SOUTH AFRICA: BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE

The tension between the economic downturn and the fear of the Covid-19 pandemic

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GAME CHANGERS

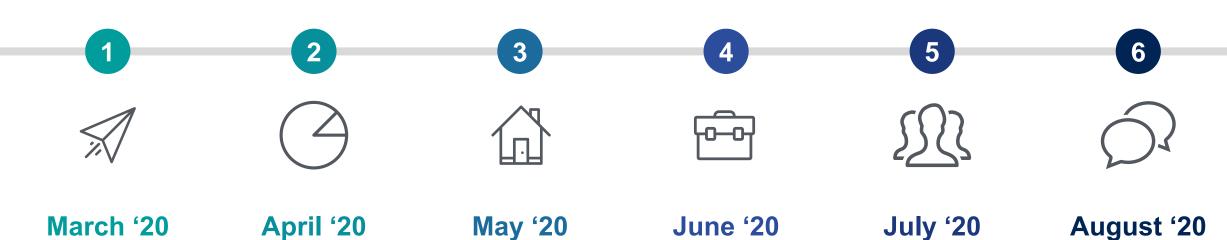


THE STORY SO FAR...

The Lockdown will

last longer than 3

weeks!



Uncertainty and

confusion; job

losses

Getting to terms: we

are in this for the

long haul

Reality dawns: our

lives are changing



Dealing with

corruption?

Covid-19 seen as

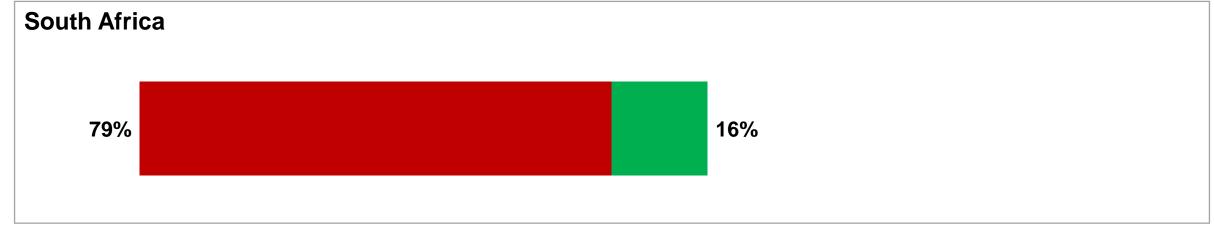
an economic rather

than a health crisis

THE WORLD IS HEADING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION

61% globally think the world is heading in the wrong direction, with 79% of South Africans thinking the country is heading in the wrong direction





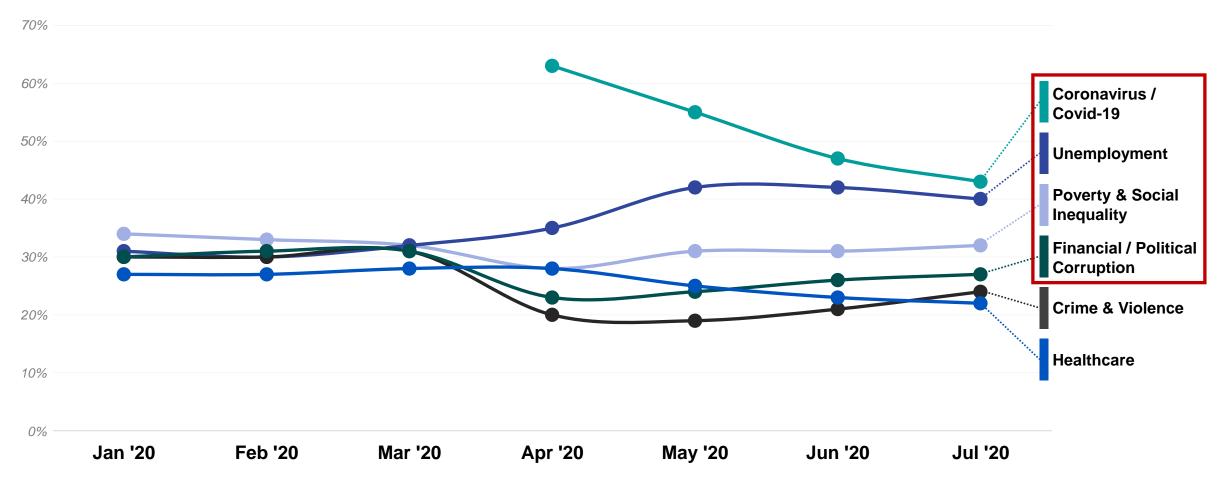
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...AS GLOBALLY, THERE ARE MANY CONCERNS

