

# COVID-19 RESPONSE FOR PRODUCERS AND USERS OF LABOUR STATISTICS

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IMPACT of COVID-19 PANDEMIC  
on the labour market

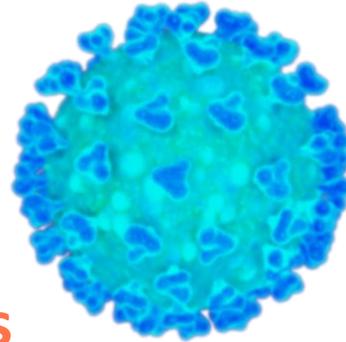


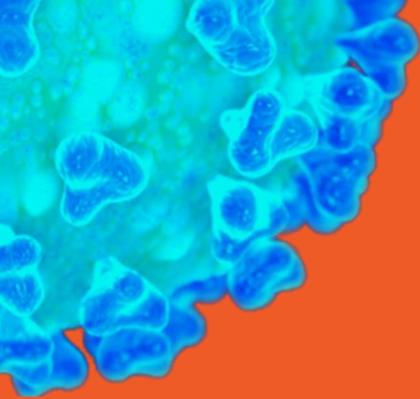
## Must to do

- 🌀 **Annual Statistical Work Program** for 2020
- 🌀 **State of emergency** (as of March 17, 2020) and of **public health emergency** (as of May 16 – April 2021) in the country because of COVID-19 pandemic
- 🌀 **Emerging needs** for new, rapid, diverse data and evidences

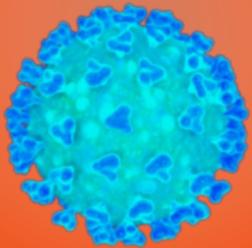
## How to do

- 🌀 **Instant** adaptation to new circumstances
- 🌀 **Teleworking & Smart** working
- 🌀 Seek for new **partnerships**
- 🌀 Enhance **monitoring tools**
- 🌀 **Pro-action** and **innovation**
- 🌀 **Methodological solutions** to produce relevant statistics on the impact of Covid-19





# Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the labour market

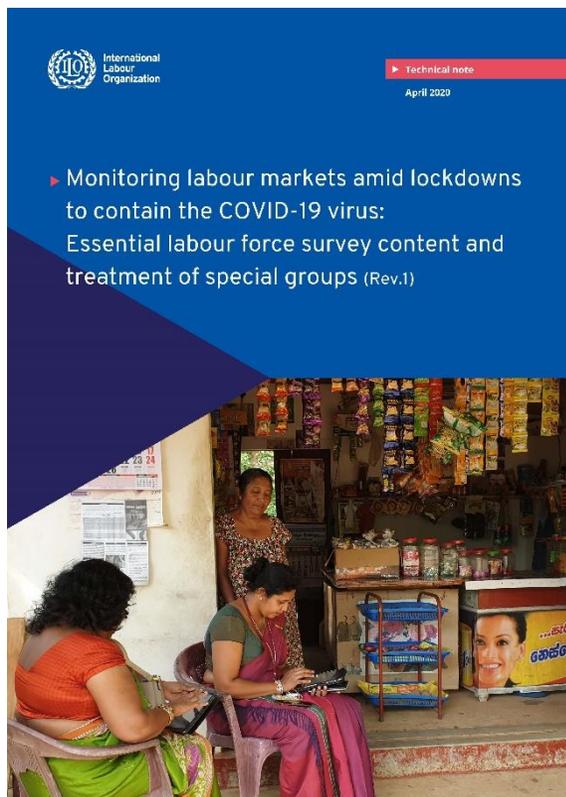


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No changes in LFS questionnaire, but *FOLLOW-UP QUESTION* to respondents

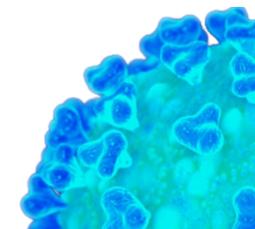
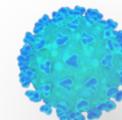
## 👤 ILO Recommendations

*Monitoring labor markets amid lockdowns to contain the Covid-19* (technical note, april 2020)



👤 **Follow-up question** to the questions on “**reasons for...**” absence, for working more/less hours than usual, for not seeking work, for not being available, for recent job loss.

