

COVID – 19
in Israel –

Women
Perspective



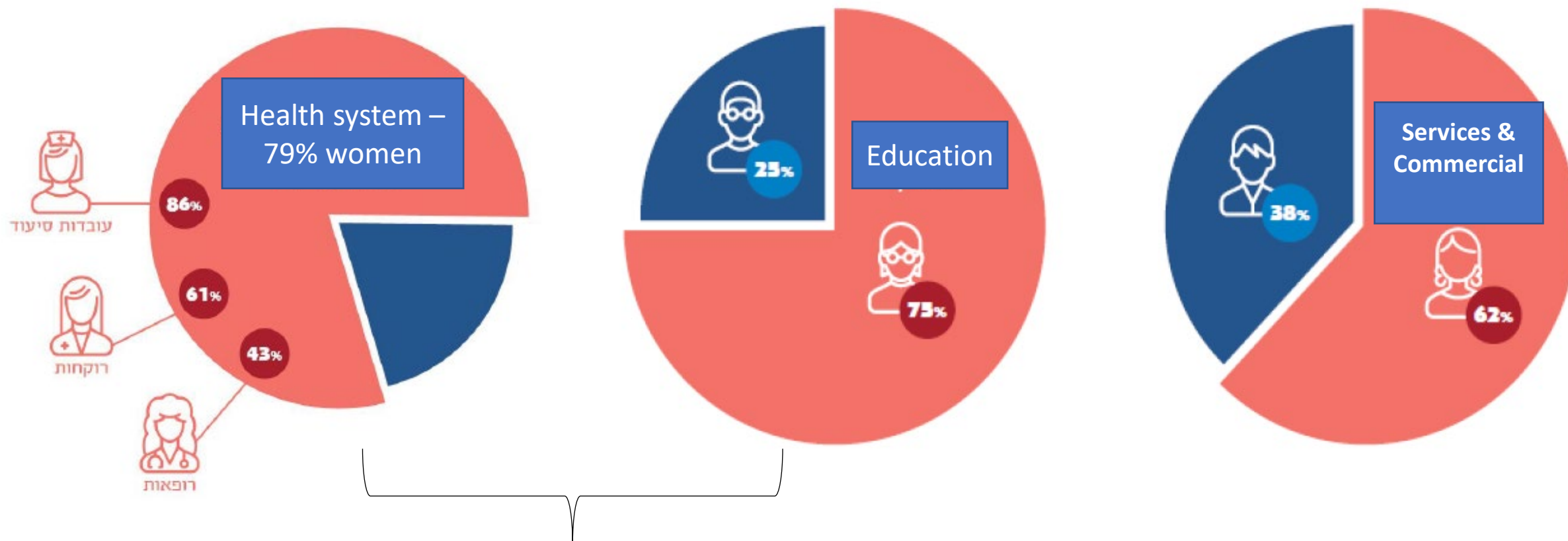
Facts

- Israel demography –
 - 9.3M, 2.5M 0-15y [28%]
 - 21% Arabs, 74% Jews [10% Ultra- Orthodox].
 - Average 3.1 children/woman [the highest in the OECD]
- 4 HMO's, Wide community spread, Full EMR [for at least 20 years].
- Before COVID – 59% of women work, 67% men.
- Vaccination Status-
 - June 2021 – Fully vaccinated – 5.2 M = 57% of all population [76% of 16+].
 - World – USA – 48%, Australia – 7% , England – 50%.

