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Press release

60% of Ukrainians have suffered financial losses as a result of the coronavirus epidemic

According to the all-Ukrainian national representative survey conducted by Info Sapiens on March 25-29, 38% of Ukrainians reported a decrease in regular family income due to the epidemic, 16% - a complete loss of income, 14% - loss of work, and 10% - financial loss (e.g. due to tickets return for a refund). Overall, 60% of Ukrainians have indicated at least one type of financial loss.

When considering non-financial losses, 11% of Ukrainians also complained about the abuse of authorities and 8% - about failure to provide proper medical care. In general, 69% of those surveyed indicated that their families were somehow affected by the epidemic.

At the same time, when it comes to fears and not actual losses, Ukrainians are afraid of coronavirus infection the most (43%), decrease in income occupies the second place (34%), failure to provide proper medical care is ranked third (33%), complete loss of income is ranked fourth (29%), diversion from the wrong decisions of the authorities is ranked fifth (26%), and loss of employment – sixth (23%). Only 7% of those surveyed do not fear any consequences of the epidemic.

In general, the opinion of Ukrainians about the seriousness of consequences of the epidemic and quarantine has divided: 40% do not expect significant losses, 47% fear serious consequences, and for 7% serious consequences have already occurred.

If we consider only those Ukrainians who have worked or studied before the quarantine, 43% of them continue to go to work or study regularly, 12% have worked or studied without visiting a permanent place, and 41% have stopped going to work or studying after quarantine had begun. Among the latter, 62% do not work or study at the time of the survey, 14% continue to work or study remotely as much or more time than in the past, while 10% continue to do so but less time than in the past.

Therefore, 74% of those who have worked or studied before quarantine, continue to do so full-time or remotely. 8% of them indicated that they did even more work than in the past, 54% said that they performed the same amount of work as they did before quarantine, and 30% were performing less work. Among those who worked before quarantine, only 46% would receive the salary for March in full, 34% - less than it was expected before quarantine, 10% lost their jobs due to quarantine, and the rest did not answer the question. There are more the first ones in the public sector (61%) than in the private (40%). This difference corresponds to the difference in the employment during quarantine: 55% of public sector employees continue to go to work, whereas there are 41% of those in the private sector.



Among those who lost their jobs or part of their income as a result of quarantine, 45% indicate they will only have enough money for March or they already do not have enough, 34% - for March and April and only 16% - for three or more months.

In the current situation, 77% of Ukrainians will try to save, and only 12% will spend more money (for example, on supply or big purchases) because, in their opinion, they can be depreciated or it won't be possible to buy the right items.

"The government faces a difficult task of exhausting neither health care nor economic resources," Inna Volosevych, Deputy Director of Info Sapiens comments. – "The majority of the population of Ukraine suffers economic losses in order to prevent the incidence of morbidity and mortality, and in this situation, I would recommend to pay more attention to reporting not only the epidemic situation but also the measures taken to strengthen the readiness of the health care system to address the epidemic. So that we could understand that all this is not in vain"

Information about the survey

The survey sample is 809 respondents. The survey was conducted using CATI (computer-assisted telephone interviews) based on a random sampling of mobile phone numbers. The sample is representative of the adult population (aged 18 years old and older) of Ukraine by sex, age, size of settlement, and region of residence. The study excluded the Autonomous Republic of Crimea, and the survey was conducted only in the territories controlled by Ukraine in Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts. The maximum theoretical error does not exceed 3.4%. The survey was conducted on March 25-29, 2020 at own expense of Info Sapiens.

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