Public Opinion Poll: Haskovo
September-October 2023
Methodology

• The survey was conducted on behalf of the International Republican Institute’s Center for Insights in Survey Research by ESTAT.

• Data was collected between September 21 and October 11, 2023, through CAPI administered face-to-face interviews in respondents’ homes.

• The sample consisted of n=300 adults, who are 18 years or older, residents of the municipality of Haskovo, Bulgaria, and have voting rights. The sample excluded residents detained in custody or currently in prison.

• A multi-stage probability sampling method was used to design a municipally representative sample. The sample was stratified by urban/rural residency, followed by random selection of primary sampling units (PSUs) within each stratum. Households were selected by random walk in each of the 30 PSUs, and respondents were selected by the last birthday method. The sampling frame was based on the 2021 Population and Housing census.

• The achieved sample was weighted for gender, age group, and type of settlement.

• The response rate was 44 percent.

• The margin of error for the mid-range of the full sample does not exceed ±5.7 points.

• Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding. Cited bases are weighted.
In general, would you say that Haskovo municipality is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

- In the right direction: 55%
- In the wrong direction: 34%
- Don't know/Refused: 11%
What is the most important problem facing Haskovo municipality today? And what is the second most important problem facing Haskovo municipality today?

(Up to two responses accepted; spontaneous response; top 15 responses displayed)

- Economy—cost of living, high prices: 18%
- Infrastructure: 16%
- Insecurity—physical: 14%
- Economy—unemployment: 14%
- Poverty: 14%
- Corruption: 13%
- Healthcare: 13%
- Poor water quality: 11%
- Economy—small business opportunities: 9%
- Economy—other/general: 8%
- Water: 8%
- Pensions: 8%
- Education: 7%
- Municipal road infrastructure: 6%
- Air pollution: 5%
How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?

- **Very good**: 34%
- **Somewhat good**: 60%
- **Somewhat bad**: 3%
- **Very bad**: 1%
- **Don't know/Refused**: 3%
How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?

All Respondents

- 1% Negative impact
- 60% Little/no negative impact
- 34% Very good
- 3% Don't know/Refused

To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?

**Negative impact (n=74)**

- 45% Somewhat good
- 46% Somewhat bad
- 3% Very bad
- 7% Don't know/Refused

**Little/No negative impact (n=175)**

- 1% Very good
- 67% Somewhat good
- 27% Somewhat bad
- 3% Don't know/Refused

*Respondents were asked the following question: To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you? Negative is the sum of responses for It has had a lot of negative impact and It has had some negative impact. Not negative is the sum of responses for It has had little negative impact and It has not had any negative impact.*
How likely or unlikely are ordinary people able to influence decisions made by your mayor and municipal administration?
How likely or unlikely are ordinary people able to influence decisions made by your municipal council?

- 49% Very likely
- 40% Somewhat likely
- 6% Somewhat unlikely
- 5% Very unlikely
- <1% Don't know/Refused
To what extent do civil society organizations (CSOs) impact municipal administration policy in Haskovo municipality? A CSO is a local, national or international group of people who organize to support a particular interest, group or issue.
To what extent do CSOs impact municipal council policy in Haskovo municipality?

- Very impactful: 38%
- Somewhat impactful: 19%
- Somewhat unimpactful: 12%
- Very unimpactful: 31%
- Don't know/Refused: <1%
For the following issues, is the municipal government doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad job?

- Providing education: 6% Very good, 55% Somewhat good, 16% Somewhat bad, 7% Very bad, 15% Don't know/Refused
- Providing healthcare: 3% Very good, 39% Somewhat good, 34% Somewhat bad, 17% Very bad, 7% Don't know/Refused
- Creating jobs: 2% Very good, 29% Somewhat good, 30% Somewhat bad, 31% Very bad, 8% Don't know/Refused
- Attracting EU funds: 1% Very good, 26% Somewhat good, 32% Somewhat bad, 17% Very bad, 24% Don't know/Refused
- Attracting private investments: <1% Very good, 27% Somewhat good, 34% Somewhat bad, 21% Very bad, 18% Don't know/Refused
- Maintaining infrastructure like roads and public buildings: 1% Very good, 24% Somewhat good, 38% Somewhat bad, 33% Very bad, 4% Don't know/Refused
- Fighting crime: 4% Very good, 18% Somewhat good, 49% Somewhat bad, 15% Very bad, 14% Don't know/Refused
- Engaging citizens in decision-making: <1% Very good, 10% Somewhat good, 38% Somewhat bad, 40% Very bad, 12% Don't know/Refused
- Fighting corruption: <1% Very good, 7% Somewhat good, 40% Somewhat bad, 38% Very bad, 14% Don't know/Refused
How would you rate the performance of the municipal administration in communicating with the public about the decisions they take?