*“Is this ...because of the COVID-19?”*

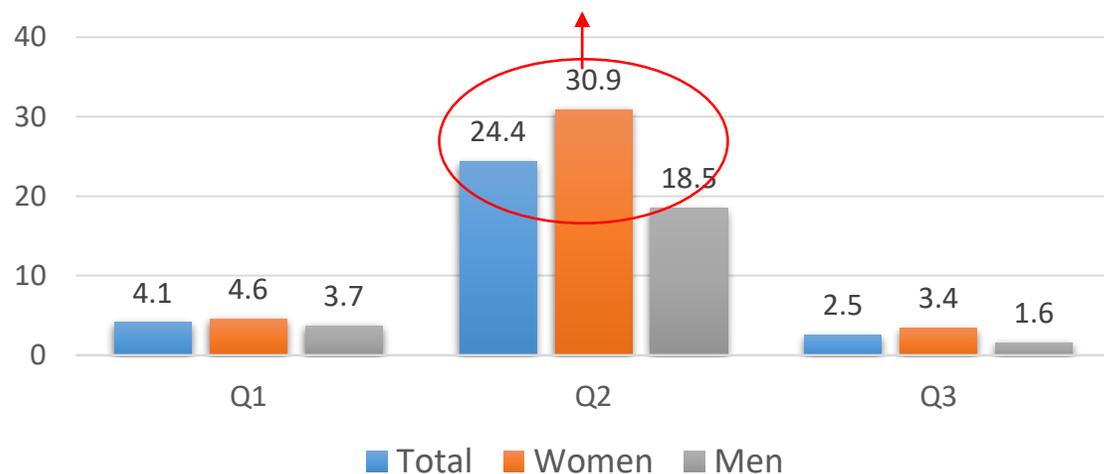




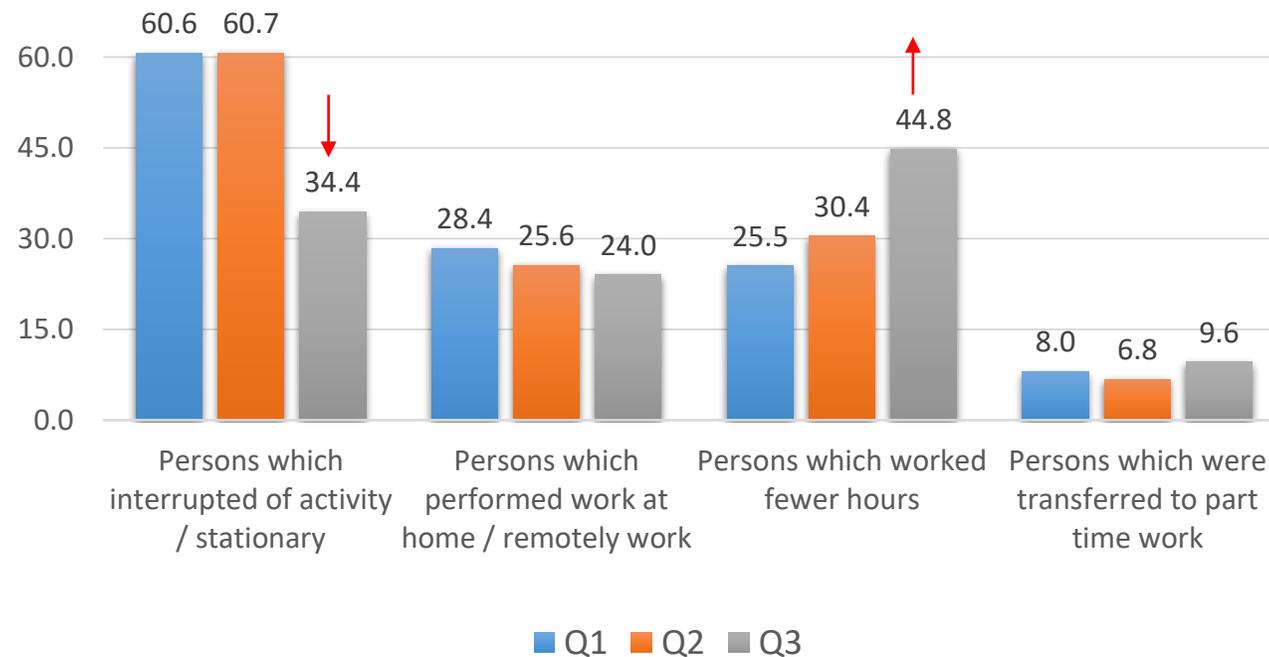
# Main findings (1)

## Overall impact

**Employed** persons affected by COVID-19 by sex, 2020  
(% of total employment)



The share of **situations caused** among employed persons affected by covid-19, %

