

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 766 respondents in Washington 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](#).

Washington State Highlights

Washingtonians are slightly less concerned about Coronavirus than the overall US population, with 38.1% of respondents from Washington saying that they are very concerned, compared to 45.8% nationally.

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

N = 766, US MARGIN OF ERROR = 1.5%, WA MARGIN OF ERROR = 4.2%

Coronavirus Attitudes Concern Level	US	WA
Very concerned	45.8%	38.1%
Somewhat concerned	32.4%	37.7%
Slightly concerned	14.0%	15.6%
Not at all concerned	7.9%	8.6%

The area where the highest percentage of Washingtonians were satisfied with the state's response is in medical equipment, with 40.2% saying that they believe the investment was adequate. In comparison, 36.6% of respondents in the overall US said they believe their state's investment in medical equipment is accurate.

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

N = 391, US MARGIN OF ERROR = 2.1%, WA MARGIN OF ERROR = 5.9%

Shown to other 50% of respondents from Coronavirus Attitudes Federal Investment

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	
	US	WA	US	WA	US	WA	US	WA
Personal Protective Equipment	50.7%	48.9%	31.2%	31.9%	4.5%	4.0%	13.6%	15.2%
Medical Equipment	43.9%	41.8%	36.6%	40.2%	5.3%	3.8%	14.2%	14.2%
Access to Testing	52.2%	59.2%	28.7%	22.0%	6.2%	6.1%	12.9%	12.7%
Financial Support for Individuals	48.2%	49.2%	31.4%	32.5%	5.8%	4.6%	14.6%	13.7%
Financial Support for Companies	38.4%	36.9%	34.0%	37.2%	9.5%	9.1%	18.1%	16.9%
Social Services	49.3%	46.7%	27.8%	31.6%	6.0%	4.8%	17.0%	17.0%

Looking towards grade placement for next school year, Washingtonians most favor determining student's grade placement based off of their performance as of March, with 56.2% either strongly supporting or supporting this proposal. 41.3% strongly support or support promoting all students to the next grade regardless of performance, while only 14.3% strongly support or support having all students repeat their current grade.

The most popular school policy asked about in the survey was providing summer school for all students where it's safe to do so, with 62.5% of respondents strongly supporting or supporting this option. Canceling all standardized tests was the next most popular policy, with 59.9% 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?

N = 766, US MARGIN OF ERROR = 1.5%, WA MARGIN OF ERROR = 4.2%

Policy	Strongly Support		Support		Oppose		Strongly Oppose		No Opinion	
	US	WA	US	WA	US	WA	US	WA	US	WA
Having all students repeat their current grade next year.	6.6%	5.2%	11.4%	9.1%	29.0%	32.7%	40.8%	39.3%	12.1%	13.7%
Promoting all students to the next grade regardless of their performance this year.	16.5%	14.0%	25.9%	27.3%	28.0%	28.6%	13.9%	13.6%	15.7%	16.6%
Determining students' grade placement based on their performance as of March.	18.7%	12.8%	39.6%	43.4%	16.0%	19.7%	9.6%	7.3%	16.1%	16.8%
Providing summer school for all students if it is safe to do so.	22.2%	21.9%	36.3%	40.6%	16.3%	15.9%	12.9%	8.2%	12.2%	13.3%
Canceling all standardized testing this year.	28.0%	25.6%	32.0%	34.3%	16.3%	16.2%	9.7%	7.3%	14.0%	16.5%
Canceling grades for the remainder of the year.	20.1%	17.4%	29.5%	28.9%	21.5%	24.8%	11.7%	10.0%	17.2%	18.9%
Converting grades for the remainder of the year to Pass/Fail.	17.9%	17.7%	34.1%	36.8%	17.2%	17.7%	10.7%	8.2%	20.1%	19.6%

Other Notable State Differences

Washingtonians are more likely to get information on the coronavirus on broadcast news than the overall population (55.9% in WA vs. 48.1% in US)

Washingtonians are less trusting of coronavirus information coming from President Trump and Vice President Mike Pence, with 16.0% saying they strongly trust and 40.8% saying they strongly distrust the

president and VP. In the US overall, 21.5% say they strongly trust and 34.2% say they strongly distrust the president and VP.

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

N = 392, US MARGIN OF ERROR = 2.1%, WA MARGIN OF ERROR = 5.9%

Shown to random 50% subset of respondents

Source	Strongly Trust		Slightly Trust		Slightly Distrust		Strongly Distrust		Have No Opinion	
	US	WA	US	WA	US	WA	US	WA	US	WA
Local public health officials	33.5%	35.3%	42.0%	45.0%	11.6%	8.7%	6.3%	3.8%	6.6%	7.2%
Federal public health officials (e.g. HHS, CDC)	37.2%	39.7%	36.9%	38.5%	12.7%	9.0%	6.4%	6.9%	6.8%	6.0%
The World Health Organization (WHO)	31.2%	35.5%	30.5%	29.6%	14.4%	14.0%	15.4%	14.0%	8.4%	7.0%
People in your network (family, friends, or acquaintances)	27.9%	26.0%	43.6%	46.2%	13.6%	14.5%	5.3%	3.2%	9.6%	10.1%
Your physician	50.1%	52.4%	28.9%	28.8%	7.1%	4.2%	4.9%	4.1%	9.0%	10.5%
Social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter)	8.9%	6.4%	23.3%	19.3%	27.5%	27.8%	30.2%	35.7%	10.0%	10.9%
Cable news network (e.g. Fox News, CNN, MSNBC)	16.4%	13.1%	35.7%	31.2%	23.3%	28.4%	15.5%	17.2%	9.2%	10.1%
Broadcast news (e.g. NBC, CBS, ABC)	21.0%	20.6%	35.8%	37.8%	19.2%	20.2%	16.4%	14.6%	7.5%	6.8%
Newspapers	15.9%	14.4%	37.0%	40.3%	21.7%	21.0%	13.5%	11.0%	11.9%	13.2%
President Trump and Vice President Pence	21.5%	16.0%	22.4%	22.0%	14.8%	14.1%	34.2%	40.8%	7.2%	7.2%