

# Caucasus Barometer 2020

Questionnaire (v.1.0, regional)

Hello, my name is /first name and last name/ and I represent the Caucasus Research Resource Centers Georgia, a non-profit independent research center in Georgia. We are conducting our annual survey and would like to ask you questions to help better understand people's opinions and conditions in our country. You have been selected randomly as have more than 1,500 respondents across Georgia, and it is very important for the reliability of the results that you agree to participate in this survey.

Participation in our survey is voluntary and will be confidential and completely anonymous. Your name will not be linked to the responses recorded on this survey, nor will researchers be able to link your identity to the responses recorded. This interview will take approximately 15 minutes. On behalf of our organization, I ask you to help us understand what people think about life in our country.

## Demographic Information A

Let me start with two questions about yourself.

**[ETHNIC] D1. There are a number of ethnic groups living in Georgia. Which ethnic group do you consider yourself a part of?**

[DO NOT READ. CORRESPOND. ONE ANSWER]

1. Armenian
2. Azerbaijani
3. Georgian
4. Russian
5. Kurd, Yezidi
6. Other (specify)
- 1. (*Don't know*)
- 2. (*Refuse to answer*)

**[RESPEDU] D2. What is the highest level of education you have achieved to date?**

[IF THE RESPONDENT IS A STUDENT AT A HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION MARK "INCOMPLETE HIGHER EDUCATION"]

1. No primary education.
2. Primary education (either complete or incomplete).
3. Incomplete secondary education.
4. Completed secondary education.
5. Secondary technical education.
6. Incomplete higher education.
7. Completed higher education (BA, MA, or Specialist degree).
8. Post-graduate degree.
- 1. (*Don't know*)
- 2. (*Refuse to answer*)

**D3. Please tell me, how many ... live in the household, including yourself?**

**[HHNKIDS] 1. People aged between 0 and 17** |\_\_|\_\_|\_\_|

[HHNLBF] 2. People aged between 18 and 64 |\_\_|\_\_|\_\_|

[HHNOLDR] 3. People aged 64 or older |\_\_|\_\_|\_\_|

-1	(Don't know)
-2	(Refuse to answer)

## Health

[HLTHRAT] H1. How would you evaluate your health recently? As ...

[READ OUT. ONE ANSWER]

1. Very good,
  2. Good,
  3. (DO NOT READ: neither good nor bad)
  4. bad,
  5. or very bad?
- 1. (Don't know)  
-2. (Refuse to answer)

H2. In the last seven days, have you experienced the following symptoms?

[READ OUT. TICK THOSE BOXES THAT THE RESPONDENT MENTIONED]

[PROGRAMMING: ROTATE ITEM ORDER]

- [C19SFEV] 1. Fever or chills  
[C19SBRT] 2. Shortness of breath  
[C19SSML] 3. Lost sense of smell  
[C19SNOS] 4. Runny or stuffy nose  
[C19SCHS] 5. Chest congestion  
[C19SCGH] 6. Cough  
[C19STHR] 7. Sore throat  
[C19SMBA] 8. Muscle or body aches  
[C19SHDA] 9. Headaches  
[C19SFTG] 10. Fatigue or tiredness  
[C19SABD] 11. Abdominal discomfort  
[C19SVOM] 12. Vomiting  
[C19SDRH] 13. Diarrhea  
[C19SSNE] 14. Sneezing  
[C19SHBT] 15. High body temperature

[C19TEST] H3. Have you ever been tested for Covid-19?

1. Yes
  0. No → Next section
- 1. (Don't know) → Next section  
-2. (Refuse to answer) → Next section

[C19DIAG] H4. Have you, someone from your household, or your immediate relatives been diagnosed with Covid-19?

1. Yes
  0. No → H6
- 1. (Don't know) → H6

-2. (Refuse to answer) → H6

**[C19MHLP] H5. Did you manage to get medical help for Covid-19?**

1. Yes

0. No

-1. (Don't know)

-2. (Refuse to answer)

**[C19LCHN] H6. As a result of the outbreak, did your life change a great deal, a fair amount, not too much, or not at all?**

[READ OUT. ONE ANSWER]

4. A great deal,

3. A fair amount,

2. Not too much,

1. Not at all

-1. (Don't know)

-2. (Refuse to answer)

**[C19CNTR] H7. In your opinion, has our country done a good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or bad job in dealing with coronavirus outbreak?**

[READ OUT. ONE ANSWER]

4. A good job,

3. Somewhat good job,

2. Somewhat bad job,

1. or a bad job?

