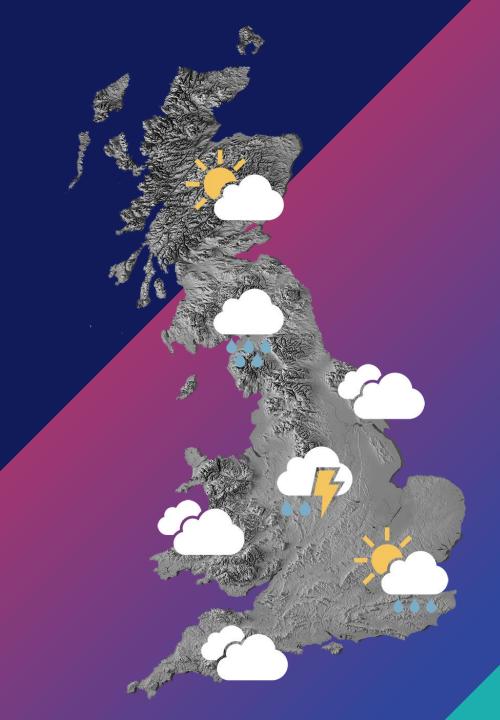
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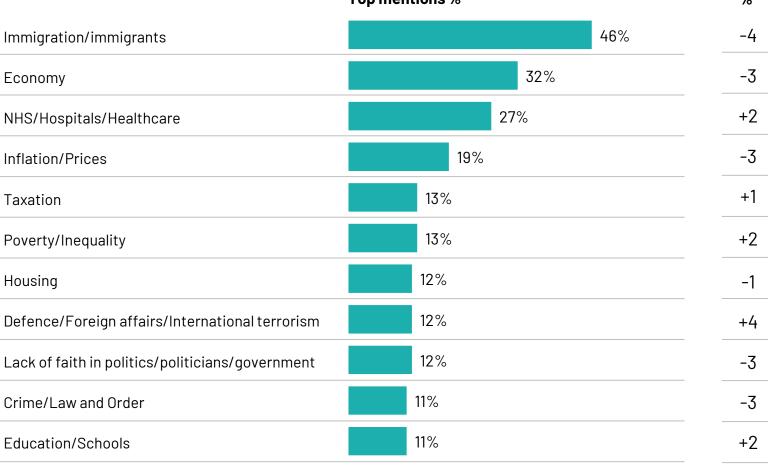




December 2025

What do you see as the most/other important issues facing Britain today?

Top mentions % Position



Base: 1,017 British adults 18+, 3 - 10 December 2025

Source: Ipsos Issues Index

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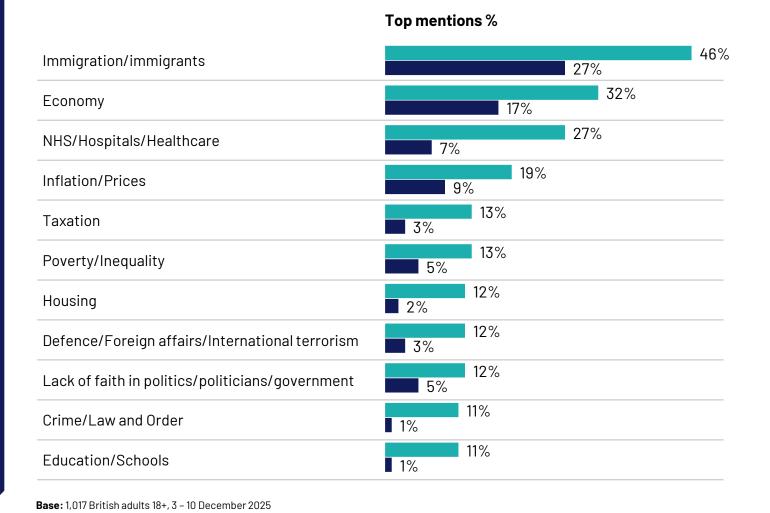
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Change since November:



December 2025

What do you see as the most/other important issues facing Britain today?



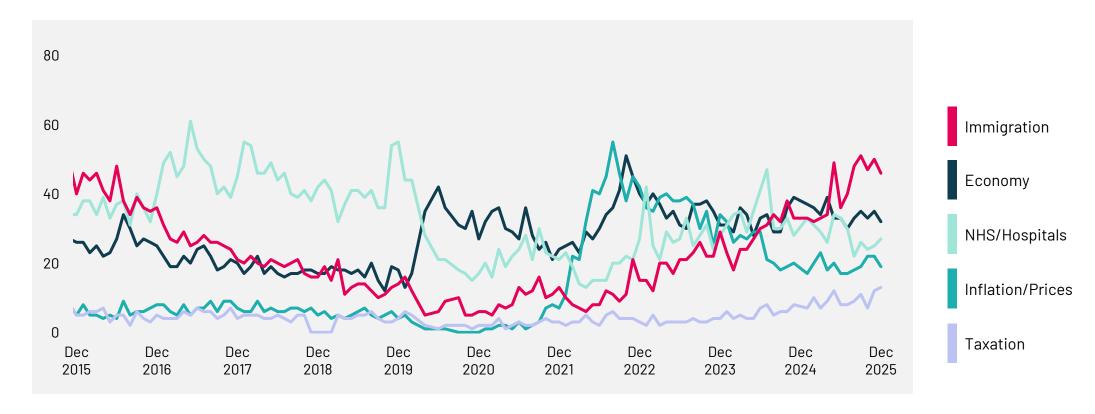
Most/other important issues

Most important issue



Top five concerns for December 2025: trend data

What do you see as the most/other important issues facing Britain today?

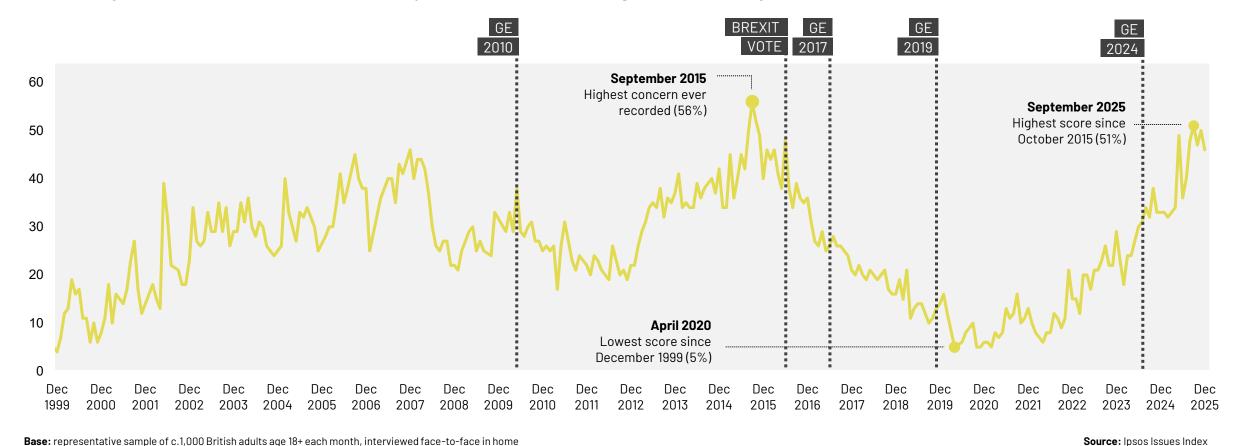


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Immigration/Immigrants

What do you see as the most/other important issues facing Britain today?



