

What Worries the World?

Ipsos' What Worries the World survey tracks public opinion on the most important social and political issues across 29 countries today, drawing on over ten years of data to place the latest scores in context.

This **global summary report** presents the top concerns around

the world, alongside whether people think things in their country are heading in the right or wrong direction.

Full breakdowns of findings for each country and each issue are also available on **www.ipsos.com**.

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Summary

01. Crime and inflation joint top worry

Across 29 countries, crime & violence and inflation are the joint top issues this month, with a third (32%) expressing concern. Cost of living worries are stable, whereas crime is up slightly.

04. Cost-of-living a priority in Poland

Since December 2021 inflation has been the number one concern for Poles. This month is no different, up eight-points to 44% mentioning it.

02. Flooding shifts Spain's concern

After severe flooding in Eastern Spain, we have seen a shift in worry towards corruption (now number one for Spaniards) as well as climate change.

05. Health a major issue for Canadians

Health care has become a primary worry for Canada after increasing by six percentage points to 44% expressing concern.

03. Heightened crime worry in Japan

The proportion mentioning crime & violence in Japan has jumped 18 percentage points this November to reach a record high of a third (32%) citing it.

06. Peruvians feeling pessimistic

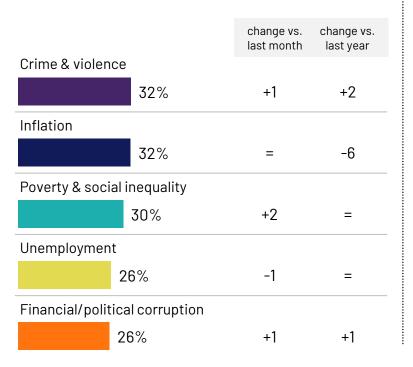
For 15 consecutive months Peru has been bottom of our list for those saying their country is headed in the right direction. This month, they've dropped a further four-points.



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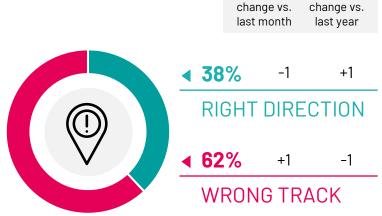
Top five worries

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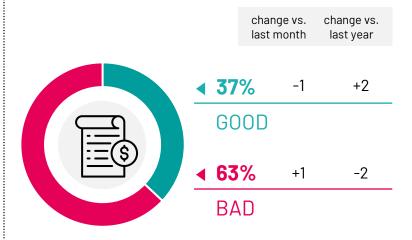
State of the country

Q: Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track?



State of the economy

Q: How would you describe the current economic situation in your country?



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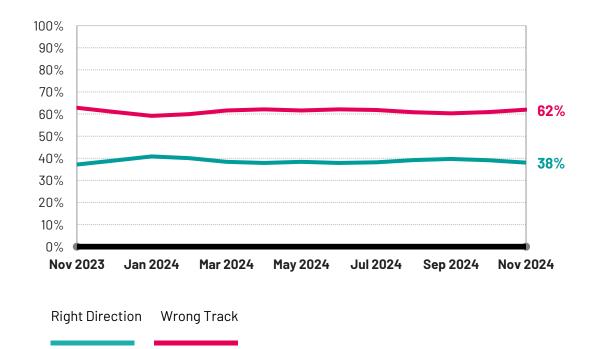


What Worries the World? 12 MONTH TREND

Top five worries Q: Which three of the following topics do you find the most worrying in your country? 40% 35% 30% 20% 15% 10% Nov 2023 Jan 2024 Mar 2024 May 2024 Jul 2024 Sep 2024 Nov 2024 Crime Inflation Inequality Jobs Covid-19 Corruption

State of the country

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Global: Current Economic Situation

Q: How would you describe the current economic situation in your country?

(% 'Very good' or 'Somewhat good' & 'Very bad' or 'Somewhat bad')



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Right vs. Wrong Direction Monitor

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Across 29 countries, 37% say their country is headed in the right direction. This is a marginal decrease from last month and only slightly higher than a year ago.

Once again Peru is at the bottom of our list, making this the 15th consecutive month they have been least positive. This November sees the country fall a further 4pp to 11% believing the nation is headed in the right direction. However, this isn't the lowest point for Peruvians – this was in April 2022 when 7%

said the country was headed in the right direction.

Elsewhere in LATAM, Mexico has experienced a rebound in positivity after a sharp fall last month, now up 10pp to nearly 58%.

While our fieldwork took place during the US presidential election, we see very little movement in Americans' direction score – only decreasing marginally since last month.

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Peru has been bottom of our list for the right direction score for 15 consecutive months



Right vs. Wrong Direction Monitor

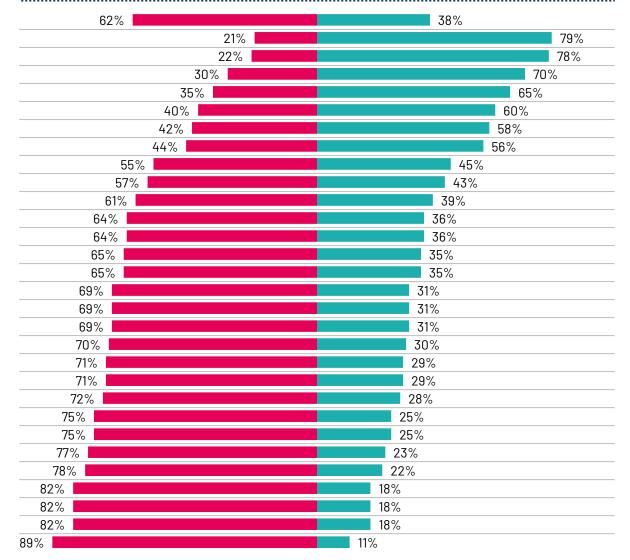
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Country

Q: Would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track? (November 2024)







Wrong Track



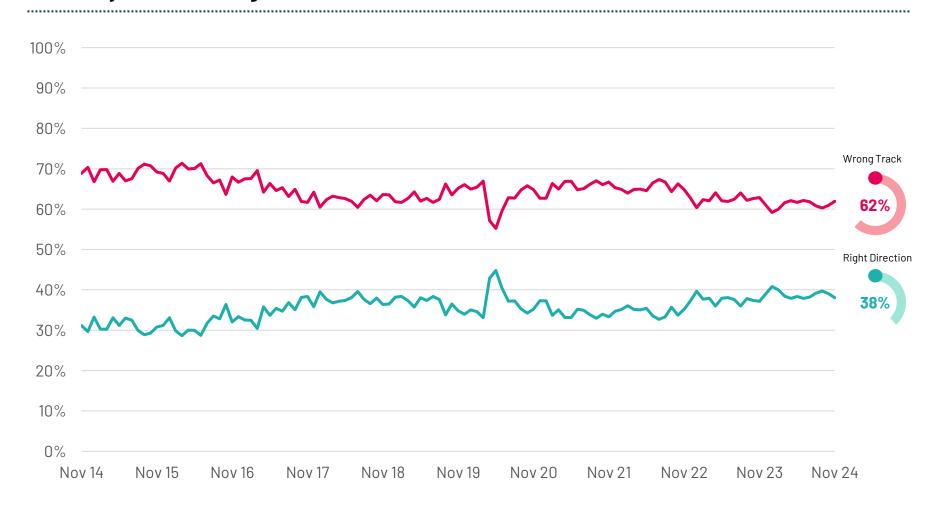
Global Right/Wrong Direction

Global country average score

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World Worries: Full List

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Inflation is still the number one concern across 29 countries this month, with 32% citing it, albeit no change. However, it now has to share the top position with crime & violence, after a small increase in concerns from October. The last time crime & violence worries were this high was over four years ago in March 2020, when 33% saw it as a top issue in their country.

Poverty & social inequality has also seen a slight uptick from last month, with 30% now

mentioning it as one of the top issues facing their country.

Meanwhile, unemployment and corruption are joint fourth with 26% choosing it.

The rest of the worries have little changed with the exception of moral decline (11%) which is up marginally from 12th to 11th place, now in front of military conflict between nations (10%).

32%

Inflation and crime & violence are both mentioned by 32% as one of the primary issues facing their nation

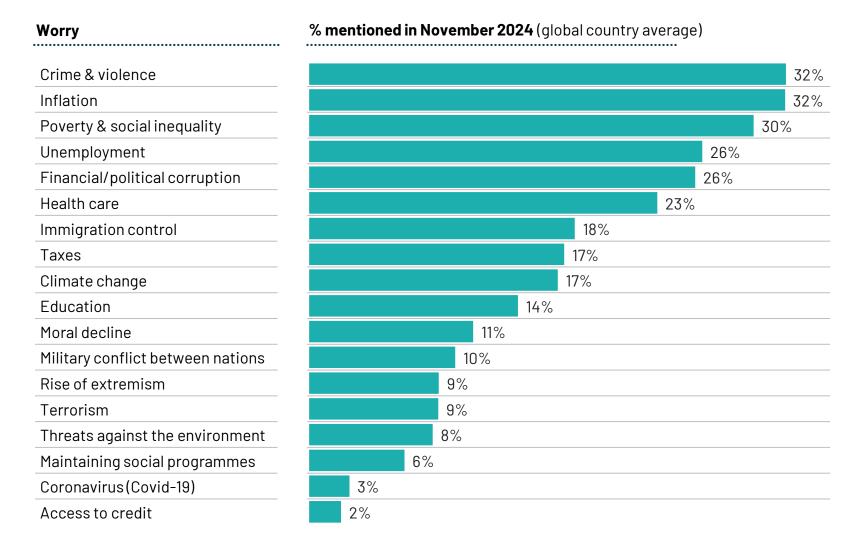


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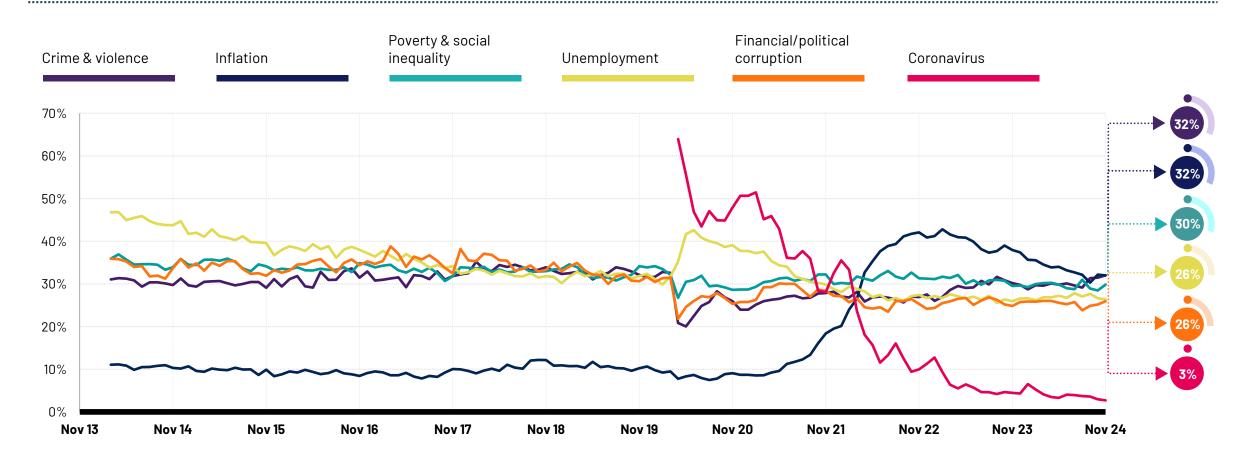
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World Worries: Long-Term Trend

Q: Which three of the following topics do you find the most worrying in your country? Global country average



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1. Crime & Violence

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Crime & violence is mentioned by 32% across 29 countries as one of the main issues facing their country. Up slightly since last month, it now ties in with inflation. Worry levels are also the highest it has been since March 2020, when it was 33%.

Japan has undergone the largest increase in concern for crime this month, reaching record levels. Up 18 points to a third (32%), this is 17 points higher than this time last year and the highest the score in over 10 years.

Türkiye has also reached a record high after rising seven points to 39%. The last time it was this high was in July 2018 when the score recorded 40%.

Countries where CRIME & VIOLENCE is the #1 concern:

- Chile (63%)
- Colombia (42%)
- Sweden(62%)
- France (32%)
- Mexico (59%)
- Brazil (42%)

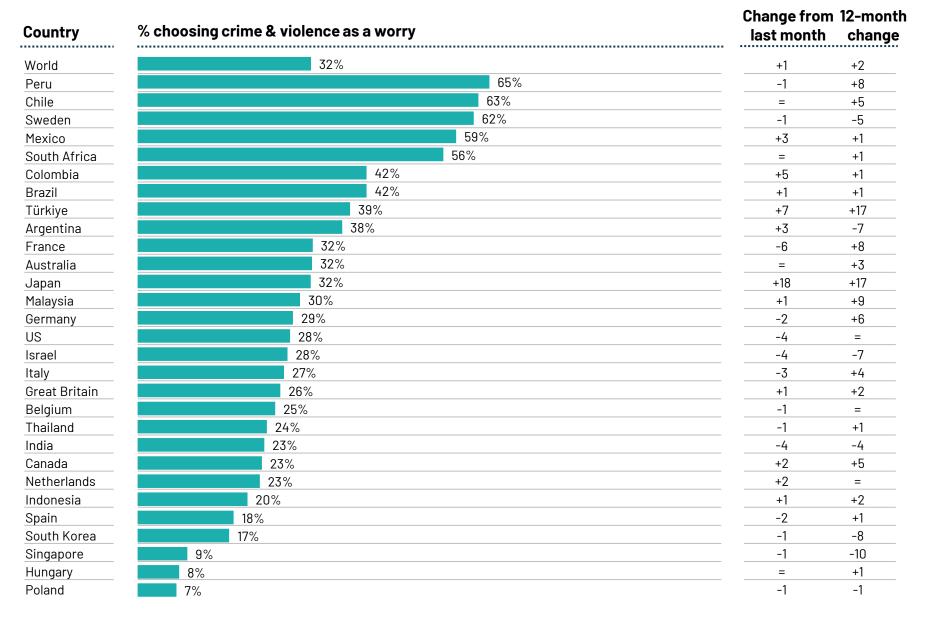
32%

say **crime & violence** is one of the key issues facing their country



1. Crime & Violence

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2. Inflation

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Inflation remains steady at 32% on average across 29 countries citing it as a worry. Now it's joint first with crime & violence. This time last year, inflation concerns were 6pp higher than it is now.

Cost-of-living has been Poland's number one concern since
December 2021, when it overtook health care. This month is no different, with the Poles experiencing the biggest rise in worry of 8pp, taking the proportion to 44%.

Similarly, the number of

Mexicans choosing inflation is up 7pp to 39%, the highest it has been since May 2023 – when worry was at 41% for the nation.

Countries where INFLATION is the #1 concern:

- Singapore (63%)
 India (44%)
- Australia (50%)
 Poland (44%)
- The US(50%)
- Türkiye (45%)

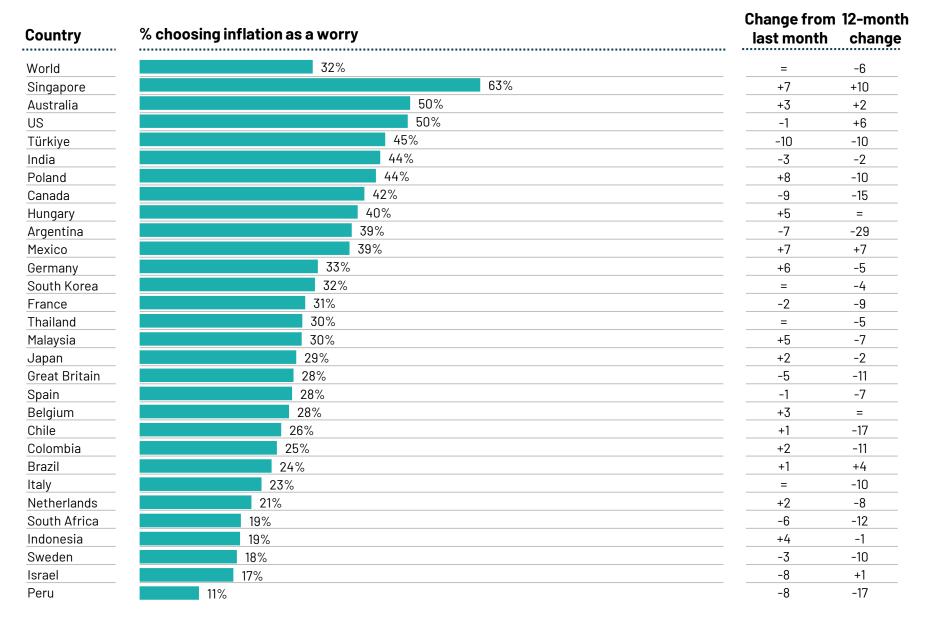
32%

say **inflation** is one of the key issues facing their country



2. Inflation

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3. Poverty & Social Inequality

aged 16-74 in 29 participating countries, October 25th 2024 - November 8th 2024.

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Worry for poverty & social inequality has risen marginally this month to 30% choosing it across 29 countries.

This month, Brazil's level of worry has increased the most, rising 7pp to nearly 38%.

However, this isn't a historically significant level of concern for Brazilians. This is more likely due to a rebound after a drop in October.

Although only increasing slightly this month, concern among Argentinians are 9pp higher than a year ago and now on 45%. It is their second biggest concern (behind unemployment) and joint highest score (we also recorded 45% in February 2024 and December 2019).

Countries where POVERTY & SOCIAL INEQUALITY is the #1 concern:

- Japan (34%)
- Netherlands (34%)
- Peru (33%)

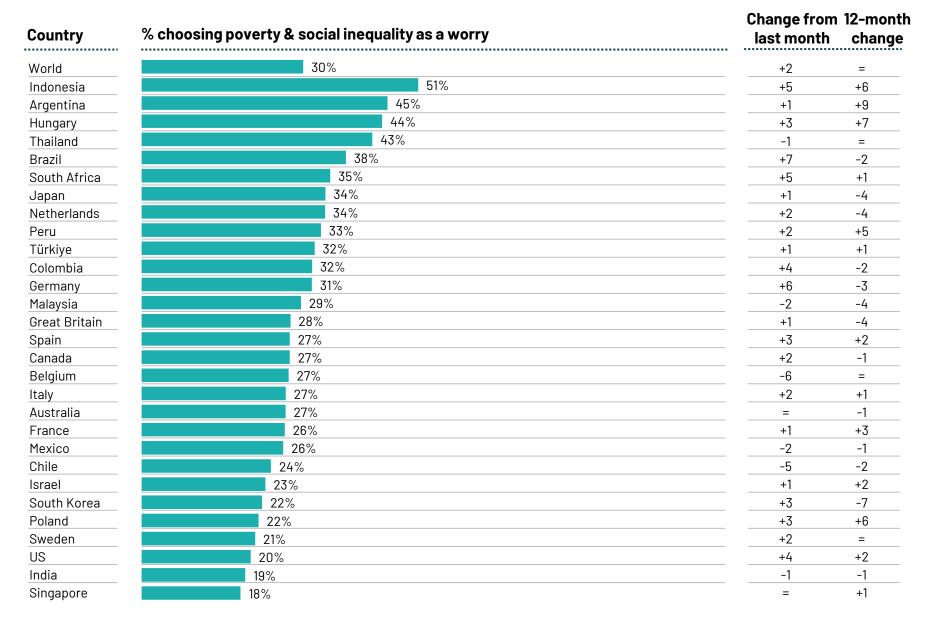
30%

say **poverty & social inequality** is one of the key issues facing their country



3. Poverty & Social Inequality

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4. Unemployment

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Across 29 countries, the share of people mentioning unemployment as one of the biggest issues facing their country has decreased slightly to 26%.

For 38 consecutive months, inflation was Argentina's primary concern. In August 2024, it switched with unemployment to be the top concern, and worry has been flip-flopping between the two since. Jobs is now top again after increasing four percentage points this month to

half (49%) mentioning it. For context, this is 18-points higher than this time last year.

Similarly, Italy's score is up six points to a third (34%) making it the nation's second highest worry.

