

## **OPINION MONITORING: MAY—JUNE 2021**

VCIOM-Sputnik daily survey results. The survey method is stratified dual-frame sample consisting of telephone interviews. The sample is based on a complete list of landline and mobile phone numbers operating in Russia and involves 1,600 persons aged 18 and older. The data were weighted for the probability of selection and reflect social and demographic characteristics. The margin of error at a 95% confidence level does not exceed 2.5%. In addition to sampling error, minor changes in question wording and different circumstances arising during the fieldwork can introduce bias into the survey.

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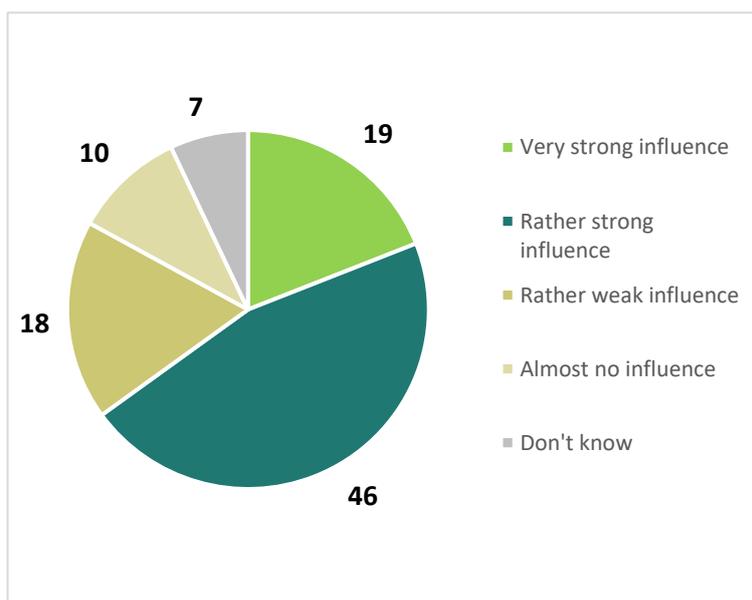
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**INTERNATIONAL INFLUENCE OF RUSSIA**

May 13, 2021

Presently, Russia's position on the world arena is positively assessed by almost two-thirds of Russians (65%). The share of skeptics is 28%, and among those who estimate their financial situation as bad or very bad, this share is higher — 50% and 41%, respectively. In the opinion of a little less than half of the respondents (43%), Russia's influence in the international arena has increased over the past year, but every fifth respondent thinks the other way round — 24% of our compatriots said about the weakening of Russia's influence in the world. More than half of the respondents believe that the basis of our country's influence on the international arena is its military power (69%), and almost half of the respondents see this as a merit of Vladimir Putin personally (49%). In addition, Russia's international influence is substantiated by its sporting successes (36%), achievements in science / technology (32%), and cultural heritage (28%). According to the majority of respondents (42%), Russia is already one of the great powers, in the opinion of another 28% — most likely, it will become it in the next 15—20 years; every fifth respondent believes that it will not (23%).



*Fig. 1. What influence do you think Russia has now in international affairs? (closed-ended question, one answer, %)*

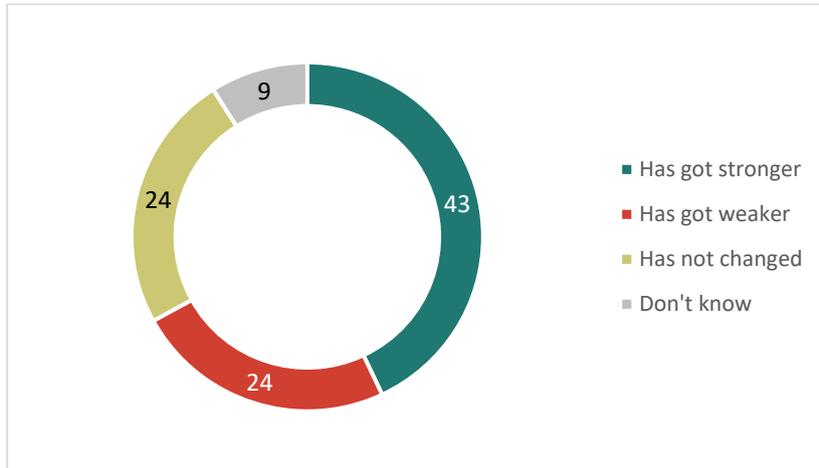


Fig. 2. In your opinion, has Russia's influence on the international arena changed over the past year or not? And if it has changed, has it become stronger or weaker? (closed-ended question, one answer, %)

