

Parenting

Poll

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Methodology

Fieldwork Dates

20th–30th July 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 parents aged 18+ in the United Kingdom

Sample Size

2,037

Data Weighting

Data were weighted to the profile of all parents in the United Kingdom aged 18+. Data were weighted by age, sex, and region. Targets for the weighted data were derived from Office of 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 2,037 it is 95% certain that the 'true' value will fall within the range of 2.2% 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. Since becoming a parent for the first time, how regularly do you feel cut-off from your friends and other means of support?
Base: All Respondents

	Total		Gender			Age				SEG				Region 12										Number of Children			Relationship				Housing Tenure			Employment		
	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	London	East of England	South East	South West	Wales	East Midlands	West Midlands	Scotland	Yorks & Humber	North East	North West	Northern Ireland	One	Two	Three or more	Single	Co-habiting	Married	Divorced/Widowed	Own/ Mortgage	Rent Private	Rent Social	Employed	Self-employed	Not employed		
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Always	140	65	75	66	69	5	45	34	26	35	20	19	25	7	7	10	15	8	4	5	16	3	68	54	19	20	28	74	17	70	16	53	73	3	64	
	6.9%	6.3%	7.4%	13.7%	5.0%	2.8%	6.7%	4.7%	9.2%	9.8%	7.7%	8.7%	7.7%	5.6%	6.1%	6.2%	8.7%	5.7%	3.1%	5.3%	7.5%	4.6%	6.5%	7.0%	7.9%	11.4%	8.6%	5.4%	11.5%	5.2%	4.9%	16.1%	5.1%	2.2%	13.5%	
Often	356	167	189	110	236	10	134	119	38	64	70	26	54	20	30	23	27	20	28	17	31	10	155	143	58	40	56	237	23	226	62	65	250	9	98	
	17.5%	16.4%	18.6%	22.9%	17.1%	5.6%	19.8%	16.6%	13.6%	18.0%	26.2%	12.0%	16.8%	15.2%	24.8%	14.2%	16.4%	13.5%	20.3%	18.2%	14.1%	17.7%	15.0%	18.7%	24.5%	22.6%	16.8%	17.2%	15.9%	16.9%	18.8%	19.6%	17.3%	7.3%	20.6%	
Sometimes	786	377	410	190	541	56	260	287	101	135	101	80	121	52	29	64	55	70	60	46	89	20	379	306	101	63	139	535	49	539	130	99	584	41	161	
	38.6%	37.0%	40.2%	39.5%	39.2%	31.5%	38.4%	39.9%	36.3%	37.9%	37.7%	36.4%	37.5%	40.2%	23.9%	40.2%	33.3%	47.5%	42.8%	49.1%	41.2%	34.2%	36.6%	40.0%	42.6%	36.1%	41.8%	38.8%	33.4%	40.2%	39.5%	29.9%	40.4%	35.4%	34.0%	
Rarely	504	274	229	89	354	60	159	196	66	81	49	64	82	32	34	39	46	32	35	19	54	18	287	179	38	30	79	353	38	345	82	68	383	31	90	
	24.7%	27.0%	22.5%	18.5%	25.7%	34.2%	23.4%	27.3%	23.5%	22.7%	18.4%	29.2%	25.5%	24.8%	28.5%	24.2%	27.6%	21.7%	25.2%	20.0%	25.0%	31.4%	27.7%	23.4%	16.0%	17.2%	23.9%	25.6%	25.7%	25.8%	25.0%	20.5%	26.5%	26.1%	19.1%	
Never	252	135	116	26	180	46	79	83	49	41	27	30	40	18	20	24	23	17	12	7	26	7	147	83	21	22	30	178	20	161	39	46	157	34	61	
	12.3%	13.3%	11.4%	5.4%	13.0%	26.0%	11.6%	11.5%	17.5%	11.6%	10.0%	13.6%	12.5%	14.1%	16.7%	15.2%	13.9%	11.6%	8.5%	7.4%	12.2%	12.0%	14.2%	10.9%	9.1%	12.8%	9.0%	13.0%	13.5%	12.0%	11.9%	13.9%	10.8%	29.0%	12.8%	
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Table 2
Q2. Normal weightings
Q2. Which of the following statements is closest to your opinion?
Base: All Respondents

