

Coronavirus COVID-19

Public Opinion Tracking Research: 10/08/20



ABOUT THE RESEARCH

The research findings in this report are based on surveys by **Amárach Research** on behalf of the Department of Health.

The polls are conducted and reported on the same day using Amárach's SmartPoll panel and weighted to the demographics of the 18+ adult population.

Sample size (10/08/20): n=1,760



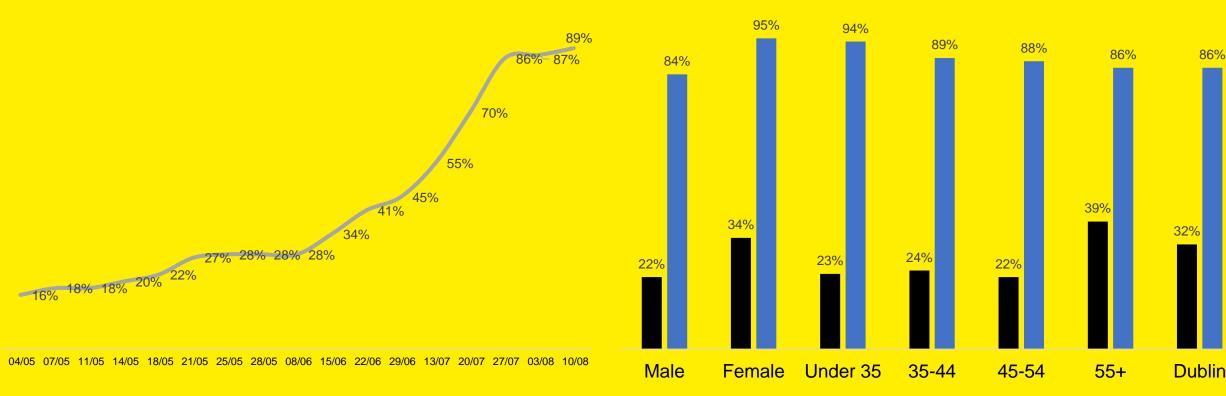
Behavioural Change



Face Masks

Do you wear a face mask when in public places? All Adults: % Yes

Face Mask Demographics Do you wear a face mask when in public places? % Yes

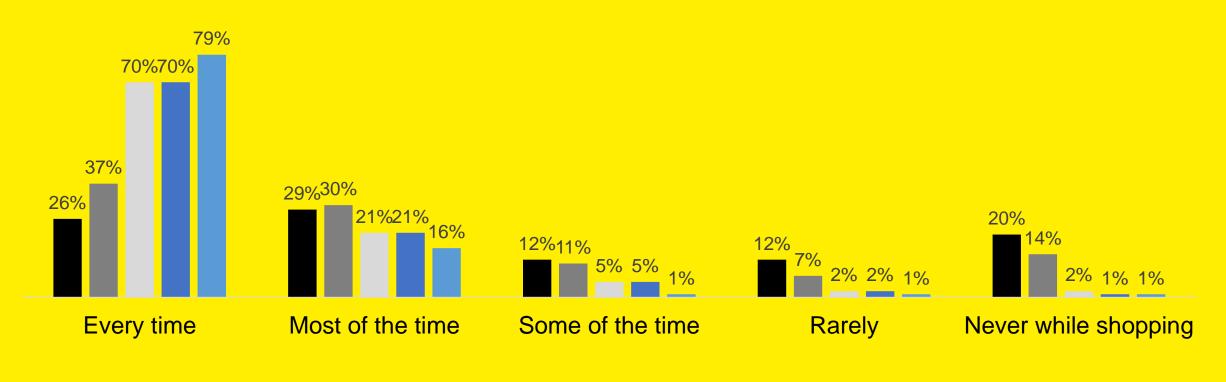


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Face Mask Frequency - I

Do you wear a face covering when you are shopping? Base: shoppers (99% of sample)

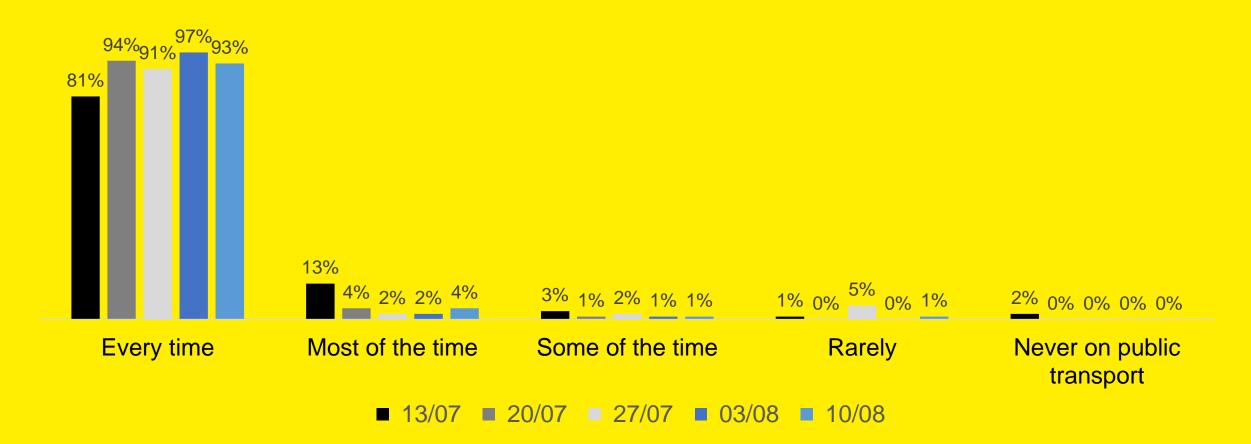


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Face Mask Frequency - II

Do you wear a face covering when using public transport? Base: users of public transport (20% of sample)

