

YouGov / Animal Justice Project Survey Results

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Fieldwork: 19th - 20th May 2026

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How much, if at all, would you say you know about how pigs are slaughtered in the UK?

A great deal	4	2	3	3	4	8	3	3	3	3	11	3	3	4	3	7	3	3	3	4	3
A fair amount	17	21	16	17	22	21	17	17	19	24	23	17	19	20	15	20	17	16	18	17	17
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL / FAIR AMOUNT	21	23	19	20	26	29	20	20	22	27	34	20	22	24	18	27	20	19	21	21	20
Not very much	46	47	50	45	45	48	47	47	45	42	47	48	46	46	45	39	47	47	44	48	43
Nothing at all	29	29	28	35	26	23	31	30	30	27	17	29	29	27	31	25	28	30	33	29	33
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NOTHING AT ALL	75	76	78	80	71	71	78	77	75	69	64	77	75	73	76	64	75	77	77	77	76
Don't know	4	1	3	1	4	1	2	3	3	4	2	3	3	3	5	9	5	4	2	3	3

Which of the following do you think is the most commonly used method for stunning pigs before slaughter in the UK?

Carbon dioxide (CO ₂)	12	9	16	10	10	25	8	15	13	12	21	13	10	15	10	15	14	11	8	15	8
Electrical	24	32	28	26	25	19	27	23	23	27	26	24	24	24	24	26	21	24	27	22	25
Penetrating captive bolt	24	19	22	24	30	18	24	26	21	23	18	25	26	30	18	15	27	23	23	24	21
Other	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	1
Don't know	40	39	34	39	35	37	42	36	41	37	33	37	39	31	49	42	37	42	41	38	44

As far as you are aware, what happens when pigs are slaughtered during a process using carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas?

They remain conscious for up to a minute after being exposed	24	20	26	24	20	39	18	27	26	24	32	26	19	26	22	31	28	22	15	25	21
They lose consciousness immediately upon being exposed	8	7	12	8	10	5	8	7	4	9	2	7	7	9	7	7	10	7	6	7	5
They are sedated before being exposed to the gas	5	3	4	5	6	7	3	5	5	4	10	5	5	6	4	10	5	4	3	5	5
None of these	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	0	1	2	1
Don't know	62	68	56	62	63	48	71	59	63	61	55	61	68	58	66	50	56	66	75	61	67

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How acceptable or unacceptable do you find the use of carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas to slaughter pigs?

Very acceptable	3	2	6	3	4	3	4	3	1	4	0	4	2	5	1	6	3	3	2	4	2
Fairly acceptable	7	7	11	7	12	4	6	9	6	10	4	7	8	11	4	10	8	5	7	7	6
TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	10	9	17	10	16	7	10	12	7	14	4	11	10	16	5	16	11	8	9	11	8
Neither acceptable nor unacceptable	16	16	15	15	21	17	17	12	18	20	9	15	16	20	12	14	16	15	17	13	16
Fairly unacceptable	11	11	10	15	9	13	11	11	12	9	19	12	10	11	11	18	9	12	9	10	10
Very unacceptable	17	13	17	19	14	25	10	20	21	16	29	17	16	11	22	16	16	19	16	17	17
TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE	28	24	27	34	23	38	21	31	33	25	48	29	26	22	33	34	25	31	25	27	27
Don't know	46	51	41	40	41	39	52	45	41	41	38	45	48	42	50	36	48	45	49	49	49

Alternative gases such as argon have been explored for use instead of carbon dioxide (CO₂) for slaughtering pigs.

To what extent, if at all, would you support or oppose replacing CO₂ with a different gas?

Strongly support	2	2	4	3	1	1	2	3	3	0	1	2	2	2	2	4	2	1	2	2	2
Tend to support	8	7	10	12	5	10	6	7	14	6	13	8	7	8	7	17	7	6	8	7	7
TOTAL SUPPORT	10	9	14	15	6	11	8	10	17	6	14	10	9	10	9	21	9	7	10	9	9
Neither support nor oppose	23	19	28	21	29	20	22	19	16	28	21	21	25	29	16	17	24	21	24	21	24
Tend to oppose	3	3	3	4	3	5	2	3	5	3	6	3	2	4	2	4	3	3	3	3	2
Strongly oppose	6	5	3	9	6	11	5	6	8	4	13	7	5	5	8	8	7	7	5	5	6
TOTAL OPPOSE	9	8	6	13	9	16	7	9	13	7	19	10	7	9	10	12	10	10	8	8	8
Don't know	58	64	53	51	55	54	63	61	55	58	47	59	60	52	64	51	58	62	58	61	59

To what extent would you support or oppose the UK Government taking steps to phase out the use of carbon dioxide (CO₂) for slaughtering pigs?