Covid-19 is becoming less of a threat - there are now more serious concerns



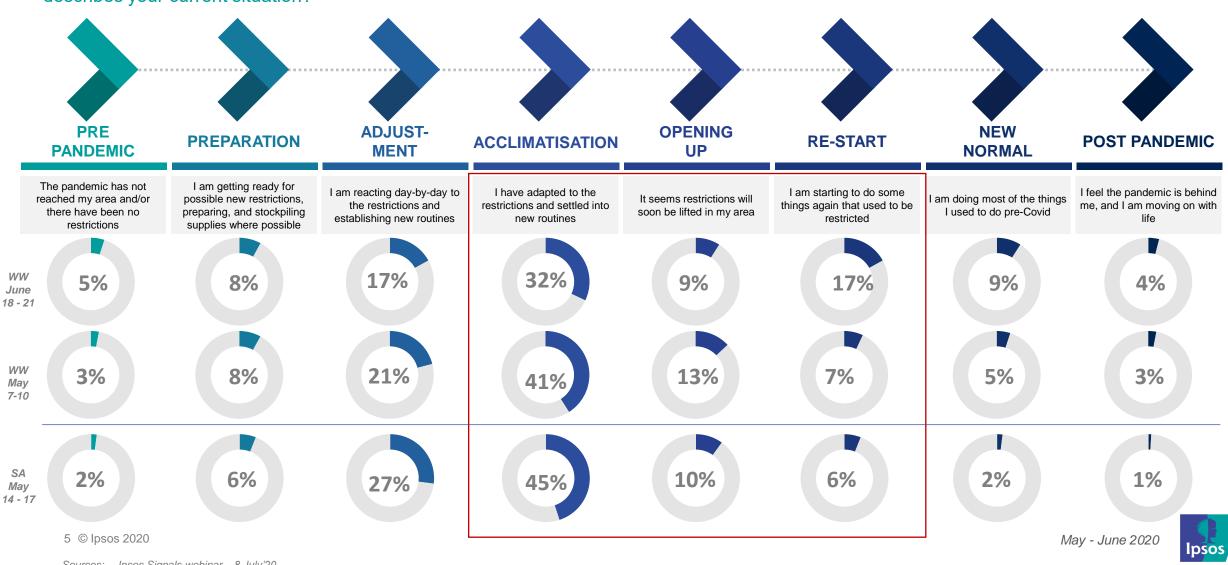
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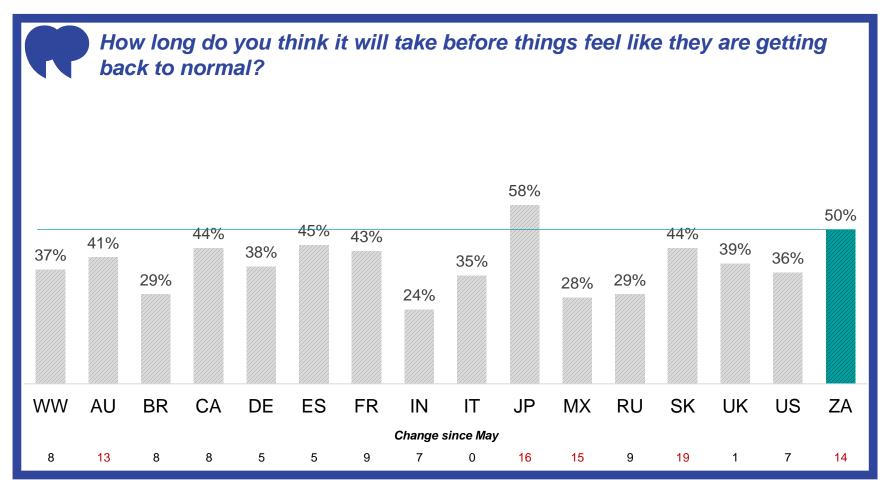
WE CONTINUE THE GRADUAL MARCH TO RE-ENTRY...

"There are often several phases or stages that people go through when times are hard. Which one of the following phases do you feel best describes your current situation?"



BUT RETURNING TO NORMAL IS TAKING INORDINATELY LONG

There is a significant increase in nearly all countries that a return to normal will be at least a year.



In March, South **Africans thought** the Coronavirus would be a thing of the past by June...

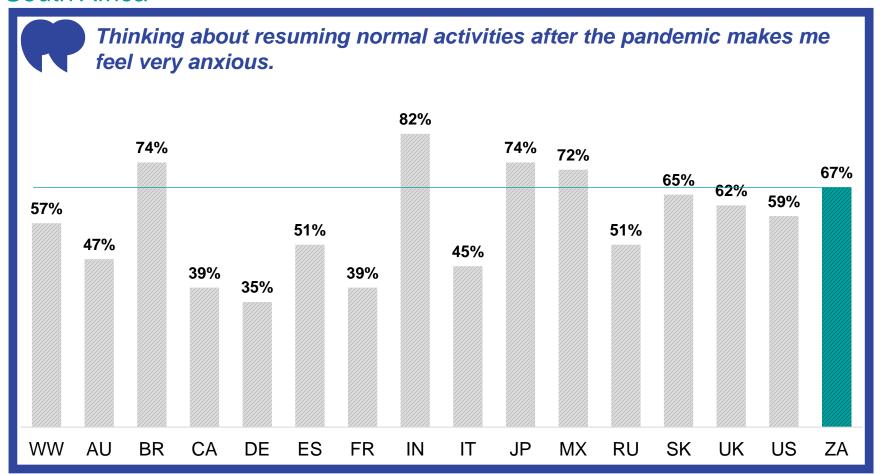
% 1-2 years & 2 years or more



Source: Ipsos Essential Report

THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE COMFORTABLE WITH IT

Anxiety about resuming normal activities is particularly high in India, Brazil, Japan, Mexico and South Africa



There is a growing recognition that we will not be returning to the lives we knew anytime soon.

% Strongly/Somewhat Agree



WE QUESTION IF NORMAL WILL EVER LOOK LIKE 'NORMAL' AGAIN?

Mexicans, Indians, South Africans and Brazilians expect to adapt to a new world



"A brave new world..."

- I will change many things about the way I live and what I do
- My life will completely change as a result of Covid-19

May - June 2020

% Many changes & Completely change

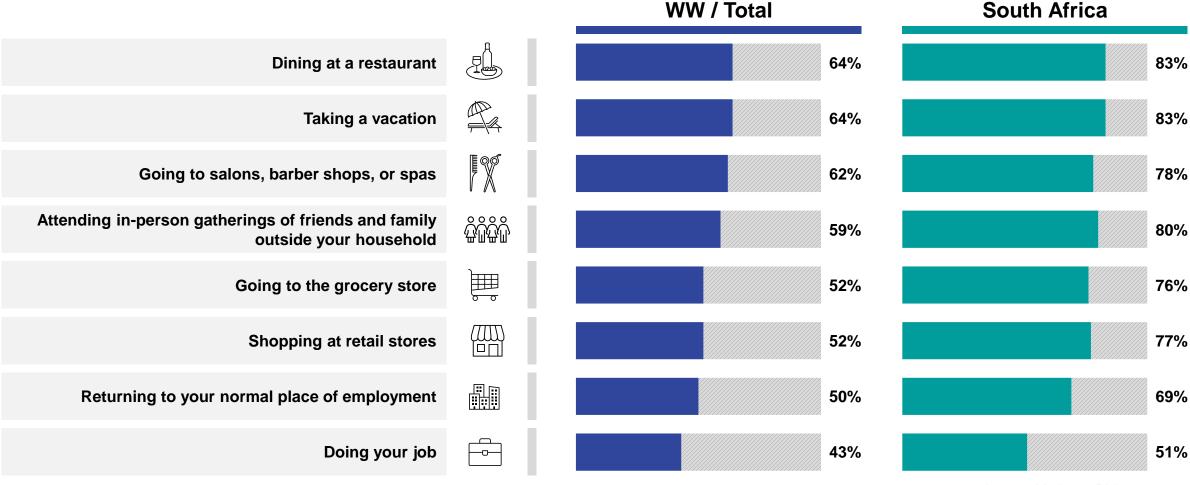


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Source: Ipsos Essential Report

