

IPSOS B&A CONSUMER CONFIDENCE: JUNE FINAL REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

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This report presents the findings of Ipsos B&A's latest Consumer Confidence Barometer, covering June 2026



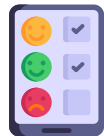
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Survey results are based on a sample of 1,169 adults aged 16+, quota controlled in terms of age, gender, socio-economic class, and region to reflect the profile of the adult population of the Republic of Ireland.



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All interviewing was conducted via Ipsos B&A's Acumen Online Barometer.



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Fieldwork on the latest wave was conducted from the 29th May to the 10th June 2026.





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KEY HIGHLIGHTS



Have we weathered the worst of the Springtime Storm?

This wave of the Ipsos B&A Consumer Confidence Barometer was conducted from the 29th of May to the 10th June 2026.

Our fears, so apparent earlier on in the Spring, seem to have receded. While it is too early to say that we have turned a corner, there are tentative signs of green shoots.

Overall consumer confidence has **"improved"** to -59, compared to -61 in May (those feeling downbeat versus those feeling more upbeat). Contrast this with the -65 seen in April.

69% believe that the country will be **worse off** in the year ahead, with just one in ten expecting the country's economy to improve. While still underwhelming, we are moving in the right direction (75% felt that we would be worse off two months ago, and 71% last month).

Dubliners continue to be most upbeat. As seen previously, confidence is lowest among females and those over the age of 35. C2DEs are also less sanguine.

The proportion of households who claim to be **"coping"** with the rising prices stands at 61% (down two points). One in five say that they are struggling to some extent – we have seen that this proportion has remained stubbornly constant for many months.

Yet unemployment is at five per cent in June; a respectable statistic.

Just over one in five (21%) believe their personal disposable income will increase over the next 12 months, compared to 41% expecting it to **decline**.

Nearly half (49%) think they will **spend less** over the year ahead, versus just one in eight (13%) planning to **spend more**. 38% feel that their spending patterns will remain steady, thus leading to a net gap of -35 (an improvement from -42 on May).

In terms of savings, a similar proportion (47%) expect to **save less**, with just one in five (21%) planning to feather their nests.

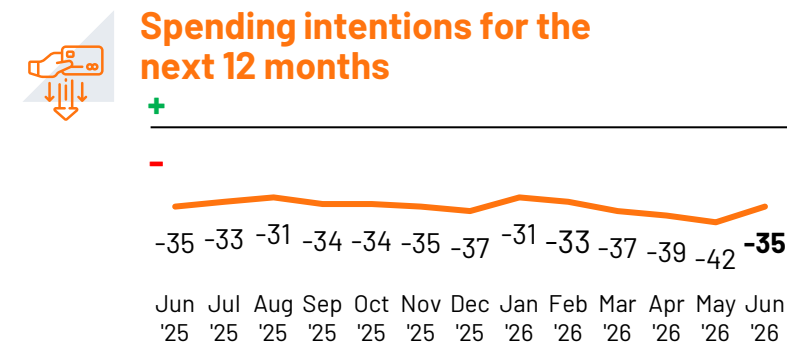
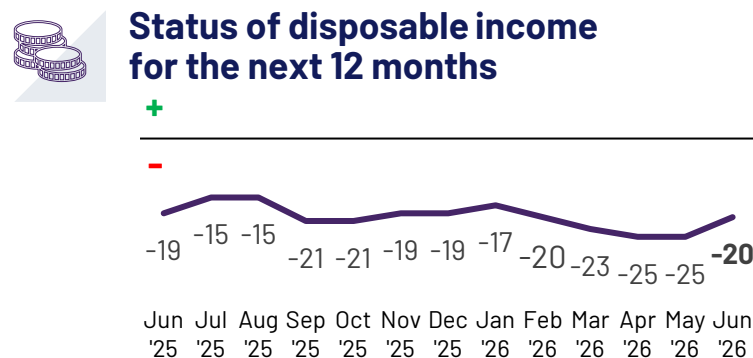
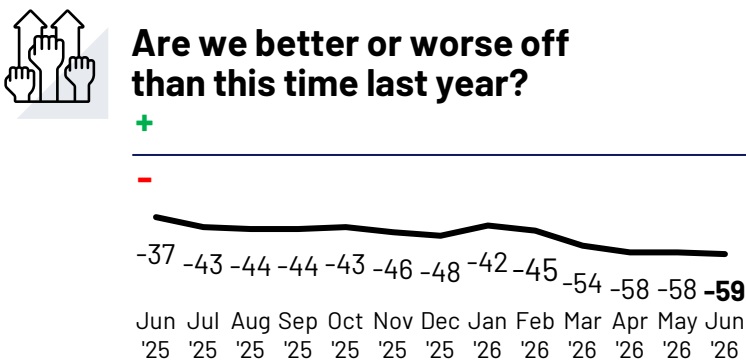
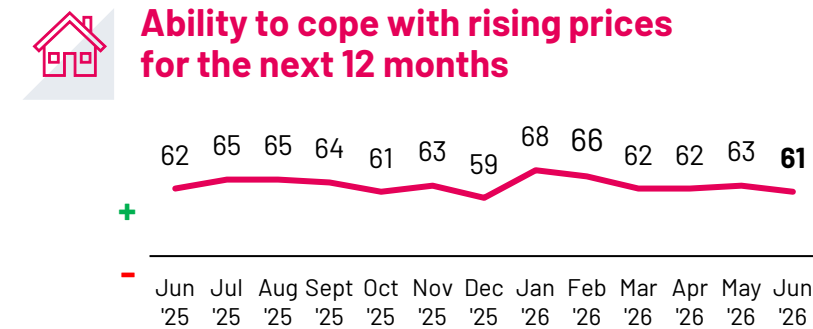
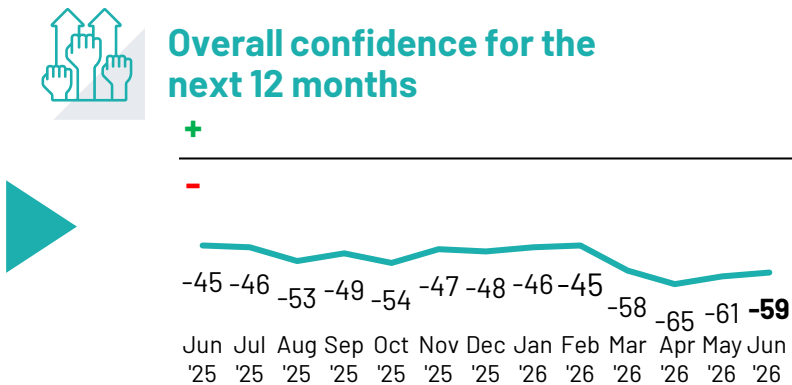
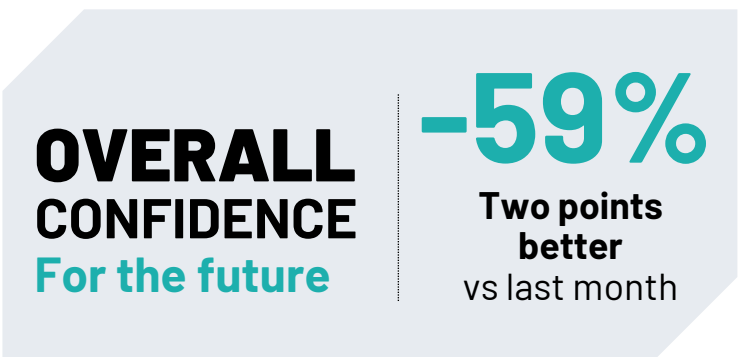
In the past month, over half have either **cut back** on their day-to-day expenditure or have reviewed their monthly bills to identify where there are better deals available.

Interestingly, **anticipated asset growth** over the next 12 months has increased noticeably in June (+17 vs +8), driven by those living in the Capital

So, what worries Ireland most? The cost of living (58%) and housing (41%) are by far the most pressing issues.

