

# Listening to the Kyrgyz Republic

WHAT DOES THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC SAY?

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# What is **Listening to the Kyrgyz Republic**?

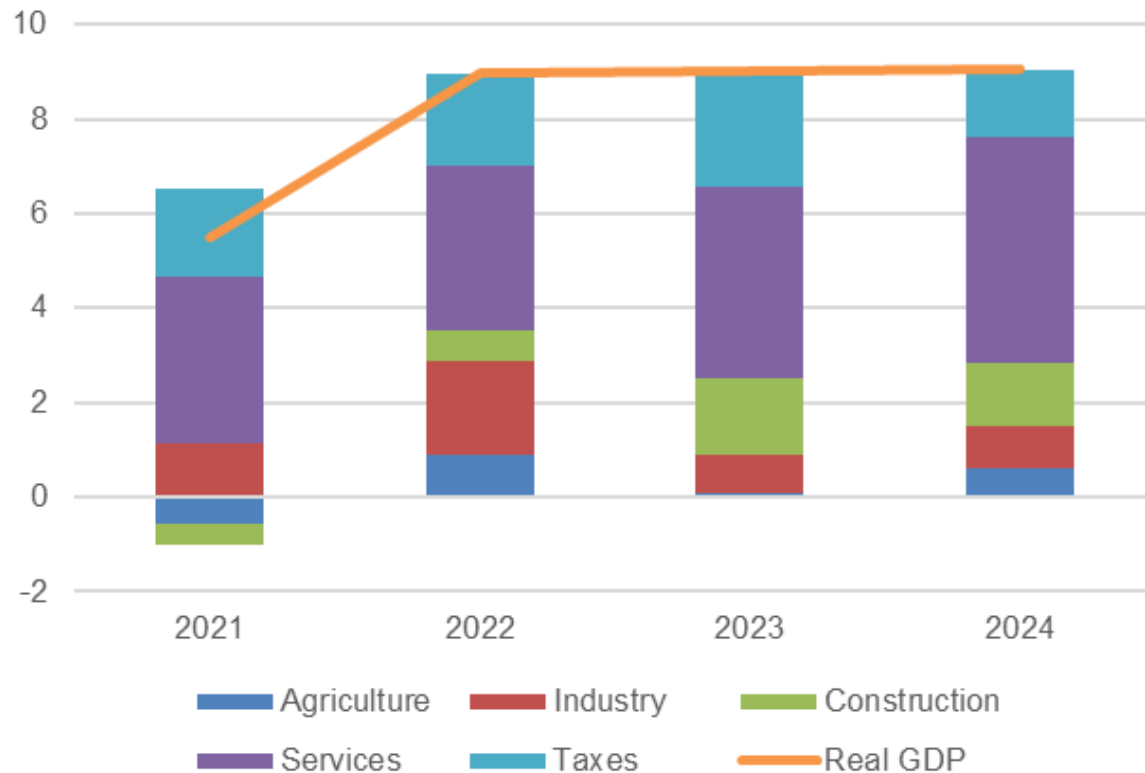
- The L2KGZ survey provides high-frequency data on social and economic wellbeing. It was started in December 2021 and monitors well-being and opinions of a representative group of the population of the Kyrgyz Republic.
- This Brief analyzes dynamics of household wellbeing, financial security, food security, and perceptions of governance in the Kyrgyz Republic between December 2021 and February 2025.



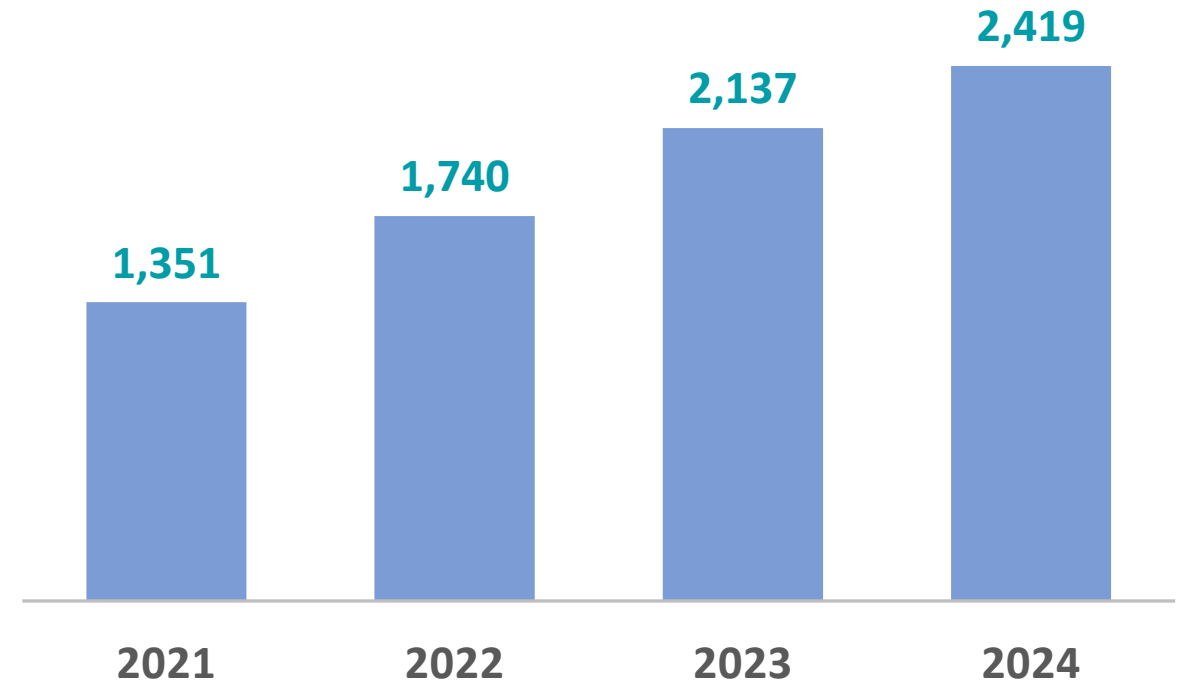
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# REAL GDP GROWTH REMAINED STRONG AT 9 PERCENT (FOR A THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR) IN 2024

Gross domestic product by sector

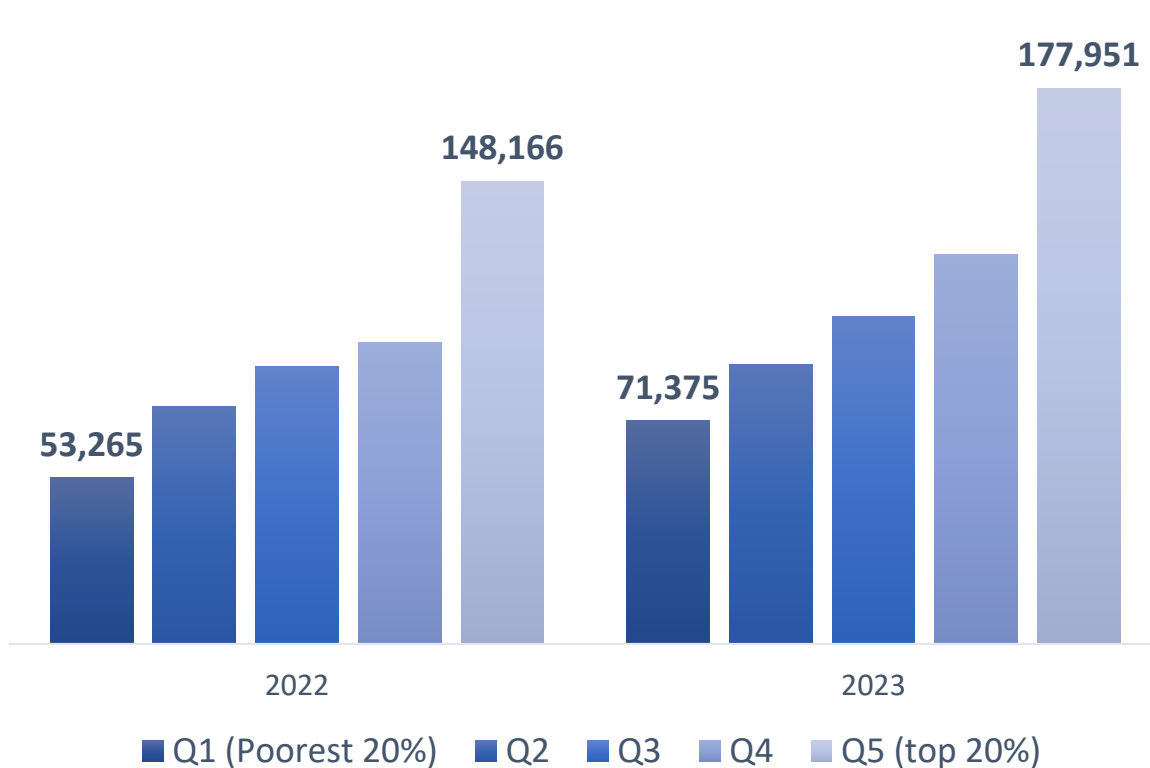


Gross domestic product per capita (U.S. dollar)

