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# 2nd Survey on COVID-19 impact on statistical operations

Results of the section on Household  
Surveys

May 2020

# Background

On April 24, 2020, the Statistics Division sent to all the authorities of the National Statistical Offices and Central Banks of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and member states of ECLAC a 2nd quick survey to evaluate the effects that the COVID-19 pandemic is having on official statistical production. Social and economic statistics were addressed.

In this presentation the results corresponding to the questionnaire on Household Surveys are disclosed.

# Institutions that answered the survey

18 National Statistical Offices and 1 Central Bank answered the survey :

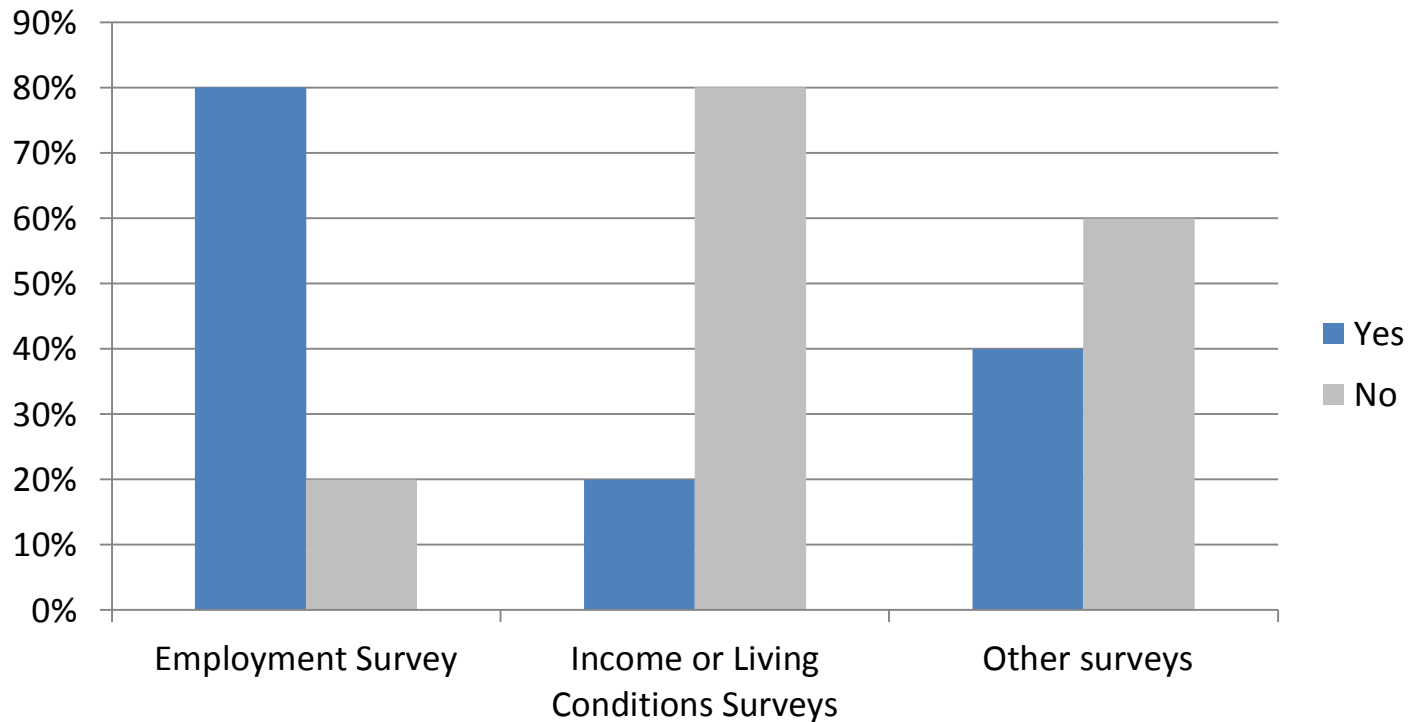
1. Antigua and Barbuda
2. Argentina
3. Canada
4. Chile
5. Colombia
6. Costa Rica
7. Cuba
8. El Salvador
9. France
10. Grenada
11. Guatemala
12. Italy
13. Mexico
14. Nicaragua
15. Paraguay
16. Peru
17. Dominican Republic
18. Dominican Republic (Central Bank)
19. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