Strongly support	13	10	14	15	11	24	6	15	18	11	25	13	11	10	16	19	12	13	12	13	11
Tend to support	17	14	21	17	14	23	16	19	20	11	34	21	14	19	16	24	18	16	14	16	15
TOTAL SUPPORT	30	24	35	32	25	47	22	34	38	22	59	34	25	29	32	43	30	29	26	29	26
Neither support nor oppose	21	22	23	24	29	14	25	19	20	29	6	21	26	28	15	13	20	23	25	21	23

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Tend to oppose	1	1	0	1	4	1	1	1	0	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1
Strongly oppose	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	2	4	1	2	1	1	1
TOTAL OPPOSE	2	2	1	1	6	2	2	2	1	4	2	1	2	2	3	6	2	3	2	3	2
Don't know	45	52	41	43	40	37	51	44	41	45	33	45	47	40	50	38	47	44	47	46	49

Do you support or oppose organisations carrying out undercover investigations inside slaughterhouses as a tool for documenting what happens inside of them?

Strongly support	28	22	26	27	27	47	18	33	30	26	46	28	27	23	32	30	29	29	24	28	30
Tend to support	34	34	42	36	29	37	36	38	40	30	33	38	32	34	34	30	34	35	36	36	35
TOTAL SUPPORT	62	56	68	63	56	84	54	71	70	56	79	66	59	57	66	60	63	64	60	64	65
Neither support nor oppose	18	22	17	18	24	9	23	15	12	25	6	17	22	22	14	12	15	20	23	17	19
Tend to oppose	4	7	4	5	6	2	9	4	4	3	4	5	5	6	3	4	4	3	7	7	3
Strongly oppose	2	3	2	1	3	0	3	1	3	3	0	1	2	2	1	4	2	2	1	2	1
TOTAL OPPOSE	6	10	6	6	9	2	12	5	7	6	4	6	7	8	4	8	6	5	8	9	4
Don't know	14	11	9	13	12	5	11	9	12	14	10	11	12	12	15	20	17	11	8	12	12

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	ification	Country				Region in England				Diet					
	Total	Routine	England	Wales	Scotland	Northern Ireland	North	Midlands	London	South	Vegan / Vegetarian	Meat eater / Pescatarian	Flexitarian	A great deal	A fair amount
Weighted Sample	2140	640	1791	111	178	60	492	340	246	713	153	1565	330	78	373
Unweighted Sample	2140	504	1794	130	171	45	544	368	158	724	151	1557	347	78	377
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

How much, if at all, would you say you know about how pigs are slaughtered in the UK?

A great deal	4	3	4	5	4	0	3	5	5	3	16	3	3	100	0
A fair amount	17	19	17	20	17	14	17	18	14	19	29	16	20	0	100
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL / FAIR AMOUNT	21	22	21	25	21	14	20	23	19	22	45	19	23	100	100
Not very much	46	45	46	44	42	32	46	43	51	47	35	48	46	0	0
Nothing at all	29	27	28	27	32	46	29	30	28	28	19	30	29	0	0
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NOTHING AT ALL	75	72	74	71	74	78	75	73	79	75	54	78	75	0	0
Don't know	4	6	4	4	5	8	5	5	2	3	2	4	3	0	0

Which of the following do you think is the most commonly used method for stunning pigs before slaughter in the UK?

Carbon dioxide (CO ₂)	12	11	12	16	13	9	11	9	19	12	25	11	14	44	21
Electrical	24	26	24	22	19	22	22	27	20	26	20	24	23	26	36
Penetrating captive bolt	24	26	23	27	27	25	25	20	14	26	19	25	20	17	32
Other	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	0
Don't know	40	37	40	33	40	44	42	44	45	36	34	39	42	13	10

As far as you are aware, what happens when pigs are slaughtered during a process using carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas?

