

From the New Normal to Reality

Post COVID experiences and expectations



3rd Wave

September 2021

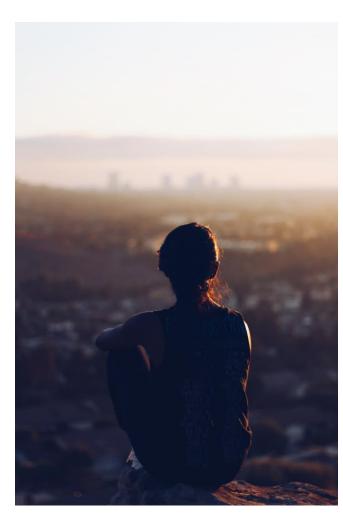


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PROJECT CONTEXT



This is the third edition of the study "anticipating the new normal".

In February/March 2020, the rapid spreading of a virus, mostly unknown until then, burst into our lives. It threatened the status quo, and caused the worst pandemic of the last 100 years, worldwide. It still has terrible effects not only with regards to health but also with regards to psycho-sociological and economic issues.

Three months later, in **June 2020**, after a first devastating pandemic wave, we considered it necessary to undertake a study that would allow us to get closer to the reality we had experienced as a society; to listen to how people felt, how shopping habits had changed, to know which institutions, companies or brands people had felt more loyal to, ... Above all we wanted to realize a study that would determine what people's **future expectations** were. We wanted to begin to distinguish under which axes the so-called "new normality" was configured. And, if this was homogeneous or showed differentiated declinations by countries or regions.

In **December 2020**, after almost a year in pandemic, the virus continued to be the protagonist: it kept us constantly attentive to the latest developments at the ICUs and risk areas. Words like "quarantine", "confinement", "PCR", "face mask", or "bubble groups", were already an integral part of our daily lives. The second edition of the study then showed that fatigue was taking its toll on a disenchanted society. But it also showed that vaccines brought hope though were projected to be available in the medium term only. That edition also confirmed that COVID has acted as a particle accelerator in many areas of our lives: a **catalyst for change**, which in certain areas is irreversible. There is no turning back.

In **July 2021** a part of the population was already vaccinated (although with large differences by country), but still there were spikes and waves of infections, and there still wasn't a clear idea of how to "exit from the tunnel". Before this backdrop **Punto de Fuga** and the **ARTIS** network have carried out this third edition of the study (we still do not know if it will be the last). Again we wanted to put the thermometer, take the pulse of society and contrast which of these changes have come to stay.

COVID-19 as a 'TOTAL SOCIAL FACT' marks a turning point that re-establishes the cardinal points of society. Moving forward to this new reality allows us to continue to be in tune with the needs of the market.





Methodology details



3,037 online interviews



10 minutes LOI



Individuals **over 18 years of age**Worldwide in 10 countries



Carried out between

12 to 18 July 2021

Sampling error (95% CI): + 1.79% globally + 5.66% per country

International Study - 3rd Wave

Test countries:













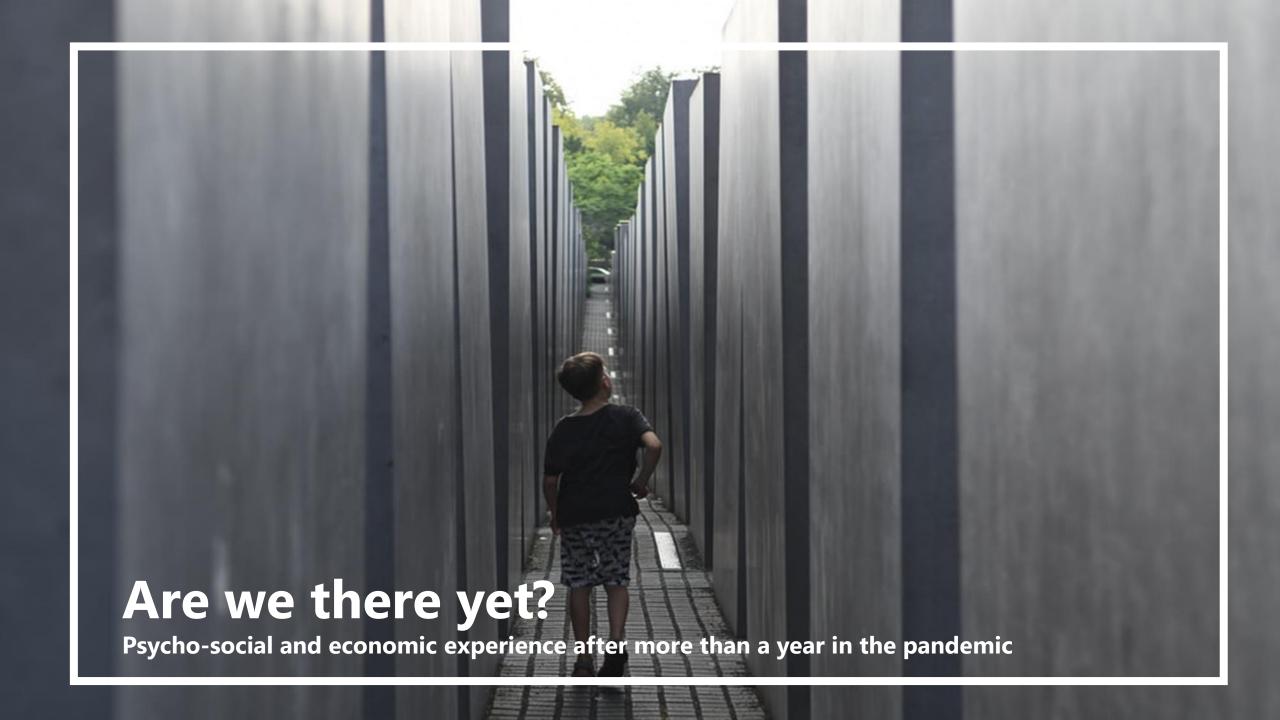












We still are in the pandemic



Cases of Coronavirus: 231.895.916 Deaths: 4.749.498 Vaccinated: 6.102.707.312

Last update: 27-Sep-2021

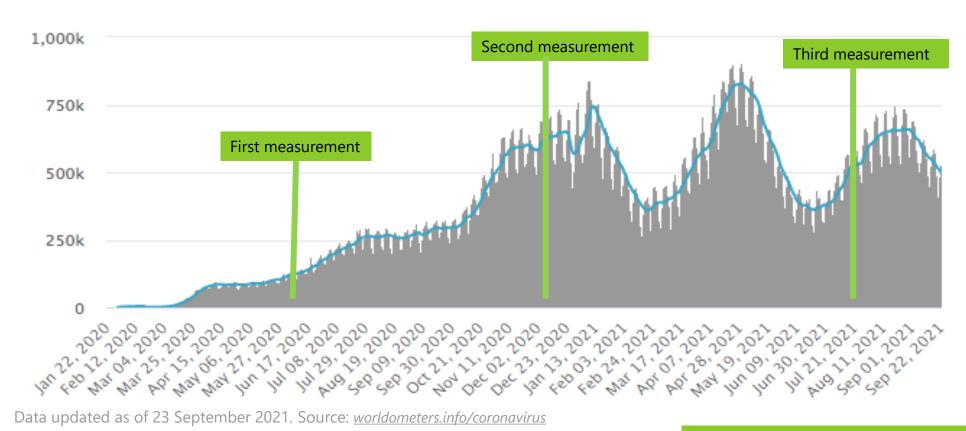


A reality that is cyclical and generates uncertainty



In **July there was** a worldwide **upturn in the number of cases** due to the irruption of the Delta variant and the beginning of the de-escalation in some countries. In **September, a new truce.**

New cases daily





Measurements "ANTICIPATING THE NEW NORMAL".



More cases, but reduced mortality thanks to vaccines

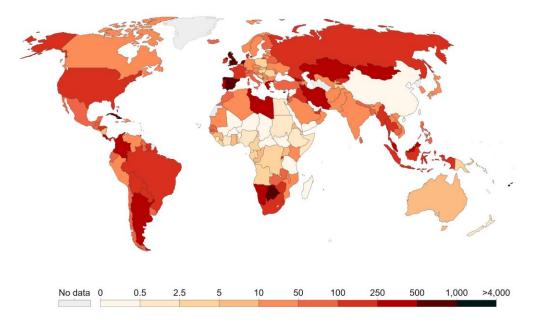


New cases of COVID were on the rise in July in Europe, the United States and Mexico. Spain and the United Kingdom were the countries with the highest rate of new cases.