-1. (Don't know)

-2. (Refuse to answer)

## Economic situation

**[EMPLSIT] J1. Which of the following best describes your situation? Please think about the activity or situation which is primary for you.**

[READ OUT. ONE ANSWER]

1. Retired and not working

2. Student and not working

3. Housewife and not working

4. Unemployed

5. Working either part-time or full time (even if the respondent is retired / is a student), including seasonal work → Skip to J4

6. Self-employed (even if the respondent is retired / is a student), including seasonal work → Skip to J4

7. Disabled and unable to work

8. Other

-1. (Don't know)

-2. (Refuse to answer)

**[INTSTJOB] J2. Are you currently interested in a job, or not?**

1. Yes

- 0. No
- 1. *(Don't know)*
- 2. *(Refuse to answer)*

**[JOBSTART] J3. If a suitable job were available, would you be able to start working within the next 14 days?**

- 1. Yes
- 0. No
- 1. *(Don't know)*
- 2. *(Refuse to answer)*

**[NEWHHJOB] J4. Has anybody in your household started a new job during the last 12 months?**

- 1. Yes
- 0. No
- 1. *(Don't know)*
- 2. *(Refuse to answer)*

**[JOBLOST] J5. Has anybody in your household lost his/her job during the last 12 months?**

- 1. Yes
- 0. No
- 1. *(Don't know)*
- 2. *(Refuse to answer)*

**[MONYTOT] J6. What is your household's total monthly income in lari?**

[WRITE IN. IF RESPONDENT SAYS DON'T KNOW OR REFUSE, THEN POLITELY ASK WHETHER THEY CAN NAME AN APPROXIMATE AMOUNT]

- 1. *(Don't know)*
- 2. *(Refuse to answer)*

**[MNYERN] J7. Thinking about your household income, that is all money that your household members earn, would you say that your household earns much less, somewhat less, somewhat more, or much more than this time last year?**

- 1. Much less,
- 2. Somewhat less,
- 3. [DO NOT READ] the same,
- 4. Somewhat more,
- 5. Much more
- 1. *(Don't know)*
- 2. *(Refuse to answer)*

**J8. Does your household own the following:**

[READ OUT. TICK ALL ITEMS NAMED BY THE RESPONDENT]

[PROGRAMMING INSTRUCTION: ROTATE THE LIST OF ITEMS]

[OWNFRDG] 1. Fridge

[OWNCOTV] 2. Color TV

[OWNSPHN] 3. Smartphone

[OWNTBLT] 4. Tablet computer

[OWNCARS] 5. Car

[OWNAIRC] 6. Air conditioning

[OWNWASH] 7. Washing machine

[OWNCOMP] 8. Computer, including a laptop

[OWNDSHW] 9. Dishwasher

[OWNHWT] 10. Hot water

[OWNCHTG] 11. Central heating

[OWNMCRW] 12. Microwave

**J9. Now I'm going to list sources of income. Please tell me whether any of those are sources of income for your household.**

[READ OUT. TICK ALL ITEMS NAMED BY THE RESPONDENT]

[INCSOUCO] 1. Money from family members, relatives, or friends living elsewhere in this country.

[INCSOUAB] 2. Money from family members, relatives, or friends living in another country.

[INCSOUAG] 3. Cash sales from agricultural products.

[INCSOUSL] 4. Aggregated earned income (salary) of all household members, except sales of agricultural products.

[INCSOUGO] 5. Pensions and government benefits.

[INCSOURE] 6. Income from renting of property, vehicles, or appliances.

[INCSOUPR] 7. Income from sale of property, vehicles, or appliances.

[INCSOUIN] 8. Interest or earnings on deposits or securities.

