

ATTITUDES OF THE CITIZENS OF MONTENEGRO TOWARDS CORONAVIRUS

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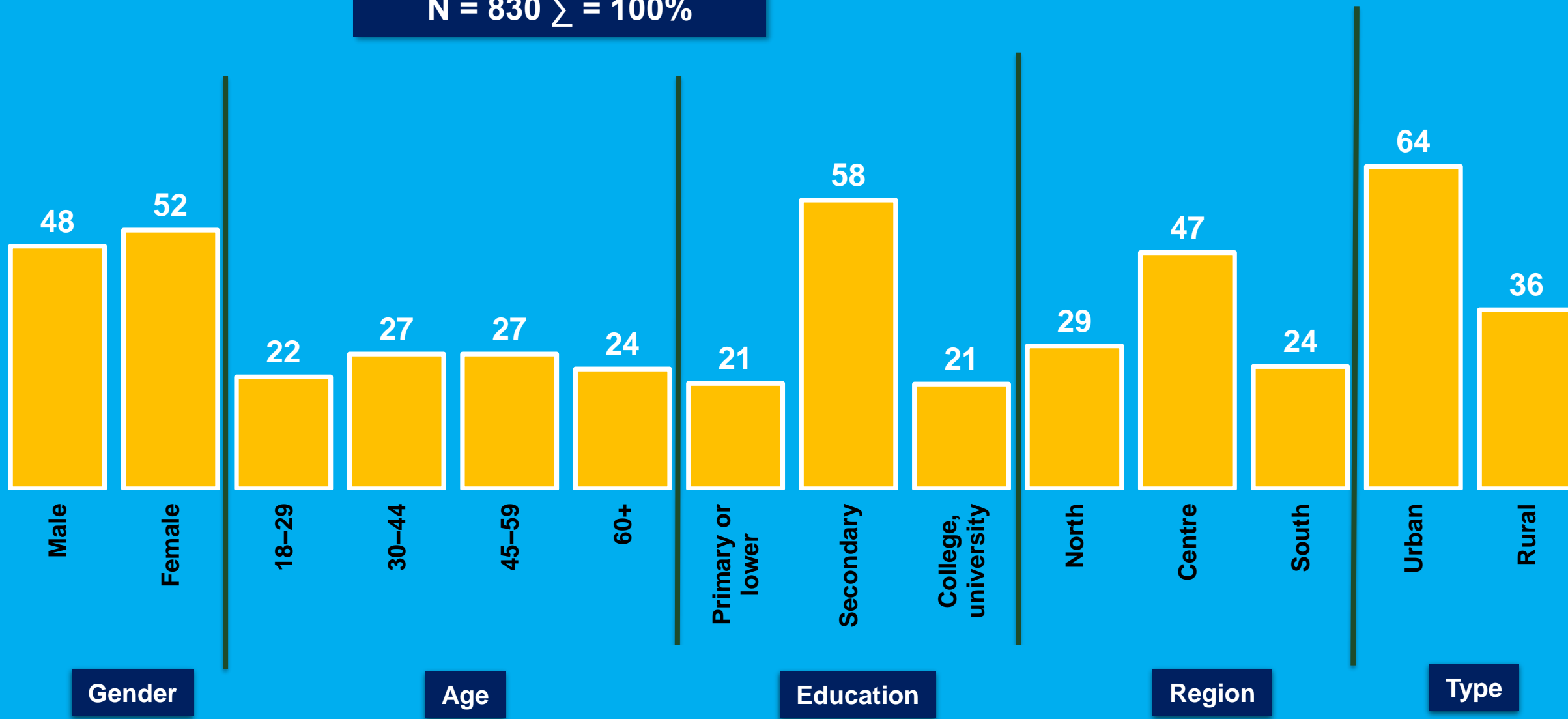
METHODOLOGY

Realization:	Data collection was conducted between 19 and 24 July 2021
Sample frame:	Population of Montenegro 18+
Sample size:	830 respondents
Type of sample:	Single-stage representative stratified sample Respondents in the household
Type of survey:	Phone interviewing, average duration 10 minutes
Location:	24 municipalities in Montenegro – urban, suburban and rural
Post-stratification:	By gender, age
Error:	±1.55% for occurrences with an expected incidence of 5% ±3.08% for occurrences with an expected incidence of 25% ±3.56% for occurrences with an expected incidence of 50% (<i>marginal error</i>)