Unweighted Total
Weighted Total
Since becoming a parent, I feel more lonely than I did before I became a parent
Since becoming a parent, I feel no more or less lonely than I did before I became a parent
Since becoming a parent, I feel less lonely than I did before I became a parent
Don't know
SIGMA

	Gender		Age			SEG				Region 12											Number of Children			Relationship				Housing Tenure			Employment					
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Since becoming a parent, I feel more lonely than I did before I became a parent	447	179	268	112	311	24	157	149	46	94	67	42	71	28	28	41	29	31	26	28	44	11	211	172	64	39	100	273	35	280	64	97	301	13	132	
	21.9%	17.6%	26.3%	23.3%	22.6%	13.4%	23.3%	20.7%	16.5%	26.4%	25.0%	19.1%	22.2%	21.8%	23.6%	25.7%	17.5%	21.1%	18.5%	29.5%	20.4%	20.1%	20.3%	22.5%	27.1%	22.4%	30.0%	19.9%	23.6%	20.9%	19.4%	29.3%	20.8%	11.4%	27.9%	
Since becoming a parent, I feel no more or less lonely than I did before I became a parent	987	497	491	216	666	105	303	377	146	157	105	105	151	67	59	76	83	74	78	43	124	21	523	366	98	73	163	669	78	673	161	138	694	68	226	
	48.5%	48.8%	48.1%	45.0%	48.3%	59.5%	44.8%	52.5%	52.2%	44.1%	39.5%	48.1%	47.0%	52.2%	49.6%	47.5%	49.8%	50.0%	56.0%	46.0%	57.3%	36.5%	50.5%	47.9%	41.3%	41.6%	49.0%	48.6%	52.9%	50.2%	49.1%	41.6%	48.0%	57.6%	47.7%	
Since becoming a parent, I feel less lonely than I did before I became a parent	457	269	188	130	294	32	185	139	65	67	75	59	69	26	27	33	39	35	23	19	34	20	219	177	62	45	46	339	27	308	78	65	354	26	77	
	22.5%	26.4%	18.5%	27.2%	21.3%	18.4%	27.3%	19.4%	23.2%	19.0%	28.1%	26.8%	21.5%	20.4%	22.2%	20.4%	23.7%	23.5%	16.4%	19.9%	15.5%	34.5%	21.1%	23.1%	26.1%	25.7%	13.8%	24.7%	18.4%	23.0%	23.8%	19.5%	24.5%	22.2%	16.3%	
Don't know	145	73	73	22	108	15	31	53	23	37	20	13	30	7	5	10	15	8	13	4	15	5	83	49	13	18	24	94	7	80	26	32	96	10	39	
	7.1%	7.2%	7.1%	4.6%	7.8%	8.7%	4.6%	7.4%	8.1%	10.5%	7.5%	5.9%	9.3%	5.5%	4.6%	6.4%	9.0%	5.4%	9.1%	4.5%	6.8%	8.9%	8.0%	6.4%	5.5%	10.3%	7.2%	6.9%	5.1%	6.0%	7.8%	9.6%	6.7%	8.7%	8.2%	
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Table 3
Q3. Normal weightings
Q3. Since becoming a parent for the first time, which of the following statements best matches your view?
Base: All Respondents

Unweighted Total
Weighted Total
I think it is particularly important to have friends who are also parents
I do not think it is particularly important to have friends who are also parents
Don't know
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1153	539	614	309	765	79	383	430	147	189	160	127	186	77	63	89	98	83	80	53	107	29	574	448	130	86	177	813	74	774	185	178	848	54	250
56.6%	53.0%	60.2%	64.3%	55.4%	44.9%	56.5%	59.8%	52.6%	53.2%	59.9%	58.2%	58.0%	60.0%	52.6%	55.6%	58.9%	56.5%	57.0%	56.4%	49.5%	50.1%	55.4%	58.6%	55.2%	48.9%	53.2%	59.1%	50.4%	57.7%	56.2%	53.5%	58.7%	46.3%	52.8%
734	401	333	151	500	83	252	242	103	136	91	75	106	43	48	56	55	52	54	34	93	27	393	253	89	71	132	468	60	477	122	121	502	53	179
36.0%	39.4%	32.7%	31.5%	36.3%	46.9%	37.2%	33.6%	36.9%	38.2%	34.0%	34.3%	33.1%	33.3%	39.9%	34.9%	33.2%	35.0%	38.9%	36.4%	42.8%	48.0%	37.9%	33.1%	37.5%	40.8%	39.6%	34.0%	41.2%	35.6%	37.1%	36.3%	34.7%	45.3%	37.8%
150	77	73	20	115	15	42	47	29	31	16	17	29	9	9	15	13	13	6	7	17	1	70	63	17	18	24	96	12	90	22	34	96	10	44
7.4%	7.6%	7.1%	4.3%	8.4%	8.2%	6.3%	6.6%	10.5%	8.6%	6.1%	7.6%	8.9%	6.6%	7.5%	9.5%	8.0%	8.5%	4.1%	7.1%	7.7%	1.9%	6.7%	8.3%	7.2%	10.3%	7.1%	7.0%	8.4%	6.7%	6.7%	10.3%	6.6%	8.4%	9.4%
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Table 4
Q4. Normal weightings
Q4. Thinking about your children, which of the following options best matches your relationship with them?
Base: All Respondents