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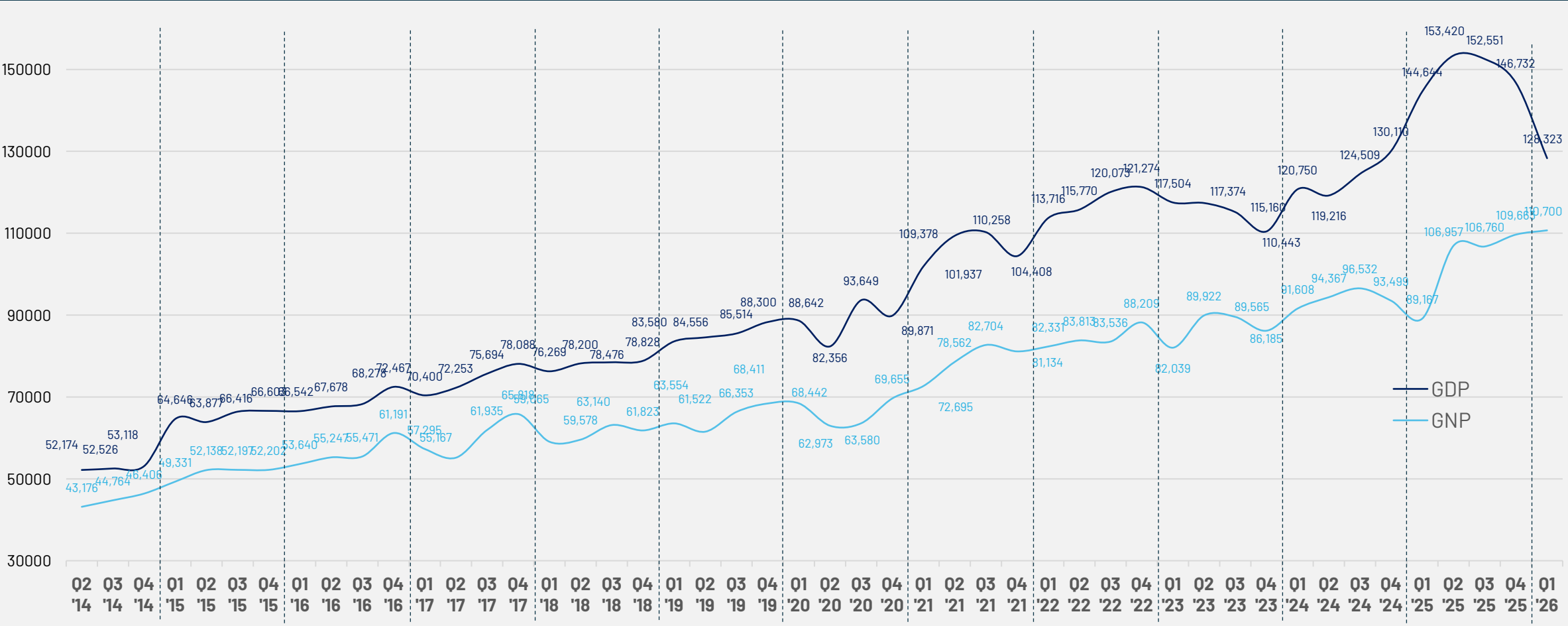
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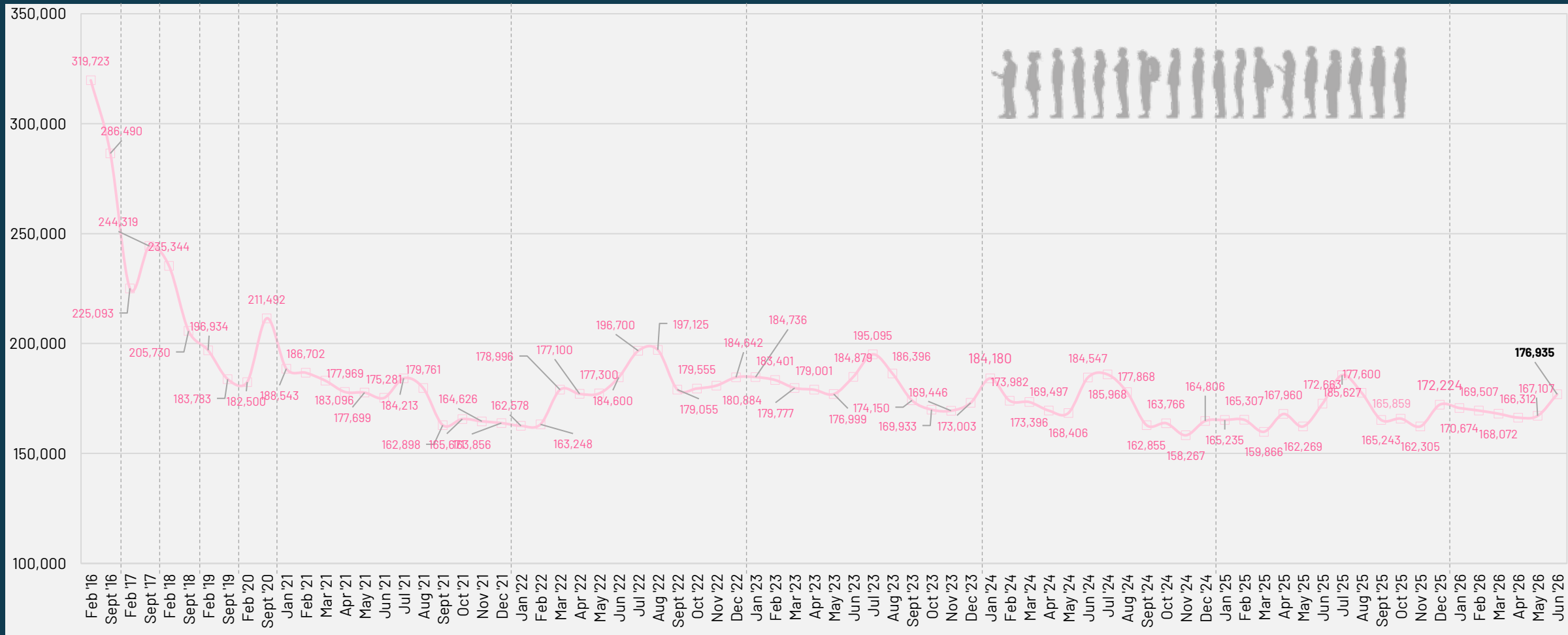
MACRO CONTEXT

The most recent CSO data indicates a further dip in GDP in Qtr. One 2026. The effects of the rush to circumnavigate tariffs in early 2025 is wearing off.



Source: www.CSO.ie Quarterly National Accounts

The unadjusted Live Register figures increased in June and now stands at nearly 177k. Year on year, the increase is over 4,000, but this should be seen in the context of a rising population.

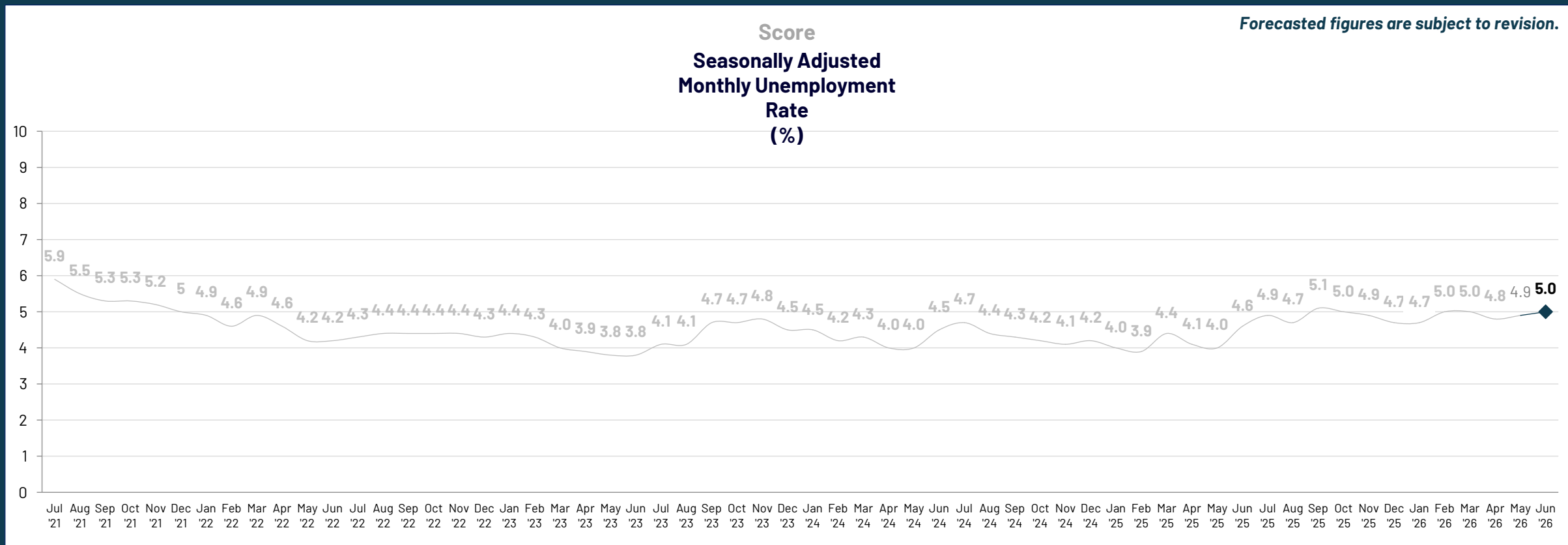


*The Live Register is not designed to measure unemployment. It includes part-time work e.g. seasonal & casual workers who work up to 3 days per week.
Note: Based on unadjusted data.

Source: www.CSO.ie Quarterly National Accounts

Estimated unemployment is now at five percent.