Older population [mainly women]

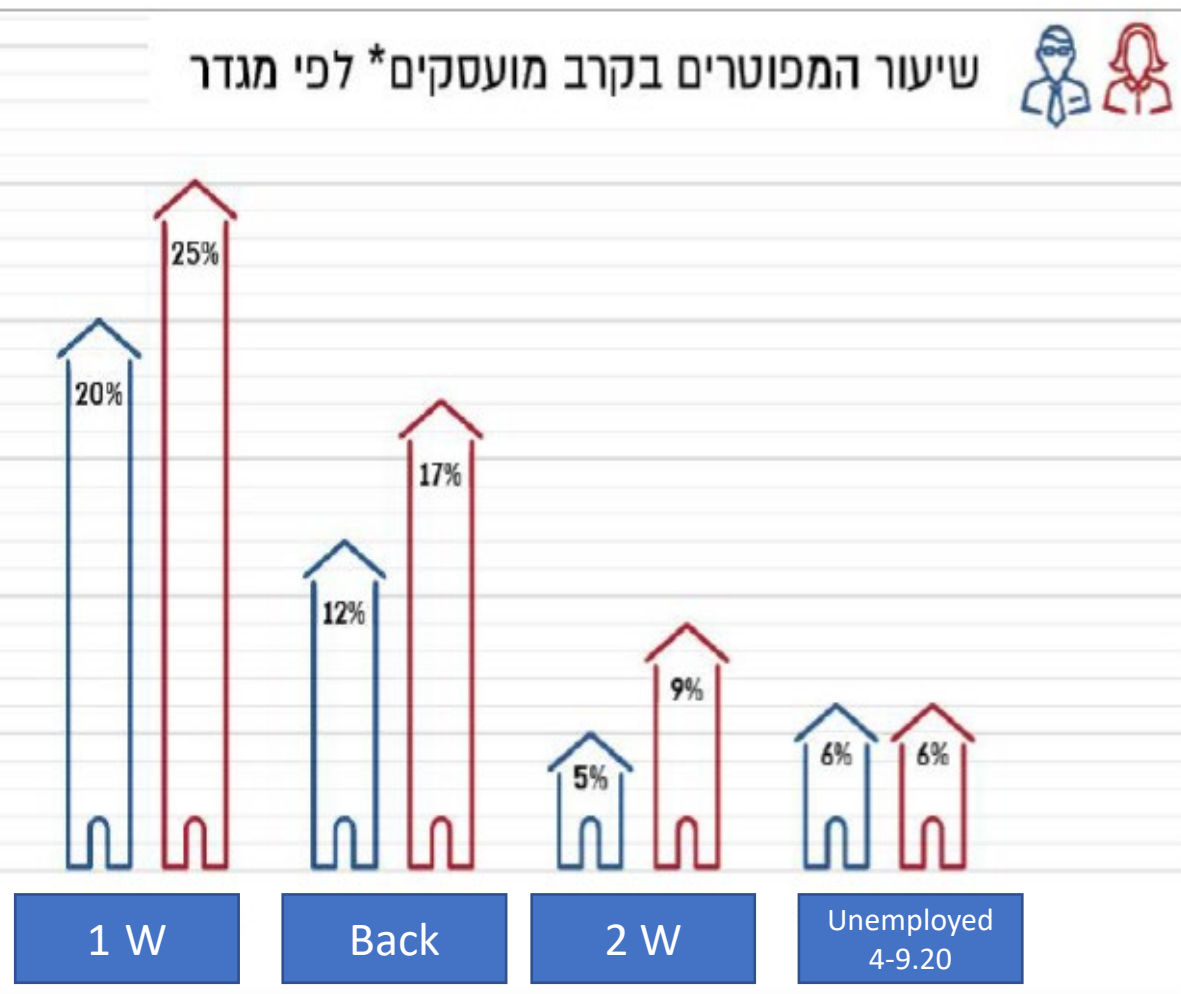
- The first place to suffer from enormous spread [and death] were the Elderly Housing.
- Families were not allowed to visit for months [severe loneliness], and many times met their loved ones only near death.
- Many workers left the assisted living homes.
- Only after 3 months a dedicated program for the older population was initiated.
- The old population in the community was treated only by volunteers[food supply, medications, physician visits, social visits part by phone calls, etc.]