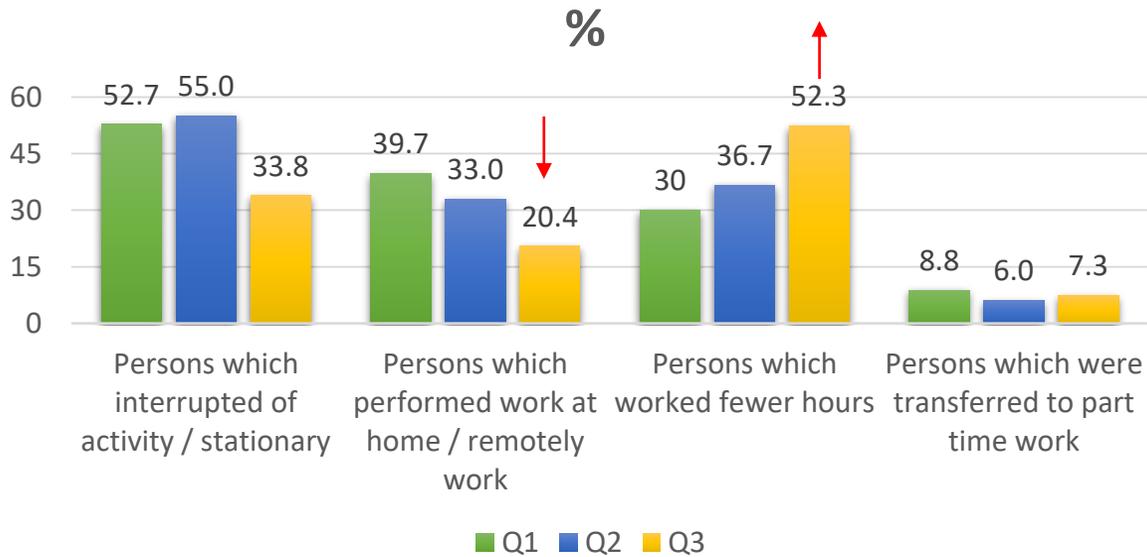




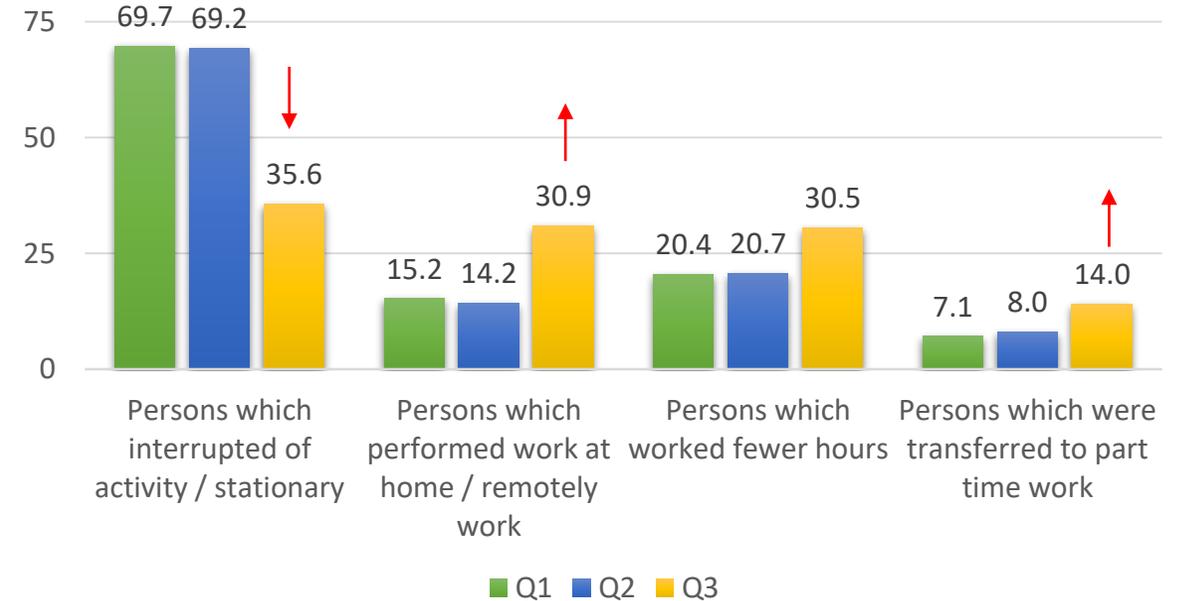
# Main findings (2)

## Overall impact by gender

The share of situations caused among employed **women** affected by covid-19,



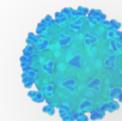
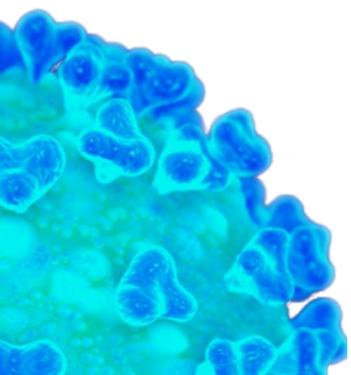
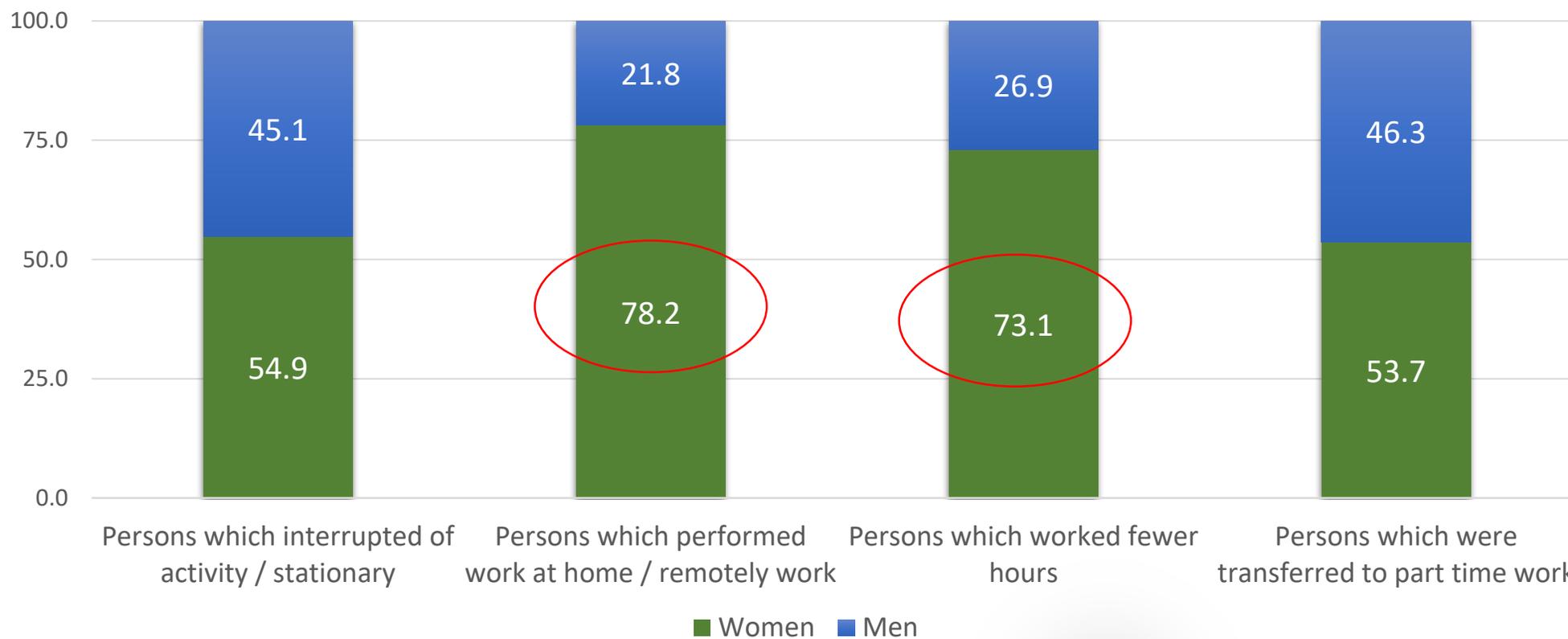
The share of situations caused among employed **men** affected by covid-19, %





