

OECD Risks That Matter 2020: Background Questionnaire

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Denmark	da_DK		
Estonia	et_EE		
Finland	fi_FI	sv_FI	
France	fr_FR		
Germany	de_DE		
Greece	el_GR		
Ireland	en_IE		
Israel	he_IL		
Italy	it_IT		
Korea	ko_KR		
Lithuania	lt_LT		
Mexico	es_MX		
Netherlands	nl_NL	en_US	
Norway	nb_NO		
Poland	pl_PL		
Portugal	pt_PT		
Spain	sp_ES		
Slovenia	sl_SI		
Switzerland	fr_CH	de_CH	
Turkey	tr_TR		
United States	en_US	es_US	

Introduction

You are about to read and answer a series of background questions about your work and home life.

We assure you that all answers will be treated anonymously and confidentially. Your statements will not be used for commercial purposes.

Socio-demographics

Before we begin, we would like to know a little bit about you.

2. How would you describe yourself?

[Tick one]

- a. Male
- b. Female
- c. In another way

3. What year were you born?

____ *[Open text field; screen out if <18 or >64]*

4. In which country do you live?

[Dropdown list of 25 countries + "Other"; screen out if "Other" or if wrong country for market version selected]

5. Including yourself, how many people usually live in your household?

Note: Please include all people (adults and children), including people who usually live in your household but are temporarily living elsewhere.

____ *[open text field; valid entries >=1 and <=10]*

Your education

6. What is the highest educational level that you have attained?

[Tick one]

- a. No formal education [CODE 1]
- b. Incomplete primary school [CODE 1]
- c. Complete primary school [CODE 1]
- d. Incomplete secondary school: technical/vocational type [CODE 1]
- e. Complete secondary school: technical/vocational type [CODE 1]
- f. Incomplete secondary: university-preparatory type [CODE 1]
- g. Complete secondary: university-preparatory type [CODE 1]
- h. Some university-level education, without degree [CODE 2]
- i. University-level education, with degree [CODE 2]

Earnings and income

7. Please tell us the total gross annual income of your household in 2019.

Note: By gross annual income, we mean before tax and deductions, but including benefits/allowances. By household, we mean all members of your household, regardless of whether or not they are a member of your family.

____ [Open numerical field]

8. Please tell us the total disposable (net) annual income of your household in 2019.

Note: By disposable annual income, we mean after taxes, benefits, and allowances. By household, we mean all members of your household, regardless of whether or not they are a member of your family.

____ [Open numerical field; auto-recode S8 by equivalising for household size (divide by the square root of S5) and cross-referencing against national equivalised disposable income deciles]

Employment status at the end of last year

9. Were you employed and in paid work at any point during the last three months of 2019?

Note: We are referring here to your employment status in October, November, and December 2019, only. For the moment, please disregard any changes to your employment status in the months since.

[Tick one]

- a. Yes
- b. No

[Filter: Only show S10 if response to S9=a ("Yes")]

10. And were you working as an employee or were you self-employed?

Note: We are referring here to your employment status in October, November, and December 2019, only. For the moment, please disregard any changes to your employment status in the months since.

[Tick one]

- a. Employee
- b. Self-employed

[Filter: Only show S11 if response to S10=a ("Employee")]

- 11. What type of employee contract did you have? Were you employed on a permanent contract (i.e. an open-ended contract without a fixed end date), a temporary contract (i.e. job contract of limited duration) or employed without a contract?**

Note: We are referring here to your employment status in October, November, and December 2019, only. For the moment, please disregard any changes to your employment status in the months since.

[Tick one]

- a. Employed on a permanent contract
- b. Employed on a temporary contract
- c. Employed without a contract

Current employment status

- 12. And what is your employment status now? Are you now currently employed, have you been employed in the past, or have you never been employed?**

Note: We are referring now to your current employment status (i.e. your status at the moment). Your answers here may be different to those for the previous few questions, which asked for your employment status in October-December 2019.

[Tick one]

- a. Currently employed
- b. Current not employed, but have been employed in the past
- c. Never been employed

[Filter: Only show S13 if S12=a ("Currently employed")]

- 13. Are you currently working as an employee or are you self-employed?**

Note: We are referring now to your current employment status (i.e. your status at the moment). Your answers here may be different to those for the previous few questions, which asked for your employment status in October-December 2019.

