

Report, questionnaire and data tables following Survey of Public Attitudes and Behaviours toward the Environment: 2007

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A report containing all the results from the survey has been completed by BRMB in conjunction with Defra statisticians, and was released on 2nd November 2007.

Full report

Questionnaire

Data tables, divided into sections:

Section A: Household and respondent characteristics
Wellbeing and TGI Life Values (for Fusion)

Section B: Travel behaviour

Section C: Energy and water efficiency in the home

Section E: Recycling, composting and reducing waste

Section F: Purchasing

Section G: Awareness and attitudes in relation to the environment/climate change

Section H: Further household and respondent characteristics

Omnibus Survey Questionnaire

Omnibus tables of responses (covering Green spaces, Animal welfare, Biodiversity, Wellbeing)

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Defra Survey of Attitudes and Behaviour in relation to the Environment 2007

Omnibus Survey Questionnaire

This research was a quantitative survey of adults (aged 16 or over) in England examining their attitudes and behaviour in relation to the environment. The aims of the survey were to:

- establish current public attitudes, knowledge and behaviour in relation to the environment;
- compare current attitudes, knowledge and behaviour with those arising from previous surveys; and
- establish a foundation for future time series

The survey was conducted using face to face interviews in respondents' homes.

The questionnaire was designed in consultation by BMRB and DEFRA. It included demographic questions, attitudinal and behavioural questions on specific topic areas: green spaces, animal welfare, biodiversity and life satisfaction/wellbeing. A more extensive questionnaire was used in the principal survey and included more general attitudinal questions, and attitudinal and behavioural questions on specific topic areas: travel and transport, energy and water efficiency, recycling and waste reduction, and purchasing behaviours.

WELLBEING

1. What do you think are the most important issues the Government should be dealing with?
DO NOT PROMPT

Health / social services
Education
Crime
Environment / pollution
Pensions and benefits
Public transport
Unemployment
Economy in general
Housing (including costs)
Taxes
European Union
Don't Know
Other (specify)

2. Which of these best describes how you feel about your current lifestyle and the environment?

I'm happy with what I do at the moment
I'd like to do a bit more to help the environment
I'd like to do a lot more to help to environment
Don't Know

3. And which of these would you say best describes your current lifestyle?

- I don't really do anything that is environmentally-friendly
- I do one or two things that are environmentally-friendly
- I do quite a few things that are environmentally-friendly
- I'm environmentally-friendly in most things I do
- I'm environmentally-friendly in everything I do
- Don't Know

4. Next, all things considered, how satisfied are you with your life as a whole nowadays? Please answer where 0 means extremely dissatisfied and 10 means extremely satisfied.

- Numeric Range (0 to 10)
- Don't Know
- Refused

5. I am now going to show you a series of different things relating to aspects of your life. For each one, please tell me how satisfied you are with each of them. So firstly...

IF NECESSARY SAY "How satisfied are you with this aspect of your life?"

- - Your standard of living
- - Your health
- - Your day-to-day activities (including work or studies)
- - Your ability to influence what happens in your life
- - Your personal relationships
- - Achieving your goals
- - Your house / flat / accommodation
- - Feeling part of a community
- - The area in which you live
- - Your future financial security
- - Leisure activities / hobbies

- Very satisfied
- Fairly satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Fairly dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied
- Don't Know
- Refused

6. I am now going to show you a series of statements. For each one please tell me how much you agree or disagree with that statement. So firstly...

IF NECESSARY SAY: "How much do you agree or disagree with this statement?"

- - In general I feel very positive about myself
- - I spend a lot of time worrying about things
- - I feel optimistic about my future
- - I generally feel that what I do in life is valuable and worthwhile
- - I generally plan and prepare for the future
- - I find it hard to be hopeful about the future of the world
- - I draw comfort and strength from my religious beliefs

Definitely agree
Tend to agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Tend to disagree
Definitely disagree
Not applicable
Don't Know
Refused

7. I am going to show you a number of things people might say that they feel or how they might spend their time. For each one, please say how often during the past two weeks each description would have applied to you. So firstly...

IF NECESSARY SAY: "How often during the past two weeks would you say this description applied to you?"