Daily new confirmed COVID-19 cases per million people

Shown is the rolling 7-day average. The number of confirmed cases is lower than the number of actual cases; the main reason for that is limited testing.





Source: Johns Hopkins University CSSE COVID-19 Data

Data as of July 2021, time of fieldwork

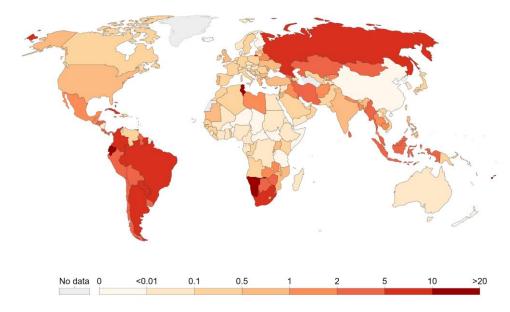
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Although the number of deaths was contained in those countries with higher vaccination rates, while it was more devastating in LATAM (with lower vaccination levels).

Daily new confirmed COVID-19 deaths per million people



Shown is the rolling 7-day average. Limited testing and challenges in the attribution of the cause of death means that the number of confirmed deaths may not be an accurate count of the true number of deaths from COVID-19.



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Vaccination comes at different speeds

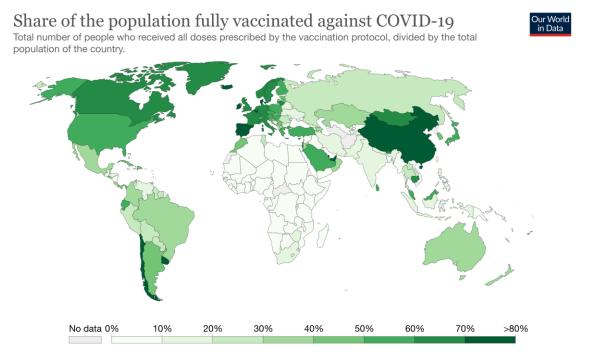


Which keeps us away from herd immunity and in an inner state of being constantly alarmed.

	Doses administered	Fully vaccinated	% of population fully vaccinated
Globally	6.102 M	2.573 M	33.1%
<u>(186)</u>	69,7 M	36,4 M	77,1%
	93,8 M	43,9 M	65.4%
	106,9M	53,1 M	63,9%
	84.0 M	40,5 M	67,3%
	93,5 M	44,7 M	67,3%
•	50,8 M	21,4 M	47,5%
	231,8 M	87,1 M	41,2%
*	31,5 M	14,1 M	73,8%
*	99,2 M	44,5 M	35,2%
	390,1 M	183,7 M	55,7%

^{*} complete guideline. Data 27 Sept 2021

33% of the world's population is vaccinated*.



Source: Official data collated by Our World in Data – Last updated 22 September 2021, 21:40 (London time)

Note: Alternative definitions of a full vaccination, e.g. having been infected with SARS-CoV-2 and having 1 dose of a 2-dose protocol, are ignored to maximize comparability between countries.

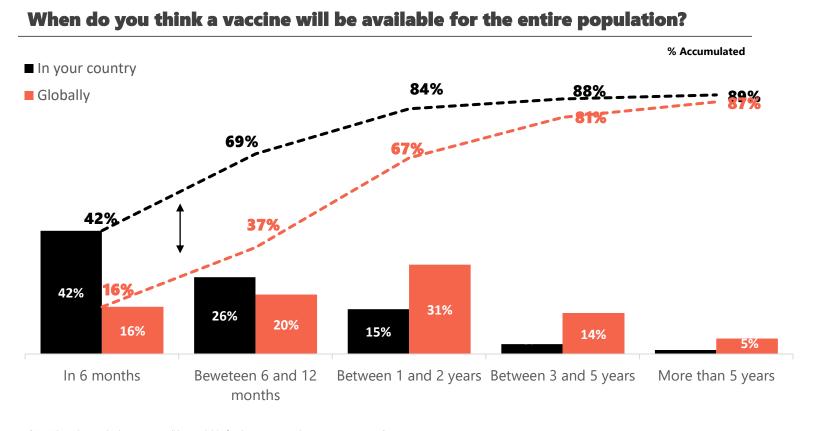
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Differences perceived by the population



Only 37% anticipate global availability of the vaccine in less than a year. Nearly 70% think that we will have to wait at least 2 years for global availability, which increases the uncertainty about the pandemic evolution.

% believe that the vaccine will be available IN LESS THAN 1 YEAR



	At MY COUNTRY	WORLDWIDE
Total	69%	37%
<u>(8)</u>	77%	30%
	59%	36%
	68%	26%
	62%	33%
	72%	29%
*	55%	32%
	82%	56%
*	71%	39%
3	76%	46%
	66%	39%

Q20. When do you think a vaccine will be available for the entire population in your country? Q21. When do you think a vaccine will be available for the entire world population?

Cumulative % before one year

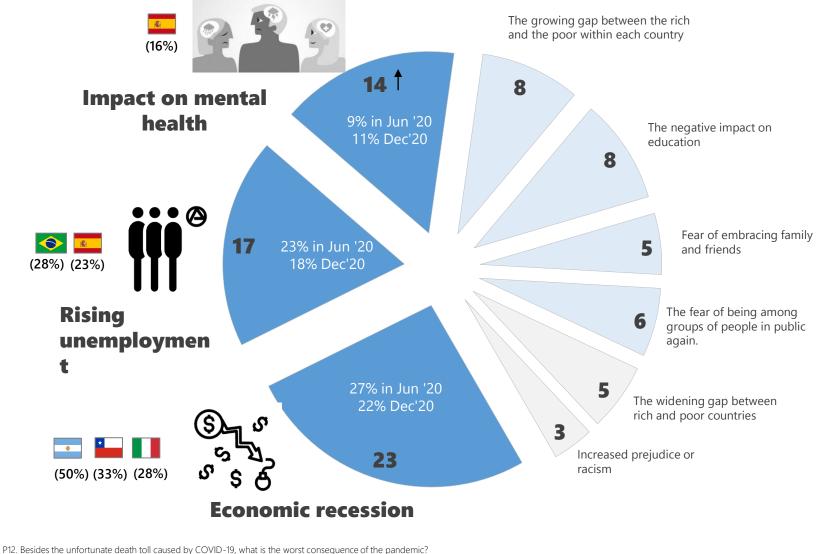




Beyond the human losses due to COVID...



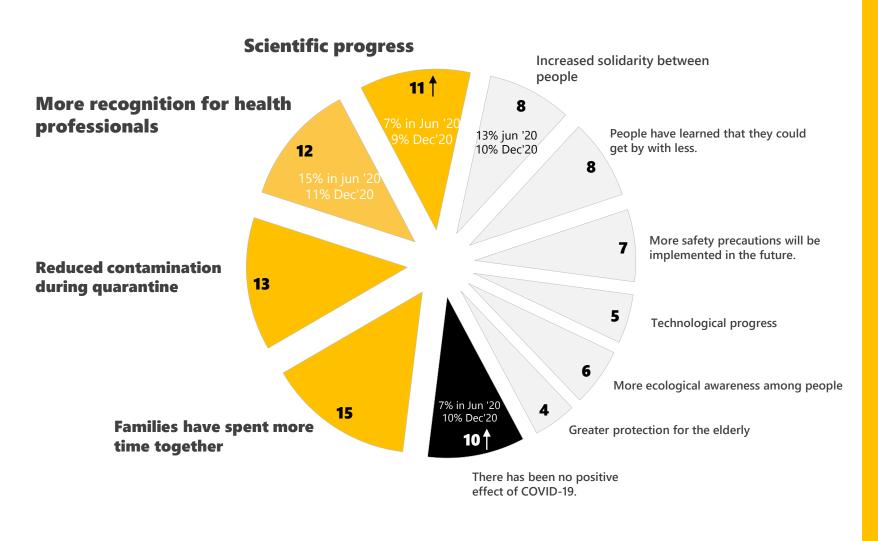
"Recession" keeps being the worst post-COVID consequence, more so in LATAM. **Growing concerns** towards "Mental Health" issues





The positive effects are more diffuse...





A slight increase in scientific progress as the most positive outcome of the pandemic. But the "recognition of medical staff" and above all the "perception of greater solidarity between people" gets diluted.

P17. Beyond all the negative consequences, what do you think has been the most positive effect of COVID-19? And secondly?

