

**Full Breakdown**

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# **US MONTHLY UPDATE COVID-19 AND MACRO TRACKERS**

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**August, 2020**

**BESPOKE MARKET INTELLIGENCE**

## Summary

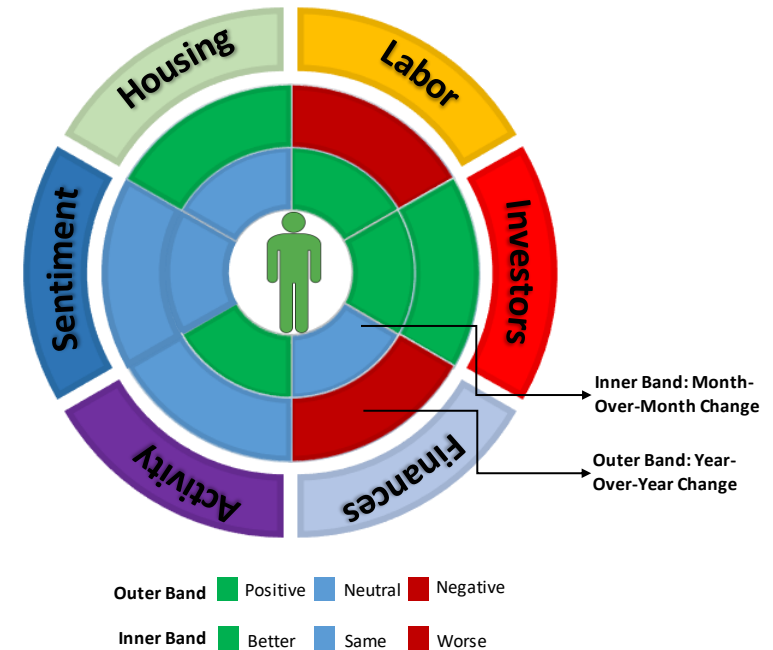
We survey 1,500 to 2,000 Americans each month, with geographic distributions in-line with the US Census. The survey always takes place during the week containing the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month.

While the backdrop for the economy is not terribly strong, the rebound from the shock of March and April is continuing, and only two categories were on net down versus last year; none deteriorated sequentially versus July.

### Changes in Heat Map Versus Last Month

- **Covid:** Concerns persist but are gradually subsiding. With each passing month, consumers have slowly pulled back on measures they are taking to avoid catching Covid. Throughout the pandemic consumers have stretched their view of how long they expect Covid to be a concern. We would also note that we saw a jump in August in the percentage of those on unemployment saying their most recent check was lower than usual. Respondents who say their unemployment benefits are higher than what they were being paid at their last job have been increasingly likely to say they are saving the extra money.
- **Labor Market:** Unemployment and other indicators are still suffering versus a year ago but have continued to rebound from spring lows. Perception of job security continues to deteriorate and is at the worst level recorded by our survey.
- **Housing:** Still strong, but some of the momentum came out of the market; that's largely in-keeping with seasonality.
- **Consumer Sentiment:** Positive economic sentiment continues to climb out of the massive hole dug by Covid. On balance, little changed for the month, but some series continued a strong trend of improvement.
- **Consumer Activity:** Discretionary spending plans continue to recover but remain below the pre-Covid range.
- **Personal Finances:** Arguably a weak point given the fact that personal income growth was once again reported weaker than in July or last year.
- **Investor Sentiment:** Things are again starting to look a bit frothy with the strong equity market drawing a substantial increase in sentiment towards the market.

Bespoke Consumer Heat Map



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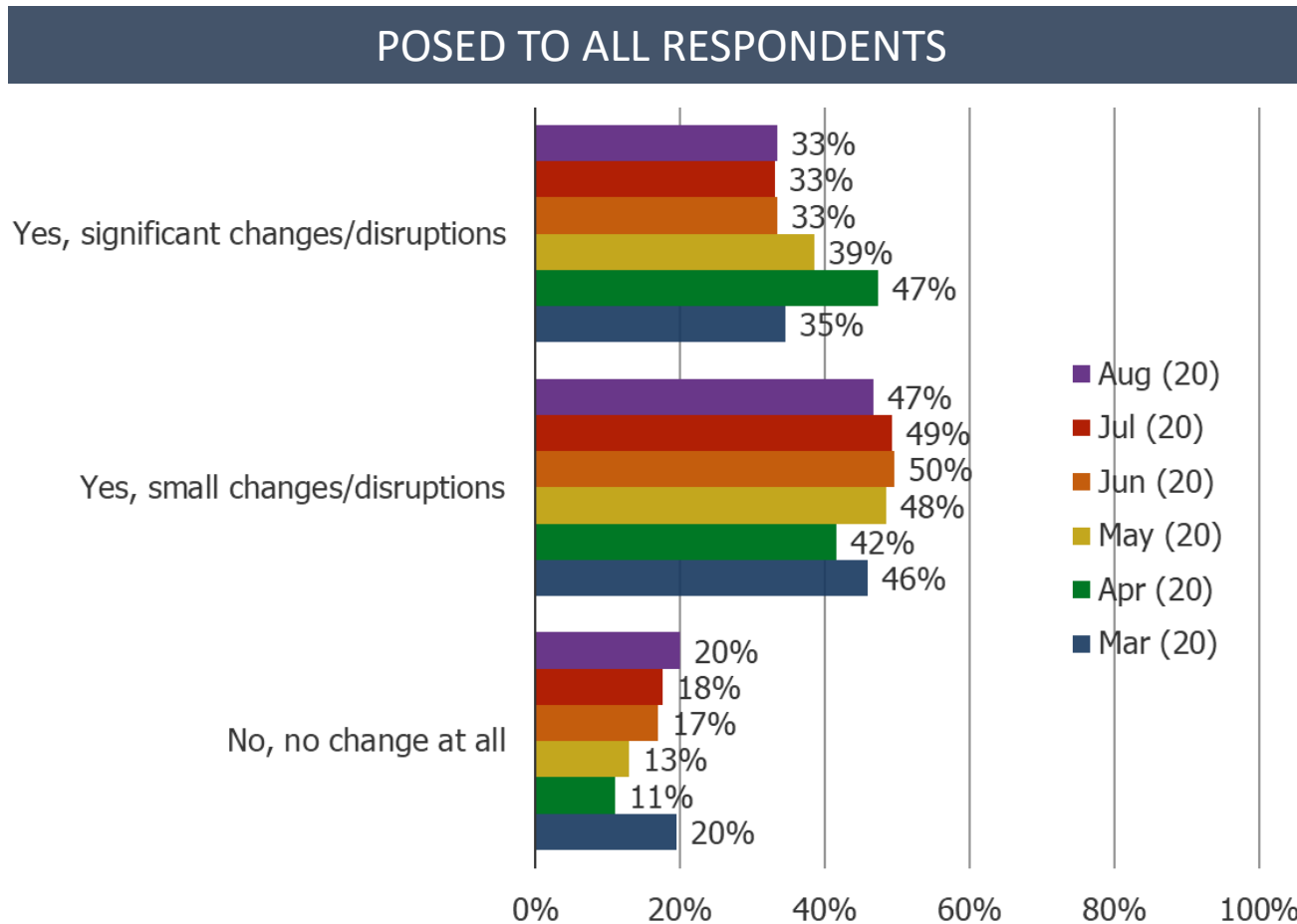
- ☐ **Covid.**
- ☐ **Unemployment Benefits.**
- ☐ **Consumer Confidence, Consumer Finances, and Spending.**
- ☐ **Housing and Home Improvement**
- ☐ **Autos**
- ☐ **Healthcare (Cost Trend, Utilization, and Elective Procedures)**
- ☐ **Consumer Spending Activity and Retail Traffic**

Please rate your level of concern with the Coronavirus (also being referred to as Covid-19 or the Novel Coronavirus).

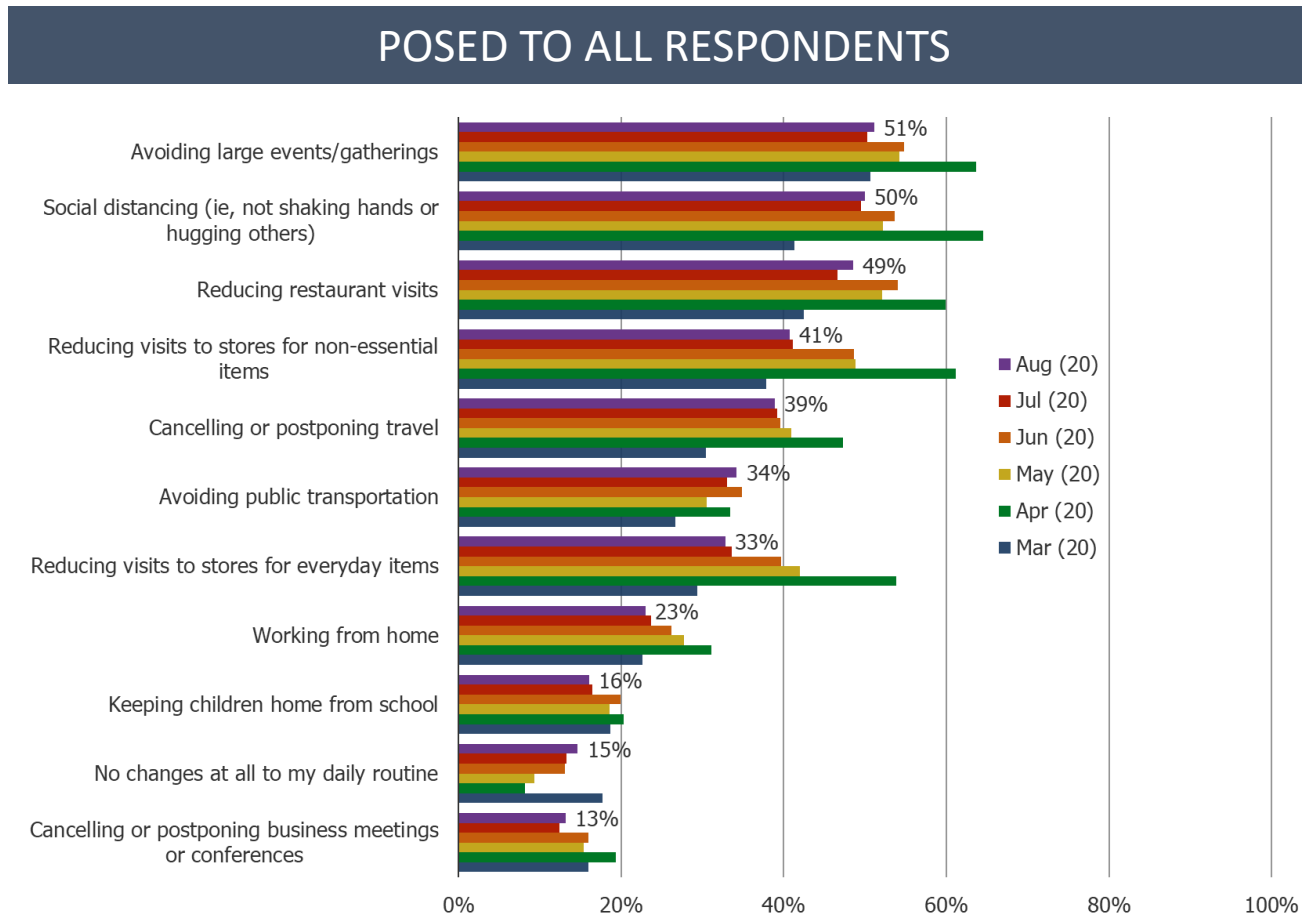
POSED TO ALL RESPONDENTS



### Has the Coronavirus / Covid-19 caused any change or disruption to your life?



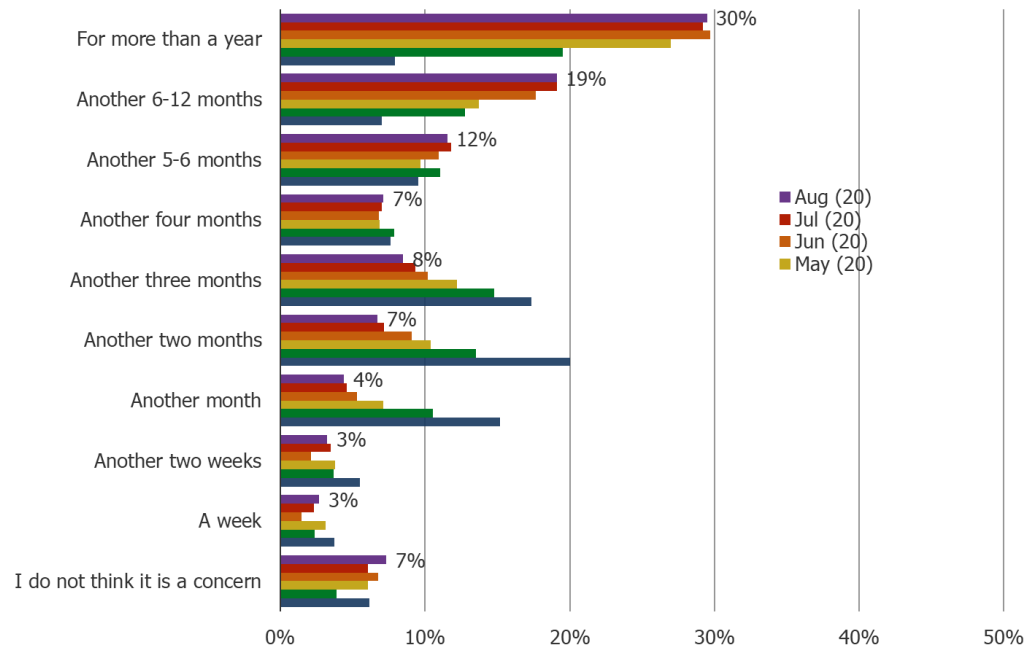
## Have you made any changes at all to avoid catching the Coronavirus? (Select ALL)



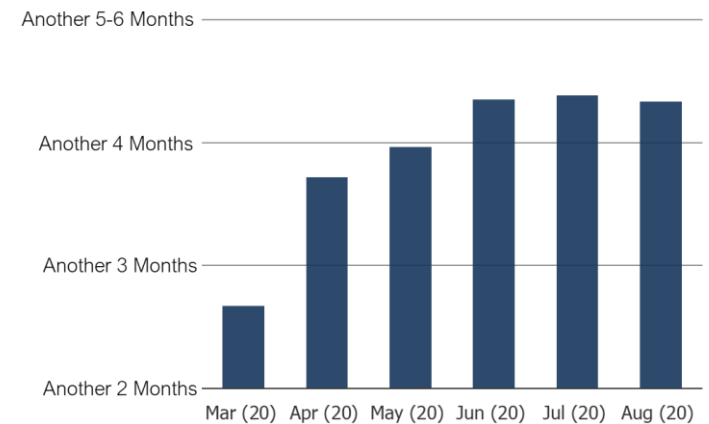
## For how long do you anticipate Coronavirus will be a concern?

POSED TO ALL RESPONDENTS

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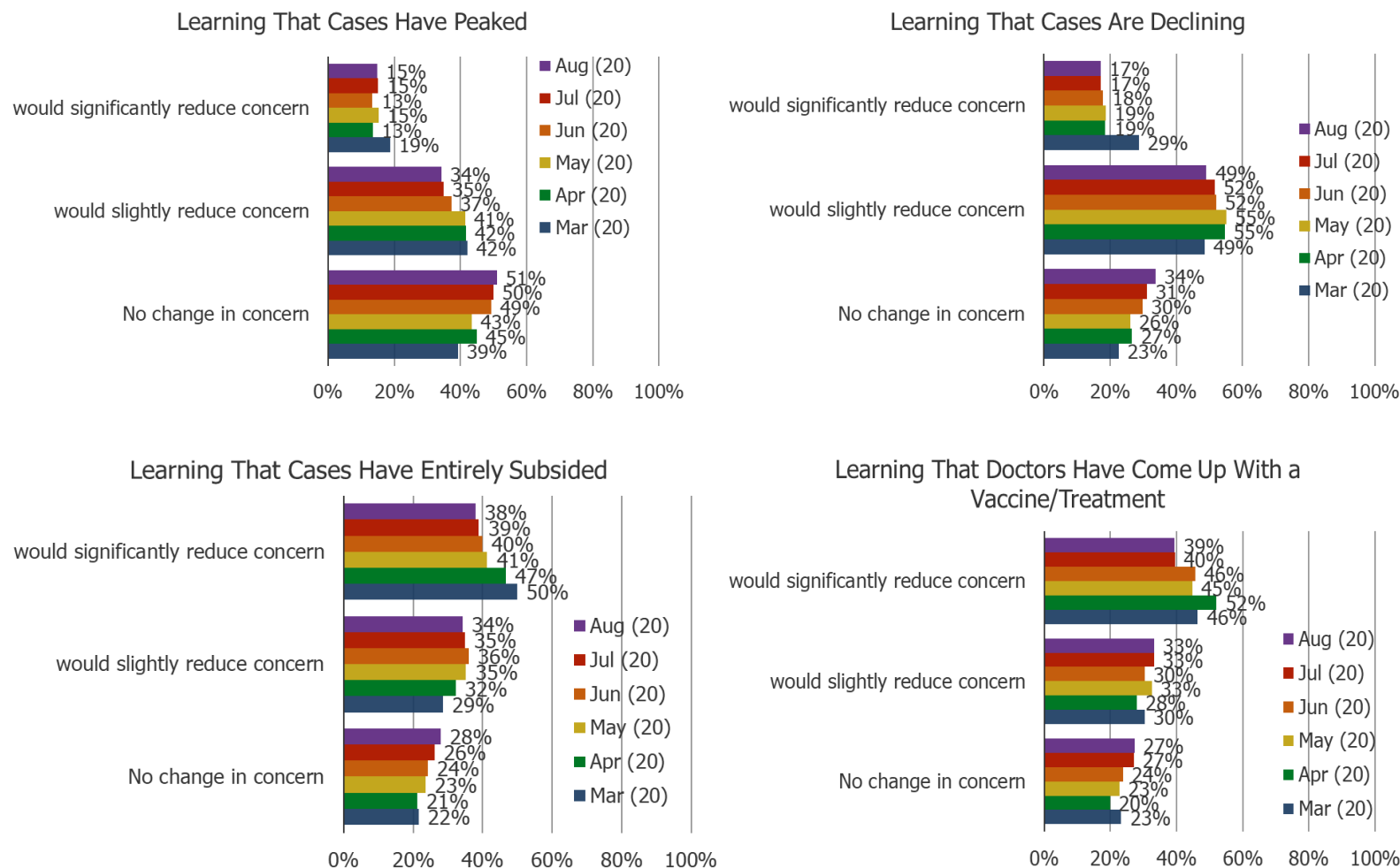


