

Scale of the Threat Posed by the Economic Blockade Caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic



Entrepreneurs Opinion Survey Report
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In less than seven hours we have gathered responses from more than 900 Polish entrepreneurs

The presentation herein contains the most important results of an online survey involving a sample of 911 entrepreneurs. The survey was conducted on March 17th 2020, between 3PM and 9PM.

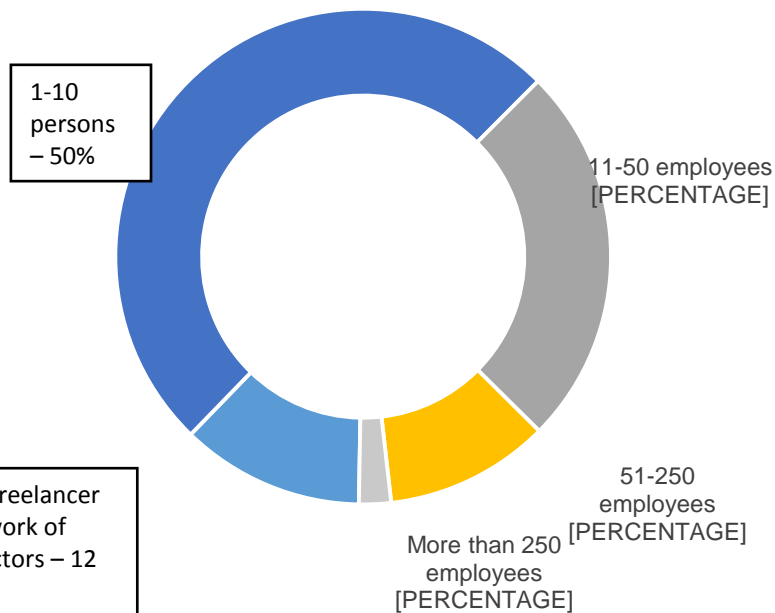
The sample was not selected in a manner that would ensure a representative nature of the data. Nonetheless, the particulars suggest that the data is representative for different groups of enterprises and the regions where they conduct their business activities.

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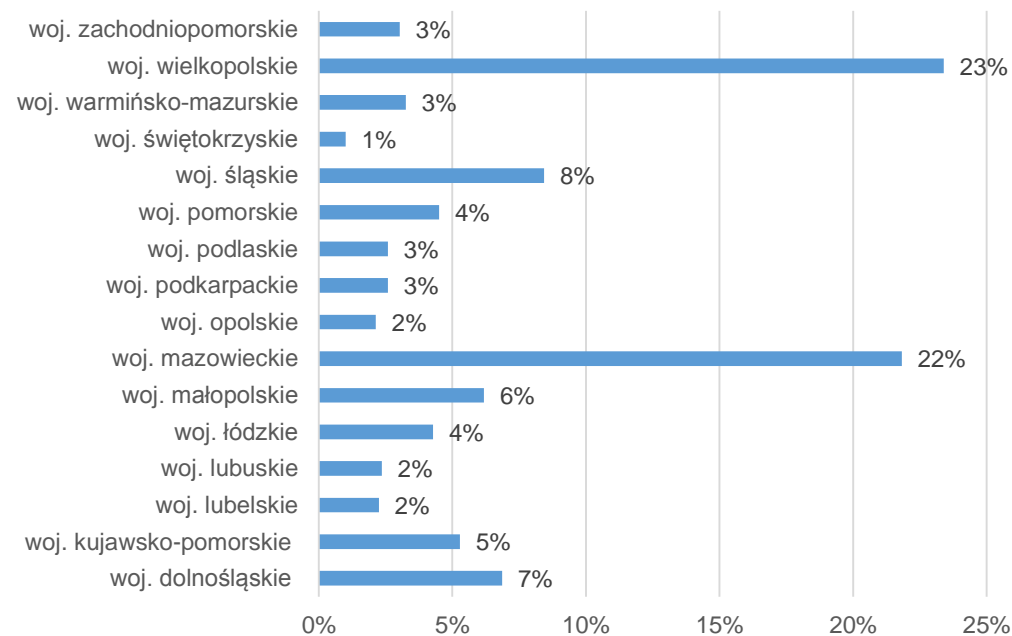
– ranging from micro to large businesses, hailing from all of the Voivodeships