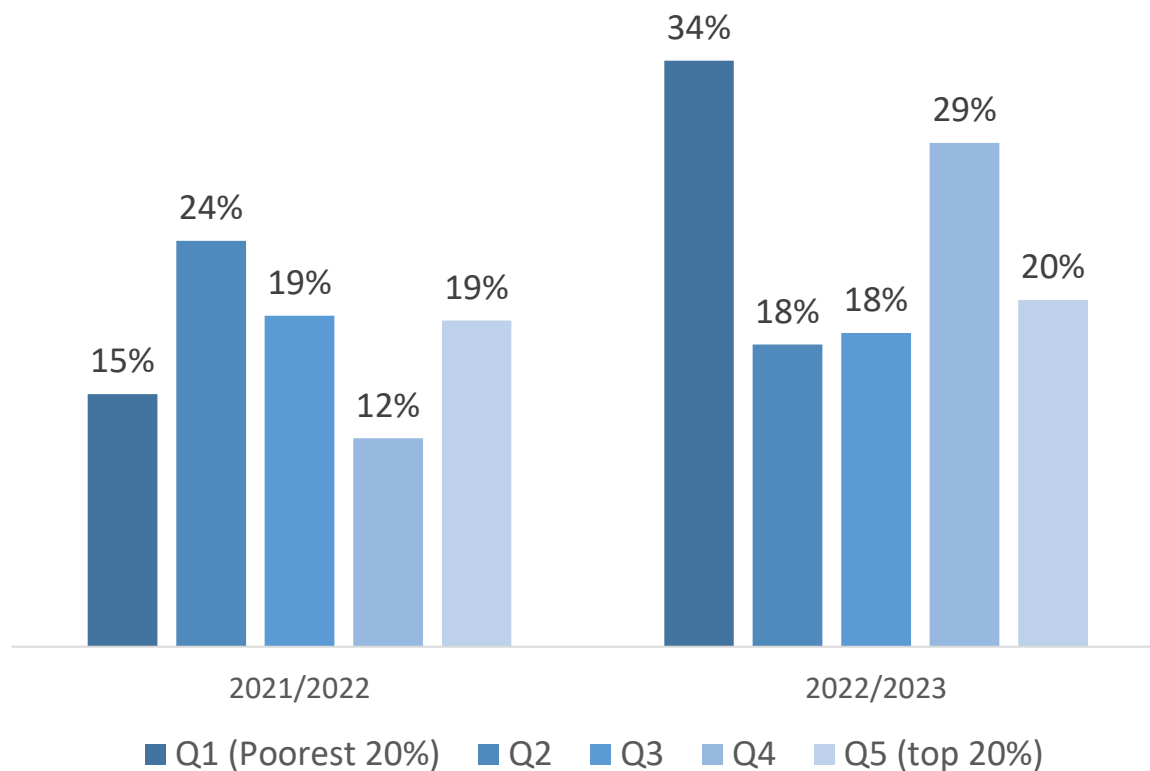


# INCOME GROWTH BECAME MORE PRO-POOR IN 2023

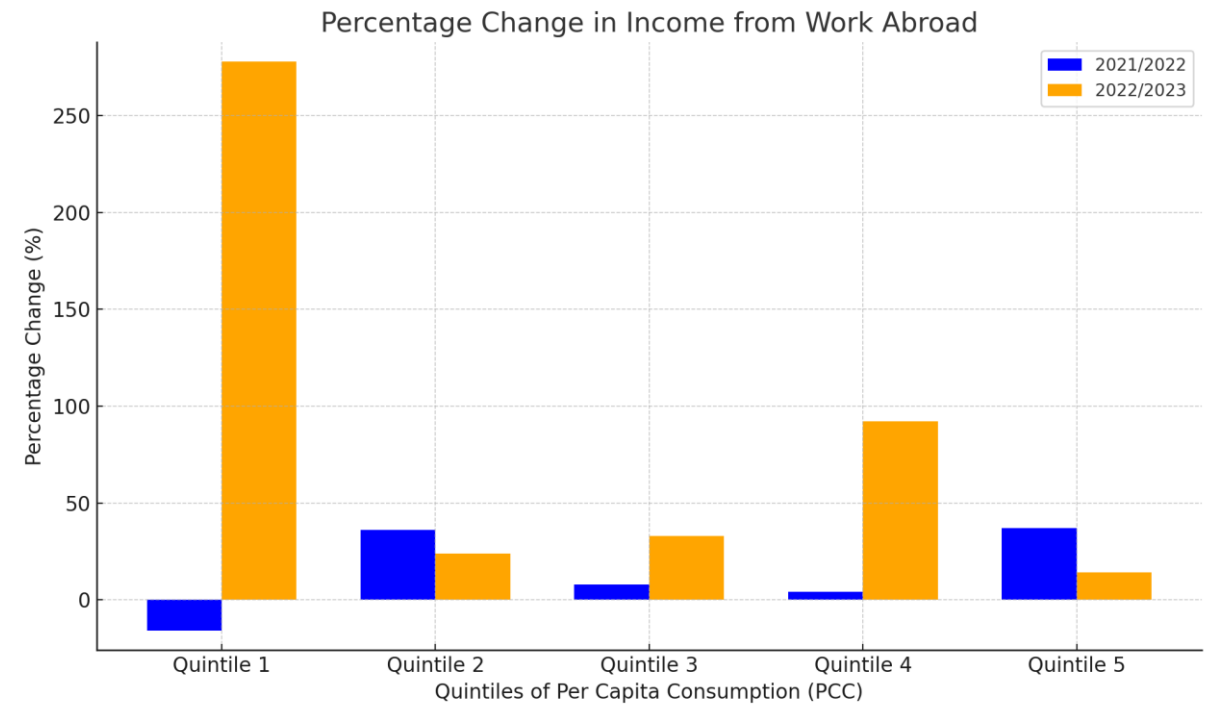
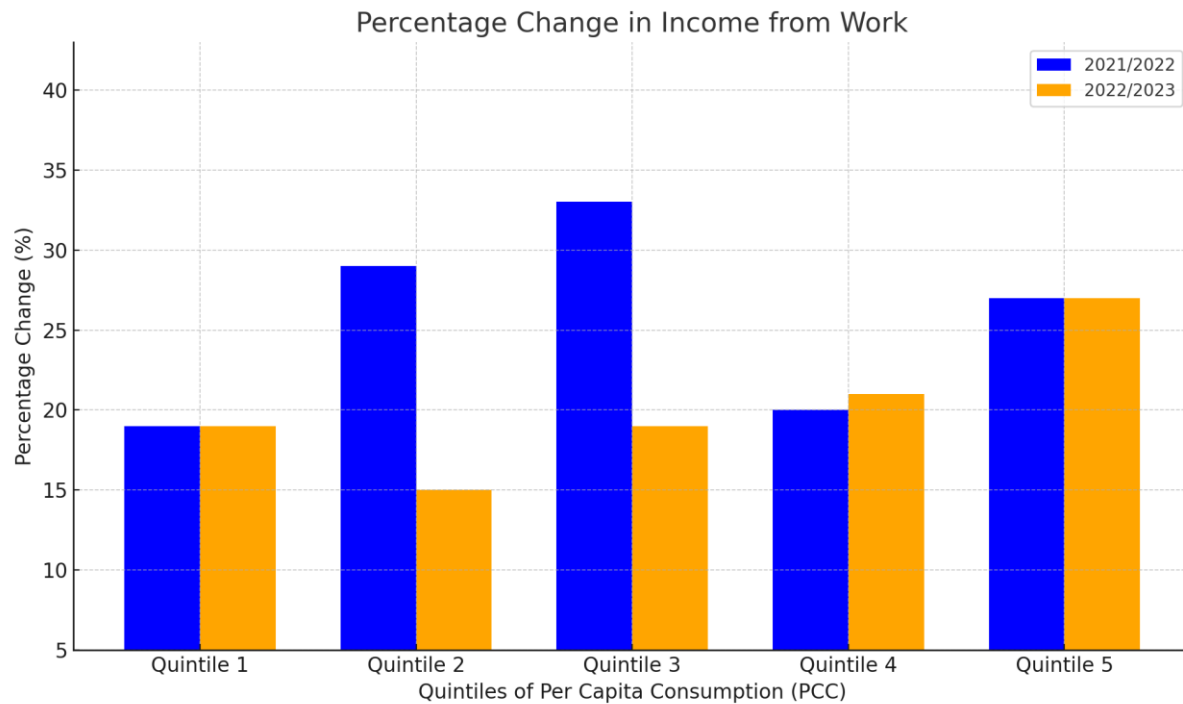
Average Annual Income per capita (soms)  
by quintiles of consumption



Growth of per capita income

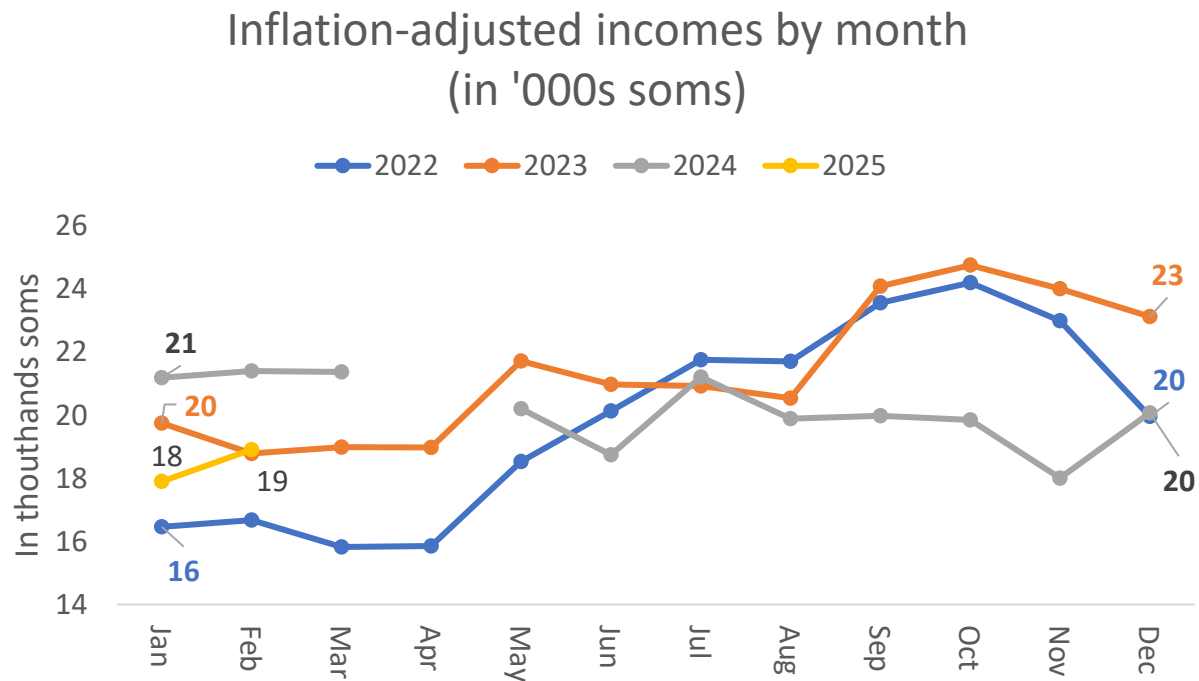
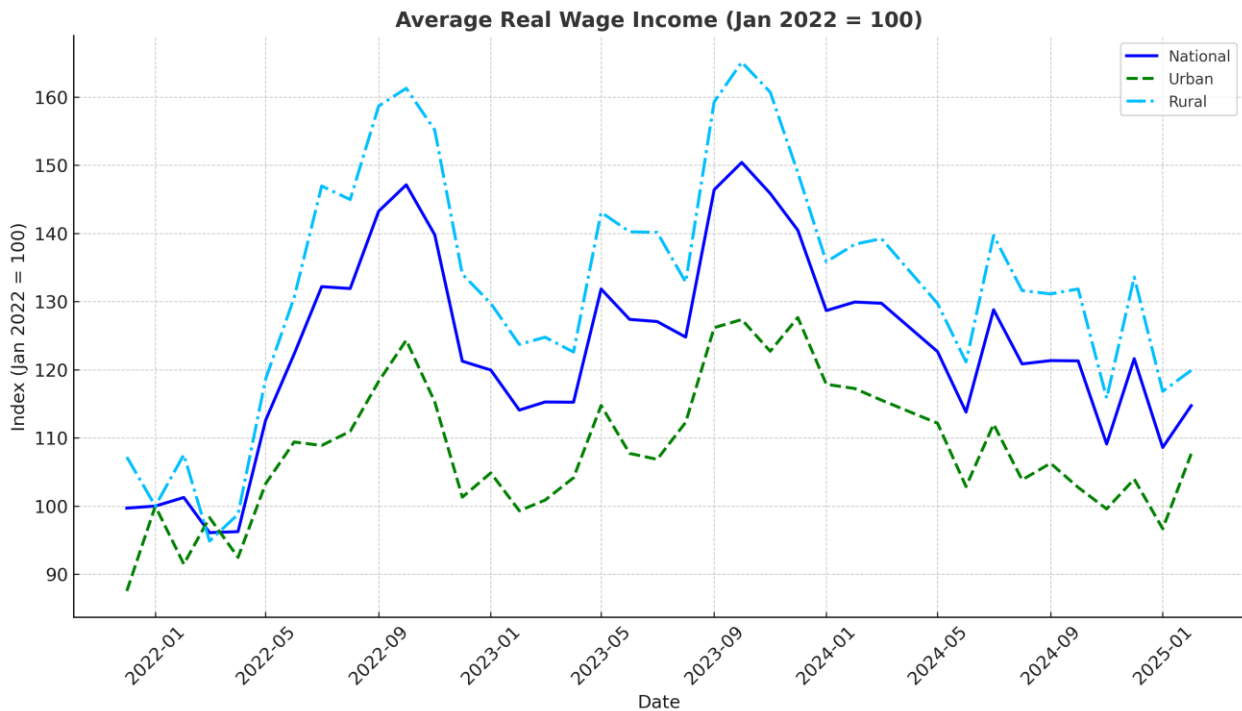


