

Results of the Tokyo-iCDC Risk Communication Team's Survey on Residents' Awareness

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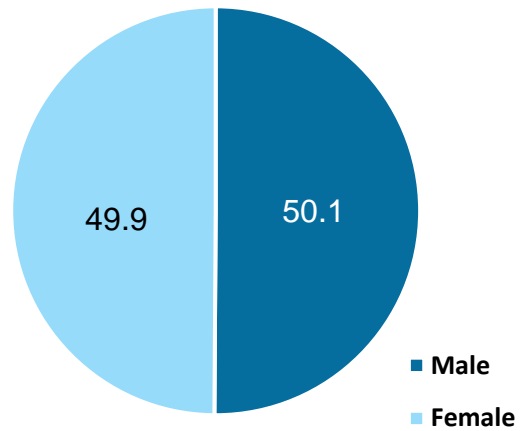
- **Survey method:** Internet survey
- **Target audience:** Residents of Tokyo aged from their 20s to 70s
- **Sampling method and sample size:**
 - Quota sampling based on gender, age, and location composition proportional to the population ratio of Tokyo.
 - 10,000 samples.
- **Survey period:** March 15 to 25, 2022
- **Survey items:**
 - Behaviors to prevent infection Feelings about COVID-19 Awareness and knowledge of vaccines
 - Awareness and experiences regarding medical consultations Information behavior regarding COVID-19
 - Experience with infection and responses Health condition Human relationships, experiences of prejudice and discrimination Changes in work and life, etc.

Basic Attributes of Valid Responses

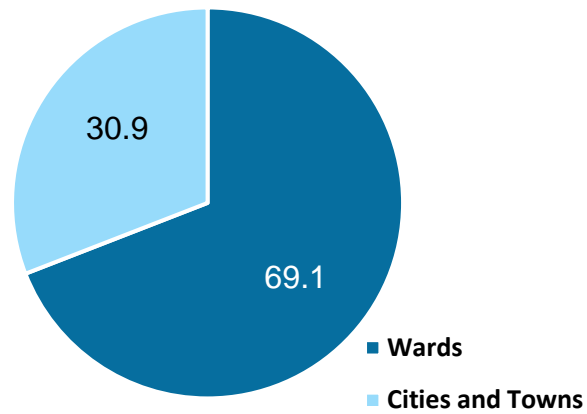
Number of Valid Responses: n = 10,000

(In %)

