

Quicksilver Media – HS2 Poll – January 2019

Methodology: ComRes surveyed 2,015 British adults online between 30th and 31st January 2019. Data were weighted to be representative of all British adults aged 18+. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules. Full tables at www.comresglobal.com

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HS2 Survey

ONLINE Fieldwork: 30th-31st January 2019

Absolutes/col percents

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Summary Table**Base: All respondents**

	Statements						
	Building HS2 represents good value for taxpayers' money	This money would be better spent on improving the existing railways (i.e. longer trains, newer trains, improved signalling)	This money would be better spent on improving roads across the UK	This money would be better spent on improving local commuter rail lines	Building HS2 will help bridge the north-south divide	I would prefer the money to be spent on Northern Powerhouse Rail (estimated to cost £30-35bn), a scheme to improve links potentially including high speed rail ...	HS2 should be scrapped
Unweighted base	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015
Weighted base	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015	2015
NET: Agree	234 12%	1451 72%	1242 62%	1359 67%	517 26%	753 37%	872 43%
Strongly agree (+2)	49 2%	714 35%	593 29%	600 30%	89 4%	283 14%	528 26%
Agree (+1)	185 9%	737 37%	649 32%	759 38%	428 21%	470 23%	345 17%
Neither agree nor disagree (0)	433 22%	310 15%	387 19%	370 18%	543 27%	668 33%	501 25%
Disagree (-1)	459 23%	105 5%	186 9%	104 5%	367 18%	168 8%	278 14%
Strongly disagree (-2)	695 34%	33 2%	85 4%	41 2%	382 19%	123 6%	127 6%
NET: Disagree	1154 57%	138 7%	271 13%	145 7%	749 37%	291 14%	405 20%
Don't know	194 10%	116 6%	115 6%	141 7%	206 10%	303 15%	237 12%
Mean	-0.86	1.05	0.78	0.95	-0.29	0.36	0.49
Standard deviation	1.12	0.96	1.12	0.97	1.18	1.09	1.26
Standard error	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03

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NET: Agree	234 12%	128 13%b	106 10%	57 26% EFGH	67 19% EFGH	36 11% gH	26 7%	20 7%	28 6%	124 22% JK	62 9% k	48 6%	78 14% O	73 13% O	51 13% O	31 6%	58 16%	101 13%
Strongly agree (+2)	49 2%	29 3%	20 2%	18 8% DEFGH	12 3% GH	6 2%	7 2%	2 1%	4 1%	30 5% JK	13 2% k	6 1%	23 4% MO	9 2%	11 3%	6 1%	12 3%	22 3%
Agree (+1)	185 9%	99 10%	85 8%	39 17% EFGH	55 16% EFGH	29 9% fH	19 5%	18 6%	24 5%	94 16% JK	48 7%	42 6%	55 10% O	64 11% O	40 10% O	25 5%	46 13%	78 10%
Neither agree nor disagree (0)	433 22%	186 19%	248 24% A	57 25% GH	97 28% fGH	77 24% GH	78 22% g	46 15%	80 17%	154 27% K	154 23% K	125 16%	118 21%	123 22%	78 19%	114 23%	89 24%	186 23%
Disagree (-1)	459 23%	205 21%	254 25% a	40 18%	86 25% c	82 25% ch	88 25% c	72 24%	92 20%	126 22%	170 25%	164 21%	137 25%	130 23%	87 21%	106 22%	81 22%	187 23%
Strongly disagree (-2)	695 34%	410 42% B	285 28%	28 12%	60 17%	90 28% CD	142 40% CDE	137 46% CDE	238 51% CDEF	88 15%	232 34% l	375 49% IJ	178 32%	194 34%	152 37%	171 35%	92 25%	263 33% P
NET: Disagree	1154 57%	615 63% B	539 52%	68 30%	146 42% C	172 53% CD	230 65% CDE	208 70% CDE	330 71% CDEF	213 37%	402 59% l	539 70% IJ	316 57%	324 57%	238 58%	276 56%	173 48%	451 56% P
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Mean	-0.86	-0.94	-0.78 A	-0.11 DEFGH	-0.41 EFGH	-0.78 FGH	-1.02 gH	-1.18	-1.22	-0.30 JK	-0.91 K	-1.21	-0.77 O	-0.84 o	-0.89	-0.97	-0.61 Q	-0.80
Standard deviation	1.12	1.16	1.07	1.20	1.10	1.07	1.04	0.98	0.99	1.15	1.06	0.98	1.17	1.11	1.15	1.02	1.16	1.13
Standard error	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.10	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.04