(total base) (n=4,535)





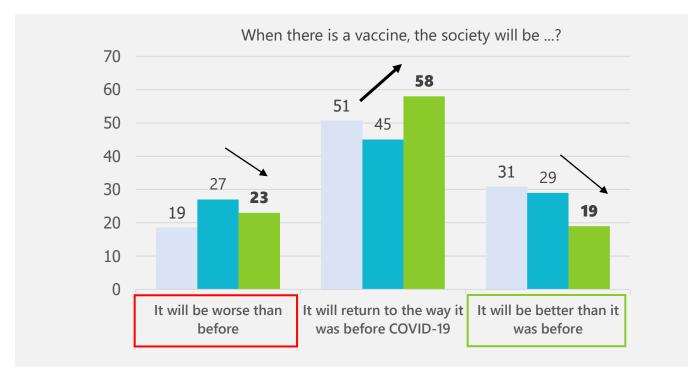


The epic factor is vanishing

Social disenchantment: we will not be a better a society







Slightly more social optimism in America. More disappointment in **Europe**



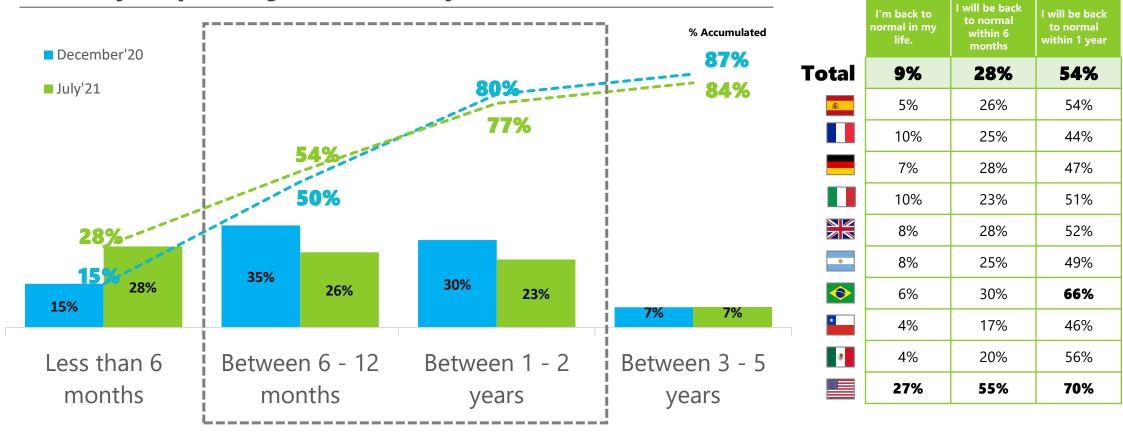
Q16b. When a COVID-19 vaccine becomes available, do you think society in general will be...?



Normality is a desire but is not anticipated to be realized in the short term







13% remaining, never or don't know

When do you expect to regain some normalcy in your life?





Sentiment ratio (negative and positive emotions)

42% 58%





44% 56%





39% 61%

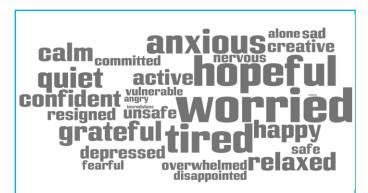




JUNE 2020



DECEMBER 2020



JULY 2021

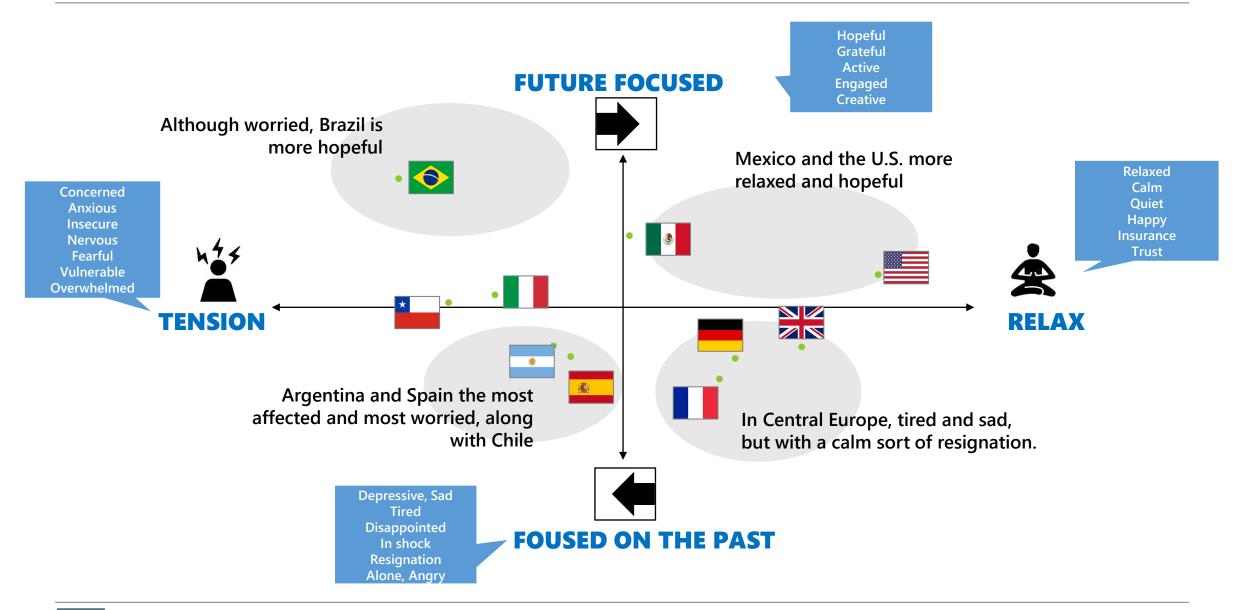


P10. Select 3 words that describe your current mood.



Different countries, different experiences and emotions





The economy sets the mood



Argentina, Spain and Chile are the most pessimistic about their country's economy.



How will the economic situation in each country change?

		100							*		
Bette	er or much bette	r									- -
	37%	29%	38%	36%	34%	42%	22%	43%	32%	44%	21%
It wo	n't change at all										
	18%	14%	15%	23%	27%	20%	18%	13%	18%	19%	52%
Wors	se or much worse		200/	2.40/	2.40/	2.60/		200/	420/	260/	270/
	40%	55%	38%	34%	34%	36%	58%	38%	42%	36%	27%
Index of change:	+3	-26	0	+2	0	+6	-36	+5	-10	+8	-6
•	5%	3%	9%	7%	6%	4%	2%	6%	8%	10%	7%
Don't know	5%	3%	9%	7%	6%	4%	2%	6%	8%	10%	7%