# Main findings (3)

Women predominantly in all categories of situations caused by Covid-19, but especially among those who work **remotely** & which worked **fewer hours** (Q2, 2020)

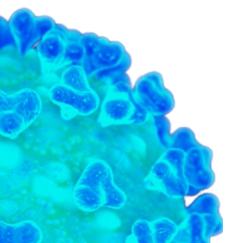
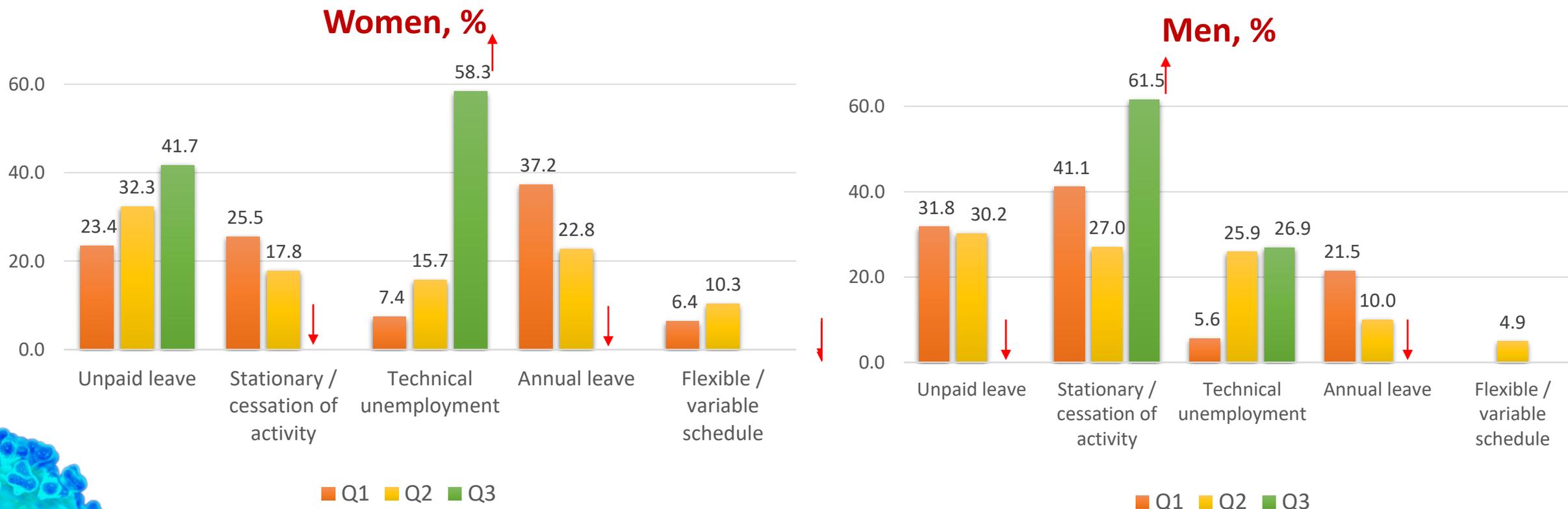




