

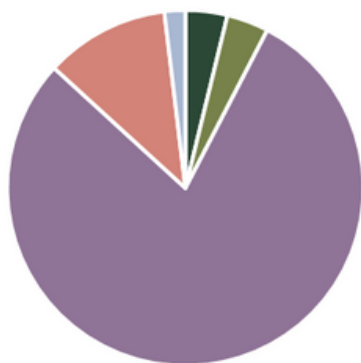
WOMEN'S PRIORITIES

FOR 2024/25

Survey Results

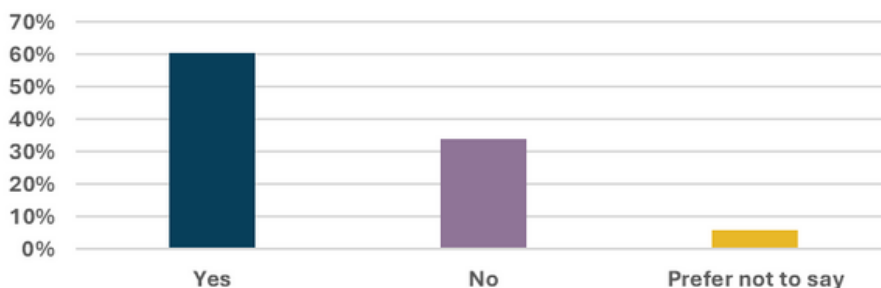
The Scottish Government publishes key actions in a Programme for Government document each year. These actions cover a range of areas including, health, housing, education and more, furthering the overall values of the Scottish Government. To assess whether the policy focus proposed, aligns with the wants of women in Scotland, the SWC have carried out extensive work, including multiple roundtables and a specific survey. The following document provides an overview of our Women's Priorities Survey. Please seek our final report for a detailed representation of women's voices.

What is your sexual orientation?

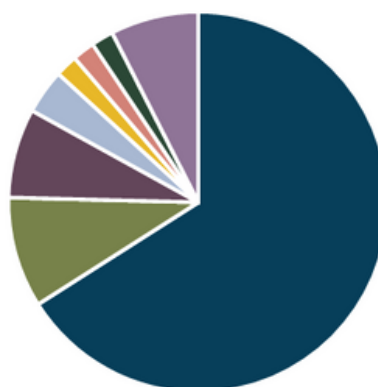


- Bisexual
- Gay or Lesbian
- Straight/Heterosexual
- Prefer not to say
- Other

Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expecting to last 12 months or more?

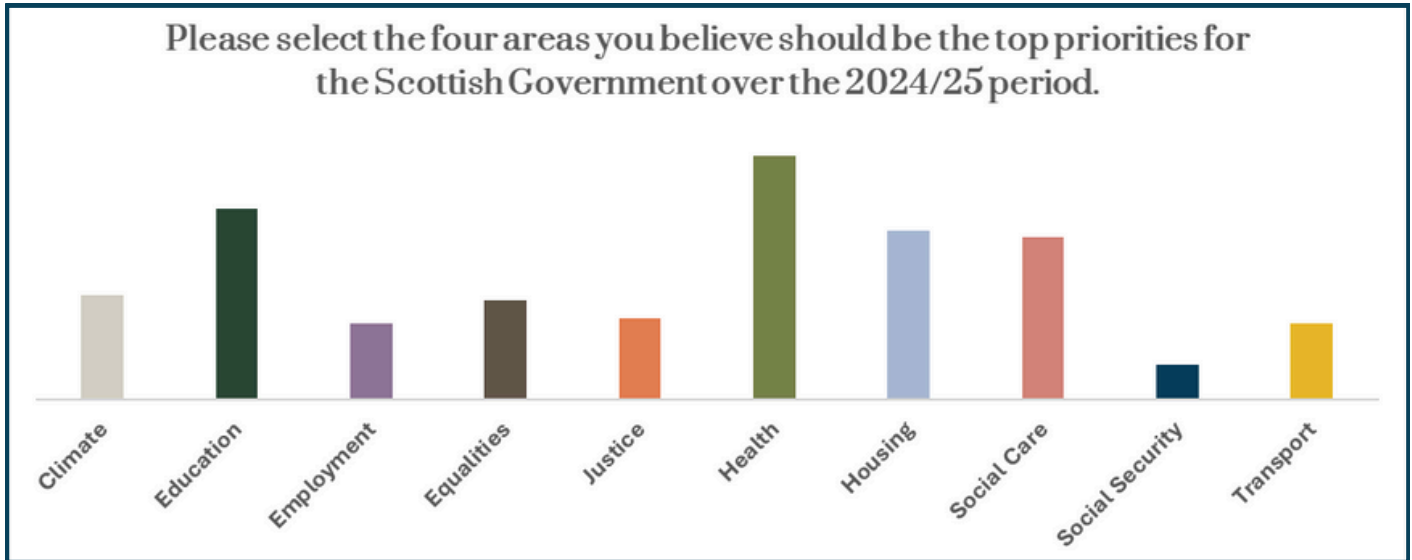


What is your ethnicity?



- White: Scottish
- White: Other British
- White: Other
- Mixed or Multiple Ethnic
- Chinese, Chinese Scottish or Chinese British
- African, African Scottish or African British
- Arab, Arab Scottish or Arab British
- Prefer not to say

We asked women to rate which four areas they viewed to be the most important to them, with **health, education, housing** and **social care** being rated as issues which should be prioritised.



Health

“The biggest challenge facing healthcare in Scotland is...the integration and sustainability of services in the face of increasing demand”

“There’s a lack of staffing/funding within NHSScotland.”

“It’s difficult to get a GP appointment even if you phone first thing”

Education

“Too many children are not getting the education they need for life skills.”

“The current education system...is not meeting the needs of young people post-pandemic”

“More resources and money in place for children with additional needs”

Housing

“I would never be able to afford buying or renting on my own if I wasn’t living with my partner.”

“...it is completely unaffordable. Every time I think I have saved up for a deposit, the prices of houses jump up.”

“I have had to go to the council as I became disabled. A safe house for me is still not available, after six years”

Social Care

“There is a shortage of professionals trained to provide trauma-informed and gender-sensitive care”

“The privatisation of social care has syphoned public funds into private profits and left a system in crisis with knock-on effects on the NHS.”

“Lack of staff and chronic low wages mean I am terrified of having to rely on social care as I age.”