

Annual world survey shows that net happiness continues to decline

WIN (Worldwide Independent Network) of Market Research, the world's leading association in market research and polling, has today published its 2018 World Survey exploring the outlook, expectations, views and beliefs of 30,890 people from 40 countries across the globe. In this press release we present the results related to Happiness in the world, expressed through the Net Happiness Index (NHI) obtained from the "happy" - "unhappy" difference.

Headlines

- Globally, the NHI is equal to 52%, result of 61% of happy and 9% of unhappy (30% are placed in the middle, declaring to be neither happy nor unhappy)
- The highest NHI values in the world were found in the Philippines and Ghana (78%), followed by Indonesia (76%), India (72%), Paraguay (72%), Thailand (71%) and Peru (70%).

Palestine registered the lowest value (24%), and, a little better in Japan (30%), Greece (33%) and South Africa (34%).

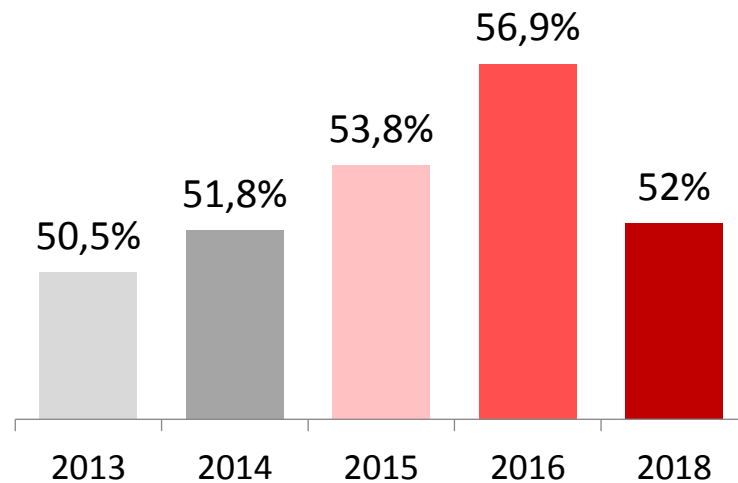
- Minimal but statistically significant difference between males (51%) and females (53%).
- The happiness index reaches its peak in the younger age group (18-24 years, 59%) and the minimum in the "middle" age (45-54 years, 47%), where it falls by 4 points compared to 2016.
- The highest NHI is found among the students (58%) while the lowest belongs to unemployed (37%).

A less happy world in 2018

At the end of 2018, global happiness declines compared to 2016, with an NHI that falls from 57% to 52%. Among the 30,890 people interviewed, 9% said they were unhappy (like 2 years ago) while those who feel neither happy nor unhappy have grown from 27% in 2016 to 30% in 2018.



NET HAPPINESS INDEX



G7 countries

Looking at the G7 countries, we see NHI values in sharp growth for Italy and Canada, a slight increase for the US and Germany, a slight decline in France, more significant in the United Kingdom and extremely conspicuous in Japan:

Italy up from 38% to 47%

Canada up from 50% to 55%

US up from 48% to 51%

Germany up from 46% to 48%

France down from 42% to 39%

United Kingdom down from 47% to 41%

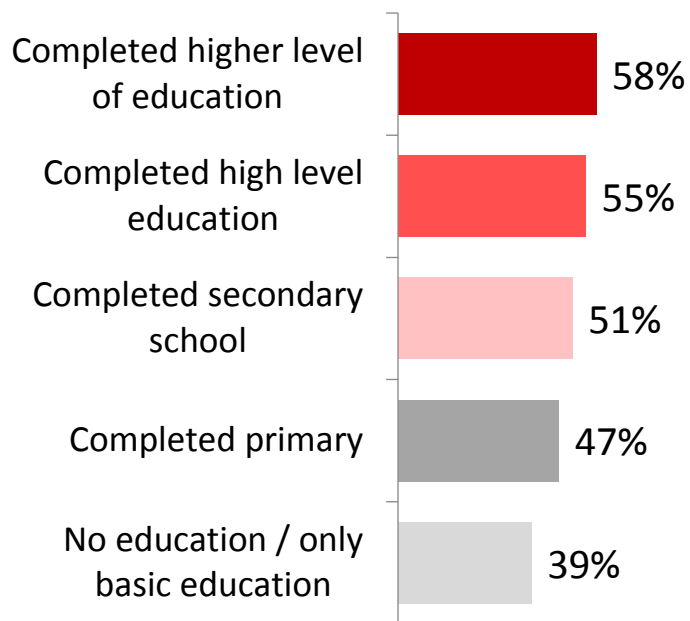
Japan down from 55% to 30%

Education

Higher Education levels demonstrate higher Happiness levels. Those who have no education or only basic education report happiness at 39% whilst those with higher education report 58%.



NET HAPPINESS AND EDUCATION

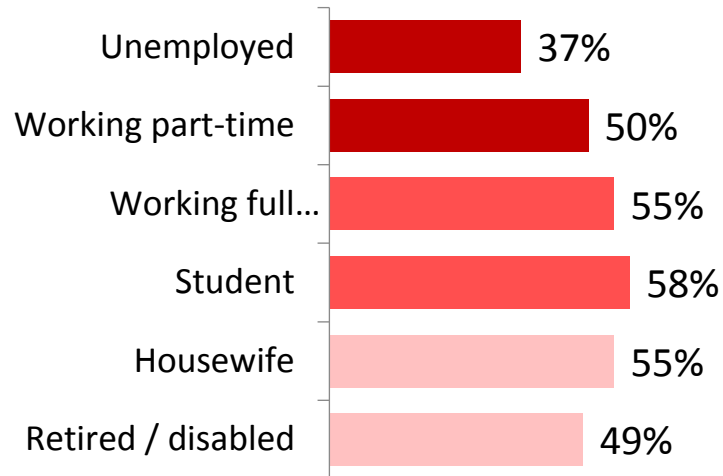


Employment

The Unemployed report the lowest levels of Happiness (37%) whilst students are the highest at 58%. Working fulltime and as a Housewife also show high levels of Happiness (55%).



NET HAPPINESS AND WORK



Vilma Scarpino, President of WIN Association, said: “The continued decline in Happiness across the globe may be attributed to the increasing instability in our political and economic systems. There is however some optimism amongst younger generations that declare the higher Happiness levels”.

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NOTES FOR EDITORS**Methodology:**

The WWS (WIN Worldwide Survey) is a study conducted every year with the purpose to measure people's thoughts, expectations, worries and perceptions related to relevant topics for society and business.

Sample Size and Mode of Field Work:

A total of 30,890 persons were interviewed globally. See below for sample details. The fieldwork was conducted during October 2018 – January 2019. The margin of error for the survey is between 2.4 and 4.4 at 95% confidence level.

The global average has been computed according to the share of the covered adult population of the surveyed countries.

About the WIN survey:

The Worldwide Independent Network of Market Research (WIN) is a global network conducting market research and opinion polls in every continent.

Our assets are:

- Thought leadership: access to a group of the most prominent experts and business entrepreneurs in Market Research, Polling and Consultancy
- Flexibility: tailor-made global and local solutions to meet clients' needs
- Innovation: access to the latest strategic consultancy, tool development and branded solutions
- Local experts: access to a network of experts that truly understand the local culture, market and business needs
- Trust: highest quality of talented members in all countries covered

In the years, WIN has demonstrated wide competences and ability to conduct multi-country surveys following the highest standards requested by the market. The accumulated expertise of the Association is formidable: Third World issues, advertising and media research as well as retail, economics, and corporate research.

Table # 1:
HAPPINESS INDEX 2018 (Per Country)

In general, do you personally feel very happy, happy, neither happy nor unhappy, unhappy or very unhappy about your life? , Frage 16: In general, do you personally feel very happy, happy, neither happy nor unhappy, unhappy or very unhappy about your life?

