



# *Priority Ballot 2023*



*Over the last week-and-a-half we asked you to tell us what you care about and what you would like the Students' Union to focus on via our Priority Ballot.*

*632 students told us their top three priorities, casting 1895 votes at Refreshers Fair and online.*

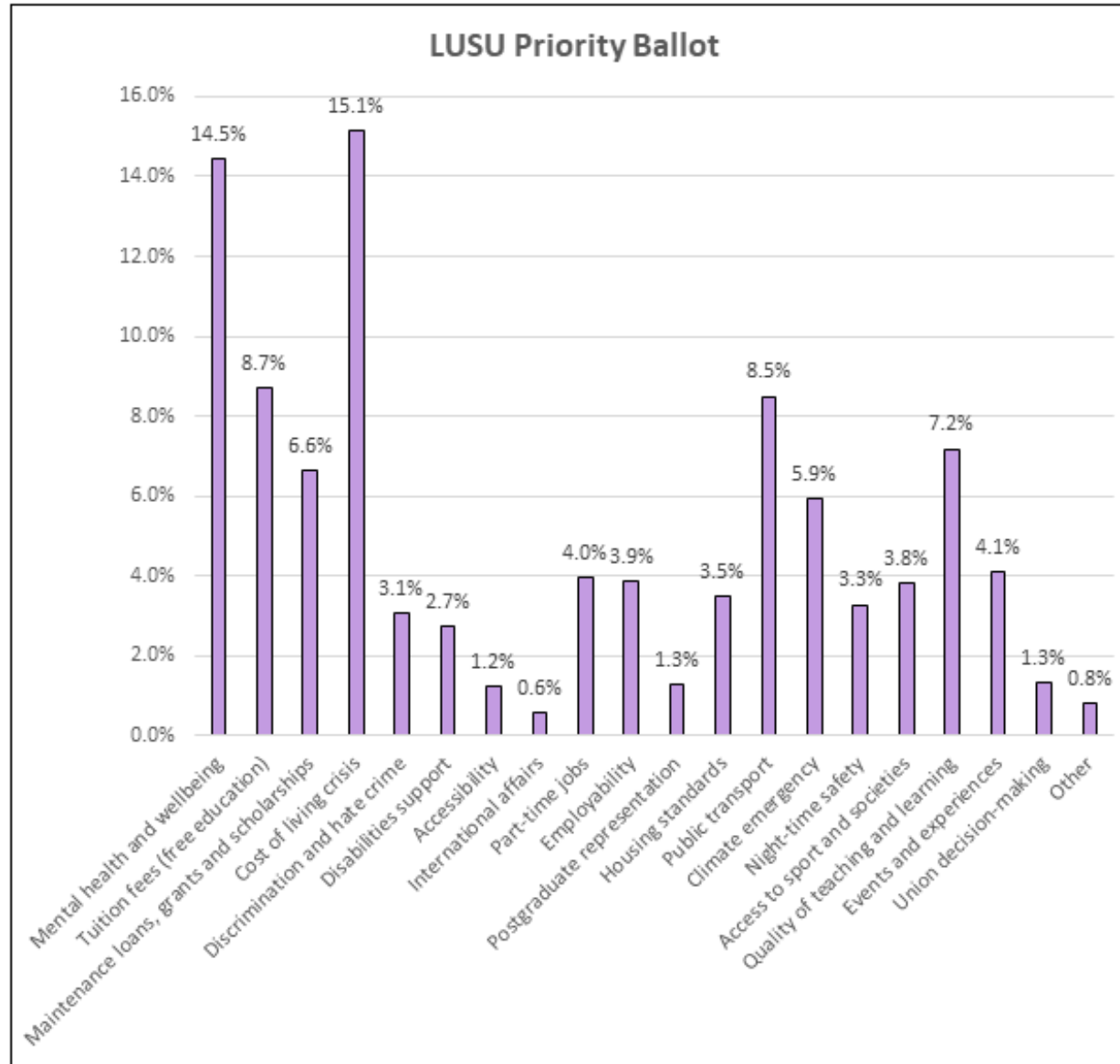


*There is a clear and strong desire from students for the Students' Union to focus its attention on the **cost of living crisis** (45.4% of respondents chose this option) and **mental health and wellbeing** (43.4% of respondents chose this option).*

