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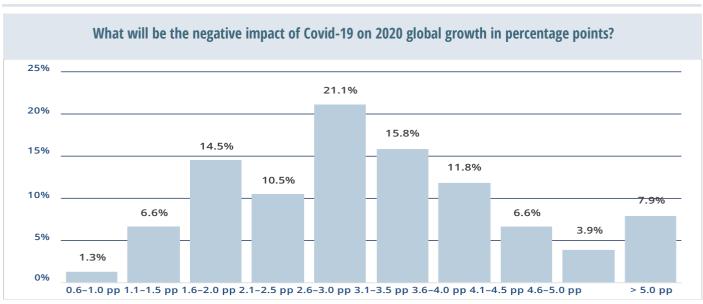
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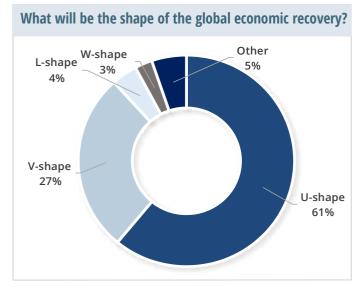
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More economists see severe economic impact, Europe expected to be hardest-hit region

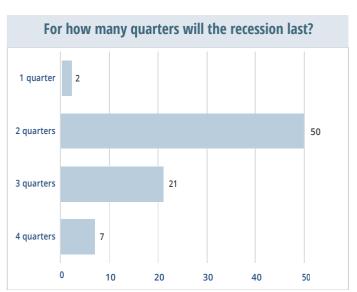
- Economists have downgraded their forecasts for the global economy, as economic data—such as PMI readings and U.S. jobless claims—began to reflect the severity of the coming downturn. According to a 6–7 April survey of 77 panelists, close to half now see the coronavirus pandemic hitting 2020 global growth by more than three percentage points. 74% of panelists expect the negative impact of Covid-19 to drag into 2021, up from 68% in last week's report.
- Most economists continue to see a global recession lasting for two quarters. However, compared to last week's survey more panelists now expect a longer downturn, and risks are clearly skewed to the downside given uncertainty over the evolution of the pandemic, the duration of worldwide containment measures and the effectiveness of stimulus packages. Relative to last week's report, a larger share of panelists now see a U-shaped recovery. This implies economic activity will not suddenly rebound (referred to as a V-shaped recovery) but will instead stay subdued for longer.
- The European Union is expected to be the region that suffers the most economic damage, due to widespread lockdowns hurting an already-weak economy, and the lack of a coordinated fiscal response among member states. However, a significant minority of panelists see Latin America and North America being the most affected regions, due to weak healthcare systems and a sluggish response to the outbreak respectively.
- A large majority of panelists do not see the coronavirus-induced downturn morphing into a broader financial crisis, thanks to huge stimulus and better-capitalized banks compared to the Global Financial Crisis. However, some economists continued to highlight high debt levels as key risk factors which could trigger a broader crisis.



Note: Total responses in %.

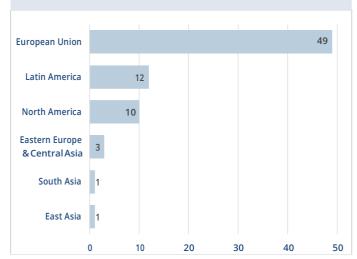


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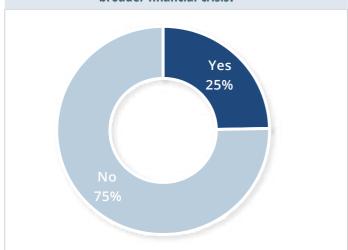
Note: Number of times mentioned by panelists.

Which region will suffer the most economic damage?



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Will the coronavirus-induced slump morph into a broader financial crisis?



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Insight from our panelists

"2020's global recession will be deeper even than the global financial crisis trough of 2009 when output contracted by 0.1% – we estimate a global contraction of 0.5% in 2020. None of the world's largest economies will escape the pandemic's macro-economic and financial-sector impact. We forecast an economic contraction of around 6.5% for the euro area in 2020, with the steepest declines in Spain (around 8%) and Italy (around 7.5%) with Germany's economy shrinking 5.2% and France's by 6.3%. China grows only 4%, while the United States contracts around 3.5% and Japan's GDP recedes 4%."

Dennis Shen, director of public finance at Scope Ratings

"Latin American economies were in a weak possition before the coronovirus crisis and will be unable to react in an adequate way to compensate this negative shock. Also commodity prices are being sharply affected, and oil in particular is very important for several countries."

Alejandro Fernández, chief economist at Gemines

"Financial conditions are readily being supported by central banks and governments, banks have relativly good liquidity conditions limiting the possibility of sistemic risk."

Tarciso Gouveia, head of macro research at Petros

"This time around the US will most likely be hit substantially harder than in previous crises due to the heavy impact on the US consumers and the low openness to trade (i.e. the US will not benefit from the fact that other world regions may recover more quickly)."

