



People's claims of happiness and financial strength are higher for those in a relationship . . . at least, so say the numbers, with 78% of those in relationships across 15 countries saying they are very or somewhat happy, compared to 67% of those who are not in a relationship. The same disparity exists in terms of financial security, although at much lower percentages, 29% among those in a relationship versus 21% of those who are not in a relationship. But, just wait a little minute before drawing conclusions. The disparity may not be as great as it sounds given that the not-in-a-relationship group includes those who are widowed, consider themselves between relationships or divorced from relationships that were in disrepair, all factors that can give a solid dent to the fender of one's happiness and financial security. In a good relationship? Handle with care. Not in one but want to be? Hopefully Cupid will be there to lend a hand this year!

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