



# Summary of results

**Afrobarometer Round 8  
survey in Sierra Leone, 2020**

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Afrobarometer, a nonprofit corporation with headquarters in Ghana, is a pan-African, nonpartisan survey research network that provides reliable data on African experiences and evaluations of democracy, governance, and quality of life. Seven rounds of surveys were completed in up to 38 countries between 1999 and 2018. Round 8 surveys in 2019/2021 are planned in at least 35 countries. Afrobarometer conducts face-to-face interviews in the language of the respondent's choice with nationally representative samples.

Regional coordination of national partners in about 35 countries is provided by the Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana), the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation (IJR) in South Africa, and the Institute for Development Studies (IDS) at the University of Nairobi in Kenya. Michigan State University (MSU) and the University of Cape Town (UCT) provide technical support to the network.

The Afrobarometer National Partner in Sierra Leone, the Institute for Governance Reform (IGR), interviewed a nationally representative, random, stratified probability sample of 1,200 adult Sierra Leoneans between 9 and 31 March 2020. A sample of this size yields country-level results with a margin of error of +/-3 percentage points at a 95% confidence level. Previous surveys have been conducted in Sierra Leone in 2012, 2015, and 2020. The Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana) provided technical backstopping for the survey. Technical details of the survey, including descriptions of stratification and household selection, translation languages, and related information, can be found in the survey Technical Information Form that follows.

Below is an outline of the survey findings from all the questions posed to respondents. We also present the findings by some critical demographics such as gender and place of residence (urban-rural).

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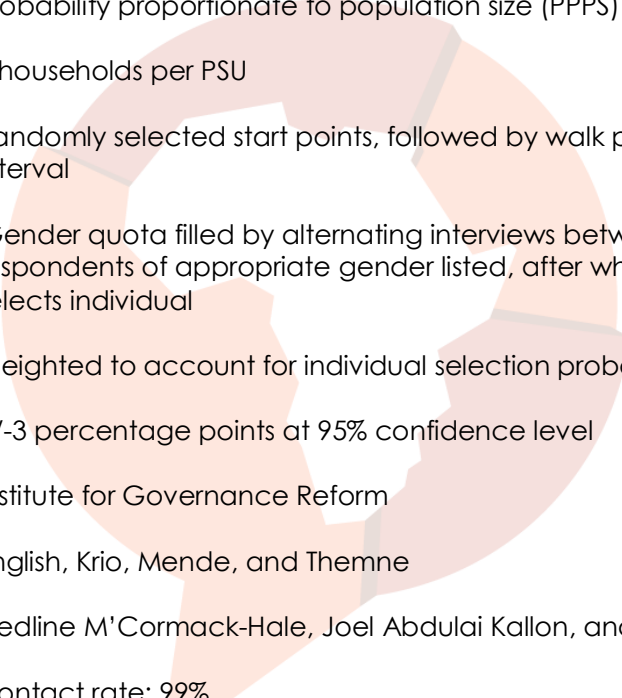
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# Technical information form



<b>Universe:</b>	Citizens of Sierra Leone who are 18 years and older
<b>Sample design:</b>	Nationally representative, random, clustered, stratified, multi-stage area probability sample
<b>Stratification:</b>	Region and urban-rural location
<b>Stages:</b>	PSUs (from strata), start points, households, respondents
<b>PSU selection:</b>	Probability proportionate to population size (PPPS)
<b>Cluster size:</b>	8 households per PSU
<b>Household selection:</b>	Randomly selected start points, followed by walk pattern using 5/10 interval
<b>Respondent selection:</b>	Gender quota filled by alternating interviews between men and women; respondents of appropriate gender listed, after which computer randomly selects individual
<b>Weighting:</b>	Weighted to account for individual selection probabilities
<b>Margin of error:</b>	+/-3 percentage points at 95% confidence level
<b>Fieldwork by:</b>	Institute for Governance Reform
<b>Survey languages:</b>	English, Krio, Mende, and Themne
<b>Main researchers:</b>	Fredline M'Cormack-Hale, Joel Abdulai Kallon, and Andrew Lavali
<b>Outcome rates:</b>	Contact rate: 99% Cooperation rate: 96% Refusal rate: 2% Response rate: 96%
<b>Dates of fieldwork:</b>	9-31 March 2020
<b>Sample size:</b>	1,200
<b>Sampling frame:</b>	3,680,206
<b>EA substitution rate:</b>	2%

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**Note:** All figures in the following tables are percentages, rounded to one decimal place. (Please note that Afrobarometer's general practice in most analysis and publications is to report findings rounded to whole numbers.) Due to rounding, columns may not add up to exactly 100.0%. Readers are reminded that the sample size in Sierra Leone of 1,200 yields a margin of sampling error of +/-3 percentage points at a 95% confidence level. A dash ("-") or blank cell indicates that there were no responses in this category. For Questions 1 through 100, weighted frequency distributions are reported.

**Note:** This presentation of findings does NOT reflect the order in which survey questions were asked during the interview. We have numbered the questions as in the questionnaire but have ordered them by topic. To see the questionnaire, please visit [www.afrobarometer.org](http://www.afrobarometer.org).

## Respondents and their households

### Demographic distribution of the sample

		Unweighted	Weighted
<b>Gender</b>			
	Male	50	49.9
	Female	50	50.1
<b>Location</b>			
	Urban	44.0	44.1
	Rural	56.0	55.9
<b>Region</b>			
	Eastern	22.7	22.8
	Northern	33.3	33.2
	Southern	20.0	19.9
	Western	24.0	24.1
<b>Education</b>			
	No formal education	36.0	36.5
	Primary	12.8	12.4
	Secondary	36.8	36.6
	Post-secondary	14.3	14.4
<b>Religion</b>			
	Christian	22.8	22.4
	Muslim	77.1	77.6
	Other	0.1	0.1
	Refused		

**Q1. How old are you?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
18-25	31.8	27.3	26.5	32.1	29.3
26-35	30.7	29.1	29.3	30.4	29.8
36-45	19.1	20.6	21.3	18.5	19.9
46-55	9.9	12.7	11.0	12.0	11.5
56-65	5.3	6.7	7.6	4.6	6.1
Over 65	3.2	3.6	4.4	2.4	3.4

**Q2. What is the primary language you speak in your home now?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
English	0.1		0.1		0.0
Krio	64.4	5.3	31.1	31.5	31.3
Mende	16.4	38.9	28.4	29.5	29.0
Themne	11.0	26.9	19.3	20.4	19.8
Kono	1.6	8.6	5.6	5.4	5.5
Loko	0.5	2.5	1.9	1.3	1.6
Sherbro	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.6
Limba	0.5	8.2	5.2	4.4	4.8
Fullah	1.5	0.8	1.5	0.7	1.1
Koranko	0.5	5.3	3.2	3.1	3.2
Yalunka	0.3			0.2	0.1
Madingo	1.8	0.4	1.0	1.0	1.0
Susu	0.5		0.4		0.2
Kissi	0.1	2.9	1.7	1.6	1.7

**Q81. What is your ethnic community, cultural group, or tribe?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Krio	3.9		1.1	2.3	1.7
Fulla	5.0	1.5	3.5	2.5	3.0
Kissi	0.7	2.9	2.0	1.8	1.9
Kono	4.2	9.0	6.3	7.5	6.9
Koranko	1.2	5.6	3.8	3.5	3.7
Limba	11.3	8.9	10.7	9.2	10.0
Loko	3.2	2.5	2.4	3.2	2.8
Madingo	6.0	0.9	2.8	3.4	3.1
Mende	26.2	38.4	34.0	32.1	33.0
Sherbro	1.8	1.3	1.1	1.9	1.5
Susu	3.9	0.2	1.8	1.9	1.8
Themne	31.7	28.9	30.0	30.2	30.1
Vai	0.2		0.2		0.1
Yalunka	0.4			0.4	0.2
Sierra Leonean only, or "doesn't think of self in those terms"	0.2		0.1	0.1	0.1

**Q97. What is your highest level of education?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No formal schooling	16.2	43.4	21.8	40.9	31.4
Informal schooling only (including Koranic schooling)	2.3	7.3	8.9	1.3	5.1
Some primary schooling	6.0	8.2	7.8	6.6	7.2

Primary school completed	3.7	6.3	4.1	6.2	5.2
Intermediate school or Some secondary school / high school	24.1	18.8	23.4	18.9	21.1
Secondary school / high school completed	22.7	9.8	16.7	14.3	15.5
Post-secondary qualifications, other than university e.g. a diploma or degree from a polytechnic or college	9.9	5.1	7.6	6.9	7.2
Some university	6.5	0.5	4.2	2.1	3.1
University completed	6.7	0.5	4.3	2.2	3.2
Post-graduate	1.9		1.1	0.5	0.8
Don't know		0.1		0.1	0.0

**Q98A. What is your religion, if any?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
None	0.1		0.1		0.1
Christian only (i.e., respondents says only "Christian", without identifying a specific sub-group)	20.7	11.6	15.2	16.0	15.6
Roman Catholic	2.5	2.3	2.7	2.2	2.4
Anglican	1.2	0.4	0.4	1.1	0.7
Methodist	0.2	1.2	0.7	0.7	0.7
Presbyterian	0.1		0.1		0.0
Baptist	0.6	1.1	1.1	0.7	0.9
Evangelical	0.2	0.3		0.5	0.2
Pentecostal (e.g., "Born Again" and/or "Saved")	1.7	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.3
Independent (e.g., "African Independent Church")		0.2		0.2	0.1
Jehovah's Witness		0.1	0.2		0.1
Seventh Day Adventist	0.3		0.3		0.1
Mormon	0.2		0.2		0.1
Muslim only (i.e., respondents says only "Muslim", without identifying a specific sub-group)	72.0	81.4	77.4	77.2	77.3
Sunni only (i.e., respondents says only "Sunni" or "Sunni Muslim", without identifying a specific sub-group)	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.3
Qadiriya Brotherhood		0.1		0.1	0.1

**Q92A. Which of these things do you personally own? [If "No":] Does anyone else in your household own one: Radio?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No, don't own	10.1	28.7	15.8	25.2	20.5
Yes, someone else owns	23.5	22.5	13.9	32.0	23.0
Yes, do own	66.4	48.3	70.0	42.6	56.3
Don't know		0.5	0.3	0.2	0.3

**Q92B. Which of these things do you personally own? [If "No":] Does anyone else in your household own one: Television?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No, don't own	30.1	92.5	64.1	65.9	65.0
Yes, someone else owns	20.7	1.5	7.6	12.3	9.9
Yes, do own	48.7	3.5	26.5	20.4	23.4
Don't know	0.5	2.6	1.9	1.4	1.7

**Q92C. Which of these things do you personally own? [If "No":] Does anyone else in your household own one: Motor vehicle or motorcycle?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No, don't own	70.9	82.8	75.2	79.8	77.5
Yes, someone else owns	19.3	7.4	8.9	16.4	12.6
Yes, do own	9.1	7.2	14.0	2.1	8.0
Refused		0.2		0.2	0.1
Don't know	0.7	2.6	1.9	1.6	1.8

**Q92D. Which of these things do you personally own? [If "No":] Does anyone else in your household own one: Computer?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No, don't own	69.7	95.0	83.4	84.3	83.9
Yes, someone else owns	13.5	1.2	5.9	7.4	6.7
Yes, do own	15.6	0.8	8.6	6.0	7.3
Don't know	1.2	3.0	2.1	2.3	2.2

**Q92E. Which of these things do you personally own? [If "No":] Does anyone else in your household own one: Bank account?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No, don't own	47.7	88.2	69.2	71.4	70.3
Yes, someone else owns	17.1	2.3	7.0	10.6	8.8
Yes, do own	33.5	6.6	21.6	15.4	18.5
Don't know	1.8	2.9	2.2	2.6	2.4

**Q92F. Which of these things do you personally own? [If "No":] Does anyone else in your household own one: Mobile phone?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No, don't own	2.7	24.5	10.7	19.1	14.9
Yes, someone else owns	4.3	11.9	4.0	13.1	8.6
Yes, do own	92.8	62.3	84.4	67.2	75.8
Don't know	0.1	1.2	0.8	0.6	0.7

**Q92G. Does your phone have access to the Internet?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No (Does not have internet access)	36.0	52.0	50.3	39.6	45.0
Yes (Have internet)	56.5	9.8	33.6	27.3	30.4
Not applicable	7.2	37.7	15.6	32.8	24.2
Don't know	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4

**Q92H. How often do you use: A mobile phone?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
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Never	1.1	21.8	7.9	17.5	12.7
Less than once a month	1.9	5.4	2.5	5.2	3.9
A few times a month	1.6	5.4	2.6	4.8	3.7
A few times a week	2.9	8.5	5.8	6.2	6.0
Every day	92.2	58.5	81.0	65.7	73.4
Don't know	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.4

**Q92I. How often do you use: The Internet?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	36.6	85.0	61.1	66.1	63.6
Less than once a month	8.6	3.0	5.4	5.6	5.5
A few times a month	6.0	2.0	4.5	3.0	3.7
A few times a week	12.4	2.5	7.7	6.0	6.9
Every day	35.7	4.4	19.6	16.8	18.2
Don't know	0.8	3.2	1.7	2.5	2.1

**Q93A. What is your main source of water for household use?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Piped water into dwelling	2.3		0.7	1.3	1.0
Piped water into yard, plot or compound	11.7	3.5	6.9	7.4	7.1
Public tap or standpipe	27.2	15.4	20.7	20.4	20.6
Tubewell or borehole	8.6	6.6	7.3	7.6	7.5
Protected dug well	32.6	23.1	27.8	26.7	27.3
Unprotected dug well	7.1	8.1	8.0	7.3	7.6
Protected spring	0.9	2.0	1.4	1.6	1.5
Unprotected spring	1.5	17.6	9.8	11.3	10.5
Rainwater collection		0.0		0.0	0.0
Bottled water		0.2	0.3		0.1
Purchased from a cart with a small tank or drum	1.6		0.7	0.7	0.7
Purchased from a tanker truck	3.6		1.6	1.5	1.6
Surface water, like a river, dam, lake, pond, stream, canal or irrigation channel	2.2	22.3	13.4	13.5	13.5
Other	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.6
Don't know		0.7	0.6	0.3	0.4

**Q93B. Do you have a toilet, water closet or latrine available for your use? [If yes] Is it inside your house, inside your compound, or outside your compound, or is there none available?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No latrine	2.7	23.9	14.2	15.0	14.6
Inside the house	21.3	1.7	8.5	12.2	10.3
Inside the compound	60.3	40.3	54.2	44.0	49.1
Outside the compound	15.7	33.9	22.9	28.8	25.9
Don't know		0.2	0.2		0.1

**Q94A. Do you have an electric connection to your home from the Electricity Distribution and Supply Agency (EDSA)?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No	30.5	97.6	67.2	68.9	68.0
Yes	69.4	1.8	32.2	30.9	31.6
Don't know	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.1	0.4

**Q94B. [If yes to Q94A] How often is electricity actually available from this connection?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	1.0		0.4	0.5	0.5
Occasionally	13.9	0.5	6.7	6.1	6.4
About half of the time	6.6	0.3	3.1	3.0	3.0
Most of the time	40.9	0.4	18.7	17.8	18.2
All of the time	7.0	0.6	3.3	3.6	3.4
Not applicable	30.6	98.2	67.8	69.1	68.4

**Q94C. Does your house use electric power from any source other than Electricity Distribution and Supply Agency (EDSA)?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No	76.7	84.6	80.6	81.6	81.1
Yes	23.3	15.0	19.1	18.3	18.7
Don't know		0.4	0.3	0.1	0.2

**Q94D. [If yes to Q94C] What is the source of the electricity for this connection?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Batteries or power bank	8.7	4.0	6.3	5.8	6.1
Generator	10.1	3.2	5.7	6.8	6.2
Solar panels	3.4	7.6	6.1	5.4	5.7
Wind power		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Hydro power	1.0		0.6	0.3	0.4
Other	0.2	0.1	0.3		0.2
Not applicable	76.7	85.0	80.9	81.7	81.3

**Q94E. [If yes to Q94C] Is the electricity source owned by your household, or does it come from outside of your household.**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Owned by household	20.1	9.3	14.1	14.0	14.1
Owned outside of household	3.0	5.4	4.5	4.2	4.3
Get power from sources both within and outside of household	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.1	0.3
Not applicable	76.7	85.0	80.9	81.7	81.3

# Country's overall direction and most important problems

**Q3. Let's start with your general view about the current direction of our country. Some people might think the country is going in the wrong direction. Others may feel it is going in the right direction. So let me ask YOU about the overall direction of the country: Would you say that the country is going in the wrong direction or going in the right direction?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Going in the wrong direction	69.1	59.3	63.5	63.7	63.6
Going in the right direction	25.2	37.3	33.5	30.5	32.0
Refused	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.8	0.5
Don't know	5.2	2.8	2.8	5.0	3.9

**Q48.(1<sup>st</sup> response) In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country that government should address?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Management of the economy	12.8	5.9	8.5	9.4	8.9
Wages, incomes and salaries	1.5	0.1	0.6	0.8	0.7
Unemployment	7.3	2.5	5.3	3.9	4.6
Poverty/destitution	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.7	0.5
Rates and Taxes	2.1	0.7	1.6	1.0	1.3
Loans / credit	1.7	1.5	0.9	2.2	1.6
Farming/agriculture	0.5	2.7	2.4	1.2	1.8
Food shortage/famine	21.3	19.8	20.6	20.4	20.5
Drought		0.1		0.2	0.1
Transportation	0.3			0.3	0.1
Communications		1.0	1.0	0.2	0.6
Infrastructure / roads	9.0	15.5	14.4	10.9	12.6
Education	5.6	17.0	10.3	13.6	12.0
Housing	0.8	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.5
Electricity	10.3	4.2	6.8	7.0	6.9
Water supply	15.6	13.4	15.6	13.1	14.4
Services (other)	0.1	1.1	0.4	0.8	0.6
Health	2.1	11.1	6.1	8.2	7.1
Sickness / Disease	0.5			0.4	0.2
Crime and Security	1.5	0.2	0.5	1.1	0.8
Corruption	1.7	0.2	0.3	1.4	0.9
Political violence	1.0	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.6
Political instability/political divisions/ ethnic tensions	2.0	0.0	0.9	1.0	0.9
Gender issues / women's rights	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.3
Democracy/political rights	0.4	0.3	0.6		0.3
Other responses	0.4	1.3	1.2	0.6	0.9
Refused	0.9		0.2	0.6	0.4

**Q48.(2<sup>nd</sup> response) In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country that government should address?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Management of the economy	12.8	7.0	7.6	11.6	9.6
Wages, incomes and salaries	1.8	0.9	1.0	1.5	1.3
Unemployment	9.7	3.0	7.4	4.4	5.9
Poverty/destitution	0.7	1.2	0.6	1.4	1.0
Rates and Taxes	1.2	0.2	0.5	0.8	0.7
Loans / credit	1.7	2.9	1.9	2.9	2.4
Farming/agriculture	0.4	4.2	3.1	1.9	2.5
Food shortage/famine	12.5	8.7	9.3	11.4	10.4
Transportation	2.5	2.0	2.8	1.7	2.2
Communications	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.3	0.6
Infrastructure / roads	7.6	13.5	13.0	8.9	10.9
Education	7.0	18.2	12.8	13.8	13.3
Housing	1.4	0.4	1.2	0.5	0.9
Electricity	10.7	4.0	8.0	5.9	7.0
Water supply	12.5	13.8	12.5	14.0	13.3
Orphans/street children/homeless children	0.1	0.1	0.2		0.1
Services (other)	0.8	1.7	1.3	1.3	1.3
Health	9.0	14.9	11.8	12.7	12.3
Sickness / Disease	0.5			0.4	0.2
Crime and Security	1.5	0.3	0.4	1.3	0.8
Corruption	1.7	0.2	1.2	0.6	0.9
Political violence	0.6		0.3	0.2	0.3
Political instability/political divisions/ ethnic tensions	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
Discrimination/ inequality	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
Gender issues / women's rights	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Democracy/political rights	0.1			0.1	0.0
Agricultural marketing		0.2	0.2		0.1
Climate change	0.1			0.1	0.1
Other responses	0.2	1.5	1.0	0.9	0.9
No further reply	0.9	0.1	0.4	0.6	0.5

**Q48.(3<sup>rd</sup> response) In your opinion, what are the most important problems facing this country that government should address?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Management of the economy	12.3	6.2	8.0	9.9	8.9
Wages, incomes and salaries	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.6
Unemployment	10.7	3.6	8.1	5.3	6.7
Poverty/destitution	1.3	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.9
Rates and Taxes	0.6	0.9	0.5	1.0	0.8
Loans / credit	1.2	3.7	1.0	4.2	2.6
Farming/agriculture	1.0	3.4	3.0	1.7	2.3
Food shortage/famine	8.9	9.0	7.2	10.7	8.9
Drought		0.1	0.1		0.1
Land		0.1	0.1		0.0
Transportation	3.7	1.1	1.9	2.6	2.2
Communications	0.2	0.9	1.0	0.3	0.6
Infrastructure / roads	10.8	15.5	14.5	12.3	13.4
Education	10.0	14.2	11.4	13.3	12.3
Housing	1.1	0.6	1.3	0.2	0.8
Electricity	9.6	4.9	8.5	5.3	6.9
Water supply	8.8	10.4	8.4	11.0	9.7
Services (other)	1.6	3.9	2.6	3.1	2.9
Health	10.0	17.5	15.2	13.1	14.2
Sickness / Disease	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3
Crime and Security	1.3	0.8	1.1	0.9	1.0
Corruption	1.5	0.3	1.6		0.8
Political violence	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
Political instability/political divisions/ ethnic tensions	0.5		0.4	0.1	0.2
Discrimination/ inequality	0.5		0.1	0.3	0.2
Gender issues / women's rights	0.3		0.1	0.2	0.1
Democracy/political rights	0.7	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
Agricultural marketing		0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
Other responses	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
No further reply	1.1	0.7	0.7	1.1	0.9

# Economic life

Let's discuss economic conditions.