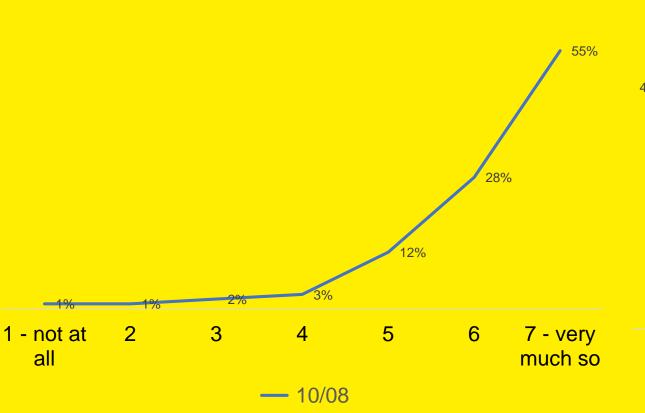


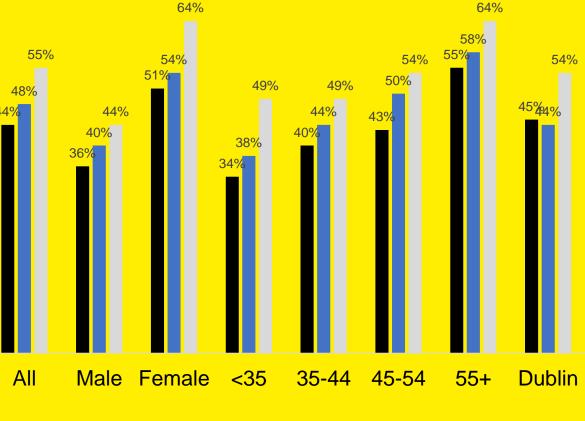


Following Recommendations - I

To what extent do you follow the recommendations from the Department of Health and HSE to prevent spread of coronavirus? Scale of 1 - 7



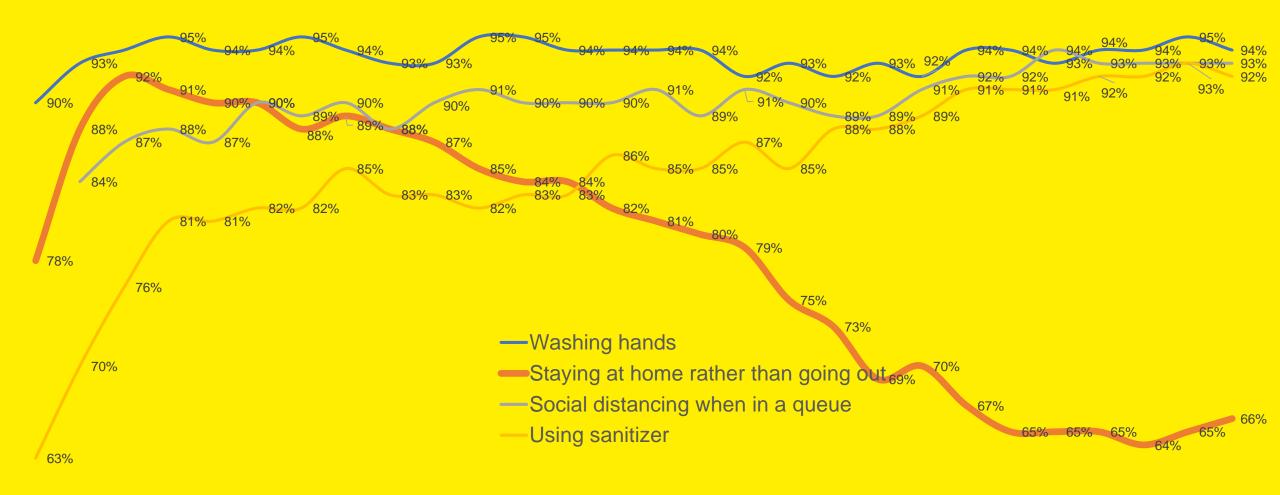




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Safe Behaviours – I

Which of the following are you doing more often as a result of the Coronavirus?



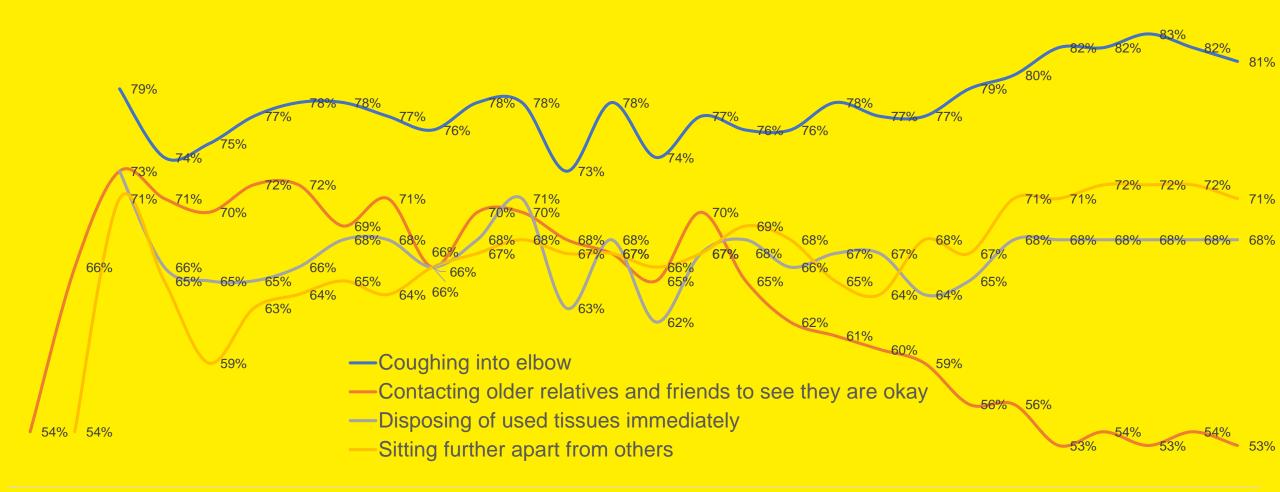
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Safe Behaviours – II



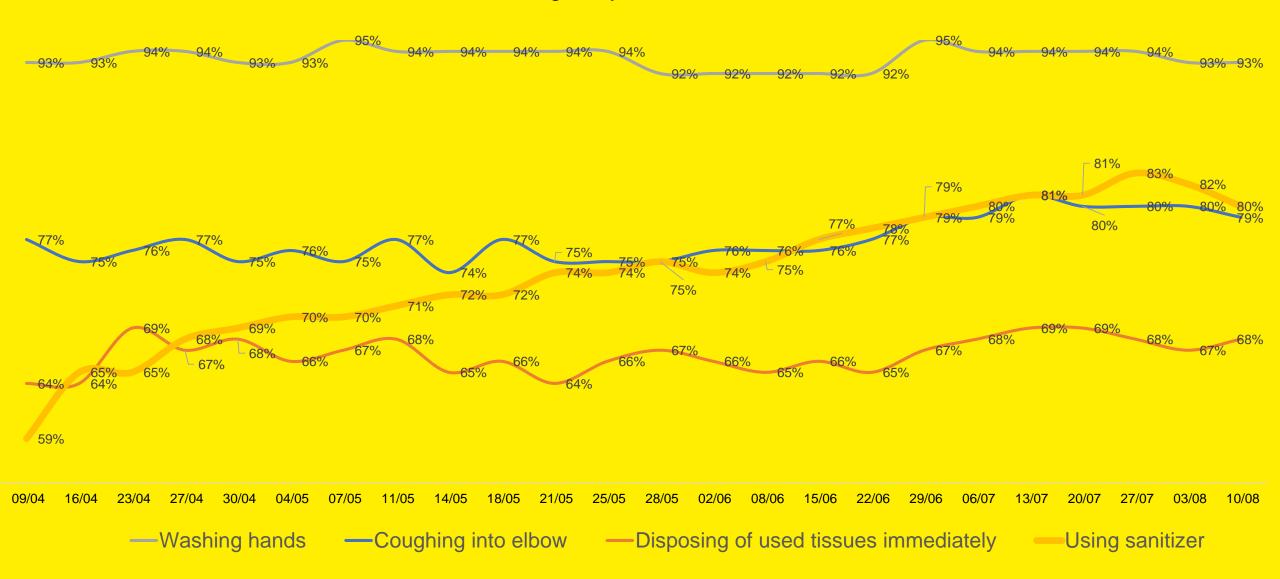


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Future Behaviours – I

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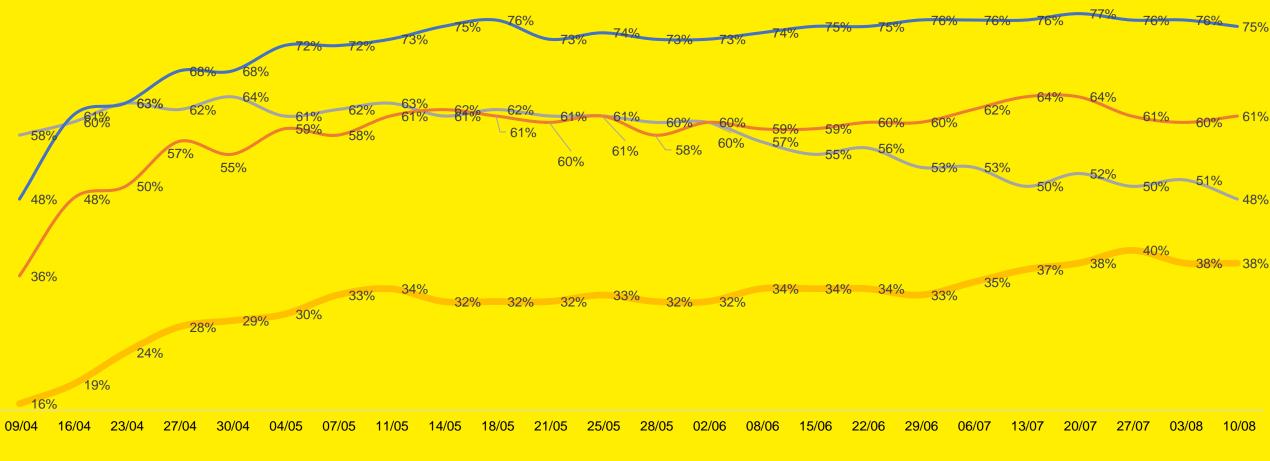
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Future Behaviours – II

Which of the following will you continue after Coronavirus?





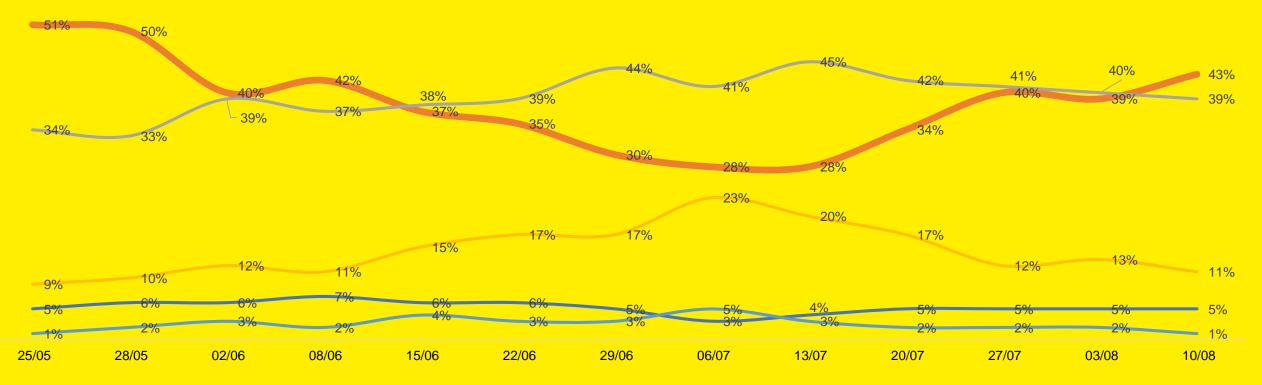
Contacting older relatives and friends to see they are okay Social distancing when in a queue

----Sitting further apart from others when outside house or on public transport -----Staying at home rather than going out

Socially Distanced



Which of the following best describes the extent to which you think people in general are following the social distancing guidelines?