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Weighted base	2015	175	101*	1739	486	85*	232	169	179	147	193	272	282	179
NET: Agree	234 12%	11 6%	7 7%	215 12%A	64 13%Am	12 15%a	30 13%A	22 13%a	20 11%	16 11%	20 11%	54 20%ABEghJKMN	25 9%	15 8%
Strongly agree	(+2) 49 2%	2 1%	1 1%	46 3%	13 3%	3 3%	9 4%ghm	1 1%	4 2%	4 3%	3 1%	14 5%AeHKM	4 1%	4 2%
Agree	(+1) 185 9%	9 5%	6 6%	170 10%a	51 11%a	10 11%	21 9%	21 12%An	16 9%	13 9%	18 9%	40 15%ABgMN	22 8%	11 6%
Neither agree nor disagree	(0) 433 22%	38 22%	26 25%	370 21%	89 18%	18 21%	42 18%	30 18%	42 23%	32 22%	46 24%	66 24%eg	59 21%	35 20%
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NET: Disagree	1154 57%	114 65%DKL	55 55%	985 57%	294 61%kL	48 57%	140 61%L	106 62%kL	102 57%l	86 58%L	101 52%	127 47%	167 59%L	108 60%L
Don't know	194 10%	12 7%	13 13%	169 10%	39 8%	6 8%	20 9%	12 7%	15 9%	12 8%	26 14%aEh	25 9%	30 11%	21 12%
Mean	-0.86	-1.02	-0.93	-0.84a	-0.90	-0.70Ahn	-0.92	-0.98	-0.86	-0.89	-0.84	-0.49ABEGHIJK MN	-0.94	-0.98
Standard deviation	1.12	0.99	1.04	1.13	1.15	1.11	1.19	1.11	1.12	1.13	1.10	1.20	1.05	1.07
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Strongly agree (+2)	714 35%	376 38% ^B	338 33%	48 21%	62 18%	100 31% ^{CD}	140 39% ^{CDE}	128 43% ^{CDE}	235 50% ^{CDEFG}	110 19%	240 35% ^l	363 48% ^{lJ}	202 37%	191 34%	146 36%	175 36%	105 29%	273 34%
Agree (+1)	737 37%	345 35%	392 38%	73 32%	159 46% ^{CFGH}	126 39% ^{gh}	130 37%	96 32%	153 33%	232 41% ^K	256 38% ^k	249 33%	200 36%	209 37%	142 35%	186 38%	143 39%	283 35%
Neither agree nor disagree (0)	310 15%	140 14%	171 17%	46 20% ^H	66 19% ^H	56 17% ^H	53 15% ^H	45 15% ^H	44 9%	112 20% ^K	109 16% ^K	89 12%	75 14%	99 18%	67 16%	69 14%	51 14%	140 18%
Disagree (-1)	105 5%	65 7% ^B	39 4%	17 8% ^f	25 7% ^f	15 5%	14 4%	13 4%	20 4%	42 7% ^{JK}	29 4%	34 4%	32 6% ^O	35 6% ^O	22 5% ^o	15 3%	28 8%	46 6%
Strongly disagree (-2)	33 2%	25 3% ^B	8 1%	9 4% ^{fH}	7 2% ^H	6 2% ^h	4 1%	5 2% ^h	2 *	16 3% ^K	10 1%	7 1%	15 3% ^o	7 1%	5 1%	5 1%	10 3%	17 2%
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Don't know	116 6%	32 3%	85 8% ^A	32 14% ^{dEFGH}	29 8% ^{FGH}	20 6% ^H	14 4%	11 4%	11 2%	60 11% ^{JK}	34 5% ^k	22 3%	25 5%	25 4%	26 6%	40 8% ^{LM}	27 7%	40 5%
Mean	1.05	1.03	1.07	0.70	0.77	0.99 ^{CD}	1.14 ^{CDE}	1.14 ^{CDe}	1.32 ^{CDEFG}	0.74	1.071	1.25 ^J	1.03	1.00	1.05	1.14 ^M	0.91	0.99
Standard deviation	0.96	1.03	0.88	1.08	0.93	0.94	0.90	0.96	0.86	0.99	0.93	0.90	1.02	0.96	0.96	0.87	1.03	1.00
Standard error	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.08	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.04

