



2019 Market Monitoring Survey

The Consumer Market Monitoring Survey (MMS) assesses the performance of a range of goods and services markets across the European Union, the UK, Iceland and Norway. It looks at consumers' experiences and perceptions of the markets using a standard set of indicators to allow consistent and comparable monitoring across markets, countries and survey waves. The indicators include both 'core' items, asked for all markets, as well as market-specific indicators that are asked for selected markets only (and in varying combinations). This factsheet covers the core indicators only.



CORE INDICATORS

77% trust providers

93% report positive experiences

68% find it easy to compare goods or services

3% of consumers have experienced a problem in this market

56% of those who have experienced a problem suffered detriment

26% of those who have experienced a problem made a complaint

51% of complainants were satisfied with the outcome



TECHNICAL NOTE

The MMS is conducted using CATI (Computer Assisted Telephone Interviews) and the target population is the general public aged 18 and older. Around 50,000 people are interviewed each wave across the 30 countries in scope. The 2019 wave of the survey was conducted between 18 December 2019 and 19 May 2020.

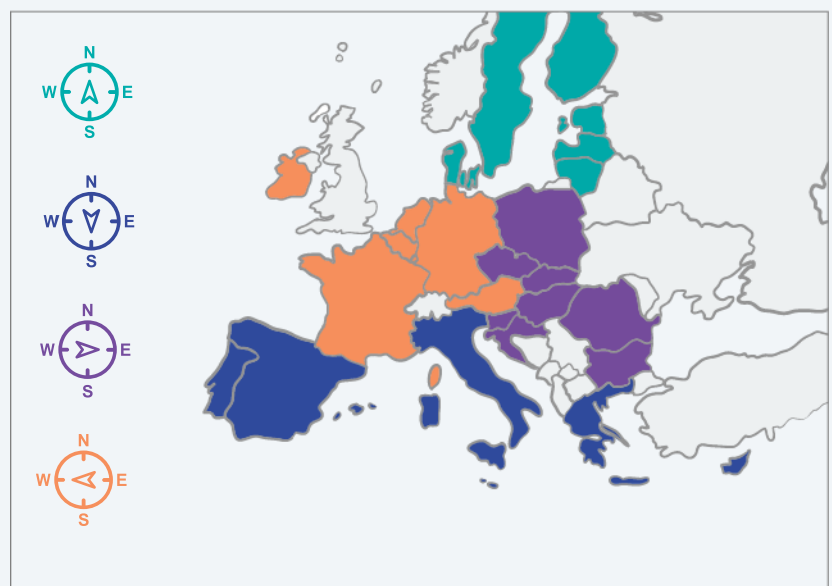


FURTHER INFORMATION

Survey microsite:
<https://public.tableau.com/views/ConsumerMarketMonitoringSurvey/Start?:showVizHome=no>

EC website:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/policies/consumers/consumer-protection/evidence-based-consumer-policy/market-monitoring_en

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OVERVIEW OF FINDINGS

Overall, 77% of consumers trust retailers in the cosmetics market, while 21% do not.

