ONE YEAR OF COVID-19

Ipsos survey for The World Economic Forum

Conducted February 19 - March 5, 2021
HOW LONG BEFORE RETURN TO NORMAL PRE-COVID LIFE

Q. How long do you think it will be before you can return to something like your normal pre-COVID life?

On average across the 30 countries and markets surveyed, 59% expect being able to return to something like their normal pre-COVID life within the next 12 months, including 6% who think this is already the case, 9% who think it will take no more than three months, 13% four to six months, and 32% seven to 12 months (the median time). About one in five think it will take more than three years (10%) or that it will never happen (8%).

Over 70% of adults in Saudi Arabia, Russia, India, and mainland China are confident their life will return to pre-COVID normal within a year. In contrast, 80% in Japan and more than half in France, Italy, South Korea, and Spain expect it will take longer.

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Q. How long do you think it will be before the coronavirus pandemic is contained?

On average across the 30 countries and markets surveyed, 58% expect the pandemic will have been contained within the next year, including 13% who think this is already the case or will happen within 3 months, 13% between four and six months and 32% between seven and 12 months (the median time in most markets).

Majorities in India, mainland China, and Saudi Arabia think the pandemic is already contained or will be within the next 6 months. In contrast, four in five in Japan and more than half in Australia, France, Poland, Spain, and Sweden expect it will take more than a year.

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**HOW LONG BEFORE COVID PANDEMIC IS CONTAINED**

**Q. How long do you think it will be before the coronavirus pandemic is contained?**

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At a global level, expectations about how long it will take before one’s life can return to its pre-COVID normal and how long it will take for the pandemic to be contained are nearly identical.

These findings suggest that people across the world consider that being able to return to “normal” life is entirely dependent on containing the pandemic.

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**Q. How long do you think it will be before … ?**

- **You can return to something like your normal pre-COVID life**

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**Change in Emotional and Mental Health vs. One Year Ago**

**Q. How has your emotional and mental health changed since the beginning of the pandemic about a year ago?**

- It has gotten a lot worse
- It has gotten a little worse
- It is no different
- It has improved a little
- It has improved a lot

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On average across the 30 countries and markets surveyed, adults are only slightly more likely to say their emotional and mental health has gotten worse since the beginning of 2021 (27%) than to say it has improved (23%).

Adults who say their emotional and mental health has improved outnumber those who say it has worsened by at least 40 percentage points in China (51 points) and India (41 points).

Those who say their mental and emotional health has improved since the start of 2021 are most outnumbered by those who say it has worsened in Hungary (by 30 points), France (29 points), and Italy (26 points).

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On average across the 30 countries and markets surveyed, 45% of adults say that since the beginning of the pandemic about a year ago, their mental and emotional health has gotten worse. Fewer (27%) say the same thing about the change in their mental/emotional health since the start of the year.

The average percentage of those who have seen an improvement in their emotional and mental health in the past three months (23%) is 7 points higher than the percentage of those reporting an improvement over a year ago.

The average percentage of those reporting no change since January 2021 (51%) is 12 points higher than the percentage of those reporting no change since the beginning of the pandemic.

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These are the results of a 30-market survey conducted by Ipsos on its Global Advisor online platform. Ipsos interviewed a total of 21,011 adults aged 18-74 in United States, Canada, Hong Kong, Malaysia, South Africa, and Turkey, and 16-74 in 24 other markets between Friday February 19 and Friday March 5, 2021.

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