Unweighted Total
Weighted Total
I have a stronger relationship with my children than their other parent does
I have a weaker relationship with my children than their other parent does
I have an equally strong / weak relationship with my children as their other parent does
I have a stronger relationship with at least one of my children than their other parent does, but a weaker relationship with at least one other child
Don't know

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I have a stronger relationship with my children than their other parent does	590	201	389	130	420	40	165	231	79	113	79	63	99	36	33	47	50	39	36	27	64	16	341	191	57	78	91	340	77	365	91	122	384	31	175
	29.0%	19.8%	38.1%	27.0%	30.4%	22.7%	24.4%	32.2%	28.4%	31.8%	29.6%	28.8%	30.9%	28.2%	27.7%	29.3%	30.2%	26.7%	26.0%	28.5%	29.4%	27.3%	32.9%	25.0%	24.2%	44.4%	27.3%	24.7%	52.9%	27.2%	27.6%	36.7%	26.5%	26.4%	36.9%
I have a weaker relationship with my children than their other parent does	140	104	36	38	80	22	62	31	23	23	27	15	24	10	4	6	9	12	12	5	12	3	89	47	3	18	27	85	10	87	21	30	100	11	28
	6.8%	10.2%	3.5%	7.9%	5.8%	12.6%	9.2%	4.3%	8.3%	6.5%	10.0%	7.0%	7.4%	7.5%	3.3%	4.0%	5.4%	8.3%	8.7%	5.7%	5.4%	6.0%	8.6%	6.2%	1.3%	10.1%	8.2%	6.2%	6.6%	6.5%	6.3%	9.2%	6.9%	9.4%	6.0%
I have an equally strong / weak relationship with my children as their other parent does	1087	584	503	242	740	105	377	399	130	176	122	120	160	72	69	94	80	86	79	49	120	36	556	416	115	61	177	800	47	760	164	149	802	60	225
	53.4%	57.4%	49.4%	50.4%	53.6%	59.5%	55.8%	55.5%	46.6%	49.4%	45.7%	54.6%	49.8%	55.7%	57.9%	58.6%	47.9%	58.2%	56.7%	52.6%	55.4%	63.5%	53.7%	54.4%	48.5%	35.0%	53.3%	58.1%	32.3%	56.7%	49.9%	44.8%	55.5%	50.9%	47.5%
I have a stronger relationship with at least one of my children than their other parent does, but a weaker relationship with at least one other child	124	77	47	44	74	6	50	28	22	24	24	15	14	7	6	6	16	4	8	11	12	2	-	76	49	7	18	88	10	83	23	17	93	6	26
Don't know	96	52	45	26	67	3	22	29	25	20	16	6	24	4	7	7	11	6	4	1	9	-	50	34	13	11	19	64	2	46	30	14	67	10	20
	4.7%	5.1%	4.4%	5.5%	4.9%	1.8%	3.3%	4.0%	8.9%	5.6%	5.9%	2.9%	7.6%	3.2%	6.0%	4.6%	6.9%	4.0%	2.5%	0.9%	4.3%	-	4.8%	4.5%	5.3%	6.2%	5.7%	4.7%	1.4%	3.5%	9.3%	4.3%	4.6%	8.2%	4.2%
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Table 5
Q5. Normal weightings
Q5. Which of the following do you think is the main reason that your relationship with at least one of your children is weaker than that of their other parent?
Base: Has a weaker relationship with a child than their other parent does