Weighted Average

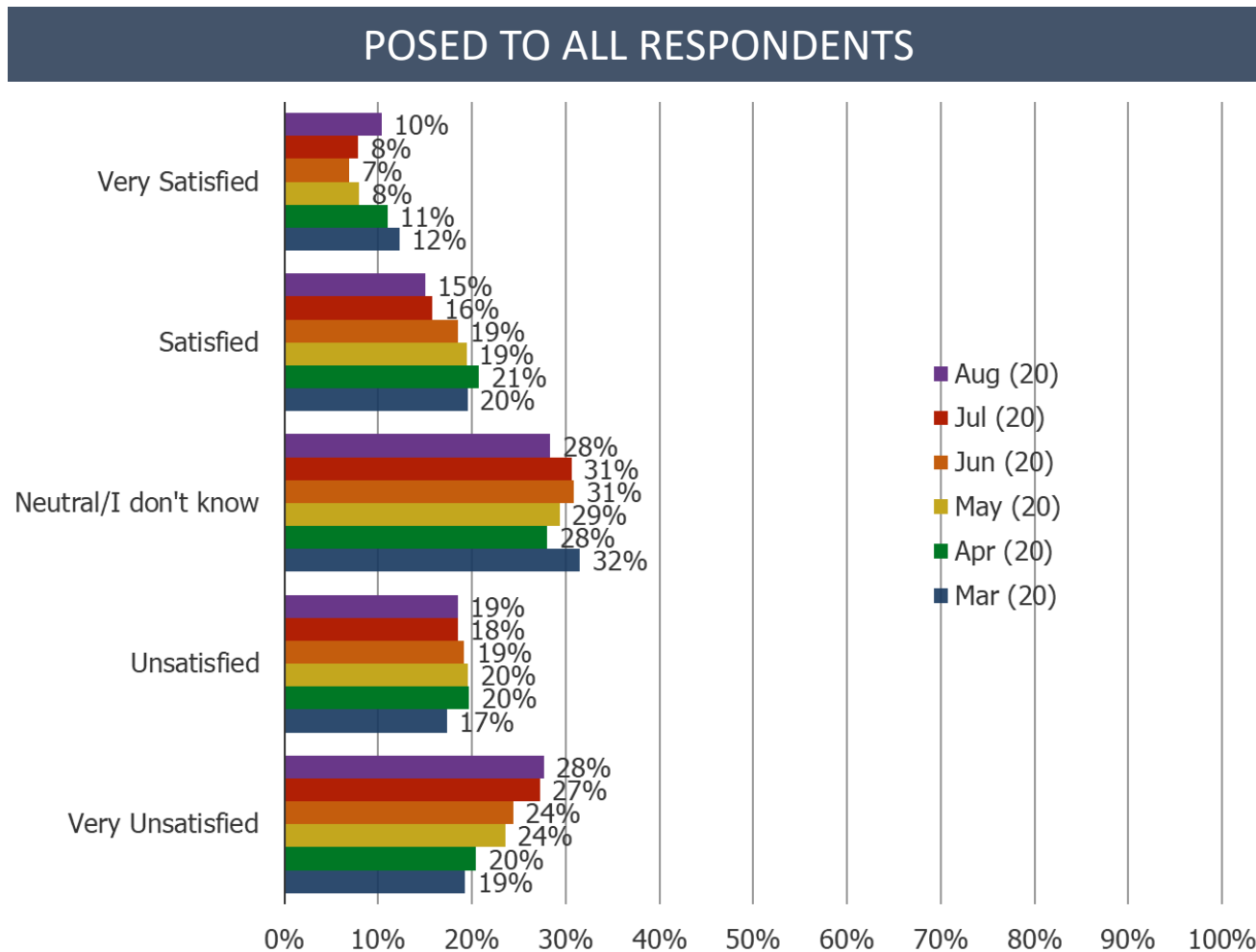


# How would the following impact your concern level toward Coronavirus?

## POSED TO RESPONDENTS WHO THINK CORONAVIRUS IS A CONCERN

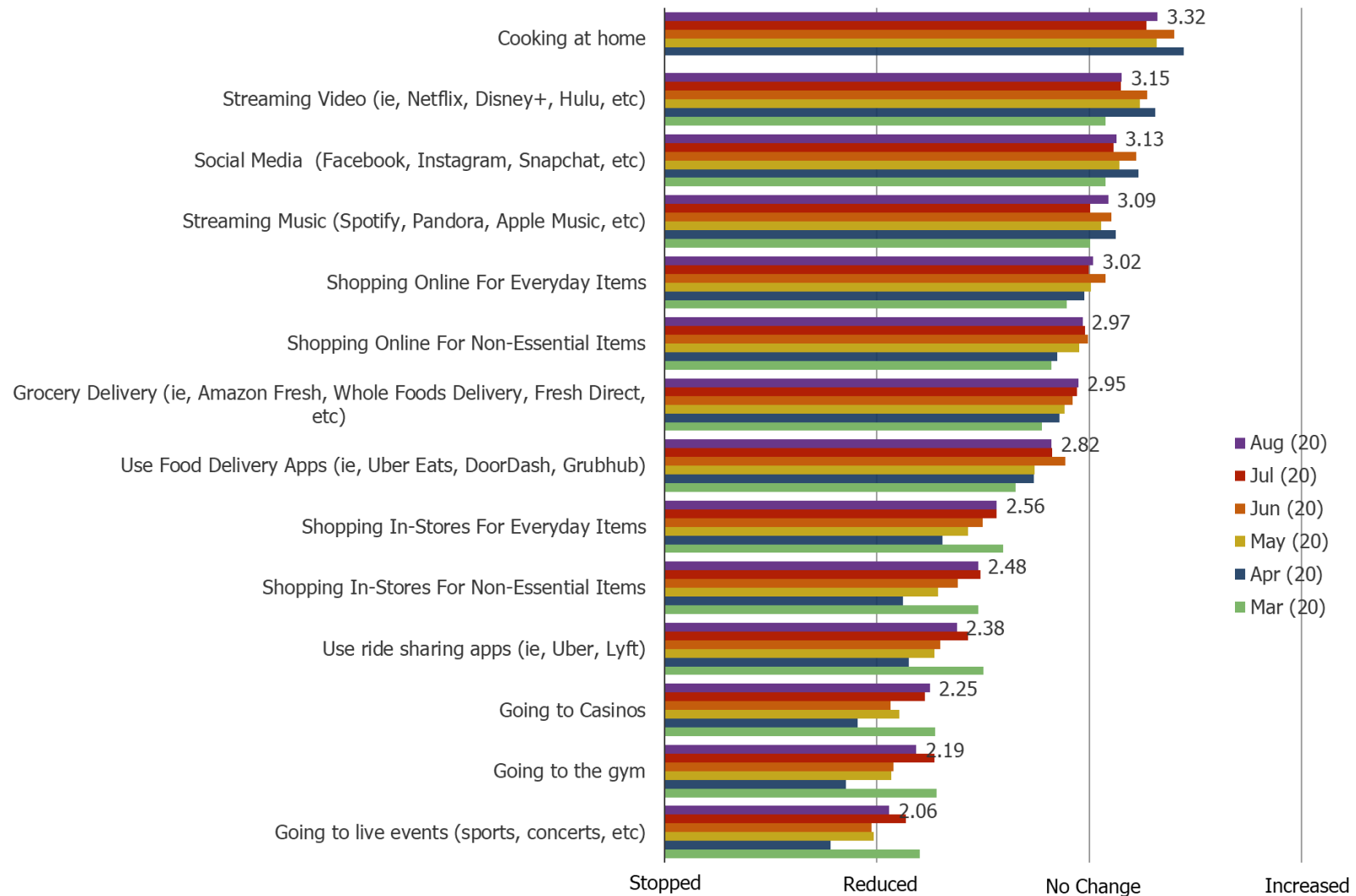


### How do you feel about the government's response to the Coronavirus so far?



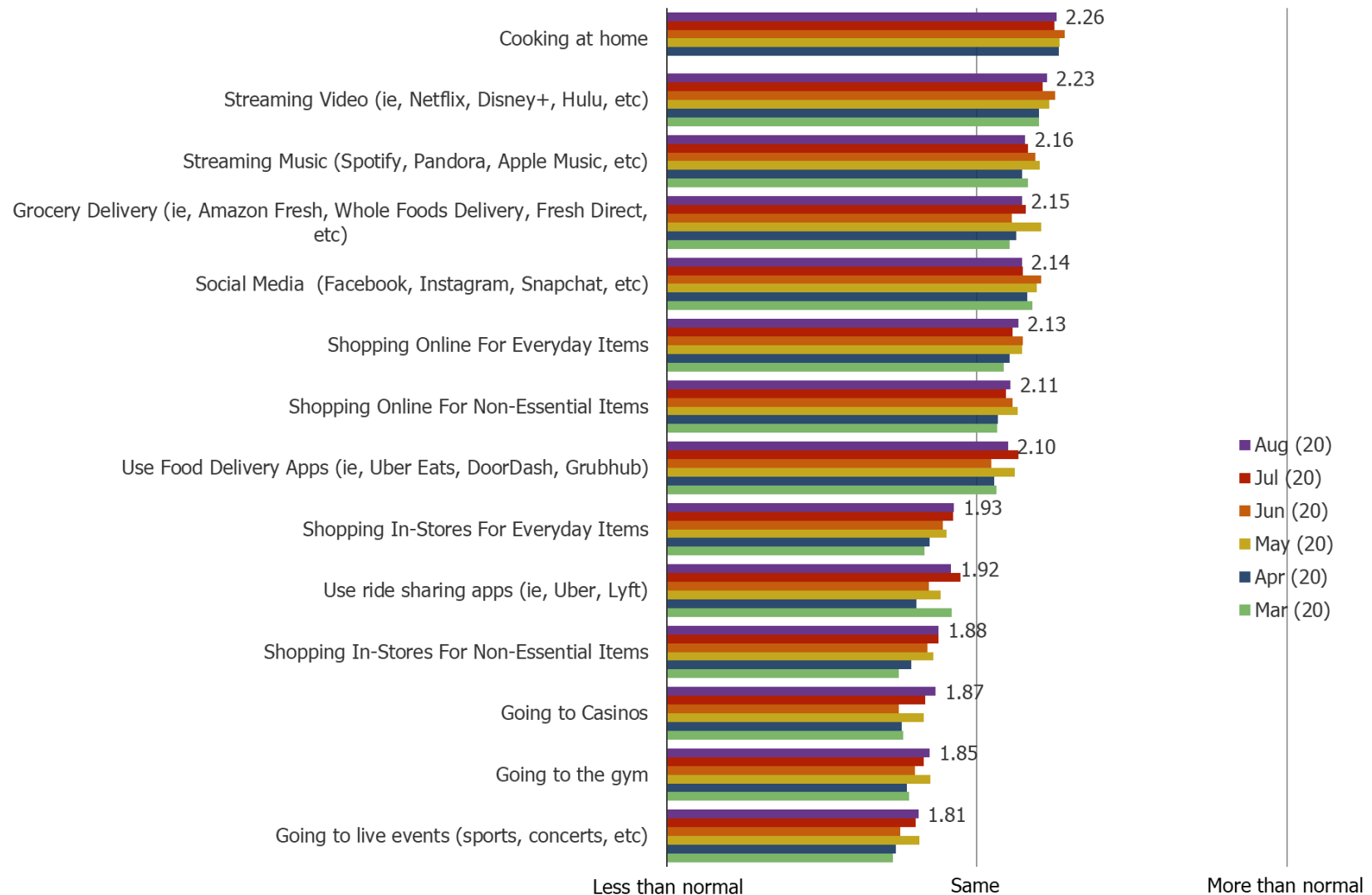
### Have you changed any of the following because of the Coronavirus and its impact to your life / the economy?

POSED TO ALL RESPONDENTS WHO USE THE FOLLOWING / DO THE FOLLOWING



### Going forward, do you expect to do the following more or less often because of the Coronavirus and its impact to your life / the economy?

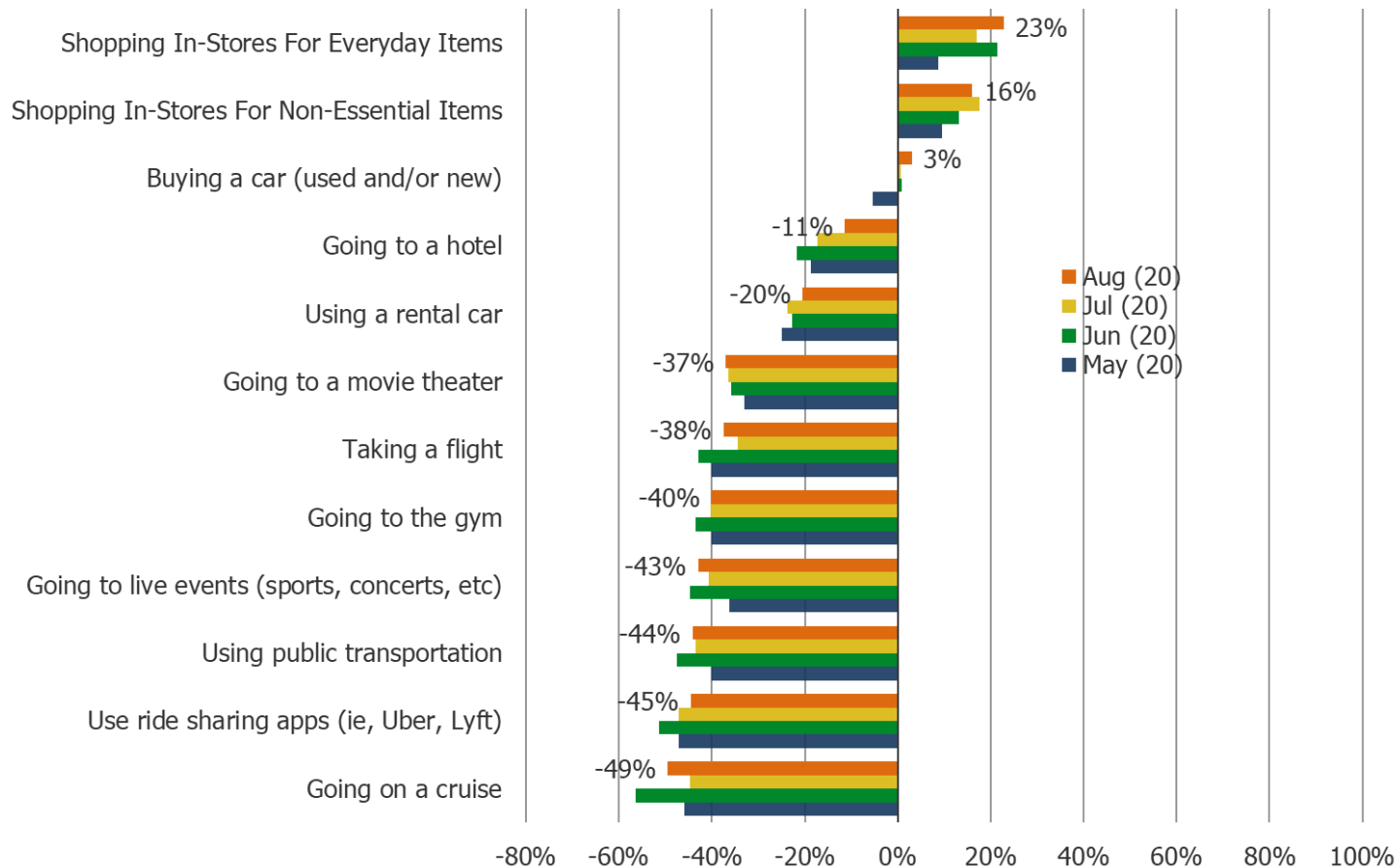
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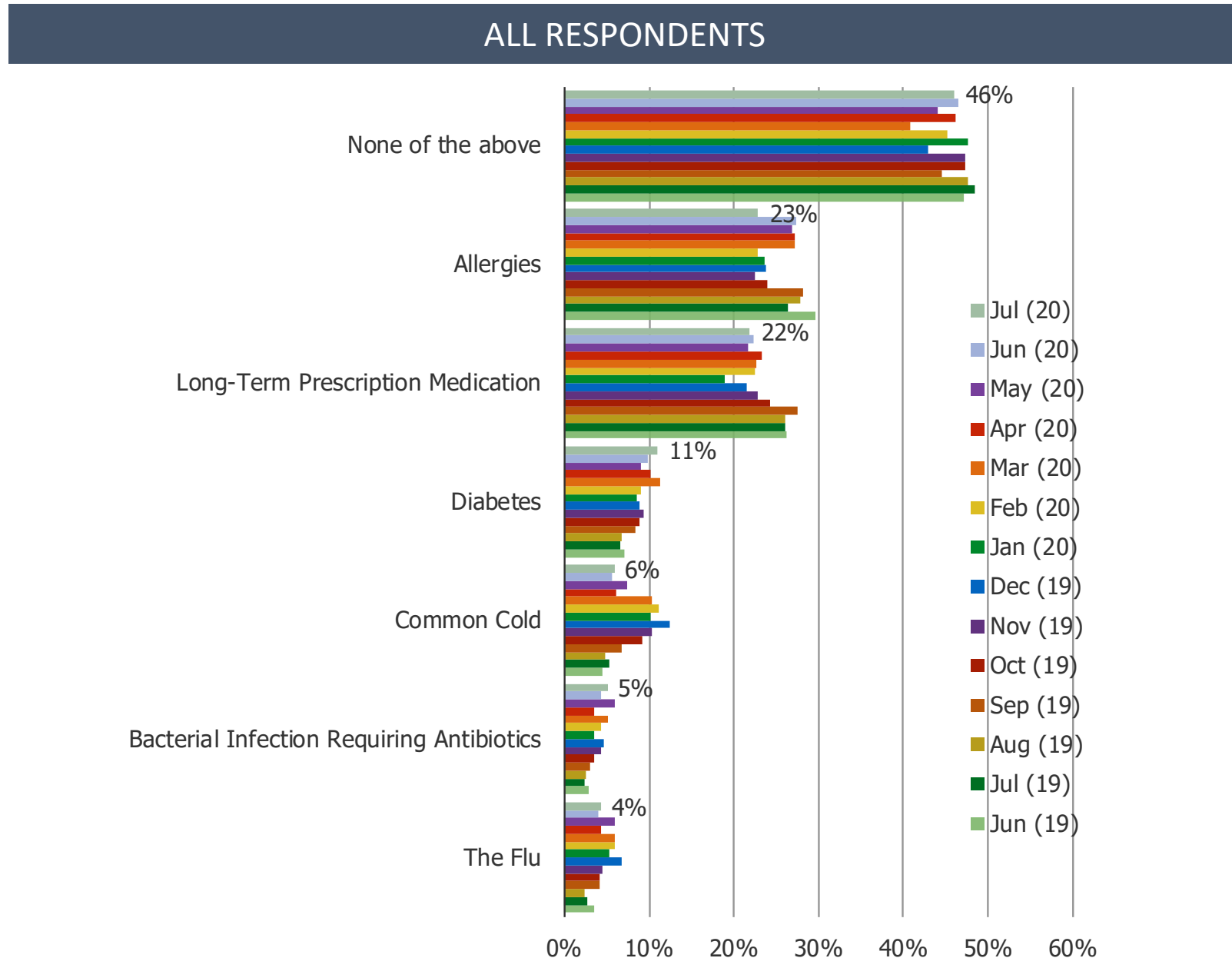
**Imagine in three months we don't have to stay home but we don't yet have a vaccine. Covid is still here but daily case rates are not growing. How comfortable would you feel doing the following?**

**% Comfortable (Minus) % Uncomfortable**

### POSED TO ALL RESPONDENTS



## Do you currently have any of the following?



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☐ Covid.

☐ Unemployment Benefits.

☐ Consumer Confidence, Consumer Finances, and Spending.

