



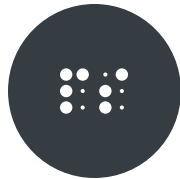
# Devolution Polling

June 2025

# Methodology



This survey was carried out by YouGov for the GLA between 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Jun 2025, with a response of 1,090 London residents aged 18+.



The figures have been weighted to be representative of all London adults.



Respondents completed the surveys online from an email link.

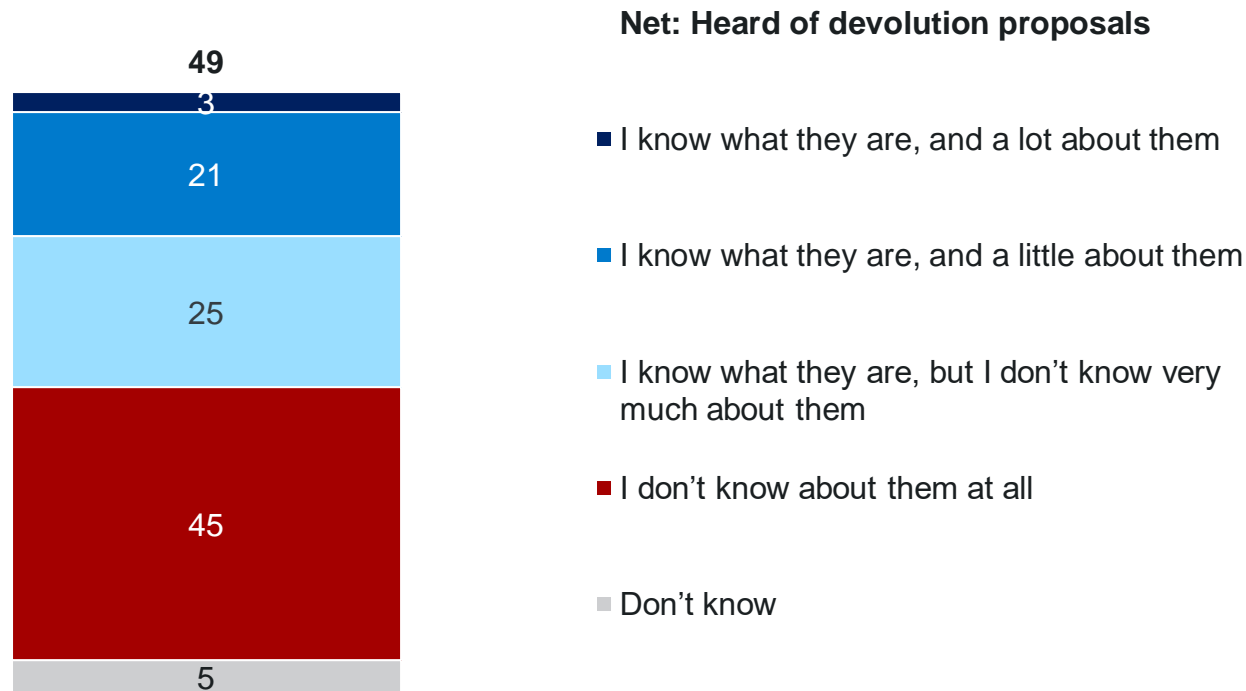


## Summary

- Half of Londoners (49%) say that they had **heard of** the UK government's devolution proposals.
- Londoners are twice as likely to support (39%) than oppose (21%) the office of the **Mayor getting more devolved powers**. They are also more likely to say that it should get more **control over taxes** (26%) than less (16%), but the majority were either happy with the current state or didn't know.
- If the office of the Mayor did get more devolved powers, Londoners are most interested in it having more control over **private rented accommodation** (26%), **NHS services** (25%), and **criminal justice system and policing** (25%).
- For taxes, Londoners are most supportive of the Mayor having more control of a potential **tourism levy** (41%), **council tax** (34%), and **business rates** (32%).
- Over a third of Londoners (36%) say the **London Assembly should get more powers** if the Mayor were given more devolved powers, and a similar proportion (30%) think their **role should be unchanged**.
- **Awareness and support** for more power for the Mayor was divided across class lines, with Londoners in **social grade ABC1** and those **earning £70k+** consistently more likely to be in favour of more Mayoral powers. These demographics are also more likely to have reported having voted in the 2024 Mayoral elections.