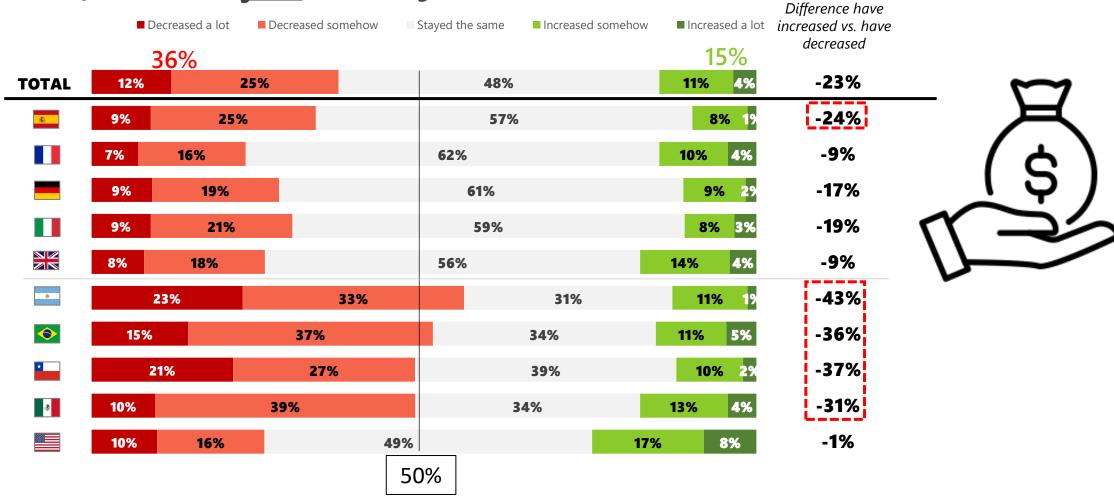




A general reduction in income







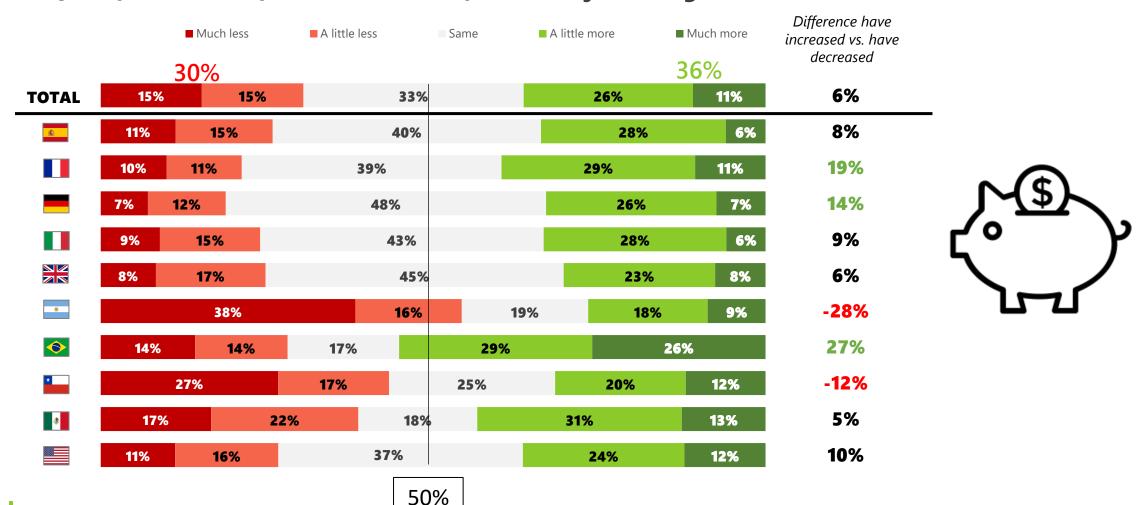
P16. How has your income changed as a result of the pandemic?



But an unequal effect on savings



Thinking about your income and expenses since the start of the pandemic, are you saving...





P17. Thinking about your income and your expenses since the beginning of the pandemic, are yo



Among young people

50% have lost savings
Only 25% have increased them

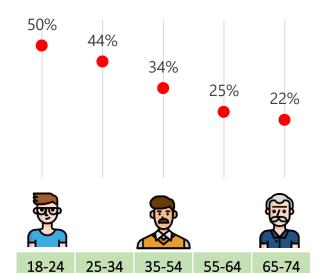
Among the oldest

It's the other way around: 22% have reduced their savings, but +50% have increased them.

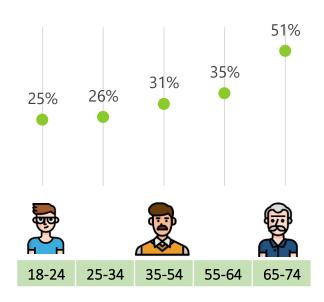


SAVINGS CAPACITY

% of savings have decreased



% of savings have increased



P17. Thinking about your income and your expenses since the beginning of the pandemic, are you saving..

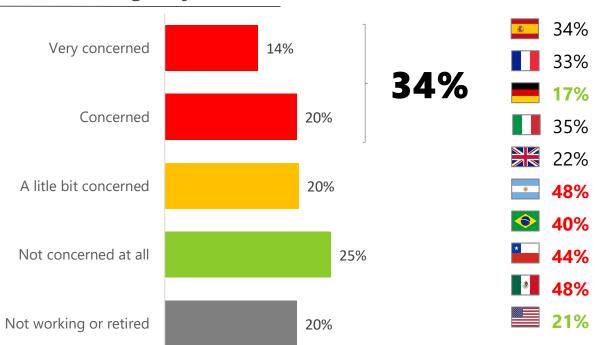


Over 40% of young people are concerned about their employment



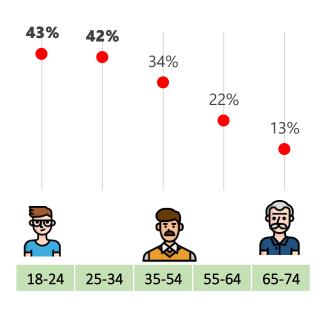


Concern about losing the job



% Strongly + very concerned

Breakdown by age:



Q15. Are you worried about losing your job in the next few months?





5 vital post COVID attitudes emerge



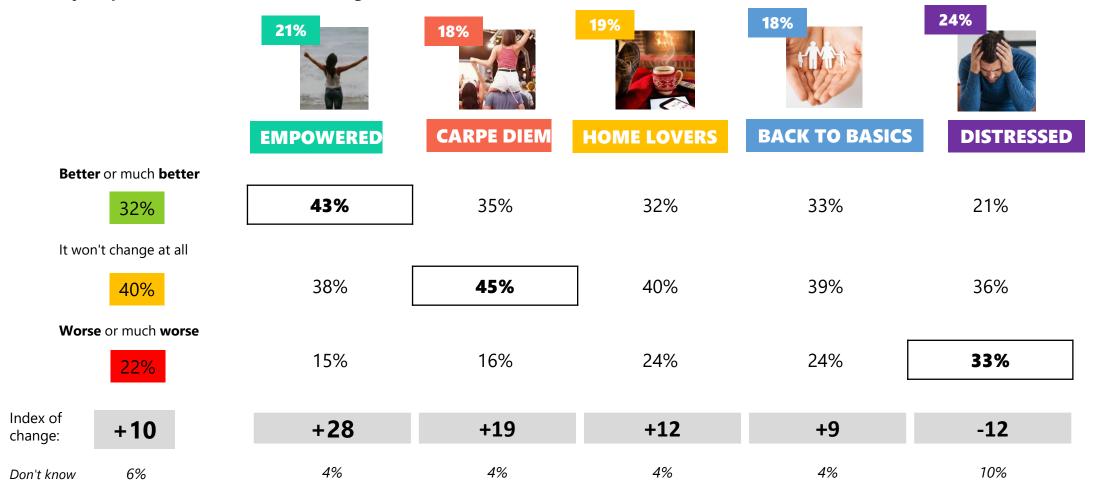


EI	MPOWERED	CARPE DIEM	HOME LOVERS	BACK TO BASICS	DISTRESSED
	*			****	
₹	16%	19%	19%	16%	32%
	16%	25%	13%	13%	33%
	21%	25%	23%	8%	23%
	17%	19%	15%	14%	34%
	23%	15%	21%	10%	32%
	21%	23%	18%	24%	14%
	32%	7%	22%	22%	17%
*	16%	22%	22%	24%	16%
*	24%	11%	16%	33%	16%
	22%	19%	24%	14%	21%

The economic outlook sets the tone



How will your personal financial situation change?



 $Q14. \ In \ terms \ of the \ ECONOMIC \ SITUATION, what \ do \ you \ expect for the \ next few \ months? \ Regarding \ your \ particular \ economic \ situation$

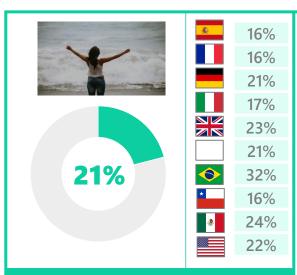


EMPOWERED



28%

63%



The EMPOWERED are cautious about the virus but their expectations are positive.

It is the group that has the most confidence in a better society after the virus.

Their direct economic impact has been low and the pandemic has helped them to feel more active. They give more relevance to purchasing online but also to aspects of sustainability or brand responsibility.

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE Gender

47 53 Age 39 18 - 3435 - 54 55 or + **COVID IMPACT**

BENCHMARK % "Very worried" 29% 27% for exposure to COVID **FINANCE** Income variance with

-13 -23 COVID +13 Savings variance with COVID

Security and trust Pessimism Calm and fear

LIFE ATTITUDES

"I believe in the power of society"

Carpe diem

Family and friends

"I've adopted a healthier lifestyle habit."

> I feel... **HOPEFUL (36%) GRATEFUL (22%) RELAXED (19%) ACTIVE (18%)**

	PERSPECTIVES
SOCIETY	GROU

Society WILL BE BETTER than before

PERSONALS

I'll be back to normal in <1year

More important now*...

