



# IPSOS ISSUES MONITOR FEBRUARY 2026

## The top issues facing Australia

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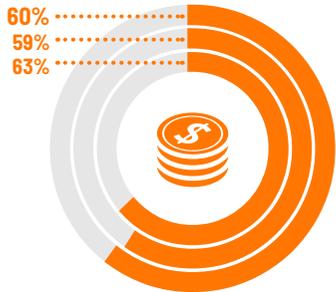


The Ipsos Issues Monitor is Australia's longest running ongoing survey of community concerns. We've checked-in with 1000 Australians' worries each and every month for more than a decade. So, what are we most concerned about, how do these worries change, and which political party do we believe is most capable of addressing these issues?

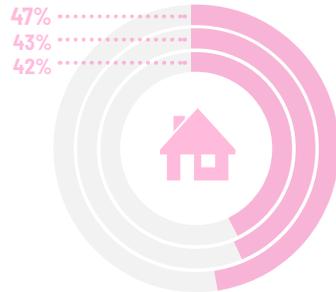


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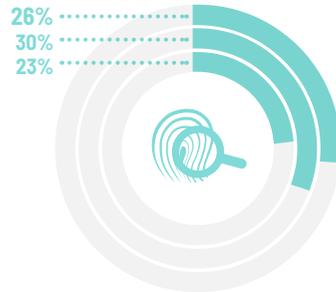
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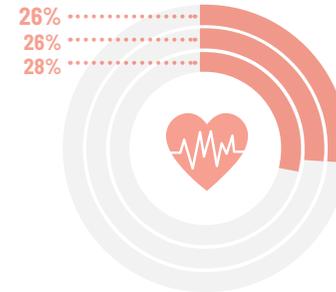
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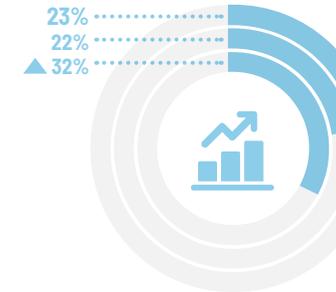
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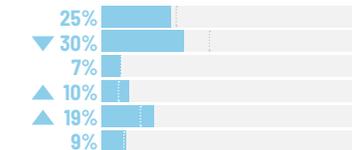
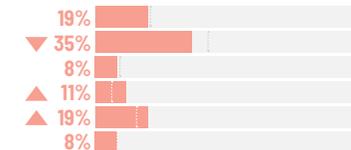
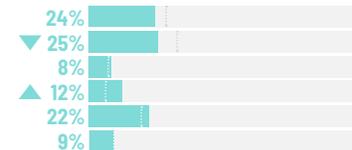
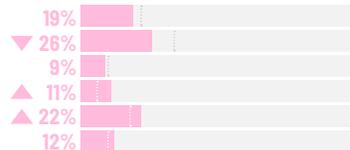
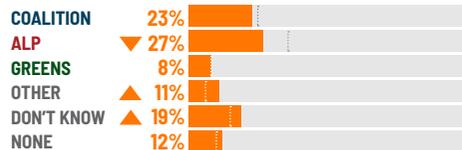


### The Economy



▲▼ significant difference compared with the current month

### Party most capable to manage the top issues facing Australia



▲▼ significant difference compared with the most recent federal election



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	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	JAN 2025	FEB 2025	MAR 2025	APR 2025	MAY 2025	JUN 2025	JUL 2025	AUG 2025	SEP 2025	OCT 2025	NOV 2025	DEC 2025	JAN 2026	FEB 2026	
<b>Cost of Living</b>	30%	36%	36%	31%	25%	21%	23%	29%	33%	32%	25%	28%	52%	62%	65%	64%	65%	59%	64%	63%	61%	59%	62%	57%	59%	59%	61%	59%	60%	
<b>Housing</b>	24%	21%	19%	18%	15%	18%	20%	27%	24%	20%	17%	27%	31%	38%	42%	44%	43%	37%	37%	42%	45%	45%	42%	43%	44%	45%	43%	43%	47%	
<b>Crime</b>	27%	28%	28%	29%	24%	22%	25%	27%	27%	24%	19%	20%	13%	18%	23%	22%	27%	26%	24%	23%	23%	23%	24%	28%	27%	30%	29%	30%	26%	
<b>Healthcare</b>	48%	42%	39%	40%	39%	34%	38%	31%	30%	31%	34%	38%	39%	32%	29%	27%	31%	33%	29%	28%	26%	26%	30%	27%	28%	28%	24%	26%	26%	
<b>The Economy</b>	20%	22%	26%	29%	42%	45%	33%	24%	21%	24%	45%	36%	33%	30%	28%	30%	27%	25%	28%	32%	28%	27%	24%	26%	24%	24%	26%	22%	23%	
Immigration	20%	23%	22%	23%	20%	20%	20%	19%	21%	19%	11%	10%	7%	7%	13%	13%	11%	14%	15%	14%	15%	15%	17%	20%	22%	20%	23%	24%	22%	
Environment	20%	18%	13%	12%	10%	10%	12%	13%	16%	25%	25%	25%	21%	16%	13%	14%	12%	13%	11%	10%	14%	12%	14%	12%	11%	12%	12%	11%	12%	
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Taxation	6%	7%	8%	6%	8%	10%	10%	8%	8%	7%	6%	7%	7%	8%	8%	9%	8%	8%	9%	9%	8%	10%	11%	7%	8%	9%	8%	8%	10%	
Population	10%	8%	7%	7%	6%	6%	6%	8%	13%	12%	8%	7%	5%	7%	8%	8%	8%	9%	8%	11%	7%	8%	9%	10%	9%	10%	8%	9%	10%	
Personal Debt	15%	13%	12%	9%	6%	5%	7%	10%	10%	10%	9%	8%	9%	11%	10%	10%	10%	9%	11%	10%	11%	10%	10%	7%	9%	7%	10%	7%	8%	
Unemployment	10%	10%	17%	21%	26%	26%	24%	23%	18%	16%	35%	23%	10%	8%	8%	7%	7%	9%	9%	6%	8%	10%	8%	8%	9%	9%	9%	9%	7%	8%
Petrol Prices	8%	15%	14%	11%	7%	4%	4%	6%	11%	9%	5%	8%	22%	17%	13%	10%	11%	10%	11%	10%	8%	8%	8%	8%	7%	8%	8%	8%	7%	
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Racism	6%	6%	5%	6%	7%	8%	8%	7%	5%	5%	6%	6%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	5%	3%	3%	4%	5%	3%	6%	5%	4%	4%	8%	6%	
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Drug Abuse	13%	12%	12%	12%	13%	16%	17%	16%	15%	14%	11%	10%	6%	6%	6%	7%	5%	5%	6%	4%	7%	7%	6%	6%	5%	6%	6%	6%	5%	
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