Ipsos Issues Index

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Technical Note

This month's Issues Index has been conducted over the phone, a methodology change which has been in place since the April 2020 wave. 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?

Q2 What do you see as other important issues facing Britain today?

Base: 1,018 British adults 18+	Q1 %	Q1/2 %
Inflation/Prices	32	46
Economy	28	41
NHS/Hospitals/Healthcare	3	20
Pollution/environment/climate change	3	15
Poverty/Inequality	5	14
Defence/foreign affairs/terrorism	3	11
Petrol prices/fuel	4	11
Lack of faith in politics/politicians/government	3	9
Common Market/Brexit/EU/Europe	2	9
Education/Schools	1	9
Immigration/immigrants	3	9
Housing	1	8
Crime/Law and Order/ASB	1	6
Low pay/Minimum Wage/Fair wages	1	5
Taxation	1	4
Nuclear weapons/nuclear war/disarmament	*	4
Ageing population/Social care for elderly	*	2
Pensions/social security/benefits	*	2
Public services in general	*	2
Unemployment	*	2
Local government/council tax	*	2
Race relations	*	2
Mental health/well-being	*	2
Population levels/overpopulation	1	2
Transport/public transport	*	2
Nationalisation/Government control of institutions	*	1
UK Union/devolution/reform	*	1
Royal family/monarchy	-	1
Coronavirus/Pandemic diseases	*	1
International trade/trade deals	*	1
Food production/farming	-	1
Countryside/rural life	-	1
Trade unions/strikes	-	1
Drug abuse	*	1
Morality/individual behaviour/lifestyle	*	1
Privatisation	*	*
Pound/Exchange rate/Value of pound	*	*
Northern Ireland	-	*
Animal welfare	-	*
Other	2	8
Don't know	4	16