[INCSOUOT] 9. Other sources of income (specify)

-1. *(Don't know)*

-2. *(Refuse to answer)*

**[C19RESTR] J10. In your opinion, is it better to remove current restrictions to improve the economy, despite the situation surrounding the spread of the virus, or is it better to introduce restrictions to reduce the spread of the virus, despite the economic losses?**

1. Remove restrictions

2. Introduce restrictions

-1. *(Don't know)*

-2. *(Refuse to answer)*

**[ECONFTR] J11. In one year's time, will your household be better off financially, the same, or worse off?**

1. Better off,

2. The same,

3. Worse off

-1. *(Don't know)*

-2. *(Refuse to answer)*

## Politics and institutions

**[POLDIRN] P1. In your opinion, is our country moving in the right direction or is it moving in the wrong direction?** [READ OUT. ONE ANSWER]

1. Right direction

2. [do not read out] does not change at all

3. Wrong direction

-1. *(Don't know)*

-2. *(Refuse to answer)*

**[IMPISS1] P2. What do you think is the most important issue facing our country at the moment?**

[DO NOT READ. CORRESPOND. ONE ANSWER ONLY]

1. Unaffordability of healthcare
2. Corruption
3. Unfairness of courts
4. Unfairness of elections
5. Violation of human rights
6. Unemployment
7. Not having NATO membership
8. Lack of peace in the country
9. Low pensions
10. Political instability in the country
11. Poverty
12. Violation of property rights
13. Low quality of education
14. Unaffordability of professional or higher education
15. Problematic relations with Russia
16. Rising prices / Inflation
17. Unsolved territorial conflicts
18. Low wages
19. Religious intolerance
20. Gender inequality
21. Emigration (people leaving Georgia)
22. Immigration (foreigners coming to Georgia)
23. Threat to national traditions
24. COVID-19
25. Other
- 1. *(Don't know)*
- 2. *(Refuse to answer)*

**P3. I will read out a list of social institutions and political unions. Do you fully trust, rather trust, neither trust nor distrust, rather distrust, or fully distrust them?**

[READ OUT EACH ITEM. ROTATE ORDER. ANSWER OPTIONS: FULLY TRUST (5), RATHER TRUST (4), NEITHER TRUST NOR DISTRUST (3), RATHER DISTRUST (2), FULLY DISTRUST (1)]

- [TRUHLTH] 1. Healthcare system?  
 [TRUBANK] 2. Banks?  
 [TRUEDUC] 3. Educational system?  
 [TRUARMY] 4. Army?  
 [TRUCRTS] 5. Court system?  
 [TRUNGOS] 6. NGOs?  
 [TRUPARL] 7. Parliament?  
 [TRUEXEC] 8. Executive government (Prime minister and ministers)?  
 [TRUPRES] 9. President?  
 [TRUPOLI] 10. Police?  
 [TRUPPS] 11. Political parties?  
 [TRUMEDI] 12. Media?  
 [TRULOCG] 13. Local government?  
 [TRURELI] 14. Religious institutions to which you belong?

**[GOVTROL] P4. Which of the following statements do you agree with?**

[READ OUT. ONE ANSWER]

[PROGRAMMING INSTRUCTIONS: ROTATE THE ORDER OF STATEMENTS]

1. People are like children; the government should take care of them like a parent.

2. Government is like an employee; the people should be the bosses who control the government.
  3. [DO NOT READ] Agree with neither
- 1. *(Don't know)*  
-2. *(Refuse to answer)*

**[ATTDEM] P5. Which of these three statements is closest to your opinion?**

[READ OUT. ONE ANSWER]

[PROGRAMMING INSTRUCTIONS: ROTATE THE ORDER OF STATEMENTS]

1. Democracy is preferable to any other kind of government.
2. In some circumstances, a non-democratic government can be preferable.
3. For someone like me, it doesn't matter what kind of government we have.