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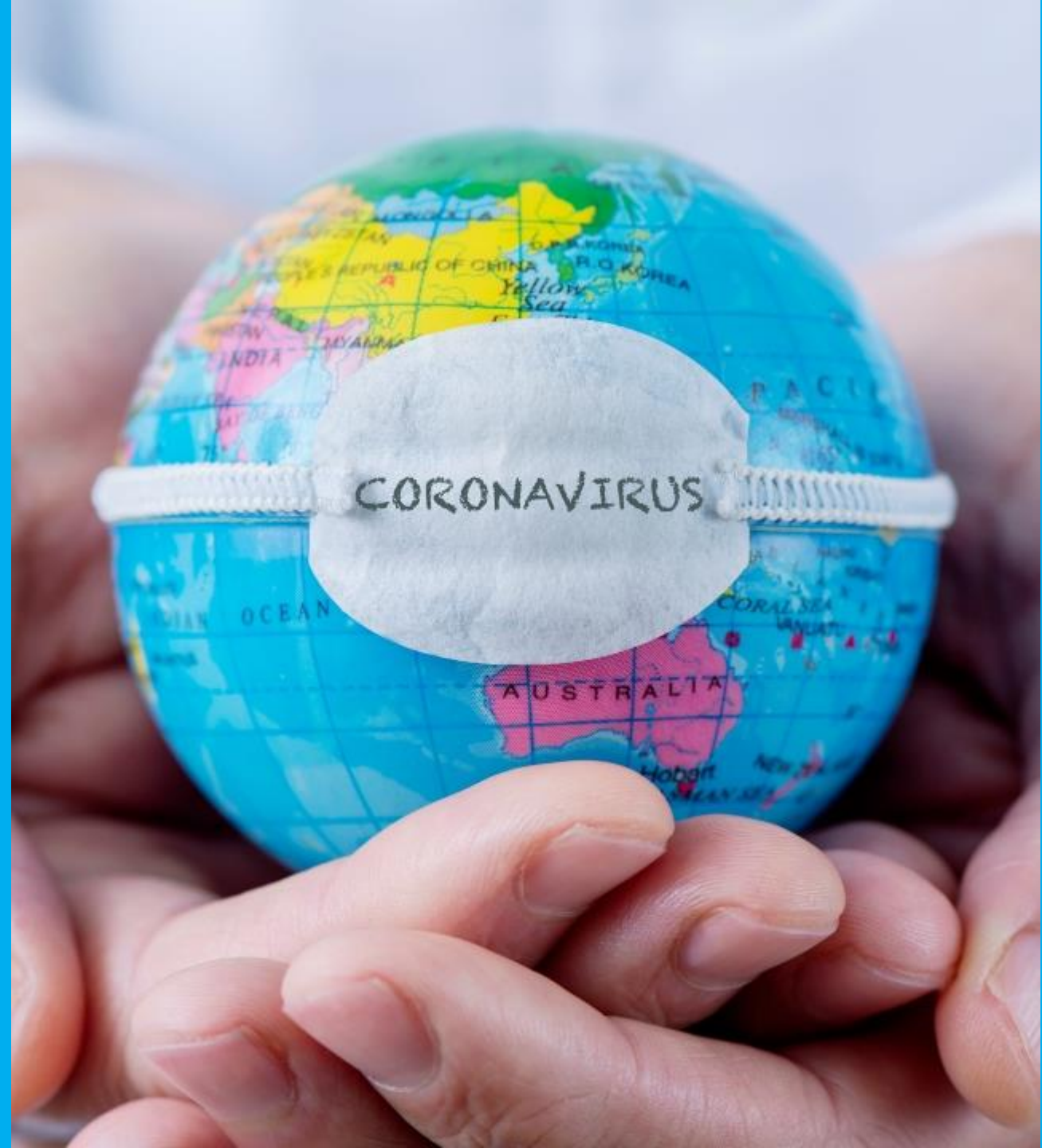
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N = 830 Σ = 100%



Base: Total target population, N=830

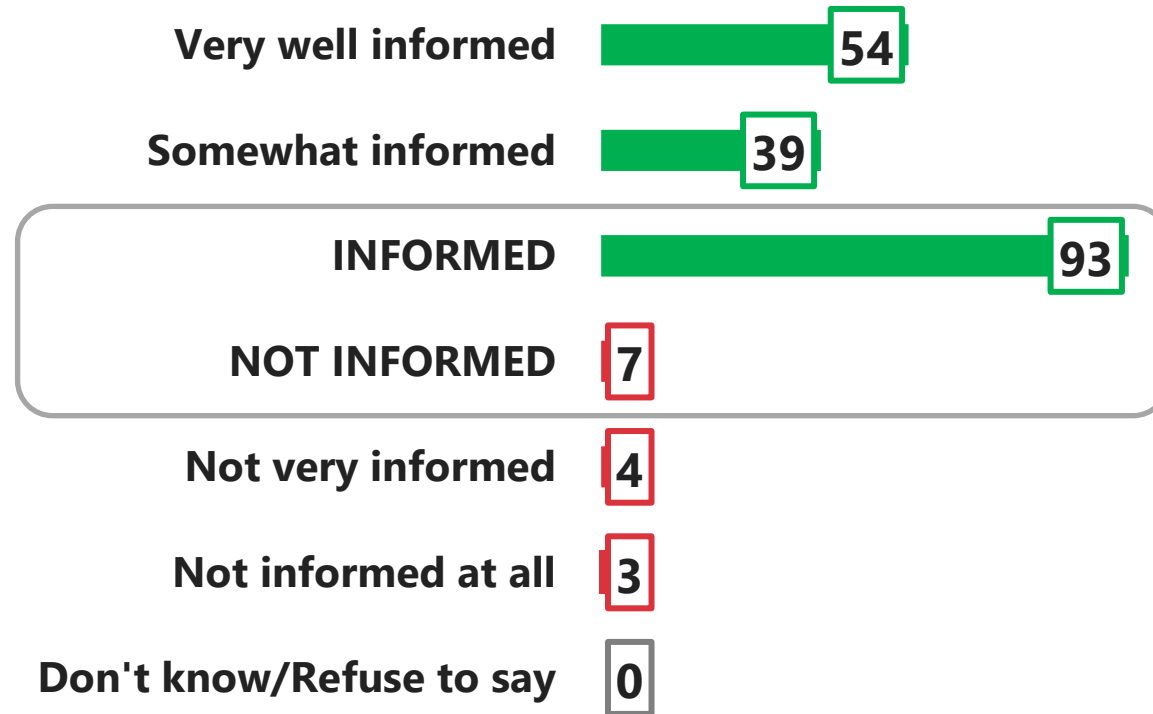
SURVEY RESULTS



KNOWLEDGE ABOUT CORONAVIRUS

The majority of citizens consider themselves informed about coronavirus. Fewer than one in 10 citizens claim not to be informed.

