

Civis Analytics fielded a survey with 747 Washington respondents on June 9-14, 2020. Below are some key takeaways from this week’s research.

Washington Highlights

Education Highlights

Just about half (49.8%) of parents in Washington believe that the amount of work that their children have received from teachers has been appropriate, while 25.5% believe it is not enough. This portion of parents who believe that their children don’t have enough work is higher in Washington than the US overall (15.5%); 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%, WA Margin of Error = 9.4%

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

Similarly, around half (52.5%) of parents in Washington believe that their childrens’ teachers have reasonable expectations for the work being done by students. More parents in Washington (20.7%) believe that teachers are not expecting enough of their children, compared to the US overall (13.2%); however, this difference is not 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%, WA Margin of Error = 9.4%

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

Donating and Volunteering Behavior

In Washington, 25.8% of respondents report donating and 9.6% 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%

WA Margin of Error = 4.4%

Action	US	WA
Donated	21.6%	25.8%
Volunteered	11.1%	9.6%
Neither donated nor volunteered	69.1%	67.0%

Of those who donated, hunger relief funds were the most common option (36.9%), followed by neighborhood or community funds (30.8%), and racial justice (28.0%). Washingtonians donated on average \$250, 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, 45.3% reported volunteering for food or grocery supply or delivery, 37.7% reported making face masks, and 29.6% reported volunteering at homeless shelters.

Of those who did not donate, the largest portion of respondents report not having enough money as the reason they have not donated (45.5% in WA, compared to 47.4% in US). 22.6% of Washingtonians say that they're not interested in donating, compared to 18.8% of the US. Of Washingtonians who did not volunteer, 37.9% 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 Washingtonians have taken is calling family or friends more often than they did before (50.9% in WA vs. 47.8% in US). The next most common actions are engaging more on social media than they had before (36.7% in WA vs. 35.6% in US) and contacting a vulnerable friend, neighbor, or family member who is self-isolating (34.9% in WA vs. 32.5% in US).

Protective Measures Highlights

Compared to the overall US, Washingtonians are slightly less likely to always wear a mask in public, with 56.2% of Washingtonians report always wearing a mask in public compared to 61.1% of the US overall. 88.8% of Washingtonians report always or sometimes staying at home/limiting trips (87.5% US overall), 93.6% report always or sometimes staying 6 feet apart from others (91.6% US overall), and 93.6% 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 = 1.7%, WA Margin of Error = 5.1%

Action	Always		Sometimes		Rarely		Never	
	US	WA	US	WA	US	WA	US	WA
Wear a cloth face covering or face mask while in public	61.1%	56.2%	24.0%	25.1%	7.7%	9.1%	7.1%	9.6%
Stay home and limiting trips to only essentials	56.6%	56.9%	30.9%	31.9%	8.3%	7.5%	4.2%	3.6%
Stay 6 feet apart from others	61.1%	60.8%	30.5%	32.8%	5.7%	3.8%	2.7%	2.7%
Wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds	67.9%	66.6%	24.8%	27.0%	5.0%	4.0%	2.3%	2.4%

Of Washingtonians who report rarely or never wearing a facemask, the most common reason for not doing so is that it's uncomfortable (37.6% in WA, compared to 36.6% US overall). 20.8% of Washingtonians report not thinking it was required, compared to 22.3% of the US overall.

A majority (64.6%) of Washingtonians have heard about contact tracing as a way of helping slow the spread of COVID-19. For Washingtonians, the most compelling reason to take part in such a program is that contact tracing helps slow the spread of COVID-19, with 44.8% of Washingtonians 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 (42.1% Washingtonians selected) and that information from contact tracing is strictly confidential and used only to slow the spread of the virus (37.0% of Washingtonians selected).

Methodology: Responses were gathered through online web panels and weighted to accurately reflect the entire adult population of Washington. Questions were fielded June 9-14], 2020 (747 respondents).