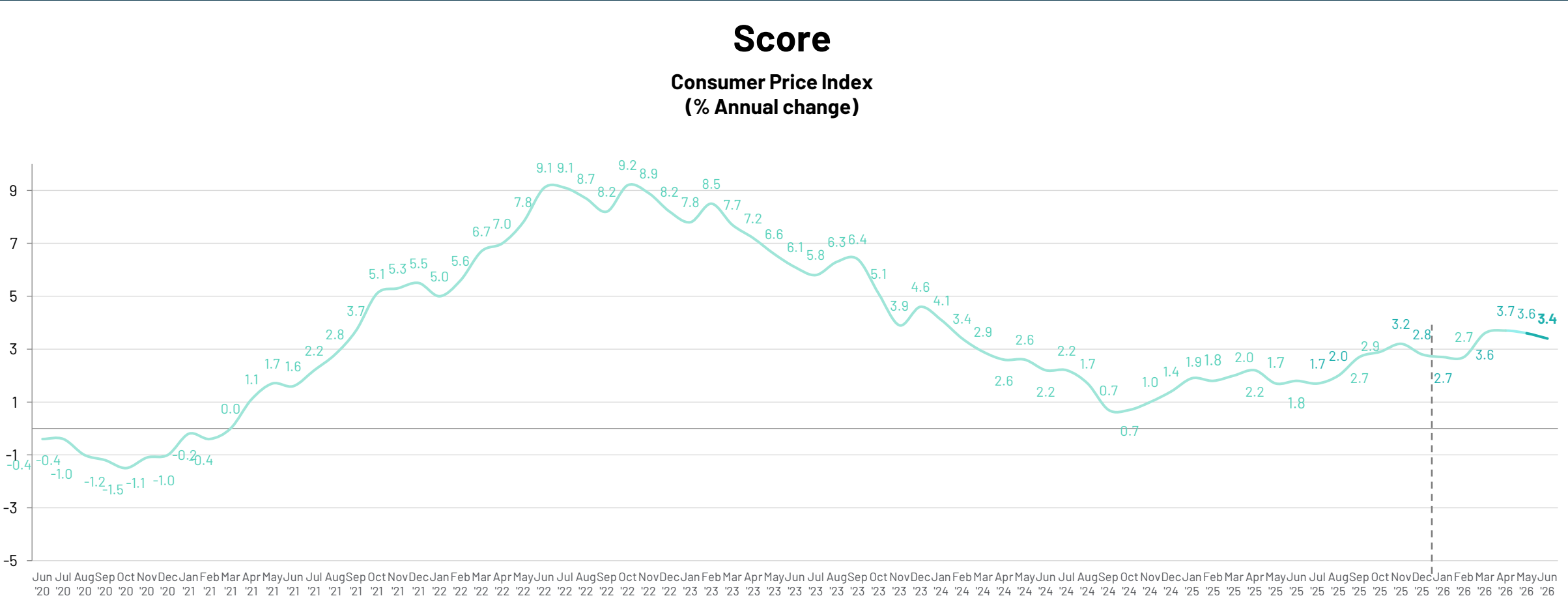
Seasonally Adjusted Monthly Unemployment Rate



Source: www.CSO.ie Seasonally Adjusted Monthly Unemployment Rate

The Consumer Price Index rose by 3.4% between June 2025 and June 2026, marginally down compared to last month.

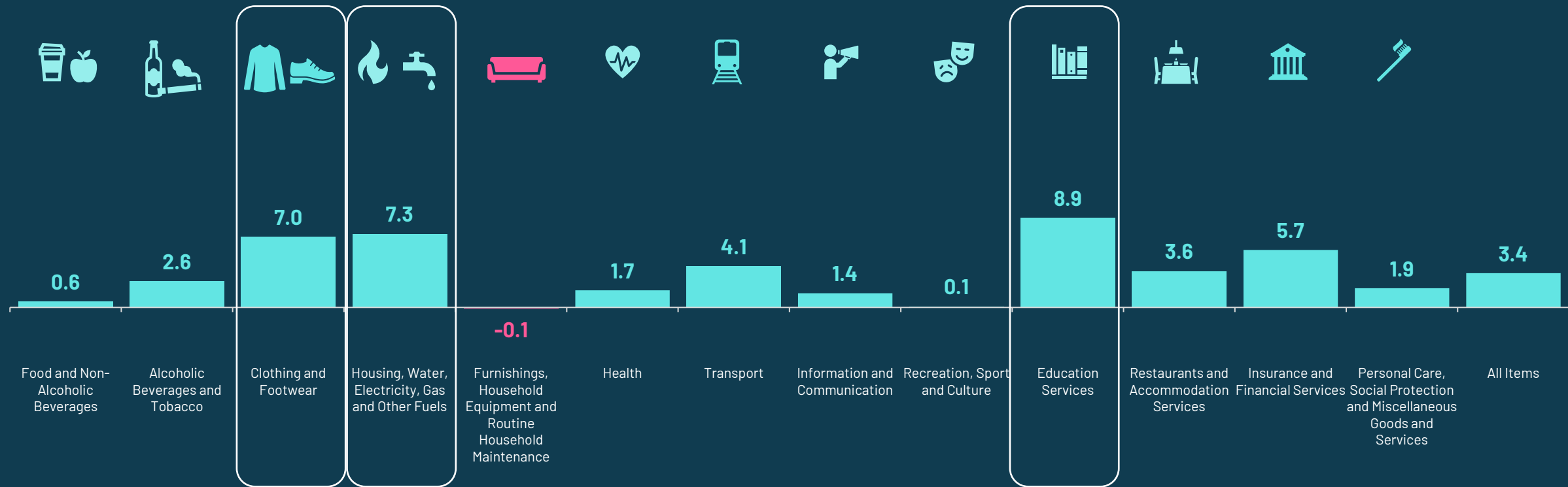
Consumer Price Index (% Annual change)



Source: www.CSO.ie Consumer Price Index (% Annual change)

Inflation is highest within Education (+8.9%), Utilities and Fuels (7.3%) and the Clothing and Footwear sector (7%) sector. Furnishings, Household Equipment & Routine Household Maintenance (-0.1%) continues to be the only division in negative territory.

Consumer Price Index by Sector (% Annual change)



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Corporation tax up 9%, spending also increased

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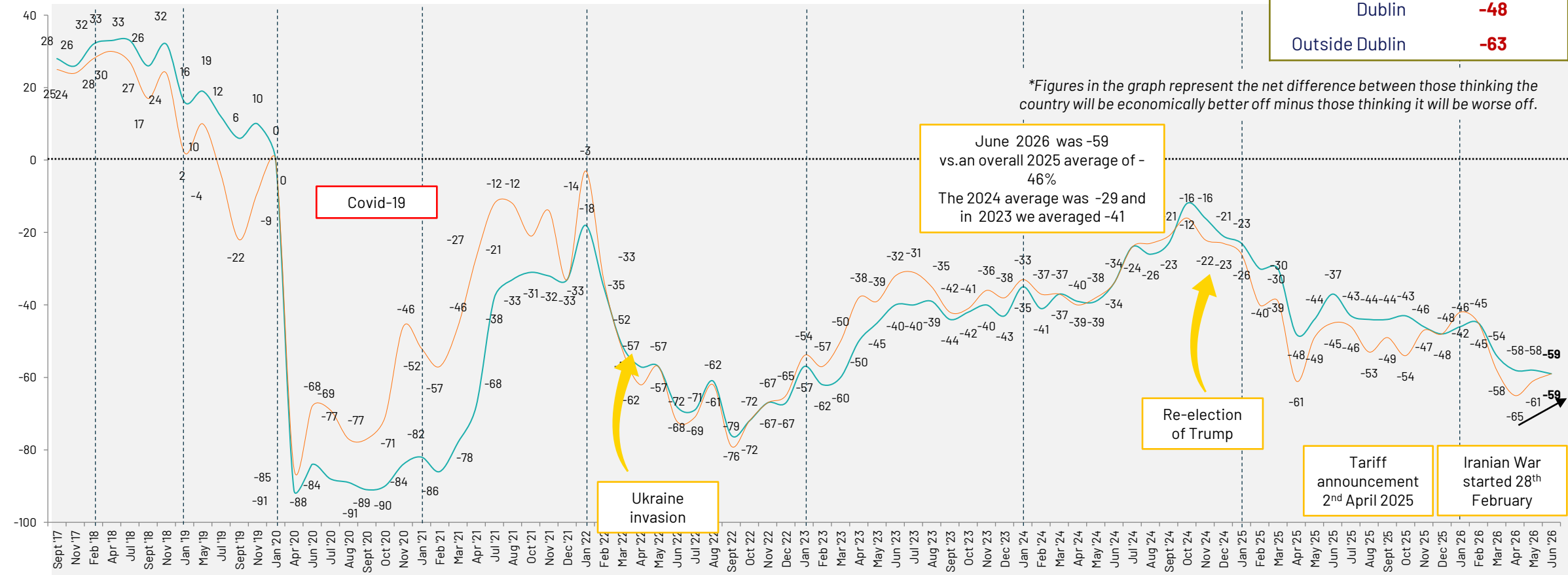
he first five months of this year €6.1 billion has been paid by large companies.

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE FINDINGS



After the initial kneejerk reaction to the war in the Middle East in March, sentiment has become slightly more positive.

Current vs. Looking Forward



- Q.1 Thinking about the economy as a whole, do you think that the country is better off, worse off, or about the same as last year?
Q.2 And what about the coming year, do you think that the country will be better off, worse off or about the same as this year?

Females, those aged 35+ and those living outside of Dublin are the most pessimistic in their outlook. Blue collar workers are also more gloomy.