Half of Londoners (49%) had **heard of the UK devolution proposals**, though only a quarter (24%) reported **knowing at least a little** about them.

## Knowledge of the UK devolution proposals (%)



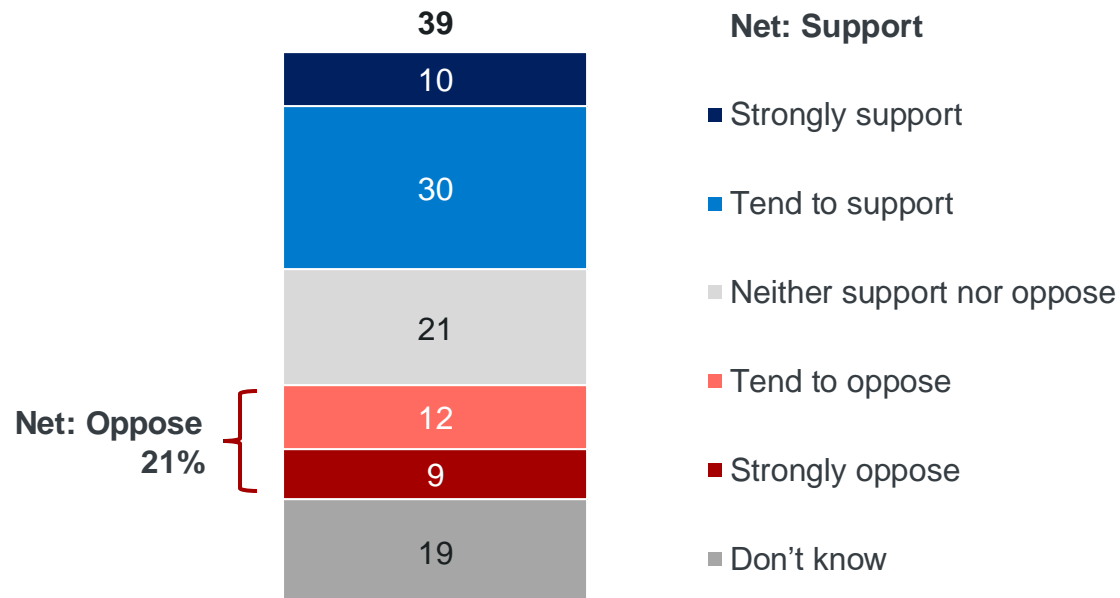
### Demographics

**Men**, Londoners aged **50 and over**, those in social grade **ABC1**, **White** Londoners, **homeowners**, those earning **£70k+**, and those who **had voted** in the 2024 Mayoral election are more likely to have heard about the proposals than their counterparts.

**Question:** The UK Government has recently proposed changes that could give more powers to leaders in cities and regions across England, a process known as “devolution”. These proposals could affect how decisions are made in areas like transport, housing, and planning, etc. Before taking this survey, how much did you know about the UK Government’s devolution proposals? **Base:** All Londoners (1090)

Londoners are **more likely to support** (39%) than **oppose** (21%) the office of the Mayor getting additional devolved powers over the city.