**Q4A. In general, how would you describe the present economic condition of this country?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very bad	51.7	59.2	56.0	55.8	55.9
Fairly bad	34.1	24.1	28.3	28.6	28.5
Neither good nor bad	6.1	3.2	5.3	3.7	4.5
Fairly good	6.3	10.5	8.0	9.3	8.6
Very good	1.8	2.3	2.3	1.8	2.0
Don't know	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.8	0.5

**Q4B. In general, how would you describe your own present living conditions?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very bad	27.7	36.5	32.0	33.2	32.6
Fairly bad	39.6	38.6	37.8	40.2	39.0
Neither good nor bad	13.4	6.7	10.7	8.7	9.7
Fairly good	16.2	15.6	16.4	15.4	15.9
Very good	3.0	2.6	3.1	2.4	2.8
Don't know	0.1			0.1	0.0

**Q6A. Looking back, how do you rate economic conditions in this country compared to 12 months ago?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Much worse	17.9	28.2	24.8	22.5	23.7
Worse	35.2	25.3	29.6	29.7	29.6
Same	22.0	22.2	20.4	23.8	22.1
Better	20.3	20.0	21.5	18.8	20.2
Much better	3.5	4.0	3.3	4.3	3.8
Don't know	1.2	0.3	0.4	1.0	0.7

**Q6B. Looking ahead, do you expect economic conditions in this country to be better or worse in 12 months' time?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Much worse	7.3	15.9	12.9	11.3	12.1
Worse	10.5	7.1	10.0	7.2	8.6
Same	9.6	9.5	9.0	10.1	9.6
Better	42.3	31.8	36.5	36.5	36.5
Much better	5.4	6.5	7.5	4.5	6.0
Refused		0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2

**Q7A. Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without: Enough food to eat?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	39.1	23.4	29.8	30.9	30.3
Just once or twice	20.4	19.0	21.1	18.2	19.6
Several times	25.7	32.4	31.1	27.8	29.5
Many times	13.8	21.2	15.4	20.5	17.9
Always	0.9	4.0	2.6	2.6	2.6

**Q7B. Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without: Enough clean water for home use?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	37.8	25.7	30.1	32.0	31.0
Just once or twice	16.5	17.9	22.2	12.5	17.3
Several times	27.5	27.1	25.1	29.5	27.3
Many times	13.4	18.0	15.8	16.1	16.0
Always	4.7	11.3	6.8	10.0	8.4

**Q7C. Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without: Medicines or medical treatment?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	28.1	10.7	17.5	19.2	18.4
Just once or twice	23.9	21.1	21.9	22.8	22.4
Several times	31.5	29.0	31.3	28.9	30.1
Many times	12.5	25.8	19.0	20.9	19.9
Always	3.3	13.3	9.9	7.8	8.9
Don't know	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4

**Q7D. Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without: Enough fuel to cook your food?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	43.2	51.6	48.8	47.0	47.9
Just once or twice	23.4	11.3	15.0	18.2	16.6
Several times	23.5	19.3	22.3	20.1	21.2
Many times	6.6	8.7	7.4	8.1	7.8
Always	3.2	8.9	6.2	6.6	6.4
Refused	0.1		0.1		0.0

**Q7E. Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family gone without: A cash income?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	16.8	6.2	11.8	10.0	10.9
Just once or twice	17.4	11.9	14.1	14.6	14.4
Several times	33.9	29.7	30.4	32.8	31.6
Many times	27.5	38.6	35.0	32.5	33.7
Always	4.0	12.9	8.2	9.7	9.0
Refused		0.3	0.4		0.2

**Q5. How often, if ever, are people like you treated unfairly by the government based on your economic status, that is, how rich or poor you are?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	67.2	71.7	67.9	71.5	69.7
Sometimes	21.0	14.6	18.1	16.8	17.4
Often	7.9	8.5	9.6	6.9	8.2
Always	1.8	3.1	2.6	2.4	2.5
Don't know	2.1	2.2	1.8	2.4	2.1

**Q95A. Do you have a job that pays a cash income? [If “Yes”:] Is it full time or part time? [If “No”:] Are you currently looking for a job?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No (not looking)	33.2	37.3	30.7	40.4	35.5
No (looking)	37.1	41.3	40.1	38.9	39.5
Yes, part time	6.9	4.8	7.2	4.2	5.7
Yes, full time	22.7	16.3	21.7	16.6	19.1
Don't know		0.2	0.2		0.1

**Q95B. If you have paid employment, that is, regular employment for which you receive something like an hourly wage or a regular salary, are you required to pay an income tax, that is, a tax deducted from your wages by your employer?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No, not required to pay	15.2	15.3	16.7	13.8	15.3
Yes, required to pay	14.5	5.5	11.9	7.0	9.5
Not applicable	70.4	78.9	71.0	79.2	75.1
Don't know		0.3	0.3		0.2

**Q95C. What is your main occupation? [If unemployed, retired, or disabled:] What was your last main occupation?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never had a job	7.6	10.8	8.0	10.8	9.4
Student	22.6	6.5	12.7	14.5	13.6
Housewife / homemaker	4.1	2.8		6.7	3.3
Agriculture / farming / fishing / forestry	5.4	55.7	36.9	30.2	33.6
Trader / hawker / vendor	22.4	9.3	8.0	22.2	15.1
Retail / Shop	6.2	1.1	3.0	3.7	3.4
Unskilled manual worker (e.g., cleaner, laborer, domestic help, unskilled manufacturing worker)	5.9	2.3	6.7	1.1	3.9
Artisan or skilled manual worker (e.g., trades like electrician, mechanic, machinist or skilled manufacturing worker)	9.4	3.9	11.0	1.7	6.3
Clerical or secretarial	1.1	0.4	0.5	0.9	0.7
Supervisor / Foreman / Senior Manager	0.6		0.3	0.3	0.3
Security services (police, army, private security)	2.5	0.7	2.6	0.3	1.5
Mid-level professional (e.g., teacher, nurse, mid-level government officer)	8.1	6.0	6.8	7.0	6.9
Upper-level professional (e.g., banker/finance, doctor, lawyer, engineer, accountant, professor, senior-level government)	3.6	0.2	3.0	0.4	1.7
Other	0.6	0.1	0.7		0.3



**Q95D. Do you work for yourself, for someone else in the private sector or the non-governmental sector, or for government? [If respondent indicated in Q95C that they were unemployed, retired, or disabled:] In your last job, did you work for yourself, for someone else in the private sector or the non-governmental sector, or for government?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Works for self	41.9	69.9	57.4	57.7	57.6
Private sector	10.4	3.5	9.2	4.0	6.6
Non Governmental Organizations/Civil society sector	2.0	0.2	1.5	0.5	1.0
Government	10.9	5.9	11.0	5.2	8.1
Not applicable	33.9	20.1	20.3	32.0	26.2
Refused	0.3		0.2	0.1	0.1
Don't know	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4

**Q96A. What is the main way that decisions are made about how to use any money that you have or earn, for example from a job, a business, selling things or other activities?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
You make the decisions yourself	54.7	28.4	45.2	34.7	40.0
Your spouse makes the decisions	4.3	7.7	3.7	8.7	6.2
You make the decisions jointly with your spouse	23.7	44.4	34.2	36.3	35.3
You make the decisions jointly with other family members	9.9	15.2	11.1	14.6	12.9
Other family members make the decisions without you	0.9	1.4	0.8	1.5	1.2
None of the above / Some other response	0.2			0.2	0.1
Not applicable, no earnings	6.4	2.7	4.7	3.9	4.3
Don't know		0.2	0.3		0.1

**Q96B. Who is the head of this household, that is, the person who has primary responsibility for making decisions on behalf of the household?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
You [respondent]	40.7	43.8	65.3	19.6	42.4
Respondent's spouse	20.6	29.1	1.0	49.6	25.3
Respondent's father	15.0	16.3	17.6	13.9	15.8
Respondent's mother	9.1	3.0	5.4	6.1	5.7
Respondent's son	1.4	0.1		1.4	0.7
Respondent's daughter	0.4			0.3	0.2
Respondent's grandfather	0.4	0.8	0.4	0.8	0.6
Respondent's grandmother	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.3
Another male relative	9.1	5.4	8.4	5.6	7.0
Another female relative	2.3	1.2	1.3	2.2	1.7
Someone else	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2
More than one person		0.1		0.1	0.0

**Q96C. What is the main occupation of the head of the household? [If unemployed, retired, or disabled:]  
What was his or her last main occupation?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never had a job	2.8	3.7	2.6	4.0	3.3
Student	1.4	0.4	0.4	1.2	0.8
Housewife/Homemaker	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Agriculture/Farming /Fishing/Forestry	4.7	40.2	14.1	35.0	24.6
Trader/Hawker/Vendor	15.1	2.4	6.3	9.7	8.0
Retail/Shop	3.8	1.2	0.9	3.8	2.4
Unskilled manual worker (e.g., cleaner, laborer, domestic help, unskilled manufacturing worker)	2.5	1.9	1.1	3.2	2.2
Artisan or skilled manual worker (e.g., trades like electrician, mechanic, machinist or skilled manufacturing worker)	8.1	1.0	2.1	6.1	4.1
Clerical or secretarial	0.8	0.2	0.7	0.3	0.5
Supervisor/Foreman/ enior Manager	1.0	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.6
Security services (police, army, private security)	3.4		0.8	2.2	1.5
Mid-level professional (e.g., teacher, nurse, mid-level government officer)	6.0	3.4	2.5	6.5	4.5
Upper-level professional (e.g., banker/finance, doctor, lawyer, engineer, accountant, professor, senior-level government	3.5	0.1	1.2	2.0	1.6
Other	6.1	1.1	1.4	5.1	3.3
Not applicable	40.7	43.8	65.3	19.6	42.4

# Development and international relations

See related question(s) under “Public services and government performance.”

Now let's talk about how our country should relate to other countries in West Africa and in the world.

**Q61. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1:** People living in West Africa should be able to move freely across international borders in order to trade or work in other countries.

**Statement 2:** In order to protect their own citizens, governments should limit the cross-border movement of people and goods.

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	28.9	26.1	26.9	27.9	27.4
Agree with 1	21.5	18.4	19.2	20.3	19.8
Agree with 2	12.1	6.1	7.3	10.1	8.7
Agree very strongly with 2	34.2	42.2	42.0	35.3	38.7
Agree with neither	0.6	1.9	1.3	1.3	1.3
Refused	0.1	0.3		0.4	0.2
Don't know	2.6	5.0	3.2	4.7	3.9

**Q62. In your opinion, how easy or difficult is it for people in West Africa to cross international borders in order to work or trade in other countries, or haven't you heard enough to say?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very difficult	23.4	32.0	29.4	27.1	28.2
Difficult	39.8	21.2	31.0	27.8	29.4
Easy	11.7	8.4	12.0	7.7	9.9
Very easy	1.3	3.2	2.1	2.6	2.3
Never try	15.9	16.2	14.1	18.1	16.1
Refused		0.2	0.2		0.1
Don't know	7.9	18.8	11.1	16.9	14.0

**Q66. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1:** In order to develop, our country must rely on trade with the rest of the world, including by opening our borders to foreign imports.

**Statement 2:** In order to develop, our country must rely on local production and protect local producers from foreign competition.

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	30.6	31.4	30.9	31.1	31.0
Agree with 1	22.7	17.6	19.2	20.4	19.8
Agree with 2	9.5	5.6	7.9	6.8	7.3
Agree very strongly with 2	34.4	40.8	39.5	36.5	38.0
Agree with neither	1.2	1.6	1.2	1.5	1.4
Refused		0.6	0.3	0.4	0.3
Don't know	1.7	2.5	1.0	3.2	2.1

**Q67. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1:** The government should only allow citizens and companies of our own country to trade in consumer goods, even if this means we will have fewer goods or higher prices.

**Statement 2:** The government should continue to permit foreigners and foreign corporations to set up retail shops in this country to ensure we have a wide choice of low-cost consumer goods.

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	16.8	14.7	13.9	17.4	15.6
Agree with 1	11.1	8.1	8.3	10.5	9.4
Agree with 2	21.6	13.8	17.7	16.7	17.2
Agree very strongly with 2	47.5	59.1	57.9	50.0	54.0
Agree with neither	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.8	1.6
Refused		0.1		0.1	0.0
Don't know	1.4	2.8	0.8	3.5	2.1

**Q63. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1:** It is important that as an independent nation, we finance development from our own resources, even if it means paying more taxes.

**Statement 2:** We should use external loans for the development of the country, even if it increases our indebtedness to foreign countries and institutions.

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	46.0	35.6	41.6	38.8	40.2
Agree with 1	23.3	18.7	21.8	19.8	20.8
Agree with 2	10.5	5.0	7.8	7.1	7.4
Agree very strongly with 2	11.1	22.5	17.4	17.5	17.5
Agree with neither	4.9	5.7	5.2	5.5	5.3
Refused	0.6	0.8	0.2	1.2	0.7
Don't know	3.6	11.6	6.0	10.1	8.1

**Q64A. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1:** When other countries give loans or development assistance to Sierra Leone, they should enforce strict requirements on how the funds are spent.

**Statement 2:** When other countries give Sierra Leone loans or development assistance, they should allow our government to make its own decisions about how to use the resources.

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	36.5	38.4	38.6	36.6	37.6
Agree with 1	18.3	11.9	16.9	12.7	14.8
Agree with 2	12.0	8.3	10.0	9.9	10.0
Agree very strongly with 2	27.1	28.8	28.0	28.1	28.1
Agree with neither	1.0	2.6	2.4	1.4	1.9
Refused		0.9	0.1	0.9	0.5
Don't know	5.0	9.1	4.1	10.5	7.3

**Q64B. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: When other countries give loans or development assistance to Sierra Leone they should enforce strict requirements to make sure our government promotes democracy and respects human rights.**

**Statement 2: Even if other countries give Sierra Leone loans or development assistance, our government should make its own decisions about democracy and human rights.**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	37.3	33.8	38.2	32.6	35.4
Agree with 1	26.1	17.2	20.7	21.5	21.1
Agree with 2	8.0	4.7	5.8	6.5	6.2
Agree very strongly with 2	22.7	30.3	27.2	26.7	27.0
Agree with neither	1.2	2.7	2.6	1.4	2.0
Refused		0.9	0.2	0.8	0.5
Don't know	4.7	10.3	5.2	10.4	7.8

**Q65A. To your knowledge, does China give loans or development assistance to our country's government, or haven't you had a chance to hear about this?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No	26.1	25.3	23.2	28.1	25.7
Yes	40.9	19.9	37.7	20.7	29.2
Refused		0.0		0.0	0.0
Don't know	33.0	54.8	39.1	51.2	45.2

**Q65B. [If yes on Q65A] Do you think that our government is required to repay China for the loans and development assistance it provides to Sierra Leone or haven't you heard enough to say?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No	4.6	2.9	4.7	2.6	3.6
Yes	26.5	11.9	24.5	12.2	18.3
Not applicable	59.1	80.1	62.3	79.3	70.8
Refused		0.2	0.2		0.1
Don't know	9.9	4.9	8.3	5.9	7.1

**Q65C. [If yes on Q65A] Do you think our government has borrowed too much money from China, or haven't you heard enough to say?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No	3.9	2.7	4.3	2.2	3.2
Yes	11.3	6.6	12.0	5.3	8.7
Not applicable	59.1	80.1	62.3	79.3	70.8
Don't know	25.7	10.6	21.4	13.2	17.3

**Q65D. [If yes on Q65A] When the government of China gives loans or development assistance to Sierra Leone, do you think they put more requirements or fewer requirements on our government compared to other donor countries, or haven't you heard enough to say?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Far fewer requirements	2.6	2.6	3.5	1.7	2.6
Somewhat fewer requirements	4.0	3.2	5.2	2.0	3.6
About the same number of requirements	3.2	0.8	2.1	1.5	1.8
Somewhat more requirements	1.5	0.8	1.7	0.5	1.1
Many more requirements	0.8	0.8	1.4	0.1	0.8
Not applicable	59.1	80.1	62.3	79.3	70.8
Don't know	29.0	11.7	23.8	14.9	19.3

**Q69B. How much influence do you think China's economic activities in Sierra Leone have on our economy, or haven't you heard enough to say?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
None	5.7	5.8	4.8	6.7	5.7
A little	8.2	2.6	5.6	4.5	5.1
Some	7.9	3.6	6.5	4.4	5.5
A lot	16.9	11.0	18.1	9.1	13.6
Refused		0.1	0.1		0.1
Don't know	61.4	76.9	64.8	75.3	70.1

**Q69A. In your opinion, which of the following countries, if any, would be the best model for the future development of our country, or is there some other country in Africa or elsewhere, that should be our model?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
None of these / There is no role model		0.3	0.4		0.2
United States	61.3	50.7	56.5	54.1	55.3
China	18.2	8.8	15.3	10.6	12.9
Britain	7.0	9.7	8.6	8.4	8.5
South Africa	1.8	2.1	2.1	1.8	2.0
Ethiopia	0.8	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.5
We should follow our own country's model	5.3	7.7	5.9	7.5	6.7
Other country	3.2	1.6	2.4	2.2	2.3
Refused	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Don't know	2.0	18.5	7.6	14.8	11.2

