NATIONAL POLL OF NORTH MACEDONIA

September - October 2022
The survey was conducted on behalf of the Center for Insights in Survey Research by Brima market research firm (member of Taylor Nelson Sofres and Gallup International).

A nationally representative sample of 1,207 respondents aged 18 and over was surveyed September 23 through October 13, 2022. The margin of error was ± 2.8 points at a 95 percent confidence level. The response rate was 69 percent.

The national sample was prepared according to census data from 2021 from the State Statistical office for the population aged 18 and older. It also considered the structure of the population according to age, gender, residence, education, national affiliation and region.

A multi-stage probability sampling method was used with the random route and next birthday methods for respondent selection.

Stratification was based on three stages:

• Stage One: The number of respondents for each of the regions was specified in proportion to the size of its population (aged 18 and older).

• Stage Two: The sampling plan consisted of 180 sampling points located according to urban/rural split, municipality size and nationality diffusion.

• Stage Three: The selection of households was based on a random route method. In urban areas, every third household on the left-hand side of the street was selected. In rural areas, the “wave-wise” approach was applied, in which the interviewer selects every fourth inhabited house/dwelling on both sides of the interviewer’s route/track, counting from the first house on the left.

The “next birthday method” was used to select respondents.

Figures in charts and tables may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding. Values between 0.1 percent and 0.4 percent are displayed as <1 percent.

Any data cited from previous surveys comes from surveys with comparable methodology.

This poll was conducted with support from the National Endowment for Democracy.
## Frequently Cited Disaggregate Bases

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Previous IRI North Macedonia polls

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About the Center for Insights In Survey Research (CISR)

Research and qualitative and quantitative public opinion data is a cornerstone of IRI’s approach to programming. Our data ensures citizens’ needs are at the center of the political debate and guide our projects’ goals. To date, IRI has conducted more than 1,000 polls in over 100 countries, surveying more than 1.5 million people and measuring community attitudes on a wide range of issues.

IRI’s research approach integrates CISR’s methodological polling best practices protocol and field partner in-depth knowledge of the local research environment. This close collaboration begins at project design, with carefully calibrated sampling and instrument development, and continues throughout the entire fieldwork cycle to ensure the collection of reliable qualitative and quantitative data.

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### Political Party Glossary

#### Party Abbreviations

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January 2022: North Macedonia’s European Accession (EU) negotiations continued to be blocked by a veto from EU-member state Bulgaria. A new SDSM government, led by Dimitar Kovachevski, was also elected in Parliament.

June 2022: The French presidency proposed a compromise between Bulgaria and North Macedonia, offering Skopje an EU accession negotiation framework that incorporates a number of Bulgaria’s demands under a two-phase process:

- Phase 1: A first intergovernmental conference that initiates the EU screening process.
- Phase 2: A second intergovernmental conference that marks the start of accession negotiations once North Macedonia changes the constitution to include a Bulgarian minority.

July 16 and 17, 2022: The Parliament and the Government of North Macedonia accepted the proposed negotiation framework.

July 19, 2022: North Macedonia and the EU hold an intergovernmental conference marking the start of the opening of accession talks with the European Union.

July-September 2022: Opposition parties VMRO-DPMNE and Levica separately initiate referenda that would overturn the negotiation framework approved by the current government. Both initiatives have been rejected after failing to fulfill the legal requirements for referenda.
General Outlook
In general, would you say that North Macedonia is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

- Right direction: 13%
- Neutral: 28%
- Wrong direction: 58%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: <1%
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Legend:
- **Right direction**
- **Neutral**
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What is the most important problem facing North Macedonia today? And what is the second most important problem?

(Spontaneous response)

- High prices: 14% first mention, 17% second mention (31% total)
- Poverty, low standard of living: 17% first mention, 12% second mention (29% total)
- The economic situation: 16% first mention, 9% second mention (25% total)
- Low or non-payment of salary or pension: 10% first mention, 11% second mention (21% total)
- Unemployment: 8% first mention, 10% second mention (18% total)
- Corruption: 5% first mention, 7% second mention (12% total)
- Crime: 5% first mention, 6% second mention (11% total)
- The general political situation: 5% first mention, 6% second mention (11% total)
- Emigration of the youth: 2% first mention, 3% second mention (5% total)
- Social care problems: 3% first mention, 2% second mention (5% total)
- Energy crisis: 3% first mention, 2% second mention (5% total)
- Health care: 1% first mention (3% total)
- Integration in EU: 1% first mention (3% total)
- Rule of law / Law and order: 1% first mention (2% total)
- Bulgaria’s pressure in EU integration: 1% first mention (2% total)
- Agriculture, low prices of agricultural products: 1% first mention (2% total)
- Other *: 6% first mention, 7% second mention (13% total)
- Don’t know: <1%

*Responses receiving <1% cumulatively are collapsed into Other.
In your opinion, did Kovacevski’s Government dedicate itself to solving the first most important problem facing North Macedonia as you mentioned previously?

(Among those who mentioned a first important problem, n=1,207)

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In the next two years, will the economy in North Macedonia get better, get worse, or stay the same?

- Get better
- Stay the same
- Get worse
- Don't know/Refused to answer

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Is North Macedonia more or less stable today than it was one year ago?