...AND THERE ARE MANY NEW RISKS TO BE TAKEN

South Africans foresee also many practical risks to be taken in the post-Covid world

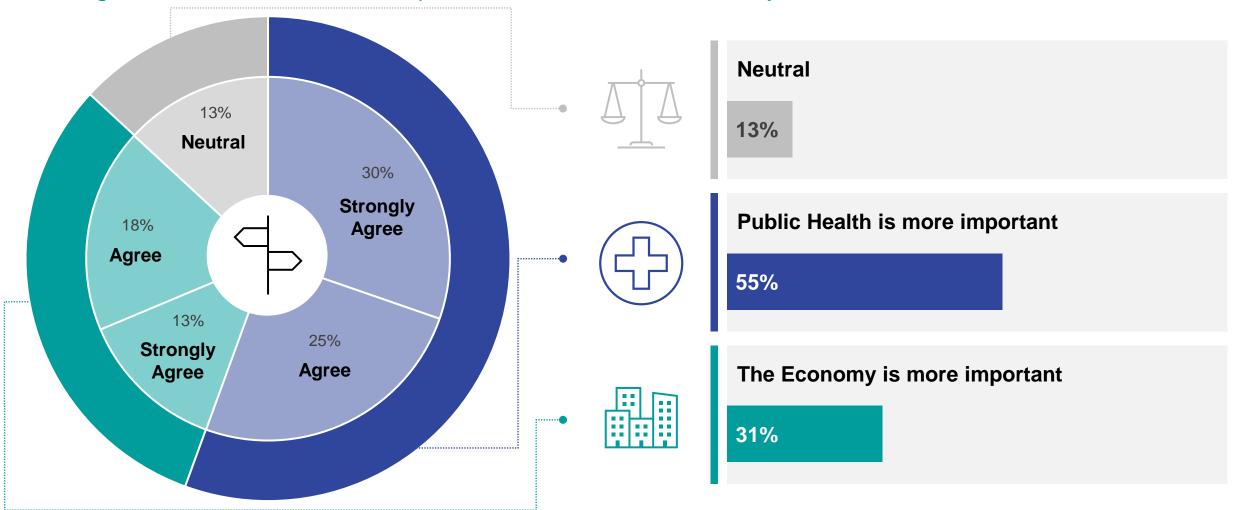


% Large & Moderate Risk June 2020



... AND CHOICES TO BE MADE

Living with the tension between public health and the economy



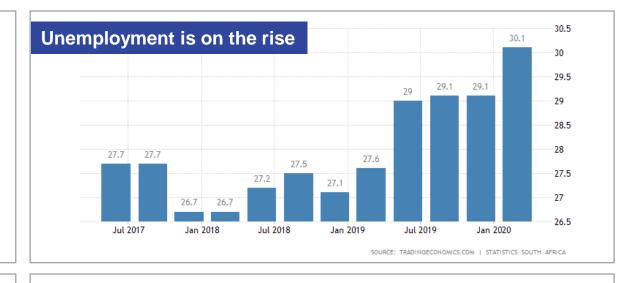
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THE SOUTH AFRICAN ECONOMY HAS BEEN STRUGGLING FOR A WHILE

GDP QTR Growth Overview

Calendar	GMT	Reference	Actual	Previous	Consensus	TEForecast
2019-06-04	09:30 AM	Q1	-3.2%	1.4%	-1.7%	-1.4%
2019-09-03	09:30 AM	Q2	3.1%	-3.1%	2.4%	2.3%
2019-12-03	09:30 AM	Q3	-0.6%	3.2%	0.1%	0.3%
2020-03-03	09:30 AM	Q4	-1.4%	-0.8%	-0.1%	-0.4%
2020-06-30	09:30 AM	Q1		-1.4%		-3.4%
2020-09-08	09:30 AM	Q2				-5.8%
2020-12-08	09:30 AM	Q3				-4.7%



Consumer Confidence

http://www.statssa.gov.za/?p=13401

South Africa Consumer	Last	Previous	Highest	Lowest	Unit	
Consumer Confidence	-9.00	-7.00	26.00	-33.00	points	[+]



Weakening Rand

USD to ZAR Chart

24 Jun 2019 00:00 UTC - 22 Jun 2020 20:38 UTC USD/ZAR close:17.34200 low:13.86689 high:19.26367



USD to ZAR Stats

	Last 30 days	Last 90 days
High	17.6415	19.2637
Low	16.5249	16.5249
Average	17.1945	18.0050
Volatility	1.04%	1.16%

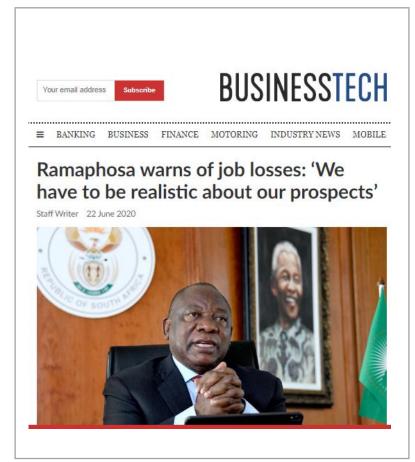
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Source: FNB and Bureau of Economic Research

May - June 2020



AND COVID-19 HAS MADE THINGS WORSE







For its part, S&P notes that 2020 has one thing in common with previous years — most South Africans will be poorer at the end of the year than they were at the start. The government can at least blame the pandemic this year.

 $\underline{\text{https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2020-05-25-sp-sees-sa-economy-contracting-4-5-in-2020-and-notes-sour-long-term-gdp-per-capita-trend/\#gsc.tab=0}$



HOW IS ALL THIS MAKING YOUR CUSTOMERS FEEL

Find out with 'Closer to Customer': A qualitative immersive experience. Be part of consumers' new reality and understand the new norms shaping their lives and behaviors.

Decisions which normally took a long time to negotiate are currently being made on the spur of the moment and sometimes with very little consideration. People are faced with new challenges daily which needs to be resolved in a quickly shifting environment. Now more than ever it is important to stay close to customers to tap into these behavioural changes and get a feel for what will stick and what will be discarded.

OUR PROPOSITION AT A GLANCE

1

2

3

4

WHAT DO WE SELL?

- A bundle of 3 conversations across 3 different LSM levels of a research topic
- You can choose how many topics you want to purchase

WHY DO YOU NEED THIS?

