

Statistical bulletin

Coronavirus and the social impacts on Great Britain: 11 June 2021

Indicators from the Opinions and Lifestyle Survey covering the period 26 to 31 May 2021 and 2 to 6 June 2021 to understand the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on people, households and communities in Great Britain.

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1 . Main points

This week, over the period 2 to 6 June 2021, based on adults in Great Britain:

- The proportion of adults maintaining social distancing with people outside their household fell to 68% from 74% last week; this is a continued fall from 88% in early April (7 to 11 April 2021) before the easing of lockdown restrictions in England from 12 April 2021.
- Fewer adults reported avoiding physical contact when outside their home in the last seven days (72% this week, 73% last week) than before the easing of lockdown, which was at 85% in the period 7 to 11 April 2021.
- The proportion of adults meeting up indoors with someone not in their household, childcare or support bubble in the last seven days reached 50% last week and remained unchanged this week following the ease of lockdown restrictions across Great Britain.
- The proportion of adults meeting up outdoors increased to 65% from 53% last week, possibly helped by the sunny weather in addition to the half-term school holidays for some in England and Wales.
- Personal well-being measures of happiness (7.3) increased to above February 2020's pre-pandemic level (7.2) for the first time since May 2020 (7.4); anxiety levels (3.6) also improved slightly from last week (3.8), while levels of life satisfaction (7.0 this week, 7.1 last week) and feeling that things done in life are worthwhile (7.3 this week, 7.4 last week) were at similar levels to last week.
- Around 8 in 10 (80%) adults reported to have received at least one dose of a coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine (78% last week), which includes around 55% of adults reporting to have received their second dose (50% last week).

This week, we also asked adults about their intentions to go on trips abroad before September 2021, finding:

- Over 1 in 10 (12%) adults said that they planned to go on a trip abroad before September, with 71% saying that a holiday is the purpose of their trip.
- In order to travel abroad, people appeared to be more willing to undergo measures such as wear a face covering (91%) or provide proof of being vaccinated (86%) than having to quarantine when arriving home (25%).
- People appeared to be less willing to pay for or stay in a managed quarantine hotel (2%) so that they could travel abroad, while 4% of adults said that they would not be willing to carry out any of the suggested measures for travel.

The latest week's estimates presented in this release are based on data collected after the further easing of lockdown restrictions that were introduced across Great Britain from 17 May 2021.

2 . Main indicators

Throughout this update:

- "this week" refers to responses collected during the period 2 to 6 June 2021
- "last week" refers to responses collected during the period 26 to 31 May 2021

Compliance with measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19

Compliance with measures to stop the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) remained high for handwashing when returning home from a public place (86% this week and last week) and using a face covering when outside the home (96% this week and 97% last week).

People appear to be more sociable as rules relax, with the proportion of adults maintaining social distancing with people outside their household reducing to 68% from 74% last week; this is a continued fall from 88% in early April (7 to 11 April 2021) before the easing of lockdown restrictions in England from 12 April 2021.

Over 7 in 10 (72%) adults reported avoiding physical contact when outside their home in the last seven days, a slight decrease from 73% last week and a notable decrease from 85% in the period 7 to 11 April 2021 (Table 1).

Table 1: Main indicators

Notes:

1. "Latest" refers to responses collected during the period 2 to 6 June 2021.
2. Any breaks in the series shown is due to questions not being asked for this period.
3. The axes for each timeline are not comparable and as such should be treated with caution when interpreting the extent of changes over time between each indicator.

Further statistics on compliance with measures to stop the spread of coronavirus, including trends over time, can be found in Tables 1a to 6 of the [Coronavirus and the social impacts on Great Britain dataset](#).

Meeting up indoors and outdoors

The proportion of adults meeting up indoors with someone not in their household, childcare or support bubble in the last seven days reached 50% last week and remained unchanged this week as restrictions eased across Great Britain from 17 May 2021.

The proportion of adults meeting up outdoors increased to 65% from 53% last week, possibly helped by the sunny weather during the half-term school holiday in England and Wales (Figure 1).