[Tick one]

- a. Employee
- b. Self-employed

[Filter: Only show S13 if S12=a ("Employee")]

- 14. What type of employee contract do you have in your current job? Are you employed on a permanent contract (i.e. an open-ended contract without a fixed end date), a temporary contract (i.e. job contract of limited duration) or employed without a contract?**

Note: We are referring now to your current employment status (i.e. your status at the moment). Your answers here may be different to those for the previous few questions, which asked for your employment status in October-December 2019.

[Tick one]

- a. Employed on a permanent contract
- b. Employed on a temporary contract
- c. Employed without a contract

[NOTE TO RESPONDENT: Break in screener here. All following questions should come after the core questionnaire]

Living arrangements

15. In which one of the following regions of [#country#] do you currently live?

____ [show relevant regions for country]

16. What is the size of the town or place you are currently living in?

[Tick one]

- a. Under 2,000 inhabitants
- b. 2,000 - 10,000 inhabitants
- c. 10,000 - 50,000 inhabitants
- d. 50,000 - 100,000 inhabitants
- e. 100,000 - 500,000 inhabitants
- f. 500,000 and more inhabitants
- g. Don't know

[PUBLIC USE FILE NOTE: Published in the public use microdata file with categories a. and b. aggregated together]

17. Thinking about the place where you currently live, are you and your family:

[Tick one]

- a. The outright owner
(i.e. you live in a house or apartment owned by you or a family member, without a mortgage)
- b. The owner paying a mortgage
(i.e. you live in house or apartment owned by you or a family member, with a mortgage)
- c. A tenant paying rent at the market rate
(i.e. you live in a rented house or apartment that you, your employer, or a family member pays for, without government assistance)

- d. A tenant paying rent at a subsidised rate
(i.e. you live in a rented house or apartment offered or paid for partially through government assistance)
- e. Other

18. What is your current marital status?

[Tick one]

- a. Single
- b. Married or in a registered partnership
- c. Separated
- d. Divorced or previously in a dissolved registered partnership
- e. Widowed

[Filter: Only show S19 if S5>1 (i.e. household size is greater than 1)]

19. Do you currently live with a spouse or partner?

[Tick one]

- a. Yes
- b. No

[Filter: Only show S20 if S19=a (i.e. they live with a spouse or partner)]

20. Is your spouse or partner currently employed, have they been employed in the past, or have they never been employed?

[Tick one]

- a. Currently employed
- b. Current not employed, but have been employed in the past
- c. Never been employed

21. How many children do you have?

- a. ___ *[open text field]*
- b. I don't have any children

[Filter: Only show S22 if (S21>=1 (i.e. respondent has at least 1 child) AND S5>=2 (HH size is min. 2)]

22. How many of your children currently live in your household?

- a. ___ *[open text field with plausibility check]*

[Filter: Only show S23 if S22>=1 (i.e. if respondent has at least 1 child in the household)]

23. How old (in years) is the youngest of your children currently living in your household?

- a. ____ [open text field with plausibility check]

24. Are you currently providing long-term care for elderly family members or for other family members with an illness or disability?

[Tick one]

- a. No
b. Yes, for an elderly family member
c. Yes, for a young or working-age family member with an illness or disability

Current job

25. Please tell us which of these statements best describes your current situation. If more than one statement applies to you, please indicate the statement that best describes how you see yourself.

[Tick one]

- a. Employee working full-time (30 or more hours per week)
b. Self-employed working full-time (30 or more hours per week)
c. Employee working part-time (fewer than 30 hours per week)
d. Self-employed working part-time (fewer than 30 hours per week)
e. Unemployed
f. Student
g. Apprentice or intern
h. In retirement or early retirement
i. Person with a long-term illness or disability and/or unfit to work
j. In military or community service
k. Looking after children or the family
l. Other

26. Including yourself, how many workers in total work in your company or firm? Please include your local site and any workers at other locations of your company or firm.

Note: If you are retired or currently out of work, please answer for your most recent job.