*Over a quarter of respondents prioritised **tuition fees** (free education) (26.1%) and **public transport** (25.5%). **Quality of teaching and learning** (21.5%); **maintenance loans, grants and scholarships** (19.9%), and **climate emergency** (17.7%) were also notable priorities for students.*



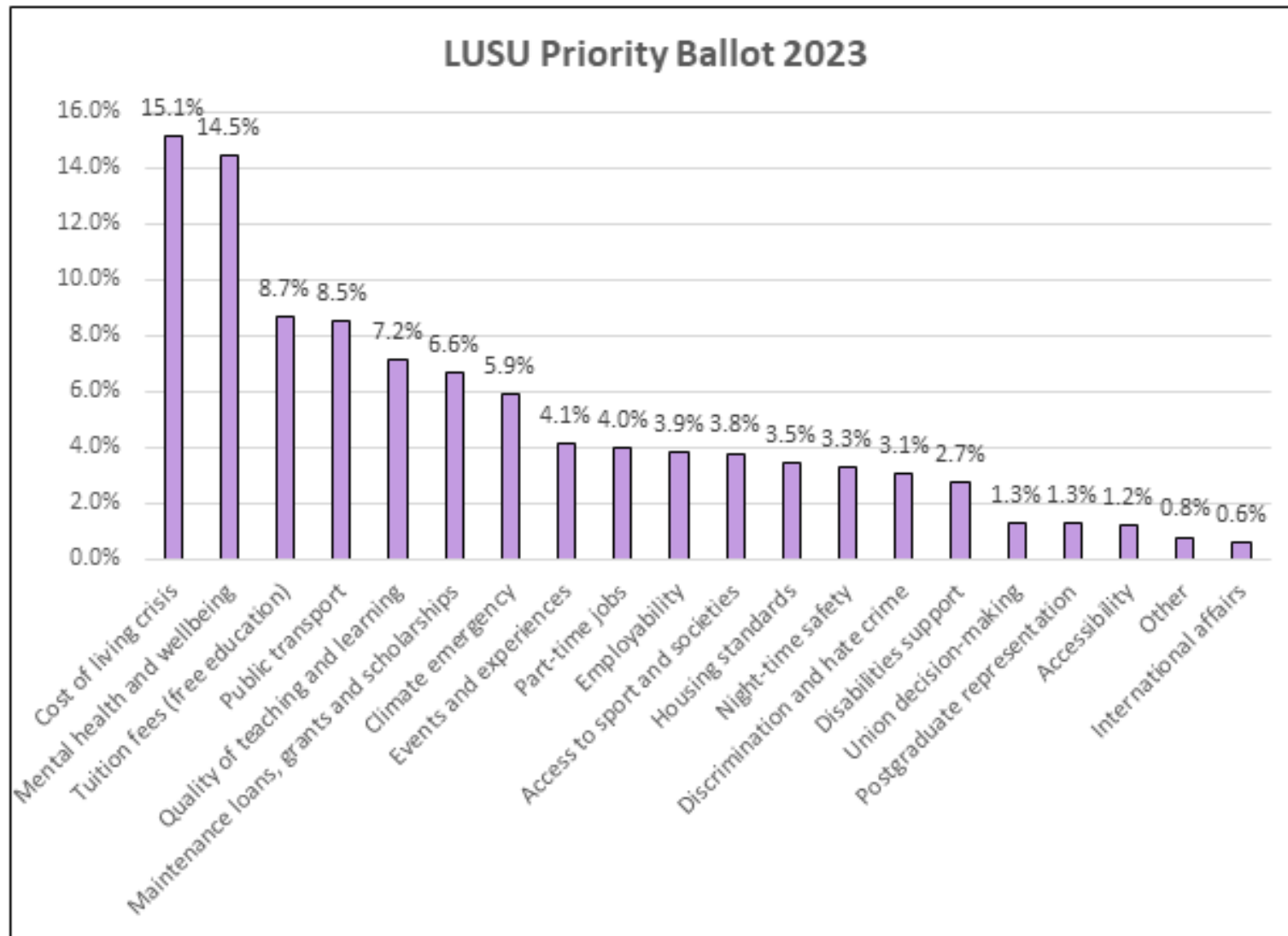
# HEADLINE RESULTS



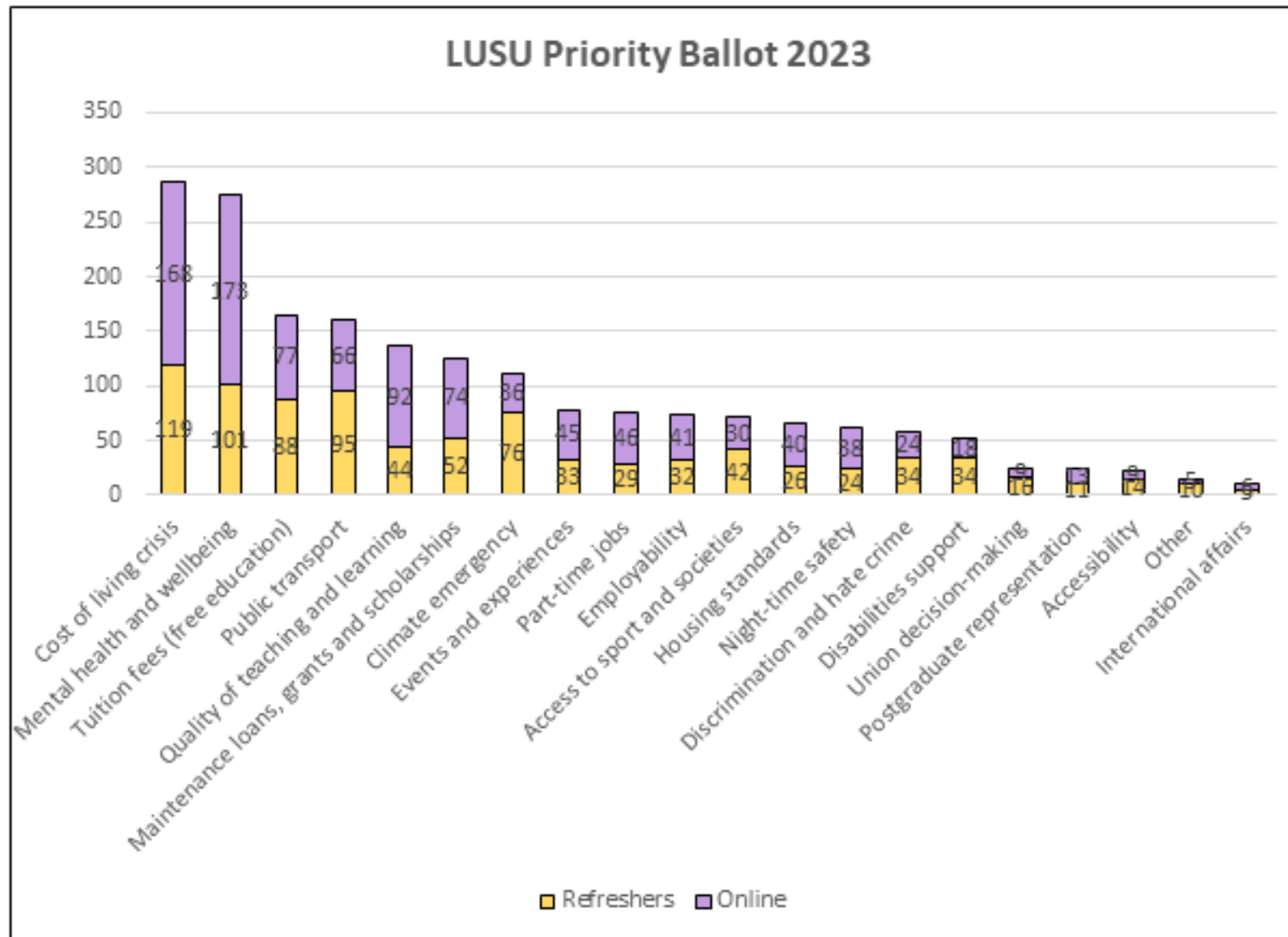
Options ordered as presented in Qualtrics form. Percentage figures correspond to proportion of all tokens/votes assigned to this option.



