

KSA PRIMARY CONSUMER SENTIMENT INDEX

March 2026

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INTRODUCTION





Introducing the Primary Consumer Sentiment Index

Ipsos Saudi Arabia's Consumer Sentiment Index (PCSI), is a national survey of consumer attitudes on the current and future state of the local economy, personal financial situation, as well as confidence to make large investments and ability to save.

Consumer sentiment is a key predictor of purchase trends in the market. Despite it being a lagging indicator, if consumer confidence is high, people will make more purchases and the economy will expand.

Businesses and policy makers can monitor changes in the index to factor the data in their decision-making processes. A wave-on-wave decreasing trend suggests consumers have a negative outlook on their ability to spend. Thus, manufacturers may expect consumers to avoid retail purchases, particularly items that require financing. Likewise, banks can anticipate a decrease in lending activity, mortgage applications, and credit card usage.

Introducing the Primary Consumer Sentiment Index

The PCSI result is driven by the aggregation of four, weighted, sub-Indices

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PCSI Current
Personal
Financial
Conditions

2



PCSI Economic
Expectations

3



PCSI Investment
Climate

4



PCSI
Employment
Confidence

Overall PCSI survey questions

1

Rate the current state of the economy in your local area using a scale from 1 to 7, where 7 means a very strong economy today and 1 means a very weak economy.

2

Looking ahead six months from now, do you expect the economy in your local area to be much stronger, somewhat stronger, about the same, somewhat weaker, or much weaker than it is now?

3

Rate your current financial situation, using a scale from 1 to 7, where 7 means your personal financial situation is very strong today and 1 means it is very weak.

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Looking ahead six months from now, do you expect your personal financial situation to be much stronger, somewhat stronger, about the same, somewhat weaker, or much weaker than it is now?

5

Compared to six months ago, are you now more or less comfortable making a major purchase, like a home or car?

6

Compared to six months ago, are you now more or less comfortable making other household purchases?

7

Compared to six months ago, are you now more or less confident about job security for yourself, your family and other people you know personally?

8

Compared to six months ago, are you now more or less confident of your ability to invest in the future, including your ability to save money for your retirement or your children's education?

9

Thinking of the last 6 months, have you, someone in your family or someone else you know personally lost their job as a result of economic conditions?

10

Now look ahead at the next six months. How likely is it that you, someone in your family or someone else you know personally will lose their job in the next six months as a result of economic conditions?

PRIMARY CONSUMER SENTIMENT INDEX

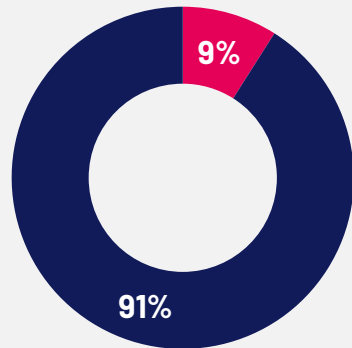
PCSI summary

PCSI March 2026

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Right direction / wrong track

Q: Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?



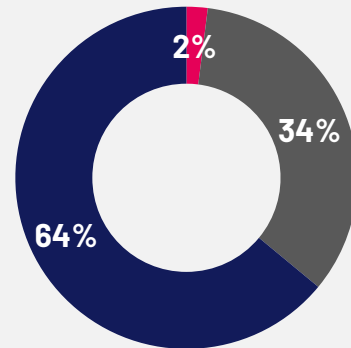
■ Right direction
■ Wrong track

Previous wave – February 2025

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Country economic situation

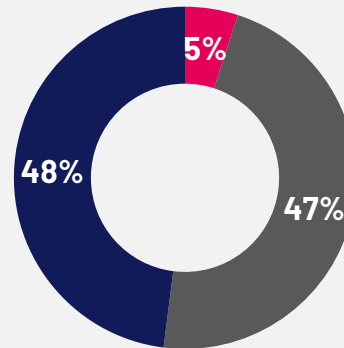
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■ Strong ■ Weak
■ Neither strong nor weak

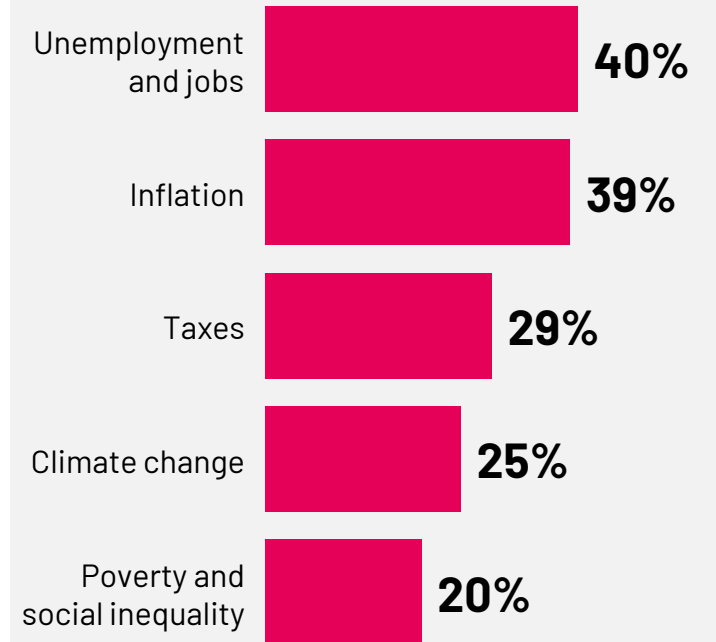
Personal financial situation

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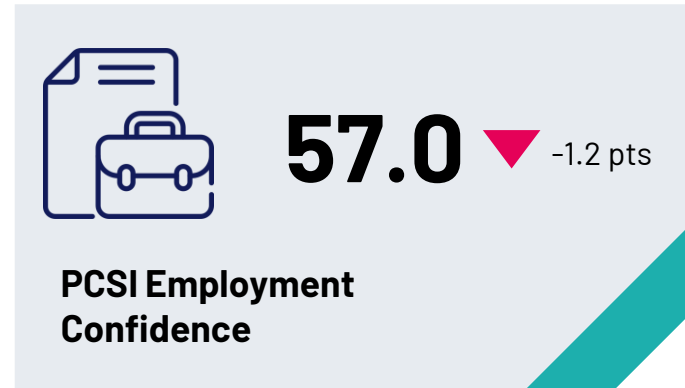
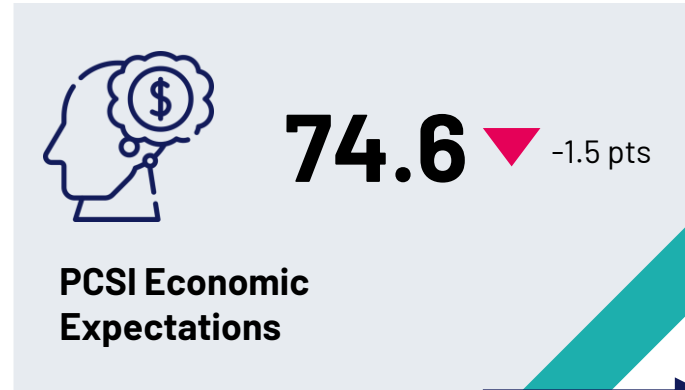
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Top 5 concerns for consumers in Saudi Arabia



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Overall Primary Consumer Sentiment Index

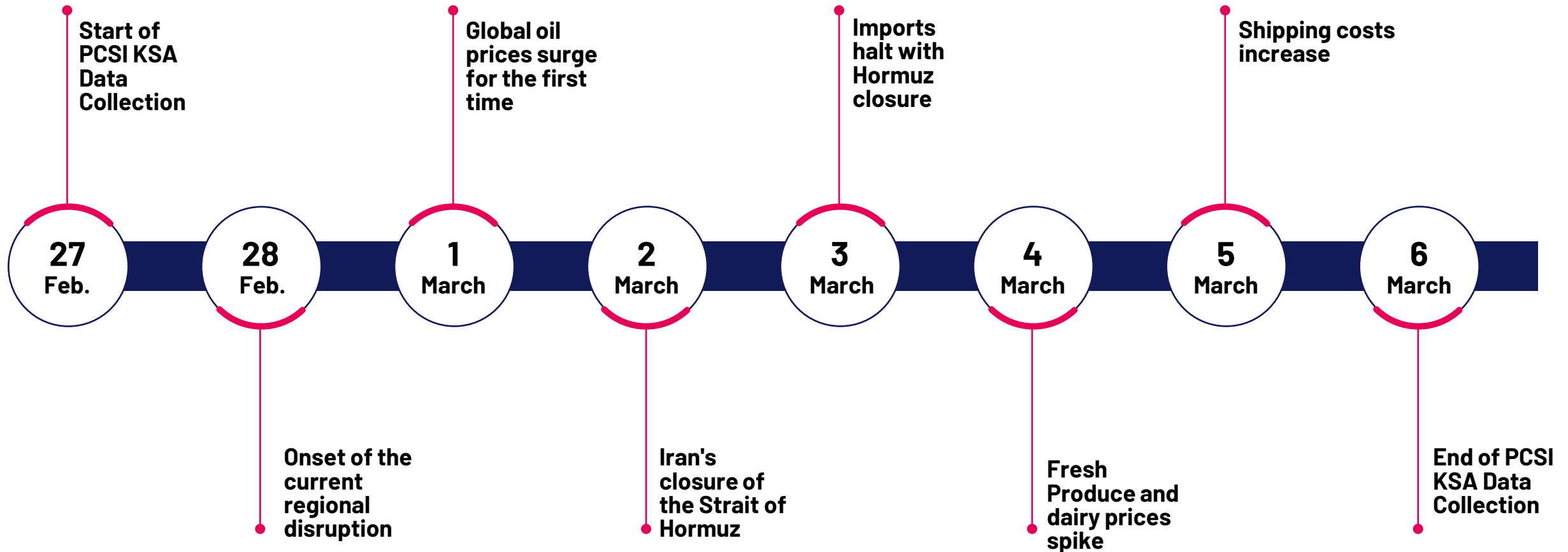
▼ Decreased vs previous wave

= Less than 1 point difference vs. previous wave

▲ Increased vs previous wave

Timeline of The Current Regional Disruptions

Please note that the data collection in Saudi Arabia was conducted within the February 27th - March 6th timeframe. As data collection occurred during a period of evolving regional disruptions, results may not fully reflect current consumer sentiment.



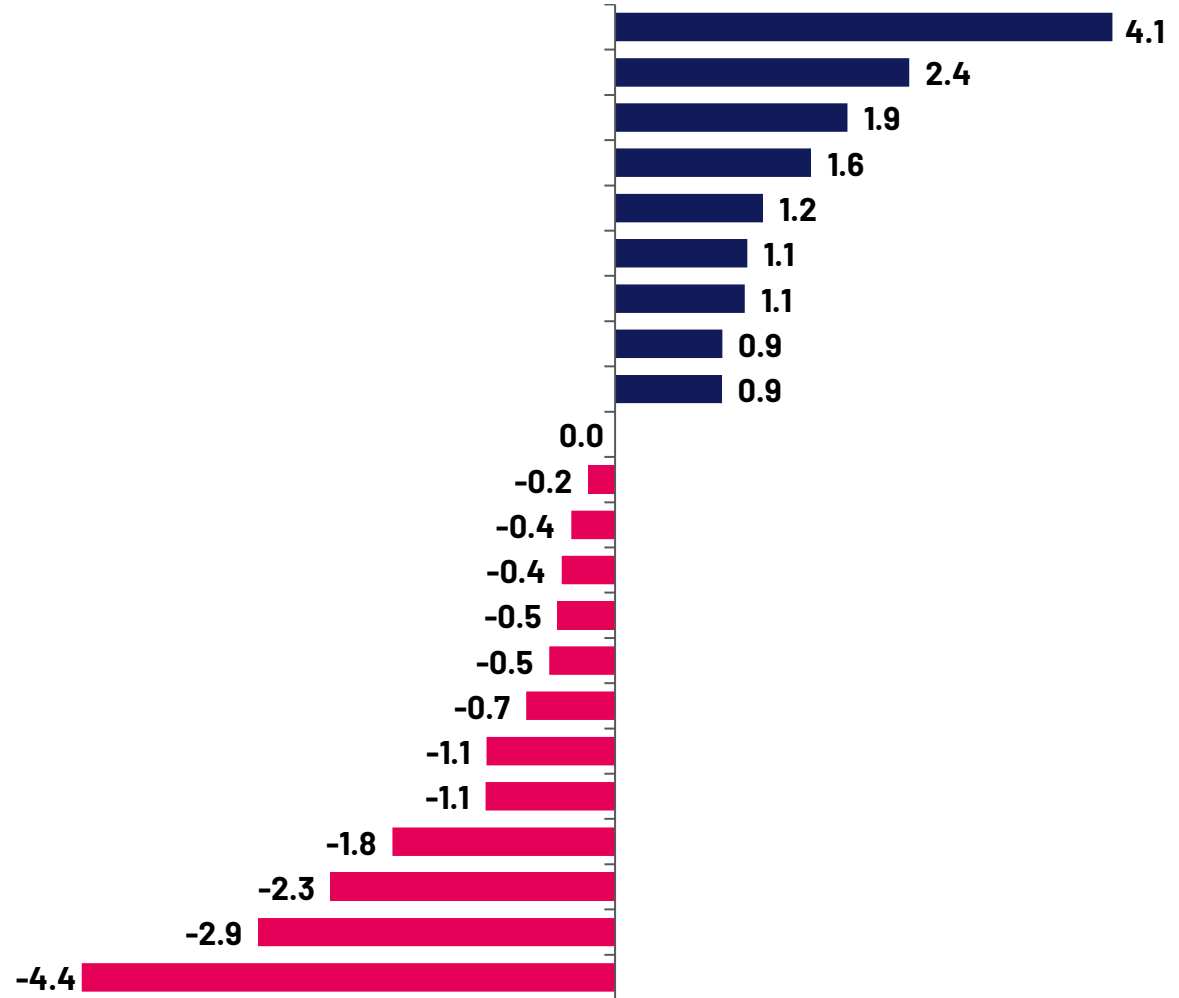
Change of Overall Primary Consumer Sentiment Index – global comparison

Country

- South Korea
- Belgium
- Canada
- Turkey
- Spain
- Japan
- Hungary
- India
- France
- Sweden
- Mexico
- China
- Brazil
- USA
- Italy
- Poland
- South Africa
- Saudi Arabia
- Australia
- Germany
- Great Britain
- Argentina

■ Points decreased vs previous wave

■ Points increased vs previous wave

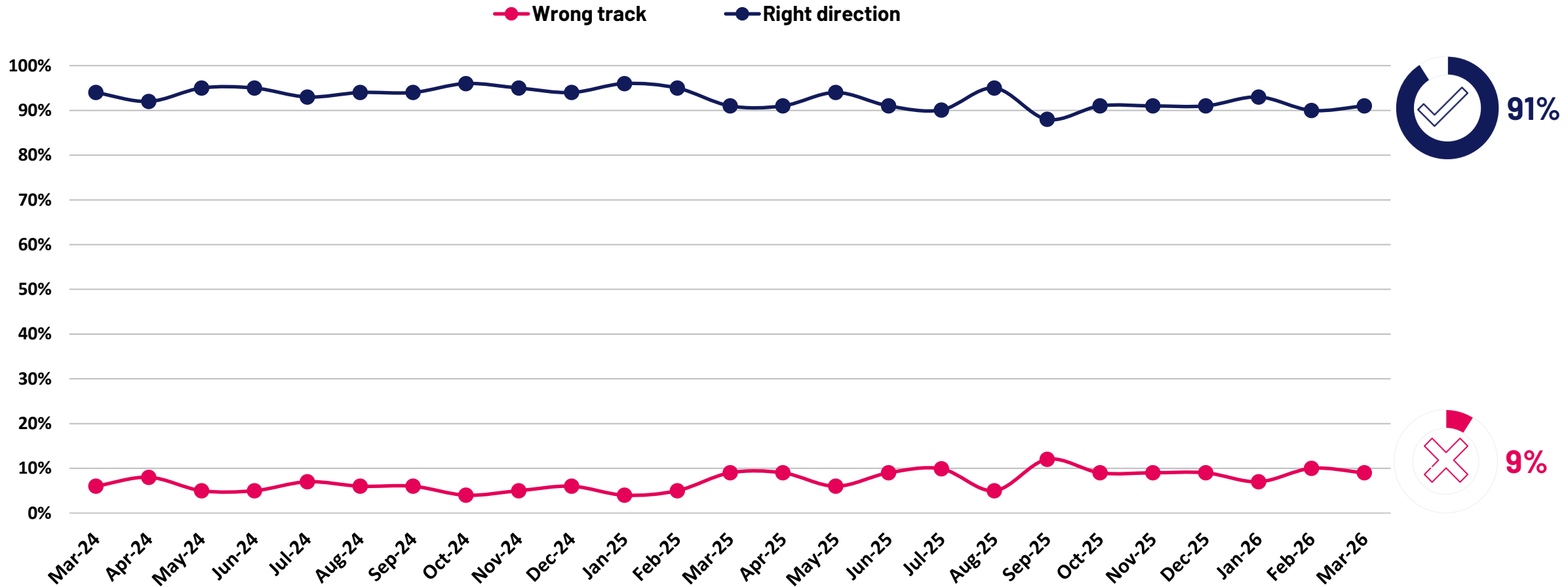


COUNTRY'S GENERAL SITUATION



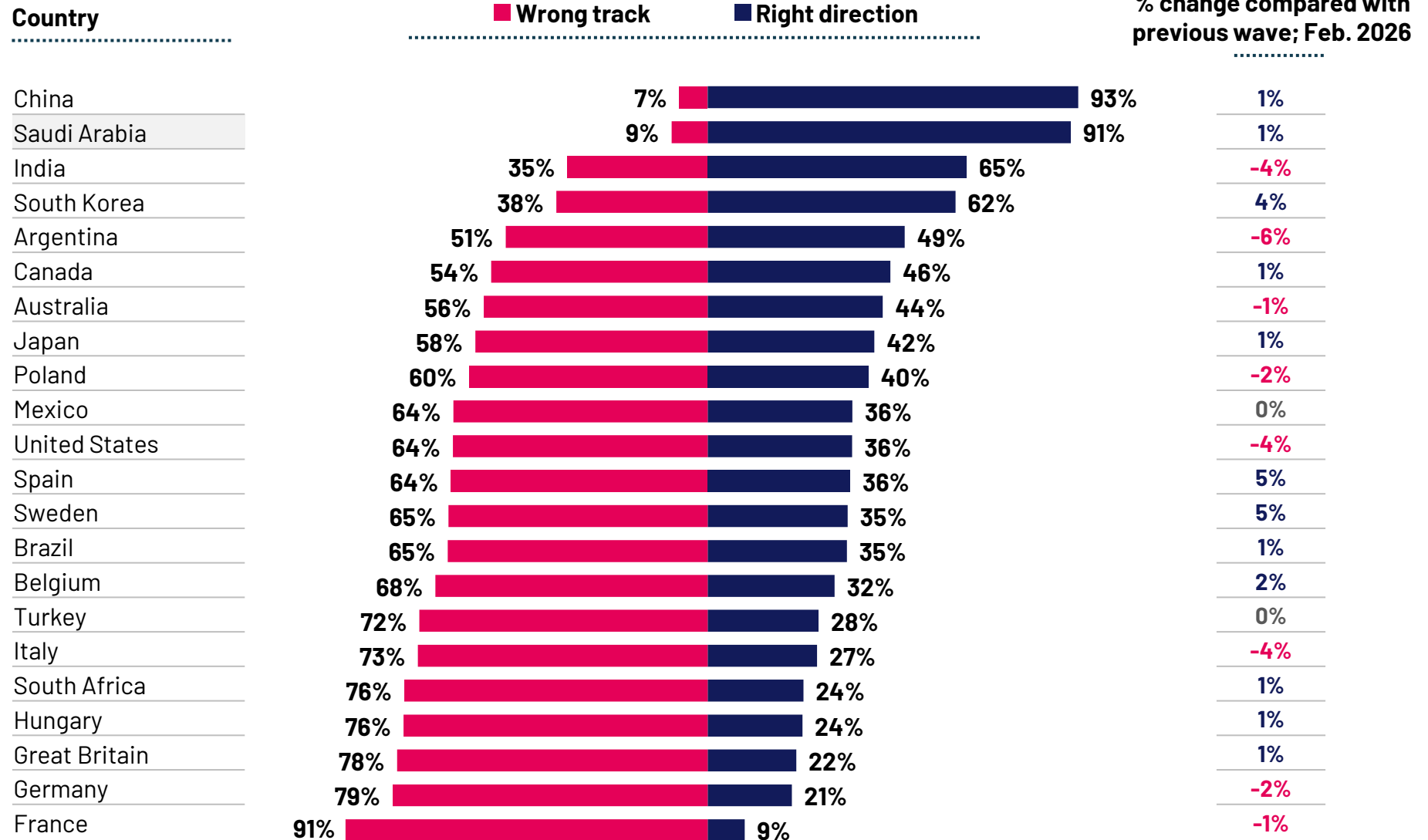
Saudi Arabia: right direction /wrong track

Q. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?



Right direction /wrong track – global comparison

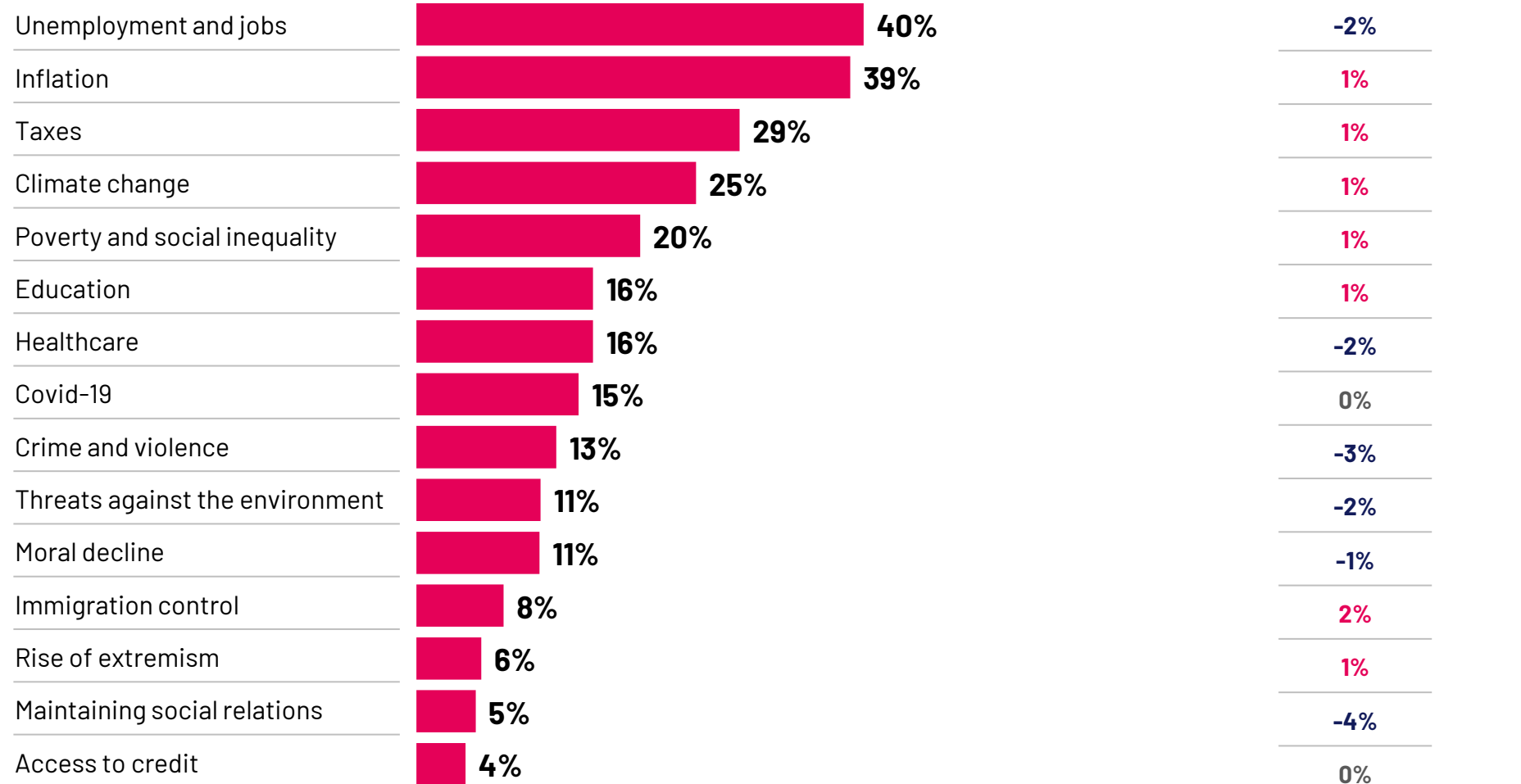
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What concerns Saudi Arabia

Q: Which of the following do you find the most worrying in Saudi Arabia?

Concerns for consumers in Saudi Arabia

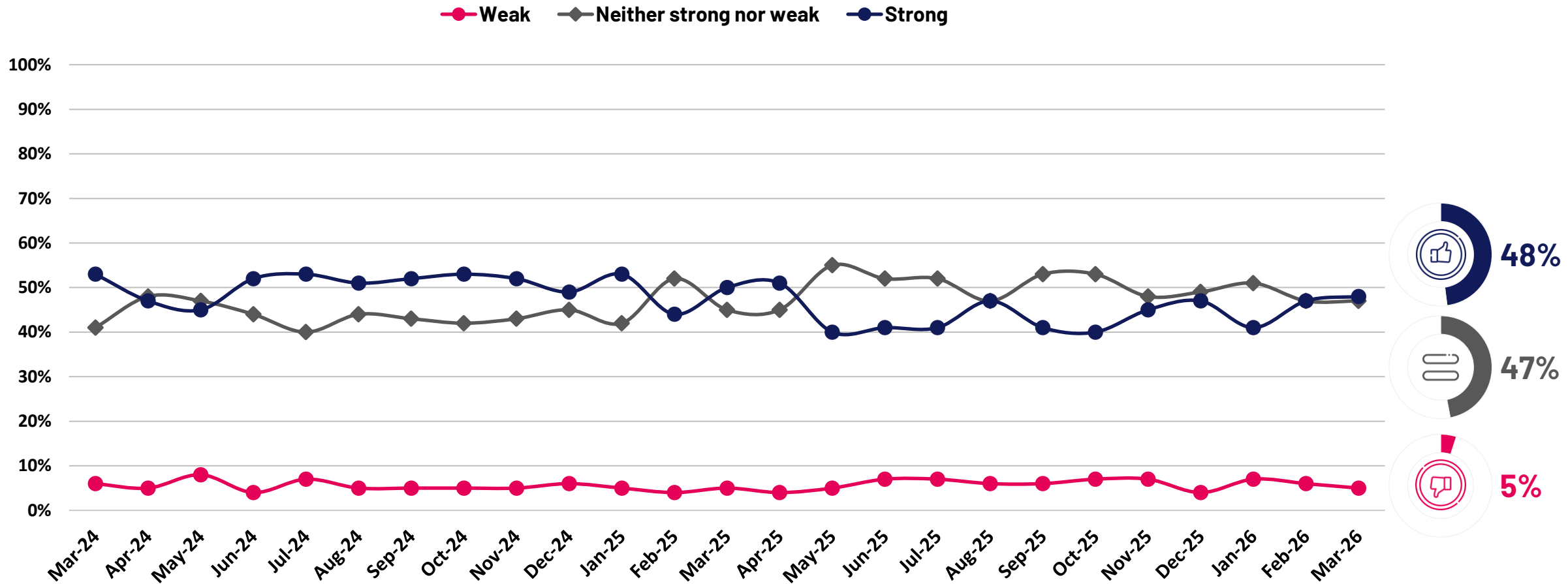


PERSONAL FINANCIAL SITUATION



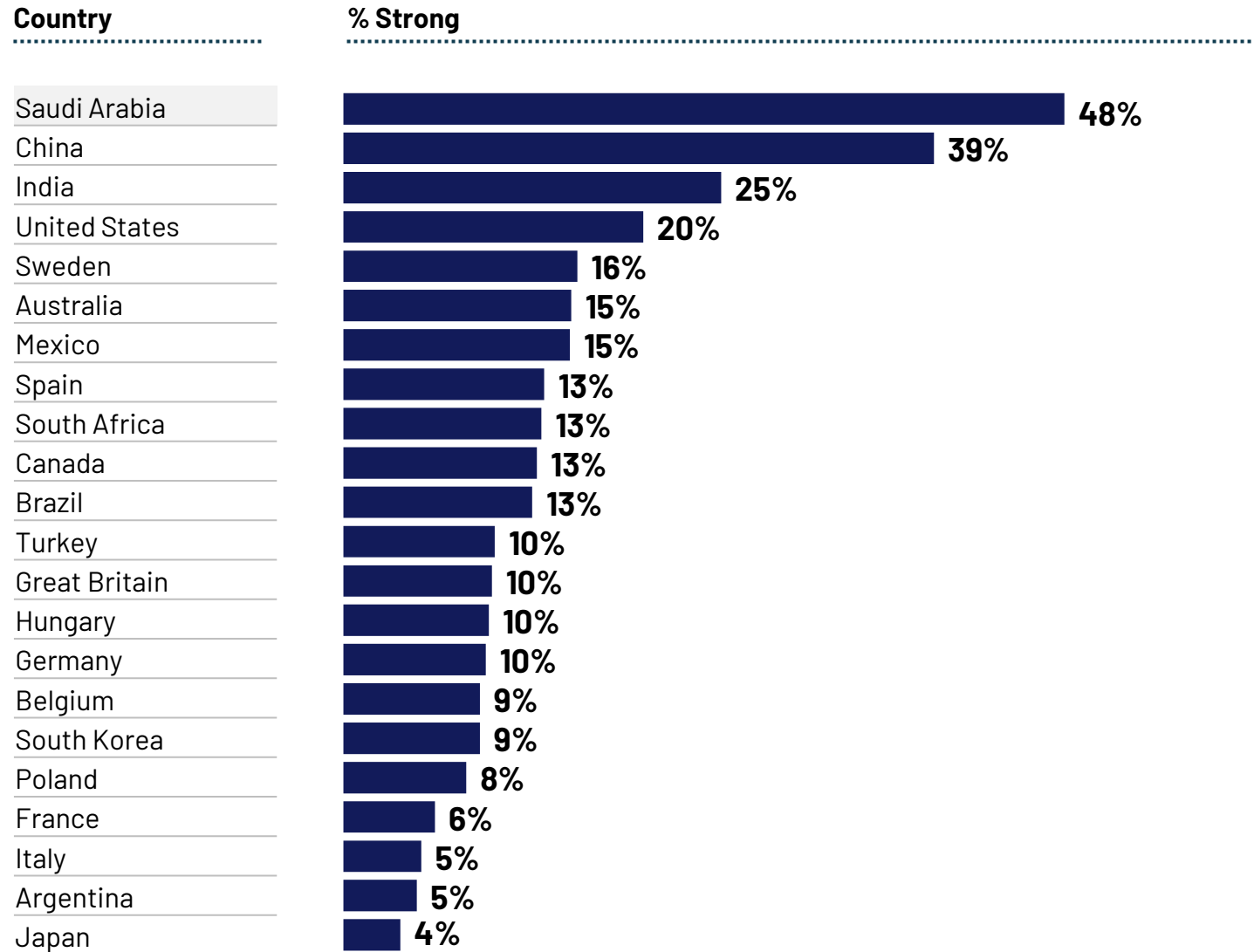
Current personal financial situation

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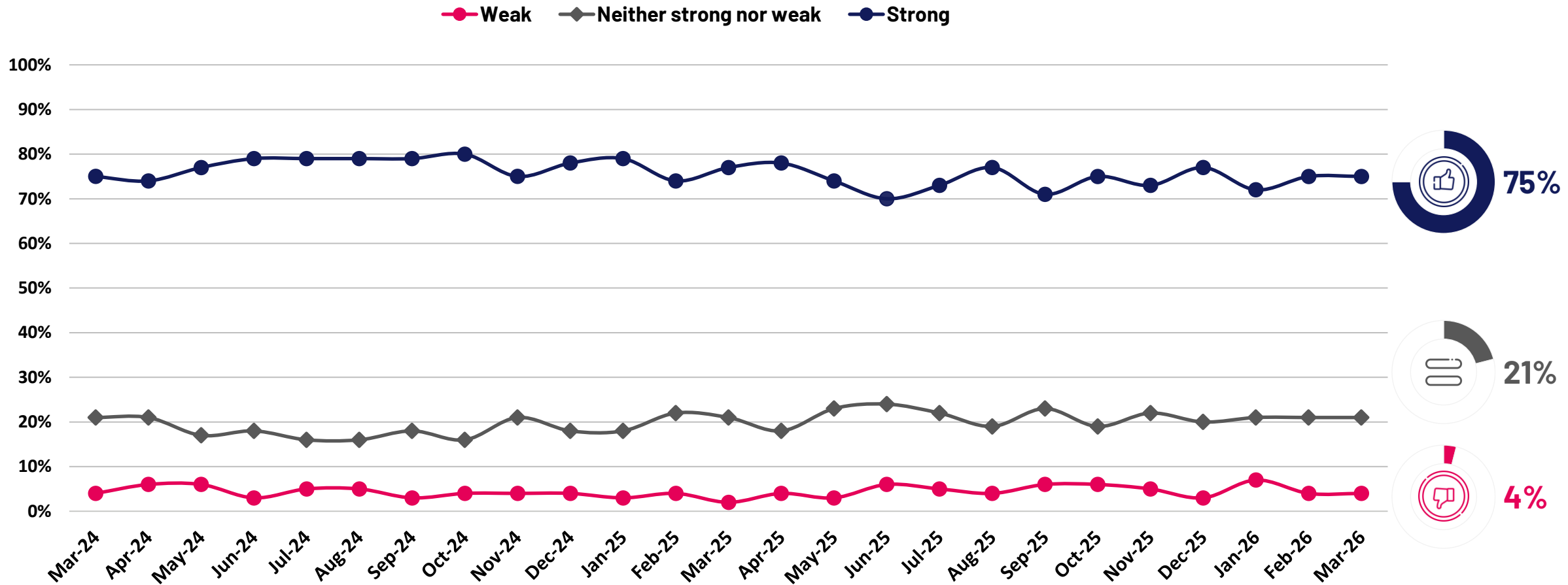
Current personal financial situation – global comparison

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Future personal financial situation

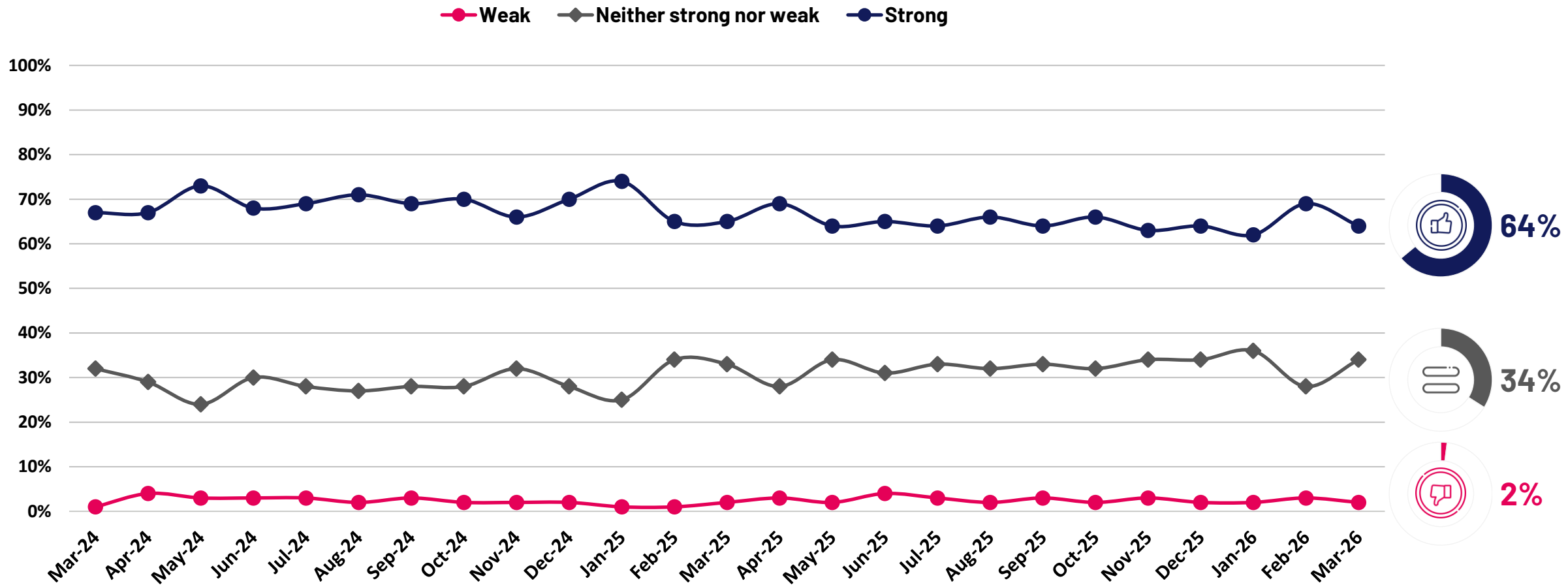
Q. Looking ahead six months from now, do you expect your personal financial situation to be much stronger, somewhat stronger, about the same, somewhat weaker, or much weaker than it is now?