- - You felt happy or contented
- - You felt depressed
- - You felt engaged or focused in what you were doing
- - You felt energised or lively
- - You felt lonely
- - You felt everything you did was an effort
- - Your sleep was restless
- - You spent time together with family
- - You spent time together with friends
- - You felt unsafe or threatened
- - You were involved in social activities in your local area
- - You were involved in leisure activities / hobbies

Never
At least once
On a few days
Most days
Every day
Don't Know
Refused

8. Do you have someone close to you with whom you can talk about personal things?

Definitely
Maybe
No
Refused

9. What would you say are the most important things affecting your life?

DO NOT PROMPT

Your standard of living
Your health
Your work life / study / day-to-day activities
How you influence your own life
Your personal relationships
Achieving your goals
Religious beliefs / spirituality
Your house / flat / accommodation
Feeling part of the community
The area in which you live
Your future financial security
Leisure time / hobbies
Feeling safe
Being able to spend time with friends and family
Being able to talk to your neighbours
Don't Know
Refused
Other (specify)

GREEN SPACES

10. Do you have a garden?

- Yes - own garden
- Yes - garden shared with others
- No
- Don't Know

If have a garden:

11. To what extent would you say that having a garden contributes to your quality of life?

- A lot
- A fair amount
- A little
- Not at all
- Don't Know

If don't have a garden:

12. To what extent would you say that having a garden would contribute to your quality of life?

- A lot
- A fair amount
- A little
- Not at all
- Don't Know

Ask all

13. How important is it for you to have public gardens, parks, commons or other green spaces nearby?

- Very important
- Fairly important
- Not very important
- Not important at all
- Don't Know

14. And how often do you visit public gardens, parks, commons or other green spaces?

- 6-7 days a week
- 3-5 days a week
- 1-2 days a week
- Once a fortnight
- Once a month
- Several times a year
- Once a year
- Less often
- Never
- Don't Know

If think it's important to have green spaces nearby but visit them less often than once a month:

15. Why don't you visit public spaces more often?

DO NOT PROMPT

INTERVIEWER PROBE: "What (else), if anything makes it difficult for you?"

Lack of time / too busy
Too far away
Lack of transport to take me there
Feel it is unsafe Difficulties with mobility
Don't want to / Not interested
Don't Know
Other(specify)

Ask all:

16. How often do you visit open countryside for leisure?

6-7 days a week
3-5 days a week
1-2 days a week
Once a fortnight
Once a month
Several times a year
Once a year
Less often
Never
Don't Know

If visit the countryside at least once a year:

17. And which of these did you visit when you last visited the open countryside?

National Park (e.g. Lake District, Peak District)
Historic site / stately home
Historic garden
Small country town or village
Forest or woodland
River, canal or lake
Open farmland
An open coastal area
Don't Know
Other (specify)

If visited a National Park, Forest or woodland, River, canal or lake, Open farmland or An open coastal area:

18. Which of these activities did you undertake when you last visited open countryside?

- Walking
- Running
- Cycling
- Horseriding
- Birdwatching
- Nature study
- Picnicking
- Sport (ball games, kite flying, etc)
- Don't Know
- Other (specify)

If visit the countryside at least once a year:

19. And from your last visit, what would you say are the three most important aspects of the open countryside?

- Tranquillity
- Scenery
- Open space
- Fresh air
- Plants and wildlife
- Leisure opportunities
- Way of life
- Villages / historic buildings
- Nothing
- Don't Know
- Other (specify)

ANIMAL WELFARE

Ask all:

The next few questions are about animal welfare.

First, I'd like you to think about the welfare of FARM ANIMALS in this country. By this I mean things like the following:

- How farmers look after and breed animals
- How farm animals are transported
- Conditions at markets and livestock sales
- Exports of live farm animals
- Conditions at slaughterhouses and abattoirs

20. How much thought would you say you had given before now to the issue of farm animal welfare in this country? Is it something you have thought...

