

Brexit survey report

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Introduction

BREXIT SURVEY

Brexit is constantly in the headlines, with many polls and statistics, but what does the business community really think?

Hazlewoods teamed up with our international accountancy network, HLB International, during December 2017 to give the UK business community a chance to have their say in a national survey and find out how other likeminded businesses are reacting. The survey was by no means intending to be scientific, but was completely anonymous.

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DATA SAMPLE

- 561 respondents
- 65% of sample had voted to remain
- UK coverage, excluding Ireland



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“There are many differing views on all aspects of what is the massive subject matter of Brexit. Views change over time, and we thought it would be interesting to create a snapshot of views from people in business UK wide. It is probably true to say that if due to nothing more than the sheer size and complexity of the whole Brexit ‘project’, and the sheer length of time it is taking, many people’s views have become more negative about it as time has passed, and that seems to be a feature of this report. We hope you find it to be a quick and interesting read.”

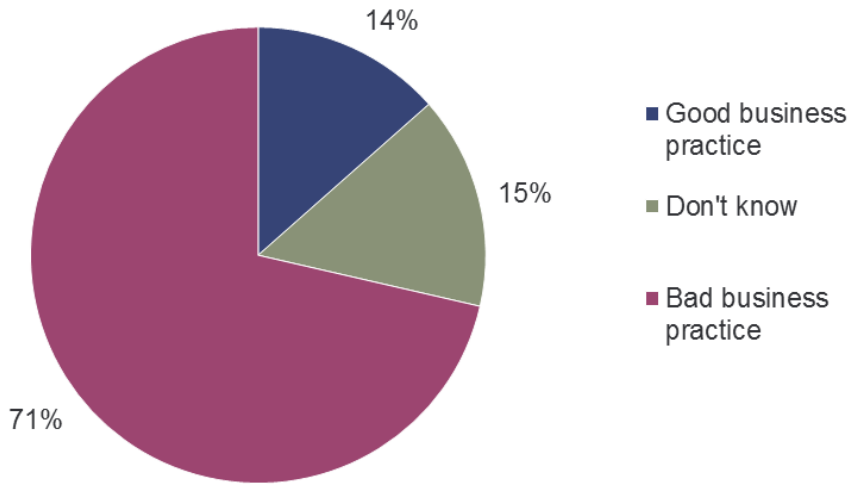
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- Ranked 28th in Accountancy Age Top 50
- Winners of the Tolley’s Taxation 2017 ‘Practice in a Regional Firm’ award
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- 29 Partners
- Over 300 staff



UK key results



ECONOMIC FORECAST

Q: David Davis recently informed the Parliamentary Brexit Committee that the Government had not prepared an economic 'forecast' of what will happen to the UK economy after Brexit. Do you think the Government's lack of a forecast is:

LEAVING THE EU

Q: Assuming Brexit happens, do you think we should leave the EU entirely or remain as part of a Customs Union or Single Market?

64%

REMAIN IN CUSTOMS UNION AND SINGLE MARKET

30%

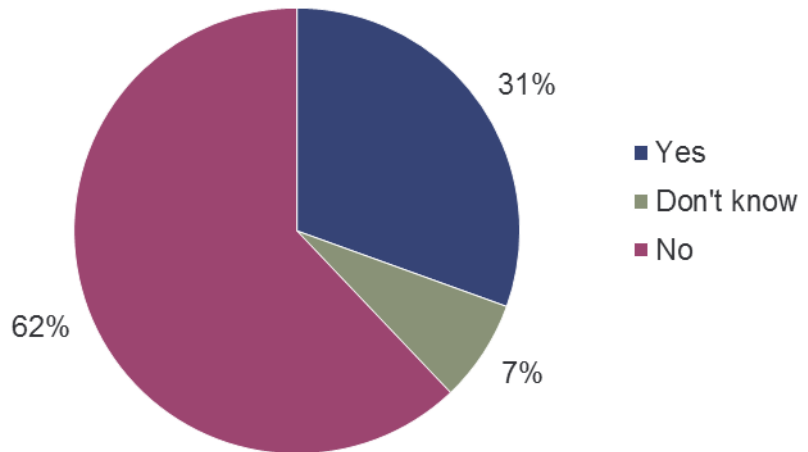
LEAVE EU ENTIRELY



UK key results

HARD BREXIT

Q: Would you have preferred the UK to go for a 'Hard Brexit'