NET DIFF	-59	-48	-69	-43	-65	-65	-55	-63	-48	-63	-59	-58
	Total	Male	Female	16-34	35-54	55+	ABC1F	C2DE	Dublin	Outside Dublin	Irish	Non-Irish
May '26	-61%	-55%	-68%	-40%	-69%	-72%	-61%	-62%	-52%	-65%	-63%	-55%
Apr '26	-65%	-57%	-73%	-36%	-71%	-85%	-64%	-67%	-52%	-71%	-68%	-57%
Mar '26	-58%	-50%	-65%	-28%	-72%	-69%	-57%	-69%	-44%	-64%	-60%	-50%
Feb '26	-45%	-32%	-57%	-28%	-53%	-50%	-41%	-49%	-36%	-48%	-46%	-39%
Jan '26	-46%	-31%	-60%	-36%	-47%	-53%	-41%	-51%	-37%	-49%	-47%	-44%
Dec '25	-48%	-36%	-60%	-29%	-56%	-57%	-41%	-56%	-40%	-52%	-47%	-51%
Nov '25	-47%	-35%	-60%	-32%	-54%	-53%	-43%	-52%	-31%	-54%	-51%	-33%
Oct '25	-54%	-42%	-65%	-46%	-55%	-60%	-52%	-56%	-46%	-57%	-55%	-50%
Sep '25	-49%	-39%	-58%	-33%	-58%	-52%	-45%	-52%	-37%	-54%	-48%	-49%
Aug '25	-53%	-44%	-62%	-42%	-53%	-62%	-50%	-56%	-50%	-54%	-54%	-50%
Jul '25	-46%	-34%	-58%	-38%	-51%	-47%	-48%	-44%	-35%	-50%	-47%	-42%
Jun '25	-45%	-38%	-52%	-30%	-54%	-49%	-41%	-50%	-33%	-50%	-46%	-42%
May '25	-49%	-42%	-56%	-24%	-56%	-64%	-45%	-54%	-35%	-55%	-51%	-43%
Apr '25	-61%	-55%	-67%	-61%	-66%	-42%	-64%	-75%	-57%	-65%	-54%	-64%
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Base: All Adults 16+

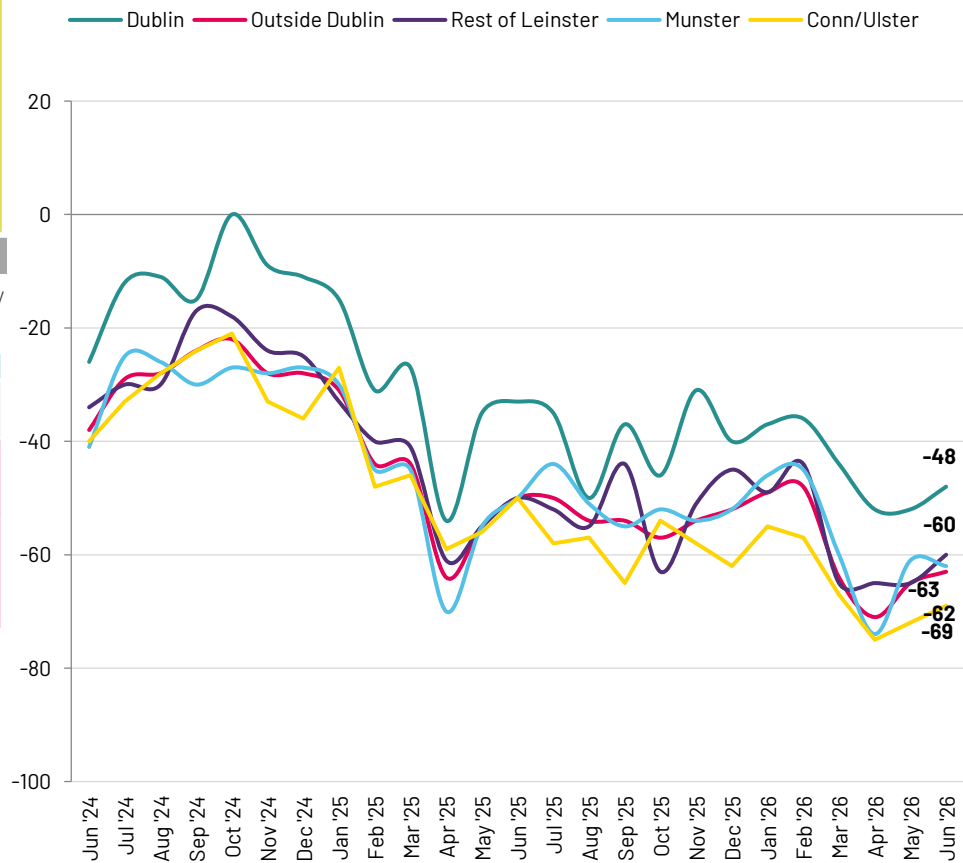
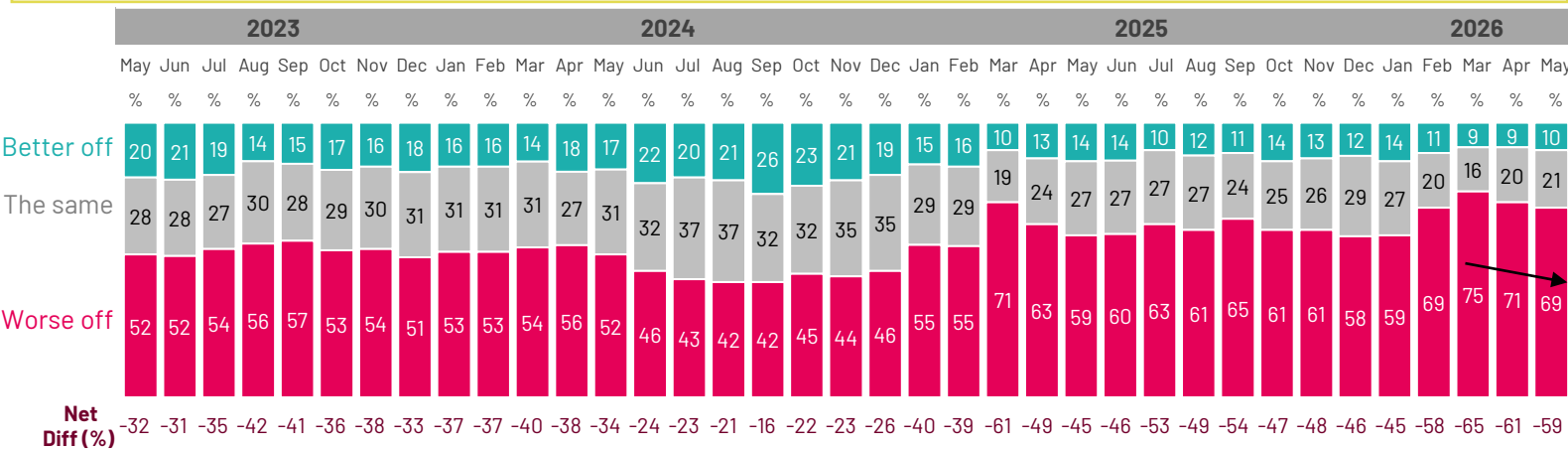
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Q.2 And what about the coming year, do you think that the country will be better off, worse off or about the same as this year?

Just one in ten are feeling positive, while nearly seven in ten are more downbeat about the year ahead (still an improvement of late).

	Looking Forward 2023												Looking Forward 2024												Looking Forward 2025												Looking Forward 2026					
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Dublin	-23	-25	-25	-32	-29	-23	-26	-23	-28	-25	-30	-27	-26	-12	-11	-15	0	-9	-11	-15	-31	-27	-54	-35	-33	-35	-50	-37	-46	-31	-40	-37	-36	-44	-52	-52	-48					
Outside Dublin	-35	-33	-39	-46	-46	-42	-43	-37	-41	-42	-44	-42	-38	-29	-28	-24	-22	-28	-28	-31	-44	-44	-64	-55	-50	-50	-54	-54	-57	-54	-52	-49	-48	-64	-71	-65	-63					



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Right vs. Wrong Direction Monitor

We have slipped down the Global rankings in June but still fare second best in Europe (bar Poland) on this measure.

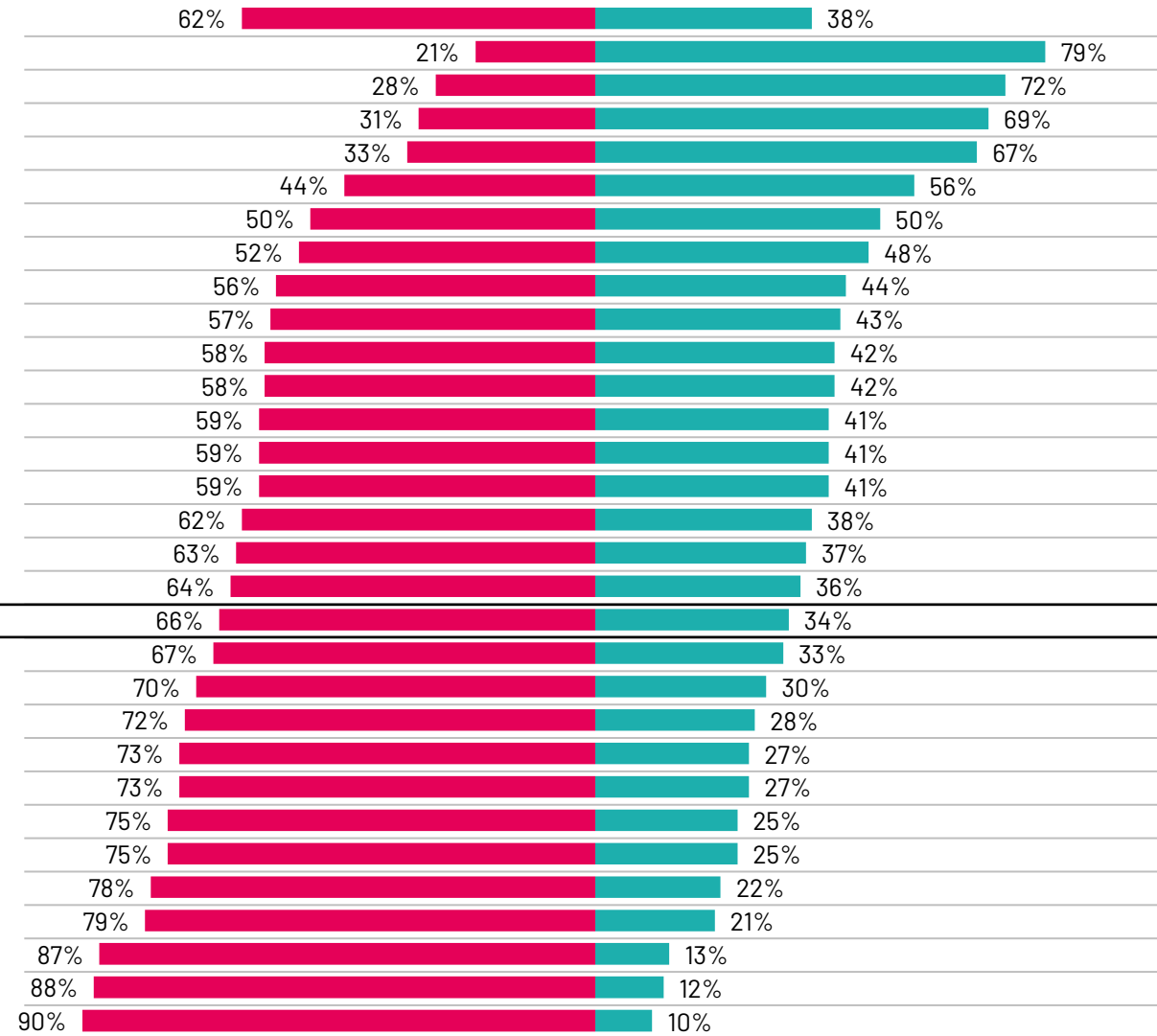
Base: Representative sample of 22,032 adults aged 16-74 in 30 participating countries, May 22nd 2026 - June 5th 2026.

