time	Often
Unweighted Total	1254	530	724	235	235	207	207	370	120	215	303	403	1041	114	66	858	198	121	77
Weighted Total	1254	572	682	336	267	218	177	256	110	207	305	424	1047	108	68	873	195	115	71
Strongly agree	83	29	54	19	9	16	12	27	8	15	19	33	75	6	1	39	9	21	14
	6.6%	5.1%	7.9%	5.8%	3.5%	7.2%	6.6%	10.6%	7.5%	7.4%	6.1%	7.7%	7.2%	5.7%	1.5%	4.4%	4.7%	18.1%	20.2%
Agree	173	68	104	55	27	27	25	38	12	26	42	63	143	13	12	101	30	28	13
	13.8%	12.0%	15.3%	16.2%	10.1%	12.5%	14.4%	14.9%	10.5%	12.8%	13.7%	14.9%	13.7%	12.5%	17.7%	11.6%	15.6%	23.9%	18.7%
Neutral	47	21	26	10	9	12	5	11	8	5	16	14	42	2	3	35	7	2	3
	3.7%	3.7%	3.8%	2.9%	3.3%	5.6%	3.0%	4.1%	7.5%	2.2%	5.2%	3.2%	4.0%	1.5%	4.3%	4.0%	3.4%	2.0%	4.4%
Disagree	639	294	345	187	141	104	90	117	50	117	148	203	518	60	39	447	106	53	34
	51.0%	51.5%	50.5%	55.6%	52.9%	47.6%	51.0%	45.7%	45.4%	56.7%	48.6%	47.7%	49.5%	55.7%	58.1%	51.2%	54.0%	45.9%	47.7%
Strongly disagree	312	159	154	65	81	59	44	63	32	44	80	112	268	27	13	251	43	12	6
	24.9%	27.7%	22.6%	19.5%	30.2%	27.1%	25.0%	24.7%	29.0%	21.0%	26.3%	26.4%	25.6%	24.6%	18.5%	28.8%	22.2%	10.2%	8.9%
SIGMA	1254	572	682	336	267	218	177	256	110	207	305	424	1047	108	68	873	195	115	71
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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Table 7
Q7. Normal weightings
Q7. I think using the internet can prevent older people from being lonely
Base: All Respondents

	Total	Gender		Age					Region6 + 1						How often you feel lonely?				
		Male	Female	60-64	65-69	70-74	75-79	80+	London	Midlands	North	South	England	Scotland	Wales	Never	Hardly ever	Some of the time	Often
Unweighted Total	1254	530	724	235	235	207	207	370	120	215	303	403	1041	114	66	858	198	121	77
Weighted Total	1254	572	682	336	267	218	177	256	110	207	305	424	1047	108	68	873	195	115	71
Strongly agree	157	85	72	39	44	30	24	20	18	16	43	58	134	10	10	114	21	14	9
	12.5%	14.8%	10.5%	11.6%	16.4%	13.7%	13.4%	7.8%	16.2%	7.6%	14.1%	13.6%	12.8%	9.0%	14.7%	13.0%	10.7%	11.8%	12.1%
Agree	479	208	271	173	112	76	57	61	39	88	105	171	404	35	26	357	77	33	12
	38.2%	36.4%	39.7%	51.6%	41.9%	34.7%	32.1%	23.9%	35.7%	42.5%	34.3%	40.4%	38.6%	32.8%	38.0%	40.9%	39.2%	28.9%	17.2%
Neutral	311	136	174	72	51	57	40	91	27	44	87	98	255	30	17	199	56	32	23
	24.8%	23.8%	25.6%	21.3%	19.3%	26.3%	22.4%	35.4%	24.2%	21.1%	28.5%	23.0%	24.3%	28.2%	25.5%	22.8%	28.7%	28.1%	32.2%
Disagree	226	106	120	45	45	38	41	58	16	43	57	67	183	26	12	149	33	27	17
	18.0%	18.6%	17.6%	13.3%	16.8%	17.2%	23.1%	22.8%	14.7%	20.8%	18.6%	15.7%	17.5%	24.1%	17.5%	17.1%	16.9%	23.2%	24.5%
Strongly disagree	82	36	45	7	15	18	16	26	10	16	14	31	71	6	3	54	9	9	10
	6.5%	6.3%	6.6%	2.2%	5.6%	8.1%	8.9%	10.1%	9.2%	7.9%	4.5%	7.3%	6.8%	5.9%	4.3%	6.2%	4.4%	8.0%	14.0%
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	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

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How often would you say you feel lonely?*

- Never
- Hardly ever
- Some of the time
- Often

I feel that I have someone to turn to when I feel lonely*

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

I feel that there are enough activities to help me socialise with people in my area*

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

I worry that I may experience loneliness when I get older*

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

I know where I would go for help if I were feeling lonely*

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

I find that transport is a barrier to me seeing people*

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree

I think using the internet can prevent older people from being lonely*

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree