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In the data below, tabulations are sorted by “capital,” “countryside,” and “nationwide” when relevant.

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Director

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Economy

E1. Present economic situation in Mongolia is

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• very good	-	.3%	.2%
• good	6.2%	10.5%	8.5%
• not good, nor bad	49.3%	54.9%	52.3%
• bad	38.4%	29.2%	33.4%
• very bad	5.6%	4.0%	4.8%
(No answer)	-	-	-
(Don't know)	.5%	1.1%	.8%

E2. The economic situation is

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Improving	11.3%	17.4%	14.6%
• Stagnating	46.7%	45.5%	46.1%
• In decline	36.9%	32.6%	34.6%
(No answer)	.2%	.2%	.2%
(Don't know)	4.9%	4.3%	4.6%

E3. In five years the economic situation will be

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Much better	5.6%	8.0%	6.9%
• Slightly better	44.7%	44.5%	44.6%
• The same	19.1%	13.7%	16.2%
• Slightly worse	8.7%	6.5%	7.5%
• Much worse	3.3%	.5%	1.8%
(No answer)	.2%	1.1%	.7%
(Don't know)	18.4%	25.8%	22.4%

E4. Through recent development of the mining sector Mongolia has gained considerable wealth. How should this money be used?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
There should be increased social programs to give immediate relief to the poor	10.9%	11.7%	11.3%
There should be long-term social programs through more investment in education, health, etc.	41.5%	31.1%	35.8%
All citizen should equally benefit through direct disbursement	9.5%	15.8%	12.9%
Funds should be invested by the state to improve economic development	36.9%	40.0%	38.6%
(No answer)	-	-	-
(Don't know)	1.3%	1.4%	1.3%

E5. What should be the proportion of Mongolian and Foreign ownership in strategic mine deposits

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• 100% Mongolian	33.5%	41.8%	38.0%
• more than 51% Mongolian	54.9%	40.9%	47.3%
• Equal	7.6%	11.4%	9.7%
• more than 51% foreign	.9%	.2%	.5%
• 100% Foreign	-	.3%	.2%
(Don't know)	3.1%	5.4%	4.3%
(No answer)	.0%	.0%	.0%

E6. The ownership of Mongolian investment in strategic mine deposits should be

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Only state	43.8%	50.8%	47.6%
• Mixed	49.6%	42.5%	45.8%
• Only private business	2.4%	2.0%	2.2%
(Don't know)	4.0%	4.5%	4.3%
(No answer)	.2%	.3%	.3%

E7. In your opinion how strongly Mongolian citizen interest is represented in Erdenet?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Very strong	14.4%	13.4%	13.8%
• Strong	16.5%	19.4%	18.1%
• Little	37.6%	34.3%	35.8%
• Not at all	11.8%	10.3%	11.0%
(Don't know/ No answer)	19.6%	22.6%	21.3%

E8. In your opinion how strongly Mongolian citizen interest is represented in Oyu Tolgoy?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Very strong	8.0%	8.6%	8.3%
• Strong	14.5%	16.2%	15.4%
• Little	40.9%	38.3%	39.5%
• Not at all	23.5%	20.2%	21.7%
(Don't know/ No answer)	13.1%	16.8%	15.1%

E9. In your opinion how strongly Mongolian citizen interest is represented in Tavan Tolgoy?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Very strong	10.4%	14.6%	12.7%
• Strong	21.3%	27.4%	24.6%
• Little	44.2%	38.6%	41.2%
• Not at all	9.6%	4.6%	6.9%
(Don't know/ No answer)	14.5%	14.8%	14.7%

Governance

G1. How do you approve or disapprove the following statement: “In principal, you can trust that the government is doing the right things for citizens”?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Fully approve	15.5%	28.8%	22.7%
• Rather approve	50.5%	48.9%	49.7%
• Rather disapprove	23.6%	13.1%	17.9%
• Totally disapprove	9.1%	7.4%	8.2%
• (No answer)	-	.2%	.1%
• (Don't know)	1.3%	1.7%	1.5%

G2. Satisfaction with Government

	Nationwide
very satisfied	27.0%
fairly satisfied	48.3%
rather not satisfied	15.0%
totally unsatisfied	7.7%
(No answer)	.1%
(Don't know)	1.9%

G3. Satisfaction with Opposition

	Nationwide
very satisfied	5.9%
fairly satisfied	30.1%
rather not satisfied	22.8%
totally unsatisfied	21.2%
(No answer)	1.6%
(Don't know)	18.4%

G4. Rating of socio-political or economic problems in Mongolia today(nationwide)

1.	Unemployment	33.8%
2.	Standard of living\ poverty\ income	13.1%
3.	Health (COVID-19)	9.3%
4.	Corruption	7.3%
5.	Economy\ manufacturing	7.2%
6.	Price increase\ Inflation	7.0%
7.	Education	6.3%
8.	Law enforcement	4.5%
9.	State administration/Government policy	3.6%
10.	Social Justice	3.4%

G5. How often do you feel that government policies fail to solve the most important problem you named (in reference to the question above)?"

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Always	39.6%	38.9%	39.3%
• Often	26.0%	19.8%	22.7%
• Sometimes	19.8%	28.6%	24.6%
• Seldom	6.9%	5.5%	6.2%
• Never	4.2%	3.5%	3.8%
(No answer)	-	.5%	.3%
(Don't know)	3.5%	3.1%	3.3%

G6. Which political party can best solve the problem (in reference to the question above)?

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G7. Problem solving capacity by major parties is ...