Size of the businesses owned by the entrepreneurs surveyed (including employment contracts and recurrent work contracts)

(N=910)



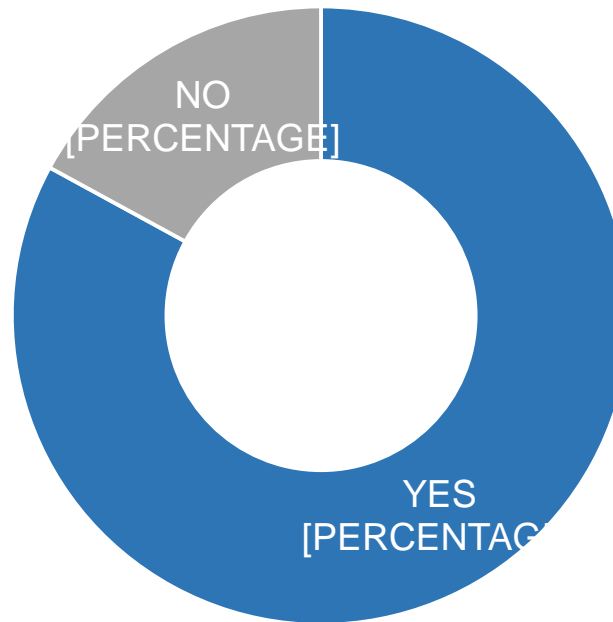
Voivodeships where most of the employees are found by the entrepreneurs responding to the survey (N=889)



Key Findings

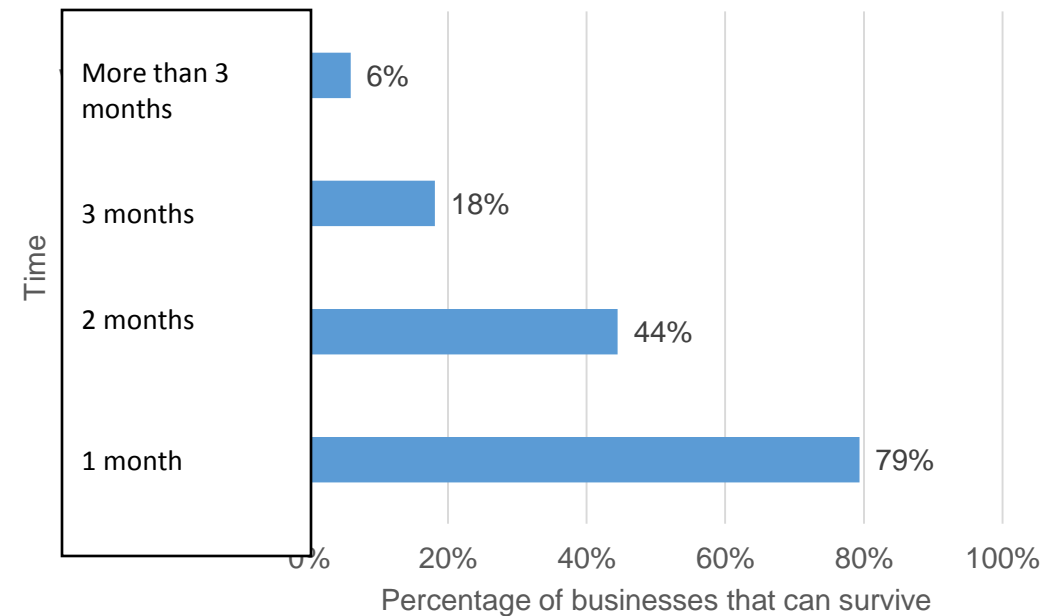
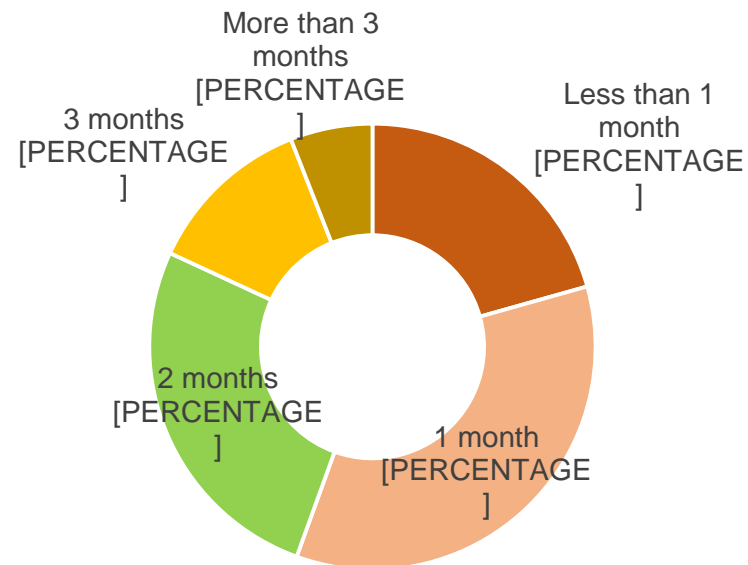
83% of the entrepreneurs indicate that their business organisation is the sole means of support for their family