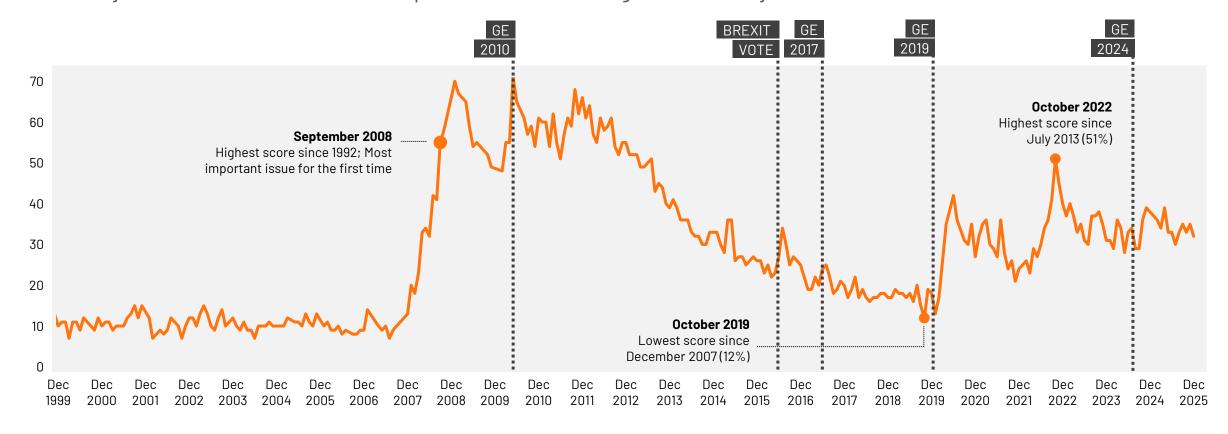
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Up until September 2014 this was a combined code of "Race relations/Immigration", data onwards is split into two separate codes ("Immigration/Immigrants" and "Race Relations")



Economy / Economic situation

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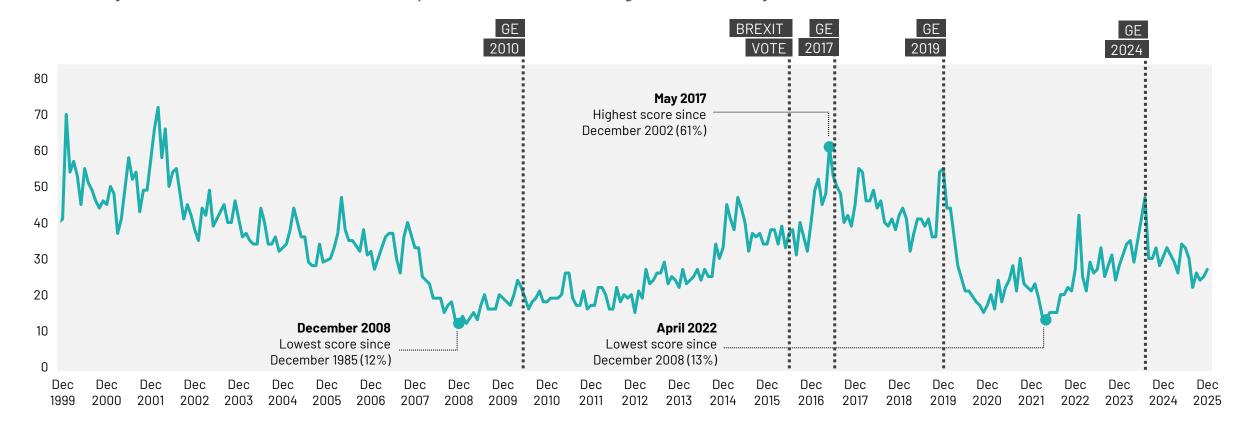


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NHS/Hospitals/Healthcare

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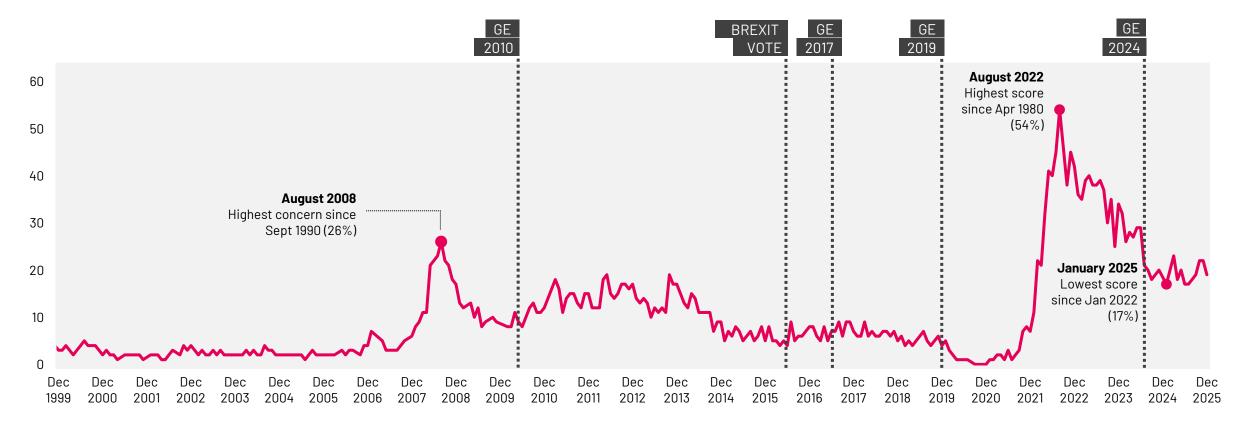


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Ipsos

Inflation/prices

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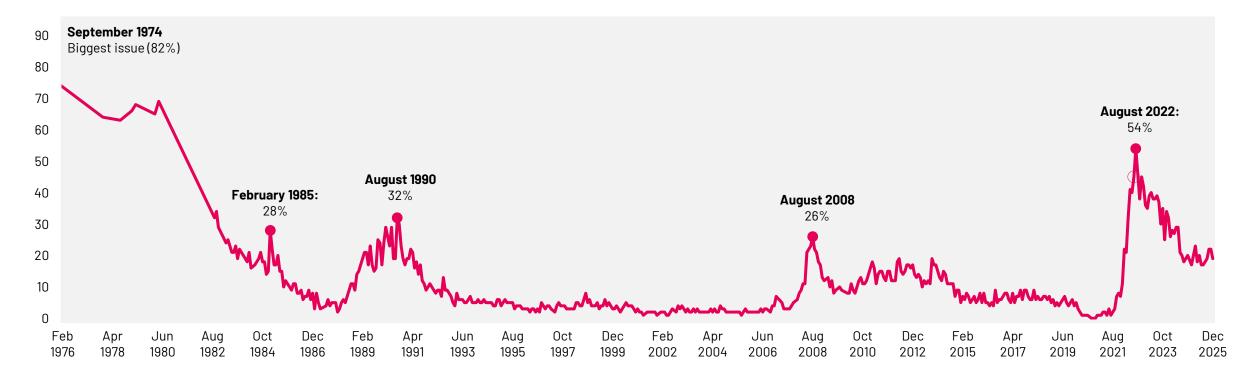