Source: Ipsos Global Advisor. Global score is a Global Country Average. See methodology for details. **Filter:** Country: World | Current Wave: Jun 26

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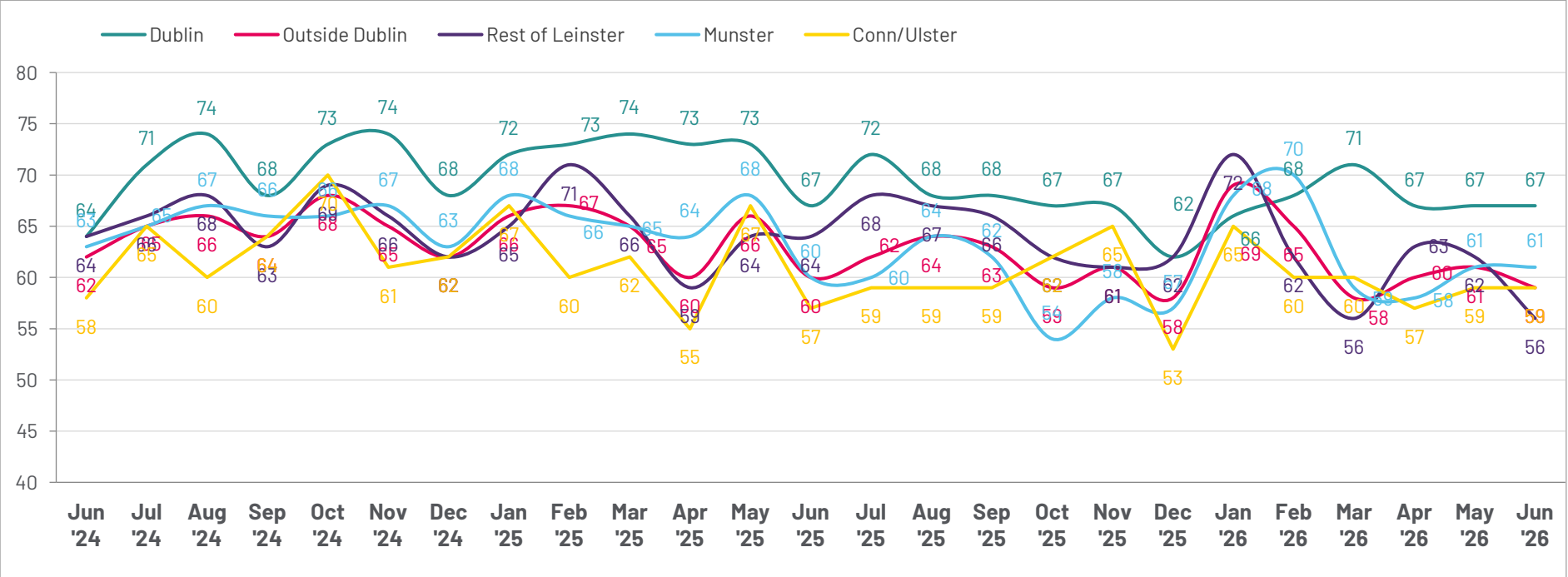
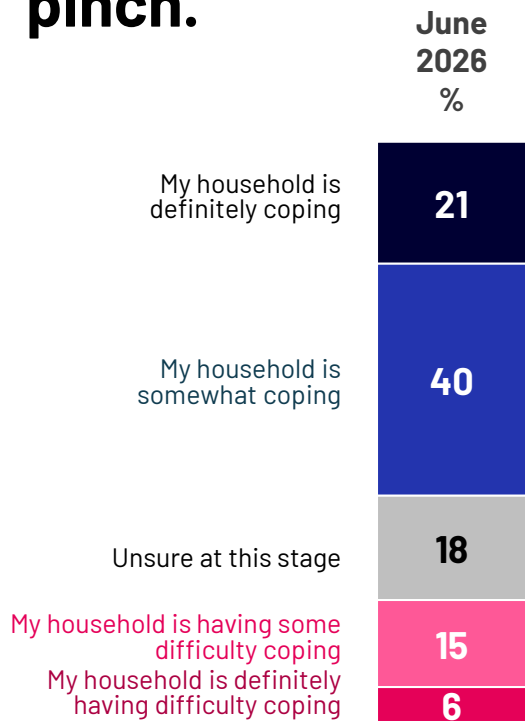
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Q: Would you say things in this country are heading in the right direction, or are they off on the wrong track? (June 2026)

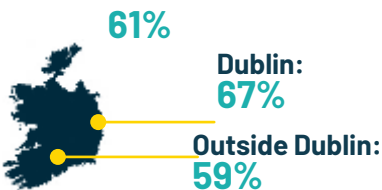


Right Direction
Wrong Track

Over three in five (61%) feel they are coping with rising prices in June– relatively similar to last month. As before, there is a consistent cohort of households who are feeling the pinch.



Any Coping



Males (66%), those aged 25-34 (69%) and ABC1s (66%) are significantly more likely to say that they are coping.

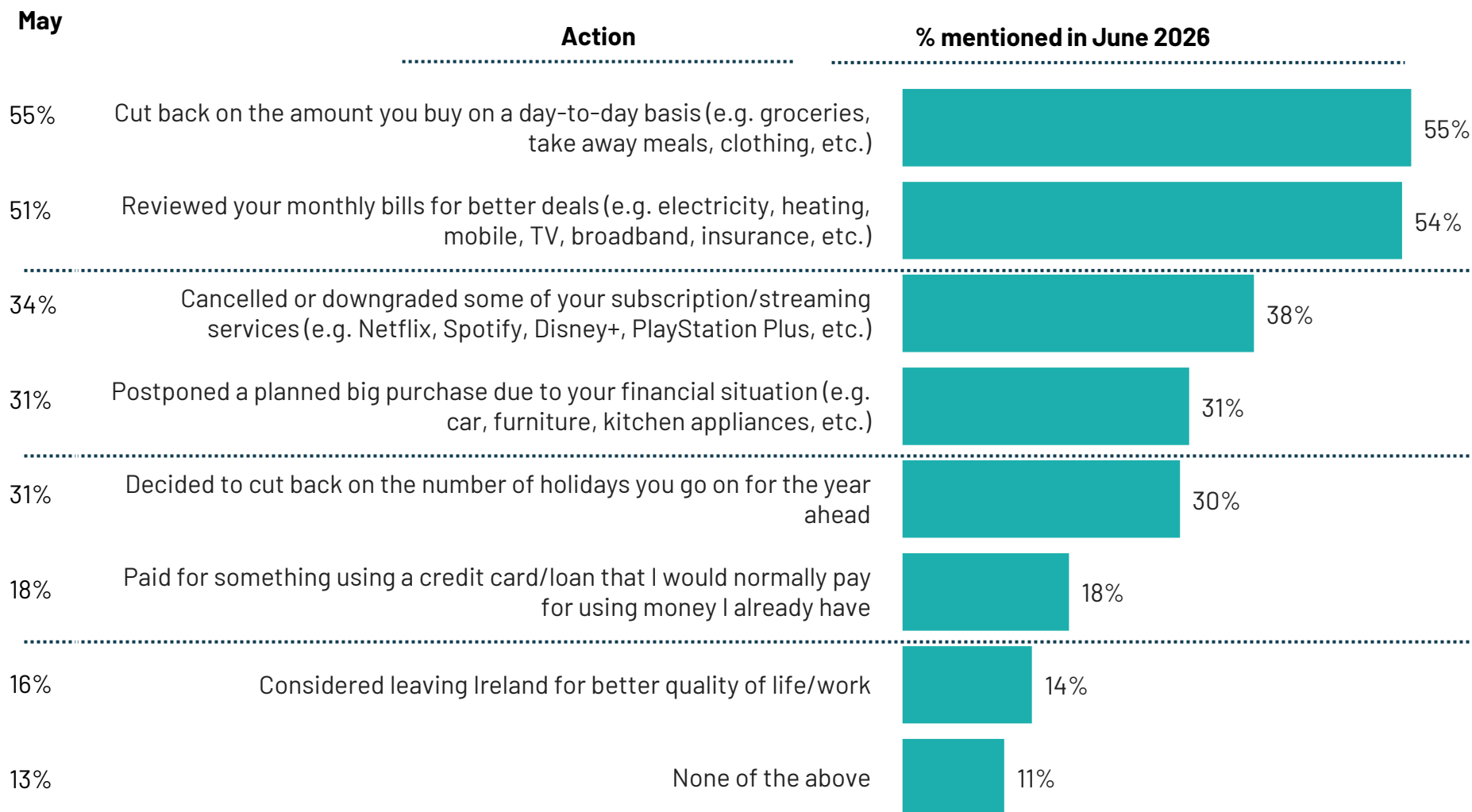
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Actions taken last month

Over half have either cut back on their day-to-day expenditure or have reviewed their monthly bills to identify where there are better deals available.