[Tick one]

- a. 1
- b. 2-9 workers
- c. 10-249 workers
- d. 250+ workers
- e. Don't know
- f. Not applicable: Never been in work

27. Which of the following occupations best describes your role in your current job?

Note: If you are retired or currently out of work, please answer for your most recent job.

[Tick one]

- a. Manager or senior official
(e.g. Director or chief executive, business manager, sales manager, production manager, human resource manager, shop manager, restaurant or hotel manager)
- b. Professional
(e.g. Scientist, engineer, architect, doctor or nurse, veterinarian, teacher or professor, software developer, lawyer, journalist)
- c. Technician or associate professional
(e.g. Science or engineering technician, medical or pharmaceutical technician, business or administration associate, ICT technician, sports coach or instructor, photographer, chef)
- d. Clerical support worker
(e.g. Secretary, receptionist, customer service worker, bank teller, library clerk)
- e. Service or sales worker
(e.g. Shopkeeper, sales assistant, child care worker, health care assistant, police officer, firefighter, security guard, cook, waiter, hairdresser or beautician, travel attendant, housekeeper)
- f. Skilled agricultural, forestry or fishery worker
(e.g. Livestock, poultry or diary producer, crop producer, forestry worker, fishery worker, subsistence farmer)
- g. Craft or trade worker
(e.g. Bricklayer, carpenter or joiner, plumber, electrician, plasterer, painter, blacksmith or metal worker, handicraft worker, butcher and food processing worker, tailor)
- h. Plant and machine operator or assembly worker
(e.g. Miner, manufacturing plant machine operator or assembly worker, car, truck or locomotive driver)
- i. Elementary occupation
(e.g. Cleaner, labourer, food preparation assistant, refuse worker)
- j. Other / prefer not to answer
- k. Not applicable: never been employed

28. Which of the following categories best describes the sector you primarily work in (regardless of your actual position)?

Note: If you are retired or currently out of work, please answer for your most recent job.

[Tick one]

- a. Agriculture, forestry and fishing
- b. Mining and quarrying
- c. Manufacturing
- d. Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply
- e. Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities
- f. Construction
- g. Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles
- h. Transportation and storage
- i. Accommodation and food service activities
- j. Information and communication
- k. Financial and insurance activities
- l. Real estate activities
- m. Professional, scientific and technical activities
- n. Administrative and support service activities
- o. Public administration and defence; compulsory social security
- p. Education
- q. Human health and social work activities
- r. Arts, entertainment and recreation
- s. Other service activities
- t. Other / prefer not to answer
- u. Not applicable: never been employed

Online platform work and the use of digital technologies

29. How often do you use digital information and communication technologies (ICT), such as a computer, laptop or tablet, in your job?

Note: If you are retired or currently out of work, please answer for your most recent job.

[Tick one]

- a. Constantly, most of the day
- b. Several times a day
- c. Several times a week

- d. Several times a month
- e. Less than several times a month
- f. Never
- g. Not applicable: Never been employed

30. How often do you use complex technology in your job, such as robots or specialist software?

Note: By “specialist software”, we mean software that requires specialist training and/or advanced computing or programming skills to operate. This excludes common software/applications, such as Microsoft Office and other common workplace applications. If you are retired or currently out of work, please answer for your most recent job.

[Tick one]

- a. Constantly, most of the day
- b. Several times a day
- c. Several times a week
- d. Several times a month
- e. Less than several times a month
- f. Never
- g. Not applicable: Never been employed

31. In the past 12 months, have you used an app or online platform to find “gig” work?

Note: By “gig” work, we mean short jobs or tasks, such as food or retail delivery, driving, IT work, data entry, or personal services, accessed using a smartphone app or online platform (e.g. internet website). Examples include being a driver for a ride-sharing app or a rider for a food-delivery app.

[Tick one]

- a. No, never
- b. Yes, once or a few times
- c. Yes, occasionally (once every few months)
- d. Yes, regularly (once a month or more often)

The COVID-19 pandemic and economic crisis

Note to users: Question 32 is excluded from the Public Use Microdata file for privacy protection.

32. Has the COVID-19 pandemic and associated crisis affected your physical or mental health, or the physical or mental health of any member of your household, in any of the following ways?