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Inflation/prices - concern since 1974

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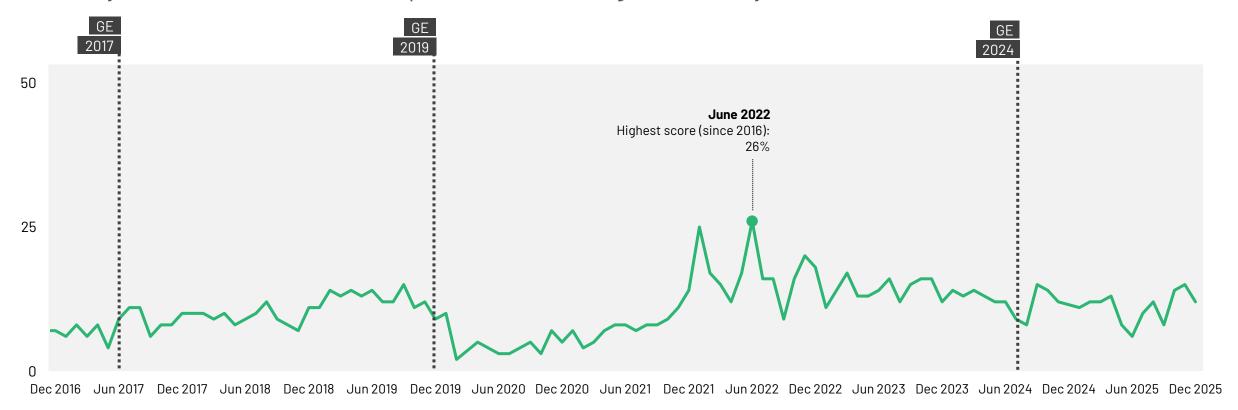


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Lack of faith in politicians/politics

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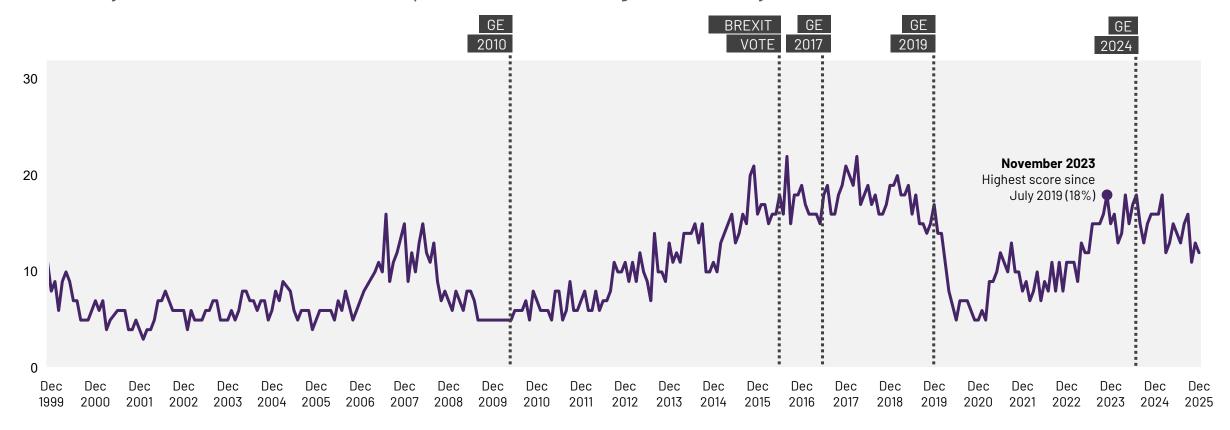


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Housing

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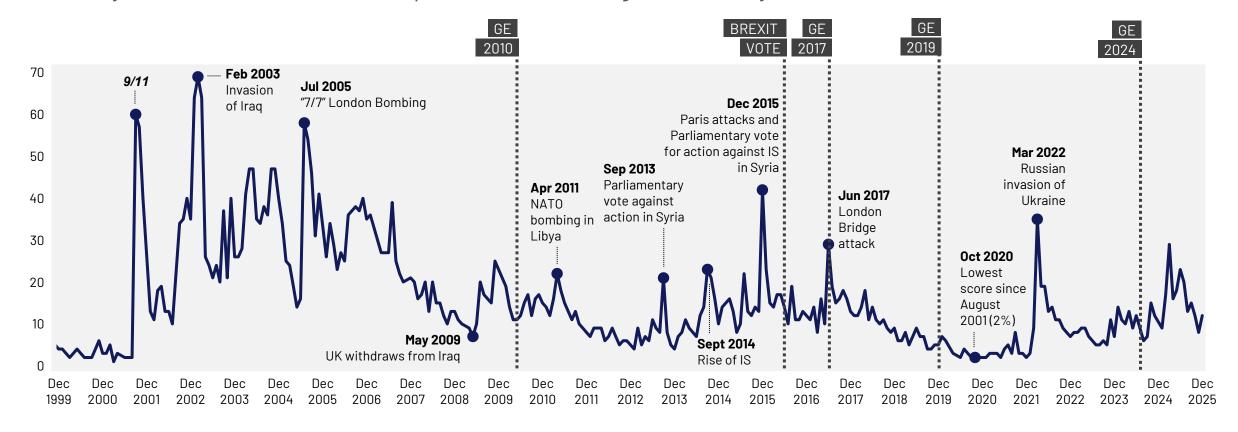


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Defence/Foreign Affairs /International Terrorism

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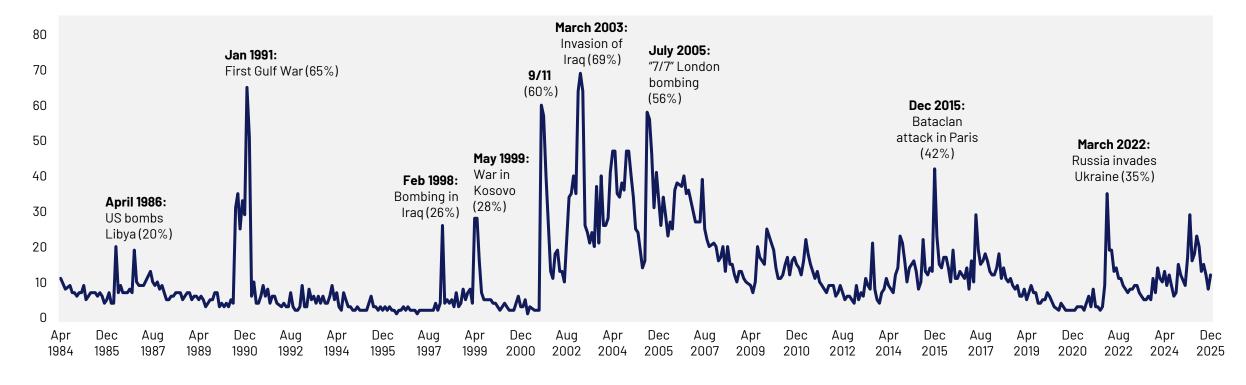


