

Section 3 | Economic Impact

CORE QUESTIONS (economic impact)

Subjective assessment of financial impact

- 1. Before the official lockdown was announced on the 23rd March 2020, how well would you say you personally were managing financially?**

Living comfortably

Doing all right

Just about getting by

Finding it quite difficult

Finding it very difficult

- 2. Overall, how do you feel your current financial situation compares to before the official lockdown was announced on the 23rd March 2020**

I'm much worse off

I'm a little worse off

I'm about the same

I'm a little better off

I'm much better off

- 3. I'm worried about my future financial situation**

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Food security

- 4. Which of the following statements best describes the food eaten in your household in the last week?**

You all always had enough of the kinds of foods you wanted to eat.

You all had enough to eat, but not always the kinds of food you wanted.

You sometimes did not have enough to eat.

You often didn't have enough to eat.

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5. I'm worried about my job security

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

6. I'm worried about my partners' job security

Strongly agree

Agree

Neither agree nor disagree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Economic activity before and after lockdown – main respondent

The next question is about your job, or any other things that you were doing just **before the lockdown on the 23rd March 2020**

7. "Which of these best describes what you were doing just before the lockdown on the 23rd March 2020?" If you were doing more than one activity, please choose the activity that you spent most time doing."

- a. Employed
- b. Self-employed
- c. In unpaid/ voluntary work
- d. Apprenticeship
- e. Unemployed
- f. Permanently sick or disabled
- g. Looking after home or family
- h. In education at school/college/university, or in an apprenticeship
- i. Retired

The next questions are about your job, or any other things that you have been doing since the **lockdown on the 23rd March 2020**.

8. Which of these would you say best describes YOUR current situation now?

- a. Employed and working the same number of hours (pre-lockdown)
- b. Employed and working reduced number of hours
- c. Employed but on paid leave (including furlough)
- d. Employed and on unpaid leave
- e. Apprenticeship
- f. In unpaid/voluntary work.
- g. Self-employed and currently working
- h. Self-employed but not currently working
- i. Unemployed
- j. Permanently sick or disabled
- k. Looking after home or family
- l. In education at school/college/university
- m. Retired

9. Are you currently fulfilling any of the government's identified 'essential worker' roles?

Yes, No

-----**FOR KEY WORKERS ONLY**-----

If they are a key worker (yes to question 9)

10. What sector do you work in?

Health, social care or relevant related support worker (e.g. doctor, nurse, NHS volunteer)

Teaching or childcare worker

Key public services (justice, religious staff, journalist or mortuary)

Local and national government

Food and other necessary goods (production, sales, delivery)

Public safety or national security worker (police, armed forces)

Transport worker

Utility worker (energy, sewerage, postal service)

Utilities, communication and financial services

FAQ definitions for completing the questionnaire:

Definitions of key workers (taken from <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>)

Health, social care or relevant related support worker

This includes but is not limited to doctors, nurses, midwives, paramedics, social workers, care workers, and other frontline health and social care staff including volunteers)

Teaching or childcare worker

This includes childcare, support and teaching staff, social workers and those specialist education professionals who must remain active during the COVID-19 response to deliver this approach.

Key public services

This includes those essential to the running of the justice system, religious staff, charities and workers delivering key frontline services, those responsible for the management of the deceased, and journalists and broadcasters who are providing public service broadcasting.

Local and national government

This only includes those administrative occupations essential to the effective delivery of the COVID-19 response, or delivering essential public services, such as the payment of benefits, including in government agencies and arm-length bodies.

Food and other necessary goods

This includes those involved in food production, processing, distribution, sale and delivery, as well as those essential to the provision of other key goods (for example hygienic and veterinary medicines).

Public safety and national security

This includes police and support staff, Ministry of Defence civilians, contractor and armed forces personnel (those critical to the delivery of key defence and national security outputs and essential to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic), fire and rescue service employees (including support staff), National Crime Agency staff, those maintaining border security, prison and probation staff and other national security roles, including those overseas.

Transport

This includes those who will keep the air, water, road and rail passenger and freight transport modes operating during the COVID-19 response, including those working on transport systems through which supply chains pass.

Utilities, communication and financial services

This includes staff needed for essential financial services provision (including but not limited to workers in banks, building societies and financial market infrastructure), the oil, gas, electricity and water sectors (including sewerage), information technology and data infrastructure sector and primary industry supplies to continue during the COVID-19 response, as well as key staff working in the civil nuclear, chemicals, telecommunications (including but not limited to network operations, field engineering, call centre staff, IT and data infrastructure, 999 and 111 critical services), postal services and delivery, payments providers and waste disposal sectors.

-----End of section for KEY WORKERS -----

11. Does your work require you to be in close contact (i.e. within 2 m) with others, who you do not live with, including while travelling to work?

Yes, all of the time

Yes, most of the time

Some of the time

Rarely

Not at all

12. In your workplace, do you have access to necessary personal protective equipment (PPE)?

- Yes, all of the time*
- Yes, most of the time*
- Some of the time*
- Rarely*
- Not at all*
- Not applicable*

-----**FOR PARTICIPANTS WITH PARTNERS**-----

Economic activity before and after lockdown – partner

The next question is about your PARTNER's job, or any other things that they have been doing just **before the lockdown on the 23rd March 2020**

13. "If you have a partner, which of these best describes what your partner was doing just before the lockdown on the 23rd March 2020?" If they were doing more than one activity, please choose the activity that they spent most time doing."

- a. Employed
- b. Self-employed
- c. In unpaid/ voluntary work
- d. Apprenticeship
- e. Unemployed
- f. Permanently sick or disabled
- g. Looking after home or family
 - h. In education at school/college/university
- i. Retired
- j. I do not have a partner

The next question is about YOUR PARTNER's job, or any other things that they have been doing, since **the lockdown on the 23rd March 2020**

14. If you have a partner, which of these would you say best describes your partner's current situation, now?

- a. Employed and working the same number of hours (pre-lockdown)
- b. Employed and working reduced number of hours
- c. Employed but on paid leave (including furlough)

- d. Employed and on unpaid leave
- e. Apprenticeship
- f. In unpaid/voluntary work.
- g. Self-employed and currently working
- h. Self-employed but not currently working
- i. Unemployed
- j. Permanently sick or disabled
- k. Looking after home or family
- l. In education at school/college/university
- m. Retired
- n. I do not have a partner