Public Opinion Survey: Residents of Sierra Leone

December 16, 2021 - January 16, 2022
Detailed Methodology

• This survey was conducted by Pan African Field Services on behalf of the Center for Insights in Survey Research.

• Data was collected throughout Sierra Leone from December 16, 2021, to January 16, 2022, through CAPI administered face-to-face interviews in respondents’ homes.

• The sample consisted of n=1,534 adults in Sierra Leone, aged 18 and older.

• A multi-stage probability sampling method was used. The sample was stratified by region and by urban/rural residency, followed by random selection of primary sampling units (PSUs) within each stratum. Households were selected by random walk in each of the 191 PSUs, and respondents were selected by Kish grid. The sampling frame was based on the 2015 Population and Housing Census of the Statistical Office of Sierra Leone and 2017 Sierra Leone National Electoral Commission Constituency and Delimitation report.

• The achieved sample was weighted for gender, age groups, and formal versus no formal education. The n’s cited on the slides are unweighted.

• The response rate was 77 percent.

• The margin of error for the full sample is ±2.5 points at 95 percent confidence level.

• Charts and graphs may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding.

• The survey was funded by the United States Agency for International Development.
### Frequently Cited Disaggregate Bases

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Do you think that today’s generation of young people has a good future in our country or not?

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- 45% Good future
- 50% Not a good future
- 5% Don’t know/Refused to answer

Mar/Apr. 2021
- 49% Good future
- 45% Not a good future
- 6% Don’t know/Refused to answer

Male
- 44% Good future
- 51% Not a good future
- 5% Don’t know/Refused to answer

Female
- 46% Good future
- 49% Not a good future
- 4% Don’t know/Refused to answer

Freetown
- 32% Good future
- 63% Not a good future
- 5% Don’t know/Refused to answer

Urban
- 53% Good future
- 44% Not a good future
- 3% Don’t know/Refused to answer

Rural
- 44% Good future
- 50% Not a good future
- 5% Don’t know/Refused to answer

18-35
- 45% Good future
- 51% Not a good future
- 5% Don’t know/Refused to answer

36+
- 45% Good future
- 49% Not a good future
- 5% Don’t know/Refused to answer
What is the most important problem facing our country today? (Spontaneous response; up to three responses allowed)

Top ten responses displayed.

- **Economy—cost of living, high prices**: 56%
- **Economy—unemployment**: 22%
- **Corruption**: 4%
- **Poverty**: 2%
- **Electricity**: 2%
- **Infrastructure**: 1%
- **Economy—other/general**: 1%
- **Healthcare**: 1%
- **Education**: 2%
- **Don't know/Refused to answer**: <1%
How would you describe the current economic situation of your household?

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- Very good
- Somewhat good
- Somewhat bad
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- Don't know/Refused to answer
Over the last 12 months, how has the economic situation of your household changed?

- **Dec. 21/Jan. 22**
  - Improved a lot: 4%
  - Improved somewhat: 26%
  - Stayed the same: 43%
  - Worsened somewhat: 17%
  - Worsened a lot: 10%

- **Mar/Apr. 2021**
  - Improved a lot: 4%
  - Improved somewhat: 28%
  - Stayed the same: 38%
  - Worsened somewhat: 17%
  - Worsened a lot: 12%

- **Male**
  - Improved a lot: 6%
  - Improved somewhat: 24%
  - Stayed the same: 40%
  - Worsened somewhat: 17%
  - Worsened a lot: 13%

- **Female**
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  - Improved somewhat: 27%
  - Stayed the same: 46%
  - Worsened somewhat: 16%
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- **Freetown**
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- **Urban**
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  - Worsened a lot: 9%

- **Rural**
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- **18-35**
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- **36+**
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In the coming 12 months, how do you expect the economic situation of your household to change?

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Two years in, how would you rate the ‘Free Quality School Education’ program for pre-primary, primary, junior and senior schools for government and government-assisted schools.

- **Dec. 21/Jan. 22**
  - Very good: 33%
  - Somewhat good: 33%
  - Somewhat bad: 18%
  - Very bad: 15%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 1%

- **Mar/Apr. 2021**
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- **Female**
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  - Very bad: 14%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 1%

- **Freetown**
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- **Rural**
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  - Somewhat good: 29%
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  - Very bad: 14%
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How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way democracy is developing in our country?

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Do you believe that democracy is the best possible form of government for our country or not?

- **Yes, it is the best possible form of government for our country.**
- **No, there are other forms of government that could be equally good for our country.**
- **No, there are other forms of government that are better than democracy.**
- **Don’t know/Refused to answer**

**Dec. 21 /Jan. 22:** 85%
- Yes: 9%
- Other equally good: 3%
- Better: 2%
- Don’t know/Refused: 4%

**Mar/Apr. 2021:** 79%
- Yes: 14%
- Other equally good: 2%
- Better: 4%
- Don’t know/Refused: 3%

**Freetown:** 89%
- Yes: 5%
- Other equally good: 2%
- Better: 3%
- Don’t know/Refused: 3%

**Urban:** 82%
- Yes: 10%
- Other equally good: 5%
- Better: 3%
- Don’t know/Refused: 2%

**Rural:** 86%
- Yes: 9%
- Other equally good: 2%
- Better: 3%
- Don’t know/Refused: 2%
Thinking about our country’s current political system, do you believe it is a...

