

# Inflation, Covid and the rise of Industry 4.0

What trends are set to impact the procurement, logistics, supply chain and manufacturing functions?

Businesses and professionals are asking themselves:  
Is inflation a temporary or longer-term issue?  
Will the disruption already seen across global supply chains continue or ease? Will the procurement sector face challenges associated with rising prices?  
What responses will manufacturing take to operate in the ‘new normal’?

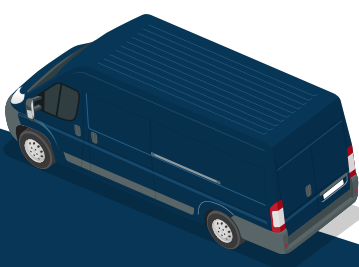
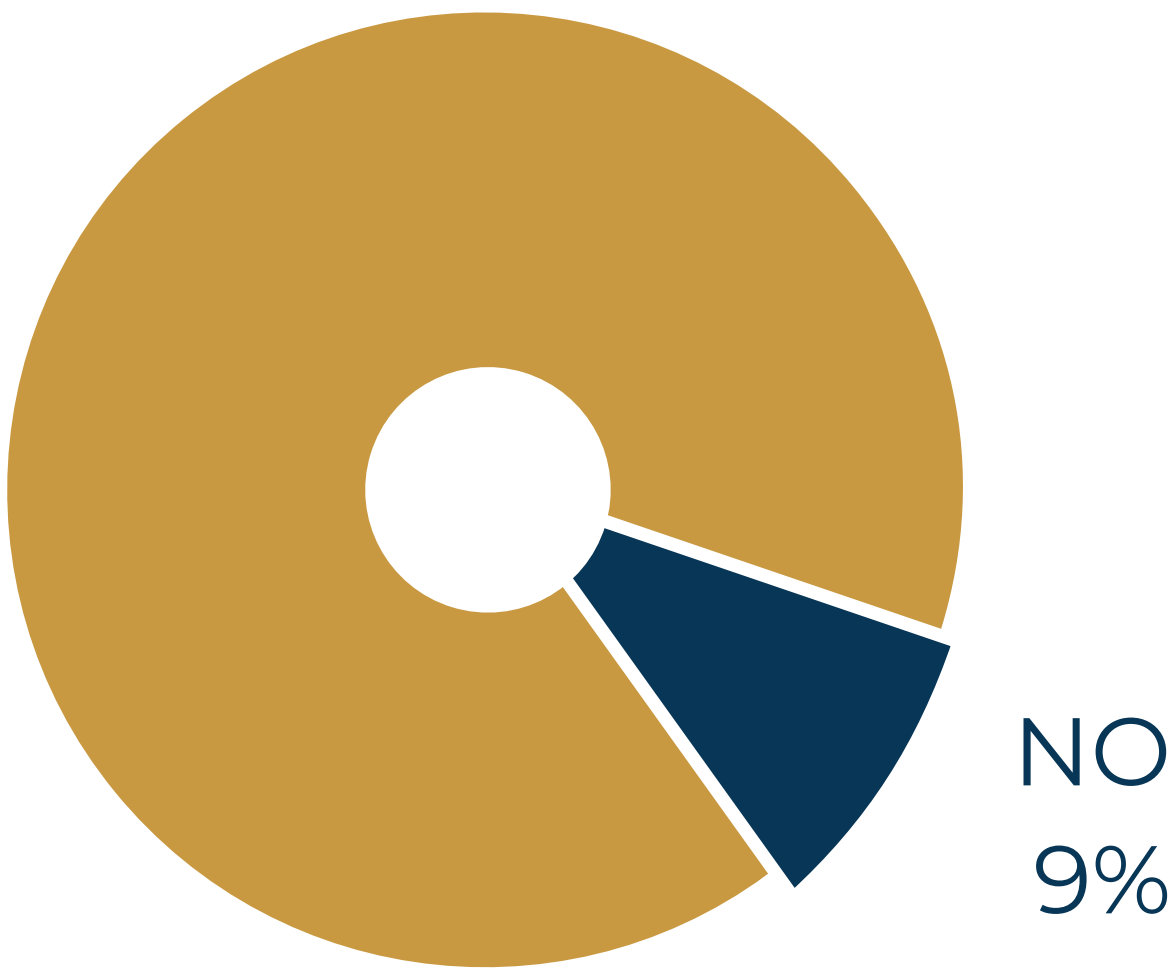


Between December 2021 to January 2022, DSJ Global surveyed over 300 end-to-end supply chain professionals on issues that have gripped the industry.  
The results are in:

## Price Increases

In the past year, did your business experience a price increase within your supply chain?

