SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON SAMOAN HOUSEHOLDS

Almost **1/2** of respondents said at least one household member has lost a job
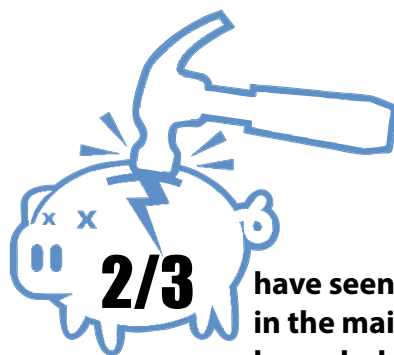
2/3 have seen a decline in the main household income

Composition of household job loss by type

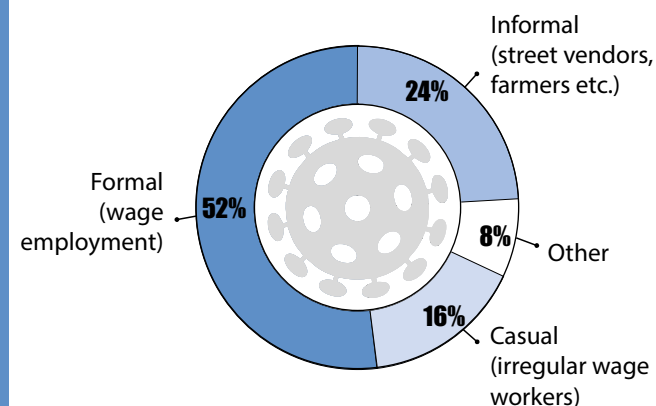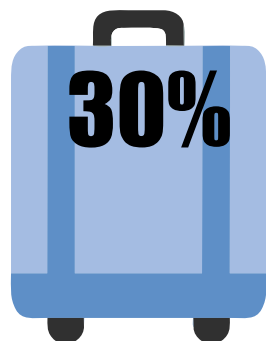- Informal (street vendors, farmers etc.) **24%**
- Formal (wage employment) **52%**
- Other **8%**
- Casual (irregular wage workers) **16%**

66% are uncertain if lost jobs will be recovered

30% report less income due to international travel restrictions

Other reasons cited for loss of income:
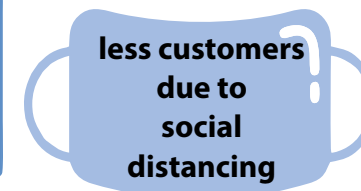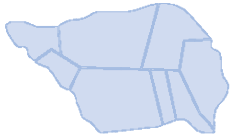
- employer closed business or reduced hours
- quit due to changed work conditions
- employer terminated the job
- less customers due to social distancing

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Samoa

Population: 196,000
Number of COVID-19 cases: zero
State of Emergency declared: 20 Mar 2020

Information is based on 286 responses to a rapid online survey conducted between 11 June – 5 July 2020.

- **57%** of respondents were female
- **68%** were between the ages of 25 and 44
- **47%** were head of a household
- **76%** were the main family income earner

KEY CHALLENGES FACED BY SAMOAN HOUSEHOLDS DUE TO THE COVID-19 SOE

2/3 of respondents say reduced income is their main concern

49.6% are worried about being able to educate their children

Only **20%** have been able to supplement lost income

71% are having trouble servicing loans/debts

46% are eating cheaper, less nutritious food

57% are eating less food overall

52% report increased stress within the household