- Very good: 41%
- Somewhat good: 29%
- Somewhat bad: 12%
- Very bad: 17%
- Don't know/Refused: 1%
How would you rate the performance of the municipal council in communicating with the public about the decisions they take?

- Very good: 17%
- Somewhat good: 27%
- Somewhat bad: 19%
- Very bad: 36%
- Don't know/Refused: 1%
Did you vote in the April 2, 2023 parliamentary elections?

- Yes: 75%
- No: 21%
- Don’t know/Refused: 4%
For which party did you vote in the April 2, 2023 parliamentary elections?

(Among respondents from Haskovo who voted in the April 2, 2023 parliamentary elections, n=225; spontaneous response)

- We Continue the Change - Democratic Bulgaria: 22%
- Citizens for the European Development of Bulgaria - Union of Democratic Forces (GERB-UDF): 17%
- Bulgarian Socialist Party: 13%
- Revival: 11%
- The Movement for Rights and Freedoms: 10%
- There is Such a People: 4%
- Other: 1%
- Spoiled ballot: 1%
- Don't know/Refused: 22%
How do you view the recent change in national government as a result of the April 2, 2023 parliamentary elections?

- Very positive: 36%
- Somewhat positive: 25%
- Somewhat negative: 12%
- Very negative: 4%
- Don't know/Refused: 16%
Do you believe that corruption in Haskovo municipality is a serious problem or not?

Prior to asking this question, the following introduction was read to the respondent “I will now ask you a series of questions about corruption. When I say corruption, I mean abusing public office for personal gain, like when a government official solicits bribes or awards a contract in exchange for political support or money.”
On which source do you base your assessment of the level of corruption in Haskovo municipality?

(Up to two responses accepted)

- Talk with friends and people around: 63%
- Information provided by the media, such as TV, radio, newspaper, internet, Facebook etc.: 49%
- Talk with relatives or family: 28%
- Personal experience, meaning you have had to provide cash, gifts, or favors: 13%
- Information about corruption given by civil society organizations: 6%
- Reports of politicians: 4%
- Government reports: 4%
- Don't know/Refused: 12%

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- Information provided by the media, such as TV, radio, newspaper, internet, Facebook etc.: 26%
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Second most important
- Personal experience, meaning you have had to provide cash, gifts, or favors: 13%
- Information about corruption given by civil society organizations: 6%
- Reports of politicians: 4%
- Government reports: 4%
- Don't know/Refused: 12%
In your experience, what type of corruption is most common in Haskovo municipality?

- Acting in self-interest instead of in the interest of citizens: 25%
- Soliciting bribes or gifts: 18%
- Making decisions based on connections as opposed to merit: 17%
- Failure to investigate or prosecute wrongdoing: 9%
- Stealing or deliberately mismanaging funds: 8%
- Extortion: 7%
- Awarding contracts to friends, family, or political supporters: 2%
- None of these exist in our municipality: 6%
- Don't know/Refused: 9%
Do you believe that corruption in our country is a serious problem or not?

- Very serious: 42%
- Somewhat serious: 6%
- Somewhat not serious: 3%
- Not at all serious: 4%
- Don't know/Refused: 45%
In your experience, what type of corruption is most common in our country?

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- Failure to investigate or prosecute wrongdoing: 22%
- Stealing or deliberately mismanaging funds: 19%
- Making decisions based on connections as opposed to merit: 14%
- Soliciting bribes or gifts: 10%
- Extortion: 2%
- None of these exist in our country: 1%
- Don't know/Refused: 6%
Over the past 12 months, has corruption among each of the following levels of government increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

**Municipal authorities**
- Increased: 20%
- Stayed the same: 49%
- Decreased: 16%
- Don't know/Refused: 15%

**National authorities**
- Increased: 33%
- Stayed the same: 46%
- Decreased: 7%
- Don't know/Refused: 14%
To what extent do you think corruption can be reduced in Haskovo municipality?

- 43%: Corruption cannot be reduced at all
- 26%: Corruption can be substantially reduced
- 13%: Corruption can be reduced to a certain degree
- 12%: Corruption can be completely eradicated
- 6%: Don't know/Refused
Please tell me if there is a lot, some, little, or no corruption among each of the following providers of government services in Haskovo municipality.

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<td>State inspection and control bodies</td>
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At which level of government is corruption most prevalent?

- Municipal authorities: 13%
- National authorities: 70%
- There is no corruption: 3%
- Don't know/Refused: 14%
Who among municipal authorities is most corrupt, if any?