Data in %



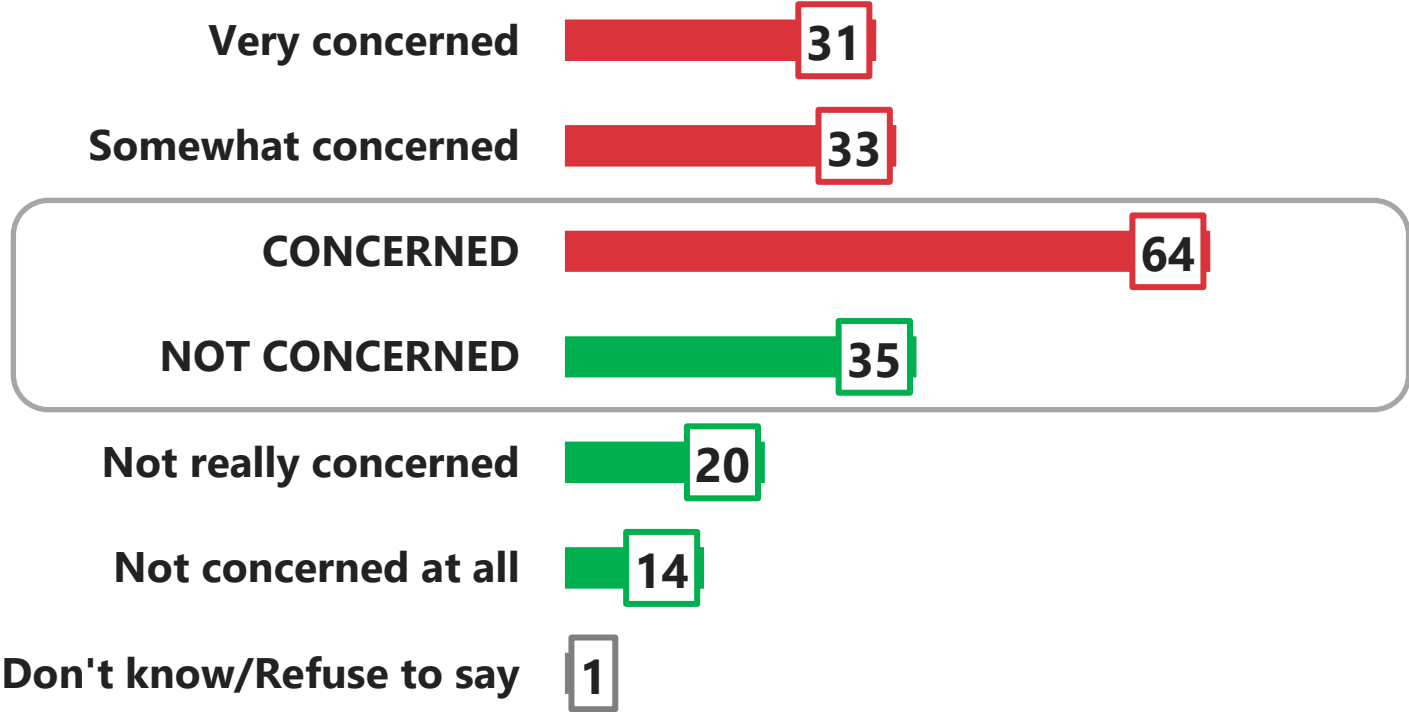
How well informed are you about coronavirus?

Base: Total target population, N=830

CONCERN ABOUT CONTRACTING CORONAVIRUS

Almost two-thirds of citizens are concerned that they or their family members might contract coronavirus, with two almost identical groups of those who are very concerned and those who are somewhat concerned. Somewhat more than one-third of citizens are not concerned.

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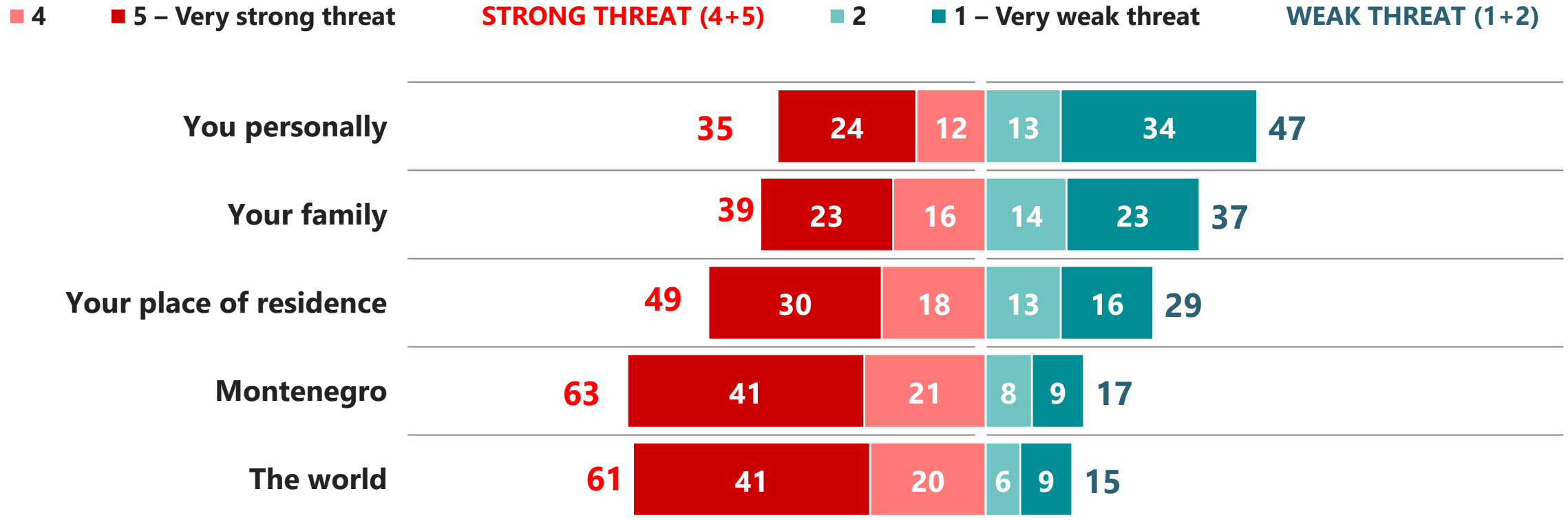


Are you concerned that you or your close ones may contract coronavirus?
Base: Total target population, N=830

CORONAVIRUS AS A THREAT TO ...

The threat of coronavirus to Montenegro and the world is perceived as strong by more than three-fifths of Montenegro's citizens. Although half of the citizens are concerned about their place of residence as well, an almost identical portion of citizens believe that coronavirus is not much of a threat to them personally. Opinions are also not uniform in terms of concern for one's family.