**Q70A. In general, do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following organizations on Sierra Leone is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say: African Union?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very negative	1.2	0.1	0.8	0.4	0.6
Somewhat negative	5.3	2.2	6.0	1.2	3.6
Neither positive nor negative	3.3	1.3	2.4	2.0	2.2
Somewhat positive	24.8	11.8	21.6	13.6	17.6
Very positive	19.3	25.5	28.2	17.4	22.8
Refused		0.4	0.1	0.3	0.2
Don't know	46.1	58.7	41.0	65.2	53.1

**Q70B. In general, do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following organizations on Sierra Leone is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say: ECOWAS?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very negative	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.3
Somewhat negative	4.4	1.6	4.8	0.9	2.8
Neither positive nor negative	4.0	1.6	2.9	2.5	2.7
Somewhat positive	26.4	11.7	22.0	14.4	18.2
Very positive	22.1	28.5	32.2	19.2	25.7
Refused		0.4	0.1	0.3	0.2
Don't know	42.6	56.0	37.5	62.6	50.1
Very negative	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.3
Somewhat negative	4.4	1.6	4.8	0.9	2.8

**Q70C. In general, do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following organizations on Sierra Leone is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say: United Nations agencies?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very negative	0.3	0.3	0.6	0.0	0.3
Somewhat negative	3.8	1.5	4.3	0.8	2.5
Neither positive nor negative	3.4	0.9	2.1	2.0	2.0
Somewhat positive	25.8	10.7	20.4	14.3	17.3
Very positive	24.2	31.2	35.6	20.6	28.1
Refused	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.5	0.3
Don't know	42.3	55.1	37.0	61.8	49.4

**Q70D. And what about the following countries? Do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following countries on Sierra Leone is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say: Britain**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very negative	2.5	2.2	3.3	1.4	2.3
Somewhat negative	4.6	2.4	4.8	2.0	3.4
Neither positive nor negative	6.9	1.3	3.5	4.1	3.8
Somewhat positive	23.2	14.7	22.7	14.3	18.5
Very positive	17.4	22.6	25.4	15.2	20.3
Refused		0.8	0.1	0.7	0.4
Don't know	45.3	56.0	40.2	62.4	51.3

**Q70E. And what about the following countries? Do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following countries on Sierra Leone is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say: China?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very negative	1.8	2.3	1.6	2.6	2.1
Somewhat negative	2.9	2.6	4.4	1.1	2.7
Neither positive nor negative	4.9	1.4	2.6	3.4	3.0
Somewhat positive	24.6	15.1	23.0	15.6	19.3
Very positive	22.2	21.7	28.8	15.0	21.9
Refused	0.1	1.0	0.4	0.8	0.6
Don't know	43.5	55.9	39.3	61.5	50.4

**Q70F. And what about the following countries? Do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following countries on Sierra Leone is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say: United States?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very negative	1.7	1.0	1.9	0.7	1.3
Somewhat negative	4.4	1.5	3.4	2.2	2.8
Neither positive nor negative	4.9	1.6	3.6	2.5	3.0
Somewhat positive	26.7	18.3	25.4	18.7	22.0
Very positive	20.6	24.6	28.6	17.2	22.8
Refused	0.1	1.2	0.4	1.0	0.7
Don't know	41.5	51.9	36.8	57.8	47.3

**Q70G. And what about the following countries? Do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following countries on Sierra Leone is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say: Nigeria?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very negative	3.8	5.3	4.8	4.5	4.6
Somewhat negative	9.4	4.8	9.1	4.5	6.8
Neither positive nor negative	9.0	2.5	6.1	4.6	5.4
Somewhat positive	18.7	12.1	17.9	12.2	15.0
Very positive	11.6	14.0	15.3	10.6	13.0
Refused	0.1	1.4	0.4	1.3	0.8
Don't know	47.4	59.9	46.3	62.4	54.4

**Q70H. And what about the following countries? Do you think that the economic and political influence of each of the following countries on Sierra Leone is mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say: Russia?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very negative	3.8	5.3	4.8	4.5	4.6
Somewhat negative	9.4	4.8	9.1	4.5	6.8
Neither positive nor negative	9.0	2.5	6.1	4.6	5.4
Somewhat positive	18.7	12.1	17.9	12.2	15.0
Very positive	11.6	14.0	15.3	10.6	13.0
Refused	0.1	1.4	0.4	1.3	0.8
Don't know	47.4	59.9	46.3	62.4	54.4

**Q71. In thinking about the future of the next generation in our country, which of these international languages, if any, do you think is most important for young people to learn?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
None of these / No international language needed		0.0	0.0		0.0
English	90.4	93.6	93.4	90.9	92.2
French	3.3	0.8	1.4	2.4	1.9
Arabic	5.1	3.5	4.2	4.1	4.2
Chinese	1.1		0.6	0.4	0.5
Other	0.2	0.1		0.3	0.2
Refused		0.1	0.2		0.1
Don't know		1.9	0.2	1.9	1.1



# Democracy and politics

See related questions under “Institutions and leaders.”

**Q20A. There are many ways to govern a country. Would you disapprove or approve of the following alternatives: Only one political party is allowed to stand for election and hold office?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disapprove	57.1	68.6	66.2	60.9	63.5
Disapprove	29.3	19.2	22.1	25.2	23.6
Neither approve nor disapprove	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.6
Approve	8.5	6.8	6.7	8.4	7.5
Strongly approve	3.7	3.0	3.4	3.3	3.3
Refused		0.2		0.2	0.1
Don't know	0.8	1.7	0.8	1.8	1.3

**Q20B. There are many ways to govern a country. Would you disapprove or approve of the following alternatives: The army comes in to govern the country?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disapprove	48.8	54.2	50.5	53.2	51.8
Disapprove	24.5	16.7	21.5	18.7	20.1
Neither approve nor disapprove	2.5	3.7	3.7	2.6	3.1
Approve	16.9	16.8	15.1	18.6	16.8
Strongly approve	5.4	5.3	6.7	4.0	5.3
Refused	0.2	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.5
Don't know	1.7	2.6	2.0	2.5	2.2

**Q20C. There are many ways to govern a country. Would you disapprove or approve of the following alternatives: Elections and Parliament are abolished so that the president can decide everything?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disapprove	65.2	72.6	69.8	68.9	69.3
Disapprove	26.9	17.7	22.6	20.9	21.8
Neither approve nor disapprove	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.5
Approve	4.4	2.6	3.7	3.0	3.4
Strongly approve	1.6	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.3
Refused	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
Don't know	1.2	5.3	2.0	5.0	3.5

**Q21. Which of these three statements is closest to your own opinion?**

**Statement 1: Democracy is preferable to any other kind of government.**

**Statement 2: In some circumstances, a non-democratic government can be preferable.**

**Statement 3: For someone like me, it doesn't matter what kind of government we have.**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Statement 3: Doesn't matter	4.9	4.2	2.9	6.2	4.5
Statement 2: Sometimes non-democratic preferable	5.5	4.0	5.7	3.7	4.7
Statement 1: Democracy preferable	86.3	84.2	88.1	82.1	85.1
Refused		0.2	0.2		0.1
Don't know	3.2	7.4	3.1	8.1	5.6

**Q22. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1:** It is more important to have a government that can get things done, even if we have no influence over what it does.

**Statement 2:** It is more important for citizens to be able to hold government accountable, even if that means it makes decisions more slowly.

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	17.9	20.2	17.2	21.2	19.2
Agree with 1	11.9	4.3	7.7	7.6	7.7
Agree with 2	19.1	11.5	14.8	14.9	14.9
Agree very strongly with 2	48.5	62.0	58.3	53.8	56.0
Agree with neither	0.5	1.0	0.8	0.7	0.8
Refused	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5
Don't know	1.5	0.6	0.7	1.3	1.0

**Q29. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1:** Parliament should ensure that the president explains to it on a regular basis how his government spends taxpayers' money.

**Statement 2:** The president should be able to devote his full attention to developing the country rather than wasting time justifying his actions.

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	54.5	59.7	58.1	56.7	57.4
Agree with 1	23.0	17.7	20.2	19.9	20.0
Agree with 2	6.1	2.7	4.9	3.5	4.2
Agree very strongly with 2	15.2	18.1	15.9	17.7	16.8
Agree with neither	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
Refused		0.2	0.2		0.1
Don't know	1.0	1.5	0.4	2.1	1.3

**Q34. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1:** The Constitution should limit the president to serving a maximum of two terms in office.

**Statement 2:** There should be no constitutional limit on how long the president can serve.

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	56.5	55.0	57.0	54.4	55.7
Agree with 1	25.2	21.3	21.6	24.5	23.0
Agree with 2	4.1	3.5	4.6	2.9	3.7
Agree very strongly with 2	8.3	16.2	12.3	13.2	12.7
Agree with neither	4.8	1.8	3.7	2.5	3.1
Refused		0.2	0.2		0.1
Don't know	1.2	2.0	0.6	2.7	1.6

**Q35A. Should there be a minimum age for candidates for president?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No, no minimum	11.9	13.0	11.5	13.7	12.6
Yes, should be a minimum	83.0	74.7	83.3	73.5	78.4
Refused	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3
Don't know	5.0	11.8	5.0	12.6	8.8

**Q35B. [If "Yes":] What should the minimum age be?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
18	0.7	0.9	1.2	0.4	0.8
19		0.2		0.2	0.1
20	2.5	2.4	1.7	3.2	2.4
21	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
23		0.1	0.1		0.1
24	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3
25	2.5	3.7	2.9	3.4	3.1
26	0.3		0.1	0.2	0.2
27	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
30	10.7	7.3	9.6	8.0	8.8
31	0.2	0.2	0.4		0.2
34		0.2		0.3	0.1
35	9.2	11.7	10.5	10.8	10.6
36	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.2	0.3
37	0.0		0.0		0.0
38	0.8	0.4	0.3	0.9	0.6
39	0.1		0.1		0.0
40	30.1	26.3	29.8	26.2	28.0
41	0.3			0.3	0.1
42	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.3
43		0.2	0.2		0.1
45	11.4	7.7	11.6	6.9	9.3
46	0.1		0.1		0.0
47		0.2		0.3	0.1
48		0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
49		0.1		0.1	0.1
50	9.7	7.8	9.7	7.5	8.6
51	0.1			0.1	0.1
55	1.0	0.8	1.3	0.4	0.9
56	0.2		0.1		0.1
60	0.6	1.9	1.3	1.3	1.3
65		0.0	0.0		0.0
70		0.7	0.5	0.3	0.4
78		0.2		0.2	0.1
80		0.2	0.2		0.1
99		0.1		0.2	0.1
Not applicable	17.0	25.3	16.7	26.5	21.6
Don't know	1.0	0.4	0.3	1.1	0.7

**Q35C. Should there be a maximum age for candidates for president?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No, no maximum	8.3	12.2	10.3	10.7	10.5
Yes, should be a maximum	88.6	75.7	84.9	77.9	81.4
Refused	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
Don't know	3.0	12.0	4.8	11.3	8.0

**Q35D. [If "Yes":] What should the maximum age be?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
30		0.0		0.0	0.0
40	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.5
45	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
48		0.0		0.0	0.0
50	6.7	9.6	8.0	8.7	8.3
55	3.5	2.3	3.3	2.4	2.8
58	0.1		0.1		0.1
60	21.6	12.4	19.9	13.0	16.4
62	0.1	0.8	0.8	0.3	0.5
65	4.7	3.6	3.3	4.8	4.0
67		0.2	0.2		0.1
68	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.6	0.4
69	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2
70	23.1	14.7	18.3	18.6	18.4
71	0.2			0.2	0.1
72	0.1			0.1	0.1
75	4.5	3.9	4.7	3.7	4.2
80	16.2	14.4	15.3	15.1	15.2
85	1.3	1.4	1.9	0.8	1.3
90	3.1	5.6	4.5	4.5	4.5
95	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.1	0.2
98		0.2	0.2		0.1
100	0.4	3.5	1.5	2.9	2.2
Not applicable	11.4	24.3	15.1	22.1	18.6
Refused		0.1	0.1		0.1
Don't know	0.1			0.1	0.0

**Q36. In your opinion, how much of a democracy is Sierra Leone today?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not a democracy	10.3	7.2	10.7	6.5	8.6
A democracy, with major problems	17.1	8.0	12.2	11.8	12.0
A democracy, but with minor problems	36.3	31.8	35.3	32.3	33.8
A full democracy	30.1	40.6	37.1	34.9	36.0
Do not understand question / democracy	1.6	5.7	1.3	6.4	3.9
Don't know	4.5	6.7	3.4	8.0	5.7

**Q37. Overall, how satisfied are you with the way democracy works in Sierra Leone?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
The country is not a democracy	0.6	0.6	0.9	0.4	0.6
Not at all satisfied	25.6	12.3	19.1	17.3	18.2
Not very satisfied	20.3	13.1	17.9	14.7	16.3
Fairly satisfied	22.4	26.6	27.0	22.5	24.8
Very satisfied	26.0	36.0	31.7	31.5	31.6
Refused		0.2		0.2	0.1
Don't know	5.0	11.2	3.5	13.4	8.5

**Q52A. Who should be responsible for: Making sure that, once elected, members of Parliament do their jobs?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
The president/executive	41.5	39.8	44.5	36.6	40.5
The Parliament/County Assembly	16.0	12.6	13.3	14.9	14.1
Their political party	3.7	4.6	5.1	3.2	4.2
The voters	32.0	23.8	29.4	25.5	27.4
No one	1.2	3.5	2.0	3.0	2.5
Refused		0.3		0.3	0.2
Don't know	5.6	15.5	5.7	16.5	11.1

**Q52B. Who should be responsible for: Making sure that, once elected, the president does his or her job?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
The president/executive	12.9	7.3	10.1	9.4	9.7
The Parliament/County Assembly	35.9	37.0	38.8	34.2	36.5
Their political party	3.5	2.8	2.5	3.7	3.1
The voters	41.4	31.9	40.6	31.5	36.1
No one	1.0	6.0	2.7	4.9	3.8
Refused	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2
Don't know	5.2	14.8	5.1	15.9	10.5

**Q26. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: Our elected officials should listen to constituents' views and do what they demand.**

**Statement 2: Our elected leaders should follow their own ideas in deciding what is best for the country.**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	56.9	68.3	63.5	63.1	63.3
Agree with 1	28.3	19.7	23.8	23.2	23.5
Agree with 2	5.6	3.8	5.3	3.9	4.6
Agree very strongly with 2	8.3	7.4	6.6	9.0	7.8
Agree with neither	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7
Refused		0.1	0.1		0.0
Don't know	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1

**Q27. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: Our elected leaders need to focus on empowering our most capable citizens.**

**Statement 2: Our elected leaders should focus on helping people who have been left behind by economic and social change.**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	9.1	8.6	9.2	8.5	8.8
Agree with 1	6.3	1.2	4.1	2.8	3.5
Agree with 2	19.6	11.3	14.1	15.8	15.0
Agree very strongly with 2	62.7	77.0	69.7	71.6	70.7
Agree with neither	1.9	1.4	2.3	0.9	1.6
Refused	0.2		0.2		0.1
Don't know	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.4

**Q28. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1:** Experts with specialized education or skills are needed to help make the most important decisions for our country.

**Statement 2:** The people and their elected representatives know what is best; they do not need the advice of experts to run the country.

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	37.5	36.9	40.2	34.2	37.2
Agree with 1	17.1	19.1	17.6	18.8	18.2
Agree with 2	10.6	8.1	9.8	8.6	9.2
Agree very strongly with 2	28.4	34.9	30.1	33.9	32.0
Agree with neither	4.4	0.5	1.6	2.9	2.2
Refused	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.2
Don't know	1.8	0.3	0.4	1.4	0.9

**Q31. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1:** Whichever party or group wins elections should be able to pursue the policies they prefer, without needing to compromise with others.

**Statement 2:** In a democracy, it is important to make compromises between the preferences and needs of different groups.

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	8.7	9.8	9.9	8.7	9.3
Agree with 1	5.0	2.6	3.6	3.7	3.7
Agree with 2	26.0	14.5	18.6	20.5	19.6
Agree very strongly with 2	59.0	68.9	64.9	64.2	64.5
Agree with neither	0.2	2.1	1.5	1.0	1.3
Refused		0.1	0.1		0.0
Don't know	1.2	2.0	1.4	1.8	1.6

## Freedom

See related questions under “Media and access to information.”

**Q10A. In this country, how free are you to say what you think?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not at all free	2.9	4.2	3.2	4.0	3.6
Not very free	19.4	13.3	14.7	17.3	16.0
Somewhat free	26.9	17.7	21.1	22.4	21.7
Completely free	48.8	62.4	60.0	52.7	56.4
Refused		0.1		0.1	0.1
Don't know	2.1	2.3	1.0	3.4	2.2

**Q10B. In this country, how free are you to join any political organization you want?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not at all free	0.3	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.6
Not very free	5.5	2.4	3.6	3.9	3.8
Somewhat free	14.9	4.2	9.2	8.6	8.9
Completely free	78.5	90.7	85.5	85.1	85.3
Don't know	0.8	1.8	1.0	1.7	1.4

**Q10C. In this country, how free are you to choose who to vote for without feeling pressured?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not at all free	0.3	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.5
Not very free	4.7	1.4	2.9	2.8	2.8
Somewhat free	14.4	4.3	9.6	7.9	8.7
Completely free	79.5	91.9	86.1	86.8	86.5
Don't know	1.1	1.7	1.0	1.8	1.4

**Q40D. In your opinion, how often, in this country, do people have to be careful of what they say about politics?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	8.0	12.0	10.3	10.1	10.2
Rarely	21.0	21.9	22.3	20.7	21.5
Often	37.4	25.7	31.9	29.8	30.8
Always	28.4	22.3	25.9	24.1	25.0
Refused		0.2		0.2	0.1
Don't know	5.2	17.9	9.6	15.1	12.3

**Q19A. Let's talk for a moment about the kind of society you would like to have in this country. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: The government should be able to ban any organization that goes against its policies.**

**Statement 2: We should be able to join any organization, whether or not the government approves of it.**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	39.7	42.6	45.4	37.2	41.3
Agree with 1	22.6	12.1	18.2	15.3	16.7
Agree with 2	8.7	8.7	7.1	10.2	8.7
Agree very strongly with 2	24.5	29.2	26.2	28.1	27.2
Agree with neither	1.1	1.3	0.7	1.7	1.2
Refused	0.3	0.1		0.4	0.2
Don't know	3.1	5.9	2.3	7.1	4.7

**Q73. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: Even if faced with threats to public security, people should be free to move about the country at any time of day or night.**

**Statement 2: When faced with threats to public security, the government should be able to impose curfews and set up special roadblocks to prevent people from moving around.**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	14.6	13.4	13.6	14.2	13.9
Agree with 1	9.1	3.6	6.0	6.1	6.1
Agree with 2	20.4	10.8	13.2	16.9	15.1
Agree very strongly with 2	54.0	70.7	65.9	60.8	63.3
Agree with neither	0.6	0.8	1.2	0.3	0.8
Don't know	1.2	0.6	0.1	1.7	0.9

**Q74. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: Government should be able to monitor private communications, for example on mobile phones, to make sure that people are not plotting violence.**

**Statement 2: People should have the right to communicate in private without a government agency reading or listening to what they are saying.**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	23.9	31.5	31.4	24.9	28.1
Agree with 1	19.6	9.8	14.6	13.7	14.1
Agree with 2	15.2	9.1	10.9	12.6	11.8
Agree very strongly with 2	38.3	40.7	40.0	39.3	39.6
Agree with neither	0.8	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.0
Refused		0.6	0.2	0.5	0.3
Don't know	2.3	7.2	2.0	8.0	5.0

**Q75. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: Freedom of religion and worship are absolute, meaning that government should never limit what is said in a place of worship.**

**Statement 2: Government should have the power to regulate what is said in places of worship, especially if preachers or congregants threaten public security.**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	41.3	50.0	46.6	45.7	46.2
Agree with 1	17.1	12.7	14.7	14.4	14.6
Agree with 2	16.1	5.4	11.3	9.0	10.1
Agree very strongly with 2	24.0	30.2	26.5	28.4	27.5
Agree with neither	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
Don't know	0.9	1.7	0.6	2.2	1.4

## Citizenship and participation

See related questions under "Elections."

