

Questionnaire Reference

European Survey | Basic Income Study | Completed April 2016

This report presents an overview of a study conducted by Dalia Research in April 2016 on public opinion across 28 EU Member States. The sample of n=9.649 was drawn across all 28 EU Member States, taking into account current population distributions with regard to age (14-65 years), gender and region/country.

In order to obtain census representative results, the data were weighted based upon Eurostat statistics. The target weighting variables were age, gender, level of education (as defined by ISCED (2011) levels 0-2, 3-4, and 5-8), and degree of urbanization (rural and urban). An iterative algorithm was used to identify the optimal combination of weighting variables based on sample composition within each country. An estimation of the overall design effect based on the distribution of weights was calculated at 1.45 at the global level. Calculated for a sample of this size and considering the design-effect, the margin of error would be +/-1.2% at a confidence level of 95%.

| ID | Multiple Choice |
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| 1 | TRUE |
| 2 | FALSE |

| ID | Demographics |
|-----------------------|---|
| [dem] age | What is your age? [OPEN BOX] |
| [dem] gender | Are you male or female? |
| 1 | male |
| 2 | female |
| [dem] city_or_rural | Do you live in a city or in a rural area? |
| 1 | City |
| 2 | Rural area |
| | Which of the following best describes your formal education? |
| [dem] education_level | Please select one answer. |
| 1 | I don't have a formal education |

- 2 I have some high school or secondary school education
 3 I completed high school or obtained an equivalent diploma
 4 I have completed a university or equivalent degree
 5 Other/I'd rather not answer this question

[dem] full_time_job **Do you have a full time job?**

- 1 Yes
 2 No

[dem] has_children **Are there any children in your current household?**

- 1 Yes
 2 No

| ID | Questions / Text |
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Great! Now we would like to know what you think about the idea of basic income.

[question] **How familiar are you with the concept known as “basic income”?**
 basicincome_awareness

Single choice

- 1 I understand it fully
 2 I know something about it
 3 I have heard just a little about it
 4 I have never heard of it

A basic income is an income unconditionally paid by the government to every individual regardless of whether they work and irrespective of any other sources of income. It replaces other social security payments and is high enough to cover all basic needs (food, housing etc.).

[question] **If there would be a referendum on introducing basic income today, how would you vote?**
 basicincome_vote

Single Choice

- 1 I would vote for it
 2 I would probably vote for it
 3 I would probably vote against it
 4 I would vote against it
 5 I would not vote

- 5 Running costs
- [question]
 basicincome_effect **What could be the most likely effect of basic income on your work choices? I would...**
 Single Choice
- 1 ...stop working
 - 2 ...work less
 - 3 ...do more volunteering work
 - 4 ...spend more time with my family
 - 5 ...look for a different job
 - 6 ...work as a freelancer
 - 7 ...gain additional skills
 - 8 A basic income would not affect my work choices
 - 9 None of the above
- [question]
 basicincome_argumentsfor **Which of the following arguments FOR the basic income do you find convincing? Choose all that apply.**
 Multiple Choice
 (Randomized answer option and question order)
- 1 It reduces anxiety about financing basic needs
 - 2 It creates more equality of opportunity
 - 3 It encourages financial independence and self-responsibility
 - 4 It increases solidarity, because it is funded by everyone.
 - 5 It reduces bureaucracy and administrative expenses
 - 6 It increases appreciation for household work and volunteering
 - 7 None of the above
- [question]
 question.2016wave4_basicincome_argumentsagainst **Which of the following arguments AGAINST the basic income do you find convincing? Choose all that apply.**
 Multiple Choice
- 1 It is impossible to finance
 - 2 It might encourage people to stop working
 - 3 Foreigners might come to my country and take advantage of the benefit
 - 4 It is against the principle of linking merit and reward
 - 5 Only the people who need it most should get something from the state
 - 6 It increases dependence on the state
 - 7 None of the above