



# **WAVE 1: COVID-19**

**In field March 2 – 12, 2020**

# Background: COVID-19 Study Overview Wave 1

Faced with continued uncertainty across Australia and the globe, NextWave™ by IMI is completing comprehensive quantitative online studies about consumer attitudes and behaviors: speaking to thousands of people 13+ years of age across Australia and the globe.

**Wave 1: March 12, 2020**

Wave 2: March 20, 2020

Wave 3: Early April

We encourage you to share this information with those who it can help make decisions and reach out to our team if you have suggestions or topics for the next round.

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MARCH 2020

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## Key Dates Reference

January 20	First Case in the United States
January 25	First Australian & first Canadian cases
March 6	First major event cancellations (e.g. SXSW)
March 11	US travel ban announced; WHO declares pandemic; major sports and events begin suspensions and cancellations
March 12	\$17.6bn stimulus package unveiled North American school closures, large gathering bans
March 13	Trump declares a national emergency
March 16	2-week self-containment for all returning and arriving overseas travellers imposed

# March 12, 2020: COVID-19 Perspective

## OBJECTIVE

IMI's NextWave™ is focused on providing real-time clarity of people's perception (13+) during this challenging global health crisis to help mitigate some of the uncertainty we all face.

To form these insights, IMI completed over 15,000 global online interviews between March 7, 2020 and March 12, 2020.

## CONTENTS: COVID-19 Consumer Report provides an overview of:

1. When people expect the Coronavirus will no longer be a health issue in their country.
2. What percentage of the population do not believe 'there is really any issue today.'
3. Unaided – what people have stopped doing in the wake of COVID-19.
4. Consumer intentions around travel, restaurant visits, events, shopping and getting together in the next 3 months.
5. The impact of the virus and day-to-day realities on people's lifestyle with comparisons to the 2008 recession for context.

# People's perception of when **COVID-19** will no longer be a concern



# People's perception on March 11, 2020 of when COVID-19 will no longer be a concern

IMI24™ : N=8,000 We asked: In how many months do you think it will be until the Coronavirus health issue ends - is no longer of any concern?



**Global End Date**

2020

**30**

JULY

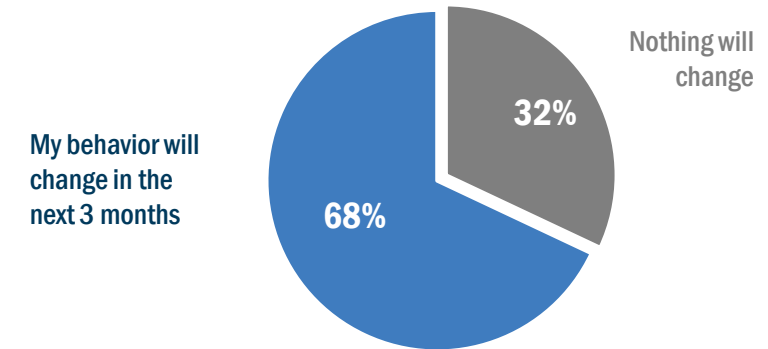
**BASED ON PEOPLE'S PERSONAL OPINION OF WHEN COVID-19 WILL NO LONGER BE OF ANY CONCERN.**

# 68% of Australians plan on changing behaviors in the next 3 months

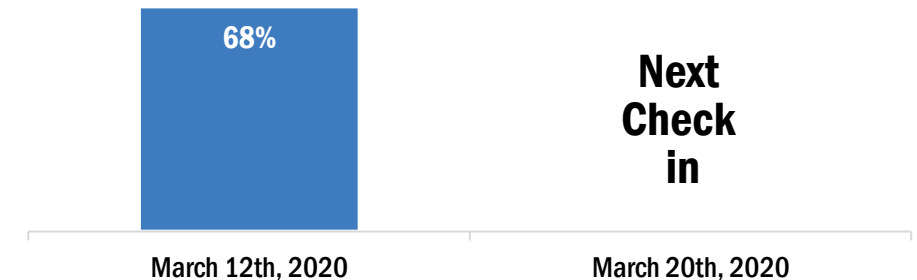
March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 : N=2000+ per country ; 13+ Years of age

