

# Public First Omnibus (August 2023) - Bank of England

**Fieldwork:** 2nd Aug - 8th Aug 2023  
**Interview method:** Online Survey  
**Population represented:** UK Adults  
**Sample size:** 2012

## Methodology:

All results are weighted using Iterative Proportional Fitting, or 'Raking'. The results are weighted by interlocking age & gender, region and social grade to Nationally Representative Proportions

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(1.A) How would you rate the current performance of the Bank of England?

	Gender			Region											
	Total	Male	Female	London	South East	South West	East of England	East Midlands	West Midlands	Yorkshire and the Humber	North East	North West	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland
Unweighted	967	469	495	128	125	84	86	77	97	78	48	116	61	43	24
Weighted	967	476	487	132	120	80	84	70	98	73	44	112	72	48	34
Very good	4%	5%	2%	6%	4%	5%	4%	1%	3%	0%	4%	4%	4%	2%	0%
Quite good	14%	16%	12%	17%	18%	17%	12%	13%	18%	16%	11%	10%	8%	12%	12%
Neither good nor bad	38%	34%	42%	43%	39%	32%	38%	37%	37%	40%	37%	35%	44%	39%	31%
Quite bad	22%	23%	20%	18%	22%	19%	24%	22%	18%	18%	28%	29%	20%	18%	27%
Very bad	14%	16%	13%	10%	10%	20%	18%	19%	12%	20%	14%	15%	9%	20%	12%
Don't know	8%	5%	10%	6%	8%	7%	5%	7%	11%	6%	6%	6%	14%	9%	17%

*Note:*

BASE: Question randomly assigned to respondents

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(1.B) How would you rate the current performance of the Bank of England?

	Total	Age						EU 2016 Vote			2019				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Leave	Remain	I did not vote	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	The Brexit Party	I did not vote
Unweighted	967	122	172	158	172	142	201	337	420	130	314	305	77	10	112
Weighted	967	143	167	154	166	137	200	333	410	136	305	301	75	10	115
Very good	4%	2%	10%	3%	2%	1%	3%	4%	4%	1%	4%	4%	8%	0%	1%
Quite good	14%	17%	17%	16%	7%	12%	16%	14%	14%	17%	18%	15%	8%	14%	12%
Neither good nor bad	38%	38%	38%	34%	36%	39%	43%	36%	41%	36%	38%	39%	44%	32%	34%
Quite bad	22%	22%	20%	21%	28%	22%	17%	20%	23%	16%	20%	21%	23%	0%	22%
Very bad	14%	11%	11%	18%	18%	15%	14%	20%	10%	19%	15%	14%	8%	45%	24%
Don't know	8%	10%	5%	8%	8%	11%	7%	6%	8%	11%	5%	7%	9%	9%	8%

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Data weighted by interlocking age & gender, region and social grade to Nationally Representative Proportions

(1.C) How would you rate the current performance of the Bank of England?

	Total	Social Grade				Voting Intention			Education				
		AB	C1	C2	DE	Conservative Labour	Liberal Democrats	GCSE or equivalent	A Level or equivalent	University Undergraduate Degree (BA/BSc)	University Postgraduate Degree (MA/MSc/MPhil)	Doctorate (PhD/DPhil)	
Unweighted	967	274	264	207	219	211	369	76	0	0	226	100	22
Weighted	967	256	254	221	233	206	367	75	0	0	220	95	20
Very good	4%	4%	1%	5%	4%	7%	3%	8%	6%	2%	2%	7%	14%
Quite good	14%	16%	12%	14%	14%	21%	13%	18%	17%	12%	14%	19%	16%
Neither good nor bad	38%	38%	40%	42%	34%	41%	38%	37%	36%	39%	42%	34%	26%
Quite bad	22%	23%	26%	16%	20%	16%	24%	25%	21%	25%	18%	29%	30%
Very bad	14%	12%	13%	16%	17%	11%	15%	7%	14%	11%	17%	5%	9%
Don't know	8%	6%	9%	7%	10%	5%	8%	4%	6%	11%	8%	6%	5%

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(2.A) How would you rate the performance of the Bank of England Governor, Andrew Bailey?