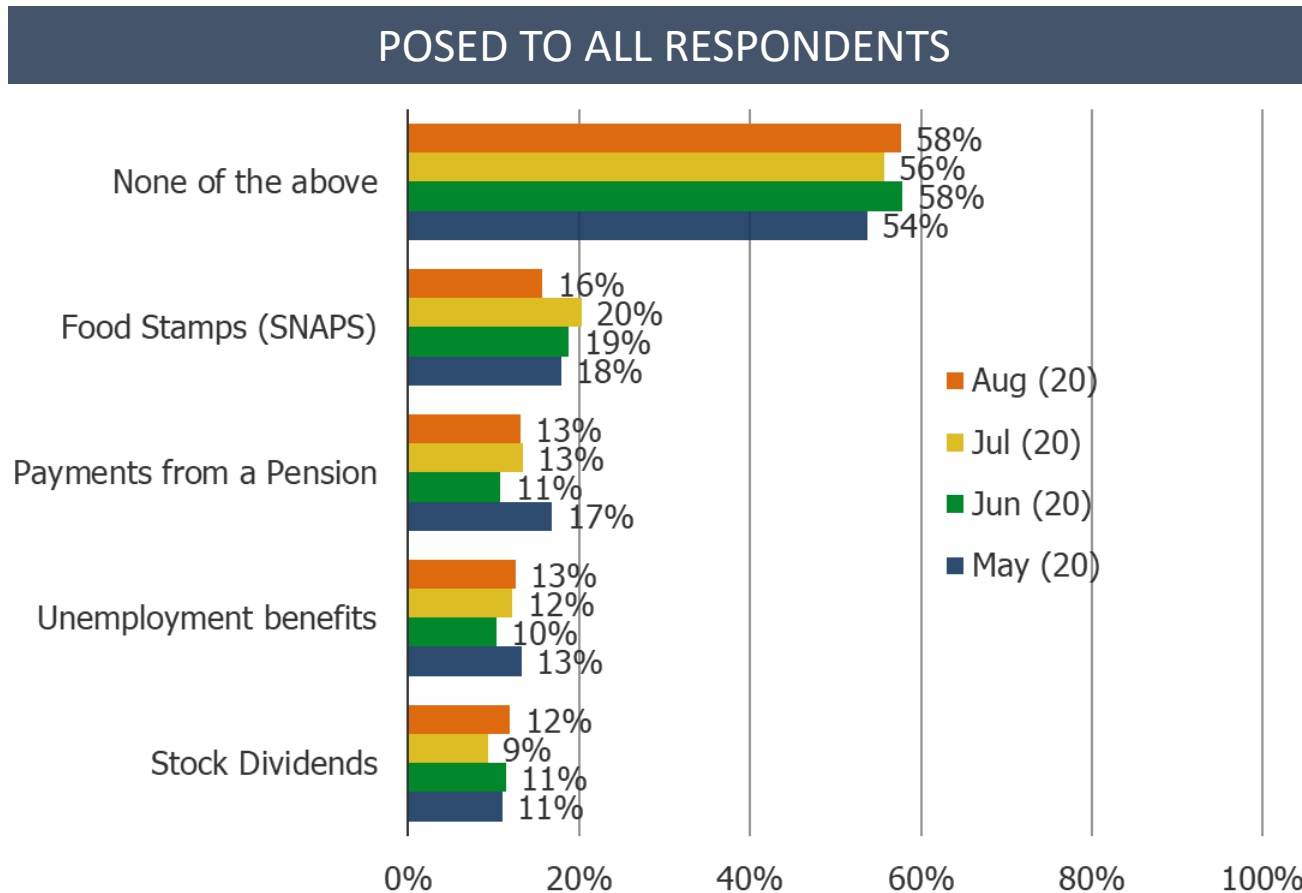
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☐ Autos

☐ Healthcare (Cost Trend, Utilization, and Elective Procedures)

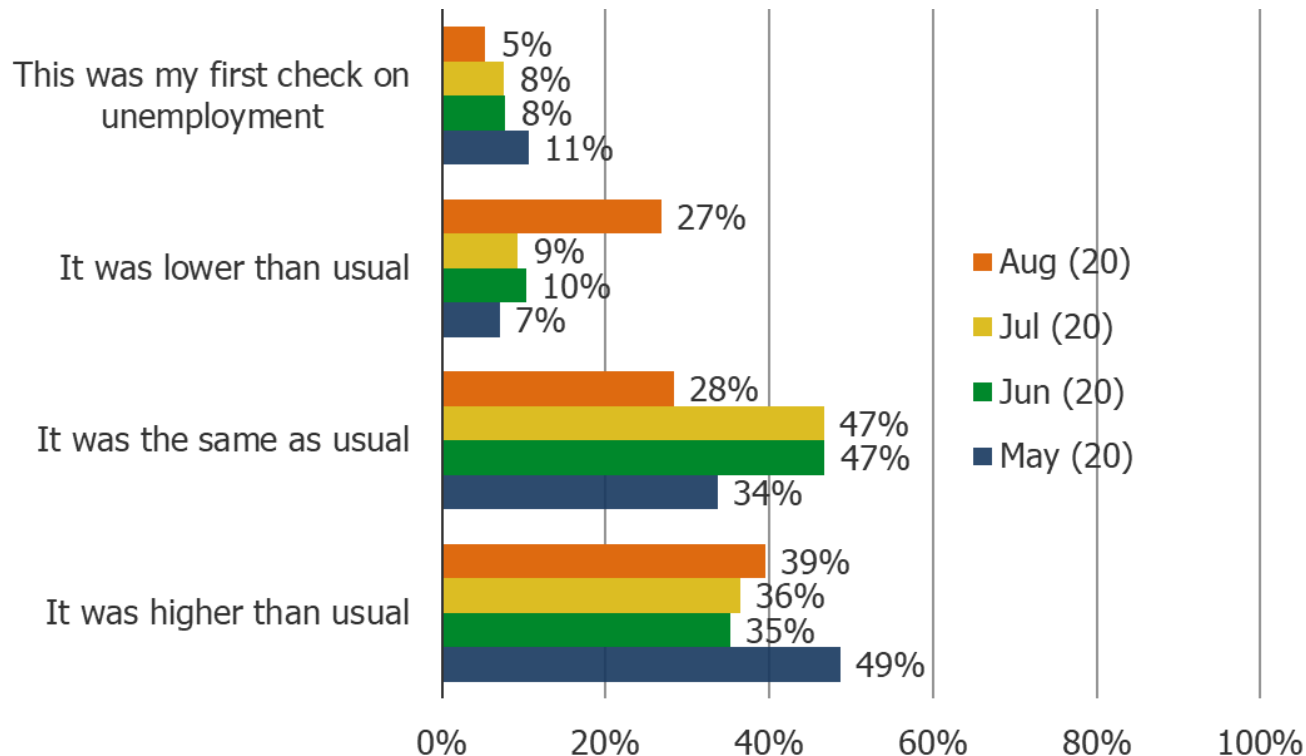
☐ Consumer Spending Activity and Retail Traffic

### Are you currently receiving any of the following?



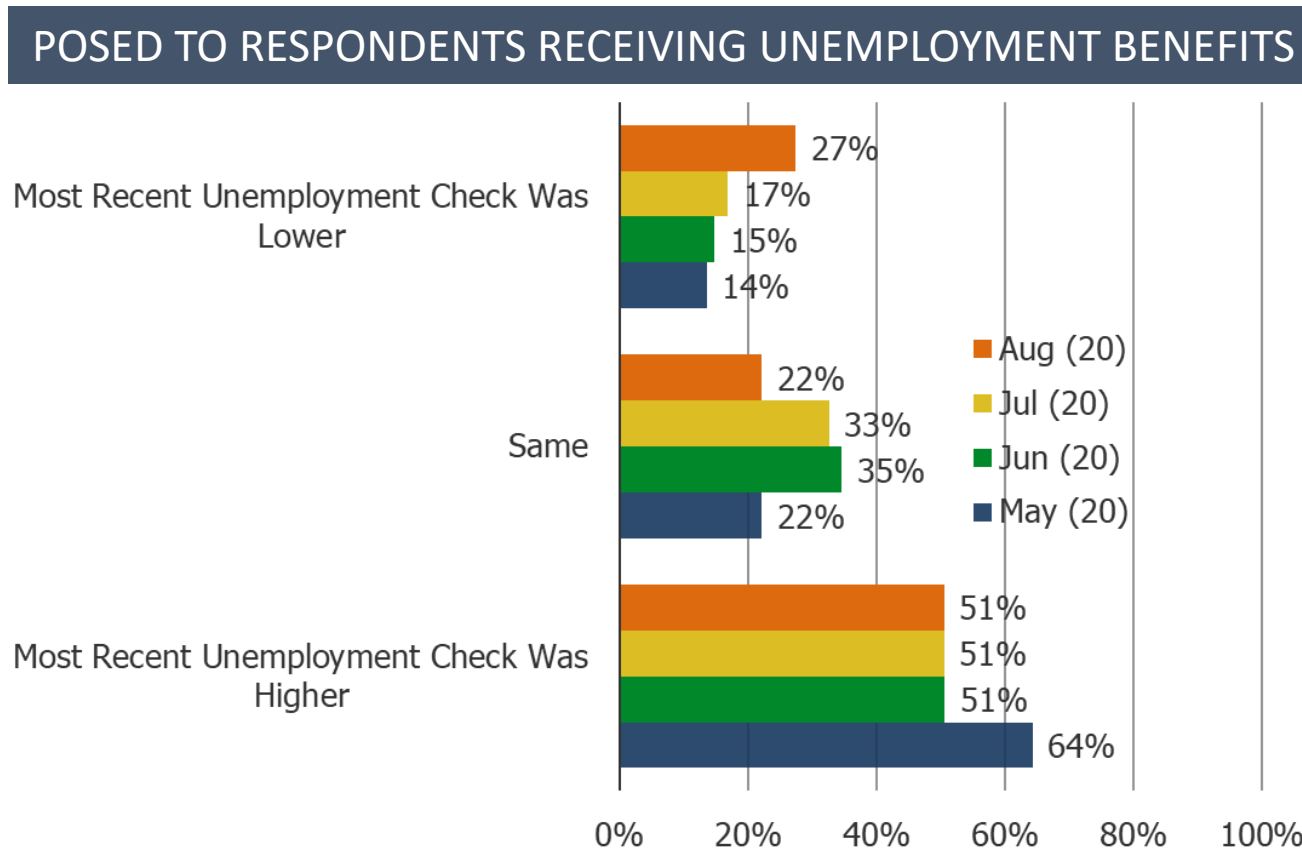
### In the past month or two, did you notice a change in the amount of your unemployment check?

#### POSED TO RESPONDENTS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS



**N=190**

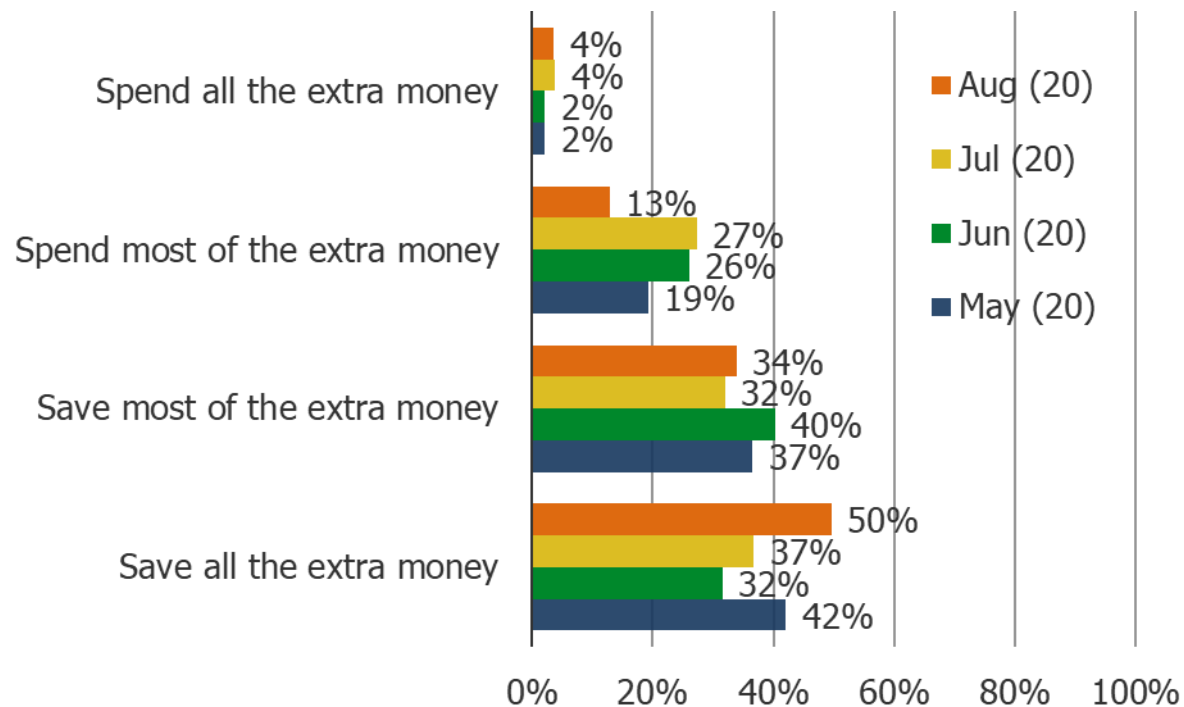
### Was your most recent weekly unemployment check higher or lower than your weekly pay at your job when you were most recently employed?



**N=190**

### Does the increase in benefit / pay cause you to...

POSED TO RESPONDENTS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS HIGHER THAN THEIR WEEKLY PAYCHECK AT THEIR MOST RECENT JOB



**N=109**

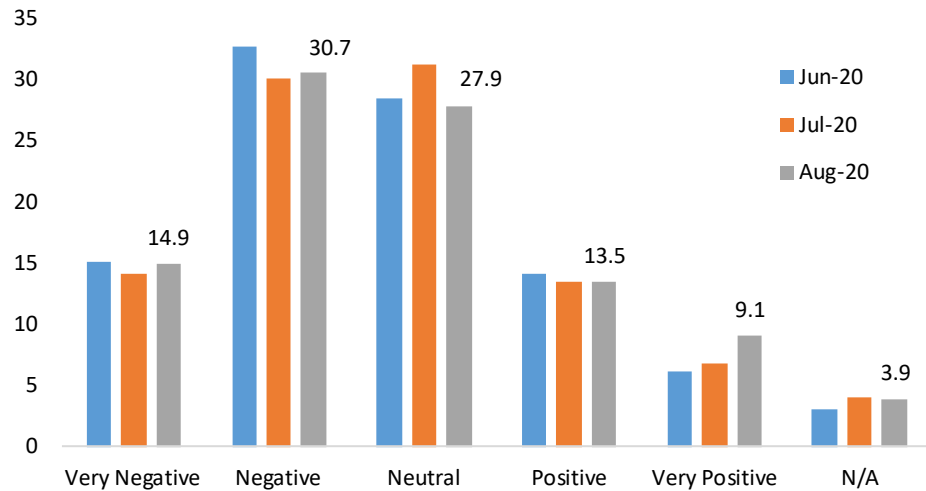
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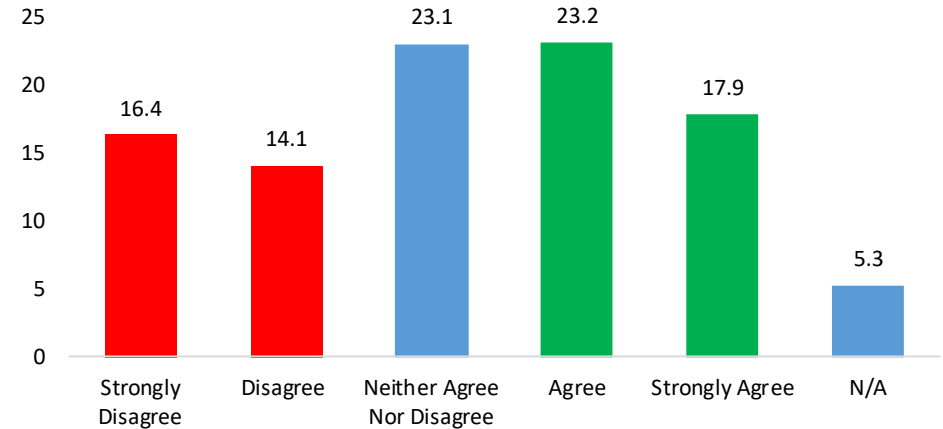
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## Consumer Confidence

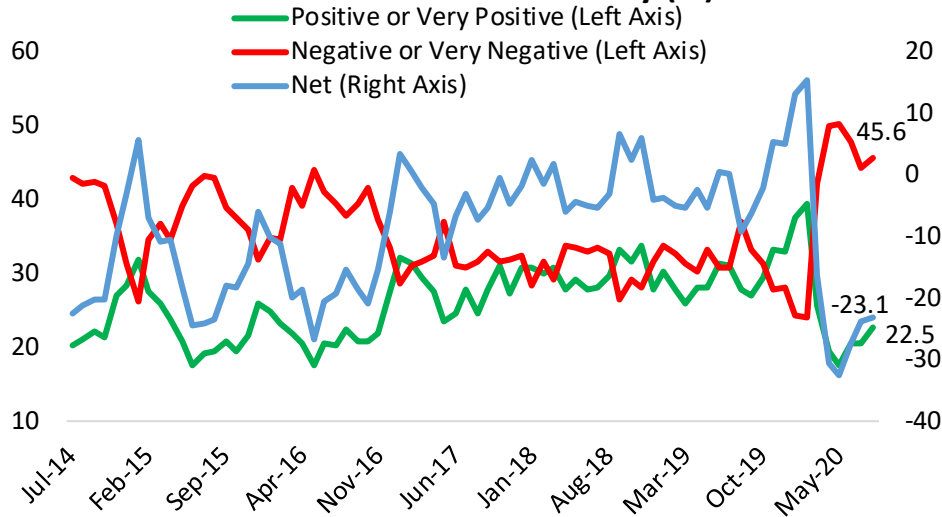
### Confidence In The Economy (%)



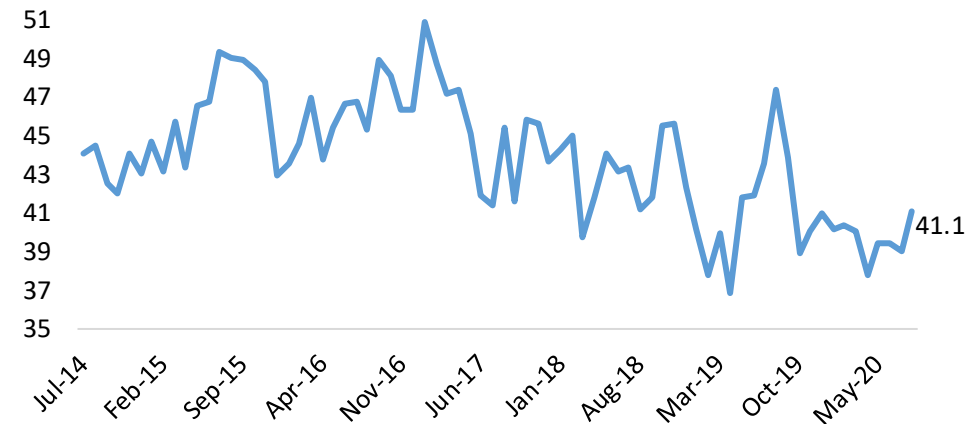
### "I consider myself living paycheck to paycheck" (%)



### Confidence in the Economy (%)

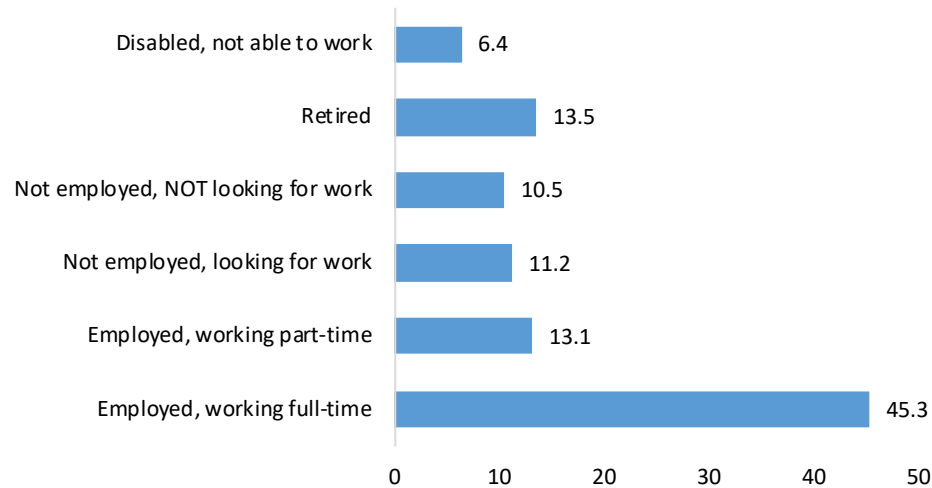


### "Living Paycheck to Paycheck": Agrees or Strongly Agrees (%)



## Employment

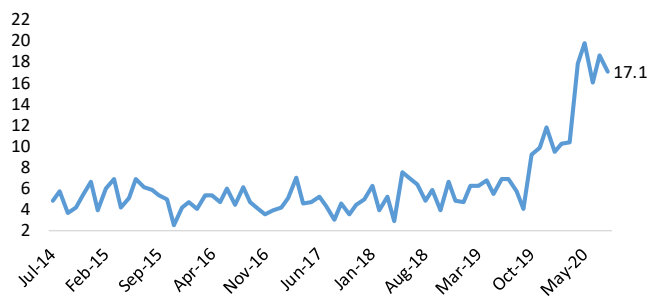
### Employment Status (%)