- Full democracy
- Nearly full democracy
- Flawed democracy
- Not a democracy at all
- Don’t know/Refused to answer

Dec. 21/Jan. 22: 25% Full democracy, 30% Nearly full democracy, 15% Flawed democracy, 25% Not a democracy at all, 5% Don’t know/Refused to answer.

Mar/Apr. 2021: 27% Full democracy, 27% Nearly full democracy, 17% Flawed democracy, 22% Not a democracy at all, 7% Don’t know/Refused to answer.

Freetown: 16% Full democracy, 26% Nearly full democracy, 17% Flawed democracy, 36% Not a democracy at all, 4% Don’t know/Refused to answer.

Urban: 31% Full democracy, 35% Nearly full democracy, 10% Flawed democracy, 20% Not a democracy at all, 5% Don’t know/Refused to answer.

Rural: 24% Full democracy, 28% Nearly full democracy, 17% Flawed democracy, 25% Not a democracy at all, 6% Don’t know/Refused to answer.
Do you consider our country to be governed in the interest of the majority of people or in the interest of some groups?

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Legend:
- Very free
- Somewhat free
- Somewhat not free
- Very not free
- Don't know/Refused to answer
In general, is the national government doing a lot, enough, little, or nothing to address the needs of people like you?

- **Total**: 5% A lot, 20% Enough, 43% Little, 30% Nothing, 2% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Male**: 5% A lot, 18% Enough, 41% Little, 34% Nothing, 2% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Female**: 5% A lot, 21% Enough, 45% Little, 27% Nothing, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Freetown**: 4% A lot, 11% Enough, 35% Little, 49% Nothing, 2% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Urban**: 9% A lot, 25% Enough, 41% Little, 23% Nothing, 2% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **Rural**: 4% A lot, 19% Enough, 45% Little, 30% Nothing, 2% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **18-35**: 6% A lot, 19% Enough, 45% Little, 29% Nothing, 2% Don't know/Refused to answer
- **36+**: 5% A lot, 20% Enough, 41% Little, 33% Nothing, 1% Don't know/Refused to answer
To what extent do civil society organizations (CSOs*) impact government policy in our country?

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* CSOs are local, national or international groups of people who organize to support a particular interest, group or issue.
Do you agree or disagree that political parties are doing enough to address the needs of voters like you?

- **Dec. 21/Jan. 22**
  - Strongly agree: 8%
  - Somewhat agree: 27%
  - Somewhat disagree: 35%
  - Strongly disagree: 29%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%

- **Mar/Apr. 2021**
  - Strongly agree: 9%
  - Somewhat agree: 28%
  - Somewhat disagree: 28%
  - Strongly disagree: 32%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

- **Male**
  - Strongly agree: 8%
  - Somewhat agree: 27%
  - Somewhat disagree: 32%
  - Strongly disagree: 32%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 0%

- **Female**
  - Strongly agree: 7%
  - Somewhat agree: 28%
  - Somewhat disagree: 37%
  - Strongly disagree: 26%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

- **Freetown**
  - Strongly agree: 6%
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  - Strongly disagree: 37%
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- **Urban**
  - Strongly agree: 11%
  - Somewhat agree: 30%
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  - Strongly disagree: 25%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

- **Rural**
  - Strongly agree: 7%
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- **18-35**
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- **36+**
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  - Strongly disagree: 30%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 0%
Trust in Institutions
To what extent do you trust or distrust each of the following institutions?

- **Religious institutions**: 60% trust a great deal, 28% somewhat trust, 5% somewhat distrust, 5% distrust a great deal, 2% don’t know/refused to answer.
- **Army**: 36% trust a great deal, 40% somewhat trust, 11% somewhat distrust, 10% distrust a great deal, 2% don’t know/refused to answer.
- **Healthcare providers**: 28% trust a great deal, 47% somewhat trust, 15% somewhat distrust, 8% distrust a great deal, 2% don’t know/refused to answer.
- **Media**: 25% trust a great deal, 45% somewhat trust, 15% somewhat distrust, 12% distrust a great deal, 3% don’t know/refused to answer.
- **Local councils**: 14% trust a great deal, 45% somewhat trust, 22% somewhat distrust, 14% distrust a great deal, 6% don’t know/refused to answer.
- **National Electoral Commission**: 18% trust a great deal, 37% somewhat trust, 25% somewhat distrust, 17% distrust a great deal, 3% don’t know/refused to answer.
- **Political parties**: 9% trust a great deal, 44% somewhat trust, 25% somewhat distrust, 19% distrust a great deal, 3% don’t know/refused to answer.
- **Parliament**: 15% trust a great deal, 36% somewhat trust, 29% somewhat distrust, 17% distrust a great deal, 4% don’t know/refused to answer.
- **President’s Office**: 25% trust a great deal, 24% somewhat trust, 21% somewhat distrust, 27% distrust a great deal, 3% don’t know/refused to answer.
- **Anti-Corruption Commission**: 23% trust a great deal, 25% somewhat trust, 26% somewhat distrust, 22% distrust a great deal, 4% don’t know/refused to answer.
- **Courts**: 12% trust a great deal, 36% somewhat trust, 29% somewhat distrust, 19% distrust a great deal, 4% don’t know/refused to answer.
- **Police**: 10% trust a great deal, 23% somewhat trust, 24% somewhat distrust, 41% distrust a great deal, 3% don’t know/refused to answer.
To what extent do you trust or distrust each of the following institutions?