# THIS GROWTH WAS PRIMARILY DRIVEN BY AN INCREASE IN REMITTANCE INFLOWS AMONG POOR HOUSEHOLDS



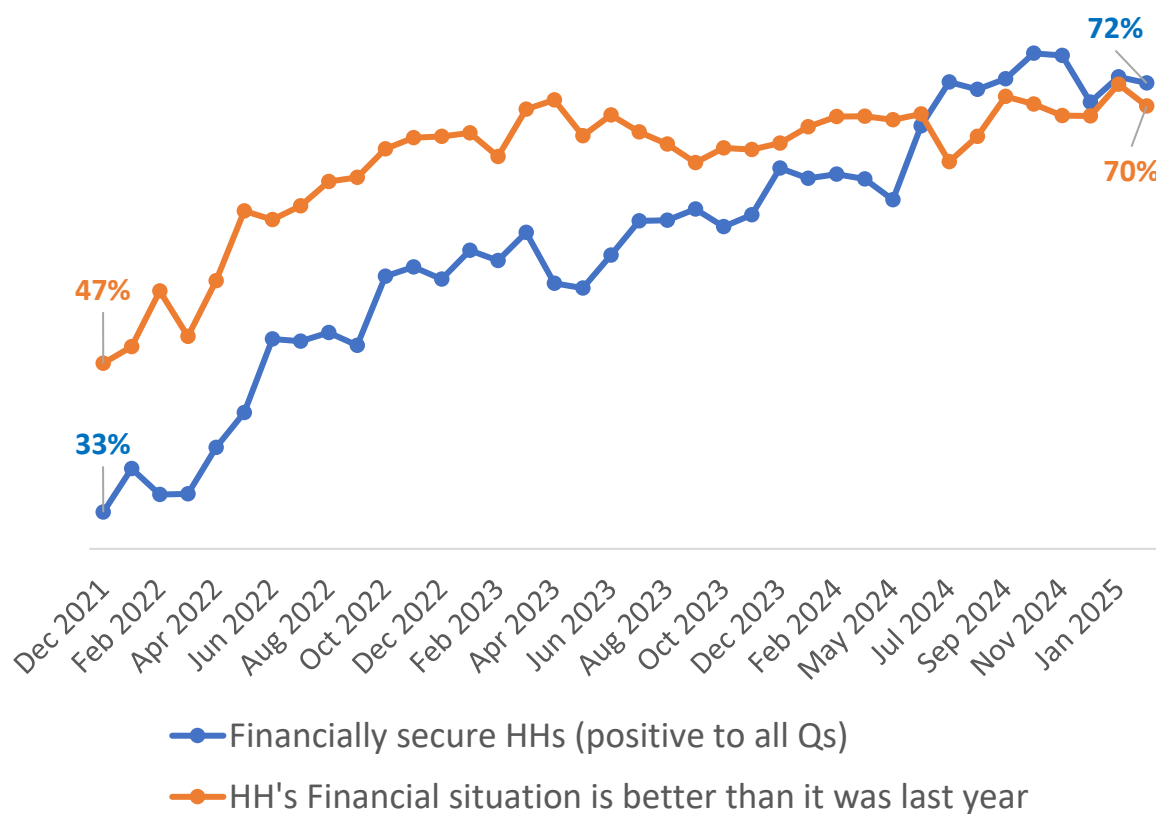
Source: World Bank staff estimates using Kyrgyz Integrated Household Survey (KIHS)

# L2KGZ DATA SHOWS REAL WAGE GROWTH HAS STAGNATED OVER 2024

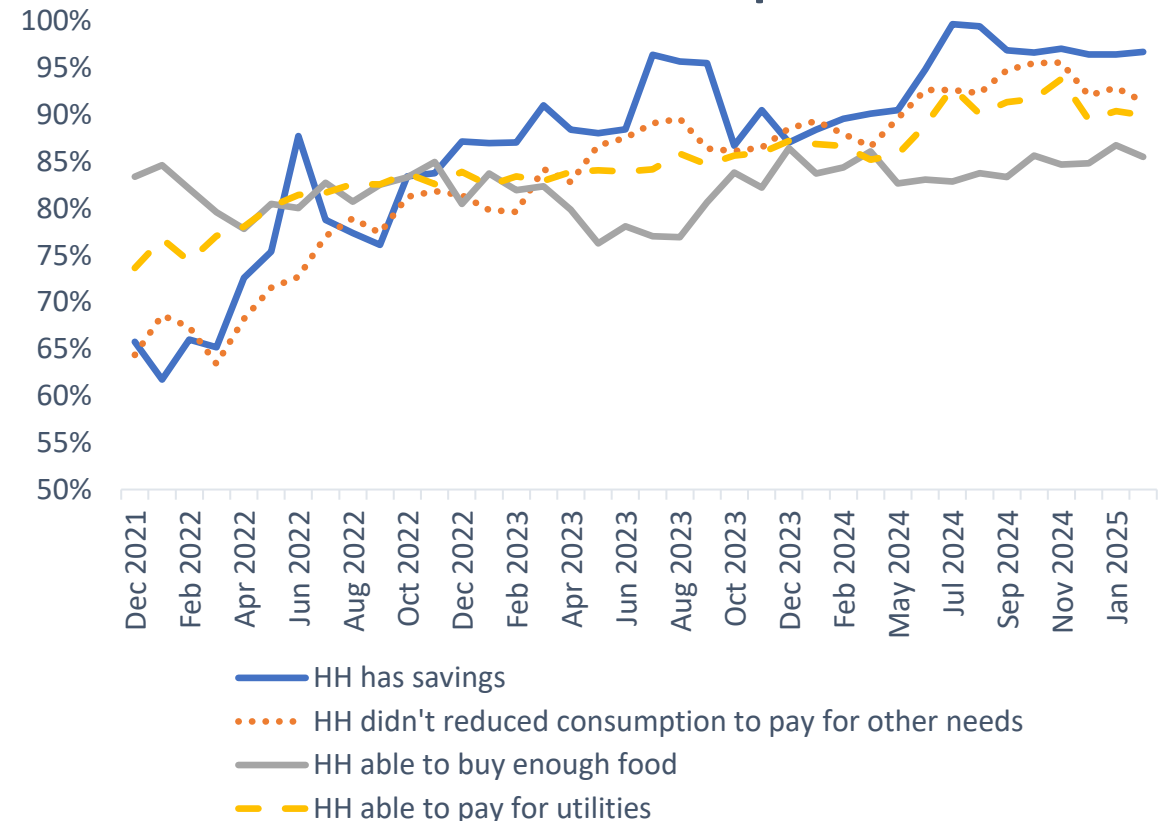


# IN Q42024 FINANCIAL SECURITY HAS ALSO STAGNATED, WITH A SLIGHT DECLINE IN THE NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS ABLE TO PAY UTILITIES AND CUT BACK ON CONSUMPTION