- A great deal about
- A fair amount about
- A little about
- Or have you not really given this issue any thought before now?
- Don't Know

21. And how happy are you with the standards of farm animal welfare in this country?

- Happy with all aspects of farm animal welfare
- Happy with most aspects of farm animal welfare
- Happy with some aspects of farm animal welfare, unhappy with others
- Unhappy with most aspects of farm animal welfare
- Unhappy with all aspects of farm animal welfare
- Don't know enough about the issue to say

If not happy with all aspects of farm animal welfare:

23. Which, if any, of these aspects of farm animal welfare in this country are you particularly concerned about?

- How animals are kept on farms
- How animals are transported
- When animals are sold at markets / livestock sales
- Exports of live farmed animals
- Conditions at slaughterhouses and abattoirs
- None of these
- Another aspect of farm animal welfare (specify)

If not happy with all aspects of farm animal welfare:

24. And which one of these aspects of farm animal welfare in this country are you most concerned about?

- How animals are kept on farms
- How animals are transported
- When animals are sold at markets / livestock sales
- Exports of live farmed animals
- Conditions at slaughterhouses and abattoirs
- None of these
- Another aspect of farm animal welfare (specify)

Ask all:

Next, I'd like you to think about the welfare of PETS in this country. By this I mean things like the following:

- How people treat their pets
- How well people understand how to look after their pets
- Conditions in pet shops
- The types of animals that are sold as pets
- Monitoring and prosecution of cruelty

25. How much thought would you say you had given before now to the issue of pet welfare in this country? Is it something you have thought...

- A great deal about
- A fair amount about
- A little about
- Or have you not really given this issue any thought before now?
- Don't Know

26. And how happy would you say you are with the standards of pet welfare in this country?

- Happy with all aspects of pet welfare
- Happy with most aspects of pet welfare
- Happy with some aspects of pet welfare, unhappy with others
- Unhappy with most aspects of pet welfare
- Unhappy with all aspects of pet welfare
- Don't know enough about the issue to say

If not happy with all aspects of pet welfare:

28. Which, if any, of these aspects of pet welfare in this country are you particularly concerned about?

- How people treat their pets
- How well people understand how to look after their pets
- Conditions in pet shops
- The types of animals that are sold as pets
- Monitoring and prosecution of cruelty
- None of these
- Another aspect of pet welfare (specify)

If not happy with all aspects of pet welfare:

29. And which one of these aspects of pet welfare in this country are you most concerned about?

- How people treat their pets
- How well people understand how to look after their pets
- Conditions in pet shops
- The types of animals that are sold as pets
- Monitoring and prosecution of cruelty
- None of these
- Another aspect of pet welfare (specify)

Ask all:

30. Thinking about animal welfare in general, that is the welfare of both farm animals and pets, do you think the Government...

- Should do more than it does at the moment about animal welfare
- Does enough as it is about animal welfare
- Already gives too much attention to animal welfare
- Don't Know

31. Thinking about animal welfare in general, that is the welfare of both farm animals and pets, do you think the Government...

- Already gives too much attention to animal welfare
- Does enough as it is about animal welfare
- Should do more than it does at the moment about animal welfare
- Don't Know

BIODIVERSITY

32. How much, if anything, would you say you know about biodiversity?

- A lot
- A fair amount
- Just a little
- Nothing - have only heard of the name
- Nothing - have never heard of it
- Don't Know

BIODIVERSITY is the variety of living things and the natural environments that support them.

LOSS OF BIODIVERSITY means loss of species of living things through development, pollution or natural processes.

33. How much thought would you say you have given before now to the loss of biodiversity in the UK? Is it something you have thought...

- A great deal about
- A fair amount about
- A little about
- Or have you not really given this issue any thought before now?
- Don't Know

34. How much thought would you say you had given before now to the loss of biodiversity elsewhere in the world? Is it something you have thought...

- A great deal about
- A fair amount about
- A little about
- Or have you not really given this issue any thought before now?
- Don't Know

35. I am now going to show you some things people told us earlier in our research project. For each one, please tell me how much you agree or disagree with that statement. So firstly...

IF NECESSARY SAY: "How much do you agree or disagree with this statement?"

- I actively encourage wildlife in my garden (e.g. through feeding areas, or planting)
- We can afford to lose some of the UK's biodiversity
- There is nothing I can do personally to help protect the UK's biodiversity
- We can afford to lose some of the World's biodiversity
- There is nothing I can do personally to help stop the loss of the World's biodiversity
- We should pay farmers to protect our natural environment
- It is important that school children go on field-trips to experience nature first hand
- The UK should aid and support developing countries to protect their biodiversity

Strongly agree
Tend to agree
Neither agree nor disagree
Tend to disagree
Strongly disagree
Don't Know