# Results for Latin America and the Caribbean

# Main results

- Most of the countries (80%) planned to carry out employment surveys between March and April.
  - March:
    - 58.3% had to collect all or part of the information by telephone or web. Meanwhile, the rest made no changes (33.3%) or had to suspend the survey (8.3%).
    - Most continued to use the intended sample (58.3%), and 75% made no changes to the questionnaire.
  - April:
    - 75% had to collect all or part of the information by telephone or web.
    - While 36.3% continued to use the intended sample, the rest made some changes to the household sample: 27.3% used a panel sample from a previous period; while 36.4% used other alternatives.
    - Although 45% did not make changes to the questionnaire, the rest had to resort to strategies such as shortening the number of questions; introducing new ones; changes to alternatives to existing questions; among others.

During the months of **March and April of 2020**, have you originally planned the collection of any of the following household surveys?

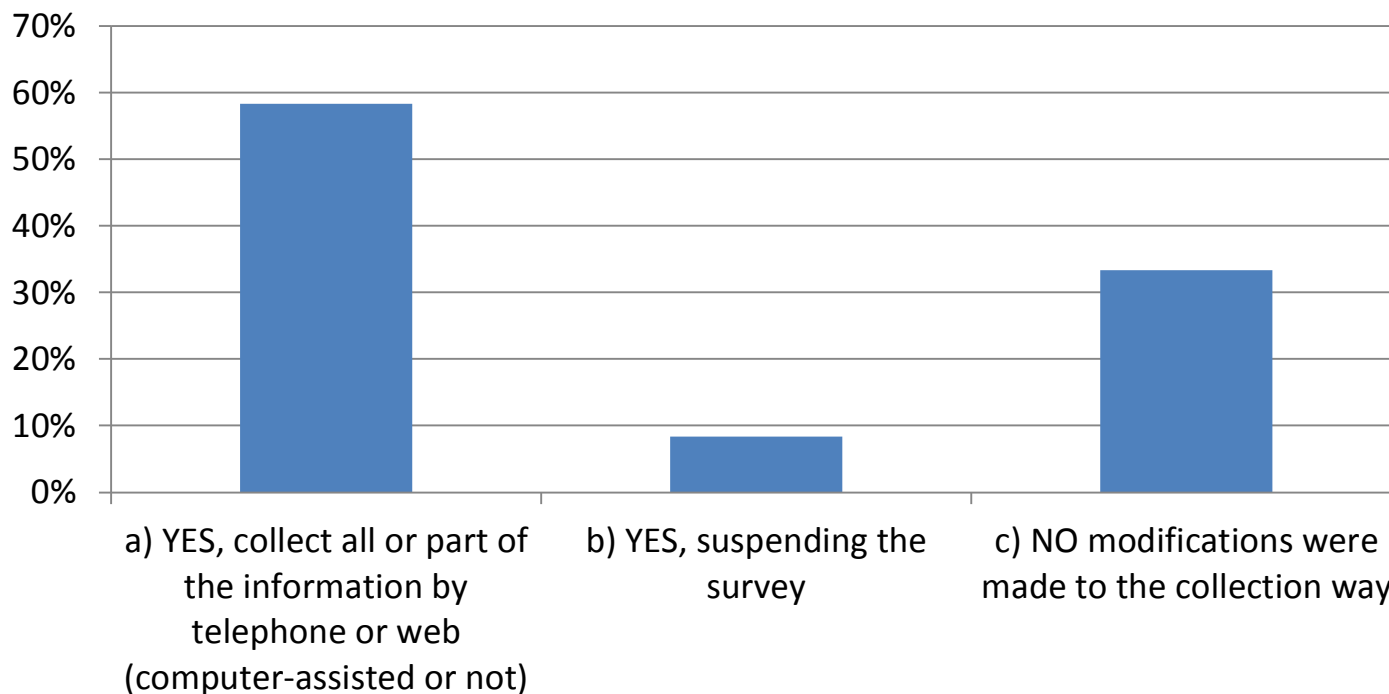


\* n=15 countries

# For employment surveys (or modules)

March 2020

Did you have to make any modifications to the form of collection due to COVID-19?

