

Coronavirus (covid-19)

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Overview

Belizeans are worried about the Covid 19. They fear contracting the disease in their homes and neighbourhoods. They agree with the measure implemented by their government to control the spread of the virus, but many doubt that health officials will be able to contain it.

Most are aware that the government actions are going to affect their family's financial situation negatively.

Many have been furloughed by their Jobs and others are not working either. When asked in this Survey how much longer they could last in the current Economic situation one in four said one week or less. But more than half stated that their limit was two to three weeks – this poll was conducted last week.

Methodology

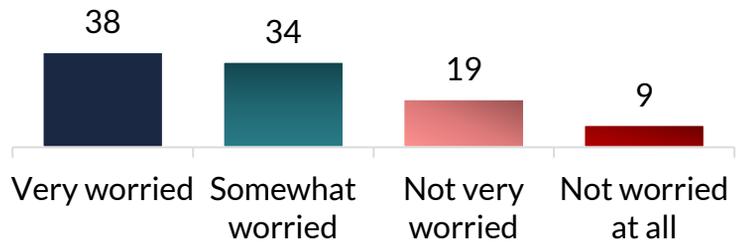
Objective: Measure the opinions of citizens of the situation lived in the country with the arrival of the Covid 19 virus.
Type of study:: Interviews conducted via Facebook platform Informant: Margin of error 5..25 . Dates data collected: 16 to 19 April 2020 Person resident in Belize with access tp internet by mobile or fixed devices. Sample size: 349. Margin of error: ±5.2

Note: N = 349 is the same in all graphs in this report.

More than seven in ten of the respondents to the survey report being concerned about “getting” Covid 19 in the community or neighbourhood where they live.

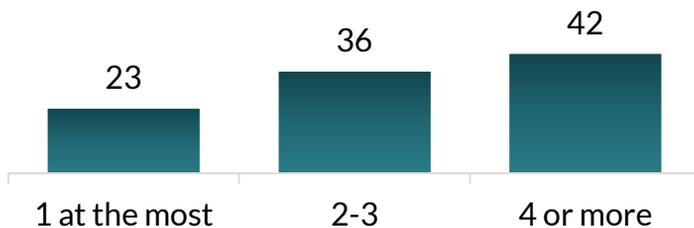
Concern about contracting disease in neighbourhood

- Percentages -



Weeks can survive financially in current circumstances

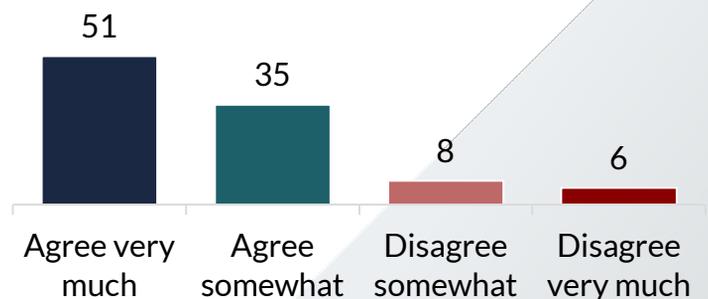
- Percentages -



One in four of the respondents reports that he or she can survive in the current circumstances for one week “at the most..” The survey was conducted last week. Another larger group “can make it” for two to three weeks.

Agreement with actions taken by the government

- Percentages -



The majority of the respondents agree very much or somewhat with the actions taken by the government as the Chinese virus arrives in country.

Three of five respondents to this survey report having a job. This result is a product of the methodology of the survey – persons had to have internet and access to Facebook.

Respondents with a job

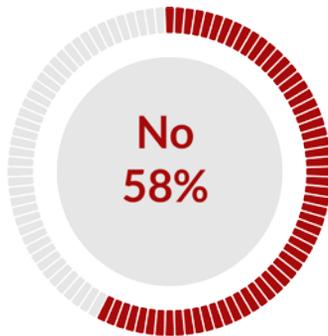
- n=160-



Employed

Continue receiving salary

- Percentages, n=68-

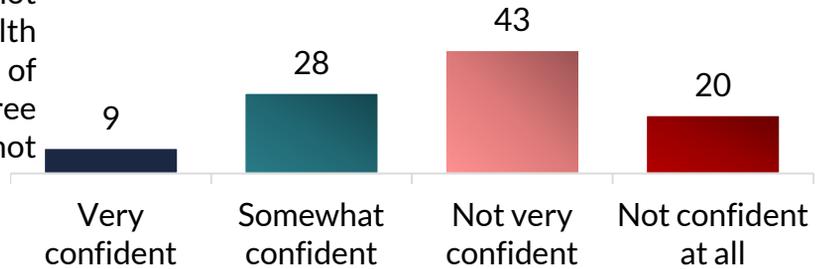


The majority of those employed (58%) report that they currently are not receiving a salary.

. The data from the survey reveals that while Belizeans agree with measures taken by the government to mitigate the effects of Covid 19, they are not very confident that their local health authorities are up to the task of controlling the pandemic. Two of three say they are not very confident or not confident at all.

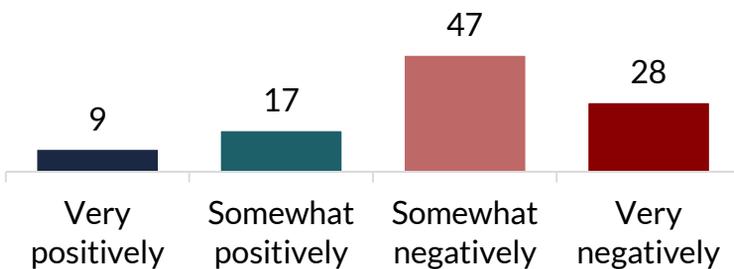
Confident that Health Authorities will be able to handle coronavirus crisis

- Percentages -



Government actions: Impact on Family finances

- Percentages -



Most of the respondents report that the actions taken by the government, and they agree they had to be taken, have had a negative impact on their family's financial situation.

Methodological commentary:

The results of this study can only be projected to the population of Belize which has access to internet and to a device which allows them to use Facebook. CID Gallup did not provide any kind of economic or other incentive to the respondents.