Is your company the sole measure of support for your family?
(N=909)



More than 50% of the businesses would not survive more than a month, without layoffs

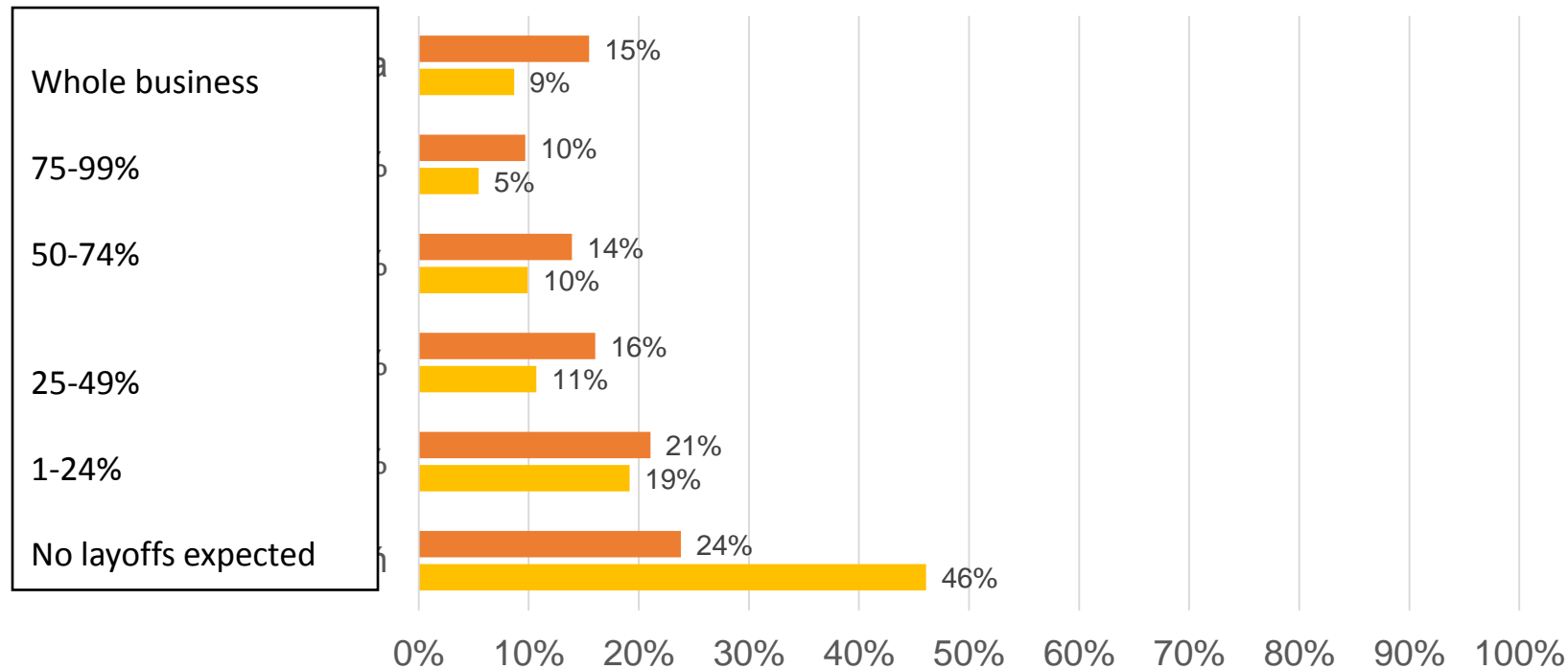
How long can your business wait, without layoffs, before you run out of money? (N=909)