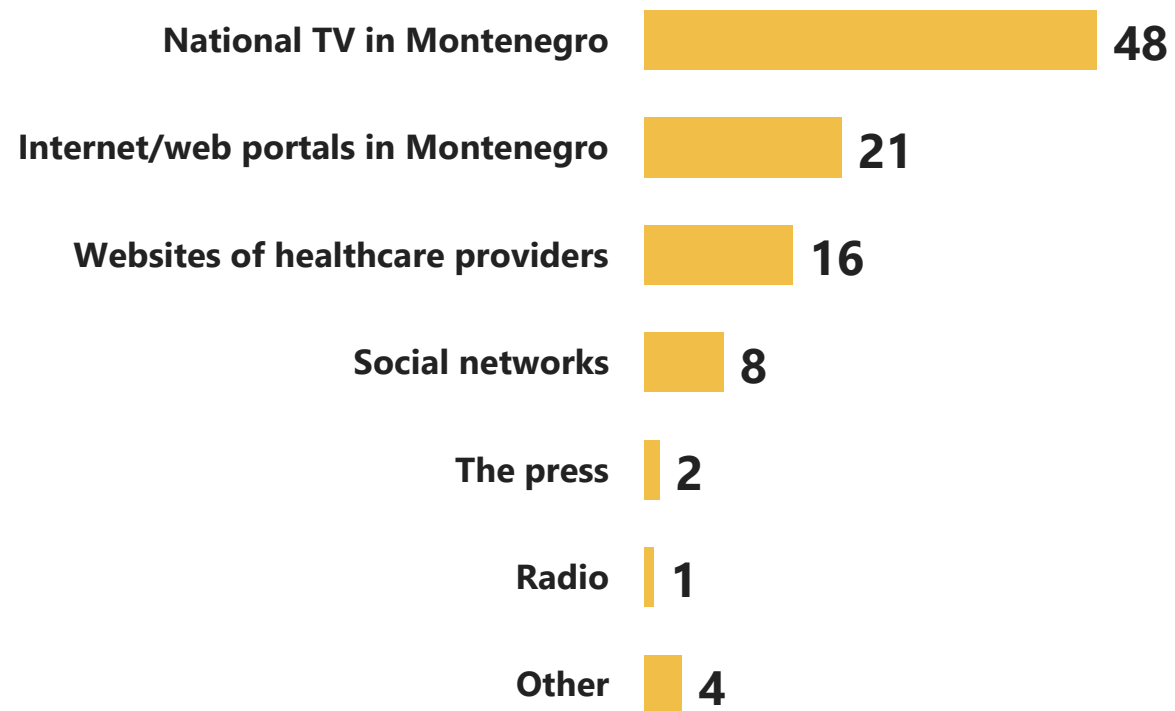
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MEDIA AS SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT CORONAVIRUS

National television services are the key source of information about coronavirus for the citizens of Montenegro. One-fifth of citizens rely on internet/web portals, as well as on the websites of healthcare providers.

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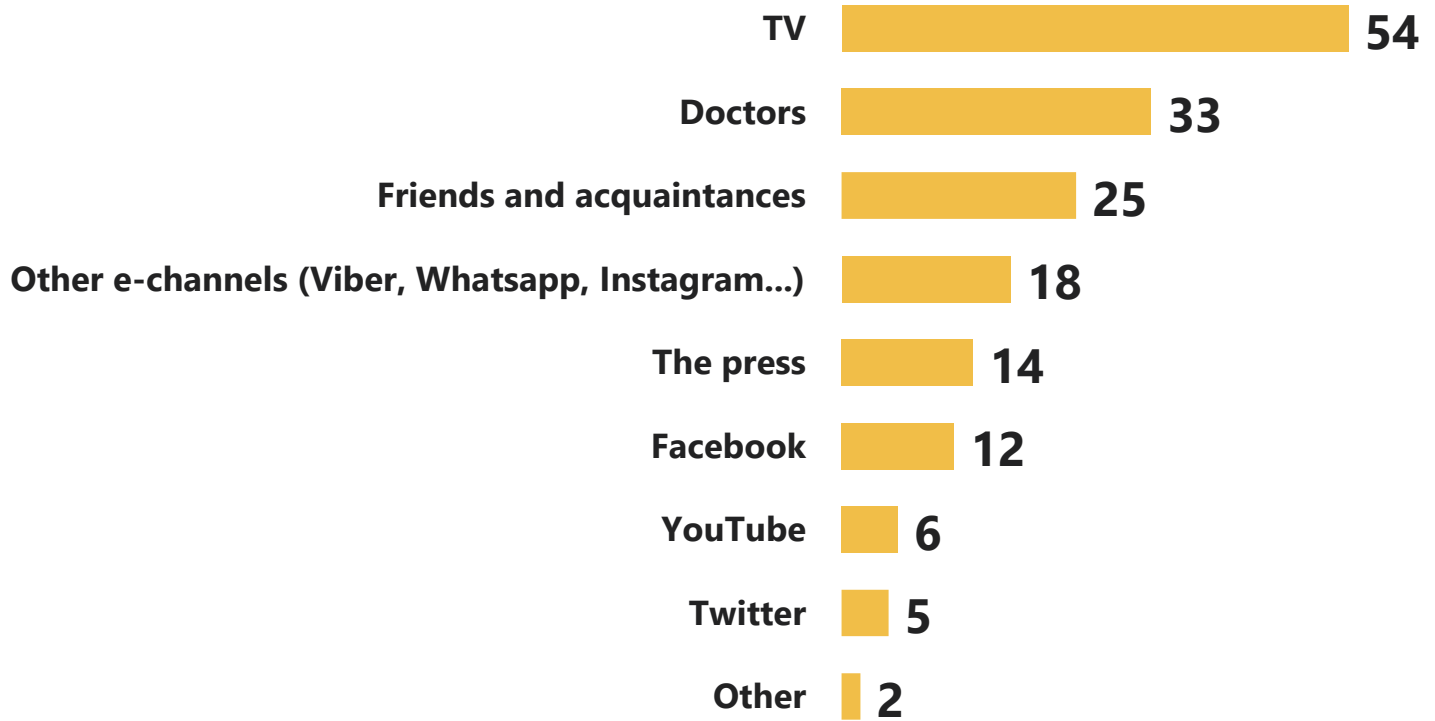
Which media are your main sources of information about coronavirus and vaccination. Is it...?

Base: Total target population, N=830

MOST COMMON SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT VACCINATION

Similar to the way citizens become informed about coronavirus, TV is the key source of information about vaccination. This source is followed by the information coming directly from doctors, friends and acquaintances. Social media and the press are considered to be less important sources of information.

