

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 761 respondents in New York 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](#).

New York State Highlights

Most New Yorkers (87.5%) will definitely or probably stay at home and avoid all non-essential contact. Many (86.7%) plan to continue social distancing once the restrictions have been lifted.

Do you agree with the following statements? Even after restrictions are lifted...

N = 761, US MARGIN OF ERROR = 1.5%, NY MARGIN OF ERROR = 4.7%

Actions	Strongly Agree		Somewhat Agree		Somewhat Disagree		Strongly Disagree		I Don't Know	
	US	NY	US	NY	US	NY	US	NY	US	NY
Even after restrictions are lifted, I will continue to practice social and physical distancing, limiting trips to public places like grocery stores and parks, limiting in-person interactions, and staying 6 feet apart from others.	46.7%	50.6%	36.8%	36.1%	8.3%	6.9%	4.2%	3.6%	4.1%	2.8%

Most New Yorkers (86.4%) strongly or somewhat agree that COVID-19 will come back and get worse if we don’t continue practicing social/physical distancing for the long term. Almost the same number (86.9%) strongly or somewhat agree that social distancing and shelter-in-place orders have been successful in slowing the spread of COVID-19.

Given the shutdown measures currently in place, 28.7% of New Yorkers strongly or somewhat agree that they want to get back to normal, even if it means risking another shutdown.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

N-SIZE BETWEEN 352 AND 409, US MARGIN OF ERROR = 2.1%, NY MARGIN OF ERROR = 6.7%

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	NY	US	NY	US	NY	US	NY	US	NY
If we don't continue practicing social/physical distancing for the long term, the COVID-19 outbreak will get worse and come back.	52.4%	60.5%	27.0%	25.9%	8.8%	5.7%	4.7%	1.7%	7.2%	6.2%
Social/physical distancing and shelter-in-place orders have been successful in slowing the spread of COVID-19.	46.1%	56.6%	35.9%	30.3%	8.1%	7.5%	3.1%	0.8%	6.7%	4.7%
I want to get back to normal, even if it means risking another outbreak.	11.0%	12.0%	16.9%	16.7%	19.9%	18.0%	47.0%	50.6%	5.2%	2.7%

The most popular policy to address school closures is canceling all standardized tests for the remainder of the year, with 63.0% of respondents strongly supporting or supporting this option. Providing summer school for all students if it's safe is another popular policy, with 60.2% of New Yorkers strongly supporting or supporting this move.

Looking towards grade placement next year, most New Yorkers are in favor of determining placements based on student performance as of March, with 60.4% of respondents strongly supporting or supporting.

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?

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Policy	Strongly Support		Support		Oppose		Strongly Oppose		No Opinion	
	US	NY	US	NY	US	NY	US	NY	US	NY
Having all students repeat their current grade next year.	6.6%	5.3%	11.4%	13.7%	29.0%	32.4%	40.8%	35.9%	12.1%	12.7%
Promoting all students to the next grade regardless of their performance this year.	16.5%	16.9%	25.9%	23.2%	28.0%	32.7%	13.9%	12.2%	15.7%	15.0%
Determining students' grade placement based on their performance as of March.	18.7%	20.6%	39.6%	39.8%	16.0%	16.4%	9.6%	8.7%	16.1%	14.4%
Providing summer school for all students if it is safe to do so.	22.2%	24.7%	36.3%	35.5%	16.3%	14.5%	12.9%	12.6%	12.2%	12.7%
Canceling all standardized testing this year.	28.0%	27.8%	32.0%	35.2%	16.3%	14.3%	9.7%	8.5%	14.0%	14.2%
Canceling grades for the remainder of the year.	20.1%	18.2%	29.5%	35.2%	21.5%	18.2%	11.7%	11.5%	17.2%	16.9%
Converting grades for the remainder of the year to Pass/Fail.	17.9%	18.1%	34.1%	36.5%	17.2%	15.6%	10.7%	9.9%	20.1%	19.9%

Other Notable State Differences

New Yorkers are more willing (55.1%) to use a phone app with Bluetooth to get notified of possible exposures than the overall US population (47.3%). They are also slightly more willing to share contact information of people they would have exposed in the case they test positive, with 80.3% of New Yorkers saying they would share info, compared to 76.8% of the US population.

Would you sign up for a phone app that would use Bluetooth technology in order to alert you if someone you came into contact tested positive for COVID-19?

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Coronavirus Contact Tracing Voluntary App	US	NY
Yes	47.3%	55.1%
No	31.5%	25.5%
I don't know	21.2%	19.4%

If you tested positive for COVID-19, would you share the personal contact information of people you've been near, with local public health authorities, in order to let them know that they've been exposed?

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Coronavirus Contact Tracing Voluntary Share	US	NY
Yes	76.8%	80.3%
No	13.7%	11.4%
I don't know	9.5%	8.3%