

Counting Religion in Britain

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OPINION POLLS

Fieldwork date: 9 February–26 March 2025

YouGov: supernatural beliefs

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Fieldwork date: 16 February–27 March 2025

YouGov: belief in existence of supernatural creatures

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Fieldwork date: 8–9 June 2025

YouGov: human extinction

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Fieldwork date: 16 June–1 July 2025

Survation/*Jewish Chronicle*: political attitudes of UK Jews

<https://www.survation.com/archive/2025-2/>

Fieldwork date: 19–20 June 2025

YouGov: perceived threat from Islamic and other extremists

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Fieldwork date: 28–30 June 2025

YouGov: attitudes to Sunday trading hours in England and Wales

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Fieldwork date: 16–17 July 2025

YouGov/Ahmadiyya Muslim Association: perceptions of Islam

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Fieldwork date: 17–18 July 2025

JL Partners/*The Telegraph*: attitudes to proposed new definition of Islamophobia

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Fieldwork date: 30 July 2025

YouGov: perceived influence of religion on the world

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Fieldwork date: 6 August 2025

YouGov: beliefs about God(s)

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Fieldwork date: 9–11 August 2025

YouGov: importance of teaching Religious Studies at secondary school

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Fieldwork date: 30 August–1 September 2025

YouGov: attitudes to Sunday trading hours in England and Wales

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Fieldwork date: 1–2 September 2025

YouGov/Campaign against Antisemitism: attitudes towards Jews

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Fieldwork date: 12–15 September 2025

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