Religious institutions

- Male
  - Trust a great deal: 60%
  - Somewhat trust: 26%
  - Somewhat distrust: 5%
  - Distrust a great deal: 3%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 6%

- Female
  - Trust a great deal: 60%
  - Somewhat trust: 30%
  - Somewhat distrust: 4%
  - Distrust a great deal: 4%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 2%

- Freetown
  - Trust a great deal: 66%
  - Somewhat trust: 24%
  - Somewhat distrust: 5%
  - Distrust a great deal: 4%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 2%

- Urban
  - Trust a great deal: 59%
  - Somewhat trust: 31%
  - Somewhat distrust: 3%
  - Distrust a great deal: 4%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 2%

- Rural
  - Trust a great deal: 59%
  - Somewhat trust: 28%
  - Somewhat distrust: 6%
  - Distrust a great deal: 5%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 2%

- 18 - 35
  - Trust a great deal: 58%
  - Somewhat trust: 31%
  - Somewhat distrust: 6%
  - Distrust a great deal: 4%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 2%

- 36+
  - Trust a great deal: 63%
  - Somewhat trust: 24%
  - Somewhat distrust: 4%
  - Distrust a great deal: 6%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 3%
To what extent do you trust or distrust each of the following institutions?

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- Distrust a great deal
- Don’t know/Refused to answer

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To what extent do you trust or distrust each of the following institutions?

**Healthcare providers**

- Male
  - Trust a great deal: 30%
  - Somewhat trust: 45%
  - Somewhat distrust: 15%
  - Distrust a great deal: 8%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

- Female
  - Trust a great deal: 27%
  - Somewhat trust: 49%
  - Somewhat distrust: 16%
  - Distrust a great deal: 7%
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- Freetown
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- Urban
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- Rural
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  - Distrust a great deal: 9%
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- 18 - 35
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- 36+
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  - Somewhat trust: 44%
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To what extent do you trust or distrust each of the following institutions?

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- Distrust a great deal
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To what extent do you trust or distrust each of the following institutions?

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Note: Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number.
To what extent do you trust or distrust each of the following institutions?

National Electoral Commission

**Male**
- Trust a great deal: 20%
- Somewhat trust: 35%
- Somewhat distrust: 24%
- Distrust a great deal: 13%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 3%

**Female**
- Trust a great deal: 17%
- Somewhat trust: 39%
- Somewhat distrust: 25%
- Distrust a great deal: 16%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 3%

**Freetown**
- Trust a great deal: 8%
- Somewhat trust: 31%
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- Distrust a great deal: 37%
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**Urban**
- Trust a great deal: 24%
- Somewhat trust: 39%
- Somewhat distrust: 21%
- Distrust a great deal: 13%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 3%

**Rural**
- Trust a great deal: 18%
- Somewhat trust: 37%
- Somewhat distrust: 26%
- Distrust a great deal: 15%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 4%

**18 - 35**
- Trust a great deal: 17%
- Somewhat trust: 37%
- Somewhat distrust: 25%
- Distrust a great deal: 18%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 2%

**36+**
- Trust a great deal: 20%
- Somewhat trust: 36%
- Somewhat distrust: 23%
- Distrust a great deal: 15%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 5%
To what extent do you trust or distrust each of the following institutions?

**Political parties**

- **Male**
  - Trust a great deal: 10%
  - Somewhat trust: 44%
  - Somewhat distrust: 23%
  - Distrust a great deal: 20%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 2%

- **Female**
  - Trust a great deal: 9%
  - Somewhat trust: 44%
  - Somewhat distrust: 26%
  - Distrust a great deal: 19%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 3%

- **Freetown**
  - Trust a great deal: 5%
  - Somewhat trust: 48%
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  - Distrust a great deal: 32%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 2%

- **Urban**
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- **Rural**
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  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 3%

- **18 - 35**
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  - Distrust a great deal: 17%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 2%

- **36+**
  - Trust a great deal: 10%
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  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 3%
To what extent do you trust or distrust each of the following institutions?

**President’s Office**

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Trust a great deal | Somewhat trust | Somewhat distrust | Distrust a great deal | Don't know/Refused to answer

Dec. 21/Jan. 22
To what extent do you trust or distrust each of the following institutions?

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- Trust a great deal
- Somewhat trust
- Somewhat distrust
- Distrust a great deal
- Don’t know/Refused to answer

To what extent do you trust or distrust each of the following institutions?