SAUDI ARABIA'S ECONOMIC SITUATION

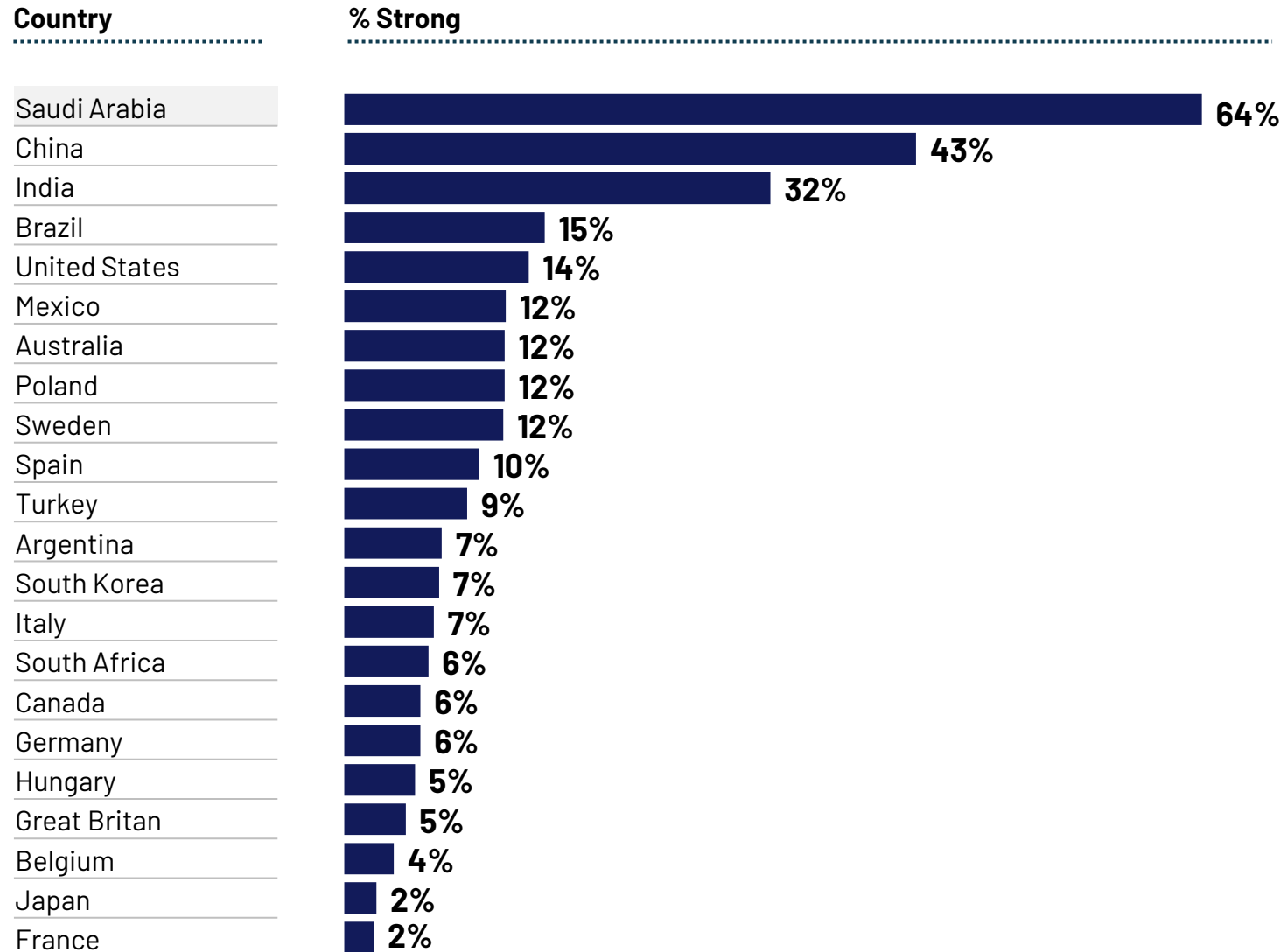
Current state of the economy

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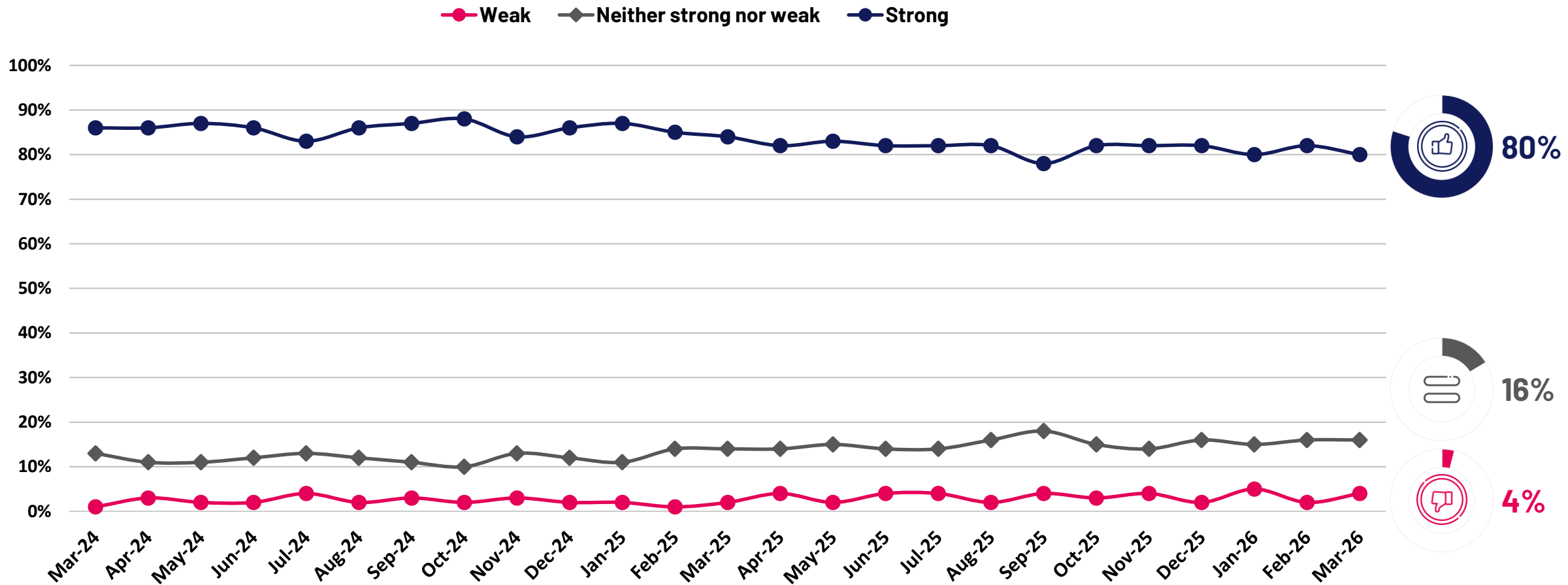
Current state of the economy – global comparison

Q: Rate the current state of the economy in your local area using a scale from 1 to 7, where 7 means a very strong economy today and 1 means a very weak economy.



Future state of the economy

Q. Looking ahead six months from now, do you expect the economy in your local area to be stronger, about the same or weaker than it is now?

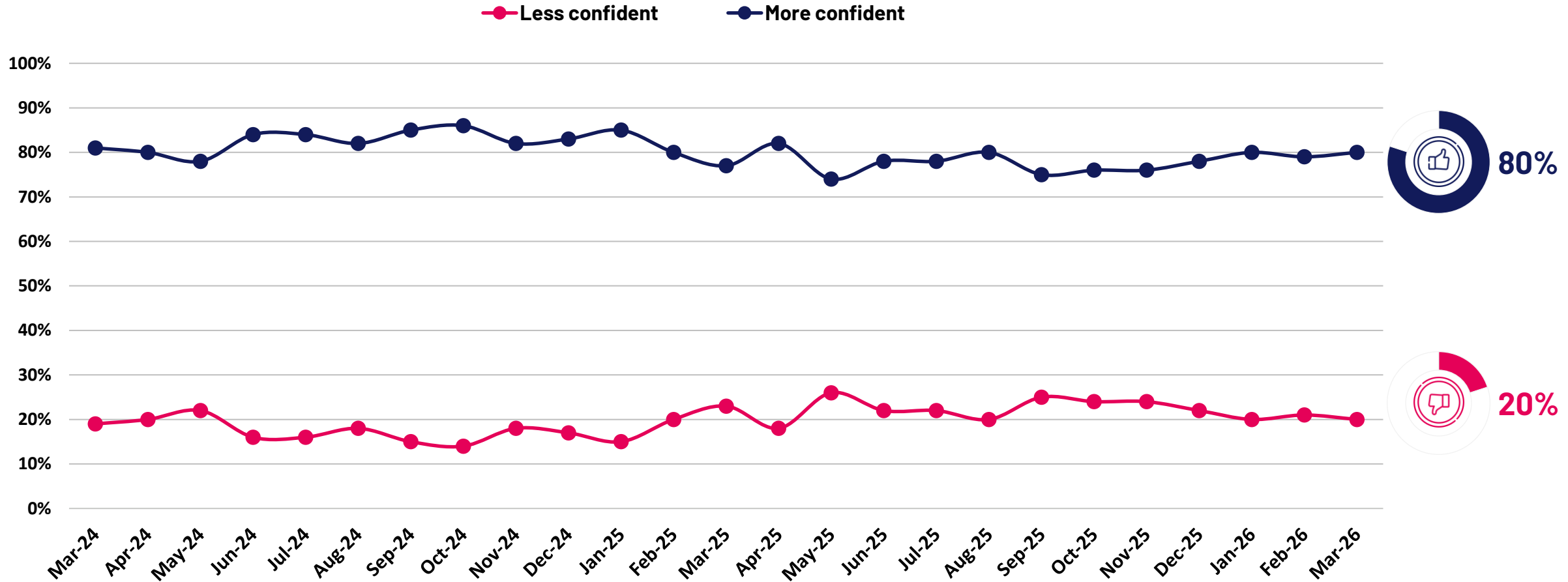


EMPLOYMENT



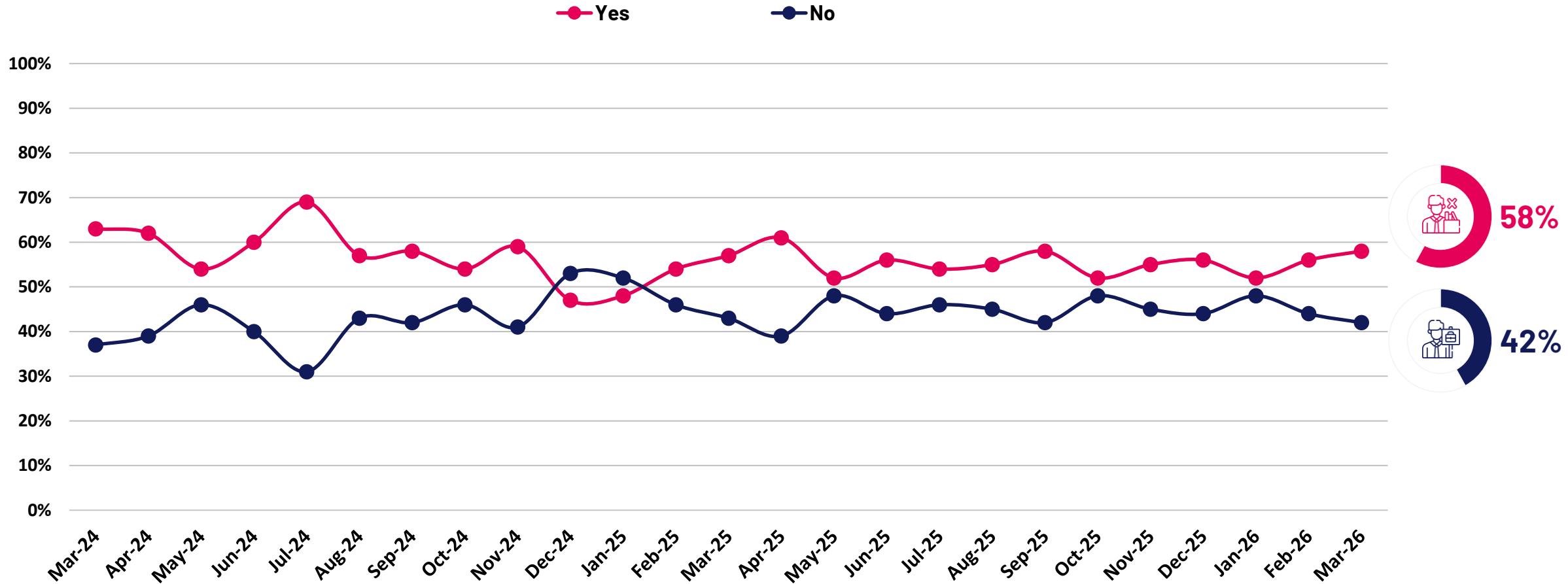
Job security

Q. Compared to 6 months ago, are you now more or less confident about job security for yourself, your family and other people you know personally?



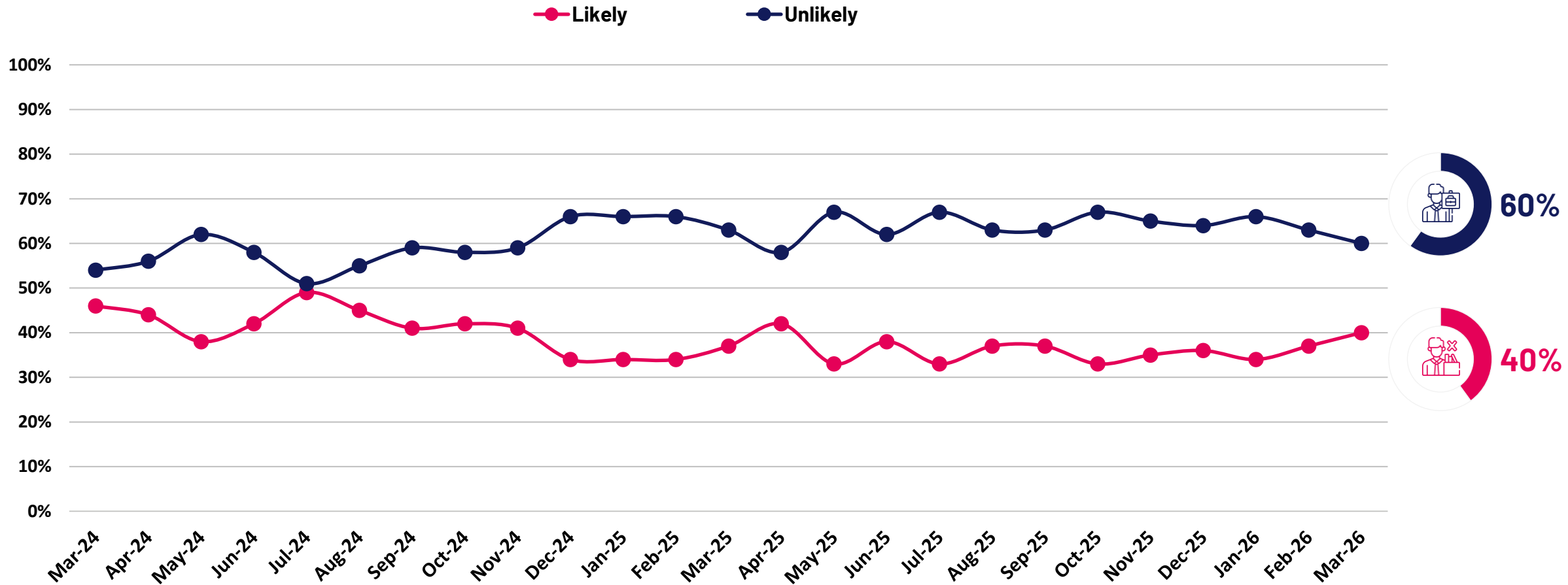
Job losses in the past 6 months

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Job losses in the next 6 months