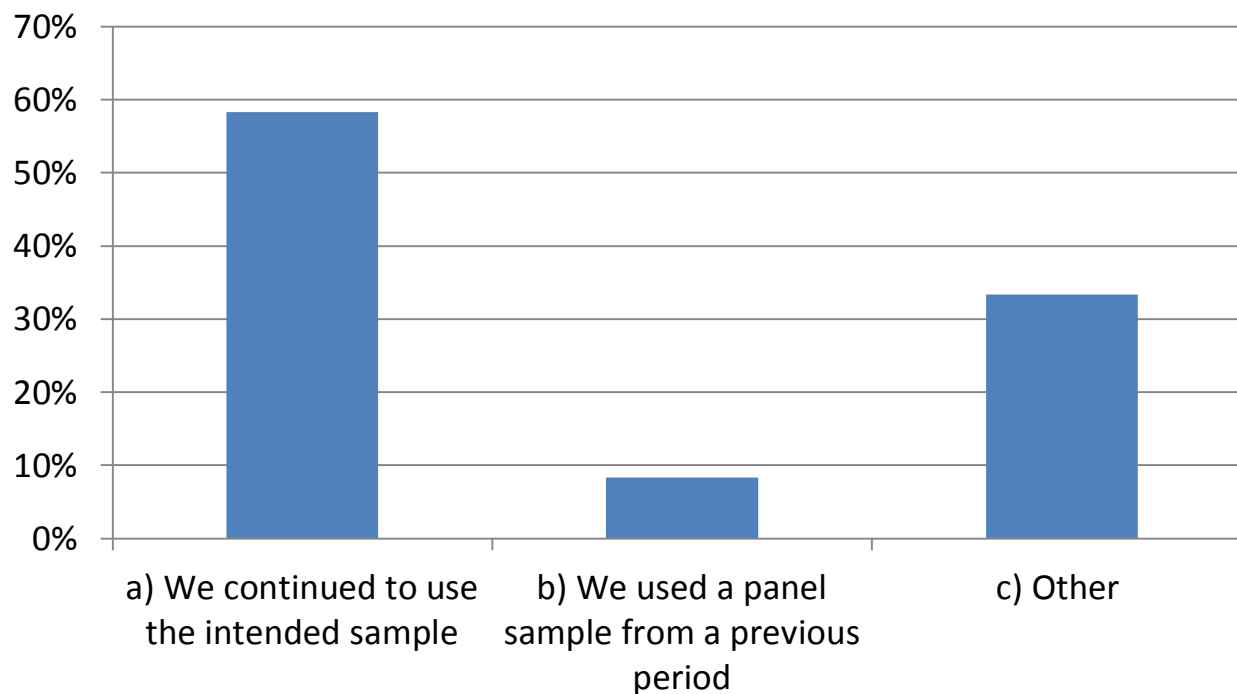


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# For employment surveys (or modules)

