Two-thirds of Americans remain concerned they may lose their jobs. About half are worried COVID-19 will have a negative impact on their finances.

But as the crisis marches on, these emotions and concerns are slightly less intense than they were a week earlier — and most Americans also believe the pandemic’s effect on their lives won’t last beyond October.

Compared to other generations, millennials appear to be bearing more of the brunt of the impact. In addition to being more likely to lose work and income, they and members of Generation X are most likely to say they would need more education or training to replace a lost job.

This nationally representative survey* of 1,000 adults is updated weekly and designed to track the impact of the pandemic on American lives, work, and education. The intent is to provide insights to the education and training providers, policymakers, employers, and individual Americans who are navigating the crisis.

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* Survey completed weekly by Heart+Mind Strategies on behalf of the Center for Consumer Insights.
Strada Public Viewpoint: COVID-19 Work and Education Survey

Interview Dates: April 8-9, 2020

Audience: National online survey of Americans ages 18 and above. Quotas based on the U.S. Census were used to ensure results that are nationally representative by age, gender, race/ethnicity and region. Sample size n=1,001. Where noted, data is aggregated across multiple weeks.

1. Please select the words below that best describe the way you feel right now about the virus outbreak. Please select all that apply.

   a. Concerned 58%
   b. Cautious 51%
   c. Worried 50%
   d. Anxious 40%
   e. Hopeful 32%
   f. Scared 31%
   g. Angry 22%

2. What effect do you think the coronavirus outbreak will have on each of the following parts of your life?

   Finances
   a. Very negative effect 19%
   b. Somewhat negative effect 33%
   c. No effect 27%
   d. Somewhat positive effect 11%
   e. Very positive effect 10%

   Job
   a. Very negative effect 20%
   b. Somewhat negative effect 27%
   c. No effect 28%
   d. Somewhat positive effect 11%
   e. Very positive effect 14%

   Mental health
   a. Very negative effect 12%
   b. Somewhat negative effect 29%
   c. No effect 34%
   d. Somewhat positive effect 13%
   e. Very positive effect 12%
**Physical health**

a. Very negative effect 7%
b. Somewhat negative effect 27%
c. No effect 39%
d. Somewhat positive effect 15%
e. Very positive effect 12%

*Base: Varies - Individuals for whom the item is applicable.*

3. **How worried are you that you may lose your job as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) events, or are you not at all worried?**

   a. Extremely worried 19%
b. Very worried 18%
c. Somewhat worried 28%
d. Not very worried 16%
e. Not at all worried 19%

*Base: Individuals who were employed full-time or part-time or self-employed and have not “already lost their job”, n=526.*

4. **How long do you think the impact of coronavirus will be to you personally?**

   a. 1-3 months 31%
b. 4-6 months 39%
c. 7-12 months 17%
d. More than 1 year 13%

5. **Did you lose your job or have your hours or income from work been reduced because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation?**

   a. Yes 55%
b. No 45%

*Base: Individuals who were in the workforce (employed full-time or part-time, self-employed, or unemployed looking for work) n=629.*

6. **Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

   *If I were to lose my job because of the coronavirus (COVID-19) events, I will need additional education or training to find another job with the same wages or income.*

   a. Strongly agree 12%
b. Agree 22%
c. Neither agree nor disagree 31%
d. Disagree 21%
e. Strongly disagree 14%

*Base: Individuals who were in the workforce (employed full-time or part-time, self-employed, or unemployed looking for work), 3 weeks aggregated n=1,264.*