(Among respondents who think that corruption is most prevalent among national or municipal authorities from Haskovo, n=249; spontaneous response)
Who among national authorities is most corrupt, if any?

(Among respondents who think that corruption is most prevalent among national or municipal authorities from Haskovo, n=249; spontaneous response)
To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?

- It has had a lot of negative impact: 17%
- It has had some negative impact: 9%
- It has had little negative impact: 16%
- It has not had any negative impact: 36%
- Don't know/Refused: 22%
To what extent, if any, has corruption had a negative impact on you?

Among those who declared that corruption had a negative impact on them, n=74

In general, would you say that Vidin municipality is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

- In the right direction: 22%
- In the wrong direction: 69%
- Don't know/Refused: 9%

Among those who declared that corruption had little/no negative impact on them, n=175

In general, would you say that Vidin municipality is heading in the right direction or in the wrong direction?

- In the right direction: 37%
- In the wrong direction: 53%
- Don't know/Refused: 10%

*Good is the total of very good and somewhat good. Bad is the total of somewhat bad and very bad.*
In the past two years, how often, if at all, have you witnessed or experienced corruption?

- Daily: 1%
- Weekly: 1%
- Monthly: 8%
- Less frequently: 29%
- Not at all: 48%
- Don't know/Refused: 13%
In which context did you witness or experience corruption. Did you experience or witness corruption....?

(Among respondents who have witnessed corruption: n=118; only “Yes” responses displayed)

- To receive medical services from public hospitals: 68%
- To obtain employment: 39%
- To avoid paying a fine: 39%
- To receive a government service, like a birth certificate: 25%
- To obtain a construction permit: 18%
- To avoid being threatened: 14%
- To improve chances for a public contract: 13%
- For education from public schools: 9%
- To receive utilities like water or electricity: 9%
- To secure a place for your child in a local public kindergarten: 8%
- To avoid being arrested: 7%
- Other: 6%
In your dealings with the municipal government, how important are personal contacts and relationships to get things done?

- **Very important**: 29%
- **Somewhat important**: 11%
- **Somewhat unimportant**: 9%
- **Very unimportant**: 5%
- **Don't know/Refused**: 11%

**Legend:**
- Dark pink: Very important
- Pink: Somewhat important
- Light green: Somewhat unimportant
- Light yellow: Very unimportant
- Grey: Don't know/Refused
Are you aware of any anti-corruption initiatives by any of the following levels of government?

- Municipal authorities: 13% Yes, 73% No, 14% Don't know/Refused
- National authorities: 19% Yes, 66% No, 15% Don't know/Refused
How effective or ineffective is each of the following levels of government in addressing corruption?

Municipal authorities:
- <1%: 14%
- 1% - 10%: 41%
- 11% - 20%: 28%
- 21% - 30%: 16%

National authorities:
- <1%: 12%
- 1% - 10%: 40%
- 11% - 20%: 37%
- 21% - 30%: 11%

Legend:
- Very effective
- Somewhat effective
- Somewhat ineffective
- Very ineffective
- Don't know/Refused
Based on your experience, please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with each statement... The _______ has a sincere desire and will to combat corruption in our country.

- The president of Bulgaria: 13% Strongly agree, 38% Somewhat agree, 14% Somewhat disagree, 22% Strongly disagree, 13% Don't know/Refused
- The mayor: 3% Strongly agree, 31% Somewhat agree, 21% Somewhat disagree, 34% Strongly disagree, 12% Don't know/Refused
- The prime minister of Bulgaria: 3% Strongly agree, 27% Somewhat agree, 24% Somewhat disagree, 36% Strongly disagree, 9% Don't know/Refused
- The municipal council: 2% Strongly agree, 25% Somewhat agree, 27% Somewhat disagree, 33% Strongly disagree, 14% Don't know/Refused
- The parliament of Bulgaria: 2% Strongly agree, 22% Somewhat agree, 29% Somewhat disagree, 39% Strongly disagree, 8% Don't know/Refused
- The judiciary of Bulgaria: 2% Strongly agree, 17% Somewhat agree, 25% Somewhat disagree, 45% Strongly disagree, 10% Don't know/Refused
Which among the following groups is the most important and the second most important to effectively address corruption in Haskovo municipality?

(Up to two responses accepted)

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<td>Citizens</td>
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<td>National media</td>
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First most important: National political leadership

Second most important: Municipal political leadership
To what degree, if at all, is it the responsibility of citizens to address corruption?
Do you know where to report a corrupt act of a municipal official?