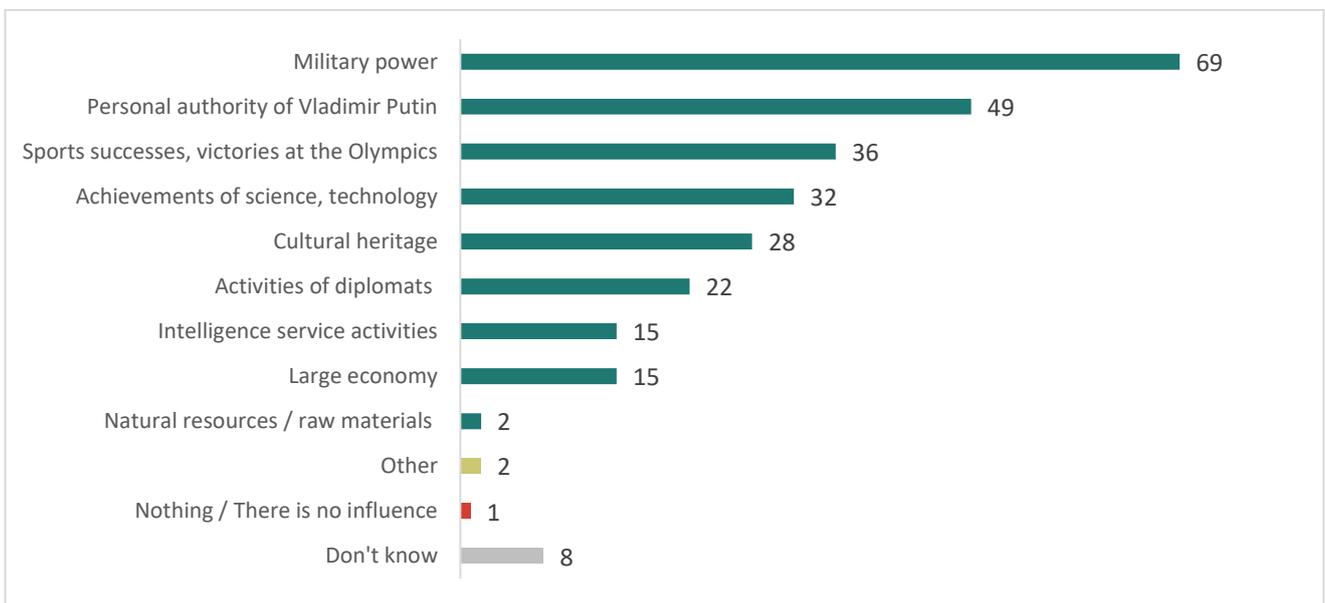


Fig. 3. In your opinion, what is the basis of Russia's influence in the international arena? (closed-ended question, one answer, %)