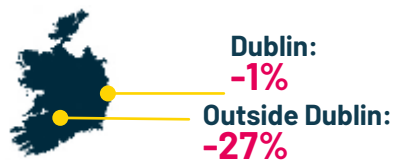
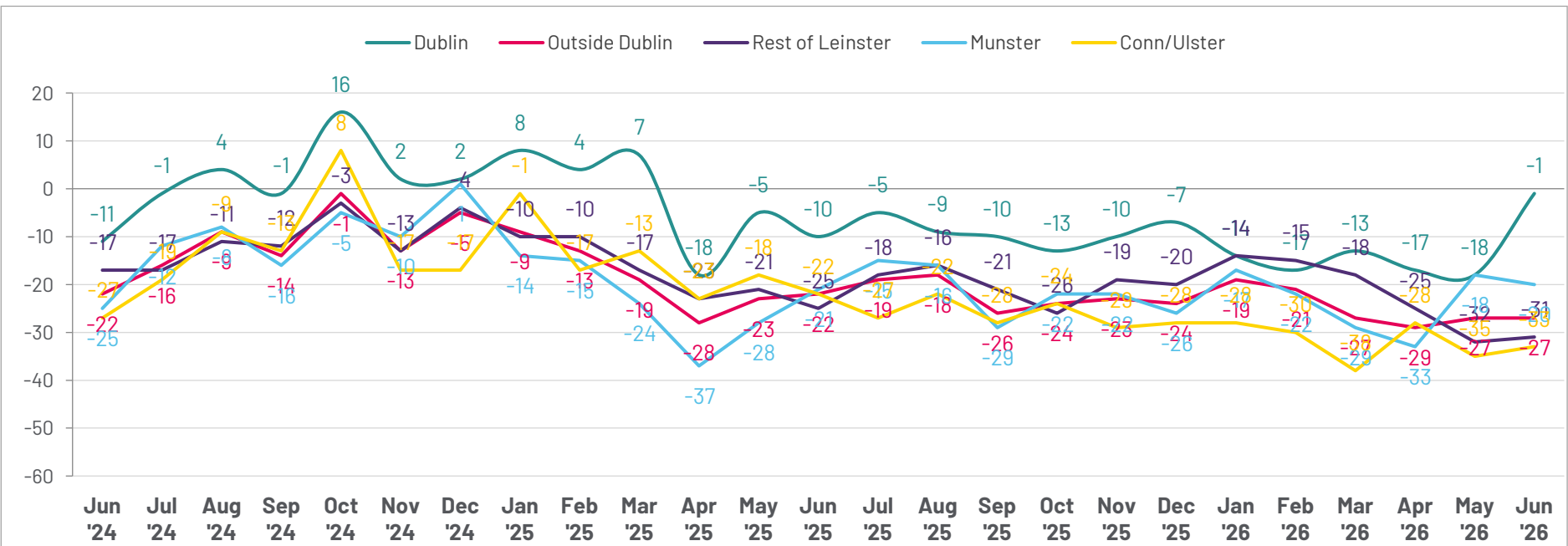
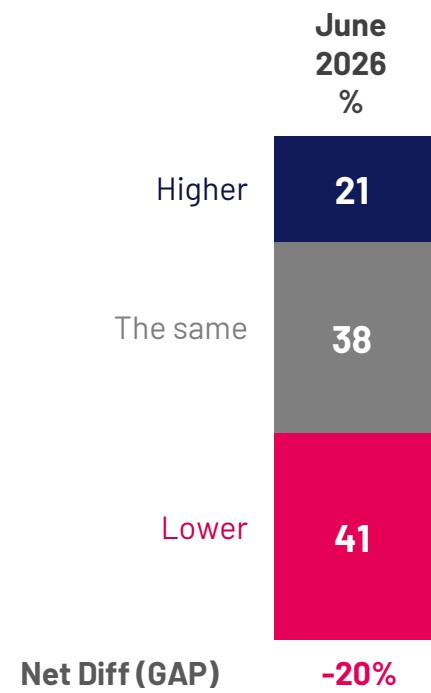
Base: All adults 16+ N = 1,169

Q.13 Which, if any, of the following have you done in the past month?



Just one in five feel their disposable income will improve this year.

Base: All Adults 16+

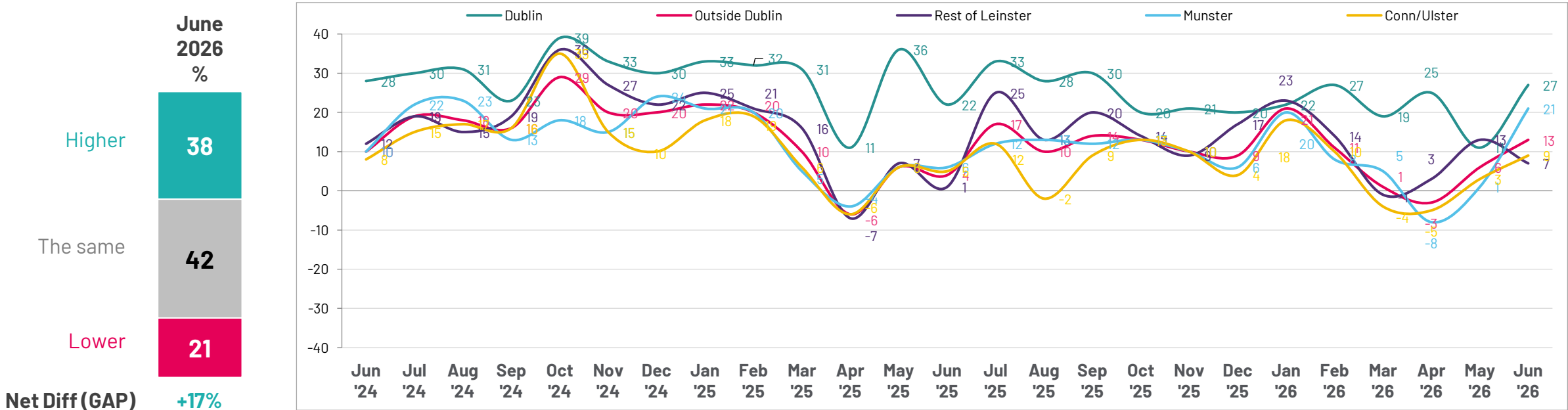


Those outside the capital are less upbeat about the next 12 months. Half of those aged 65+ expect their income will be less. Conversely, 33% of 25-34-year-olds expect their income to increase.

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Gap (%)	-16	-25	-27	-26	-35	-34	-29	-44	-32	-35	-29	-23	-29	-28	-15	-21	-24	-18	-19	-21	-12	-9	-16	-12	-9	-14	-17	-17	-19	-11	-5	-10	+4	-8	-3	-4	-8	-11	-25	-18	-19	-15	-15	-21	-21	-19	-19	-17	-20	-23	-25	-25	20	

Anticipated asset growth over the next 12 months has increased noticeably in June, driven by those living in the Capital.

Base: All Adults 16+



Dublin: +27%
Outside Dublin: +13%



Males are significantly more upbeat for the year ahead in terms of anticipated asset appreciation (45%), along with those aged 16-34 (45%) and ABC1s (43%).

