

## **How optimistic are the public about the future of the UK?**

### **State of the State 2026**

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Are the public feeling more hopeful or more apprehensive about the future of the UK?

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Our State of the State research asked the public about their outlook for the future and unfortunately overall sentiment was more pessimistic than optimistic.

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It showed pessimism has deepened in the past year as the proportion of people expecting the cost of living to get worse has grown by double digits.

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Citizen views matter to government.

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If you want people to pay taxes, vote in elections, and play by the rules, you need them to have confidence in the state's ability to get things done.

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Understanding these nuanced layers of public sentiment is crucial for effective policy making.

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