Respondent's Gender



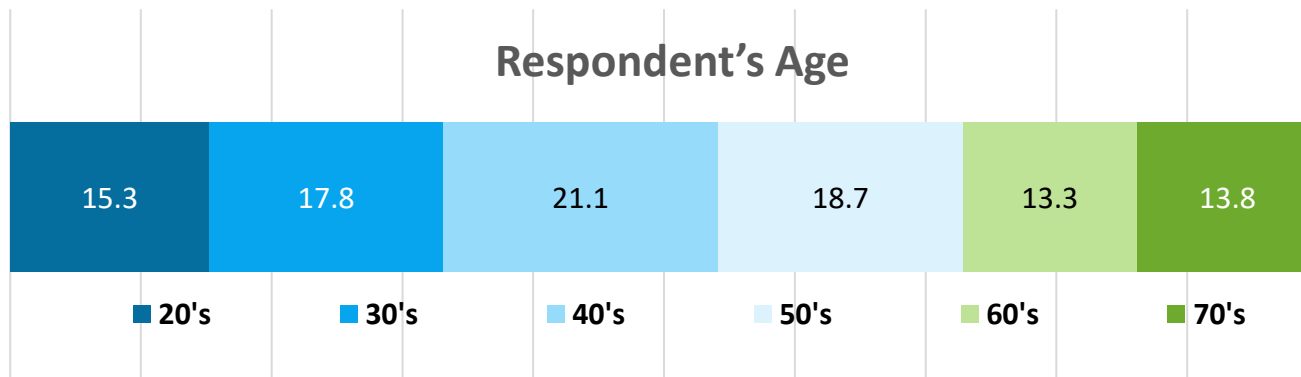
Respondent's Location



Respondent's Career

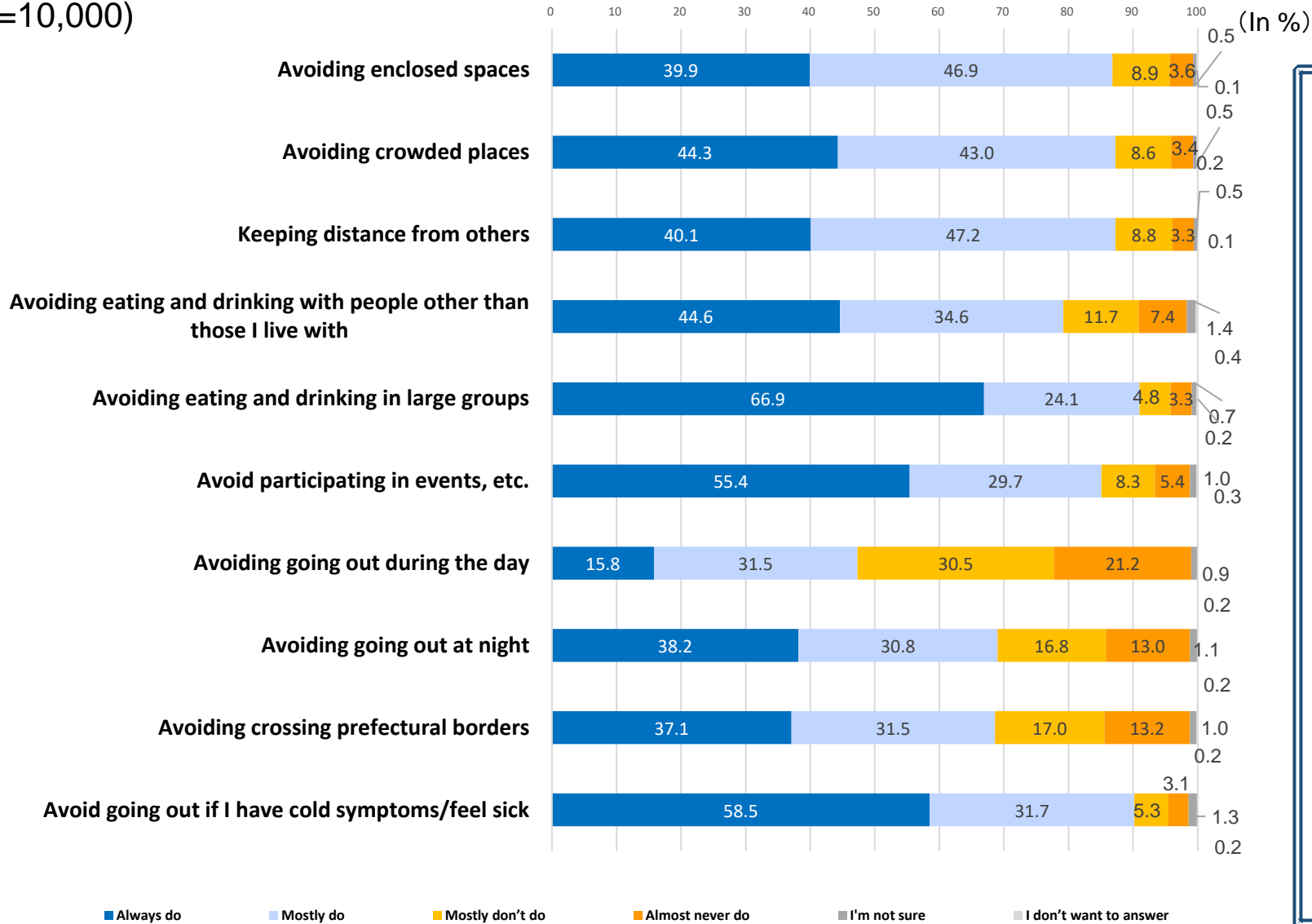
Managers	7.5
Professional/technical workers	13.7
Clerical workers	18.1
Sales workers	4.9
Service workers	11.9
Security workers	0.8
Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries workers	0.1
Production process workers	1.7
Transport and machinery operators	1.2
Construction and mining workers	1.1
Transportation, cleaning, and packaging workers	1.5
Occupation not classifiable	4.0
Homemaker	15.1
Student	2.8
Unemployed	12.5
I don't want to answer	3.0
Overall	100.0

