

# FEAR OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND LIFE SATISFACTION

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## Fear of unemployment is lower than at the end of 2019

Fear of unemployment is down from the levels seen in late 2019. In September 2020, the fear of unemployment index edged down by 1.1 points as compared to December 2019<sup>1</sup>. Compared with September 2019, the indicator is down by 3.2 percentage points.

Despite the severe impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on the Brazilian economy at the end of the first quarter of 2020, employment protection measures implemented in the period contributed to curb unemployment and increase job security. Income transfers to families has possibly also contributed to this result. Finally, the gradual resumption of commercial and productive activities in recent months has had a positive impact on agents' expectations, who were initially expecting a slower economic recovery.

Although fear of unemployment has fallen for the population as a whole, it has increased in certain population groups, including those aged between 25 and 54 years (particularly among the youngest in this age group); those with a college degree; and those with a household income of more than five minimum wages.

Fear of unemployment remains higher among the female population, those who live in the Northeast region, and those earning up to one minimum wage.

As in December 2019, the difference in fear of unemployment between men and women has also widened. While the indicator is down for both men and women, fear of unemployment among men fell more significantly as compared to women, which explains the widening gap between the indicators.

The Life Satisfaction Index in turn held virtually steady as it fell by 0.2 points in September 2020 as compared to December 2019. The index is down by 1.1 points from its historical average.

<sup>1</sup> The March and June 2020 issues of the Fear of Unemployment and Life Satisfaction survey had to be canceled because the Covid-19 pandemic made it impossible to conduct the in-person interviews for the survey.

### Fear of Unemployment Index

**55.0** points

September-2020

Historical average: 50.2

 **-1.1** points

Change from  
December-2019

 **-3.2** points

Change from  
September-2019

### Life Satisfaction Index

**68.5** points

September-2020

Historical average: 69.6

 **0.2** points

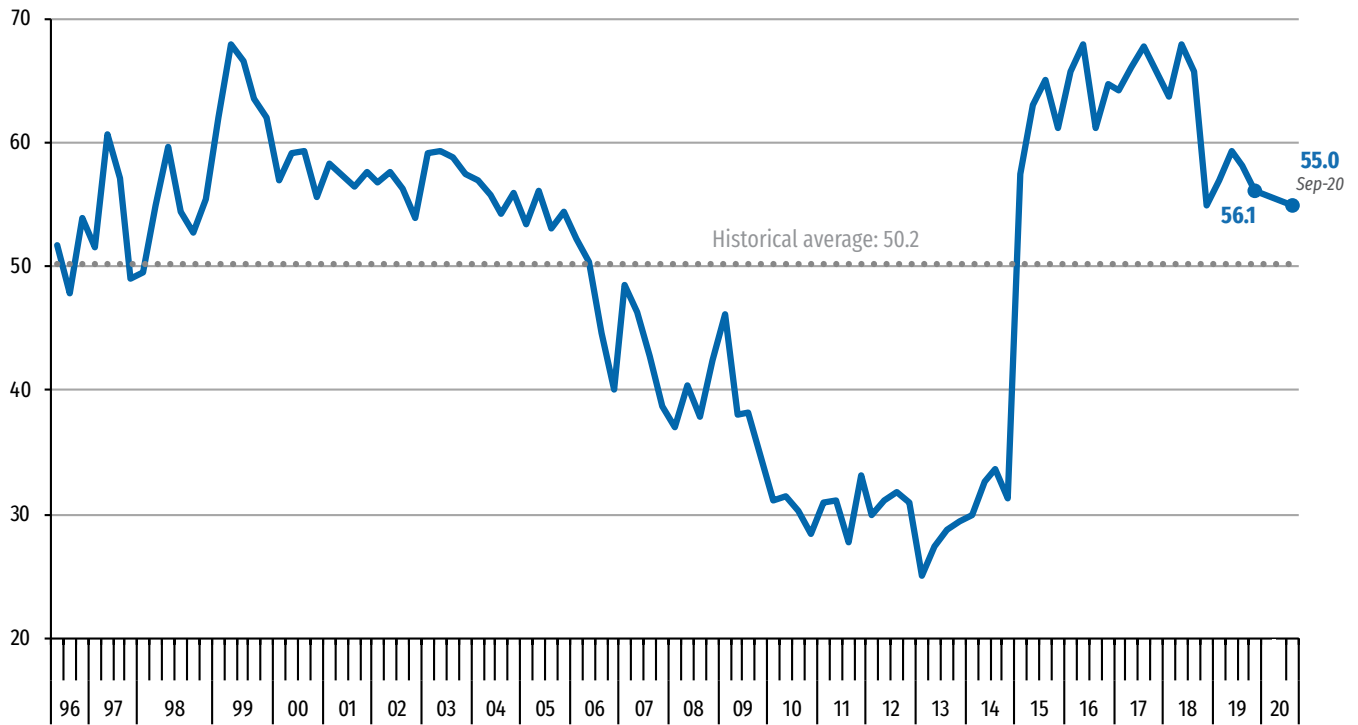
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 **-0.5** points