	TOP TWO	BOTTOM TWO	NEUTRAL	Do not know / no response	Net Score
	Row%	Row%	Row%	Row%	Row%
Global average	60%	8%	30%	1%	52.0%
ARGENTINA	63%	3%	28%	6%	60.0%
AUSTRALIA	64%	14%	22%	0%	49.9%
BRAZIL	72%	5%	23%	0%	66.5%
CANADA	65%	10%	24%	1%	55.4%
CHILE	63%	5%	32%	1%	58.2%
CHINA	57%	8%	35%	0%	49.5%
CROATIA	59%	8%	32%	0%	51.3%
DENMARK	59%	8%	31%	1%	51.5%
FINLAND	60%	7%	31%	1%	53.0%
FRANCE	47%	8%	43%	1%	38.9%
GERMANY	61%	14%	25%	1%	47.5%
GHANA	81%	3%	15%	0%	78.2%
GREECE	42%	9%	49%	0%	32.8%
HONG KONG	52%	14%	34%	0%	37.7%
INDIA	76%	4%	20%	0%	72.2%
INDONESIA	77%	2%	21%	0%	75.7%
IRELAND	64%	13%	22%	1%	50.7%
ITALY	54%	7%	38%	1%	47.1%
JAPAN	47%	17%	31%	6%	30.0%
LATVIA	51%	6%	40%	3%	44.3%
LEBANON	59%	10%	30%	0%	49.2%
NETHERLANDS	67%	6%	25%	2%	61%
MALAYSIA	68%	8%	23%	1%	60.0%
MEXICO	70%	5%	23%	2%	64.6%
MAROCCO	62%	6%	31%	1%	56%
PALESTINE	42%	18%	39%	1%	24.0%
PARAGUAY	75%	2%	23%	0%	72.4%
PERU	74%	3%	23%	0%	70.5%
PHILIPINAS	82%	4%	14%	0%	78.3%
POLAND	46%	10%	38%	6%	35.9%
SLOVENIA	59%	5%	35%	1%	54.3%
SOUTH AFRICA	52%	17%	31%	1%	34.4%
SOUTH KOREA	46%	7%	47%	0%	39.2%
SPAIN	65%	7%	28%	1%	57.4%
SWEDEN	57%	8%	33%	1%	48.4%
THAILAND	76%	5%	18%	1%	71.2%
TURKEY	53%	10%	37%	0%	42.9%
UK	57%	17%	25%	1%	40.6%
USA	64%	12%	23%	1%	51.3%
VIETNAM	62%	0%	37%	0%	61.7%

Countries in Alphabetical order

**Table # 2:
HAPPINESS INDEX 2018 (Per Regions)**

In general, do you personally feel very happy, happy, neither happy nor unhappy, unhappy or very unhappy about your life? , Frage 16: In general, do you personally feel very happy, happy, neither happy nor unhappy, unhappy or very unhappy about your life?							
		Col%	TOP TWO	TWO LESS	NEUTRAL	Do not know / no response	Net Score
			Row%	Row%	Row%	Row%	
All Regions		100	60%	8%	30%	1%	52%
	MENA	3%	51%	14%	34%	1%	38%
	EUROPE	44%	57%	9%	33%	1%	48%
	APAC	29%	63%	7%	29%	1%	55%
	AMERICAS	16%	68%	5%	25%	1%	63%
	AFRICA	7%	58%	14%	27%	1%	44%
All Continents		100	60%	8%	30%	1%	52%
	AFRICA	7%	58%	14%	27%	1%	44%
	AMERICA	16%	68%	5%	25%	1%	63%
	ASIA	33%	61%	8%	31%	1%	53%
	EUROPE	41%	57%	9%	32%	1%	48%
	OCEANIA	2%	64%	14%	22%	0%	50%
G-7		100	55%	12%	31%	2%	43%
	GERMANY	17%	61%	14%	25%	1%	48%
	ITALY	17%	54%	7%	38%	1%	47%
	JAPAN	17%	47%	17%	31%	6%	30%
	CANADA	8%	65%	10%	24%	1%	55%
	USA	8%	64%	12%	23%	1%	51%
	UK	17%	57%	17%	25%	1%	41%
	FRANCE	17%	47%	8%	43%	1%	39%
BRIC		100	59%	11%	29%	0%	48%
	CHINA	27%	57%	8%	35%	0%	50%
	SOUTH AFRICA	46%	52%	17%	31%	1%	34%
	INDIA	13%	76%	4%	20%	0%	72%
	BRAZIL	14%	72%	5%	23%	0%	66%
G-20		100	59%	11%	29%	1%	49%
	GERMANY	7%	61%	14%	25%	1%	48%
	ITALY	7%	54%	7%	38%	1%	47%
	JAPAN	7%	47%	17%	31%	6%	30%
	INDONESIA	7%	77%	2%	21%	0%	76%
	CANADA	4%	65%	10%	24%	1%	55%
	CHINA	7%	57%	8%	35%	0%	50%
	MEXICO	4%	70%	5%	23%	2%	65%
	SOUTH AFRICA	12%	52%	17%	31%	1%	34%
	USA	4%	64%	12%	23%	1%	51%
	INDIA	4%	76%	4%	20%	0%	72%
	BRAZIL	4%	72%	5%	23%	0%	66%
	UK	7%	57%	17%	25%	1%	41%
	FRANCE	7%	47%	8%	43%	1%	39%
	SOUTH KOREA	11%	46%	7%	47%	0%	39%
	AUSTRALIA	5%	64%	14%	22%	0%	50%
	ARGENTINA	4%	63%	3%	28%	6%	60%