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G8. Which institution should play the leading role in solving this problem?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Government	50.4%	52.3%	51.4%
• The Parliament	12.7%	14.0%	13.4%
• The president	13.8%	11.5%	12.6%
• Judiciary	5.3%	3.8%	4.5%
• Political parties	1.5%	1.8%	1.7%
• Civil society	10.2%	9.5%	9.8%
• None	2.0%	1.4%	1.7%
(No answer)	.2%	-	.1%
(Don't know)	4.0%	5.5%	4.8%

G9. Government's greatest success

Dealing with:

1. Health (COVID-19)	49.1
2. Improvement in standard of living	4.8
3. Mining	4.8
4. Economy growth	4.7
5. Ecology\ environment	4.7
6. Education	2.6
7. Reduction of Corruption	2.5
8. State administration	2.5
9. Law enforcement	2.0
10. Reduction of unemployment	1.8

G10. Government's biggest failure

Dealing with

1. Reduction of Corruption	14.7
2. Growing unemployment	12.9
3. Price increase\inflation	10.8
4. Declining in standard of living	10.3
5. Law enforcement	8.3
6. State administration	5.6
7. Mining	4.5
8. Social Justice	4.1
9. Economy	3.9
10. Agriculture	2.3

G11. Unemployment has been a major problem for many people in past years. Some people think that this is only a temporary matter and that economic progress in the future will take care of the problem. Other people think that the government needs to intervene and take appropriate measures to reduce unemployment. What do you think?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Economic growth will provide sufficient employment in the future	31.5%	27.1%	29.1%
• Economic growth alone is not enough - the government has to take action to reduce unemployment.	65.5%	70.9%	68.4%
(Don't know)	2.9%	2.0%	2.4%
(No answer)	.2%	-	.1%

G12. Some people think that government should take actions to reduce income differences between the poor and rich, but others think that the government should not interfere. What is your opinion?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
The government has to take strong actions to eliminate income differences	37.5%	37.4%	37.4%
The government has to take moderate action to reduce income differences	46.7%	49.5%	48.3%
The government should not interfere	7.1%	6.9%	7.0%
Spontaneously: (it may interfere, or may not interfere)	7.1%	4.6%	5.8%
(Don't know)	1.6%	1.4%	1.5%
(No answer)	-	.2%	.1%

G13. If you think about government policy since its formation, do you think that it was characterized most by...

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
Support for the rich (for example through preferential fiscal and land ownership policy that benefit mostly the rich people)	28.7%	21.1%	24.6%
Support for the middle class	5.6%	8.2%	7.0%
Support for the poor (for example through "child money" and other welfare programs that benefit mostly the poor people)	11.6%	13.1%	12.4%
Self-interested politicians and lack of concern for society at large	30.7%	29.8%	30.3%
None of the above: I think that policies were fair and for the benefit of all people	15.8%	18.0%	17.0%
(Don't know)	7.3%	9.4%	8.4%
(No answer)	.2%	.5%	.3%

G14. After Elections of 2020 what kind of actions do you expect from the next government in dealing with corruption?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
Strong punitive measures against corrupt officials and businesses	58.7%	53.7%	56.0%
Reforming anti-corruption legislation	22.7%	21.5%	22.1%
Encourage prevention of corruption through anti-corruption education	16.7%	20.9%	19.0%
(Don't know)	1.6%	3.5%	2.7%
(No answer)	.2%	.3%	.3%

Systemic

S1. Which political system is more suitable for Mongolia? Could you provide your assessment of its governance efficiency?

a. Having a strong leader who does not have to bother with the Parliament and elections

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Good	33.5%	31.2%	32.3%
• Rather good	37.5%	41.1%	39.4%
• Rather bad	12.7%	6.9%	9.6%
• Bad	7.6%	9.2%	8.5%
(No answer)		1.2%	.7%
(Don't know)	8.7%	10.3%	9.6%

b. Team of independent from the government professionals or experts developing state policy (elitist governance)

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Good	25.3%	27.5%	26.5%
• Rather good	40.2%	43.2%	41.8%
• Rather bad	9.5%	6.8%	8.0%
• Bad	6.5%	5.4%	5.9%
(No answer)	.2%	.9%	.6%
(Don't know)	18.4%	16.2%	17.2%

c. Rule by military, intelligence and police forces

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Good	6.7%	6.2%	6.4%
• Rather good	24.9%	21.8%	23.3%
• Rather bad	21.3%	15.4%	18.1%
• Bad	33.1%	38.0%	35.8%
(No answer)	.4%	1.2%	.8%
(Don't know)	13.6%	17.4%	15.7%

d. Democratic system: governance through democratically elected representatives of the people

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Good	24.4%	31.7%	28.3%
• Rather good	46.5%	44.2%	45.3%
• Rather bad	11.6%	7.4%	9.3%
• Bad	5.3%	2.6%	3.8%
(No answer)	.4%	1.8%	1.2%
(Don't know)	11.8%	12.3%	12.1%

S2. Overall, how do you think the socio-political-economic system in Mongolia can deal with the country's challenges?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
Fully	22.0%	28.3%	25.4%
Partly	45.8%	45.5%	45.7%
A little	22.4%	14.9%	18.3%
Not at all	4.2%	3.4%	3.8%
(Don't know)	5.3%	7.1%	6.3%
(No answer)	.4%	.8%	.6%

S3. What scale of reforms would you like to see in the socio-political-economic system?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
We need decisive full-scale reforms	85.8%	76.0%	80.5%
We need some limited insignificant reforms	11.8%	15.4%	13.8%
We don't need reforms; we should keep things as they are	.9%	3.5%	2.3%
(Don't know)	1.3%	3.5%	2.5%
(No answer)	.2%	1.5%	.9%

