



IPSOS ISSUES MONITOR AUGUST 2026

The top issues facing Australia

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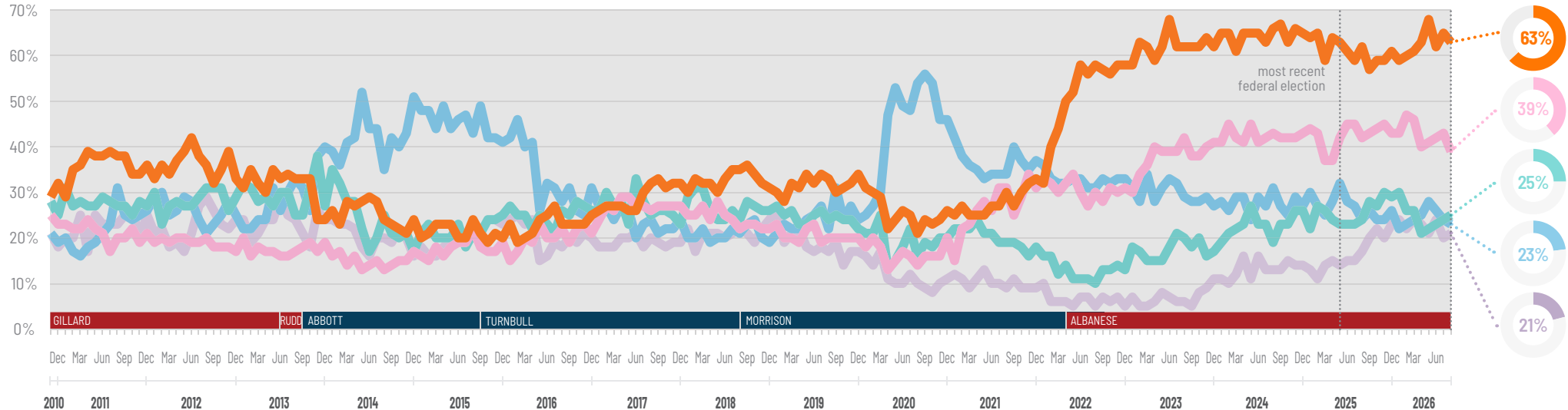
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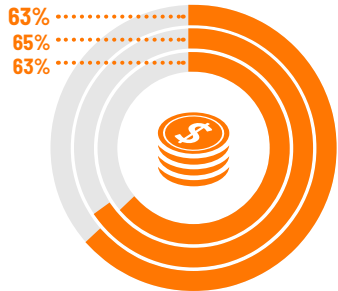


The Ipsos Issues Monitor is Australia's longest running ongoing survey of community concerns. We've checked-in with 1000 Australians' worries each and every month for more than a decade. So, what are we most concerned about, how do these worries change, and which political party do we believe is most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

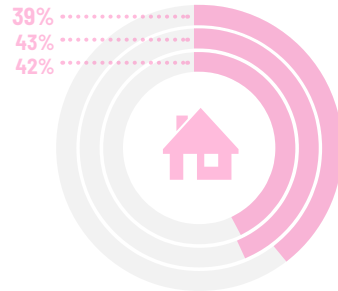


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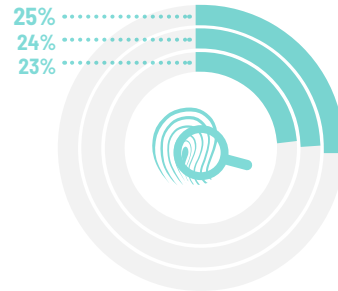
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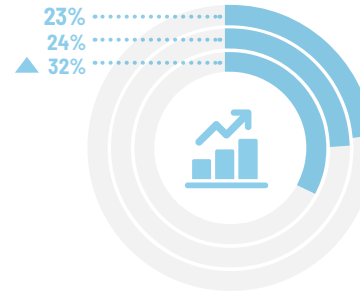
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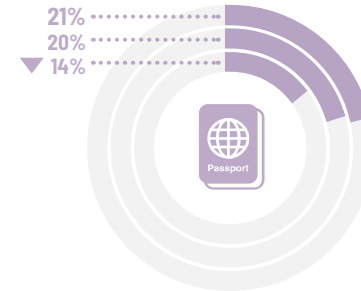
Crime