## Financial Security Indicator

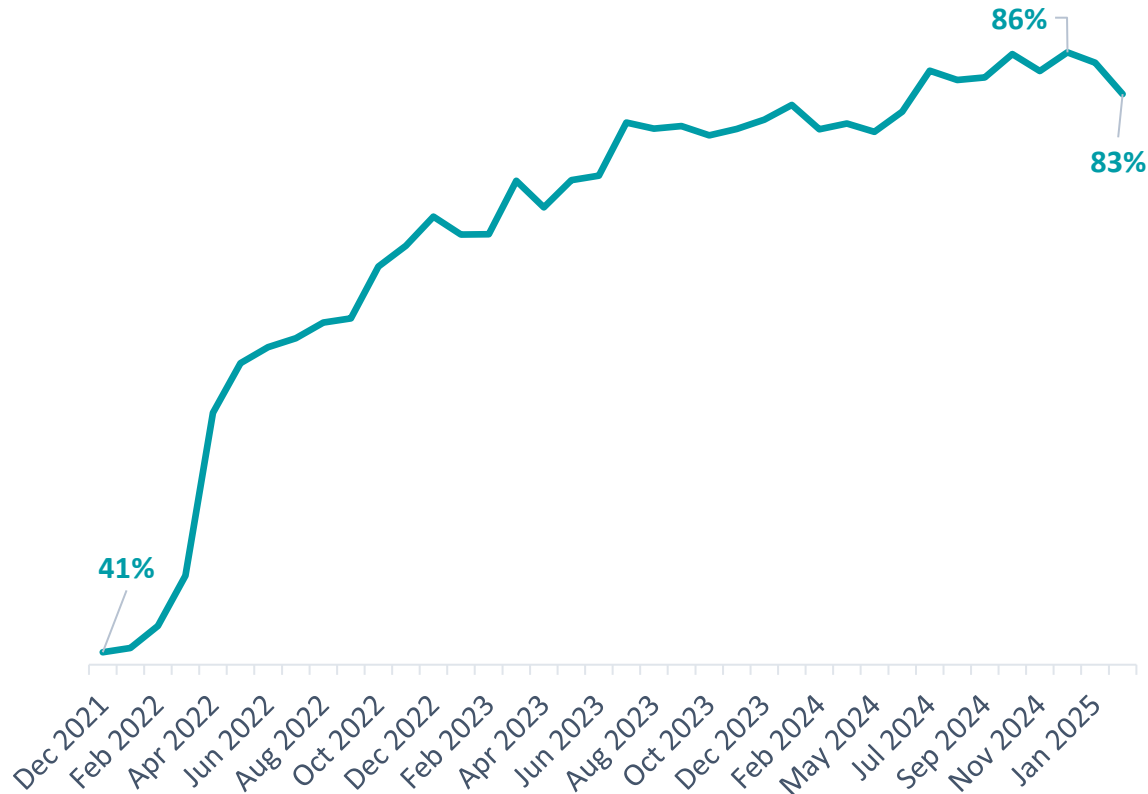


## FS Indicator Decomposition

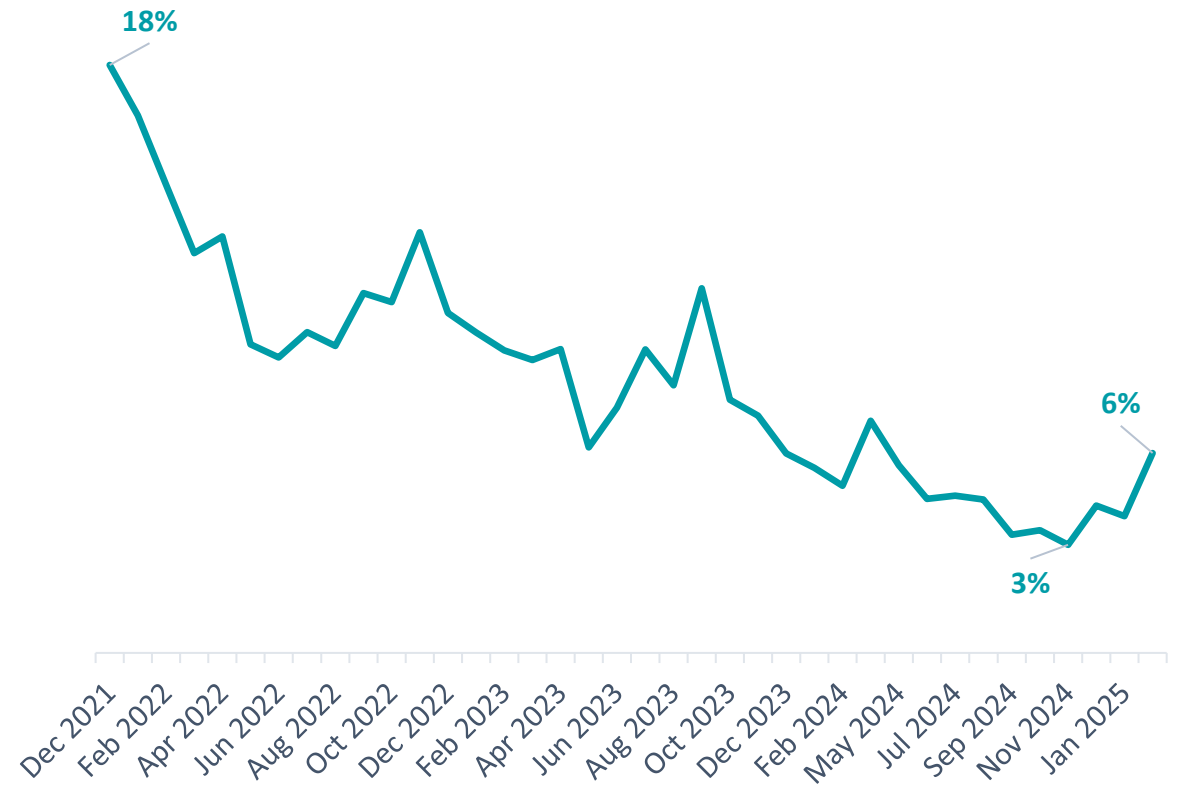


# ... AS WELL AS FOOD SECURITY WITH INCREASING NUMBER OF HHs NEED TO SELL ASSETS

### HH Food Security indicator



### HH sold assets to pay for basic needs





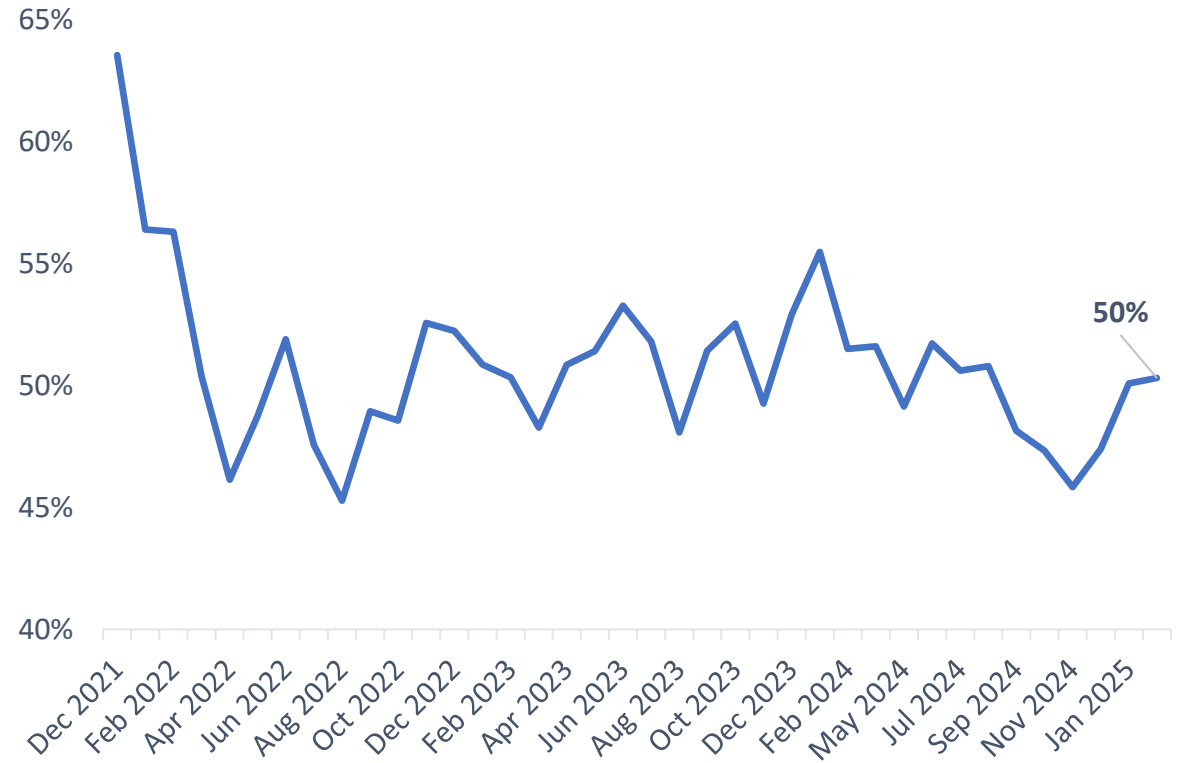


# SOME DECLINE IN LIFE SATISFACTION AND JOBS IS TOP ECONOMIC CONCERNS FOR THE COUNTRY

## Life satisfaction perceptions

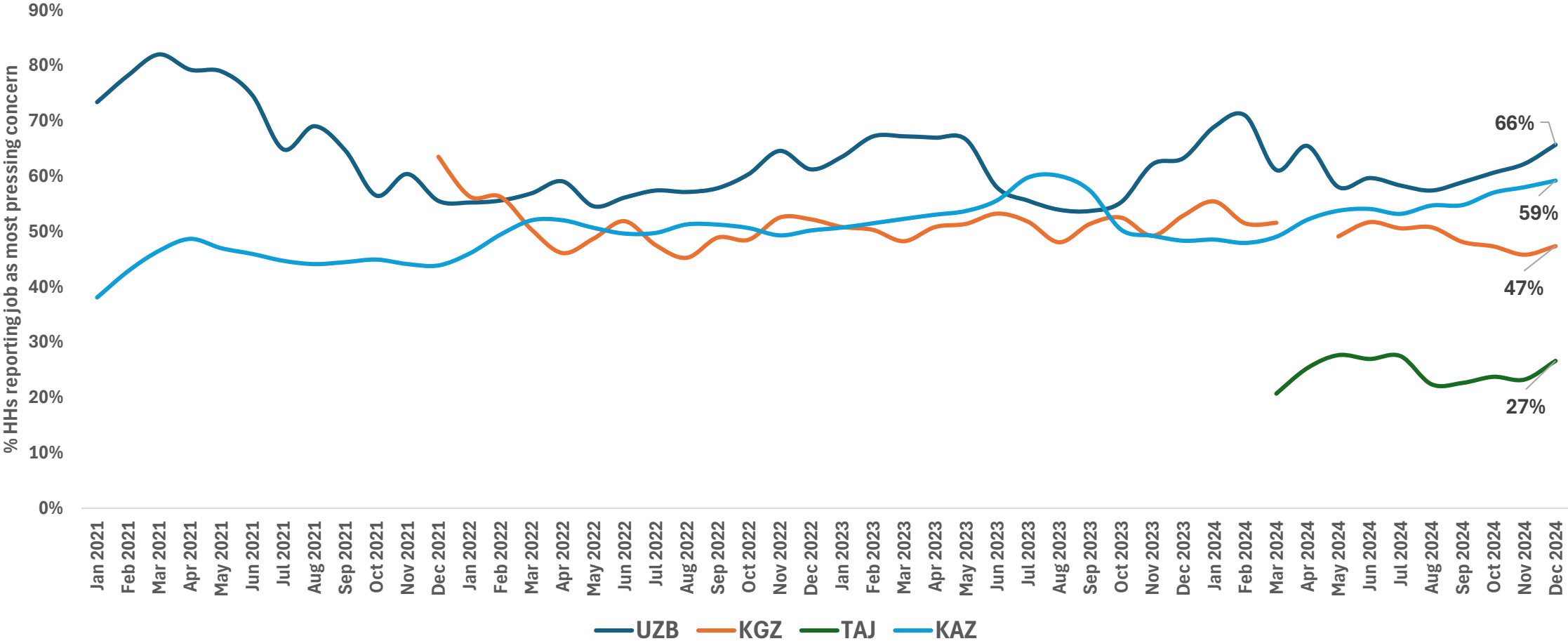


## Jobs - most pressing economic challenges



# L2 CA DATA SHOWS THAT JOBS ARE REGIONAL CONCERN

## Share of Households reporting jobs as most pressing concern

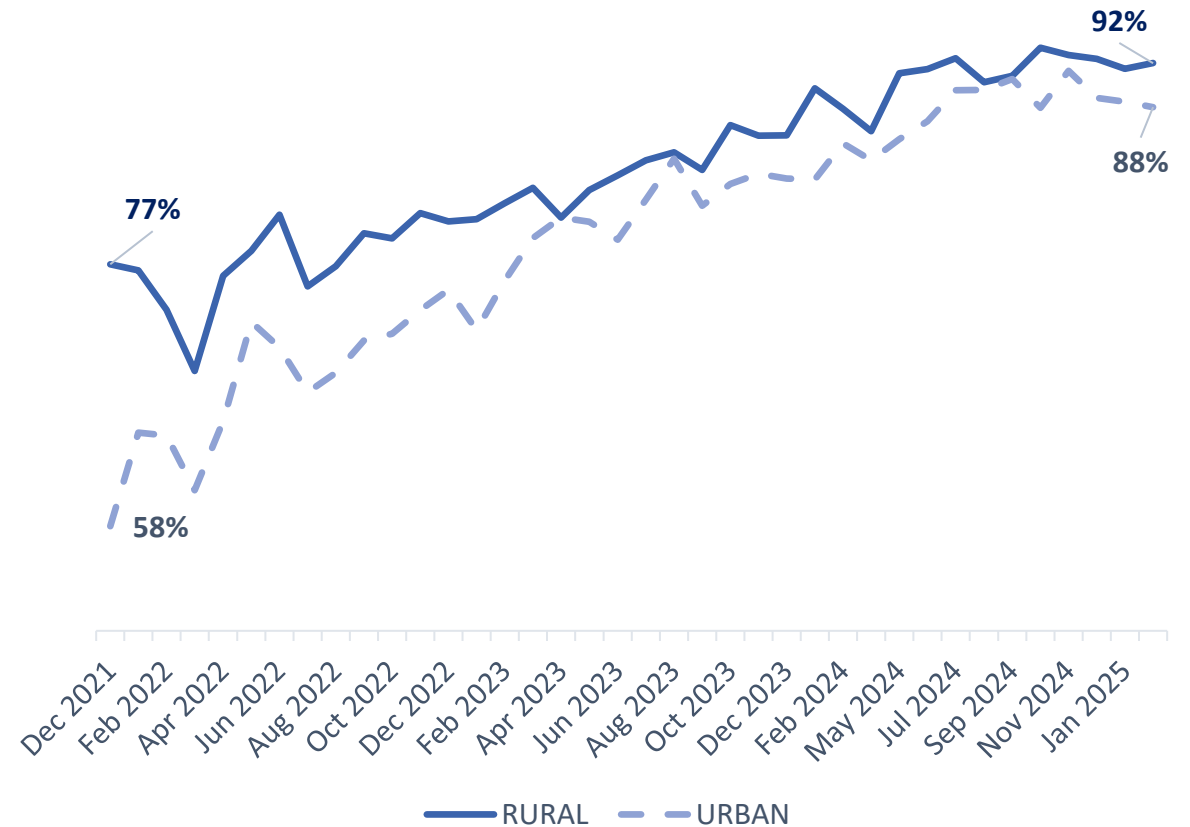


# DESPITE A DECLINE IN INDICATORS, PUBLIC PERCEPTION OF ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND LABOR MARKET REMAINS CONSISTENTLY HIGH