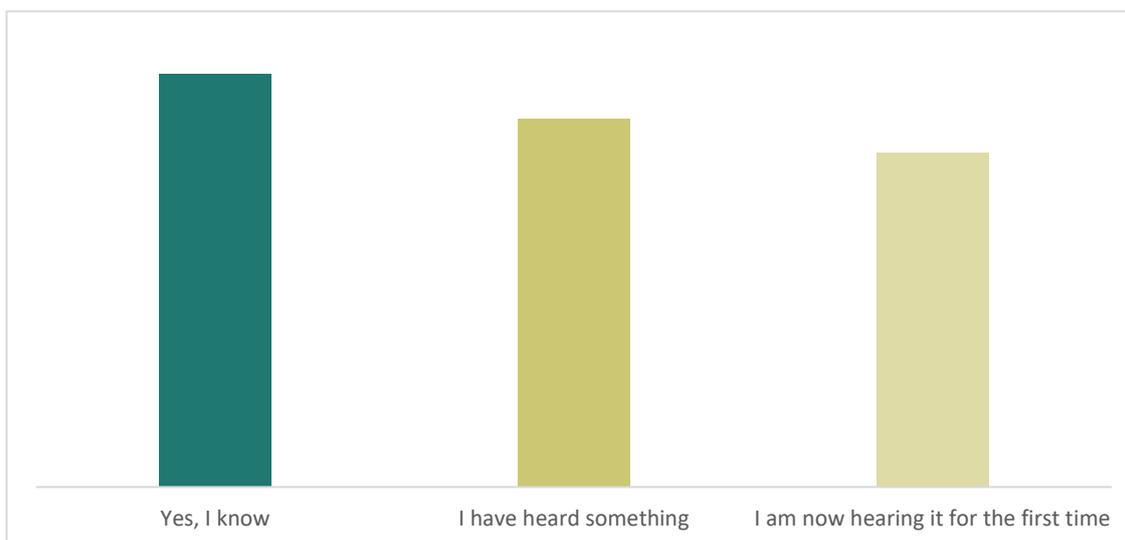
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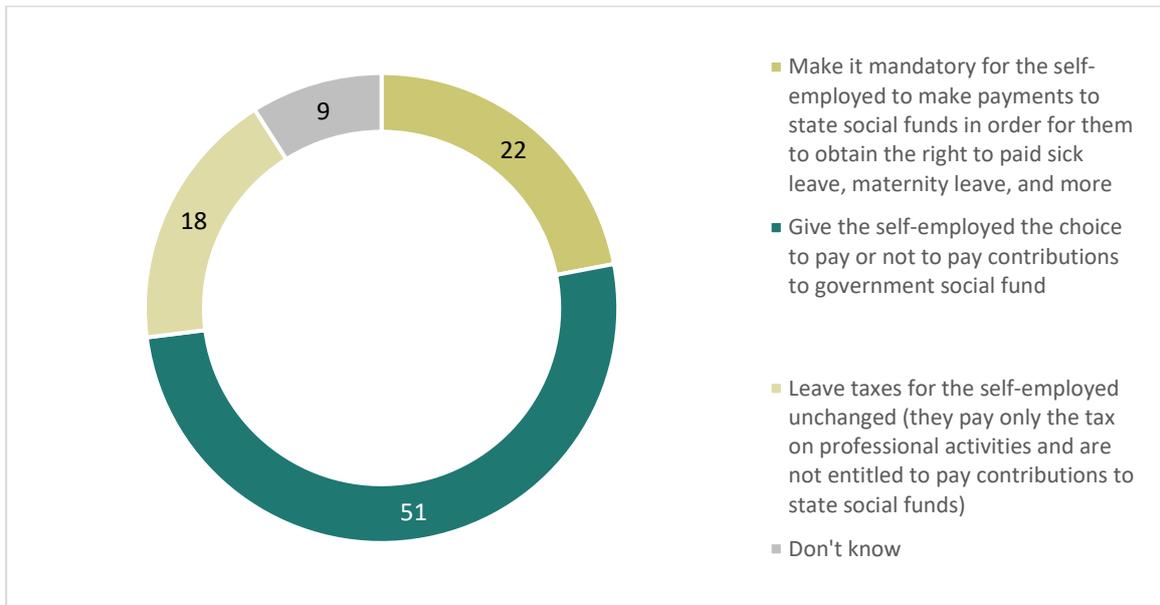
### SELF-EMPLOYED IN RUSSIA: HOW TO PROTECT THEIR SOCIAL RIGHTS?