- More stable
- Same
- Less stable
- Don't know/Refused to answer
Speaking personally, is your overall quality of life...?

- Getting better
- Staying the same
- Getting worse
- Don't know/Refused to answer

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Speaking personally, is your overall quality of life…?

- All respondents: 6% Getting better, 41% Staying the same, 53% Getting worse, <1% Don't know/Refused to answer

- Age Group:
  - 18-35: 8% Getting better, 45% Staying the same, 46% Getting worse, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - 36-55: 6% Getting better, 42% Staying the same, 51% Getting worse, <1% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - 56+: 3% Getting better, 36% Staying the same, 61% Getting worse, <1% Don't know/Refused to answer
How is your family’s economic situation compared to one year ago?

- Much better: 0%
- Somewhat better: 2%
- Same: 10%
- Somewhat worse: 2%
- Much worse: 26%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%

Dec-18 to Nov-10:
- Much better: 0%
- Somewhat better: 2%
- Same: 10%
- Somewhat worse: 2%
- Much worse: 26%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%
Is your household monthly income sufficient to satisfy monthly needs?

- **Oct-22**: 4% Yes, completely, 28% Yes, somewhat, 38% Not sufficient, 29% Not at all, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Nov-21**: 5% Yes, completely, 36% Yes, somewhat, 40% Not sufficient, 19% Not at all, <1% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Mar-21**: 5% Yes, completely, 32% Yes, somewhat, 39% Not sufficient, 23% Not at all, <1% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Feb-20**: 9% Yes, completely, 35% Yes, somewhat, 39% Not sufficient, 17% Not at all, <1% Don't know/Refused to answer
How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?

- **Oct-22**: 2% Very good, 36% Somewhat good, 38% Somewhat bad, 23% Very bad, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Nov-21**: 2% Very good, 45% Somewhat good, 37% Somewhat bad, 14% Very bad, <1% Don't know/Refused to answer
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- **Feb-20**: 5% Very good, 51% Somewhat good, 32% Somewhat bad, 11% Very bad, <1% Don't know/Refused to answer
Do you think it is better to work in the private sector or in the public sector/administration?

- Definitely in the private sector: Oct - 22: 12%, Mar - 17: 7%
- Probably in the private sector: Oct - 22: 20%, Mar - 17: 10%
- Probably in the public sector/administration: Oct - 22: 26%, Mar - 17: 21%
- Definitely in the public sector/administration: Oct - 22: 33%, Mar - 17: 46%
- Does not matter: Oct - 22: 5%, Mar - 17: 9%
- Neither: Oct - 22: 2%, Mar - 17: 2%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: Oct - 22: 3%, Mar - 17: 4%

Oct - 22 vs Mar - 17.
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- Neither

All respondents

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- Definitely in the private sector
- Probably in the private sector
- Probably in the public sector/administration
- Definitely in the public sector/administration
- Does not matter
- Neither
What language(s) do you speak at a level to be able to study and work in that language?

(Multiple answers possible; data for Macedonian, Albanian, and English responses displayed)
Should all citizens, regardless of ethnic background, be proficient in Macedonian as the official state language?

- **Oct-22**: 84% Yes, 15% No, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Nov-21**: 88% Yes, 12% No, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Mar-21**: 82% Yes, 17% No, 2% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Feb-20**: 84% Yes, 15% No, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Jul-18**: 86% Yes, 9% No, 5% Don't know/Refused to answer
Trust in Institutions and the Rule of Law
To what extent do you trust or distrust each of the following?

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Don't know/Refused to answer</th>
<th>Trust a great deal</th>
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<td>Education institutions</td>
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<td>Courts/Judiciary</td>
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*SCPC = State Commission for Prevention of Corruption
The rule of law in a democracy can be understood as: “A state when all people and institutions are accountable to the law and the Constitution, and the Constitution and the law are equally applied towards all.” How strongly do you agree or disagree that rule of law exists in our country?

- October 2022: 5% strongly agree, 28% somewhat agree, 28% somewhat disagree, 35% strongly disagree, 4% don’t know/refused to answer
- November 2021: 5% strongly agree, 29% somewhat agree, 32% somewhat disagree, 30% strongly disagree, 3% don’t know/refused to answer
- March 2021: 12% strongly agree, 28% somewhat agree, 26% somewhat disagree, 29% strongly disagree, 4% don’t know/refused to answer
- February 2020: 17% strongly agree, 28% somewhat agree, 18% somewhat disagree, 31% strongly disagree, 6% don’t know/refused to answer
- July 2018: 14% strongly agree, 29% somewhat agree, 29% somewhat disagree, 24% strongly disagree, 4% don’t know/refused to answer
- August 2017: 18% strongly agree, 23% somewhat agree, 19% somewhat disagree, 36% strongly disagree, 4% don’t know/refused to answer
- March 2017: 12% strongly agree, 26% somewhat agree, 21% somewhat disagree, 36% strongly disagree, 6% don’t know/refused to answer
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Legend:
- Green: Strongly agree
- Light Green: Somewhat agree
- Purple: Somewhat disagree
- Deep Purple: Strongly disagree
- Gray: Don’t know/Refused to answer
Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?

