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Since spring, ASME Market Intelligence has been surveying more than 1,500 engineers in industry and academia on their experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on engineering. The responses are a mixture of short-term pain and long-term change. The economic impact of the pandemic has been severe in many cases, and some engineers who responded with worry that their companies may be severely impacted. On the other hand, the shutdown of offices and the rise of working from home has created an opportunity to revisit traditional working environments.

The following results stem from the fifth wave of questions, which were posed toward the end of summer.

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