



PENSIONS POLL
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ICM Research interviewed a random sample of 1001 adults aged 18+ by telephone on 6-8th December, 2002. Interviews were conducted across the country and the results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.



| Q1. Many experts believe that pensions and the pensions industry in the UK are in a state of crisis. In your opinion how important is improving the amount of state pension to solving that crisis? | |
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| Very important | 50% |
| Important | 36% |
| Neither important nor unimportant | 6% |
| Not important | 4% |
| Not at all important | 2% |
| Don't know | 3% |
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| Q2. Which, if any, of these statements best describes your current position in terms of planning for your income in retirement? | |
| I have been saving for retirement or paying into a pension and I feel confident that I will have sufficient income for retirement | 28% |
| I have been saving for retirement or paying into a pension and I do not know whether I will have sufficient income in retirement | 29% |
| I have been saving for retirement or paying into a pension and I will not have sufficient income in retirement | 10% |
| I have thought about saving for retirement or paying into a pension but I cannot afford to at present | 12% |
| I have not really thought about saving for retirement or paying into a pension | 13% |
| Not applicable | 4% |
| Don't know | 5% |
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| Q3. Which of the following, if any, would be likely to make you start a pension, or increase your contributions? | |

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| Having more money to spare | 78% |
| If pensions were easier to understand | 59% |
| Being nearer to retirement | 54% |
| Access to good independent advice | 50% |
| More encouragement from my employer | 38% |
| Other | 1% |
| None of these: I will never consider getting a pension or increasing my contributions | 8% |
| Don't know | 1% |