- Yes, it is the best possible form of government for our country: 61%
- No, there are other forms of government that could be equally good for our country: 27%
- No, there are other forms of government that are better than democracy: 14%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 12%

Comparative data:
- March 2021: 51%, 24%, 16%, 11%, 8%
- February 2020: 61%, 16%, 24%
Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?

All respondents:
- Yes, it is the best possible form of government for our country: 51%
- No, there are other forms of government that could be equally good for our country: 27%
- No, there are other forms of government that are better than democracy: 14%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 8%

Age Group:
- 18-35:
  - Yes: 48%
  - No, other forms could be equally good: 29%
  - No, other forms are better: 17%
  - Don't know/Refused: 6%
- 36-55:
  - Yes: 48%
  - No, other forms could be equally good: 31%
  - No, other forms are better: 13%
  - Don't know/Refused: 7%
- 56+:
  - Yes: 56%
  - No, other forms could be equally good: 22%
  - No, other forms are better: 13%
  - Don't know/Refused: 9%
How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country’s adult population are included in political decision making? How important is that [...] are included?

- **Young adults**
  - Very important: 59%
  - Somewhat important: 30%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 9%
  - Very unimportant: 2%

- **Women**
  - Very important: 55%
  - Somewhat important: 31%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 10%
  - Very unimportant: 3%

- **People with disabilities**
  - Very important: 38%
  - Somewhat important: 38%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 13%
  - Very unimportant: 5%
Government’s Performance
How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “The current Government is open and accountable to the citizens and the public”?

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According to you, to what extent […]

...do government officials adhere to the law in performing their jobs?

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<th>Largely adhere to the law</th>
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<th>Do not adhere to the law at all</th>
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<td>30%</td>
<td>43%</td>
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<td>November 2021</td>
<td>2%</td>
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...would opposition politicians adhere to the law if they are elected?

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<th>Would completely adhere to the law</th>
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Which three ministers in the Government are doing the best job?*

* First mentions less than one percent are not displayed.
** Up to three responses permitted
Which three ministers in the Government are not doing their job as they should?*

*First mentions less than one percent are not displayed.
** Up to three responses permitted

- Dimitar Kovachevski: 13%
- Artan Grubi: 15%
- Bujar Osmani: 13%
- Fatmir Bytyqi: 7%
- Bekim Sali: 11%
- Oliver Spasovski: 8%
- Bojan Marichikj: 8%
- Yeton Shaqiri: 11%
- Slavjanka Petrovska: 6%
- Kreshnik Bekteshi: 9%
- Fatmir Besimi: 8%
- Nikola Tupanchevski: 7%
- Admirim Aliti: 5%
- Slavica Grkowska: 3%
- Jovana Trenchevska: 5%
- Ljupco Nikolovski: 5%
- All of them: 27%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 23%

Don’t know/Refused to answer
Elections and Political Parties
When you think about people in political life, who is the one person in North Macedonia whom you view most favorably?*

(Spontaneous response)

- Nikola Gruevski: 7% in October 2022, 3% in November 2021, 4% in March 2021
- Hristijan Mickoski: 6% in October 2022, 6% in November 2021
- Ali Ahmeti: 6% in October 2022, 5% in November 2021, 5% in March 2021
- Dimitar Kovachevski: 5% in October 2022
- Dimitar Apasiev: 4% in October 2022, 2% in November 2021
- Stevo Pendarovski: 3% in October 2022, 4% in November 2021, 3% in March 2021
- Bilall Kasami: 3% in October 2022, 4% in November 2021
- Zoran Zaev: 9% in October 2022, 10% in November 2021
- Ziadin Sela: 2% in October 2022, 2% in November 2021, 5% in March 2021
- Branko Crvenkovski: 2% in October 2022, 1% in November 2021, <1% in March 2021
- None: 40% in October 2022, 38% in November 2021, 13% in March 2021

*Responses receiving <1% are not displayed.

“Don’t know” and mentions less than one percent are not displayed.
I will read you a list of names of political figures. Please tell me if you have a highly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or highly unfavorable opinion of this individual.

(Net favorability of political persons, “Don’t know/Refused to answer” and “I have not heard of this person” are not displayed)

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<tr>
<th>Name</th>
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<td>-20%</td>
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<td>Zoran Zaev, former leader of SDSM</td>
<td>-25%</td>
<td>-38%</td>
<td>-45%</td>
<td>58%</td>
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<td>-36%</td>
<td>59%</td>
<td>-67%</td>
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<td>Maja Morachanin, leader of DOM</td>
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<td>46%</td>
<td>51%</td>
<td>-70%</td>
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<td>Goran Milevski, leader of LDP</td>
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<td>Hristijan Mickoski, leader of VMRO-DPMNE</td>
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<td>Nikola Gruevski, former leader of VMRO-DPMNE</td>
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<td>-83%</td>
<td>75%</td>
<td>61%</td>
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<td>Afrim Gashi, leader of Alternative</td>
<td>-90%</td>
<td>80%</td>
<td>67%</td>
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<td>Ali Ahmeti, leader of DUI</td>
<td>-95%</td>
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<td>-100%</td>
<td>90%</td>
<td>77%</td>
<td>-90%</td>
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<td>President of Parliament Talat Xhaferi</td>
<td>-105%</td>
<td>95%</td>
<td>83%</td>
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I will read you a list of political parties. Please tell me if you have a highly favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or highly unfavorable opinion of this party.