Working women



The most affected during Covid 19- Continues to work [teachers from home] and to take care of their children!

Lay off employees



Working hours at home [per week] during quarantine's



Orthodox women and single mothers were influenced the most!



Inequity

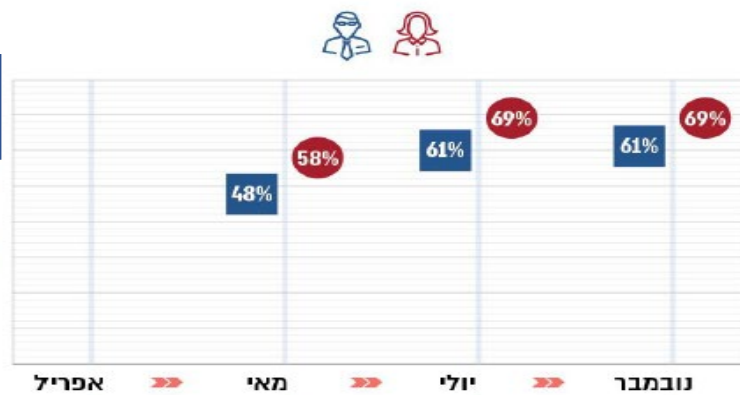
- Women lost more retirement savings
- Slower to return to work [many places were closed permanently]
- Many women returned with lower salaries

The Health System

- 80% of workforce is women - **High Exposure to COVID 19**
- 45% - Arabs
- Arab population - Late vaccinations due to many **conspiracy stories** including the nurses [less the physicians]
- During quarantine periods – Mothers continue to work!
- Covid 19 Departments – high load!, Ventilated patients, Death of young people, many shifts, huge burnout, physical and emotional fatigue.
- In COVID departments – no hierarchy, everyone do everything
- Personnel protective gear
- Personnel vaccination [**pregnant women**]
- Overload on community clinics [No protective gear at first], **huge** effort on home care for COVID
- Major delays in treatment of routine care, and preventive medicine [e.g, regular childhood vaccines, pregnancy FU]
- Orthodox population – low socioeconomic, 8+ children in small departments, Only women work! no TV or social media, obey only their specific Rabbi, women were forced to send young children to schools. Very slow on vaccinations until major catastrophes happened.
- Many Covid cases in the Orthodox Jews and the Arab population –huge summer weddings!

