

Civis Analytics fielded a survey with 754 New York respondents on July 17-20, 2020. Below are some key takeaways from this wave’s research.

New York Highlights

Attitudes toward Student Data

Of parents of K-12 students in New York, 72.1% say that they know how their children’s school or teachers are using the data collected about their students, significantly more than in the overall US population (53.9%). 67.6% of New York parents say that they understand more about the data collected about their children since school closures earlier this year (compared to 53.8% in the US), and 47.7% say they feel more comfortable than before with the data collected about their children since school closures and starting educational activities at home earlier this year (compared to 36.5% in the US).

In terms of what data New York parents have received from schools or teachers, 58.3% were provided grades on report cards (51.7% in the US), followed by 44.9% who see attendance and/or class participation (39.7% in the US) and 37.3% see sample work from their student (30.8% in the US). Only 1.2% report not receiving data about their children’s progress and performance over the last school year (6.3% in the US).

What kind of data did your children’s school or teachers provide you on your child’s progress and performance during this past school year? Please select all that apply.

US Margin of Error = 2.6%, NY Margin of Error = 7.9%

Data source (% response)	US	FL	NY	OH	TX	WA
Grades on report cards	51.7%	49.3%	58.3%	56.6%	57.8%	47.4%
Scores on standardized tests	30.1%	30.3%	28.8%	31.2%	31.6%	31.8%
Attendance and/or class participation	39.7%	41.9%	44.9%	39.5%	33.1%	47.0%
Qualitative student profile	31.5%	33.4%	28.3%	30.7%	31.2%	31.6%
Sample work	30.8%	26.7%	37.3%	21.3%	27.5%	35.8%
Data over time	25.8%	27.1%	26.3%	28.3%	24.0%	22.3%
None of the above	6.4%	12.8%	1.2%	6.8%	7.3%	5.0%

62.1% of New York parents of K-12 students (compared to 52.5% in the US) think that their children’s school or teachers have used collected data to help their students’ academic progress after school closures, down from 67.4% prior to school closures (compared to 53.0% in the US). 59.0% of New York

parents of K-12 students (compared to 47.5% in the US) say they themselves have used collected data to help their students' academic progress after school closures, which is the same as prior to school closures (59.0% in NY, compared to 46.3% in the US).

50.3% of New York parents are interested in seeing their children's school collect more data about their children's progress and performance in the next school year (compared to 44.6% in the US), whereas 7.3% would like to see less data collected (compared to 7.5% in the US). 52.2% want schools and teachers to share more data with parents in the next school year (compared to 46.4% in the US), and 44.9% would like to see the same amount of data in the next school year (compared to 47.5% in the US).

94.3% of New York parents strongly or somewhat agree that they want their children's teachers to student performance data to personalize their children's learning experience, compared to 81.0% of parents in the US. 74.2% of New York parents strongly or somewhat agree that they understand how their children's school is using information that it collects about their children, compared to 64.9% of US parents overall. 79.1% of New York parents strongly or somewhat agree that their children's school actively communicates how it uses the data collected on their children, compared to 67.7% of US parents overall.

Attitudes toward Coronavirus

Compared to the US overall, New Yorkers are about equally concerned (63.4% vs. 61.7% nationally) in response to news about increasing coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in some states (e.g. Arizona, Florida, Texas, California). 58.8% of New Yorkers believe that people living in those states not following guidelines on social distancing and mask wearing is one of the most important factors contributing toward some states experiencing a surge in COVID-19 cases, followed by 57.5% believing state governments reopening too quickly is one of the most important factors, and 41.0% believing that the federal government has not set appropriate guidelines for states to follow.

Overall, 53.1% of New Yorkers are very concerned about coronavirus (compared to 46.6% of the US), which is about the same as late June when 51.9% of New Yorkers were very concerned. Of the specific effects of COVID-19, New Yorkers are most concerned about transmitting the virus to others (44.5% very concerned vs. 38.3% in the US), followed by the long term health impacts of COVID-19 (41.4% very concerned vs. 36.8% in the US).

How concerned are you about Coronavirus (COVID-19)?

US MOE = 1.4%
 NY MOE = 4.7%

Coronavirus Attitudes Concern Level	US	NY
Very concerned	46.6%	53.1%
Somewhat concerned	30.3%	30.7%
Slightly concerned	13.4%	11.9%
Not at all concerned	9.7%	4.3%

In the news, New Yorkers report the most common topic that they've read or heard about is coronavirus, with 56.1% reporting they've heard a lot about it (compared to 53.7% in the US). The next most common topic is racial justice demonstrations and protests, with 48.7% reporting they've heard a lot about this topic (compared to 42.4% in the US).

Protective Measures Highlights

Compared to the US overall, New Yorkers are about as likely to always wear a mask in public, with 81.6% of New Yorkers reporting always wearing a mask in public compared to 72.2% of the US overall. 90.2% of New Yorkers report always or sometimes staying at home/limiting trips (88.1% in the US overall), 92.8% report always or sometimes staying 6 feet apart from others (92.0% in the US overall), and 92.8% report always or sometimes washing hands frequently for at least 20 seconds (93.7% in the US overall).

How often do you do each of the following?

US MOE = 1.4%
 NY MOE = 4.7%

Action	Always		Sometimes		Rarely		Never	
	US	NY	US	NY	US	NY	US	NY
Wear a cloth face covering or face mask while in public	72.2%	81.6%	17.7%	12.9%	6.2%	4.5%	3.9%	1.0%
Stay home and limiting trips to only essentials	58.1%	59.6%	30.0%	30.6%	8.0%	6.6%	3.9%	3.3%
Stay 6 feet apart from others	64.6%	69.0%	27.4%	23.8%	5.3%	5.1%	2.6%	2.1%
Wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds	67.9%	70.4%	24.4%	23.3%	5.3%	5.0%	2.4%	1.3%

Of New Yorkers who report rarely or never wearing a face mask, the most common reason for not doing so is that it's uncomfortable (33.2% in NY, compared to 35.5% in the US overall).

A majority (71.0%) 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 44.8% of New Yorkers citing this reason compared to 45.6% of respondents nationally. An equally popular reason is that contact tracing finds and isolates new infections before they spread (44.5% New Yorkers selected) and that information from contact tracing is strictly confidential and used only to slow the spread of the virus (35.6% 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 July 17-20, 2020 (754 respondents).