YES  
91%



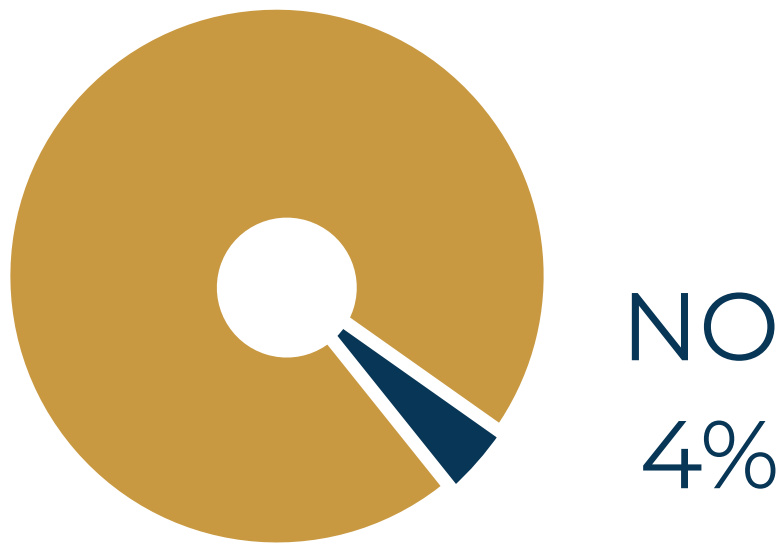
YES  
88%



Do you feel the price increase was above the average annual inflationary range?

Was it a challenging year, with disruption across procurement, logistics and supply chain?