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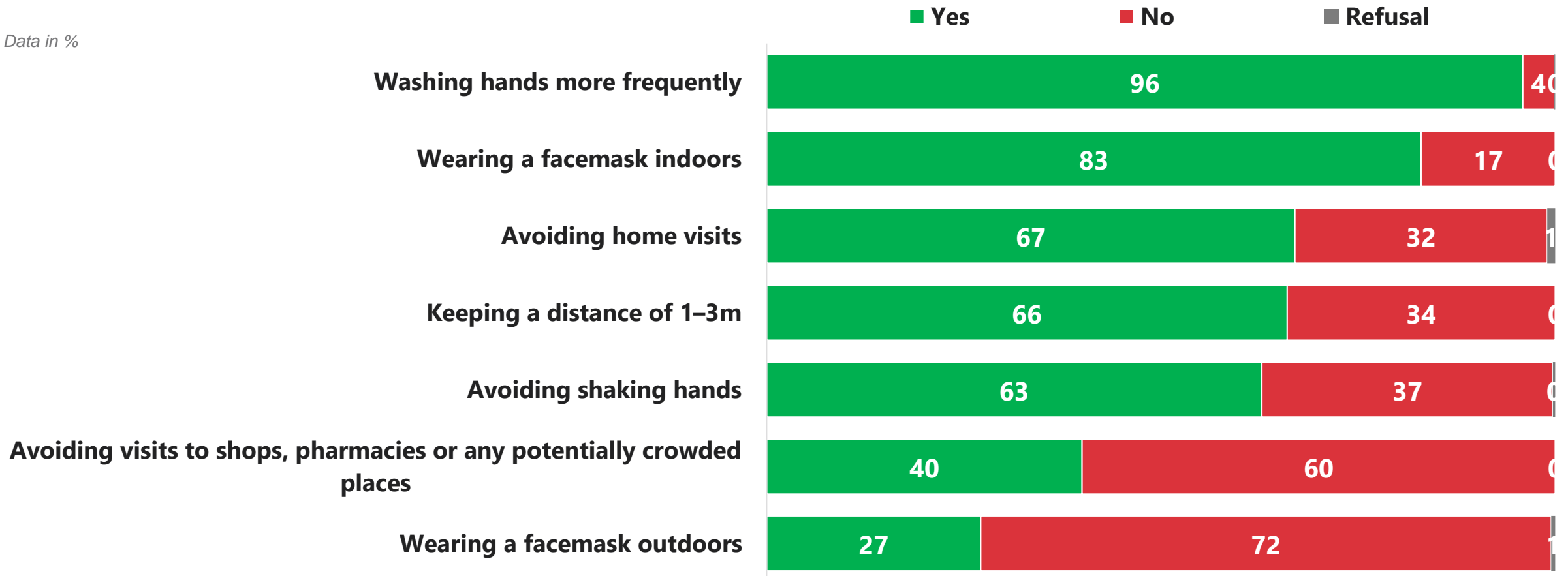


How do you get informed about vaccination?
Multiple; Base: Total target population, N=830

IMPLEMENTATION OF PREVENTIVE MEASURES AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

Many citizens of Montenegro wash their hands more frequently, as the most widespread method of protection against the coronavirus. Four out of five citizens wear facemasks indoors. More than three-fifths of citizens avoid home visits, they keep a distance of 1–3m and avoid shaking hands. On the other hand, more than three-fifths of citizens don't avoid potentially crowded places, and seven out of 10 don't wear facemasks outdoors.

Data in %




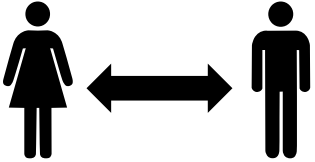





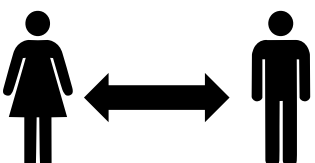







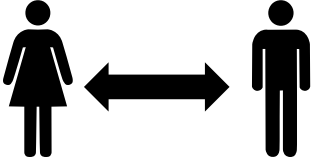







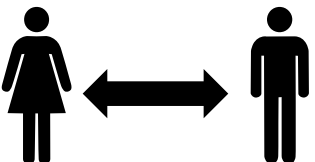






Which of the following measures are you implementing CURRENTLY as protection against coronavirus?

Base: Total target population, N=830

PERSONAL IMPLEMENTATION OF PREVENTIVE MEASURES...

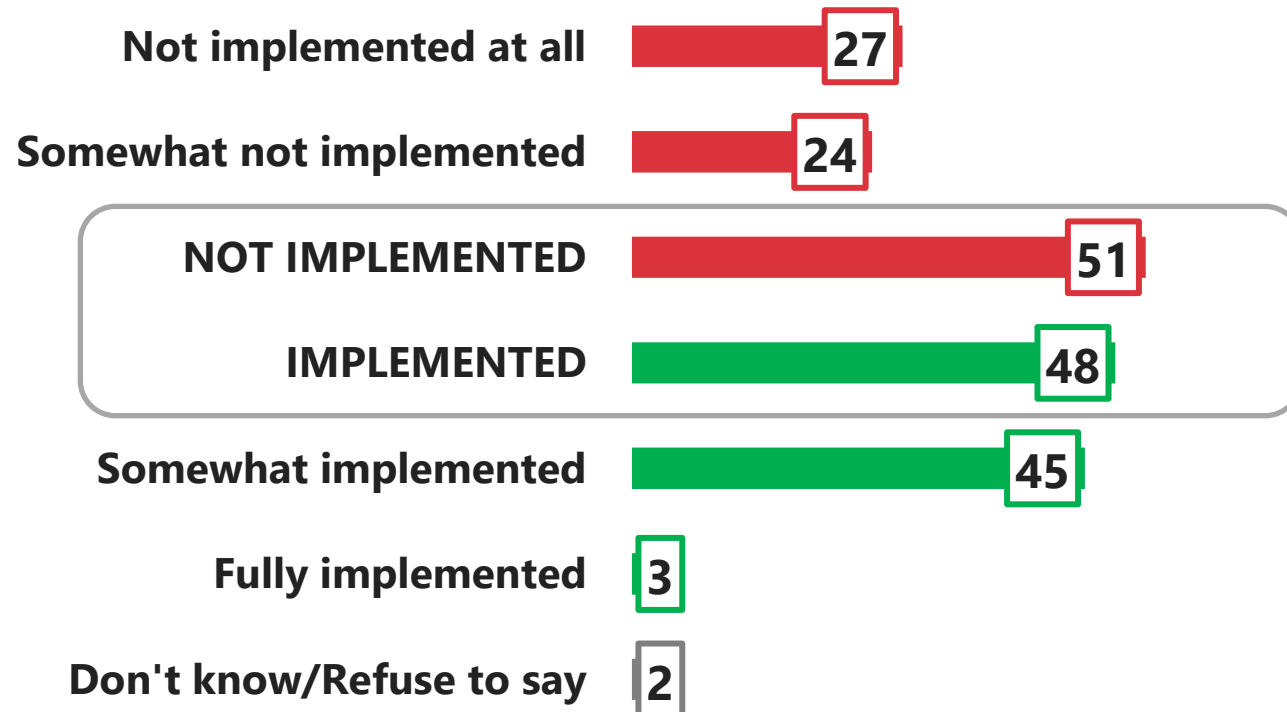
In order to be protected from coronavirus, one-fifth of the citizens of Montenegro wash their hands more often, wear a facemask indoors and outdoors and keep a distance of 1 to 3 m, while one-third of citizens wash their hands more often, wear a facemask indoors, keep a distance of 1 to 3m, but don't wear a facemask outdoors.