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Defence/Foreign Affairs - Concern Since 1982

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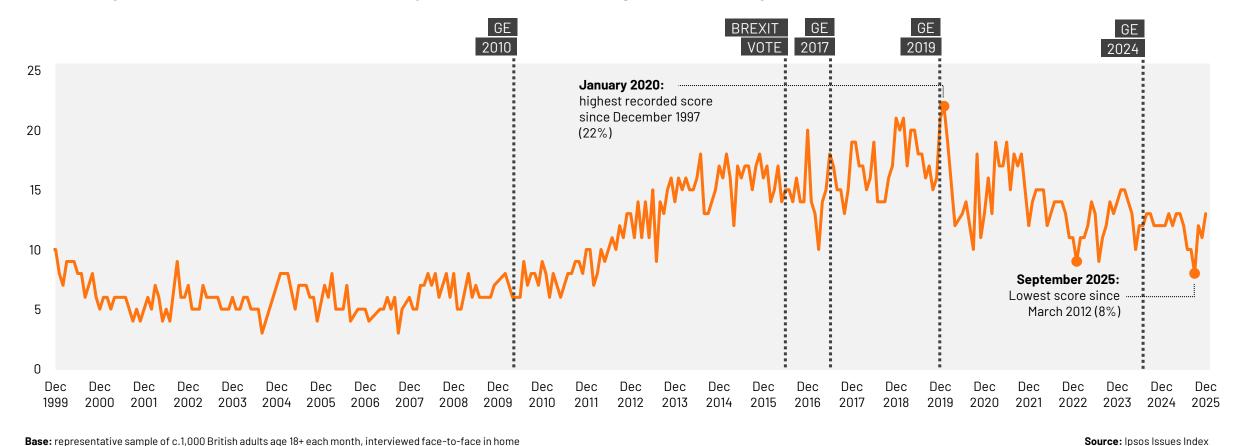


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Poverty/Inequality

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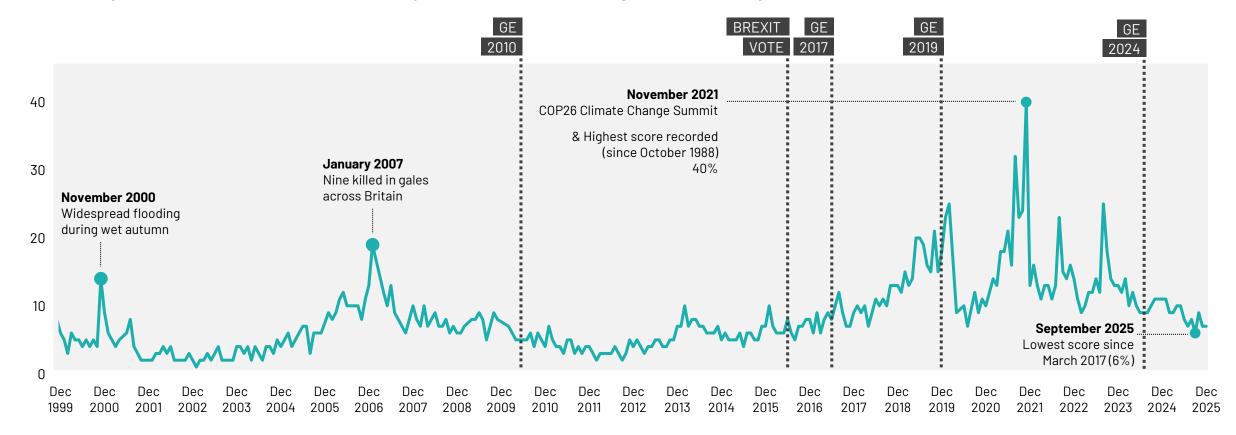


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Pollution/Environment/Climate change

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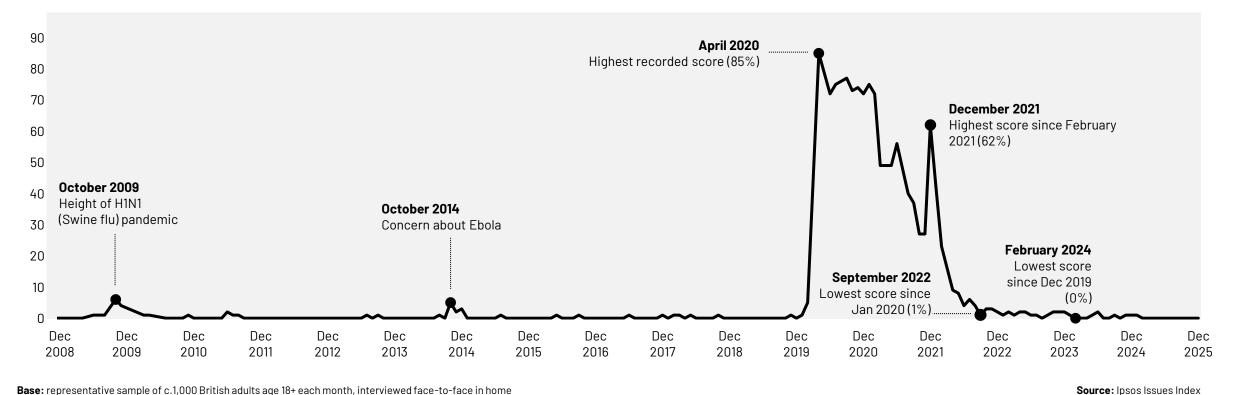


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Coronavirus/Pandemic diseases

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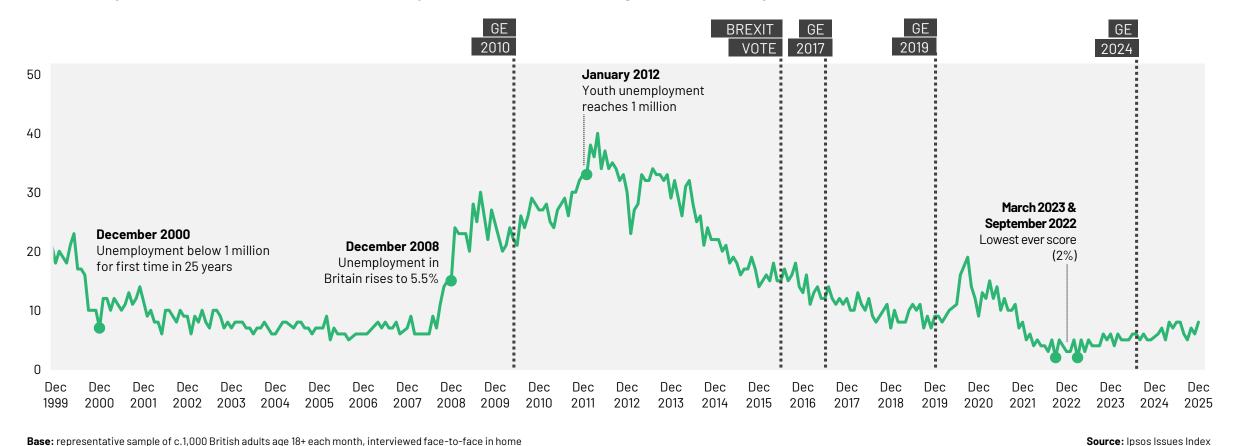