Table # 3:
HAPPINESS INDEX 2018 (Per Demographics)

In general, do you personally feel very happy, happy, neither happy nor unhappy, unhappy or very unhappy about your life? , Frage 16: In general, do you personally feel very happy, happy, neither happy nor unhappy, unhappy or very unhappy about your life?

		Col%	TOP TWO	BOTTOM TWO	NEUTRAL	Do not know / no response	Net Score
			Row%	Row%	Row%	Row%	
Gender		100.00%	60%	8%	30%	1%	52%
	Male	49.01%	60%	9%	30%	1%	51%
	Female	50.99%	61%	8%	30%	1%	53%
Age		100.00%	60%	8%	30%	1%	52%
	0-34	1.63%	65%	8%	26%	0%	56%
	35-54	39.96%	58%	9%	31%	0%	49%
	55-+	58.41%	58%	7%	34%	0%	50%
Education		100.00%	60%	8%	30%	1%	52%
	NO EDUCATION/ONLY BASIC EDUCATION	3.21%	48%	9%	40%	2%	39%
	COMPLETED PRIMARY	9.74%	56%	9%	33%	2%	47%
	COMPLETED SECONDARY SCHOOL	45.98%	59%	9%	31%	1%	51%
	COMPLETED HIGH LEVEL EDUCATION	32.12%	64%	8%	27%	1%	55%
	COMPLETED HIGHER LEVEL OF EDUCATION	8.20%	65%	7%	26%	1%	58%
	REFUSED/DNK/DNA	0.76%	41%	16%	33%	9%	25%
WORK		100.00%	60%	9%	30%	1%	52%
	WORKING FULL (INCLUDE SELF-EMPLOYED)	49.45%	62%	8%	29%	1%	55%
	WORKING PART-TIME	11.33%	59%	9%	31%	1%	50%
	UNEMPLOYED	10.15%	52%	15%	32%	2%	37%
	STUDENT	7.42%	66%	8%	24%	1%	58%
	HOUSEWIFE	8.62%	62%	6%	31%	1%	55%
	RETIRED/DISABLED	11.29%	57%	8%	33%	1%	49%
	REFUSED/DNK/DNA	1.73%	52%	11%	33%	4%	41%

Happy: Happy+ Very Happy

Unhappy: Unhappy + Very Unhappy

***Neutral:** Neither happy nor unhappy

**** ROUNDING OFF OF DECIMALS:** There may be a slight difference of 1% in some instances. Exact figures are available elsewhere. There is also a slight possibility that the figures vary up to a maximum of 1% between different versions of the press releases.