- Yes: 25%
- No: 67%
- Don't know/Refused: 8%
What channels would you contact to report a corrupt act?

(Among respondents who know where to report a corrupt act, n=76; spontaneous response; multiple responses accepted)
During the past 12 months, have you or anyone in your household reported a corrupt act by a municipal official?

(Among respondents who know where to report a corrupt act, n=76)

- Yes: 88%
- No: 11%
- Don't know/Refused: 1%
Some people are unwilling to report corrupt actions because of various reasons. Please tell me which of the following you personally consider as the primary reason for not reporting corruption to the relevant authorities.

- No action will be taken even if corruption is reported: 31%
- Those who report corruption will be subject to retribution/revenge: 19%
- Lack of evidence to prove: 12%
- Lack of clarity about corruption proceedings: 10%
- Our society does not reward those who report corruption: 8%
- Do not know the relevant institution responsible for corruption cases: 7%
- Most people who indulge in corruption only do so because of economic hardship: 5%
- It’s not worth reporting corruption if I am not personally hurt by it: 3%
- There is no mechanism to report corruption anonymously: 2%
- Don’t know/Refused: 3%
What do you think is the primary factor causing corruption in public institutions?

- Weak rule of law: 20%
- Culture of impunity: 19%
- Weak ethics or morals: 16%
- Corruption is an accepted part of life: 10%
- Institutional leadership is corrupt: 8%
- Need for money to make a living: 6%
- Internal controls are weak: 6%
- Politicians and power holders interfere in the work of institutions: 4%
- No effective external oversight: 3%
- Long or unclear procedures for services: 2%
- Lack of transparency: 2%
- There is no corruption in public institutions: 1%
- One-party control of government: <1%
- Don't know/Refused: 2%
Which of the terms I will show you best reflects how a corrupt person is perceived in our society?

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<td>Resourceful</td>
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<td>Guilty</td>
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*Responses receiving <1% are collapsed into Other
How transparent or nontransparent is the work of the mayor and the municipal administration?

- 52% Very transparent
- 20% Somewhat transparent
- 15% Somewhat nontransparent
- 12% Very nontransparent
- 1% Don't know/Refused
Do you find the information you need from the municipal administration easily or not?

- Very easily: 35%
- Somewhat easily: 23%
- Somewhat difficultly: 4%
- Very difficultly: 8%
- I don’t need information from the municipal administration: 27%
- Don’t know/Refused: 3%
Are you aware of when municipal government public discussion meetings take place?

- Yes: 82%
- No: 7%
- Don't know/Refused: 11%
Have you ever attended a municipal government public discussion meeting?

- Yes: 90%
- No: 5%
- Don't know/Refused: 5%
How transparent or nontransparent is the work of the municipal council?

- Very transparent: 48%
- Somewhat transparent: 21%
- Somewhat nontransparent: 21%
- Very nontransparent: 8%
- Don’t know/Refused: 1%
Are you aware of when municipal council meetings take place?

- Yes: 86%
- No: 6%
- Don't know/Refused: 8%
Have you attended any municipal council meetings?

- Yes: 88%
- No: 6%
- Don't know/Refused: 6%
How closely do you follow the decisions and actions taken by each of the following institutions?

The mayor
- Very closely: 2%
- Somewhat closely: 22%
- A little: 42%
- Not at all: 32%
- Don't know/Refused: 3%

The municipal administration
- Very closely: 2%
- Somewhat closely: 12%
- A little: 31%
- Not at all: 52%
- Don't know/Refused: 4%

The municipal council
- Very closely: 2%
- Somewhat closely: 13%
- A little: 31%
- Not at all: 51%
- Don't know/Refused: 3%
Is it easy or difficult to communicate with the following entities in Haskovo municipality?

The municipal administration
- Very easy: 3%
- Somewhat easy: 41%
- Somewhat difficult: 29%
- Very difficult: 5%
- Don't know/Refused: 17%
- I have never made an attempt to communicate: 6%

The municipal council
- Very easy: 2%
- Somewhat easy: 22%
- Somewhat difficult: 24%
- Very difficult: 6%
- Don't know/Refused: 36%
- I have never made an attempt to communicate: 9%
What are the primary sources you use to learn about the decisions and actions taken by the municipal administration and the council?
(Spontaneous response; multiple responses accepted)

- Local media outlets: 35%
- National media: 29%
- Social media (such as Facebook): 21%
- Friends or family: 15%
- The municipal website: 10%
- I do not learn about decisions and actions taken by my municipal government: 8%
- Don't know/Refused: 4%
Which of the following is your preferred channel of communication with the municipal administration and the council?

