

Civis Analytics fielded a survey with 748 New York respondents on June 9-14, 2020. Below are some key takeaways from this week’s research.

## New York Highlights

### Education Highlights

Just about half (50.7%) of parents in New York believe that the amount of work that their children have received from teachers has been appropriate, while 38.7% believe it is too much. This portion of parents who believe that their children have too much work is higher in New York than the US overall (31.4%); however, this difference is not statistically significant.

### How would you describe the amount of work that teachers or schools are requiring your children to complete at home?

US Margin of Error = 3.1%, NY Margin of Error = 8.6%

Workload (% response)	US	NY	OH	WA
Too much work	31.4%	38.7%	32.8%	24.7%
The right amount of work	53.1%	50.7%	55.4%	49.8%
Not enough work	15.5%	10.6%	11.8%	25.5%

Similarly, around half (47.0%) of parents in New York believe that their childrens’ teachers have reasonable expectations for the work being done by students. More parents in New York (45.0%) believe that teachers are expecting too much, compared to the US overall (30.7%). This difference is statistically significant.

### How would you describe the expectations your child(ren)’s teachers or school have for the work they are completing at home?

US Margin of Error = 3.1%, NY Margin of Error = 8.6%

Expectation (% response)	US	NY	OH	WA
Expecting too much	30.7%	45.0%	28.0%	26.8%
Expecting the right amount	56.1%	47.0%	62.8%	52.5%
Not expecting enough	13.2%	8.0%	9.2%	20.7%

## Donating and Volunteering Behavior

In New York, 26.2% of respondents report donating and 12.9% report volunteering in response to the Coronavirus pandemic, compared to 21.6% donating and 11.1% volunteering nationally.

**Have you donated or volunteered in response to the Coronavirus pandemic? Select all that apply.**

US MOE = 1.4%, NY MOE = 4.5%  
NY N size = 748

Action	US	NY
Donated	21.6%	26.2%
Volunteered	11.1%	12.9%
Neither donated nor volunteered	69.1%	64.1%

Of those in New York who donated, health care and medical services were the most common recipients (36.3%), followed by hunger relief (33.5%), neighborhood or community funds (27.8%) and first responder and healthcare worker support (27.5%). Around a quarter of New Yorkers who donated gave money to a racial justice cause. New Yorkers donated \$390 on average, compared to an average donation amount of \$275 nationally (these averages were calculated after limiting to self-reported donations under \$2,000).

Of those in New York who volunteered, making face masks was the most common option with 44.7% reporting they had done so, compared to 36.8% of the overall US population. The next most common volunteer actions in New York are food/grocery delivery (38.9%) and collecting medical supplies (33.4%).

Of New Yorkers who did not donate, the largest portion of respondents report not having enough money as the reason they have not donated (45.5% in NY, compared to 47.4% in US). 22.1% of New Yorkers reported that they weren't interested in donating, compared to 18.8% of the overall US. Of New Yorkers who did not volunteer, over a third reported not being able to volunteer while staying at home as the reason they have not volunteered (35.7% in NY, compared to 36.0% in US), which was the most selected response.

As for informal acts of generosity, the most common action that New Yorkers have taken is calling family or friends more often than they did before (53.5% in NY vs. 47.8% in US overall). The next most common actions are connecting with a vulnerable family member or friend who is self isolating (38.6% in NY, 32.5% in US) and engaging more on social media than they had before (36.6% in NY vs. 35.6% in US).

## Protective Measures Highlights

Compared to the US overall, New Yorkers are significantly more likely to always wear a mask in public, with 74.6% of New Yorkers report always wearing a mask in public compared to 61.1% of the US overall.

90.9% of New Yorkers report always or sometimes staying at home/limiting trips (87.5% US overall), 91.9% report always or sometimes staying 6 feet apart from others (91.6% US overall), and 92.7% report always or sometimes washing hands frequently for at least 20 seconds (92.7% US overall).

**How often do you do each of the following?**

US MOE = 1.5%

NY MOE = 4.5%

NY N size = 748

Action	Always		Sometimes		Rarely		Never	
	US	NY	US	NY	US	NY	US	NY
Wear a cloth face covering or face mask while in public	61.1%	74.6%	24.0%	16.5%	7.7%	5.2%	7.1%	3.7%
Stay home and limiting trips to only essentials	56.6%	62.2%	30.9%	28.7%	8.3%	6.1%	4.2%	3.0%
Stay 6 feet apart from others	61.1%	64.1%	30.5%	27.8%	5.7%	4.3%	2.7%	3.8%
Wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds	67.9%	68.0%	24.8%	24.7%	5.0%	4.9%	2.3%	2.4%

Of New Yorkers who report rarely or never wearing a face mask, the most common reason for not doing so is that they didn't think they were required to (22.0% in NY, compared to 22.3% US overall). 18.2% of New Yorkers report not wearing one because it's uncomfortable, compared to 36.6% of the US overall.

A majority (65.8%) of New Yorkers have heard about contact tracing as a way of helping slow the spread of COVID-19. For New Yorkers, the most compelling reason to take part in such a program is that contact tracing helps slow the spread of COVID-19, with 47.9% of New Yorkers citing this reason compared to 44.6% of respondents nationally. The next most compelling reasons are that contact tracing finds and isolates new infections before they spread (36.9% New Yorkers selected) and that information from contact tracing is strictly confidential and used only to slow the spread of the virus (34.6% of New Yorkers selected).

**Methodology:** Responses were gathered through online web panels and weighted to accurately reflect the entire adult population of New York. Questions were fielded June 9-14, 2020 (748 respondents).