- —Almost everybody is following the guidelines
- ----It's about 50/50 in terms of people following the guidelines
- ----Almost nobody is following the guidelines

Most people are following the guidelines
Most people are not following the guidelines



Emotional Wellbeing

Emotional Wellbeing – I

Did you experience any of these feelings a lot of the day yesterday? Select all that apply:



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-Worry -Enjoyment -Anxiety

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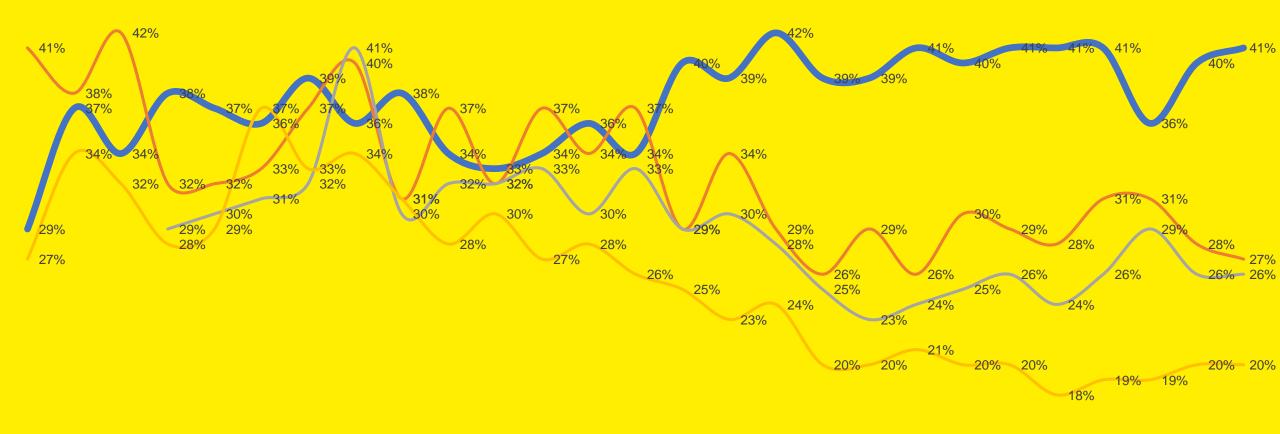
-Boredom



Emotional Wellbeing – II

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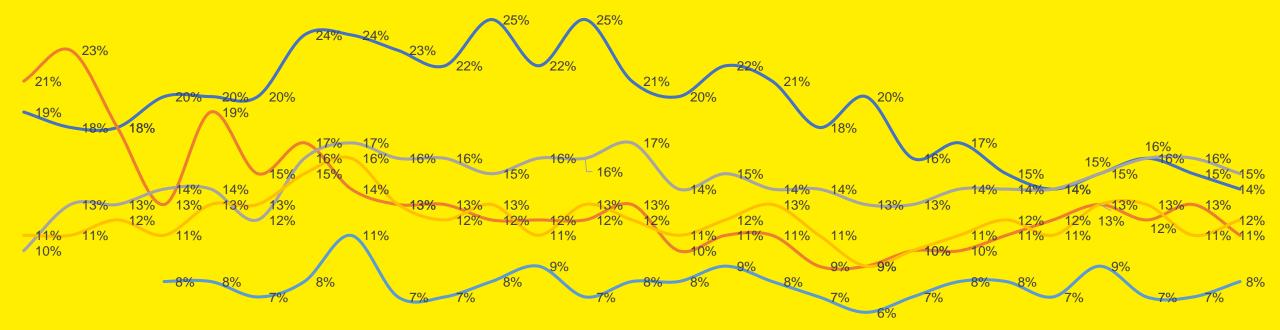
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-Happiness -Stress -Frustration -Sadness

Emotional Wellbeing – III

Did you experience any of these feelings a lot of the day yesterday? Select all that apply:





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-Loneliness -Fear -Pain -Anger -Intolerance

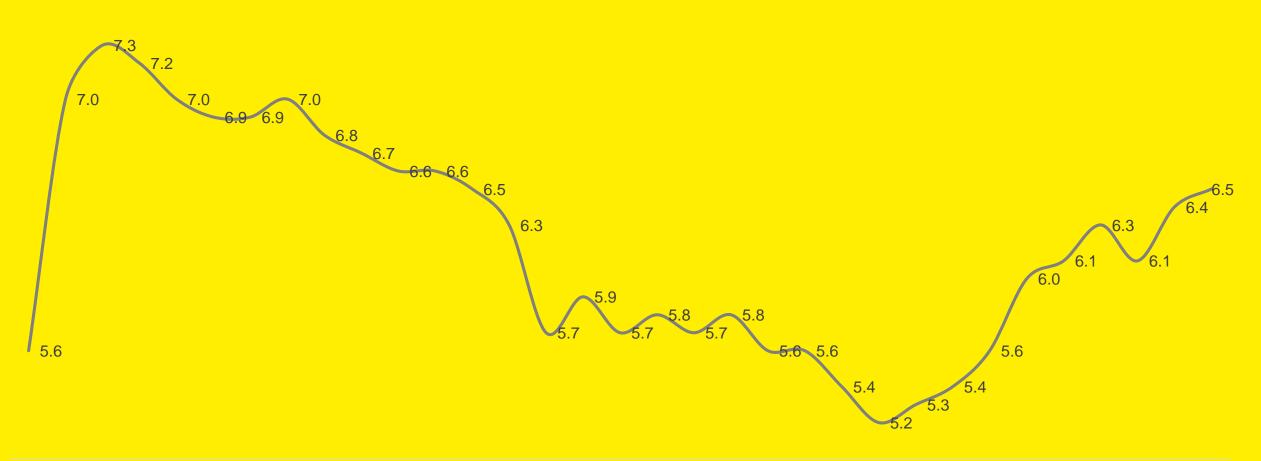


Risk Perceptions

Still Worried?