## Support for Mayor getting additional devolved powers (%)

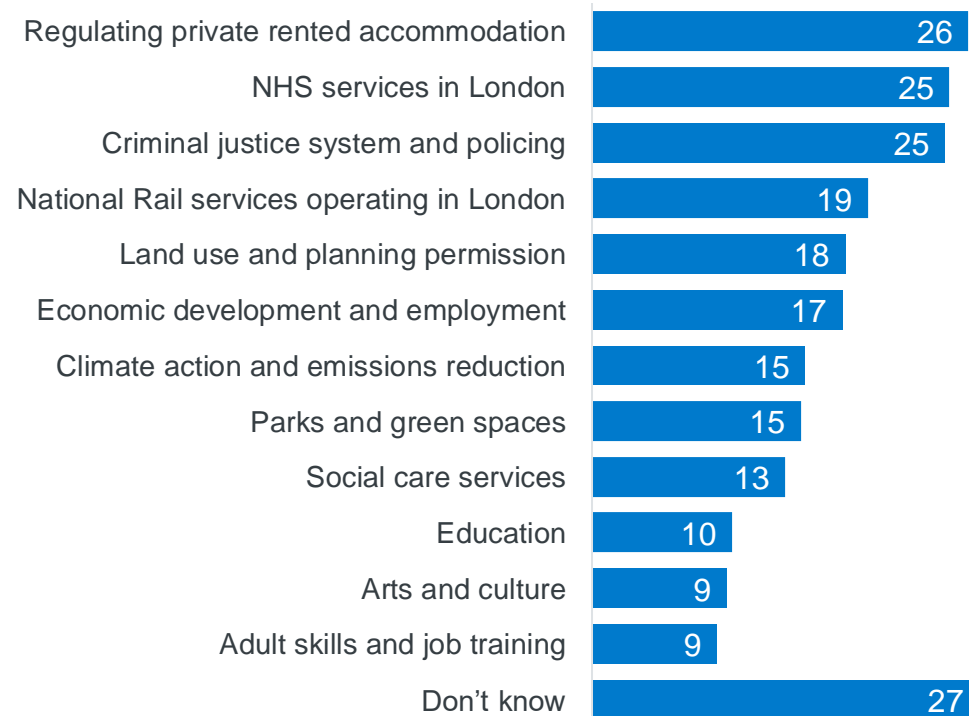


### Demographics

**Men**, Londoners aged **18 to 24**, those in social grade **ABC1**, **private renters**, **inner Londoners**, those earning **£70k+**, and those **who voted** in the 2024 Mayoral election are more likely to support the Mayor getting additional devolved powers.

Londoners are most likely to support the Mayor getting more powers over the city's **private rented accommodation** (26%), **NHS services** (25%), and **criminal justice system** and policing (25%).

### In which areas should the Mayor receive more devolved powers? (select up to 3) (%)



#### Demographics

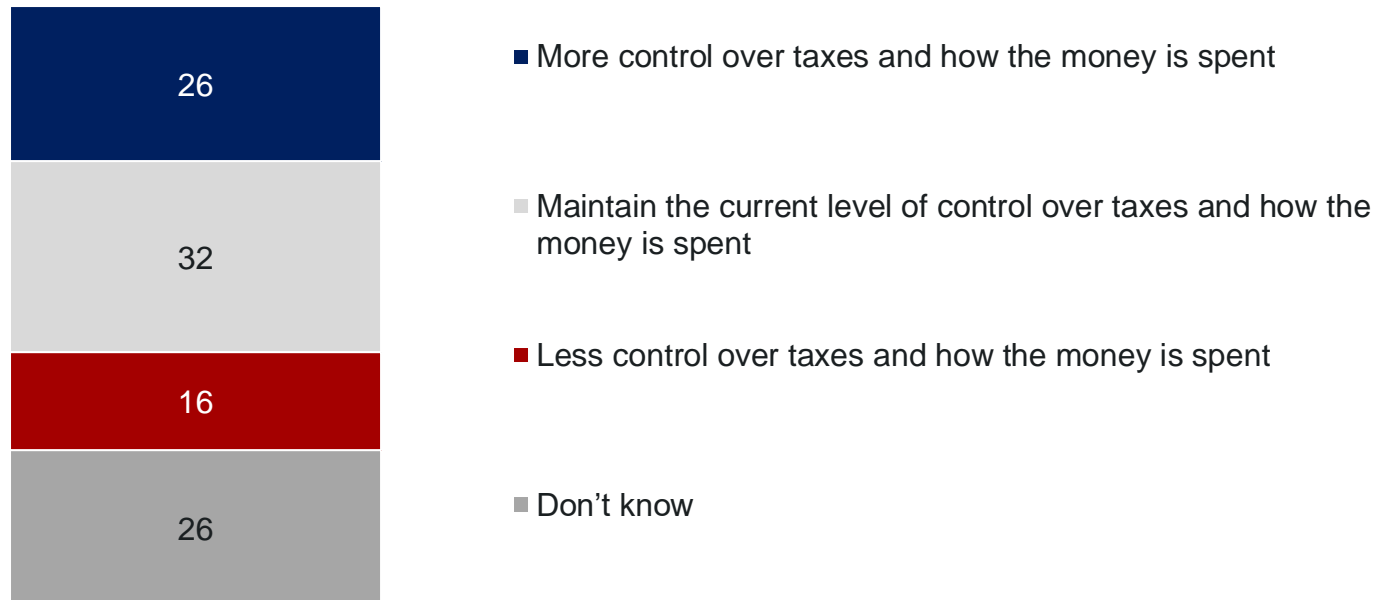
- **White** Londoners, **private renters**, those earning **£20-40k** and **£70k+**, and **inner** Londoners are more likely to be in support of the Mayor receiving more devolved powers in **regulating private rented accommodation**.
- **Asian** Londoners and **West** Londoners are more likely to be in support of the Mayor receiving more devolved powers in **NHS services**.
- **Asian** Londoners, **social renters**, and those that **did not vote** in the 2024 Mayoral election are more likely to be in support of the Mayor receiving more devolved powers in the **criminal justice system**.