(Net favorability of political parties, “Don’t know/Refused to answer” and “I have not heard of this party are not displayed”)
To which political party do you belong?*

- VMRO-DPMNE
  - Oct-22: 13%
  - Nov-21: 12%
  - Mar-21: 12%
- SDSM
  - Oct-22: 9%
  - Nov-21: 11%
  - Mar-21: 13%
- DUI
  - Oct-22: 6%
  - Nov-21: 6%
  - Mar-21: 7%
- AfA
  - Oct-22: 4%
  - Nov-21: 4%
  - Mar-21: 4%
- BESA
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  - Nov-21: 2%
  - Mar-21: 3%
- The Left
  - Oct-22: 2%
  - Nov-21: 2%
  - Mar-21: 1%
- Alternative
  - Oct-22: 1%
  - Nov-21: 1%
  - Mar-21: 1%
- TDP
  - Oct-22: 1%
  - Nov-21: 1%
  - Mar-21: 1%
- Other*
  - Oct-22: 6%
  - Nov-21: 6%
  - Mar-21: 6%
- Don’t belong to any party
  - Oct-22: 50%
  - Nov-21: 50%
  - Mar-21: 53%
- Refused to answer
  - Oct-22: 5%
  - Nov-21: 4%
  - Mar-21: 3%

*Mentions less than one percent have been included into other.
How likely or unlikely are you to vote in the parliamentary elections if they are held this Sunday?

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If parliamentary elections were held this coming Sunday which party, if any, would you vote for?*

(Spontaneous response)

*See glossary of political parties on slide 4.
Local Issues and Local Government Performance
Can you tell me the name of your mayor?*
(Spontaneous response)

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<tr>
<td>March 2017</td>
<td>94%</td>
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*Municipalities in North Macedonia are run by directly-elected mayors. There are 80 municipalities, and the city of Skopje is a separate local government unit.
How many of your municipal councilors can you name?*

*A municipal council in North Macedonia can be composed of between 9 to 33 councilors, elected from closed proportional party lists.
Overall, are things in your municipality moving in the right or wrong direction?

- **October 2022**
  - Right direction: 28%
  - Neutral: 39%
  - Wrong direction: 30%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 3%

- **March 2021**
  - Right direction: 24%
  - Neutral: 37%
  - Wrong direction: 36%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

- **August 2017**
  - Right direction: 24%
  - Neutral: 33%
  - Wrong direction: 40%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 3%

- **March 2017**
  - Right direction: 23%
  - Neutral: 35%
  - Wrong direction: 37%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 5%
Overall, are things in your municipality moving in the right or wrong direction?

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<td>Overall respondents</td>
<td>28%</td>
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How satisfied or unsatisfied are you with the past performance of each of the following:

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<th>Your mayor</th>
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- **Maintaining public hygiene and collecting garbage**:
  - Very satisfied: 12%
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- **Issuing documents**:
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- **Providing public transport**:
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- **Providing kindergarten, elderly and social care**:
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- **Being responsive to citizens and answering their requests**:
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- **Greening and decreasing pollution of urban areas**:
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- **Building and maintaining infrastructure, roads, streets**:
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- **Securing balanced urban and spatial planning**:
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How satisfied or unsatisfied are you with how your municipality performs in:
Securing balanced urban and spatial planning

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Electoral Unit 2

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Electoral Unit 6

Very satisfied

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Somewhat unsatisfied

Very unsatisfied

Don't know/ Refused to answer
In your opinion, what are the most serious problems facing your municipality today?

- Infrastructure, roads, streets, etc. (12% first mention, 12% second mention, total 24%)
- Water supply and sewage service (12% first mention, 9% second mention, total 21%)
- Urban planning and development (14% first mention, 6% second mention, total 20%)
- Unemployment, local economy (9% first mention, 9% second mention, total 18%)
- Health care (10% first mention, 7% second mention, total 17%)
- Public hygiene, Garbage collection (6% first mention, 8% second mention, total 14%)
- Public transport (8% first mention, 5% second mention, total 13%)
- Stray dogs (6% first mention, 7% second mention, total 13%)
- Pollution, the environment (4% first mention, 6% second mention, total 10%)
- Safety/Crime (4% first mention, 4% second mention, total 8%)
- Street lighting (2% first mention, 4% second mention, total 6%)
- Education and schools (4% first mention, 2% second mention, total 6%)
- Local government corruption (2% first mention, 3% second mention, total 5%)
- Kindergartens/Elderly care/Social care (1% first mention, 3% second mention, total 4%)
- Responsiveness, efficiency of local government (1% first mention, 3% second mention, total 4%)
- Culture (1% first mention, 2% second mention, total 3%)
- *Prev. and prot. from nat. and other disasters (1% first mention, 2% second mention, total 3%)
- Sport and recreation (1% first mention, 2% second mention, total 3%)
- Other (1% first mention, 1% second mention, total 2%)
- Don't know/Refused to answer (2%)

*Prevention and protection from natural and other disasters
Does the mayor in your municipality do his/her job well enough to be re-elected or should a new mayor should be elected?