Methodology Sheet

	Country	Company Name	Methodology	Sample	Coverage	Field Dates
1	ARGENTINA	Voices! Research & Consultancy	CATI	520	National	December 6 th - December 18 th 2018
2	AUSTRALIA	Bastion Latitude	CAWI	715	National	November 20 th - 2 nd December 2018
3	BRAZIL	Market Analysis	CAWI	500	National	November 30 th - December 06 th 2018
4	CANADA	Leger 360	CAWI	500	National	November 10 th - November 19 th 2018
5	CHILE	Activa Research	CAWI	1032	National	November 7 th - November 11 th 2018
6	CHINA	Wisdom Asia	CAWI	1000	National/Urban	November 14 th - November 21 st 2018
7	CROATIA	Mediana	CAWI	508	National	November 6 th - November 8 th 2018
8	DENMARK	DMA Research A/S	CAWI	500	National	October 17 th - October 22 nd 2018
9	FINLAND	Taloustutkimus Oy	CAWI	500	National	October 16 th - October 22 nd 2018
10	FRANCE	BVA	CAWI	1000	National	November 23 rd - November 29 th 2018
11	GERMANY	Produkt + Markt	CAWI	1000	National	October 23 rd - November 6 th 2018
12	GHANA	Candino Global	CAPI	500	Urban	November 20 th - December 3 rd 2018
13	GREECE	Alternative Research Solutions	CAWI	500	National	October 26 th - November 4 th , 2018
14	HONG KONG	CSG (Consumer Search Group)	CAWI	505	National	October 28 th - November 21 st 2018
15	INDIA	DataPrompt International	CAWI	500	National	November 19 th - November 25 th 2018
16	INDONESIA	PT Deka Citra International	CAPI	1040	Urban	November 14 th - November 25 th 2018
17	IRELAND	RED C Research and Marketing Ltd	CAWI	1000	National	November 22 nd - November 27 th 2018
18	ITALY	DOXA	CAPI	1039	National	October 15 th - October 30 th 2018
19	JAPAN	NRC (Nippon Research Center)	CAWI	1000	National	November 15 th - November 20 th 2018
20	LATVIA	Research centre SKDS	CAWI	1005	National	October 24 th - October 31 st 2018
21	LEBANON	REACH SAL	CATI	500	National	October 12 th - November 10 th 2018
22	MALAYSIA	Compass Insights Sdn Bhd	CAWI	517	Urban	November 1 st - December 6 th 2018
23	MEXICO	Brand Investigation S.A de C.V (Brain)	CAWI	500	Urban	November 23 rd - December 3 rd 2018
24	MOROCCO	Top Level Mena		501		November - December 2018

25	NETHERLANDS	Motivacion International	CAWI	500	National	December 2018
26	PALESTINE	Palestinian Center for Public Opinion (PCPO)	TAPI	417	Urban/Rural	November 22 nd - December 2 nd 2018
27	PARAGUAY	ICA Consultoría Estratégica	CAWI	500	National	December 7 th - December 14 th 2018
28	PERU	DATUM Internacional	CAPI	1009	National	November 9 th – November 14 th 2018
29	PHILIPPINES	PSRC (Philippines Survey & Research Center Inc.)	PAPI	1000	National	November 6 th – November 20 th 2018
30	POLAND	MARECO POLSKA	CAWI	500	National	October 11 th – October 20 th 2018
31	SLOVENIA	Mediana	CAWI	505	National	November 6 th – November 8 th 2018
32	SOUTH AFRICA	Freshly Ground Insights (FGI)	CAWI	1700	Urban	October 23 rd – November 29 th 2018
33	SOUTH KOREA	Gallup Korea	PAPI	1500	National	November 7 th – November 30 th 2018
34	SPAIN	Instituto DYM	CAWI	1010	National	November 6 th – November 14 th 2018
35	SWEDEN	Origo Group	CAWI	1000	National	November 15 th – November 25 th 2018
36	THAILAND	Infosearch co.ltd	Face to Face	600	National	November 5 th – November 30 th 2018
37	TURKEY	Barem	CATI	1000	National	November 1 st – November 28 th 2018
38	UK	ORB International (Opinion Research Business)	CAWI	1001	National	December 7 th - December 10 th 2018
39	USA	Leger	CAWI	500	National	November 10 th - November 19 th 2018
40	VIETNAM	Indochina Research	Face to Face	600	Urban	November 5 th – November 23 rd 2018