## March 2020

Please indicate if you made any of the following changes to the household sample



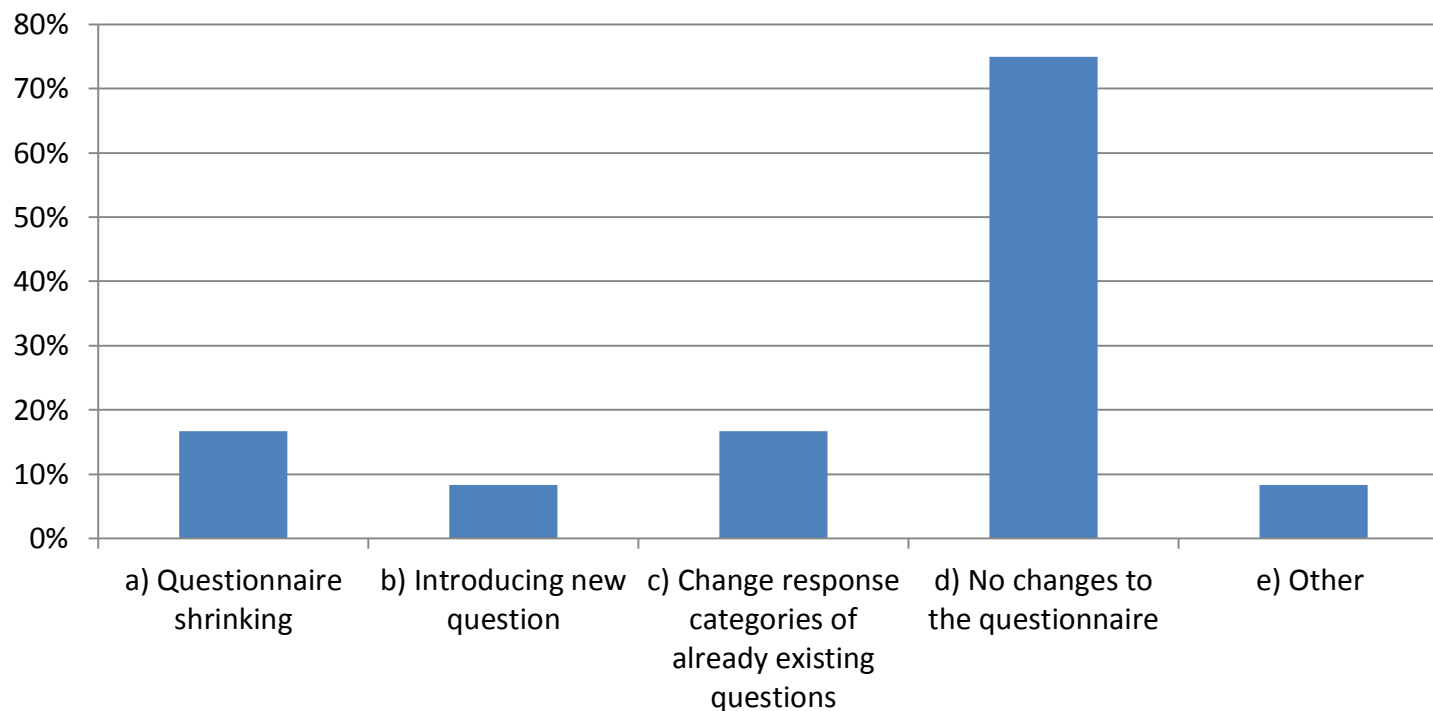
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March 2020