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**Dec. 2018**

- Male: 40%
- Female: 29%
- Freetown: 25%
- Urban: 14%
- Rural: 10%
- 18 - 35: 9%
- 36+: 13%

**Feb. 2018**

- Male: 22%
- Female: 12%
- Freetown: 14%
- Urban: 28%
- Rural: 21%
- 18 - 35: 16%
- 36+: 18%

**Mar/Apr. 2021**

- Male: 23%
- Female: 32%
- Freetown: 21%
- Urban: 24%
- Rural: 28%
- 18 - 35: 25%
- 36+: 22%

**Dec. 21/Jan. 22**

- Male: 3%
- Female: 41%
- Freetown: 3%
- Urban: 24%
- Rural: 23%
- 18 - 35: 41%
- 36+: 43%
What is the most important accomplishment of the current national government?  
(Spontaneous response)

- Free education: 46%
- Fighting corruption: 3%
- Improving the economy: 2%
- Create jobs for the youth in the community: 2%
- Building of roads: 1%
- Free healthcare: 1%
- Electricity: 1%
- Infrastructural development: 1%
- Water supply: 1%
- Good governance: 1%
- Other: 3%
- None: 34%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 7%

Mentions less than 1% have been combined into Other.
What is the most important failure of the current national government?
(Spontaneous response)

- Dwindling economy: 37%
- Unemployment: 15%
- Failure to develop infrastructure: 6%
- Food scarcity: 4%
- Inability to control prices: 3%
- Inability to develop education sector: 3%
- Poor electricity: 2%
- Inability to curtail corruption: 2%
- Not able to reduce poverty: 1%
- Failure to keep campaign promises: 1%
- Inability to ensure national unity: 1%
- Everything: 1%
- Failure to improve healthcare: 1%
- Other: 2%
- Total failure: 1%
- None: 11%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 8%

Mentions less than 1% have been combined into Other.
What specific issue should be the top priority for the government to address? (Spontaneous response)

- Improving the economy: 26% (Dec. 21/Jan. 22), 40% (Mar/Apr. 2021)
- Creating jobs: 29% (Dec. 21/Jan. 22), 33% (Mar/Apr. 2021)
- Reducing poverty: 7% (Dec. 21/Jan. 22), 17% (Mar/Apr. 2021)
- Reducing corruption: 5% (Dec. 21/Jan. 22), 5% (Mar/Apr. 2021)
- Providing electricity: 5% (Dec. 21/Jan. 22), 5% (Mar/Apr. 2021)
- Providing healthcare: 4% (Dec. 21/Jan. 22), 3% (Mar/Apr. 2021)
- Improving education: 3% (Dec. 21/Jan. 22), 5% (Mar/Apr. 2021)
- Improving infrastructure (roads, bridges etc.): 3% (Dec. 21/Jan. 22), 2% (Mar/Apr. 2021)
- Improving agriculture: 2% (Dec. 21/Jan. 22), 2% (Mar/Apr. 2021)
- Improving security: 1% (Dec. 21/Jan. 22), 1% (Mar/Apr. 2021)
- Other: 2% (Dec. 21/Jan. 22), 2% (Mar/Apr. 2021)
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: <1% (Dec. 21/Jan. 22), <1% (Mar/Apr. 2021)

Mentions less than 1% have been combined into Other.
How would you rate the performance of the current national government?

February 2018:
- Very good: 17%
- Somewhat good: 37%
- Somewhat bad: 16%
- Very bad: 28%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

December 2018:
- Very good: 17%
- Somewhat good: 45%
- Somewhat bad: 18%
- Very bad: 2%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

March/April 2021:
- Very good: 13%
- Somewhat good: 39%
- Somewhat bad: 20%
- Very bad: 26%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

December 21/January 22:
- Very good: 7%
- Somewhat good: 36%
- Somewhat bad: 24%
- Very bad: 31%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%
How would you rate the performance of the current national government?

- **Male**
  - Very good: 8%
  - Somewhat good: 34%
  - Somewhat bad: 23%
  - Very bad: 33%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%

- **Female**
  - Very good: 7%
  - Somewhat good: 37%
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  - Very bad: 30%
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- **Freetown**
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  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

- **Urban**
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  - Very bad: 30%
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- **Rural**
  - Very good: 7%
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- **18-35**
  - Very good: 7%
  - Somewhat good: 34%
  - Somewhat bad: 25%
  - Very bad: 33%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%

- **36+**
  - Very good: 7%
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  - Very bad: 29%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%
For the following issues, is the national government doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad job?

- Managing COVID-19
  - Very good: 25%
  - Somewhat good: 45%
  - Somewhat bad: 13%
  - Very bad: 12%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 4%

- Providing education
  - Very good: 26%
  - Somewhat good: 39%
  - Somewhat bad: 20%
  - Very bad: 16%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 13%

- Providing healthcare
  - Very good: 15%
  - Somewhat good: 49%
  - Somewhat bad: 20%
  - Very bad: 17%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 6%

- Fighting crime
  - Very good: 16%
  - Somewhat good: 40%
  - Somewhat bad: 23%
  - Very bad: 14%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 6%

- Maintaining infrastructure
  - Very good: 15%
  - Somewhat good: 28%
  - Somewhat bad: 28%
  - Very bad: 28%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%