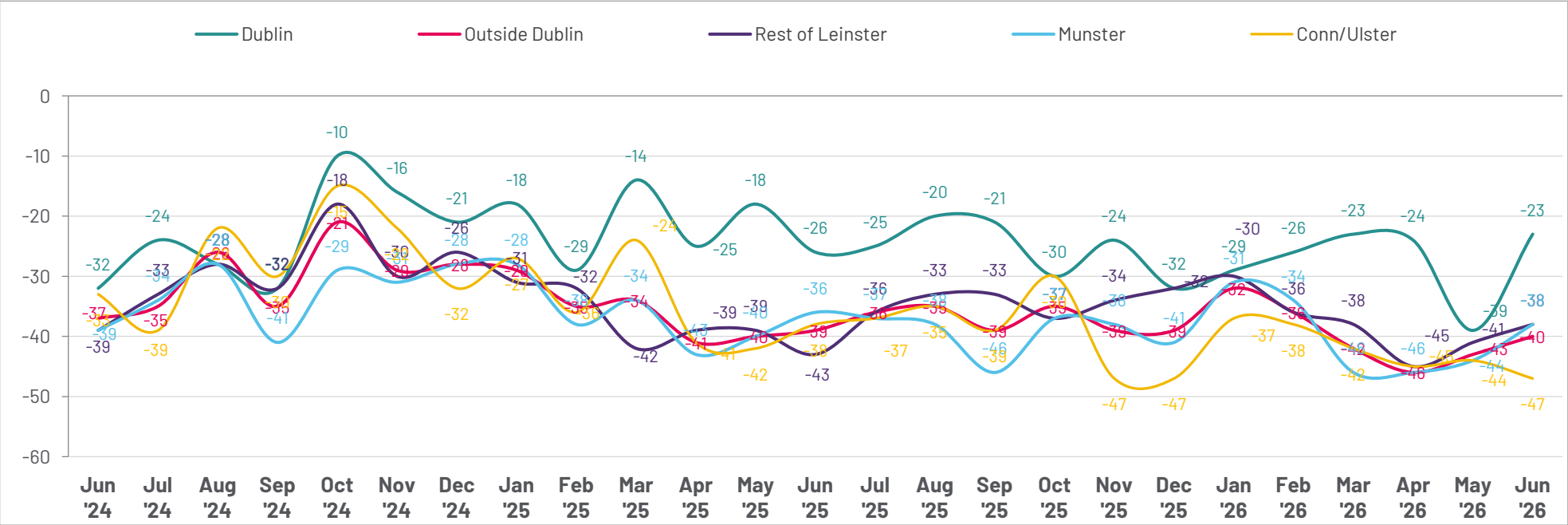
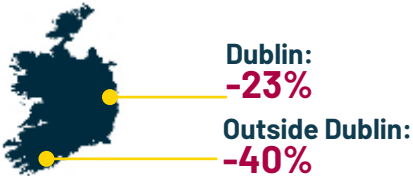
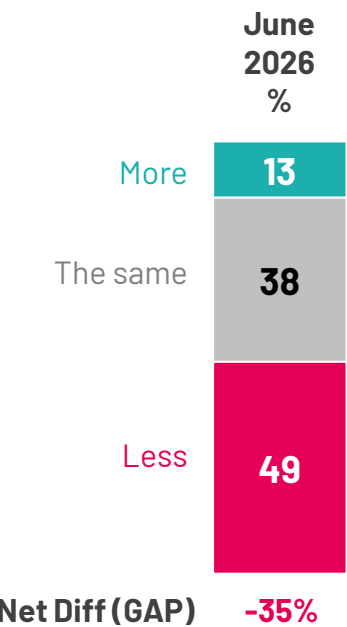
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Gap (%)	+13	-2	+2	+4	-14	-5	+3	-21	-11	-14	-7	-6	-4	-6	+4	+8	+8	+12	+8	+6	+9	+13	+10	+11	+13	+16	+12	+16	+16	+22	+22	+18	+32	+24	+22	+25	+24	+16	-1	+15	+9	+21	+15	+19	+15	+13	+13	+21	+16	+6	+5	+8	+17



0.6 Do you expect your assets (your house, shares, pension entitlements, savings) in the next year to be higher, lower or the same as in the past year?

Nearly half expect to spend less in the coming year.

Base: All Adults 16+

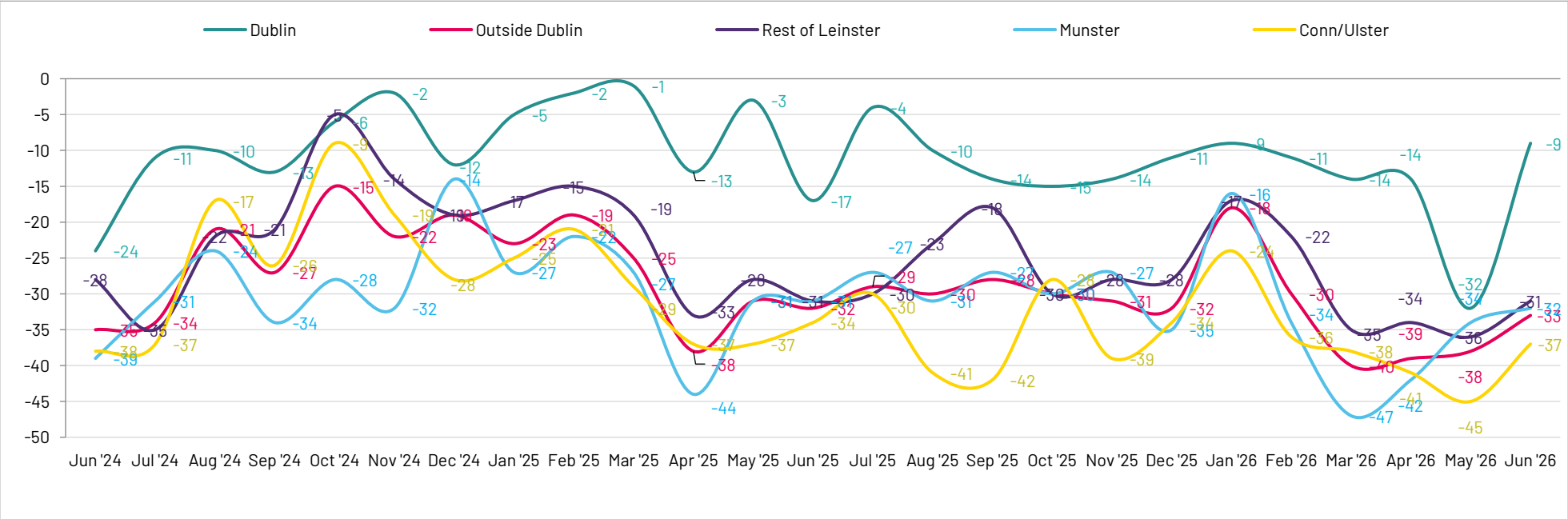
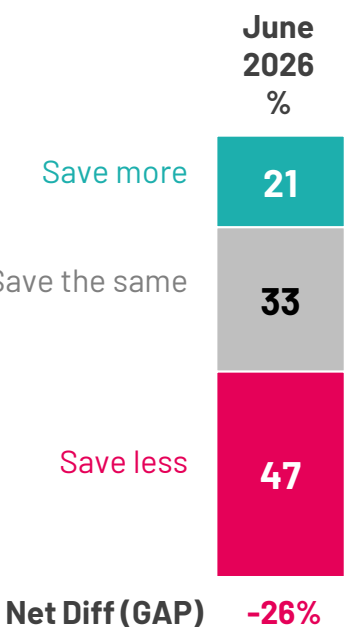


Spending intentions among those living in Dublin are ahead of the National average. Over one in four (26%) of 16-24-year-olds plans to spend **more** in the next 12 months.

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Gap (%)	-25	-35	-45	-37	-51	-48	-42	-61	-53	-55	-47	-46	-46	-50	-38	-38	-41	-36	-36	-42	-36	-31	-36	-35	-37	-34	-38	-36	-36	-32	-27	-34	-18	-25	-26	-26	-33	-29	-37	-34	-35	-33	-31	-34	-34	-35	-37	-31	-33	-37	-39	-42	-35	

Reflecting this cautiousness, a similar proportion say they will save less, with just one in five planning to boost their savings over the year ahead.

Base: All Adults 16+



Dublin: -9%
Outside Dublin: -33%



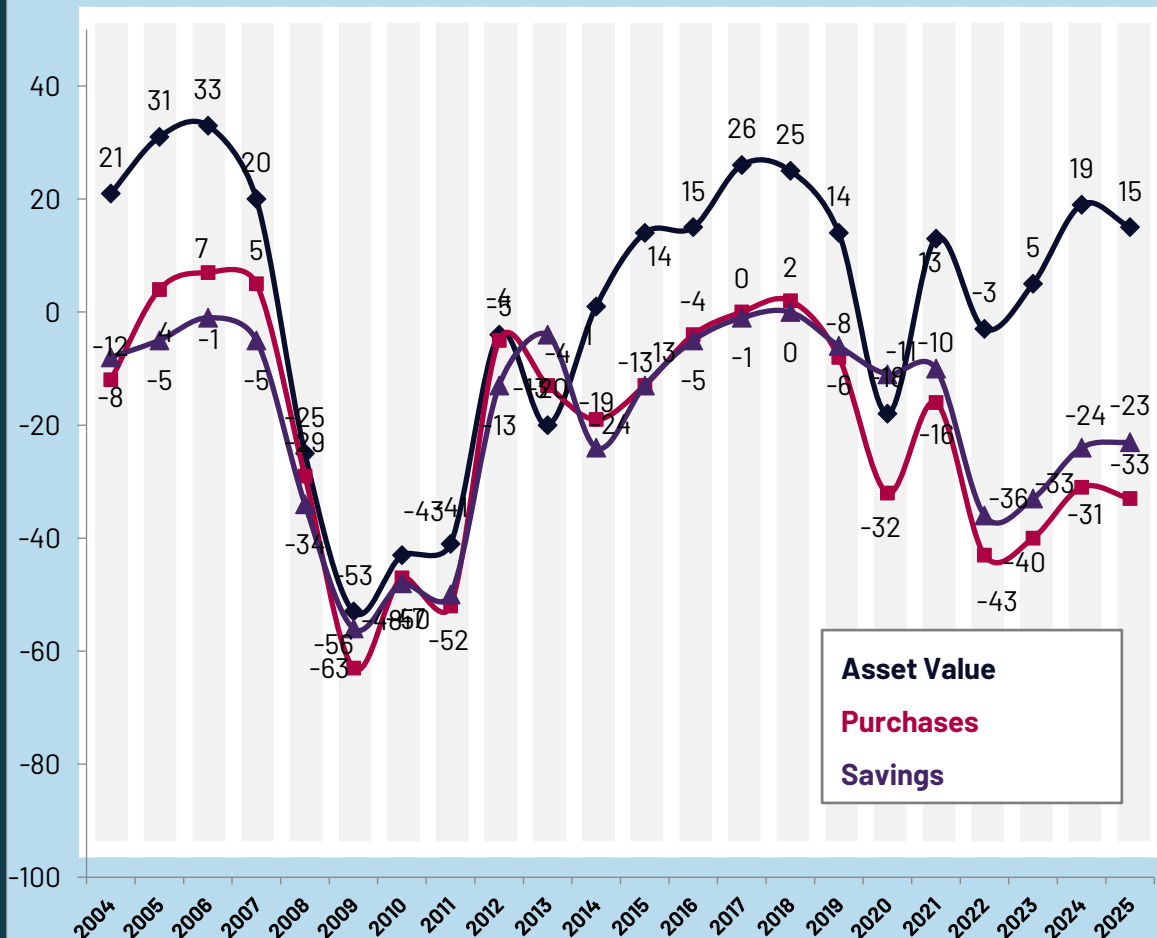
Those more likely to save more over the next 12 months are 16–34-year-olds (38%) and Dubliners (29%).

