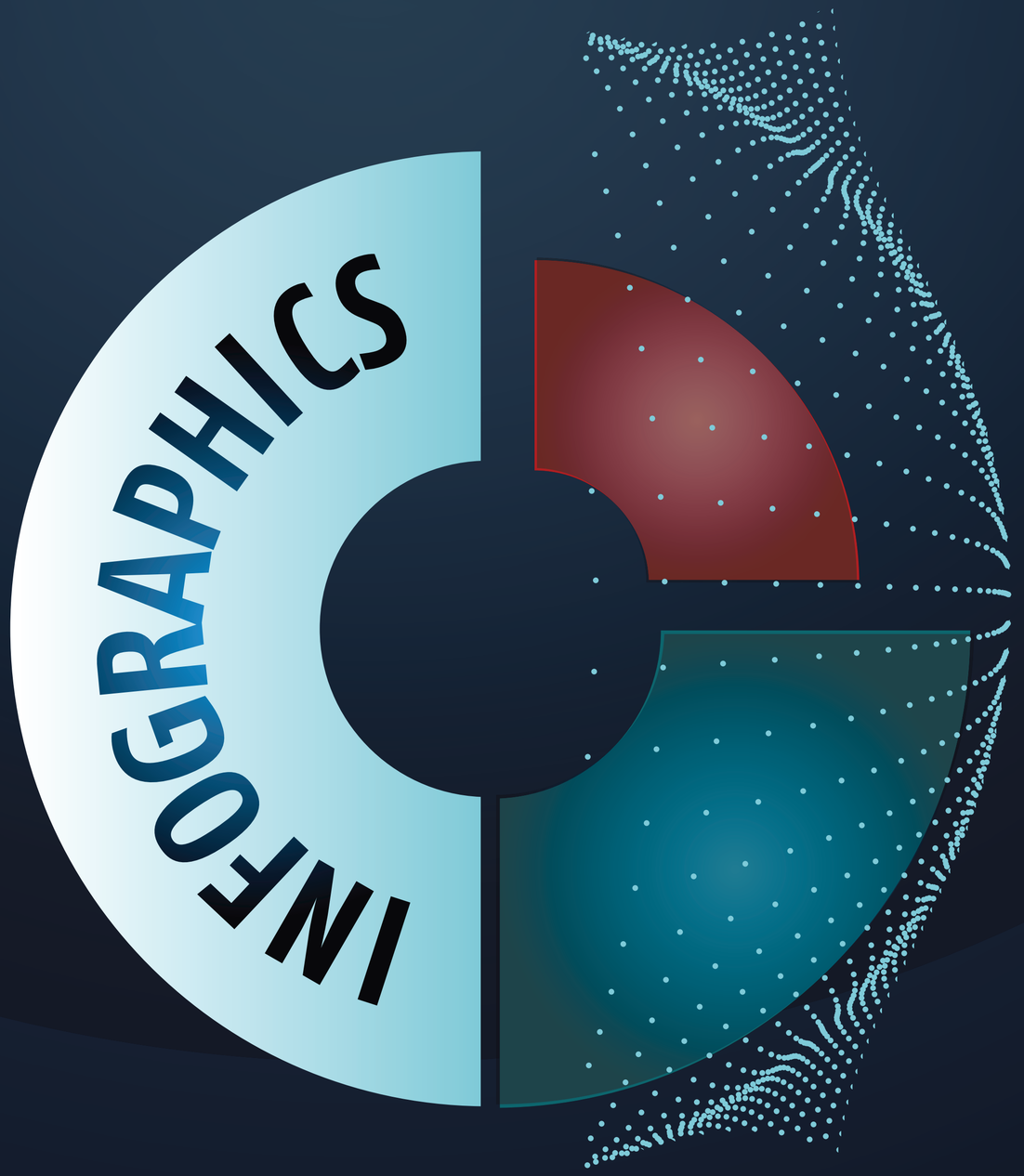
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56%