May 18, 2021

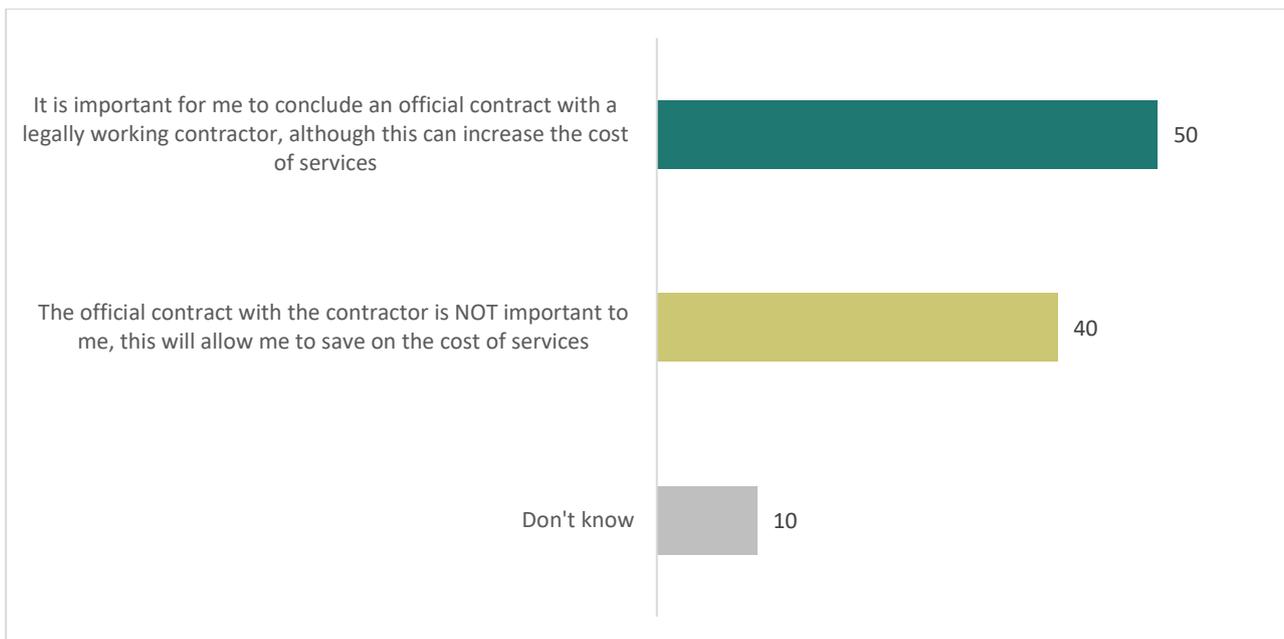
The majority of Russians (70%) have heard about the possibility of registering as self-employed, but only 33% are well aware of this, and almost a third of the respondents (30%) heard about it for the first time from our interviewer. Residents of Moscow and St. Petersburg (87%), citizens with higher education (83%) and those who are at the peak of working age — respondents aged 35–44 (80%) and 45–59 are better informed than others about the opportunity to become self-employed (74%). According to half of our compatriots (51%), the self-employed should be given the right to choose whether or not to pay contributions to state social funds. Most of the supporters of this point of view are among the potential target audience of this form of employment: this idea is supported by 69% of students and specialists with higher education from the commercial sector. Only 18% support the existing ban on voluntary joining the state social insurance system. Half of the respondents (50%) consider it important to conclude an official contract with a working contractor, even if this increases the cost of services (among young people aged 18–24 — 60%). A formal contract with a contractor is not important for 40% of respondents.



*Fig. 1. Do you know, have you heard something or are you hearing now for the first time that a new form has appeared in the country that makes it possible to legalize individual labor — registration as self-employed? (closed-ended question, one answer, %)*



*Fig. 2. Now the self-employed pay only the tax on professional activities, and DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO PAY contributions to the STATE social funds in order to receive paid sick leave, maternity leave, and more. There are different views on this situation in society. Which of these points of view do you most agree with? (closed-ended question, one answer, %)*