# Main findings (4)

## Main reasons of absence for both, women and men

### Type of absences, as share in total absences from work due to COVID-19 by sex, 2020

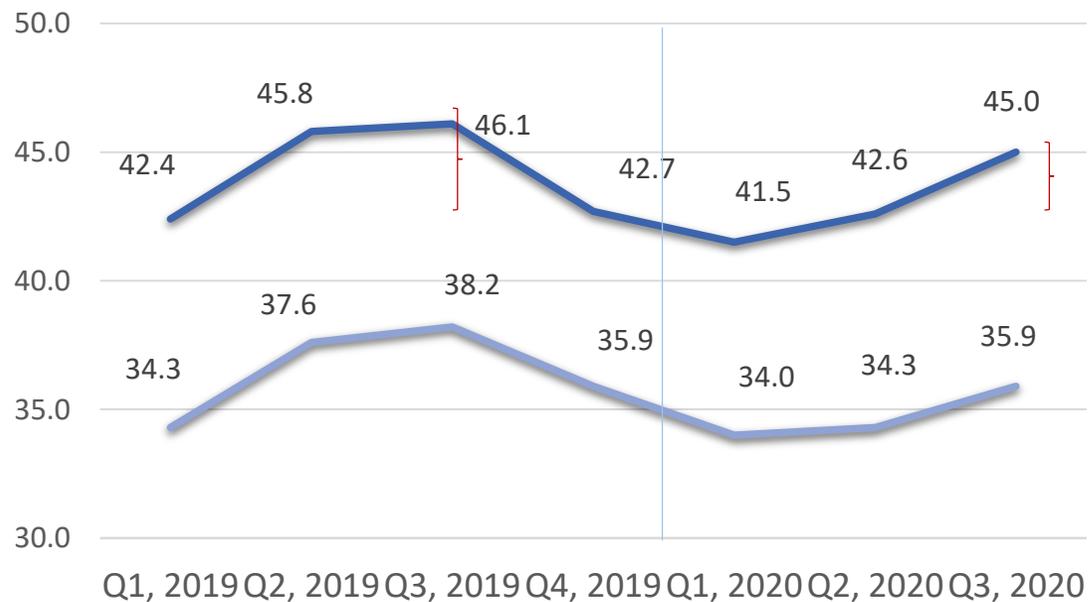




# COVID-19: impact on the main labour market indicators (1)

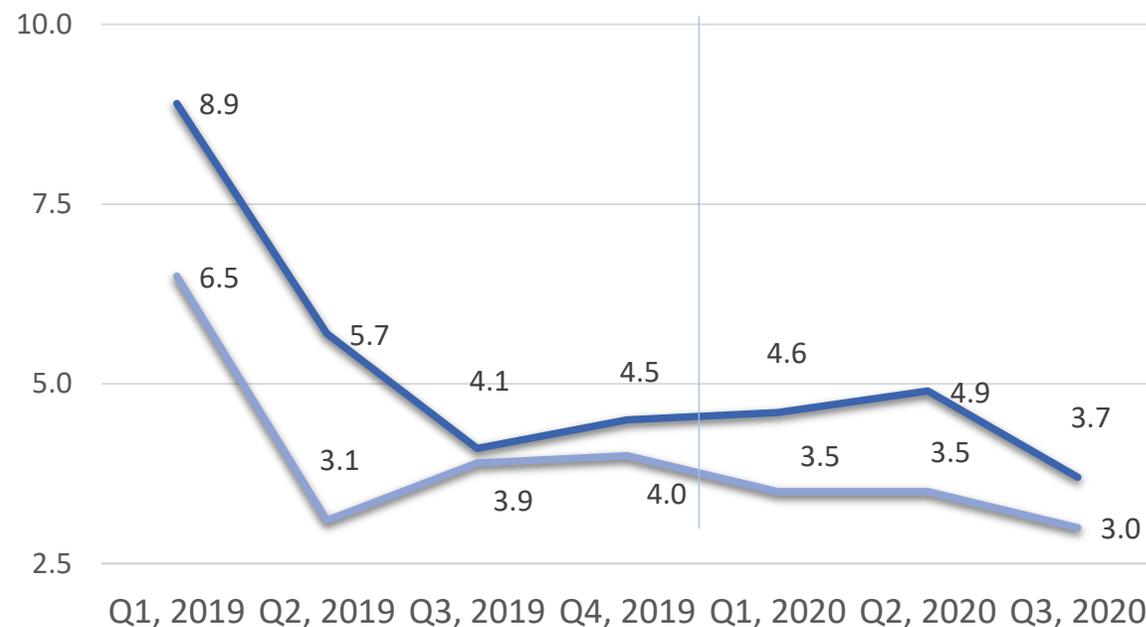