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Strongly agree	(+2) 714 35%	60 34%	32 32%	621 36%	180 37% L	27 32%	78 34%	75 44% abfGLM	70 39% L	57 39% L	73 38% L	76 28%	92 33%	73 41% Lm
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Neither agree nor disagree	(0) 310 15%	24 14% h	13 13%	273 16%	57 12%	9 11%	34 15% h	13 8%	36 20% EHn	25 17% H	37 19% EH	51 19% EH	45 16% H	22 12%
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NET: Agree	1242 62%	124 71%DEFGLK	69 68%L	1049 60%	293 60%L	49 58%	134 58%l	109 64%L	121 67%gL	94 64%L	116 60%L	133 49%	178 63%L	115 64%L
Strongly agree	(+2) 593 29%	65 37%DefgLm	32 32%L	496 29%	141 29%L	22 26%	65 28%L	54 32%L	56 31%L	43 29%L	66 34%L	52 19%	82 29%L	56 31%L
Agree	(+1) 649 32%	59 34%	37 37%k	553 32%	152 31%	28 33%	69 30%	55 32%	65 36%k	51 35%	50 26%	81 30%	96 34%k	59 33%
Neither agree nor disagree	(0) 387 19%	31 18%	15 15%	341 20%	92 19%	18 21%	46 20%	29 17%	32 18%	36 24%	38 19%	62 23%	51 18%	30 17%
Disagree	(-1) 186 9%	11 6%	6 6%	168 10%	49 10%	5 6%	26 11%ij	18 11%	10 6%	8 5%	20 11%	44 16%ABEIJMN	21 8%	14 8%
Strongly disagree	(-2) 85 4%	2 1%	4 4%	80 5%A	26 5%A	6 7%A	13 6%A	7 4%a	8 4%a	4 3%	11 6%A	15 5%A	9 3%	7 4%a
NET: Disagree	271 13%	13 7%	10 10%	248 14%A	75 15%AJm	11 13%	39 17%AiJm	25 15%Aj	18 10%	12 8%	32 16%AJ	59 22%ABEIJMN	31 11%	21 12%
Don't know	115 6%	7 4%	7 7%	101 6%	26 5%	6 7%	13 6%	6 4%	8 5%	5 4%	9 4%	18 7%	22 8%h	13 7%
Mean	0.78	1.04DEFGHKLm	0.92L	0.74	0.72L	0.68	0.68L	0.80L	0.89L	0.85L	0.75L	0.44	0.85L	0.86L
Standard deviation	1.12	0.96	1.06	1.14	1.17	1.17	1.19	1.15	1.07	1.01	1.22	1.16	1.07	1.11
Standard error	0.03	0.07	0.11	0.03	0.05	0.14	0.08	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.07	0.06	0.09

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	Total	Gender		Age									Social Grade				Employment Sector	
		Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (l)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	Public (p)	Private (q)
Unweighted base	2015	1038	977	186	361	353	391	296	428	547	744	724	497	530	451	537	347	852
Weighted base	2015	983	1032	224	348	322	356	298	466	572	679	764	550	566	409	490	363	799
NET: Agree	1359 67%	675 69%	685 66%	107 48%	198 57% ^c	214 66% ^{CD}	261 73% ^{CDe}	223 75% ^{CDE}	357 77% ^{CDE}	304 53%	475 70% ^l	580 76% ^{lJ}	366 67%	373 66%	277 68%	343 70%	236 65%	526 66%
Strongly agree (+2)	600 30%	316 32% ^B	285 28%	42 19%	57 16%	79 25% ^D	119 34% ^{CDE}	105 35% ^{CDE}	198 42% ^{CDEFG}	98 17%	198 29% ^l	303 40% ^{lJ}	168 31%	156 28%	115 28%	162 33% ^m	87 24%	212 26%
Agree (+1)	759 38%	359 37%	400 39%	65 29%	141 40% ^{Ch}	135 42% ^{CH}	142 40% ^C	117 39% ^C	159 34%	206 36%	277 41% ^k	277 36%	199 36%	217 38%	162 40%	181 37%	150 41%	314 39%
Neither agree nor disagree (0)	370 18%	183 19%	187 18%	53 24% ^{fgH}	79 23% ^{fgH}	57 18%	59 17%	48 16%	74 16%	132 23% ^{JK}	116 17%	122 16%	99 18%	114 20%	75 18%	83 17%	54 15%	169 21% ^P
Disagree (-1)	104 5%	63 6% ^B	41 4%	16 7% ^g	22 6% ^g	22 7% ^{fg}	14 4%	9 3%	20 4%	38 7% ^K	36 5%	30 4%	37 7% ^O	36 6% ^O	20 5% ^o	12 2%	29 8%	43 5%
Strongly disagree (-2)	41 2%	27 3% ^b	14 1%	10 5% ^{EFgH}	15 4% ^{EFgH}	4 1%	3 1%	5 2%	4 1%	25 4% ^{JK}	7 1%	9 1%	15 3% ^o	13 2%	7 2%	5 1%	11 3%	17 2%
NET: Disagree	145 7%	89 9% ^B	56 5%	27 12% ^{FGH}	36 10% ^{FGH}	26 8% ^f	17 5%	14 5%	25 5%	63 11% ^{JK}	43 6%	39 5%	52 9% ^O	49 9% ^O	27 7% ^O	17 4%	39 11% ^q	61 8%
Don't know	141 7%	36 4%	105 10% ^A	38 17% ^{DEFGH}	35 10% ^{FGH}	25 8% ^{gH}	19 5% ^H	13 4%	10 2%	73 13% ^{JK}	44 7% ^K	23 3%	33 6%	30 5%	31 8%	47 10% ^{LM}	33 9% ^Q	43 5%
Mean	0.95	0.92	0.97	0.60	0.65	0.89 ^{CD}	1.07 ^{CDE}	1.08 ^{CDE}	1.15 ^{CDE}	0.63	0.98 ^l	1.13 ^{lJ}	0.90	0.87	0.95	1.09 ^{LMN}	0.83	0.87
Standard deviation	0.97	1.02	0.91	1.09	1.01	0.93	0.88	0.91	0.91	1.04	0.91	0.91	1.03	0.99	0.94	0.87	1.02	0.96
Standard error	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.09	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.03