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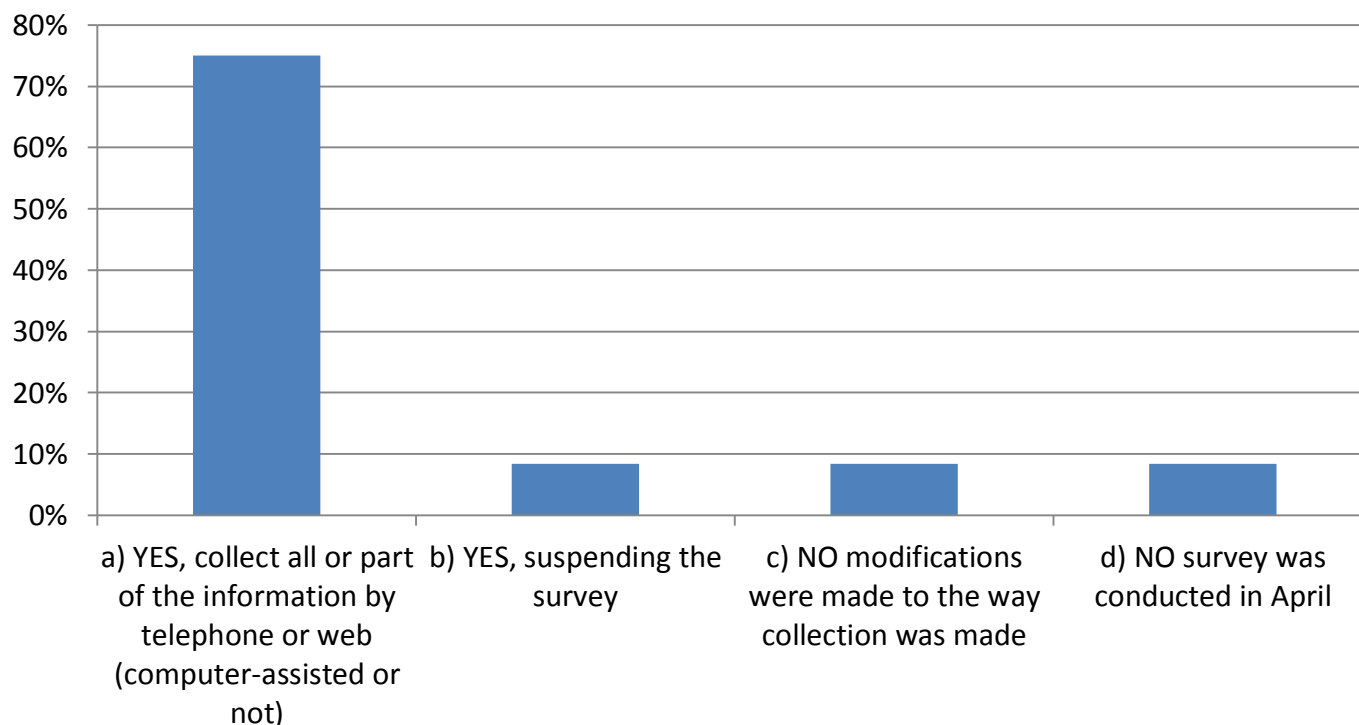
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\*\* Multiple choice question

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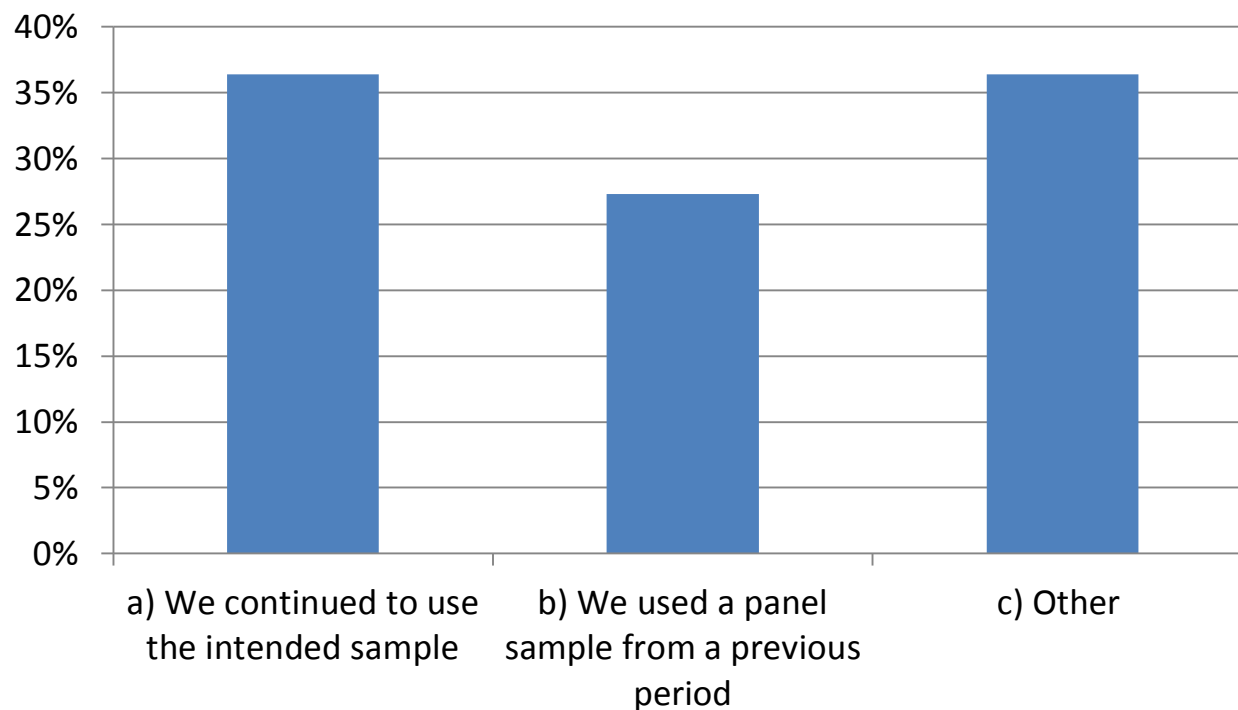


