

# COVID-19 Georgia High Frequency Survey (GHFS) Wave 2, 2021

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## 1. COVER: HOUSEHOLD IDENTIFICATION

Name

Code

1. What is your name?

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2. What region do you live in?

Adjara	1	→3
Guria	2	
Samegrelo/Zemo Svaneti	3	
Racha-Lechkhumi	4	
Imereti	5	
Mtskheta-Mtianeti	6	
Shida Kartli	7	
Kvemo Kartli	8	
Samtskhe Javakheti	9	
Kakheti	10	
Tbilisi	11	→4

3. Do you live in a rural or urban area?

Urban	1
Town	2
Rural	3

4. Interviewer: record respondent's sex by voice. If it is not possible to determine, ask: Are you a man or a woman?

Male .....1

Female....2

5. What is your [respondent's] age? [If a person is less than 18, say goodbye and finish the interview.]

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## 2. Household Demographics

6. How many adults aged 65 or older including you live in the household?

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DK

RA

7. How many adults aged 18 -64 including you live in the household in total?

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DK

RA

8. How many children in the age group 7-17 live in the household in total?

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DK

RA

9. How many children 6 years old or younger live in the household in total?

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DK

RA

10. Are the adults in your household only men, men and women, or only women?

Only men	1
Men and women	0
Only women	2
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

11. What is the highest level of education completed within your household?

1. Do not have primary education
2. Primary education
3. Lower secondary education
4. Upper secondary education
5. Secondary technical/Vocational education
6. Currently studying for BA, Bachelor or equivalent
7. Master, 5-year diploma, Doctor or equivalent
- 1 DK
- 2. RA

11.b. What is your educational attainment?

1. Do not have primary education
2. Primary education
3. Lower secondary education
4. Upper secondary education
5. Secondary technical/Vocational education
6. Currently studying for BA, Bachelor or equivalent
7. Master, 5-year diploma, Doctor or equivalent
- 2. RA

### 3. Assets and Access to Internet

12. Does your household have access to internet at your home?

Yes	1
No	0
DK	-1
RA	-2

13. In the last week, were you or any member of your HH able to use internet services?

Yes	1	
No	0	
DK	-1	
RA	-2	

14. Now I'm going to list several household items. Please consider only those items which are owned by your household and are in working condition. Please tell me whether your household owns...

		Yes	No	(Don't know)	(Refuse to answer)
1	Fridge	1	0	-1	-2
2	Color TV	1	0	-1	-2
3	A smartphone	1	0	-1	-2
4	Tablet computer	1	0	-1	-2
5	Automobile	1	0	-1	-2
6	AC	1	0	-1	-2
7	Automatic washing machine	1	0	-1	-2
8	Computer (including laptop)	1	0	-1	-2
9	Hot water	1	0	-1	-2
10	Central heating	1	0	-1	-2

#### 4. Prevalence of COVID-19

15. Have you or a family member been diagnosed with Coronavirus?

Yes	1
No	0
Was not tested but suspect me or my family member(s) had it due to many symptoms common to COVID-19.	2
(Don't know)	-1
(Refuse to answer)	-2

## 5. Distance Learning

16. Before schools closed in [March 2020], how many children in your household were attending school, between 1<sup>st</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade?

Number of Children (1 <sup>st</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade)	0	
	1	
	2	
	3	
	4 or more	
(Don't know)	-1	
(Refuse to answer)	-2	

16.b. In your family, how many children started 1<sup>st</sup> grade in September 2020?

Number of Children (1 <sup>st</sup> Grade)	0	If 16 = 0/-1/-2 go to 21 If 16 =1,2,3,4, go to 16.c
	1	Go to 16.c
	2	
	3	
	4 or more	
(Don't know)	-1	If 16 = 0/-1/-2 go to 21
(Refuse to answer)	-2	If 16 =1,2,3,4, go to 16.c

16.c. Can you please tell me the gender of the [CHILD Number]?

	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4
Male	1	1	1	1
Female	2	2	2	2
(Don't know)	-1	-1	-1	-1
(Refuse to answer)	-2	-2	-2	-2

17. Before school closed in [March 2020], what grade was the [CHILD number] studying in?

	Child 1	Child 2	Child 3	Child 4
In kindergarten, going to start 1 <sup>st</sup> grade from September 2020	0	0	0	0
Primary school (Grades 1-5)	1	1	1	1
Lower Secondary school (Grades 6-8)	2	2	2	2
Higher Secondary school (Grades 9-12)	3	3	3	3
(Don't know)	-1	-1	-1	-1
(Refuse to answer)	-2	-2	-2	-2

18. Is Child Number] engaged in any education or learning activities now?

Yes...1 Go to 19				
No...0 Go to 21				
(Don't know)... -1				
(Refuse to answer)... -2				