	Gender			Region											
	Total	Male	Female	London	South East	South West	East of England	East Midlands	West Midlands	Yorkshire and the Humber	North East	North West	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland
Unweighted	1046	509	532	145	150	88	99	76	82	92	39	114	94	48	19
Weighted	1046	514	528	150	142	81	97	71	83	89	36	109	109	53	27
Very good	3%	4%	3%	6%	3%	2%	4%	3%	6%	1%	5%	3%	1%	4%	5%
Quite good	15%	16%	14%	20%	17%	13%	19%	15%	17%	14%	12%	11%	15%	4%	10%
Neither good nor bad	35%	34%	37%	31%	29%	39%	31%	43%	40%	34%	40%	37%	35%	37%	53%
Quite bad	14%	15%	14%	14%	18%	18%	13%	14%	11%	13%	19%	12%	11%	18%	12%
Very bad	13%	19%	7%	9%	12%	14%	9%	13%	7%	17%	13%	19%	19%	17%	5%
Don't know	19%	12%	25%	21%	21%	12%	23%	12%	20%	21%	10%	18%	20%	20%	15%

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(2.B) How would you rate the performance of the Bank of England Governor, Andrew Bailey?

	Total	Age						EU 2016 Vote			2019				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Leave	Remain	I did not vote	Conservative	Labour	Liberal Democrat	The Brexit Party	I did not vote
Unweighted	1046	122	179	193	180	150	222	387	439	139	366	309	84	13	101
Weighted	1046	141	176	188	175	145	221	380	435	140	356	305	84	14	102
Very good	3%	6%	6%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%	2%	3%	4%	7%	0%	1%
Quite good	15%	9%	17%	15%	14%	14%	19%	14%	19%	11%	21%	16%	19%	9%	4%
Neither good nor bad	35%	34%	30%	31%	33%	45%	40%	34%	36%	40%	35%	33%	37%	34%	39%
Quite bad	14%	15%	12%	16%	10%	19%	15%	14%	15%	9%	16%	15%	9%	15%	10%
Very bad	13%	11%	8%	18%	17%	13%	11%	16%	10%	16%	13%	12%	10%	28%	16%
Don't know	19%	25%	27%	18%	23%	6%	14%	18%	15%	21%	11%	19%	18%	14%	30%

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(2.C) How would you rate the performance of the Bank of England Governor, Andrew Bailey?

	Total	Social Grade				Voting Intention				Education			
		AB	C1	C2	DE	Conservative Labour	Liberal Democrats	GCSE or equivalent	A Level or equivalent	University Undergraduate Degree (BA/BSc)	University Postgraduate Degree (MA/MSc/MPhil)	Doctorate (PhD/DPhil)	
Unweighted	1046	306	274	202	260	222	377	87	0	0	258	112	14
Weighted	1046	285	267	220	270	219	375	86	0	0	252	112	13
Very good	3%	4%	3%	5%	2%	5%	4%	6%	1%	2%	5%	4%	17%
Quite good	15%	23%	14%	15%	8%	25%	14%	17%	11%	11%	19%	15%	7%
Neither good nor bad	35%	34%	34%	33%	39%	37%	33%	46%	40%	36%	31%	36%	20%
Quite bad	14%	16%	14%	13%	15%	16%	17%	6%	14%	15%	13%	20%	27%
Very bad	13%	9%	14%	15%	15%	9%	13%	11%	13%	13%	15%	8%	14%
Don't know	19%	13%	21%	19%	22%	7%	19%	14%	20%	22%	18%	17%	15%

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Data weighted by interlocking age & gender, region and social grade to Nationally Representative Proportions

(3.A) The Bank of England is independent and it decides whether to raise or cut interest rates. Do you think the Bank of England should raise interest rates, reduce them, or keep them at the same level?

	Total	Gender		Region											
		Male	Female	London	South East	South West	East of England	East Midlands	West Midlands	Yorkshire and the Humber	North East	North West	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland
Unweighted	2012	978	1026	273	275	172	185	153	179	169	87	230	155	91	43
Weighted	2012	990	1014	282	262	161	181	141	181	161	80	221	181	101	60
Raise them	16%	20%	12%	17%	14%	18%	19%	18%	16%	15%	13%	13%	20%	14%	12%
Keep them at the same level	35%	38%	33%	38%	37%	37%	36%	36%	36%	31%	31%	38%	29%	30%	38%
Cut them	34%	29%	38%	30%	33%	35%	32%	34%	32%	42%	39%	37%	28%	35%	31%
Don't know	15%	12%	17%	15%	16%	10%	13%	12%	15%	12%	18%	11%	23%	20%	19%

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BASE: All Respondents

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(3.B) The Bank of England is independent and it decides whether to raise or cut interest rates. Do you think the Bank of England should raise interest rates, reduce them, or keep them at the same level?