They remain conscious for up to a minute after being exposed	24	21	24	27	22	15	24	19	25	25	46	22	21	52	51
They lose consciousness immediately upon being exposed	8	11	8	8	9	18	8	9	7	6	5	9	5	7	13
They are sedated before being exposed to the gas	5	4	5	8	3	5	4	5	4	6	6	5	4	12	5
None of these	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	0	4	1
Don't know	62	63	63	56	64	61	63	66	62	61	42	62	69	25	31

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How acceptable or unacceptable do you find the use of carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas to slaughter pigs?

Very acceptable	3	3	3	3	3	7	3	5	4	2	1	3	5	8	8
Fairly acceptable	7	7	7	7	8	7	8	7	6	7	3	8	4	12	15
TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	10	10	10	10	11	14	11	12	10	9	4	11	9	20	23
Neither acceptable nor unacceptable	16	19	16	18	12	23	14	13	19	16	4	17	12	8	18
Fairly unacceptable	11	12	11	13	10	8	11	9	11	12	11	11	13	9	13
Very unacceptable	17	15	17	14	18	4	19	17	12	18	58	13	18	41	26
TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE	28	27	28	27	28	12	30	26	23	30	69	24	31	50	39
Don't know	46	44	46	44	49	51	45	48	48	44	23	47	48	21	21

Alternative gases such as argon have been explored for use instead of carbon dioxide (CO₂) for slaughtering pigs.

To what extent, if at all, would you support or oppose replacing CO₂ with a different gas?

Strongly support	2	2	2	1	1	4	3	3	0	2	5	2	3	5	4
Tend to support	8	8	7	14	10	11	6	6	10	7	5	8	8	11	13
TOTAL SUPPORT	10	10	9	15	11	15	9	9	10	9	10	10	11	16	17
Neither support nor oppose	23	24	22	17	29	21	23	21	25	22	16	23	20	21	29
Tend to oppose	3	4	3	3	2	2	4	3	2	3	5	3	4	2	6
Strongly oppose	6	6	6	11	4	3	6	7	6	7	21	5	6	20	9
TOTAL OPPOSE	9	10	9	14	6	5	10	10	8	10	26	8	10	22	15
Don't know	58	57	59	54	54	59	58	60	56	60	47	59	60	41	39

To what extent would you support or oppose the UK Government taking steps to phase out the use of carbon dioxide (CO₂) for slaughtering pigs?

Strongly support	13	14	14	13	13	4	16	13	12	13	41	11	14	36	22
Tend to support	17	20	17	21	19	16	16	14	19	19	15	18	18	15	21
TOTAL SUPPORT	30	34	31	34	32	20	32	27	31	32	56	29	32	51	43
Neither support nor oppose	21	20	21	17	25	20	20	22	20	22	6	23	18	19	27

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Tend to oppose	1	0	1	2	0	2	2	1	2	1	2	1	1	2	2
Strongly oppose	1	2	2	2	0	2	2	1	1	2	5	1	1	4	3
TOTAL OPPOSE	2	2	3	4	0	4	4	2	3	3	7	2	2	6	5
Don't know	45	44	45	46	42	56	44	48	46	44	30	45	48	22	25

Do you support or oppose organisations carrying out undercover investigations inside slaughterhouses as a tool for documenting what happens inside of them?

Strongly support	28	28	28	34	29	20	32	29	25	25	67	24	31	48	38
Tend to support	34	34	34	38	37	35	32	32	36	35	20	36	39	19	32
TOTAL SUPPORT	62	62	62	72	66	55	64	61	61	60	87	60	70	67	70
Neither support nor oppose	18	17	18	8	19	13	17	17	18	20	4	20	13	18	15
Tend to oppose	4	3	5	2	3	4	4	3	6	5	2	5	4	3	6
Strongly oppose	2	2	2	3	1	0	2	3	1	2	1	2	1	7	3
TOTAL OPPOSE	6	5	7	5	4	4	6	6	7	7	3	7	5	10	9
Don't know	14	16	14	14	11	28	13	16	14	13	5	13	12	5	7

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	TOTAL GREAT DEAL / FAIR AMOUNT	Not very much	Nothing at all	TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NOTHING AT ALL	TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE	TOTAL SUPPORT	TOTAL OPPOSE	
Weighted Sample	2140	452	975	624	1599	224	598	656	60
Unweighted Sample	2140	455	976	626	1602	215	615	644	65
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

How much, if at all, would you say you know about how pigs are slaughtered in the UK?