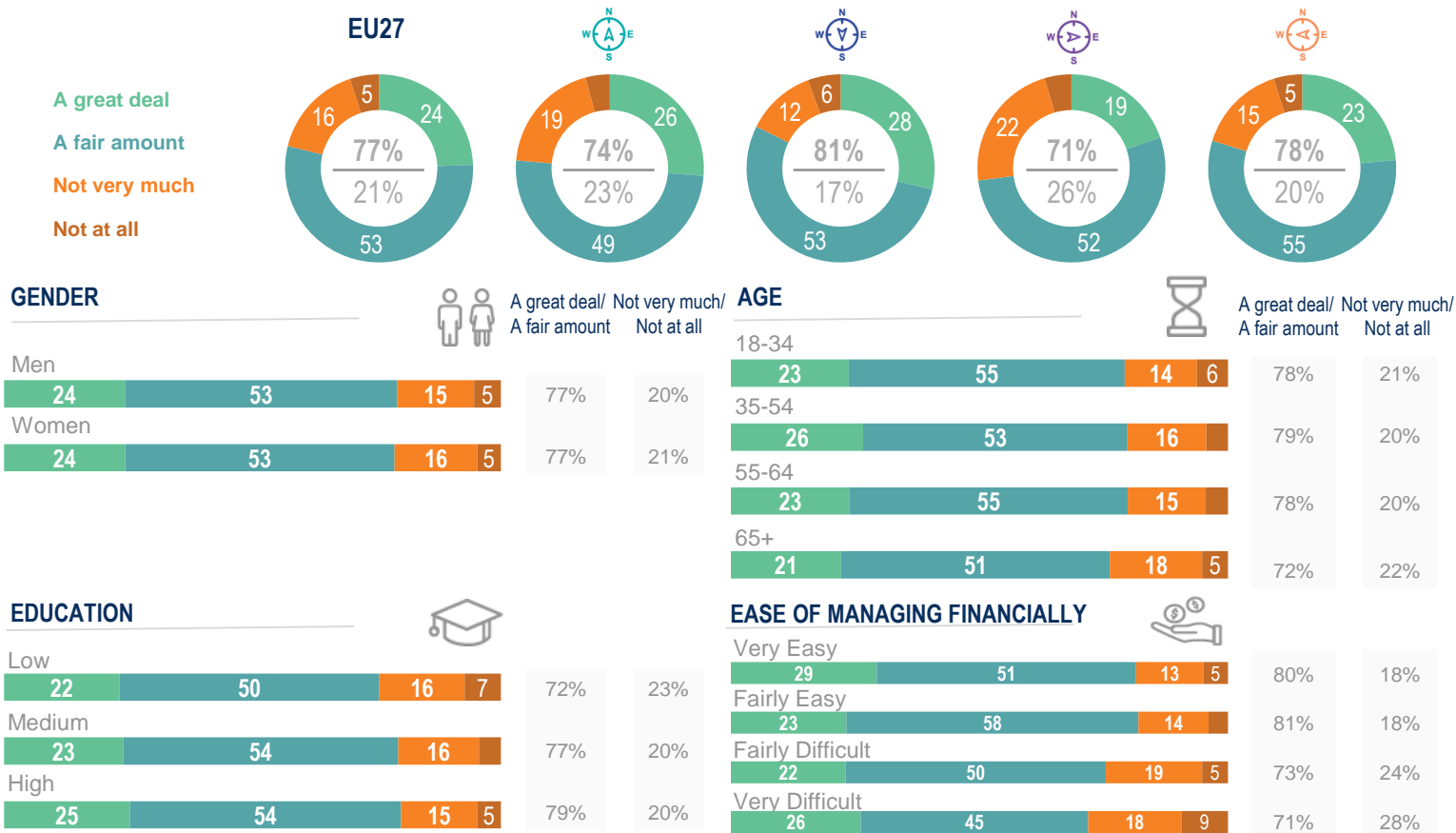
93% of consumers report positive experiences of making purchases in the market, while 5% report negative experiences. A total of 68% find it easy to compare the offers of different retailers, while 9% find it difficult.

A total of 3% of consumers have experienced problems with products they purchased, or with retailers, that they feel gave legitimate cause for complaint. Of this group, 28% have experienced financial loss while 56% have experienced other, non-financial impacts such as a loss of time, anger, frustration, stress or anxiety.

