

Attachment 1: Survey

What is your age?

What is your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Non-binary
- I do not want to answer

Are you a permanent resident of Switzerland?

- Yes
- No

If not, did you come to Switzerland specifically to attend medical school?

- Yes
- No

What year did you start your medical school training?

What is your current living situation?

- I live with my parents
 - I live with relatives (other than my parents)
 - I rent an apartment/house with roommates
 - I rent an apartment/house by myself
 - I live in an apartment/house that I own
 - Other (please specify) _____
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How much is your monthly rent/mortgage in Swiss francs (CHF)?

What is the highest level of education your parents/caretakers have completed?

- No graduation
 - Less than High School
 - High School
 - College
 - Bachelor's degree
 - Master's degree
 - Advanced degree, e.g., PhD, MD (please specify)
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- Unknown / not applicable
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Between your parents, what is the occupation of the main income earner?

- No occupation
 - Labored occupation (e.g. parking lot attendant, janitor, information desk clerk, etc.)
 - Skilled occupation (e.g. electrician, mechanic, administrative workers, insurance and other financial clerks, etc.)
 - Professional position (e.g. physician, dentist, lawyer, engineer, etc.)
 - Retired
 - Unknown / not applicable
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Does this parent hold a managerial or executive position?

- Yes
 - No
 - Unknown
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Did you have a part-time job while attending medical school?

- Yes
 - No
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If yes, are you currently working part-time in addition to attending medical school?

- Yes
- No, because I tried to find a job, but was not able to
- No, because I did not try to find a job
- No, because I quit my job (If so, why did you quit?)

Why do you work part-time? (Multiple answers possible)

- To afford living expenses (rent, groceries, tuition fees)
- To afford luxury purchases (going out, traveling)
- To gain work experience (e.g., research experience, etc)
- Other (please explain) _____

What industries do you work in?

- Healthcare, hospital
 - Healthcare, other than hospital
 - Science / lab work
 - Office help
 - Retail
 - Restaurant
 - Promotion / animation / event
 - Marketing (online / telephone / offline)
 - Delivery service
 - Private tutoring
 - Babysitting
 - Other (please specify) _____
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On average, how many hours do you work per month?

- <5
 - 5 - 10
 - 10 - 15
 - 15 - 20
 - 20 - 25
 - 25 - 30
 - >30
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Has COVID-19 negatively affected your finances due to reduced/cancelled work hours in your part-time job?

- Yes (please specify) _____
 - No
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Would you consider taking a loan? (Multiple answers possible)

- Yes, if government-based
 - Yes, if private-based
 - I already have taken a loan
 - No
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Do you have any financial support (government-based or private) or savings?

Yes

No

If yes, what is the nature of your financial support? (Multiple answers possible)

Personal savings

Parents

Other Family or private benefactors

Government-based scholarship

Government-based loan

Private scholarship

Private loan from financial institutions

Line of credit

Other (please specify) _____

If you are being funded by your parents, do you need to pay them back?

- Yes
- No
- Other (please specify (e.g. partial repayment))
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Do you plan to work in family medicine after graduating from medical school?

- Yes
- I have not decided yet
- No (If not: In which specialty would you like to work after graduating?)
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Would the repayment of a loan affect your choice for primary care (in favor of a higher payed specialty)?

- Yes
- No
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Is there anything else you would like to share regarding the financial impact of COVID-19 on your studies?

Please give us your personal opinion on the current Covid-19 effects on the economy and your individual situation.

	Strongly disagree (1)	Rather disagree (2)	Neutral (3)	Somewhat agree (4)	Strongly agree (5)	Not applicable (6)
1. I anticipate problems with my personal finances due to the Covid-19 recession	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. The fear of losing my part-time job is stressful	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. If I lose my part-time job, my academic performance will be negatively affected	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. Without a part-time job, I will have to take out a loan to stay in medical school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. Without a part-time job, I will need to drop out of medical school	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. The overall economic situation will worsen within the next months	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. The overall economic situation will worsen within the next years	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

8. Students from low socioeconomic status (SES) have to work harder to stay in medical school compared to students from a higher SES



9. The loss of part-time job opportunities to afford medical school makes it more of a privilege for students from a higher SES



10. The government should have a backup plan for students affected by the economic regression that allows them to stay in medical school