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Weighted Total	264	181	83	82	153	28	112	59	45	47	50	30	37	17	10	12	25	16	21	17	24	5	89	123	52	25	46	173	20	170	43	47	193	17	54	
I have less time to spend with them	65	54	10	27	29	8	35	16	4	10	18	7	7	4	2	2	5	7	1	3	5	3	24	28	12	3	12	48	2	45	5	14	52	3	10	
	24.5%	30.1%	12.2%	33.2%	19.0%	29.3%	31.1%	26.4%	9.8%	20.3%	35.7%	23.3%	19.4%	26.7%	20.2%	16.4%	18.5%	45.5%	4.8%	19.5%	22.1%	48.1%	26.7%	23.0%	24.2%	11.9%	26.2%	27.8%	7.9%	26.4%	12.2%	29.8%	26.9%	17.6%	18.1%	
I don't feel confident to spend time alone with them or take the lead on parenting and family activities	28	17	11	10	17	1	14	5	6	3	4	7	5	1	-	2	1	3	-	-	5	-	11	13	4	3	4	20	-	15	7	6	25	-	3	
	10.6%	9.2%	13.8%	12.5%	10.9%	3.9%	12.5%	9.2%	12.6%	6.2%	8.3%	23.0%	13.2%	7.3%	-	17.2%	3.1%	16.0%	-	-	22.7%	-	12.2%	10.7%	7.6%	13.7%	9.7%	11.4%	-	8.9%	16.3%	12.6%	13.0%	-	5.6%	
It's natural for children to be closer to one parent than the other	100	64	37	23	67	10	42	20	20	18	15	10	17	5	2	6	10	4	8	8	13	3	24	52	24	7	14	74	5	73	12	14	72	8	20	
	38.1%	35.2%	44.4%	27.5%	43.9%	36.9%	37.1%	34.1%	45.2%	38.7%	30.7%	32.3%	44.7%	32.7%	20.3%	52.0%	38.1%	23.8%	37.5%	47.5%	55.3%	51.9%	27.1%	42.4%	46.7%	27.3%	31.5%	42.9%	25.6%	42.7%	26.8%	29.5%	37.5%	48.8%	36.7%	
I am separated from my children's other parent and have less access	37	29	8	11	21	5	8	9	9	10	7	2	4	5	3	1	4	1	9	1	-	-	19	13	5	7	9	12	9	17	10	9	25	2	10	
	13.9%	16.1%	9.1%	13.3%	13.9%	15.9%	7.3%	15.6%	21.0%	20.7%	13.6%	7.5%	11.3%	28.8%	29.1%	6.4%	16.0%	5.4%	44.5%	4.9%	-	-	21.0%	10.3%	10.3%	28.6%	19.8%	6.8%	44.1%	10.0%	23.6%	18.4%	12.8%	8.9%	19.2%	
Don't know	16	7	9	5	11	-	9	4	-	3	5	-	4	1	2	-	1	2	-	2	-	-	5	8	3	5	5	6	1	5	8	4	9	-	8	
	6.2%	3.9%	11.3%	6.7%	7.1%	-	8.2%	6.3%	-	7.4%	9.7%	-	11.3%	4.5%	15.2%	-	5.2%	9.2%	-	13.3%	-	-	6.1%	6.5%	5.8%	18.5%	10.5%	3.6%	3.8%	2.8%	18.2%	7.9%	4.4%	-	14.7%	
Other	18	10	8	6	8	4	4	5	5	3	1	4	-	-	2	1	5	-	3	2	-	-	6	9	3	-	1	13	4	15	1	1	10	4	3	
	6.7%	5.5%	9.2%	6.9%	5.2%	14.0%	3.8%	8.5%	11.5%	6.7%	2.1%	14.0%	-	-	15.2%	8.0%	19.0%	-	13.2%	14.8%	-	-	6.9%	7.1%	5.5%	-	2.3%	7.5%	18.7%	9.1%	3.0%	1.8%	5.4%	24.7%	5.8%	
SIGMA	264	181	83	82	153	28	112	59	45	47	50	30	37	17	10	12	25	16	21	17	24	5	89	123	52	25	46	173	20	170	43	47	193	17	54	
	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%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Table 6
Q6. Normal weightings
Q6. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?
Base: All Respondents

