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Technical Note

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Where percentages do not sum to 100, this may be due to computer rounding, the exclusion of "don't know" categories, or multiple answers. Throughout the volume, an asterisk (*) denotes any value of less than half a per cent.

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Q1 What would you say is the most important issue facing Britain today?

Base: 982 British adults 18+	Q1	Q1/2
	%	%
National Health Service/Hospitals/Health care	18	47
Immigration/immigrants	19	36
Economy/economic situation	19	36
Education/Schools	3	22
Unemployment/Factory Closure/Lack of Industry	6	18
Housing	3	15
Low pay/minimum wage/fair wages	3 3 2	13
Defence/foreign affairs/international terrorism	2	13
Poverty/Inequality	4	12
Pensions/social security/benefits	3	11
Crime/law & order/violence/vandalism/ASB	1	10
Inflation/Prices	1	8
Common Market/EU/Europe/Euro	2	7
Ageing population/Social care for elderly	1	7
Public services in general	1	7
Taxation	1	7
Drug abuse	1	6
Pollution/environment	1	5
Race relations	2	4
Morality/individual behaviour/lifestyle	1	4
Transport/public transport	*	4
Population levels/overpopulation	1	3
Privatisation	*	3
Countryside/rural life	*	2
Nationalisation/Government control of institutions	*	2
Nuclear weapons/nuclear war/disarmament	*	2
Petrol prices/fuel	*	2
Scottish/Welsh Assembly/Devolution/Const.	*	2
reform		_
Local government/council tax	0	2
Pound/exchange rate/value of pound	*	1
Animal welfare	0	1
Trade Unions/Strikes	0	1
AIDS	*	*
Foot and mouth outbreak/farming crisis	*	*
Bird flu/Pandemic Flu/Swine Flu/Ebola	0	*
Northern Ireland	0	0
Other	2	6
Don't know	4	11