## It's a good time to find a job / start a business

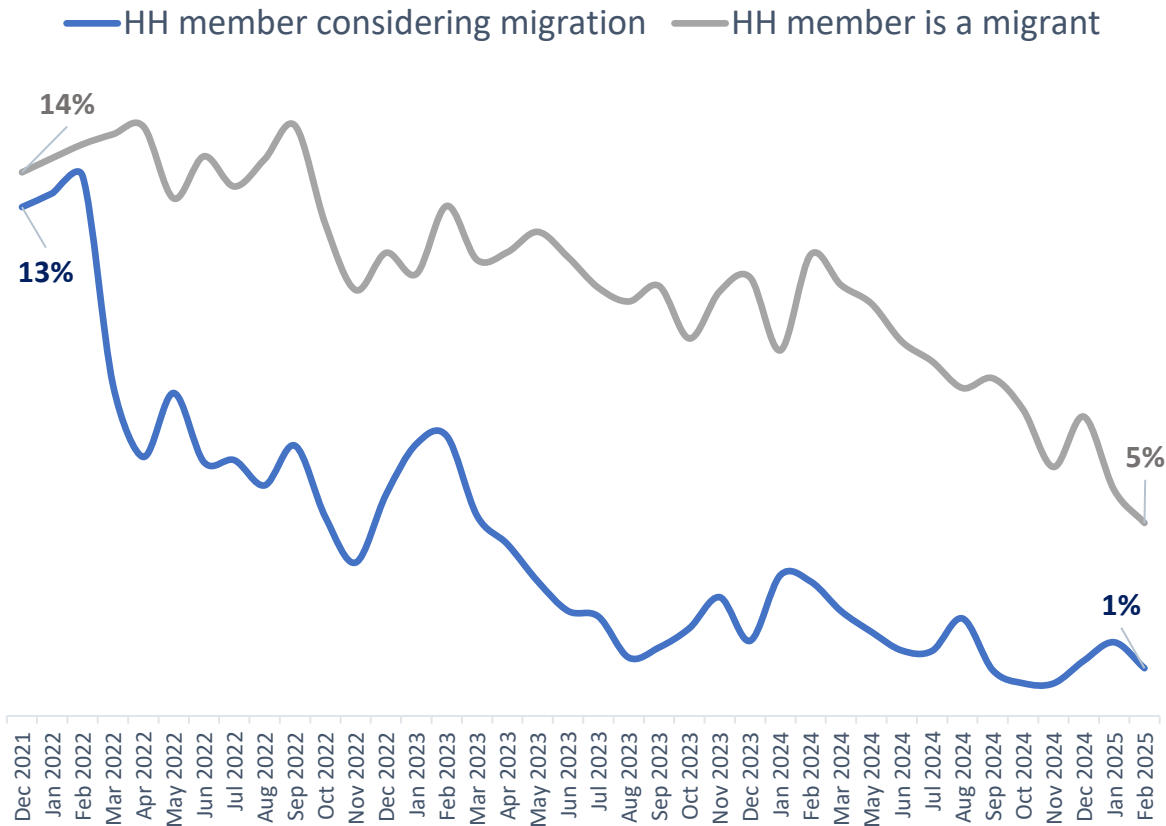


## The current economic situation is good

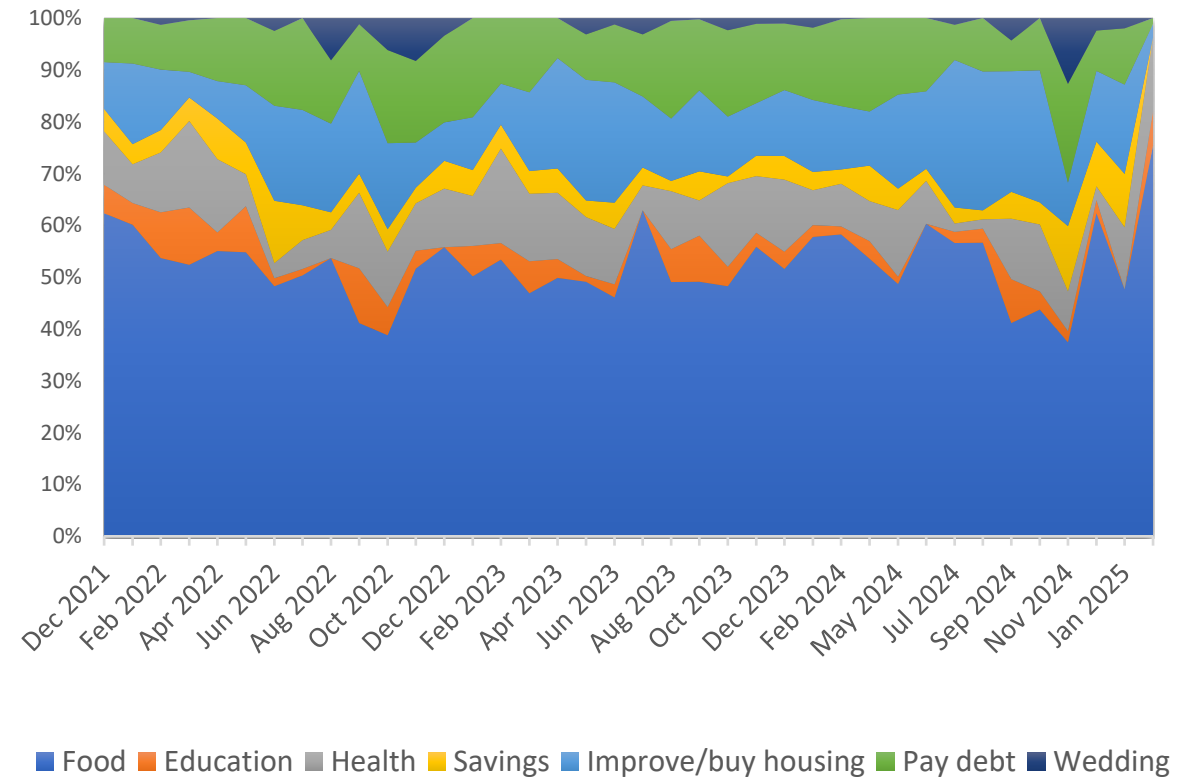


# INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION HAS DECLINED IN 2024 AND MOST OF REMITTANCES ARE USED FOR FOOD

## Declining migration intentions



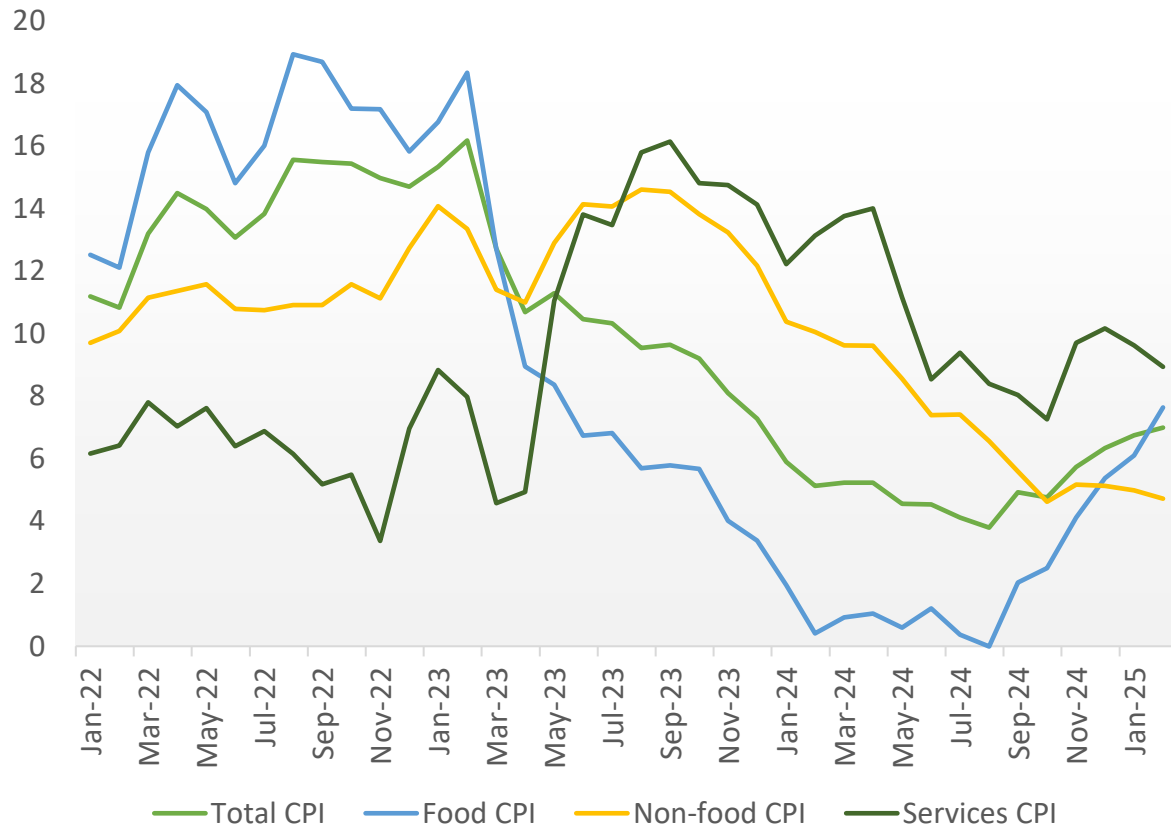
## Spending patterns for remittances



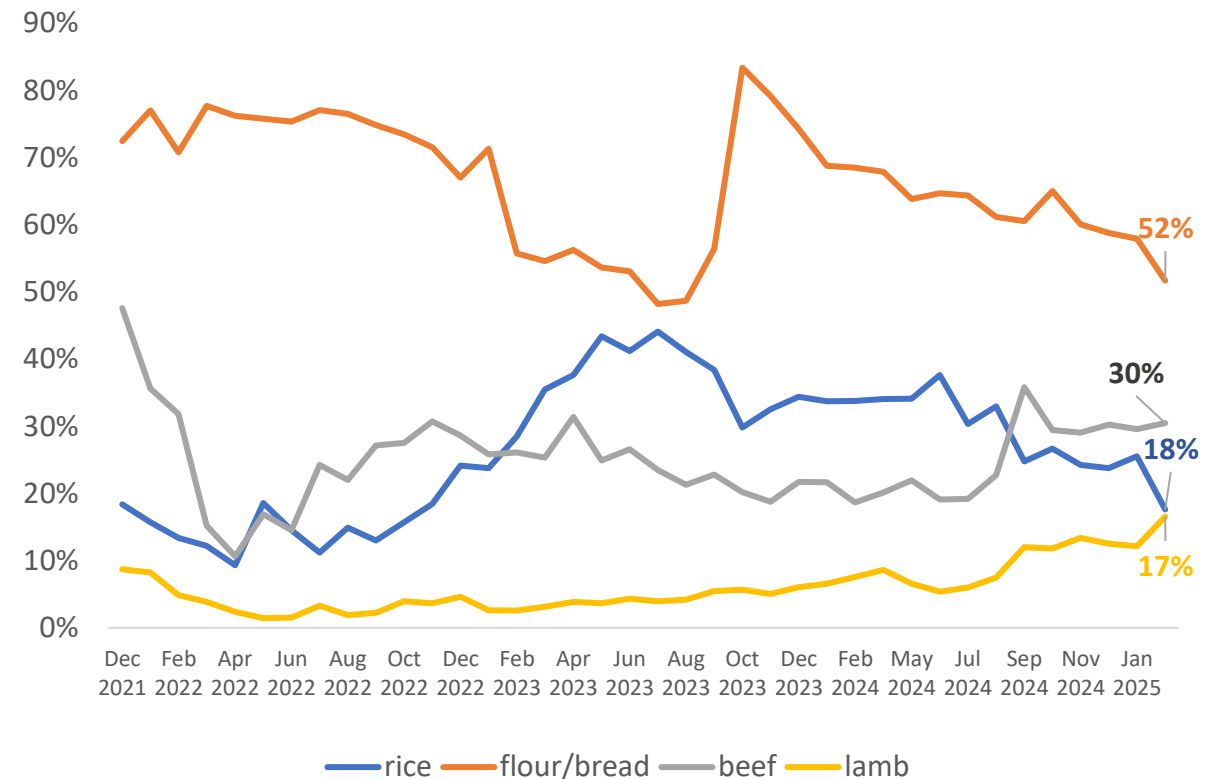


# CPI INFLATION FELL FROM 7.3 PERCENT IN DECEMBER 2023 TO 3.8 PERCENT IN AUGUST 2024 BEFORE RISING TO 6.3 PERCENT IN DECEMBER 2024