Countries where UNEMPLOYMENT is the #1 concern:

- South Africa (66%)
- Argentina (49%)

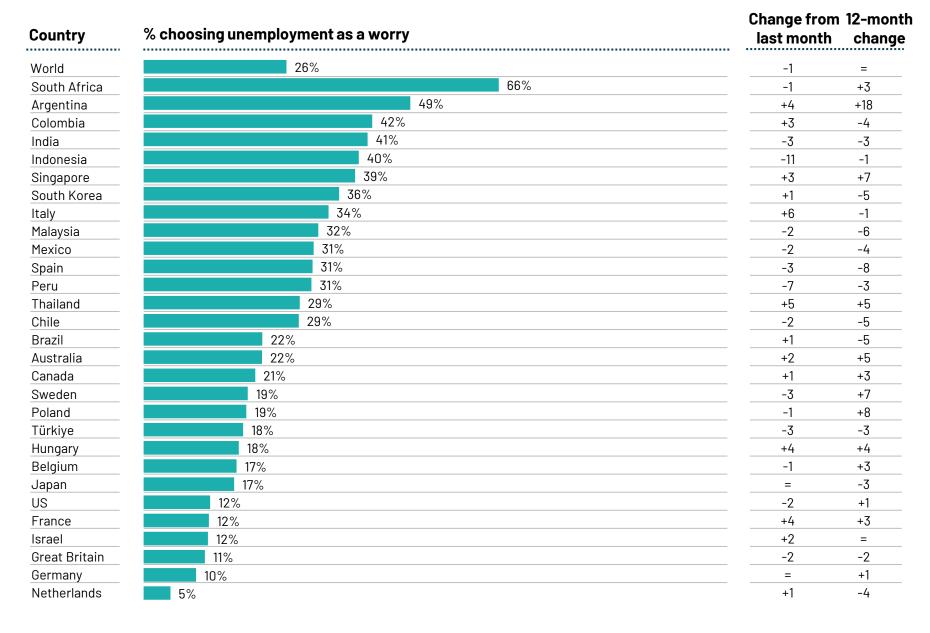
26%

say **unemployment** is one of the key issues facing their country



4. Unemployment

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5. Financial/Political Corruption

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One in four (26%) across 29 countries express concern about financial/political corruption. This figure is up slightly from last month and 12 months ago.

The proportion of Spanish people saying corruption is a top issue has risen seven percentage points this month, which is 16 points higher than it was a year ago. With now just over three in ten (31%) mentioning it, this is the highest it has been for the nation in over three years, when July 2021

recorded a score of 33%.

Likewise, three countries all scored ten or more points higher than they did this time last year, including: Hungary (52%, +11pp), Türkiye (25%, +10pp), & Japan (24%, +10pp).

Countries where FINANCIAL/POLITICAL CORRUPTION is the #1 concern:

- Indonesia (52%) South Korea (39%)
- Malaysia (45%)
- Spain(31%)
- Thailand (45%)

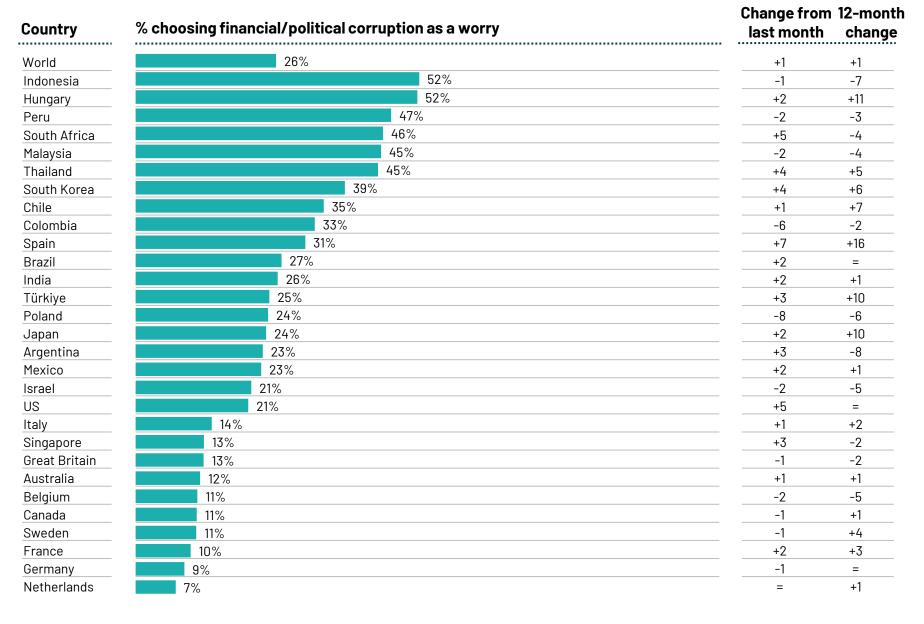
26%

say financial/political corruption is one of the key issues facing their country



5. Financial/ Political Corruption

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6. Health Care

Health care as an issue remains the same this month but levels of concern are slightly elevated from a year ago.

After a record level of worry last month, South Korea's concern for health care has cooled, down 13 points. That said, their score is 14 points higher than the year to date and this month's score is the third highest on record for the nation (21%).

For the first time since March 2022, health care has surpassed inflation as the foremost concern among Canadians. While inflation had consistently ranked as the top issue over the past year and a half, concern

over health care has risen sharply, increasing by six points this month, with 44% of respondents now identifying it as their primary worry

Similarly, the number of Poles voicing worry is up eight points, nearly taking first place from inflation, with 43% saying it's an issue. This is the highest since October 2023 (also 43%).