**Q9. When you get together with your friends or family, would you say you discuss political matters frequently, occasionally, or never?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	39.5	43.5	32.6	50.9	41.8
Occasionally	48.9	45.5	52.4	41.6	47.0
Frequently	11.1	10.0	14.6	6.4	10.5
Refused		0.0		0.0	0.0
Don't know	0.5	0.9	0.4	1.1	0.7



**Q11A. Here is a list of actions that people sometimes take as citizens. For each of these, please tell me whether you, personally, have done any of these things during the past year. [If "No":] Would you do this if you had the chance: Attended a community meeting?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No, would never do this	4.9	1.2	2.1	3.6	2.9
No, would do it if I had the chance	40.0	15.5	18.5	34.1	26.3
Yes, once or twice	24.7	22.8	24.0	23.2	23.6
Yes, several times	18.3	24.4	26.3	17.1	21.7
Yes, often	12.0	36.0	29.0	21.8	25.4
Refused		0.1		0.1	0.1
Don't know	0.1			0.1	0.0

**Q11B. Here is a list of actions that people sometimes take as citizens. For each of these, please tell me whether you, personally, have done any of these things during the past year. [If "No":] Would you do this if you had the chance: Got together with others to raise an issue?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No, would never do this	9.5	4.5	5.5	7.9	6.7
No, would do it if I had the chance	44.1	22.6	24.3	39.9	32.1
Yes, once or twice	20.8	26.2	25.9	21.8	23.8
Yes, several times	15.2	24.0	22.9	17.4	20.1
Yes, often	10.4	21.9	20.8	12.8	16.8
Refused		0.2		0.2	0.1
Don't know		0.6	0.7		0.3

**Q11C. Here is a list of actions that people sometimes take as citizens. For each of these, please tell me whether you, personally, have done any of these things during the past year. [If "No":] Would you do this if you had the chance: Participated in a demonstration or protest march?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No, would never do this	66.3	70.3	66.6	70.5	68.6
No, would do it if I had the chance	26.0	16.8	21.0	20.7	20.8
Yes, once or twice	3.0	3.8	4.6	2.4	3.5
Yes, several times	0.9	1.4	1.5	0.9	1.2
Yes, often	1.9	1.3	1.2	2.0	1.6
Refused		0.2		0.2	0.1
Don't know	1.8	6.1	5.2	3.3	4.2

**Q12A. During the past year, how often have you contacted any of the following persons about some important problem or to give them your views: A local government councillor?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	77.2	57.9	61.0	71.7	66.4
Only once	8.6	16.4	13.4	12.5	13.0
A few times	9.1	15.4	17.2	8.1	12.6
Often	4.6	8.8	8.1	5.8	6.9
Refused	0.2		0.2		0.1
Don't know	0.3	1.5	0.1	1.9	1.0

**Q12B. During the past year, how often have you contacted any of the following persons about some important problem or to give them your views: A member of Parliament?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	84.7	72.1	74.9	80.4	77.7
Only once	5.1	13.5	10.3	9.3	9.8
A few times	8.0	10.3	11.4	7.2	9.3
Often	1.9	3.1	3.3	1.9	2.6
Don't know	0.3	1.0	0.1	1.2	0.7

**Q12C. During the past year, how often have you contacted any of the following persons about some important problem or to give them your views: A political party official?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	84.9	80.4	80.2	84.6	82.4
Only once	7.4	9.6	9.2	8.0	8.6
A few times	6.2	7.6	8.9	5.1	7.0
Often	1.0	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.4
Don't know	0.4	0.7	0.2	1.0	0.6

**Q12D. During the past year, how often have you contacted any of the following persons about some important problem or to give them your views: A traditional leader?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	64.1	22.6	35.2	46.6	40.9
Only once	7.5	7.5	7.9	7.1	7.5
A few times	16.4	26.7	24.3	20.0	22.2
Often	11.0	42.4	32.1	25.0	28.6
Refused		0.2		0.2	0.1
Don't know	1.0	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.8

**Q91A. Do you feel close to any particular political party?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No, not close to any party	25.2	18.5	20.0	22.8	21.4
Yes, feels close to a party	69.6	77.9	76.4	72.1	74.2
Refused	4.3	2.8	2.9	4.0	3.5
Don't know	1.0	0.8	0.6	1.1	0.9

**Q91B: Which party is that?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP)	27.3	42.5	36.5	35.1	35.8
All People's Congress (APC)	26.5	21.9	25.9	21.9	23.9
People's Movement for Democratic Change (PMDC)	0.1			0.1	0.0
National Democratic Alliance (NDA)	0.2			0.2	0.1
Coalition for Change Party (C4C)	1.8	4.4	2.1	4.4	3.3
National Grand Coalition (NGC)	3.1	1.4	2.0	2.3	2.1
Citizens Democratic Party (CDP)		0.1		0.1	0.1
National Progressive Democrats (NPD)		0.2	0.2		0.1
People's Democratic Party (PDP)	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
Not applicable	30.4	22.1	23.6	27.9	25.8

Refused [i.e. answered "Yes" to Q91A, but respondent will not identify party]	10.2	6.5	9.2	7.0	8.1
Don't know	0.3	0.5	0.2	0.5	0.4

## Rule of law

**Q30. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1:** Since the president was elected to lead the country, [he] should not be bound by laws or court decisions that [he] thinks are wrong. **Statement 2:** The president must always obey the laws and the courts, even if [he] thinks they are wrong.

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	13.4	11.6	13.4	11.4	12.4
Agree with 1	5.1	4.7	5.3	4.5	4.9
Agree with 2	20.7	9.6	12.9	16.0	14.5
Agree very strongly with 2	58.2	73.3	66.4	66.9	66.6
Agree with neither	0.9	0.2	1.0	0.1	0.5
Refused		0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
Don't know	1.6	0.4	1.0	0.9	0.9

**Q40B. In your opinion, how often, in this country, does the president ignore the courts and laws of this country?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	15.4	29.2	25.3	20.9	23.1
Rarely	28.9	16.8	20.8	23.4	22.1
Often	26.2	7.2	17.7	13.5	15.6
Always	2.6	2.6	3.3	1.9	2.6
Refused		0.6	0.5	0.1	0.3
Don't know	26.8	43.6	32.3	40.1	36.2

**Q40C. In your opinion, how often, in this country, does the president ignore Parliament and just do what he wants?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	14.7	27.0	23.8	19.3	21.6
Rarely	28.5	16.4	21.1	22.3	21.7
Often	24.9	6.1	16.5	12.2	14.4
Always	2.7	2.3	3.1	1.9	2.5
Refused		0.7	0.8		0.4
Don't know	29.2	47.5	34.7	44.2	39.5

**Q40E. In your opinion, how often, in this country, are people treated unequally under the law?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	10.8	18.2	13.8	16.0	14.9
Rarely	22.9	21.7	23.0	21.4	22.2
Often	46.3	23.6	36.2	31.0	33.6
Always	11.9	15.6	14.9	13.0	14.0
Refused		0.1		0.1	0.0
Don't know	8.1	20.9	12.1	18.5	15.3

**Q40F. In your opinion, how often, in this country, do officials who commit crimes go unpunished?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	9.7	19.2	14.8	15.3	15.0
Rarely	23.3	19.0	21.8	20.0	20.9
Often	42.9	22.7	33.1	30.1	31.6
Always	10.9	10.0	12.0	8.8	10.4
Refused		0.8	0.4	0.5	0.4
Don't know	13.2	28.4	18.0	25.3	21.7

**Q40G. In your opinion, how often, in this country, do ordinary people who break the law go unpunished?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	44.2	45.0	47.1	42.2	44.7
Rarely	26.8	17.6	22.4	20.9	21.6
Often	14.9	6.1	8.8	11.0	9.9
Always	7.5	11.7	9.9	9.9	9.9
Refused		0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1
Don't know	6.7	19.4	11.6	15.9	13.8

**Q32. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: A government that enjoys the support of the people should be free to do whatever the people want, even if it is outside the law.**

**Statement 2: The actions of any government, no matter how popular it is, must always follow the law.**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	9.7	7.2	8.6	8.0	8.3
Agree with 1	6.4	2.6	4.0	4.6	4.3
Agree with 2	27.0	20.6	24.5	22.3	23.4
Agree very strongly with 2	56.2	67.7	62.0	63.3	62.7
Agree with neither	0.6	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.6
Refused		0.1		0.1	0.1
Don't know	0.1	1.2	0.5	0.9	0.7

# Elections

See also Q41C (trust in electoral commission) under “Institutions and leaders.”

**Q24. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: We should choose our leaders in this country through regular, open, and honest elections.**

**Statement 2: Since elections sometimes produce bad results, we should adopt other methods for choosing this country's leaders.**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	57.6	68.2	64.0	63.0	63.5
Agree with 1	27.3	20.4	22.0	25.0	23.5
Agree with 2	4.1	0.8	2.6	1.9	2.3
Agree very strongly with 2	8.0	7.7	8.5	7.1	7.8
Agree with neither	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.0	1.1
Refused		0.2		0.2	0.1
Don't know	1.8	1.7	1.8	1.7	1.7

**Q25. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: Political parties create division and confusion; it is therefore unnecessary to have many political parties in Sierra Leone**

**Statement 2: Many political parties are needed to make sure that Sierra Leoneans have real choices in who governs them.**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	20.6	22.2	21.7	21.3	21.5
Agree with 1	18.8	10.7	17.0	11.5	14.3
Agree with 2	12.4	7.7	8.8	10.7	9.8
Agree very strongly with 2	46.7	57.0	51.5	53.4	52.5
Agree with neither	0.9	0.8	0.2	1.5	0.8
Refused		0.1		0.1	0.0
Don't know	0.6	1.5	0.8	1.5	1.1

**Q40A. In your opinion, how often, in this country, does competition between political parties lead to violent conflict?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	7.4	17.2	13.1	12.7	12.9
Rarely	22.6	19.8	21.6	20.4	21.0
Often	40.6	34.3	38.5	35.7	37.1
Always	24.0	18.2	21.1	20.3	20.7
Don't know	5.4	10.5	5.7	10.9	8.3

## Let's talk about the last national election held in 2018

**Q13. People are not always able to vote in elections, for example, because they weren't registered, they were unable to go, or someone prevented them from voting. How about you? In the last national election held in 2018, did you vote, or not, or were you too young to vote? Or can't you remember whether you voted?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
I did not vote	15.9	4.2	9.0	9.7	9.4
I was too young to vote	2.3	0.9	1.3	1.8	1.5
I can't remember whether I voted	0.6	0.1	0.5	0.2	0.3
I voted in the election	81.1	94.7	89.2	88.2	88.7
Don't know	0.1		0.1		0.0

**Q14. On the whole, how would you rate the freeness and fairness of the last national election, held in 2018?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not free and fair	10.0	6.7	9.5	6.8	8.2
Free and fair, with major problems	5.6	2.2	4.7	2.7	3.7
Free and fair, but with minor problems	22.3	10.8	15.3	16.4	15.9
Completely free and fair	52.7	72.3	63.0	64.3	63.7
Do not understand question	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.8
Don't know	8.6	7.1	6.5	9.1	7.8

**Q15A. Thinking about the last national election in 2018: Did you attend a campaign rally?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No	65.5	68.5	66.4	68.0	67.2
Yes	34.1	31.3	33.3	31.7	32.5
Refused		0.2		0.2	0.1
Don't know	0.4		0.3	0.1	0.2

**Q15B. Thinking about the last national election in 2018: Did you work for a candidate or party?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No	85.2	78.6	79.5	83.5	81.5
Yes	14.7	21.3	20.5	16.3	18.4
Refused		0.2		0.2	0.1
Don't know	0.1			0.1	0.0

**Q15C. Thinking about the last national election in 2018: Did any representative of a political party contact you during the campaign?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No	56.5	38.3	42.0	50.7	46.3
Yes	43.4	61.4	58.0	48.9	53.4
Refused		0.2		0.2	0.1
Don't know	0.1	0.1		0.2	0.1

**Q15Dpt1. If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP)	37.4	53.6	50.1	42.9	46.5
All People's Congress (APC)	3.3	4.1	4.1	3.4	3.8
People's Movement for Democratic Change (PMDC)	0.2		0.2		0.1
Alliance Democratic Party (ADP)		0.2		0.2	0.1
Coalition for Change Party (C4C)		0.5	0.2	0.5	0.3
National Grand Coalition (NGC)	1.3	1.0	1.8	0.5	1.1
Citizens Democratic Party (CDP)		0.2		0.2	0.1
Republic National Independent Party (ReNIP)	0.1		0.1		0.0
Other		0.2	0.3		0.1
Not applicable	56.6	38.6	42.0	51.1	46.6
Refused	0.8	0.8	1.0	0.5	0.8
Don't know	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.5

**Q15Dpt2. If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
All People's Congress (APC)	30.5	44.3	42.4	34.0	38.2
People's Movement for Democratic Change (PMDC)		0.7	0.3	0.5	0.4
Alliance Democratic Party (ADP)		0.0		0.0	0.0
Coalition for Change Party (C4C)	0.5	0.8	0.3	1.1	0.7
National Grand Coalition (NGC)	0.6	0.7	0.3	1.0	0.7
Peace and Liberation Party (PLP)		0.1	0.1		0.1
Republic National Independent Party (ReNIP)		0.2	0.2		0.1
No further response	10.7	13.1	13.1	11.0	12.0
Not applicable	57.8	40.0	43.3	52.3	47.8

**Q15Dpt3. If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
People's Movement for Democratic Change (PMDC)	7.0	12.9	10.5	10.1	10.3
National Democratic Alliance (NDA)		0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3
United Democratic Movement (UDM) Party		0.1	0.1		0.0
Alliance Democratic Party (ADP)	2.4	3.3	4.1	1.7	2.9
Coalition for Change Party (C4C)	8.5	10.3	11.2	7.8	9.5
National Grand Coalition (NGC)	5.2	6.1	6.6	4.7	5.7
Citizens Democratic Party (CDP)		0.1	0.1		0.0
Republic National Independent Party (ReNIP)		0.2		0.2	0.1
Unity Party (UP)	0.1			0.1	0.0
No further response	8.4	13.5	10.7	11.8	11.2
Not applicable	68.5	53.1	56.4	63.3	59.9

**Q15Dpt4. If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
National Democratic Alliance (NDA)	1.0	1.1	0.8	1.4	1.1
United Democratic Movement (UDM) Party		0.2	0.2		0.1
Alliance Democratic Party (ADP)		0.9	0.4	0.7	0.5
Coalition for Change Party (C4C)	5.6	7.6	8.2	5.2	6.7
National Grand Coalition (NGC)	9.6	11.6	13.0	8.5	10.7
Citizens Democratic Party (CDP)		0.2		0.2	0.1
No further response	7.0	11.8	10.4	8.9	9.7
Not applicable	76.8	66.6	67.1	75.1	71.1

**Q15Dpt5. If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
United Democratic Movement (UDM) Party		0.7	0.2	0.6	0.4
Coalition for Change Party (C4C)	0.6	1.2	1.0	0.9	1.0
National Grand Coalition (NGC)	5.5	7.2	7.7	5.2	6.4
National Unity and Reconciliation Party (NURP)	0.1			0.1	0.0
Peace and Liberation Party (PLP)		0.3	0.3		0.2
United National People's Party (UNPP)		0.1	0.2		0.1
Citizens Democratic Party (CDP)		0.3	0.4		0.2
People's Democratic Party (PDP)		0.3	0.3		0.1
Unity Party (UP)	0.1			0.1	0.0
No further response	10.0	11.6	12.6	9.2	10.9
Not applicable	83.8	78.4	77.5	84.0	80.8

**Q15Dpt6. If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Alliance Democratic Party (ADP)		0.7	0.2	0.6	0.4
National Grand Coalition (NGC)	0.3	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.7
Revolutionary United Front Party (RUFFP)		0.2	0.2		0.1
United National People's Party (UNPP)		0.2	0.3		0.1
Citizens Democratic Party (CDP)		0.1	0.1		0.1
National Progressive Democrats (NPD)		0.2	0.2		0.1
No further response	5.9	7.7	8.3	5.5	6.9
Not applicable	93.8	89.9	90.0	93.2	91.6



**Q15Dpt7. If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Coalition for Change Party (C4C)		0.7	0.2	0.6	0.4
United National People's Party (UNPP)		0.1	0.1		0.0
Citizens Democratic Party (CDP)		0.1	0.1		0.1
No further response	0.3	1.5	1.3	0.7	1.0
Not applicable	99.7	97.7	98.4	98.7	98.6

**Q15Dpt8. If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
National Grand Coalition (NGC)		0.7	0.2	0.6	0.4
People's Democratic Party (PDP)		0.1	0.1		0.1
No further response		0.1	0.1		0.0
Not applicable	100.0	99.1	99.6	99.4	99.5

**Q15Dpt9. If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
National Unity and Reconciliation Party (NURP)		0.7	0.2	0.6	0.4
No further response		0.1	0.1		0.1
Not applicable	100.0	99.2	99.7	99.4	99.6

**Q15Dpt10. If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Revolutionary United Front Party (RUFPP)		0.7	0.2	0.6	0.4
Not applicable	100.0	99.3	99.8	99.4	99.6

**Q15Dpt11. If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Peace and Liberation Party (PLP)		0.7	0.2	0.6	0.4
Not applicable	100.0	99.3	99.8	99.4	99.6

**Q15Dpt12. If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
United National People's Party (UNPP)		0.7	0.2	0.6	0.4
Not applicable	100.0	99.3	99.8	99.4	99.6

**Q15Dpt13. If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Citizens Democratic Party (CDP)		0.7	0.2	0.6	0.4
Not applicable	100.0	99.3	99.8	99.4	99.6

**Q15Dpt14. If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
National Progressive Democrats (NPD)		0.7	0.2	0.6	0.4
Not applicable	100.0	99.3	99.8	99.4	99.6

**Q15Dpt15. If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
People's Democratic Party (PDP)		0.7	0.2	0.6	0.4
Not applicable	100.0	99.3	99.8	99.4	99.6

**Q15Dpt16. If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Republic National Independent Party (ReNIP)		0.7	0.2	0.6	0.4
Not applicable	100.0	99.3	99.8	99.4	99.6

**Q15Dpt17. If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Unity Party (UP)		0.7	0.2	0.6	0.4
Not applicable	100.0	99.3	99.8	99.4	99.6

**Q15Dpt18. If someone from a political party contacted you, which party were they from?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No further response		0.7	0.2	0.6	0.4
Not applicable	100.0	99.3	99.8	99.4	99.6

**Q16A. During the last national election campaign in 2018, how often did the media provide fair coverage of all candidates?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	9.9	8.7	8.9	9.6	9.3
Sometimes	20.6	13.6	18.7	14.8	16.7
Often	22.0	17.4	19.9	19.0	19.4
Always	34.4	35.8	38.9	31.5	35.2
Refused		0.2		0.2	0.1
Don't know	13.1	24.3	13.6	25.0	19.3