of Western Balkan citizens

consider their own economy a secure place to live

up from **49%** in 2025

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49%

of Western Balkan citizens

consider the Western Balkans a secure place to live

up from **38%** in 2025

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64%

of Western Balkan citizens

report relatively high levels of personal security

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55%

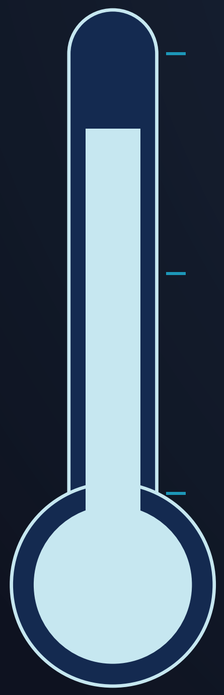
of Western Balkan citizens

avoid carrying substantial amounts of money as a protective measure

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83%

of Western Balkan citizens

are concerned about the cost of living and inflation

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78%

of Western Balkan citizens

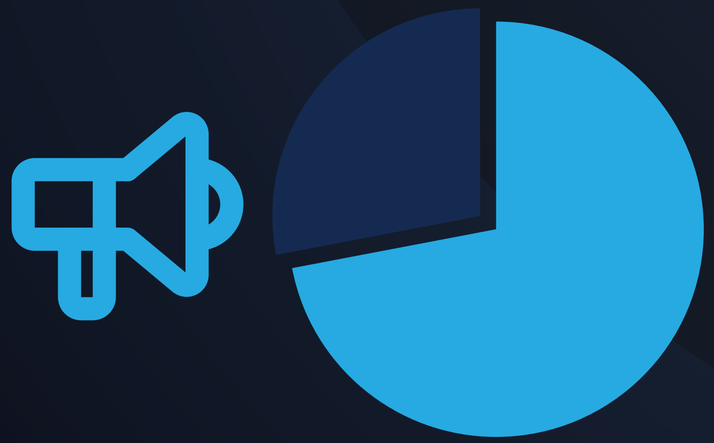
are concerned about depopulation and emigration.

Among those aged 65+, the share reaches **82%**, compared with **69%** among 18–24-year-olds.

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72%

of Western Balkan citizens

are concerned about disinformation and fake news,

while **68%** are concerned about organised crime.

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53%

of Western Balkan citizens

feel threatened by illegal possession and misuse of weapons in their neighbourhood

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84%

of Western Balkan citizens

would not consider owning a gun

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21%

of Western Balkan citizens

believe immigrants help fill important jobs,

down from **31%** in 2024

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48%

of Western Balkan citizens

believe immigration increases crime,

up from **42%** in 2024

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65%

of Western Balkan citizens

have no intention of moving abroad to live or work

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58%

of Western Balkan citizens aged 18-24

are considering moving abroad

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Only

1 in 3

of Western Balkan citizens

say they can cover an unexpected expense of €1,000without borrowing or relying on others

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62%

of Western Balkan citizens

say they can keep their homes adequately warm in winter and cool in summer

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52%

of Western Balkan citizens

disagree that public institutions treat people equally

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Only

16%

of Western Balkan citizens

express confidence in political parties
–

the lowest level among all
institutions surveyed

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55%

of Western Balkan citizens

have little or no confidence in their community's ability to recover from a serious crisis

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77%

of Western Balkan citizens

consider corruption widespread in their economy,

down from **86%** in 2023

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27%

of Western Balkan citizens

report having made payments or given gifts or donations to healthcare institutions over the past three years

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74%

of Western Balkan citizens

are concerned about theft of their personal information

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80%

of Western Balkan citizens

say politicians and political parties spread false or misleading information sometimes or often,

topping the list of perceived source.

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27%

of Western Balkan citizens

favour NATO as the most appropriate security cooperation arrangement,

followed by the EU (**20%**) and
regional cooperation (**16%**).

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