## CPI Inflation (% Year-on-Year)

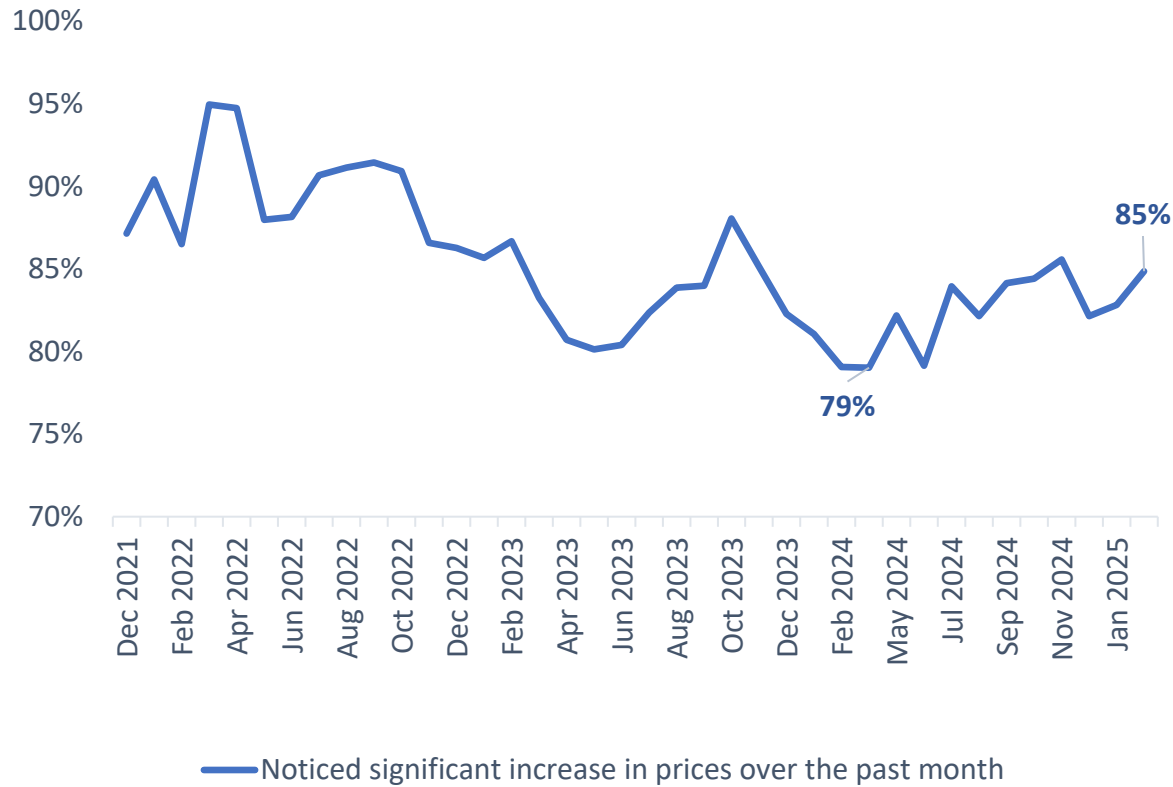


## Food items cited as driving rising prices % of households

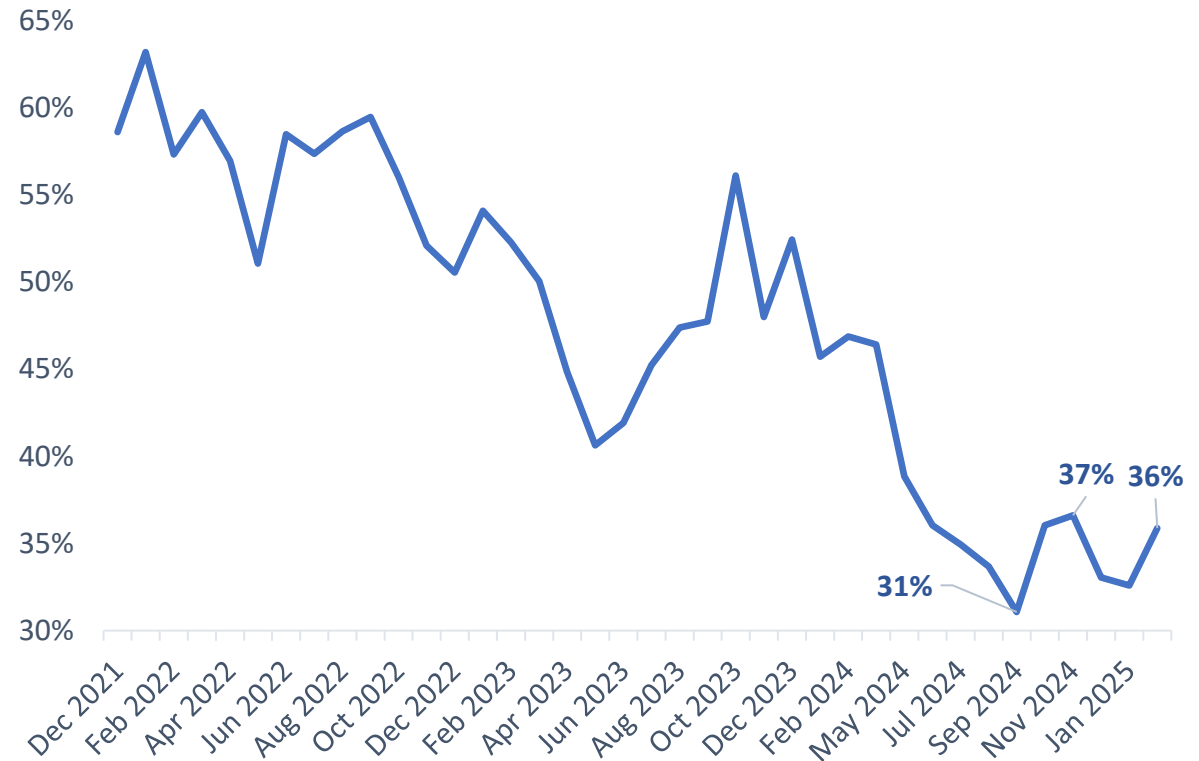


# WITH RISING INFLATION, PUBLIC CONCERN OVER PRICES IS GROWING

## Growing concerns over prices



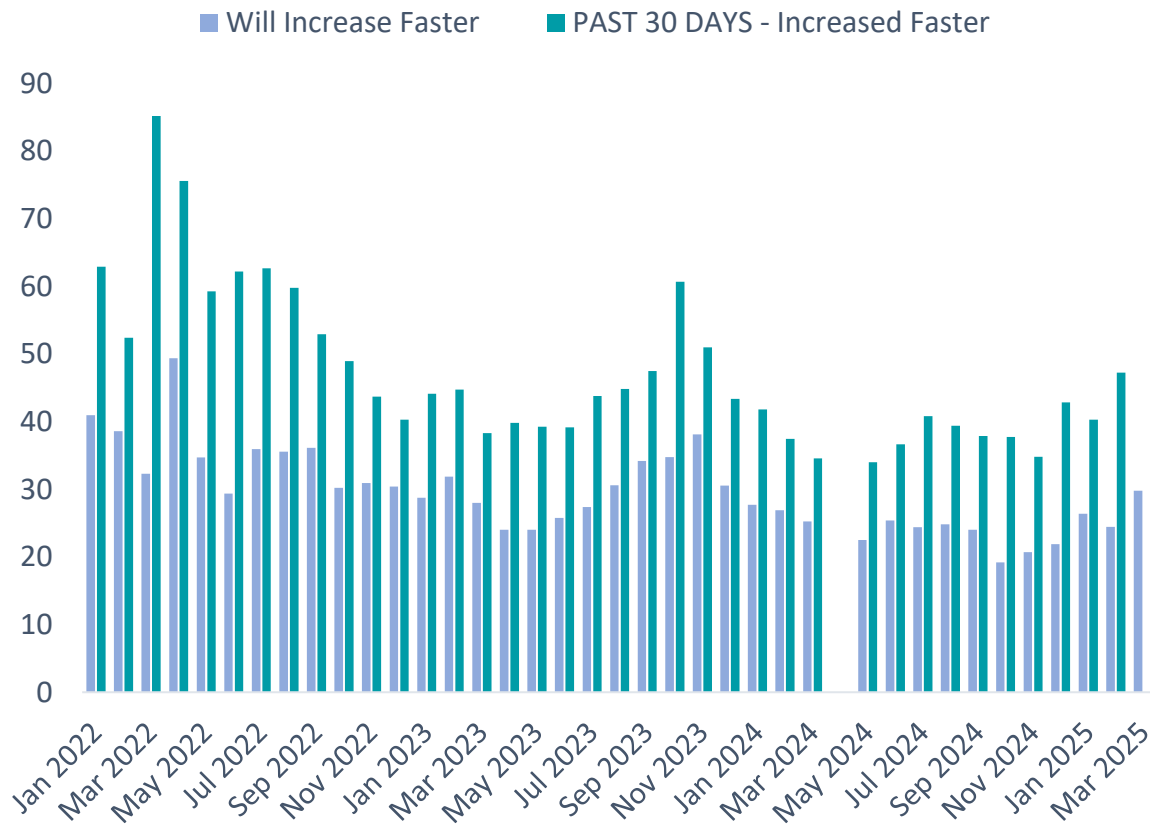
## Inflation is a key challenge facing the country