54%
YES



44%
NO

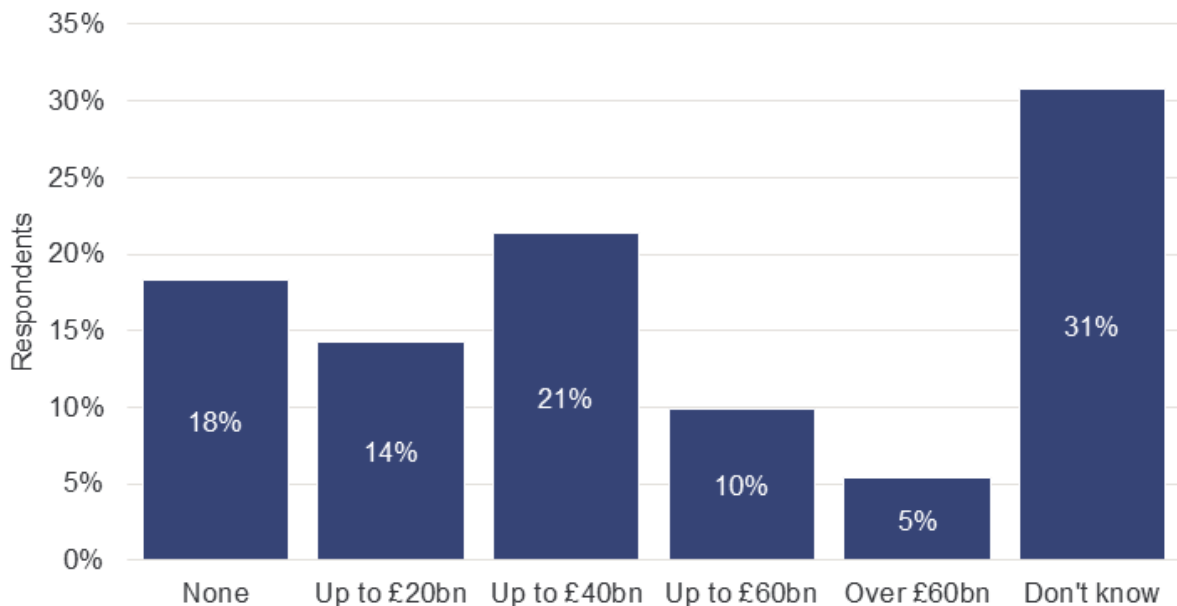
DIVORCE BILL

Q: Were you aware of there being a 'Divorce Bill' at the time of the Brexit vote?