**Question:** And if you had to choose, in which of the following areas do you think the office of the Mayor of London should receive more devolved powers? Please select up to three.

**Base:** All Londoners (1090)

When asked about whether the Mayor should get more control over taxes, a third (32%) **supported maintaining the current system** and a further quarter (26%) **did not know**. A quarter (26%) said the Mayor should get more control over taxes.

### The Mayor should get... (%)



#### Demographics

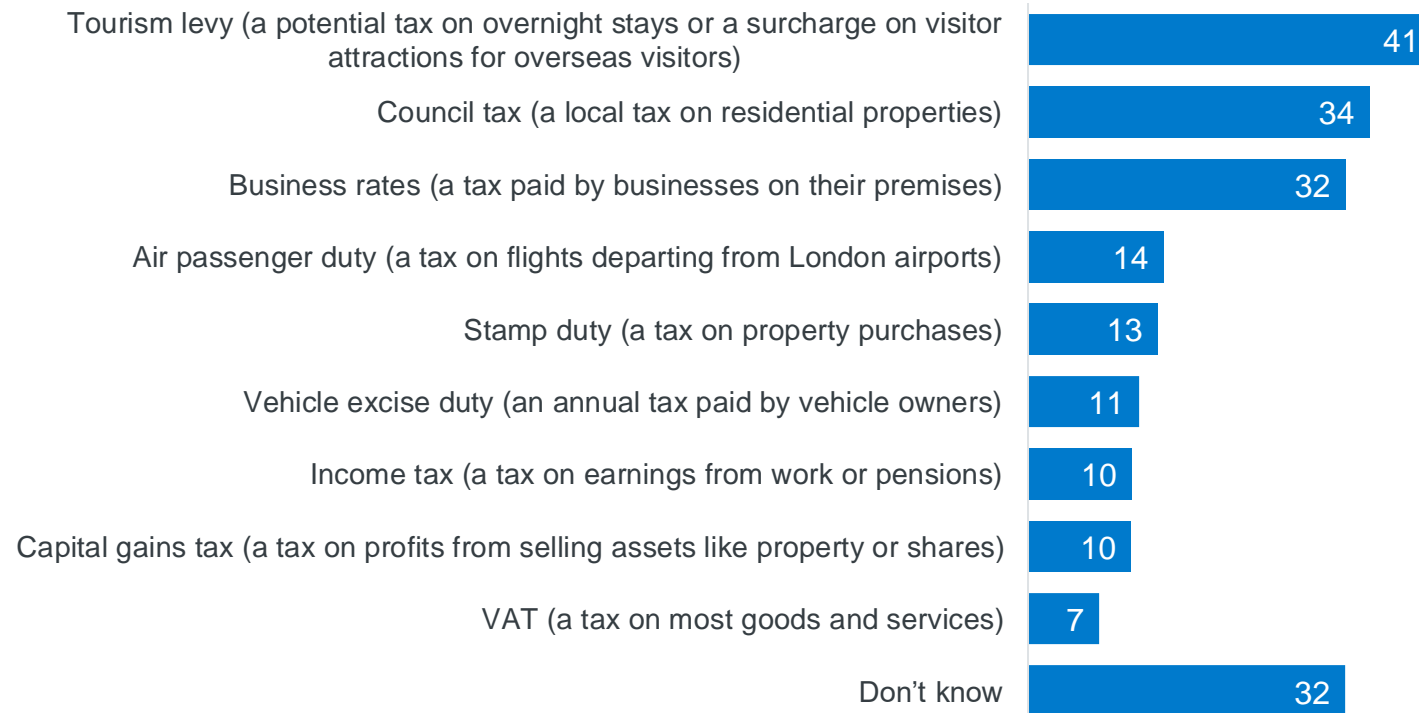
Those who are more likely support the Mayor having more control over taxes include those aged **25 to 49**, those in social grade **ABC1**, **homeowners**, and those earning **£40k and over**.