My economic outlook (% will get better-% will get worse) +28

+10

BENCHMARK

19%

54%

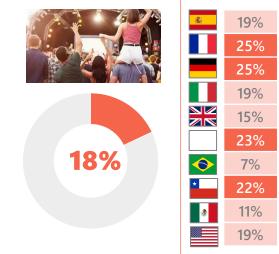
BENCHMARK

CHANGE in PURCHASE DRIVERS

DELIVERY	+46	+42
ONLINE (WEB/APP)	+45	+41
PRICE	+44	+39
QUALITY	+40	+35
© ECO OR SUSTAINABLE	+45	+34
RSC RSC	+37	+31
TRUSTED	+33	+28
(a) LOCAL BRAND	+33	+27
KNOWN BRAND	+15	+9
Most important - least important difference		







The philosophy of this group is

The CARPE DIEM are certainly

the least concerned about

COVID-19 and are hopeful that

they will be back to normal soon.

They have an **optimistic future**

economic outlook driven by a

higher level of post-pandemic

clear: "Live the moment".

\$ 51 Age 18 - 34 35 - 54 55 or +

Gender 4

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

COVID IMPACT BENCHMARK % "Very worried" 27% 17% for exposure to COVID **FINANCE** Income variance with -23 COVID +12 +6 Savings variance with COVID

LIFE ATTITUDES Security and trust Pessimism Calm and fear Carpe diem Family and friends

"Live it to the fullest, without thinking too much about tomorrow."

"Looking forward to doing new things as soon as I can."

> **HOPEFUL (28%) RELAXED (19%) ANXIOUS (18%) HAPPY (14%)**

I feel...

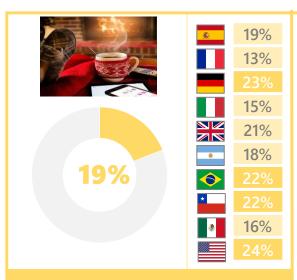
PERSPECTIVES				
SOCIETY	GROUP	BENCHMARK		
Society will be better than before	15%	19%		
PERSONALS				
I'll be back to normal in <1year	60%	54%		
My economic outlook (% will get better-% will get worse)	+19	+10		

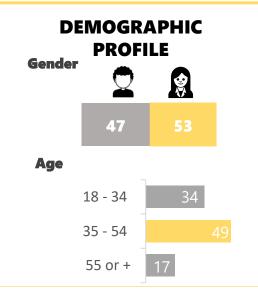
CHANGE in PURCHASE DRIVERS				
More important now *	GROUP	BENCHMARK		
DELIVERY	+41	+42		
ONLINE (WEB/APP)	+39	+41		
PRICE	+36	+39		
QUALITY	+32	+35		
G ECO OR SUSTAINABLE	+33	+34		
RSC	+29	+31		
TRUSTED	+25	+28		
LOCAL BRAND	+23	+27		
KNOWN BRAND	+9	+9		
Most important - least important difference				

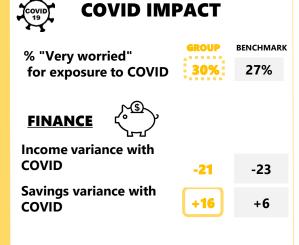


savings.









LIFE ATTITUDES Security and trust Pessimism Calm and fear Family and friends Carpe diem

"I've become more homely."

"I want to move to a quieter area."

I feel...

WORRIED (22%) CALMED (17%) HAPPY (13%)

PERSPECTIVES					
SOCIETY	GROUP	BENCHMARK			
Society WILL BE BETTER than before	16%	19%			
PERSONALS I'll be back to normal in <1year	51%	54%			
My economic outlook (% will get better-% will get worse)	+10	+10			

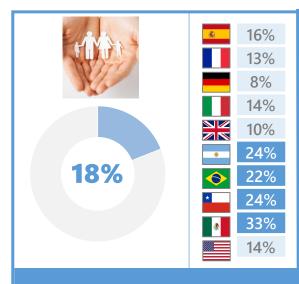
DEDCDECTIVES

More important now *	GROUP	BENCHMAR
DELIVERY	+45	+42
ONLINE (WEB/APP)	+43	+41
PRICE	+38	+39
QUALITY	+37	+35
© ECO OR SUSTAINABLE	+29	+34
RSC RSC	+30	+31
TRUSTED	+25	+28
(a) LOCAL BRAND	+25	+27
KNOWN BRAND	+4	+9



BACK TO BASICS



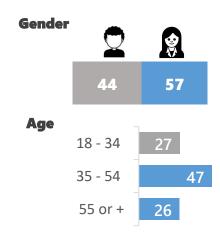


With considerable negative economic and personal impact, the pandemic has helped them to value "the basics" and what is really important to them.

Hence, they seek to spend more time as a family.

In addition, the most important aspect at the time of purchase is again the **quality and price** of the product, although **they also look for eco or sustainable aspects.**

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE



COVID

COVID IMPACT

% "Very worried"	GROUP	BENCHWAKI
for exposure to COVID	27%	27%

FINANCE



Income variance with COVID

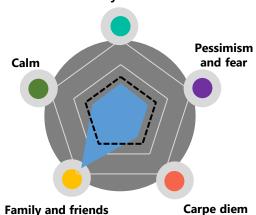
Savings variance with COVID

-35

+6

LIFE ATTITUDES

Security and trust



"I want to spend more time with my family and friends."

"I want to spend more time with my children."

HOPEFUL (30%) WORRIED (25%) GRATEFUL (21%)

PERSPECTIVES

SOCIETY	GROUP	BENCHMARK
Society WILL BE BETTER than before	22%	19%
PERSONALS I'll be back to normal in <1year	52%	54%
My economic outlook (% will get better-% will get worse)	+9	+10

CHANGE in PURCHASE DRIVERS

More important now *	GROUP	BENCHMARK
DELIVERY	+44	+42
ONLINE (WEB/APP)	+43	+41
PRICE	+46	+39
QUALITY	+41	+35
ECO OR SUSTAINABLE	+39	+34
RSC RSC	+37	+31
TRUSTED	+32	+28
LOCAL BRAND	+27	+27
KNOWN BRAND	+6	+9
Most important - least important difference		



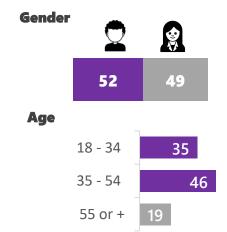




The DISTRESSED group is the youngest of the five and also the most pessimistic.

With a decrease in income and savings, a sense of concern becomes common to all of them. This is reflected in purchasing where the importance of quality and also sustainability vs. other groups is lowered.

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE



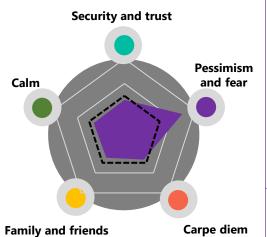
COVID IMPACT

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BENCHMARK

for exposure to COVID	30%	27%		
FINANCE (\$)				
Income variance with				
COVID	-30	-23		
Savings variance with				
COVID	-3	+6		

LIFE ATTITUDES



"I am now more pessimistic about the future."

"The pandemic has affected me negatively on an emotional level."

I feel...

TIRED (30%)
WORRIED (28%)
ANXIOUS (23%)
DEPRESSED (15%)

PERSPECTIVES

SOCIETY	GROUP	BENCHMARK		
Society WILL BE BETTER than before	13%	19%		
PERSONALS I'll be back to normal in <1year	43%	54%		
My economic outlook (% will get better-% will get worse)	-12	+10		

CHANGE in PURCHASE DRIVERS

More important now *

More important now *	GROUP	BENCHMARK
DELIVERY	+36	+42
ONLINE (WEB/APP)	+36	+41
PRICE	+34	+39
QUALITY	+28	+35
6 ECO OR SUSTAINABLE	+27	+34
RSC RSC	+26	+31
TRUSTED	+26	+28
(a) LOCAL BRAND	+26	+27
KNOWN BRAND	+11	+9



One thing is for sure: there is a real "before and an after"





86% A change that's here to stay

June 2020: 79%.

December 2020: 83%.

July 2021: 86%.



Perception of a revolving effect is more intense in LATAM



Generalized perception of a turning point, though with different intensity levels

How will COVID-19 change lives in every country?

	- (1.5)							*		
It won't change at	all			_						
14%	11%	23%	19%	11%	15%	16%	6%	10%	2%	21%
It will change some	ething									
48%	53%	54%	53%	62%	58%	38%	40%	40%	33%	52%
It will change everything										
38%	37%	24%	29%	27%	27%	45%	54%	48%	65%	27%
% CHANGE 86%	90%	78%	82%	89%	85%	83%	94%	88%	98%	79%

Q11. To what extent do you think COVID-19 will change our lives?