 Our research is designed to answer your questions in a way that is engaging, immediate and comes at an affordable price

WHAT IS THE STRUCTURE OF A GROUP?

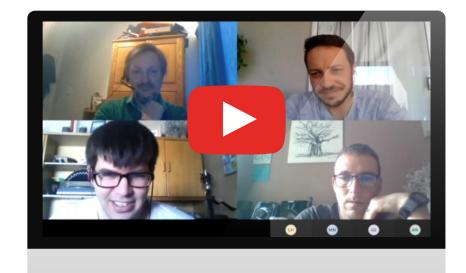
- 4 respondents per group, 1 Hour online conversation
- You would be invited to listen in with space for asking questions directly to the participants for 20 minutes at the end of the session

WHAT IS THE OUTPUT?

• 5 Minute impactful videos per topic across LSMs

	Ownership	# of groups	Price	
1 topic of	Individually owned	3	R75 000	
choice	Shared	3	R45 000	
2 topics of	Individually owned	6	R126 000	
choice	Shared	6	R78 000	
3 topics of	Individually owned	9	R162 000	
choice	Shared	9	R99 000	
All 8	Individually owned	24	R432 000	
topics	Shared	24	R264 000	

We have designed a series of qualitative immersive experiences in order to be part of consumers' reality and understand the new norms shaping our lives and behaviours. Our solution is flexible and affordable, allowing for a degree of customization when it comes to adding specific research questions and modular approach to purchase.









Excluding VAT.

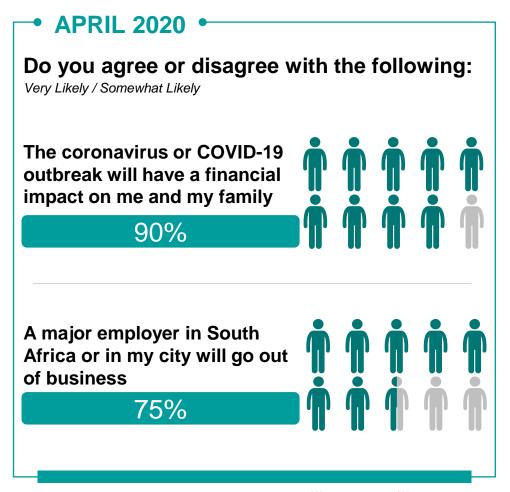


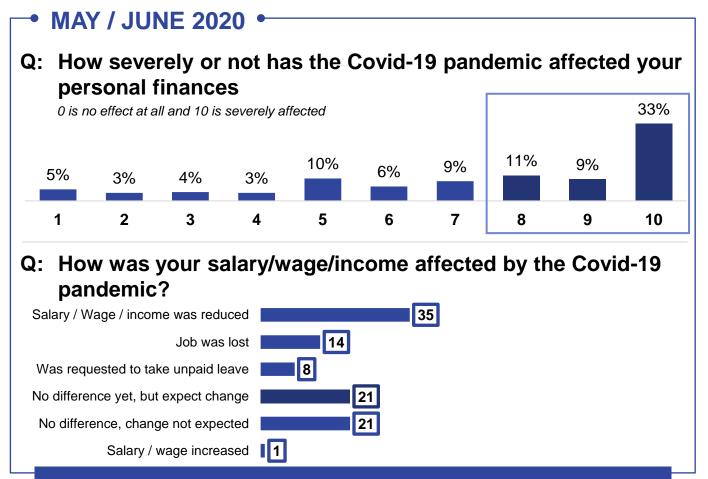
A Sense of Fear, Anxiety and Uncertainty



AND THIS ANXIETY IS EXPECTED TO LINGER

Over 50% stating their finances have severely been affected & those not yet impacted anticipate to be impacted in the future.





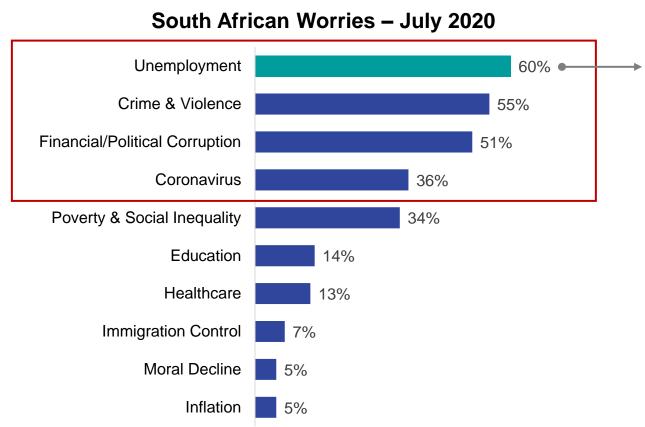
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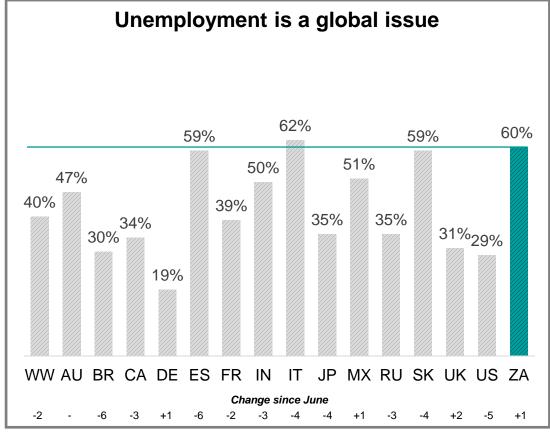


UNEMPLOYMENT IS OUR TOP CONCERN

With the COVID-19 pandemic only ranking 4th after Corruption and Crime & Violence

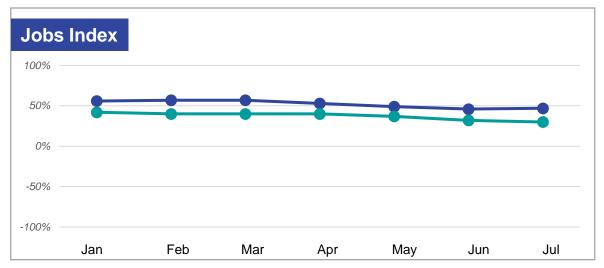
76% stated that they were earning an income pre-lockdown and of them 78% said their job security and salary have been affected by the lockdown. Covid-19 is ranked 4th on SA's Worries. SA continues to feel the strain from pre-Covid19 issues.

