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Freelancer.com has been surveying its users regularly to track attitudes to the COVID-19 crisis and see how they have changed as circumstances evolve. In each of the surveys in March 2020, April 2020, May 2020, December 2020 and May 2021 we asked about health and vaccines, business, economy, freelancing and also about behaviour.

Some additional questions asked in the 5th survey in April 2021 have been added. Across the 5 surveys there were 44,339 respondents. Freelancer has over 52 million registered users in 247 countries, regions and territories all of whom received an invitation to the survey via email.
Are you currently in lockdown?

- **March 2020**: 44% Yes, 56% No (4,203 responses)
- **December 2020**: 44% Yes, 56% No (4,203 responses)
- **April 2021**: 53% Yes, 47% No (1,806 responses)
Do you think the situation is getting better or worse?

- December 2020:
  - Better: 64.6% (4,153)
  - About the same: 35.4% (4,153)

- April 2021:
  - Better: 28.8% (1,806)
  - About the same: 22.5% (1,806)
  - Worse: 48.7% (1,806)
Do you personally know anyone who has had Covid-19?

- **March 2020**: 8.5% Yes, 91.5% No - 3,019 responses
- **April 2020**: 14.0% Yes, 86.0% No - 15,477 responses
- **December 2020**: 61.1% Yes, 38.9% No - 4,203 responses
- **April 2021**: 66.5% Yes, 33.5% No - 1,806 responses
On a scale of 1 (not serious) to 5 (extremely serious), how do you rate Coronavirus now?
Do you think that the threat globally is contained and the danger will soon be over?

- **March 2020**: 63.9% Yes, 36.1% No (15,111 responses)
- **April 2020**: 53.5% Yes, 46.5% No (18,477 responses)
- **December 2020**: 58.2% Yes, 41.8% No (4,203 responses)
- **April 2021**: 54.4% Yes, 45.6% No (1,806 responses)
How soon do you think the world will attain herd immunity?

- **December 2020**
  - 21: 33.5%
  - 22: 28.7%
  - More than 2 years: 28.1%
  - Never: 9.8%
  - Total: 4,124

- **April 2021**
  - 21: 15.7%
  - 22: 31.0%
  - More than 2 years: 44.4%
  - Never: 9.0%
  - Total: 1,806
How much longer do you think it will be necessary to have mandated precautions to stop the spread of Covid-19?

May 2020: 29.0% 1 - 3 Months, 31.5% 4 - 6 Months, 29.0% 7 - 12 Months, 4.4% Over 1 year, 5.1% Many Years

December 2020: 17.0% 1 - 3 Months, 21.7% 4 - 6 Months, 21.1% 7 - 12 Months, 24.2% Over 1 year, 15.9% Many Years

April 2021: 14.8% 1 - 3 Months, 16.7% 4 - 6 Months, 15.5% 7 - 12 Months, 33.3% Over 1 year, 19.7% Many Years

Survey results (numbers of respondents):
May 2020: 7,714
December 2020: 4,155
April 2021: 1,806
Which vaccine would you prefer to take?

- December 2020:
  - Pfizer / BioNTech: 26%
  - Oxford / AstraZeneca: 15%
  - Sputnik: 18%
  - Sinovac: 41%

- April 2021:
  - Pfizer / BioNTech: 28%
  - Oxford / AstraZeneca: 18%
  - Sputnik: 15%
  - Sinovac: 27%
  - Johnson & Johnson: 15%
  - EpiVacCorona: 15%
  - Covaccine: 15%
  - CanSino Biologics: 15%
  - No Preference: 15%
Have you had a COVID-19 vaccination?

1,803 responses

- Yes: 76.9%
- No: 23.1%
Which vaccine did you have?

1,803 responses

Survey 5 - April 2021

- Oxford / BioNTech: 31%
- Pfizer / BioNTech: 30%
- Sinovac: 12%
- Moderna: 11%
- Covishield: 8%
- Sputnik: 6%
- Covaccine: 5%
- Johnson & Johnson: 4%
Were you given a choice/able to choose which vaccine?

Survey 5 - April 2021

1,803 responses

- Yes: 46.0%
- No: 34.1%
- Don't know: 19.9%
Did you experience any side effects?

1,803 responses

Survey 5 - April 2021

- Yes: 51.6%
- No: 37.7%
- N/A: 10.7%
Describe the side effects

Survey 5 - April 2021

1,803 responses

- No Side Effects: 45%
- Fever: 25%
- Headache: 15%
- Body pain: 10%
- Fatigue: 5%
- Allergy: 2%
- Cough: 2%

No Side Effects is the most common side effect reported.
If the vaccine wore off, would you get a COVID-19 vaccination every year?