- Social media (such as Facebook etc.): 18%
- Meeting with a member of the administration: 18%
- An online platform provided or endorsed by the municipality: 8%
- Meeting with the mayor: 7%
- Official e-mail exchange: 6%
- Official letters: 5%
- Meeting with a municipal councilor: 5%
- Statement during a session of the council or a council working group: 1%
- Other: 1%
- I have never attempted to communicate with the municipal administration or the municipal council: 19%
- Don't know/Refused: 11%
To what extent are each of your municipal government entities influenced by wealthy people?

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Are you aware of any local CSOs, which means a local group that forms around a common goal and is not associated with the government, that work for more transparency in the municipal administration and the council?

- Yes: 77%
- No: 15%
- Don't know/Refused: 8%
Do you think that the transparency of the municipal administration has improved or worsened, or stayed the same over the last 10 years?

- Improved: 16%
- Stayed the same: 14%
- Worsened: 14%
- Don't know/Refused: 57%
Do you think that the transparency of the **municipal council** has improved or worsened, or stayed the same over the last 10 years?

- **63%** Improved
- **14%** Stayed the same
- **13%** Worsened
- **10%** Don't know/Refused
Do you see political will for improvement of transparency in the municipal administration?
Do you see political will for improvement of transparency in the municipal council?

- Yes: 70%
- No: 17%
- Don't know/Refused: 13%
Which of the following do you think is the most important factor for getting a job in the municipal administration?

- Being a member of the political party in power in the municipality: 38%
- Having a family member or friend in municipal government: 26%
- Education and experience: 19%
- Paying a bribe: 9%
- Other: 1%
- Don't know/Refused: 8%
Are you satisfied with the level of digital services offered by Haskovo municipality?

- Yes: 15%
- No: 14%
- I have no need for digital services: 10%
- Don't know: 61%
Do you think efforts are made to improve the digital services offered by Haskovo municipality?

(Among all respondents except for those who stated they have no need for digital services from Haskovo, n=117)
How interested or uninterested are you in political news and information about Haskovo municipality?

- Very interested: 39%
- Somewhat interested: 14%
- Somewhat uninterested: 4%
- Very uninterested: 3%
- Don’t know/Refused: 40%
Are the media in Haskovo municipality free to independently cover any issue or not?

- Very free: 53%
- Somewhat free: 19%
- Somewhat not free: 17%
- Very not free: 9%
- Don’t know/Refused: 2%
Which media platform do you use most frequently and second most frequently to gain political news and information about Haskovo municipality?
(Up to two responses accepted)

- **Television**: 51% most frequently, 25% second most frequently
- **Internet, other than social media**: 20% most frequently, 28% second most frequently
- **Social Media, such as Facebook, Instagram, Tik Tok etc.**: 18% most frequently, 15% second most frequently
- **Radio**: 3% most frequently, 8% second most frequently
- **Print Media**: 1% most frequently, 5% second most frequently
- **None or no other**: 3% most frequently, 8% second most frequently
- **Don't know/Refused**: 4% most frequently, 0% second most frequently

76% selected Television as the most frequently used platform, 48% selected Internet other than social media as the second most frequently used platform.
Do you perceive local media as critical or not critical of the municipal administration and the council?

- Very critical: 54%
- Somewhat critical: 19%
- Somewhat not critical: 14%
- Very not critical: 12%
- Don’t know/Refused: 1%
### Demographics

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<tr>
<th>Gender</th>
<th>Age</th>
<th>Urbanicity</th>
<th>Educational Attainment</th>
<th>( \text{How does your household financial situation compare to the average household in Haskovo municipality?} )</th>
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<td>Men</td>
<td>46%</td>
<td>81%</td>
<td>Complete primary school or no formal education 2%</td>
<td>My household is much worse off 1%</td>
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<td>Women</td>
<td>54%</td>
<td>19%</td>
<td>Complete lower secondary school 2%</td>
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<td>Age 18-35</td>
<td>21%</td>
<td>2%</td>
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<td>My household is about average 59%</td>
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<td>Age 36-55</td>
<td>33%</td>
<td>67%</td>
<td>Complete higher education 30%</td>
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- Men: 46%, Women: 54%
- Age 18-35: 21%, Age 36-55: 33%, Age 56+: 46%
- Urban: 81%, Rural: 19%
- Complete primary school or no formal education: 2%
- Complete lower secondary school: 2%
- Complete upper secondary school: 30%
- Complete higher education: 30%
- My household is much worse off: 1%
- My household is somewhat worse off: 16%
- My household is about average: 59%
- My household is somewhat better off: 20%
- My household is much better off: 4%
- Don’t know/Refused: 2%