Note: This is just your opinion. You do not need to have received a formal medical diagnosis. The ways in which your (or your household's) physical health might have been affected include through decreased fitness, missed medical appointments, or any other physical health complications caused by the pandemic and crisis. The ways in which your (or your household's) mental health might have been affected include increased anxiety, depression, loneliness, or any other mental health complications caused by the pandemic and crisis.

[Tick all that apply]

- a. You (or at least one member of your household) have/has contracted the virus
- b. Your (or at least one member of your household's) physical health has been affected by the pandemic and crisis in another way
- c. Your (or at least one member of your household's) mental health and well-being has been affected by the pandemic and crisis
- d. No, none of the above
- e. I would rather not answer

[PUBLIC USE FILE NOTE: Variable not available in the public use microdata file]

33. At any time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, have you or has any member of your household experienced any of the following?

[Tick all that apply]

- a. Lost your job or been laid off permanently by your employer
- b. Been laid off temporarily by your employer or been placed on a job retention scheme
- c. Had your working hours reduced by your employer or been placed on a part-time job retention scheme
- d. Had your pay reduced by your employer
- e. Lost your self-employed job or your own business
- f. Lost income from your self-employed job or your own business because of a drop in work, sales, or similar
- g. Had to take leave from work (paid or unpaid), or had to work reduced hours, for at least one week due to own illness or advice or order to self-quarantine.
- h. Had to take leave from work (paid or unpaid), or had to work reduced hours, for at least one week in order to look after children or an adult or elderly family member
- i. Had to take leave from work (paid or unpaid), or had to work reduced hours, for at least one week for other reasons
- j. Had to resign from your job due to own illness or advice or order to self-quarantine.
- k. Had to resign from your job in order to look after children or an adult or elderly family member

- l. Had to resign from your job for other reasons
- m. No, none of the above

34. At any time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, have you or has your household experienced any of the following?

[Tick all that apply]

- a. Failed to pay a usual expense (e.g. rent or mortgage, utility bill, credit card bill) because you could not afford to pay
- b. Taken money out of your savings or sold assets to pay for usual expenses
- c. Taken money from friends or extended family to pay for usual expenses
- d. Taken on additional debt or used credit to pay for usual expenses
- e. Asked a charity or non-profit institution for assistance because you could not afford to pay for usual expenses
- f. Gone hungry because you could not afford to pay for food
- g. Lost your home because you could not afford to pay the mortgage or rent
- h. Declared bankruptcy or asked your bank or credit provider for assistance
- i. No, none of the above

35. Overall, since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, do you think that your household's financial situation has got worse, stayed about the same, or improved?

[Tick one]

- a. A lot worse
- b. Worse
- c. About the same as before
- d. Improved
- e. Improved a lot
- f. Can't choose / difficult to say

[Filter: Show S36 only if S22>=1 and S23<=17 [i.e. they have at least one own child in the household and the youngest child is 17 or under]]

36. At any time since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, have any of your children had their school/child care facility closed due to the virus? This could be for any length of time.

[Tick one]

- a. Yes
- b. No

[Filter: Show S37 only if S36=a (i.e. at least one child has had their school/child care closed)]

[Filter: Show S37 only if S20=a (i.e. they live with a spouse/partner)]

- 37. In your household, who took on any additional care work as a result of school or child care facility closures? This could include leading/supervising the children's learning during school closure, watching/supervising children, and/or any other additional household or care work (e.g. cooking, cleaning) caused by school or child care facility closures.**

[Tick one]

- a. Entirely you
- b. Mostly you
- c. Equally shared between you and your spouse/partner
- d. Mostly your spouse/partner
- e. Entirely your spouse/partner
- f. Mostly someone else (another member of your household or someone from outside your household)
- g. A mixture of you (and/or your spouse/partner) and someone else (another member of your household or someone from outside your household)
- h. Can't choose / difficult to say
- i. Not applicable: The children did not need supervising and/or school and child care facility closures did not cause any additional unpaid care work in your household

Other questions

- 38. Which social class do you see yourself and your household belonging to?**

[Tick one]

- a. Lower class
- b. Working class
- c. Middle class
- d. Upper-middle class
- e. Upper class
- f. I would rather not answer

- 39. Please feel free to share your thoughts on what social and economic risks you face, and whether and how government should address them.**

___ [Open text field; optional]

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