- As of March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020, in the next 3 months, approximately 2 in 3 people in the country will do specific 'out of home' activities **MUCH LESS** due to the Coronavirus. There has not been a large growth or decline in intended behavior.
- Findings are consistent across age and gender in the country.
- **The next sections of this overview will identify some of the activities that will be negatively impacted if Australians follow through on their intentions.**

## Australian Intentions March 12






## Australian Behaviors Will Change in the next 3 Months



# COVID-19 Snapshot From March 12, 2020

IMI 24™ - Wave 2 : March 12th, 2020 : N=2,000+ Per Country and 15,000+ Globally

	 USA	 CANADA	 AUSTRALIA	GLOBAL
When people expect the Coronavirus 'will no longer be a health issue	July / Aug 2020	July / Aug 2020	Aug 2020	July 2020
COVID-19's Impact on their current lifestyle – 'Major / Noticeable'	18%	17%	34%	
What % of the population do not believe 'there is really any issue today.'	16%	20%	23%	19%

Activities People Intend to do Much Less in the next 3 months - Aided	 USA	 CANADA	10 Day NA Trend	 AUSTRALIA
a. Travel outside of the country much less	-43%	-36%	▼ 8 to 11%	-31%
b. Travel by Plane much less	-29%	-31%	▼ 4 to 8%	-25%
c. Stay in a hotel much less	-10%	-15%	-3%	-9%
d. Go out of your home much less	-7%	-9%	Flat	-8%
e. Travel by Public Transportation much less	-25%	-25%	▼ 5 to 9%	-19%
f. Get together with family	-6%	-11%	Flat	-10%
g. Go to a community festival	-23%	-21%	▼ 1 to 8%	-18%
h. Go to a sporting event	-21%	-26%	▼ 10 to 12%	-19%
i. Go to a restaurant for dinner	-7%	-7%	Flat	-5%

