

ERS Polling Topline Results

April 2025

Question 1

On a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 is do not trust at all and 10 is completely trust, how much do you trust the following groups and institutions?

Base: All (1005)	Weighted Average
NHS	6.5
Supermarkets	5.5
The Police Service	5.2
Banks	5.1
Courts and the Judicial System	4.9
Community Councils	4.4
Local Council	4.1
Scottish Parliament	3.9
UK Parliament	3.4
Political Parties	3.1
Politicians	2.8

Question 2

Firstly, thinking about how things are in Scotland, how often do you feel the following?

Base: All (1005)	Always	Often	NET:Always/ Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	NET: Rarely/Never	Don't know
	%	%	%	%	%	%		%
Angry	7	25	31	34	24	10	34	1
Anxious	8	22	30	37	23	8	31	1
Exhausted	9	20	30	35	20	13	33	3
Disconnected	9	21	30	31	23	13	36	3
Hopeful	9	20	28	35	28	8	35	1
Confident	6	17	23	37	29	9	38	2
Fearful	7	15	22	35	28	13	41	1
Excited	4	16	20	31	33	15	48	1

Question 3

Now thinking about how things are in your local area, how often do you feel the following?

Base: All (1005)	Always	Often	NET:Always/ Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	NET: Rarely/Never	Don't know
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Disconnected	7	20	27	35	25	13	37	2
Hopeful	7	19	25	39	27	8	34	2
Exhausted	7	17	24	33	25	16	41	2
Confident	6	16	22	39	29	8	37	2
Anxious	6	16	22	35	29	13	42	1
Angry	6	16	22	34	30	12	43	1
Fearful	4	13	18	32	32	18	49	1
Excited	5	13	17	33	35	13	48	2

Question 4

Which statement comes closest to your view?

Base: All (1005)	%
Parliament should consider all opinions before enacting new laws, even if it takes longer to get things done.	73
Parliament should be able to quickly and efficiently enact new laws, even if it means ignoring some opinions.	27

Question 5

Which statement comes closest to your view?

Base: All (1005)	%
It is important that the seats in Parliament reflect the results of elections proportionally.	67
It is important that the seats in Parliament lead to a majority Government.	33

Question 6

Which statement comes closest to your view?

Base: All (1005)	%
I prefer a leader who seeks consensus before making decisions.	72
I prefer a strong leader who makes decisions without compromise.	28



Question 7

Which statement comes closest to your view?

Base: All (1005)	%
Equality and diversity must be considered when making decisions.	58
The pursuit of equality and diversity gets in the way of making decisions.	42

Question 8

How often do you participate in the democratic process by doing the following?

Base: All (1005)	Always	Often	NET:Always/Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	NET: Rarely/Never
	%	%	%	%	%	%	
Voting in elections (for Westminster, Holyrood, or your local Council)	52	17	70	17	6	7	14
Watching or listening to news about politics or government	19	35	54	29	9	8	17
Reading about politics or government in the news	18	35	54	27	12	8	19
Talking about politics or government with family or friends	12	28	40	37	15	8	23
Signing online petitions	5	16	21	33	23	23	46
Attending protests or demonstrations	4	6	10	12	21	57	78
Taking part in local community initiatives	4	11	15	28	31	25	57
Emailing your elected representatives (MP, MSP, or local Councillor)	3	9	12	21	23	44	67



Technical details:

- The survey was designed by Diffley Partnership and invitations were issued online via the Survation panel.
- Results are based on a survey of 1,005 respondents.
- Fieldwork was conducted between 16th and 22nd April 2025.
- Results are weighted to the profile of adults aged 16+ in Scotland.