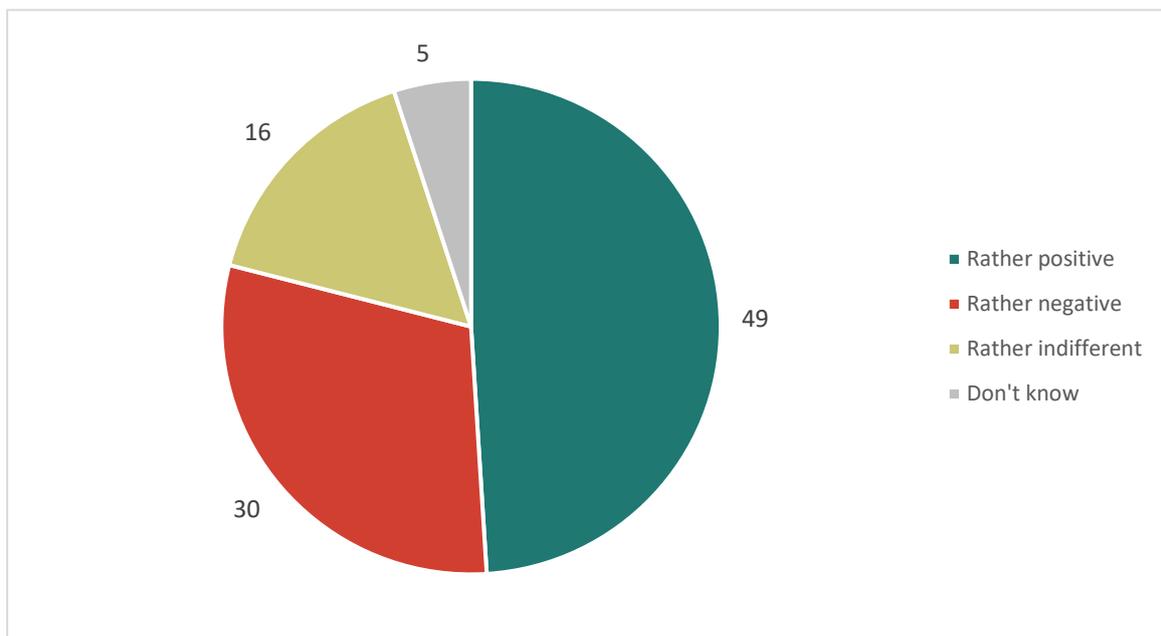


*Fig. 3. Many self-employed provide services: tutors, nannies, auto mechanics and other specialties. If you personally had to use such services, which point of view would be closer to you? (closed-ended question, one answer, %)*

## VACCINATION WITH ELEMENTS OF OBLIGATION: PROS AND CONS

June 20, 2021

More than three quarters of Russians (77%) are informed about the decision of the authorities of Moscow and the Moscow region to carry out compulsory vaccination against coronavirus for at least 60% of service workers. 22% of the respondents heard about this for the first time from the interviewer, more often this situation is observed among young people aged 18 to 34 years (30–31%). More than half of the respondents (56%) find the decision on compulsory vaccination appropriate for the situation with coronavirus in these regions. Every fourth (25%) thinks that this decision does not correspond to the situation. Every second Russian (52%) believes that compulsory vaccination of workers in the service sector will prevent the spread of coronavirus infection in Moscow and the Moscow region. This opinion is more often held by people living in cities with up to 100 thousand inhabitants and in villages (54–58%). A third of the respondents expressed a different opinion (34%), 14% could not give an unambiguous answer. Almost every second respondent (49%) has a positive attitude to the decision on compulsory vaccination. A third (30%) stated the opposite, and 16% are indifferent to this.



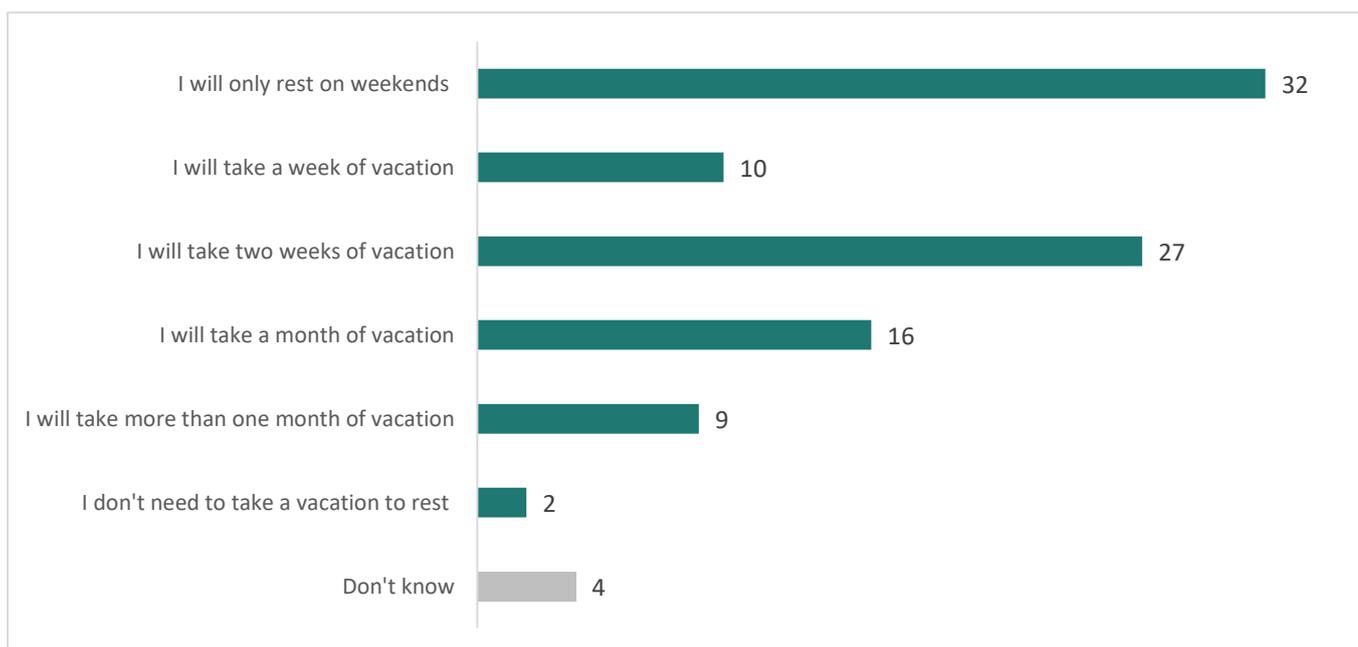
*Fig. 4. How do you generally feel about the decision on compulsory vaccination of the majority of workers in the service sector in Moscow and the Moscow region? (closed-ended question, one answer, %)*