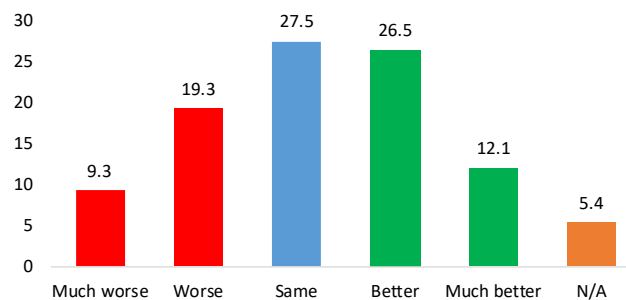
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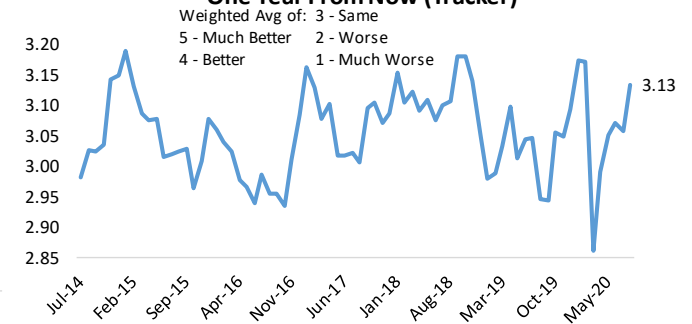
### Not Employed: Filed For Unemployment Assistance In Past Month (%)



### Expectations For US Unemployment Level One Year From Now (%)

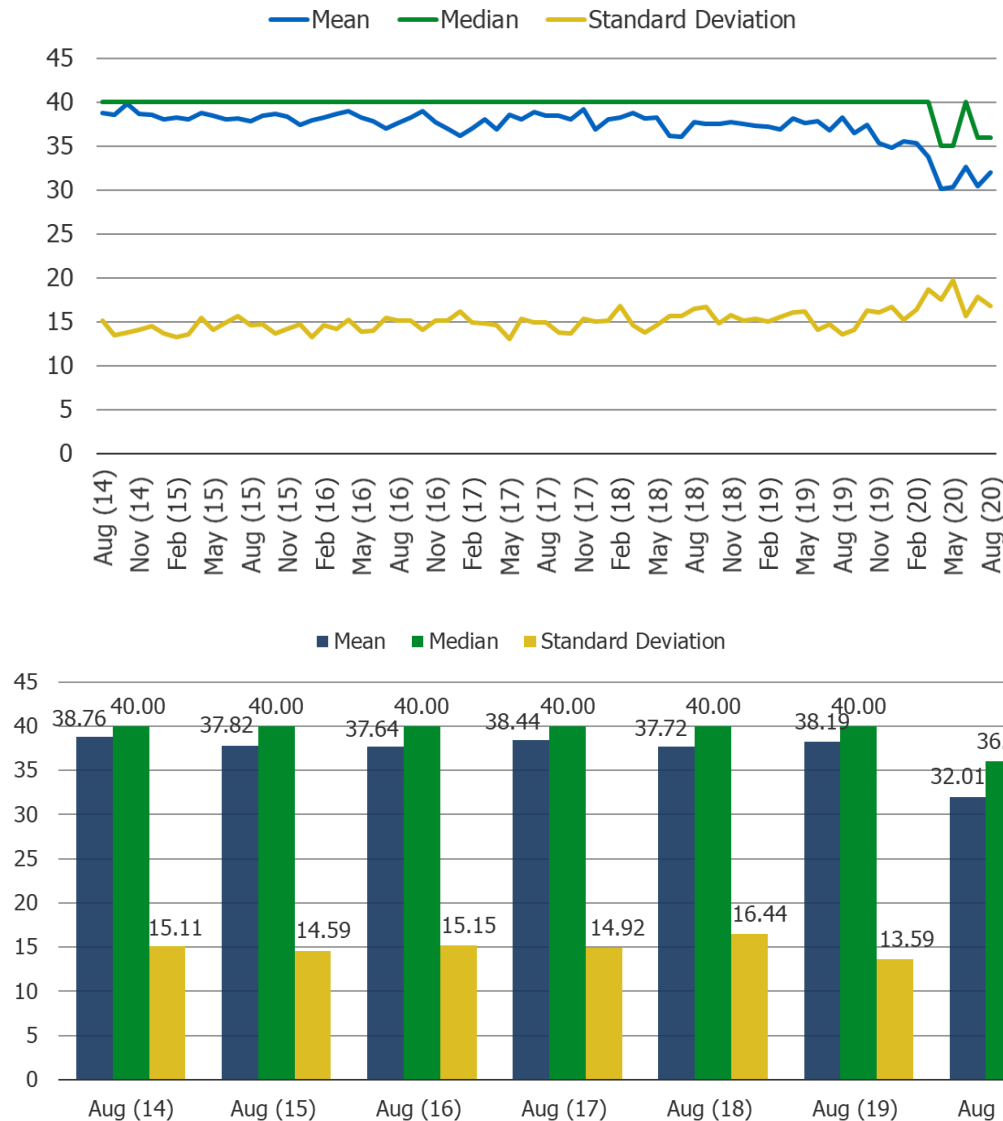


### Expectations For US Unemployment Level One Year From Now (Tracker)



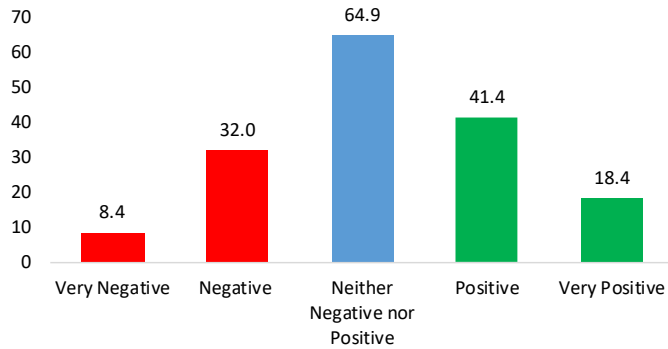
## How many hours have you worked in the past week?

### ALL RESPONDENTS

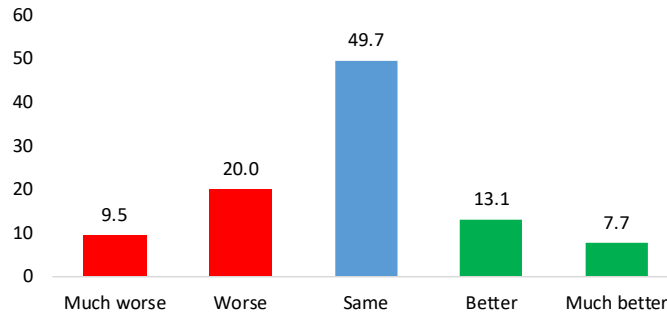


## Personal Finances

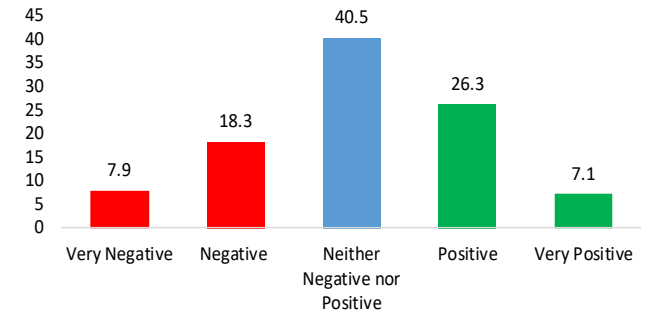
Current Feelings Towards Personal Finances (%)



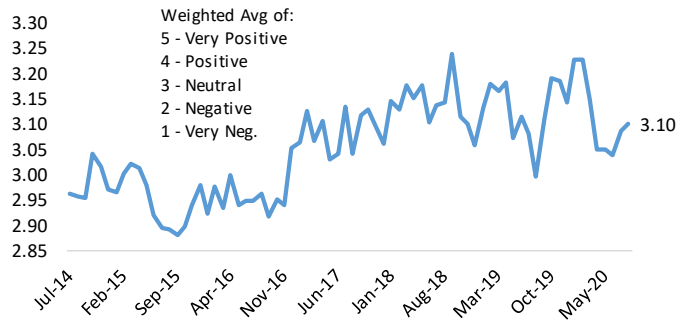
Feelings Towards Personal Finances vs 1 Year Ago (%)



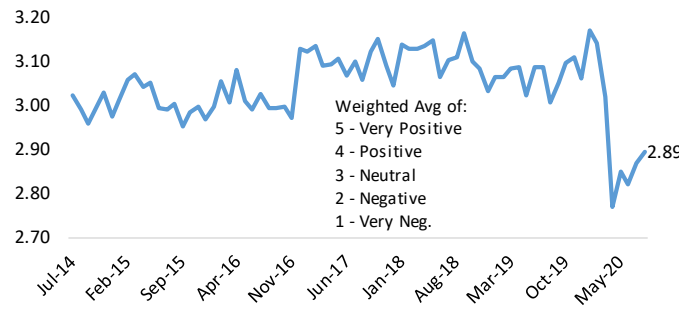
Financial Condition Compared to the Average Person (%)



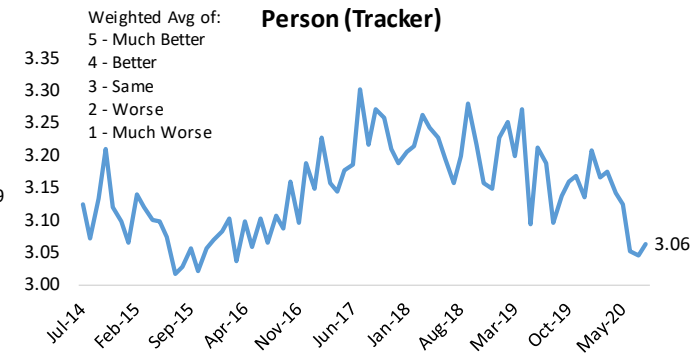
Current Feelings Towards Personal Finances (Tracker)



Feelings Towards Personal Finances vs 1 Year Ago (Tracker)

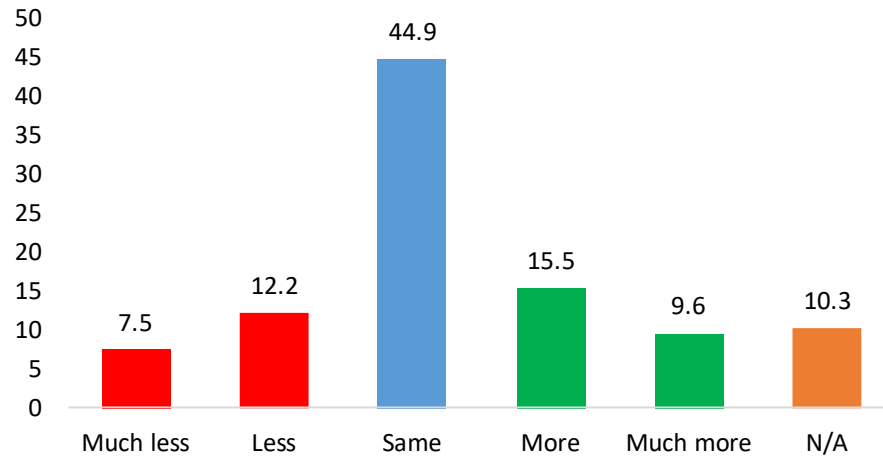


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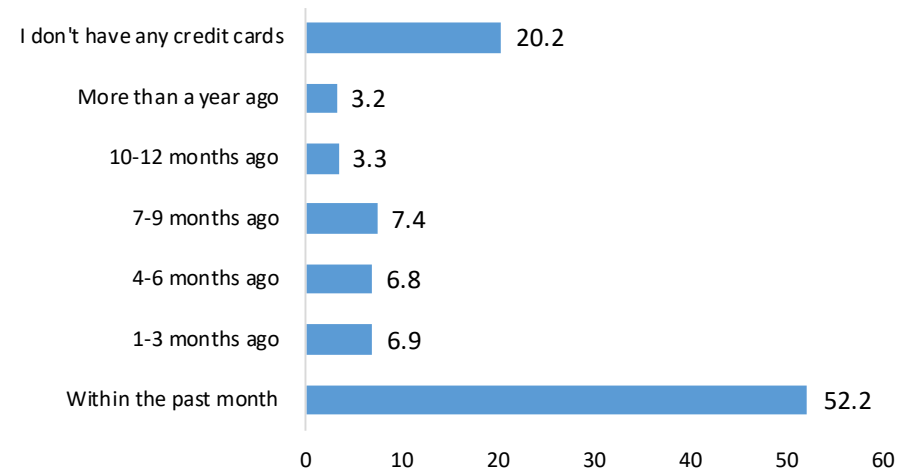


## Credit Card Payments

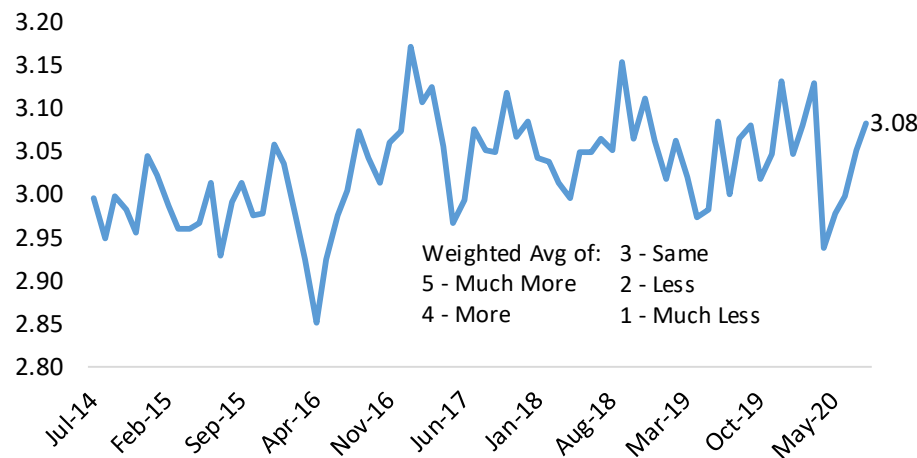
### Credit Card Debt vs. One Year Ago (%)



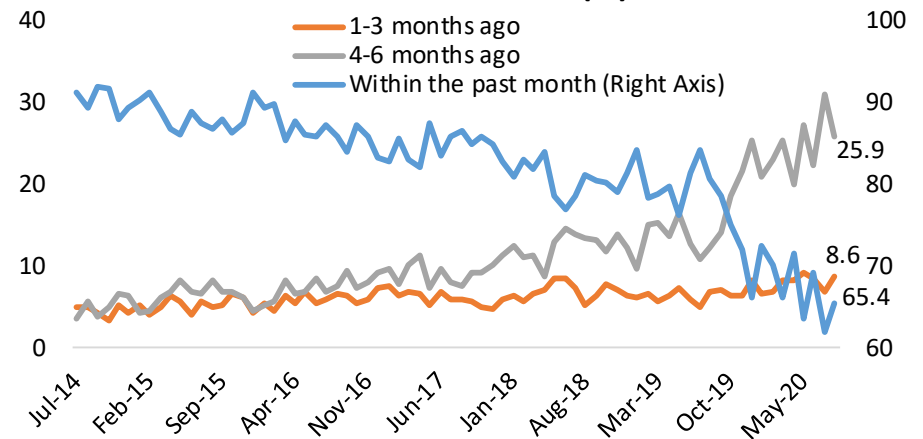
### Date of Last Credit Card Payment (%)



### Credit Card Debt vs. One Year Ago (Tracker)

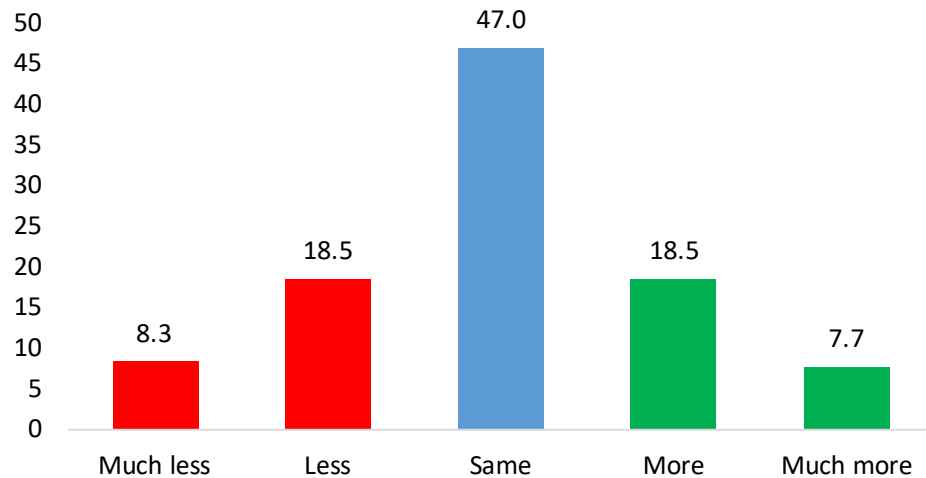


### Date of Last Credit Card Payment: Consumers With Credit Cards (%)

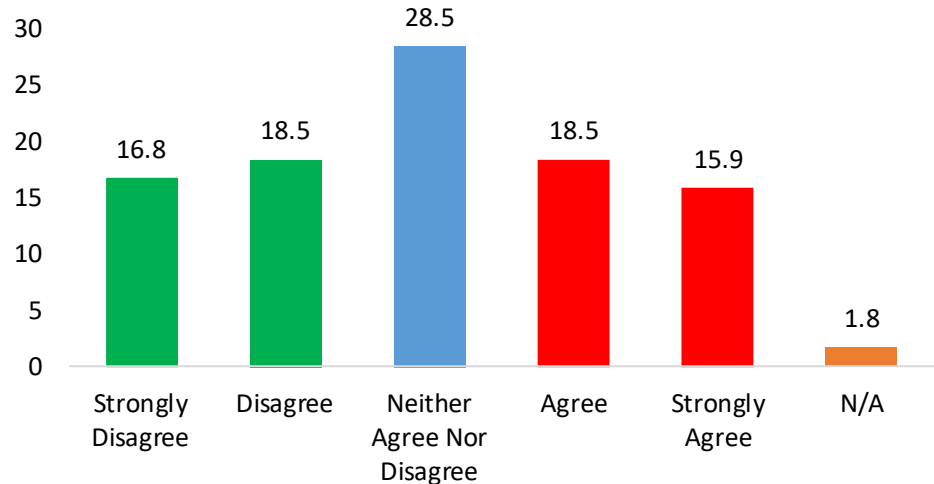


## Income and Job Security

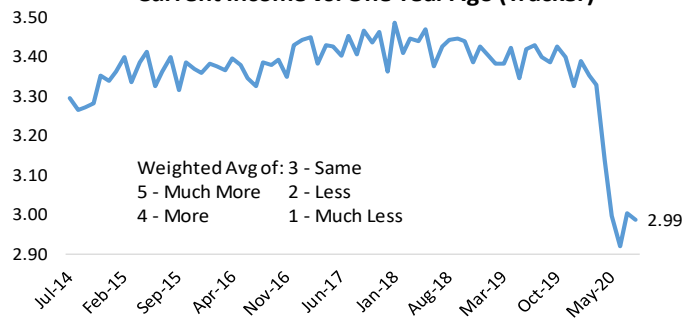
### Current Income vs. One Year Ago (%)