S4. What should be changed in a first place?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
Increase the standard of living (salary, wages, pension)	27.5%	26.5%	26.9%
Reform the legal system	18.0%	13.2%	15.4%
Change government, power	8.4%	5.8%	7.0%
Change President	.2%	.2%	.2%
Reduce housing and utilities tariffs, prices for medicines, products	5.6%	3.2%	4.3%
Fight corruption	7.8%	8.6%	8.3%
Provide affordable and (good) quality education	2.7%	3.2%	3.0%
Create jobs, employment	12.9%	12.2%	12.5%
Improve the economy	7.3%	7.5%	7.4%
Redistribute resources to the poor at the expense of the rich	1.1%	3.5%	2.4%
Carry out democratic reform	1.6%	.8%	1.2%
Provide affordable housing	1.6%	.8%	1.2%
Develop regions	2.5%	6.5%	4.7%
Other	1.1%	4.8%	3.1%
(No answer)	-	.2%	.1%
(Don't know)	1.6%	3.1%	2.4%

System Evaluation

SE1. How satisfied are you by the Democracy and present political system?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Satisfied	13.3%	20.5%	17.2%
• Rather satisfied	42.2%	51.4%	47.2%
• Rather not satisfied	23.1%	14.6%	18.5%
• Not satisfied	18.9%	11.4%	14.8%
(No answer)	.9%		.4%
(Don't know)	1.6%	2.2%	1.9%

SE2. Some people think that there is too much democracy in Mongolia and that a dictatorship would make things better. Others think that we have a kind of dictatorship with no real democratic values. In your opinion, where does Mongolia belong on the spectrum?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• We have a developed democracy	11.5%	10.0%	10.7%
• We are at the point of developing democracy	21.5%	26.2%	24.0%
• We are at a crossroads	37.8%	33.7%	35.6%
• We are changing to a dictatorship	20.5%	19.5%	20.0%
• We are too dictatorial	5.1%	6.0%	5.6%
(No answer)	.2%		.1%
(Don't know)	3.5%	4.6%	4.1%

SE3. In your opinion, do political parties represent public opinion?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Yes	13.3%	21.1%	17.5%
• No	80.9%	72.8%	76.5%
(No answer)	.5%	.3%	.4%
(Don't know)	5.3%	5.8%	5.6%

SE4. In your opinion, how much influence do voters have on political decision making?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Very strong	14.4%	14.6%	14.5%
• Rather strong	23.5%	26.3%	25.0%
• Rather little	38.0%	38.6%	38.3%
• None	18.2%	14.2%	16.0%
(No answer)	.2%	.2%	.2%
(Don't know)	5.8%	6.2%	6.0%

SE5. What do you think about our society? In general, is there more justice or more injustice?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• There is more justice	3.1%	9.7%	6.7%
• There is more injustice	81.5%	79.1%	80.2%
• Depending (sometimes more justice, other times more injustice)	14.5%	10.8%	12.5%
(No answer)	.2%		.1%
(Don't know)	.7%	.5%	.6%

SE6. If you have a dispute over a civil, administrative or family matter (such as a dispute over property, land use, family relations issues, landlord/tenant issue, employment, claim against a government act, or other contractual issue, or where the victim of a crime) will you try to settle it through courts or rather settle it through negotiations?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Through courts	68.0%	71.1%	69.7%
• Rather through courts	30.4%	27.1%	28.6%
• Rather through negotiations	.7%	.3%	.5%
• Through negotiations	.9%	1.5%	1.3%
(No answer)	.0%	.0%	.0%
(Don't know)	1.6%	2.6%	2.2%

SE7 How strong are ethical principles set in Mongolian society?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Very strong	10.0%	8.8%	9.3%
• Strong	19.5%	20.0%	19.8%
• Weak	53.5%	52.5%	52.9%
• Not at all	10.9%	13.7%	12.4%
(Don't know)/(No answer)	6.2%	5.1%	5.6%

SE8. How strong is "The rule of law" in Mongolian society?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Very strong	3.8%	5.5%	4.8%
• Strong	10.0%	15.4%	12.9%
• Weak	59.1%	50.3%	54.3%
• Not at all	24.7%	25.4%	25.1%
(Don't know)/(No answer)	2.4%	3.4%	2.9%

SE9. What should be the foundation of the social order in Mongolia?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Every person should have equal rights against the law	68.0%	71.1%	69.7%
• Ethical relations that benefit society	30.4%	27.1%	28.6%
(No answer)	.7%	.3%	.5%
(Don't know)	.9%	1.5%	1.3%

SE10. Which form of state is more suitable for Mongolia?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Current semi-parliamentarian with influential president	33.3%	32.2%	32.7%
• Parliamentary	12.5%	8.5%	10.3%
• Presidential	49.3%	51.8%	50.7%
(Don't know)	4.9%	7.5%	6.3%

SE11. With regards to parties...

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• There should be many parties representing a variety of opinions	16.7%	16.0%	16.3%
• In principal, we don't need any third force – two parties are sufficient	31.6%	34.9%	33.4%
• In principal we don't need parties – to have a strong president is the right thing	46.7%	46.3%	46.5%
(No answer)	.0%	.0%	.0%
(Don't know)	4.9%	2.8%	3.8%

SE12. How confident are you in state institutions? (nationwide)

	President	Parliament	Judiciary System	Gvt admin	Political parties	Civil society
• confident	47.7%	13.2%	16.4%	29.7%	5.1%	17.2%
• rather confident	35.6%	37.1%	34.3%	45.0%	30.0%	36.3%
• rather not confident	7.3%	20.5%	20.3%	14.5%	20.8%	13.8%
• not confident	7.2%	26.4%	26.8%	10.2%	40.3%	24.0%
(No answer)	.4%	.1%	.3%	.1%	.2%	.3%
(Don't know)	1.9%	2.8%	1.8%	.6%	3.8%	8.5%