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# DATA TABLE

| Priority                                   | Refreshers | Online | % of Total | % of Participants |
|--------------------------------------------|------------|--------|------------|-------------------|
| Cost of living crisis                      | 119        | 168    | 15.1%      | 45.4%             |
| Mental health and wellbeing                | 101        | 173    | 14.5%      | 43.4%             |
| Tuition fees (free education)              | 88         | 77     | 8.7%       | 26.1%             |
| Public transport                           | 95         | 66     | 8.5%       | 25.5%             |
| Quality of teaching and learning           | 44         | 92     | 7.2%       | 21.5%             |
| Maintenance loans, grants and scholarships | 52         | 74     | 6.6%       | 19.9%             |
| Climate emergency                          | 76         | 36     | 5.9%       | 17.7%             |
| Events and experiences                     | 33         | 45     | 4.1%       | 12.3%             |
| Part-time jobs                             | 29         | 46     | 4.0%       | 11.9%             |
| Employability                              | 32         | 41     | 3.9%       | 11.6%             |
| Access to sport and societies              | 42         | 30     | 3.8%       | 11.4%             |
| Housing standards                          | 26         | 40     | 3.5%       | 10.4%             |
| Night-time safety                          | 24         | 38     | 3.3%       | 9.8%              |
| Discrimination and hate crime              | 34         | 24     | 3.1%       | 9.2%              |
| Disabilities support                       | 34         | 18     | 2.7%       | 8.2%              |
| Union decision-making                      | 16         | 9      | 1.3%       | 4.0%              |
| Postgraduate representation                | 11         | 13     | 1.3%       | 3.8%              |
| Accessibility                              | 14         | 9      | 1.2%       | 3.6%              |
| Other                                      | 10         | 5      | 0.8%       | 2.4%              |
| International affairs                      | 5          | 6      | 0.6%       | 1.7%              |





# NOTES ON METHODOLOGY:

*At Refreshers Fair, participants were invited to place three tokens in containers denoting their top three priorities for the Students' Union. A small number of participants chose to place two or three tokens in the same container to demonstrate greater emphasis on these as priorities. Given the number of respondents, we are confident that this has not unduly skewed the ballot's findings.*

*In the Qualtrics online form, respondents were asked: What do you feel the Students' Union should do to improve/combat resolve...? questions corresponding to the three priorities selected. Given the large number of respondents and the significant amount of feedback provided, analysis of these comments will be published at a later date.*





# ***OTHER, WRITTEN RESPONSES***

***"Mature student representation"***

***"More open to new societies"***

***"Better dealing with sexual assault"***

***"Disability support including mental"***

***"health and wellbeing"***

***"Repeated strike impacts"***

***"Opposing Strikes"***



# QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

*This is the first of what we hope will be an annual activity for the Students' Union. We welcome any feedback you may have that would help us develop and improve for the future.*

*If you have any questions or comments about the priority ballot or these results, please email [lusu.elections@lancastersu.ac.uk](mailto:lusu.elections@lancastersu.ac.uk).*

