

FEAR OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND LIFE SATISFACTION

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Fear of unemployment falls again

Fear of unemployment fell again in December 2019 (-2.1 points), adding to the 1.1-point drop observed in September and returning to the level reached after the 2018 elections.

In December 2018, the fear of unemployment index edged down by 10.8 points due to optimism about the outcome of the presidential election. In the first half of 2019, with frustrated expectations about economic growth, the index experienced two increases in the first quarter of 2019, growing by 4.3 points up to June.

The declines observed in September and December totaled 3.2 points, causing the indicator to virtually return to the level observed after the elections. Nevertheless, the indicator is still 1.1 points above the reading for December 2018 and 6.0 points above its historical average.

The life satisfaction index declined by 0.7 points in December 2019 as compared to September. With this drop, the indicator closes the year down by 0.3 points from December 2018. The index is still up from the figure registered at the height of the crisis, but remains below its historical average.

Fear of unemployment remains higher among Brazilians earning a household income of up to one minimum wage as compared to the other income brackets. Apart from showing higher fear of unemployment, those in this income range also experienced the highest increase in the index between September and December 2019 (+0.9 points).

The difference in fear of unemployment between men and women has also widened. While women are usually more afraid of unemployment than men, in December the gap reached its highest point since March 2005. That gap widened because while fear of unemployment among men fell by five points between September and December, the index for women increased by 0.6 points.