YES  
96%



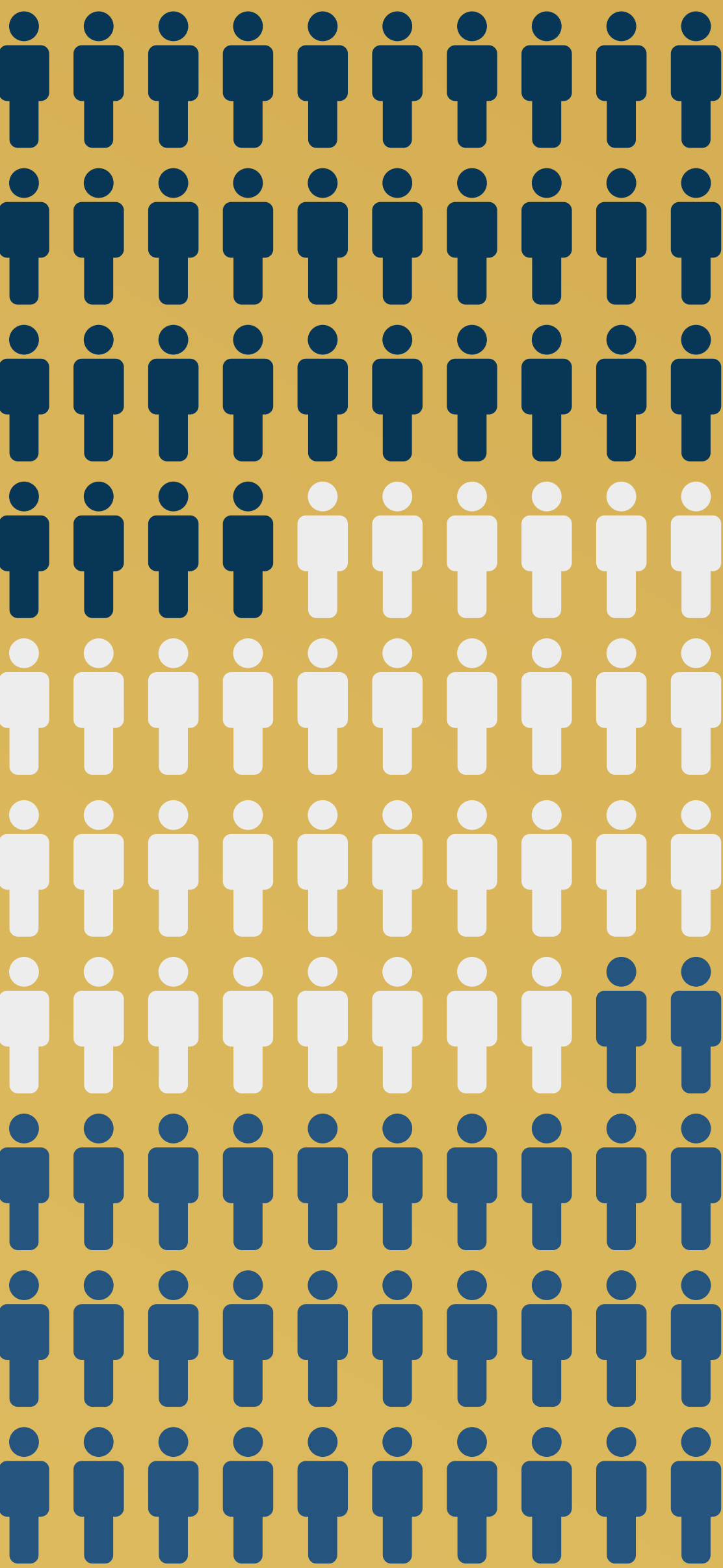
# 2022 Overview

80%

are concerned about  
inflation and it's impact  
on their business



NO 20%



34%

think ongoing domestic  
lockdowns and restrictions  
to travel will be a prominent  
feature in 2022

34%

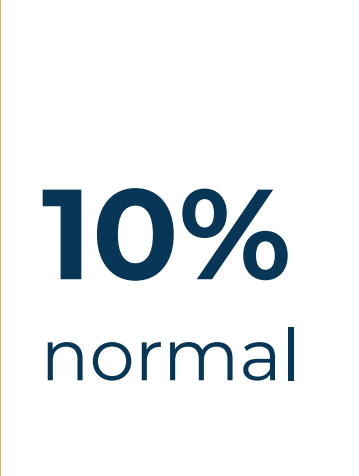
think the Northern Hemisphere  
will return to relative normality,  
however Asia / China might  
continue to have significant  
restrictions

32%

think the industry  
will return to some  
normality by the  
end of 2022



## What level of challenges will 2022 present...



# Industry 4.0

When computers were introduced to the Third Industrial Revolution back in 1970, this entirely new technology presented many challenges, as well as opportunities. Now, and into the future as Industry 4.0 seamlessly unfolds, digital technology is an integral component, helping us stay interconnected and drive decisions without the need for human interaction.

A combination of cyber-physical systems, the Internet of Things, and the Internet of Systems allows Industry 4.0 to be possible and, in turn, the smart factory a reality.

As smart machines continue to advance and consume data, factories will become more efficient, productive, and sustainable. Ultimately, with the web of connectivity that digitally enabled machines create, thereby sharing streams of useful and powerful information, this underpins the true power of Industry 4.0.

## How do you view industry 4.0 manufacturing:

I'm completely aware of Industry 4.0 our organisation is at the forefront, optimising our Manufacturing capabilities

**37%**

I'm aware of Industry 4.0 - we have plans to harness it in 2022 and through to 2023

**25%**

I have heard of Industry 4.0, however we have other priorities for 2022

**20%**

This is the first time I have heard about Industry 4.0 Manufacturing

**18%**







# How can we help you?

When change is the new constant, this might present many hurdles for supply chain enterprises. But with the possibility of change and potential high risks that Industry 4.0 could bring, opportunity certainly abounds.

At DSJ Global, we are having daily conversations with clients about mitigating the risks of Industry 4.0 to reap the rewards. As a specialist talent partner, we have deep expertise in the supply chain market and the digital transformations characterising this space. We have a plethora of services and talent solutions – contact us today for a confidential discussion.

## About DSJ Global

DSJ Global specialises in placing mid-to-senior professionals in supply chain & procurement, logistics, and technical operations across Asia Pacific, as well as Europe and the US. If you are looking to secure your next business-critical hire, send a brief to our expert talent team. Alternatively, if you are searching for a new opportunity, submit your CV and one of our specialist consultants will be in touch once a suitable opportunity arises.

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