

### Holyrood Sources '25 Years of Devolution' poll

**Q1.** As you may know, the Scottish Parliament and devolution began 25 years ago. Overall, to what extent do you think that having devolution and the Scottish Parliament has been positive or negative? Please answer on a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is very negative and 10 is very positive.

**SELECT ONE ONLY**

Base: All respondents (1,046)

0 (very negative)	9%
1	3%
2	3%
3	5%
4	5%
5	13%
6	9%
7	15%
8	13%
9	5%
10 (very positive)	14%
Don't know	6%
<b>SUMMARY: NEGATIVE (0-4)</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>SUMMARY: POSITIVE (6-10)</b>	<b>56%</b>

**Q2.** And thinking about different aspects of devolution, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

**RANDOMISE ORDER, SELECT ONE CODE PER STATEMENT**

Base: All respondents (1,046)

	<b>Strongly agree</b> %	<b>Tend to agree</b> %	<b>NET AGREE</b> %	<b>Neither /nor</b> %	<b>Tend to disagree</b> %	<b>Strongly disagree</b> %	<b>NET DISAGREE</b> %	<b>DK</b> %
Devolution has made me more interested in politics	12	23	<b>35</b>	32	15	14	<b>29</b>	4
Having a parliament makes me feel more proud to be Scottish	18	25	<b>43</b>	26	11	15	<b>26</b>	4
The Scottish Parliament has served me well over the years	11	29	<b>40</b>	24	14	18	<b>32</b>	4
Devolution adds another layer of government that we do not need	17	18	<b>35</b>	19	19	21	<b>40</b>	7

My local Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) serve the area well	8	29	<b>37</b>	27	16	14	<b>30</b>	6
Members of the Scottish Parliament (MSPs) generally do a good job of representing citizens	9	33	<b>42</b>	23	15	16	<b>31</b>	4
Devolution was a mistake 25 years ago and should not have happened	13	13	<b>26</b>	22	13	31	<b>44</b>	8

**Q3.** Looking at the list of issues below, which do you think are powers of the Scottish Parliament at Holyrood, which do you think are powers of the UK Parliament at Westminster and which do you think are powers shared between the two parliaments?

**RANDOMISE ORDER, SELECT ONE CODE PER LINE**

Base: All respondents (1,046)

	<b>Scottish Parliament</b> %	<b>UK Parliament</b> %	<b>Shared Scottish/UK Parliaments</b> %
Welfare benefits	34	28	39
Defence and security	10	68	22
Health and social services	65	11	24
Taxation	37	22	41
Energy	27	38	36
Education	71	10	20
Foreign affairs	8	69	23
Housing	69	10	21

**Q4.** And looking at the same list of issues, which parliament do you think *should* have the powers over each?

**RANDOMISE ORDER, SELECT ONE CODE PER LINE**

Base: All respondents (1,046)

	Scottish Parliament %	UK Parliament %	Shared Scottish/UK Parliaments %
Welfare benefits	53	20	27
Defence and security	30	37	33
Health and social services	60	17	23
Taxation	48	25	27
Energy	50	22	28
Education	64	15	22
Foreign affairs	31	38	31
Housing	65	14	21

**Q5.** Looking ahead, which of the following do you think WILL happen in the next 10 years?

**SELECT ONE ONLY**

Base: All respondents (1,046)

	%
Devolution will be reversed and the Scottish Parliament will not exist	12
Devolution will still be in place with the same powers for the Scottish Parliament	30
Devolution will still be in place with more powers for the Scottish Parliament	26
Scotland will be fully independent	32

**Q6.** And still looking ahead, which of the following do you think SHOULD happen in the next 10 years?

**SELECT ONE ONLY**

Base: All respondents (1,046)

	%
Devolution should be reversed and the Scottish Parliament should not exist	20
Devolution should still be in place with the same powers for the Scottish Parliament	20
Devolution should still be in place with more powers for the Scottish Parliament	22
Scotland should be fully independent	38

**Technical Note:**

- The survey was designed by Diffley Partnership on behalf of Holyrood Sources,
- Fieldwork was conducted online among a representative sample of 1,046 adults (aged 16+) in Scotland,
- Fieldwork was conducted between 11<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024,
- Data is weighted by age, sex and voting at the 2019 Westminster election and 2014 independence referendum.