Unweighted Total
Weighted Total
I believe that services for expectant and new parents offer enough support specifically for fathers
I do not believe that services for expectant and new parents offer enough support specifically for fathers
Don't know
SIGMA

	Gender		Age			SEG				Region 12											Number of Children			Relationship				Housing Tenure			Employment				
	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	London	East of England	South East	South West	Wales	East Midlands	West Midlands	Scotland	Yorks & Humber-side	North East	North West	Northern Ireland	One	Two	Three or more	Single	Co-habiting	Married	Divorced/Widowed	Own/ Mortgage	Rent Private	Rent Social	Employed	Self-employed	Not employed	
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Weighted Total	2037	1017	1020	480	1380	177	677	719	279	356	267	219	322	129	120	160	166	148	140	93	217	57	1037	764	236	175	332	1377	147	1341	328	332	1446	117	474
I believe that services for expectant and new parents offer enough support specifically for fathers	617	366	251	189	371	57	242	213	88	73	103	58	95	29	34	53	54	41	38	27	72	13	321	232	65	44	89	453	30	420	105	80	474	43	100
	30.3%	35.9%	24.6%	39.3%	26.9%	32.3%	35.7%	29.6%	31.6%	20.6%	38.4%	26.6%	29.7%	22.8%	28.7%	32.9%	32.5%	27.6%	27.0%	28.4%	33.2%	22.8%	30.9%	30.3%	27.4%	24.9%	26.9%	32.9%	20.4%	31.3%	31.8%	24.2%	32.8%	36.6%	21.0%
I do not believe that services for expectant and new parents offer enough support specifically for fathers	948	475	473	227	645	78	310	329	127	177	118	112	145	66	61	77	73	65	64	47	90	30	457	369	123	79	153	643	71	622	135	174	650	50	248
	46.5%	46.7%	46.4%	47.2%	46.7%	43.1%	45.7%	45.8%	45.6%	49.8%	44.1%	51.3%	45.0%	50.8%	51.4%	48.2%	43.7%	44.2%	45.5%	50.6%	41.8%	52.0%	44.0%	48.3%	52.0%	45.0%	46.2%	46.7%	48.4%	46.4%	41.2%	52.5%	45.0%	42.9%	52.2%
Don't know	472	176	296	65	364	43	125	177	63	105	47	48	81	34	24	30	39	42	38	20	54	14	259	164	49	53	89	281	46	299	89	77	321	24	127
	23.2%	17.3%	29.0%	13.5%	26.4%	24.5%	18.5%	24.6%	22.7%	29.7%	17.4%	22.1%	25.3%	26.3%	19.9%	18.9%	23.8%	28.2%	27.5%	21.0%	25.0%	25.2%	25.0%	21.4%	20.7%	30.1%	26.9%	20.4%	31.1%	22.3%	27.0%	23.3%	22.2%	20.5%	26.8%
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	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%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Table 7
Q7. Normal weightings
Q7. Which of the following statements most closely matches your monthly financial situation?
Base: All Respondents

Unweighted Total
Weighted Total
I struggle to make my money last every month
I struggle to make my money last most but not all months
I struggle to make my money last some months of the year
I rarely struggle to make my money last each month
I never struggle to make my money last each month
Don't know