SE13. In your opinion, how strong should the role of the religion be in

	Your life	Education	Politics
• Very strong	4.6%	5.0%	1.2%
• Strong	13.3%	7.1%	4.4%
• Moderate	35.3%	19.1%	13.8%
• Little	23.8%	16.6%	14.9%
• No role	22.0%	43.9%	50.5%
(No answer)	.1%	.8%	.7%
(Don't know)	.9%	7.6%	14.6%

Personal

Pe1. How proud are you to be Mongolian?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Very proud	94.4%	98.9%	96.8%
• Rather proud	5.1%	1.1%	2.9%
• Not that proud	.4%	-	.2%
• Not proud at all	-	-	-
(No answer)	.2%	-	.1%
(Don't know)	-	-	-

Pe2. How do you evaluate your nearest future?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Optimistic	95.8%	96.8%	96.3%
• Pessimistic	3.1%	2.0%	2.5%
(No answer)	.2%	-	.1%
(Don't know)	.9%	1.2%	1.1%

Pe3. How is your present personal and family's standard of living?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Very good	.9%	.6%	.8%
• Good	18.5%	24.9%	22.0%
• Partly good/partly bad	67.3%	63.2%	65.1%
• Bad	10.7%	10.8%	10.8%
• Very bad	2.4%	.5%	1.3%
(No answer)	.2%	-	.1%
(Don't know)	-	-	-

Pe4. How is your standard of living compared to the last year?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• better	14.5%	20.5%	17.8%
• the same	44.7%	49.2%	47.2%
• worse	40.0%	30.2%	34.7%
(No answer)	.2%	-	.1%
(Don't know)	.5%	.2%	.3%

Pe5. How interested are you in politics?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• very much interested	5.3%	6.9%	6.2%
• interested	30.2%	28.6%	29.3%
• somehow interested	22.4%	22.5%	22.4%
• rather not interested	24.9%	22.5%	23.6%
• not interested	17.1%	19.4%	18.3%
(No answer)	.2%	-	.1%
(Don't know)	-	.2%	.1%

Pe6. What do you think, does your future depend on your own achievements, the State, or on other forces (like churches, trade unions, firms, the press, TV/radio, communities, business relations), that could influence the economy?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Rather on myself	58.7%	64.3%	61.8%
• Rather on the state	23.8%	24.5%	24.2%
• Rather on other forces	12.5%	6.6%	9.3%
(No answer)	-	.6%	.3%
(Don't know)	4.9%	4.0%	4.4%

Pe7. When comparing your life with the life of your parents, what would you say?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• My parents achieved much more than I will be able to	21.1%	16.6%	18.7%
• There is no significant difference, our lives are almost equal	26.2%	31.8%	29.3%
• I will achieve much more than my parents	46.9%	42.6%	44.6%
(No answer)	1.3%	.5%	.8%
(Don't know)	4.5%	8.5%	6.7%

Pe8. Due to both just and unjust circumstances in a society, there are both winners and losers among the different social groups. In your opinion, to which group do you belong?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• I consider myself rather a loser	26.2%	24.6%	25.3%
• I consider myself rather a winner	10.0%	16.3%	13.4%
• Depending (sometimes I am a winner, sometimes I am a loser)	49.8%	43.8%	46.6%
(No answer)	2.0%	.5%	1.2%
(Don't know)	12.0%	14.8%	13.5%

Pe9. In times of economic difficulty, some people depend on the government for assistance; others believe they can solve the problem by themselves. Do you expect help from the state in solving your problems?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• I don't need any help	11.3%	8.9%	10.0%
• I need help only to find a job	29.5%	27.7%	28.5%
• I need financial support	28.9%	33.8%	31.6%
• I don't expect anything from the government	28.7%	25.8%	27.2%
(No answer)	.5%	.9%	.8%
(Don't know)	1.1%	2.8%	2.0%

Pe10. If the government fails to meet your expectations, what would you do? (most important)

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• I will go to court	2.7%	2.2%	2.4%
• I will join street protests	6.9%	4.9%	5.8%
• I will join/support civil organizations that can protect my rights	18.0%	16.6%	17.3%
• I will vote against the government in elections	20.2%	14.3%	17.0%
• I will join the opposition party	1.6%	1.7%	1.7%
• Do nothing and wait for matters to improve	39.8%	47.8%	44.2%
(No answer)	1.5%	1.7%	1.6%
(Don't know)	9.3%	10.8%	10.1%

Global

GI1. Which country is the best partner for Mongolia?

No names were suggested, each respondent could mention up to two countries.

	1 choice	2 choice
• Russia	67.8	9.5
• China	5.8	34.0
• USA	4.6	11.4
• European countries ¹	2.3	3.8
• Japan	6.1	11.8
• South Korea	3.9	9.3
• Others	.3	.4
(No answer)	.8	.8
(Don't know)	8.4	9.8
Total	100%	100%

GI2. Which country is the best partner for Mongolia?

Cumulative percentage, valid cases only.

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
▪ Russia	74.7%	79.5%	77.3%
▪ China	42.4%	37.7%	39.8%
▪ USA	18.4%	14.0%	16.0%
▪ European countries	7.5%	5.1%	6.2%
▪ Japan	22.2%	14.2%	17.8%
▪ South Korea	13.1%	13.4%	13.3%
▪ Others	.4%	.9%	.7%

GI3. With which country's citizens are Mongolians in better communication and cooperation?

No names were suggested, each respondent could mention up to two countries.

	1 choice	2 choice
▪ Russia	32.3	14.4
▪ China	19.3	21.3
▪ USA	1.9	5.2
▪ European countries ²	.7	2.0
▪ Japan	4.6	11.7
▪ South Korea	28.5	16.4
▪ Others	.2	.3
(No answer)	.6	1.5
(Don't know)	12.0	14.8
Total	100%	100%

¹Includes all mentioned EU countries and the UK

²Includes all mentioned EU countries and the UK

G14. With which country's citizens are Mongolians in better communication and cooperation?