Respondent's Age



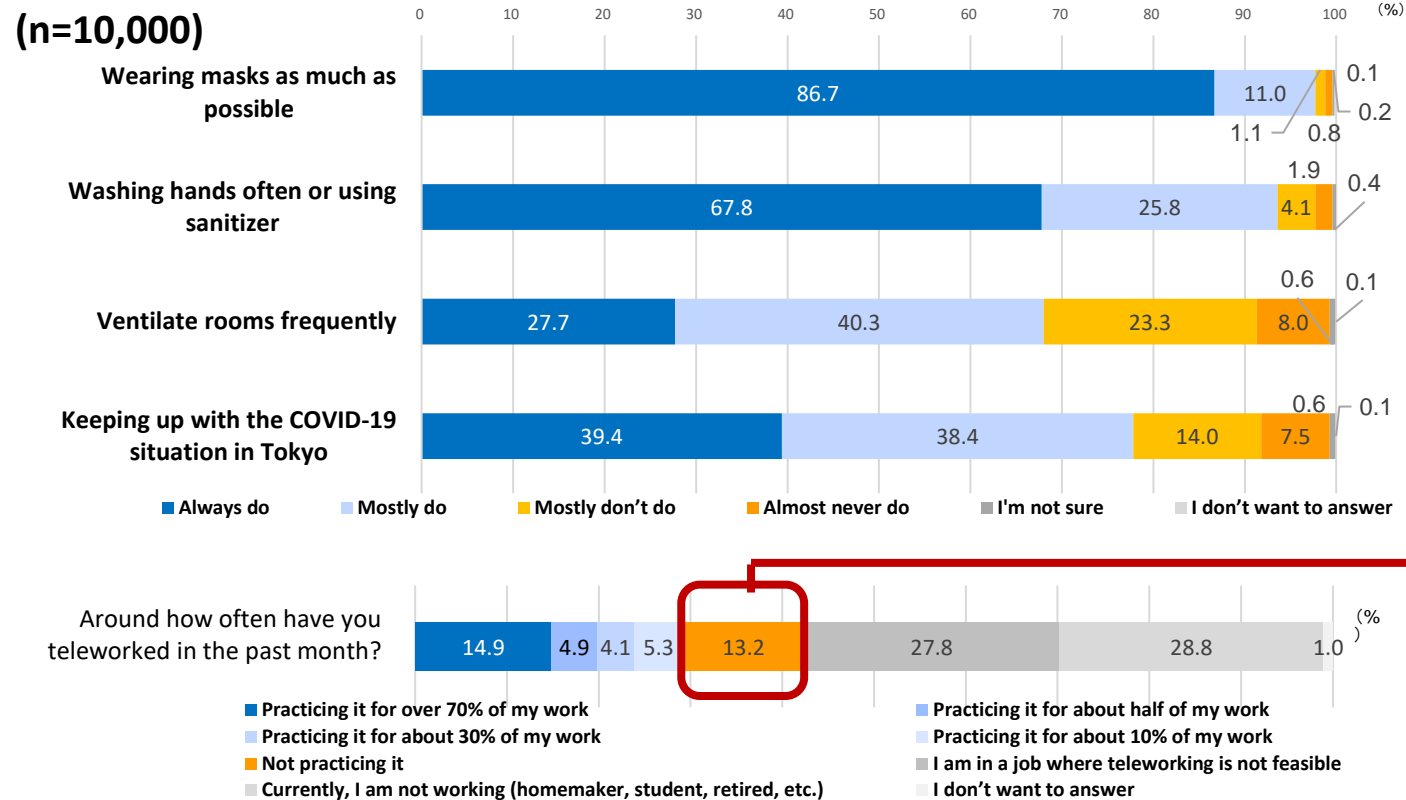
Please select the COVID-19 countermeasures you are currently using.

(n=10,000)