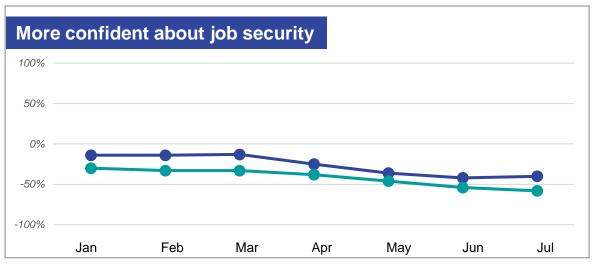


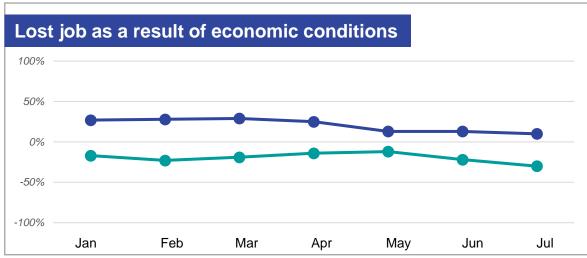


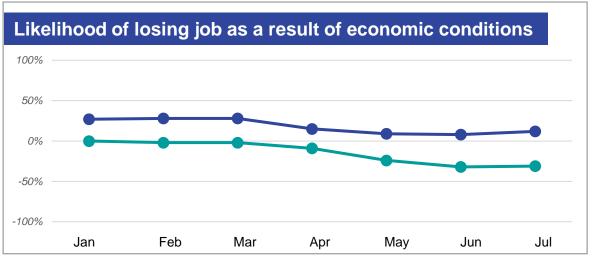


DECLINE IN JOB SECURITY







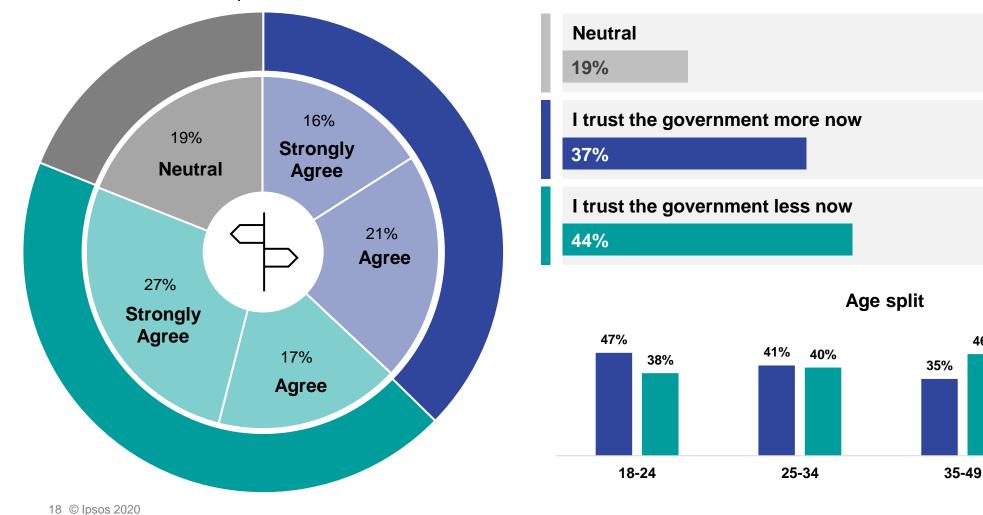




January – July 2020

WITH MOST TRUSTING THE GOVERNMENT LESS THAN BEFORE THE PANDEMIC

Although most respondents believed that the government is handling the Covid-19 pandemic well, the trust in government is less now than before pre-Covid-19.



Source: Ipsos News24 Survey - Q15.6. Statements: Trust in Government

50+

26%

55%

46%

THERE IS STILL STRONG APPROVAL FOR THE PRESIDENT

Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma



Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma received low approval overall, this could be attributed to the negative sentiments pertaining to the tobacco ban

Bheki Cele



5.18 COUNTRY AVERAGE

Similar to NDZ, Bheki Cele has low approval amongst the three major provinces. Increased GBV and mishandling of civilians by SAPS has contributed to a poor public image

Zweli Mkize



6.67 COUNTRY AVERAGE

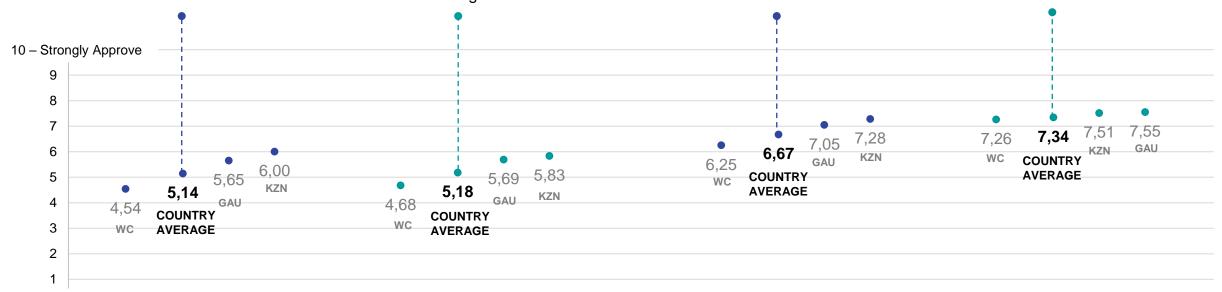


7.34 COUNTRY AVERAGE

Much better support in the three major provinces than BC and NDZ. Receiving mostly neutral sentiments; public generally agrees with health and safety measurements

Strong support for the president in DA led WC, similarly in GAU and KZN. Most South Africans approve of the way President Ramaphosa has responded to the pandemic