Cumulative percentage, valid cases only.

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
▪ Russia	48.9%	44.8%	46.7%
▪ China	38.9%	42.0%	40.6%
▪ USA	9.5%	5.1%	7.1%
▪ European countries	3.8%	1.7%	2.7%
▪ Japan	20.2%	12.9%	16.3%
▪ South Korea	45.6%	44.3%	44.9%
▪ Others	.7%	.2%	.4%



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In the data below, tabulations are sorted by “capital,” “countryside,” and “nationwide” when relevant.

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COVID 19

Urban-Rural

C1. How closely are you following the situation with the COVID-19 in the country?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Closely	62.4%	60.8%	61.5%
• Not very closely	31.3%	30.5%	30.8%
• Not closely	5.6%	8.2%	7.0%
• Not at all	.7%	.6%	.7%
(Don't know)	-	-	-
(No answer)	-	-	-

C2. Are you worried that you or your family member will be exposed to the COVID-19?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Yes	80.4%	75.7%	77.8%
• No	19.3%	24.3%	22.0%
(Don't know)	.4%	-	.2%
(No answer)	-	-	-

C3 Over the last months the situation with coronavirus has affected different spheres of life in Mongolia. In your view, how much each of the following areas has been affected by coronavirus?

a. Employment			
	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• A lot	52.5%	45.7%	48.8%
• To a certain extent	34.7%	34.9%	34.8%
• Not very much	8.2%	11.5%	10.0%
• Not at all	3.3%	5.5%	4.5%
(Don't know)	1.3%	2.3%	1.8%
(No answer)	-	-	-

b. Family's financial situation (Income/ Salaries)			
	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• A lot	45.8%	40.2%	42.8%
• To a certain extent	38.4%	35.2%	36.7%
• Not very much	11.6%	17.4%	14.8%
• Not at all	4.2%	7.2%	5.8%
(Don't know)	-	-	-
(No answer)	-	-	-

c. Education of children			
	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• A lot	72.0%	73.4%	72.8%
• To a certain extent	22.2%	19.2%	20.6%
• Not very much	2.2%	3.4%	2.8%
• Not at all	2.2%	3.1%	2.7%
(Don't know)	1.5%	.9%	1.2%
(No answer)	-	-	-

d. Food quality/supply			
	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• A lot	18.4%	16.6%	17.4%
• To a certain extent	39.8%	37.1%	38.3%
• Not very much	28.5%	32.8%	30.8%
• Not at all	10.9%	11.5%	11.3%
(Don't know)	2.4%	2.0%	2.2%
(No answer)	-	-	-

e. General stress/mental health

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• A lot	27.6%	15.4%	21.0%
• To a certain extent	38.4%	32.8%	35.3%
• Not very much	21.3%	23.7%	22.6%
• Not at all	12.0%	25.2%	19.2%
(Don't know)	.7%	2.8%	1.8%
(No answer)	-	.2%	.1%

f. National economy

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• A lot	53.6%	56.0%	54.9%
• To a certain extent	36.5%	31.8%	34.0%
• Not very much	4.4%	6.0%	5.3%
• Not at all	1.3%	1.7%	1.5%
(Don't know)	4.0%	4.5%	4.3%
(No answer)	.2%	-	.1%

g. Small and Medium Businesses

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• A lot	72.2%	68.9%	70.4%
• To a certain extent	22.4%	20.3%	21.3%
• Not very much	2.0%	5.1%	3.7%
• Not at all	1.1%	1.8%	1.5%
(Don't know)	2.4%	3.8%	3.2%
(No answer)	-	-	-

h. Political life

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• A lot	14.9%	15.8%	15.4%
• To a certain extent	38.7%	41.7%	40.3%
• Not very much	16.5%	13.7%	15.0%
• Not at all	13.1%	8.8%	10.8%
(Don't know)	16.7%	19.8%	18.4%
(No answer)	-	.2%	.1%

k. 2020 Elections

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• A lot	12.5%	13.7%	13.2%
• To a certain extent	39.3%	40.0%	39.7%
• Not very much	17.5%	15.4%	16.3%
• Not at all	18.2%	13.8%	15.8%
(Don't know)	12.5%	16.9%	14.9%
(No answer)	-	.2%	.1%

C4. How much your personal life is affected by coronavirus?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• A lot	34.0%	25.5%	29.4%
• To a certain extent	46.0%	40.8%	43.2%
• Not very much	14.9%	23.8%	19.8%
• Not at all	4.7%	9.4%	7.3%
(Don't know)	-	.2%	.1%
(No answer)	.4%	.3%	.3%

C5. Have you personally lost a job because of the coronavirus?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Yes	23.3%	18.3%	20.6%
• No	75.8%	81.5%	78.9%
(Don't know)	.9%	.2%	.5%
(No answer)	-	-	-

C6. How you will describe your family economic situation today

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• We have problems with basics like food supply	9.3%	5.8%	7.4%
• We have limited income that is not enough to cover our financial commitments like banking loan	54.5%	57.1%	55.9%
• Our living standard deteriorated	16.9%	16.2%	16.5%
• Lockdown did not impact our household	18.4%	20.3%	19.4%
(Don't know)	.9%	.5%	.7%
(No answer)	-	-	-

C7. What is the most required to you from the government because of lockdown hardships?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• We need food	5.5%	2.8%	4.0%
• Affordable medical service	14.7%	12.9%	13.8%
• Job	27.5%	25.8%	26.6%
• Financial support (cash)	43.5%	48.5%	46.2%
• Don't need anything	7.1%	8.9%	8.1%
(Don't know)	1.6%	.8%	1.2%
(No answer)	.2%	.3%	.3%