Change from  
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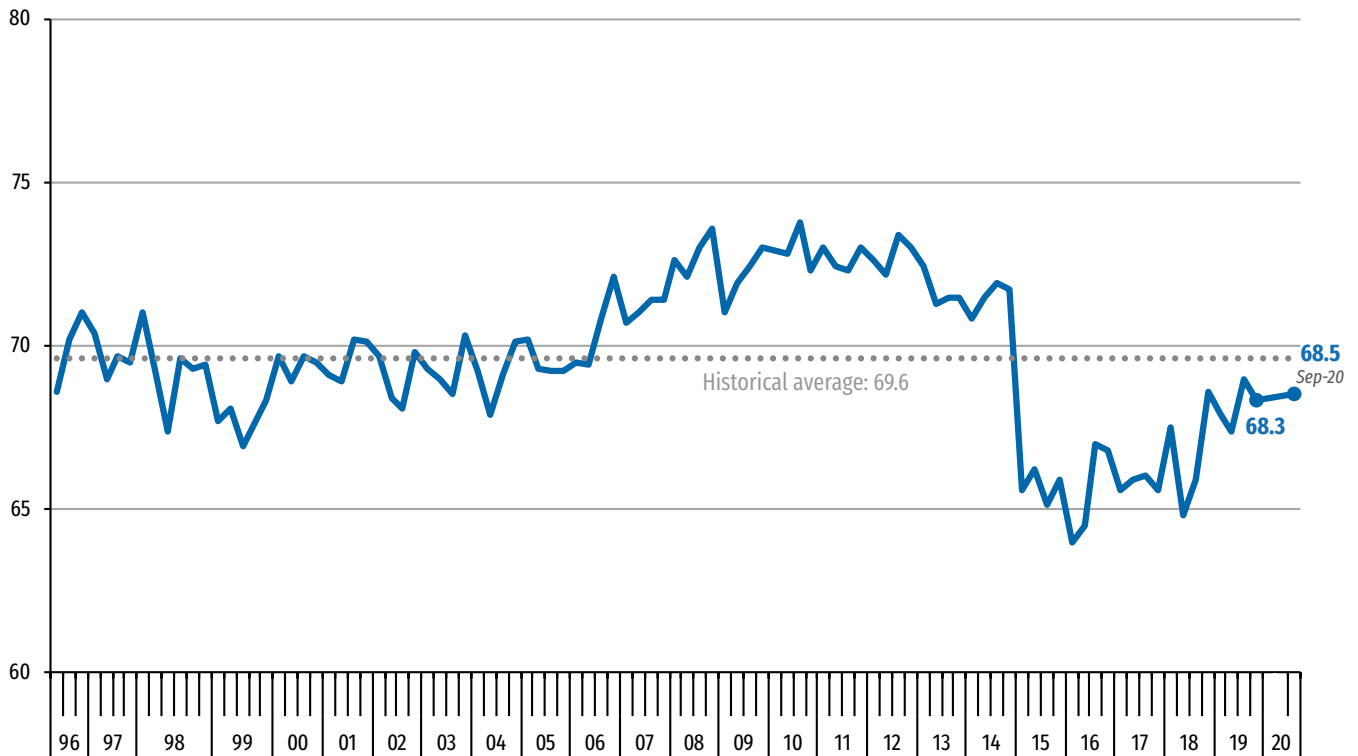
### Fear of Unemployment Index

Diffusion index



### Life Satisfaction Index

Diffusion index



	FEAR OF UNEMPLOYMENT INDEX			LIFE SATISFACTION INDEX		
	SEP-2019	DEC-2019	SEP-2020	SEP-2019	DEC-2019	SEP-2020
<b>Total</b>	58.2	56.1	55.0	69.0	68.3	68.5
<b>GENDER</b>						
Male	53.5	48.5	46.8	69.3	69.0	70.0
Female	62.6	63.2	62.4	68.7	67.7	67.1
<b>AGE</b>						
16 to 24	63.4	62.6	57.9	71.9	72.0	71.4
25 to 34	58.2	53.9	57.3	69.9	70.6	69.3
35 to 44	55.2	55.9	56.3	69.4	67.2	68.4
45 to 54	62.1	54.9	56.2	65.5	66.7	66.6
55 or above	54.0	54.6	48.9	67.8	65.6	67.2
<b>EDUCATION LEVEL</b>						
Up to the 4th grade of elementary school	59.7	60.3	59.2	66.4	65.3	66.9
5th-8th grade of elementary school	62.9	58.8	56.9	66.6	67.4	67.0
High school	60.1	57.5	54.6	69.4	69.2	69.4
Higher education	48.6	47.0	50.1	72.6	70.5	69.5
<b>GEOGRAPHIC REGION</b>						
North / Midwest	49.3	55.2	51.2	68.6	67.4	69.5
Northeast	69.7	62.1	61.2	68.1	68.3	69.2
Southeast	58.5	57.4	56.6	68.8	68.0	67.7
South	47.7	43.4	43.0	71.0	70.4	68.7
<b>FAMILY INCOME (IN MINIMUM WAGES)</b>						
Over 5	39.6	37.4	42.2	73.4	73.1	72.8
Over 2 to 5	53.1	49.3	44.8	71.4	70.0	70.7
Over 1 to 2	61.7	59.7	59.6	69.1	68.8	67.3
Up to 1	68.8	69.7	65.0	64.7	64.5	65.7
<b>STATUS OF THE MUNICIPALITY</b>						
Capital	58.2	58.0	57.0	69.2	67.2	66.3
Outskirts of capitals	58.9	56.9	55.9	68.8	66.8	68.5
Country	58.1	55.3	54.0	68.8	69.0	69.5



## Technical specifications

### Sample profile

2,000 interviews in 127 municipalities.

### Data collection period:

September 17-20, 2020.

Document closed by October 8, 2020.



## Learn more

For more information on the survey, including previous editions, methodology and data by respondent profile, visit:  
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