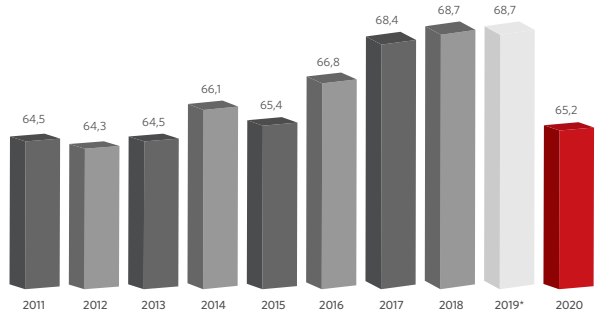


MOMENTUM | UNISA HOUSEHOLD FINANCIAL WELLNESS INDEX SCORE

- South African households' overall Financial Wellness score recorded a steep decline from **68.7 points in 2018** (similar to the estimated level in 2019) to **65.2 points in 2020**.
- The general decline in the household Financial Wellness component scores was driven mainly by the impact of the **COVID-19 pandemic** and lockdowns.
- There was a larger adverse impact on households' income and personal empowerment levels than on their wealth, living conditions and education components.
- The inability to earn sufficient income, or a loss of income to finance debt and/or to spend on consumption gave rise to a sense of **low personal empowerment** where households felt that they had **less control over their finances** and less ability to solve problems due to, among others, strict lockdown regulations.

Outlook for 2021:

- The economy and recovery is likely to be constrained by limited job creation, impact of riots/looting and loadshedding.
- Financial Wellness Index expected to increase to levels recorded for 2016.
- Analysis suggests a possible increase in the portion of Financially Well households.



	2018	2020	Change
Living conditions	6,9	6,7	↓
Education	6,7	6,6	↓
Net wealth	4,9	5,2	↑
Income	5,5	4,6	↓
Personal empowerment	5,2	4,5	↓
Financial Wellness Index	68,7	65,2	↓