



Thank you to Chamber members and non members who took part in the National survey which Chambers Ireland coordinated recently, relating to the direct impact of COVID-19 crisis on your business.

On a national level the survey results highlights the severity of economic impact which reaches 84% of businesses.

42% of businesses have closed entirely, and 30% of businesses having closed the public facing offices and are now working from home.

47% of businesses have laid off staff, with over half of those laying off staff are in excess of 30% of their staff.

All corners of the country are represented in the responses and the results will inform the advocacy of Chambers Ireland and affiliated Chambers, on behalf of businesses throughout the country, and provide guidance to the Government on next steps required to support business through the crisis.

Other headlines & the full survey are available here.

<https://www.ballina.ie/chambers-ireland-survey-results-9th-april/>

Survey Results from Co Mayo:

Of those that answered, 61% of which were Chamber member businesses.

60% of those who answered said they expected Covid-19 to affect their business revenue.

The average business expects their revenue to be impacted is by 42% over the next 12 months!

40% of responding businesses in Mayo are participating in the Wage Subsidy Scheme.

Closure of business

Have you temporarily Closed your business?

No 19%

Staff working from home - 18%

Yes, completely closed - 63%





Deferral of Payments

Have you sought to defer some of your Payments? 68% Yes
Have you sought a deferral from your Loan Repayments? 57% Yes
Have you sought a deferral from your Mortgage? 36% Yes
Have you sought a deferral from your Landlord? 45% Yes
Have you sought a deferral from your utilities provider? 23% Yes
Have you sought a deferral from Revenue? 36% Yes
Have you sought a deferral from your Local Authority? 32% Yes

Staffing

What percentage, if any, of staff has been laid off? Average 66%
What percentage, if any, of staff has become part time? Average 10%
If staff has reduced hours, how large is the reduction? Average 25%
What percentage of your staff have moved to remote working? Average 17%
If Yes, how effective is it for your business ? Average 16%

Future

Should the State provide cashflow/liquidity grants to businesses? 99% Yes
Should the state extend the timelines for the Covid-19 business supports? 98%
yes
Will Ireland need a post-Covid national economic stimulus package? 95% Yes
Is the Government's proposal for a two-month deferral on Business Rates enough
to help your business? 86% No
How long would a rates deferral help your business through Covid-19 crisis –
Average 8 months.

Ballina Chamber is here to help.
We have compiled supports available to help businesses in the current
times. Go to www.ballina.ie for more details.