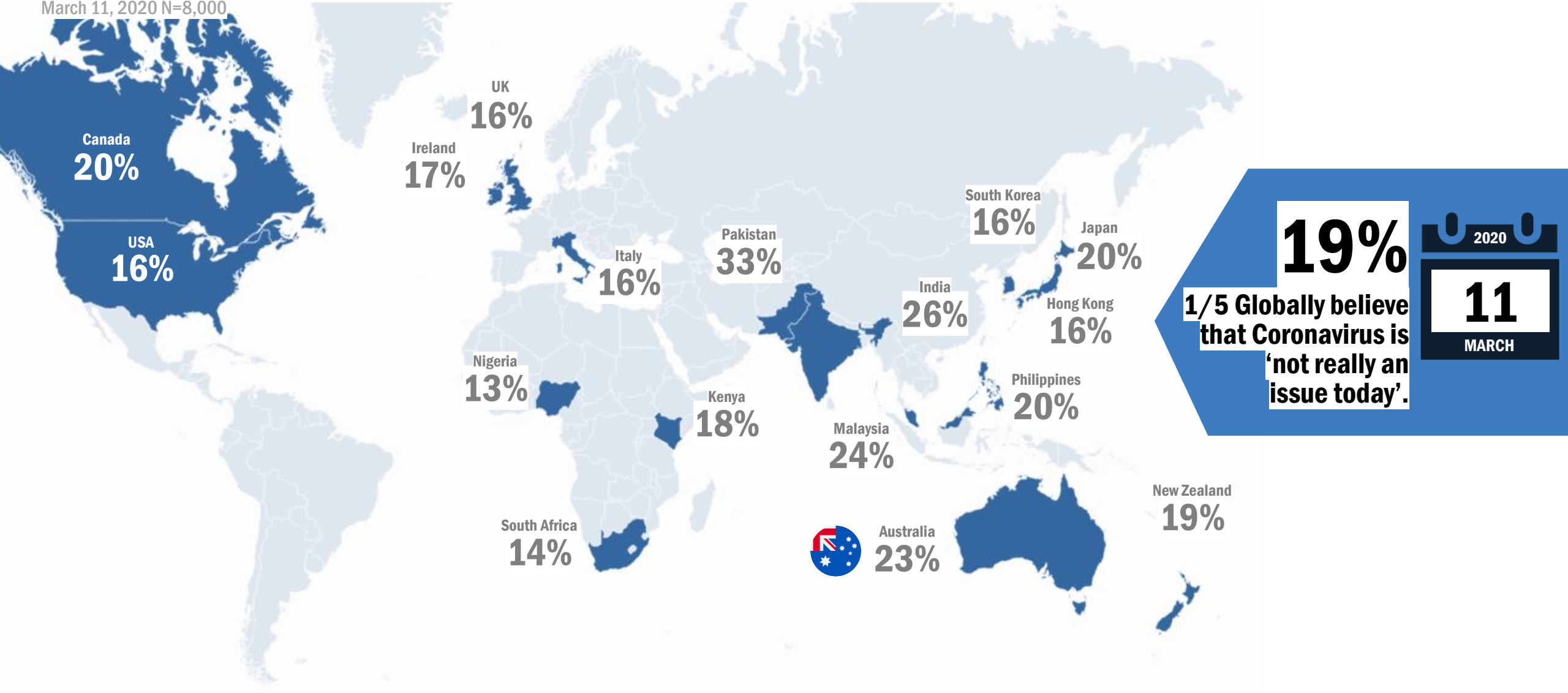
▼ indicates the intention to do 'much less' is growing.

# **% of People that don't believe COVID-19 is currently a real issue.**



# Percentage of people that believe that Coronavirus ‘is really not an issue today.’

March 11, 2020 N=8,000



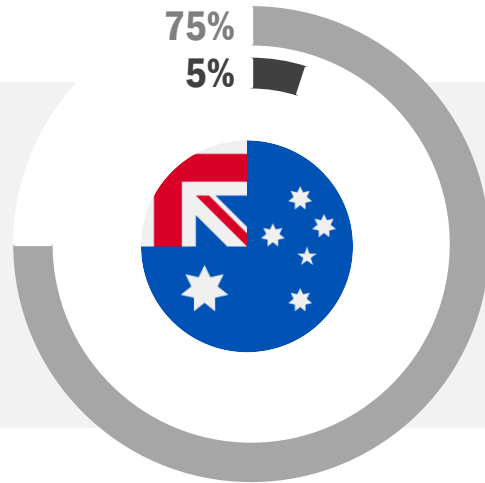
# Unaided – What have you stopped doing due to Coronavirus?