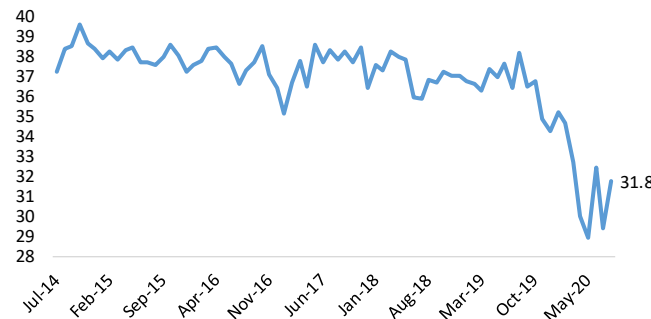
### "I am concerned that I will lose my job" (%)



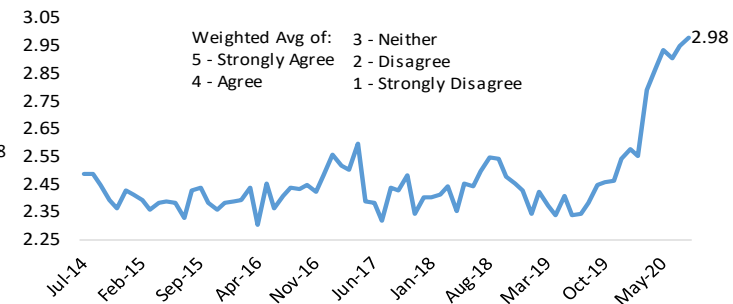
### Current Income vs. One Year Ago (Tracker)



### Hours Worked: Average

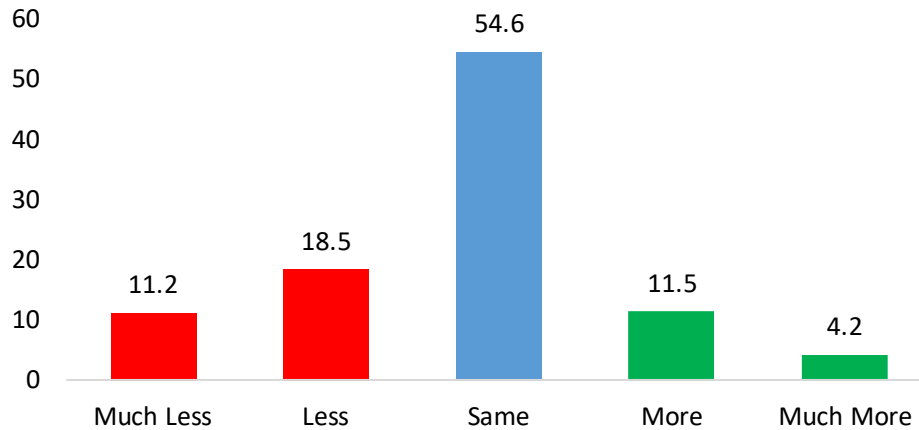


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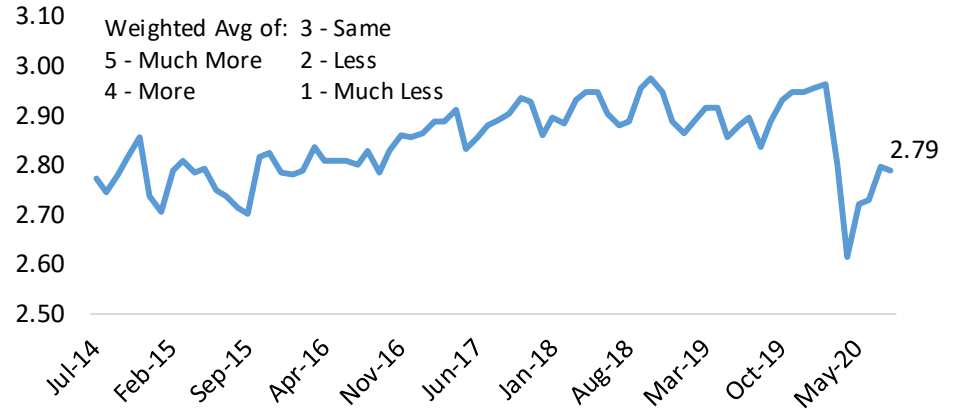


## Discretionary Spending

**Expected Spending On Discretionary Items, Next Few Months (%)**

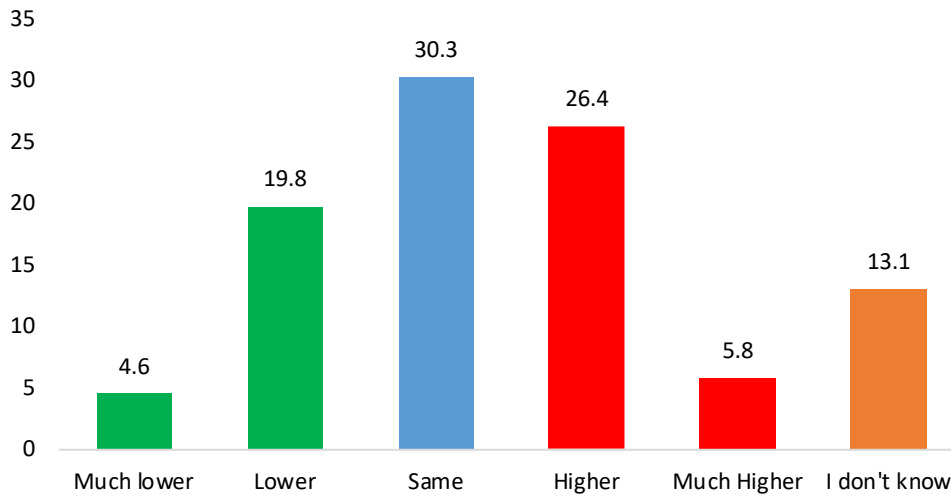


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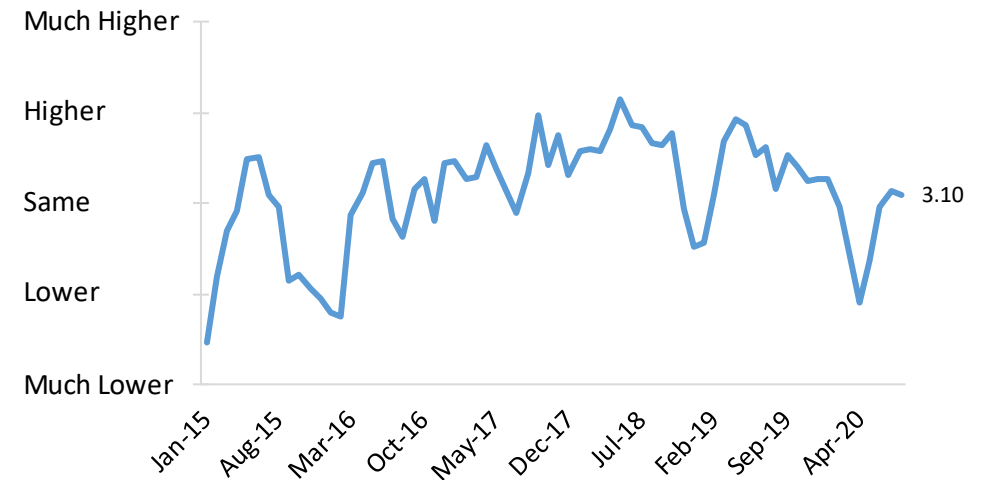


## Gas and Broad Prices

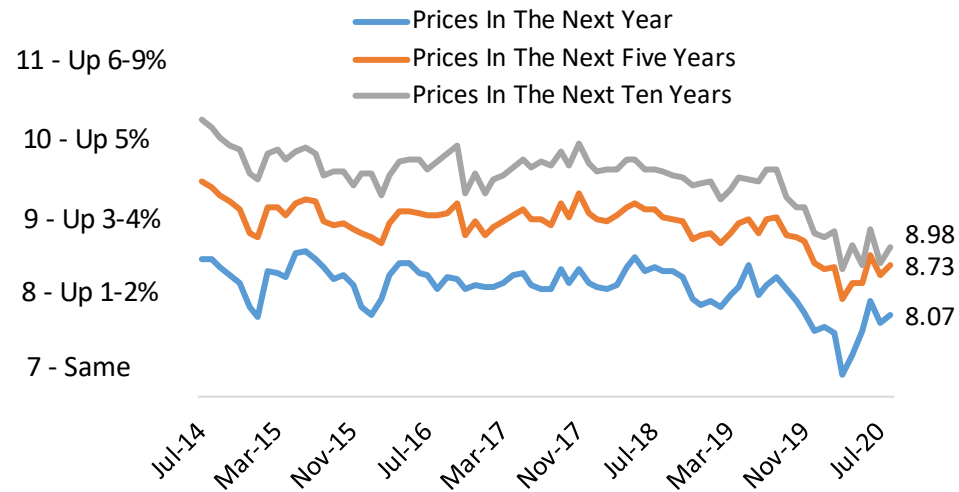
### Noticed Change In Gas Prices (%)



### Noticed Change In Gas Prices (Tracker)



### Average Expected Price Increase (Tracker)



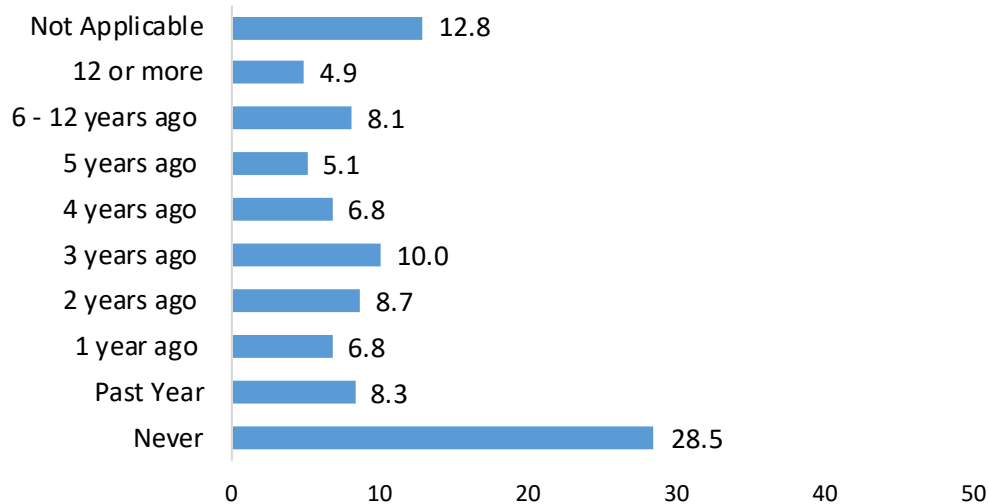
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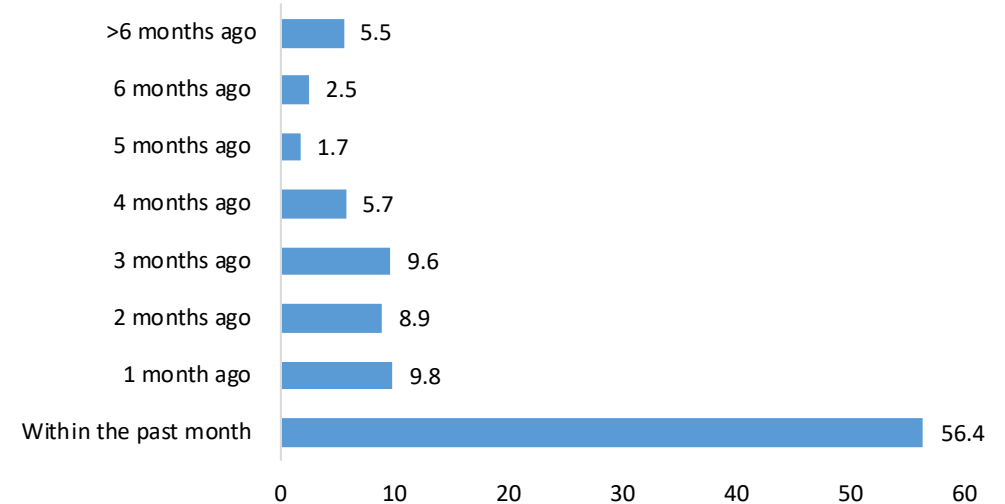
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## Mortgage Delinquencies

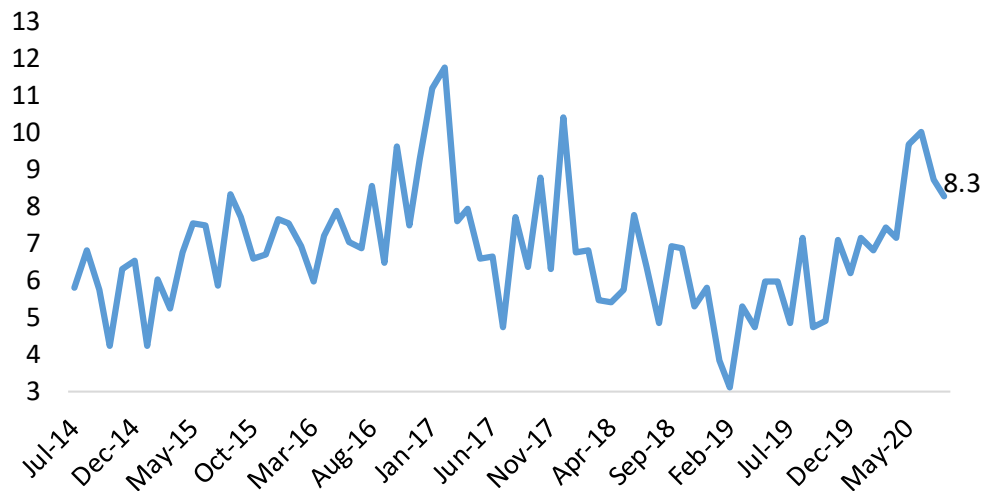
### Last Time Refinanced Mortgage (%)



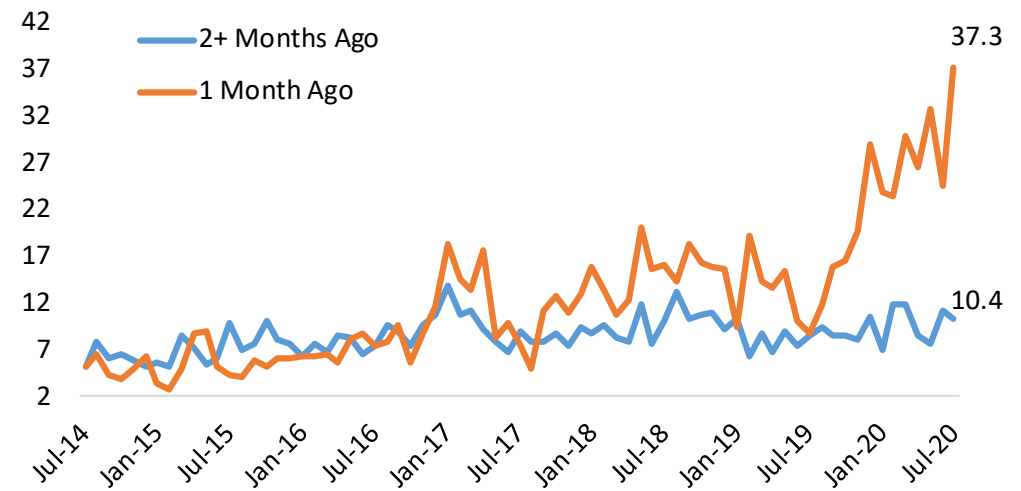
### Last Time Made A Mortgage Payment(%)



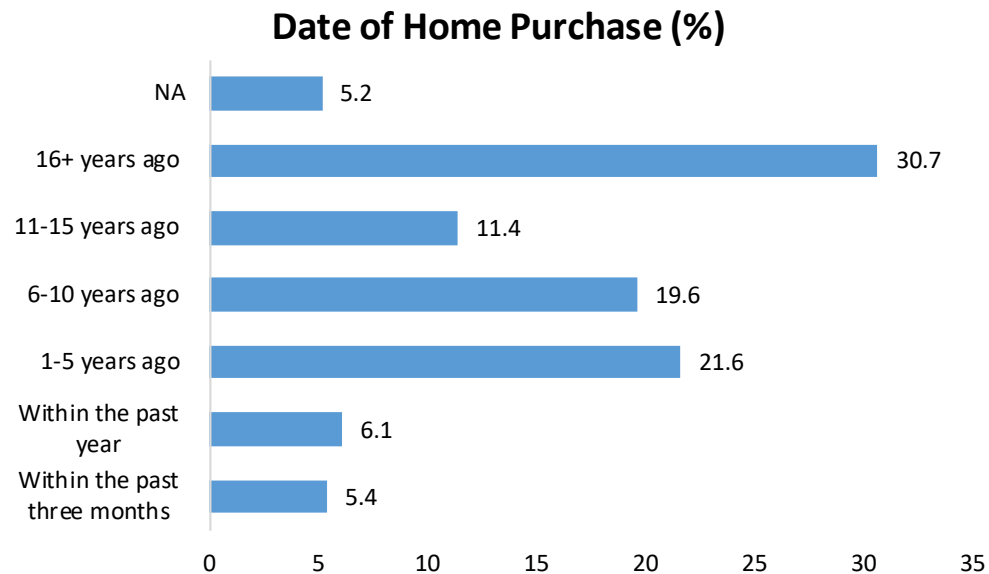
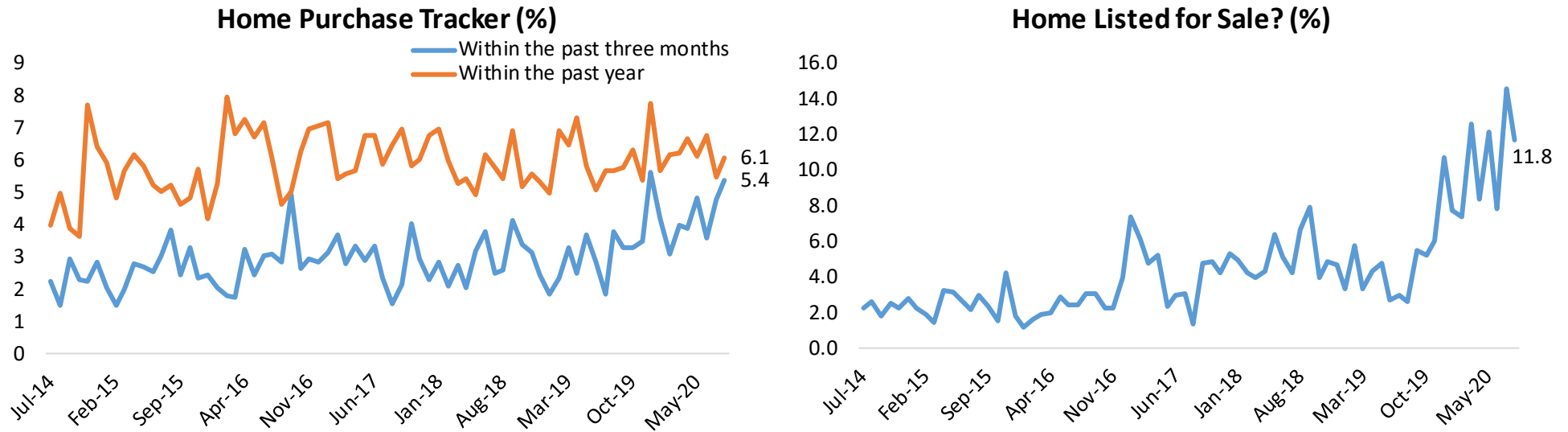
### Refinanced Mortgage Within the Past Year (%)