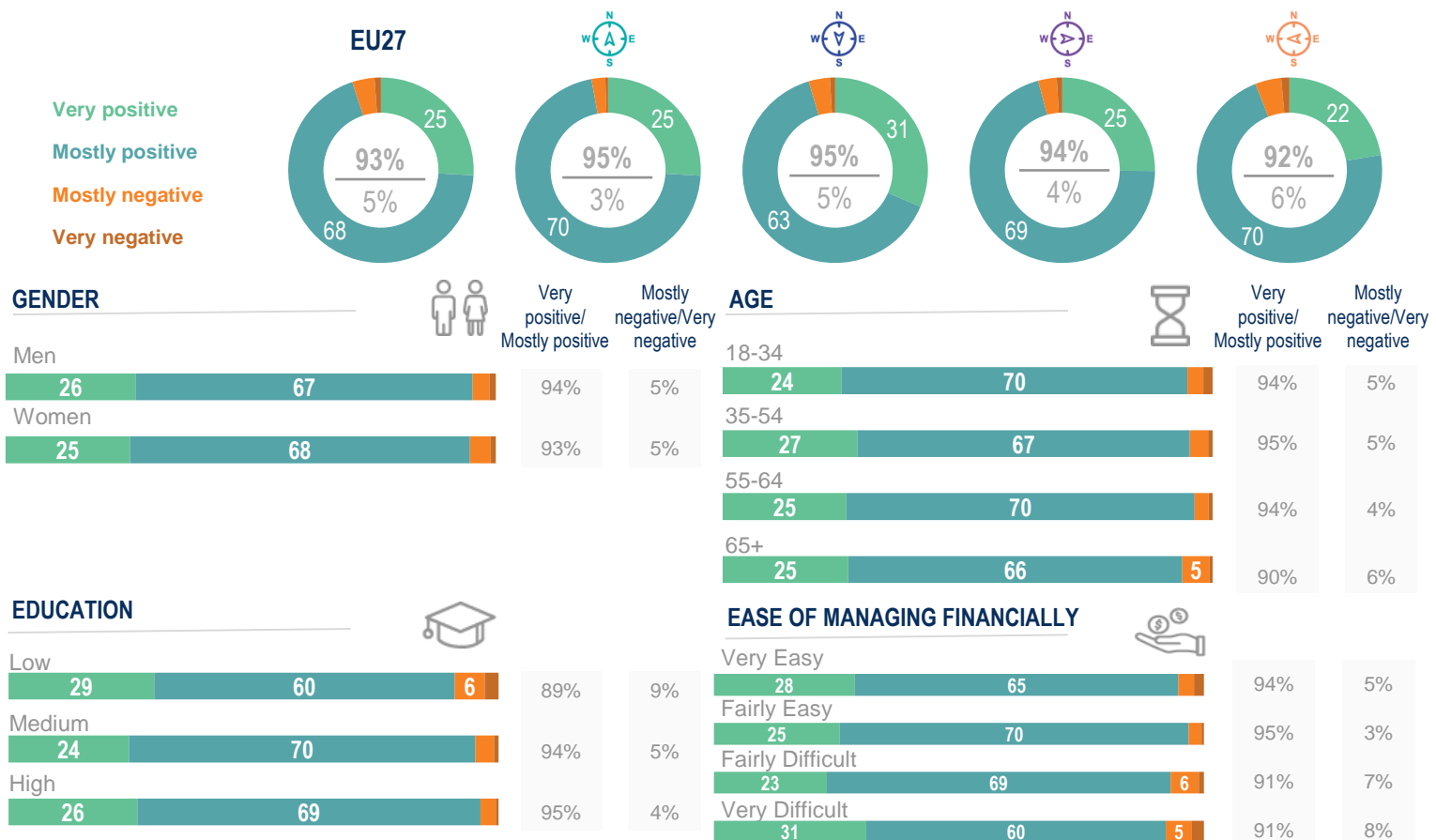
Of all those who have experienced problems fewer than half (26%) have gone on to make a complaint. Just over half (51%) reported being satisfied with the outcome of the complaint, while 49% reported being dissatisfied.



How much do you trust the retailers overall?