- Fighting corruption
  - Very good: 18%
  - Somewhat good: 22%
  - Somewhat bad: 31%
  - Very bad: 24%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 4%

- Fighting terrorism
  - Very good: 14%
  - Somewhat good: 24%
  - Somewhat bad: 17%
  - Very bad: 15%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 30%

- Managing the economy
  - Very good: 8%
  - Somewhat good: 24%
  - Somewhat bad: 25%
  - Very bad: 42%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%

- Creating jobs
  - Very good: 6%
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  - Very bad: 37%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%
For the following issues, is the national government doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad job

Managing COVID-19

- **Very good**
- **Somewhat good**
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- **Don’t know/Refused to answer**

### Mar/Apr. 2021
- Very good: 5%
- Somewhat good: 38%
- Somewhat bad: 4%
- Very bad: 5%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 20%

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- Very bad: 13%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 4%

### Freetown
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- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 8%

### Urban
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- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 4%

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- Dec. 21/Jan. 22
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### Location
- Freetown
- Urban
- Rural
- 18 - 35
- 36+
For the following issues, is the national government doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad job

Providing education
For the following issues, is the national government doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad job

Providing healthcare

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Mar/Apr. 2021

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For the following issues, is the national government doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad job

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**Fighting corruption**

- **Mar/Apr. 2021**
  - Very good: 6%
  - Somewhat good: 22%
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  - Very bad: 21%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 4%

- **Dec. 21/Jan. 22**
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  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 6%

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- **Male**
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  - Somewhat good: 25%
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  - Very bad: 27%
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- **Female**
  - Very good: 18%
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**Location**

- **Freetown**
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  - Very bad: 32%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 3%

- **Urban**
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- **Rural**
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**Age**

- **18 - 35**
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- **36+**
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Survey conducted: Dec. 21/Jan. 22, Mar/Apr. 2021
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Would you rate the government’s health related management of the Covid-19 pandemic as very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad job?
Would you rate the government’s economic impact management of the Covid-19 pandemic as very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad job?

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Would you say the measures taken by the government between 2020-2021 to curb the spread of Covid-19 were too much, just right, or too little?

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Legend:
- Too much
- Just right
- Too little
- Don’t know/Refused to answer
Which politician or public person do you trust the most?
(Spontaneous response; up to three responses accepted)

- **President Julius Maada Bio**
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- **Dr Samura Kamara**
  - First mention: 10%
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- **Ernest Bai Koroma**
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Local Government
Is the local council in your district doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad job?

Dec. 21/Jan. 22
- Very good: 8%
- Somewhat good: 44%
- Somewhat bad: 25%
- Very bad: 15%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 8%

Mar/Apr. 2021
- Very good: 9%
- Somewhat good: 31%
- Somewhat bad: 23%
- Very bad: 20%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 17%

Male
- Very good: 9%
- Somewhat good: 41%
- Somewhat bad: 25%
- Very bad: 17%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 8%

Female
- Very good: 6%
- Somewhat good: 47%
- Somewhat bad: 25%
- Very bad: 14%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 7%

Freetown
- Very good: 5%
- Somewhat good: 42%
- Somewhat bad: 19%
- Very bad: 20%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 15%

Urban
- Very good: 8%
- Somewhat good: 50%
- Somewhat bad: 21%
- Very bad: 12%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 11%

Rural
- Very good: 8%
- Somewhat good: 42%
- Somewhat bad: 29%
- Very bad: 16%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 5%

18-35
- Very good: 7%
- Somewhat good: 46%
- Somewhat bad: 25%
- Very bad: 15%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 8%

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- Very good: 9%
- Somewhat good: 41%
- Somewhat bad: 26%
- Very bad: 16%
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 8%
Is the local council in your city doing a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad job?  
(Among those who reside in a city)
During the past 12 months, have you attended a local council meeting open to the public?

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Mar/Apr. 2021: 74%
Dec. 21/Jan. 22: 69%

Dec. 21/Jan. 22: 4%
Of the following, which do you consider the most important responsibility of your local council? (Up to three responses allowed)

- Implement development plans for the locality: 17% (First mention), 17% (Second mention), 16% (Third mention)
- Mobilize resources for local development projects: 12% (First mention), 12% (Second mention), 14% (Third mention)
- Supporting youth: 10% (First mention), 13% (Second mention), 12% (Third mention)
- Maintaining infrastructure: 11% (First mention), 12% (Second mention), 8% (Third mention)
- Assist citizens with personal issues or financial need: 8% (First mention), 7% (Second mention), 7% (Third mention)
- Regulate local tax: 7% (First mention), 6% (Second mention), 7% (Third mention)
- Hold public meetings: 5% (First mention), 5% (Second mention), 5% (Third mention)
- Oversee the chiefdom councils' performance and budget: 5% (First mention), 4% (Second mention), 6% (Third mention)
- Education Initiatives: 4% (First mention), 5% (Second mention), 6% (Third mention)
- Public Health and COVID-19 Management: 5% (First mention), 4% (Second mention), 3% (Third mention)
- Prepare a budget for each financial year: 3% (First mention), 5% (Second mention), 4% (Third mention)
- Ensure local security: 3% (First mention), 3% (Second mention), 4% (Third mention)
- None of these: 2% (First mention), 2% (Second mention)
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 5% (First mention), 5% (Second mention)
For which of these areas do you think your local council most needs to improve its performance?