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Unemployment / Factory closure / Lack of industry

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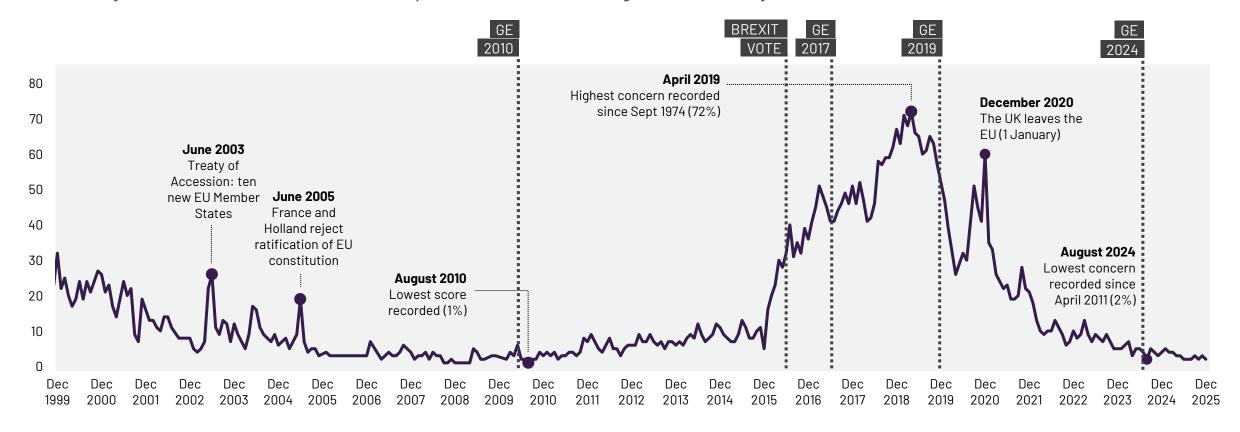


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EU / Europe / Brexit

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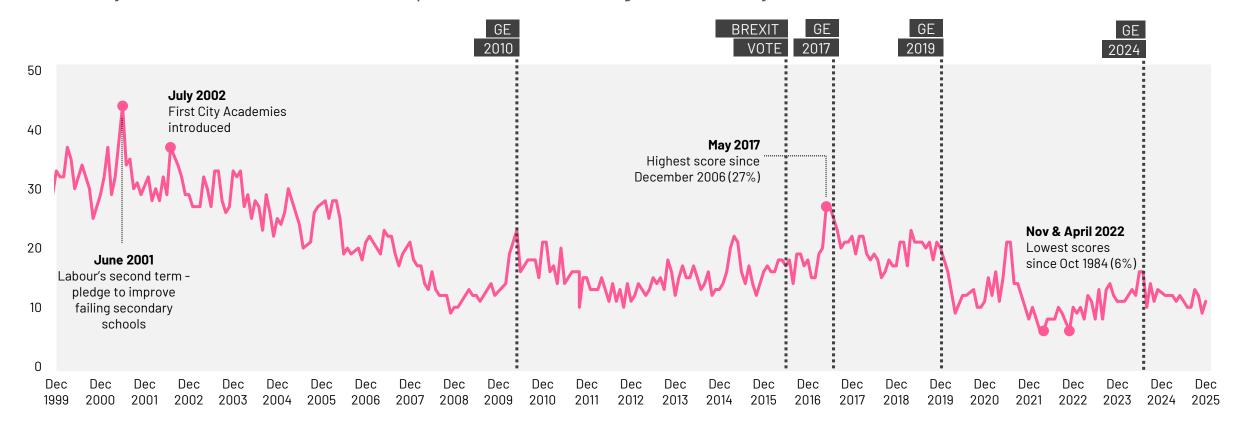


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Education/Schools

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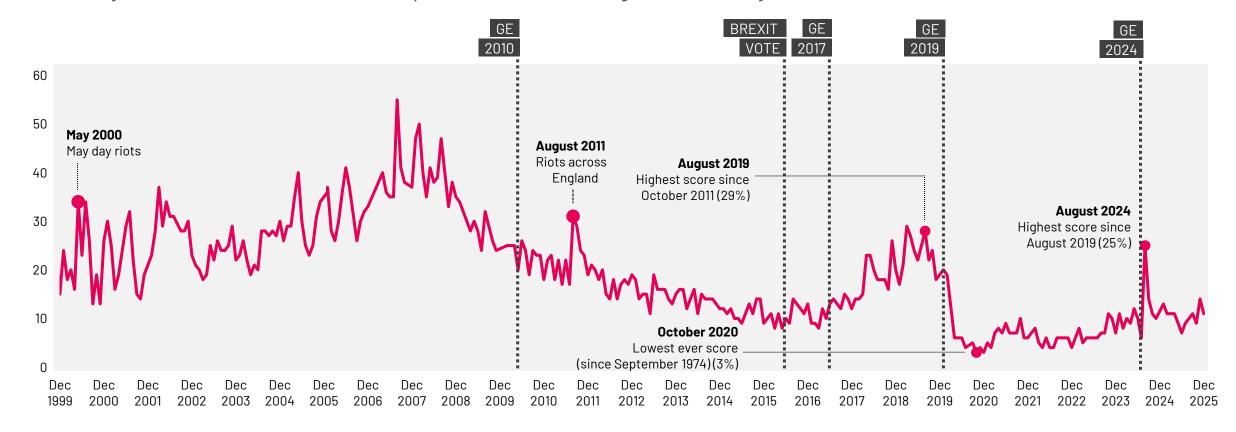


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Crime/Law & Order/Violence/Vandalism / ASB

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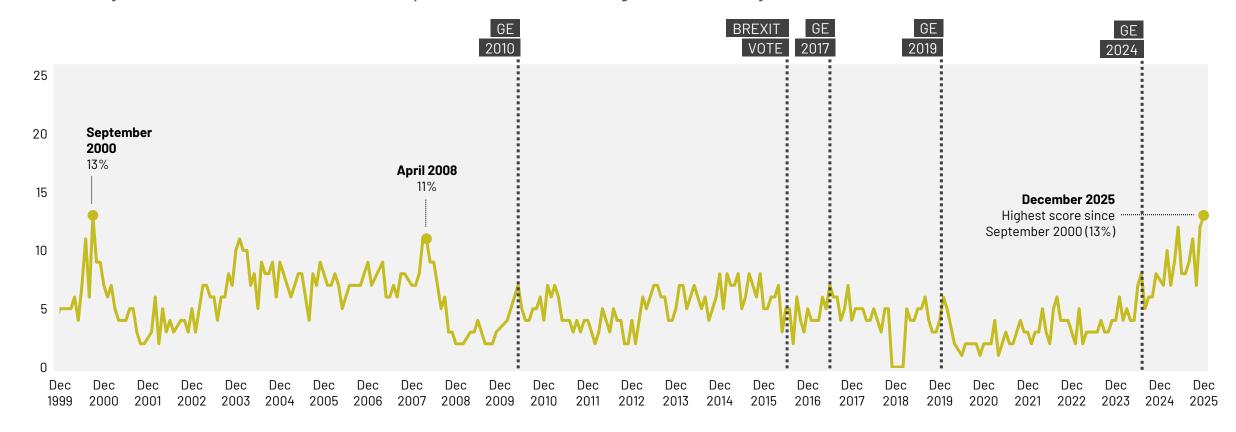