### Last Mortgage Payment Tracker (%)

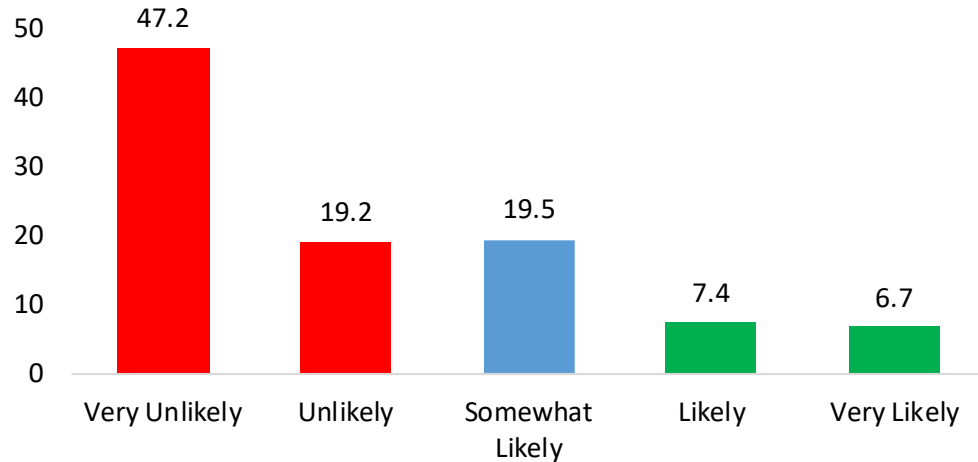


## Recent Home Purchases

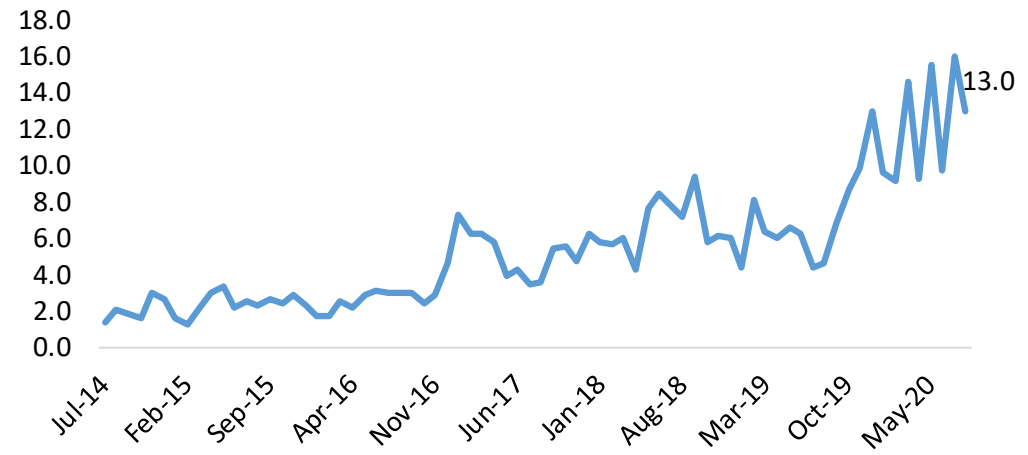


## Future Home Purchases

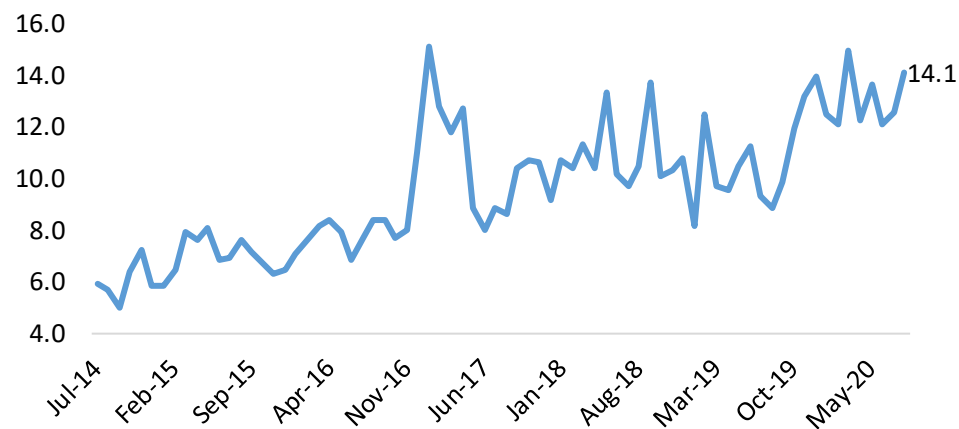
**Likelihood of Purchasing a House in the Next Year (%)**



**All Respondents: Have You Applied For A Building Permit in the Past Month? (%)**

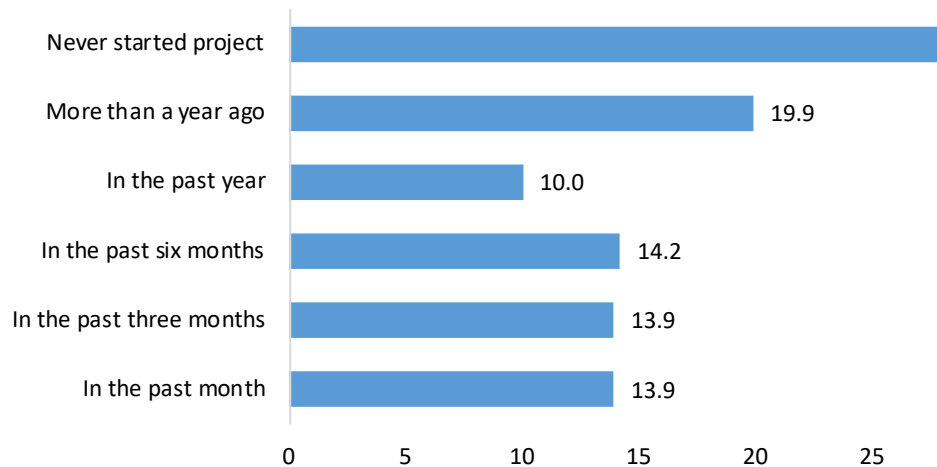


**Likely or Very Likely to Purchase a Home in the Next Year (%)**

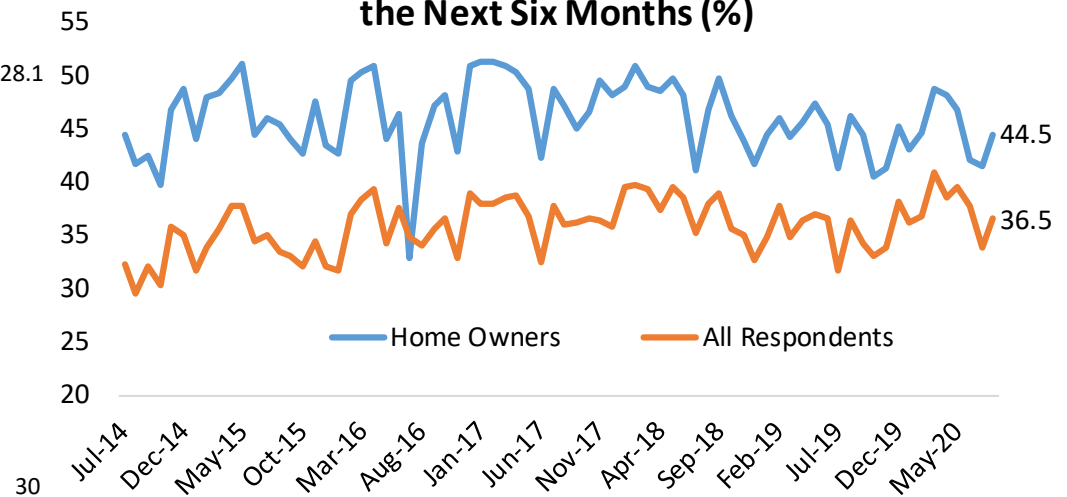


## Home Improvement

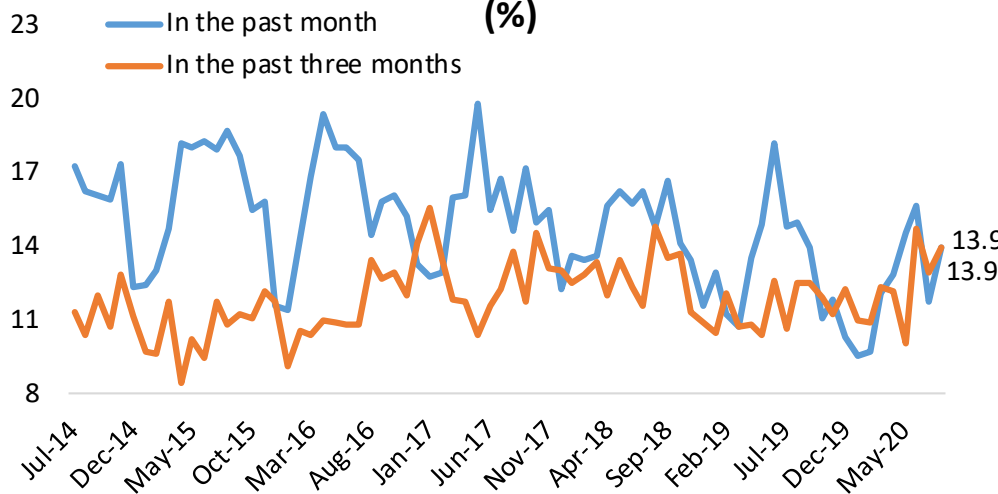
### Last Time Starting Home Improvement Project (%)



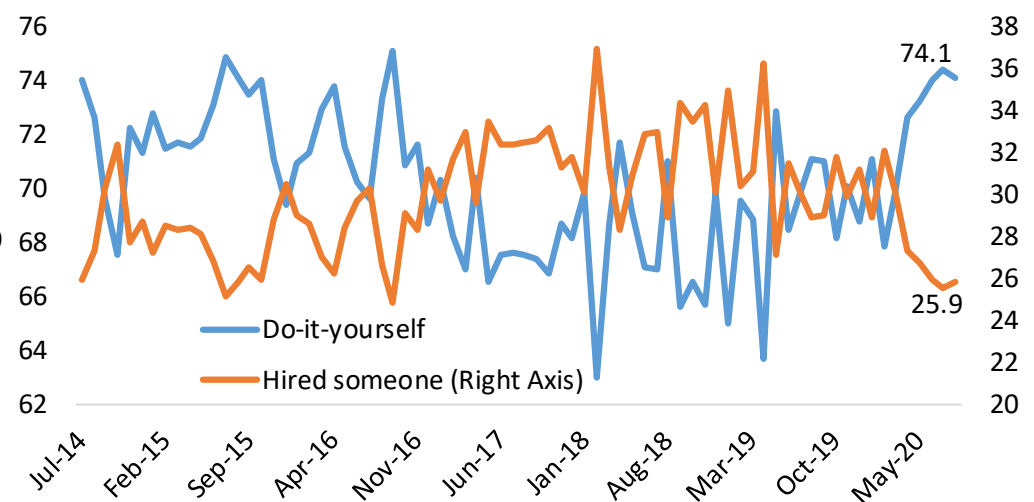
### Plans to Start a Home Improvement Project in the Next Six Months (%)



### Last Time Starting A Home Improvement Project (%)



### Do-It-Yourself vs. Hiring Someone (%)

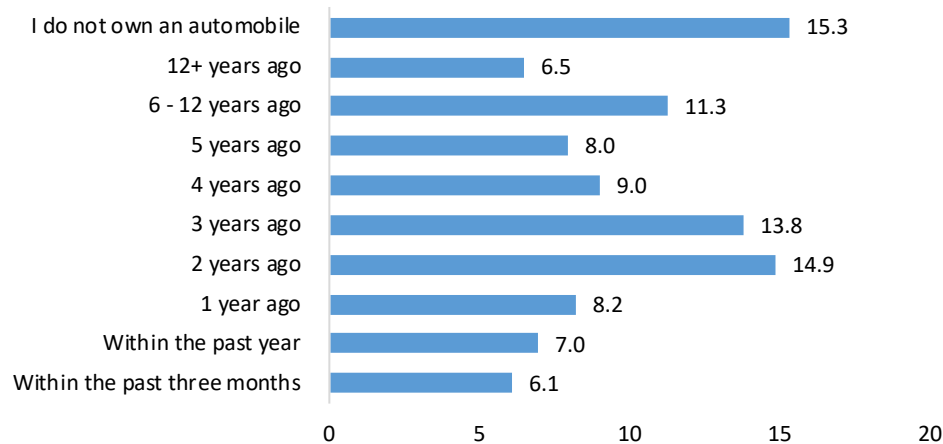


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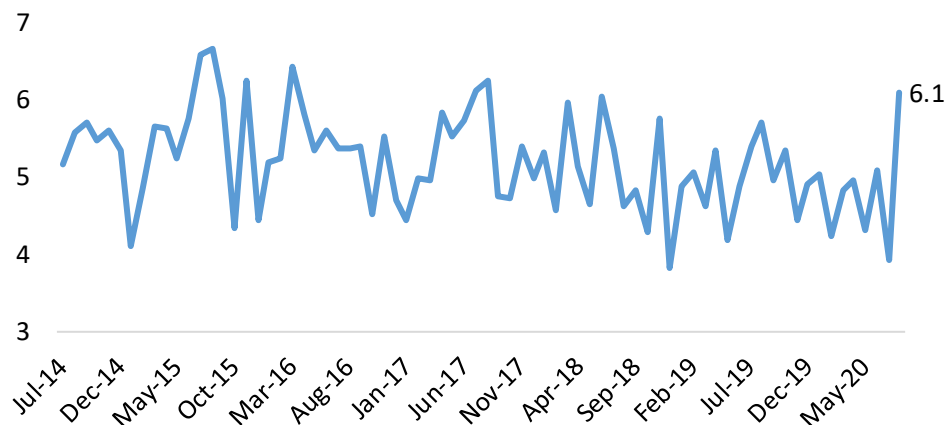
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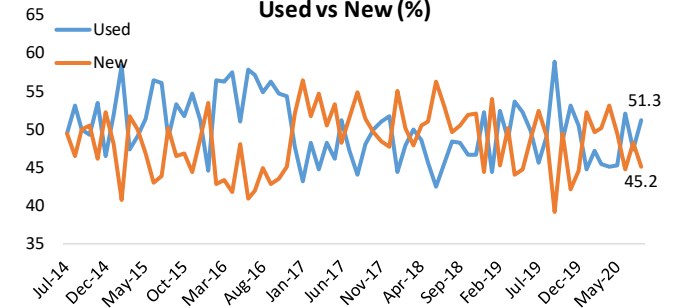
### When Did You Purchase Your Primary Automobile (%)



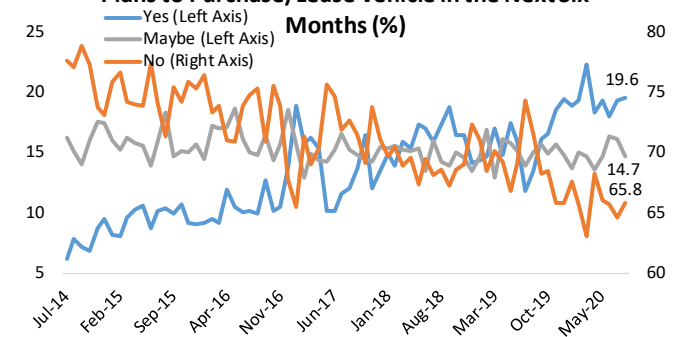
### Purchased or Leased Primary Automobile in Past Three Months (%)



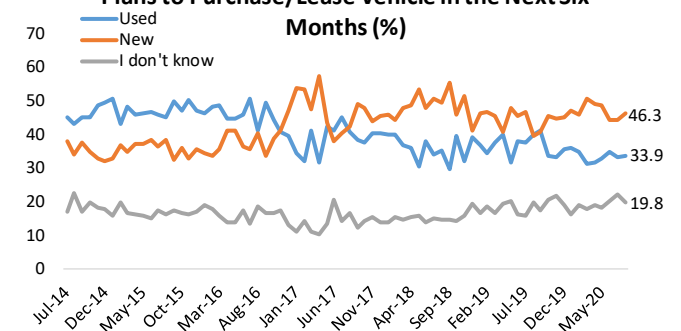
### Purchased Car During Past Three Months: Used vs New (%)



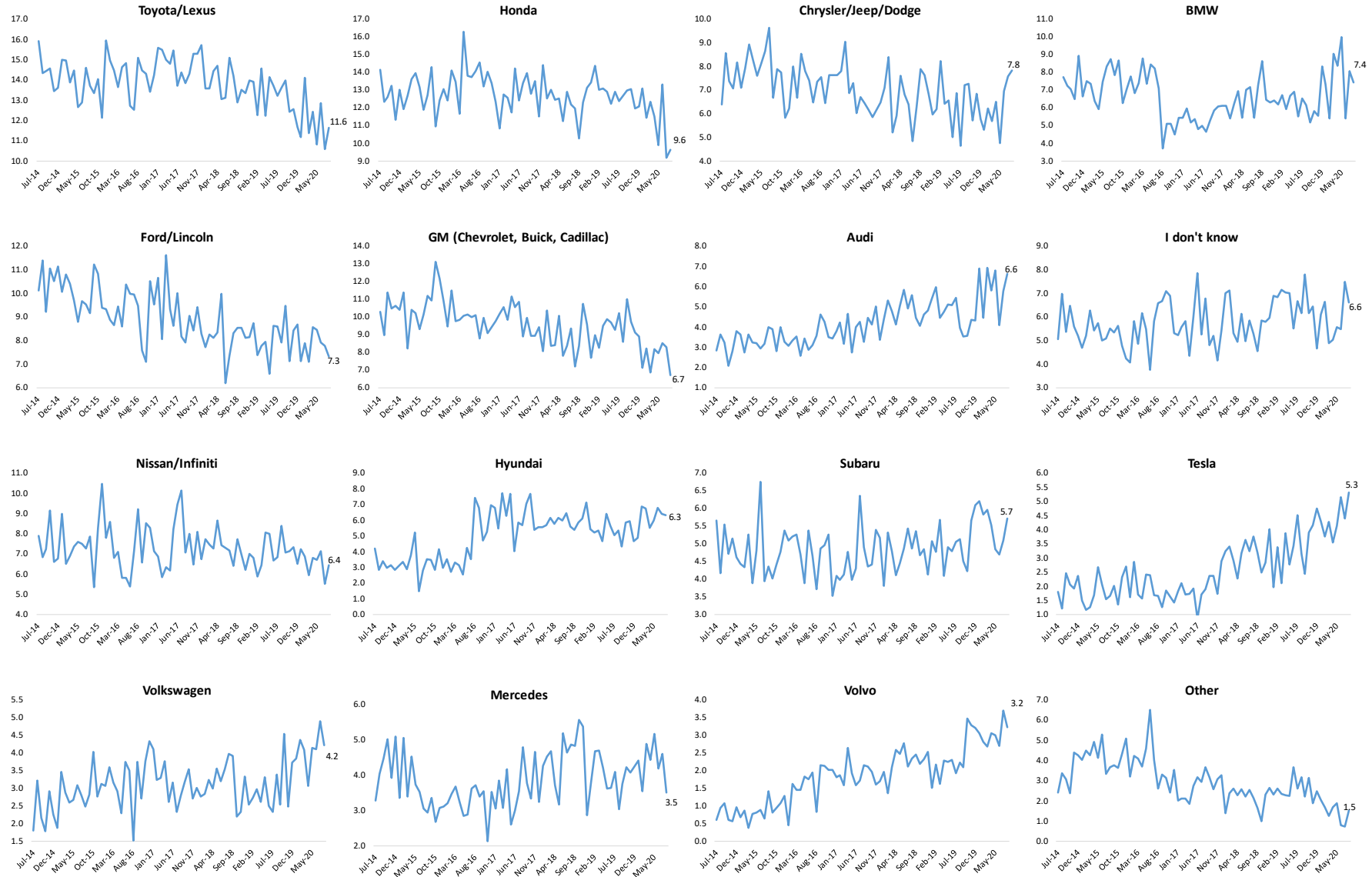
### Plans to Purchase/Lease Vehicle in the Next Six Months (%)