Gunter Deuber, head of economics, fixed income and FX research at Raiffeisen Bank International

"Current equity market values have probably correctly incorporated scenarios moderately more pessimistic than baseline global recession forecasts. We may even see a partial stock prices rebound starting in mid-Q2 or in Q3. However, equity prices are even more vulnerable than other variables to the high downside risks of a joint pandemic/financial economic crisis."

Daniel Solomon, senior economist at Euromonitor

"Liquidity issues have been quickly addressed and fiscal measures and lending facilities have been put in place. However, the crisis could quickly evolve into a solvency problem conditional on the duration and extent of additional support measures needed."

Jessica Roldan, chief economist at Case de Bolsa Finamex

"Loss in terms of GDP growth is relatively large [in Europe] due to extensive measures to contain the disease, negative impact of fragmentation in a highly integrated economic area and a high share of tourism in GDP."

Klaus-Jürgen Gern, senior economist at the Kiel Institute for the World Economy

"While better understandings of Covid-19 has been gained over the last couple of months from the experiences in other countries (particularly China), it is still not certain exactly how long it will take to contain the virus (flatten the curve globally), and also both how long, and exactly how, the global economy and individual countries will be negatively affected. Europe has seen wide reaching impacts of Covid-19 but the virus has not completed its infection path globally, or indeed even yet in Europe."

Annabel Bishop, chief economist at Investec Ltd

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SIDE-BY-SIDE VIEW OF FORECASTER PREDICTONS

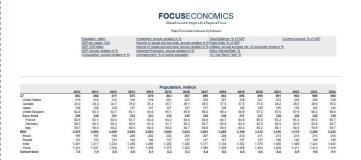
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Real Service	2012	20.00	2013	20.00	2012	2100	2021	2724	2023	202
Peoulation (miltion)	60.8	60.7	60.6	60.5	60.4	60.2	60.1	60.0	59.9	59.7
GOP (QUR bri	1.054									
		1.9		5.7		-0.0		2.0	2.5	
				2.9						2.1
Disposable income (ann. yar. %)	1.2	1.0	2.1	5.5	5.5	42	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Unemployment (% of active population, acc)	11.9	11.7	11.2	12.6	9.9	11.2	11.1	12.9	12.0	104
Floori Balance (% of QDP)	-26	24	24	.22	-16	40	42	-3.0	23	
Public Debt (% ef SDP)	135	135	134	135	135	140	140	142	140	131
Monetary and Financial Sector										
inflation (HICP, ann. yer, %, eco.)	0.1	0.6	1.0	12	0.4	_	-	-	-	
	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00			0.00
ECS Overnight Deposit Rate (N. ecc)							-0.57	-0.27		
Stock Market (var. of FTSE MIR %)										
Exchange Fiste (USO per EUR, exp)									1.22	
Current Account Balance (% of GOP)		2.6							2.2	2.7
Quarterly Data						04 20	9121		93.21	
Infation (HICP, ann. var. %, app)				-0.2	-0.1		0.3		1.0	1.0
CCD Refinancing Rate (%, eog.)										
- Morth SURIBOR (%, equ)										
Benchmark STP (0-Year Yeld (%, eog))	0.63	1.31		1.55	1.61	1.50	1.66		1.69	
Exchange Rate (USC per EUR, eop)										
	17.3									12.5
Monthly Data			Ang-19	549-15					Feb-20	
Industrial Production (ann. vor. %)				-2.1	-2.4					
Industrial Production Impres s a sur SJ	-0.3	-0.5	0.3	-24	43	0.0	26	37		
Mark I Tory Manufacturing PMI (50-meshold)	48.4	48.5	49.7	47.6	47.7	47.0	45.2	48.9	48.7	
Petal Sales (ann. var. %)	1.0	2.5	0.0	0.6	10	1.0	0.0	14		
Description (% of artise completion)	9.8	0.0	9.6	2.0	9.7	9.7	2.5	2.5		
Consumer Confidence Index	100.5	113.3	111.6	112.2	111.6	105.5	112.6	111.6	112.0	121
Economic Sentiment Indicator	99.7	181.1	60.0	60.5	66.2	98.1	99.0	62.5	97.8	81
Inflation (CE) more year (S.)	0.1	0.0	0.4	-26	-0.1	40.0	0.0	41	-0.5	
	0.7	0.6	0.4	9.3	0.7	0.2	9.5	2.5	9.3	