**Q16B. During the last national election in 2018, how often, if ever, did a candidate or someone from a political party offer you something, like food, a gift, or money, in return for your vote?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	84.0	79.2	79.8	82.9	81.3
Once or twice	8.5	9.1	9.2	8.5	8.9
Several times	4.3	6.8	6.3	5.0	5.7
Often	1.8	2.9	2.7	2.1	2.4
Refused	0.3	0.4	0.8		0.4
Don't know	1.1	1.6	1.3	1.4	1.3

**Q17A. In the last national election in 2018, how often did each of the following things happen: People's votes were not accurately counted or not fairly reflected in the results?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	42.9	61.4	56.0	50.5	53.3
A few times	13.6	4.9	10.3	7.2	8.7
Often	7.3	4.5	6.8	4.7	5.8
Refused		0.1	0.2		0.1
Don't know	36.2	29.0	26.7	37.6	32.1

**Q17B. In the last national election in 2018, how often did each of the following things happen: People voted more than once?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	47.6	69.7	63.3	56.7	60.0
A few times	10.4	2.6	6.5	5.6	6.0
Often	6.0	1.4	3.8	3.1	3.4
Don't know	36.0	26.2	26.4	34.7	30.6

**Q17D. During the last national election campaign in 2018, how much did you personally fear becoming a victim of political intimidation or violence?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
A lot	13.4	13.8	12.6	14.6	13.6
Somewhat	5.3	4.9	4.8	5.4	5.1
A little bit	8.5	12.9	10.4	11.5	10.9
Not at all	72.2	67.5	71.3	67.9	69.6
Refused		0.4	0.3	0.2	0.2
Don't know	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.6

**Q18A. During the last national election in 2018, did you witness police or soldiers, rather than election officials, assisting some people to cast their ballot?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No	63.8	83.3	74.7	74.8	74.7
Yes	30.0	13.0	20.9	20.1	20.5
Don't know	6.2	3.7	4.5	5.2	4.8

**Q18B. During the last national election in 2018, did you witness anyone from the security forces or a political party trying to intimidate voters?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No	86.1	95.5	91.5	91.1	91.3
Yes	5.7	1.4	3.1	3.5	3.3
Don't know	8.3	3.1	5.3	5.4	5.4

**Q18C. With regard to the last national election in 2018, to what extent do you think the results announced by the National Electoral Commission accurately reflected the actual results as counted?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not accurate at all	7.9	7.2	9.9	5.1	7.5
Not very accurate, with major discrepancies	6.1	1.5	2.8	4.2	3.5
Mostly accurate, but with some minor discrepancies	18.8	11.2	14.6	14.5	14.6
Completely accurate	53.4	68.0	61.2	62.0	61.6
Don't know	13.8	12.1	11.5	14.2	12.9

**Q53A. Think about how elections work in practice in this country. How well do elections ensure that representatives to Parliament reflect the views of voters?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not at all well	12.5	17.2	18.0	12.2	15.1
Not very well	21.3	16.8	18.4	19.1	18.7
Well	38.9	23.2	31.1	29.2	30.2
Very well	14.7	22.7	20.5	17.9	19.2
Refused	0.4	0.3		0.6	0.3
Don't know	12.2	19.8	12.0	20.9	16.4

**Q53B. Think about how elections work in practice in this country. How well do elections enable voters to remove from office leaders who do not do what the people want?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not at all well	5.9	8.3	8.6	5.9	7.3
Not very well	13.5	9.4	11.5	11.0	11.2
Well	38.6	26.6	33.0	30.7	31.9
Very well	29.5	36.6	35.8	31.2	33.5
Refused	0.4	0.3		0.6	0.3
Don't know	12.2	18.7	11.1	20.6	15.9

**Q53C. How often do you think that communities that do not vote for the ruling party suffer negative consequences, such as lack of government support for local services or development projects?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	28.8	41.6	35.8	36.2	36.0
Rarely	8.9	6.1	6.5	8.2	7.4
Sometimes	25.8	16.2	22.9	18.0	20.4
Often	18.1	11.9	15.1	14.1	14.6
Always	7.4	8.3	9.2	6.6	7.9
Refused		0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Don't know	11.0	15.5	10.3	16.8	13.5

**17C. How likely do you think it is that powerful people can find out how you voted, even though there is supposed to be a secret ballot in this country?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not at all likely	64.6	68.9	66.3	67.7	67.0
Not very likely	5.5	6.5	7.7	4.5	6.1
Somewhat likely	3.6	2.8	3.3	3.0	3.1
Very likely	4.5	2.1	3.5	2.9	3.2
Don't know	21.8	19.6	19.3	21.9	20.6

**Q99. If general elections were held tomorrow, which candidate or party would you vote for?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Sierra Leone People's Party (SLPP)	23.8	42.2	35.2	33.0	34.1
All People's Congress (APC)	27.4	24.3	25.8	25.6	25.7
People's Movement for Democratic Change (PMDc)	0.1			0.1	0.0
Coalition for Change Party (C4C)	1.2	4.5	1.8	4.3	3.0
National Grand Coalition (NGC)	3.0	1.5	2.2	2.1	2.2
Citizens Democratic Party (CDP)		0.1		0.1	0.1
People's Democratic Party (PDP)	0.2			0.2	0.1
Would not vote	2.7	1.3	1.7	2.2	1.9
Refused to answer	21.7	18.8	21.8	18.3	20.0
Don't know	19.9	7.3	11.6	14.1	12.8

# Institutions and leaders

See related questions under “Public services and government performance.”

**Q41A. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The president?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	25.0	17.6	20.7	21.0	20.9
Just a little	26.8	17.3	22.3	20.7	21.5
Somewhat	15.1	16.2	14.8	16.6	15.7
A lot	31.5	46.7	40.9	39.1	40.0
Refused	0.6	0.4	0.6	0.4	0.5
Don't know	1.0	1.7	0.7	2.1	1.4

**Q41B. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Parliament?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	35.6	35.8	35.6	35.8	35.7
Just a little	31.9	25.3	29.9	26.6	28.2
Somewhat	15.0	16.0	15.7	15.4	15.6
A lot	14.3	20.1	17.1	18.0	17.5
Refused	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4
Don't know	2.5	2.6	1.4	3.7	2.5

**Q41C. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: National Electoral Commission or NEC?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	26.3	12.8	18.5	19.0	18.8
Just a little	29.9	19.4	25.6	22.5	24.0
Somewhat	18.2	22.5	21.1	20.1	20.6
A lot	22.4	34.5	30.9	27.4	29.2
Refused	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
Don't know	2.9	10.7	3.7	10.8	7.3

**Q41D. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Your local government council?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	32.2	29.9	31.6	30.2	30.9
Just a little	30.0	24.5	27.3	26.5	26.9
Somewhat	18.3	19.9	18.3	20.1	19.2
A lot	17.0	21.8	20.4	18.9	19.7
Refused	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.3
Don't know	2.0	3.8	2.0	4.0	3.0

**Q41E. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The ruling party?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	28.5	17.6	21.4	23.4	22.4
Just a little	28.9	18.1	24.5	21.2	22.9
Somewhat	16.3	20.7	17.5	20.0	18.7
A lot	24.3	39.1	34.8	30.4	32.6
Refused	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.4
Don't know	1.5	4.3	1.6	4.5	3.1

**Q41F. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Opposition political parties?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	27.5	24.6	24.6	27.2	25.9
Just a little	32.5	22.4	27.8	25.9	26.9
Somewhat	19.3	23.0	22.6	20.1	21.4
A lot	17.3	24.2	23.0	19.4	21.2
Refused	0.6	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8
Don't know	2.8	4.9	1.3	6.6	4.0

**Q41G. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The police?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	48.9	35.0	45.5	36.7	41.1
Just a little	30.9	31.3	27.6	34.7	31.1
Somewhat	9.9	13.5	11.7	12.2	11.9
A lot	9.4	17.9	14.5	13.9	14.2
Refused	0.1	0.1		0.2	0.1
Don't know	0.8	2.2	0.8	2.4	1.6

**Q41H. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	7.3	7.1	4.9	9.5	7.2
Just a little	24.8	14.5	18.3	19.8	19.0
Somewhat	20.6	23.2	21.4	22.7	22.1
A lot	46.4	52.3	54.3	45.0	49.7
Refused	0.1	0.1		0.2	0.1
Don't know	0.8	2.8	1.1	2.8	1.9

**Q41I. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Courts of law?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	30.9	13.8	23.3	19.4	21.4
Just a little	32.7	25.4	30.2	27.1	28.6
Somewhat	17.8	21.4	18.3	21.2	19.8
A lot	12.0	23.0	19.9	16.5	18.2
Refused	0.1	0.1		0.2	0.1
Don't know	6.5	16.4	8.3	15.7	12.0

**Q41J. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The National Revenue Authority (NRA)?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	29.1	11.6	21.6	17.0	19.3
Just a little	30.4	22.6	24.7	27.3	26.0
Somewhat	21.5	19.7	20.3	20.6	20.4
A lot	10.7	22.2	19.8	14.4	17.1
Refused	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Don't know	8.1	24.0	13.5	20.5	17.0

**Q41K. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Traditional leaders?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	20.0	7.4	12.8	13.0	12.9
Just a little	30.4	13.4	20.1	21.7	20.9
Somewhat	22.4	27.4	25.5	24.9	25.2
A lot	21.3	50.6	38.7	36.6	37.7
Refused	0.1	0.1		0.2	0.1
Don't know	5.8	1.3	2.8	3.7	3.3

**Q41L. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Religious leaders?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	8.6	2.3	6.5	3.7	5.1
Just a little	19.9	6.9	12.8	12.4	12.6
Somewhat	17.3	15.3	15.7	16.6	16.2
A lot	52.7	74.2	64.0	65.5	64.7
Refused	0.1	0.1		0.2	0.1
Don't know	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.6	1.4

**Q41M. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The Commission of Enquiry?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	23.7	9.1	17.4	13.6	15.5
Just a little	22.5	8.0	15.0	13.8	14.4
Somewhat	17.6	12.9	16.8	13.1	15.0
A lot	23.8	29.6	30.1	23.9	27.0
Refused	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.4
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	12.1	40.0	20.3	35.0	27.7

**Q41N. How much do you trust each of the following, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The Anti-Corruption Commission?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not at all	23.9	9.9	17.6	14.5	16.1
Just a little	23.2	8.8	15.6	14.7	15.1
Somewhat	18.9	14.1	18.1	14.2	16.2
A lot	23.7	29.7	30.6	23.5	27.0
Refused	0.9	0.4	0.5	0.8	0.6
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	9.4	37.2	17.6	32.2	24.9

**Q51A. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the following people have performed their jobs over the past 12 months, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: President Julius Maada Bio?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	
Strongly disapprove	12.8	18.1	15.9	15.5	15.7
Disapprove	40.6	25.0	29.6	34.1	31.9
Approve	37.4	42.0	41.4	38.6	40.0
Strongly approve	7.3	11.6	9.9	9.5	9.7
Refused	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Don't know	1.6	3.1	3.0	1.9	2.5

**Q51B. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the following people have performed their jobs over the past 12 months, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Your member of Parliament?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disapprove	22.6	28.7	26.3	25.7	26.0
Disapprove	49.3	36.4	42.8	41.4	42.1
Approve	20.8	28.0	23.8	25.8	24.8
Strongly approve	1.4	4.2	3.1	2.9	3.0
Refused	0.2			0.2	0.1
Don't know	5.7	2.6	4.0	4.0	4.0

**Q51C. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the following people have performed their jobs over the past 12 months, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Your elected local government councillor?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disapprove	20.1	25.8	23.3	23.2	23.3
Disapprove	46.2	38.9	42.0	42.2	42.1
Approve	25.4	28.3	28.4	25.7	27.1
Strongly approve	2.2	4.4	3.2	3.7	3.5
Refused	0.2			0.2	0.1
Don't know	5.9	2.6	3.1	4.9	4.0



**Q51D. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that the following people have performed their jobs over the past 12 months, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Your traditional leader?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disapprove	14.0	12.1	12.9	12.9	12.9
Disapprove	32.8	10.7	21.1	19.8	20.4
Approve	34.7	59.5	46.8	50.3	48.5
Strongly approve	4.4	15.5	12.3	9.0	10.6
Not applicable	4.9	1.1	2.3	3.3	2.8
Don't know	9.2	1.1	4.6	4.7	4.7

**Q38A. How much of the time do you think the following try their best to listen to what people like you have to say: Members of Parliament?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	78.6	72.4	73.4	76.8	75.1
Only Sometimes	11.6	20.1	17.8	14.9	16.4
Often	4.9	4.8	5.1	4.6	4.9
Always	2.2	2.1	2.7	1.6	2.1
Don't know	2.7	0.7	1.0	2.1	1.5

**Q38B. How much of the time do you think the following try their best to listen to what people like you have to say: Members of local government council?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	73.8	64.5	65.4	71.8	68.6
Only Sometimes	12.2	22.1	18.4	17.1	17.7
Often	8.8	8.0	10.5	6.1	8.3
Always	2.5	4.8	4.7	3.0	3.8
Don't know	2.7	0.7	1.0	2.1	1.6

**Q38C. How much of the time do you think the following try their best to listen to what people like you have to say: Traditional leaders?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	59.8	24.2	35.4	44.3	39.9
Only Sometimes	16.8	15.2	17.1	14.8	15.9
Often	11.7	29.9	23.2	20.6	21.9
Always	8.4	29.9	23.0	17.9	20.5
Don't know	3.3	0.7	1.3	2.4	1.8

## Traditional leaders

Also see related questions in:

- "Institutions and leaders" above, about trust, Q41; about how often traditional leaders listen, Q38; and about job performance, Q51
- "Citizenship and participation" about contact with traditional leaders, Q12
- "Corruption," Q42

Now let's talk about traditional leaders and their role in politics and government in this country.

**Q87A. How much influence do traditional leaders currently have in each of the following areas: Governing your local community?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
None	2.6	1.8	2.9	1.4	2.2
A small amount	14.0	4.6	8.6	8.8	8.7
Some	22.9	15.6	17.8	19.8	18.8
A lot	39.3	75.9	60.1	59.5	59.8
Don't know	21.2	2.1	10.6	10.4	10.5

**Q87B. How much influence do traditional leaders currently have in each of the following areas: Allocating land?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
None	16.3	8.1	14.0	9.5	11.7
A small amount	17.6	10.8	14.0	13.6	13.8
Some	15.5	18.4	16.7	17.6	17.2
A lot	21.8	60.1	42.7	43.7	43.2
Don't know	28.8	2.5	12.6	15.6	14.1

**Q87C. How much influence do traditional leaders currently have in each of the following areas: Influencing how people in their communities vote?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
None	46.4	68.1	59.8	57.2	58.5
A small amount	14.5	8.3	12.6	9.6	11.1
Some	8.2	6.8	6.9	7.9	7.4
A lot	5.0	10.5	7.2	9.0	8.1
Don't know	25.9	6.3	13.5	16.4	14.9

**Q87D. How much influence do traditional leaders currently have in each of the following areas: Solving local disputes?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
None	1.0	1.8	2.0	0.9	1.4
A small amount	8.1	1.9	4.3	5.0	4.6
Some	16.9	9.0	12.5	12.4	12.5
A lot	54.7	86.0	72.6	71.8	72.2
Don't know	19.3	1.3	8.6	9.9	9.3

**Q87E. Do you think that the amount of influence traditional leaders have in governing your local community should increase, stay the same, or decrease?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Decrease a lot	4.1	4.7	5.0	3.9	4.4
Decrease somewhat	5.3	6.5	7.4	4.5	6.0
Stay the same	46.2	46.8	46.0	47.1	46.5
Increase somewhat	15.9	19.0	17.6	17.7	17.6
Increase a lot	9.4	17.7	15.0	13.1	14.0
Don't know	19.1	5.3	9.1	13.7	11.4

**Q88. Which of these three statements is closest to your own opinion?**

**Statement 1: Traditional leaders mostly look out for what is best for the people in their communities.**

**Statement 2: Traditional leaders mostly serve the interests of politicians and government officials.**

**Statement 3: Traditional leaders mostly look out for their own personal interests.**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Do not agree with any of these statements	1.8	1.5	2.1	1.2	1.6
Statement 3: Own personal interests	23.1	19.8	20.0	22.5	21.3
Statement 2: Interests of politicians and government officials	10.2	7.6	9.4	8.1	8.7
Statement 1: What is best for the people in their communities	46.8	67.1	60.0	56.3	58.1
Refused		0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
Don't know	18.2	3.7	8.4	11.8	10.1

**Q89A. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: Traditional leaders have a better grasp of political issues than ordinary people; they should give their people advice about how to vote.**

**Statement 2: Traditional leaders should stay out of politics and leave people to make their own decisions about how to vote.**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	8.9	5.9	7.4	7.0	7.2
Agree with 1	7.9	5.3	6.4	6.6	6.5
Agree with 2	17.4	13.4	15.8	14.5	15.2
Agree very strongly with 2	51.9	68.7	62.2	60.4	61.3
Agree with neither	1.2	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0
Refused		0.1		0.1	0.1
Don't know	12.8	5.7	7.3	10.4	8.8

**Q89B. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: Traditional leaders are mostly in competition with elected leaders for resources, power and influence.**

**Statement 2: Traditional leaders mostly work in cooperation with elected leaders to get things done.**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	15.9	11.8	14.1	13.1	13.6
Agree with 1	7.6	3.9	5.8	5.3	5.6
Agree with 2	15.6	16.8	16.1	16.5	16.3
Agree very strongly with 2	27.3	50.4	42.6	37.8	40.2
Agree with neither	3.8	3.1	3.9	3.0	3.4

Don't know	29.8	13.9	17.6	24.2	20.9
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**Q90. Some people think that because traditional leaders are not elected, they are bad for democracy, but other people think that traditional leaders can work together with elected leaders to make democracy work better. What about you? Do you think that traditional leaders strengthen democracy, weaken democracy, or don't make a difference?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Weaken democracy	18.7	14.8	19.6	13.4	16.5
Don't make a difference	31.0	25.2	29.9	25.6	27.8
Strengthen democracy	28.3	40.8	37.9	32.6	35.3
Don't know	22.0	19.3	12.6	28.3	20.5



# Corruption

Also see questions in “Public services and government performance” about:

- Government performance in fighting corruption, Q50
- Bribe-paying for public services, Q44

**Q42A. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: The president and officials in his office?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
None	5.4	9.0	7.1	7.8	7.4
Some of them	39.8	32.9	38.3	33.6	35.9
Most of them	34.2	26.6	28.7	31.1	29.9
All of them	8.5	7.8	9.9	6.3	8.1
Refused	0.2		0.2		0.1
Don't know	11.8	23.8	15.8	21.2	18.5

**Q42B. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Members of Parliament?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
None	2.1	5.3	4.3	3.6	3.9
Some of them	42.9	33.2	39.3	35.7	37.5
Most of them	34.5	28.0	30.1	31.5	30.8
All of them	9.1	10.2	11.5	8.0	9.7
Don't know	11.3	23.3	14.8	21.3	18.0

**Q42C. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Civil servants?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
None	2.0	6.8	5.6	3.8	4.7
Some of them	51.2	41.5	48.1	43.4	45.8
Most of them	30.4	20.6	26.4	23.5	25.0
All of them	4.8	4.7	5.2	4.3	4.8
Refused		0.2		0.3	0.1
Don't know	11.5	26.1	14.6	24.7	19.7