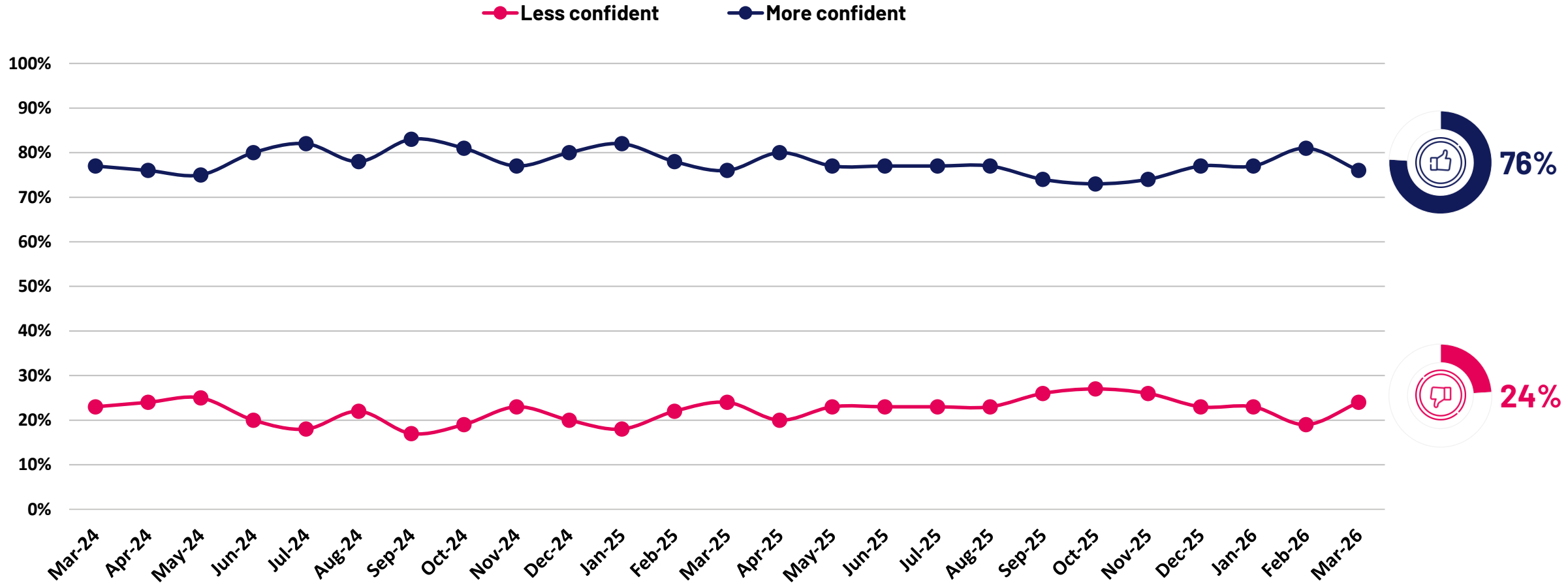
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INVESTMENT CLIMATE

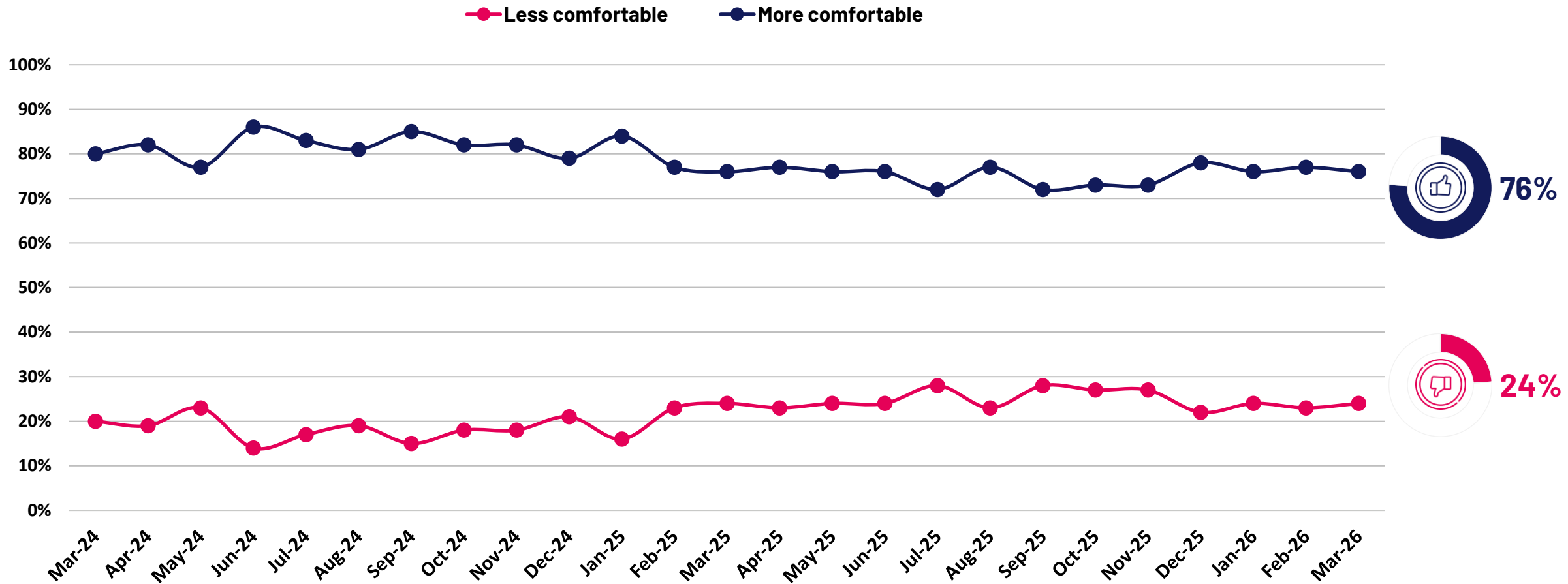
Ability to invest in the future

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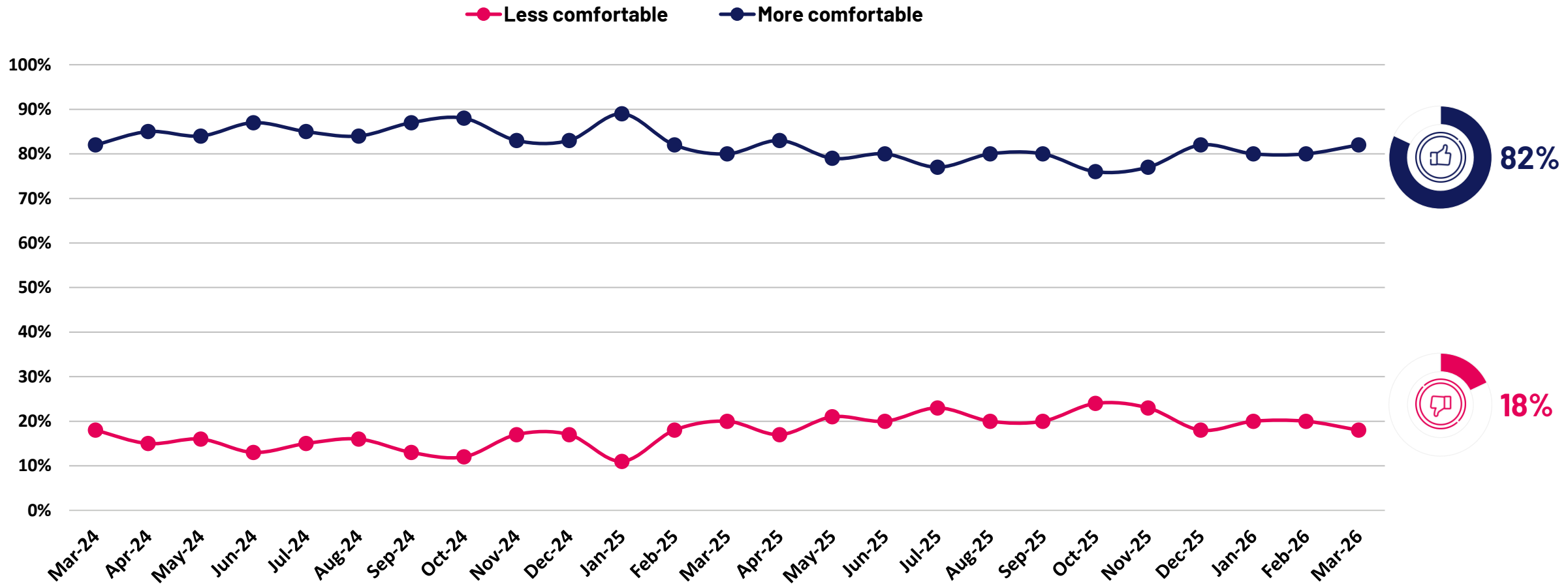
Ability to make a major purchase