Figure 1: Around half (50%) of adults met up indoors with someone outside their household, childcare or support bubble in the last seven days

Adults in Great Britain, January to June 2021

Notes:

1. Question: "Excluding work or education, in the past seven days, have you met up or socialised with anyone from outside your household, support or childcare bubble?"
2. Base: all adults.
3. Questions asked about meeting indoors and outdoors changed from the period 17 to 21 onwards so interpretation of this time series should be made with caution. For more information please see the datasets associated with this bulletin.

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Travel to work

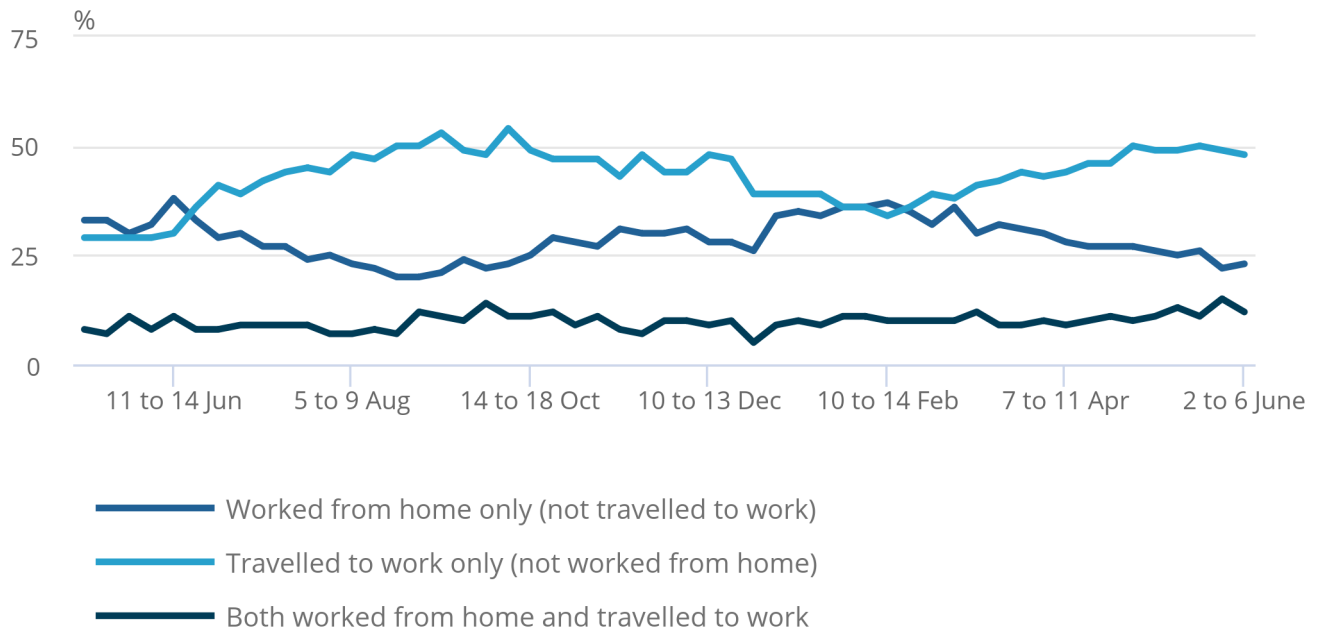
The proportion of working adults travelling to work exclusively in the last seven days has generally increased since mid-February (44% in the period 10 to 14 February 2021) but decreased slightly this week (48% compared with 49% last week). It is likely that some people may have not worked, or worked more flexibly from home, over the half-term break in England and Wales, resulting in a slight reduction in adults travelling to work.

Figure 2: The proportion of working adults travelling to work exclusively in the past seven days has been increasing in recent weeks but declined this week

Working adults, Great Britain, May 2020 to June 2021

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Working adults, Great Britain, May 2020 to June 2021



Source: Office for National Statistics - Opinions and Lifestyle Survey

Notes:

1. Question: "In the past seven days, have you worked from home because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak?"
2. Base: all working adults.
3. Over the Christmas period, there were lower numbers of adults who said they had either travelled to work or worked from home in the last seven days. This was most likely because of changing work plans over the Christmas break.

We will be publishing more information on the attitudes towards the future of homeworking in this [article](#), published on 14 June 2021.