- Implement development plans for the locality: 16%
- Supporting youth: 14%
- Mobilize resources for local development projects: 13%
- Maintaining infrastructure: 12%
- Assist citizens with personal issues or financial need: 9%
- Education initiatives: 6%
- Regulate local tax: 5%
- Hold public meetings: 4%
- Public Health and COVID-19 Management: 4%
- Oversee the chiefdom councils’ performance and budget: 4%
- Prepare a budget for each financial year: 3%
- Ensure local security: 3%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 7%

Mentions less than 1% are not displayed.
How important or unimportant is it that all members of our country’s adult population, including women, young adults, minorities, and people with disabilities, are included in political decision making?

- **Dec. 21/Jan. 22**:
  - Very important: 71%
  - Somewhat important: 21%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 4%
  - Very unimportant: 3%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

- **Mar/Apr. 2021**:
  - Very important: 76%
  - Somewhat important: 17%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 3%
  - Very unimportant: 3%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 3%

- **Male**:
  - Very important: 73%
  - Somewhat important: 19%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 4%
  - Very unimportant: 3%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

- **Female**:
  - Very important: 69%
  - Somewhat important: 22%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 4%
  - Very unimportant: 2%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

- **Freetown**:
  - Very important: 85%
  - Somewhat important: 12%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 2%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 0%

- **Urban**:
  - Very important: 64%
  - Somewhat important: 30%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 3%
  - Very unimportant: 1%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 1%

- **Rural**:
  - Very important: 71%
  - Somewhat important: 18%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 5%
  - Very unimportant: 4%
  - Don't know/Refused to answer: 2%

- **18-35**:
  - Very important: 71%
  - Somewhat important: 21%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 4%
  - Very unimportant: 3%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 1%

- **36+**:
  - Very important: 71%
  - Somewhat important: 20%
  - Somewhat unimportant: 3%
  - Very unimportant: 3%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 3%
Do you think we need more, fewer or the same number of women as we currently have in national government positions?

- **Total**: 69% for more, 25% for fewer, 4% for the same, 2% for don't know/refused to answer.
- **Male**: 67% for more, 25% for fewer, 6% for the same, 2% for don’t know/refused to answer.
- **Female**: 70% for more, 26% for fewer, 2% for the same, 2% for don’t know/refused to answer.
- **Freetown**: 88% for more, 11% for fewer, 1% for don’t know/refused to answer.
- **Urban**: 65% for more, 28% for fewer, 5% for the same, 1% for don’t know/refused to answer.
- **Rural**: 67% for more, 27% for fewer, 4% for the same, 2% for don’t know/refused to answer.
- **18-35**: 72% for more, 23% for fewer, 3% for the same, 2% for don’t know/refused to answer.
- **36+**: 64% for more, 29% for fewer, 5% for the same, 2% for don’t know/refused to answer.
Do you think we need more, fewer or the same number of women as we currently have in local government positions?

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Have you ever engaged in any of the following activities? ("Yes" answers displayed; multiple responses accepted)

- Attend a political meeting: 32%
- Join political party: 32%
- Join or support a formal or informal organization with a political agenda: 21%
- Contact an elected official: 17%
- Post on social media about political issues: 11%
- Participate in protest: 8%
- Sign a petition: 6%
- Run for political office: 5%
- Participate in a boycott: 4%
Are you interested in engaging in any of the following activities within the next several years? (‘Yes’ answers displayed; multiple responses accepted)

- Attend a political meeting: 47%
- Join political party: 47%
- Contact an elected official: 36%
- Join or support a formal or informal organization with a political agenda: 34%
- Run for political office: 27%
- Post on social media about political issues: 21%
- Sign a petition: 19%
- Participate in protest: 18%
- Participate in a boycott: 13%
Why have you never engaged in any of these activities?

(Among those who did not engage in any of the activities, n=646; multiple responses accepted; “Yes” answers displayed)

- These activities won't change anything: 40%
- I was not interested: 39%
- I did not have time: 38%
- I was afraid of repercussions: 31%
- I did not know about them: 19%
Why are there not more women politically engaged in our country? For each potential reason I read you, please tell me if it plays a major role or not.

(Only percentages for “major role” are displayed)

- Women are afraid of violence if they run: 76%
- Women lack support from the political parties they belong to: 71%
- Even when women run for office, they do not get elected: 70%
- Women lack the resources to mount a campaign: 67%
- Women lack the support network: 65%
- Women lack familial support: 61%
- Women are discouraged from running by cultural norms: 59%
- Women are preoccupied with child-rearing duties: 53%
- Women lack the confidence to run: 50%
- Women lack political experience: 47%
Why are there not more women politically engaged in our country? For each potential reason I read you, please tell me if it plays a major role or not.