DIVORCE BILL COSTS

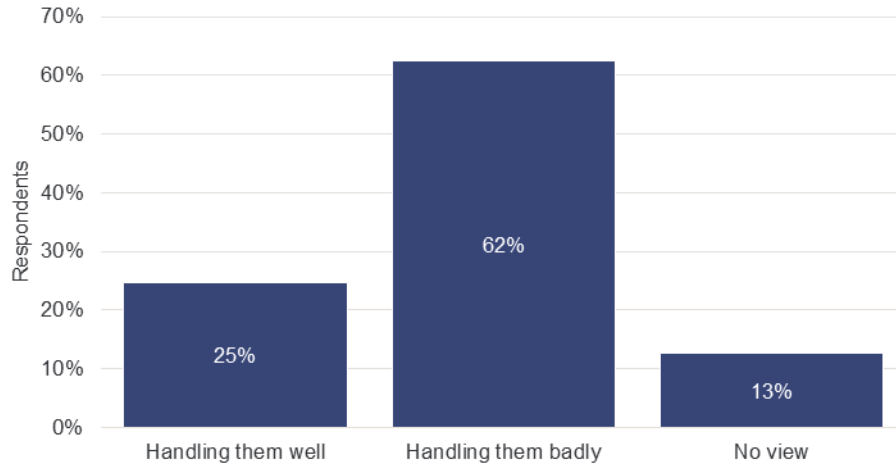
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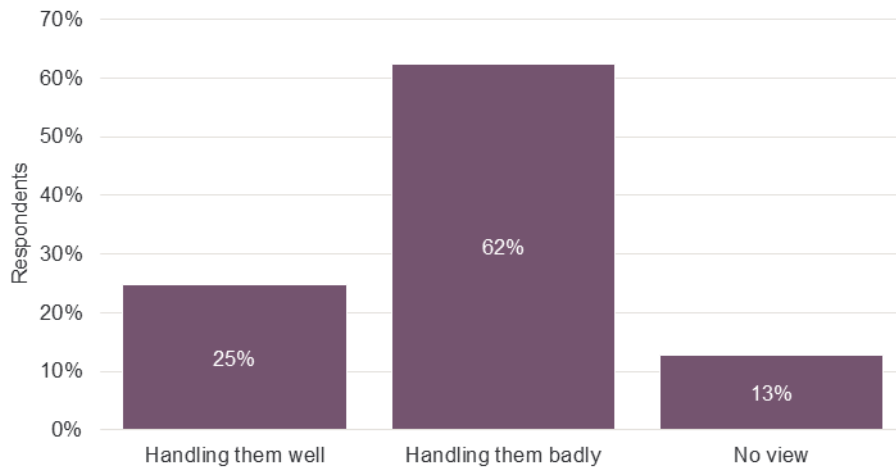


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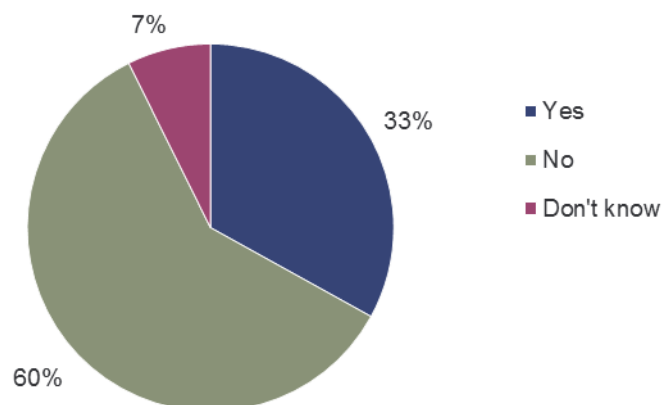
How well do you think the Brexit negotiations are going for the UK?



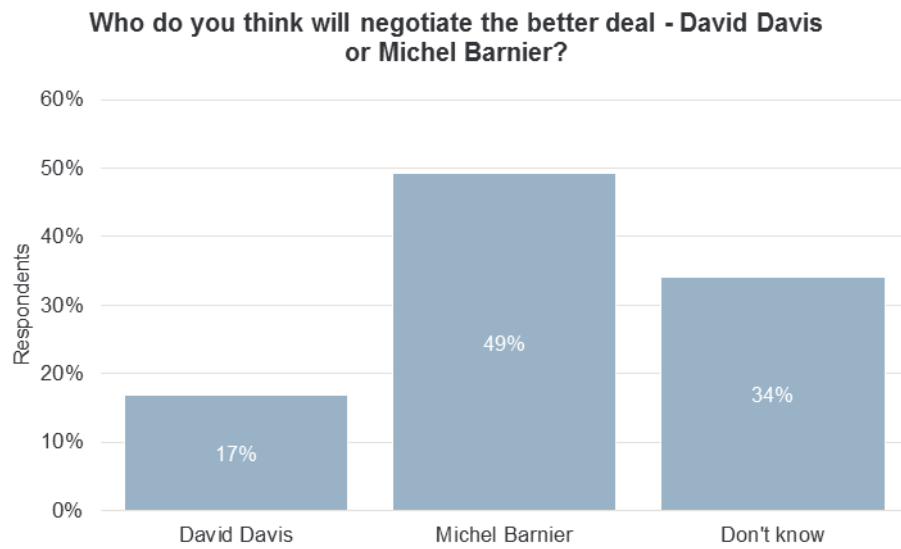
How do you think the UK Government are handling negotiations?