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Taxation

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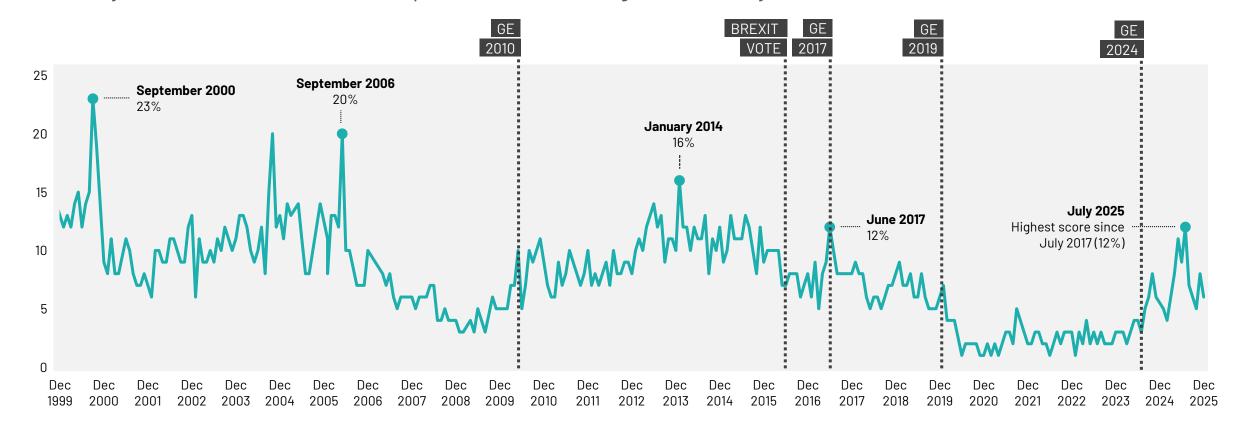


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Pensions/Social Security/Benefits

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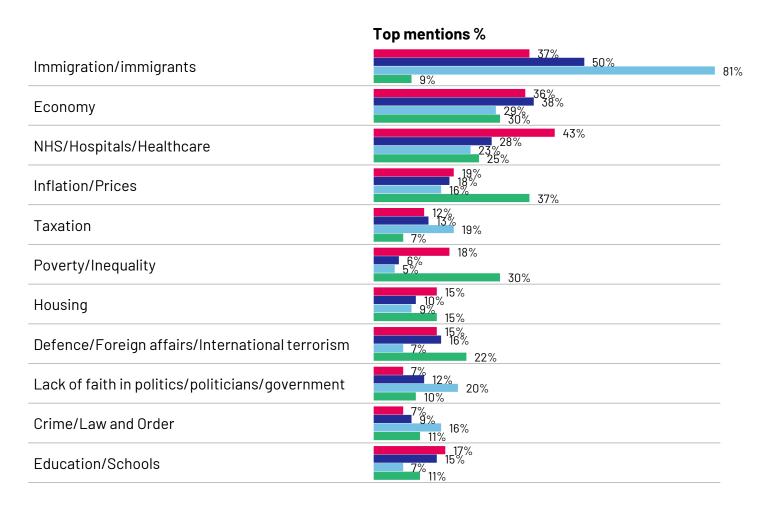


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Party support

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Labour Supporters

Conservative Supporters

Reform UK Supporters

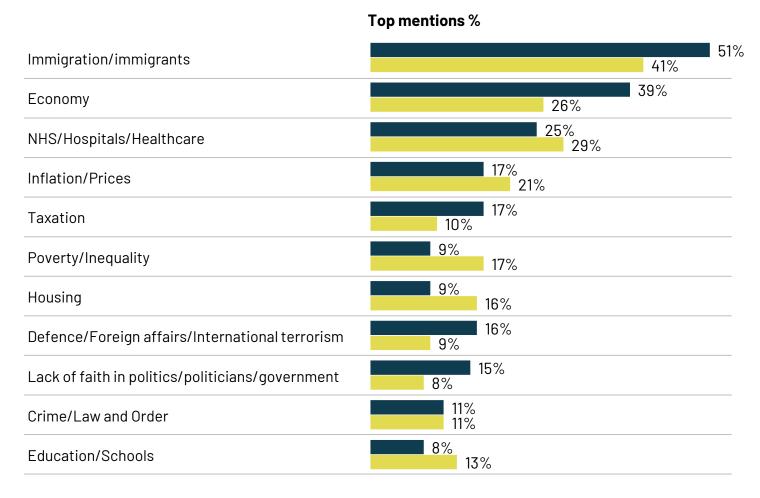
Green Party Supporters

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Men and women

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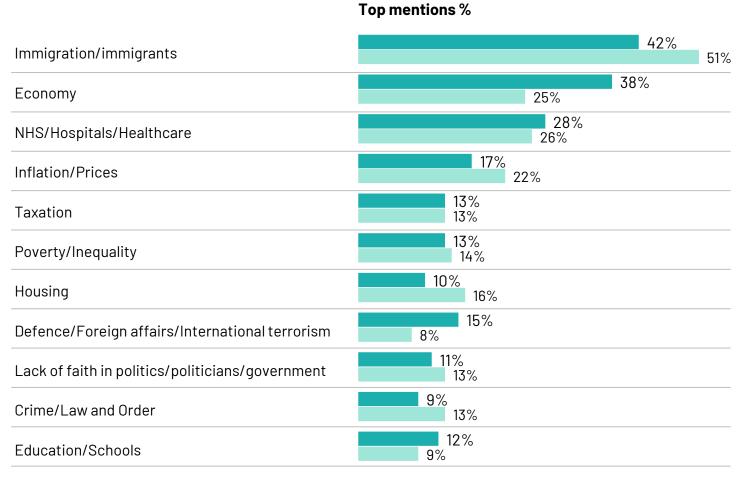


Men

Women

Social grade

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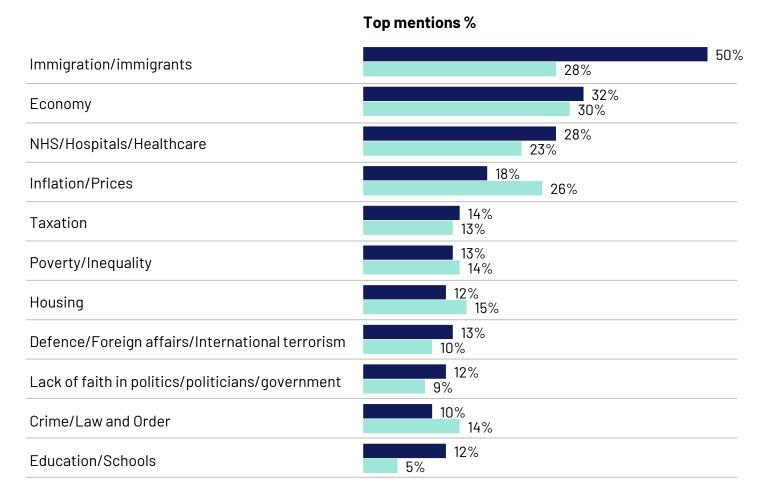