C8. How much are you satisfied with the measures taken by Government and Ministry of Health in dealing with the coronavirus?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Satisfied	77.3%	83.2%	80.5%
• Rather satisfied	17.6%	14.3%	15.8%
• Rather not satisfied	2.9%	.9%	1.8%
• Not satisfied	2.0%	1.1%	1.5%
(Don't know)	.2%	.5%	.3%
(No answer)	-	-	-

C9. Concerning government policy on COVID19, do you think that government should continue lock down policy or should start releasing it giving room to more economic activity?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Continue with lockdown and social distancing	57.5%	53.5%	55.3%
• Gradually releasing it, encouraging more economic activity	41.5%	44.5%	43.1%
(Don't know)	1.1%	2.0%	1.6%
(No answer)	-	-	-

C10. What do you think should be a priority in implementing restrictions?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Impose wearing masks and social distancing	39.6%	37.5%	38.5%
• More tests	5.8%	1.8%	3.7%
• Provide affordable medical services	6.9%	3.5%	5.1%
• Close the border for foreigners	25.6%	32.6%	29.4%
• Close the border for all	21.8%	24.2%	23.1%
• Nothing	.2%	-	.1%
(Don't know)	-	.3%	.2%
(No answer)	-	-	-

C11. What do you think about effects of implementation of lock down policy?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Effective	86.5%	92.2%	89.6%
• Rather effective	11.3%	7.2%	9.1%
• Rather not effective	1.6%	.3%	.9%
• Not effective	.4%	.3%	.3%
(Don't know)	.2%	-	.1%
(No answer)	-	-	-

C12. What do you think about effects of government support of economy and businesses?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Effective	26.4%	37.1%	32.2%
• Rather effective	36.4%	33.5%	34.8%
• Rather not effective	16.5%	10.6%	13.3%
• Not effective	8.5%	8.9%	8.8%
(Don't know)	12.0%	9.7%	10.8%
(No answer)	.2%	.2%	.2%

C13. Overall, how do you think the Mongolian Health system is capable to deal with the challenges of coronavirus?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Fully	31.3%	49.4%	41.1%
• Partly	44.9%	34.5%	39.3%
• A little	18.9%	9.8%	14.0%
• Not at all	2.7%	1.5%	2.1%
(Don't know)	2.2%	4.8%	3.6%
(No answer)	-	-	-

C14. What scale of reforms do you think Mongolian Health system requires in order to deal with challenges like the Coronavirus?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• We need decisive full-scale reforms	61.8%	50.6%	55.8%
• We need some limited insignificant reforms	27.6%	30.2%	29.0%
• We don't need reforms; we should keep things as they are	5.8%	9.7%	7.9%
(Don't know)	4.5%	9.2%	7.1%
(No answer)	.2%	.3%	.3%

C15. In your opinion, should Mongolian politicians push forward with upcoming Parliament Elections or postpone it?

	Ulan Bator	Countryside	Nationwide
• Elections should be implemented as planned	34.2%	46.5%	40.8%
• Elections should be postponed	56.4%	43.7%	49.5%
• I don't care	4.5%	3.8%	4.2%
(Don't know)	4.9%	6.0%	5.5%
(No answer)	-	-	-

Gender

C1. How closely are you following the situation with the COVID-19 in the country?

	Male	Female	Nationwide
• Closely	61.5%	61.5%	61.5%
• Not very closely	30.9%	30.8%	30.8%
• Not closely	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%
• Not at all	.6%	.7%	.7%
(Don't know)	-	-	-
(No answer)	-	-	-

C2. Are you worried that you or your family member will be exposed to the COVID-19?

	Male	Female	Nationwide
• Yes	76.3%	78.9%	77.8%
• No	23.3%	21.1%	22.0%
(Don't know)	.4%	-	.2%
(No answer)	-	-	-

C3 Over the last months the situation with coronavirus has affected different spheres of life in Mongolia. In your view, how much each of the following areas has been affected by coronavirus?

a. Employment

	Male	Female	Nationwide
• A lot	51.9%	46.8%	48.8%
• To a certain extent	33.3%	35.9%	34.8%
• Not very much	8.8%	10.8%	10.0%
• Not at all	4.7%	4.3%	4.5%
(Don't know)	1.2%	2.2%	1.8%
(No answer)	-	-	-

b. Family's financial situation (Income/ Salaries)

	Male	Female	Nationwide
• A lot	40.5%	44.3%	42.8%
• To a certain extent	38.1%	35.7%	36.7%
• Not very much	15.4%	14.3%	14.8%
• Not at all	6.0%	5.7%	5.8%
(Don't know)	-	-	-
(No answer)	-	-	-

c. Education of children

	Male	Female	Nationwide
• A lot	70.2%	74.5%	72.8%
• To a certain extent	22.0%	19.6%	20.6%
• Not very much	2.3%	3.2%	2.8%
• Not at all	3.9%	1.8%	2.7%
(Don't know)	1.6%	.8%	1.2%
(No answer)	-	-	-

d. Food quality/supply

	Male	Female	Nationwide
• A lot	13.0%	20.4%	17.4%
• To a certain extent	35.4%	40.3%	38.3%
• Not very much	36.4%	27.0%	30.8%
• Not at all	13.0%	10.1%	11.3%
(Don't know)	2.3%	2.1%	2.2%
(No answer)	-	-	-

e. General stress/mental health

	Male	Female	Nationwide
• A lot	17.9%	23.1%	21.0%
• To a certain extent	33.7%	36.4%	35.3%
• Not very much	21.0%	23.7%	22.6%
• Not at all	25.5%	14.8%	19.2%
(Don't know)	1.6%	2.0%	1.8%
(No answer)	.2%	-	.1%