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Absolutes/col percents

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	Region													
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NET: Agree	1359 67%	126 72%L	65 65%	1168 67%	333 69%L	53 62%	159 68%L	121 72%L	123 69%L	95 65%	128 66%l	156 57%	199 71%L	133 74%fL
Strongly agree	(+2) 600 30%	54 31%	26 26%	520 30%	150 31%l	20 24%	68 29%	61 36%fL	58 32%l	47 32%	58 30%	66 24%	82 29%	59 33%l
Agree	(+1) 759 38%	72 41%	39 39%	648 37%	183 38%	32 38%	90 39%	60 35%	65 36%	49 33%	70 36%	91 33%	117 41%l	74 41%
Neither agree nor disagree	(0) 370 18%	32 18%	18 18%	319 18%	78 16%	17 20%	39 17%	21 13%	32 18%	35 24%EHmN	37 19%	66 24%EgHMN	46 16%	25 14%
Disagree	(-1) 104 5%	4 2%	5 5%	96 5%a	32 7%An	5 5%	12 5%	16 10%AgikmN	8 5%	7 5%	9 5%	20 7%An	13 5%	5 3%
Strongly disagree	(-2) 41 2%	2 1%	3 3%	36 2%	13 3%	4 5%HM	7 3% <i>m</i>	1 1%	3 2%	3 2%	3 1%	8 3% <i>m</i>	2 1%	4 2%
NET: Disagree	145 7%	6 3%	8 8%	131 8%a	45 9%Amn	9 10%A	19 8%a	18 10%Amn	11 6%	10 7%	12 6%	28 10%Amn	16 6%	9 5%
Don't know	141 7%	11 6%	9 9%	120 7%	29 6%	6 7%	15 6%	9 5%	13 7%	6 4%	16 8%	22 8%	21 7%	12 7%
Mean	0.95	1.05FL	0.89	0.94	0.93L	0.76	0.92l	1.02fL	1.00L	0.92	0.97L	0.74	1.01fL	1.07FL
Standard deviation	0.97	0.86	0.99	0.97	1.02	1.08	1.01	1.00	0.95	0.98	0.94	1.04	0.89	0.91
Standard error	0.02	0.07	0.10	0.02	0.05	0.12	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.07

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Building HS2 will help bridge the north-south divide

Base: All respondents

	Total	Gender		Age									Social Grade				Employment Sector	
		Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (l)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	Public (p)	Private (q)
Unweighted base	2015	1038	977	186	361	353	391	296	428	547	744	724	497	530	451	537	347	852
Weighted base	2015	983	1032	224	348	322	356	298	466	572	679	764	550	566	409	490	363	799
NET: Agree	517 26%	256 26%	262 25%	76 34%FGH	123 35%eFGH	90 28%GH	81 23%	55 19%	92 20%	198 35%JK	171 25%K	148 19%	154 28%O	161 28%O	102 25%	101 21%	107 30%	221 28%
Strongly agree (+2)	89 4%	50 5%	40 4%	17 8%fGH	21 6%gH	17 5%H	14 4%	8 3%	11 2%	39 7%K	31 5%k	19 3%	33 6%O	29 5%O	18 4%o	10 2%	18 5%	45 6%
Agree (+1)	428 21%	206 21%	222 22%	58 26%fGH	101 29%eFGH	73 23%Gh	67 19%	47 16%	82 17%	159 28%JK	140 21%k	129 17%	122 22%	132 23%o	84 21%	91 19%	89 25%	176 22%
Neither agree nor disagree (0)	543 27%	250 25%	293 28%	61 27%	89 26%	82 26%	99 28%	77 26%	134 29%	150 26%	181 27%	211 28%	138 25%	146 26%	113 28%	146 30%	98 27%	217 27%
Disagree (-1)	367 18%	199 20%B	168 16%	30 14%	62 18%	51 16%	78 22%Ce	53 18%	94 20%c	92 16%	129 19%	146 19%	114 21%	94 17%	74 18%	86 17%	60 17%	156 19%
Strongly disagree (-2)	382 19%	228 23%B	154 15%	18 8%	32 9%	54 17%CD	65 18%CD	93 31%CDEF	119 26%CDEF	50 9%	119 18%l	212 28%J	105 19%	118 21%	74 18%	85 17%	55 15%	133 17%
NET: Disagree	749 37%	427 43%B	321 31%	49 22%	94 27%	105 33%C	143 40%CDe	146 49%CDEF	213 46%CDE	142 25%	248 37%l	359 47%J	219 40%	212 38%	147 36%	170 35%	115 32%	288 36%
Don't know	206 10%	50 5%	156 15%A	38 17%FGH	43 12%GH	45 14%fGH	33 9%h	20 7%	26 6%	81 14%K	78 12%K	46 6%	39 7%	47 8%	46 11%L	73 15%LM	43 12%	73 9%
Mean	-0.29	-0.38	-0.20A	0.14EFGH	0.06EFGH	-0.18fGH	-0.35Gh	-0.63	-0.52	0.09JK	-0.27K	-0.56	-0.27	-0.27	-0.28	-0.35	-0.14	-0.21
Standard deviation	1.18	1.22	1.14	1.11	1.11	1.20	1.14	1.19	1.15	1.11	1.17	1.17	1.21	1.22	1.17	1.10	1.17	1.18
Standard error	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.09	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.04