SIGMA

	Gender		Age			SEG				Region 12											Number of Children			Relationship				Housing Tenure			Employment				
	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	London	East of England	South East	South West	Wales	East Midlands	West Midlands	Scotland	Yorks & Humber-side	North East	North West	Northern Ireland	One	Two	Three or more	Single	Co-habiting	Married	Divorced/Widowed	Own/ Mortgage	Rent Private	Rent Social	Employed	Self-employed	Not employed	
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I struggle to make my money last every month	414	181	234	114	278	22	94	140	69	111	56	34	62	29	34	30	26	40	18	45	12	212	138	64	63	79	224	47	216	82	111	237	22	156	
	20.3%	17.8%	22.9%	23.7%	20.2%	12.5%	13.9%	19.4%	24.8%	31.1%	20.8%	15.7%	19.3%	22.1%	28.6%	18.8%	17.8%	17.4%	28.8%	18.9%	20.8%	20.2%	20.5%	18.1%	27.1%	36.0%	23.8%	16.2%	31.9%	16.1%	24.8%	33.4%	16.4%	18.5%	32.9%
I struggle to make my money last most but not all months	341	167	174	105	219	17	120	121	45	53	42	30	54	21	20	30	30	30	20	23	32	8	166	128	47	32	47	238	24	205	72	60	255	13	72
	16.7%	16.4%	17.1%	21.8%	15.9%	9.6%	17.7%	16.8%	16.1%	14.8%	15.8%	13.6%	16.9%	16.3%	16.4%	18.8%	18.3%	20.5%	14.0%	25.0%	14.9%	13.8%	16.0%	16.8%	19.7%	18.1%	14.2%	17.3%	16.1%	15.3%	21.9%	18.0%	17.7%	11.4%	15.2%
I struggle to make my money last some months of the year	524	255	269	112	359	53	159	193	67	103	76	58	82	26	25	37	45	38	29	29	63	16	264	199	61	35	97	351	41	345	80	86	380	28	115
	25.7%	25.0%	26.4%	23.3%	26.0%	29.8%	23.5%	26.9%	24.1%	29.1%	28.4%	26.4%	25.6%	20.1%	20.8%	23.1%	27.3%	25.5%	20.9%	30.7%	29.0%	28.2%	25.4%	26.0%	25.8%	19.9%	29.2%	25.5%	28.0%	25.7%	24.3%	25.8%	26.3%	23.7%	24.3%
I rarely struggle to make my money last each month	453	255	197	105	306	42	176	160	62	55	59	57	68	28	26	38	33	34	30	18	46	14	232	179	41	29	75	324	22	343	59	47	346	38	69
	22.2%	25.1%	19.4%	21.8%	22.2%	23.8%	26.0%	22.2%	22.3%	15.4%	22.2%	26.2%	21.3%	21.7%	21.5%	23.9%	20.1%	23.1%	21.7%	19.2%	21.4%	24.2%	22.4%	23.5%	17.4%	16.7%	22.4%	23.5%	15.2%	25.6%	18.0%	14.1%	24.0%	32.2%	14.5%
I never struggle to make my money last each month	256	141	115	33	183	39	115	90	27	24	28	36	43	21	9	23	21	15	19	6	28	7	139	100	17	12	29	203	11	206	24	21	199	13	43
	12.6%	13.8%	11.3%	6.9%	13.3%	22.3%	16.9%	12.5%	9.6%	6.7%	10.5%	16.5%	13.4%	16.6%	7.9%	14.1%	12.8%	9.9%	13.4%	6.2%	12.9%	12.1%	13.4%	13.1%	7.1%	7.0%	8.9%	14.7%	7.8%	15.4%	7.4%	6.3%	13.8%	11.4%	9.1%
Don't know	50	19	30	12	34	4	13	16	8	10	7	3	12	4	6	2	6	5	2	-	2	1	23	19	7	4	5	37	2	25	12	8	27	3	19
	2.4%	1.9%	3.0%	2.5%	2.5%	2.1%	2.0%	2.3%	2.9%	2.9%	2.5%	1.5%	3.6%	3.3%	4.9%	1.3%	3.7%	3.5%	1.2%	-	1.0%	1.3%	2.2%	2.5%	3.0%	2.4%	1.5%	2.7%	1.2%	1.9%	3.6%	2.4%	1.9%	2.8%	4.0%
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	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%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Table 8
Q8. Normal weightings
Q8. Which of the following statements best matches your experiences?
Base: All Respondents

Unweighted Total
Weighted Total
I have had to cut back on spending on myself to pay for birthday, Christmas or other presents for my children
I have not had to cut back on spending on myself to pay for birthday, Christmas or other presents for my children
Don't know
SIGMA