More frequent handwashing	Keeping a distance of 1-3 m	Wearing a facemask indoors	Wearing a facemask outdoors	
 	 	 	 	22%
 	 	 	 	35%
 	 	 	 	23%
 	 	 	 	2%

THE EXTENT TO WHICH CITIZENS IMPLEMENT THE MEASURES...

The citizens of Montenegro are divided into two groups of similar sizes, which have confronting opinions about implementation of the measures. Although the difference in the sizes of these groups is small, and in favour of those who believe that the measures are not being implemented, this group mainly consists of those who believe that measures are not being implemented at all. On the other hand, there are very few who believe that the citizens of Montenegro are implementing the measures fully.

Data in %



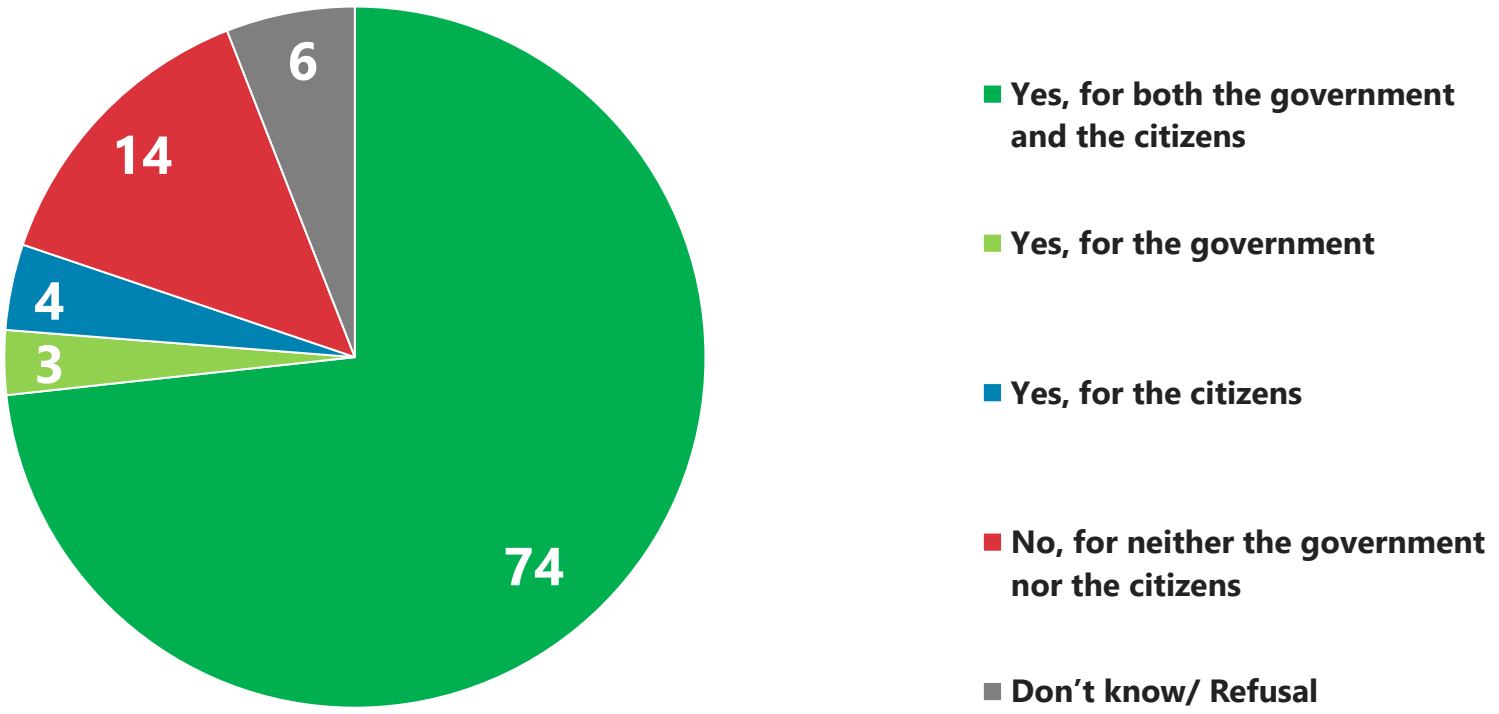
How much do you think citizens are implementing the measures AT THE MOMENT?

Base: Total target population, N=830

SHOULD VACCINATION BE THE PRIORITY FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND FOR CITIZENS?

Almost three-quarters of the citizens of Montenegro believe that vaccination is the priority, both for the Government of Montenegro and its citizens. Somewhat more than one out of 10 citizens disagree.