- 1. *(Don't know)*  
-2. *(Refuse to answer)*

**[PROTEST] P6. Which of the following statements do you agree with?**

[READ OUT. ONE ANSWER]

[PROGRAMMING INSTRUCTIONS: ROTATE THE ORDER OF STATEMENTS]

1. People should participate in protest actions against the government, as this shows the government that the people are in charge.
2. People should not participate in protest actions against the government, as it threatens stability in our country.
3. [DO NOT READ] Agree with neither

- 1. *(Don't know)*  
-2. *(Refuse to answer)*

**[VOTLELE] P7. Did you vote in the NAME OF LAST NATIONAL ELECTIONS which was held on DATE?**

[GEORGIA: THE FIRST ROUND OF THE 2020 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS WHICH WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 31, 2020?]

1. Yes
0. No

- 1. *(Don't know)*  
-2. *(Refuse to answer)*

**[ELCOND] P8. Would you say that those elections were conducted ...**

[READ OUT. ONE ANSWER]

3. Completely fairly,
2. To some extent fairly, or
1. Not fairly at all?

- 1. *(Don't know)*  
-2. *(Refuse to answer)*

**P9. To what extent would you support Georgia's membership in...? Would you fully support, support, partially support, partially not support, not support, or not support at all Georgia's membership in...?**

[READ OUT EACH ITEM. ANSWER OPTIONS: FULLY SUPPORT (5), SUPPORT (4), PARTIALLY SUPPORT, PARTIALLY DON'T SUPPORT (3), NOT SUPPORT (2), NOT SUPPORT AT ALL (1)]

[NATOSUPP] 1. NATO

[EUSUPP] 2. European Union

[EEUSUPNA] 3. Eurasian Union

**[PARTYSUPP] P10. There are many political parties in Georgia. Which one is closest to you? We ask this for research purposes only, please be assured that we will keep this data confidential.**

[DO NOT READ OUT. CORRESPOND]

- 301. Georgian Dream
- 302. United National Movement
- 303. Movement for Liberty - European Georgia
- 304. Alliance of Patriots of Georgia
- 305. Labor Party
- 306. Strategy Aghmashenebeli
- 307. Girchi
- 308. Lelo
- 309. Mokalakeebi
- 999. Other (Specify)

-5. *(There is no such party) → Continue to follow up*

-1. *(Don't know) → Continue to follow up*

-2. *(Refuse to answer) → Continue to follow up*

[PARTYSUPS FOLLOW-UP: WE UNDERSTAND AND RESPECT YOUR PRIVACY. WE'RE ONLY ASKING FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES. ALL YOUR ANSWERS ARE CONFIDENTIAL. THERE MIGHT NOT BE PARTIES THAT ARE CLOSEST TO YOU BUT COULD YOU NAME ONE TO WHICH YOU MIGHT FEEL THE MOST SYMPATHY?]

**P11. People have different opinions on what territories should be included within the boundaries of our countries. To what extent do you agree that the following should be included in the borders of our country? Do you agree completely (4), somewhat agree (3), somewhat disagree (2), or completely disagree (1)?**

[BRDUSSR] 1. Areas that were recognized as our territory as the result of the dissolution of the Soviet Union

[BRDCOMP] 2. Areas where our compatriots live but currently are part of neighboring countries

[BRDARTF] 3. Areas of neighboring countries where artefacts of our culture are located

[BRDDFACT] 4. Areas that are currently controlled by our government

## Conflicts

**[NKRHRD] W1. [ONLY IN GEORGIA] Have you heard about the conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh?**

1. Yes

0. No → Skip section

-1. *(Don't know) → Skip section*

-2. *(Refuse to answer) → Skip section*

**[NKRAVO] W2. Do you agree or disagree that the recent conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh was avoidable?**

1. Yes

0. No

-1. *(Don't know)*

-2. *(Refuse to answer)*



**W3. How would you assess the role of the following in the recent conflict in Nagorno-Karabakh? As very positively (1), positively (2), negatively (3), or very negatively (4)?**

[NKRARM] 1. Armenian authorities

[NKRAZE] 2. Azerbaijani authorities

[NKRDFCT] 3. NKR authorities

[NKRTUR] 4. Turkey

[NKRRUS] 5. Russia

[NKRFRFA] 6. France

[NKRUSA] 7. The United States

[NKRGEO] 8. Georgia

[NKREUN] 9. The European Union

-1. (*Don't know*)