# What have you stopped or cancelled doing due to the Coronavirus, if anything?

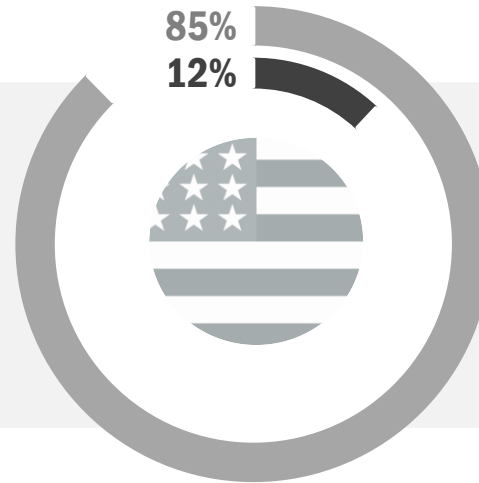
## STOPPED DOING

Nothing  
Travel

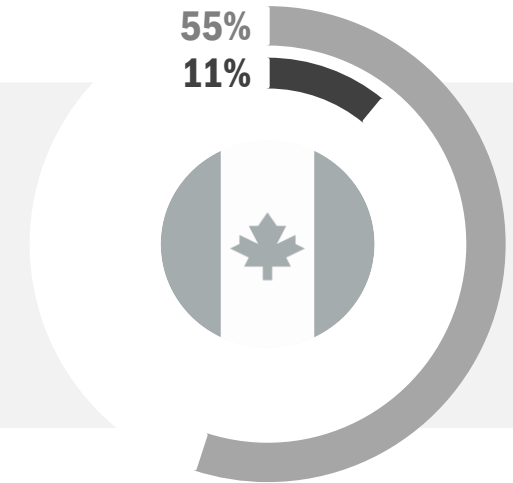


Cancelled holiday  
Going into crowds  
Travel overseas  
Holiday Plans  
Restaurants

Public Places  
Don't go out  
Not buying  
Chinese goods



Eating out  
Travel  
Going out in public less  
Avoiding crowded places  
Restaurants  
Public Places



Cruise  
China  
Buffets  
Olympics  
Air Travel

Public Gatherings  
Interacting with  
people  
Buying from  
China



# **Intend to do MUCH LESS in the next 3 months**



**Completed March 12th, 2020**

# What are consumers much less likely to do in the next three months due to the Coronavirus?

IMI 24™ : March 12<sup>th</sup> 2020, N=300+ per action per country per wave

## THE IMPACT ON TRAVEL

Aided list on what they intend to do MUCH LESS

	March 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2020			
	USA	Canada	Australia	
Travel outside of my country	43%	36%	31%	 Significant IMPACT
Travel outside of my state/province	18%	18%	16%	 Significant IMPACT
Travel outside of my city	10%	9%	9%	
Go out of my house	7%	9%	8%	

### Implications

As expected, the greatest impact on travel will be suppressing travel outside of people’s country . But there will also be significantly less travel outside of state/province, city and even outside of their home.




# A third of Australians say travel considerations will be affected in the next 12 months, with stronger consistency among generations than North Americans

IMI 24™ : March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 : N=400+ per country



## AUSTRALIA

What are you **much less likely** to do in the next year due to the Coronavirus?



	 13+	 Gen Z Millennial	 Gen X & Boomers
Consider going on a cruise	33%	30%	35%
Consider going to China	41%	38%	43%
Consider going to Europe	23%	18%	26%
Consider flying on a plane	23%	19%	26%
Consider staying in a hotel	8%	8%	7%
Nothing will change at this time	20%	16%	22%

# What are consumers much less likely to do in the next three months due to the Coronavirus?

IMI 24™ : March 1<sup>st</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 2020, N=300+ per action per country

## THE IMPACT ON MODE OF TRAVEL

### Aided list on what they intend to do MUCH LESS

	March 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2020				
	USA	Canada	AUS		
Travel by Plane	29%	31%	25%		Significant IMPACT
Use public transportation	25%	25%	19%		Significant IMPACT
Stay in a Hotel	10%	15%	9%		
Use a cab, Uber or Lyft	9%	14%	13%		

### Implications

As expected, the greatest negative impact on mode of travel will be people MUCH LESS likely to travel by plane, but there is also significant downward pressure on using public transportation across all three countries.

In addition, the impact on Hotels and share riding services will also be significant.

# What are consumers much less likely to do in the next three months due to the Coronavirus?

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## THE IMPACT ON GOING TO EVENTS

### Aided list on what they intend to do MUCH LESS

	March 12 <sup>th</sup>			
	USA	CANADA	AUS	
Go to a concert	28%	31%	24%	Significant IMPACT
Go to a community festival	23%	21%	18%	Significant IMPACT
Go to a sporting event	21%	26%	19%	Significant IMPACT
Go to a movie	11%	15%	20%	Significant IMPACT
Go to charity fundraiser - volunteer	14%	13%	8%	Significant IMPACT

### Implications

As expected, people intend to do much less outside their home in the next 3 months. Whether it is people going to a concert, festival or sporting event people are MUCH LESS likely to do any of these activities.