Countries where HEALTH CARE is the #1 concern:

- Hungary (59%)
- Great Britain (44%)
- Canada (44%)
- Italy (37%)

23%

say **health care** is one of the key issues facing their country

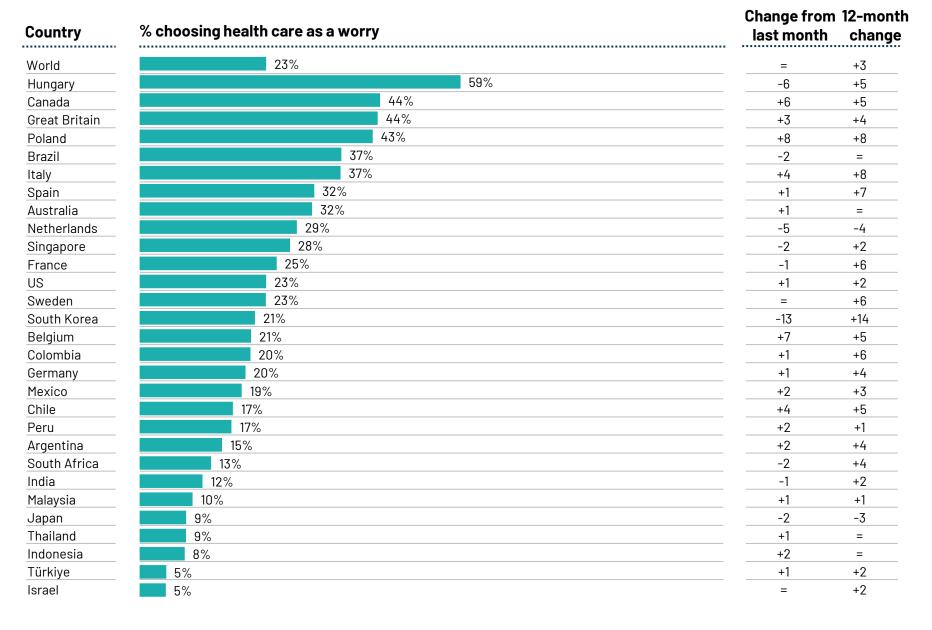
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9. Climate Change

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This month, concern for climate change across 29 countries has remained the same and is also the same from this time last year.

After recent severe flooding in Eastern Spain, the proportion mentioning climate change as an issue has jumped nine percentage points to a quarter (26%) citing it.

Conversely, in Japan, concern over climate change, which ranked as the top issue last month, has declined significantly. The proportion of respondents identifying it as a primary worry has dropped by eight percentage points to just 27%. Climate change is now ranked as Japan's fifth most significant concern, though the level of concern remains relatively elevated compared to earlier months.

Countries where CLIMATE CHANGE is the #1 concern:

None

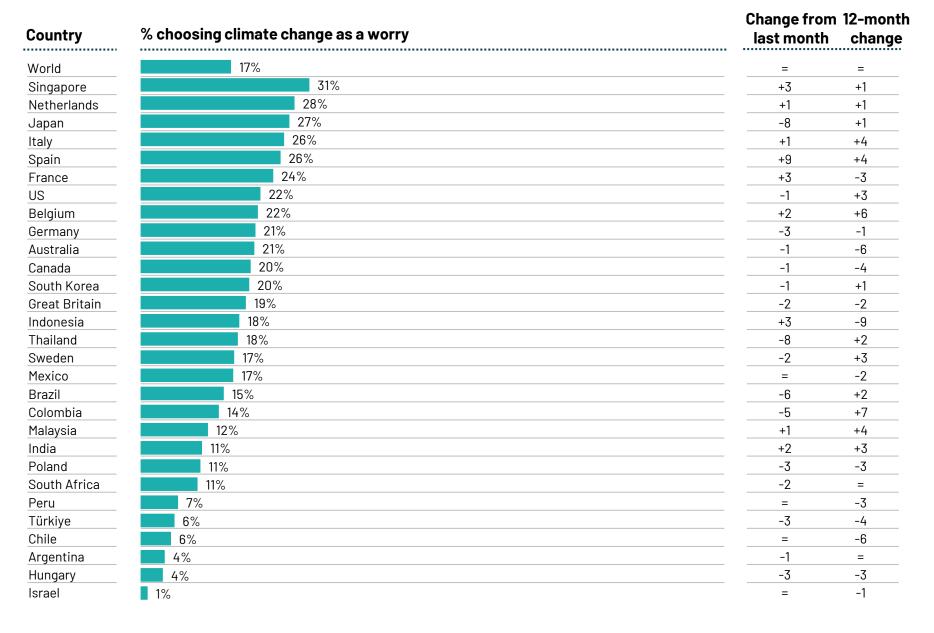
17%

say **climate change** is one of the key issues facing their country



9. Climate Change

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14. Terrorism

Across 29 countries, terrorism is mentioned by 9% of respondents, no change from last month but slightly lower than 12 months ago.

Israel is still the most worried nation for terrorism, despite there being no change in their level of worry for last month.

Albeit nearly a half (48%) expressing concern, this is significantly lower than it was a year ago (one month after the attacks of October 7th). In November 2023, the level of worry was 15-points higher.

Worry has cooled off in other parts of the world too, like in France, which is 22 points lower than a year ago and Belgium, which is 16 points lower.