1,803 responses

Survey 5 - April 2021

- Yes: 56.1%
- No: 43.9%
If you would not take the vaccine, what is your reason?

December 2020:
- Side effects: 14%
- Lack of research: 37%
- Don't believe in vaccines: 49%
- Total: 4,153

April 2021:
- Side effects: 53%
- Lack of research: 35%
- Don't believe in vaccines: 13%
- Total: 1,803

Legend:
- Blue: Side effects
- Gray: Lack of research
- Pink: Don't believe in vaccines
How long do you think a particular vaccine will be effective?

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4,086 respondents in December 2020
1,747 respondents in April 2021
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Business
What impact is Covid-19 having on your business?

Survey 5 - April 2021

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How has your revenue been affected by Coronavirus (nCov-19)?

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How many months savings do you have at present with your business running as it currently is?
Will you be increasing your use of freelancers instead of hiring full time staff?

- March 2020: 60.8% Yes, 39.2% No, 3,199 responses
- April 2020: 70.4% Yes, 29.6% No, 6,199 responses
- May 2020: 70.4% Yes, 29.6% No, 6,199 responses
- December 2020: 66.0% Yes, 34.0% No, 4,203 responses
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Will you let your staff work from home more as a result of Covid-19?

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What percentage of your workforce is back at work?

- **December 2020**: 3,628 employees
- **April 2021**: 1,806 employees

Legend:
- Less Than 10%
- 10% - 19%
- 20% - 29%
- 30% - 39%
- 40% - 49%
- 50% - 59%
- 60% - 69%
- 70% - 79%
- 80% - 89%
- 90% - 99%
- 100%
How has your business been affected?

“
My business relies on social events. With lockdowns, there are far fewer social events, so income is down significantly.

– Dwango, USA
How has your business been affected?

“Face-to-face business network has ceased, making sourcing new business and clients difficult, forcing me to rely on repeat business from some of my clients still in business.”

– Carl Roodnick, South Africa
How has your business been affected?

“Subscription fees, service fees, tax etc remained the same as pre COVID time and almost all the services including telcos and online platform fees remained the same while earnings goes down.

– DREAMVISION3D, Sri Lanka
Global economy
What impact do you think Coronavirus (Covid-19) has had on your country's economy?

Survey 5 - April 2021

- 47% Deep recession with long recovery
- 26% Major depression
- 18% Short recession with quick recovery
- 5% Economy will benefit
- 4% No impact
How confident are you that your country's economy will recover from Covid-19?

Survey 5 - April 2021
Do you think there should be still more monetary stimulus from central banks?

December 2020:
- Yes: 80.1% (3,778)
- No: 19.9%

April 2021:
- Yes: 77.2% (1,805)
- No: 22.8%
Do you think the world will head into a great depression in the next year or two?

- **December 2020**: 67.5% Yes, 32.5% No (3,832 respondents)
- **April 2021**: 69.3% Yes, 30.7% No (1,588 respondents)
Do you think it makes sense that the US stock market is hitting all-time highs?

- December 2020: 55.2% Yes, 44.8% No (3,753 votes)
- April 2021: 54.2% Yes, 45.8% No (1,571 votes)
Would you prefer to be paid in your local currency or the equivalent in gold?

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Would you prefer to be paid in your local currency or the equivalent in Bitcoin?

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Would you prefer to be paid in your local currency or the equivalent in silver?

Survey 5 - April 2021

- Local Currency: 81.4%
- Silver: 18.6%
Do you think a global currency reset is coming where your local currency might be worth significantly less?
Do you think big tech companies have manipulated the information and news disseminated on their platforms during Covid?

- December 2020: 72.1% Yes, 27.9% No
- April 2021: 74.8% Yes, 25.2% No
Do you think big tech social media platforms should be reclassified as publishers and be legally liable for what is disseminated on their platforms?

- December 2020: 77.6% Yes, 22.4% No
- April 2021: 81.6% Yes, 18.4% No
Do you think big tech social media companies should pay news publishers for content?

- **December 2020**
  - Yes: 75.8%
  - No: 24.2%
  - Total: 3,691 votes

- **April 2021**
  - Yes: 80.1%
  - No: 19.9%
  - Total: 1,554 votes
Behaviour

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Do you think there should be a vaccine passport in order to travel?