(Only percentages for “major role” are displayed)

- Women are afraid of violence if they run: Male 74%, Female 78%
- Women are discouraged from running by cultural norms: Male 57%, Female 61%
- Women lack support from the political parties they belong to: Male 71%, Female 70%
- Even when women run for office, they do not get elected: Male 69%, Female 71%
- Women lack the resources to mount a campaign: Male 65%, Female 69%
- Women lack the support network: Male 61%, Female 67%
- Women are preoccupied with child-rearing duties: Male 51%, Female 55%
- Women lack the confidence to run: Male 47%, Female 52%
- Women lack familial support: Male 56%, Female 65%
- Women lack political experience: Male 42%, Female 51%
Why are there not more youth aged 35 and younger politically engaged in our country? For each potential reason I read you, please tell me if it plays a major role or not.

(Only percentages for “major role” are displayed)

- Youth lack the resources to mount a campaign: 81%
- Youth lack support from the political parties they belong to: 74%
- Youth lack the support network: 67%
- Even when youth run for office, they do not get elected: 67%
- Youth are not respected by society: 63%
- Youth are preoccupied with finding jobs or advancing their career: 59%
- Youth lack familial support: 59%
- Youth lack political experience: 45%
- Youth are not interested in engaging with politics: 45%
- Youth lack the confidence to run: 43%
Why are there not more youth aged 35 and younger politically engaged in our country? For each potential reason I read you, please tell me if it plays a major role or not.

(Only percentages for “major role” are displayed)

- Youth lack the resources to mount a campaign
- Youth lack support from the political parties they belong to
- Youth lack the support network
- Youth are not respected by society
- Even when youth run for office, they do not get elected
- Youth are preoccupied with finding jobs or advancing their career
- Youth lack familial support
- Youth lack political experience
- Youth lack the confidence to run
- Youth are not interested in engaging with politics

![Percentage Graph]

- Youth lack the resources to mount a campaign: 80% (18-35), 83% (36+)
- Youth lack support from the political parties they belong to: 73% (18-35), 75% (36+)
- Youth lack the support network: 66% (18-35), 69% (36+)
- Youth are not respected by society: 64% (18-35), 63% (36+)
- Even when youth run for office, they do not get elected: 67% (18-35), 66% (36+)
- Youth are preoccupied with finding jobs or advancing their career: 59% (18-35), 60% (36+)
- Youth lack familial support: 57% (18-35), 62% (36+)
- Youth lack political experience: 42% (18-35), 49% (36+)
- Youth lack the confidence to run: 43% (18-35), 44% (36+)
- Youth are not interested in engaging with politics: 44% (18-35), 46% (36+)
Sources of Information
In the past 7 days, have you used social media, for example WhatsApp or Facebook? 
(“Yes” answers displayed)
Do you own a smartphone, which is a mobile phone that allows you to access the internet and use social media such as WhatsApp and Facebook? (“Yes” answers displayed)
How frequently do you encounter information in social media, for example WhatsApp or Facebook, that you believe is misleading or false?

- Daily or almost daily: 24%
- Several times a week: 8%
- Weekly: 4%
- Monthly: 2%
- Less often: 7%
- Never: 20%
- I do not use social media: 33%
- Don’t know/Refused to answer: 2%

Dec. 21/Jan. 22: 20%
Mar/Apr. 2021: 27%

Don’t know/Refused to answer: 2%
How often do you see or hear information on TV, the radio, or in newspapers, that you believe is misleading or false?

- Daily or almost daily: 24% (Dec. 21/Jan. 22), 24% (Mar/Apr. 2021)
- Several times a week: 8% (Dec. 21/Jan. 22), 8% (Mar/Apr. 2021)
- Weekly: 6% (Dec. 21/Jan. 22), 8% (Mar/Apr. 2021)
- Monthly: 1% (Dec. 21/Jan. 22), 2% (Mar/Apr. 2021)
- Less often: 19% (Dec. 21/Jan. 22), 24% (Mar/Apr. 2021)
- Never: 23% (Dec. 21/Jan. 22), 23% (Mar/Apr. 2021)
- I do not use TV or radio or newspapers: 7% (Dec. 21/Jan. 22), 11% (Mar/Apr. 2021)
- Don't know/Refused to answer: 2% (Dec. 21/Jan. 22), 8% (Mar/Apr. 2021)
To what extent is misleading or false information in the media problematic for our country?

- **Very problematic:**
  - Dec. 21/Jan. 22: 48%
  - Mar/Apr. 2021: 49%
  - Male: 51%
  - Female: 46%
  - Freetown: 80%
  - Urban: 49%
  - Rural: 42%
  - 18-35: 49%
  - 36+: 47%

- **Somewhat problematic:**
  - Dec. 21/Jan. 22: 28%
  - Mar/Apr. 2021: 21%
  - Male: 26%
  - Female: 29%
  - Freetown: 17%
  - Urban: 32%
  - Rural: 28%
  - 18-35: 26%
  - 36+: 30%

- **Somewhat unproblematic:**
  - Dec. 21/Jan. 22: 10%
  - Mar/Apr. 2021: 10%
  - Male: 10%
  - Female: 9%
  - Freetown: 13%
  - Urban: 6%
  - Rural: 13%
  - 18-35: 11%
  - 36+: 8%

- **Very unproblematic:**
  - Dec. 21/Jan. 22: 8%
  - Mar/Apr. 2021: 4%
  - Male: 8%
  - Female: 8%
  - Freetown: 1%
  - Urban: 5%
  - Rural: 10%
  - 18-35: 8%
  - 36+: 7%

- **Don’t know/Refused to answer:**
  - Dec. 21/Jan. 22: 7%
  - Mar/Apr. 2021: 16%
  - Male: 5%
  - Female: 8%
  - Freetown: 1%
  - Urban: 9%
  - Rural: 7%
  - 18-35: 7%
  - 36+: 8%

Survey conducted in Mar/Apr. 2021 and Dec. 21/Jan. 22.
How important or unimportant is it for elected officials and candidates to participate in public debates?