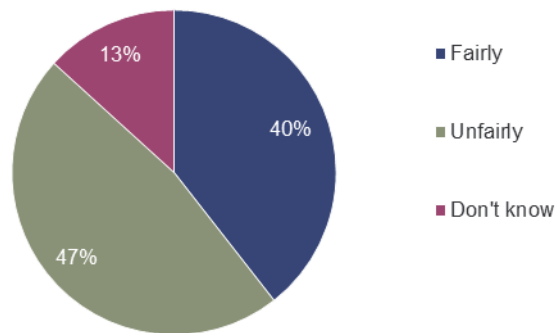
Do you think the Prime Minister is showing strong leadership?



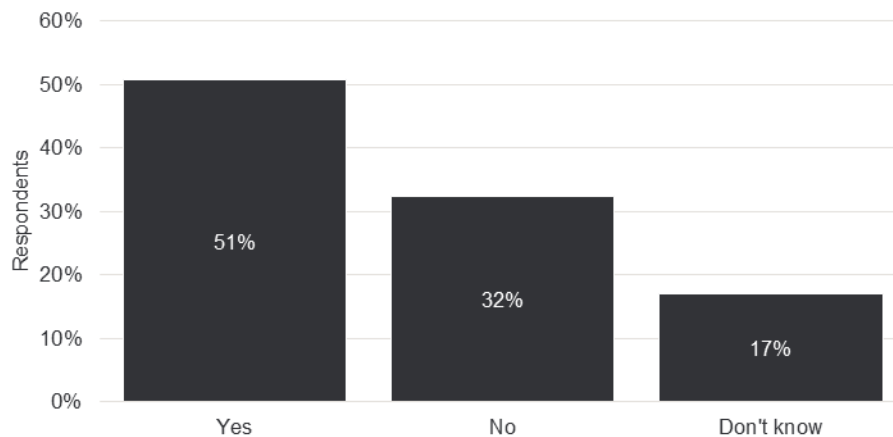
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Do you think the EU are behaving fairly or unfairly in the negotiations?

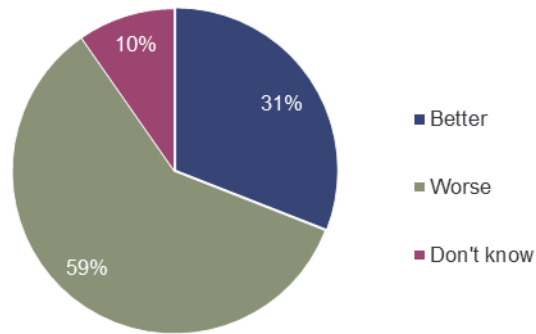


Do you think that after Brexit having no hard border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland would be workable?