**Q42D. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Members of your local government council?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
None	1.9	6.0	4.3	4.0	4.2
Some of them	48.3	36.6	45.1	38.4	41.8
Most of them	31.7	24.3	25.9	29.2	27.6
All of them	6.9	9.6	9.9	6.9	8.4
Refused		0.4		0.5	0.2
Don't know	11.2	23.2	14.7	21.0	17.9

**Q42E. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Police?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
None	1.4	4.1	3.0	2.9	2.9
Some of them	29.7	20.6	25.3	24.0	24.7
Most of them	41.1	40.1	40.5	40.6	40.6
All of them	22.4	20.5	23.3	19.3	21.3
Refused	0.1			0.1	0.0
Don't know	5.3	14.6	8.0	13.1	10.5

**Q42F. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Judges and magistrates?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
None	1.6	4.2	3.6	2.5	3.1
Some of them	44.4	36.1	41.3	38.1	39.7
Most of them	32.2	22.8	27.3	26.6	26.9
All of them	10.4	7.8	10.3	7.6	9.0
Refused	0.1	0.1		0.2	0.1
Don't know	11.4	29.0	17.4	25.0	21.2

**Q42G. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Tax officials, like officials from the National Revenue Authority (NRA)]?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
None	2.2	4.4	3.7	3.1	3.4
Some of them	43.5	40.2	43.2	40.1	41.7
Most of them	32.3	21.3	26.8	25.6	26.2
All of them	11.6	7.1	11.3	6.9	9.1
Refused		0.2		0.2	0.1
Don't know	10.4	26.9	15.1	24.1	19.6

**Q42H. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Traditional leaders?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
None	8.4	21.8	15.5	16.3	15.9
Some of them	51.4	46.0	50.9	45.9	48.4
Most of them	22.8	13.7	18.2	17.2	17.7
All of them	6.0	4.6	6.0	4.5	5.2
Refused		0.2	0.2		0.1
Don't know	11.4	13.7	9.1	16.2	12.7

**Q42I. How many of the following people do you think are involved in corruption, or haven't you heard enough about them to say: Religious leaders?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
None	29.8	49.4	40.6	41.0	40.8
Some of them	40.5	25.9	35.7	29.0	32.4
Most of them	14.0	5.4	9.4	9.0	9.2
All of them	3.1	0.7	1.9	1.7	1.8
Don't know	12.6	18.5	12.5	19.3	15.9

**Q43A. In your opinion, over the past year, has the level of corruption in this country increased, decreased, or stayed the same?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Increased a lot	26.1	21.1	26.6	20.0	23.3
Increased somewhat	17.7	15.4	16.8	16.0	16.4
Stayed the same	22.8	17.7	16.6	23.3	20.0
Decreased somewhat	27.1	27.2	29.9	24.5	27.2
Decreased a lot	2.7	5.0	3.4	4.6	4.0
Refused		0.2		0.2	0.1
Don't know	3.5	13.5	6.7	11.4	9.1

**Q43B. In this country, can ordinary people report incidents of corruption without fear, or do they risk retaliation or other negative consequences if they speak out?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Can report without fear	28.6	27.6	30.9	25.2	28.0
Risk retaliation	65.4	56.8	59.7	61.5	60.6
Refused		0.2		0.2	0.1
Don't know	6.0	15.4	9.3	13.1	11.2



# Public services and government performance

See related questions in the sections on “Respondents and their households” (about electricity at the household level) and “Institutions and leaders”

Now I would like to talk to you about experiences that some people have in accessing certain essential government services.

**Q44A. In the past 12 months, have you had contact with a public school?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No	51.3	35.1	42.5	42.0	42.3
Yes	48.7	64.4	57.4	57.6	57.5
Don't know		0.5	0.1	0.4	0.3

**Q44B. How easy or difficult was it to obtain the services you needed from teachers or school officials?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very easy	5.4	11.8	8.4	9.5	9.0
Easy	30.6	38.1	34.1	35.6	34.8
Difficult	9.3	11.0	10.6	9.9	10.2
Very difficult	3.2	2.6	3.8	1.9	2.9
Not applicable	51.3	35.6	42.6	42.4	42.5
Refused	0.1	0.2		0.3	0.1
Don't know	0.1	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4

**Q44C. And how often, if ever, did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a teacher or school official in order to get the services you needed from the schools?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	37.1	53.1	44.9	47.2	46.0
Once or twice	4.0	6.2	5.5	5.0	5.3
A few times	3.4	2.3	3.7	2.0	2.8
Often	3.9	2.8	3.2	3.4	3.3
Not applicable	51.3	35.6	42.6	42.4	42.5
Don't know	0.2	0.0	0.2		0.1

**Q44D. In the past 12 months, have you had contact with a public clinic or hospital**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No	50.4	34.6	44.0	39.2	41.6
Yes	49.6	65.1	56.0	60.5	58.3
Don't know		0.3		0.3	0.1



**Q44E. How easy or difficult was it to obtain the medical care you needed?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very easy	3.1	8.4	5.5	6.7	6.1
Easy	16.7	23.6	19.1	22.0	20.5
Difficult	18.4	16.1	17.8	16.4	17.1
Very difficult	11.3	16.7	13.6	15.0	14.3
Not applicable	50.4	34.9	44.0	39.5	41.7
Don't know	0.2	0.3		0.5	0.2

**Q44F. And how often, if ever, did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a health worker or clinic or hospital staff in order to get the medical care you needed?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	21.8	32.0	26.8	28.2	27.5
Once or twice	8.5	11.5	10.2	10.2	10.2
A few times	5.3	4.5	5.0	4.7	4.8
Often	13.9	17.1	14.0	17.4	15.7
Not applicable	50.4	34.9	44.0	39.5	41.7
Don't know	0.1	0.0	0.1		0.1

**Q44G. In the past 12 months, have you tried to get an identity document like a birth certificate, driver's license, passport or voter's card, or permit from government?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No	85.7	87.5	84.4	88.9	86.7
Yes	14.1	12.1	15.2	10.8	13.0
Refused	0.1			0.1	0.0
Don't know	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.3

**Q44H. How easy or difficult was it to obtain the document you needed?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very easy	0.9	1.4	1.5	0.9	1.2
Easy	3.4	6.7	6.2	4.2	5.2
Difficult	6.2	1.7	3.4	3.9	3.7
Very difficult	3.7	2.3	4.1	1.8	2.9
Not applicable	85.9	87.9	84.8	89.2	87.0

**Q44I. And how often, if ever, did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a government official in order to get the document you needed?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	6.1	8.1	8.8	5.6	7.2
Once or twice	2.9	1.7	2.1	2.4	2.3
A few times	1.4	0.7	1.2	0.9	1.0
Often	3.3	1.6	2.8	1.8	2.3
Not applicable	85.9	87.9	84.8	89.2	87.0
Don't know	0.3		0.3		0.1

**Q44J. In the past 12 months, have you requested assistance from the police?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No	87.6	91.0	85.6	93.4	89.5
Yes	12.4	8.8	14.2	6.6	10.4
Refused		0.2	0.2		0.1
Don't know	0.0		0.0		0.0

**Q44K. How easy or difficult was it to obtain the assistance you needed**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very easy	0.7	1.4	1.2	0.9	1.1
Easy	4.1	2.4	3.8	2.5	3.2
Difficult	4.8	2.3	4.7	2.0	3.4
Very difficult	2.7	2.7	4.4	1.1	2.7
Not applicable	87.6	91.2	85.8	93.4	89.6

**Q44L. And how often, if ever, did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a police officer in order to get the assistance you needed?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	5.4	3.9	5.2	3.9	4.6
Once or twice	1.6	2.1	2.9	1.0	1.9
A few times	2.0	0.7	1.9	0.7	1.3
Often	3.4	1.8	4.0	1.0	2.5
Not applicable	87.6	91.2	85.8	93.4	89.6
Refused		0.2	0.2		0.1

**Q44M. In the past 12 months, how often have you encountered the police in other situations, like at checkpoints, during identity checks or traffic stops, or during an investigation?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	60.9	50.7	46.8	63.6	55.2
Once or twice	12.9	13.8	15.2	11.6	13.4
A few times	12.0	10.6	12.4	9.9	11.2
Often	13.1	24.0	25.4	13.0	19.2
Don't know	1.1	1.0	0.1	1.9	1.0

**Q44N. How often, if ever did you have to pay a bribe, give a gift, or do a favour for a police officer in order to avoid a problem during one of these encounters?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	23.4	27.4	30.4	20.8	25.6
Once or twice	5.0	5.7	6.3	4.6	5.4
A few times	4.3	4.9	6.8	2.5	4.6
Often	4.9	9.9	9.0	6.4	7.7
Not applicable	62.1	51.7	46.9	65.5	56.3
Refused	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1
Don't know	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.3

Now let's speak about the performance of the present government of this country.

**Q50A. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Managing the economy?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	37.1	45.6	42.4	41.3	41.8
Fairly badly	39.5	33.7	36.0	36.6	36.3
Fairly well	17.6	15.3	16.6	16.1	16.3
Very well	2.5	2.9	2.1	3.3	2.7
Don't know	3.3	2.4	2.9	2.8	2.8

**Q50B. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Improving the living standards of the poor?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	38.0	46.9	43.2	42.8	43.0
Fairly badly	43.8	36.7	40.9	38.8	39.8
Fairly well	15.3	11.9	13.2	13.6	13.4
Very well	0.7	2.0	0.9	1.9	1.4
Don't know	2.1	2.5	1.8	2.8	2.3

**Q50C. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Creating jobs?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	43.6	53.5	52.6	45.7	49.1
Fairly badly	44.2	31.7	35.0	39.5	37.2
Fairly well	8.9	9.0	9.1	8.8	9.0
Very well	0.4	2.0	1.1	1.5	1.3
Don't know	2.9	3.7	2.2	4.5	3.3

**Q50D. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Keeping prices stable?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	56.4	67.9	64.6	61.0	62.8
Fairly badly	33.6	24.8	28.2	29.2	28.7
Fairly well	8.2	4.5	5.6	6.6	6.1
Very well	0.2	1.0	0.5	0.8	0.7
Refused	0.4			0.3	0.2
Don't know	1.3	1.8	1.0	2.1	1.6

**Q50E. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Narrowing gaps between rich and poor?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	
Very badly	39.0	44.0	42.8	40.7	41.8
Fairly badly	40.7	31.3	36.4	34.5	35.5
Fairly well	11.9	7.0	9.2	9.1	9.1
Very well	0.1	2.1	1.4	1.0	1.2
Don't know	8.4	15.6	10.2	14.6	12.4

**Q50F. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Reducing crime?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	24.0	18.2	20.7	20.8	20.7
Fairly badly	32.1	20.4	25.4	25.7	25.6
Fairly well	32.2	32.8	32.0	33.0	32.5
Very well	7.8	18.8	15.9	12.1	14.0
Refused		0.2		0.2	0.1
Don't know	3.9	9.7	6.0	8.2	7.1

**Q50G. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Improving basic health services?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	25.7	31.7	28.3	29.7	29.0
Fairly badly	34.2	31.8	32.4	33.2	32.8
Fairly well	35.5	29.1	33.0	30.7	31.9
Very well	2.6	5.9	4.4	4.6	4.5
Refused	0.4			0.3	0.2
Don't know	1.7	1.6	1.8	1.5	1.6

**Q50H. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Addressing educational needs?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	6.7	11.2	8.5	9.9	9.2
Fairly badly	16.7	14.2	15.2	15.3	15.3
Fairly well	52.1	44.5	46.0	49.7	47.8
Very well	23.4	28.8	29.0	23.9	26.4
Don't know	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.2

**Q50I. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Providing water and sanitation services?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	29.4	39.1	32.8	36.8	34.8
Fairly badly	39.6	33.4	38.3	33.9	36.1
Fairly well	25.9	20.7	23.0	22.9	23.0
Very well	3.4	5.0	4.6	4.0	4.3
Don't know	1.7	1.9	1.2	2.3	1.8

**Q50J. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Fighting corruption in government?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	20.0	15.1	17.5	17.0	17.2
Fairly badly	29.4	13.2	20.9	19.8	20.3
Fairly well	35.3	31.5	35.3	31.1	33.2
Very well	10.4	19.4	16.0	14.9	15.5
Refused	0.1	0.2		0.3	0.1
Don't know	4.8	20.6	10.3	17.0	13.7

**Q50K. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Maintaining roads and bridges?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	31.9	47.5	41.4	39.7	40.6
Fairly badly	36.8	26.5	32.4	29.7	31.1
Fairly well	25.3	18.9	20.3	23.2	21.7
Very well	2.5	3.6	3.0	3.2	3.1
Refused	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2
Don't know	3.1	3.5	2.8	3.9	3.3

**Q50L. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Providing a reliable supply of electricity?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	32.8	60.7	48.3	48.4	48.4
Fairly badly	27.4	21.0	23.3	24.3	23.8
Fairly well	32.5	10.1	21.6	18.4	20.0
Very well	5.8	2.9	3.5	4.8	4.2
Don't know	1.5	5.4	3.2	4.1	3.7

**Q50M. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Preventing or resolving violent conflict?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	18.7	18.1	19.1	17.6	18.4
Fairly badly	28.2	18.0	21.7	23.3	22.5
Fairly well	42.3	36.6	39.5	38.8	39.1
Very well	6.4	14.3	11.4	10.3	10.8
Refused		0.2		0.3	0.1
Don't know	4.4	12.7	8.3	9.7	9.0

**Q50N. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Addressing the needs of young people?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	32.4	38.9	36.5	35.7	36.1
Fairly badly	42.0	37.5	41.2	37.7	39.5
Fairly well	20.9	14.1	16.9	17.3	17.1
Very well	1.2	3.7	2.0	3.2	2.6
Don't know	3.6	5.8	3.5	6.1	4.8

**Q50O. How well or badly would you say the current government is handling the following matters, or haven't you heard enough to say: Protecting rights and promoting opportunities for disabled people?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very badly	17.3	22.7	21.3	19.4	20.3
Fairly badly	33.3	15.4	23.8	22.8	23.3
Fairly well	32.8	28.3	32.1	28.5	30.3
Very well	3.6	6.0	3.9	6.0	4.9
Refused	0.2	0.8	0.2	0.9	0.5
Don't know	12.8	26.8	18.8	22.5	20.6

# Taxation

Also see Q95B under “Economic life” and Q42G under “Corruption.”

**Q39A.** For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree: The tax authorities always have the right to make people pay taxes?

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	3.1	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.2
Disagree	3.5	2.6	2.0	4.0	3.0
Neither agree nor disagree	2.0	1.0	1.3	1.5	1.4
Agree	53.6	50.6	51.7	52.1	51.9
Strongly agree	35.6	38.7	39.7	35.0	37.4
Refused		0.3	0.1	0.2	0.2
Don't know	2.2	3.6	1.9	4.0	3.0

**Q45.** Which of the following statements is closest to your view?

**Statement 1:** It is better to pay higher taxes if it means that there will be more services provided by government.

**Statement 2:** It is better to pay lower taxes, even if it means there will be fewer services provided by government.

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	39.5	31.3	36.6	33.2	34.9
Agree with 1	16.5	8.9	12.0	12.5	12.3
Agree with 2	12.4	10.0	11.1	11.0	11.0
Agree very strongly with 2	20.8	38.1	29.7	31.3	30.5
Agree with neither	9.5	7.6	8.7	8.2	8.4
Refused		0.2		0.2	0.1
Don't know	1.4	3.9	1.9	3.7	2.8

**Q46A.** Based on your experience, how easy or difficult is it to do each of the following: To find out what taxes and fees you are supposed to pay to the government?

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very easy	6.3	13.9	12.7	8.4	10.5
Easy	25.5	32.4	29.0	29.7	29.4
Difficult	40.0	28.0	34.0	32.5	33.3
Very difficult	13.1	14.6	14.0	13.8	13.9
Don't know	15.1	11.3	10.2	15.6	12.9

**Q46B.** Based on your experience, how easy or difficult is it to do each of the following: To find out how government uses the revenues from people's taxes and fees?

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very easy	1.8	2.9	2.2	2.6	2.4
Easy	8.8	8.4	9.0	8.1	8.6
Difficult	34.6	27.5	33.3	28.0	30.6
Very difficult	34.4	43.2	38.9	39.8	39.3
Don't know	20.4	18.0	16.6	21.5	19.0

**Q46C. Do you think that the amount of taxes that ordinary people in Sierra Leone are required to pay to the government is too little, too much, or about the right amount?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Far too little	7.5	3.6	4.7	5.9	5.3
Somewhat too little	7.4	7.7	6.8	8.3	7.6
About the right amount	44.7	37.2	42.1	39.0	40.5
Somewhat too much	13.5	25.0	21.9	18.0	19.9
Far too much	10.6	22.0	16.7	17.2	16.9
Don't know	16.3	4.6	7.8	11.7	9.7

**Q46D. Do you think that the amount of taxes that rich people in Sierra Leone are required to pay to the government is too little, too much, or about the right amount?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Far too little	15.2	17.9	14.5	19.0	16.7
Somewhat too little	10.2	17.8	16.7	12.2	14.4
About the right amount	31.7	26.6	29.6	28.1	28.8
Somewhat too much	6.1	5.9	6.6	5.4	6.0
Far too much	3.5	3.3	4.6	2.2	3.4
Don't know	33.2	28.0	27.7	32.9	30.3
Refused		0.5	0.4	0.2	0.3

**Q47A. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: Government should make sure small traders and other people working in the informal sector pay taxes on their businesses?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	10.0	15.5	12.1	14.1	13.1
Disagree	11.2	14.4	10.3	15.7	13.0
Neither agree or disagree	2.4	1.4	2.6	1.1	1.8
Agree	45.9	38.9	44.9	39.0	42.0
Strongly agree	28.3	25.8	26.9	26.8	26.9
Refused	0.1	0.2		0.3	0.2
Don't know	2.2	3.7	3.1	2.9	3.0

**Q47B. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: It is fair to tax rich people at a higher rate than ordinary people in order to help pay for government programs to benefit the poor?**

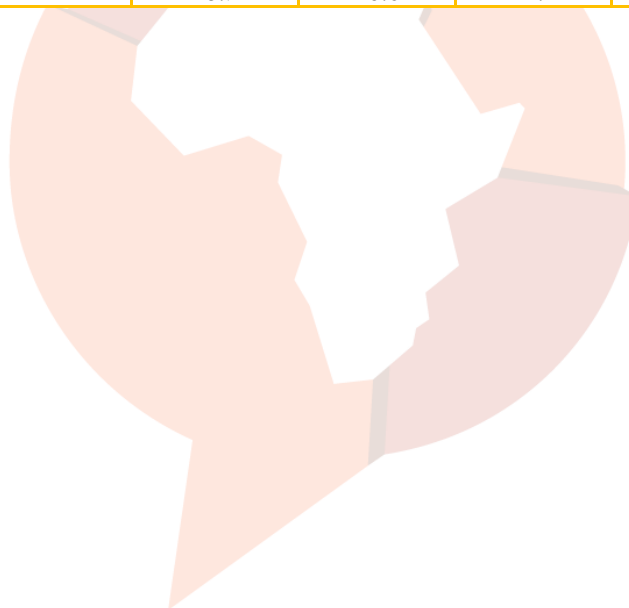
	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	12.6	13.7	15.1	11.4	13.2
Disagree	11.5	17.8	14.2	15.8	15.0
Neither agree or disagree	3.7	1.7	2.8	2.4	2.6
Agree	40.8	30.3	33.5	36.3	34.9
Strongly agree	28.5	32.1	30.8	30.3	30.6
Refused	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.2
Don't know	2.7	4.1	3.2	3.7	3.4