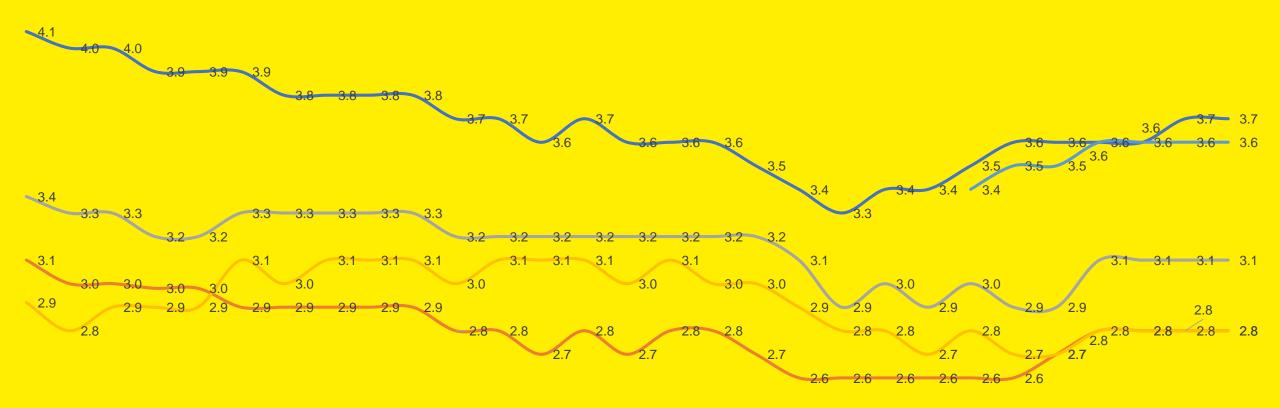
How worried are you personally about the Coronavirus? On a scale of 1 to 10 where 1 is not at all worried and 10 is extremely worried: Average Score



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Sources of Worry – I

Please indicate the extent to which any of the following is a current source of worry? On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is not at all and 5 is a great deal: Average Score



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- -Health of Family & Friends
- Prolonged Restrictions
- —Health system being overloaded (added 29/06)

— Personal Health — Reduced Social Contact

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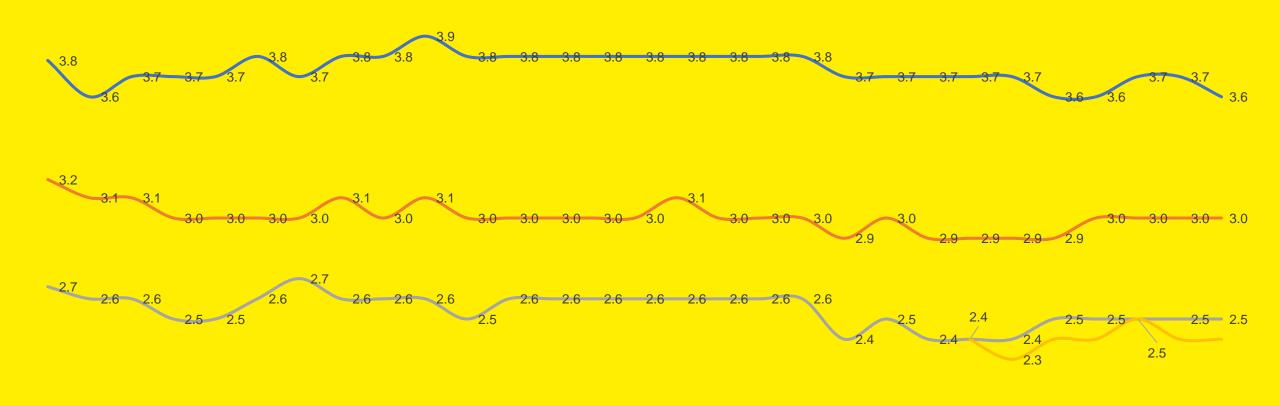
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Sources of Worry – II



Please indicate the extent to which any of the following is a current source of worry? On a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is not at all and 5 is a great deal: Average Score



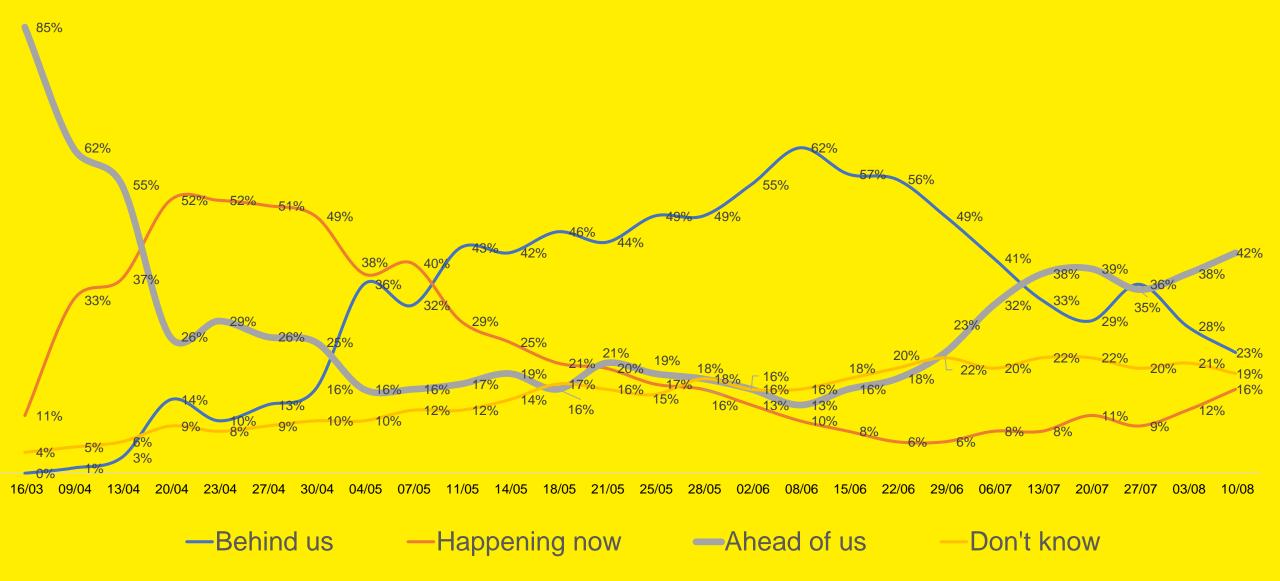
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——The Economy ——Personal Finance ——Employment Status ——Becoming Unemployed (added 29/06)

Pandemic Stage



Do you feel that the worst of the Coronavirus crisis in Ireland is:

