Consumer Survey on Future Mobility Options

ONLINE PANELS SURVEY-OPINION

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By independant polling company OPINIUM

PANELS ➔ MID-SEPTEMBER 2019

1,000 RESPONDENTS

UK 10,000 RESPONDENTS IN EU

ERROR MARGIN +/- 3%
Each market = 10% of respondents
- Male / female = 50/50
- 10,000 respondents
- Survey is representative of the population structure in the participating countries.

Strong reliance on cars:
- 67% of the respondents have a car (mainly petrol and diesel fuelled)
- 75% almost use them daily

How would you best describe your area of residence?

Do you currently drive a car?

How regularly do you drive your car?

What type of car(s) do you own? If you have one car, please select the one that applies. If you have more than one different type of car, please select all that apply.
32% UK car owners keep their vehicle 8 years or more:  
• 23% keep them over 10 year or more

The car remains the principal transport mode to commute to work:  
• 57% use a car to go to work  
• 22% rely on public transport to commute

On average, how long do you keep a car before buying a new one? If you are on your first car, how long in total do you intend to keep it before buying a new one.

How do you commute to work?

How often do you use:

- Driver services / taxi: 39% never, 34% less than once a month.
- Public transport: 90% never.
- E-scooter, bicycle sharing: 67% never, 10% less than once a month.
- Cycling: 84% never.
- Car sharing: 39% never, 34% less than once a month.
Users want to have the choice over which type of car they purchase:
- 44% consider buying petrol or diesel car
- 25% are interested in EVs*  

*EVs include plug-in hybrid and pure electric

Percentages were calculated on the total number on responses

Drivers should always have the choice over which type of car (e.g. diesel, gasoline, electric or other car) they use as long as the car complies with emission limits.

Most of the citizens demand public support for the deployment of low-carbon technologies, and ask for multiple low-carbon alternatives.

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The government should do more to support the deployment of multiple low-carbon alternatives to petrol (e.g. improved liquid fuels) and not focus solely on electric to power cars.
Half of EU citizens believe that the transport system will fundamentally change:

- **27%** believe that electrification is the only solution to reduce emissions
- **56%** are aware that the CO₂ footprint of electricity production impacts the sustainability of EVs

Low-carbon liquid fuels are in the opinion of citizens a real option to reduce emissions from transport, but the question of affordability is key.

Our transport system will fundamentally change in the next decade.

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Alternative fuels (biofuels, hydrogen, natural gas) could be an affordable and efficient solution to reduce emissions.

If cost and availability were not an issue, would you switch to sustainable biofuels (i.e. liquid fuel derived from plants etc) and synthetic fuels (i.e. liquid fuel obtained from syngas, a mixture of carbon monoxide and hydrogen)?

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Technical uncertainty and feedstock/raw material availability remains a big concern for consumers and users.

Improved liquid fuels produced from non-petroleum sources, such as sustainable biofuels and synthetic fuels, is most likely to power our cars in 25 years.

Cost, range and infrastructure remain the three main barriers to the uptake of electric vehicles for UK citizens.

What do you consider to be the biggest barriers to the uptake of electric cars? Please select up to three that apply.

- The cost of purchasing an electric car is too high (48%)
- The distance you can travel with an electric car battery is too small (45%)
- There are not enough charging points available (50%)
- People do not have charging facilities at home (38%)
- The electricity networks cannot sustain the demand for energy that electric car charging will create (21%)
- The technology is not mature enough and can cause safety concerns (e.g. risk of battery fire) (10%)
- Countries with low GDP per capita will not be able to fund the uptake of electric cars (7%)
- Electric cars are difficult to maintain/ fewer maintenance services exist (9%)
- Open (2%)
- N/A I don’t think there are any barriers (8%)

There is unlikely to be enough raw materials to manufacture and roll out a large-scale deployment of electric cars in the near future.
For EU citizens the lack of incentives and support by public authorities is the main obstacle to the uptake of low-carbon liquid fuels, yet cost and availability are also important barriers.

What do you consider as the biggest obstacles to the uptake of non-petroleum based liquid fuels (e.g. sustainable biofuels, synthetic fuels etc)? Please select up to three that apply.

- These new fuels are not promoted by governments or there are no incentives for the development and use of such fuels: 36%
- The cost of these new fuels will be too high: 38%
- These new fuels will not be compatible with my car which is designed for petroleum fuels such as gasoline and diesel: 37%
- There are not enough raw materials (waste, biomass, crops, algae, used oils, renewables, etc) available for these new fuels: 25%
- Open: 2%
- N/A I don’t think there are any obstacles: 18%

Price remains by far the main criteria for EU citizens in buying a new car.

What is the most important criteria for you in buying a new car? Please select up to three that apply.

- Price: 70%
- Energy consumption: 29%
- Comfort & equipment: 27%
- Size / functionality: 31%
- Driving range: 12%
- Practically (e.g. boot space): 25%
- Engine technology: 11%
- CO2 emissions: 13%
- Brand: 13%
- Design: 17%
- Open: 3%
Whilst UK citizens agree that diesel technology is more polluting than EVs, they however strongly believe that the internal combustion engine and cleaner fuels can improve air quality.

Diesel cars are more polluting than electric cars.

Urban air quality can be improved by a combination of newer internal combustion engine cars, fuel technologies and traffic measures.
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