The change of habits consolidates (same trend as in Dec'20)



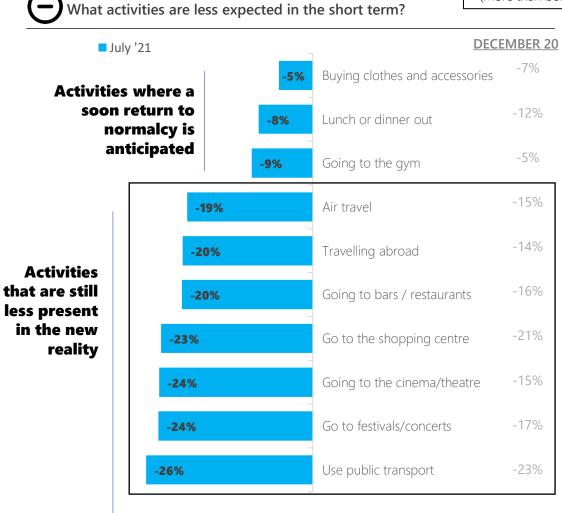


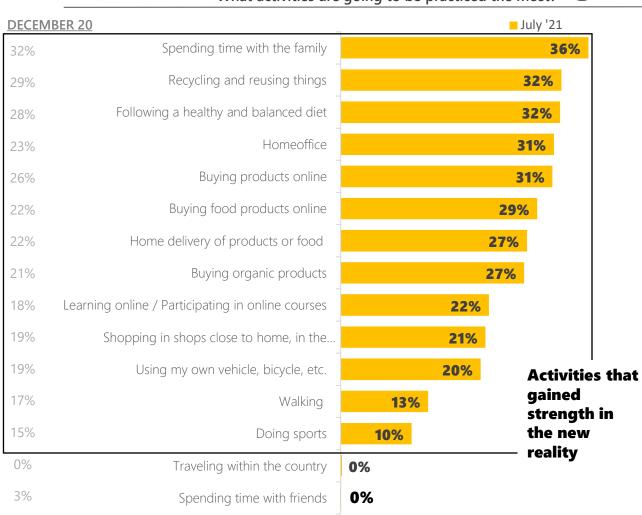
Perceived % Variation

(More than before - Less than before)









Q6. Compared to the 12 months prior to the start of COVID-19 do you think you will do less, more, or as before, each of the following activities?







'My Family' as a top priority



After the pandemic we have reevaluated family time



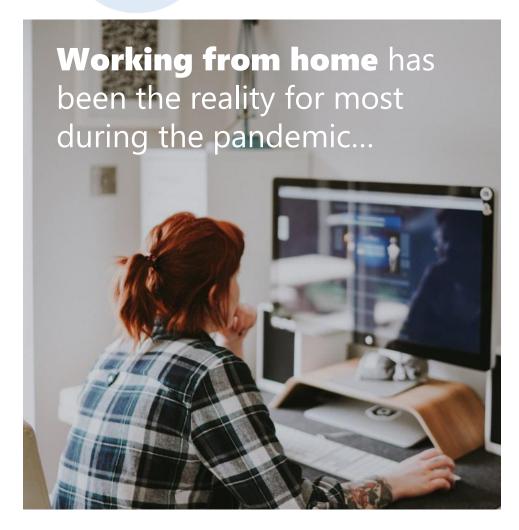


Spending time as a family I DIDN'T AND I Perceived WON'T variation: 36% **TOTAL** 45 44 29% 48 39 23% 49 34 26% **55** 32 34% 53 38 28% **56** 35 29% 53 **37** 57% 23 66 40% 51 37 64% 24 69 29% **52** 36



Home has become also a workplace

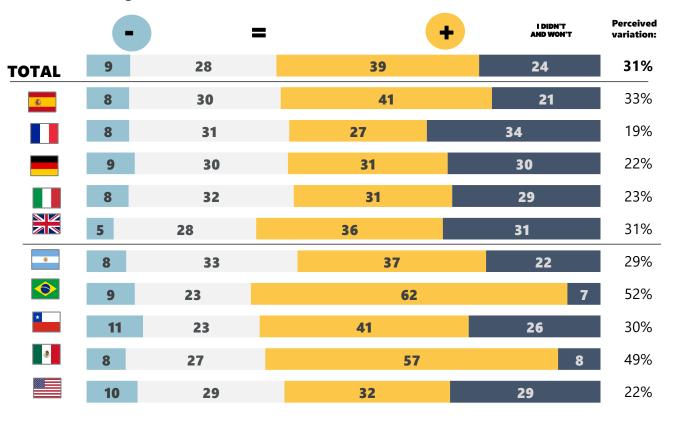




... and it's here to stay:



Working from home



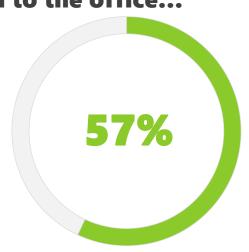


But still needs to be readjusted



Home office workers are already planning their return to the office...







Although some don't...

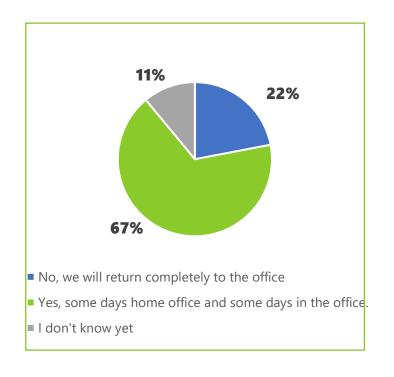
Not known yet, it depends on the evolution of COVID-19.

32%

It is unlikely that we will return to the office.

11%

... and with a hybrid format



Q8. When do you plan to return to the office / Q9. Will you keep some home office days?



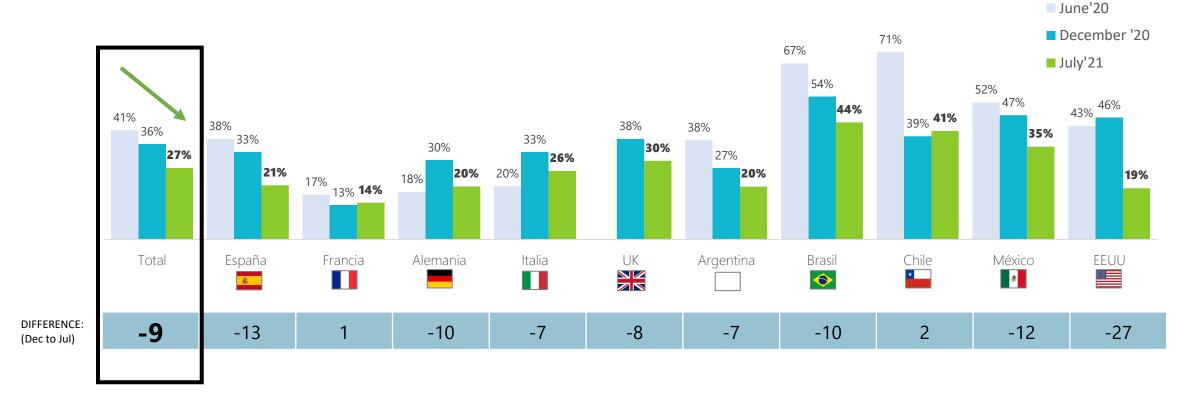


The shopping environment is not fully secure yet



Concerns at the time of shopping are reduced but do not disappear completely yet, being still stronger in LATAM.

CURRENT concern about Coronavirus exposure when shopping (% very concerned)



P2. Now, when you go to the grocery store, how would you rate their level of concern regarding the possibility of being exposed to the coronavirus? Are you....





Which explains the rise of new channels



New channels are consolidated and become a new habit in all countries analysed.