19. In what types of education or learning activities is the [Child number] engaged in now? Are they engaged in...

Yes ...1

No ... 0

Don't' know ... -1

Refuse to answer ... -2

Online virtual class with school teachers ...1				
Face-to-face class at school ...2				
Completed printed assignments ...3				
Completed online assignments....4				
Watched lessons pre-recorded by his or her teacher online				
Watched or listened to educational programs via TV/Radio				
Other (Specify_____)				
(None)				

20. What have been the largest challenges with online education for the children in your household?  
Choose all that apply.[CORRESPOND]

We do not have internet access	1
Our internet access is unstable	2
We did not know that online classes and online learning materials were provided	3
The teachers are unprepared to teach online	4
My child has trouble staying focused during online classes	5
My child is not familiar with how to use a computer	6
I do not have the time to help them access the materials	7
They are unwilling to use the materials even though they are available	8
Not enough computers or devices with internet connection	9
Lack of physical activity	10
Other (Specify_____)	11
(No Challenge)	0
(Don't know)	-1
(Refuse to answer)	-2

## 6. Employment Dynamics

21. Before March 2020, were you doing any work for pay, doing any kind of business, farming or other activity to generate income, even if only for one hour in a normal week?

Yes	1	Go to 22
No	0	Go to 24
DK	-1	
RA	-2	

22. What was the type of employment in the job you worked before [March 2020]? Were you a....?  
[READ OUT]

Government employee	1
Private sector employee	2
Self-employed	3
Employer	4
or something else? (specify)	96
DK	-1
RA	-2

23. What is the main activity of the business or organization in which you were working in your main job before [March 2020]? [Correspond]

AGRICULTURE, HUNTING, FISHING	1
MINING	2
INDUSTRY/ MANUFACTURING	3
CONSTRUCTION	4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL (COMMERCE)	5
TRANSPORT SERVICES (taxi, bus, truck, etc.)	6
COMMUNICATIONS	7
RESTAURANTS, HOTELS, BARS, CAFES, TOURISM-RELATED	8
PERSONAL SERVICES (BEAUTY SALONS, HAIRDRESSERS, BARBERS, ETC.)	9
PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES	10
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (GOVERNMENT)	11
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, EDUCATION, HEALTH, CULTURE, SPORTS, DOMESTIC WORK	12
Financial intermediation including banking; and real estate, renting, and other business activities	13
OTHER SERVICES (specify)	14
Don't know	-1
Refuse to answer	-2



24. Last week, did you do any work for pay, do any kind of business, farming or other activity to generate income, even if only for one hour?

Yes	1	→ 25
No	0	→ 26
DK	-1	
RA	-2	

[question 25 should be asked to the respondents who answered that they were working before march and last week. q21=1 & q24=1]

25. Was this the same job as you had before March 2020 or did you switch jobs?

Same	1	→ 29
Switched	2	→ 27
DK	-1	
RA	-2	

[question 26 should be asked to the respondents who answered that they were working before march but did not do any work for pay last week. q21=1 & q24=0]

26. Why did you stop working? [Correspond]

CASUAL WORKER	1	Go to 31
CONTRACT ENDED/FIRED for reason unrelated to COVID-19	2	
LOST JOB/NO BUSINESS BECAUSE OF COVID-19	3	
TEMPORARILY ABSENT	4	
RETIRED	5	
ILL	6	
NEED TO CARE FOR ILL FAMILY	7	
NEED TO CARE FOR CHILDREN OR ELDERLY (INCLUDING HOME-SCHOOLING CHILDREN)	8	
LACK OF TRANSPORTATION	8	
DON'T WANT TO BE EXPOSED TO THE VIRUS	9	
OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	10	
Don't know	-1	
Refuse to answer	-2	

→ Go to 29, Household income

[questions 27 and 28 should be asked to the respondents only if (q21=1 & q24=1 & q25=2) or (q21=0 & q24=1)]

27. What is the main activity of the business or organization in which you were working last week?

[Correspond]

AGRICULTURE, HUNTING, FISHING	1
MINING	2
INDUSTRY/ MANUFACTURING	3
CONSTRUCTION	4
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL (COMMERCE)	5
TRANSPORT SERVICES (taxi, bus, truck, etc.)	6
COMMUNICATIONS	7
RESTAURANTS, HOTELS, BARS, CAFES, TOURISM-RELATED	8
PERSONAL SERVICES (BEAUTY SALONS, HAIRDRESSERS, BARBERS, ETC.)	9
PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES	10
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (GOVERNMENT)	11
PERSONAL SERVICES, EDUCATION, HEALTH, CULTURE, SPORTS, DOMESTIC WORK	12
Financial intermediation including banking; and real estate, renting, and other business activities	13
OTHER SERVICES (specify)	14
Don't know	-1
Refuse to answer	-2

28. In your main work last week, what was the type of employment? Were you a....? [READ OUT]

Government employee	1
Private sector employee	2
Self-employed	3
Employer	4
or something else? (specify)	96
DK	-1
RA	-2

## 7. Income

29. Household income is the total income of what all household members earn and receive from other sources, including pensions, remittances, and other government assistance. Please tell me, after taxes, what was your household's monthly income in GEL before the Coronavirus [in February 2020]?