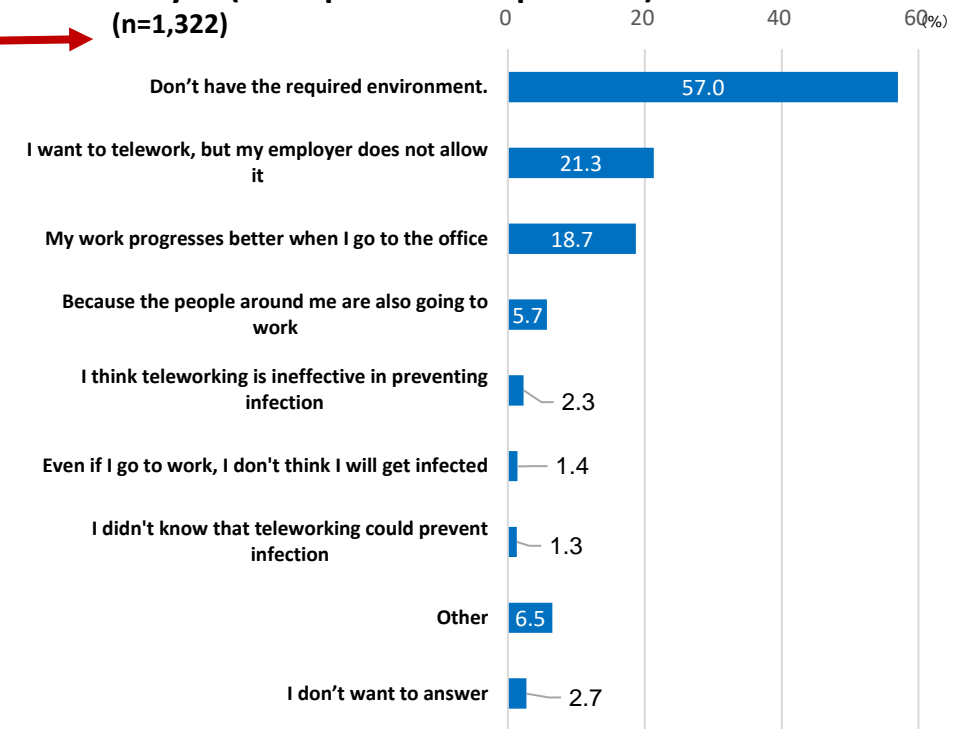


- ◆ For items such as "avoiding crowded places," "avoiding eating and drinking in large groups," and "avoiding participating in events," about 85 to 90% of respondents answered that they are "always" or "mostly" careful. A survey was also conducted in October 2021, and the percentage of respondents being careful about these items remains about the same as it was then.
- ◆ For "avoiding going out at night," and "avoiding crossing prefectural borders," the percentage being careful was about 70%. "Avoiding going out during the day" was at around 45%, around a 5% decrease compared to October 2021.
- ◆ Around 90% responded that they were "avoiding going out when feeling sick." **If infected, there is a possibility of transmitting it to others, so continued awareness via warnings is necessary.**
- ◆ It is clear that many Tokyo residents are continuing measures to prevent infection even more than two years after the outbreak of COVID-19.

Please answer how much you are implementing each of the following COVID-19 countermeasures.