The impact is far reaching, inhibiting people going also to movies and charity events.

# What are consumers much less likely to do in the next three months due to the Coronavirus?

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## THE IMPACT ON GOING TO RESTAURANTS AND BARS

### Aided list on what they intend to do MUCH LESS

	March 12 <sup>th</sup>		
	USA	CANADA	AUS
Go to a bar to watch a sporting event	18%	19%	18%
Go out for lunch to a restaurant	9%	7%	8%
Go out for dinner to a restaurant	7%	7%	5%
Go out for breakfast to a restaurant	5%	12%	13%

### Implications

In addition to people avoiding travel outside their city, there will be significant inner city impact with people intending to go much less to restaurants - during all day parts - for the next three months.

The largest negative impact will occur relative to watching sporting events at bars in the USA, Canada and Australia.

# What are consumers much less likely to do in the next three months due to the Coronavirus?

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## THE IMPACT ON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY OUTSIDE OF THE HOME

### Aided list on what they intend to do MUCH LESS

	March 12th		
	USA	CANADA	AUS
Go to a gym or fitness facility	16%	14%	11%
Go out for a walk	5%	9%	7%
Get for a run or hike	4%	5%	7%

### Implications

The impact on people's intention to do physical activity – their favorite things to do for exercise (walk, hike, run) – is only slightly inhibited as of March 12<sup>th</sup> 2020 due to the Coronavirus .

The negative impact on gym facilities will be greater due to the perception of public gatherings, which may require greater flexibility of access to times/openings.

# Defining what People are much less likely to do in the next three months due to the Coronavirus?

IMI 24™ : March 1<sup>st</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> 2020, N=300+ per action per country

## THE IMPACT ON VISITING / GETTING TOGETHER WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Aided List on what they intend to do MUCH LESS

	March 12th		
	USA	CANADA	AUS
Get together with friends	7%	11%	8%
Get together with family	6%	11%	10%

### Implications

The impact on people socializing and getting together with friends and family – inside or outside their home - is inhibited as of March 12<sup>th</sup> 2020 due to the Coronavirus. This is very important with the knowledge of people's needs for human connection for mental and physical health.