## Employment and Unemployment rates

Employment rate, %



— Women — Men

Unemployment rate, %

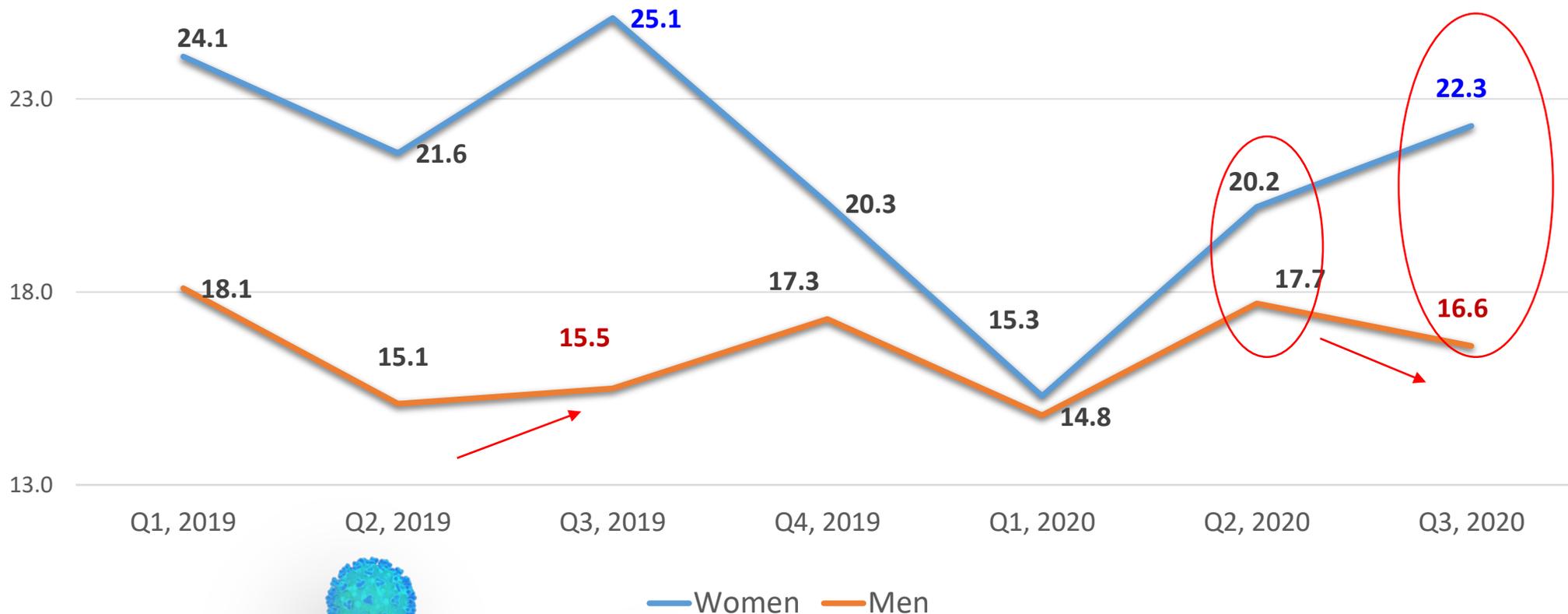


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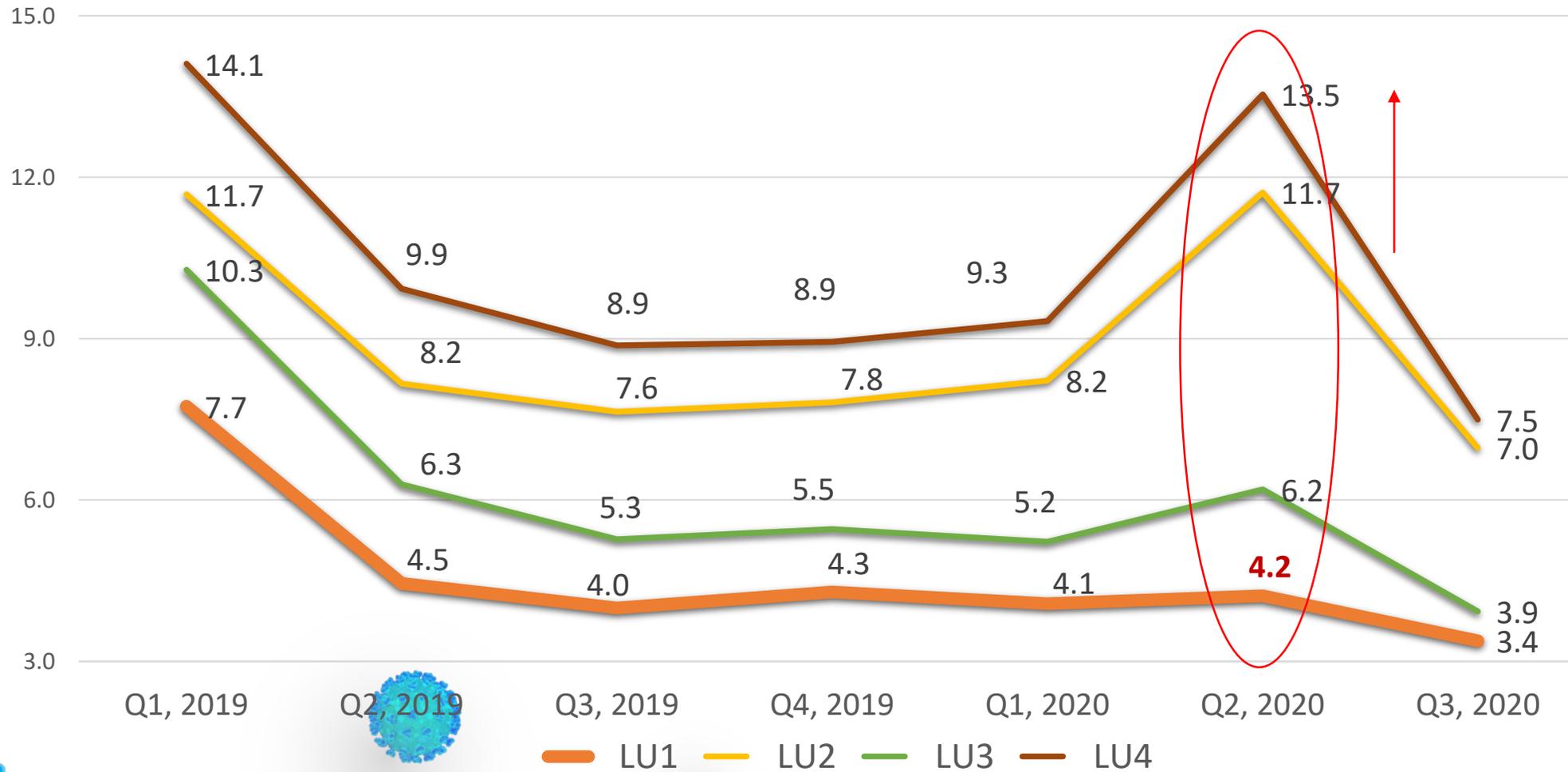
# COVID-19: impact on the main labour market indicators (2)