- **October 2022**
  - Yes, s/he should be re-elected: 42%
  - No, another candidate should be elected: 37%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 21%

- **March 2021**
  - Yes, s/he should be re-elected: 32%
  - No, another candidate should be elected: 53%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 15%
Which level of government is more responsive to citizen concerns?

- **October 2022**
  - Central government: 20%
  - Municipal government: 38%
  - Both: 19%
  - Neither: 18%
  - Do not know/Refused to answer: 5%

- **March 2021**
  - Central government: 24%
  - Municipal government: 33%
  - Both: 25%
  - Neither: 15%
  - Do not know/Refused to answer: 3%

- **August 2017**
  - Central government: 35%
  - Municipal government: 33%
  - Both: 18%
  - Neither: 11%
  - Do not know/Refused to answer: 4%

- **March 2017**
  - Central government: 30%
  - Municipal government: 24%
  - Both: 26%
  - Neither: 13%
  - Do not know/Refused to answer: 7%
What are the two most serious problems facing Skopje today? (Respondents from Skopje: n=390; margin of error ±4.96%)

- Urban planning and development: 26%
  - First mention: 21%
  - Second mention: 5%
- Infrastructure, roads, streets, etc.: 19%
  - First mention: 12%
  - Second mention: 7%
- Healthcare: 19%
  - First mention: 15%
  - Second mention: 4%
- Pollution, the environment: 19%
  - First mention: 11%
  - Second mention: 8%
- Public hygiene, Garbage collection: 14%
  - First mention: 10%
  - Second mention: 4%
- Public transport: 13%
  - First mention: 9%
  - Second mention: 4%
- Water supply and sewage service: 11%
  - First mention: 7%
  - Second mention: 4%
- Stray dogs: 10%
  - First mention: 6%
  - Second mention: 4%
- Safety /Crime: 9%
  - First mention: 6%
  - Second mention: 3%
- Local government corruption: 9%
  - First mention: 5%
  - Second mention: 4%
- Education and schools: 8%
  - First mention: 5%
  - Second mention: 3%
- Unequal development of the city: 8%
  - First mention: 3%
  - Second mention: 5%
- Unemployment, local economy: 8%
  - First mention: 5%
  - Second mention: 3%
- Responsiveness, efficiency of local government: 4%
  - First mention: 3%
  - Second mention: 1%
- Culture: 3%
  - First mention: 2%
  - Second mention: 1%
- Street lighting: 2%
  - First mention: 1%
  - Second mention: 1%
- Prevention and protection from natural and other disasters: 2%
- Skopje 2014: 2%
  - First mention: 1%
  - Second mention: 1%
- Other: 5%
  - First mention: 3%
  - Second mention: 2%
- Don’t know/Refused: 4%
  - First mention: 1%
  - Second mention: 1%

Responses receiving ≤1% are collapsed into Other.
How satisfied or unsatisfied are you with the past performance of each of the following:
(Respondents from Skopje: n=390; margin of error ±4.96%)

Mayor of Skopje, Danela Arsovska

- Very satisfied: 7%
- Somewhat satisfied: 32%
- Somewhat unsatisfied: 31%
- Very unsatisfied: 26%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 5%

Skopje City Council

- Very satisfied: 5%
- Somewhat satisfied: 25%
- Somewhat unsatisfied: 32%
- Very unsatisfied: 22%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 17%
Attitudes toward Euro-Atlantic Integration and Foreign Relations
What should our country foreign policy course be?

- **Only pro - European Union and the West**: 47%
- **Pro Western but keep up relations with Russia**: 26%
- **Pro - Russian but keep up relations with the European Union and the West**: 9%
- **Only pro - Russian**: 4%
- **Don't know/Refused to answer**: 14%

**Age Group**

- **18-35**: 57% (Only pro - European Union and the West), 26% (Pro Western but keep up relations with Russia), 9% (Pro - Russian but keep up relations with the European Union and the West), 1% (Only pro - Russian), 7% (Don't know/Refused to answer)
- **36-55**: 44% (Only pro - European Union and the West), 28% (Pro Western but keep up relations with Russia), 10% (Pro - Russian but keep up relations with the European Union and the West), 4% (Only pro - Russian), 13% (Don't know/Refused to answer)
- **56+**: 41% (Only pro - European Union and the West), 25% (Pro Western but keep up relations with Russia), 9% (Pro - Russian but keep up relations with the European Union and the West), 5% (Only pro - Russian), 20% (Don't know/Refused to answer)
If our country could only join one international economic union, which one should it be?

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- The European Union
- The Eurasian Economic Union, consisted of Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Russia
- Other
- Don't know/Refused to answer
How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements: “North Macedonia’s interests are best served by maintaining strong relations with...?”