Countries where TERRORISM is the #1 concern:

Israel(48%)

9%

say **terrorism** is one of the key issues facing their country

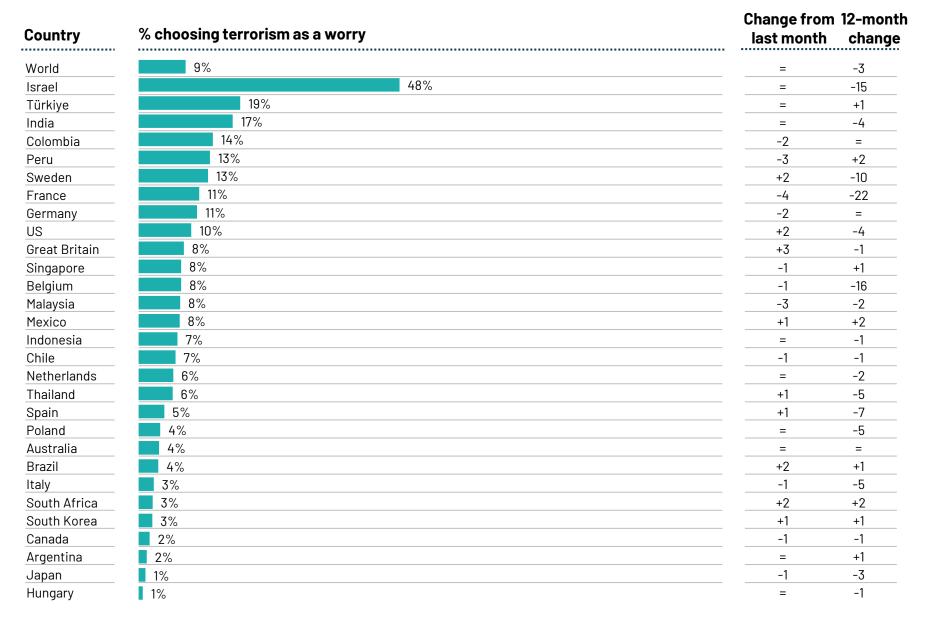
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17. Coronavirus (Covid-19)

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Concern for the Coronavirus across 29 countries has remained even this month and sits at 3% expressing concern.

No country reaches one in ten, the highest level being 7% in Malaysia, Mexico, and Singapore.

Concern has never dropped below 3% in our What Worries the World survey.

We will continue to track attitudes to Coronavirus as we enter the fifth anniversary of the pandemic.

Countries where CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) is the #1 concern:

None

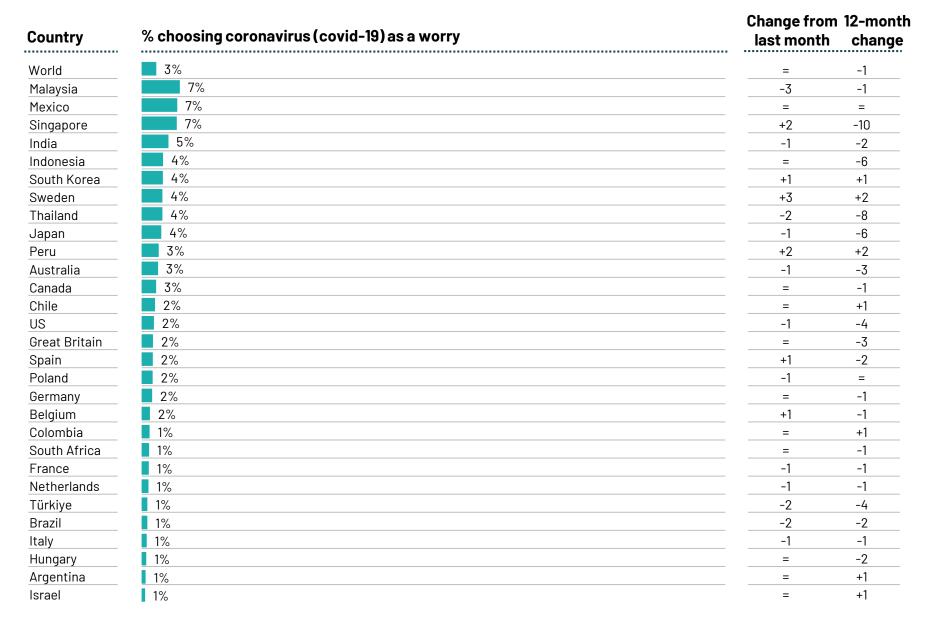
3%

say coronavirus (covid-19) is one of the key issues facing their country



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The State of the Economy in my Country

Running alongside our

What Worries the World
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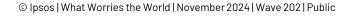
Global Consumer

Confidence study asks
the public in 29 countries
questions relating to the
economy and finance, on
a country and personal
level.

The following section draws on some of this data to provide extra context to this month's What Worries the World report. It shows how the public rate the current economic climate in their country.

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Current Economic Situation

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On average across 29 countries, 37% of people describe the current economic situation in their country as "good". This is up 2 percentage points on the same time last year.

Malaysia (+24pp) and South Africa (+17pp) have seen the biggest year-on-year rises, with Argentina (+16pp) and Poland (+15pp) close behind.

Meanwhile, positive economic sentiment has fallen most in France (-10pp), Germany (-9pp), and Thailand (-7pp) compared with this time last year.

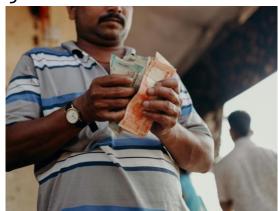
This month, Germany records its lowest ever good economy score, following a 5pp fall from last month. Meanwhile, Argentina records its highest good economy score in six years.