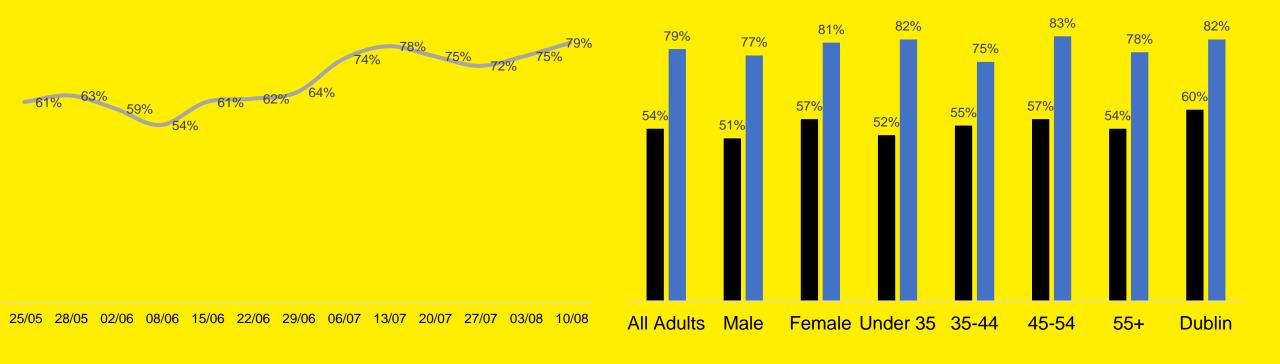




A Second Wave

How likely do you think it is that Ireland will experience a second wave of COVID-19 infections? On a scale of 1 to 7 where 1 is 'very unlikely' and 7 is 'very likely': % 5-7

A Second Wave Demographics: % 5-7



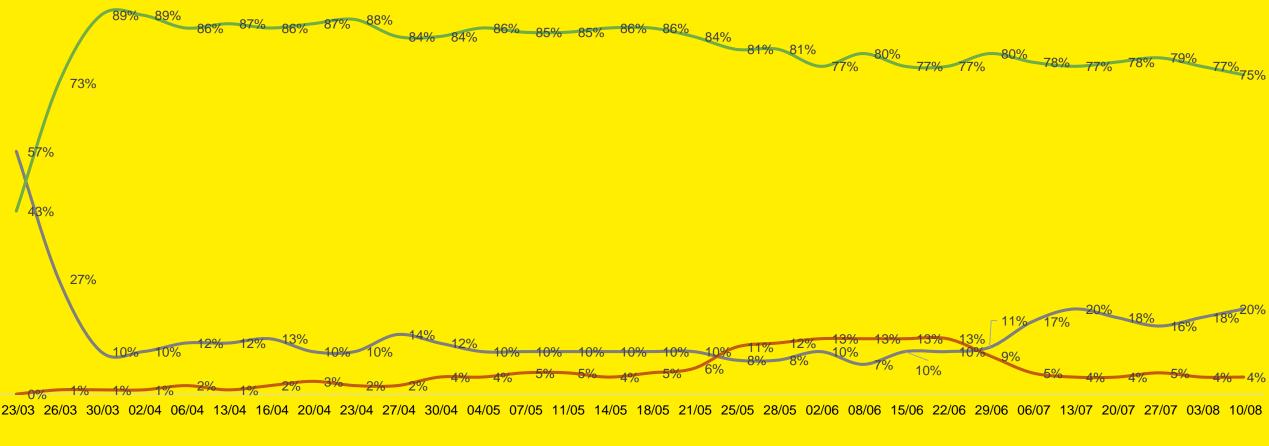
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Policy Preferences

Social Distancing

Do you think the current government measures on social distancing are:



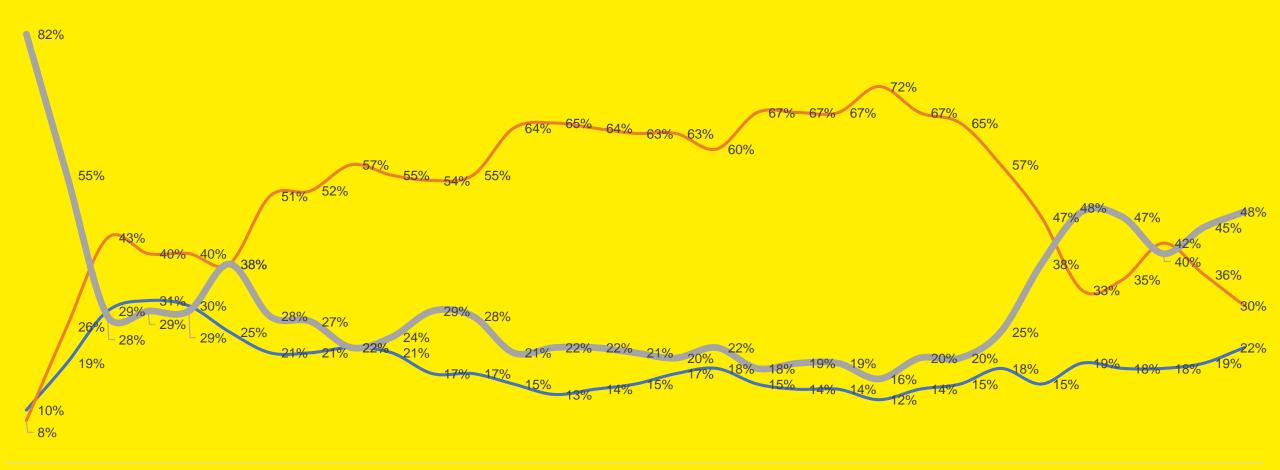
—Too weak —About right —Too strong

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Go Further? Do you think there should be more restrictions?