	Gender		Age			SEG				Region 12											Number of Children			Relationship				Housing Tenure			Employment					
	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	AB	C1	C2	DE	London	East of England	South East	South West	Wales	East Midlands	West Midlands	Scotland	Yorks & Humberstide	North East	North West	Northern Ireland	One	Two	Three or more	Single	Co-habiting	Married	Divorced/Widowed	Own/ Mortgage	Rent Private	Rent Social	Employed	Self-employed	Not employed		
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I have had to cut back on spending on myself to pay for birthday, Christmas or other presents for my children	1194	541	653	269	834	91	334	445	164	246	154	119	183	76	75	96	98	87	76	65	130	36	603	436	156	120	203	755	112	727	201	243	797	64	333	
	58.6%	53.2%	64.0%	56.1%	60.4%	51.4%	49.4%	61.9%	58.9%	69.3%	57.5%	54.3%	56.8%	58.7%	62.7%	59.7%	59.1%	59.3%	54.1%	69.3%	60.1%	63.3%	58.1%	57.0%	65.9%	68.4%	61.2%	54.8%	76.2%	54.2%	61.2%	73.2%	55.1%	54.8%	70.2%	
I have not had to cut back on spending on myself to pay for birthday, Christmas or other presents for my children	759	438	320	193	484	81	315	252	98	92	100	94	126	46	39	57	61	53	61	28	76	18	400	289	70	47	114	567	30	567	111	72	589	49	120	
	37.2%	43.1%	31.4%	40.2%	35.1%	46.1%	46.5%	35.0%	35.1%	25.8%	37.3%	42.8%	39.2%	36.0%	32.9%	35.4%	36.9%	35.6%	43.5%	30.2%	35.1%	30.8%	38.5%	37.8%	29.5%	26.6%	34.2%	41.2%	20.5%	42.3%	33.7%	21.6%	40.8%	42.0%	25.3%	
Don't know	85	38	47	18	62	4	28	22	17	17	14	6	13	7	5	8	7	8	3	*	10	3	34	39	11	9	15	55	5	47	17	17	59	4	21	
	4.1%	3.7%	4.6%	3.8%	4.5%	2.5%	4.1%	3.0%	6.0%	4.9%	5.2%	2.9%	4.0%	5.4%	4.4%	4.8%	4.0%	5.1%	2.3%	0.5%	4.7%	5.9%	3.3%	5.2%	4.6%	4.9%	4.6%	4.0%	3.3%	3.5%	5.1%	5.2%	4.1%	3.2%	4.5%	
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	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%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Table 9
Q8. Normal weightings
Q8. Which of the following statements best matches your experiences?
Base: All Respondents

Unweighted Total
Weighted Total
I have had to cut back on spending on myself to pay for essentials for my children (such as food, transport and clothing)?
48.7%
I have not had to cut back on spending on myself to pay for essentials for my children (such as food, transport and clothing)?
48.3%
Don't know
63
3.1%
SIGMA
2037
100.0%

Total	Gender		Age			SEG				Region 12											Number of Children			Relationship				Housing Tenure			Employment				
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991	447	544	237	683	72	279	358	144	209	148	99	150	57	58	89	75	68	65	53	102	27	498	366	127	104	176	615	93	598	170	208	659	45	287	
48.7%	43.9%	53.4%	49.3%	49.5%	40.9%	41.2%	49.8%	51.6%	58.9%	55.3%	45.1%	46.8%	44.2%	48.9%	55.7%	45.3%	45.9%	46.3%	56.4%	47.1%	48.0%	48.1%	47.9%	53.7%	59.5%	52.9%	44.7%	63.5%	44.6%	51.6%	62.5%	45.6%	38.4%	60.6%	
983	543	440	231	650	102	376	343	122	137	109	116	160	70	56	65	83	76	73	41	106	28	512	374	97	62	148	719	52	711	145	110	740	70	173	
48.3%	53.4%	43.1%	48.1%	47.1%	57.7%	55.6%	47.7%	43.8%	38.5%	40.9%	52.9%	49.6%	54.1%	47.0%	40.8%	49.8%	51.3%	52.5%	43.6%	49.0%	49.2%	49.4%	48.9%	41.1%	35.5%	44.6%	52.2%	35.4%	53.0%	44.1%	33.2%	51.2%	59.5%	36.4%	
63	27	35	13	48	3	22	18	13	9	10	4	11	2	5	6	8	4	2	-	8	2	26	24	12	9	8	43	2	32	14	14	46	3	14	
3.1%	2.7%	3.5%	2.6%	3.4%	1.4%	3.2%	2.5%	4.6%	2.6%	3.8%	2.0%	3.6%	1.7%	4.1%	3.5%	4.9%	2.7%	1.2%	-	3.9%	2.8%	2.5%	3.2%	5.1%	5.0%	2.6%	3.1%	1.1%	2.4%	4.3%	4.3%	3.2%	2.2%	3.0%	
2037	1017	1020	480	1380	177	677	719	279	356	267	219	322	129	120	160	166	148	140	93	217	57	1037	764	236	175	332	1377	147	1341	328	332	1446	117	474	
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