3 . Reasons for leaving home

Over 9 in 10 (96%) adults in Great Britain reported leaving home this week (same as last week).

With more indoor hospitality venues open across Great Britain from 17 May 2021, people were able to plan more activities this week, perhaps helped further by the good weather and the half-term school holidays for some in England and Wales.

Among those who reported leaving home in the last seven days:

- 24% did so to do leisure activities (19% last week and 8% between 7 to 11 April 2021)
- 28% did so to eat or drink indoors at a restaurant, café, bar or pub (20% last week)
- 30% did so to eat or drink outdoors at a restaurant, café, bar or pub (28% last week)
- 17% did so to visit a beauty spot, landmark, beach or heritage site (10% last week)
- 31% did so to visit a park or local green space (25% last week)
- 8% did so to travel within the UK for holidays or short breaks (5% last week)

Figure 3: Amongst adults who reported to leave home in the last seven days, nearly a quarter (24%) did so to do leisure activities

Of adults who reported they had left home in the last seven days for any reason, Great Britain, December 2020 to June 2021

Notes:

1. Question: "In the past seven days, for what reasons have you left your home?"
2. Base: all adults who reported having in the past seven days left their home for any reason.
3. Not all possible response categories are shown on this chart. For information on response options to these questions, please see Table 6 of the dataset associated with this bulletin.
4. Where the time series line is incomplete on these charts, either this question category was not asked in the period or the proportion who reported it was less than 1%.

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4 . Personal well-being

This week, personal well-being measures of happiness (7.3) increased to above February 2020's pre-pandemic level (7.2) for the first time since May 2020 (7.4).

Anxiety levels (3.6) also improved slightly from last week (3.8), while levels of life satisfaction (7.0 this week, 7.1 last week) and feeling that things done in life are worthwhile (7.3 this week, 7.4 last week) decreased slightly.

Figure 4: Happiness levels increased this week to above February's pre-pandemic level

Adults in Great Britain, March 2020 to June 2021

Notes:

1. Questions: "Overall, how satisfied are you with your life nowadays?", "Overall, to what extent do you feel that the things you do in your life are worthwhile?", "Overall, how happy did you feel yesterday?" and "Overall, how anxious did you feel yesterday?"
2. These questions are answered on a scale of 0 to 10, where 0 is "not at all" and 10 is "completely".
3. Base: all adults.

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5 . Attitudes to COVID-19 vaccination

This week, 96% of adults reported positive vaccine sentiment (same as last week). This included adults who had received at least one dose of a coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine, adults who said they would be very or fairly likely to have a vaccine if offered and adults who have been offered and are currently waiting to receive a vaccine.

Figure 5 shows how vaccination sentiment by age has changed since early December 2020:

- around 9 in 10 (90%) people aged 16 to 29 years reported positive vaccine sentiment; this proportion has been between 85% and 91% in the last five weeks, higher than the 63% reported at the start of the vaccination programme in December 2020
- over 9 in 10 (95%) people aged 30 to 49 years reported positive vaccine sentiment (94% last week); this proportion was 74% at the start of the vaccination programme in December 2020

The estimates presented here are from a sample of adults, and may differ from the latest official administrative data on the [number of adults in Great Britain and its constituent countries who have received a COVID-19 vaccination](#).

Figure 5: Over 9 in 10 (96%) adults have received or would be likely to accept a COVID-19 vaccine if offered

Adults in Great Britain, December 2020 to June 2021

Notes:

1. Questions: "Have you received a vaccine for the coronavirus (COVID-19)?", "Have you been offered a vaccine for the coronavirus (COVID-19)?" and "If a vaccine for the coronavirus (COVID-19) was offered to you, how likely or unlikely would you be to have the vaccine?".
2. Base: all adults.
3. Questions asked about attitudes toward the COVID-19 vaccination have changed over the survey periods shown so interpretation of this time series should be made with caution. For more information please see the datasets associated with this bulletin.
4. Categories of "Adults who have been offered and declined the vaccine or would be very or fairly unlikely to have the vaccine if offered", "Neither", "Don't know" and "Prefer not to say" are not shown on this chart.
5. For the period 10 to 14 February, the 99% indicated on the chart for those aged 70 years and above represent a proportion of greater than 99% but less than 100%.