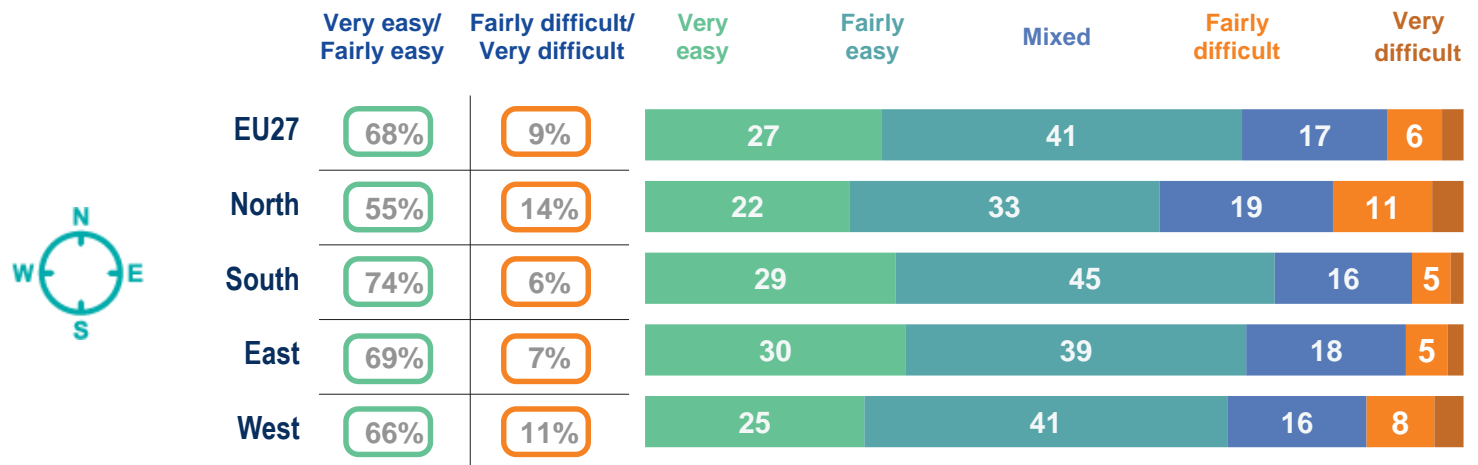


How would you rate your experiences of purchasing products/services in this market?





How easy or difficult was it to compare the services or products of different retailers?



GENDER



Men



Very easy/
Fairly easy

68%

Fairly difficult/
Very difficult

9%

Women



69%

9%

EDUCATION



Low



68%

9%

Medium



70%

7%

High



68%

11%

AGE



18-34



67%

11%

35-54



72%

8%

55-64



72%

7%

65+



63%

9%

EASE OF MANAGING FINANCIALLY



Very Easy



66%

9%

Fairly Easy



71%

7%

Fairly Difficult



67%

9%

Very Difficult



63%

12%



Have you experienced problems with the products or services you purchased? (% yes)

Did you personally experience financial loss? (% yes)

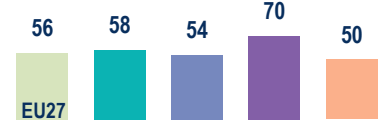
Did you personally experience other non-financial impacts such as loss of time, anger, frustration, stress, anxiety? (% yes)



Base: Adults (18+)



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Gender

Men | Women



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Still thinking about the most recent problem did you make a complaint? (% yes)

EU27 26%



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How satisfied were you with the complaint outcome? (% yes)

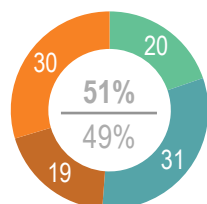
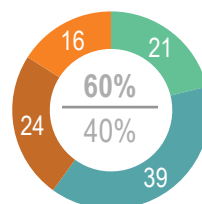
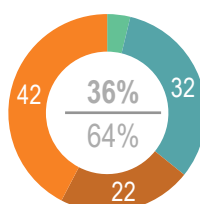
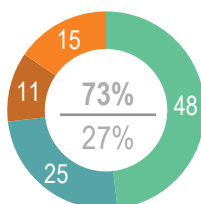
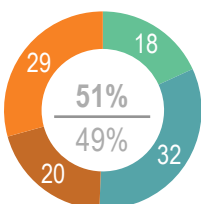
Very satisfied

Fairly satisfied

Fairly dissatisfied

Very dissatisfied

EU27



Base: Adults (18+) who made a complaint

Data label not shown <5%

*Base size < 50