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NET: Agree	517 26%	21 12%	24 24%A	473 27%A	122 25%An	20 24%A	55 24%A	47 28%AN	55 31%AN	34 23%A	58 30%AN	106 39%ABEFGHJKMN4%A	67 24%K	31 18%
Strongly agree (+2)	89 4%	1 *	2 2%	87 5%A	30 6%Abn	4 5%A	18 8%ABKN	8 5%A	8 5%A	6 4%A	6 3%a	18 7%Abn	15 5%A	4 2%
Agree (+1)	428 21%	20 12%	22 22%A	386 22%A	92 19%A	16 19%	36 16%	39 23%Agn	47 26%AeGmN	28 19%a	52 27%AEGMN	88 32%AbEFGhJMN 19%a	53 19%a	27 15%
Neither agree nor disagree (0)	543 27%	64 37%DbEFGHJKLM26%	26 26%	452 26%	113 23%	21 25%	54 23%	37 22%	53 30%	36 24%	46 24%	62 23%	76 27%	66 37%EGHJKLM
Disagree (-1)	367 18%	32 18%	20 20%i	315 18%	93 19%i	18 21%i	49 21%ik	26 15%	21 12%	30 21%i	27 14%	48 18%	65 23%hK	30 17%
Strongly disagree (-2)	382 19%	34 19%L	15 15%	333 19%	122 25%BkLMn	20 24%L	57 25%bLMn	45 27%BkLMn	37 21%L	31 21%L	35 18%L	29 11%	48 17%L	31 17%i
NET: Disagree	749 37%	66 37%i	35 35%	648 37%	215 44%IKLN	38 45%ikL	106 46%bIKLN	71 42%ikL	58 32%	61 42%L	63 32%	77 28%	113 40%L	61 34%
Don't know	206 10%	24 14%dEgi	16 16%dEfGhi	166 10%	37 8%	5 6%	18 8%	14 8%	13 7%	16 11%	27 14%Egi	27 10%	26 9%	21 12%
Mean	-0.29	-0.52	-0.28	-0.27A	-0.41	-0.43	-0.42	-0.40	-0.19Ae	-0.40	-0.21A	0.07ABEFGHIJ KMN	-0.30a	-0.36
Standard deviation	1.18	1.00	1.10	1.20	1.26	1.21	1.28	1.28	1.21	1.20	1.19	1.15	1.16	1.06
Standard error	0.03	0.08	0.11	0.03	0.06	0.14	0.08	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.10	0.07	0.07	0.09

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I would prefer the money to be spent on Northern Powerhouse Rail (estimated to cost £30-35bn), a scheme to improve links potentially including high speed rail between the major northern cities (Manchester, Liverpool, Leeds, Sheffield, Hull, Newcastle)

Base: All respondents

	Total	Gender		Age							Social Grade				Employment Sector			
		Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (l)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	Public (p)	Private (q)
Unweighted base	2015	1038	977	186	361	353	391	296	428	547	744	724	497	530	451	537	347	852
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NET: Agree	753 37%	407 41%B	346 34%	76 34%	128 37%	98 31%	128 36%	126 42%E	196 42%CEf	204 36%	226 33%	322 42%LJ	220 40%No	230 41%No	134 33%	169 34%	124 34%	272 34%
Strongly agree	(+2) 283 14%	167 17%B	116 11%	25 11%	30 9%	34 11%	53 15%D	51 17%DE	89 19%CDE	55 10%	87 13%	140 18%LJ	87 16%N	97 17%No	36 9%	62 13%on	49 13%	97 12%
Agree	(+1) 470 23%	240 24%	230 22%	51 23%	98 28%EF	64 20%	75 21%	75 25%	108 23%	149 26%J	139 20%	182 24%	133 24%	132 23%	98 24%	107 22%	75 21%	175 22%
Neither agree nor disagree	(0) 668 33%	330 34%	338 33%	63 28%	115 33%g	112 35%G	139 39%CG	79 26%	161 34%G	178 31%	250 37%IK	240 31%	169 31%	178 31%	153 37%lm	168 34%	116 32%	290 36%
Disagree	(-1) 168 8%	91 9%	77 7%	22 10%	31 9%	29 9%	22 6%	32 11%f	33 7%	53 9%	51 7%	65 8%	62 11%MO	38 7%	36 9%	32 7%	34 9%	73 9%
Strongly disagree	(-2) 123 6%	76 8%B	47 5%	10 4%	19 5%	28 9%c	19 5%	20 7%	27 6%	29 5%	47 7%	47 6%	40 7%n	37 6%	19 5%	27 6%	18 5%	59 7%
NET: Disagree	291 14%	167 17%B	124 12%	31 14%	50 14%	57 18%Fh	41 12%	52 17%F	59 13%	82 14%	98 14%	111 15%	102 19%MNO	75 13%	55 13%	60 12%	53 15%	132 17%
Don't know	303 15%	79 8%	224 22%A	53 24%DeFGH	55 16%H	55 17%H	48 14%	42 14%	50 11%	108 19%K	104 15%k	91 12%	58 11%	84 15%l	68 17%L	94 19%Lm	70 19%Q	106 13%
Mean	0.36	0.37	0.36	0.36	0.30	0.18	0.39E	0.41E	0.48DE	0.32	0.29	0.45iJ	0.34	0.45N	0.29	0.36	0.35	0.26
Standard deviation	1.09	1.14	1.03	1.06	1.01	1.12	1.05	1.17	1.11	1.03	1.09	1.13	1.15	1.13	0.98	1.06	1.08	1.09
Standard error	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.09	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.07	0.04