[INTERVIEWER: WRITE DOWN THE NUMBER RESPONDENT SAYS. IF THE RESPONDENT DOES NOT KNOW, ASK FOR AN ESTIMATED AMOUNT. ]

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(Don't know)	-1
(Refuse to answer)	-2

30. Household income is the total income of what all household members earn and receive from other sources, including pensions, remittances, and other government assistance. Please tell me, after taxes, what was your household's monthly income in GEL last month [December 2020]?

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(Don't know)	-1
(Refuse to answer)	-2

## 8. Food Security

31. Speaking about the last month, how often did you not have enough money to buy the food you or your family needed? Was it... [INTERVIEWER: READ]

Every day	1
Several times a week	2
Once a week	3
Less often	4
Or Never?	5
(Don't know)	-1
(Refuse to answer)	-2

## 9. Shocks and Coping Strategies

I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU ABOUT EVENTS THAT MAY HAVE AFFECTED YOUR HOUSEHOLD SINCE March.

32. Has your household been affected by [SHOCK] since [March 2020] due to COVID-19?

		Yes → next shock	No → Next shock	DK → Next shock	RA → Next shock	If yes to any, go to 33. If no/dk/r a to all go to 34
1	Decrease in income from JOB LOSS or CLOSURE of Business	1	0	-1	-2	
2	Decrease in income from reduction in WORKING HOURS	1	0	-1	-2	
3	Decrease in income from LOSS OF HARVEST	1	0	-1	-2	
4	Reduction of sales of products that were not from a family or businesses' own agricultural production	1	0	-1	-2	
5	Decrease in income from reduction in REMITTANCES	1	0	-1	-2	
6	ILLNESS, injury, or death of income earning member of household	1	0	-1	-2	
7	Any other shock (specify)	1	0	-1	-2	

33. How did your household cope with the [shock]? [CORRESPOND, accept all]

Sale of ASSETS	1
Engaged in additional income generating activities	2
Received assistance from Friends & family	3
Borrowed from friends & family	4

Took a loan from a financial institution	5
Credited purchases	6
Delayed payment obligations	7
Sold harvest in advance	8
Reduced food consumption	9
Reduced non-food Consumption	10
Relied on savings	11
Received assistance from government	12
Took advanced payment from employer	13
Was covered by insurance policy	14
Did nothing	15
Don't know	-1
Refuse to answer	-2

34. Since [MARCH 2020], has any member of your household received any type of assistance to reduce hardship due to COVID-19?

Yes	1	→35
No	0	→35.a_remittances.
DK	-1	
RA	-2	

35. Did you receive...?

		Yes	No	DK	RA
1	Monthly allowance of GEL 200 for six months because of a lost job?	1	0	-1	-2
2	Income tax exemptions?	1	0	-1	-2
3	One-time payment of GEL 300 for self-employed people who lost income?	1	0	-1	-2
4	GEL 200 payment for school supplies/ children?	1	0	-1	-2
5	Increase in monthly social vulnerability status or other status (e.g. disability) payment	1	0	-1	-2
6	Loan (mortgages) subsidies?	1	0	-1	-2
7	Subsidies on utility payments?	1	0	-1	-2
8	Relief on loan payments?	1	0	-1	-2
9	One-time assistance of GEL 300, starting from December 2020	1	0	-1	-2
10	Another form of assistance (specify)?	1	0	-1	-2

## 10. Remittances

35.a\_remittances. Did your household receive any remittances from abroad before March 2020 (COVID-19 outbreak)?

Yes	1	→ 35.b
No	0	→ 36
DK	-1	
RA	-2	

35.b\_remittances. Has the amount of remittances, increased, stayed the same, or decreased?

Increased	2
Stayed the same	1
Decreased	0
DK	-1
RA	-2

## 11. Vaccine

36. If a Coronavirus vaccine becomes available in 6 months, would you want to receive it?

Yes	1	Go to 38
No	0	Go to 37
(Don't know)	-1	Go to 38
(Refuse to answer)	-2	

37. Why not? [INTERVIEWER! DO NOT READ OUT THE OPTIONS. CORRESPOND. ACCEPT ALL.]

Vaccines create larger health problems for the individual who receives them	1
Vaccines are not effective at treating diseases	2
The vaccine will not be thoroughly enough tested six months from now	3
the virus does not exist / or do not believe in its existence	4
Other (specify_____)	5
(Don't know)	-1
(Refuse to answer)	-2

## 12. Perception

38. How would you evaluate the current financial state of your household? Would you say it is...

Very good (no limitations on spending money),	1
Good, (we satisfy our daily material needs easily;)	2
Bad (our income is only enough for food;) or	3
Very bad (our income is not enough even for food.)	4
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2

39. What is your expectation about the change of financial state of your family in the next 12 months? Do you think it will be...

Improved very much	1
Improved slightly	2
Same as now	3
Worsened slightly	4
Worsened very much	5
<i>(Don't know)</i>	-1
<i>(Refuse to answer)</i>	-2