Cyril Ramaphosa



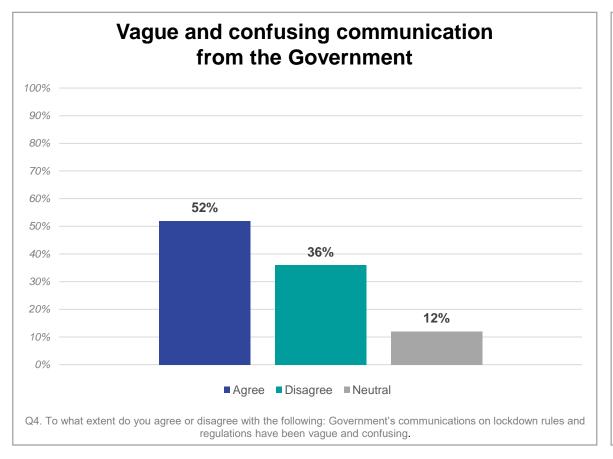
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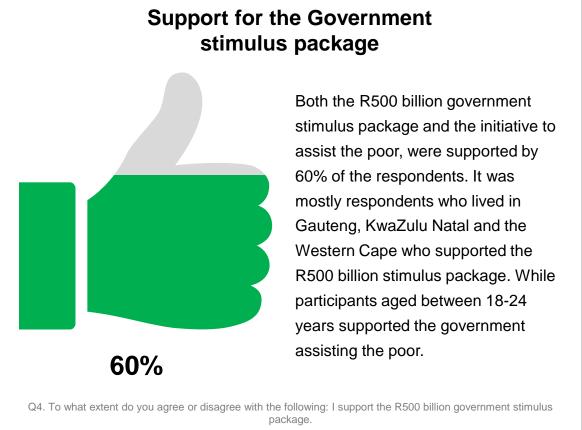
0 - Strongly Disapprove



SOUTH AFRICANS FEEL GOVERNMENT'S COMMUNICATION SHOULD IMPROVE

The drop in trust in government could have been influenced by some of the rules and regulations they undertook in order to manage the Covid-19 outbreak. Although most of the respondents supported the initiatives the government undertook, majority of respondents also felt that communication was vague and confusing.





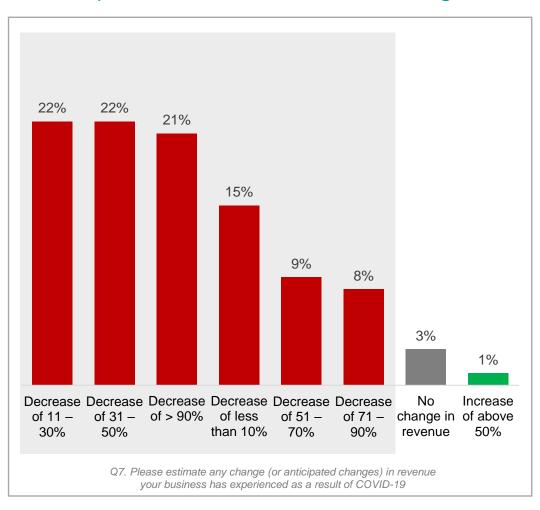
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Source: Ipsos News24 Survey



SMME'S DRIVE JOB CREATION AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

The impact of lockdown has been significant considering the already weak economy



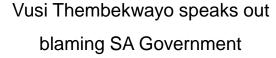


Unemployment:

R3mil lost jobs since lockdown inception on 27 March 2020, 18% decline in employment Feb to March 2020.

South Africa is calling for SMME's to be supported.







RASA & Four Cousins initiative
#Jobssavelives



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SMME'S ARE FILLED WITH UNCERTAINTY YET REMAIN HOPEFUL

The start of 2020 brought renewed goals and energy. They were optimistic and looking forward to growth and expansion despite a challenging economy

BEFORE COVID=19

Optimistic Opportunity Explorative Growth Organised Diversity Colourful Exciting Busy Hopeful Flowing Challenging Bright Momentum Tran Smooth' Calm

Businesses have been immersed into turmoil, fear of the unknown and uncertainty. Despite this, a sense of optimism immerged based on human collaboration and resourcefulness

SINCE COVID=19

Unknown

Optimistic Drowning

Restrictive Unstable Challenges Floating Obstacle

Change Unchartered waters Stormy Anvi

Uncertainty

New territories Dull Daily change Isolated

Stagnant Hopeful Limbo Unpredictable

Roller-coaster Growth Busy New order Stranded Opportunity Swimming

Confusing Questions

No assurance Teamworl

No guarantees

















There is a new rhythm in the way we work. Despite the initial significant chaos, a new normal is being restored. The pace has decreased but there is a lot more order.

With the beginning of lockdown, fear of the unknown and uncertainty played a major role in our decision making. Fear turned to panic... that we may be asking too much of our staff, but they proved us wrong by coming to the party. Panic turned to motivated...motivated to ease our team's challenges by being there, being available, motivating, helping each other.

The different bright colors symbolize the turmoil that our workplaces are in. It feels that if we don't adapt soon, everything will get mixed up and we will loose our business ... emotions are in turmoil, anything could happen, and everything is uncertain.

My staff's uncertainty made me feel like a father who was confused and didn't know what to say to his family about the future. We've had to come together.

BUSINESS EMOTIONAL STATES



THEY ARE SHOWING THEIR ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT - FORCED TO PAUSE, RETHINK AND BE RESOURCEFUL

Most businesses are cautiously optimistic about the future.

A sense of togetherness and empathy immerged in workplaces and staff's wellbeing and security are top of mind. Incurring further debt to survive financially, is a last resort for most, instead they have employed various coping mechanisms:

Delving into personal savings

Negotiating payment terms and discounts

Looking to support local suppliers

Cutting operational costs

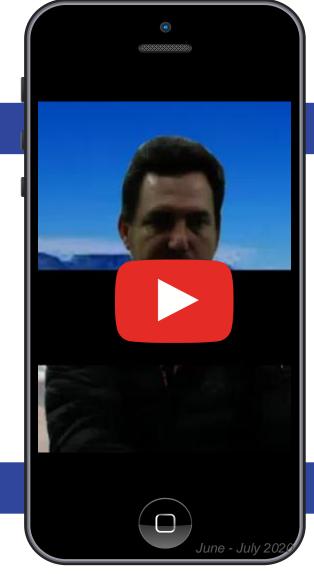
Expanding business portfolio's by applying skills & thinking out of the box

Leaping into the digital world

Finding new marketing avenues

Utilising social media

Offering their services in exchange for payments, etc.





MANY ARE NOT YET BENEFITING FROM THE SUPPORT PUT IN PLACE BY GOVERNMENT

Not everyone applied for Government support, and many who did still have not received feedback



Yes, I applied for the TERS funds. Have received acknowledgement of the application and nothing further. It would have made a difference financially

No applying did not make a difference since I opted for a loan that will sustain my business for the next 6 months.

We applied for support but it was not approved. The pitfall being our BEE status.



