

Civis Analytics fielded a survey with 753 Ohio respondents on July 17-20, 2020. Below are some key takeaways from this wave’s research.

Ohio Highlights

Attitudes toward Student Data

Of parents of K-12 students in Ohio, 40.8% say that they know how their children’s school or teachers are using the data collected about their students, lower than the 53.9% of parents across the entire US reporting the same. 42.0% of Ohio 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 24.8% 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 Ohio parents have received from schools or teachers, 56.6% were provided grades on report cards (51.7% in the US), followed by 39.5% who see attendance and/or class participation (39.7% in the US) and 31.2% who see scores on standardized tests (30.1% in the US). 6.8% 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%, OH Margin of Error = 8.4%

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

46.6% of Ohio 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, similar to 43.0% prior to school closures (compared to 53.0% in the US). 36.5% of Ohio 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, down from 42.3% prior to school closures (compared to 46.3% in the US).

43.7% of Ohio 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 7.0% would like to see less data collected (compared to 7.5% in the US). 50.9% want schools and teachers to share more data with parents in the next school year (compared to 46.4% in the US), and 43.3% would like to see the same amount of data in the next school year (compared to 47.5% in the US).

80.6% of Ohio parents strongly or somewhat agree that a school's overall performance rating helps them make a decision about their child's education, compared to 83.2% of parents in the US. 71.4% of Ohio parents strongly or somewhat agree that they trust their children's school to keep their children's data private and secure, compared to 76.8% of parents in the US. 57.3% of Ohio parents strongly or somewhat agree that they know what information their children's school collects on their children, compared to 65.3% of parents in the US.

Attitudes toward Coronavirus

Compared to the US overall, Ohioans are slightly less concerned (55.7% vs. 61.7% nationally) in response to news about increasing coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in some states (e.g. Arizona, Florida, Texas, California). 54.0% of Ohioans 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 44.6% believing state governments reopening too quickly is one of the most important factors, and 33.3% believing that the federal government has not set appropriate guidelines for states to follow.

Overall, 41.4% of Ohioans are very concerned about coronavirus (compared to 46.6% of the US), which is slightly higher than late June when 36.1% of Ohioans were very concerned. Of the specific effects of COVID-19, Ohioans are most concerned about transmitting the virus to others (32.5% very concerned vs. 38.3% in the US), followed by the long term health impacts of COVID-19 (31.8% very concerned vs. 36.8% in the US).

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

US MOE = 1.4%
 OH MOE = 4.4%
 OH N size = 753

Coronavirus Attitudes Concern Level	US	OH
Very concerned	46.6%	41.4%
Somewhat concerned	30.3%	31.6%
Slightly concerned	13.4%	14.2%
Not at all concerned	9.7%	12.7%

In the news, Ohioans report the most common topic that they've read or heard about is coronavirus, with 49.5% of 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 37.2% reporting they've heard a lot about this topic (compared to 42.4% in the US).

Protective Measures Highlights

Compared to the US overall, Ohioans are less likely to always wear a mask in public, with 62.5% of Ohioans reporting always wearing a mask in public compared to 72.2% of the US overall. 84.8% of Ohioans report always or sometimes staying at home/limiting trips (88.1% US overall), 90.5% report always or sometimes staying 6 feet apart from others (92% US overall), and 92.2% report always or sometimes washing hands frequently for at least 20 seconds (91.4% US overall).

How often do you do each of the following?

US MOE = 1.5%
OH MOE = 4.4%
OH N size = 753

Action	Always		Sometimes		Rarely		Never	
	US	OH	US	OH	US	OH	US	OH
Wear a cloth face covering or face mask while in public	72.2%	62.5%	17.7%	20.6%	6.2%	10.0%	3.9%	6.9%
Stay home and limiting trips to only essentials	58.1%	49.9%	30.0%	34.9%	8.0%	8.9%	3.9%	6.2%
Stay 6 feet apart from others	64.6%	62.3%	27.4%	28.2%	5.3%	5.3%	2.6%	4.3%
Wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds	67.9%	66.9%	24.4%	25.3%	5.3%	3.9%	2.4%	4.0%

Of Ohioans who report rarely or never wearing a face mask, the most common reason for not doing so is that it's uncomfortable (46.7% in OH, compared to 35.5% US overall).

A majority (60.9%) of Ohioans have heard about contact tracing as a way of helping slow the spread of COVID-19. 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 42.6% of Ohioans citing this reason compared to 45.6% of respondents nationally. The next most compelling reasons are that contact tracing finds and isolates new infections before they spread (36.6% Ohioans selected) and that information from contact tracing is strictly confidential and used only to slow the spread of the virus (31.9% 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 July 17-20, 2020 (753 respondents).