ABC1

C2DE

Ethnic background

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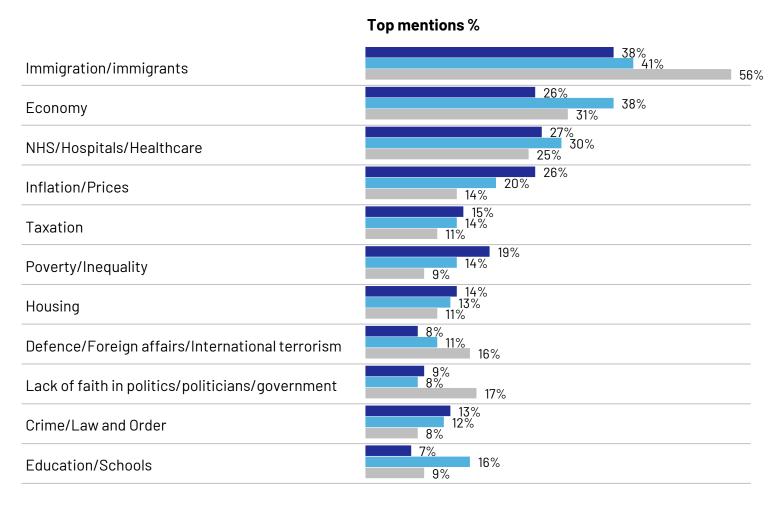


White

Ethnic Minorities

Age group

What do you see as the most/other important issues facing Britain today?



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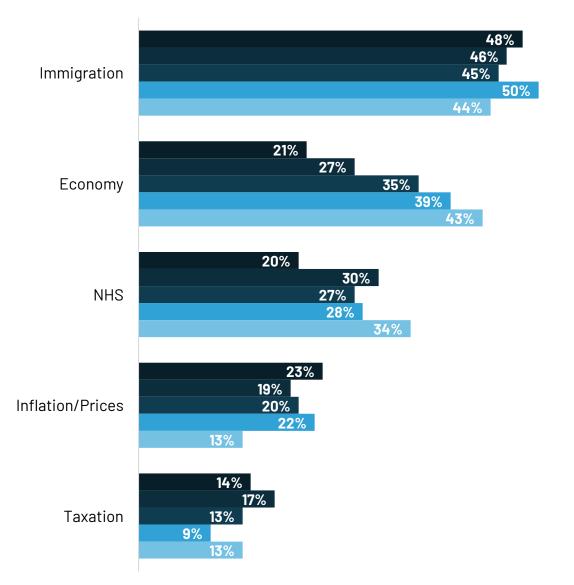
18-34

35-54

55+

Top five concerns by IMD quintile

What do you see as the most/other important issues facing Britain today?



Source: Ipsos Issues Index

■1- most deprived

■ 5 - least deprived

2

3

4

"IMD" are the Indices of Multiple Deprivation, a measure of multiple deprivation for small areas

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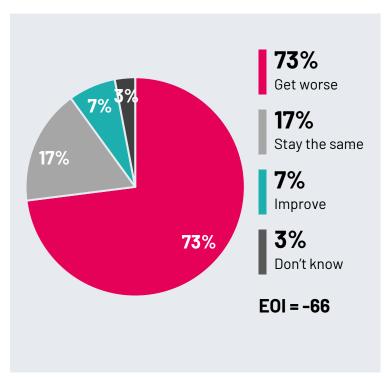




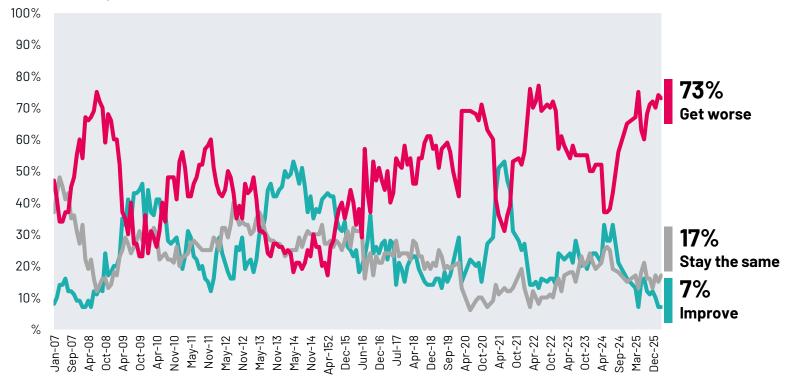
Ipsos Economic Optimism Index

Do you think that the general economic condition of the country will improve, stay the same or get worse over the next 12 months?

December 2025



January 2007 - December 2025

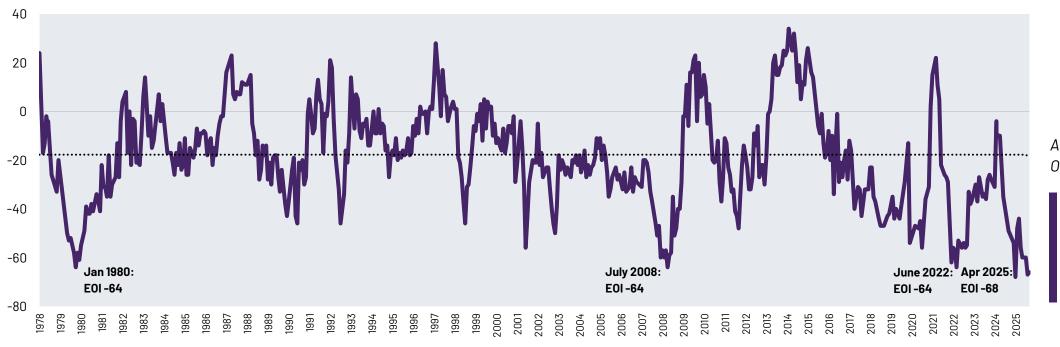


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Ipsos Economic Optimism Index (1978-2025)

Do you think that the general economic condition of the country will improve, stay the same or get worse over the next 12 months? Net Economic Optimism Index = % get better minus % get worse