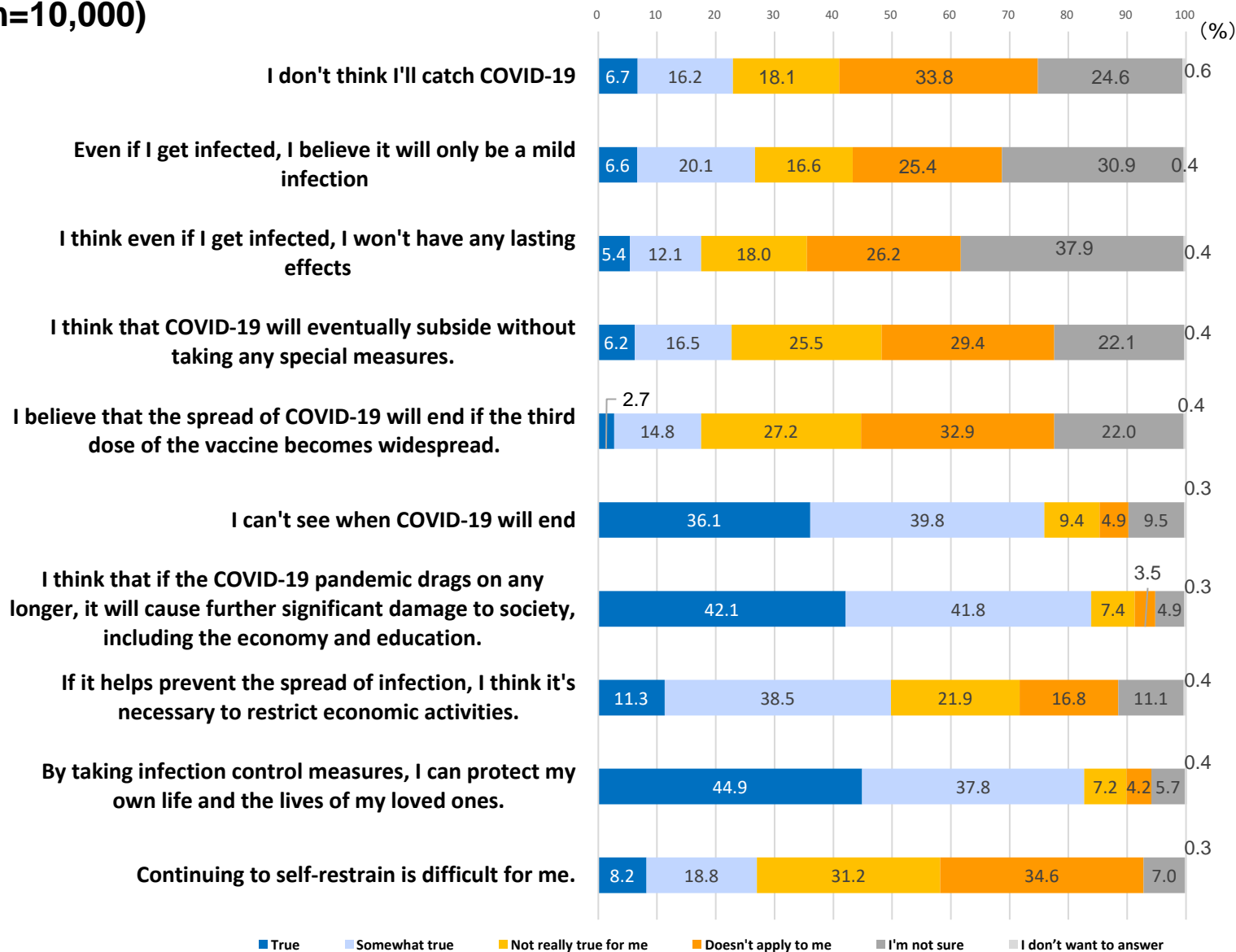
“Why?” (Multiple answers possible) (n=1,322)



- ◆ Many are continuing to combine basic infection prevention measures. Regarding frequently ventilation, the percentage of those who are careful is just under 70%, a decrease of about 10% since October 2021, necessitating renewed awareness via warnings. For mask wearing and hand hygiene, over 90% answered they are "always" or "mostly" careful, a rate similar to the October survey.
- ◆ Among those who can telework (excluding those who are not applicable because telework is not possible in their job or they are currently not working), just under 70% are practicing it. The reasons for "not practicing" include "don't have the required environment" and "my employer does not allow it." Businesses need to be more proactive in facilitating the conditions and environment for practicing telework.