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The 96% of adults in Great Britain this week who reported positive vaccine sentiment¹ is made up of those who reported that they either:

- had received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine (80%) which includes over half (55%) of adults having received a second dose
- had been offered a vaccine and were awaiting their first dose (4%)
- had not yet been offered a vaccine but were likely (very or fairly likely) to have one when offered (12%) (Figure 6)

A similar proportion of adults reported to have received at least one dose is reported in the [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Infection Survey release](#). Our survey does not include adults living in care homes or other establishments, so will not capture vaccinations in these settings. Because of small sample sizes, the percentage of adults who have declined the vaccine should be treated with caution. For more information please see the [Glossary](#).

Figure 6: Over half (55%) of all adults reported they had received the second dose of a COVID-19 vaccine

Adults in Great Britain, 2 to 6 June 2021

Notes:

1. Questions: "Have you received a vaccine for the coronavirus (COVID-19)?", "Have you been offered a vaccine for the coronavirus (COVID-19)?" and "If a vaccine for the coronavirus (COVID-19) was offered to you, how likely or unlikely would you be to have the vaccine?"
2. Base: all adults.
3. Totals may not sum to 100% because of rounding and because proportions of less than 1% are not included in this chart.

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More about coronavirus

- Find the latest on [coronavirus \(COVID-19\) in the UK](#).
- [Explore the latest coronavirus data](#) from the ONS and other sources.
- All ONS analysis, summarised in our [coronavirus roundup](#).
- View [all coronavirus data](#).
- Find out how we are [working safely in our studies and surveys](#).

Notes for: Attitudes to COVID-19 vaccination

1. Totals for the combined category of "positive vaccine sentiment" or "vaccine hesitancy" may appear to be different than if combining the individual category estimates shown in Figure 4 because of rounding.

6 . Attitudes to travelling abroad

Over 1 in 10 (12%) adults said that they planned to go on a trip abroad before September. The younger age groups were more likely to have planned a trip: 16% of 30 to 49 year olds, compared with 8% for 70 years and above. It is worth noting that we collected this information in the week that it was announced that Portugal will move to the amber list from 8th June, meaning that responses were collected both before and after this announcement.

We asked the adults who had planned to go on a trip abroad what measures they would be willing to carry out. We learnt that:

- the majority (91%) would be willing to wear a face covering when travelling to and from their destination
- 86% of adults would be willing to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccination to travel
- 74% would be willing to take a test for the coronavirus (COVID-19) before and after travelling
- 73% would be willing to provide details of their accommodation, travel and address
- 62% would be willing to social distance at their destination

Fewer adults said that they would be willing to:

- stay abroad for longer if rules change or if they have a positive test (27%)
- quarantine for 10 days after returning home (25%)
- pay for or stay in a managed quarantine hotel (2%)
- 4% would not be willing to carry out any of the above (Figure 7).

Figure 7: In order to travel abroad, people were more willing to take measures such as wear a face covering or provide proof of being vaccinated than having to quarantine

Adults in Great Britain who had planned a trip abroad, 2 to 6 June 2021

Notes:

1. Question: "Which of the following would you be willing to carry out when going on a trip abroad?"
2. Base: adults who said they planned a trip abroad before September.

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The most commonly reported reason to travel was for a holiday (71%), followed by visiting family and friends (34%). Just 4% said they had planned travel for work and a further 4% had other reasons to travel.

More information on adults' travel plans abroad can be found in the [Red, amber and green travel lists and overseas visits from the UK release](#).

7 . Social impacts on Great Britain data

[Coronavirus and the social impacts on Great Britain](#)

Dataset | Released 11 June 2021

Indicators from the Opinions and Lifestyle Survey to understand the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on people, households and communities in Great Britain. Includes breakdowns by at-risk age, sex and underlying health condition.

[Coronavirus and the travel plans of people in Great Britain](#)

Dataset | Released 11 June 2021

Indicators from the Opinions and Lifestyle Survey to understand the travel plans of people in Great Britain. Includes breakdowns by age.

8 . Measuring the data

This release contains data and indicators from a module being undertaken through the Office for National Statistics' (ONS') Opinions and Lifestyle Survey (OPN) to understand the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on British society.