Fear of Unemployment Index

56.1points

December 2019

Historical average: 50.1



-2.1points

Change from
September 2019



1.1points

Change from
December 2018

Life Satisfaction Index

68.3points

December 2019

Historical average: 69.6



-0.7points

Change from
September 2019

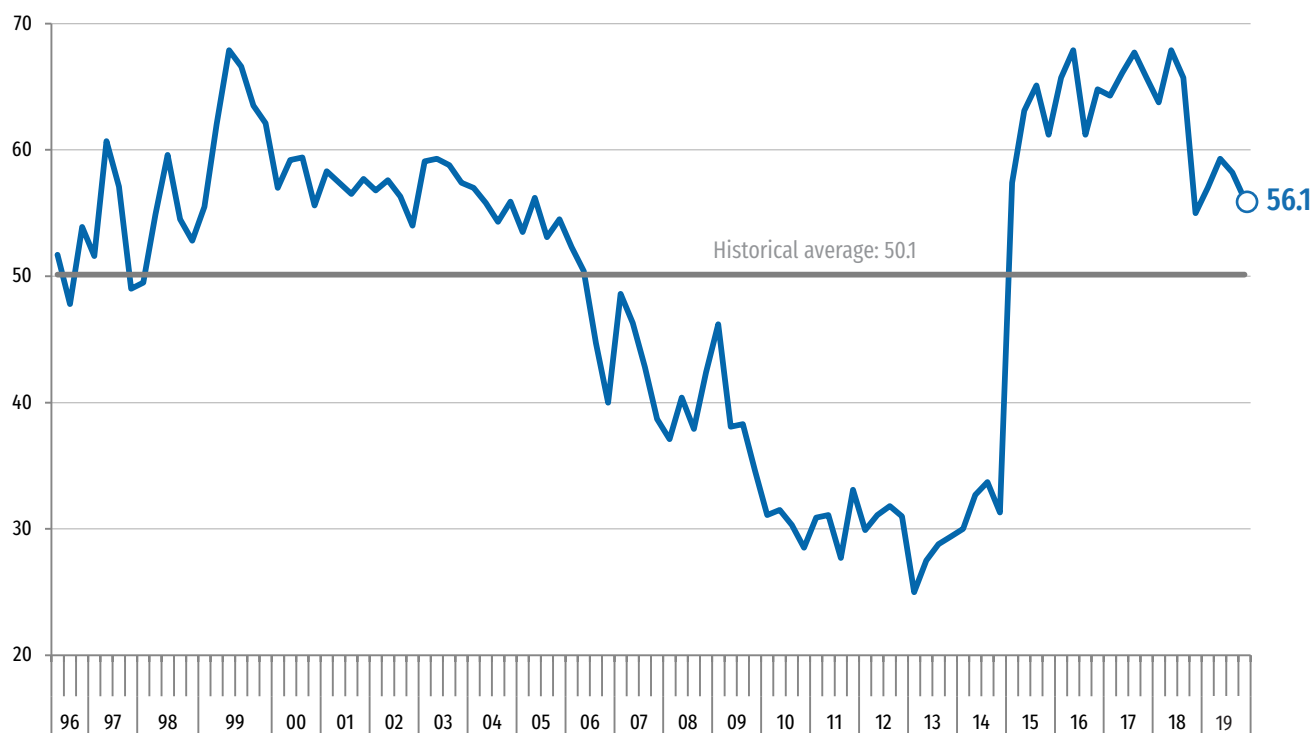


-0.3points

Change from
December 2018

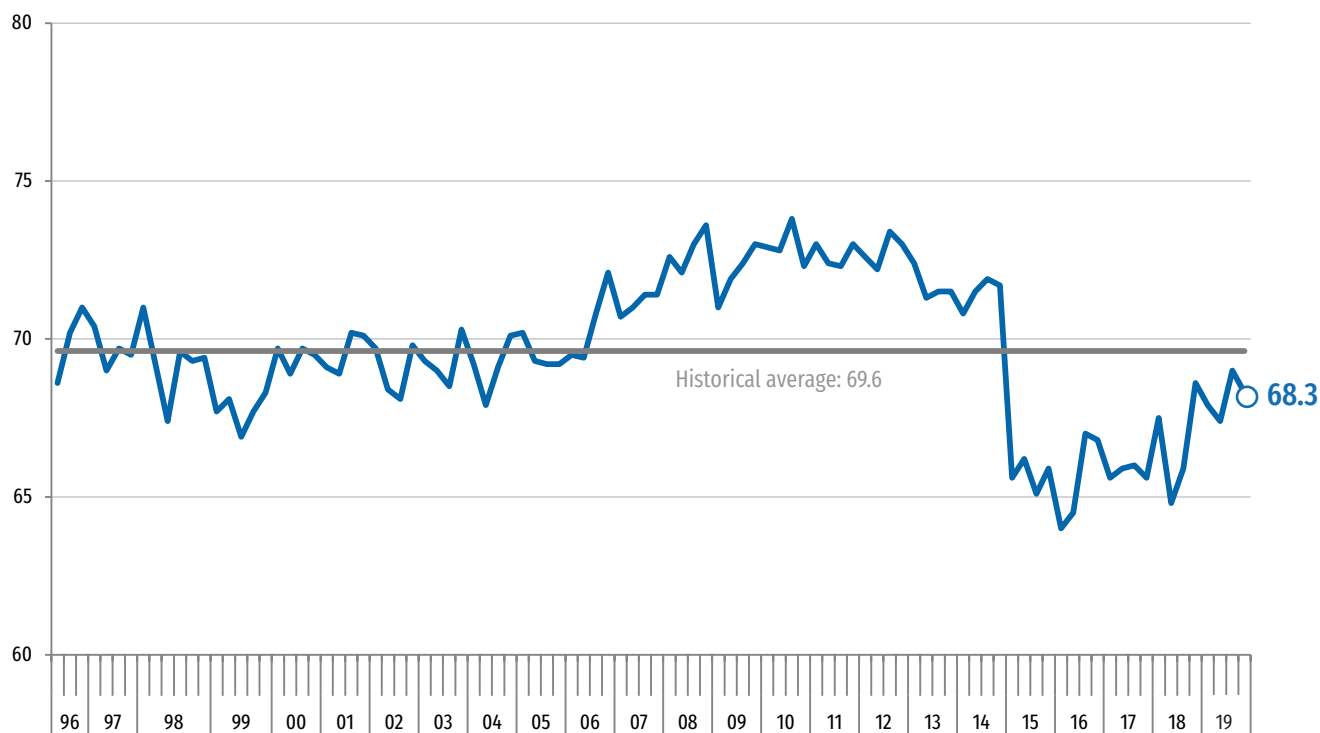
Fear of Unemployment Index

Diffusion index



Life Satisfaction Index

Diffusion index



	FEAR OF UNEMPLOYMENT INDEX			LIFE SATISFACTION INDEX		
	Dec 2018	Sep 2019	Dec 2019	Dec 2018	Sep 2019	Dec 2019
Total	55.0	58.2	56.1	68.6	69.0	68.3
GENDER						
Male	50.1	53.5	48.5	68.9	69.3	69.0
Female	59.5	62.6	63.2	68.4	68.7	67.7
AGE						
16 to 24	56.7	63.4	62.6	72.4	71.9	72.0
25 to 34	55.7	58.2	53.9	70.2	69.9	70.6
35 to 44	57.6	55.2	55.9	67.2	69.4	67.2
45 to 54	56.1	62.1	54.9	66.4	65.5	66.7
55 or above	49.5	54.0	54.6	67.3	67.8	65.6
EDUCATION LEVEL						
Up to the 4th grade of elementary school	57.5	59.7	60.3	66.9	66.4	65.3
5th-8th grade of elementary school	55.3	62.9	58.8	67.1	66.6	67.4
High school	58.0	60.1	57.5	68.6	69.4	69.2
Higher education	46.1	48.6	47.0	72.1	72.6	70.5
GEOGRAPHIC REGION						
North/Mid-west	48.0	49.3	55.2	68.7	68.6	67.4
Northeast	63.3	69.7	62.1	69.0	68.1	68.3
Southeast	55.8	58.5	57.4	68.0	68.8	68.0
South	45.8	47.7	43.4	69.8	71.0	70.4
FAMILY INCOME (IN MINIMUM WAGES)						
Over 5	42.2	39.6	37.4	73.0	73.4	73.1
Over 2 to 5	50.8	53.1	49.3	70.1	71.4	70.0
Over 1 to 2	56.5	61.7	59.7	68.5	69.1	68.8
Up to 1	65.8	68.8	69.7	64.8	64.7	64.5
STATUS OF THE MUNICIPALITY						
Capital	53.2	58.2	58.0	67.9	69.2	67.2
Outskirts of capitals	56.0	58.9	56.9	67.9	68.8	66.8
Country	55.6	58.1	55.3	69.0	68.8	69.0



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Sample profile

2,000 interviews in 127 municipalities.

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Learn more

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