**Q47C. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: The government usually uses the tax revenues it collects for the well-being of citizens?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	25.7	25.9	26.1	25.6	25.8
Disagree	17.0	13.4	15.4	14.5	15.0
Neither agree or disagree	4.2	2.1	3.7	2.3	3.0
Agree	20.8	18.5	19.6	19.4	19.5
Strongly agree	17.3	17.0	17.0	17.2	17.1
Refused	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.5	0.4
Don't know	15.0	22.5	17.8	20.5	19.2

**Q47D. In your opinion, how often, in this country, do people avoid paying the taxes that they owe the government?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	3.4	12.4	9.2	7.7	8.5
Rarely	8.9	13.7	12.7	10.4	11.6
Often	56.4	36.5	47.7	42.8	45.2
Always	17.7	21.4	19.2	20.3	19.8
Don't know	13.7	16.0	11.2	18.8	15.0





# Identity and society

**Q82B. Let us suppose that you had to choose between being a Sierra Leonean and being a \_\_\_\_\_ [R's ethnic group]. Which of the following statements best expresses your feelings?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
I feel only (ethnic group)	4.6	4.6	3.3	5.9	4.6
I feel more (ethnic group) than Sierra Leonean	5.6	9.8	7.3	8.6	7.9
I feel equally Sierra Leonean and (ethnic group)	28.3	48.7	39.8	39.5	39.7
I feel more Sierra Leonean than (ethnic group)	12.8	14.7	13.5	14.3	13.9
I feel only Sierra Leonean	48.4	21.7	36.0	31.0	33.5
Not applicable	0.2		0.1	0.1	0.1
Refused		0.2		0.2	0.1
Don't know	0.1	0.2		0.4	0.2

**Q82C. Do you feel comfortable speaking your mother tongue in public?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No	3.5	1.2	1.9	2.5	2.2
Yes	95.9	98.1	97.6	96.6	97.1
Not applicable	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.6
Don't know		0.2		0.2	0.1

**Q82D. Do you feel comfortable wearing your traditional or cultural dress in public?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No	4.2	3.8	3.3	4.6	3.9
Yes	88.5	95.2	92.2	92.3	92.2
Not applicable	6.7	0.6	3.9	2.6	3.2
Don't know	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.6

**Q82A. How often, if ever, are \_\_\_\_\_ s [R's ethnic group] treated unfairly by the government?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	82.8	88.0	86.8	84.5	85.7
Sometimes	8.3	5.6	6.0	7.6	6.8
Often	3.9	3.0	4.0	2.8	3.4
Always	2.0	1.7	1.3	2.3	1.8
Not applicable	0.2		0.1	0.1	0.1
Don't know	2.8	1.7	1.7	2.7	2.2

**Q98B. How often, if ever, are \_\_\_\_\_ s [R's religious group] treated unfairly by the government?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	94.6	98.9	97.0	97.0	97.0
Sometimes	2.4	0.8	1.6	1.4	1.5
Often		0.3	0.3		0.1
Not applicable	0.1		0.1		0.1
Don't know	2.9		1.0	1.6	1.3

**Q84A. In the past year, how often, if ever, have you personally been treated unfairly by other Sierra Leoneans based on: Your economic status, that is, how rich or poor you are?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	78.2	77.9	76.5	79.5	78.0
Once or twice	12.7	9.9	12.3	10.0	11.2
Several times	6.4	6.7	6.5	6.6	6.5
Many times	2.0	4.1	4.1	2.2	3.2
Don't know	0.7	1.4	0.6	1.6	1.1

**Q84B. In the past year, how often, if ever, have you personally been treated unfairly by other Sierra Leonean based on: Your religion?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	93.0	93.7	93.5	93.2	93.4
Once or twice	5.2	4.1	4.4	4.8	4.6
Several times	1.1	1.3	1.3	1.1	1.2
Many times	0.1	0.7	0.8	0.2	0.5
Don't know	0.5	0.2		0.6	0.3

**Q84C. In the past year, how often, if ever, have you personally been treated unfairly by other Sierra Leonean based on: Your ethnicity?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	87.2	87.9	87.7	87.5	87.6
Once or twice	8.7	6.4	6.1	8.7	7.4
Several times	2.4	4.1	4.1	2.7	3.4
Many times	1.4	1.2	2.0	0.5	1.3
Don't know	0.4	0.3		0.7	0.3

**Q68. Which of the following statements is closest to your own opinion?**

**Statement 1: Communities are stronger when they are made up of people from different ethnic groups, races, or religions. Statement 2: Communities are stronger when they are made up of people who are similar to each other, that is, people from the same ethnic group, race, or religion.**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	50.0	53.9	53.5	50.8	52.1
Agree with 1	27.7	17.3	21.8	22.0	21.9
Agree with 2	4.4	2.9	2.7	4.5	3.6
Agree very strongly with 2	12.9	21.0	17.2	17.7	17.4
Agree with neither	1.6	0.9	1.4	1.0	1.2
Refused		0.2	0.2	0.0	0.1
Don't know	3.5	3.8	3.3	4.1	3.7

**Q85. Sierra Leoneans are very diverse. They come from different religions, ethnic groups, political parties, and economic and social backgrounds. Overall, would you say that there is more that unites all Sierra Leoneans as one people, or more that divides them?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Much more that divides us	11.7	20.1	17.0	15.9	16.4
Somewhat more that divides us	12.6	10.0	11.8	10.5	11.1
Somewhat more that unites us	20.5	12.8	16.0	16.4	16.2
Much more that unites us	53.7	51.3	52.7	52.0	52.3
Refused		0.2		0.2	0.1
Don't know	1.4	5.6	2.5	5.0	3.8

**Q86A. For each of the following types of people, please tell me whether you would like having people from this group as neighbours, dislike it, or not care: People of a different religion?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly dislike	1.7	1.8	0.7	2.8	1.7
Somewhat Dislike	5.6	3.7	4.4	4.7	4.6
Would not care	1.2	2.5	2.3	1.6	1.9
Somewhat like	49.6	30.9	39.7	38.7	39.2
Strongly like	41.9	60.8	52.8	52.1	52.5
Don't know		0.3	0.1	0.2	0.1

**Q86B. For each of the following types of people, please tell me whether you would like having people from this group as neighbours, dislike it, or not care: People from other ethnic groups?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly dislike	1.2	2.5	1.1	2.7	1.9
Somewhat dislike	4.1	3.4	2.7	4.7	3.7
Would not care	2.8	4.8	4.3	3.5	3.9
Somewhat like	53.1	34.8	43.2	42.6	42.9
Strongly like	38.4	54.1	48.2	46.2	47.2
Don't know	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.2	0.4

**Q86C. For each of the following types of people, please tell me whether you would like having people from this group as neighbours, dislike it, or not care: Homosexuals?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly dislike	76.0	85.8	82.4	80.6	81.5
Somewhat dislike	14.4	7.3	10.6	10.2	10.4
Would not care	4.2	2.0	2.6	3.4	3.0
Somewhat like	3.3	1.1	2.2	1.9	2.1
Strongly like	1.6	1.8	1.5	2.0	1.7
Refused		0.4	0.1	0.4	0.2
Don't know	0.5	1.5	0.6	1.5	1.1

**Q86D. For each of the following types of people, please tell me whether you would like having people from this group as neighbours, dislike it, or not care: Immigrants or foreign workers?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly dislike	4.3	3.8	3.1	4.9	4.0
Somewhat dislike	9.3	8.5	8.9	8.9	8.9
Would not care	3.2	2.9	2.9	3.2	3.0
Somewhat like	51.6	37.3	44.0	43.1	43.6
Strongly like	30.8	47.2	40.6	39.4	40.0
Don't know	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.5

**Q86E. For each of the following types of people, please tell me whether you would like having people from this group as neighbours, dislike it, or not care: People who support a different political party?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly dislike	4.0	5.3	2.7	6.8	4.7
Somewhat dislike	5.0	5.7	5.5	5.3	5.4
Would not care	4.0	5.8	4.1	5.9	5.0
Somewhat like	50.5	35.0	43.0	40.7	41.8
Strongly like	36.4	47.9	44.4	41.2	42.8
Refused	0.2		0.1		0.1
Don't know		0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2

**Q83. Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you must be very careful in dealing with people?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Must be very careful	85.7	82.7	83.9	84.2	84.0
Most people can be trusted	12.4	14.0	13.9	12.6	13.3
Refused		0.3		0.3	0.1
Don't know	1.9	3.1	2.2	2.9	2.5

## Crime and security

**Q8A. Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family: Felt unsafe walking in your neighbourhood?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	63.6	80.5	73.2	72.9	73.0
Just once or twice	14.2	10.9	11.7	13.0	12.4
Several times	16.1	4.7	8.9	10.5	9.7
Many times	4.6	2.3	4.0	2.7	3.3
Always	1.3	1.4	1.9	0.8	1.4
Don't know	0.2	0.2	0.4		0.2

**Q8B. Over the past year, how often, if ever, have you or anyone in your family: Feared crime in your own home?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	66.0	87.8	79.6	76.8	78.2
Just once or twice	16.5	6.6	9.2	12.7	11.0
Several times	12.0	3.5	7.0	7.5	7.3
Many times	4.5	1.0	2.8	2.3	2.6
Always	0.7	0.9	1.1	0.6	0.8
Don't know	0.2	0.2	0.4		0.2

**Q54A. In any society, people will sometimes disagree with one another. These disagreements occasionally escalate into physical violence. Please tell me whether, in the past two years, you have ever personally feared any of the following types of violence. [If "Yes":] Have you actually personally experienced this type of violence in the past two years: Violence among people in your neighbourhood or village?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No, never	65.4	81.8	71.5	77.6	74.6
Yes, feared but didn't experience	26.8	10.9	19.0	16.8	17.9
Yes, feared and experienced	7.2	6.2	8.9	4.4	6.6
Don't know	0.6	1.1	0.5	1.2	0.9

**Q54B. In any society, people will sometimes disagree with one another. These disagreements occasionally escalate into physical violence. Please tell me whether, in the past two years, you have ever personally feared any of the following types of violence. [If "Yes":] Have you actually personally experienced this type of violence in the past two years: Violence at a political rally or public protest?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No, never	67.9	81.3	73.2	77.5	75.4
Yes, feared but didn't experience	24.8	9.5	17.6	14.9	16.2
Yes, feared and experienced	6.0	4.8	7.1	3.6	5.4
Don't know	1.3	4.4	2.1	4.0	3.0

## Climate change

**Q72A. Have you heard about climate change, or haven't you had the chance to hear about this yet?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No	42.9	60.3	43.9	61.3	52.6
Yes	53.7	31.3	51.4	30.9	41.2
Refused		0.2		0.2	0.1
Don't know	3.4	8.3	4.7	7.6	6.1

**Q72B. Do you think climate change is making life in Sierra Leone better or worse, or haven't you heard enough to say?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Much better	2.0	2.4	2.7	1.8	2.2
Somewhat better	4.7	3.8	5.8	2.7	4.2
Neither/ no change / about the same	5.4	4.9	6.7	3.5	5.1
Somewhat worse	16.4	11.2	17.5	9.5	13.5
Much worse	22.0	8.2	16.8	11.8	14.3
Not applicable	46.3	68.7	48.6	69.1	58.8
Don't know	3.0	0.8	2.0	1.6	1.8

# Media and access to information

See Q92 on radio/TV/mobile phone ownership and access to the Internet under “Respondents and their households” and Q16A on media coverage in election campaigns under “Elections.”

**Q55A. How often do you get news from the following sources: Radio?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	8.4	18.1	8.7	18.9	13.8
Less than once a month	5.5	6.9	4.1	8.5	6.3
A few times a month	8.6	8.7	8.6	8.8	8.7
A few times a week	24.8	24.3	21.0	27.9	24.5
Every day	52.7	41.9	57.6	35.8	46.7
Don't know		0.2		0.2	0.1

**Q55B. How often do you get news from the following sources: Television?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	30.3	92.7	63.9	66.5	65.2
Less than once a month	11.6	1.6	5.9	6.1	6.0
A few times a month	8.3	2.1	4.4	5.3	4.8
A few times a week	20.7	0.5	9.4	9.4	9.4
Every day	29.0	1.5	15.6	11.7	13.6
Don't know	0.1	1.6	0.8	1.0	0.9

**Q55C. How often do you get news from the following sources: Print newspapers?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	68.1	94.1	78.1	87.1	82.6
Less than once a month	16.1	2.4	10.5	6.3	8.4
A few times a month	7.6	1.4	4.9	3.4	4.2
A few times a week	5.3	0.9	4.2	1.4	2.8
Every day	2.5		1.5	0.7	1.1
Don't know	0.4	1.2	0.8	1.0	0.9

**Q55D. How often do you get news from the following sources: Internet?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	44.7	90.0	67.2	72.9	70.0
Less than once a month	6.7	1.6	4.3	3.3	3.8
A few times a month	7.1	1.7	3.4	4.7	4.1
A few times a week	11.3	1.2	5.9	5.4	5.6
Every day	29.6	2.3	16.8	11.9	14.3
Refused		0.3		0.3	0.1
Don't know	0.7	2.9	2.4	1.5	1.9

**Q55E. How often do you get news from the following sources: Social media such as Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, or others?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	37.1	83.2	61.5	64.3	62.9
Less than once a month	6.8	1.9	4.0	4.1	4.0
A few times a month	4.7	2.4	3.7	3.1	3.4
A few times a week	12.1	1.6	5.6	6.9	6.2
Every day	38.4	3.5	21.3	16.5	18.9
Refused		0.4		0.5	0.2
Don't know	0.9	6.9	3.9	4.6	4.2

**Q19B. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: The media should have the right to publish any views and ideas without government control.**

**Statement 2: The government should have the right to prevent the media from publishing things that it disapproves of.**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	43.6	37.3	41.0	39.2	40.1
Agree with 1	27.9	23.4	25.4	25.3	25.4
Agree with 2	6.6	5.1	5.8	5.8	5.8
Agree very strongly with 2	17.8	26.5	23.6	21.8	22.7
Agree with neither	0.7	0.9	0.3	1.4	0.8
Refused		0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
Don't know	3.5	6.4	3.7	6.5	5.1

**Q33. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: The news media should constantly investigate and report on government mistakes and corruption.**

**Statement 2: Too much reporting on negative events, like government mistakes and corruption, only harms the country.**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	52.1	56.9	56.4	53.2	54.8
Agree with 1	27.6	20.5	23.1	24.1	23.6
Agree with 2	6.3	3.5	5.2	4.3	4.7
Agree very strongly with 2	12.8	14.9	13.6	14.3	14.0
Agree with neither	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.6	0.5
Refused	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4
Don't know	0.2	3.3	0.7	3.1	1.9

**Q56. In your opinion, how free is the news media in this country to report and comment on the news without censorship or interference by the government?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not at all free	4.9	2.6	4.3	2.9	3.6
Not very free	24.6	16.8	22.8	17.8	20.3
Somewhat free	31.0	23.9	28.3	25.8	27.0
Completely free	27.8	33.4	32.6	29.3	31.0
Refused		0.4	0.1	0.3	0.2
Don't know	11.6	22.9	11.9	23.9	17.9

**Q57A. Please tell me how often, in this country, you think people from each of the following groups spread information that they know is false: Government officials?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	12.3	15.6	15.5	12.7	14.1
Rarely	12.9	13.7	13.9	12.8	13.3
Sometimes	46.6	30.4	38.4	36.6	37.5
Often	11.4	12.2	14.1	9.6	11.9
Refused	0.7	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.6
Don't know	16.1	27.7	17.9	27.3	22.6

**Q57B. Please tell me how often, in this country, you think people from each of the following groups spread information that they know is false: Politicians and political parties?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	6.0	7.2	7.4	5.9	6.7
Rarely	7.9	6.9	8.3	6.3	7.3
Sometimes	44.7	30.6	36.8	36.8	36.8
Often	25.8	28.5	30.4	24.2	27.3
Refused	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Don't know	15.1	26.4	16.5	26.3	21.4

**Q57C. Please tell me how often, in this country, you think people from each of the following groups spread information that they know is false: News media and journalists?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	11.9	17.7	16.3	13.9	15.1
Rarely	24.1	10.7	18.3	14.8	16.6
Sometimes	39.7	26.6	33.8	31.0	32.4
Often	7.5	11.6	11.3	8.3	9.8
Refused	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.3
Don't know	16.5	33.2	19.8	31.8	25.8

**Q57D. Please tell me how often, in this country, you think people from each of the following groups spread information that they know is false: Social media users?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	3.2	7.7	6.0	5.4	5.7
Rarely	6.4	3.5	5.1	4.4	4.8
Sometimes	35.9	16.6	24.6	25.7	25.1
Often	31.9	17.0	28.0	19.1	23.6
Refused	0.1	0.6	0.4	0.4	0.4
Don't know	22.5	54.6	35.9	45.0	40.4

**Q57E. Please tell me how often, in this country, you think people from each of the following groups spread information that they know is false: Activists and interest groups?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	11.7	18.4	17.8	13.1	15.4
Rarely	19.9	8.9	13.7	13.8	13.7
Sometimes	38.5	20.4	31.7	25.1	28.4
Often	5.3	6.6	5.9	6.1	6.0
Refused	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
Don't know	24.6	45.5	30.7	41.9	36.3



Let's talk about whether the government should be able to limit the sharing of news, information, or opinions on radio and TV, in newspapers, or on the internet and social media.