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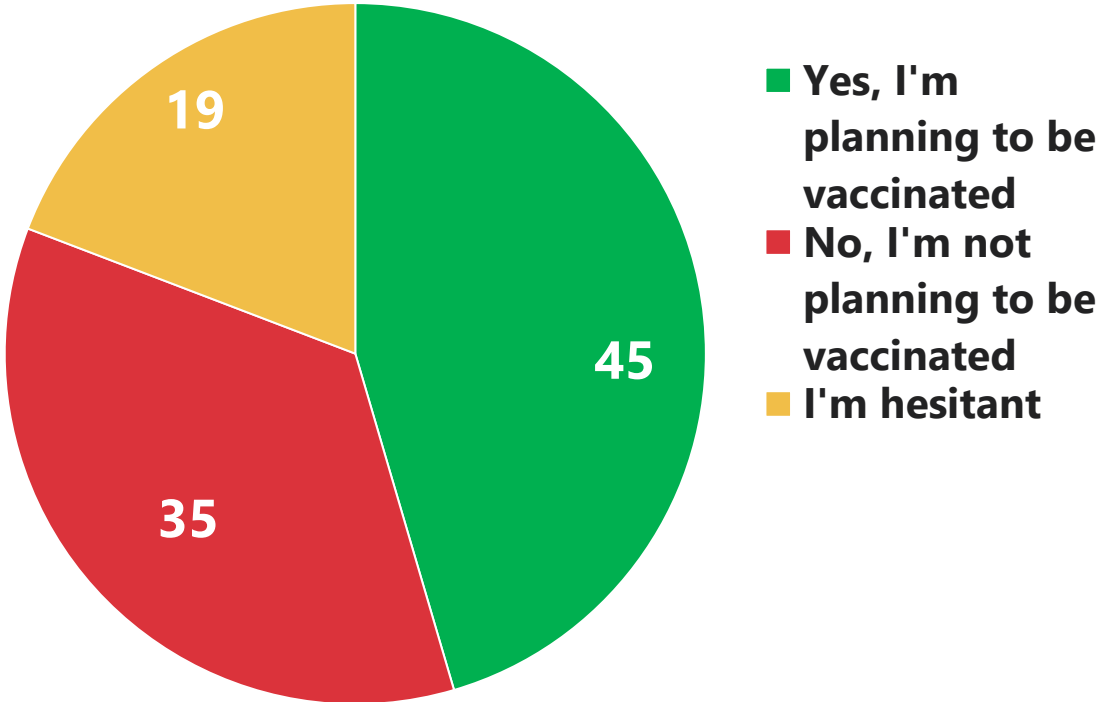
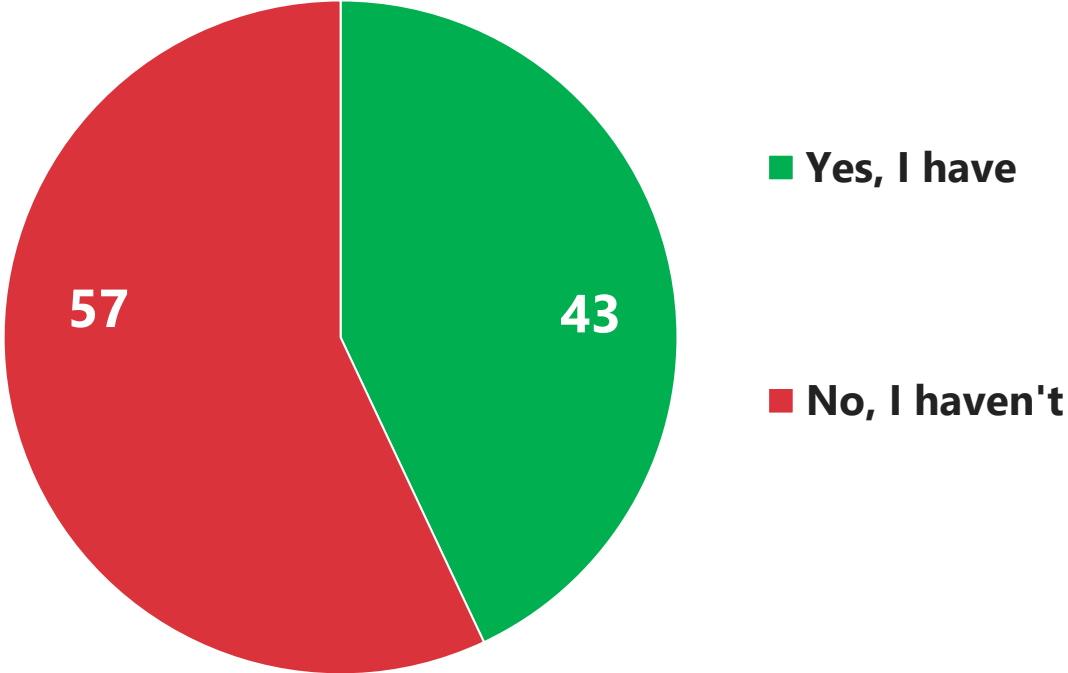


Do you think that vaccination against COVID-19 should be the priority for the government and the citizens?
Base: Total target population, N=830

HAVE YOU BEEN VACCINATED AGAINST CORONAVIRUS?

Two-fifths of citizens say that they have been vaccinated. As for the non-vaccinated, somewhat less than half of them do plan to get vaccinated, one-third of this group do not plan to, and one in five members of this group are hesitant about vaccination.