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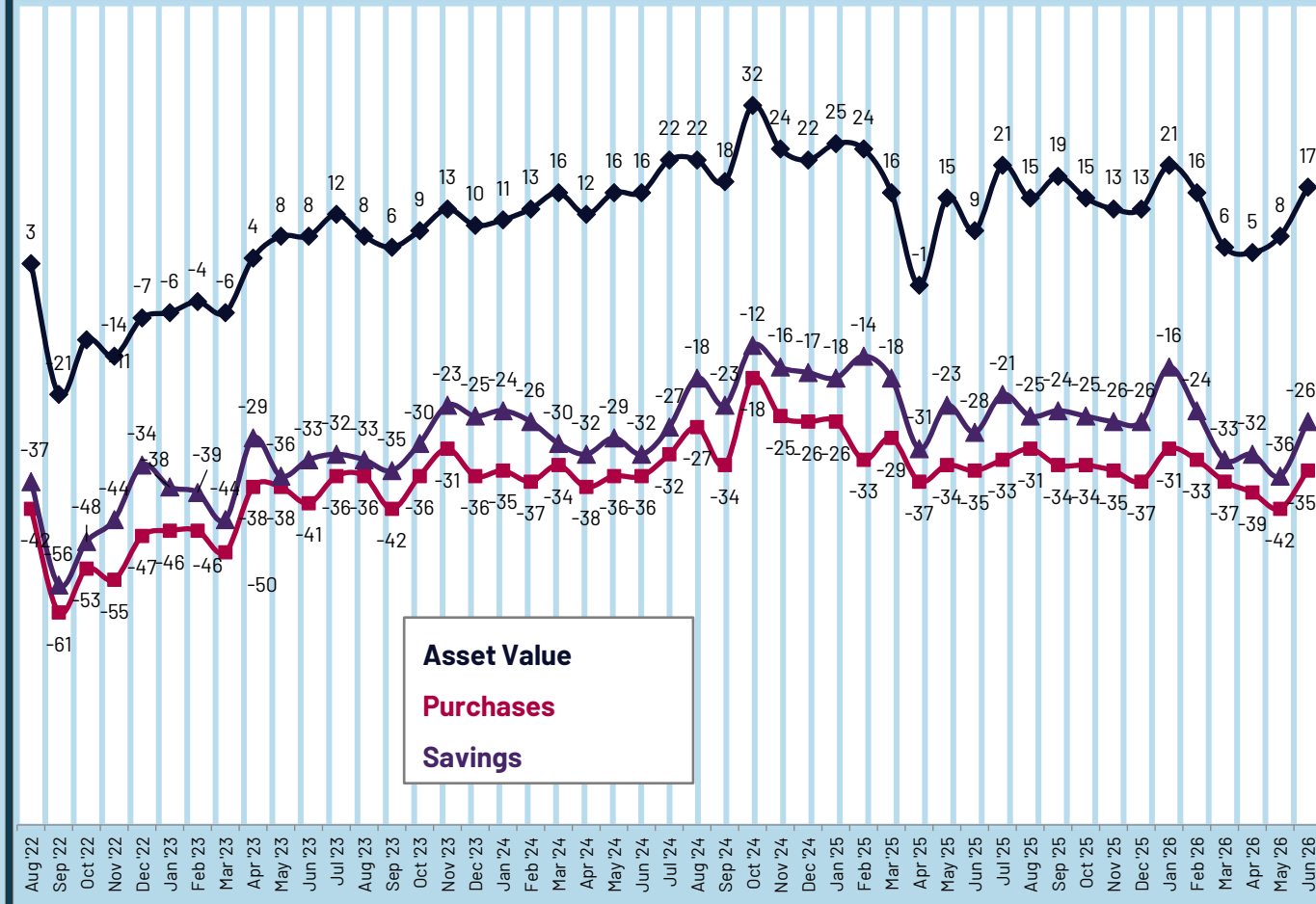
Balance Of Opinion in Summary – The Year Ahead

An overview of expectations towards asset value, purchases, and savings

Long Term



Short Term



? 0.6 Do you expect your assets (your house, shares, pension entitlements, savings) in the next year to be higher, lower or the same as in the past year?

0.7 In the year ahead, do you expect to purchase more, less or the same amount of goods and services as in the past year?

0.8 Do you expect to save more, less or the same amount in the year ahead compared with the last twelve months?

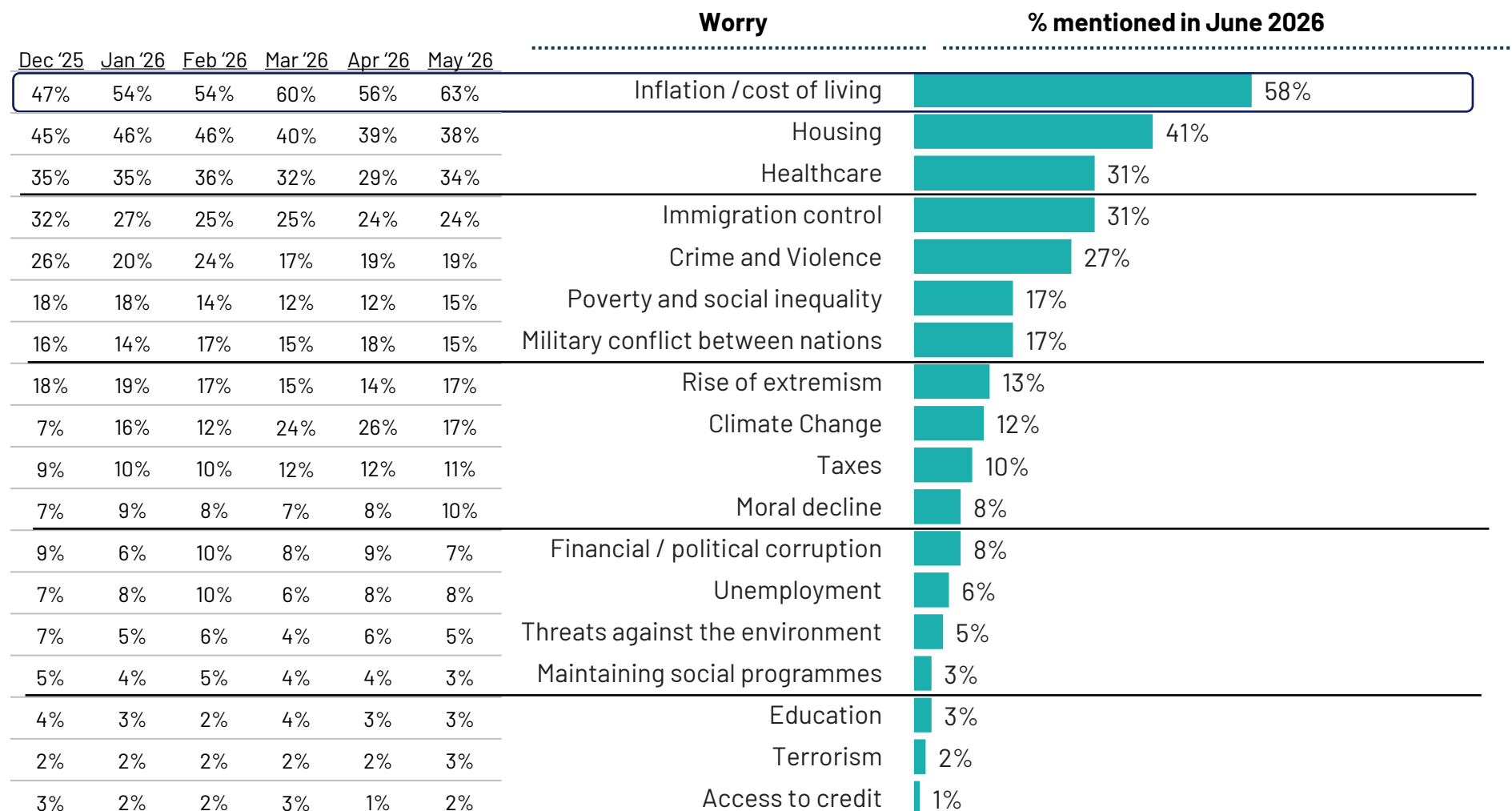
What worries Ireland?

The cost of living and housing are by far the most pressing issues in Ireland.

Healthcare and Immigration are also prominent.

Base: All adults 16+ N = 1,169

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



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