**Q58A. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that the government should be able to limit or prohibit sharing of: News or information that is false?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	
Strongly disagree	5.1	6.1	5.6	5.8	5.7
Disagree	8.2	3.1	5.6	5.1	5.3
Neither agree or disagree	2.0	1.1	2.1	0.9	1.5
Agree	51.2	44.8	47.3	48.0	47.6
Strongly agree	29.8	36.5	36.1	30.9	33.5
Refused	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1
Don't know	3.4	8.4	3.1	9.3	6.2

**Q58B. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that the government should be able to limit or prohibit sharing of: News, information, or opinions that the government disapproves of?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	11.7	15.8	15.6	12.5	14.0
Disagree	20.0	12.0	15.2	15.9	15.5
Neither agree or disagree	3.9	1.4	3.8	1.3	2.5
Agree	36.0	33.6	33.6	35.7	34.7
Strongly agree	24.2	27.1	27.2	24.4	25.8
Refused	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1
Don't know	3.9	10.0	4.4	10.2	7.3

**Q58C. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that the government should be able to limit or prohibit sharing of: News, information, or opinions that criticize or insult the president?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	11.0	14.5	15.4	10.6	13.0
Disagree	12.2	11.5	10.1	13.5	11.8
Neither agree or disagree	4.3	0.3	2.8	1.3	2.0
Agree	41.9	35.2	35.0	41.3	38.1
Strongly agree	26.9	30.7	32.6	25.5	29.0
Refused	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1
Don't know	3.5	7.8	4.0	7.8	5.9

**Q58D. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree that the government should be able to limit or prohibit sharing of: Hate speech, that is, news, information, or opinions designed to attack or vilify certain groups in society?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	11.1	15.8	13.4	14.0	13.7
Disagree	6.0	4.5	4.6	5.7	5.1
Neither agree or disagree	3.6	0.7	1.8	2.3	2.0
Agree	45.2	37.9	40.4	41.8	41.1
Strongly agree	30.4	33.4	35.7	28.5	32.1
Refused	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.2
Don't know	3.4	7.6	3.8	7.6	5.7

**Q59A. Have you heard about social media, for example, Facebook, Twitter, and WhatsApp?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No	12.8	55.5	33.2	40.2	36.7
Yes	85.8	34.2	61.6	52.3	56.9
Refused		0.2		0.2	0.1

**Q59B. Regardless of whether you personally use social media yourself, please tell me whether you agree or disagree that social media: Makes people more informed about current events?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	0.9	0.8	1.5	0.2	0.9
Disagree	1.9	0.4	1.4	0.7	1.1
Neither agree or disagree	3.8	0.2	2.2	1.3	1.8
Agree	46.3	17.3	32.7	27.4	30.0
Strongly agree	28.4	13.6	21.1	19.2	20.1
Not applicable	14.2	65.8	38.4	47.7	43.1
Refused	0.3		0.2		0.1
Don't know	4.3	1.9	2.5	3.5	3.0

**Q59C. Regardless of whether you personally use social media yourself, please tell me whether you agree or disagree that social media: Makes people more likely to believe false news?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	1.7	0.9	1.1	1.4	1.2
Disagree	10.7	5.3	9.6	5.8	7.7
Neither agree or disagree	9.4	1.7	6.6	3.5	5.1
Agree	32.1	9.8	20.4	18.8	19.6
Strongly agree	24.5	13.1	19.4	16.9	18.2
Not applicable	14.2	65.8	38.4	47.7	43.1
Refused	0.3		0.2		0.1
Don't know	7.2	3.5	4.3	5.9	5.1

**Q59D. Regardless of whether you personally use social media yourself, please tell me whether you agree or disagree that social media: Helps people have more impact on political processes?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	1.8	0.8	1.8	0.6	1.2
Disagree	4.9	3.2	4.1	3.7	3.9
Neither agree or disagree	7.1	1.8	5.5	2.8	4.1
Agree	39.6	12.7	26.4	22.8	24.6
Strongly agree	22.3	11.0	17.7	14.3	15.9
Not applicable	14.2	65.8	38.4	47.7	43.1
Refused	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.2
Don't know	9.7	4.7	5.9	8.0	6.9

**Q59E. Regardless of whether you personally use social media yourself, please tell me whether you agree or disagree that social media: Makes people more intolerant of those who have different political opinions?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	4.3	2.1	3.6	2.5	3.1
Disagree	6.6	4.6	6.1	4.9	5.5
Neither agree or disagree	7.0	1.8	4.9	3.3	4.1
Agree	36.3	10.6	24.8	19.2	22.0
Strongly agree	22.4	9.4	15.3	15.0	15.1
Not applicable	14.2	65.8	38.4	47.7	43.1
Refused	0.3		0.2		0.1
Don't know	8.9	5.6	6.7	7.4	7.1

**Q59F. Overall, do you think that the effects of social media on society are mostly positive, mostly negative, or haven't you heard enough to say?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Very negative	3.2	0.6	1.9	1.6	1.8
Somewhat negative	7.9	1.7	4.9	3.9	4.4
Neither positive nor negative	33.7	10.6	21.5	20.1	20.8
Somewhat positive	20.0	12.0	17.9	13.1	15.5
Very positive	15.3	5.9	11.1	9.0	10.0
Not applicable	14.2	65.8	38.4	47.7	43.1
Refused		0.3	0.3		0.1
Don't know	5.7	3.1	4.0	4.5	4.3

**Q60. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1: Unrestricted access to the Internet and social media helps people to be more informed and active citizens, and should be protected.**

**Statement 2: Information shared on the Internet and social media is dividing Sierra Leone, so access should be regulated by government.**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	30.8	20.5	24.8	25.2	25.0
Agree with 1	12.3	9.7	12.6	9.1	10.9
Agree with 2	16.6	4.9	11.0	9.2	10.1
Agree very strongly with 2	25.6	13.0	20.8	16.2	18.5
Agree with neither	3.4	4.0	4.4	3.1	3.7
Refused		1.0	0.4	0.8	0.6
Don't know	11.4	46.8	26.0	36.3	31.2

**Q39B. For each of the following statements, please tell me whether you disagree or agree: Information held by public authorities is only for use by government officials; it should not have to be shared with the public?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	36.2	44.5	42.0	39.6	40.8
Disagree	27.0	25.3	27.8	24.3	26.1
Neither agree or disagree	2.0	2.1	2.6	1.5	2.1
Agree	18.6	7.0	11.6	12.6	12.1
Strongly agree	13.4	10.9	10.9	13.0	12.0
Don't know	2.8	10.3	5.0	8.9	7.0

# Youth

See also Q50N under “Public services and government performance.”

**Note:** In addition to the youth-specific questions and responses included in this section, responses to all questions in the survey can be disaggregated by age group. Visit our free online data analysis facility at <http://afrobarometer.org/online-data-analysis/analyse-online>.

**Q23. Which of the following statements is closest to your view?**

**Statement 1:** In order for our country to do well, we should listen more to the wisdom of our elders.

**Statement 2:** In order for our country to do well, we should listen more to fresh ideas from young people.

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	39.5	54.9	43.4	52.7	48.1
Agree with 1	12.2	8.5	9.5	10.9	10.2
Agree with 2	10.8	4.1	8.5	5.7	7.1
Agree very strongly with 2	30.1	30.3	35.0	25.5	30.2
Agree with neither	7.1	1.4	3.3	4.5	3.9
Refused		0.1		0.1	0.0
Don't know	0.3	0.6	0.3	0.7	0.5

**Q49A. If the government decided to make people pay more taxes in order to support programs to help young people, would you support this decision or oppose it?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly oppose	11.6	17.5	12.6	17.2	14.9
Somewhat oppose	11.1	8.8	11.0	8.6	9.8
Neither support nor oppose	4.6	6.1	6.7	4.2	5.4
Somewhat support	23.2	12.7	18.8	15.8	17.3
Strongly support	38.7	39.3	40.8	37.3	39.1
It depends	9.7	14.6	9.9	15.0	12.5
Don't know	1.1	0.9	0.2	1.8	1.0

**Q49B. If the government could increase its spending on programs to help young people, which of the following areas do you think should be the highest priority for additional investment?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
None of the above / Some other program	0.6	0.5	0.8	0.3	0.6
Job creation	44.0	35.5	42.7	35.7	39.2
Education	24.5	26.4	23.1	28.1	25.6
Jobs training	13.7	14.0	16.9	10.8	13.8
Business loans	8.7	15.1	8.2	16.4	12.3
Social services for youth	5.8	5.6	6.8	4.7	5.7
Government should not increase spending	2.1	2.2	1.1	3.2	2.2
Don't know	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.8	0.6

# Country-specific questions

**Q76A-SRL. How much time: Should your Member of Parliament spend in this constituency to visit the community and its citizens?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	18.6	17.0	17.5	17.9	17.7
At least once a year	4.1	13.0	7.8	10.3	9.1
At least once a month	40.3	38.6	41.7	37.1	39.4
At least weekly	20.7	16.7	18.8	18.1	18.5
Almost all of their time	12.0	10.9	12.0	10.8	11.4
Refused	0.2			0.2	0.1
Don't know	4.1	3.8	2.1	5.7	3.9

**Q76B-SRL. How much time: Does your Member of Parliament spend in this constituency?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Never	48.3	52.3	51.1	50.0	50.5
At least once a year	7.7	11.0	9.7	9.4	9.5
At least once a month	17.0	14.6	17.0	14.4	15.7
At least weekly	10.5	12.5	12.1	11.2	11.6
Almost all of their time	4.1	2.9	3.8	3.0	3.4
Refused	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Don't know	12.2	6.6	6.3	11.9	9.1

**Q76C-SRL. Members of Parliament have different responsibilities. Which of the following do you think is the most important responsibility of your Member of Parliament?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Listen to constituents and represent their needs.	53.9	49.7	50.4	52.7	51.5
Deliver jobs or development.	24.2	28.3	29.1	23.9	26.5
Make laws for the good of the country.	12.1	7.2	10.3	8.5	9.4
Monitor the president and his government.	4.8	3.9	3.9	4.6	4.3
None of these	1.1	2.3	1.7	1.9	1.8
Refused	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.2
Don't know	3.7	8.5	4.6	8.1	6.4

**Q76D-SRL. Members of Parliament have different responsibilities. How effective do you think your MP is in fulfilling each of the following responsibilities, or haven't you heard enough to say: Listening to constituents and representing their needs in Parliament?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not at all effective	47.4	55.3	53.0	50.7	51.8
Not very effective	29.7	18.5	23.0	23.8	23.4
Somewhat effective	6.1	9.7	8.8	7.4	8.1
Very effective	6.4	9.3	8.1	8.0	8.0
Refused	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Don't know	10.2	7.0	6.9	10.0	8.4

**Q76E-SRL. Members of Parliament have different responsibilities. How effective do you think your MP is in fulfilling each of the following responsibilities, or haven't you heard enough to say? Delivering jobs or development to the constituency**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not at all effective	48.9	58.7	54.7	54.0	54.3
Not very effective	29.8	20.1	24.4	24.4	24.4
Somewhat effective	6.3	7.3	7.6	6.1	6.8
Very effective	4.7	6.0	6.0	4.9	5.4
Refused	0.2			0.2	0.1
Don't know	10.1	8.0	7.4	10.4	8.9

**Q76F-SRL. Members of Parliament have different responsibilities. How effective do you think your MP is in fulfilling each of the following responsibilities, or haven't you heard enough to say? Making laws for the good of the country**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not at all effective	35.2	29.5	33.2	30.8	32.0
Not very effective	26.3	10.1	16.8	17.7	17.3
Somewhat effective	9.2	13.9	13.6	10.0	11.8
Very effective	7.3	11.3	10.4	8.7	9.6
Refused	0.7	1.0	0.3	1.4	0.8
Don't know	21.3	34.2	25.8	31.3	28.5

**Q76G-SRL. Members of Parliament have different responsibilities. How effective do you think your MP is in fulfilling each of the following responsibilities, or haven't you heard enough to say? Monitoring the president and his government and holding them accountable**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Not at all effective	36.3	27.3	32.7	29.8	31.3
Not very effective	25.0	10.4	16.4	17.3	16.9
Somewhat effective	6.3	8.6	8.5	6.7	7.6
Very effective	6.6	9.9	8.7	8.1	8.4
Refused	1.0	1.4	0.3	2.2	1.2
Don't know	24.8	42.4	33.3	36.0	34.6

**Q77A-SRL. Some people think that another responsibility of a member of parliament is to help individuals in their constituency with personal needs, like getting jobs, or paying school or hospital fees. Other people say that it is not appropriate for MPs to give out personal financial assistance, and that they should focus on their work in the parliament to help the whole community and the country. What about you? How important do you think it is for MPs to provide financial assistance to individuals in their communities?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
They should not give out personal financial assistance	2.7	0.8	1.3	1.9	1.6
Very important	25.0	43.1	33.5	36.8	35.1
Somewhat important	26.1	24.3	25.4	24.8	25.1
Not very important	17.3	8.6	12.7	12.3	12.5
Not at all important	26.2	21.5	25.9	21.2	23.6
Refused	0.2			0.2	0.1
Don't know	2.5	1.7	1.3	2.9	2.1

**Q77B-SRL. What about your MP? How often does he or she give out resources to help individuals in your community with their personal needs, like school fees or hospital fees, or haven't you heard enough to say?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Often	4.4	3.7	5.1	2.9	4.0
Sometimes	10.0	7.8	9.2	8.3	8.8
Rarely	8.0	6.2	7.2	6.8	7.0
Never	48.0	58.5	54.2	53.5	53.8
Refused	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
Don't know / Haven't heard enough	29.5	23.5	24.1	28.2	26.1

**78A-SRL. The current government instituted Commissions of Inquiry to investigate acts of corruption under the previous administration immediately after it assumed power. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements, or haven't you heard enough to say: The Commissions of Inquiry are doing their work in a fair and impartial way that does not favour one party or group.**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	5.4	6.1	7.4	4.2	5.8
Disagree	12.5	3.9	8.4	7.0	7.7
Neither agree nor disagree	3.6	2.2	3.4	2.2	2.8
Agree	34.7	21.9	29.7	25.4	27.5
Strongly agree	23.2	22.0	25.8	19.2	22.5
Refused to answer	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.5
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	20.2	43.2	24.7	41.4	33.1

**78B-SRL. The current government instituted Commissions of Inquiry to investigate acts of corruption under the previous administration immediately after it assumed power. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements, or haven't you heard enough to say: The Commissions of Inquiry are helping in the fight against corruption in Sierra Leone**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	5.7	4.5	5.6	4.5	5.1
Disagree	8.8	4.0	7.7	4.6	6.1
Neither agree nor disagree	3.7	2.0	3.3	2.2	2.8
Agree	37.7	24.0	33.7	26.4	30.0
Strongly agree	24.1	23.4	27.0	20.5	23.7
Refused to answer	0.1	0.4	0.5		0.3
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	19.9	41.6	22.2	41.8	32.0

**79A-SRL. Have you heard about the declaration of rape and sexual assault as a national emergency by the president last year?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No	2.3	7.2	3.1	7.0	5.0
Yes	95.4	87.0	94.2	87.3	90.7
Don't know	2.3	5.8	2.8	5.7	4.3

**79B-SRL. Have you heard about the government's passage last year of the Sexual Offences Amendment Act of 2019?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No	8.1	8.8	6.8	10.1	8.5
Yes	88.8	84.4	89.9	82.7	86.3
Refused to answer	0.2			0.2	0.1
Don't know	2.9	6.9	3.2	7.0	5.1

**79C-SRL. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements, or haven't you heard enough to say: The president was right to declare a national emergency on rape and sexual violence because this has been a big problem in Sierra Leone.**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	0.3	0.3	0.6		0.3
Disagree	2.1	0.9	1.8	1.1	1.4
Neither agree nor disagree	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3
Agree	47.0	36.8	41.8	40.7	41.3
Strongly agree	47.2	54.5	51.1	51.5	51.3
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	3.0	7.4	4.3	6.6	5.5

**79D-SRL. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements, or haven't you heard enough to say: The new harsh punishments for sexual- and gender-based violence included in the Sexual Offences Amendment Act will help to reduce the problem of rape and sexual assault**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	2.0	1.6	1.2	2.3	1.8
Disagree	3.8	1.9	3.2	2.3	2.7
Neither agree nor disagree	0.6	1.3	0.6	1.3	1.0
Agree	45.4	37.0	41.4	40.1	40.7
Strongly agree	45.0	50.1	48.4	47.3	47.8
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	3.2	8.1	5.2	6.8	6.0

**79E-SRL. Please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements, or haven't you heard enough to say: Changes in the law and harsher punishments are not enough to solve the problem of rape and sexual assault; the government should do more to educate people and change sexual attitudes and behaviors.**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	10.9	10.9	9.3	12.4	10.9
Disagree	10.5	8.5	10.0	8.8	9.4
Neither agree nor disagree	1.3	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.1
Agree	38.1	30.9	36.7	31.5	34.1
Strongly agree	35.8	38.8	37.0	37.9	37.5
Refused to answer		0.2	0.3		0.1
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	3.3	9.7	5.7	8.1	6.9



**Q80A-SRL. Have you or anyone in your family benefitted directly from this policy by getting free schooling for children or students in your family?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
No	34.3	21.4	26.3	27.9	27.1
Yes	65.3	78.3	73.4	71.8	72.6
Don't know	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3

**Q80B-SRL. Do you think that under the Free Quality School Education policy, the quality of education in Sierra Leone's schools has increased, stayed the same, or decreased, or haven't you heard enough to say?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Decreased a lot	4.9	5.0	4.8	5.1	5.0
Decreased somewhat	14.2	11.7	13.2	12.4	12.8
Stayed the same	28.5	19.4	25.2	21.6	23.4
Increased somewhat	36.8	36.4	36.4	36.8	36.6
Increased a lot	11.5	19.7	16.7	15.4	16.1
Refused	0.2		0.1		0.1
Don't know/ Haven't heard enough	3.9	7.8	3.5	8.6	6.1

**80C-SRL. Providing free schooling for all students can help more students to go to school, but it also requires a lot of government resources and can create some challenges. Thinking about the future of the Free Quality School Education policy, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: The government should continue to provide free education for all students even if it leads to an increase in the number of educated citizens who cannot find a job.**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	12.7	13.9	13.8	12.9	13.4
Disagree	13.2	10.2	11.1	11.9	11.5
Neither agree nor disagree	3.2	0.3	1.8	1.3	1.5
Agree	38.4	32.5	36.0	34.2	35.1
Strongly agree	30.4	40.8	35.6	36.9	36.2
Refused to answer		0.3		0.3	0.1
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	2.1	2.1	1.7	2.5	2.1

**80D-SRL. Providing free schooling for all students can help more students to go to school, but it also requires a lot of government resources and can create some challenges. Thinking about the future of the Free Quality School Education policy, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: To save on costs, it would be better if the Free Quality School Education policy only applied to the poor who cannot pay for education, rather than applying to all citizens.**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	22.9	30.2	28.4	25.4	26.9
Disagree	27.4	30.3	28.6	29.4	29.0
Neither agree nor disagree	5.0	0.6	2.7	2.4	2.6
Agree	20.8	17.7	18.6	19.6	19.1
Strongly agree	21.4	18.5	19.5	20.0	19.8
Refused to answer	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	2.2	2.3	1.7	2.8	2.3

**80E-SRL.** Providing free schooling for all students can help more students to go to school, but it also requires a lot of government resources and can create some challenges. Thinking about the future of the Free Quality School Education policy, please tell me whether you agree or disagree with each of the following statements: To save on costs, it would be better if the Free Quality School Education policy only applied to pre-primary and primary education, and did not include secondary education.

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Strongly disagree	36.6	57.7	47.4	49.5	48.4
Disagree	26.1	24.9	26.6	24.2	25.4
Neither agree nor disagree	5.2	0.9	2.8	2.7	2.8
Agree	14.9	5.3	9.9	9.1	9.5
Strongly agree	15.6	8.9	11.6	12.2	11.9
Refused to answer		0.4		0.4	0.2
Don't know/Haven't heard enough to say	1.7	1.9	1.8	1.9	1.8

**Q80F-SRL.** Which of the following statements is closest to your view? Choose Statement 1 or Statement 2. Statement 1: To make the free education policy a success, the government must invest more resources in education to ensure that all of the necessary schools, materials and teachers are available to provide a good quality education to all students. Statement 2: The policy of free education for all students is too expensive; the government should cancel the policy and focus on providing high quality education for those who can afford to pay.

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Agree very strongly with 1	56.0	65.7	63.3	59.6	61.5
Agree with 1	25.3	16.1	19.1	21.3	20.2
Agree with 2	3.7	2.0	2.2	3.3	2.7
Agree very strongly with 2	10.9	11.4	10.5	11.8	11.2
Agree with neither	1.5	2.2	2.5	1.3	1.9
Refused		0.3	0.0	0.3	0.2
Don't know	2.6	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.4

# Other

**Q100. Just one more question: Who do you think sent us to do this interview?**

	Urban	Rural	Male	Female	Total
Afrobarometer	40.8	44.1	45.7	39.7	42.7
Research Company	2.5	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.3
Non-government or religious organization	3.7	4.4	3.3	4.8	4.1
Private company		0.2	0.3		0.1
Media	0.4			0.3	0.2
Political party or politician	0.3	1.2	0.4	1.2	0.8
Government	43.6	40.8	42.5	41.5	42.0
International organization or another country	0.6		0.3	0.2	0.3
God	0.1	0.4		0.5	0.3
Other	1.1	0.4	0.3	1.2	0.7
Refused	0.1	0.9	0.7	0.4	0.5
Don't know	6.8	5.5	4.3	7.8	6.1