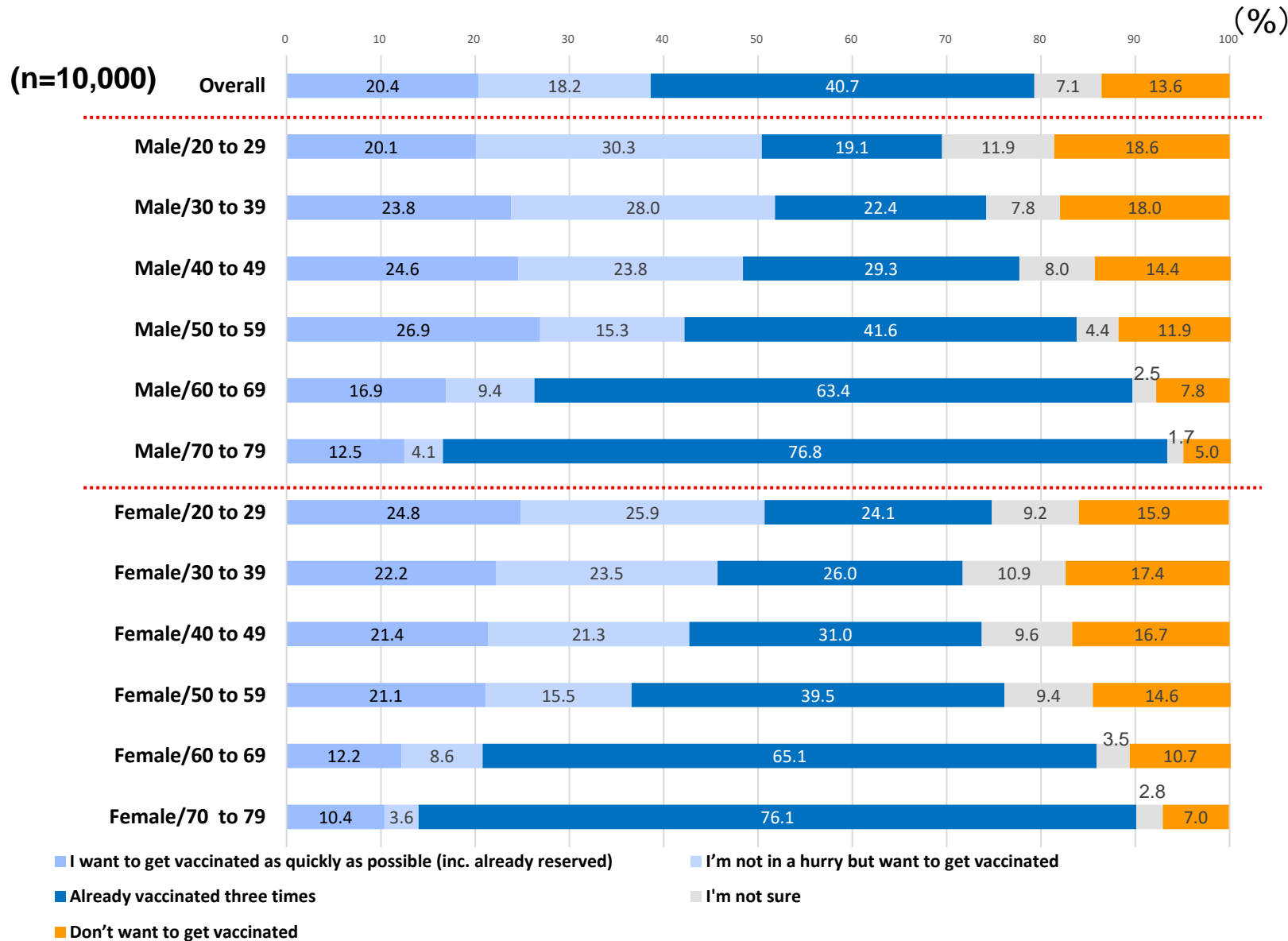
Please select one item that applies to your feelings regarding COVID-19.

(n=10,000)



- ◆ Responses such as "I won't get infected," "It will only be mild," and "There won't be long COVID" account for about 20-25%.
- ◆ The proportion of those who think "COVID-19 will subside without measures" or "COVID-19 will end if the third vaccine dose becomes widespread" remains around 20%, with nearly 80% of people responding they "can't see when COVID-19 will end."
- ◆ Over 80% feel that "if the COVID-19 pandemic drags on, it will cause significant damage to the economy, education, etc." The proportion who agree that "if it helps prevent the spread of infection, I think it's necessary to restrict economic activities" (50%) is higher than those who disagree (just under 40%). The rate of agreement has decreased by 20% compared to the survey in March 2021.
- ◆ Over 80% of people feel that "by taking infection control measures, I can protect their own lives and the lives of their loved ones." However, regarding continuing self-restraint being difficult for them, 65% answered "Not really true for me/doesn't apply to me," thereby indicating that many people are trying to adapt to the situation amid an ongoing pandemic without a clear end in sight.