# Perceived Impact of Covid-19 on People's Lives – 2020

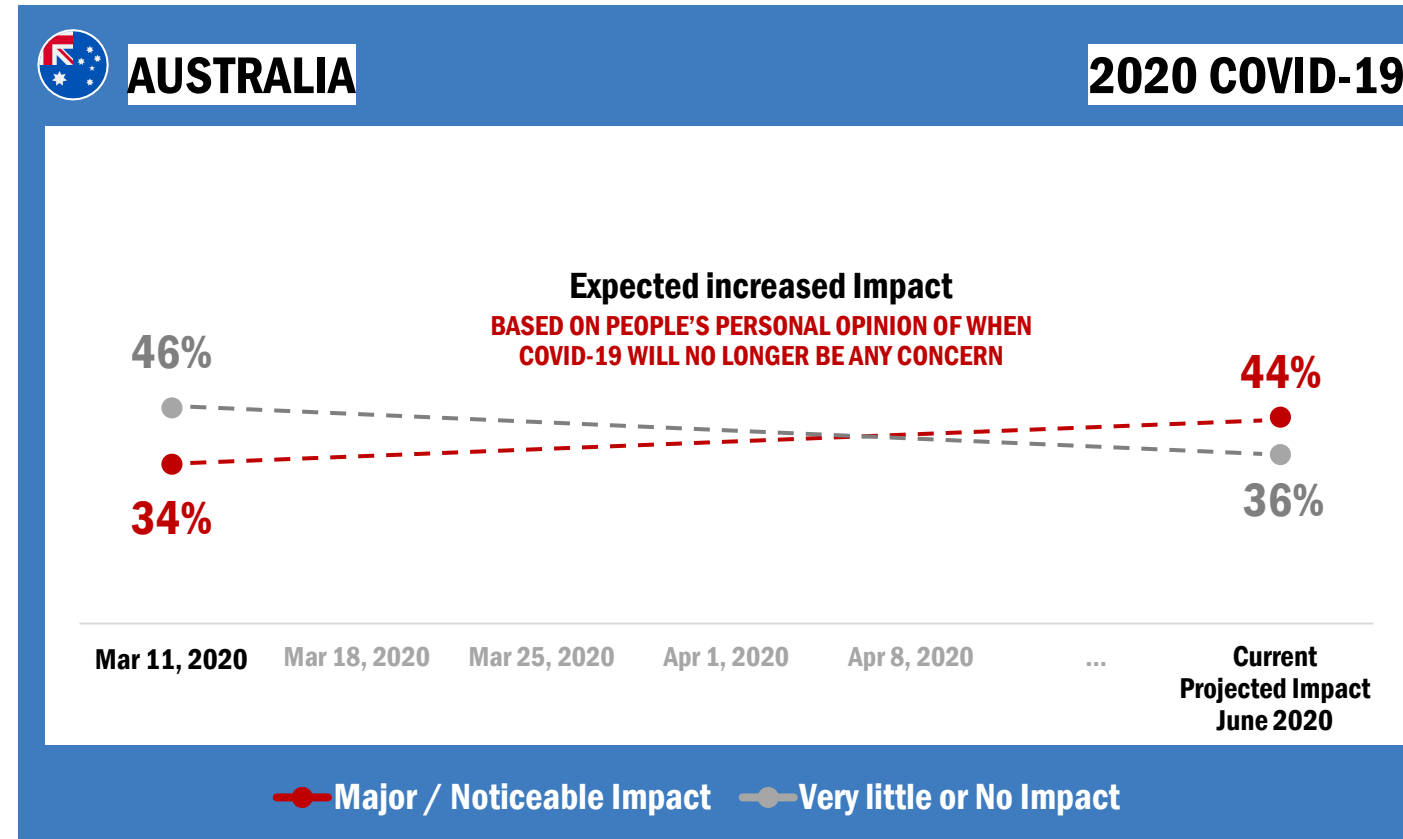


# Perceived impact on people's lifestyles

## AUSTRALIA

In the current market – **1 in 3 people** have felt a **major or noticeable impact on their lifestyle**, with the expectation that things will get slightly worse in the coming months, growing to nearly **1 in 2** feeling a major/noticeable impact by June.

These perceptions will be next updated for March 20, 2020 and tracked for the coming months.

