

Civis Analytics fielded a survey with 733 respondents in Florida on May 8-10, 2020. Below are some key takeaways from this week’s research.

Florida Education Highlights

- Floridians are less supportive than the overall population of converting all grades for this school year to pass/fail, with 47.6% of Floridians supporting the measure compared to 53.0% of the US overall.
- Similar to the overall US, most Floridians (70.6%) oppose having all students repeat their current grade next year.
- Compared to both the US overall and the other states, Florida has the lowest support for promoting all students to the next grade regardless of performance, with only 37.5% of Floridians supporting compared to 40.7% of the US overall. 40.0% of NY, 43.7% of TX and 42.2% of WA.

Policy (% support)	US	FL	NY	TX	WA
Promoting all students to the next grade regardless of performance	40.7%	37.5%	40.0%	43.7%	42.2%
Determining grade placement based on March performance	57.4%	56.3%	58.5%	61.5%	57.2%
Cancelling all standardized testing this year	60.0%	57.1%	63.9%	65.9%	62.8%
Converting grades for the remainder of the year to Pass/Fail	53.0%	47.7%	58.2%	61.9%	53.5%
Cancelling grades for the remainder of the year	47.9%	42.3%	48.6%	50.5%	47.7%
Having all students repeat their current grade next year	18.3%	17.1%	24.5%	19.8%	15.9%
Providing summer school for all students if it is safe to do so	57.9%	56.9%	59.9%	61.4%	62.5%

Florida State Highlights

- Floridians (45.1%) and the US overall (48.8%) most commonly responded that they think the steps that their state has taken to address coronavirus are appropriate. However, slightly more Floridians (32.8%) relative to the US Overall (25.3%) wish their state would do more.

Which statement best reflects your feelings about closures, restrictions, and other steps that the state of <State Name> has taken to slow the spread of the virus?

US MARGIN OF ERROR = 1.4%, FL MARGIN OF ERROR = 4.6%

Coronavirus Attitudes State Order Reaction	US	FL
I wish they would do even more	25.3%	32.8%
I think the steps are appropriate given the serious nature of the crisis	48.8%	45.1%
I think some of the steps are important, but overall they go too far	15.9%	12.0%
I think everyone is overreacting	6.3%	6.1%

- Most Floridians (82.7%) definitely or probably intend to stay at home and avoid all non-essential contact. Most Floridians (84.5%) also strongly or somewhat agree that even after restrictions are lifted, they will continue to practice social distancing.
- Most Floridians (77.6%) 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. 34.9% of Floridians want to get back to normal, even if it means risking another outbreak, compared to 33.0% nationally.

Other Notable State Differences

- Floridians continue to be more concerned about COVID-19 relative to the overall US, with 45.7% of Floridians vs. 43% of US respondents saying they're very concerned.
- Relative to the US overall, slightly more Floridian respondents would like to see additional investment at the state level in Personal Protective Equipment, Medical Equipment, Access to Testing, Financial Support for Individuals, and Social Services.

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

US MARGIN OF ERROR = 1.9%, FL MARGIN OF ERROR = 6.5%

SHOWN TO RANDOM 50% 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	
	US	FL	US	FL	US	FL	US	FL
Personal Protective Equipment	46.0%	50.2%	34.4%	30.9%	4.9%	5.1%	14.7%	13.8%
Medical Equipment	39.1%	42.1%	38.8%	34.6%	6.9%	8.1%	15.1%	15.2%
Access to Testing	46.1%	47.7%	32.5%	26.3%	8.4%	12.3%	13.0%	13.6%
Financial Support for Individuals	46.1%	50.5%	31.7%	26.4%	6.3%	8.0%	15.9%	15.0%
Financial Support for Companies	34.3%	33.6%	36.1%	38.1%	9.8%	11.0%	19.8%	17.3%
Social Services	47.1%	51.3%	29.1%	25.3%	5.7%	8.8%	18.1%	14.6%