Breakdowns by age, sex, region and country, including [confidence intervals](#) for the estimates, are contained in the [Coronavirus and the social impacts on Great Britain dataset](#).

Where changes in results from previous weeks are presented in this bulletin, associated confidence intervals should be used to assess the [statistical significance](#) of the differences.

Positive vaccine sentiment

"Positive vaccine sentiment" refers to adults who:

- have received the vaccine
- have been offered the vaccine and are waiting to be vaccinated
- report being very or fairly likely to have the vaccine if offered

Our survey does not include adults living in care homes or other establishments so will not capture vaccinations in these settings. Because of small sample sizes, the percentage of adults who have declined the vaccine should be treated with caution.

Estimates of attitudes towards vaccination provided since 13 to 17 January 2021 should be used with caution when compared with any weeks prior to this. In the weeks prior to this, adults were asked their likelihood of having a vaccine if offered but were not specifically asked if they had already been offered or received a vaccine.

Sampling and weighting

This week

In the week 26 to 31 May 2021, we sampled 6,036 households. This week, 2 to 6 June 2021, we sampled 6,028 households. These samples were randomly selected from those that had previously completed the Labour Market Survey (LMS).

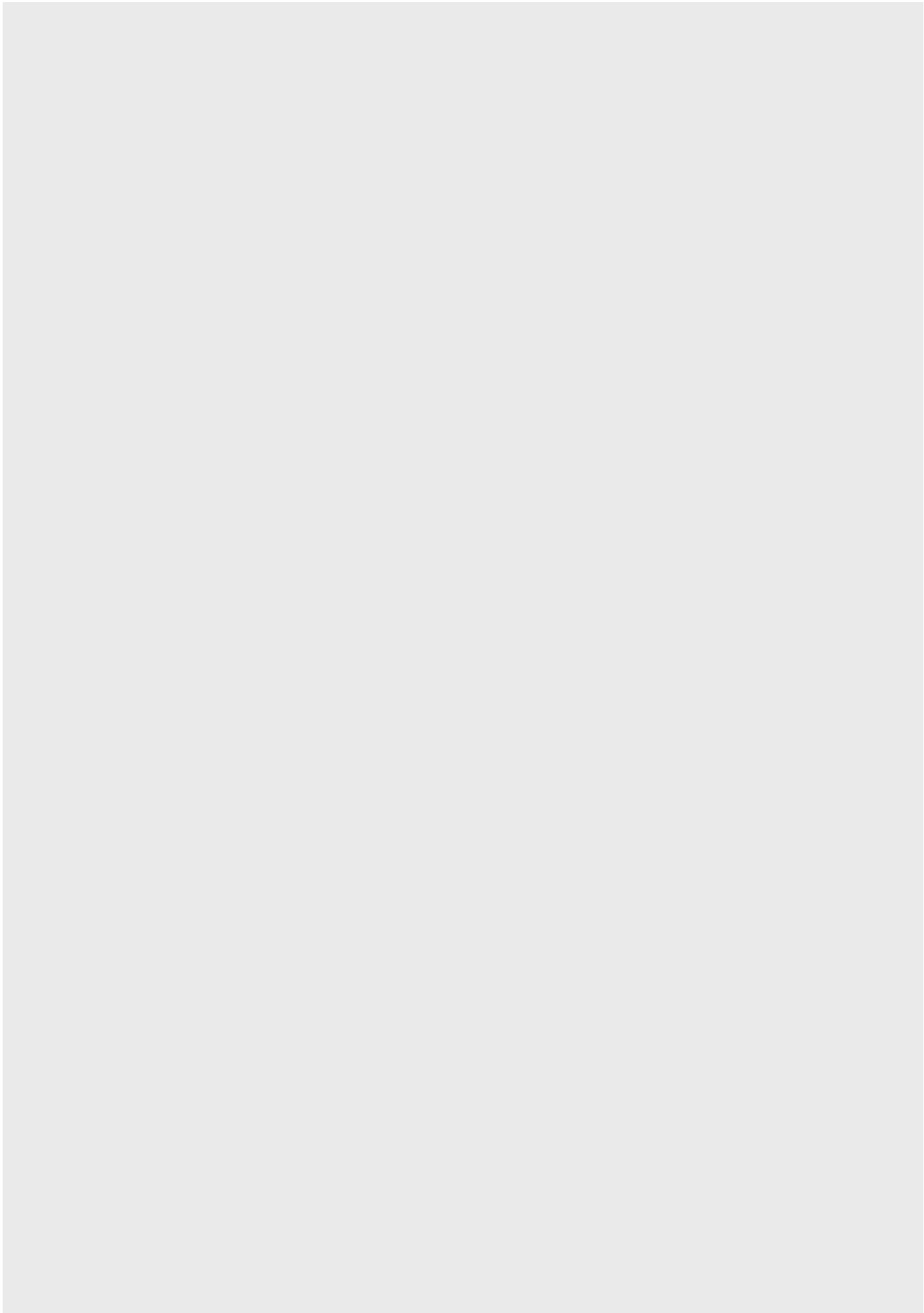
The responding sample for 26 to 31 May contained 4,152 individuals, representing a 69% response rate.