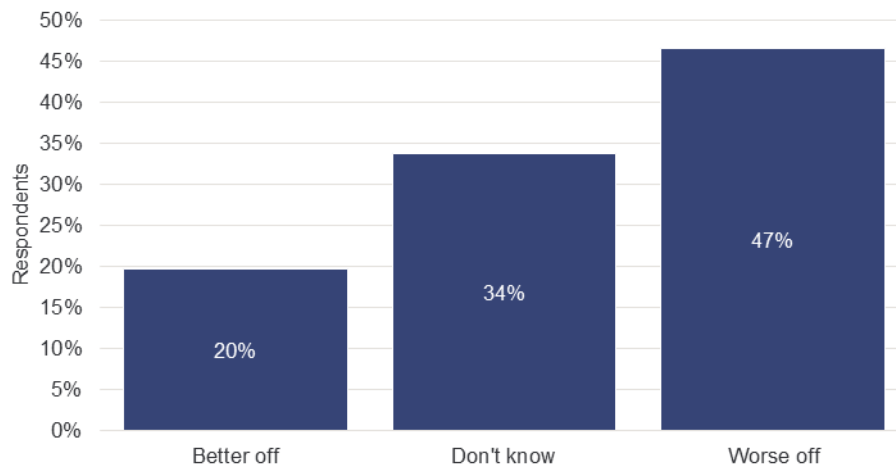


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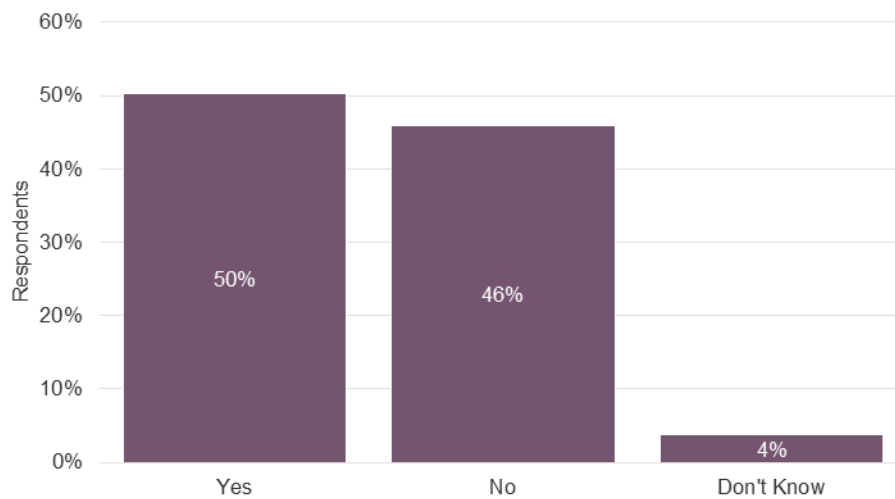
Do you think the UK economy over the next decade will do better or worse as a result of Brexit?



Do you think your business will be financially better or worse off as a result of Brexit?