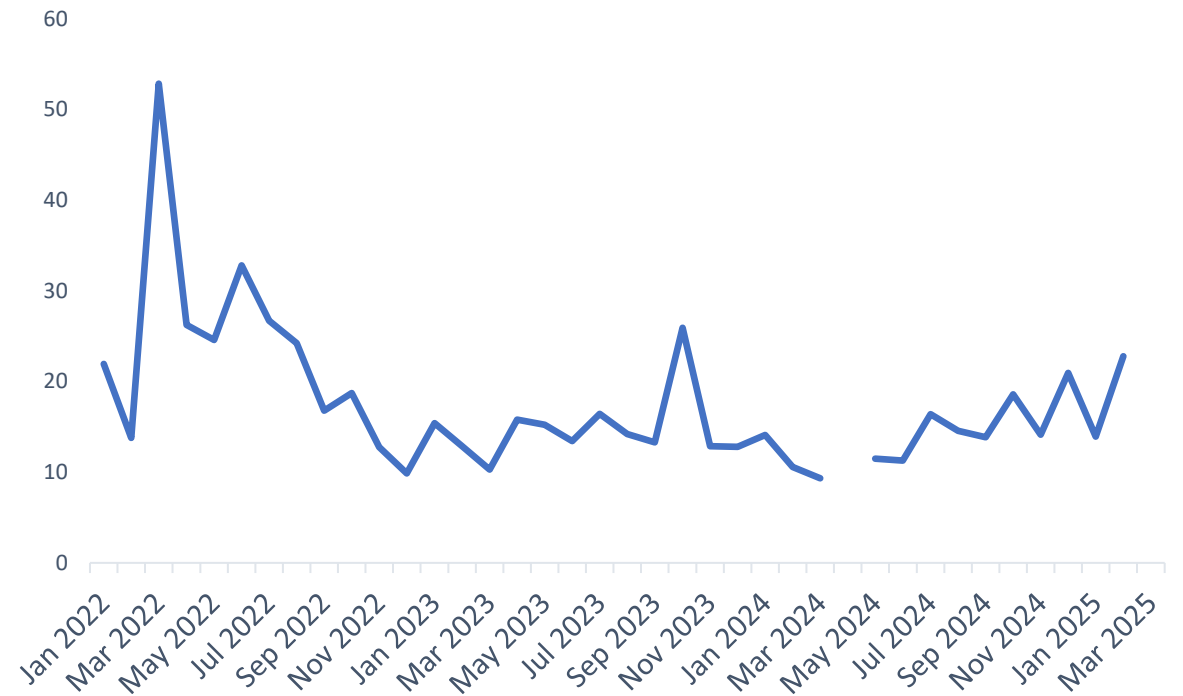


# ... SO ARE INFLATION EXPECTATIONS

## Inflation Expectations

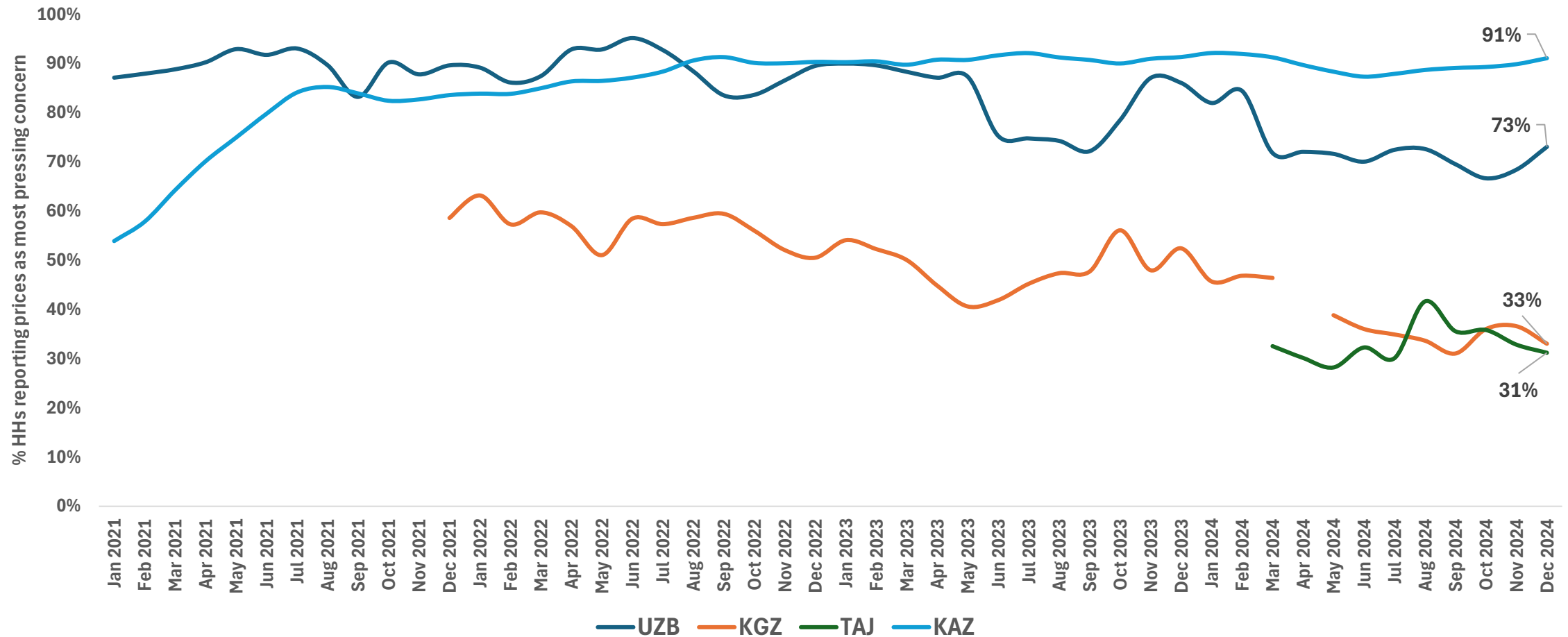


## "Inflation surprises" Index - Deviation between Expected and Perceived inflation



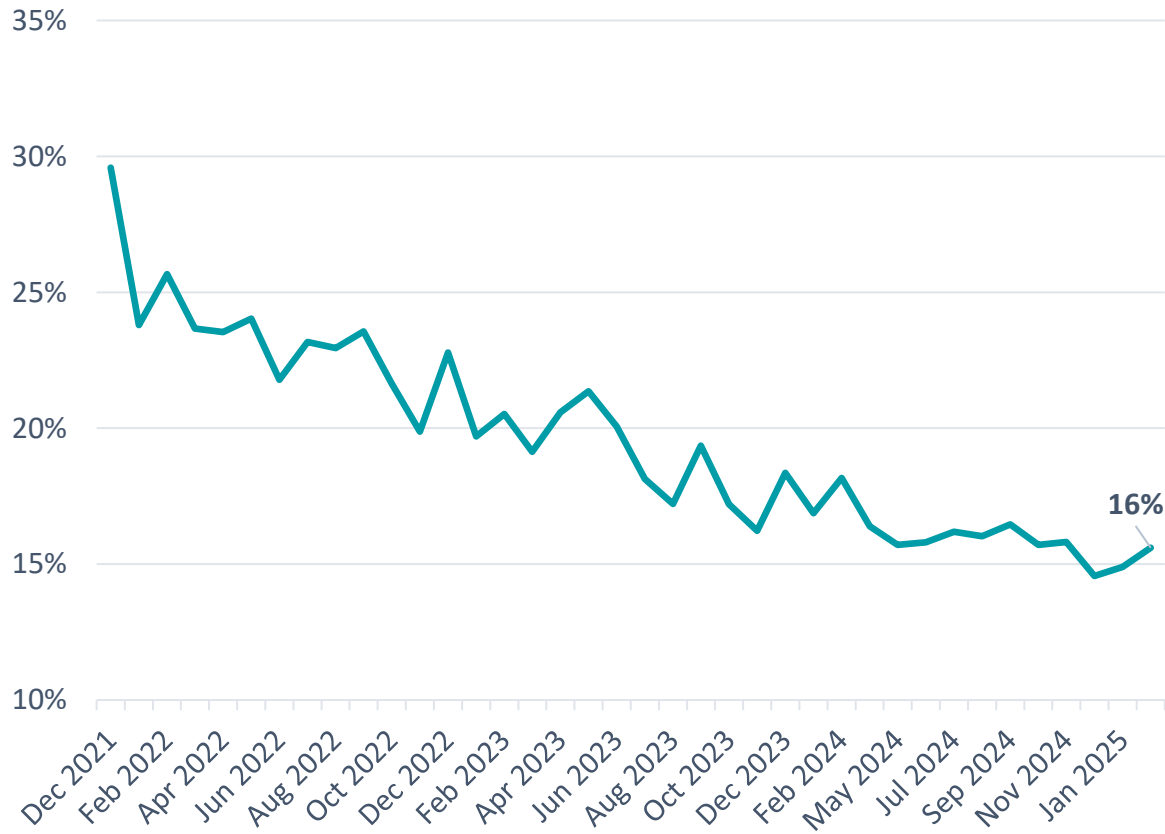
# L2 CA DATA SHOWS THAT INFLATION CONCERNS ARE HIGHER IN KAZAKHSTAN AND UZBEKISTAN