**SUMMER PLANS — 2021**

May 15—16, 2021

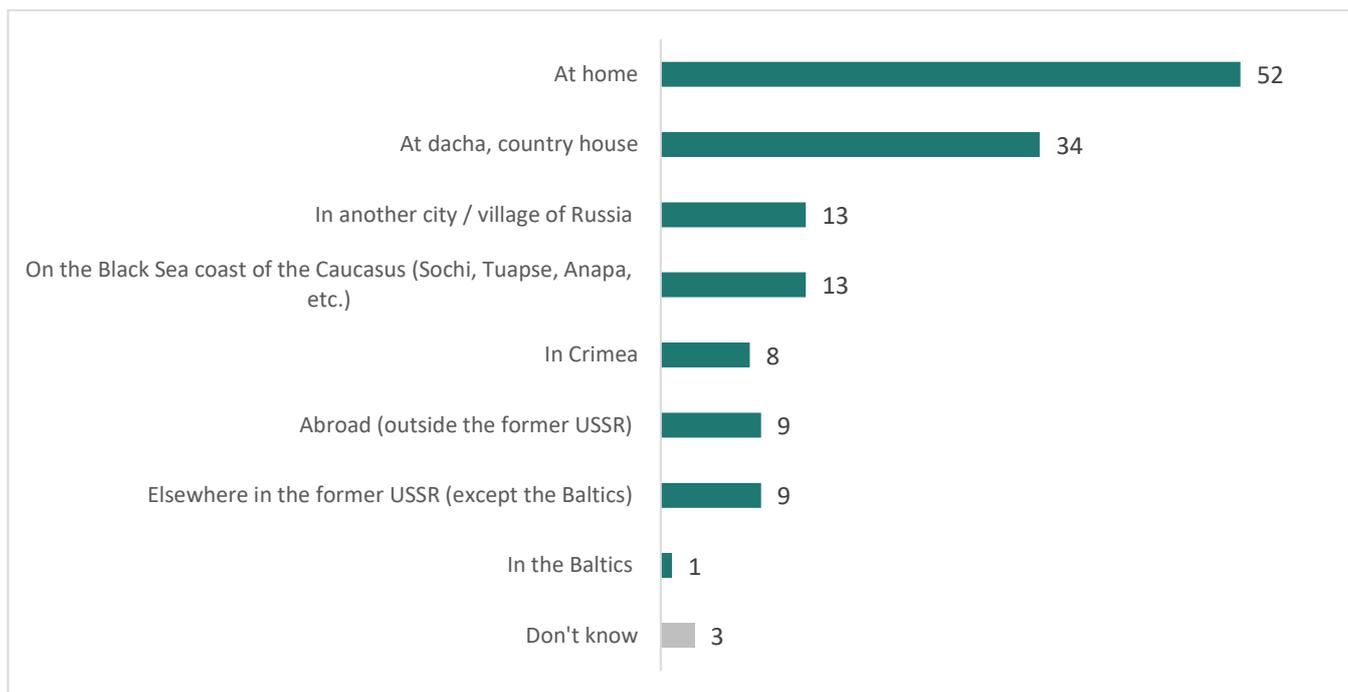
Russians intend to spend their summer vacation this year at home (52%), at their dachas (34%), in another city in Russia (13%), in the resorts of the Black Sea coast of the Caucasus (13%) or in the Crimea (8%). 9% of Russians plan to visit abroad (outside the former USSR) or in other places on the territory of the former USSR (except for the Baltic States), as well as in the Baltic States (1%). Only 5% of survey participants are going to contact travel companies when organizing their holidays. Among those who will not go on vacation this summer, 40% justified this by a lack of money or a drop in income, 14% said they would work and would not take a vacation, 7% would not go on vacation because of their health, 4% did not have time for vacation, and 4% will not go anywhere due to old age. Only 2% of respondents abandoned their summer vacation plans due to the threat of coronavirus (a year ago there were 25%).

