

On behalf of the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#), Civis Analytics is conducting weekly, weighted online surveys to over 4,000 Americans nationally, with oversamples in the states of Washington, New York, and Florida. This ongoing survey research is designed to understand which segments of the American population are being the hardest hit by the pandemic.

For more information or for access to full toplines or demographic crosstabs, please contact the Civis team [here](#).

National Quick-takes

Across the U.S. and within states, respondents most want to see increased government investment in direct response to COVID-19 (PPE, medical equipment, access to testing). Financial support for companies and collaboration with international governments were the least cited.

How do you feel about the Federal government's response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) in each of the following areas?

N = 3715

Shown to random 50% subset of respondents

Area	I Would Like To See More Investment In This Area	I Believe Investment In This Area Has Been Adequate	I Believe We've Invested Too Many Resources In This Area	I Don't Know Enough To Say
Personal Protective Equipment	62.3%	21.2%	2.7%	13.8%
Medical Equipment	63.7%	21.2%	2.8%	12.3%
Access to Testing	63.9%	20.6%	4.2%	11.3%
Financial Support for Individuals	56.1%	27.9%	4.4%	11.6%
Financial Support for Companies	39.9%	35.0%	9.3%	15.8%
Social Services	58.8%	21.5%	3.7%	15.9%
Collab. with Int'l Govs	43.6%	30.1%	4.8%	21.4%

We see similar trends when asked about government/philanthropic organization priorities: Coronavirus-related topics are most consistently selected as a critical priority, followed by essentials

(access to food, care for at-risk populations, jobs). These trends were mirrored in respondents’ reporting on the issues they have seen or heard in the news over the last week.

How much of a priority should it be for large philanthropic organizations to invest in each of the following issues in response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)?

N = 3684

Shown to same 50% respondents as Coronavirus Attitudes Government Priorities

Issue	A Critical Priority	A High Priority	A Lower Priority	Not A Priority At All
Coronavirus treatment research	62.1%	28.9%	6.6%	2.5%
Coronavirus vaccination research	64.1%	26.0%	6.7%	3.2%
Greater access to Coronavirus testing	58.8%	31.4%	7.1%	2.7%
Greater access to personal protective equipment for healthcare workers	66.0%	25.5%	5.9%	2.6%
Access to food and other essentials for those in need in our community	55.3%	36.4%	5.9%	2.4%
Assistance to those in need abroad	23.6%	38.0%	30.9%	7.4%
Care for the elderly and at-risk populations	59.0%	32.7%	5.8%	2.5%
Education and enrichment for children out of school	34.1%	45.4%	17.3%	3.1%

How much have you seen, read, or heard over the past week about the following issues?

N = 7369

Issue	A Lot - I Can Describe It In Great Detail	Some - I Can Describe It, But Am Not Familiar With The Specifics	A Little - I Have Heard About It, But Can't Say Much About It	Not At All - I Have Not Heard About This
Coronavirus (COVID-19)	66.9%	22.9%	7.1%	3.0%
The performance of the stock market	31.0%	36.4%	23.0%	9.6%
Companies cutting jobs in the US	40.7%	35.3%	17.3%	6.6%
Climate change	18.9%	27.9%	27.6%	25.6%
Diplomatic tension between US and China	15.5%	31.3%	33.5%	19.7%
Extreme poverty in poor countries	13.8%	23.7%	32.6%	30.0%
The health systems in Africa coming under strain	10.8%	17.3%	27.7%	44.2%
The health systems in the US coming under strain	45.9%	32.9%	14.8%	6.4%
The presidential election	24.6%	32.5%	28.7%	14.2%

Of respondents who stated that they are currently enrolled in a postsecondary program, 69% nationally stated that their plans have changed.

Have your plans to continue or complete your postsecondary program changed because of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic or school closures?

N = 1138 RESPONDENTS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN A POSTSECONDARY PROGRAM

Postsecondary Education Change	Percent
Yes	68.9%
No	31.1%

Roughly 40% of respondents nationally think it is very likely or somewhat likely that they will lose their jobs in the next three months.

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) may cause economic challenges for some people regardless of whether they are actually infected. How likely do you think it is that you will lose your job because of the Coronavirus within the next three months?

N = 4345 RESPONDENTS EMPLOYED FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME

Coronavirus Likelihood Jobloss	Percent
Very likely	21.8%
Somewhat likely	18.6%
Somewhat unlikely	14.7%
Very unlikely	21.3%
Not sure	23.6%

Roughly 2/3 of parents with children in K-12 reported that their children are currently doing educational activities at home. Parents are most often leaning on their children’s school or teachers to provide support (75%) and most often access information daily or multiple times a day (71%).

What sources of information do you rely on to support your children's learning? Select all that apply.

N = 1828 PARENTS WITH CHILDREN IN K-12

Source	Selected
My children's school or teachers	74.8%
Other parents	12.2%
State education officials	26.1%
Education researchers	28.5%
The media	12.7%
Social media, blogs, and forums	18.5%
None of the above	5.5%

Of parent respondents who said one or more of their children has an IEP or 504 plan, around 25% reported that their children are not currently receiving specialized instruction or accommodation; however, fewer than 20% report being unsatisfied with the specialized instruction or accommodation.

How are they receiving specialized instruction or accommodations mandated by the Individualized Education Plan? Select all that apply.

N = 681 PARENTS WITH CHILDREN WITH A IEP OR 504 PLAN

Instruction or Accommodation	Selected
One-on-one or small group instruction over videoconference	32.4%
Physical materials mailed or dropped off at our home to use while learning remotely	28.2%
Guidance on accessibility features available on their own device	37.8%
Some other specialized instruction or accommodation	18.8%
They are not currently receiving specialized instruction or accommodation	24.3%

The majority of parents (65%) responded that school closures have made it more difficult for them to work or do other household tasks, but they are also satisfied with communication from schools (84%) and think their children will be prepared for the next school year (81%).

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

N = 1720 PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN K-12 WHOSE SCHOOLS HAVE CLOSED

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
School closures have made it difficult for me to work or do other household tasks.	28.7%	36.7%	25.4%	9.3%
I am satisfied with the communication to support learning from child's/children's school(s).	38.5%	45.7%	12.6%	3.2%
My child/children will be prepared for school in the next school year.	34.4%	46.8%	16.1%	2.6%

39% of parents of high school students nationally reported that their children's plans after high school have changed because of COVID-19 or school closures; they most often reported that the change was to an option closer to home (44%), but many also switched to a less expensive option (31%) or planned to postpone (34%).

How have your high school child(ren)'s plans changed? Select all that apply.

N = 327 PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Description	Selected
Switched to an option closer to home	43.7%
Switched to a less expensive option	30.8%
Postponed plans	33.5%
Other	8.0%

Notable State Differences

As for high-level findings from our state oversamples, more respondents in Washington have been using local (42.7%) and federal (52.4%) health officials to learn about coronavirus, compared to respondents in both New York (34.5% for local, 44.0% for federal) and Florida (33.1% for local, 41.7% for federal). Relatedly, respondents in Washington are taking more action to slow the spread than the other two states (81.8% are washing their hands more and 80.0% are avoiding public spaces, gatherings, and crowds in Washington; 71.1% and 69.9% respectively in Florida; 75.0% and 73.5% respectively in New York).