**Question:** Currently, the majority of taxes paid in London are collected and controlled by the UK Government. Thinking about taxes raised in London, which of the following statements best reflects your view?

**Base:** All Londoners (1090)

When prompted, Londoners are most in support of the Mayor having more control of the city's **tourism levy** (41%), **council tax** (34%), and **business rates** (32%), with significantly less interest in other types of taxes.

### Which taxes the Mayor should have more control of (select up to 3) (%)



#### Demographics

- **Men**, those in social grade **ABC1**, those earning **£70k+**, and those **who voted** in the 2024 Mayoral election are more likely to be in support of the Mayor having more control of the **tourism levy, council tax, and business rates**.
- Additionally:
  - Londoners aged **50 to 64**, **White** Londoners, **homeowners**, **Central** and **inner** Londoners are more likely to be in support of a **tourism levy** under the Mayor's control.
  - **Private renters** and **Black** Londoners are more likely to be in support of **council tax** under the Mayor's control.
  - **Homeowners** and **East** Londoners are more likely to be in support of **business rates** under the Mayor's control.

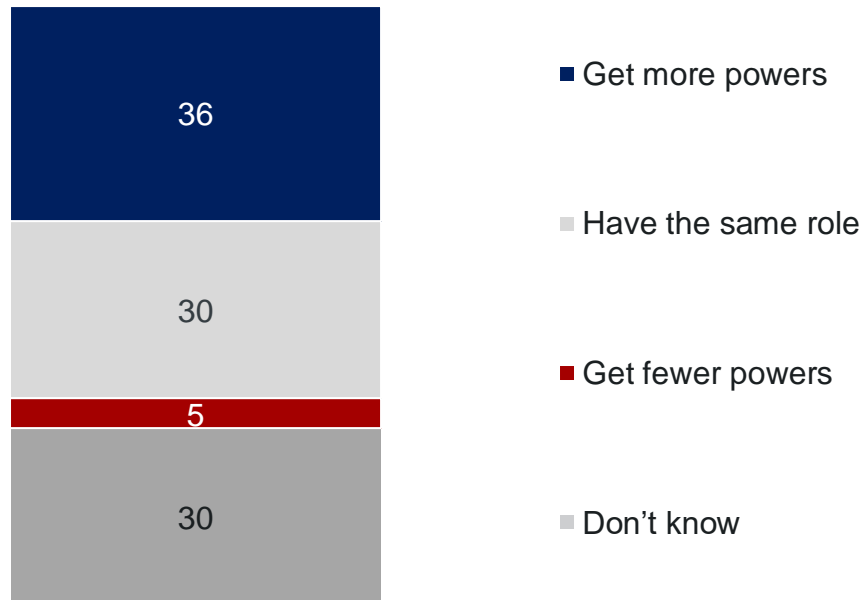
**Question:** And if the office of the Mayor of London were to be given more control over taxes raised in London, which of the following taxes do you think the Mayor of London should have more control of? Please select up to three.

**Base:** All Londoners (1090)



Over a third of Londoners (36%) say the **London Assembly should get more powers** if the Mayor were given more devolved powers, though a similar proportion (30%) think their **role should be unchanged**. A further three in ten (30%) did not voice an opinion.

### If the Mayor were given more devolved powers, the London Assembly should... (%)



#### Demographics

Londoners **over the age of 50**, those in social grade **ABC1**, **White** Londoners, **homeowners**, and those earning **£70k+**, and those **who voted** in the 2024 Mayoral election are most likely to support the Assembly receiving more powers.

**Question:** The London Assembly is made up of 25 elected members from across London. Its role is to examine the decisions and actions of the Mayor of London and their advisers, including through public meetings and investigations etc. If the office of the Mayor of London were to be given more devolved powers, do you think the London Assembly should get more or fewer powers to hold the Office of the Mayor of London accountable, or the role should stay the same? **Base:** All Londoners (1090)



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