- United Kingdom:
  - Oct-22: 30% Strongly agree, 36% Somewhat agree, 13% Somewhat disagree, 13% Strongly disagree, 8% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - Nov-21: 26% Strongly agree, 35% Somewhat agree, 18% Somewhat disagree, 13% Strongly disagree, 9% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - Mar-21: 24% Strongly agree, 33% Somewhat agree, 19% Somewhat disagree, 17% Strongly disagree, 8% Don't know/Refused to answer

- France:
  - Oct-22: 29% Strongly agree, 34% Somewhat agree, 16% Somewhat disagree, 16% Strongly disagree, 4% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - Nov-21: 26% Strongly agree, 36% Somewhat agree, 20% Somewhat disagree, 12% Strongly disagree, 6% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - Mar-21: 22% Strongly agree, 34% Somewhat agree, 18% Somewhat disagree, 19% Strongly disagree, 7% Don't know/Refused to answer

- European Union:
  - Oct-22: 50% Strongly agree, 32% Somewhat agree, 32% Somewhat disagree, 8% Strongly disagree, 8% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - Nov-21: 49% Strongly agree, 36% Somewhat agree, 36% Somewhat disagree, 8% Strongly disagree, 4% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - Mar-21: 48% Strongly agree, 32% Somewhat agree, 32% Somewhat disagree, 8% Strongly disagree, 3% Don't know/Refused to answer

- Germany:
  - Oct-22: 46% Strongly agree, 38% Somewhat agree, 8% Somewhat disagree, 8% Strongly disagree, 5% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - Nov-21: 44% Strongly agree, 40% Somewhat agree, 8% Somewhat disagree, 8% Strongly disagree, 4% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - Mar-21: 48% Strongly agree, 35% Somewhat agree, 7% Somewhat disagree, 7% Strongly disagree, 3% Don't know/Refused to answer

- United States:
  - Oct-22: 38% Strongly agree, 33% Somewhat agree, 14% Somewhat disagree, 12% Strongly disagree, 4% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - Nov-21: 39% Strongly agree, 37% Somewhat agree, 14% Somewhat disagree, 14% Strongly disagree, 3% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - Mar-21: 36% Strongly agree, 35% Somewhat agree, 14% Somewhat disagree, 11% Strongly disagree, 4% Don't know/Refused to answer

- Turkey:
  - Oct-22: 47% Strongly agree, 41% Somewhat agree, 11% Somewhat disagree, 7% Strongly disagree, 3% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - Nov-21: 40% Strongly agree, 41% Somewhat agree, 11% Somewhat disagree, 5% Strongly disagree, 4% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - Mar-21: 42% Strongly agree, 37% Somewhat agree, 11% Somewhat disagree, 5% Strongly disagree, 4% Don't know/Refused to answer

- Russia:
  - Oct-22: 27% Strongly agree, 30% Somewhat agree, 16% Somewhat disagree, 23% Strongly disagree, 4% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - Nov-21: 25% Strongly agree, 35% Somewhat agree, 17% Somewhat disagree, 17% Strongly disagree, 6% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - Mar-21: 26% Strongly agree, 32% Somewhat agree, 17% Somewhat disagree, 19% Strongly disagree, 6% Don't know/Refused to answer

- China:
  - Oct-22: 32% Strongly agree, 33% Somewhat agree, 18% Somewhat disagree, 12% Strongly disagree, 5% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - Nov-21: 25% Strongly agree, 39% Somewhat agree, 18% Somewhat disagree, 11% Strongly disagree, 6% Don't know/Refused to answer
  - Mar-21: 27% Strongly agree, 32% Somewhat agree, 17% Somewhat disagree, 17% Strongly disagree, 8% Don't know/Refused to answer
Which one of these countries (including the EU) helps North Macedonia’s national interests the most?

- Turkey: 22% (Oct-22), 14% (Nov-21), 13% (Mar-21)
- European Union: 21% (Oct-22), 24% (Nov-21), 21% (Mar-21)
- Germany: 15% (Oct-22), 14% (Nov-21), 16% (Mar-21)
- United States of America: 10% (Oct-22), 13% (Nov-21), 16% (Mar-21)
- Russia: 4% (Oct-22), 6% (Nov-21), 6% (Mar-21)
- China: 4% (Oct-22), 3% (Nov-21), 2% (Mar-21)
- Another country: 3% (Oct-22), 3% (Nov-21), 3% (Mar-21)
- None of them: 14% (Oct-22), 13% (Nov-21), 16% (Mar-21)
- All of them: 3% (Oct-22), 3% (Nov-21), 4% (Mar-21)
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 4% (Oct-22), 5% (Nov-21), 5% (Mar-21)
Do you support North Macedonia becoming a member of the European Union (EU)?

