



# IPSOS ISSUES MONITOR APRIL 2026

## The top issues facing Australia

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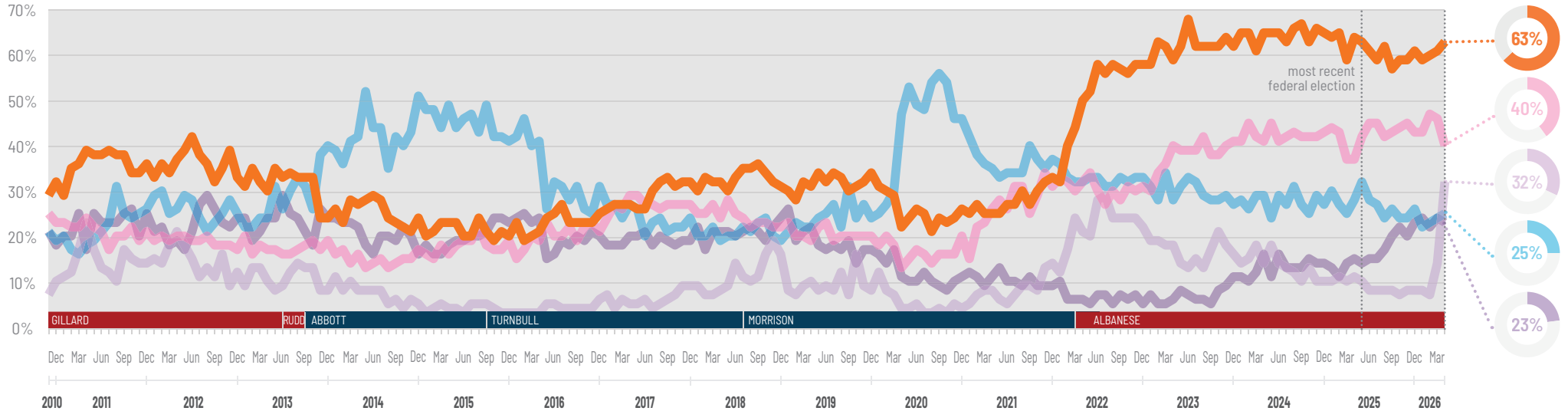
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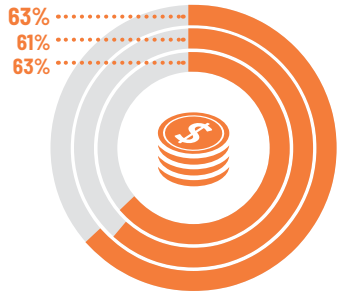


The Ipsos Issues Monitor is Australia's longest running ongoing survey of community concerns. We've checked-in with 1000 Australians' worries each and every month for more than a decade. So, what are we most concerned about, how do these worries change, and which political party do we believe is most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

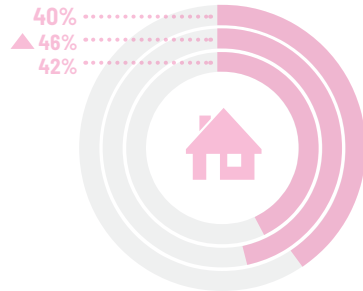


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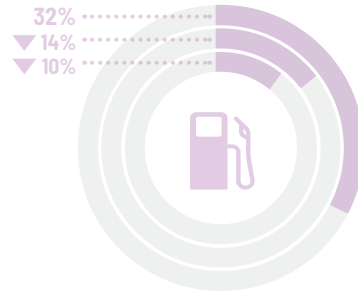
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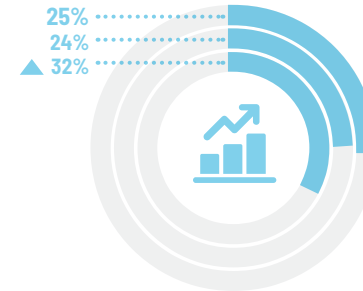
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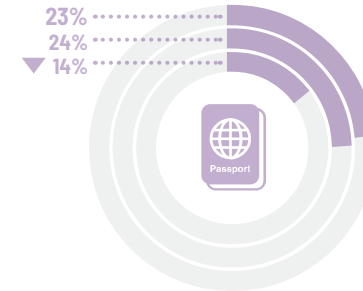
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### The Economy