The Economy



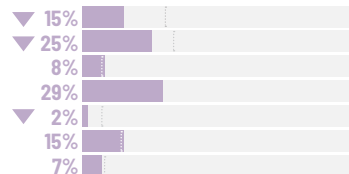
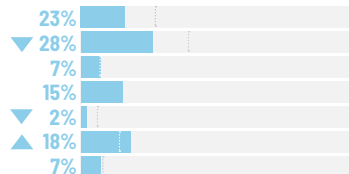
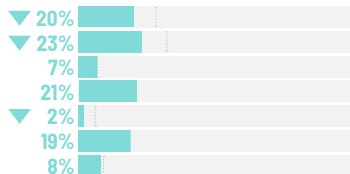
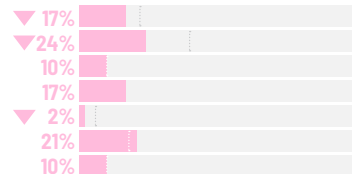
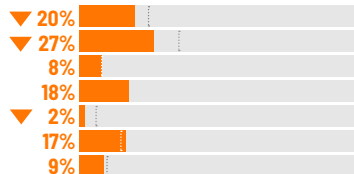
Immigration



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significant
difference
compared
with the
current
month

Party most capable to manage the top issues facing Australia

COALITION
ALP
GREENS
ONE NATION
OTHER
DON'T KNOW
NONE



▲▼
significant
difference
compared
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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	MAY 2026	JUN 2026	JUL 2026	AUG 2026
 Cost of Living	30%	36%	36%	31%	25%	21%	23%	29%	33%	32%	25%	28%	52%	62%	65%	61%	59%	60%	61%	63%	68%	62%	65%	63%
 Housing	24%	21%	19%	18%	15%	18%	20%	27%	24%	20%	17%	27%	31%	38%	42%	43%	43%	47%	46%	40%	41%	42%	43%	39%
 Crime	27%	28%	28%	29%	24%	22%	25%	27%	27%	24%	19%	20%	13%	18%	23%	25%	30%	26%	26%	21%	22%	23%	24%	25%
 The Economy	20%	22%	26%	29%	42%	45%	33%	24%	21%	24%	45%	36%	33%	30%	28%	27%	22%	23%	24%	25%	28%	26%	24%	23%
 Immigration	20%	23%	22%	23%	20%	20%	20%	19%	21%	19%	11%	10%	7%	7%	13%	16%	24%	22%	24%	23%	21%	24%	20%	21%
Healthcare	48%	42%	39%	40%	39%	34%	38%	31%	30%	31%	34%	38%	39%	32%	29%	28%	26%	26%	21%	20%	20%	22%	23%	20%
Petrol Prices	8%	15%	14%	11%	7%	4%	4%	6%	11%	9%	5%	8%	22%	17%	13%	9%	8%	7%	14%	32%	19%	15%	14%	19%
Poverty	10%	10%	10%	11%	13%	12%	13%	14%	15%	16%	15%	17%	15%	14%	12%	13%	11%	11%	11%	11%	8%	12%	14%	15%
Environment	20%	18%	13%	12%	10%	10%	12%	13%	16%	25%	25%	25%	21%	16%	13%	12%	11%	12%	11%	10%	8%	9%	10%	11%
Taxation	6%	7%	8%	6%	8%	10%	10%	8%	8%	7%	6%	7%	7%	8%	8%	9%	8%	10%	10%	9%	16%	12%	11%	10%
Population	10%	8%	7%	7%	6%	6%	6%	8%	13%	12%	8%	7%	5%	7%	8%	9%	9%	10%	8%	8%	7%	9%	9%	9%
Unemployment	10%	10%	17%	21%	26%	26%	24%	23%	18%	16%	35%	23%	10%	8%	8%	8%	7%	8%	7%	7%	8%	9%	9%	8%
Personal Debt	15%	13%	12%	9%	6%	5%	7%	10%	10%	10%	9%	8%	9%	11%	10%	9%	7%	8%	8%	7%	7%	9%	7%	8%
Racism	6%	6%	5%	6%	7%	8%	8%	7%	5%	5%	6%	6%	4%	4%	3%	4%	8%	6%	6%	3%	4%	4%	6%	7%
Education	15%	12%	16%	19%	20%	17%	18%	14%	13%	13%	11%	12%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	6%	4%	5%	4%	6%	5%	6%
Drug Abuse	13%	12%	12%	12%	13%	16%	17%	16%	15%	14%	11%	10%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%	5%	4%	5%	6%	5%	5%	6%
Defence	5%	4%	3%	3%	8%	16%	12%	14%	8%	7%	6%	8%	8%	5%	5%	6%	9%	6%	8%	6%	6%	4%	5%	5%
Transport	10%	10%	10%	9%	7%	7%	8%	8%	10%	9%	5%	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	4%	5%	5%	4%	4%
Indigenous Issues	4%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%	5%	6%	5%	6%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	2%	3%	2%	2%	3%