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# For employment surveys (or modules)

April 2020

Please indicate if you made any of the following changes to the household sample



\* n=11 countries

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April 2020

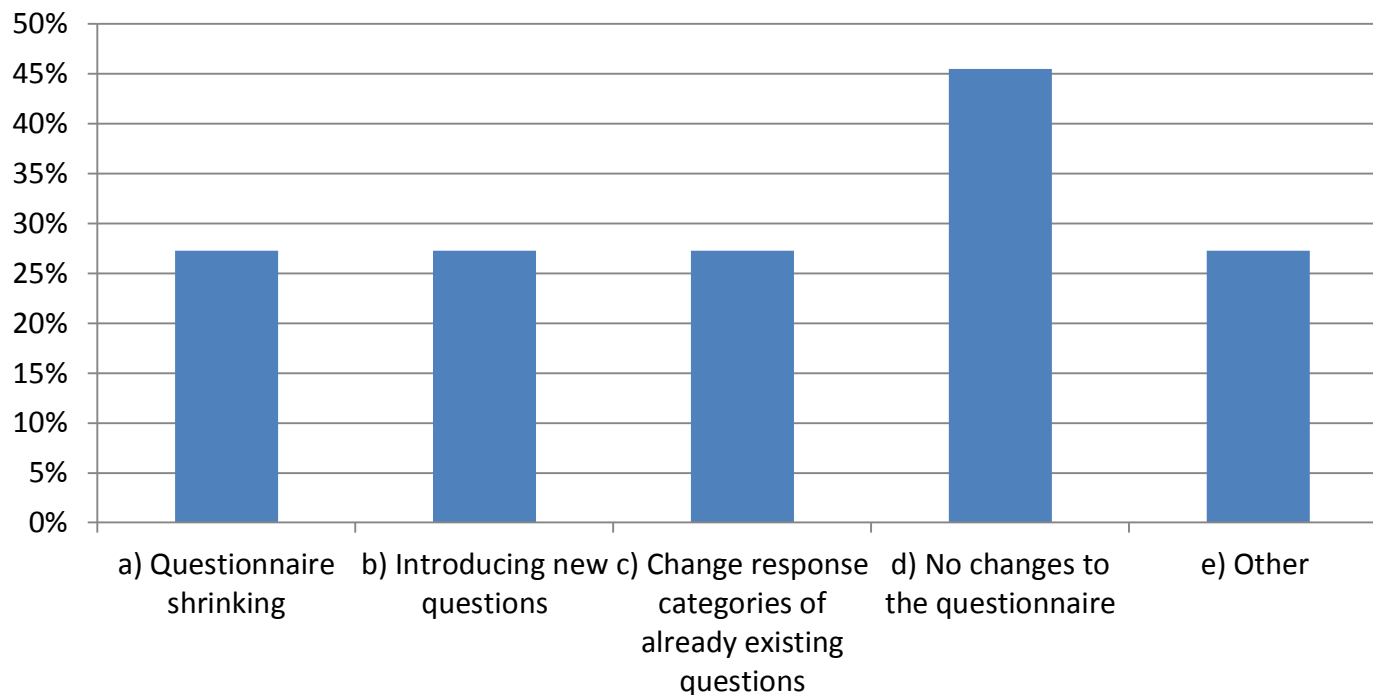
## Other changes made in the sample of households:

- «The planned sample of dwellings was partially used, selecting those for which a telephone number was available».
- «It is being planned to make adjustments to the expansion factors because fewer surveys will be obtained than initially planned, but enough to have representativeness at the national and departmental levels».
- «If the expected sample has low yields, some of the surveys carried out in that same area in previous periods are taken to contact that household and obtain the number of effective houses needed».
- «It is carried out: 75% of the panel sample of the houses that provided the telephone, and 15% that rotated in the quarter to analyze. The response of the interviewee is between 87% to 89%. The sample is divided into 1 replicates. The survey is a continuous flow and updates 15% of new homes every quarter, and 15% of homes that have completed 1 visit go out or rotate. 75% is maintained (1 aftershocks), under a dynamic flow».

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April 2020

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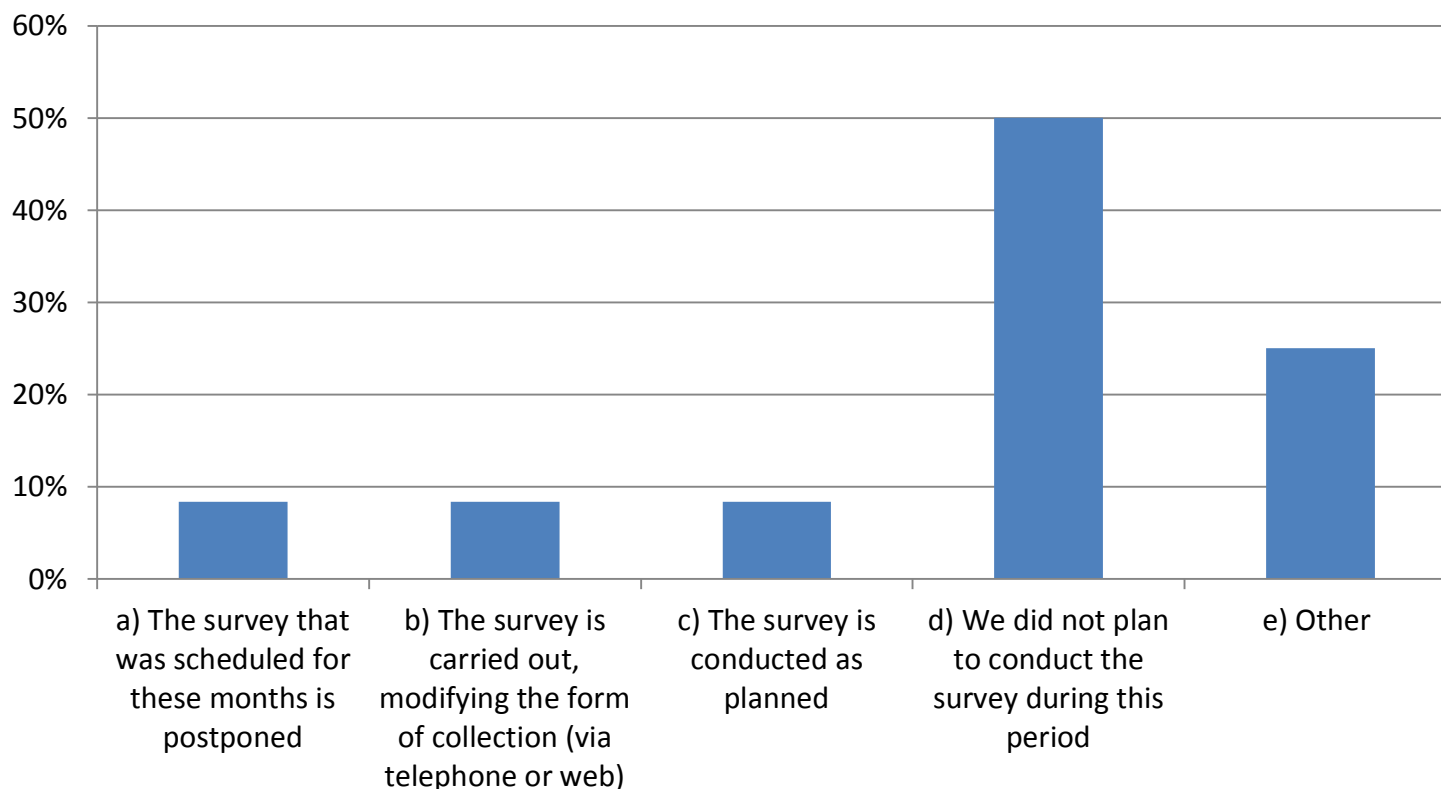