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Weighted base	2015	175	101*	1739	486	85*	232	169	179	147	193	272	282	179
NET: Agree	753 37%	54 31%	31 31%	668 38%a	304 63%ABIJKLMN	60 71%ABgIJKLMN	138 60%ABIJKLMN	106 62%ABIJKLMN	46 25%	59 40%IKMN	46 24%	92 34%iKn	77 27%	45 25%
Strongly agree	(+2) 283 14%	15 9%	9 9%	259 15%A	137 28%ABIJKLMN	24 28%ABIKLMN	62 27%ABJJKLMN	52 30%ABIJKLMN	18 10%	26 18%AbiKIMN	15 8%	30 11%	23 8%	11 6%
Agree	(+1) 470 23%	39 22%	23 22%	409 24%	167 34%ABIJKLMN	36 43%ABIJKLMN	77 33%AbiJKLMN	54 32%ajjKIMN	28 15%	32 22%	32 16%	63 23%i	54 19%	34 19%
Neither agree nor disagree	(0) 668 33%	74 42%DEFGHI	33 32%f	562 32%	120 25%	17 20%	61 26%	43 25%	65 36%EFgH	49 34%eF	75 39%EFGH	91 33%EFh	98 35%EFgh	63 35%EFgh
Disagree	(-1) 168 8%	13 7%EGH	9 9%EFgH	146 8%	8 2%	2 2%	3 1%	2 1%	19 11%EFGH	11 7%EGH	10 10%EFgH	31 11%EFGH	36 13%aEFGH	23 13%EFGH
Strongly disagree	(-2) 123 6%	13 8%EFH	6 6%eFH	104 6%	10 2%	-	9 4%h	1 1%	15 8%EFgH	10 7%EFH	16 8%EFgH	19 7%EFH	22 8%EFgH	12 7%EFH
NET: Disagree	291 14%	26 15%EFGH	15 15%EFGH	250 14%	17 4%	2 2%	12 5%	3 2%	34 19%EFGH	21 14%EFGH	36 19%EFGH	49 18%EFGH	57 20%EFGH	35 19%EFGH
Don't know	303 15%	22 13%	22 22%daEFGHj	259 15%	44 9%	6 7%	21 9%	17 10%	34 19%EFGH	18 12%	36 18%EFGH	39 14%Eg	50 18%EFGH	37 21%aEFGHj
Mean	0.36	0.19	0.25	0.39A	0.94ABIJKLMN	1.04ABIJKLMN	0.85ABIJKLMN	1.00ABIJKLMN	0.10	0.42IKMN	0.05	0.23	0.09	0.06
Standard deviation	1.09	1.02	1.04	1.10	0.92	0.79	1.00	0.87	1.11	1.14	1.06	1.09	1.08	1.02
Standard error	0.03	0.08	0.11	0.03	0.04	0.09	0.07	0.07	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.07	0.07	0.09

