

Britain by Numbers

How do you compare to the population?

1. Find the answers of the British Population

1.1. Go to this web address: <http://nesstar.ukdataservice.ac.uk/webview/>

1.2. Navigate using the left menu; click the cross next to

- 1) Research Datasets...
- 2) British Social Attitudes...
- 3) British Social Attitudes, 2016 ...
- 4) Variable Description.

The screenshot shows the UK Data Service website interface. The left-hand navigation menu is expanded to show the path: Research Datasets > British Social Attitudes Survey > British Social Attitudes Survey, 2016 > Variable Description. The main content area displays the 'Variable Description' for the 'Dataset: British Social Attitudes Survey, 2016'. It includes an 'Abstract' and a 'Background' section. The background text states: 'The British Social Attitudes (BSA) survey series began in 1983. The series is designed as a large-scale government survey such as the General Lifestyle Survey and the Labour Force Survey. One of the BSA's main purposes is to provide a regular examination of the relative rates at which attitudes, in respect of a range of social issues, change over time. Funding for BSA comes from a number of sources (including government departments) and responsibility for the coverage and wording of the annual questionnaires rests with the British Social Attitudes Survey Unit. BSA has been conducted every year since 1983, except in 1988 and 1992 when it was replaced by the British Social Attitudes Survey (BSA) and the British Social Attitudes Survey (BSA) respectively. Further information about the series and links to publications may be found on the website.'

1.3. For the first question, you need to look under Party Identification. Find and click on the question.

1.4. You will now see the responses for the British population on the right of the screen. Note down the responses on the sheet provided.

1.5. Repeat for the other questions (look under Newspaper Readership and Public Spending and Social Security).

The screenshot shows the 'Variable Description' page for 'Variable Politics: How much interest do you have in politics?'. The left-hand navigation menu is expanded to show the path: Research Datasets > British Social Attitudes Survey > British Social Attitudes Survey, 2016 > Variable Description > Party Identification > How much interest do you have in politics?. The main content area displays the 'LITERAL QUESTION' and a bar chart showing the distribution of responses. The bar chart has the following data:

Values	Categories	N	Percentage
1	a great deal	421	14.3%
2	quite a lot	806	27.4%
3	some	925	31.4%
4	not very much	542	18.4%
5	none at all	248	8.4%
8	Don't Know	0	0.0%
9	Refusal	0	0.0%
-2	Schedule not applicable	0	
-1	Item not applicable	0	

Below the bar chart, the 'SUMMARY STATISTICS' section shows: Valid cases: 2942, Missing cases: 0. The 'UNIVERSE' section shows: VERSION A: ASK ALL.

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Responses

How much interest do you generally have in what is going on in politics... a great deal, quite a lot, some, not very much, or, none at all?

<i>Categories</i>	<i>British Population</i>	<i>Student Groups</i>
a great deal		
quite a lot		
some		
not very much		
none at all		

Do you normally read any daily morning newspaper at least 3 times a week?

<i>Categories</i>	<i>British Population</i>	<i>Student Groups</i>
Yes		
No		

How often, if at all, do you look online at a news or newspaper website?

<i>Categories</i>	<i>British Population</i>	<i>Student Groups</i>
Several times a day		
Every day		
Several times a week		
At least once a week		
A couple of times a month		
Once a month		
Less often than once a month		
Never		

Here are some items of government spending. Which of them, if any, would be your highest priority for extra spending? Please read through the whole list before deciding.

<i>Categories</i>	<i>British Population</i>	<i>Student Groups</i>
Education		
Defence		
Health		
Housing		
Public transport		
Roads		
Police and prisons		
Social security benefits		
Help for industry		
Overseas aid		