

Scottish Public Opinion Monitor November 2015

Technical details:

- This presents the topline results from Scotland
- Results are based on a survey 1,029 respondents (adults aged 16+) conducted by telephone
- Fieldwork dates: 9th – 16th November 2015
- Data are weighted by: age, sex and working status using census data; tenure using SHS data; and public-private sector employment using Scottish Government Quarterly Public Sector Employment series data
- Where results do not sum to 100%, this may be due to computer rounding, multiple responses, or the exclusion of “don’t know” categories
- Results are based on all respondents (1,029) unless otherwise stated.

Thinking now about the future of Scotland, what do you think will be the single most important issue facing Scotland in 10 years’ time?

Base: approximately half of sample (530)

	%
Independence/devolution/the constitution	37
Economy/economic situation	13
Unemployment/Factory Closure/Lack of Industry	11
Immigration/immigrants	6
Poverty/Inequality	4
Defence/foreign affairs/international terrorism	3
National Health Service/Hospitals/Health care	3
Environment/climate change	3
Education/Schools	2
Ageing population/Social care for elderly	1
Oil/gas/supplies	1
Energy/energy prices	1
Pensions/social security/benefits	1
Crime/law & order/violence/vandalism	1
Over-population/increasing population	*
Housing	*
Low pay/minimum wage/fair wages	*
Other	3
Don't know	14

Thinking now about the world in general, what do you think will be the single most important issue facing the world in 10 years' time?

Base: approximately half of sample (499)

	%
Defence/foreign affairs/international terrorism/War	32
Environment/climate change	21
Poverty/Inequality	9
Immigration/immigrants	6
Economy/economic situation	5
Over-population/increasing population	4
Energy/power/fuel	3
Religion	2
Hospitals/Health care	1
Peace/world peace	1
Food shortages/high price of food	1
Crime/law & order/violence/vandalism	1
Unemployment/Factory Closure/Lack of Industry	1
Ageing population/social care for the elderly	1
Water/water shortages	1
Oil/oil supply	*
Scottish independence / devolution/constitution	*
Pensions/social security/benefits	*
Other	2
Don't know	9