

# Gates Foundation COVID-19 Tracker Analysis

Wave 5 (May 8-10, 2020) - Washington Quick-takes

Civis Analytics fielded a survey with 745 respondents in Washington on May 8-10, 2020. Below are some key takeaways from this week's research.

## Washington Education Highlights

- The most popular school policies in Washington are cancelling all standardized testing this year (62.8% support) and providing summer school for all students if it's safe to do so (62.5% support)
- Compared to both the overall US and the other states, Washington has the lowest support for having all students repeat their current grade next year. Only 15.9% of Washingtonians support this measure, compared to 24.5% of New Yorkers and 18.3% of the overall US.

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%

## Washington State Highlights

- 54.8% of Washingtonians think the steps that the state has taken to address coronavirus are appropriate, while only 18.1% wish it would do more. Comparatively, slightly fewer national respondents (48.8%) think the steps their state has taken to address coronavirus are appropriate, while 25.3% wish it would do more.
- Most Washingtonians (83.1%) still definitely or probably intend to stay at home and avoid all non-essential contact. Most Washingtonians (84.6%) also strongly or somewhat agree that even after restrictions are lifted, they 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.

## ***Do you intend to stay at home and avoid all non-essential contact with others to reduce the spread of COVID-19?***

US MARGIN OF ERROR = 1.4%, WA MARGIN OF ERROR = 4.2%

<b>Coronavirus Attitudes Intent Social Distancing</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>WA</b>
Definitely	55.3%	54.7%
Probably	26.2%	28.4%
Probably not	10.1%	9.2%
Definitely not	5.0%	4.2%
I don't know	3.3%	3.5%

- When asked what they've done in the last 7 days to keep themselves safe from COVID-19 in addition to what they normally do, the most two most common responses from Washingtonians and the US overall were washed their hands with soap or used hand sanitizer several times per day (72.9% nationally and 78.7% WA) and avoided public spaces, gatherings, or crowds (68.3% nationally and 72.9% WA).
- 36.4% of Washingtonians have either donated or volunteered in response to COVID-19. Of those that have donated, they most commonly donate to hunger relief (27.7%), Neighborhood or community funds (28.7%), and Direct funding of individuals in need (28.7%). Nationally, respondents most commonly donated to hunger relief (35.9%), Health care or medical services (26.9%), and organizations they already supported.

### ***Other Notable State Differences***

- 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)?

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Coronavirus Attitudes Concern Level	US	WA
Very concerned	43.0%	41.2%
Somewhat concerned	33.1%	34.1%
Slightly concerned	14.8%	16.3%
Not at all concerned	9.1%	8.4%

- Compared to the US overall (42.1%), more Washingtonians (48.6%) strongly agree that social/physical distancing and shelter-in-place orders have been successful in slowing the spread of COVID-19. However, slightly fewer Washingtonians (39.6%) relative to US overall (45.1%) strongly agree that everybody should wear a mask in public even after restrictions are lifted.