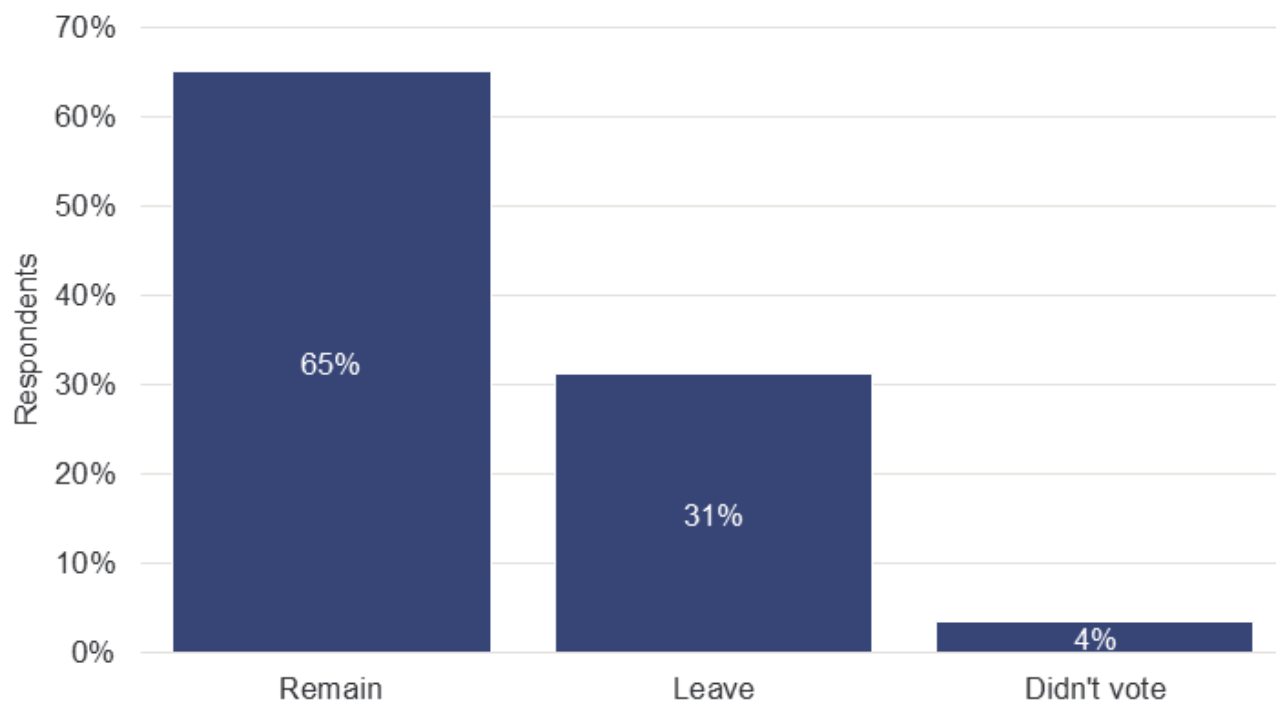


Do you think there should be a second Brexit Referendum?

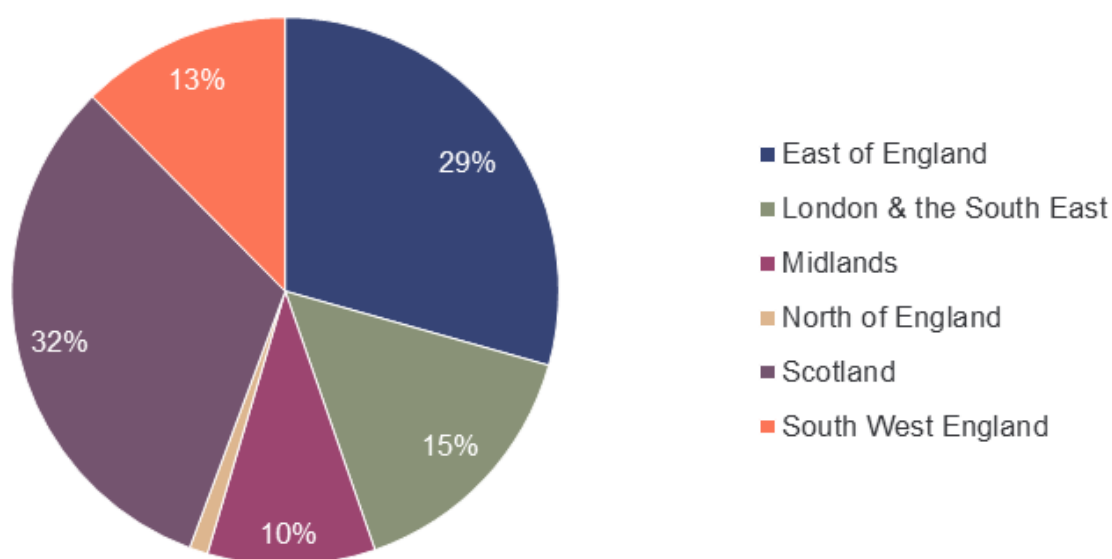


Data sample breakdown

Did you vote to Remain or Leave in the Brexit Referendum?



Geographical spread of respondents





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