The responding sample for 2 to 6 June contained 4,153 individuals, representing a 69% response rate.

Survey weights were applied to make estimates representative of the population (based on May and June 2021 population estimates).

Further information on the survey design and quality can be found in the [Opinions and Lifestyle Survey Quality and Methodology Information](#).

9 . Related links



[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) latest data and analysis](#)

Web page | Updated as data become available

Latest data and analysis on the coronavirus (COVID-19) in the UK and its effects on the economy and society.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) latest insights](#)

Web page | Updated as data become available

An interactive tool to explore the latest data and trends about the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic from the ONS and other sources.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Infection Survey: antibody and vaccination data for the UK, 28 May 2021](#)

Article | Released 28 May 2021

Antibody and vaccination data by UK country and regions in England from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection Survey. This survey is being delivered in partnership with University of Oxford, University of Manchester, Public Health England and Wellcome Trust.

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) in charts: What we learned over the past month \(May 2021\)](#)

Article | Released 27 May 2021

Analysis and charts using data from across the UK government and devolved administrations on the effects of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic on various aspects of society and the economy.

[Coronavirus and contributors to subnational well-being: January to March 2021](#)

Article | Released 26 May 2021

An investigation using the Office for National Statistics' (ONS) Opinions and Lifestyle Survey to understand the link between well-being and a variety of financial, behavioural and demographic factors and the differences in well-being in rural and urban areas.

[Personal and economic well-being in Great Britain: May 2021](#)

Bulletin | Released 25 May 2021

Estimates looking across personal and economic well-being covering the period from March 2020 to May 2021, to understand the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on people and households in Great Britain.

[Coronavirus and higher education students: England, 4 May to 12 May 2021](#)

Article | Released 24 May 2021

Experimental statistics from the Student COVID-19 Insights Survey (SCIS) in England. Includes information on the behaviours, plans, opinions and well-being of higher education students in the context of guidance on the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

[Homeworking in the UK Labour Market: 2020](#)

Article | Released 17 May 2021

Breakdowns of the prevalence of homeworking by industry, occupation, region, age, sex, ethnicity and local authority.

[Coronavirus and vaccine hesitancy, Great Britain: 28 April to 23 May 2021](#)

Headline bulletin | Released 9 June 2021

Estimates of vaccine sentiment with breakdowns by different population groups. Analysis based on the Opinions and Lifestyle Survey (OPN).

[Coronavirus and depression in adults, Great Britain: January to March 2021](#)

Bulletin | Released 5 May 2021

Analysis of the proportion of the British adult population experiencing some form of depression in early 2021, by age, sex and other characteristics. Includes comparisons with 2020 and pre-pandemic estimates.

[Coronavirus and vaccine attitudes and behaviours in England: over 80s population, 15 February to 20 February 2021](#)

Bulletin | Released 4 March 2021

Attitudes, behaviours and well-being of people aged over 80 years in England in relation to coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccination.

[Red, amber and green travel lists and overseas visits from the UK](#)

Article | 10 June 2021

In an average pre-pandemic summer, UK residents made almost 6.6 million visits to see friends and family overseas. How could these trips be affected by the current red and amber travel lists, and what might the financial impact be?