## NEET rate (15-24 years) by sex, %



# COVID-19: the impact on the main labour market indicators (3)

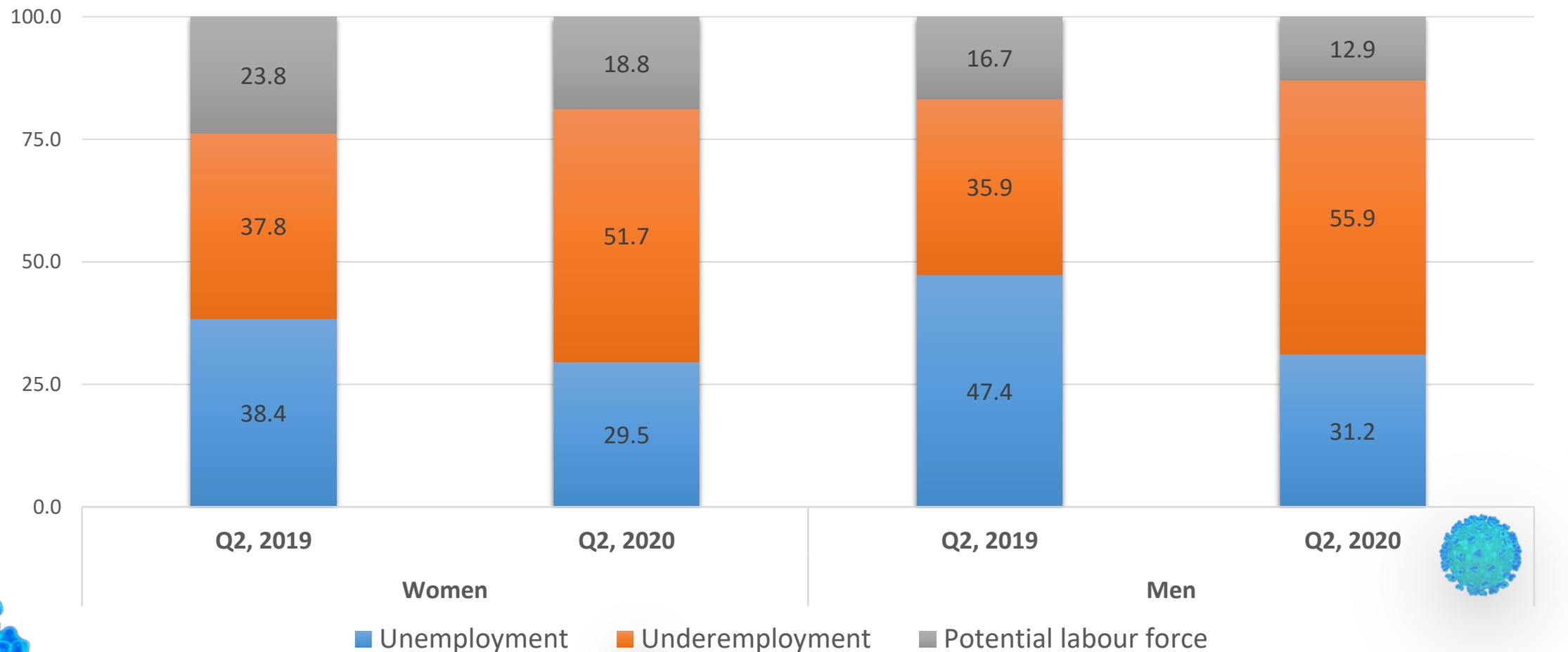
## Labour Underutilization rates, %





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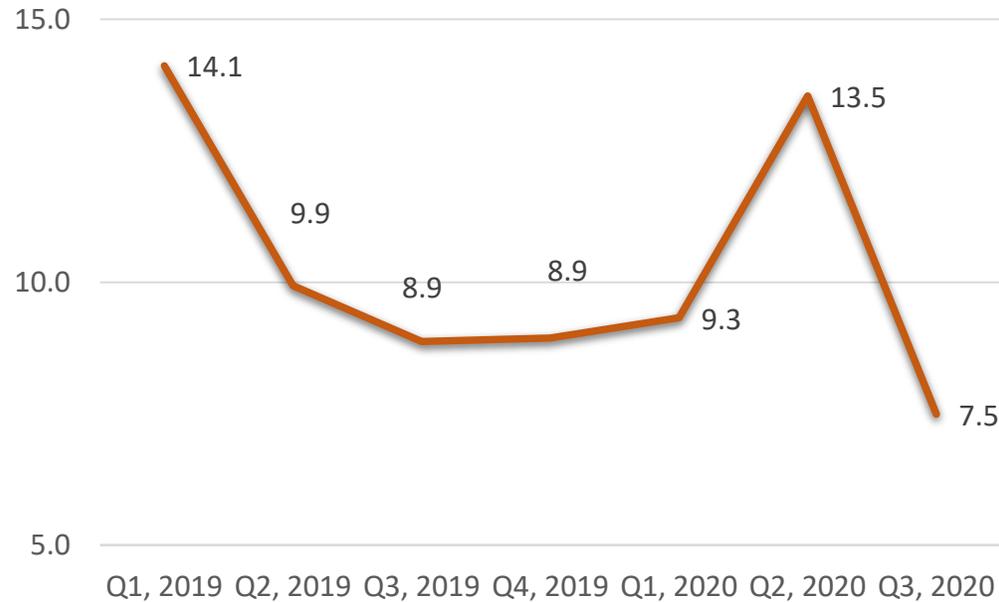
## Labour Underutilization by components, %