Should the epidemic and the economic blockade extend into April, the number of businesses that would be forced to terminate their contracts with all of the employees will be almost doubled

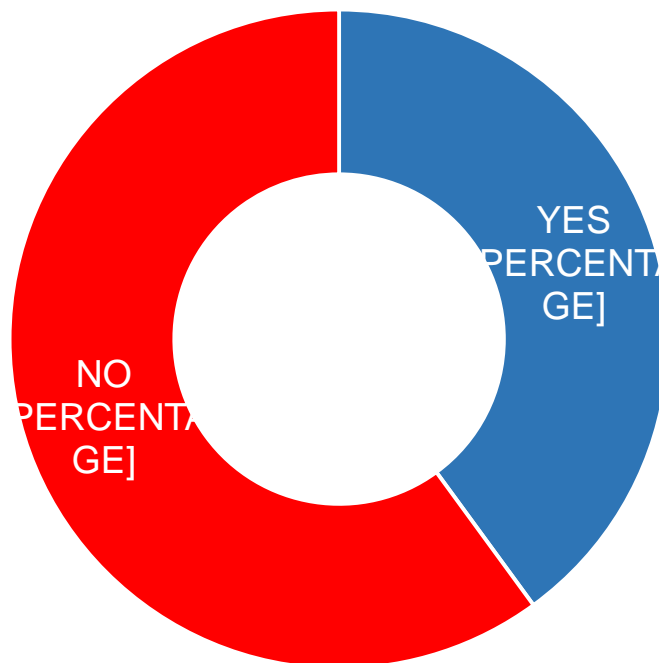
What percentage of the employees will lose their jobs if the epidemic lasts until...

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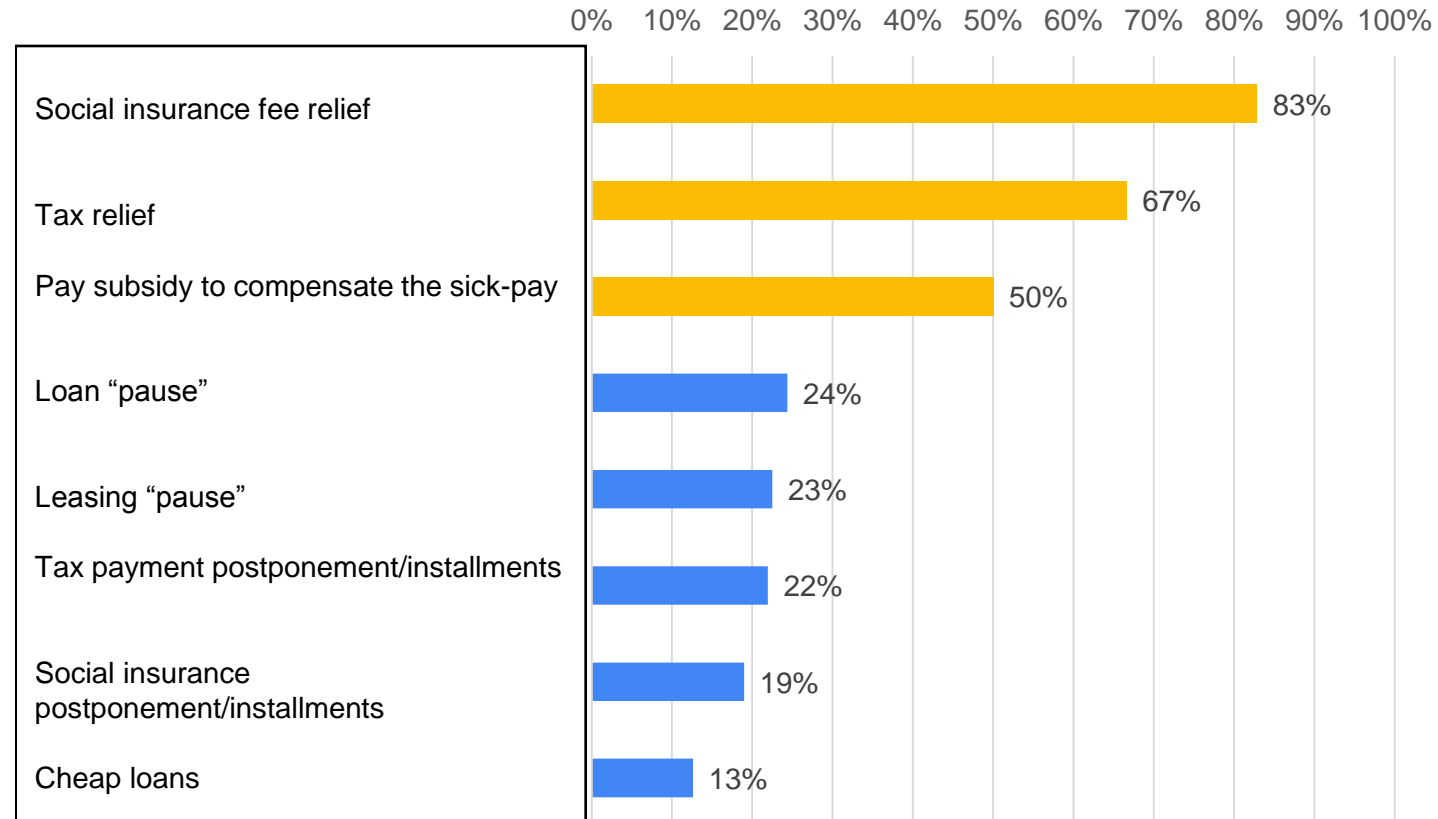
60% of the businesses cannot deliver their services and/or products without direct client contact

