## **Ipsos MORI Issues Index**

April 2020

## **Technical Note**

This month's Issues Index is the first in the poll's 46-year history to be conducted over the phone; lockdown conditions mean face-to-face fieldwork is currently not an option for public opinion polling. Mode effects should be kept in mind when comparing the new data points with previous months.

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Where percentages do not sum to 100, this may be due to computer rounding, the exclusion of "don't know" categories, or multiple answers. An asterisk (\*) denotes any value of less than half a per cent, but more than zero.

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## Q1 What would you say is the most important issue facing Britain today?

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	%	%
Coronavirus/Pandemic diseases	78	85
Economy	3	35
NHS/Hospitals/Healthcare	6	28
Common Market/Brexit/EU/Europe	2	26
Poverty/Inequality	1	12
Unemployment	1	10
Education/Schools	1	9
Pollution/environment	1	9
Housing	*	8
Crime/Law and Order/ASB	*	6
Immigration/immigrants	1	5
Lack of faith in politics/politicians/government	1	5
Public services in general	*	4
Pensions/social security/benefits	*	4
Low pay/Minimum Wage/fair wages	1	3
Morality/individual behaviour/lifestyle	1	3
Defence/foreign affairs/terrorism	*	3
Taxation	*	2
Ageing population/Social care for elderly	0	2
Race relations	*	2
Transport/public transport	0	2
Nationalisation/Government control of institutions	0	1
Scottish/Welsh Assembly/Devolution/Const. reform	*	1
Inflation/Prices	0	1
Population levels/overpopulation	*	1
Local government/council tax	0	1
Drug abuse	0	1
Privatisation	*	*
Trade Unions/Strikes	0	*
Countryside/rural life	0	*
Animal welfare	*	*
Pound/exchange rate/value of pound	0	*
Petrol prices/fuel	0	*
Northern Ireland	0	*
Foot and mouth outbreak/farming crisis	0	*
Nuclear weapons/nuclear war/disarmament	0	0
AIDS	0	0
Other	1	11
Don't know	1	10