

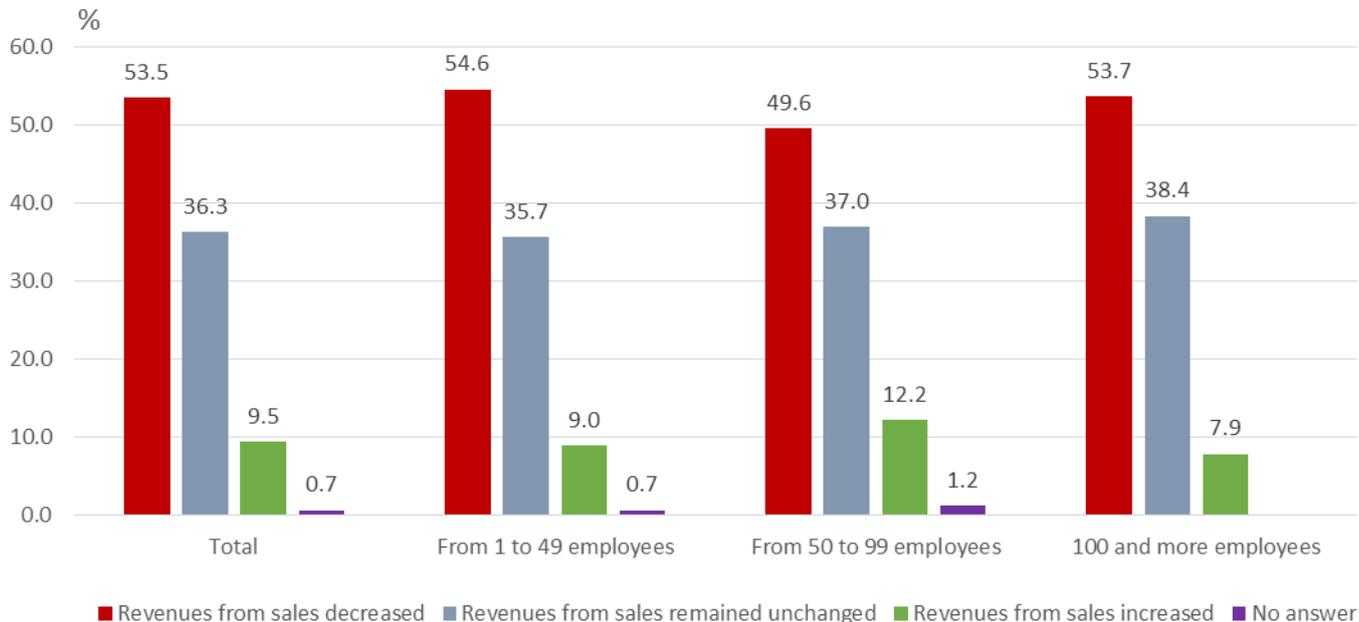
SITUATION OF THE NON-FINANCIAL ENTERPRISES IN THE STATE OF EMERGENCY MARCH 2020

National Statistical Institute of Bulgaria conducted a short business survey amongst non-financial enterprises. The object of the survey was to collect and present to the society and policy makers information on the economic effects from the declared state of emergency in the country due to COVID-19.

Amongst the responded enterprises, 53.5% declared a decrease in revenues from sales of goods and services in March compared to February 2020, 36.3% declared no change and 9.5% an increase (Figure 1).

Figure 1. In March 2020, was it any change in revenues from sales of goods and services in your enterprise as compared to previous month (February) due to the declared state of emergency?

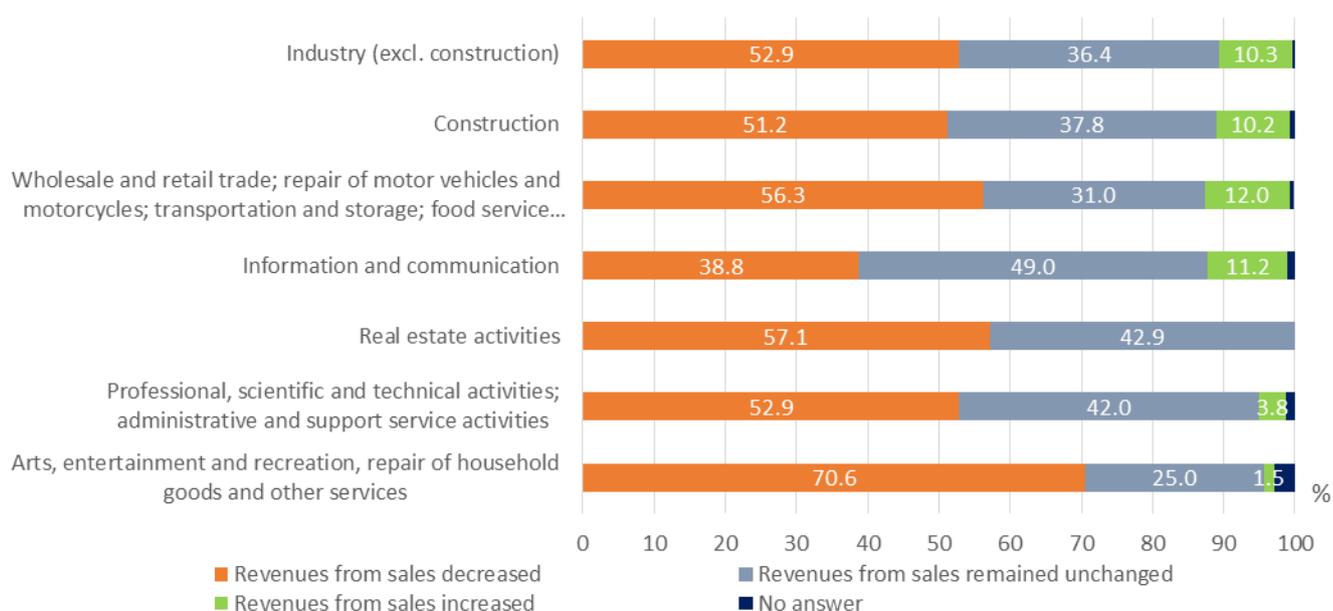
(Distribution by size of enterprise)



The breakdown by economic sectors showed that 70.6% of the non-financial enterprises in activities ‘Arts, entertainment and recreation, repair of household goods and other services’ had a decrease in revenues from sales of goods and services. For the Industry this share was 52.9%, for the Construction - 51.2% and for the ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles; transportation and storage; food service activities’ - 56.3% (Figure 2).

Figure. 2 In March 2020 was it any change in revenues from sales of goods and services in your enterprise as compared to previous month (February) due to the declared state of emergency?

(Distribution by economic activities)



As regards the employees, 41.8% from the responding non-financial enterprises answered that they had to use ‘paid leave’ as a measure for reducing the effects from the state of emergency, followed by ‘teleworking’ - 28.0%, ‘unpaid leave’ - 24.4% and ‘lay-off’ - 17.2% (Figure 3).

Figure 3. In March 2020 did you use some of the following steps regarding the employees in your enterprise?

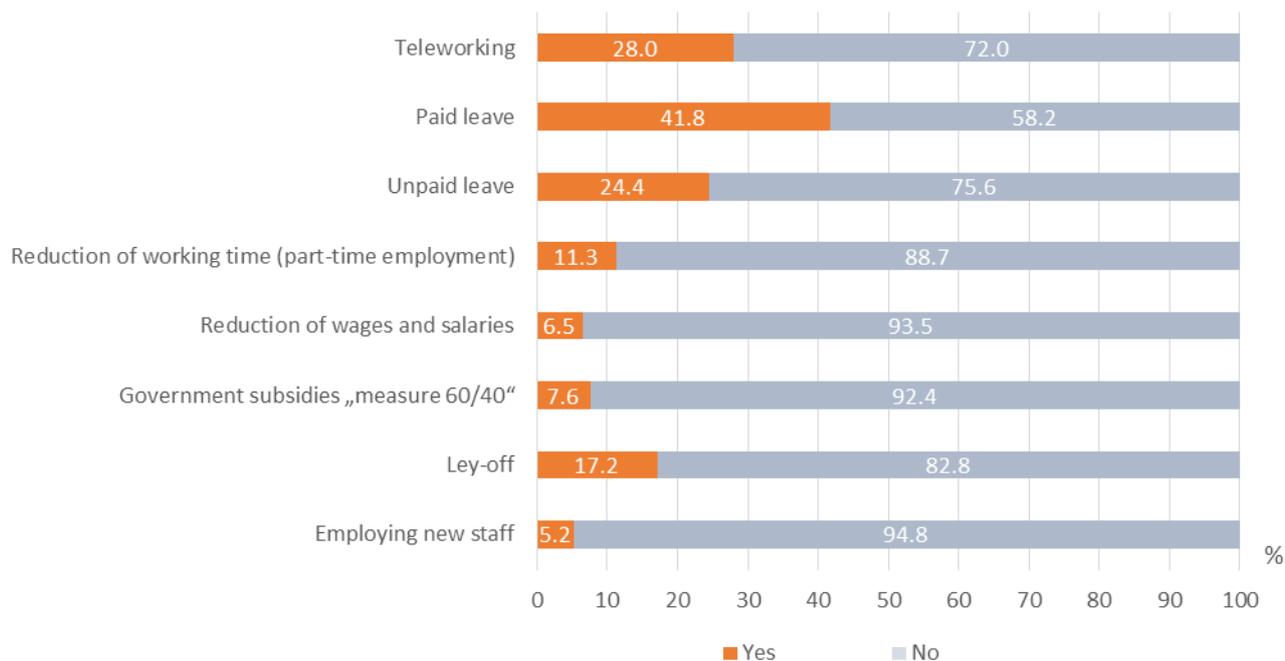
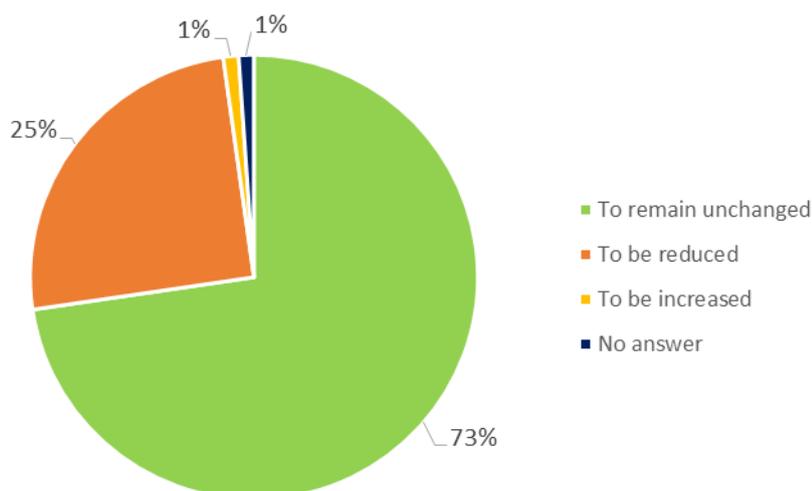
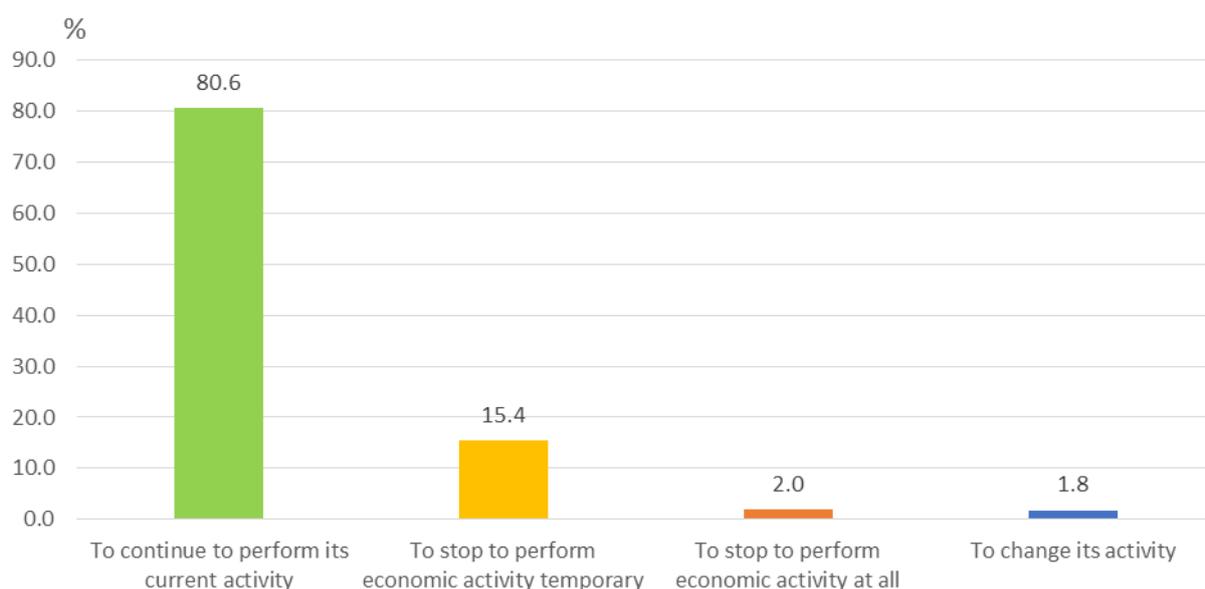


Figure 4. In short-term period (1 month) what are your expectations about the number of employees in the enterprise?



In the following month 80.6% from the answered non-financial enterprises expect that they will be able to continue their current activity, 15.4% expect to stop to perform economic activity temporary, while 2.0% expect to close down their business (Figure 5).

Figure 5. In short-term period (1 month) what are your expectations about the future of the enterprise?



Methodological notes

The survey of „Non-financial enterprises“ was carried out in the period between 8th and 21st of April, in the sample were included 3 770 enterprises with at about 230 thousand employees. The participation in the survey was voluntary as in the period of data collection 1 348 enterprises responded (35.8% from the total sample), covering around 87 thousand employees.

The unit of observation is enterprise, which carries out one or more activities on one or more locations and produces goods or services for third parties. The definition of the enterprise meets the requirements of Regulation (EC) No. 696/93 for statistical units. The data refer to the activities of non-financial enterprises carried out on the territory of the country in March 2020.

The coverage of economic activities is as follows: Industry; Construction; Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles; transportation and storage; food service activities; Real estate activities; Information and communication; Professional, scientific and technical activities; administrative and support service activities; Arts, entertainment and recreation, repair of household goods and other services.

Not covered by the survey are economic activities: Agriculture, forestry and fishing; Financial and insurance activities; Human health and social work activities; Education; Public administration and defence; compulsory social security.