Can the business deliver its products and render its services without direct client contact?



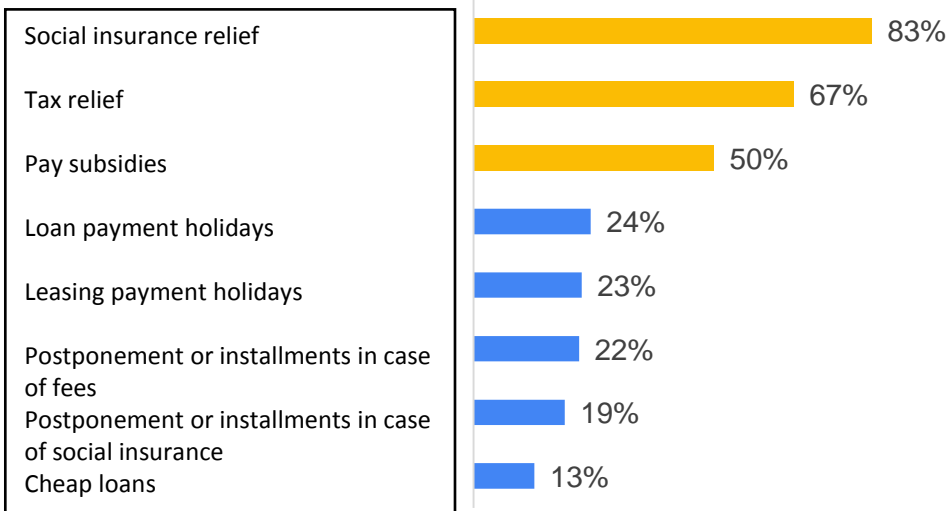
Most important expectations that the entrepreneurs have, when it comes to state assistance

What type of state support measures would be most effective from your point of view – select three best options (N=911)



Most important expectations that the entrepreneurs have, when it comes to state assistance

What type of state support would be the most effective one, in the current circumstances.
Select three best options (N=911)



Family Businesses Foundation recommendation is that rapid action shall be taken with regards to lessening of the burden imposed on the entrepreneurs by the public contributions. This recommendation is based on the results of the survey.

Most of the entrepreneurs claim that the situation of theirs could be improved through a waiver of the social insurance obligations, taxes, and pay subsidies.

When it comes to the latter, the key issue here is to have the Polish Social Insurance Institution take over the cost of pay paid to the employees using their sick leave from day one, not after 33 days as it happens currently.



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