- **Very important**: 58% (Dec. 21/Jan. 22), 64% (Mar/Apr. 2021), 81% (Freetown), 56% (Urban), 54% (Rural), 60% (18-35), 54% (36+)
- **Somewhat important**: 28% (Dec. 21/Jan. 22), 16% (Mar/Apr. 2021), 14% (Freetown), 30% (Urban), 30% (Rural), 26% (18-35), 30% (36+)
- **Somewhat unimportant**: 6% (Dec. 21/Jan. 22), 4% (Mar/Apr. 2021), 14% (Freetown), 4% (Urban), 8% (Rural), 5% (18-35), 8% (36+)
- **Very unimportant**: 2% (Dec. 21/Jan. 22), 2% (Mar/Apr. 2021), 1% (Freetown), 2% (Urban), 1% (Rural), 2% (18-35), 1% (36+)
- **Don't know/Refused to answer**: 6% (Dec. 21/Jan. 22), 13% (Mar/Apr. 2021), 3% (Freetown), 7% (Urban), 7% (Rural), 6% (18-35), 7% (36+)
How likely or unlikely would you watch or listen to such public debates?

- **Dec. 21/Jan. 22**
  - Very likely: 39%
  - Somewhat likely: 27%
  - Somewhat unlikely: 15%
  - Very unlikely: 10%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 10%

- **Mar/Apr. 2021**
  - Very likely: 44%
  - Somewhat likely: 25%
  - Somewhat unlikely: 6%
  - Very unlikely: 8%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 17%

- **Male**
  - Very likely: 43%
  - Somewhat likely: 25%
  - Somewhat unlikely: 13%
  - Very unlikely: 9%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 10%

- **Female**
  - Very likely: 35%
  - Somewhat likely: 28%
  - Somewhat unlikely: 17%
  - Very unlikely: 11%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 9%

- **Freetown**
  - Very likely: 55%
  - Somewhat likely: 19%
  - Somewhat unlikely: 12%
  - Very unlikely: 7%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 6%

- **Urban**
  - Very likely: 37%
  - Somewhat likely: 31%
  - Somewhat unlikely: 13%
  - Very unlikely: 9%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 11%

- **Rural**
  - Very likely: 37%
  - Somewhat likely: 26%
  - Somewhat unlikely: 16%
  - Very unlikely: 11%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 9%

- **18-35**
  - Very likely: 40%
  - Somewhat likely: 29%
  - Somewhat unlikely: 12%
  - Very unlikely: 10%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 10%

- **36+**
  - Very likely: 38%
  - Somewhat likely: 23%
  - Somewhat unlikely: 20%
  - Very unlikely: 10%
  - Don’t know/Refused to answer: 9%
Demographics
Demographics

- Male: 52%
- Female: 48%
- Age 18-35: 60%
- Age 36+: 40%
- Krio: 36%
- Mende: 27%
- Temne: 22%
- Limba: 3%
- Other: 12%
- Muslim: 73%
- Christian: 27%
Demographics

- Eastern: 23%
- Northern: 18%
- North West: 21%
- Southern: 21%
- Western: 17%

- Kailahun: 8%
- Kenema: 10%
- Koidu: 1%
- Kono: 4%
- Bombali: 5%
- Koinadugu: 4%
- Tonkolili: 5%
- Falaba: 3%
- Kambia: 7%
- Port Loko: 10%
- Karene: 4%
- BO: 8%
- Bonthe: 4%
- Moyamba: 4%
- Pujehun: 5%
- Koinadugu: 5%
- Kono: 7%
- Kambia: 3%
- Kailahun: 8%
- Kenema: 10%

- Western Rural District: 12%
- Western Urban District: 38%
- Urban: 62%
- Rural: 38%

Region

- Eastern
- Northern
- North West
- Southern
- Western

District

- Kailahun
- Kenema
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- Kono
- Kambia
- Kailahun
- Kenema

Urbanicity

- Western Rural District
- Western Urban District
- Urban
- Rural
I have trouble feeding myself and my family and buying even the most essential things for survival

I have enough means for survival, but I do not have enough money for extra things

I am able to afford things like new clothes and eating at restaurants but not often

I am able to afford things like new clothes and eating out and also support other members of my family who are not able to do these things

Don’t know/Refused to answer

No formal education

Some education

Completed secondary school

Diploma/Training Institute/First Degree/Bachelor’s Degree/Master’s Degree/PhD