

YouGov Survey Results				earning £5.35 or less(%)
Sample Size: 2495	Total (%)	Male(%)	Female(%)	
Fieldwork: 4th - 10th May 2007				
Which of the following best describes why you are currently doing an agency job?				
I normally work through an agency because I enjoy the lifestyle, even though I could probably get a permanent job	27	30	24	11
I work through an agency because I am not always able, or want, to take paid employment	9	9	9	20
I would rather have a permanent job, but cannot get a suitable one at the moment	29	32	26	26
I need temporary work while I am waiting for some other change in my status (such as starting a permanent job or full time education).	21	18	24	34
None of these	14	11	17	9
How long has been your longest COMPLETED assignment? (if your current assignment is the longest please include this)				
I have yet to complete an assignment but I have been in one for more than 6 months	12	12	12	7
I have yet to complete an assignment and I have been less than 6 months in this one	8	9	7	5
More than 6 months and the agency/ employer ended it	14	18	11	7
More than 6 months but I gave it up	12	13	12	6
More than 3 months (but less than 6) and the agency/ employer ended it	9	9	9	9
More than 3 months (but less than 6) but I gave it up	9	8	10	11
More than 1 month (but less than 3) and the agency/ employer ended it	7	7	7	11
More than 1 month (but less than 3) but I gave it up	6	5	8	8
More than 1 week but less than a month and the agency/ employer ended it	5	4	6	6
More than 1 week but less than a month but I gave it up	2	3	2	6
Less than a week and the agency/ employer ended it	4	3	4	7
Less than a week but I gave it up	1	1	1	4
Can't recall	10	9	11	14
The employment agencies I have used have always treated me fairly				
Strongly agree	12	11	13	8
Agree	41	39	42	29
Neither agree nor disagree	24	24	23	31
Disagree	14	14	13	15
Strongly disagree,	8	9	7	15
Don't know/ not applicable	3	3	2	2

I have changed employment agency because I was not getting a good deal				
Strongly agree	11	11	10	18
Agree	17	17	18	17
Neither agree nor disagree	19	21	18	25
Disagree	22	20	24	17
Strongly disagree,	16	16	15	7
Don't know/ not applicable	15	16	15	17
I have not had the same rights to paid holiday as permanent staff doing the same job				
Strongly agree	28	33	25	23
Agree	28	27	28	30
Neither agree nor disagree	13	14	13	15
Disagree	15	13	16	13
Strongly disagree,	8	7	9	9
Don't know/ not applicable	8	7	9	10
I have had the same rights to sick pay as permanent staff doing the same job				
Strongly agree	4	4	4	1
Agree	9	9	10	13
Neither agree nor disagree	12	14	11	13
Disagree	24	21	26	26
Strongly disagree,	37	39	35	31
Don't know/ not applicable	14	13	15	16
You need to keep in with your agency which makes it hard to turn down unsuitable or inconvenient assignments				
Strongly agree	15	14	16	22
Agree	34	31	37	40
Neither agree nor disagree	20	23	18	19
Disagree	16	15	16	8
Strongly disagree,	9	11	8	7
Don't know/ not applicable	6	6	6	3
Working through an agency makes it harder to complain if anything goes wrong at work				
Strongly agree	15	18	13	22
Agree	31	31	31	39
Neither agree nor disagree	19	21	17	17
Disagree	21	18	24	13
Strongly disagree,	8	8	9	4
Don't know/ not applicable	5	5	6	6

I have had agency jobs where the employer was trying to get work done on the cheap rather than employ permanent staff on decent pay				
Strongly agree	15	17	13	31
Agree	23	23	23	29
Neither agree nor disagree	17	18	16	20
Disagree	21	20	22	10
Strongly disagree,	15	14	15	5
Don't know/ not applicable	9	8	10	4
I do not feel confident about knowing my legal rights as an agency worker				
Strongly agree	13	13	12	18
Agree	33	31	36	47
Neither agree nor disagree	21	21	21	19
Disagree	18	20	17	8
Strongly disagree,	10	11	10	5
Don't know/ not applicable	4	5	4	3
The law should make it illegal for an employer to pay agency workers less than permanent staff doing the same or an equivalent job				
Strongly agree	35	36	35	40
Agree	29	25	34	29
Neither agree nor disagree	17	17	16	16
Disagree	9	11	8	9
Strongly disagree,	5	6	4	3
Don't know/ not applicable	4	4	3	4