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# For household surveys regarding income and living conditions

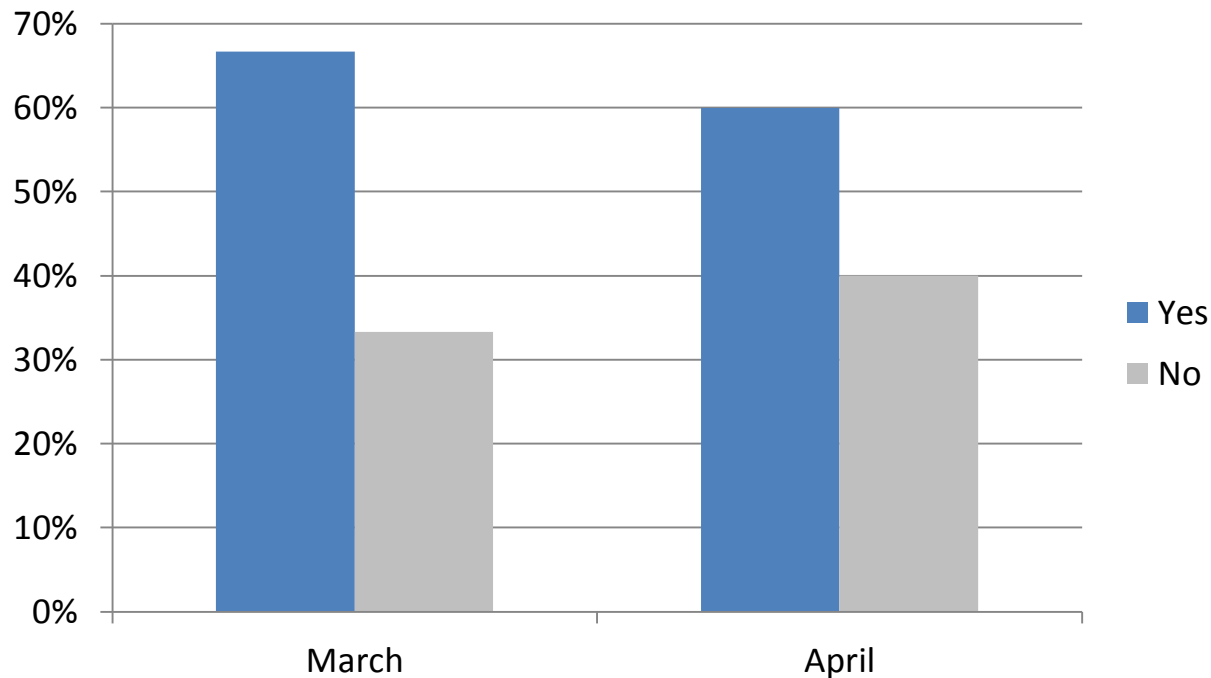
What is the current status of the survey due to COVID-19?



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# Publication of official statistics

Do you plan to publish employment statistics or other statistics based on surveys for the months of **March and April 2020**?



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# COVID-19 and effects on statistical production: Towards a global harmonized survey

A new questionnaire, prepared by the United Nations Statistics Division and the World Bank, in collaboration with the United Nations Regional Commissions, is expected to update this information in the coming months.

The new questionnaire, aimed at monitoring the impact of the pandemic in the National Statistical Offices and knowing the data needs in this new context, will allow continuity to the monitoring carried out so far by ECLAC, through a single and harmonized instrument at the world level.



We appreciate the participation of the National  
Statistical Offices and Central Banks in  
responding to this questionnaire