

Voting Intentions on Scottish Referendum Show Little Change

The vote to remain part of the United Kingdom holds steady at nearly 50 per cent.

[London – August 18, 2013] – Just one-third of people in Scotland would vote to become an independent nation in a referendum, a new Angus Reid Public Opinion poll conducted for the Scottish Sunday Express indicates.

In an online survey of a representative national sample of 549 Scottish adults, 34 per cent of respondents would vote “Yes” when presented with the referendum questions: “Should Scotland be an independent country?” 47 per cent of respondents would vote “No.”

Public opinion appears to be holding steady as these numbers show very little change from the two previous polls conducted by Angus Reid Public Opinion in February 2013.

Sixteen percent of respondents said they would consider emigrating either abroad or to England/Wales/Northern Ireland if Scotland becomes independent. Men (20%) were more likely than women (13%) to say they would consider emigrating.

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KEY FINDINGS

- **34% would vote “Yes” on whether Scotland should be an independent country; 47% would vote “No”**
- **16% say they would consider leaving Scotland if it became independent.**

Full topline results are at the end of this release.

From August 14 to August 16, 2013, Angus Reid Public Opinion conducted an online survey among 549 randomly selected adults in Scotland who are Springboard UK panelists. The margin of error—which measures sampling variability—is +/- 4.2%, 19 times out of 20. The results have been statistically weighted according to the most current education, age, gender and region Census data to ensure a sample representative of the entire adult population of Scotland. Discrepancies in or between totals are due to rounding.

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The referendum question proposed by the Scottish Government reads as follows: 'Should Scotland be an independent country?' If this referendum were held today, how would you vote?						
	TOTAL	GENDER		AGE		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	34%	41%	28%	34%	34%	35%
No	47%	43%	51%	45%	45%	51%
Not sure	17%	14%	20%	19%	19%	13%
Will not vote	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%

The referendum question proposed by the Scottish Government reads as follows: 'Should Scotland be an independent country?' If this referendum were held today, how would you vote?			
	August 2013	February 2013	January 2013*
Yes	34%	32%	27%
No	47%	47%	53%
Not sure	17%	20%	19%
Will not vote	2%	1%	1%

*The question at this time was phrased, "Do you agree that Scotland should be an independent country?"

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If Scotland becomes independent, would you consider emigrating either abroad or to England/Wales/Northern Ireland?						
	TOTAL	GENDER		AGE		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
Yes	16%	20%	13%	19%	16%	15%
No	72%	68%	75%	67%	71%	76%
Don't know	12%	12%	12%	14%	13%	9%

Purely on issues surrounding the Scottish independence debate, who do you trust the most?						
	TOTAL	GENDER		AGE		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
First Minister Alex Salmond	34%	41%	27%	35%	31%	36%
Better Together chairman Alastair Darling	27%	27%	27%	22%	23%	34%
Not sure	39%	32%	46%	44%	46%	29%

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How confident are you that an Independent Scotland would be able to retain membership of the EU on the same terms as the UK						
	TOTAL	GENDER		AGE		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
10 - Very confident	11%	14%	7%	6%	14%	11%
9	6%	8%	4%	4%	3%	10%
8	7%	7%	8%	10%	9%	4%
7	7%	10%	5%	13%	4%	6%
6	8%	5%	11%	8%	10%	6%
5	16%	12%	19%	15%	17%	14%
4	11%	12%	11%	16%	12%	7%
3	7%	4%	9%	7%	6%	7%
2	9%	13%	6%	10%	9%	9%
1 - Not at all confident	18%	16%	20%	10%	17%	25%
TOP 3 BOX	24%	29%	19%	20%	26%	25%
BOTTOM 3 BOX	34%	33%	35%	27%	32%	42%

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How confident are you that an independent Scotland would be able to retain the pound without conceding control of monetary policy to Westminster						
	TOTAL	GENDER		AGE		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
10 - Very confident	10%	10%	9%	9%	11%	9%
9	8%	10%	6%	6%	7%	9%
8	7%	7%	7%	4%	10%	6%
7	9%	9%	9%	12%	8%	7%
6	8%	6%	10%	10%	7%	8%
5	12%	8%	15%	13%	11%	11%
4	9%	8%	11%	12%	13%	4%
3	7%	7%	7%	9%	8%	4%
2	10%	13%	7%	9%	7%	14%
1 - Not at all confident	21%	22%	20%	17%	18%	28%
TOP 3 BOX	24%	27%	21%	19%	27%	25%
BOTTOM 3 BOX	38%	42%	34%	35%	33%	46%

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How confident are you that an independent Scotland would be able to put in place a more generous state pensions and benefits system than is currently in place						
	TOTAL	GENDER		AGE		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
10 - Very confident	11%	13%	8%	8%	12%	12%
9	5%	6%	4%	6%	3%	6%
8	8%	9%	7%	8%	6%	11%
7	9%	9%	8%	6%	11%	9%
6	10%	6%	13%	16%	7%	8%
5	11%	10%	12%	9%	13%	10%
4	8%	8%	7%	13%	8%	4%
3	9%	8%	9%	8%	13%	4%
2	10%	9%	11%	12%	7%	11%
1 - Not at all confident	20%	20%	20%	14%	19%	26%
TOP 3 BOX	24%	29%	20%	21%	21%	29%
BOTTOM 3 BOX	39%	38%	40%	34%	40%	42%

Please describe your feelings about the independence debate.										
	TOTAL	GENDER		AGE			REFERENDUM VOTE (Q1)			
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+	Yes	No	Not sure	Will not vote
10 - Engaged	10%	13%	6%	12%	5%	13%	23%	3%	2%	
9	8%	10%	6%	11%	5%	8%	14%	4%	7%	
8	11%	6%	16%	6%	14%	12%	15%	8%	14%	
7	13%	15%	11%	16%	14%	10%	18%	10%	14%	
6	12%	10%	14%	18%	10%	8%	12%	9%	19%	21%
5	19%	18%	20%	19%	23%	15%	9%	21%	32%	23%
4	8%	10%	5%	5%	8%	9%	3%	11%	7%	6%
3	6%	6%	5%	6%	5%	6%	3%	8%	2%	6%
2	5%	5%	5%	4%	7%	4%	2%	8%	3%	7%
1 - Bored	9%	6%	12%	4%	8%	14%	0%	17%	1%	38%
TOP 3 BOX	28%	29%	28%	28%	24%	33%	52%	15%	22%	
BOTTOM 3 BOX	20%	17%	22%	14%	20%	24%	6%	34%	6%	51%

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The independence referendum debate is creating new tension and antagonism within families, friends and Scottish society in general						
	TOTAL	GENDER		AGE		
		Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
Strongly agree	15%	17%	14%	19%	13%	15%
Somewhat agree	36%	31%	40%	42%	34%	33%
Somewhat disagree	36%	40%	32%	33%	36%	38%
Strongly disagree	13%	12%	14%	7%	17%	14%
TOP 2 BOX	51%	48%	54%	61%	47%	48%
BOTTOM 2 BOX	49%	52%	46%	39%	53%	52%

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