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HS2 should be scrapped

Base: All respondents

	Total	Gender		Age									Social Grade				Employment Sector	
		Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (l)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	Public (p)	Private (q)
Unweighted base	2015	1038	977	186	361	353	391	296	428	547	744	724	497	530	451	537	347	852
Weighted base	2015	983	1032	224	348	322	356	298	466	572	679	764	550	566	409	490	363	799
NET: Agree	872 43%	469 48%B	404 39%	51 23%	99 28%	126 39%CD	169 47%CDE	157 53%CDE	271 58%CDEF	149 26%	295 43%I	428 56%IJ	237 43%	231 41%	183 45%	221 45%	134 37%	322 40%
Strongly agree (+2)	528 26%	310 32%B	217 21%	24 11%	38 11%	64 20%CD	99 28%CDE	108 36%CDEF	195 42%CDEF	62 11%	163 24%I	303 40%IJ	148 27%	135 24%	107 26%	137 28%	64 18%	191 24%P
Agree (+1)	345 17%	158 16%	186 18%	27 12%	60 17%	62 19%c	70 20%C	49 16%	76 16%	87 15%	132 19%i	125 16%	89 16%	96 17%	76 19%	83 17%	70 19%	131 16%
Neither agree nor disagree (0)	501 25%	227 23%	274 27%	61 27%gh	114 33%eFGH	82 26%g	90 25%g	58 19%	96 21%	175 31%jK	172 25%K	154 20%	144 26%	132 23%	92 22%	133 27%	89 25%	217 27%
Disagree (-1)	278 14%	147 15%	131 13%	36 16%h	63 18%fgH	46 14%	45 13%	38 13%	49 10%	99 17%jK	91 13%	87 11%	80 15%O	102 18%nO	54 13%O	41 8%	62 17%	124 16%
Strongly disagree (-2)	127 6%	88 9%B	40 4%	20 9%fh	23 7%	27 8%Fh	16 4%	18 6%	24 5%	43 8%	43 6%	42 5%	47 9%O	40 7%O	27 7%O	14 3%	31 8%	54 7%
NET: Disagree	405 20%	234 24%B	171 17%	56 25%FH	86 25%FgH	73 23%fH	61 17%	56 19%	73 16%	142 25%JK	134 20%	129 17%	127 23%O	142 25%nO	81 20%O	56 11%	93 26%	178 22%
Don't know	237 12%	53 5%	183 18%A	55 25%DEFGH	50 14%gH	40 13%H	37 10%H	27 9%h	27 6%	105 18%JK	77 11%K	54 7%	42 8%	61 11%I	53 13%L	81 16%LMN	46 13%	82 10%
Mean	0.49	0.49	0.48	-0.01	0.09	0.32CD	0.60CDE	0.71CDE	0.84CDEF	0.06	0.47I	0.79IJ	0.42	0.37	0.51	0.70LMN	0.24	0.39p
Standard deviation	1.26	1.34	1.16	1.19	1.11	1.26	1.20	1.30	1.25	1.14	1.23	1.27	1.30	1.28	1.27	1.14	1.25	1.25
Standard error	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.10	0.06	0.07	0.06	0.08	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.05

Proportions/Mean: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q

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Base: All respondents

	Total	Region												
		Scotland (a)	Wales (b)	NET: England (d)	NET: Northern England (e)	North East (f)	North West (g)	Yorkshire & Humberside (h)	West Midlands (i)	East Midlands (j)	Eastern (k)	London (l)	South East (m)	South West (n)
Unweighted base	2015	187	107	1721	506	82	250	174	158	143	174	263	309	168
Weighted base	2015	175	101*	1739	486	85*	232	169	179	147	193	272	282	179
NET: Agree	872 43%	86 49%kL	43 43%l	743 43%	228 47%L	39 46%L	106 46%L	83 49%kL	79 44%L	66 45%L	76 39%	88 32%	128 45%L	78 44%L
Strongly agree	(+2) 528 26%	50 29%L	22 22%	455 26%	145 30%KL	22 25%	65 28%L	58 34%bKL	54 30%kL	42 29%L	41 21%	48 18%	76 27%L	49 27%L
Agree	(+1) 345 17%	36 21%	21 21%	287 17%	83 17%	18 21%	40 17%	25 15%	25 14%	24 17%	35 18%	40 15%	52 18%	29 16%
Neither agree nor disagree	(0) 501 25%	56 32%DEGH	25 25%	419 24%	98 20%	18 21%	47 20%	32 19%	45 25%	38 26%	50 26%	68 25%	72 26%e	49 27%eh
Disagree	(-1) 278 14%	15 9%	11 11%	252 14%A	74 15%A	13 16%	36 16%a	25 15%	19 11%	17 11%	34 18%Ain	55 20%AbIJMN	34 12%	18 10%
Strongly disagree	(-2) 127 6%	2 1%	5 5%a	121 7%A	32 7%A	7 8%A	15 6%A	11 6%A	18 10%AMN	10 7%A	15 8%A	28 10%AMN	13 4%A	6 4%
NET: Disagree	405 20%	17 10%	16 16%	373 21%A	106 22%AN	20 23%An	51 22%An	35 21%A	37 20%A	27 18%A	49 25%AbMN	82 30%ABEGHIJMN	47 17%A	25 14%
Don't know	237 12%	16 9%	17 17%a	204 12%	54 11%	7 9%	28 12%	19 11%	18 10%	16 11%	19 10%	34 12%	35 12%	28 16%a
Mean	0.49	0.74DfgKL	0.54L	0.46	0.54kL	0.45l	0.52L	0.63kL	0.49L	0.55L	0.30	0.11	0.58kL	0.64kL
Standard deviation	1.26	1.04	1.18	1.28	1.31	1.30	1.30	1.33	1.35	1.27	1.26	1.29	1.20	1.18
Standard error	0.03	0.08	0.12	0.03	0.06	0.15	0.09	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.10	0.08	0.07	0.10

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/d - b/d - c/d - a/b/c/e/f/g/h/i/j/k/l/m/n

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Table 16

Q.2 To what extent, if at all, do you think HS2 would benefit you personally?**Base: All respondents**