Q. Compared to 6 months ago, are you now more or less comfortable making a major purchase, like a home or car?



Buying household durables

Q. Compared to 6 months ago, are you now more or less comfortable making other household purchases?

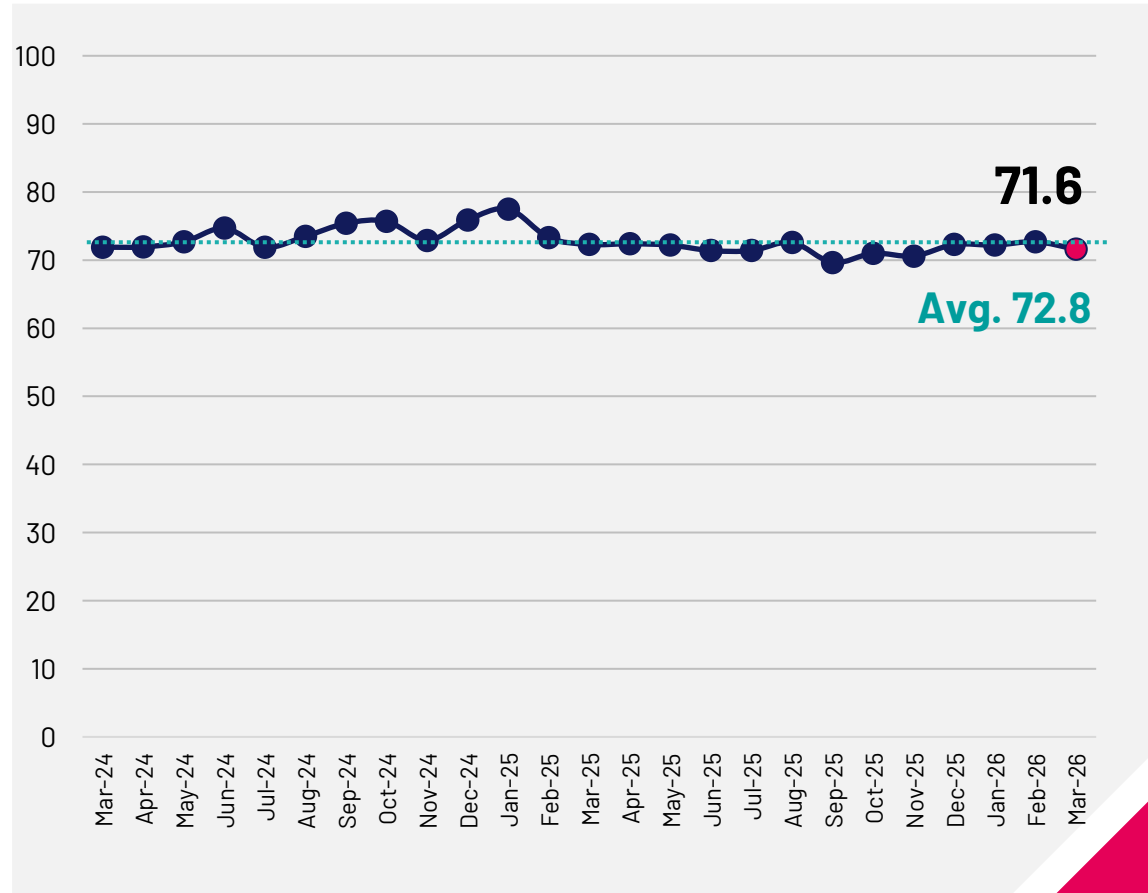


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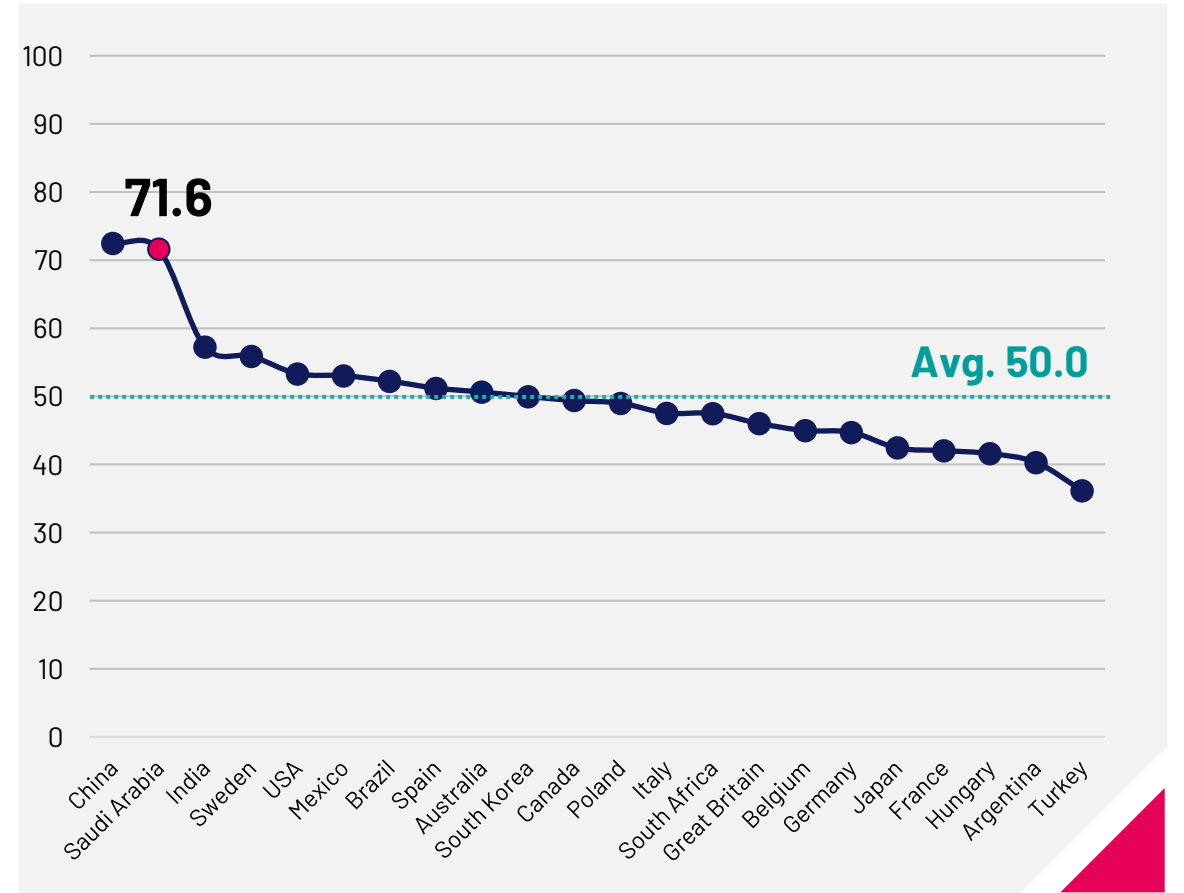


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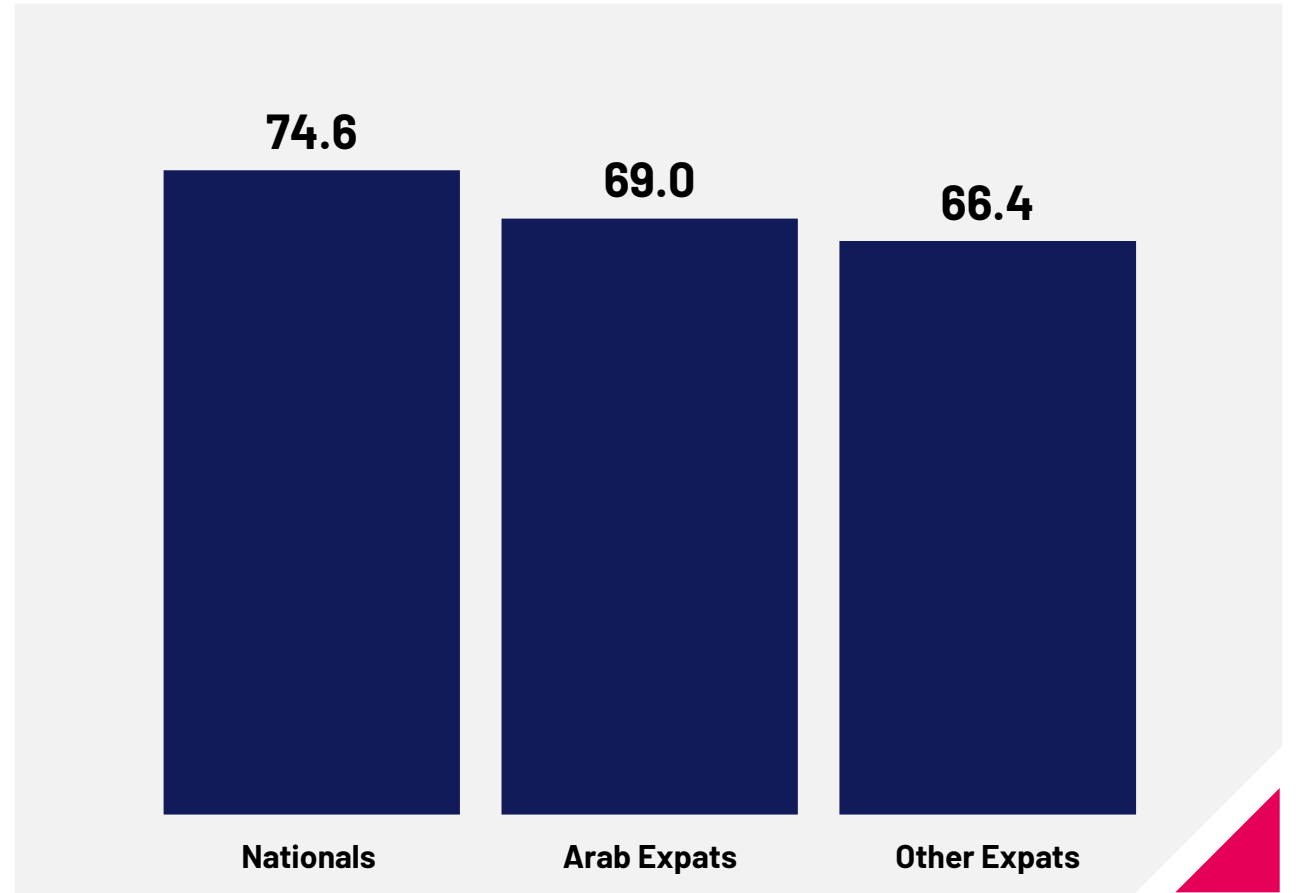


Overall PCSI

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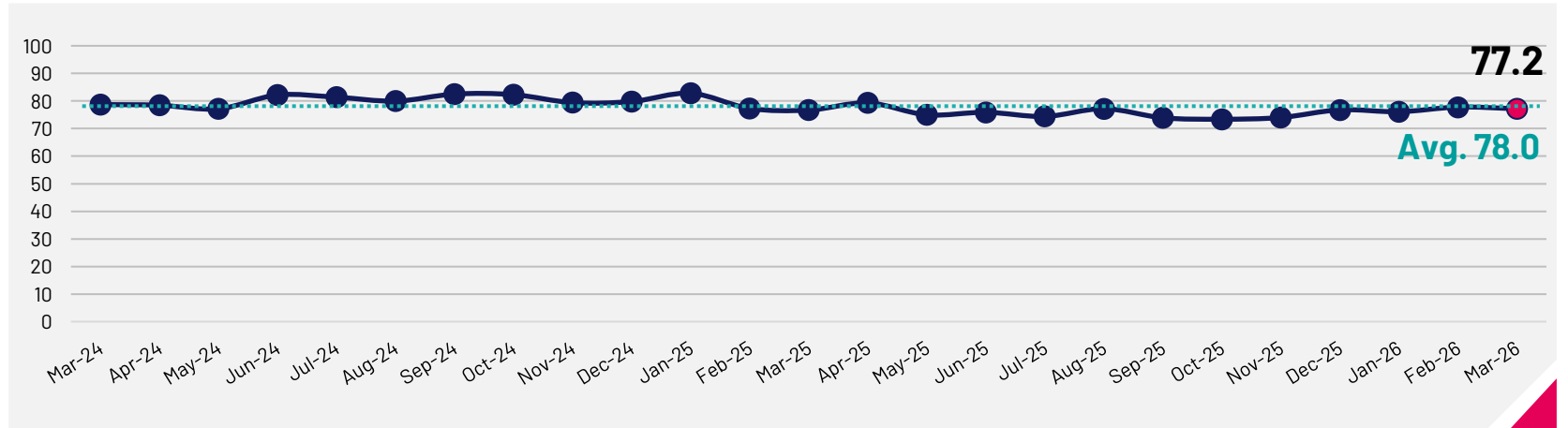
Breakdown – by nationality



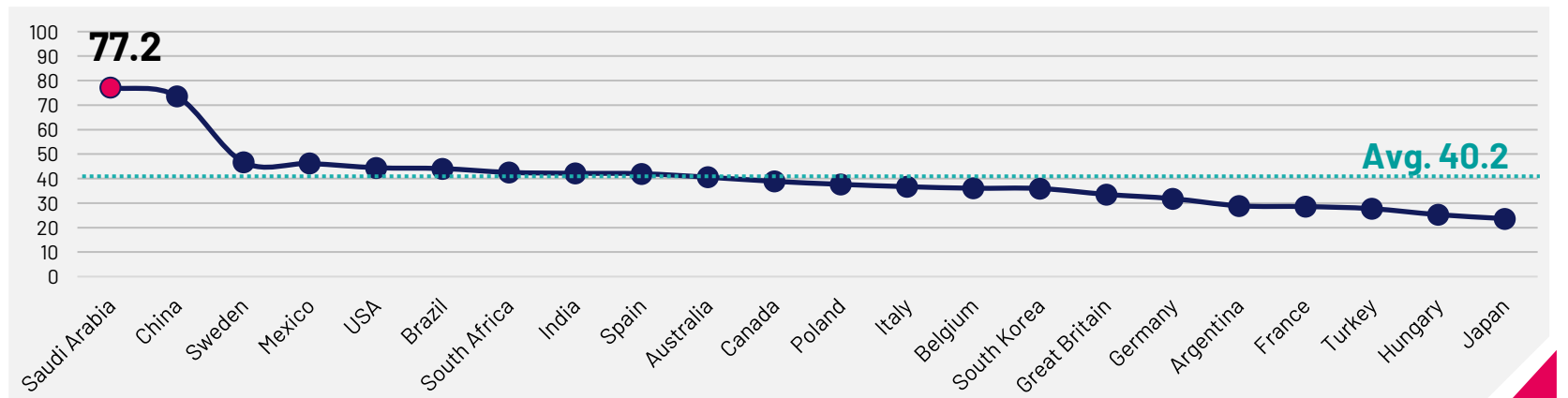
PCSI personal financial conditions

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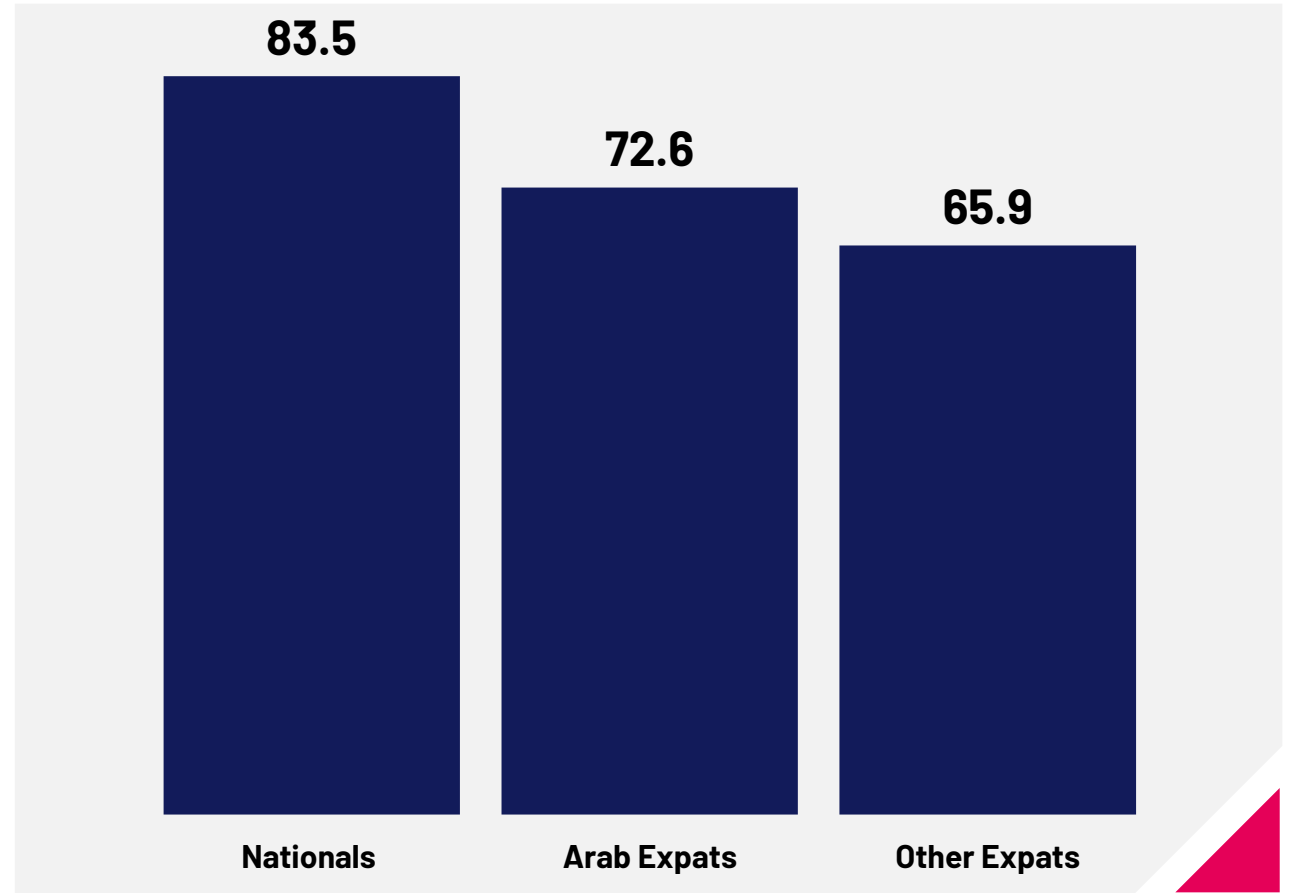