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## Expected Auto Purchases (Those who said yes or maybe in next 6 months)



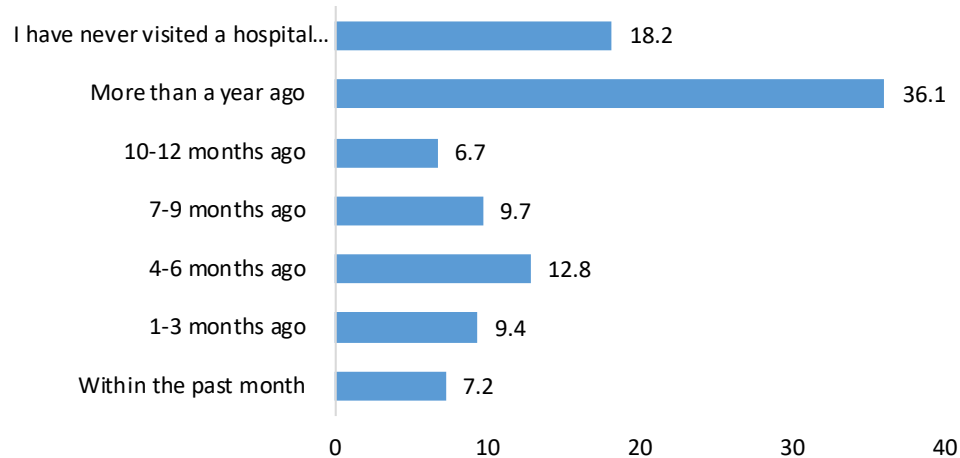
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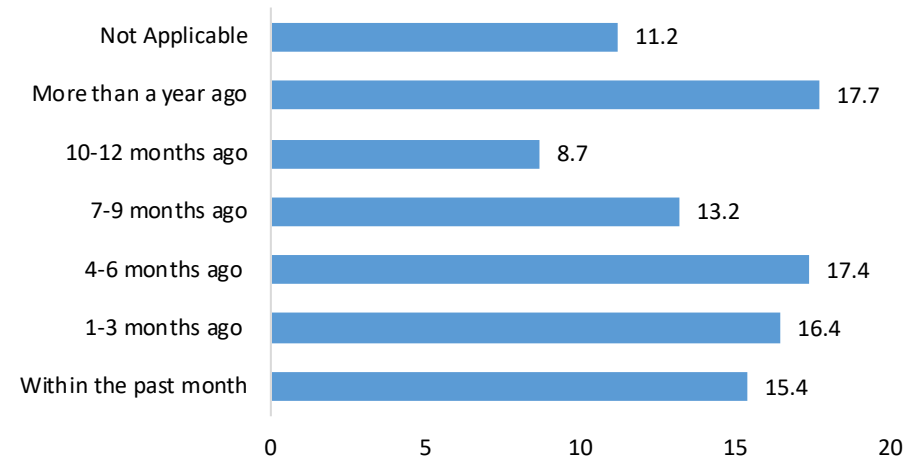
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## Healthcare Utilization

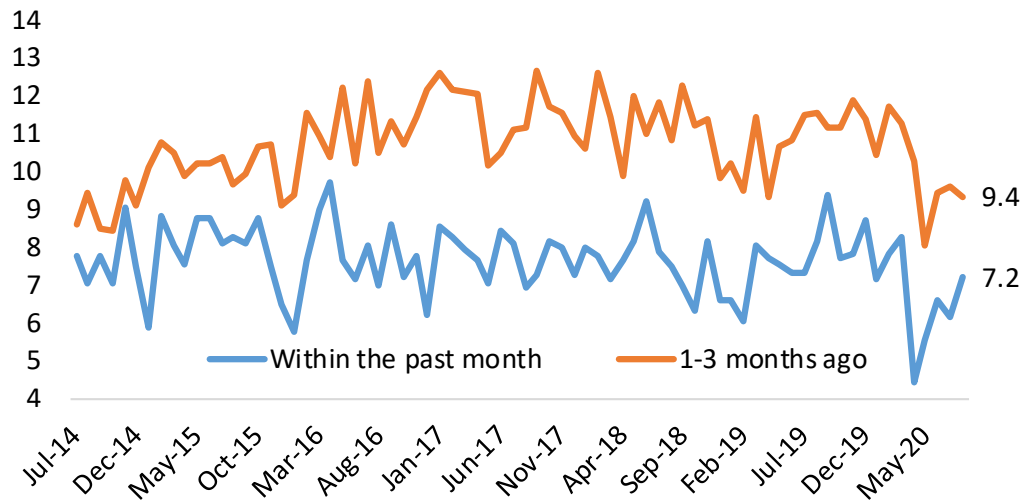
### Last Hospital Visit (%)



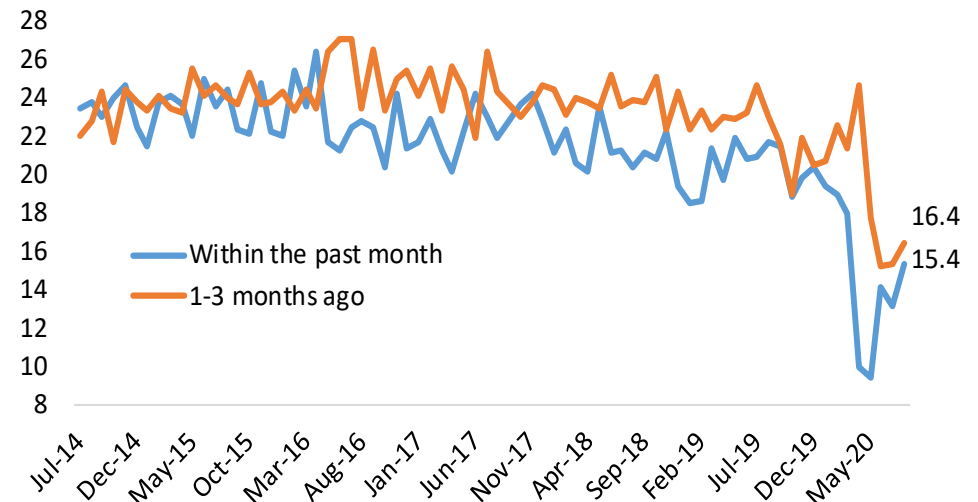
### Last Doctor's Visit (%)



### Last Hospital Visit (%)

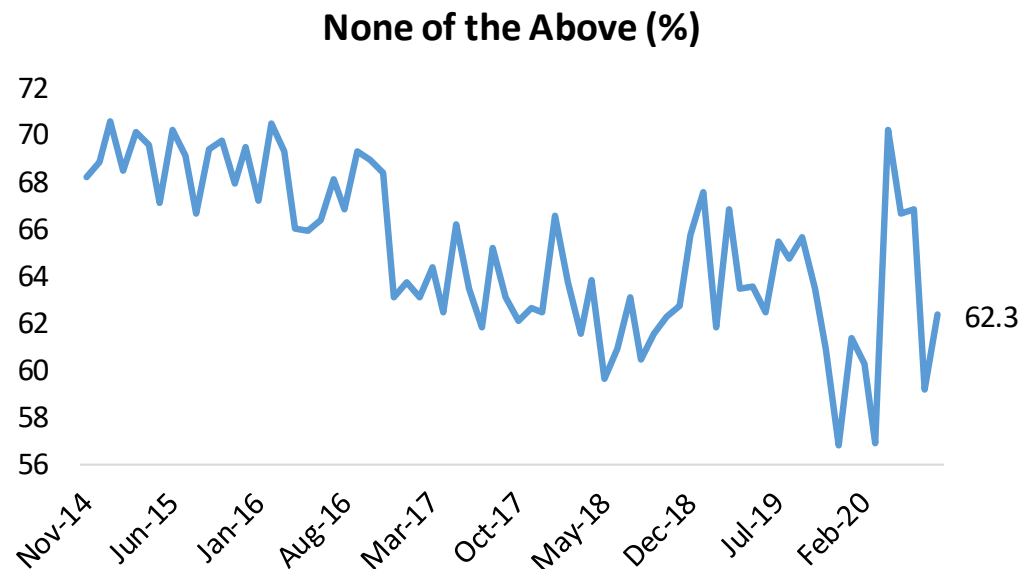
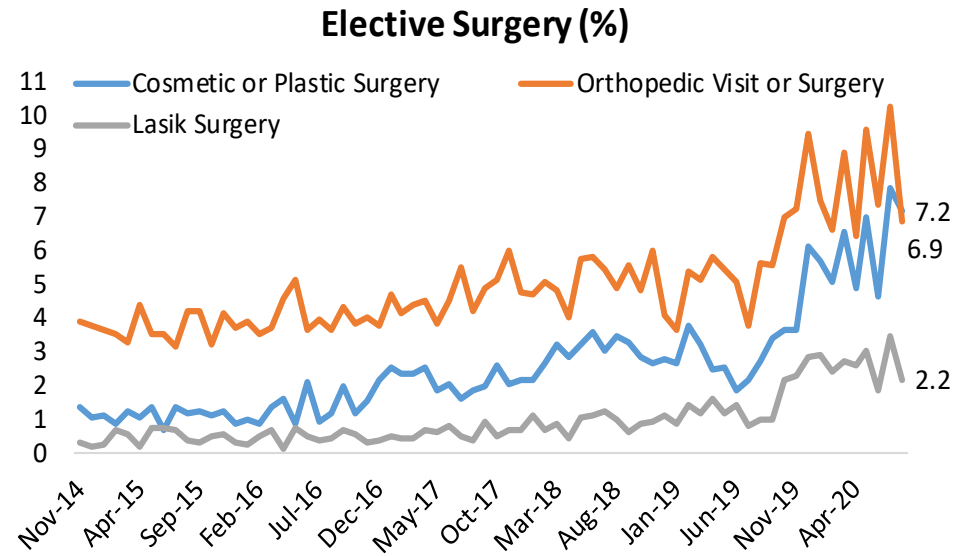
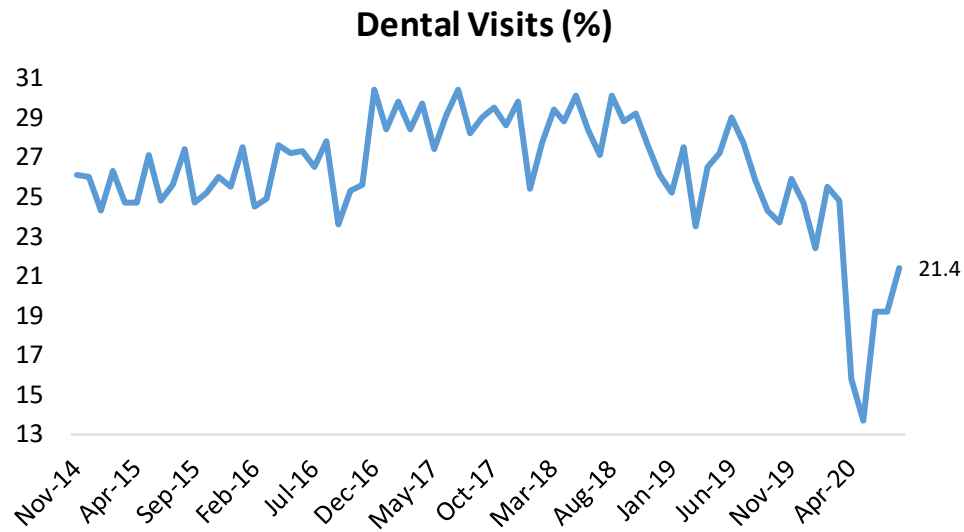


### Last Doctor's Visit (%)



## Healthcare Procedures

In the past month...



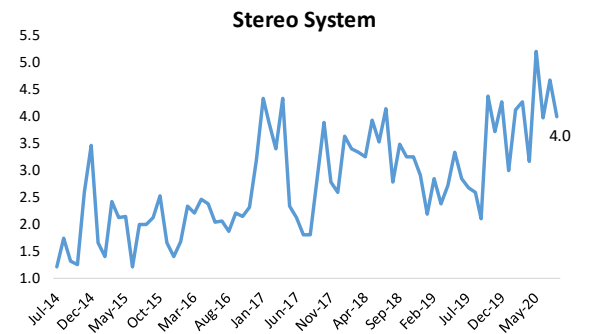
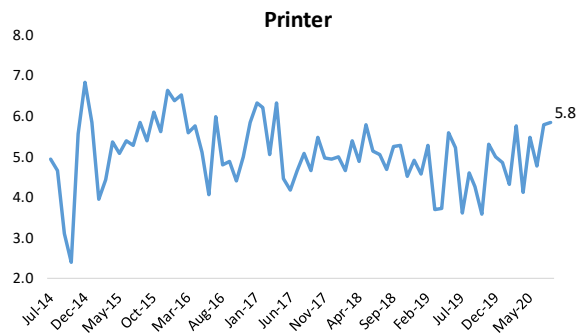
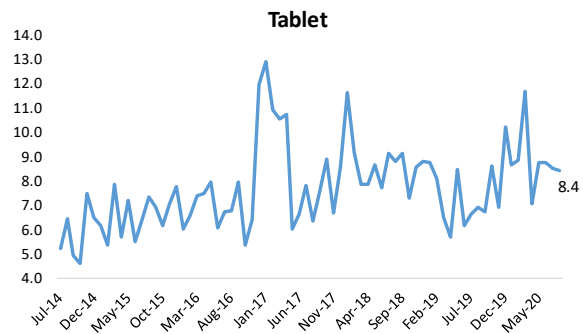
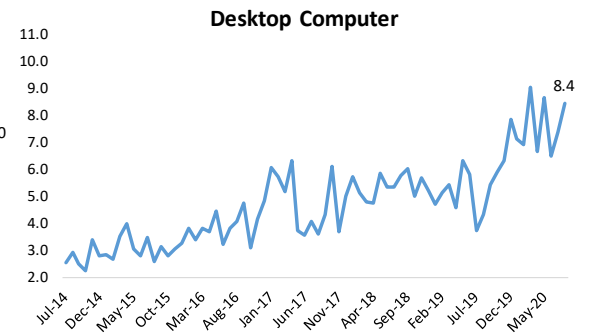
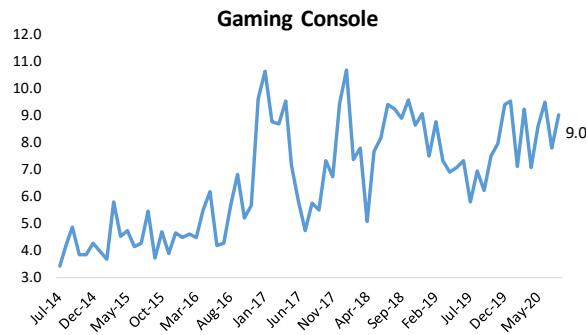
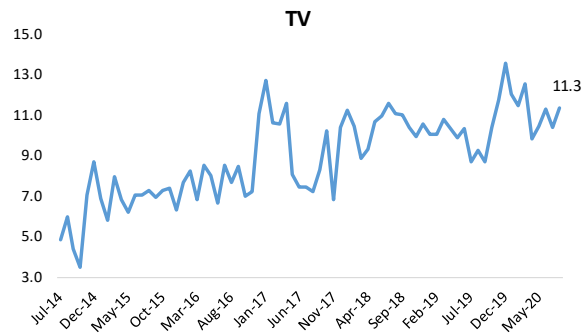
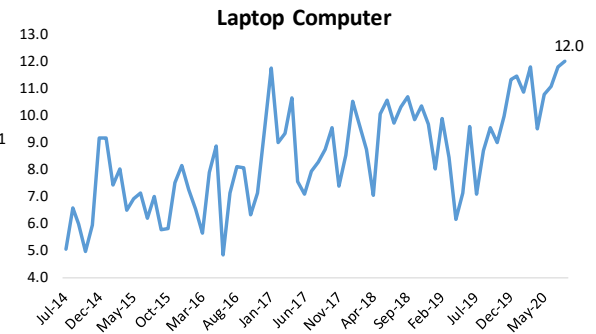
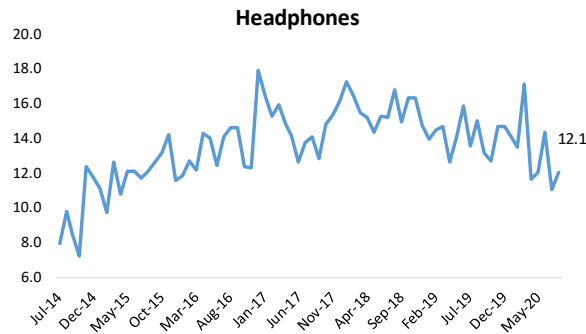
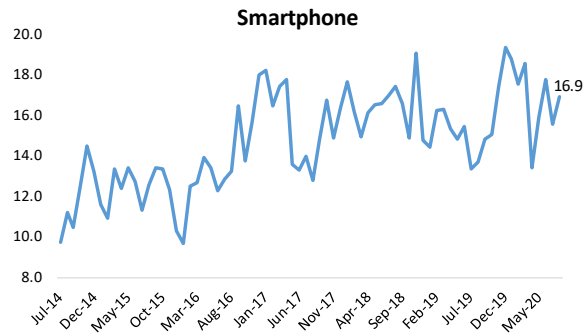
# VII

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- ☐ Covid.
- ☐ Unemployment Benefits.
- ☐ Consumer Confidence, Consumer Finances, and Spending.
- ☐ Housing and Home Improvement
- ☐ Autos
- ☐ Healthcare (Cost Trend, Utilization, and Elective Procedures)
- ☐ Consumer Spending Activity and Retail Traffic