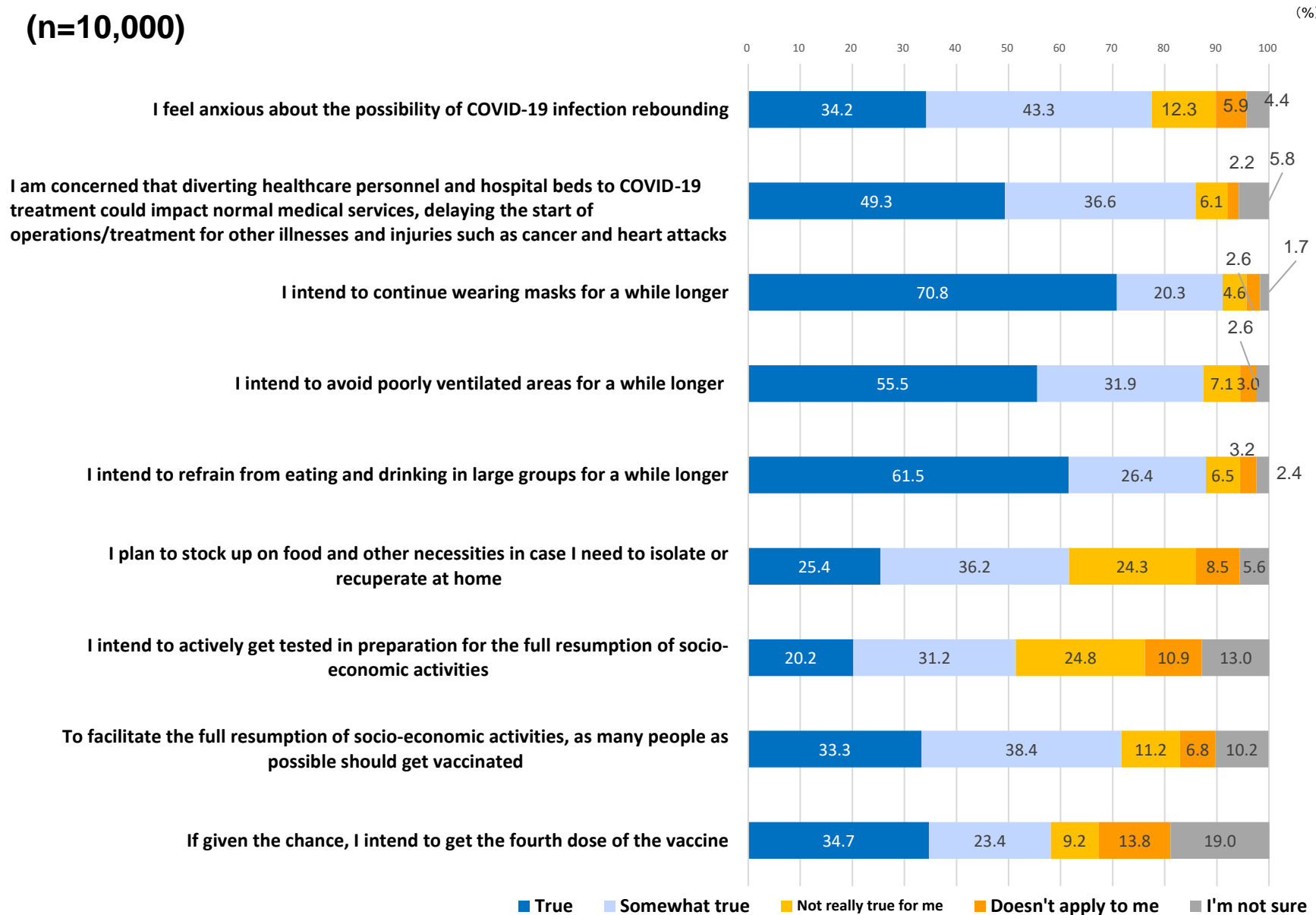
What are your thoughts on receiving the third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine?



- ◆ Progress has been made with the third dose amongst those in their 60s and 70s, with the proportion of those vaccinated and intending to be vaccinated combined reaching around 90%.
- ◆ Although there is a tendency for younger generations to have a higher proportion of "don't want to get vaccinated," about 50% of people in their 20s and 30s still want to be vaccinated.
- ◆ Given that the proportion of patients who become severely ill and the number of deaths are higher among those over 50, further promoting booster shots to this age group is necessary.
- ◆ Across all generations, it is vital to urge those who are not in a hurry but want to be vaccinated to promptly get vaccinated, and to encourage those who are unsure to get vaccinated.

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- ◆ Just under 80% of respondents are anxious about a resurgence, while concern about the impact on regular medical services was felt by over 85%.
- ◆ The proportion of respondents who plan to continue wearing masks, ensuring ventilation, and refraining from drinking/dining in large groups for a while longer was around 90%. This shows that many residents plan to continue basic infection prevention measures moving forward.
- ◆ The proportion of those preparing food and other necessities for measures such as isolating at home exceeded 60%, which has increased by 10% compared to October 2021.
- ◆ Approximately 50% of respondents intend to actively get tested in preparation for the resumption of socio-economic activities. 70% of respondents hope that as many people as possible will get vaccinated, the same proportion as in October 2021.
- ◆ About 60% show willingness to receive their fourth dose, with the intention to vaccinate increasing with age.

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Relationship Between “If given the opportunity, I intend to get the fourth dose of the vaccine” and Age/Gender