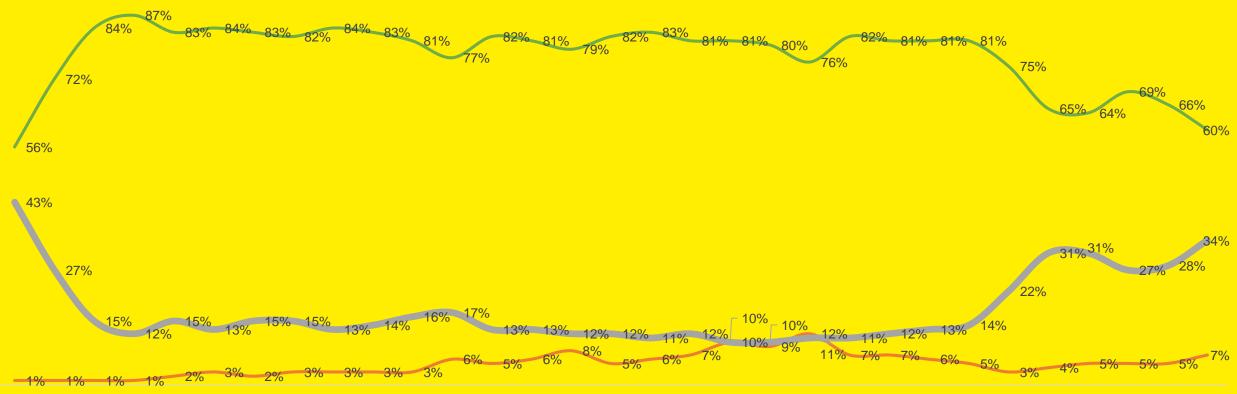
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—Don't know —No —Yes

Going Too Far?



Do you think the reaction of the government to the current coronavirus outbreak is appropriate too extreme or not sufficient?



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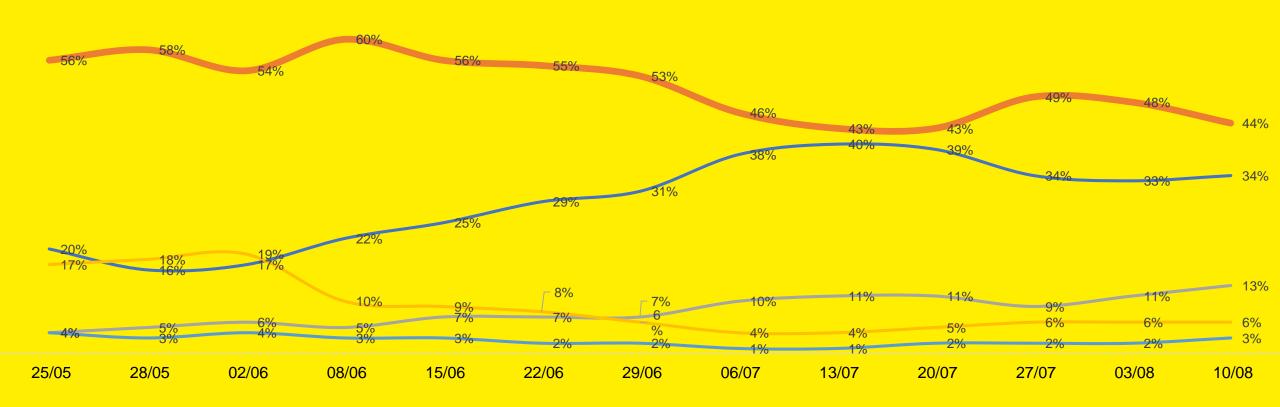
—Too Extreme —Appropriate

Insufficient

Returning to Normal



On balance, do you think that Ireland is trying to return to normal:



—Much too quickly —A bit too quickly —At about the right pace —A bit too slowly —Much too slowly