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Annual Data	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Real Sector															
Population (million)	59.7	60.0	60.2	60.5	60.8	60.8	60.7	60.6	60.5	60.4	60.2	50.1	60.0	59.9	59.7
GDP per capita (EUR)	26,957	27,509	26,996	26,646	26,787	27,209	27,964	28,692	29,195	29,611	27,862	29,251	30,295	31,238	32,058
GDP (EUR bn)	1,610	1,649	1,624	1,612	1,628	1,654	1,696	1,738	1,766	1,787	1,678	1,758	1,817	1,870	1,915
Economic Growth (Nominal GDP, ann. var. %)	2.1	2.5	-1.5	-0.7	1.0	1.6	2.6	2.5	1.6	1.2	-6.1	4.8	3.4	2.9	2.4
Economic Growth (GDP, ann. var. %)	1.7	0.8	-3.0	-1.9	0.1	0.7	1.4	1.7	0.7	0.3	-6.2	3.9	22	1.6	1.0
Domestic Demand (ann. var. %)	0.7	-0.6	-4.6	-2.9	-0.4	1.3	1.6	1.5	1.1	0.4	-5.5	4.5	2.6	1.8	1.0
Private Consumption (ann. var. %)	1.1	0.0	-3.7	-2.4	0.2	1.9	1.2	1.5	0.9	0.4	-42	3.3	2.0	1.5	1.0
Government Consumption (ann. var. %)	0.7	-2.0	-1.8	-1.1	-0.6	-0.6	0.7	-0.1	0.1	-0.4	1.3	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4
Fixed Investment (ann. var. %)	-0.3	-1.2	-9.8	-6.4	-2.1	1.6	4.2	3.4	2.9	1.4	-7.5	3.4	2.8	2.4	1.9
Exports (G&S, ann. var. %)	11.3	6.3	1.7	0.6	2.3	4.1	1.9	6.0	1.7	1.4	-6.8	3.6	2.8	2.1	1.5
Imports (G&S, ann. var. %)	11.8	1.2	-8.3	-2.7	3.3	6.3	4.1	5.5	2.8	-0.2	-5.3	4.7	3.8	3.0	2.3
Industrial Production (ann. var. %)	6.8	1.2	-6.3	-3.1	-0.7	1.1	1.9	3.6	0.6	-1.4	-6.7	3.0	2.4	1.9	1.4
Retail Sales (ann. var. %)	0.2	-0.8	-1.7	-2.1	-1.2	0.8	0.4	0.9	0.1	0.8	191		100		
Disposable Income (ann. var. %)	-0.1	2.7	-2.8	0.5	0.7	1.2	1.3	2.1	1.5	1.1	-0.2	1.6	1.6	1.6	-
Unemployment (% of active population, aop)	8.3	8.4	10.7	12.1	12.6	11.9	11.7	11.2	10.6	9.9	11.2	11.1	10.8	10.6	10.4
Fiscal Balance (% of GDP)	-4.2	-3.5	-3.0	-29	-3.0	-2.6	-2.4	-2.4	-22	-1.6	-6.0	-4.2	-3.0	-2.3	-1.6
Public Debt (% of GDP)	119	120	127	132	135	135	135	134	135	135	146	146	142	140	137
Monetary and Financial Sector															
Inflation (HICP, ann. var. %, eop)	2.1	3.7	2.6	0.7	-0.1	0.1	0.6	1.0	1.2	0.4					
Inflation (HICP, ann. var. %, aop)	1.6	2.9	3.3	1.3	0.2	0.1	-0.1	1.3	1.3	0.6	0.1	0.9	1.1	1.3	1.5
Inflation (PPI, ann. var. %, aop)	2.9	4.8	3.6	-1.1	-1.4	-2.7	-1.9	2.3	3.3	0.2	-1.8	0.3	0.8	1.1	
ECB Refinancing Rate (%, eop)	1.00	1.00	0.75	0.25	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.16	0.41	0.66
ECB Overnight Deposit Rate (%, ecp)	0.25	0.25	0.00	0.00	-0.20	-0.30	-0.40	-0.40	-0.40	-0.50	-0.57	-0.57	-0.27	0.11	0.50
3-Month EURIBOR (%, eop)	1.01	1.36	0.19	0.29	0.08	-0.13	-0.32	-0.33	-0.31	-0.38	-0.49	-0.47	-0.29	0.07	0.50
Benchmark BTP 10-Year Yield (%, eop)	4.71	6.74	4.50	4.09	1.88	1.60	1.83	1.95	2.77	1.31	1.56	1.70	1.82	2.02	2.21
Stock Market (var. of FTSE MIB %)	-13.2	-25.2	7.8	16.6	0.2	12.7	-10.2	13.6	-16.2	28.3	100	100	100	190	
Exchange Rate (USD per EUR, eop)	1.34	1.30	1.32	1.38	1.21	1.09	1.05	1.20	1.14	1.12	1.13	1.14	1.18	1.22	1.25
Exchange Rate (USD per EUR, aop)	1.33	1.39	1.29	1.33	1.33	1.11	1.11	1.13	1.18	1.12	1.11	1.14	1.16	1.20	1.24
External Sector															
Current Account Balance (% of GDP)	-3.3	-2.8	-0.2	1.1	1.9	1.4	2.6	2.8	2.6	3.0	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.3	2.1
Current Account Balance (EUR bn)	-53.1	-46.6	-3.7	17.9	30.9	23.5	44.0	46.5	46.0	53.6	50.6	48.8	46.0	43.3	40.2
Merchandise Trade Balance (EUR bn)	-30.0	-25.5	9.9	29.2	41.9	41.8	49.5	47.6	39.3	52.9					
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