	Gender			Age									Social Grade				Employment Sector	
	Total	Male (a)	Female (b)	18-24 (c)	25-34 (d)	35-44 (e)	45-54 (f)	55-64 (g)	65+ (h)	18-34 (i)	35-54 (j)	55+ (k)	AB (l)	C1 (m)	C2 (n)	DE (o)	Public (p)	Pri- vate (q)
Unweighted base	2015	1038	977	186	361	353	391	296	428	547	744	724	497	530	451	537	347	852
Weighted base	2015	983	1032	224	348	322	356	298	466	572	679	764	550	566	409	490	363	799
NET: Benefit greatly/ A fair amount	133 7%	67 7%	67 6%	35 15% EFGH	51 15% EFGH	29 9% FGH	9 2%	4 1%	6 1%	86 15% JK	38 6% K	10 1%	50 9% nO	40 7% O	24 6%	19 4%	47 13% Q	64 8%
Benefit greatly	38 2%	22 2%	16 2%	12 5% FGH	12 3% GH	8 2% GH	5 1% H	1 *	- -	24 4% JK	13 2% K	1 *	20 4% mNO	10 2% O	6 1% o	2 *	14 4%	19 2%
Benefit a fair amount	95 5%	45 5%	50 5%	22 10% FGH	39 11% EFGH	21 6% FGH	4 1%	3 1%	6 1%	62 11% JK	24 4% K	9 1%	29 5%	30 5%	18 4%	17 4%	33 9% Q	45 6%
Benefit a little	283 14%	159 16% B	124 12%	57 26% EFGH	74 21% eFGH	49 15% GH	44 12% H	29 10%	30 7%	131 23% JK	93 14% K	59 8%	103 19% NO	102 18% NO	49 12% O	29 6%	63 17%	128 16%
Not benefit at all	1452 72%	716 73%	736 71%	91 41%	186 54% C	224 69% CD	285 80% CDE	250 84% CDE	416 89% CDEFG	277 48%	509 75% l	666 87% lJ	370 67%	386 68%	303 74% Lm	393 80% LMN	224 62%	547 68% P
NET: Benefit little/ Not at all	1735 86%	875 89% B	861 83%	148 66%	260 75% c	273 85% CD	329 92% CDE	279 94% CDE	446 96% CDEf	408 71%	602 89% l	725 95% lJ	473 86%	488 86%	353 86%	422 86%	287 79%	675 84% P
Don't know	146 7%	42 4%	105 10% A	41 18% DEFGH	37 11% eFGH	20 6% H	19 5%	15 5%	14 3%	78 14% JK	39 6%	29 4%	27 5%	38 7%	32 8% l	49 10% Lm	29 8%	60 7%

Proportions/Means: Columns Tested (5%, 10% risk level) - a/b - c/d/e/f/g/h - i/j/k - l/m/n/o - p/q

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Table 17

Q.2 To what extent, if at all, do you think HS2 would benefit you personally?**Base: All respondents**

	Region													
	Total	Scotland (a)	Wales (b)	NET: England (d)	NET: Northern England (e)	North East (f)	North West (g)	Yorkshire & Humberside (h)	West Midlands (i)	East Midlands (j)	Eastern (k)	London (l)	South East (m)	South West (n)
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NET: Benefit greatly/ A fair amount	133 7%	8 5%	7 7%	118 7%	33 7%Mn	10 12%AgMN	12 5%	11 7%mn	15 9%Mn	8 6%	13 7%mn	33 12%AEGhjkMN	9 3%	6 3%
Benefit greatly	38 2%	- -	1 1%	37 2%a	9 2%a	1 2%	3 1%	4 2%am	6 4%AM	2 2%	5 3%Am	11 4%AeMn	1 *	2 1%
Benefit a fair amount	95 5%	8 5%	6 6%	81 5%	25 5%	9 10%GjkMN	9 4%	8 4%	9 5%	6 4%	8 4%	22 8%gMN	8 3%	4 2%
Benefit a little	283 14%	6 4%	4 4%	273 16%AB	96 20%ABJKMN	10 12%Ab	50 21%ABfJKMN	36 22%ABfJKMN	28 16%ABkn	18 12%Ab	18 9%A	61 22%ABfJKMN	35 13%AB	16 9%a
Not benefit at all	1452 72%	151 86%DEFGHIJKLM	81 80%DEFGHL	1220 70%	317 65%L	56 66%	151 65%	110 65%	127 71%L	109 74%egL	147 76%EGHL	156 57%	216 77%EFGHL	147 82%EFGHL
NET: Benefit little/ Not at all	1735 86%	158 90%FL	85 85%	1493 86%	413 85%l	66 78%	201 87%l	146 86%	155 87%	127 86%	165 85%	218 80%	251 89%FL	163 91%eFL
Don't know	146 7%	10 6%	8 8%	128 7%	39 8%	8 10%	19 8%	11 7%	9 5%	12 8%	15 8%	21 8%	22 8%	10 6%

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