- **Yes**: 90% (Sep-10)
- **No**: 9% (Sep-10)
- **Don't know/Refused to answer**: 1% (Sep-10)

Survey data from various dates:
- Oct-22: 73% Yes, 24% No, 3% Don't know
- Nov-21: 84% Yes, 14% No, 2% Don't know
- Mar-21: 79% Yes, 18% No, 3% Don't know
- Feb-20: 80% Yes, 16% No, 4% Don't know
- Jul-18: 83% Yes, 14% No, 3% Don't know
- Aug-17: 77% Yes, 20% No, 3% Don't know
- Mar-17: 72% Yes, 21% No, 6% Don't know
- Nov-16: 76% Yes, 19% No, 5% Don't know
- Apr-16: 71% Yes, 23% No, 7% Don't know
- Jan-16: 72% Yes, 22% No, 6% Don't know
- Oct-15: 72% Yes, 22% No, 6% Don't know
- Jun-15: 80% Yes, 14% No, 6% Don't know
- Dec-14: 76% Yes, 20% No, 4% Don't know
- Sep-14: 72% Yes, 23% No, 5% Don't know
- May-14: 72% Yes, 20% No, 8% Don't know
- Feb-14: 76% Yes, 19% No, 6% Don't know
- Nov-12: 84% Yes, 12% No, 4% Don't know
- Dec-10: 87% Yes, 9% No, 4% Don't know
- Sep-10: 90% Yes, 9% No, 1% Don't know

Survey dates range from Sep-10 to Oct-22.
Do you support North Macedonia becoming a member of the EU?

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All respondents: 73% Yes, 24% No, 3% Don't know/Refused to answer
In how many years do you think North Macedonia will become a member of the EU?

- **Oct-22**: 20% (1-5), 26% (6-10), 25% (More than 10), 23% (Never), 6% (Don't know/Refused to answer)
- **Nov-21**: 31% (1-5), 27% (6-10), 19% (More than 10), 17% (Never), 6% (Don't know/Refused to answer)
- **Mar-21**: 34% (1-5), 23% (6-10), 20% (More than 10), 15% (Never), 8% (Don't know/Refused to answer)
- **Feb-20**: 28% (1-5), 25% (6-10), 24% (More than 10), 15% (Never), 8% (Don't know/Refused to answer)
- **Jul-18**: 35% (1-5), 27% (6-10), 17% (More than 10), 14% (Never), 7% (Don't know/Refused to answer)
- **Apr-16**: 18% (1-5), 23% (6-10), 25% (More than 10), 18% (Never), 17% (Don't know/Refused to answer)
Do you think North Macedonia is closer to EU entry today, or was it closer when it first received its EU candidate member status?*

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*First received in December 2005.
Recently, North Macedonia started the accession negotiation process with the EU under a Negotiation Framework proposed by the French presidency.

Do you support or do you oppose this negotiation process?

All respondents:
- Completely support: 12%
- Somewhat support: 26%
- Somewhat oppose: 17%
- Completely oppose: 34%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 11%

Age Group:

- 18-35:
  - Completely support: 14%
  - Somewhat support: 34%
  - Somewhat oppose: 16%
  - Completely oppose: 21%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 15%

- 36-55:
  - Completely support: 13%
  - Somewhat support: 26%
  - Somewhat oppose: 17%
  - Completely oppose: 35%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 9%

- 56+:
  - Completely support: 10%
  - Somewhat support: 20%
  - Somewhat oppose: 18%
  - Completely oppose: 42%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 10%
For the EU accession negotiations to continue, North Macedonia has agreed to include the Bulgarian community in its constitution.

Do you approve or disapprove of this?

**All respondents**
- 11% Completely approve
- 24% Somewhat approve
- 18% Somewhat disapprove
- 38% Completely disapprove
- 10% Don't know/Refused to answer

**Age Group**

- **18-35**
  - 13% Completely approve
  - 30% Somewhat approve
  - 17% Somewhat disapprove
  - 29% Completely disapprove
  - 12% Don't know/Refused to answer

- **36-55**
  - 11% Completely approve
  - 26% Somewhat approve
  - 16% Somewhat disapprove
  - 36% Completely disapprove
  - 11% Don't know/Refused to answer

- **56+**
  - 9% Completely approve
  - 18% Somewhat approve
  - 20% Somewhat disapprove
  - 47% Completely disapprove
  - 7% Don't know/Refused to answer
In your opinion, is the Macedonian language protected or jeopardized in North Macedonia’s accession negotiations with the EU?

- All respondents: 13% completely protected, 29% somewhat protected, 22% somewhat jeopardized, 29% completely jeopardized, 7% don't know/refused to answer.

- Age Group:
  - 18-35: 11% completely protected, 39% somewhat protected, 21% somewhat jeopardized, 20% completely jeopardized, 10% don't know/refused to answer.
  - 36-55: 15% completely protected, 28% somewhat protected, 21% somewhat jeopardized, 28% completely jeopardized, 8% don't know/refused to answer.
  - 56+: 13% completely protected, 22% somewhat protected, 24% somewhat jeopardized, 37% completely jeopardized, 4% don't know/refused to answer.
VMRO-DPMNE proposes holding a referendum on the following question. How will you act?

“Are you in favor of abandoning the validity of the 2018 law on the ratification of the Treaty of Friendship, Good-Neighborliness and Cooperation between North Macedonia and Bulgaria.”

**All respondents**

- 41% I will vote in favor of cancelling the law
- 16% I will vote against cancelling the law
- 24% I will not come out to vote
- 3% I will destroy my ballot
- 17% Don't know/Refused to answer

**Age Group**

- **18-35**
  - 38% I will vote in favor of cancelling the law
  - 16% I will vote against cancelling the law
  - 25% I will not come out to vote
  - 3% I will destroy my ballot
  - 18% Don't know/Refused to answer

- **36-55**
  - 42% I will vote in favor of cancelling the law
  - 16% I will vote against cancelling the law
  - 24% I will not come out to vote
  - 2% I will destroy my ballot
  - 16% Don't know/Refused to answer

- **56+**
  - 43% I will vote in favor of cancelling the law
  - 16% I will vote against cancelling the law
  - 23% I will not come out to vote
  - 2% I will destroy my ballot
  - 16% Don't know/Refused to answer
Do you support North Macedonia’s membership in NATO? (Before March 2021, the question was “…becoming a member of NATO”?)

