

Civis Analytics fielded a survey with 755 Ohio respondents on June 9-14, 2020. Below are some key takeaways from this week’s research.

Ohio Highlights

Education Highlights

Over half (55.4%) of parents in Ohio believe their childrens’ workloads at home have been appropriate, while 32.8% believe it is too much and 11.8% believe it is not enough. The portion of parents who believe that their children have just the right amount of work in Ohio is on par with parents in the US overall (53.1%).

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%, OH Margin of Error = 8.9%

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

Similarly, 62.8% of parents in Ohio believe that their childrens’ teachers are expecting the right amount out of students, while 28.0% believe that teachers are expecting too much and only 9.2% believe that they’re not expecting enough.

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

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

Donating and Volunteering Behavior

In Ohio, 15.5% of respondents report donating and 10.6% 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 Margin of Error = 1.5%

OH Margin of Error = 4.2%

Action	US	OH
Donated	21.6%	15.5%
Volunteered	11.1%	10.6%
Neither donated nor volunteered	69.1%	75.1%

Of those who donated, hunger relief funds were the most common option (42.8%), followed by neighborhood or community funds (27.3%), and racial justice (20.6%). Ohioans donated on average \$246, compared to an average donation amount of \$275 nationally (these averages were calculated after limiting to self-reported donations under \$2,000).

Of those who volunteered, 37.8% reported volunteering for food or grocery supply or delivery, 34.6% reported assisting elderly or at-risk individuals, and 25.5% reported making masks.

Of those who did not donate, the largest portion of respondents report not having enough money as the reason they have not donated (48.3% in OH, compared to 47.4% in US). 21.2% of Ohioans reported that they haven't been asked to donate, compared to 18.7% of the US. Of Ohioans who did not volunteer, 31.6% reported not being able to volunteer while staying at home as the reason they have not volunteered (compared to 36.0% in US), which was the most selected response.

As for informal acts of generosity, the most common action that Ohioans have taken is calling family or friends more often than they did before (43.8% in OH vs. 47.8% in US). The next most common actions are engaging more on social media than they had before (33.0% in OH vs. 35.6% in US) and self-isolating and taking extra precautions for themselves as a caregiver (28.2% in OH, 26.5% in US).

Protective Measures Highlights

Compared to the overall US, Ohioans are less likely to always wear a mask in public, with 46.1% of Ohioans report always wearing a mask in public compared to 61.1% of the US overall. 84.4% of Ohioans report always or sometimes staying at home/limiting trips (87.5% US overall), 88.5% report always or sometimes staying 6 feet apart from others (91.6% US overall), and 91.4% 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 Margin of Error = 1.5%, OH Margin of Error = 4.2%

Action	Always		Sometimes		Rarely		Never	
	US	OH	US	OH	US	OH	US	OH
Wear a cloth face covering or face mask while in public	61.1%	46.1%	24.0%	31.9%	7.7%	10.9%	7.1%	11.0%
Stay home and limiting trips to only essentials	56.6%	46.7%	30.9%	37.7%	8.3%	10.2%	4.2%	5.4%
Stay 6 feet apart from others	61.1%	55.3%	30.5%	33.3%	5.7%	8.9%	2.7%	2.4%
Wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds	67.9%	67.2%	24.8%	24.2%	5.0%	6.1%	2.3%	2.5%

Of Ohioans who report rarely or never wearing a facemask, the most common reason for not doing so is that it’s uncomfortable (43.1% in OH, compared to 36.6% US overall). 19.7% of Ohioans report not thinking it was required, compared to 22.3% of the US overall.

A majority (55.1%) of Ohioans have heard about contact tracing as a way of helping slow the spread of COVID-19, slightly less than in the US overall (59.1%) but not a statistically significant difference. For Ohioans, the most compelling reason to take part in such a program is that contact tracing helps slow the spread of COVID-19, with 42.1% of Ohioans 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 (35.1% Ohioans selected) and that information from contact tracing is strictly confidential and used only to slow the spread of the virus (32.1% of Ohioans selected).

Methodology: Responses were gathered through online web panels and weighted to accurately reflect the entire adult population of Ohio. Questions were fielded June 9-14, 2020 (755 respondents).