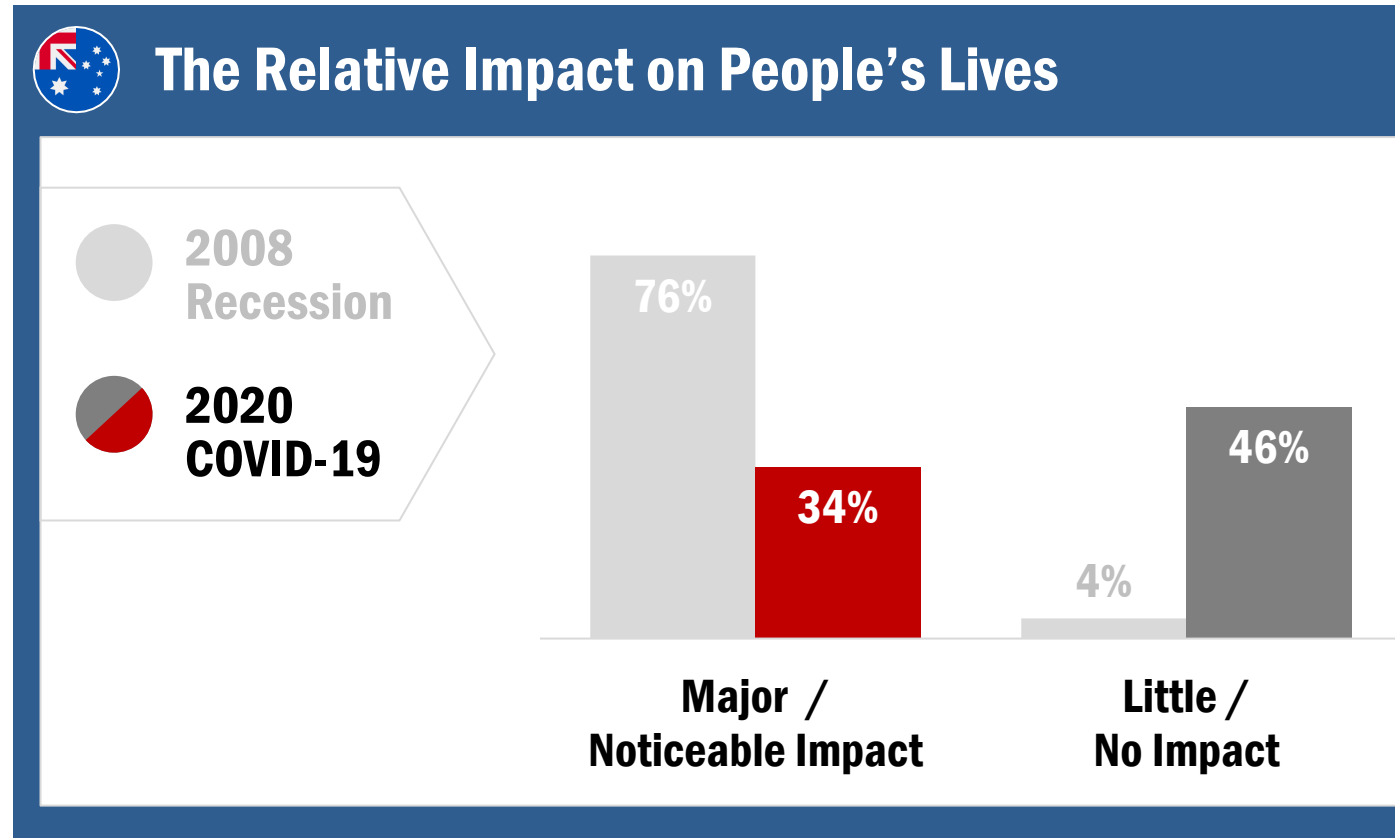


# Perceived impact on people's lifestyles: Comparing the 2008 Recession to COVID-19

## AUSTRALIA

In the current market – **1 in 3 people** have felt a **major or noticeable impact on their lifestyle**, with the expectation that things will get slightly worse in the coming months, growing to nearly **1 in 2** feeling a major/noticeable impact.

Relative to the recession in 2008, the people affected to date is **much lower**.