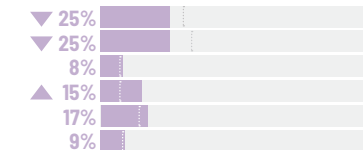
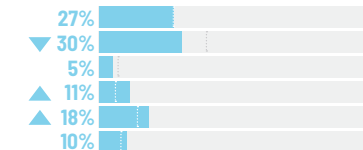
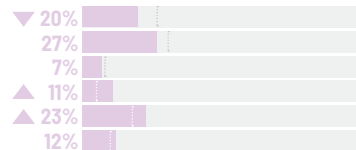
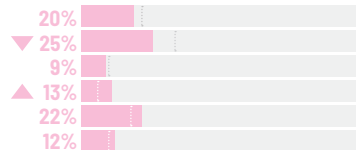
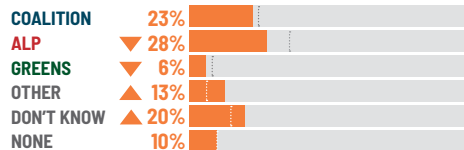


### Immigration



▲▼ 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	2025	JAN 2026	FEB 2026	MAR 2026	APR 2026
<b>Cost of Living</b>	30%	36%	36%	31%	25%	21%	23%	29%	33%	32%	25%	28%	52%	62%	65%	61%	59%	60%	61%	63%
<b>Housing</b>	24%	21%	19%	18%	15%	18%	20%	27%	24%	20%	17%	27%	31%	38%	42%	43%	43%	47%	46%	40%
<b>Petrol Prices</b>	8%	15%	14%	11%	7%	4%	4%	6%	11%	9%	5%	8%	22%	17%	13%	9%	8%	7%	14%	32%
<b>The Economy</b>	20%	22%	26%	29%	42%	45%	33%	24%	21%	24%	45%	36%	33%	30%	28%	27%	22%	23%	24%	25%
<b>Immigration</b>	20%	23%	22%	23%	20%	20%	20%	19%	21%	19%	11%	10%	7%	7%	13%	16%	24%	22%	24%	23%
<b>Crime</b>	27%	28%	28%	29%	24%	22%	25%	27%	27%	24%	19%	20%	13%	18%	23%	25%	30%	26%	26%	21%
<b>Healthcare</b>	48%	42%	39%	40%	39%	34%	38%	31%	30%	31%	34%	38%	39%	32%	29%	28%	26%	26%	21%	20%
<b>Poverty</b>	10%	10%	10%	11%	13%	12%	13%	14%	15%	16%	15%	17%	15%	14%	12%	13%	11%	11%	11%	11%
<b>Environment</b>	20%	18%	13%	12%	10%	10%	12%	13%	16%	25%	25%	25%	21%	16%	13%	12%	11%	12%	11%	10%
<b>Taxation</b>	6%	7%	8%	6%	8%	10%	10%	8%	8%	7%	6%	7%	7%	8%	8%	9%	8%	10%	10%	9%
<b>Population</b>	10%	8%	7%	7%	6%	6%	6%	8%	13%	12%	8%	7%	5%	7%	8%	9%	9%	10%	8%	8%
<b>Personal Debt</b>	15%	13%	12%	9%	6%	5%	7%	10%	10%	10%	9%	8%	9%	11%	10%	9%	7%	8%	8%	7%
<b>Unemployment</b>	10%	10%	17%	21%	26%	26%	24%	23%	18%	16%	35%	23%	10%	8%	8%	8%	7%	8%	7%	7%
<b>Defence</b>	5%	4%	3%	3%	8%	16%	12%	14%	8%	7%	6%	8%	8%	5%	5%	6%	9%	6%	8%	6%
<b>Education</b>	15%	12%	16%	19%	20%	17%	18%	14%	13%	13%	11%	12%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	6%	4%	5%
<b>Drug Abuse</b>	13%	12%	12%	12%	13%	16%	17%	16%	15%	14%	11%	10%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	5%	4%	5%
<b>Transport</b>	10%	10%	10%	9%	7%	7%	8%	8%	10%	9%	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%
<b>Racism</b>	6%	6%	5%	6%	7%	8%	8%	7%	5%	5%	6%	6%	4%	4%	3%	4%	8%	6%	6%	3%
<b>Indigenous Issues</b>	4%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%	5%	6%	5%	6%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	2%