-2. (*Refuse to answer*)

**[NKRCSEFR] W4. Please assess how satisfied or dissatisfied you are with the implementation of the November 10 ceasefire agreement signed by Armenia and Azerbaijan with Russia's mediation?**

[READ OUT ANSWER OPTIONS]

5. Completely satisfied

4. Somewhat satisfied

3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

2. Somewhat dissatisfied

1. Completely dissatisfied

-5. (*Do not read: Have not heard about this agreement*)

-1. (*Don't know*)

-2. (*Refuse to answer*)

## Demographic Information B

Let's wrap up with some questions about yourself

**D4. What languages do you use in your everyday life, such as to talk with your family members, friends, neighbors, or to do business?**

[DO NOT READ. CORRESPOND. MULTIPLE ANSWERS]

[LANGAP] 1. Abkhaz

[LANGAR] 2. Arab

[LANGHY] 3. Armenian

[LANGAS] 4. Assyrian

[LANGAZ] 5. Azerbaijani

[LANGAV] 6. Avar

[LANGKA] 7. Georgian

[LANGHE] 8. Greek

[LANGEN] 9. English

[LANGZA] 10. Kurdish languages (Zazaki, Kurmanji, etc.)

[LANGMR] 11. Mingrelian (and Laz)

[LANGOS] 12. Ossetian

[LANGFA] 13. Persian

[LANGRU] 14. Russian

[LANGSV] 15. Svan

[LANGTR] 16. Turkish

[LANGOT] 17. Other (specify)

-1. (*Don't know*)

-2. *(Refuse to answer)*

**[RELGNEW] D5. Which religion or denomination, if any, do you consider yourself belong to?**

[DO NOT READ OUT OPTIONS. CORRESPOND. ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER. IF THE RESPONDENTS NAMES ISLAM, ASK TO SPECIFY WHETHER S/HE IS SUNNI OR SHIA]

1. Armenian Apostolic Church
2. Roman Catholic Church
3. Orthodox Church
4. Protestant Church
5. Other Christian Church or group (Jehovah's Witness, Mormons, etc.)
6. Sunni Islam
7. Shia Islam
8. Other Islamic branches
9. Islam, with no specification
10. Judaism
11. Other

-5. None

-1. *(Don't know)*

-2. *(Refuse to answer)*

**[RELSERV] D6. Apart from special occasions such as weddings and funerals, about how often do you attend religious services nowadays?**

[READ OUT ANSWER OPTIONS. ONE ANSWER]

1. Every day
2. More than once a week
3. Once a week
4. At least once a month
5. Only on special religious holidays
6. Less often
7. Never

-1. *(Don't know)*

-2. *(Refuse to answer)*

**[FRQINTR] D7. Could you please tell me how often do you use the internet? Do you use the internet**

...

[READ OUT. ONE ANSWER]

1. Every day,
2. At least once a week,
3. At least once a month,
4. Less often, or
5. Never?

-5. *(I don't know what the internet is)*

-1. *(Don't know)*

-2. *(Refuse to answer)*

**[TVNEWSC] D8. Which TV station would you normally trust to for news and politics in Georgia?**

[DO NOT READ OUT. CORRESPOND. ONE ANSWER]

301. Imedi
302. Mtavari Arkhi
303. Formula
304. Kavkasia

- 305. Rustavi 2
- 306. Public Broadcaster
- 307. TV Pirveli
- 401. Other (specify)

- 5. *(I don't watch TV)*
- 4. *(I trust no TV stations) → FOLLOW UP*
- 1. *(Don't know) → FOLLOW UP*
- 2. *(Refuse to answer) → FOLLOW UP*

[TVNEWSS FOLLOW UP: WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOU MIGHT NOT TRUST TV STATIONS, ALTHOUGH RELATIVE TO OTHER TV STATIONS, WHICH ONE WOULD YOU TRUST THE MOST]

**[CONFLMV] D9. Were you or your household forced to move due to conflicts that have occurred in our country since 1989?**

- 1. Yes
- 0. No
- 1. *(Don't know)*
- 2. *(Refuse to answer)*