f. National economy

	Male	Female	Nationwide
• A lot	56.8%	53.6%	54.9%
• To a certain extent	32.5%	35.0%	34.0%
• Not very much	6.8%	4.2%	5.3%
• Not at all	1.0%	1.8%	1.5%
(Don't know)	2.9%	5.2%	4.3%
(No answer)	-	.1%	.1%

g. Small and Medium Businesses

	Male	Female	Nationwide
• A lot	71.6%	69.6%	70.4%
• To a certain extent	19.8%	22.3%	21.3%
• Not very much	3.5%	3.8%	3.7%
• Not at all	1.9%	1.3%	1.5%
(Don't know)	3.3%	3.1%	3.2%
(No answer)	-	-	-

h. Political life

	Male	Female	Nationwide
• A lot	14.2%	16.2%	15.4%
• To a certain extent	37.7%	42.2%	40.3%
• Not very much	18.1%	12.9%	15.0%
• Not at all	13.6%	8.8%	10.8%
(Don't know)	16.5%	19.7%	18.4%
(No answer)	-	.1%	.1%

k. 2020 Elections

	Male	Female	Nationwide
• A lot	14.4%	12.3%	13.2%
• To a certain extent	39.3%	39.9%	39.7%
• Not very much	15.0%	17.2%	16.3%
• Not at all	18.5%	14.0%	15.8%
(Don't know)	14.4%	12.3%	13.2%
(No answer)	39.3%	39.9%	39.7%

C4. How much your personal life is affected by coronavirus?

	Male	Female	Nationwide
• A lot	29.4%	29.4%	29.4%
• To a certain extent	43.0%	43.3%	43.2%
• Not very much	19.8%	19.7%	19.8%
• Not at all	7.8%	6.9%	7.3%
(Don't know)	-	.6%	.3%
(No answer)	-	.1%	.1%

C5. Have you personally lost a job because of the coronavirus?

	Male	Female	Nationwide
• Yes	21.2%	20.2%	20.6%
• No	78.4%	79.3%	78.9%
(Don't know)	.4%	.6%	.5%
(No answer)	-	-	-

C6. How you will describe your family economic situation today

	Male	Female	Nationwide
• We have problems with basics like food supply	4.3%	9.5%	7.4%
• We have limited income that is not enough to cover our financial commitments like banking loan	53.1%	57.8%	55.9%
• Our living standard deteriorated	19.3%	14.6%	16.5%
• Lockdown did not impact our household	22.6%	17.2%	19.4%
(Don't know)	.4%	.8%	.7%
(No answer)	.2%	-	.1%

C7. What is the most required to you from the government because of lockdown hardships?

	Male	Female	Nationwide
• We need food	2.7%	4.9%	4.0%
• Affordable medical service	13.2%	14.1%	13.8%
• Job	28.2%	25.5%	26.6%
• Financial support (cash)	44.4%	47.3%	46.2%
• Don't need anything	9.1%	7.4%	8.1%
(Don't know)	2.1%	.6%	1.2%
(No answer)	.4%	.1%	.3%

C8. How much are you satisfied with the measures taken by Government and Ministry of Health in dealing with the coronavirus?

	Male	Female	Nationwide
• Satisfied	79.8%	81.0%	80.5%
• Rather satisfied	16.3%	15.5%	15.8%
• Rather not satisfied	1.4%	2.1%	1.8%
• Not satisfied	2.1%	1.1%	1.5%
(Don't know)	.4%	.3%	.3%
(No answer)	-	-	-

C9. Concerning government policy on COVID19, do you think that government should continue lock down policy or should start releasing it giving room to more economic activity?

	Male	Female	Nationwide
• Continue with lockdown and social distancing	52.3%	57.4%	55.3%
• Gradually releasing it, encouraging more economic activity	46.5%	40.8%	43.1%
(Don't know)	1.2%	1.8%	1.6%
(No answer)	-	-	-

C10. What do you think should be a priority in implementing restrictions?

	Male	Female	Nationwide
• Impose wearing masks and social distancing	36.0%	40.2%	38.5%
• More tests	3.5%	3.8%	3.7%
• Provide affordable medical services	5.1%	5.0%	5.1%
• Close the border for foreigners	32.3%	27.5%	29.4%
• Close the border for all	22.8%	23.2%	23.1%
• Nothing	.2%	-	.1%
(Don't know)	-	.3%	.2%
(No answer)	-	-	-

C11. What do you think about effects of implementation of lock down policy?

	Male	Female	Nationwide
• Effective	90.3%	89.1%	89.6%
• Rather effective	8.8%	9.2%	9.1%
• Rather not effective	.4%	1.3%	.9%
• Not effective	.4%	.3%	.3%
(Don't know)	-	.1%	.1%
(No answer)	-	-	-

C12. What do you think about effects of government support of economy and businesses?

	Male	Female	Nationwide
• Effective	29.6%	33.9%	32.2%
• Rather effective	33.1%	36.0%	34.8%
• Rather not effective	16.3%	11.3%	13.3%
• Not effective	10.5%	7.6%	8.8%
(Don't know)	10.3%	11.1%	10.8%
(No answer)	.2%	.1%	.2%

C13. Overall, how do you think the Mongolian Health system is capable to deal with the challenges of coronavirus?

	Male	Female	Nationwide
• Fully	45.1%	38.4%	41.1%
• Partly	36.6%	41.0%	39.3%
• A little	12.6%	15.0%	14.0%
• Not at all	2.5%	1.8%	2.1%
(Don't know)	3.3%	3.8%	3.6%
(No answer)	-	-	-

C14. What scale of reforms do you think Mongolian Health system requires in order to deal with challenges like the Coronavirus?

