

On behalf of the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#), Civis is conducting ongoing research to study the social, economic and educational impacts of COVID-19 in America. Research is conducted at a national level, with deep dives in Washington, Florida, and New York.

Civis Analytics fielded a survey with 804 respondents in Florida on April 23-26, 2020. Below are some key takeaways from this week's research. For more information or for access to full topline or demographic crosstabs, please contact the Civis team [here](#).

Florida State Highlights

Floridians are slightly more concerned about Coronavirus than the overall US population, with 48.9% of respondents from Florida saying that they are very concerned, compared to 45.8% nationally.

How concerned are you about Coronavirus (COVID-19)?

N = 804, US MARGIN OF ERROR = 1.2%, FL MARGIN OF ERROR = 3.5%

Coronavirus Attitudes Concern Level	US	FL
Very concerned	45.6%	48.8%
Somewhat concerned	32.4%	32.1%
Slightly concerned	14.0%	12.6%
Not at all concerned	8.0%	6.5%

Most (79.9%) of respondents in Florida strongly or somewhat agree that the virus will get worse and come back if we don't continue social/physical distancing. Also, 83.7% strongly or somewhat agree that the social distancing and shelter-in-place orders have been successful in slowing the spread of COVID-19.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

N-SIZE BETWEEN 377 AND 427, US MARGIN OF ERROR = 1.7%, FL MARGIN OF ERROR = 4.9%

Each of these options shown to a roughly 50% random subset of respondents

Statements	Strongly Agree		Somewhat Agree		Somewhat Disagree		Strongly Disagree		I Don't Know	
	US	FL	US	FL	US	FL	US	FL	US	FL
If we don't continue practicing social/physical distancing for the long term, the COVID-19 outbreak will get worse and come back.	52.5%	51.1%	26.5%	29.3%	9.0%	9.9%	4.8%	3.5%	7.3%	6.2%
Social/physical distancing and shelter-in-place orders have been successful in slowing the spread of COVID-19.	44.6%	46.0%	36.2%	37.0%	8.3%	6.4%	3.0%	4.3%	7.9%	6.3%

For determining which grade level a student should be in next year, respondents are fairly split on the best solution. 56.8% strongly support or support determining next year's grade level placement based on performance as of March and 43.1% strongly support or support promoting all students to the next grade level regardless of their performance this year, while only 16.4% strongly support or support having all students repeat their current grade level next year.

Policymakers have proposed a number of possible policies to deal with COVID-related school closures in the next school year. To what extent do you support or oppose each of the following?

N = 804, US MARGIN OF ERROR = 1.2%, FL MARGIN OF ERROR = 3.5%

Policy	Strongly Support		Support		Oppose		Strongly Oppose		No Opinion	
	US	FL	US	FL	US	FL	US	FL	US	FL
Having all students repeat their current grade next year.	7.1%	6.0%	12.1%	12.8%	28.0%	31.4%	40.7%	38.9%	12.1%	10.9%
Promoting all students to the next grade regardless of their performance this year.	16.8%	16.5%	26.1%	28.1%	27.5%	29.0%	13.9%	15.0%	15.7%	11.4%
Determining students' grade placement based on their performance as of March.	18.8%	17.4%	38.4%	37.2%	17.0%	19.1%	9.8%	11.4%	15.9%	15.0%

Other Notable State Differences

Floridians have a more tempered trust of local public health officials when it comes to Coronavirus information, compared to the US overall. Only 24.2% of FL respondents strongly trust local officials compared to 33.5% nationally, while 50.9% of FL respondents slightly trust officials compared to 42.0% nationally.

How much do you trust the following sources of information about the Coronavirus (COVID-19)?

N = 389, US MARGIN OF ERROR = 1.7%, FL MARGIN OF ERROR = 5.1%

Shown to random 50% subset of respondents

Source	Strongly Trust		Slightly Trust		Slightly Distrust		Strongly Distrust		Have No Opinion	
	US	FL	US	FL	US	FL	US	FL	US	FL
Local public health officials	32.3%	24.0%	41.8%	48.6%	12.3%	14.2%	6.4%	7.5%	7.2%	5.7%