# COVID-19: impact on the main labour market indicators (5)

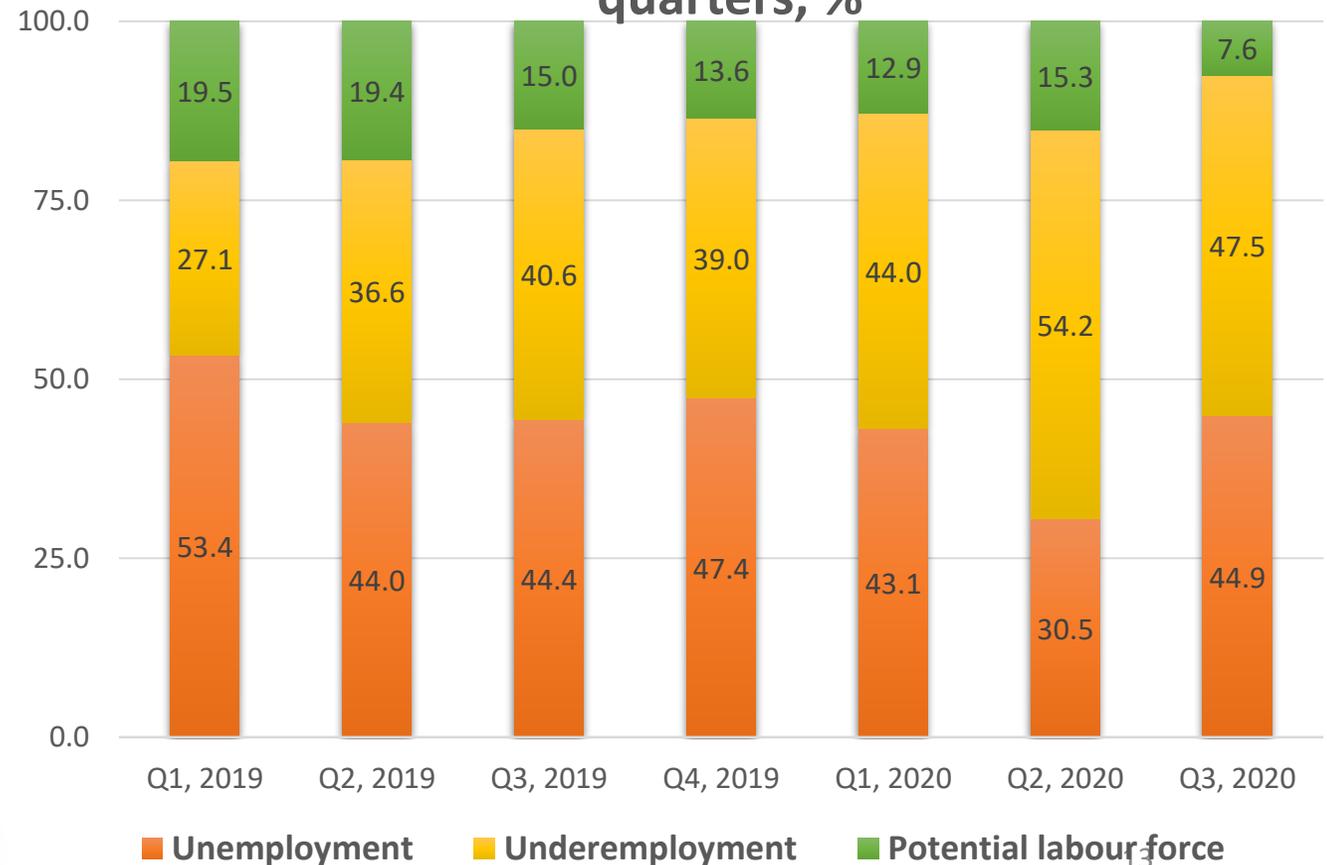
## Labour market slack, %

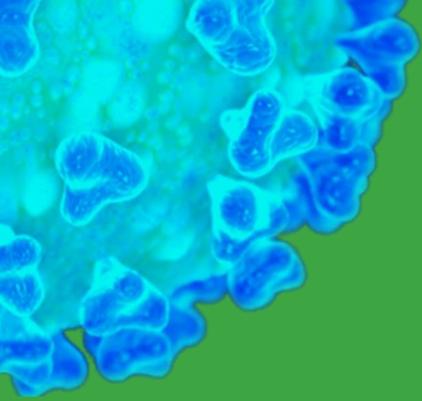
Labour market slack, %



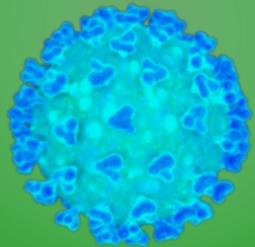
„Labour market slack” according to Eurostat

Labour market slack (labour underutilization) by components and quarters, %





# Dissemination of results on Covid-19 impact





# Dissemination during Covid-19



## Impact of Covid-19

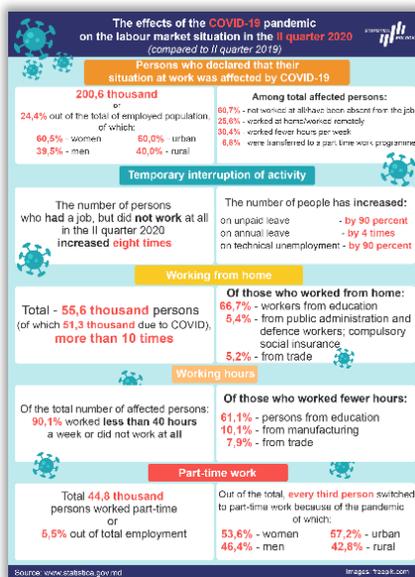
Covid-19 relevant press releases

LFS: 3 releases done in 2020, 4<sup>th</sup> expected in March 2021



<http://statistica.gov.md>

Infographics



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Relevant statistical data from the Databank

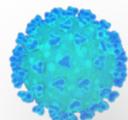
Used as evidences in analytics of partners



# Conclusions

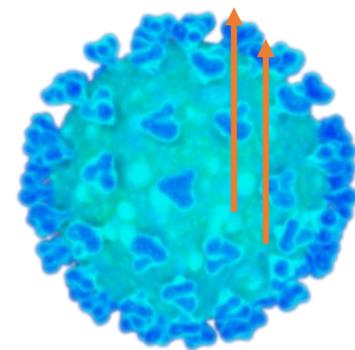
## Challenges

- Fast switch to the phone interview
- Risk** to stop the data collection at all (visits to the households suspended for 2 months)
- Distance **guidance** and instructions of interviewers about fieldwork during pandemic
- Protection equipment implying additional **costs**
- Use of **new communication tools**
- Increase in non-response rate** for HH surveys



## Next steps

- Continue data collection & dissemination to catch the **evolution of Covid-19 impact**
- Learn own **lessons** and re-consider future **modus operandi** for HH surveys
- Enhance **monitoring tools** and ensure **quality**
- Modernize** technical & technological infrastructure



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## Thank you for attention!

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