	Total	Age						EU 2016 Vote			2019				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Leave	Remain	I did not vote	Conservative Labour	Liberal Democrat	The Brexit Party	I did not vote	
Unweighted	2012	244	350	351	352	292	423	724	858	269	680	614	161	23	213
Weighted	2012	284	342	342	341	282	421	713	843	277	661	607	158	24	216
Raise them	16%	17%	10%	11%	13%	23%	21%	16%	17%	18%	20%	12%	18%	12%	13%
Keep them at the same level	35%	31%	38%	36%	32%	38%	37%	36%	39%	29%	38%	37%	41%	38%	26%
Cut them	34%	38%	36%	35%	38%	29%	27%	34%	30%	37%	31%	38%	25%	32%	40%
Don't know	15%	13%	16%	18%	17%	10%	15%	13%	15%	17%	11%	13%	16%	18%	21%

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(3.C) The Bank of England is independent and it decides whether to raise or cut interest rates. Do you think the Bank of England should raise interest rates, reduce them, or keep them at the same level?

	Total	Social Grade				Voting Intention				Education			
		AB	C1	C2	DE	Conservative Labour	Liberal Democrats	GCSE or equivalent	A Level or equivalent	University Undergraduate Degree (BA/BSc)	University Postgraduate Degree (MA/MSc/MPhil)	Doctorate (PhD/DPhil)	
Unweighted	2012	580	538	409	478	433	746	163	451	542	484	211	36
Weighted	2012	541	521	441	502	425	742	161	457	555	472	206	33
Raise them	16%	19%	17%	13%	15%	21%	12%	21%	15%	15%	16%	17%	17%
Keep them at the same level	35%	42%	35%	32%	31%	42%	36%	37%	35%	33%	38%	40%	47%
Cut them	34%	27%	33%	40%	37%	26%	39%	32%	35%	36%	31%	30%	16%
Don't know	15%	13%	15%	14%	18%	11%	12%	10%	15%	16%	14%	13%	21%

Note:

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(4.A) The primary role of the Bank of England is to keep inflation low, at 2%, and the Bank therefore sets the level of interest rates. Do you think the Bank of England should keep control over interest rate policy, or do you think the Government should assume control over interest rates?

	Total	Gender		Region											
		Male	Female	London	South East	South West	East of England	East Midlands	West Midlands	Yorkshire and the Humber	North East	North West	Scotland	Wales	Northern Ireland
Unweighted	2012	978	1026	273	275	172	185	153	179	169	87	230	155	91	43
Weighted	2012	990	1014	282	262	161	181	141	181	161	80	221	181	101	60
The Bank of England should control interest rates	56%	62%	49%	60%	58%	49%	62%	60%	52%	58%	50%	52%	52%	51%	61%
The Government should control interest rates	23%	23%	23%	19%	23%	25%	18%	23%	24%	21%	24%	28%	27%	20%	16%
Don't know	22%	15%	28%	21%	20%	26%	20%	17%	24%	21%	26%	20%	21%	29%	23%

Note:

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(4.B) The primary role of the Bank of England is to keep inflation low, at 2%, and the Bank therefore sets the level of interest rates. Do you think the Bank of England should keep control over interest rate policy, or do you think the Government should assume control over interest rates?

	Total	Age						EU 2016 Vote			2019				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+	Leave	Remain	I did not vote	Conservative Labour	Liberal Democrat	The Brexit Party	I did not vote	
Unweighted	2012	244	350	351	352	292	423	724	858	269	680	614	161	23	213
Weighted	2012	284	342	342	341	282	421	713	843	277	661	607	158	24	216
The Bank of England should control interest rates	56%	53%	48%	49%	53%	62%	67%	53%	62%	46%	60%	52%	73%	32%	44%
The Government should control interest rates	23%	25%	30%	23%	23%	22%	15%	26%	20%	24%	22%	27%	14%	32%	23%
Don't know	22%	22%	22%	28%	25%	16%	18%	22%	17%	30%	18%	21%	13%	35%	32%

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Unweighted	2012	580	538	409	478	433	746	163	451	542	484	211	36
Weighted	2012	541	521	441	502	425	742	161	457	555	472	206	33
The Bank of England should control interest rates	56%	63%	57%	54%	48%	64%	56%	68%	51%	54%	60%	65%	47%
The Government should control interest rates	23%	19%	21%	24%	27%	21%	26%	18%	26%	22%	19%	20%	27%
Don't know	22%	18%	22%	21%	25%	15%	19%	14%	23%	24%	21%	15%	26%

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