Buy products online



Perceived variation:

December 2020

+26%

Buy food online



Perceived variation:		
June 2020	December 2020	July 2021
+3%	+22%	+29%

Have products/food delivered to my home (delivery)



Perceived variation:		
June 2020	December 2020	July 2021
+0%	+22%	+27%

Shopping in shops close to home, in the neighborhood



Perceived variation:		
June 2020	December 2020	July 2021
+5%	+19%	+21%

June 2020

+12%

Shopping

July 2021

+31%

A channel shift with added value

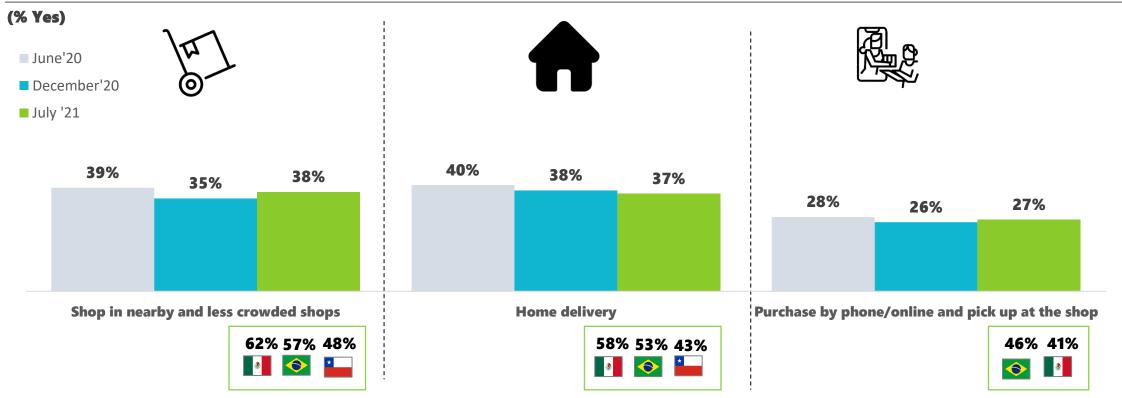




Among those who opt for a channel shift: 1 in 3 is willing to pay more for it



Willingness to pay more in grocery stores if they...

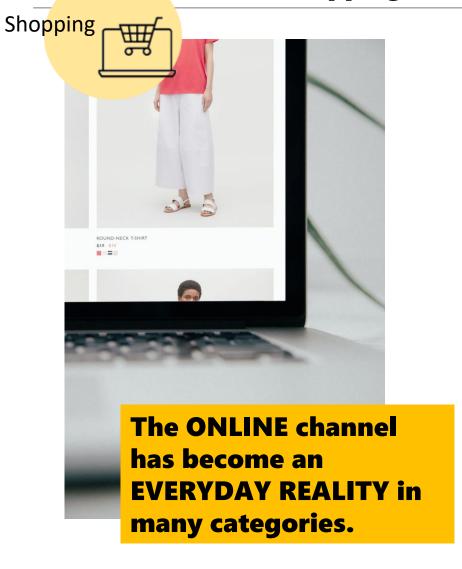


Q2. Are you willing to pay more for your food products if...?

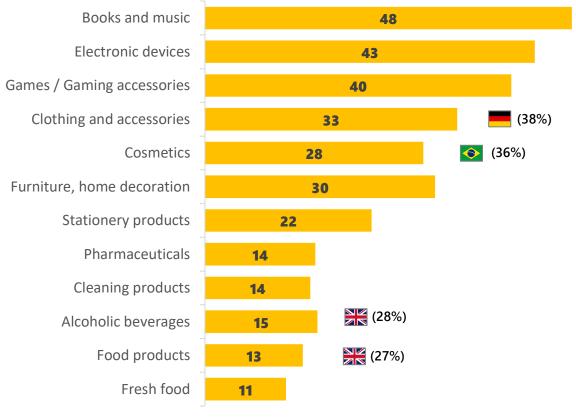


A new shopping reality that extends to many categories





Mainly buy online



(base: buy the products) Data Dec 2020

Q10. Where are you currently buying each of the following products (or think you will in the next few months)?

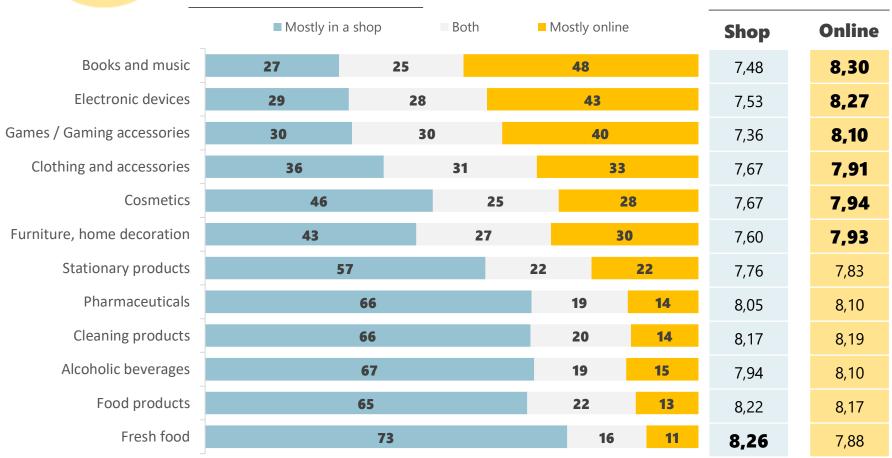


And that achieves high satisfaction rates





Satisfaction by channel (Scale from 1 to 10)



Thank (online)

(base: buy the products) Data Dec 2020

Q10. Where are you currently buying each of the following products (or think you will in the next few months)? Q11. And are you satisfied with this means of purchase?



Purchase channel



Paying greater attention to caring for our health and for the planet



With the exception of doing sports (which is more common in Europe), these are transversal attitudes in all the countries analyzed.

Buy organic products

Perceived variation:

December 2020

+21%



Follow a healthy and balanced diet



+24%	+28%	+32%
June 2020	December 2020	July 2021
Perceived variation:		

Recycle and reuse



Perceived variation:		
June 2020 December 2020 July 2021		
+26% +29% +32%		

Doing sports



+8%	+15%	+10%
June 2020	December 2020	July 2021
	Perceived variation:	

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June 2020

+26%

July 2021

+27%



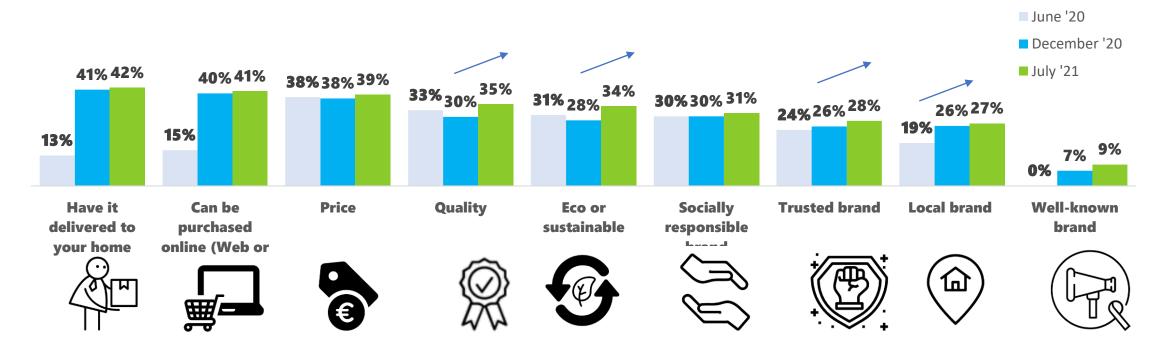
Shopping priorities are changing



Delivery and online shopping are of increasing importance in the purchase, but also factors such as **quality, eco and local products** are becoming more relevant.

Evolution of the importance of the different purchasing aspects

Difference (More important - More important than before)



P5. In the future, to what extent do you think each of the following factors will be more or less important than before COVID-19 when buying products or services?





Safe mobility... more sustainable mobility?



Options that reinforce peoples security gain importance, the use of public transportation is still seen with reservations (especially in LATAM)

Walking, getting around on foot



Use my own vehicle



Use public transportation



Perceived variation:		
June 2020	December 2020	July 2021
+8%	+17%	+13%

Perceived variation:		
June 2020	December 2020	July 2021
+13%	+19%	+20%

Perceived variation:		
June 2020	December 2020	July 2021
-26%	-23%	-26%



A km0 mobility



The prospects of travelling by air or traveling abroad are still not recovering

Travelling within the country



Travelling by plane



Travelling abroad



Perceived variation:		
June 2020	December 2020	July 2021
-3%	+0%	+0%





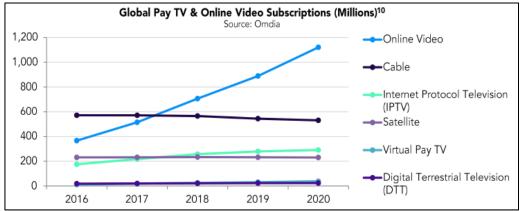


A large part of leisure time activities have shifted to the home

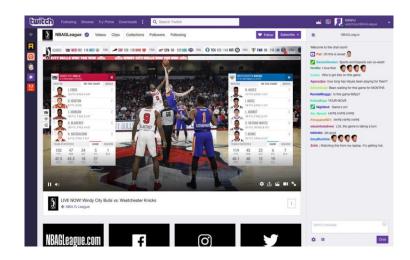


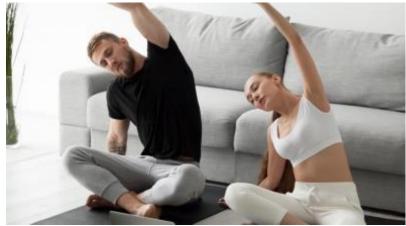
Rediscovering new ways of consumption













Mass activities are facing limitations



Out of obligation or precaution: mass activities are still less frequent.

