

## Survey findings:

1. All figures are from an Opinium survey for Surviving Economic Abuse of 2,072 women across the UK, of whom 416 reported experiencing economic abuse in the last 12 months. The survey was conducted online from 7th – 10th November 2023. Results have been weighted to be representative of UK women. Population numbers have been calculated independently by Surviving Economic Abuse using [ONS data](#).
2. To understand women's experiences of economic abuse, the survey asked them: "Have you experienced any of the following behaviours from a partner or ex-partner in the last 12 months?" The total who reported experiencing at least one of these economically abusive behaviours from are listed in the below table:

Behaviour	Number who answered either 'Yes, from my current partner' or 'Yes, from an ex-partner(s)'	%
Controlled, or tried to control, access to your personal bank account	145	7
Stopped you from having any information about the joint account	126	6
Withheld access to your passport or other identity documents	104	5
Stopped you claiming benefits when you wanted to	118	6
Controlled, or deliberately deprived you of, personal belongings	169	8
Controlled, or deliberately deprived you of, daily essentials such as food, shampoo, sleep, medication or living aids (e.g. a wheelchair)	156	8
Took out credit in your name without your consent or because you were scared to refuse	116	6
Had your wages paid into an account you have no access to	101	5
Repeatedly refused to pay their agreed share of the rent, mortgage, household bills or childcare costs, despite having enough money to do so	168	8
Insisted you put your savings or assets like a jointly paid for home in their name	113	5
Prevented you getting a job or studying or made it difficult for you to do so	160	8
Deliberately destroyed or damaged property or your belongings, e.g. punched walls, threw or smashed things which needed replacing	193	9

Damaged your credit rating through taking out debt in your name and/or stopping you from making repayments	118	6
Refused to give you child support/child maintenance or paid it unreliably when they could afford to do so	164	8
Unreasonably blocked or prolonged the sale of your joint property in order to cause harm or distress to you (rather than for a legitimate reason), e.g. not letting an estate agent visit at an agreed time or not implementing a court ordered sale	124	6
Using courts to abuse or torment you, e.g. filing unnecessary motions, using discovery requests to bring up irrelevant information/cause high costs, refusing to obey court orders forcing you to spend time and money to enforce the orders	137	7

Question	Number of respondents	Population estimates	Percentage
Total who reported experiencing at least one economically abusive behaviour	416	5,514,903	20%
Access to bank account restricted - controlled, or tried to control, access to your personal bank account AND stopped you from having any information about the joint account	187	2,479,055	9%
Controlled, or deliberately deprived you of, personal belongings AND daily essentials	225	2,107,859	10%
Credit taken out in their name without consent or their credit rating deliberately destroyed	159	2,982,820	7%
Did not reach out to anyone for advice or support for any of the behaviours reported	142		32%