This year, our compatriots are going to spend an average of 40,022 rubles per person on their vacation. Compared to last year, the decrease in planned expenses in ruble terms amounted to 19 percentage points. Over the past five years, 42% of respondents went on vacation to other regions of Russia, and 29% did it repeatedly. More than half of our compatriots do not have such experience (58%). Three quarters of Russians (75%) admit the possibility of choosing a vacation in Russia more often in the next few years. According to the respondents, the top 5 Russian holiday destinations are as follows: Crimea (29%), Krasnodar Krai (17%), Baikal (15%), Altai Republic (14%) and Sochi (13%). Among those who are going to rest in one of the cities of Russia in the summer, 13% will go to St. Petersburg, 5% — to Moscow, and 3% each will go to Yekaterinburg, Nizhny Novgorod, and Anapa, respectively.



*Fig. 1. Please specify, this summer you are planning to have a rest only during weekends (Saturday,*

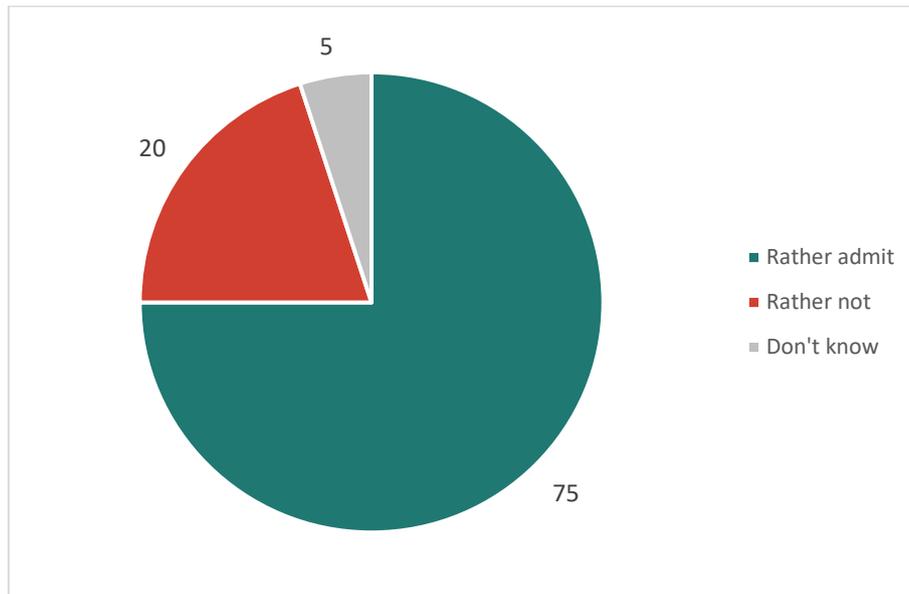
*Sunday) or you are planning to take an annual vacation in the summer? (closed-ended question, one answer, % of working respondents)*



*Fig. 2. Where are you going to rest, spend your vacation this summer? (closed-ended question, one answer, %)*



*Fig. 3. Please rate the following aspects of recreation in Russia on a five-point scale. Five stands for «excellent», one stands for «very bad» (closed-ended question, one answer, % of those who spent their holidays in other regions of Russia)*



*Fig. 4. You admit or do not admit for yourself the possibility that in the next few years you will more often choose a vacation in Russia instead of a foreign vacation? (closed-ended question, one answer, %)*