	Male	Female	Nationwide
• We need decisive full-scale reforms	56.4%	55.3%	55.8%
• We need some limited insignificant reforms	28.0%	29.7%	29.0%
• We don't need reforms; we should keep things as they are	8.8%	7.3%	7.9%
(Don't know)	6.2%	7.7%	7.1%
(No answer)	.6%	-	.3%

C15. In your opinion, should Mongolian politicians push forward with upcoming Parliament Elections or postpone it?

	Male	Female	Nationwide
• Elections should be implemented as planned	45.3%	37.8%	40.8%
• Elections should be postponed	45.9%	52.0%	49.5%
• I don't care	4.9%	3.6%	4.2%
(Don't know)	3.9%	6.6%	5.5%
(No answer)	-	-	-

By Classes (self-defined)

C1. How closely are you following the situation with the COVID-19 in the country?

	Upper	Middle	Low
• Closely	53.5%	63.2%	58.9%
• Not very closely	41.1%	28.9%	33.0%
• Not closely	5.4%	7.2%	7.0%
• Not at all	-	.7%	1.1%
(Don't know)	-	-	-
(No answer)	-	-	-

C2. Are you worried that you or your family member will be exposed to the COVID-19?

	Upper	Middle	Low
• Yes	72.9%	78.0%	80.5%
• No	27.1%	21.8%	19.5%
(Don't know)	-	.2%	-
(No answer)	-	-	-

C3 Over the last months the situation with coronavirus has affected different spheres of life in Mongolia. In your view, how much each of the following areas has been affected by coronavirus?

a. Employment

	Upper	Middle	Low
• A lot	47.3%	47.3%	57.3%
• To a certain extent	37.2%	35.6%	29.7%
• Not very much	10.9%	10.5%	7.0%
• Not at all	3.9%	4.6%	4.3%
(Don't know)	.8%	2.0%	1.6%
(No answer)	-	-	-

b. Family's financial situation (Income/ Salaries)

	Upper	Middle	Low
• A lot	36.4%	41.1%	55.1%
• To a certain extent	39.5%	37.8%	29.2%
• Not very much	17.8%	15.0%	11.4%
• Not at all	6.2%	6.1%	4.3%
(Don't know)	-	-	-
(No answer)	-	-	-

C4. How much your personal life is affected by coronavirus?

	Upper	Middle	Low
• A lot	20.9%	28.4%	40.0%
• To a certain extent	50.4%	43.6%	36.2%
• Not very much	22.5%	20.4%	14.6%
• Not at all	6.2%	7.0%	9.2%
(Don't know)	-	.5%	-
(No answer)	-	.1%	-

C5. Have you personally lost a job because of the coronavirus?

	Upper	Middle	Low
• Yes	17.8%	19.5%	27.6%
• No	82.2%	79.9%	71.9%
(Don't know)	-	.6%	.5%
(No answer)	-	-	-

C9. Concerning government policy on COVID19, do you think that government should continue lock down policy or should start releasing it giving room to more economic activity?

	Upper	Middle	Low
• Continue with lockdown and social distancing	52.7%	56.9%	49.7%
• Gradually releasing it, encouraging more economic activity	46.5%	41.2%	49.7%
(Don't know)	.8%	1.9%	.5%
(No answer)	-	-	-

C14. What scale of reforms do you think Mongolian Health system requires in order to deal with challenges like the Coronavirus?

	Upper	Middle	Low
• We need decisive full-scale reforms	61.2%	56.0%	50.8%
• We need some limited insignificant reforms	30.2%	28.9%	28.6%
• We don't need reforms; we should keep things as they are	5.4%	7.6%	11.4%
(Don't know)	3.1%	7.2%	9.2%
(No answer)	-	.3%	-

By Age groups: 18-34 – Young, 35-54 – Established, 55+ - Risk group

C1. How closely are you following the situation with the COVID-19 in the country?

	Young	Established	Risk
• Closely	51.7%	64.2%	74.3%
• Not very closely	38.2%	28.7%	21.4%
• Not closely	9.7%	6.0%	3.9%
• Not at all	.4%	1.1%	.4%
(Don't know)	-	-	-
(No answer)	-	-	-

C2. Are you worried that you or your family member will be exposed to the COVID-19?

	Young	Established	Risk
• Yes	79.1%	79.8%	72.5%
• No	20.5%	20.2%	27.5%
(Don't know)	.4%	-	-
(No answer)	-	-	-

C3 Over the last months the situation with coronavirus has affected different spheres of life in Mongolia. In your view, how much each of the following areas has been affected by coronavirus?

b. Family's financial situation (Income/ Salaries)

	Young	Established	Risk
• A lot	40.5%	49.1%	36.8%
• To a certain extent	40.5%	33.7%	34.6%
• Not very much	14.7%	12.6%	18.2%
• Not at all	4.3%	4.6%	10.4%
(Don't know)	-	-	-
(No answer)	-	-	-

C4. How much your personal life is affected by coronavirus?

	Young	Established	Risk
• A lot	28.9%	33.9%	23.2%
• To a certain extent	45.0%	44.5%	37.9%
• Not very much	19.6%	17.2%	23.9%
• Not at all	6.0%	3.9%	14.6%
(Don't know)	.2%	.5%	.4%
(No answer)	.2%	-	-

C9. Concerning government policy on COVID19, do you think that government should continue lock down policy or should start releasing it giving room to more economic activity?

	Young	Established	Risk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue with lockdown and social distancing Gradually releasing it, encouraging more economic activity 	54.5%	53.0%	60.4%
(Don't know)	2.1%	1.6%	.7%
(No answer)	-	--	