Data in %



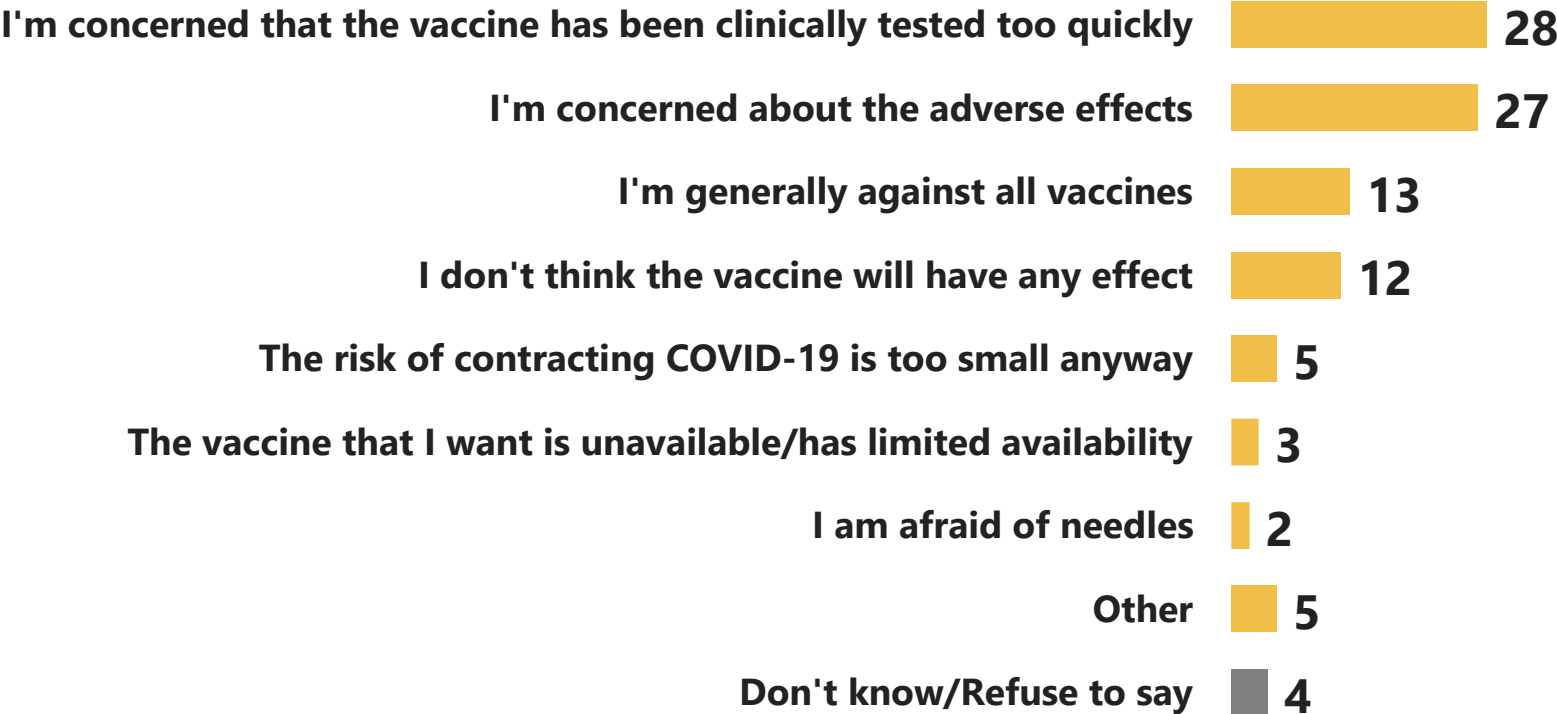
Have you been vaccinated against COVID-19?
Base: Total target population, N=830

Would you get vaccinated against coronavirus?
Base: citizens who haven't been vaccinated (57% of target population)

THE MOST IMPORTANT REASON WHY THEY WOULDN'T WANT TO GET VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19

Not enough time for clinical research and concern about adverse effects of vaccines are the key reasons for not wanting to be vaccinated or for being hesitant. After that comes general opposition to vaccines and lack of confidence in their efficacy.

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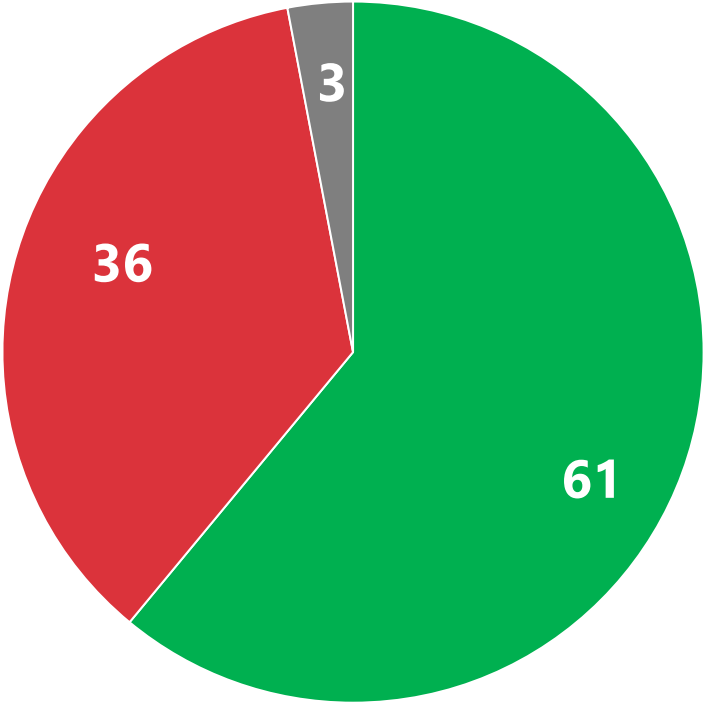


What is the key reason why you wouldn't want to get vaccinated against coronavirus or why you are hesitant about it?
Base: Those who wouldn't want to be vaccinated or who are hesitant (31% of target population)

STATEMENT THAT THEY AGREE WITH MORE...

Three-fifths of citizens believe that vaccination against coronavirus is a matter of personal choice. Somewhat more than one-third of citizens disagree and believe that it is rather a matter of collective responsibility.

Data in %



- Vaccination against coronavirus is a matter of personal choice
- Vaccination against coronavirus is a part of collective responsibility and everyone's duty to protect the health of others
- Don't know/Refuse to say

Which of these two statements do you agree more with?
Base: Total target population, N=830

AGREEMENT WITH STATEMENTS...

Eight out of 10 citizens of Montenegro consider vaccines one of the best medical inventions and achievements and they recognize their benefits. One-third of citizens believe that vaccines should be avoided because they may trigger other diseases and have adverse effects.

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- 2 – I mainly disagree
- 3 – I mainly agree

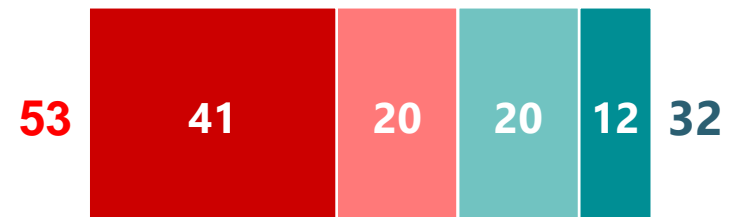
- 1 – I completely disagree
- 4 – I completely agree

I DISAGREE (1+2)
I AGREE (3+4)

Vaccines are one of the best medical inventions and many infectious diseases have been eradicated due to them



Vaccines should be avoided because they may trigger other diseases and have adverse effects



How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Base: Total target population, N=830

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