

Worried nation

The number of people calling Samaritans about money worries has doubled since the financial downturn

20% of people contacting Samaritans in 2011 talked about **job concerns**, **housing problems**, **debt** and other **financial pressures**.

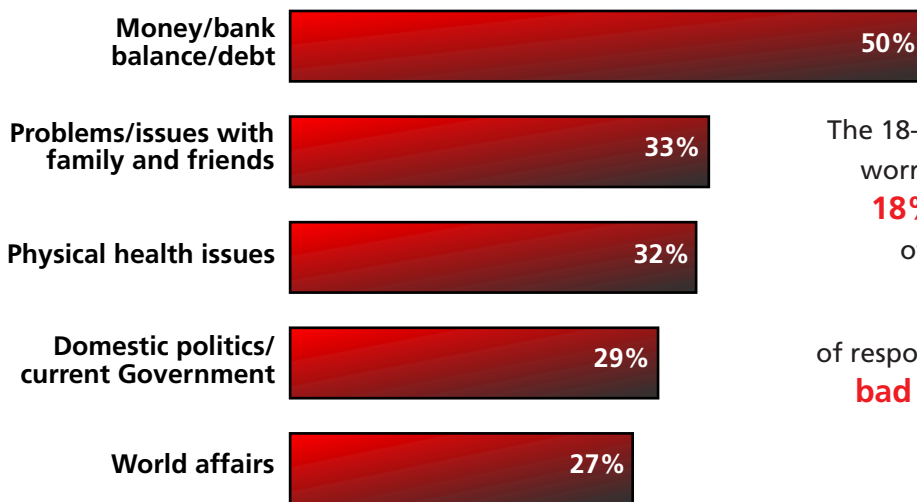
Job security and redundancy had been worrying both unemployed people, **41%**, and those working full time, **36%**.

58% feared they wouldn't have enough money to live comfortably in the coming year

36% were concerned about losing their job or having difficulty finding work.

These issues are reflected in the Samaritan's annual survey of the nation's worries

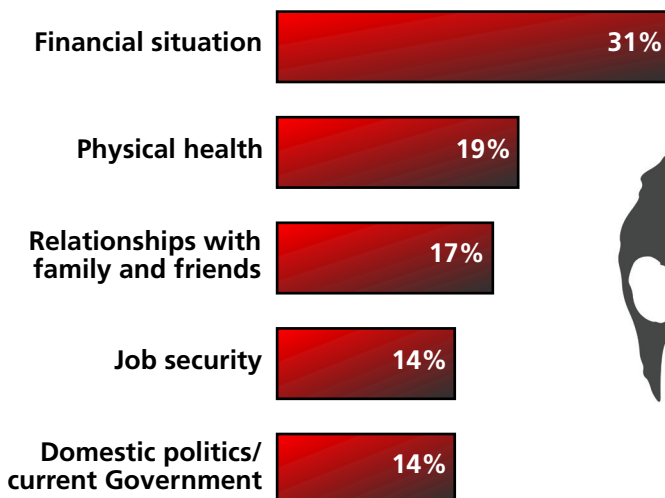
Top five worries in 2011
(base: 2,146 people, UK)



The 18-24 age group were most worried about loneliness – **18%** compared to **10%** of people aged 55+.

24% of respondents considered 2011 a **bad year** or **their worst year ever**.

Top five things people were most hopeful would improve in 2012



25% said they thought **none** of the things listed would improve.

Source: Samaritans; YouGov
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