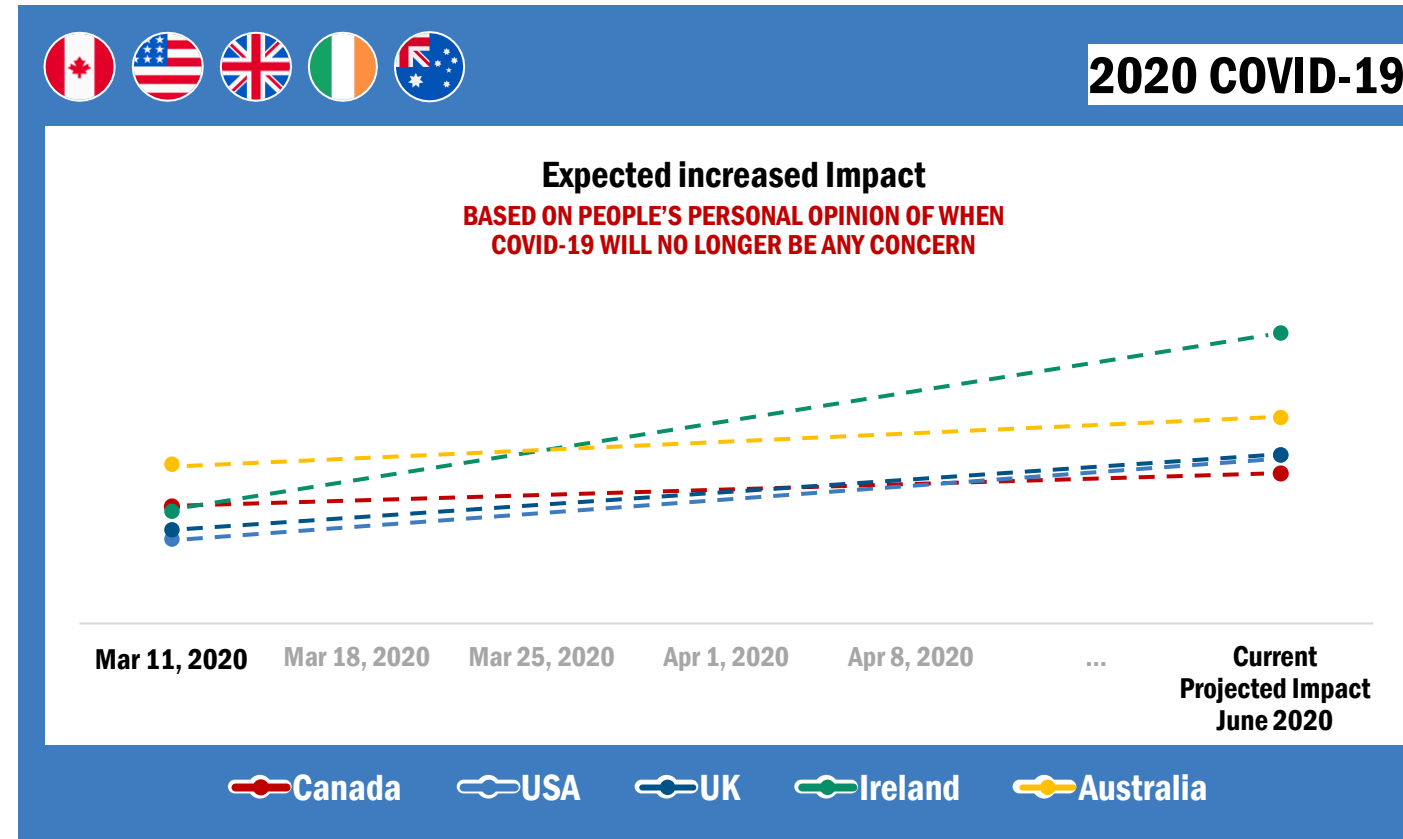
# Perceived impact on people's lifestyles:

## GLOBAL CONTEXT: MAJOR OR NOTICIBLE IMPACT

In the current market an average of **23% of people have felt a major or noticeable impact on their lifestyle**, with the expectation that things will get slightly worse in the coming months, **growing to nearly 42% feeling a major/noticeable impact.**

- Ireland and Australia have felt most impacted to date and predict that by June the impact will grow in those markets most significantly.

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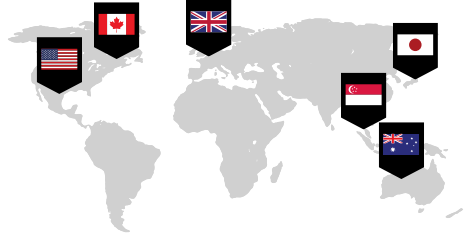
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