UIF:

- Improve communication (feedback on application) & turnaround time
- Applied but was only able to pay a few employees Foreigners

Support from solidarity / initiatives launched

- Don't qualify because of BBBEE
- Many applied but did not receive feedback
- Some didn't apply but rather used savings or took out a loan
- · Concern raised about fairness of the qualifying criteria
- Some don't understand how it works and how to apply

What can be done to help:

- · Help pay for COVID related burials
- Better communication on process of application and outcomes
- · Get more support for SME's from big corporates for subsidiaries
- Tax relief for 6 months to 1 year
- Need transparency and improved communication
- · Improve strategy for future pandemics
- They need better IT systems



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AND MOST WISHING FOR A PROSPEROUS ECONOMY

Stability, Funding, Growth and Opportunities are what the majority wish for the future

YOUR WISH FOR YOUR BUSINESS

IMMEDIATE FUTURE?

Opportunities

Technology
Create Support Repo
Faster Better stable
costs Marketing
Survival Expansion
Sustainability





My business wish is to see this business ranking at the top level going forward and to have more branches nation wide

I would wish for more opportunities to come out of this outbreak so we can restore the dignity of our people through creating employment And we wish for funding to support us as we try to get back on our feet

For a prosperous SA.

Abundant funding available for business growth

I wish our government could have given us financial support. I wish the government can keep to their promise by investing more money into infrastructure development. This will benefit a lot of SMEs and create a lot of jobs at the same time.

A stabilisation of the SA economy and currency to be more affordable for SA to import and export goods and services



UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE AND NEEDS OF SMME'S IN COVID-19

SMEs ARE THE BACKBONE OF THE ECONOMY

Small and Medium Enterprises are employing millions of South Africans, but they are also the "incubators" for new ideas, economic development and entrepreneurship. They play a leading role in the services industry, and it will be impossible to imagine a future without the hairdressers, hardware stores, plumbers, electricians and many more dotting the streets of both big cities and little towns.

The impact of the coronavirus pandemic on this sector of the economy has been rather devastating - many people lost their jobs or were placed on furlough and those working on a commission basis suddenly saw their salaries shrinking – as businesses were closed.

The aim of the planned study will be:

- to provide a tool to service providers to SME's to understand how their clients are being impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic
- to enable service providers to respond to their changing environment and needs.

TOTAL COST: R65 000*

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WHAT WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND AND EXPLORE

How SME's in South Africa have been impacted by the pandemic and what measures can be put in place to support them. More specifically:



Business impact





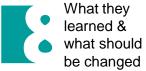


Business continuity









BRIDGE THE GAP - 3 STAGES OF UNDERSTANDING



Qualitative view: Explore /Understand

Online focussed discussion with 20-30 SME owners to gain depth of understanding on key issues.

Cost: R25 000

Quantitative view: Quantify themes

Online survey to the broader SME universe in SA to quantify key themes identified from the exploration phase. Cost: R40 000

Qualitative view: Test concepts

Online focussed discussion where organisations have the opportunity to test various concepts and approaches with the SME audience prior to launch









There has been an impact on people...



PEOPLE OF ALL AGES ARE FEELING THE PINCH

Resulting in a change in behaviour



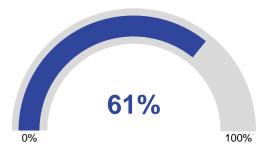
Delayed expenditure

Are delaying a major purchase because of what is happening



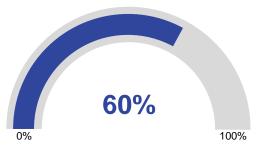
Used savings to cover expenses

Have already used some of their savings and emergency fund to cover expenses, especially those aged between 18 – 34 years.



Monthly debt & loan repayments

Are concerned that they won't be able to meet their monthly debt and loan obligations, with the concern greater amongst those aged between 25 - 49 years.



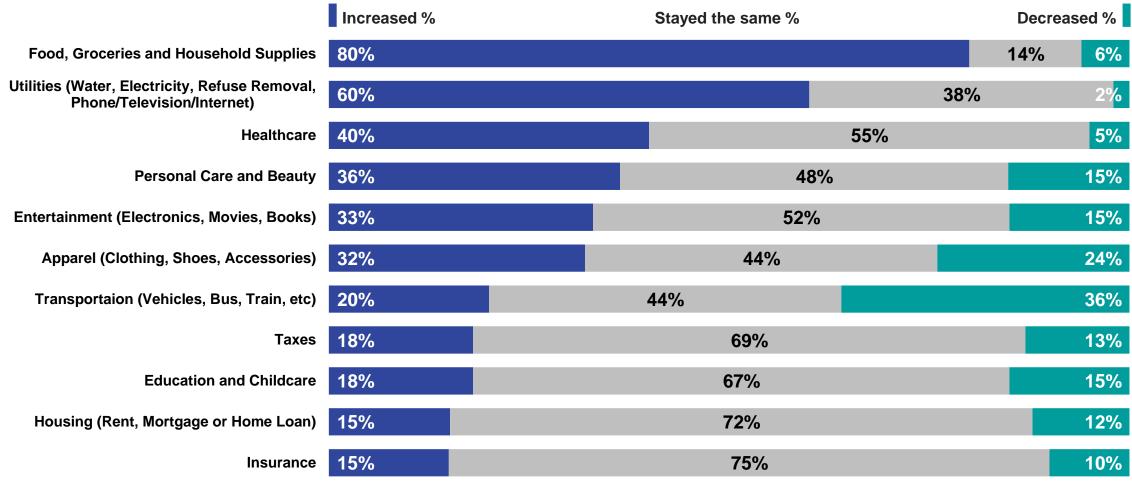
Retirement savings

Are worried that Covid-19's impact will damage their retirement savings. 75% of those aged 50 years and above were concerned that it might impact their savings as they face retirement soon.