PCSI personal financial conditions

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PCSI personal
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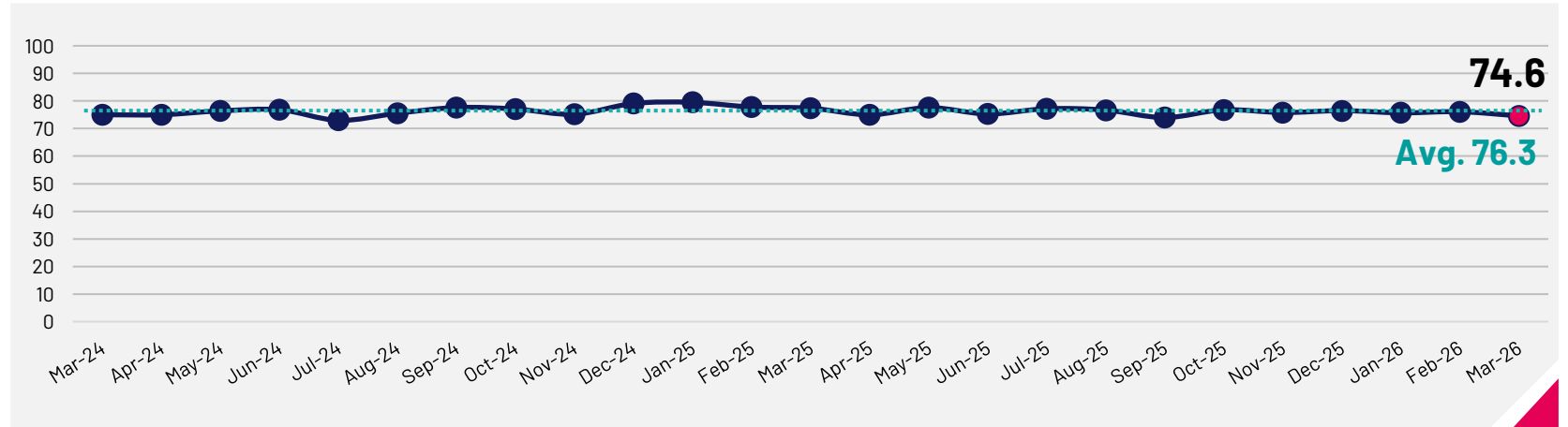
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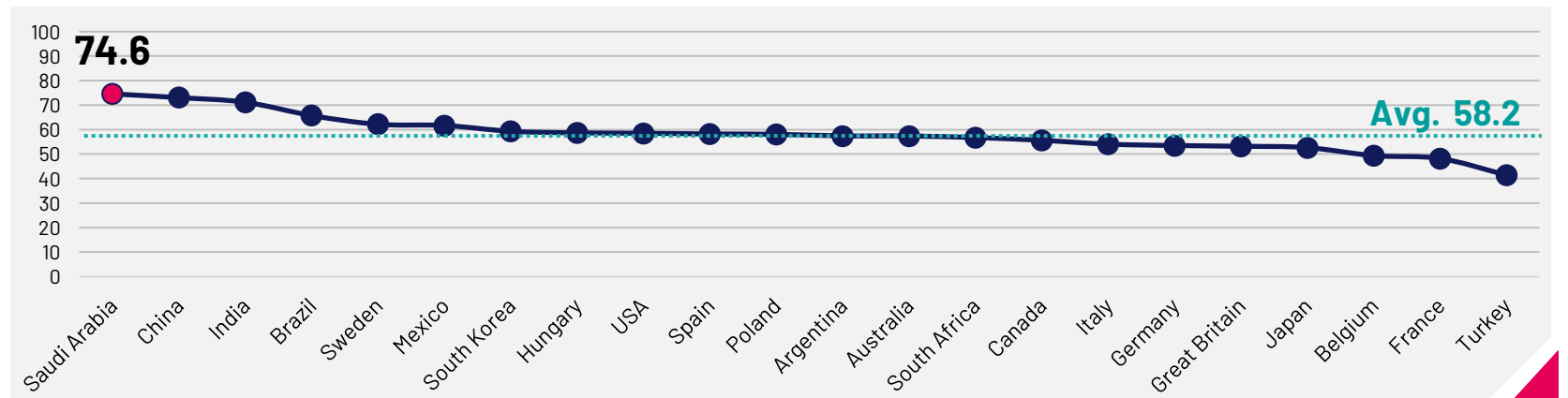
PCSI economic expectations

- Now look ahead at the next six months. How likely is it that you, someone in your family or someone else you know personally will lose their job in the next six months as a result of economic conditions?
- Looking ahead six months from now, do you expect the economy in your local area to be much stronger, somewhat stronger, about the same, somewhat weaker, or much weaker than it is now?
- Looking ahead six months from now, do you expect your personal financial situation to be much stronger, somewhat stronger, about the same, somewhat weaker, or much weaker than it is now?

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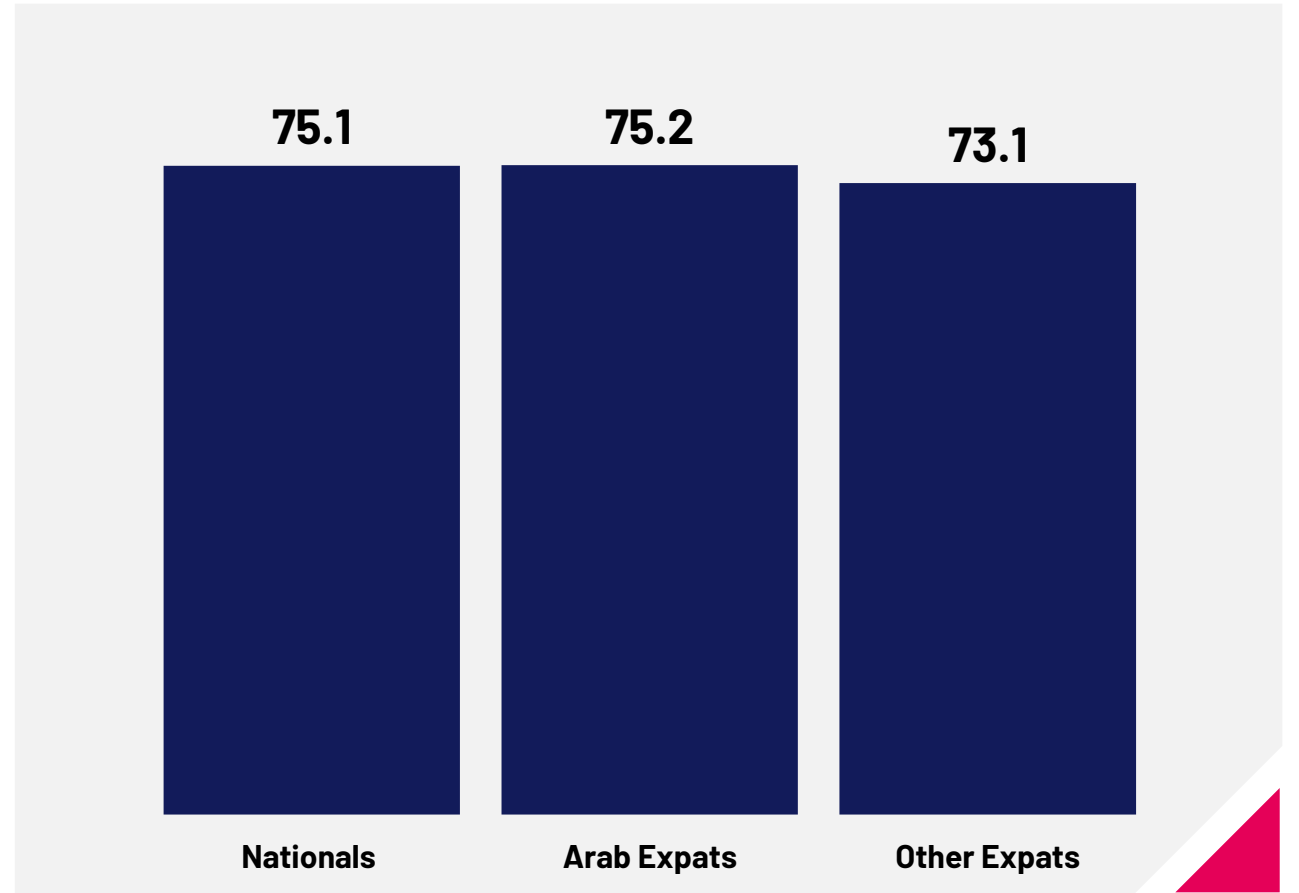


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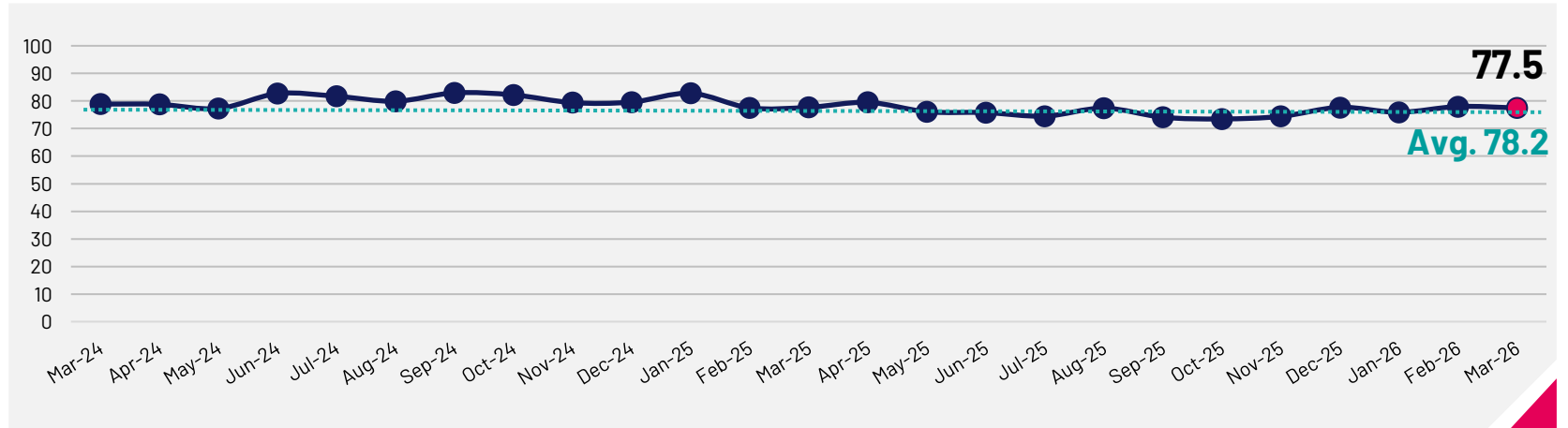
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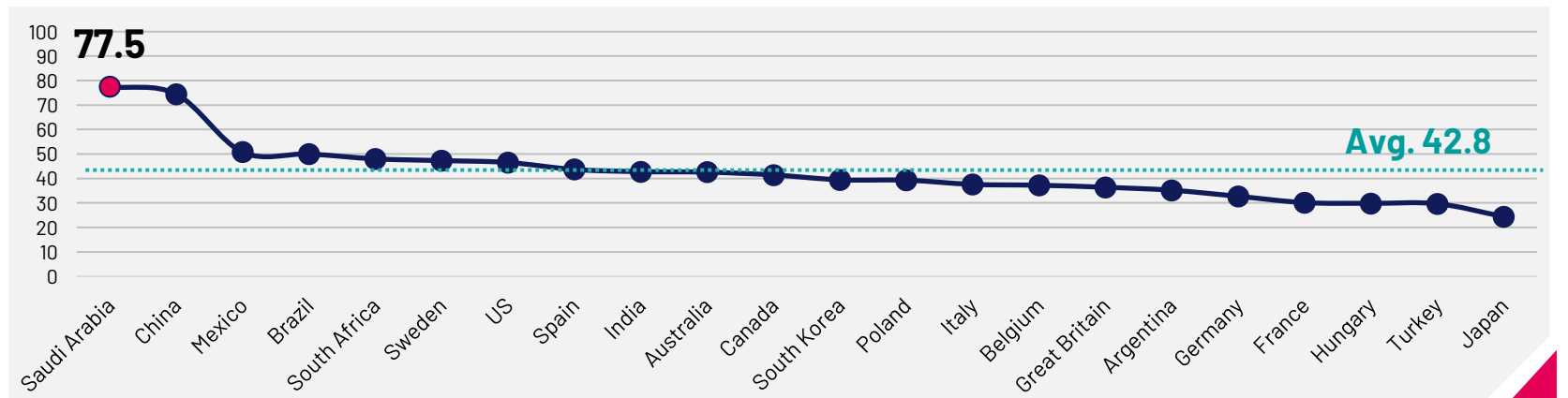
PCSI investment climate