Emotional State

Afraid to be sick
בנגיף
שיעור המדווחים



Stress



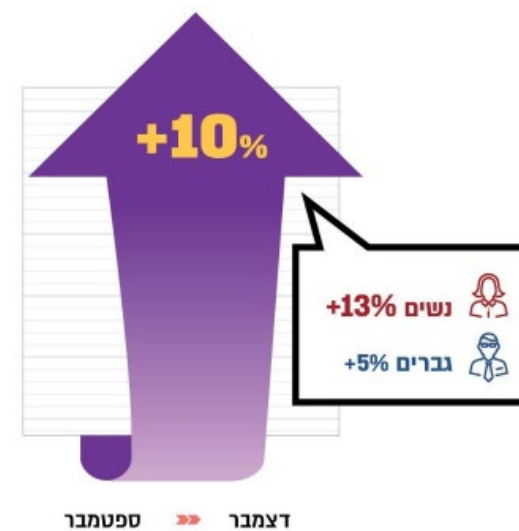
Feel lonely
שיעור המדווחים



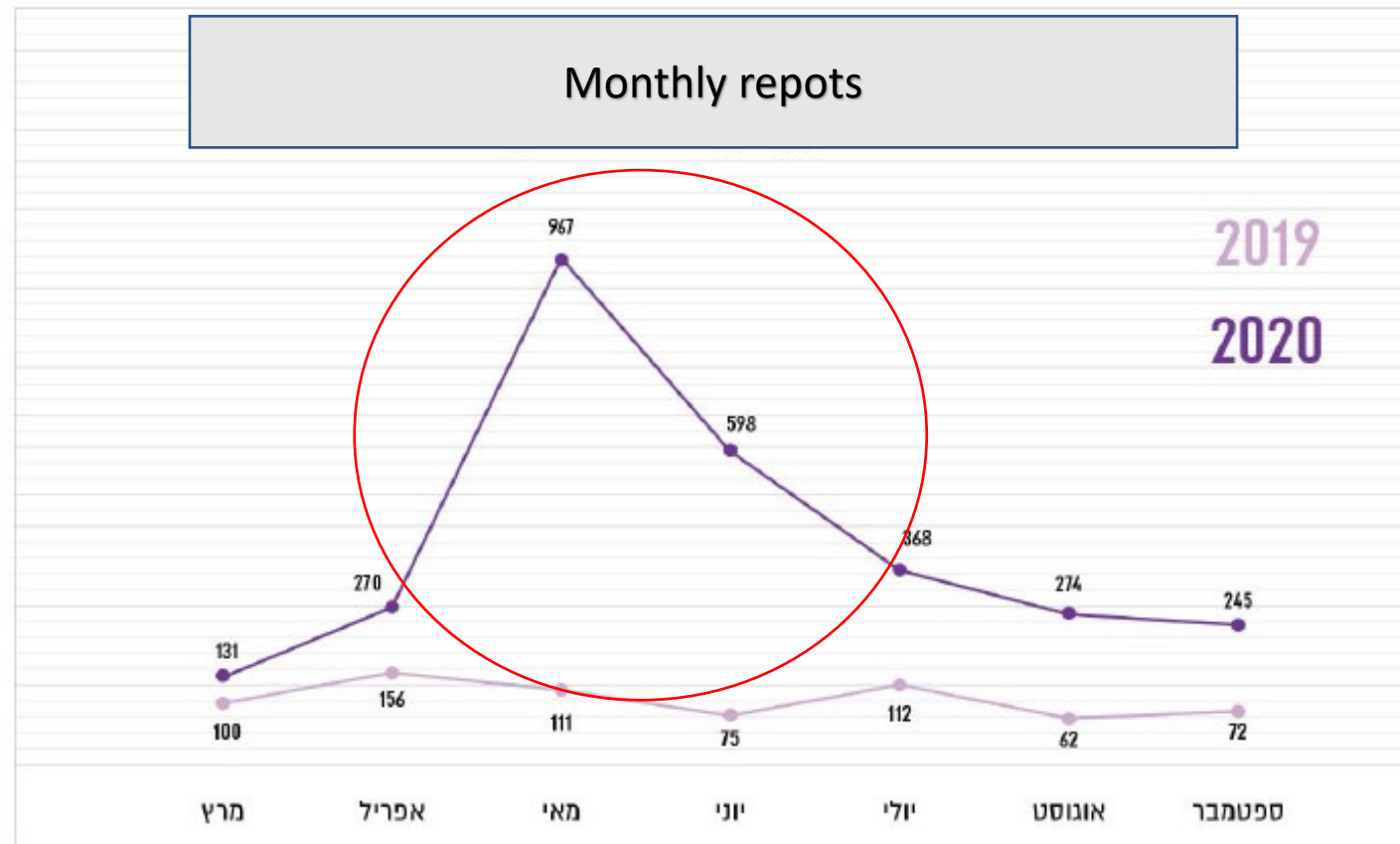
Especially 80+ women, children and adolescence.



Visits in metal health clinics



Home violence during quarantine periods



[plus unemployment]

Future

- Remote work from home opens doors to more high salary working options for women.
- During COVID 19 many men were exposed for the first time to the magnitude of raising the children and household work. This is an important step to more equity in these area.
- No government planning yet, to bring back the women to the work places, and to prevent reduction in their future salaries, as we experienced in previous recessions.
- The Israeli children learned that school is great....