Top countries most worried about the economy:

- Japan (88% say it's in "bad" shape)
- South Korea (87%)
- France (85%)
- Hungary (83%)
- Türkiye (81%)

31%

in Germany describe the country's current economic situation as good: an all-time low





Current Economic Situation

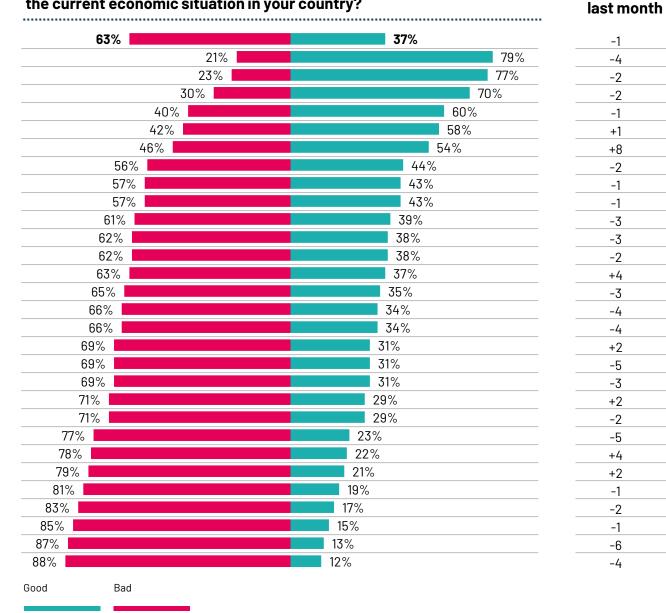
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Country

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Q: How would you describe the current economic situation in your country?





Change from 12-month

change

+2

-2

+24

+10

-3

+1

+15

-7

-4

+12

-1

+1

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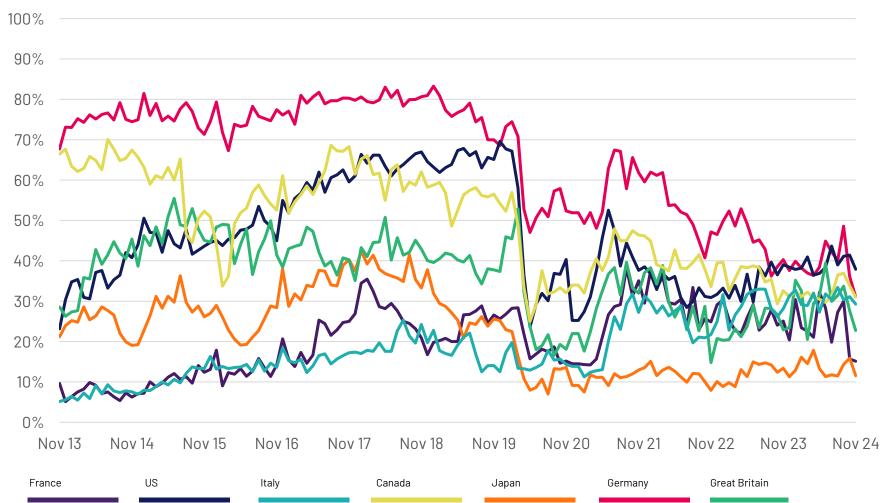
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G7

% 'Very good' or 'Somewhat good'

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Argentina

% 'Very good' or 'Somewhat good'

This month marks the first time Argentina's good economy score has risen above 20% in six years (30% in April 2018).

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Canada

% 'Very good' or 'Somewhat good'

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France

% 'Very good' or 'Somewhat good'

France's good economy score now sits at its lowest level since April 2021(14%).

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Q: How would you describe the current economic situation in your country?

100% 90% 80% 60% 50% 40% 30% 20% 15% 0%

Nov 18

Nov 19

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Nov 16

Germany

% 'Very good' or 'Somewhat good'

A 5pp decrease from last month sees Germany record its lowest ever good economy score.

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Great Britain

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Italy

% 'Very good' or 'Somewhat good'

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Japan

% 'Very good' or 'Somewhat good'

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Malaysia

% 'Very good' or 'Somewhat good'

Malaysia's good economy score is up 24 points from this point last year.

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US

% 'Very good' or 'Somewhat good'

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Methodology

This 29-country Global Advisor survey was conducted between October 25th 2024 and November 8th 2024 via the Ipsos Online Panel system among 23,320 adults aged 18-74 in Canada, Israel, Malaysia, South Africa, Türkiye and the United States, 20-74 in Indonesia and Thailand, 21-74 in Singapore, and 16-74 in all other nations.

The "Global Country Average" reflects the average result for all the countries where the survey was conducted. It has not been adjusted to the population size of each country and is not intended to suggest a total result."

The sample consists of approximately 1000+ individuals in each of Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Japan, Spain, Sweden, and the US, and approximately 500+ individuals in each of Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, Peru, Poland, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Thailand and Türkiye.

The sample in India consists of approximately 2,200 individuals, of whom approximately 1,800 were interviewed faceto-face and 400 were interviewed online.

The samples in Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Poland, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, and the US can be taken as representative of these countries' general adult population under the age of 75.

The samples in Brazil, Chile, Colombia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Singapore, South Africa, Thailand and Türkiye are more urban, more educated, and/or more affluent than the general population. The survey results for these markets should be viewed as reflecting the views of the more "connected" segment of these populations.

India's sample represents a large subset of its urban population — social economic

classes A, B and C in metros and tier 1-3 town classes across all four zones.

Weighting has been employed to balance demographics and ensure that the sample's composition reflects that of the adult population according to the most recent census data.

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