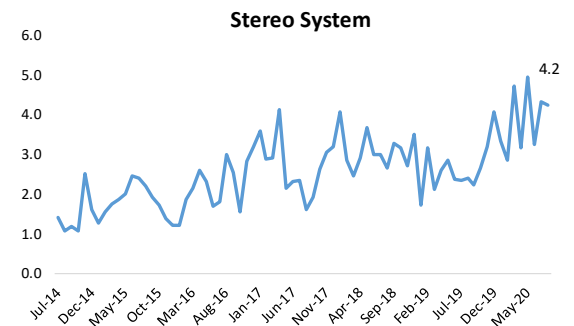
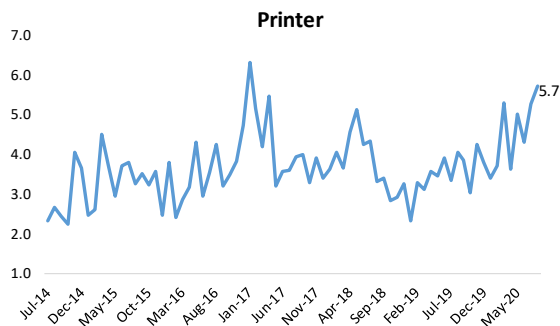
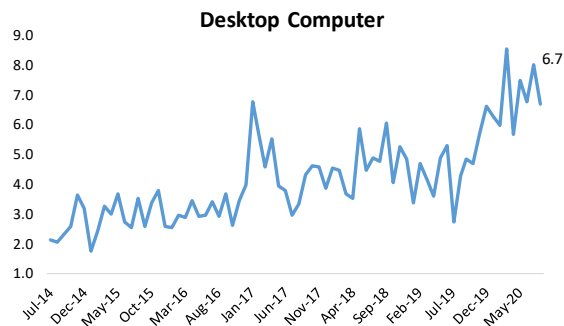
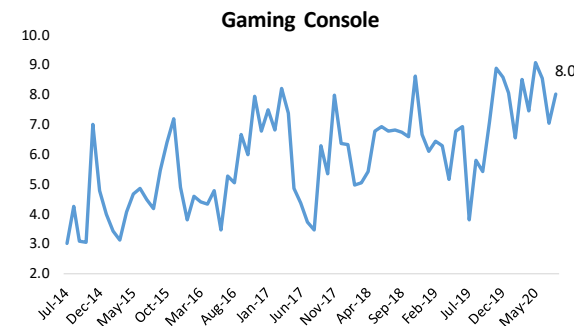
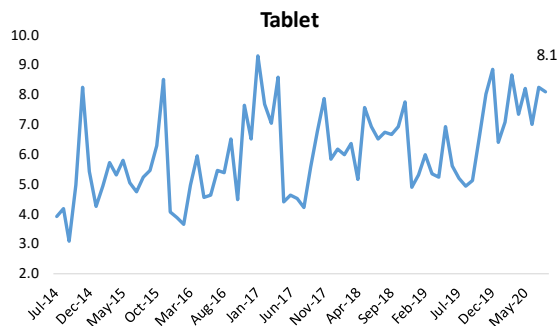
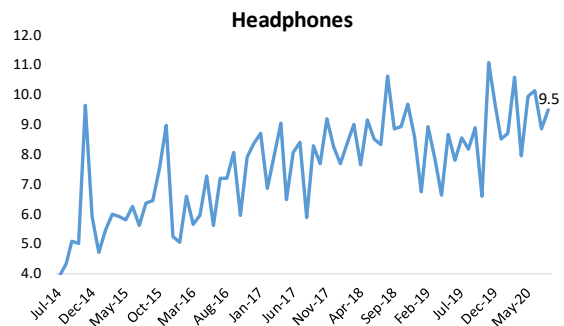
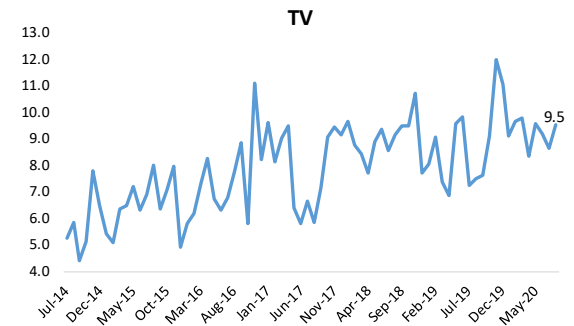
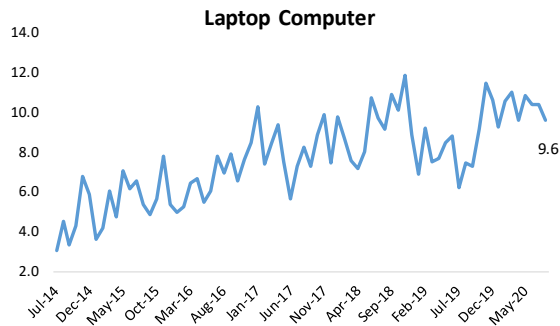
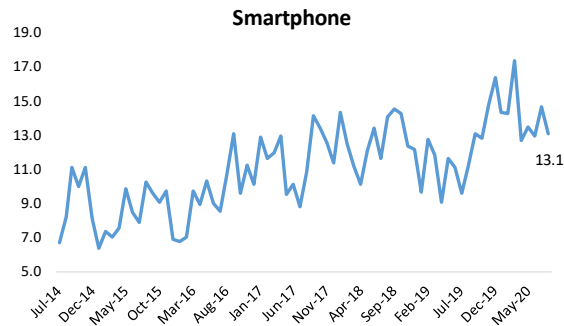
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Purchased in the past month...

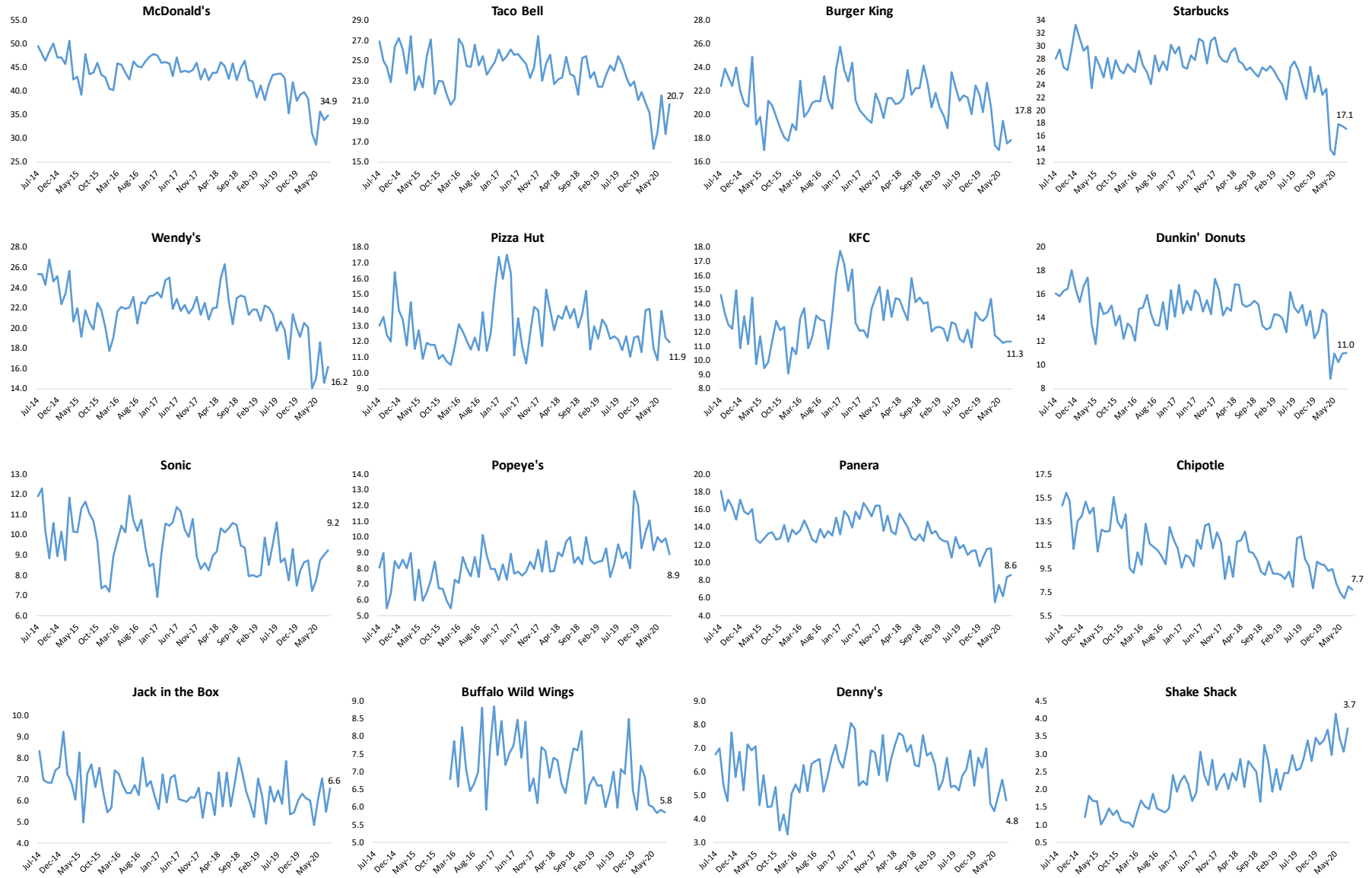


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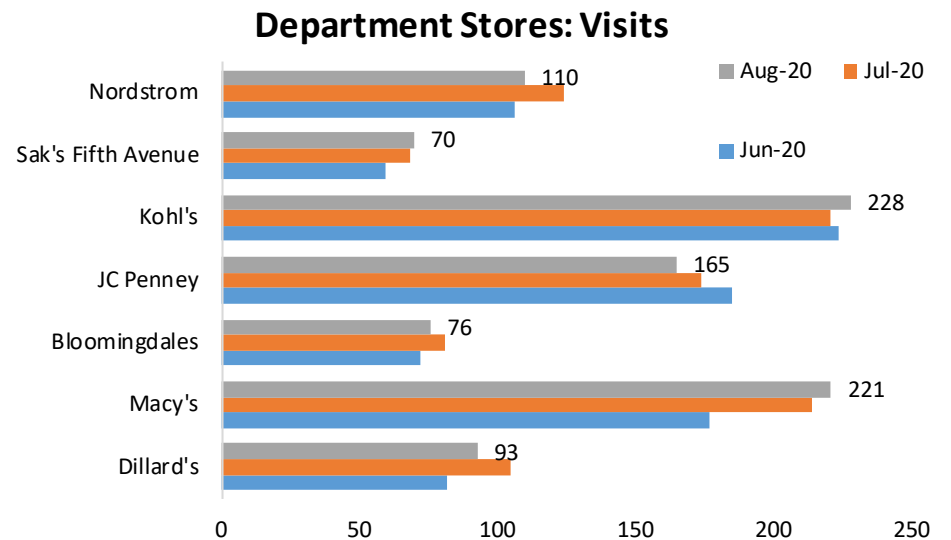
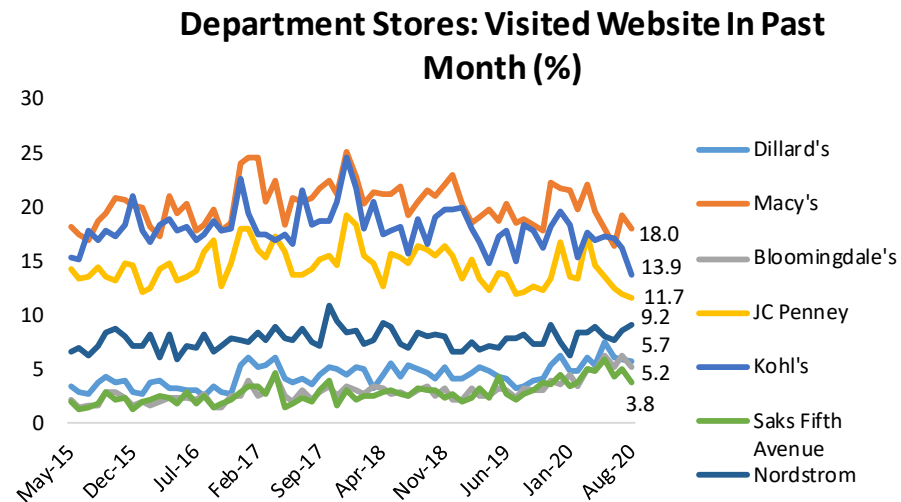
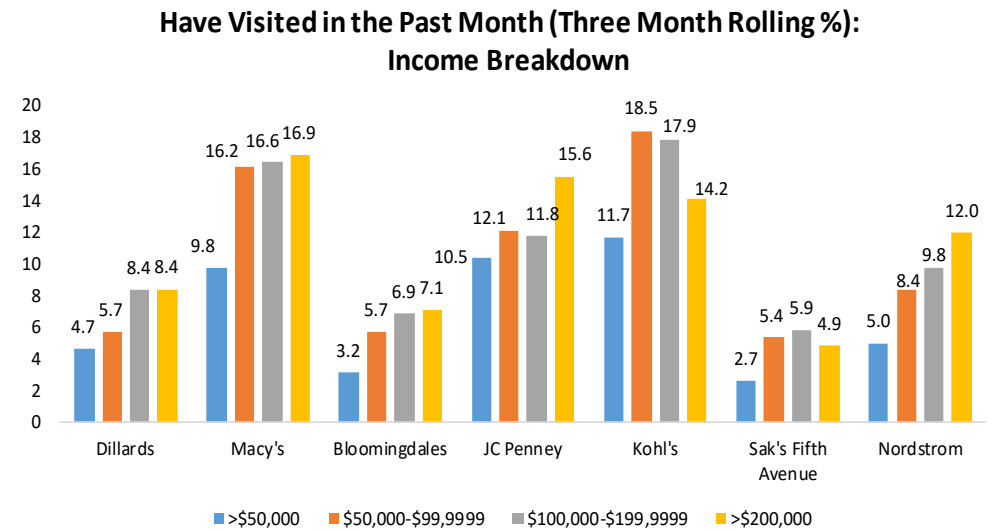
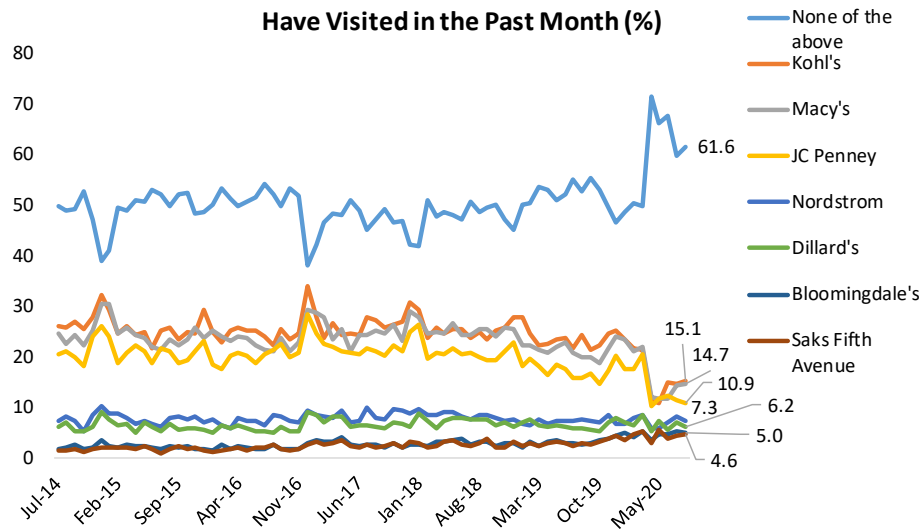
Plans to purchase in the next month...



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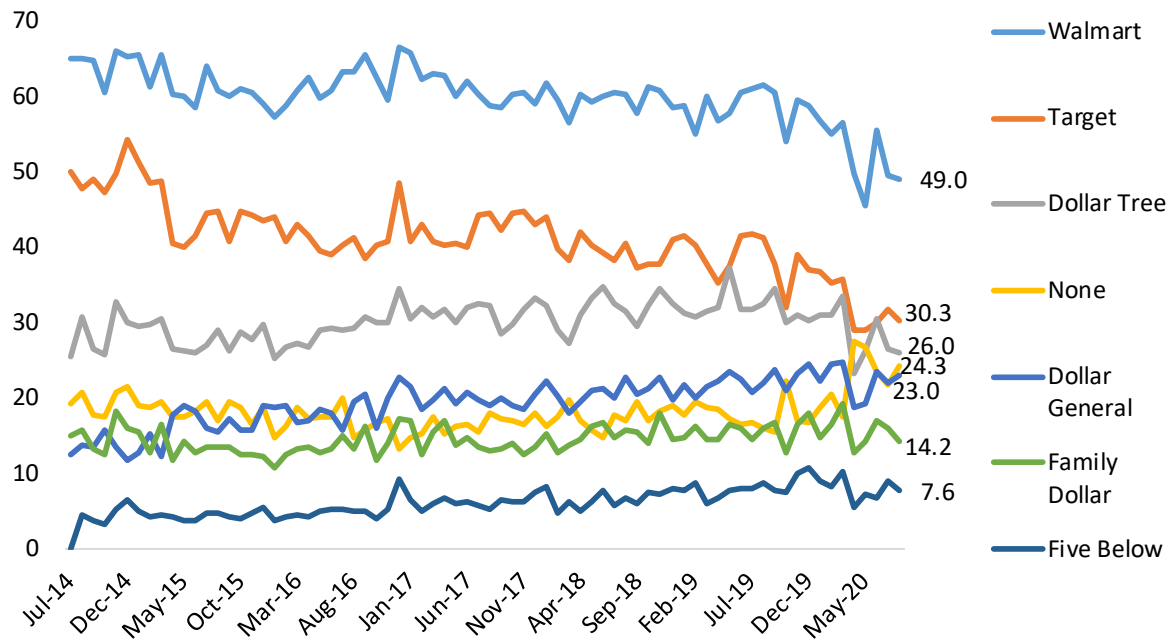


## Department Stores

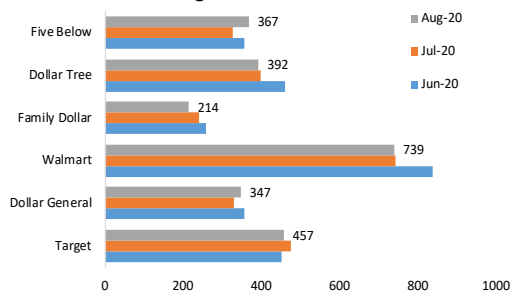


## Big Box / Dollar Stores

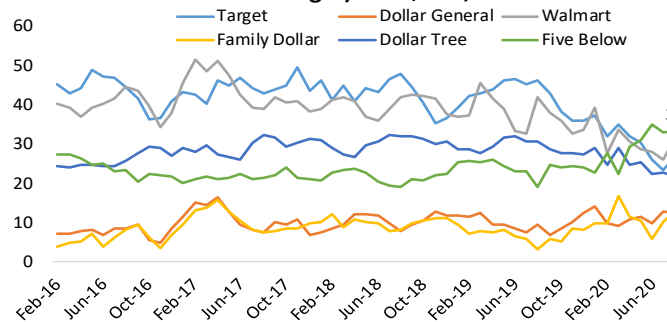
### Have Visited in the Past Month (%)



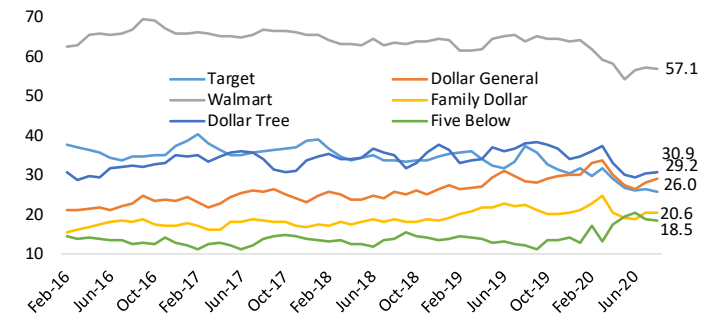
### Big Box: Visits



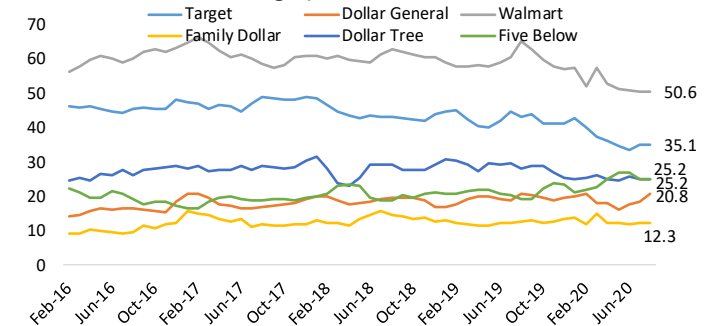
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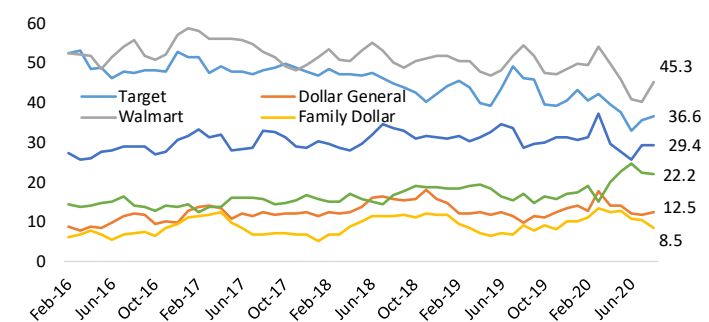
### Visits During the Past Month (Rolling Three Month Percentages): HHI < \$50,000



### Visits During the Past Month (Rolling Three Month Percentages): HHI \$50,000-\$99,999



### Visits During the Past Month (Rolling Three Month Percentages): HHI \$100,000-\$199,999



## Big Box / Dollar Stores