Go to a shopping mall



Perceived variation:

December 2020

-21%

Going to festivals and concerts



Perceived variation: June 2020 December 2020 July 2021 -22% -17% -24%

Going to the cinema and theatre



Perceived variation:		
June 2020	December 2020	July 2021
-22%	-17%	-24%



June 2020

-26%

July 2021

-23%



Other (less crowded) activities are slowly recovering



In social surroundings that are considered to be increasingly controlled, a frequency similar to PRE-COVID is soon to be expected.

Lunch or dinner out



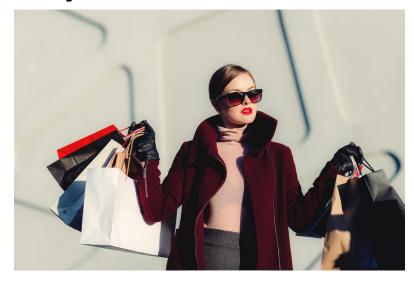


Going to the gym



Perceived variation:		
June 2020	December 2020	July 2021
-10%	-5%	-9%

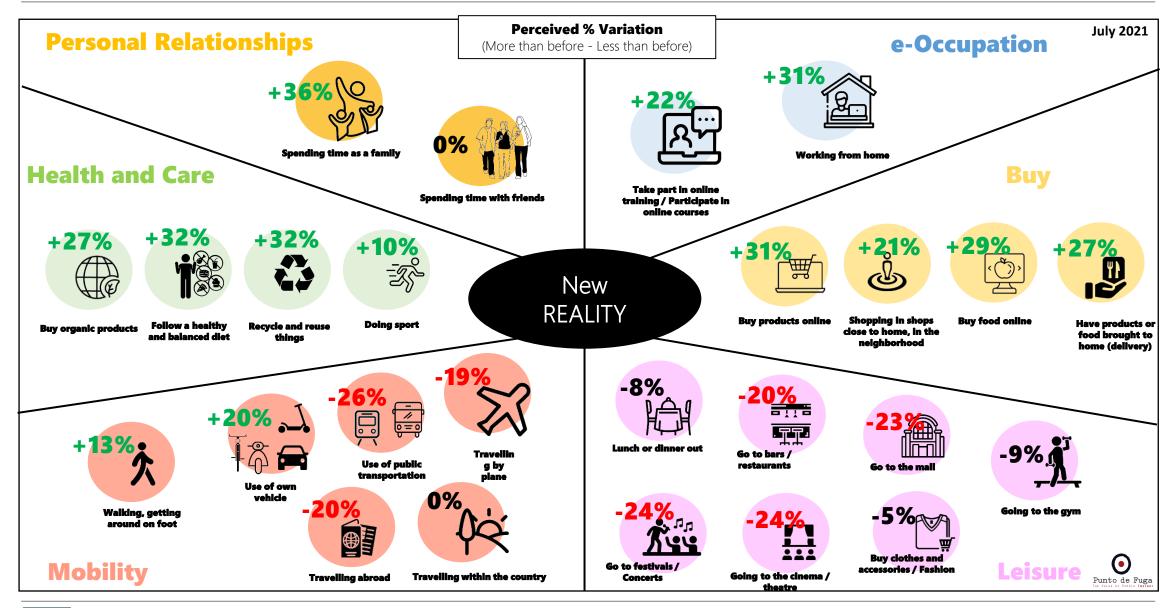
Buy clothes and accessories / Fashion



Perceived variation:		
June 2020	December 2020	July 2021
-18%	-7%	-5%

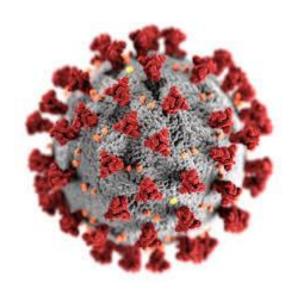
Behaviour patterns that shape the new REALITY







Key Insights"From the New Normal to Reality".







The POST COVID gap

Differences in the pace of vaccination and economic impact create a POST COVID gap between countries but also between generations.

Overall, high degree of uncertainty and no real way out in a year's time.

5 attitudes emerge to face this new reality.







The new normal is REALITY

(Hybrid) home office is no longer the exception

New (online) purchasing channels that achieve high satisfaction rates are normalized.

Delivery, quality and eco are important

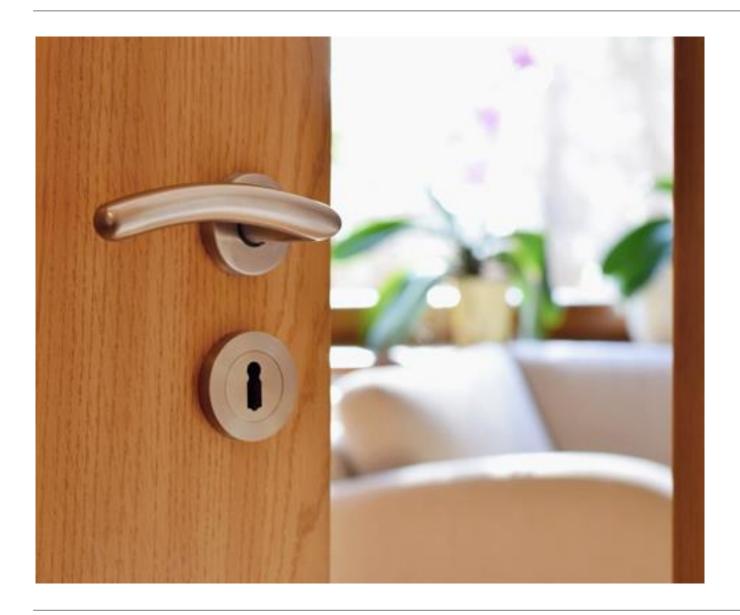
Growing awareness of the need to take care of the own health as well as the planet's health

In search of safer mobility: becoming more sustainable and local

New forms of spending leisure time at and consumption from home are consolidated.







Home is more important than ever

Listening to the consumer <u>in</u> this new reality will be key to the success of any brands value propositions.



From the new normal to reality 3rd Wave



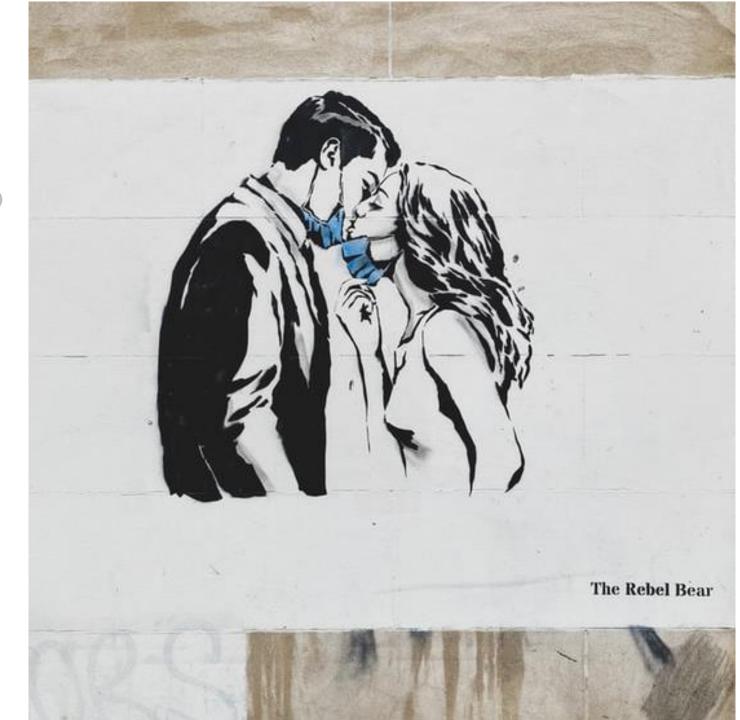
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