Average Net Economic Optimism Index **-18**

December 2025 Net Economic Optimism Index

-66

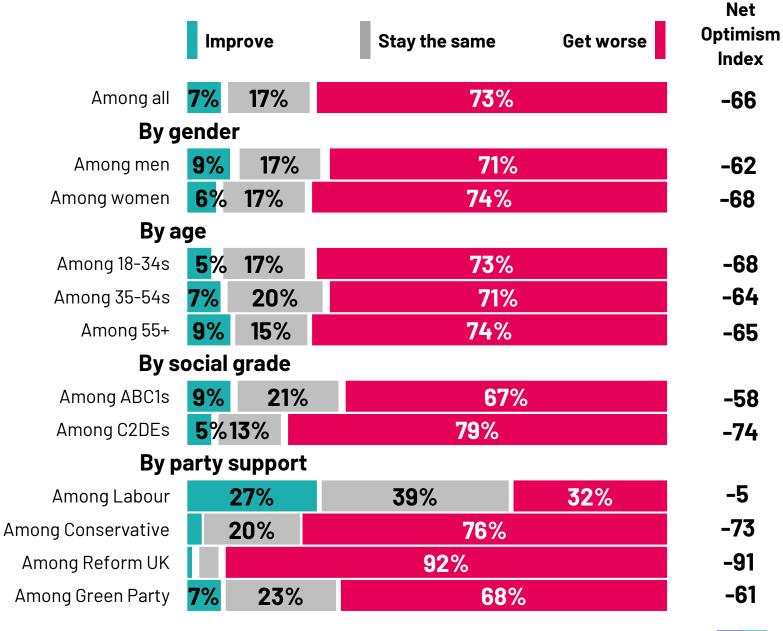
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Economic optimism: by sub-group

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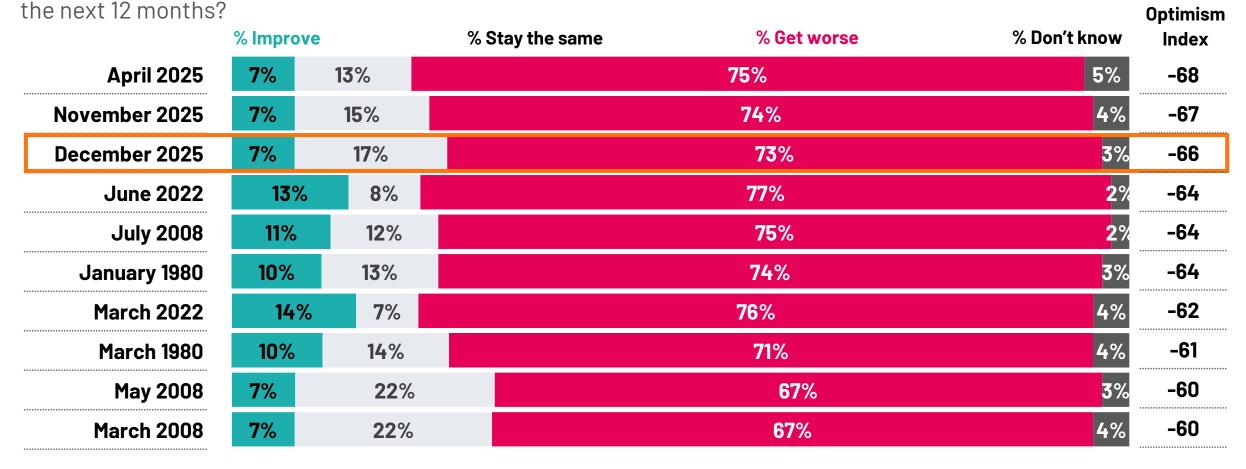
Base: 1,017 British adults aged 18+, including (557) men, (443) women, (263) 18-34-year-olds, (321) 35-54s, (433) 55+s, (734) ABC1, and (283) C2DE, (169) Labour, (130) Conservative, (254) Reform UK (118) and Green Party supporters, 3 – 10 December 2025





Worst net Economic Optimism Index ratings on record

Do you think that the general economic condition of the country will improve, stay the same or get worse over



Note: Data collected prior to February 2008 was collected via face-to-face methodology; data collected from February 2008 was via telephone

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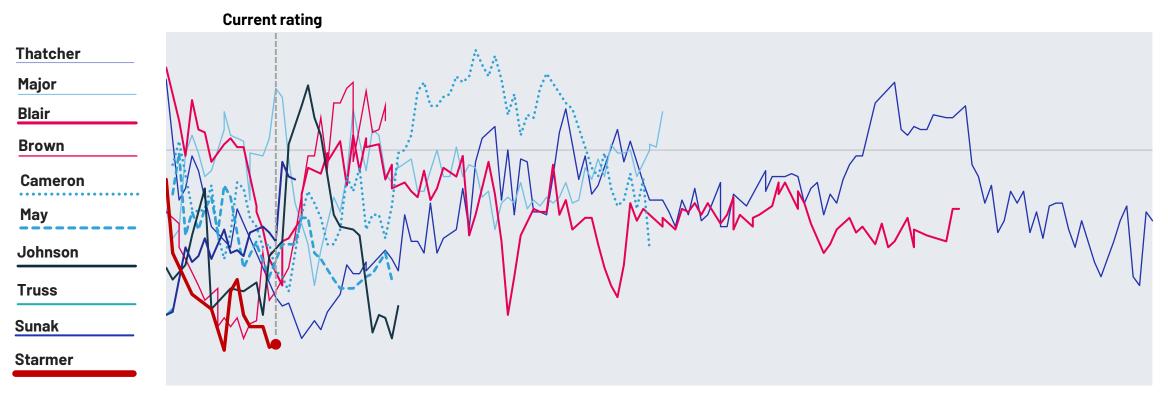


Net

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Net Economic Optimism Index: By Prime Minister

Do you think that the general economic condition of the country will improve, stay the same or get worse over the next 12 months? Net Economic Optimism Index = % get better minus % get worse



Number of months after becoming prime minister

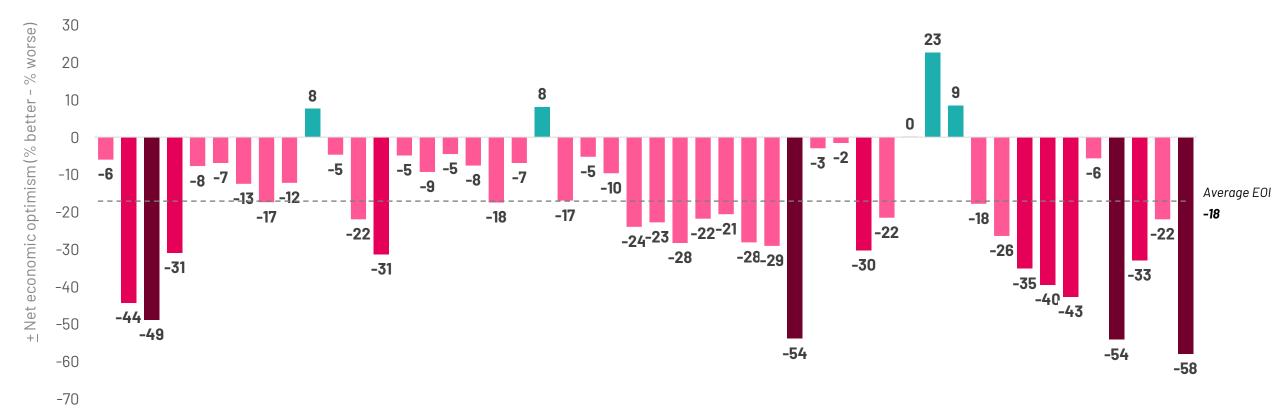
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Ipsos Economic Optimism Index: yearly average 1978-2025

Do you think that the general economic condition of the country will improve, stay the same or get worse over the next 12 months?



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