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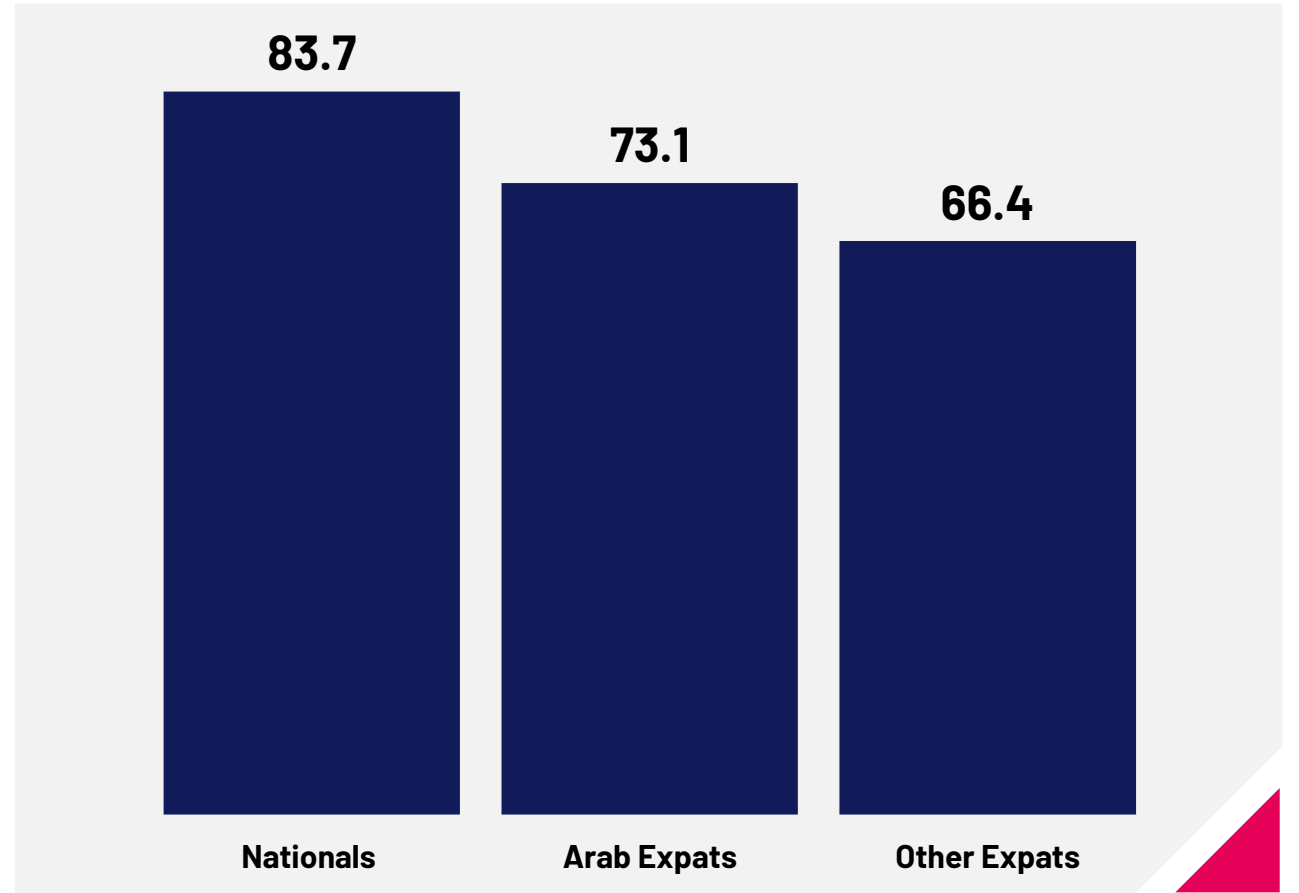


PCSI investment climate

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PCSI investment
climate

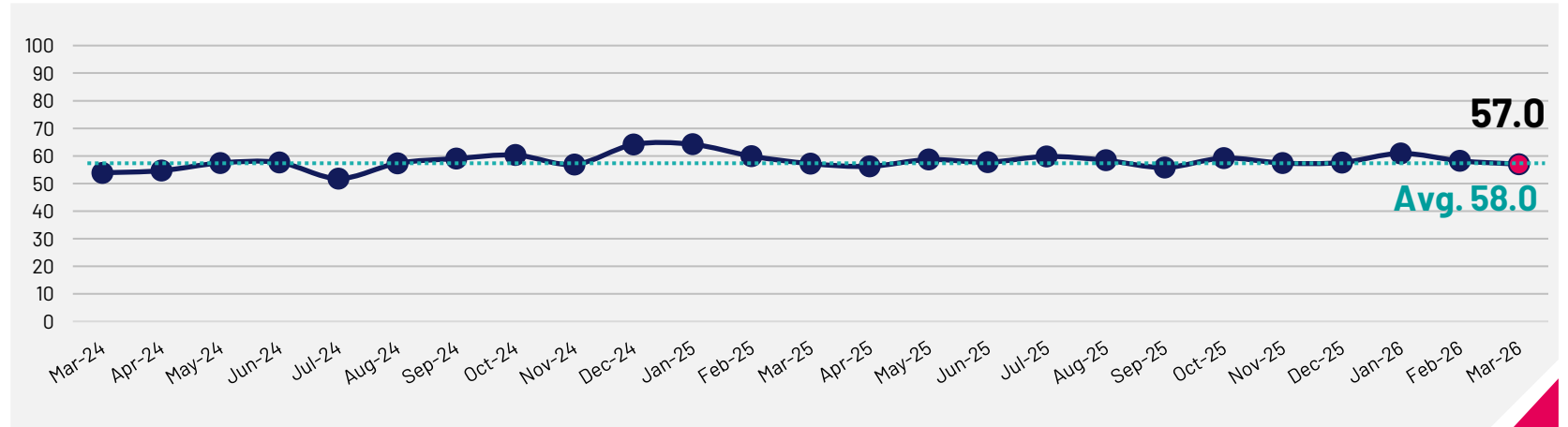
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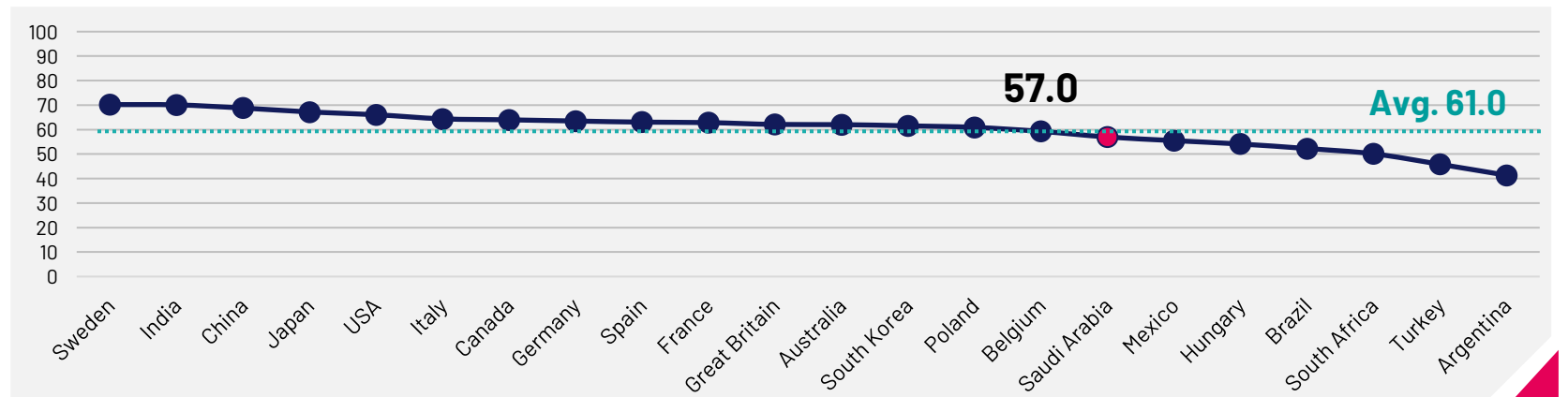
PCSI employment confidence

- Compared to 6 months ago, are you now more or less confident about job security for yourself, your family and other people you know personally?
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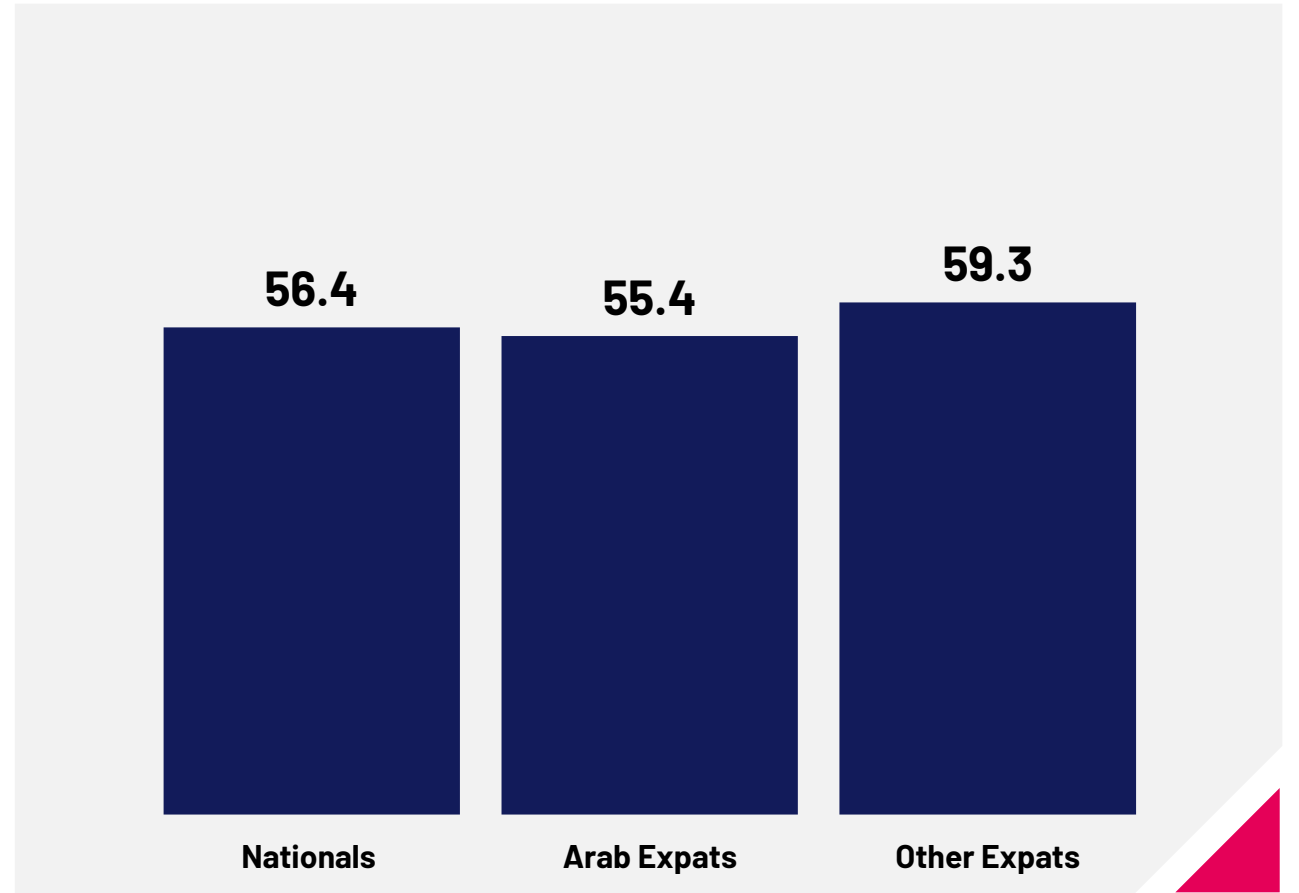


PCSI employment confidence

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PCSI employment confidence

Breakdown – by nationality



Sample and methodology

- **Methodology – Self Administered Online Interviews**
- **Sample Size – 500 Respondents**
- **Age – 16 years and above**
- **Sample Criteria – General Public**

The PCSI Index is calculated by utilizing data from the survey results. Responses are divided into aggregated Top Box (Reward) numbers and Bottom Box (Penalty) numbers. Using Shapely Value Analysis, values were generated for the penalty and reward for each question. The magnitude of each question is the difference between the reward and penalty. An Importance factor, which the ultimate weight of the particular question in the index, is the magnitude of each question divided by the total magnitude of all questions. A Top Box Weight for each question is

calculated by dividing the Reward by the magnitude of each question. Similarly, the Bottom Weight for each question is calculated by dividing the Penalty for each question by magnitude of the same. The Index Value for each question is calculated by using the formula: $\text{Importance} \times (\text{Top Box Wt} * \text{Top Box \%}) - (\text{Bottom Box Wt} * \text{Bottom box \%})$.

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