
COVID-19 lockdown: Key factors in citizens' wellbeing

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BACKGROUND: Confinement due to COVID-19 can have a short and long-term impact on mental health (increased levels of stress and anxiety, emotional upheaval) and on people's quality of life. Knowing what factors are behind the stress can benefit the development of strategies and resources for future situations of a similar nature. The purpose of this study is to examine the incidence of a series of sociodemographic factors, confinement conditions and work situation on the stress reported by confined citizens. **METHOD:** The sample is made up of 2008 citizens (19.9% men), the Perceived Stress Scale of 14 items (PSS-14) was used to assess the stress level of the population, as well as a sociodemographic questionnaire and different questions aimed at obtain information about the characteristics of the confinement and the employment situation. Data were collected using exponential snowball-type non-probability sampling. **RESULTS:** The results suggest that sociodemographic factors such as age, gender, and income level could be good predictors of confinement stress. Post-confinement work expectancy along with pre-confinement working conditions can be key to protecting the well-being of confined populations. **CONCLUSION:** Stress levels increase as populations spend more weeks in confinement and the pre-confinement work situation seems key to protecting the well-being of the population. A greater wellbeing is observed among stable couples without children confined in residential or suburban areas. Low income or economic instability is associated with a higher rate of stress and anxiety. The results can contribute to prioritizing actions and aid by contributing to the formation of teams and the design of tools for work in the current pandemic situation.

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To evaluate people's levels of stress we used the 14-item Perceived Stress Scale (PSS-14) created by Cohen, Kamarck and Mermelstein (1983).

FAIR data and resources

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