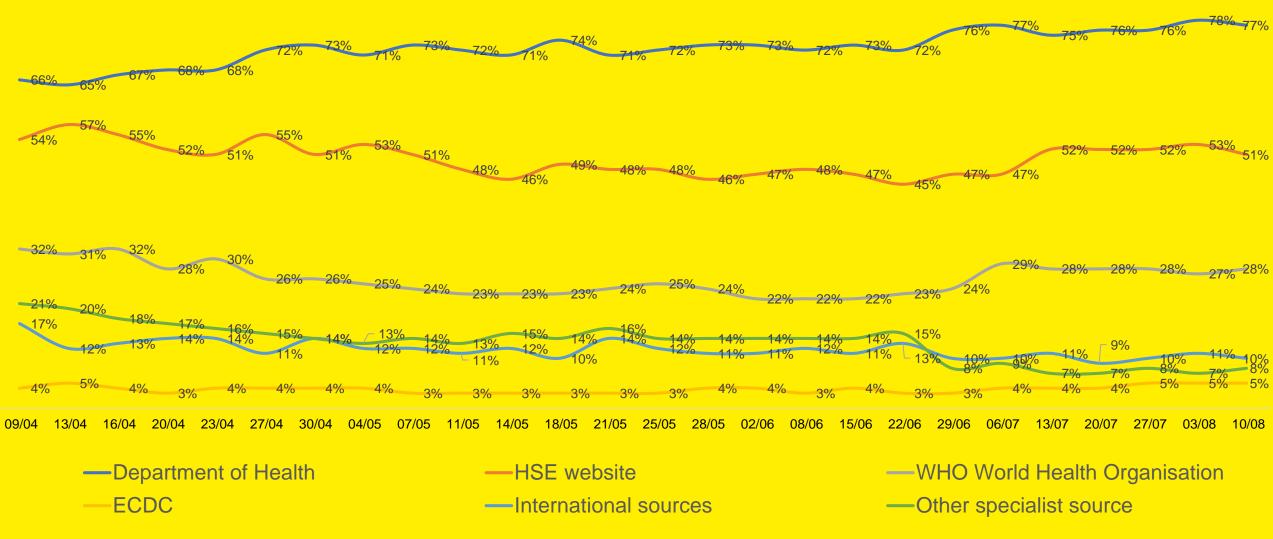


Information & Communications

Covid-19 Information Sources

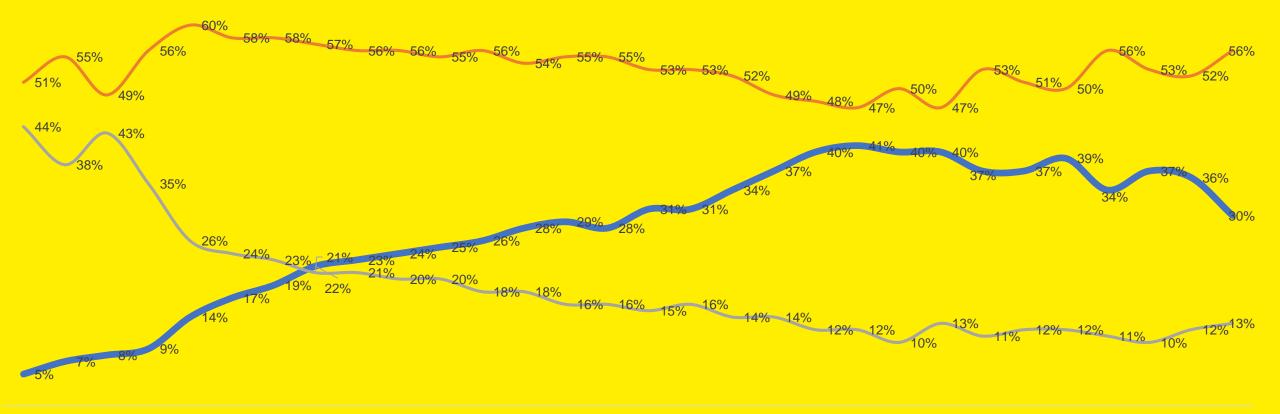


Where are you currently getting trusted information on Covid-19 from?



Media Consumption

How often are you checking the news about Coronavirus (on TV, radio the internet apps etc)?



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-Less than once a day -1-3 times a day -4 or more times a day

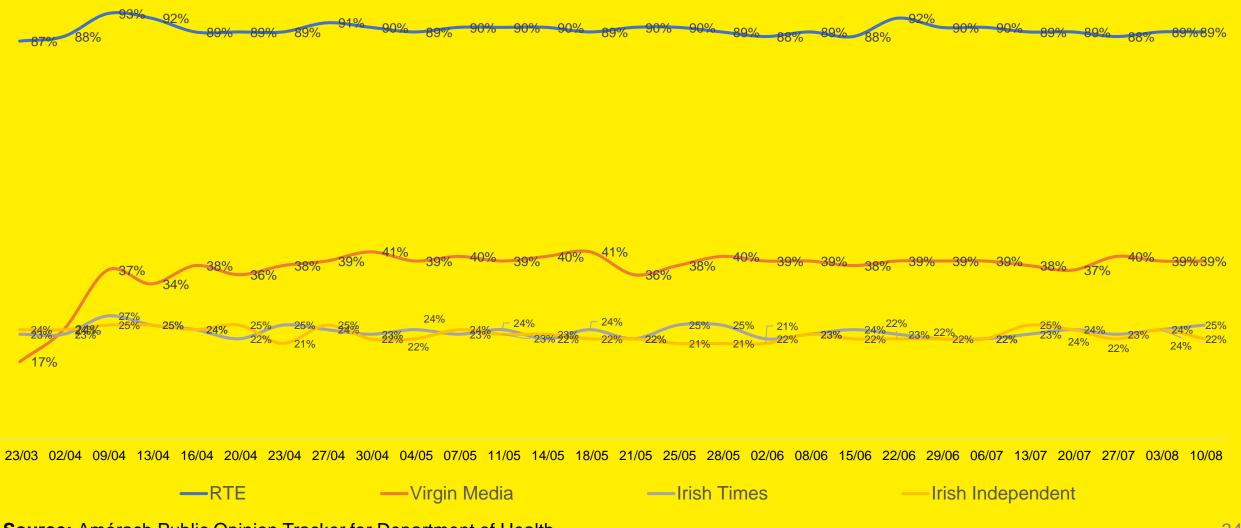
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News Sources – I



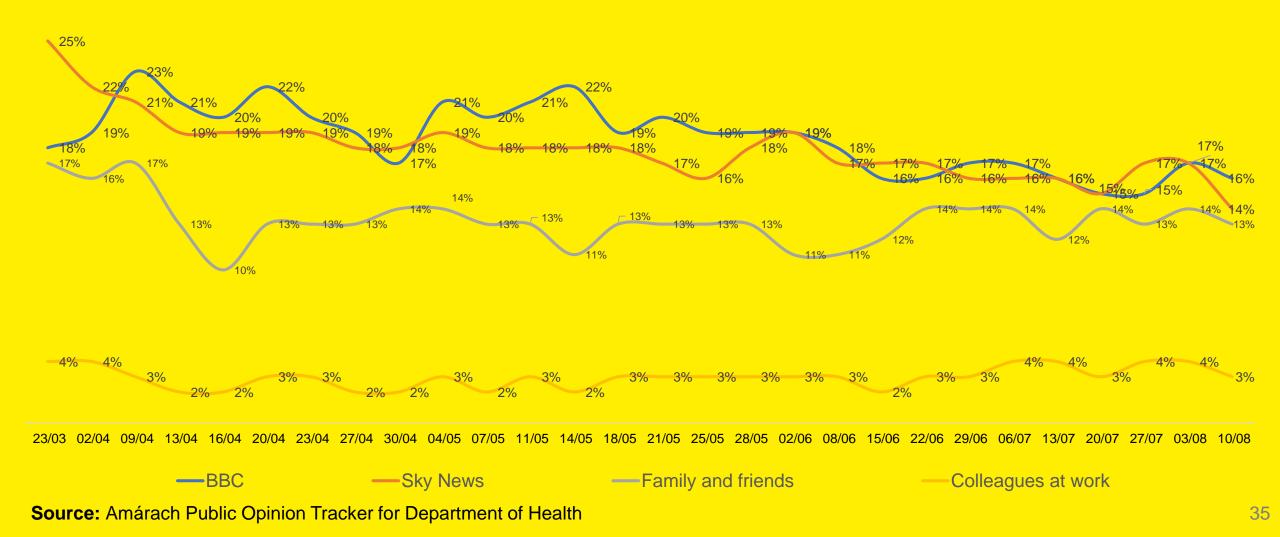
What are the main media sources through which you access information on the Coronavirus: % Any Mentions (in top 3)



News Sources – II



What are the main media sources through which you access information on the Coronavirus: % Any Mentions (in top 3)



News Sources – III



What are the main media sources through which you access information on the Coronavirus: % Any Mentions (in top 3)

