

ScotCen's Scottish Social Attitudes survey 2015

Which of these statements comes closest to your view?

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Scotland should become independent, separate from the UK and the European Union	10	11	9	11	8	9	11	10	9	10	9	12	8	11	11	13
Scotland should become independent, separate from the UK but part of the European Union	18	19	18	18	17	23	23	20	15	17	15	20	16	18	21	26
Scotland should remain part of the UK, with its own elected parliament which has some taxation powers	50	47	54	44	48	40	38	47	54	49	52	49	50	46	43	43
Scotland should remain part of the UK, with its own elected parliament which has no taxation powers	8	8	6	8	7	5	6	7	8	7	9	9	11	9	7	6
Scotland should remain part of the UK without an elected parliament	10	12	9	13	13	17	14	9	9	8	10	6	11	9	7	6
Don't Know	5	3	4	6	6	5	8	7	5	7	5	5	5	7	10	6
Not answered	*	-	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Sample Size	1482	1663	1605	1665	1508	1637	1549	1594	1508	1482	1495	1197	1229	1497	1501	1288

Constitutional preference – collapsed

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Scotland not in UK - Independent	27	30	27	30	26	32	35	30	24	28	23	32	23	29	33	39
Scotland in UK & Parliament - Devolution	59	55	59	52	56	45	44	54	62	56	61	58	61	55	50	49
Scotland in UK & no parliament – No Devolution	10	12	9	13	13	17	14	9	9	8	10	6	11	9	7	6
Don't know / Not Answered	5	3	4	6	6	5	8	7	5	8	5	5	5	8	10	6
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Which of the statements on this card comes closest to your view about who should make government decisions for Scotland?

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	%	%	%	%	%	%
The Scottish Parliament should make all the decisions for Scotland	28	43	35	31	41	51
The UK government should make decisions about defence and foreign affairs; the Scottish Parliament should decide everything else	32	29	32	32	27	30
The UK government should make decisions about taxes, benefits and defence and foreign affairs; the Scottish Parliament should decide the rest.	27	21	24	25	22	12
The UK government should make all decisions for Scotland	10	5	6	8	6	3
(Don't know)	3	2	2	3	4	4
(Refused)	*	-	*	*	*	*
<i>Sample Size</i>	1495	1197	1229	1497	1501	1288

As a result of independence would Scotland's economy become better, worse, or would it make no difference?

	2009	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	%	%	%	%	%	%
A lot better	6	10	6	5	10	20
A little better	25	25	28	24	16	23
No difference	22	26	23	26	15	13
A little worse	19	17	21	22	21	16
A lot worse	13	13	13	12	22	21
(Can't choose)	12	10	9	10	15	8
(Not answered)	2	-	-	*	1	*
<i>Sample Size</i>	<i>1317</i>	<i>1156</i>	<i>1180</i>	<i>1340</i>	<i>1433</i>	<i>1232</i>

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How people voted in the 2015 UK General Election and how they say they would have voted in a Scottish Parliament election in May 2015

	Reported General Election Vote	Hypothetical Scottish Parliament Vote	Difference
	%	%	%
Conservative	11	10	-1
Labour	25	22	-3
Liberal Democrat	8	6	-2
SNP	51	56	+5
Green	2	3	+1
UKIP	1	1	0
Others	1	1	0
<i>Unweighted sample size</i>	973	1016	

Accuracy of SSA 2015

Referendum: 86% (85% actual) voted; Yes 48% (45); No 52% (55)

Election: 76% (71) voted

Reported vote in election (actual share)

Con	11% (15)
Lab	25% (24)
LD	8% (8)
SNP	51% (50)
Grn	2% (1)
UKIP	1% (2)
Others	1% (*)