## Share of Households reporting prices as most pressing concern

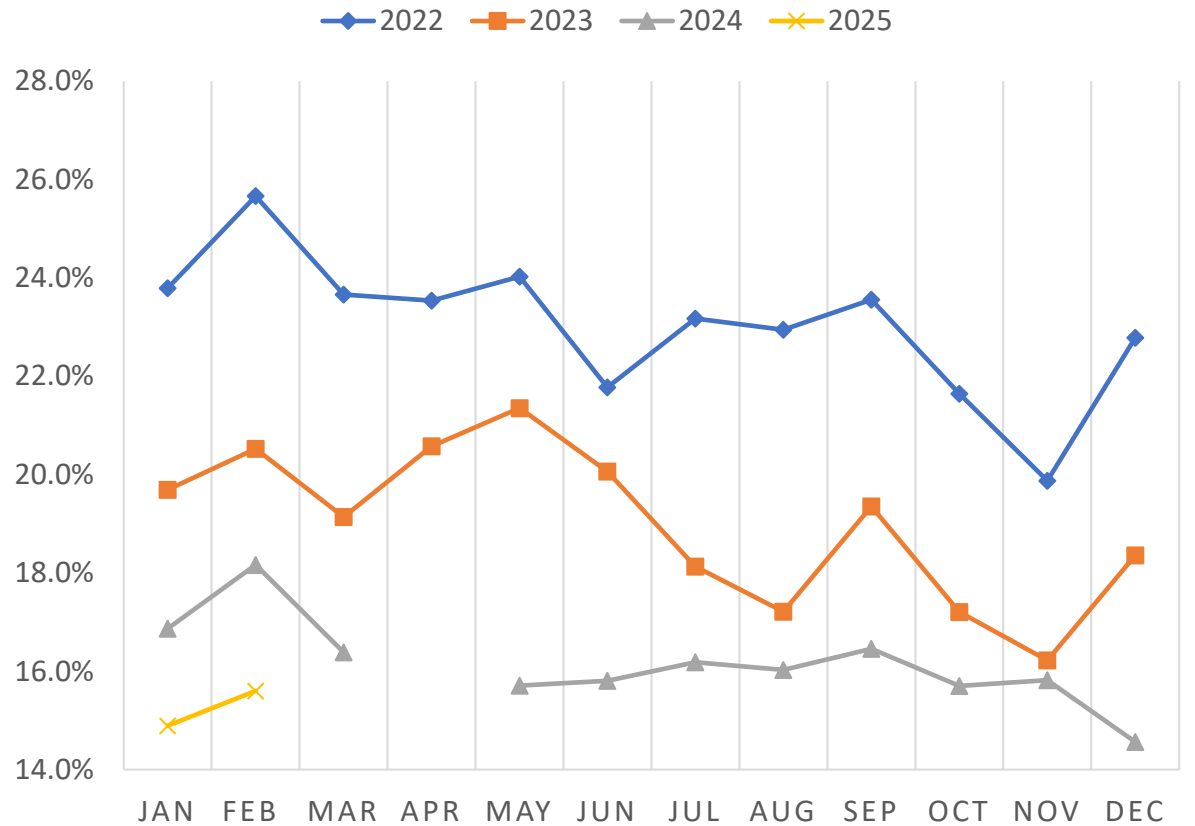


# DESPITE STAGNANT INCOMES, SUBJECTIVE POVERTY HAS REMAINED STABLE

## Share of HHs self-defined as "poor"

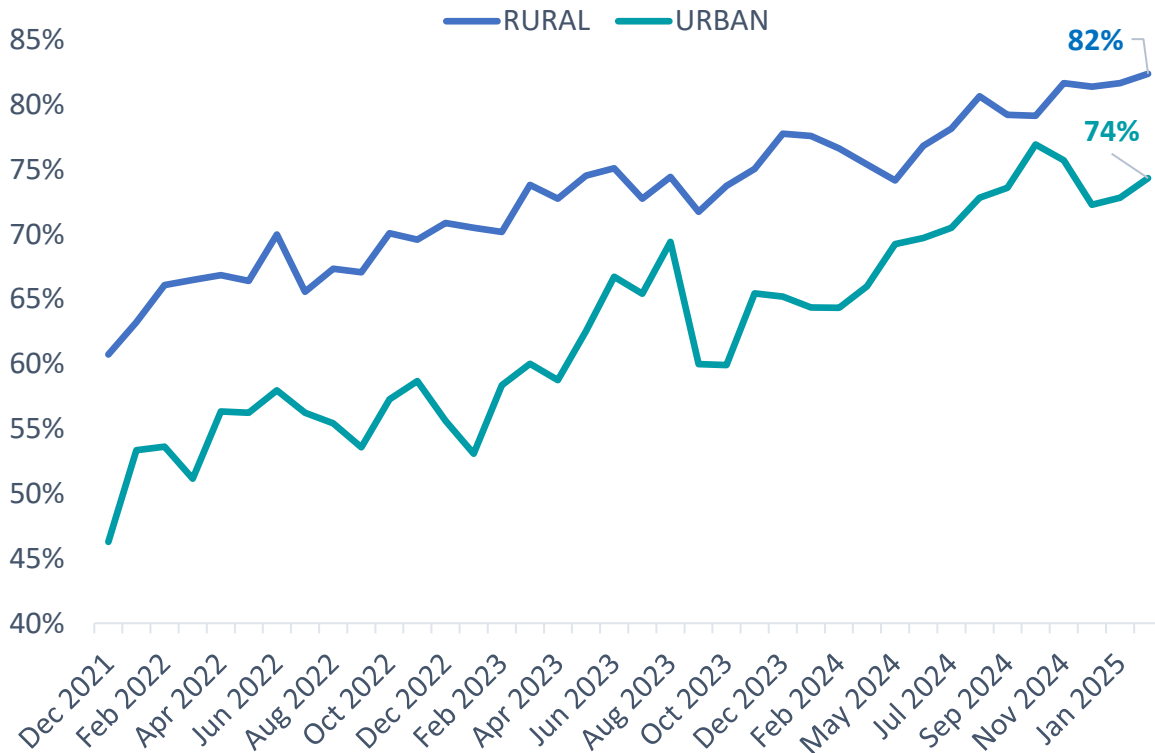


## SUBJECTIVE POOR BY MONTHS

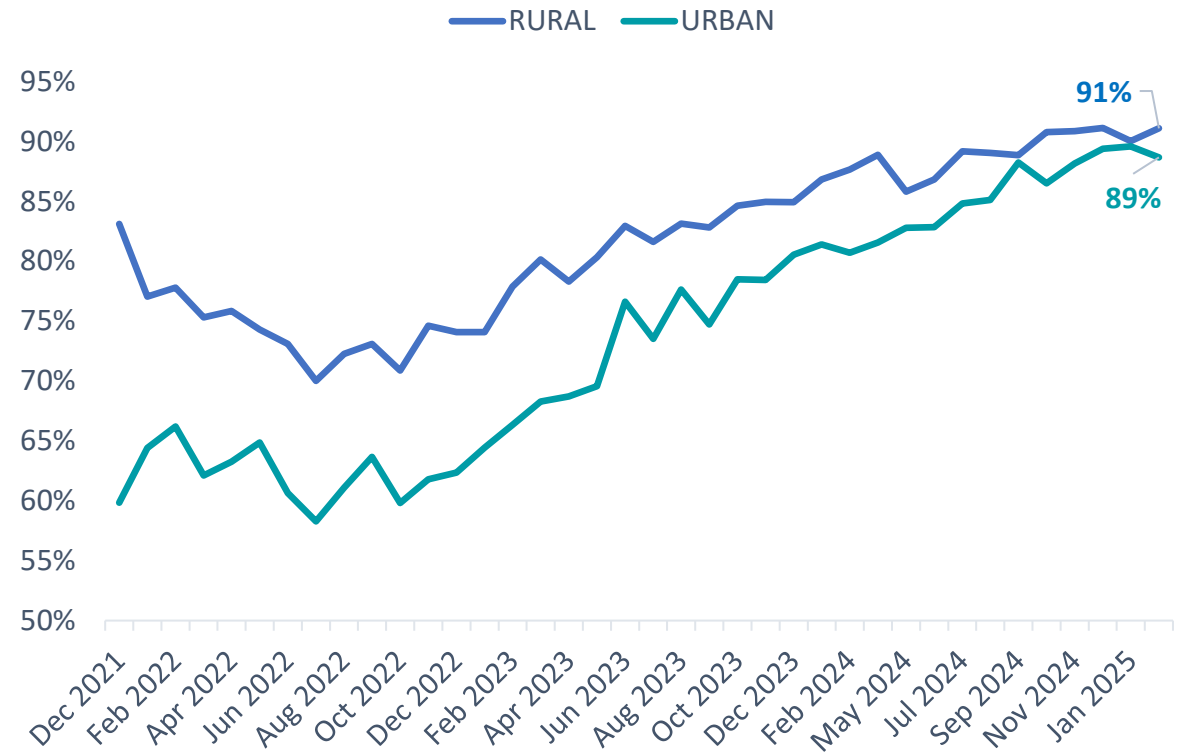


# A STABLE MAJORITY SAY THE GOVERNMENT IS ENGAGING IN AN OPEN DIALOGUE AND FIGHTING CORRUPTION

## Government is engaging in open dialogue with citizens

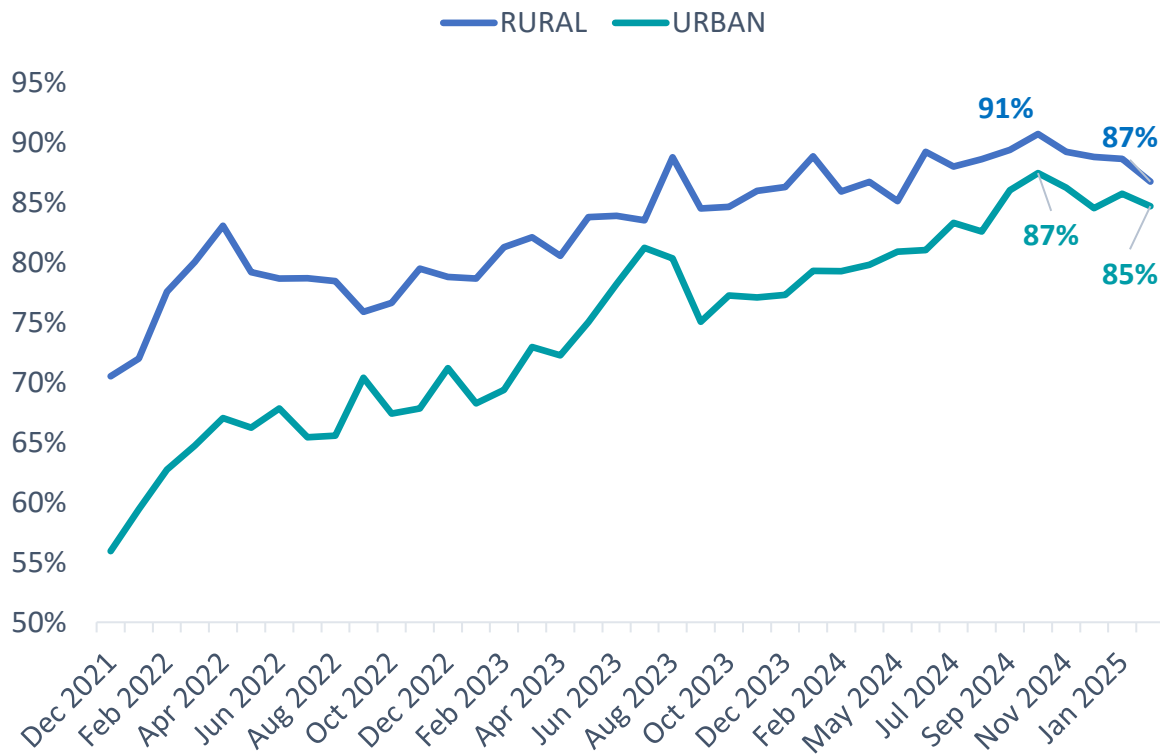


## Government is good in fighting corruption

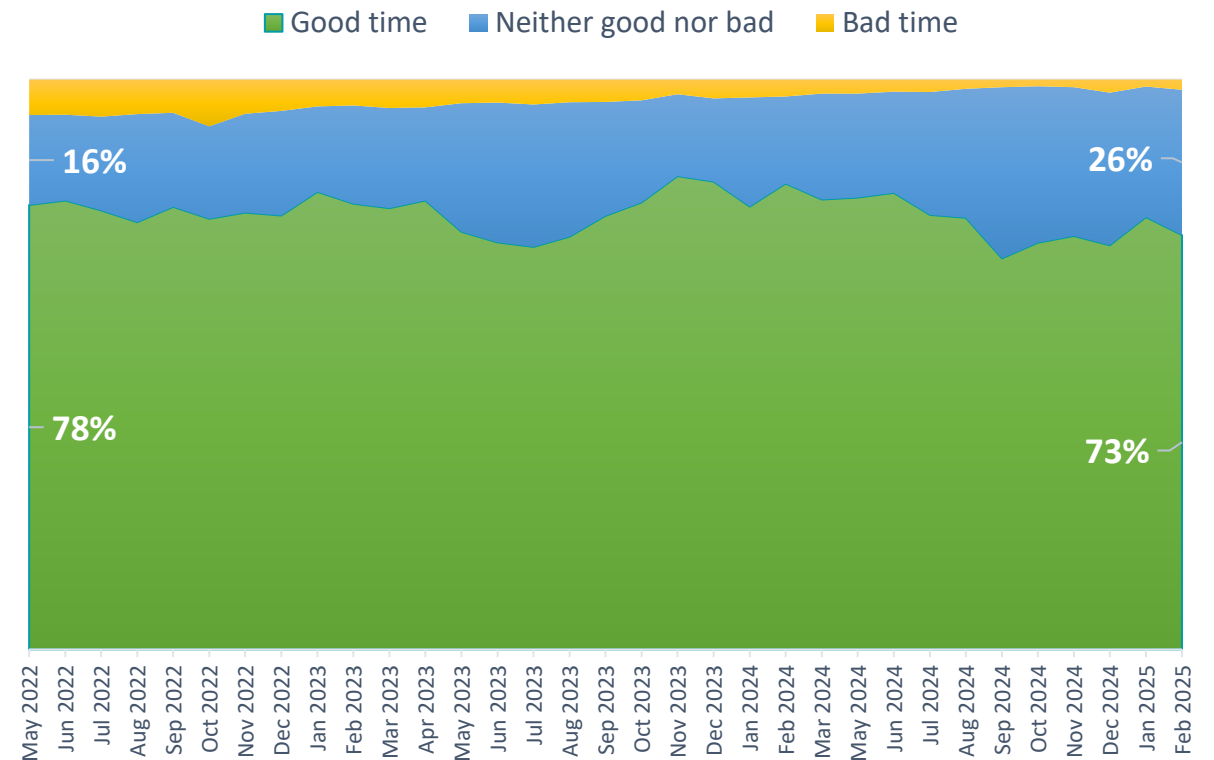


# HOWEVER, PERCEPTIONS THAT THE COUNTRY IS ON THE RIGHT TRACK ARE SLIGHTLY DECLINING, AND OPTIMISM ABOUT THE NEXT FIVE YEARS IS SHIFTING TOWARD A MORE NEUTRAL STANCE

## Respondents believe that the country is generally on the right track



## Next five years will be a good time for the economy of the country



# KEY MESSAGES

## 1. Economic Wellbeing & Financial Security

- Real wage growth stagnated in 2024.
- Financial and Food security declined slightly.

## 2. Public Perception & Economic Concerns

- Life satisfaction declined, with jobs as the top economic concern.
- Despite declining indicators, public perception of economic conditions and the labor market remains high.

## 3. Poverty & Governance Perceptions

- Despite stagnant incomes, subjective poverty levels remained stable.
- A majority believe the government is engaging in open dialogue and fighting corruption.
- However, perceptions of the country being on the right track are slightly declining.

# L2KGZ MICRODATA

- ❑ L2KGZ Microdata (2021-2025) is now available via the World Bank Microdata Library
- ❑ <https://microdata.worldbank.org>



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Kyrgyz Republic, 2021 - 2025

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