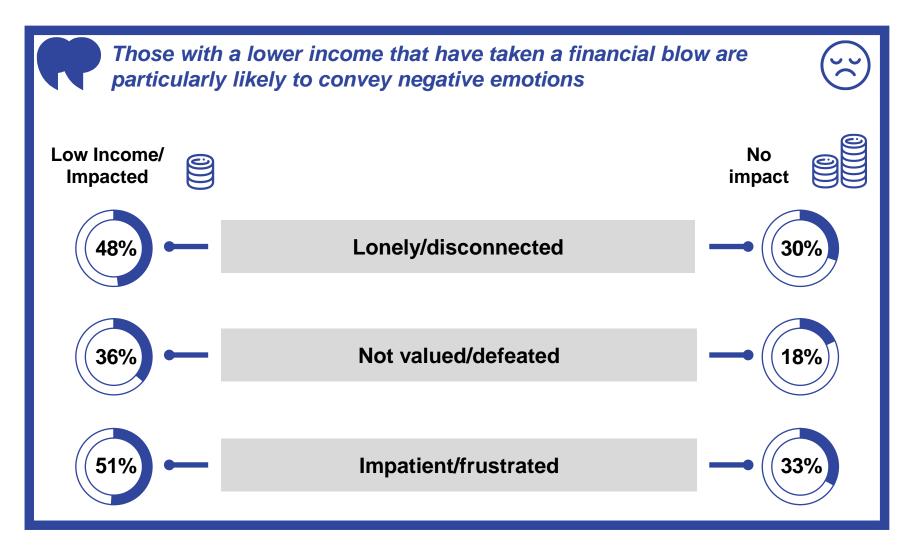
FRUGAL SPENDING IS HAPPENING IN VAIN AS COSTS OF ESSENTIAL GOODS ARE ON THE RISE

Which costs have gone up?





RESULTING IN A STRONG LINK BETWEEN FINANCIAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH



Younger people are more likely to share negative feelings, while those over 50 generally share a more confident/ pragmatic positivity.

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SO WE FIND OURSELVES BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE

The fear of the coronavirus

The economic and financial pressure



BUT WE SHOW OUR RESILIENCE, AND THERE IS STILL A LOT OF GOOD HAPPENING AROUND US

Fusion centres – pooling of resources

Perhaps the investigations into C-19 projects give SA the opportunity to make collaboration of government/media/civil society work on a wider basis

Transparency: Transparency and collaboration with Vulekamali programme of Treasury and Imali Yethu

SA engineers' designed ventilators went into production



The SA recovery rate from Covid-19 is more than 70%+, also an emerging downward trend in new daily infections.

Many HIV+ patients in the EC's Oliver Tambo district survived

Our death rate is 1.7%

The Mandela shirt factory in Cape Town now produces 2,5 MILLION masks a month

Rhino poaching plummeted 53% during lockdown



HOW TO DEAL WITH YOUR CUSTOMERS DURING THIS CHANGING TIME

Customers are changing and what is important to them is also changing

Keep up with these changes and be responsive

Price is becoming more and more important to customers

This might drive switching behaviour

Put your customers at ease. Make them feel safe

Keep on communicating the Covid-19 measures

Provide empathic customer experiences

They need to feel that you understand them and support them in these tough times

Help them work smarter (Advice on business, financial management, marketing and more)

Specifically SMME organisations and customers who are financially under pressure





WHAT CAN BE EXPECTED OF SOUTH AFRICANS IN BUSINESS, GOING FORWARD?

Join us on the Mzansi Roars journey: A study on South African Consumer Lifestyles

THE NEW UNCERTAINTY...

During the first half of 2020 the **Coronavirus** did not only spread around the world like wildfire, it also brought previously unimaginable challenges to the world's healthcare systems, wreaked havoc on financial markets and introduced an existential fear and feeling of apprehension to people everywhere. The current situation in South Africa is no exception, and we are caught in a time warp of uncertainty about the future.

A SHAKY START...

Not that South Africans were **any more secure** before this... only six months previously news bulletins were dominated by the persistent drought, the quality and the quantity of limited water resources and Eskom's "load-shedding". Moreover, the election in May 2019 left the country with several questions to answer about democracy, leadership and the level of trust in political parties.

THE NEED...

In this context there is need for an in-depth **understanding** of the people of South Africa - their lifestyles, needs, aspirations and coping mechanisms. This will provide an opportunity for all stakeholders to play their part in meeting their needs through products and services.

BRIDGING THE KNOWLEDGE GAP...

A few years ago Ipsos undertook, together with the then Unilever Institute at the University of Cape Town, the very successful "African Lions" project – for the first time exploring the opinions, lives and livelihoods of the middle-class populations in ten important cities in Africa (outside of South Africa).

ON-BOARDING SOUTH AFRICA...

Now "Mzansi Roars" will focus on the total adult population in South Africa and so open possibilities for much deeper analysis of different consumer and citizen groups in the country. (The scope will thus be much bigger than the "middle class".)

CONSIDERING OUR CHALLENGES...

We know that some of the major issues in our country include joblessness, poverty and the huge gap between rich and poor – the gini- coefficient. However, very little tangible and workable information exists to help bridge these development gaps, although every business in the country is confronted by these issues.

WHERE THE REAL PEOPLE ARE...

Mzansi Roars will employ a "bottom-up" approach of building on the experiences of real people and aggregation of findings to assist businesses and institutions with rich information to make a positive contribution to the South African economy and future.

THEMES ADDRESSED BY MZANSI ROARS

The survey will measure and generate learnings in numerous areas including:



Demographic profiles and household structure



Nutrition and Health



Products and services used



Individual and household financial reality



Interaction with technology and media consumption patterns



Household and individual budgets; share of wallet



Psychographics, lifestyle and aspirations



Shopping and spending



Segmentation

To become a partner in this exciting project and get access to the unique insights and benefits of the study will cost R350,000*



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GAME CHANGERS



TECHNIAL DETAILS: ALL STUDIES REFERRED TO IN THE DECK

South Africa: Between a rock and a hard place

Study Name	Interviewing Sample size		Fieldwork/ publication dates	Margin of error*
Ipsos SA Covid-19 tracker, April 2020	Online**	1,000	20-23 April 2020	± 3.1 percentage points
Ipsos Essentials series	Online	16,000 interviews per week in 16 countries (1,000 per country)	Every week during May and June 2020	± 3.1 percentage points for SA
Ipsos Signals webinar series (specifically the webinars in June and July 2020)			Published around twice a month since March 2020	
Ipsos Cost of Living	Online	17,997 interviews in 26 countries (sample size in SA = 500)	22 May – 5 June 2020	± 4.5 percentage points for SA
Ipsos Global Indicators	Online	Around 18,000 interviews in 26 countries (SA = 500) (published monthly)	January – July 2020	± 4.5 percentage points for SA
24.com/lpsos study	Online	52,287	25 May – 4 June 2020	< 1 percentage point
Ipsos Global Advisor (specifically What Worries the World, July 2020)	Online	Around 18,000 interviews in 26 countries (SA = 500)	Every month of 2020	± 4.5 percentage points for SA
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^{**}A representative online study covers about 67% of South African adults (taking into account those with internet at home or on their mobile phones)

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