

Rome's citizens are most scared in the world

Despite living in one of the safest countries in the developed world residents in Rome are the most fearful on the planet, according to an international study due to be published next week.

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According to the report, citizens of Rome had the highest rate of "existentialist uneasiness" and fears "deeper than just economical woes".

They said that they were most scared of not being self-sufficient or having their "full mental capacity", followed by material fears, such as losing their job.

Almost half of Romans said that "uncertainty" best described their lives, while 12 per cent went further and chose "fear".

Adding both figures together to create an overall apprehension index, researchers found that Rome's score of 58 per cent made the city significantly more fearful than the average of 36 per cent in nine other major cities.

The survey, carried out by out by the Censis foundation for a World Social Summit that will open in Rome next Wednesday, encompassed ten large cities - New York, Mumbai, London, Paris, Tokyo, Cairo, Sao Paulo, Moscow, Beijing and Rome.

Giuseppe de Rita, the president of Censis, said: "The state of fear that the population lives in is not merely an economic problem, but an inherent fact of modern society."

Italy's employers' federation, Confindustria, said last week that the country was in recession and that the economy was likely to contract in what remains of the year.

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