*North Macedonia became a member of NATO on March 27, 2020.*
The Open Balkan initiative is an agreement among North Macedonia, Serbia, and Albania that aims to enable the free movement of people, goods, services, and capital and cooperation for protection from catastrophes among the three countries.

Do you or do you not support the Open Balkan initiative?

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39% 51%
Sources of Political Information
How much did you follow political news yesterday?

- I followed all of it
  - October 2022: 11%
  - November 2021: 13%
  - March 2021: 15%
  - February 2020: 16%
  - July 2018: 22%
- I followed most of it
  - October 2022: 26%
  - November 2021: 25%
  - March 2021: 25%
  - February 2020: 23%
  - July 2018: 28%
- I followed some of it
  - October 2022: 32%
  - November 2021: 33%
  - March 2021: 36%
  - February 2020: 34%
  - July 2018: 28%
- I did not follow any of it
  - October 2022: 29%
  - November 2021: 25%
  - March 2021: 26%
  - February 2020: 26%
  - July 2018: 22%

*Don’t know/Refused to answer is not displayed.*
How much did you follow political news yesterday?

All respondents:
- I followed all of it: 11%
- I followed most of it: 26%
- I followed some of it: 32%
- I did not follow any of it: 29%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%

Age Group:
- 18-35:
  - I followed all of it: 6%
  - I followed most of it: 24%
  - I followed some of it: 28%
  - I did not follow any of it: 41%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%
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  - I followed all of it: 8%
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  - I did not follow any of it: 27%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%
- 56+:
  - I followed all of it: 19%
  - I followed most of it: 27%
  - I followed some of it: 30%
  - I did not follow any of it: 23%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%
Where did you follow political news yesterday?
(Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted; among those who answered that they followed at least some political news yesterday)

- October 2022 (n=838; margin error ± 3.4)
- November 2021 (n=916; margin error ± 3.2)
- March 2021 (n=1,820; margin of error ± 2.3)
- February 2020 (n=888; margin of error ± 3.2)
- July 2018 (n=853; margin of error ± 3.4)
What are your most used sources of political news? (Multiple responses permitted)
What are your most used sources of political news?

(Multiple answers possible)

(Disaggregated by age)

- **TV**
  - All respondents: 71%
  - 18-35: 53%
  - 36-55: 53%
  - 56+: 71%

- **Internet/web pages**
  - All respondents: 39%
  - 18-35: 51%
  - 36-55: 53%
  - 56+: 17%

- **Family and friends**
  - All respondents: 24%
  - 18-35: 22%
  - 36-55: 27%
  - 56+: 23%

- **I do not use any sources for political news**
  - All respondents: 6%
  - 18-35: 6%
  - 36-55: 6%
  - 56+: 3%

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Which television station do you watch most often for political news?

(Spontaneous response; multiple responses permitted - first 3 responses displayed)

- SITEL: First mention 27%, Second mention 12%, Third mention 4%, Total 43%
- Kanal 5: First mention 15%, Second mention 20%, Third mention 8%, Total 43%
- AlsatM: First mention 9%, Second mention 4%, Third mention 1%, Total 14%
- MTV (Albanian language): First mention 9%, Second mention 1%, Third mention <1%, Total 10%
- MTV (Macedonian language): First mention 8%, Second mention 3%, Third mention 2%, Total 13%
- Alfa: First mention 6%, Second mention 4%, Third mention 1%, Total 13%
- Telma: First mention 5%, Second mention 8%, Third mention 6%, Total 19%
- 24 Vesti: First mention 5%, Second mention 5%, Third mention 1%, Total 13%
- TV Shenja: First mention 1%, Second mention 1%, Third mention 1%, Total 3%
- TV 21: First mention 1%, Second mention 3%, Third mention 1%, Total 7%
- Local TV Station: First mention <1%, Second mention <1%, Third mention 1%, Total 1%
- Do not watch TV for political news: 13%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%
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Demographics

**Education**
- No formal education / Incomplete primary school: 4%
- Complete primary school: 31%
- Complete secondary school: 45%
- Complete tertiary/higher education: 20%

**Occupation**
- Blue-collar worker: 29%
- Agricultural: 3%
- White-collar worker: 13%
- Professional: 3%
- Homemaker: 8%
- Retired: 26%
- Unemployed: 13%
- Student/Pupil: 5%
- Self employed, private business: 0%
- Refused to answer: <1%

**Working sector**
- Public sector: 28%
- Private sector: 72%
- Refused to answer: <1%

**Religious background**
- Orthodox Christian: 66%
- Muslim: 32%
- Christian-other: 1%
- Atheist: <1%

*Among people employed as blue-collar worker, white-collar worker, professional, self-employed or private business, n=550*