A great deal	4	17	0	0	0	7	7	6	9
A fair amount	17	83	0	0	0	39	24	24	32
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL / FAIR AMOUNT	21	100	0	0	0	46	31	30	41
Not very much	46	0	100	0	61	35	44	45	38
Nothing at all	29	0	0	100	39	18	24	23	15
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NOTHING AT ALL	75	0	100	100	100	53	68	68	53
Don't know	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	6

Which of the following do you think is the most commonly used method for stunning pigs before slaughter in the UK?

Carbon dioxide (CO ₂)	12	25	11	6	9	26	15	17	20
Electrical	24	34	26	15	22	27	25	29	31
Penetrating captive bolt	24	30	26	18	23	27	28	27	18
Other	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0
Don't know	40	11	36	60	45	20	30	26	32

As far as you are aware, what happens when pigs are slaughtered during a process using carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas?

They remain conscious for up to a minute after being exposed	24	51	22	9	17	42	39	39	34
They lose consciousness immediately upon being exposed	8	12	7	7	7	23	6	8	11
They are sedated before being exposed to the gas	5	6	6	3	5	7	6	7	8
None of these	1	2	1	1	1	0	2	1	2
Don't know	62	30	64	79	70	28	47	45	45

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How acceptable or unacceptable do you find the use of carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas to slaughter pigs?

Very acceptable	3	8	2	2	2	30	0	2	12
Fairly acceptable	7	14	6	5	6	70	0	5	16
TOTAL ACCEPTABLE	10	22	8	7	8	100	0	7	28
Neither acceptable nor unacceptable	16	16	18	12	16	0	0	10	11
Fairly unacceptable	11	12	13	8	11	0	39	25	13
Very unacceptable	17	28	14	15	14	0	61	41	27
TOTAL UNACCEPTABLE	28	40	27	23	25	0	100	66	40
Don't know	46	21	47	58	51	0	0	17	21

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To what extent, if at all, would you support or oppose replacing CO₂ with a different gas?

Strongly support	2	4	2	1	1	7	4	6	0
Tend to support	8	13	7	7	7	20	9	18	8
TOTAL SUPPORT	10	17	9	8	8	27	13	24	8
Neither support nor oppose	23	27	24	18	22	44	18	18	20
Tend to oppose	3	5	4	1	3	1	9	5	18
Strongly oppose	6	11	5	5	5	4	20	16	28
TOTAL OPPOSE	9	16	9	6	8	5	29	21	46
Don't know	58	39	58	68	62	24	41	38	27

To what extent would you support or oppose the UK Government taking steps to phase out the use of carbon dioxide (CO₂) for slaughtering pigs?

Strongly support	13	24	11	10	10	5	41	43	0
Tend to support	17	20	20	14	18	15	32	57	0
TOTAL SUPPORT	30	44	31	24	28	20	73	100	0
Neither support nor oppose	21	26	22	19	21	53	8	0	0

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Tend to oppose	1	2	1	1	1	4	2	0	48
Strongly oppose	1	3	1	1	1	4	2	0	52
TOTAL OPPOSE	2	5	2	2	2	8	4	0	100
Don't know	45	25	45	56	49	20	15	0	0

Do you support or oppose organisations carrying out undercover investigations inside slaughterhouses as a tool for documenting what happens inside of them?

Strongly support	28	40	27	24	26	15	52	53	14
Tend to support	34	30	38	36	37	33	33	35	19
TOTAL SUPPORT	62	70	65	60	63	48	85	88	33
Neither support nor oppose	18	16	19	18	19	30	9	7	17
Tend to oppose	4	5	5	4	4	9	2	2	20
Strongly oppose	2	4	2	1	1	7	1	0	24
TOTAL OPPOSE	6	9	7	5	5	16	3	2	44
Don't know	14	7	9	18	13	6	3	2	6

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