December 2020
- Yes: 62.3%
- No: 37.7%
- Total: 3,809

April 2021
- Yes: 65.7%
- No: 34.3%
- Total: 1,588
Do you think countries that have spiralling numbers of Covid infections should do a hard lockdown to take control as Australia and New Zealand did?
Do you think the 2021 Tokyo Summer Olympics should have been cancelled?

- March 2020: Yes 61%, No 39%, Total 15,111
- December 2020: Yes 53%, No 47%, Total 3,993
- April 2021: Yes 63%, No 37%, Total 1,652
If you were offered an all expenses paid opportunity, would you attend the 2021 Tokyo summer Olympics?

- **December 2020**: 37% Yes, 63% No (3,962 respondents)
- **April 2021**: 44% Yes, 56% No (1,628 respondents)
If you were offered an all expenses paid opportunity to attend the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics, would you go?

- December 2020: 46% Yes, 54% No (3,945 respondents)
- April 2021: 41% Yes, 59% No (1,614 respondents)
If you were offered an all expenses paid opportunity to attend the 2022 FIFA World Cup, would you go?

Survey 5 - April 2021

52.6% Yes
47.4% No
Would you consider booking a holiday on a cruise ship if an attractive discount was offered?

- **March 2020**: 42% Yes, 58% No, **3,199** respondents
- **April 2020**: 41% Yes, 59% No, **4,202** respondents
- **December 2020**: 41% Yes, 59% No, **4,202** respondents
- **April 2021**: 44% Yes, 56% No, **1,806** respondents
Do you think one particular country is to blame for Covid?

- May 2020: 40% Yes, 23% Uncertain, 37% No
- December 2020: 53% Yes, 47% No
- April 2021: 39% Yes, 61% No
How will work change as a result of Covid-19

“More work from home would be facilitated. Unnecessary travelling would be reduced, which could potentially reduce the traffic and pollution.”

– Amrut B, India
Are you satisfied with your government's response to the Coronavirus (nCov-19)?

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- March 2020: 3,072 responses
- April 2020: 3,072 responses
- December 2020: 3,954 responses
- April 2021: 1,619 responses
Do you feel that your civil liberties and rights were infringed by measures taken to curb the outbreak?

December 2020:
- Yes, definitely: 39%
- Yes, but it was necessary: 33%
- No: 28%
- Total: 3,789

April 2021:
- Yes, definitely: 40%
- Yes, but it was necessary: 35%
- No: 24%
- Total: 1,572
Do you fear those rights will never be returned to you?

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How likely are you to trust your government in the future after their response to the Coronavirus (nCov-19)?

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Survey results from 3,199 respondents in April 2020, 6,199 respondents in May 2020, and 1,805 respondents in April 2021.
How likely are you to trust global health authorities in the future after their response to the Coronavirus (nCov-19)?

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Thinking about the way your government has handled the Covid-19 outbreak, has it made you more or less likely to vote for them?

- December 2020:
  - More Likely: 38%
  - Unchanged: 21%
  - Less Likely: 41%
  - Total: 3,916

- April 2021:
  - More Likely: 33%
  - Unchanged: 22%
  - Less Likely: 45%
  - Total: 1,581

Percentage distributions are shown in the bar chart.
Do you think that events related to Covid will directly lead to world war?

- December 2020: 37% Yes, 63% No (3,817 respondents)
- April 2021: 36% Yes, 64% No (1,581 respondents)
Access and supply chain
Are you having trouble getting products from your suppliers?

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The data shows the percentage of responses in different months from March 2020 to April 2021.
More generally, how seriously on a scale of (0 = no impact) to (10 = extremely serious) do you think the Coronavirus outbreak will affect the global supply chain?
Is there a long wait time (2 hours+) to access your local hospital?

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Are there long queues (30m+ wait times) at your local pharmacist?

- March 2020: 20% Yes, 80% No
- April 2020: 29% Yes, 71% No
- December 2020: 34% Yes, 66% No
- April 2021: 35% Yes, 65% No

Total responses:
- March 2020: 15,111
- April 2020: 3,199
- December 2020: 4,203
- April 2021: 1,805

Legend:
- Blue: Yes
- Pink: No
Are there long queues (30m+ wait times) at your local supermarket?

- March 2020: 21% Yes, 79% No (15,111 respondents)
- April 2020: 44% Yes, 56% No (3,199 respondents)
- December 2020: 42% Yes, 58% No (4,203 respondents)
- April 2021: 43% Yes, 57% No (1,805 respondents)
Thank you

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