

Civis Analytics fielded a survey with 745 Washington respondents on July 17-20, 2020. Below are some key takeaways from this wave’s research.

## Washington Highlights

### Attitudes toward Student Data

Of parents of K-12 students in Washington, 54.2% say that they know how their children’s school or teachers are using the data collected about their students, which is about the same as the overall US (53.9%). 53.0% of Washington 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 36.2% 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 Washington parents have received from schools or teachers, 47.4% were provided grades on report cards (51.7% in the US), followed by 47.0% who see attendance and/or class participation (39.7% in the US) and 35.8% see sample work from their student (30.8% in the US). 5.0% 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%, WA Margin of Error = 8.4%

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%

54.5% of Washington 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, about the same as 54.9% prior to school closures (compared to 53.0% in the US). 53.6% of

Washington 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, slightly up from 50.3% prior to school closures (compared to 46.3% in the US).

39.4% of Washington 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 8.3% would like to see less data collected (compared to 7.5% in the US). 45.4% want schools and teachers to share more data with parents in the next school year (compared to 46.4% in the US), and 48.8% would like to see the same amount of data in the next school year (compared to 47.5% in the US).

The majority of Washington parents (84.7%) strongly or somewhat agree that they want their children's teachers to use student specific data to help personalize his or her learning experience, compared to 81.0% of parents in the US. 63.1% of parents in Washington strongly or somewhat agree that schools should be able to securely share student performance information with other organizations, like after school programs, outside of school, compared to 69.3% of parents in the US.

**Attitudes toward Coronavirus**

Washingtonians are equally concerned as the overall US (60.3% WA vs. 61.7% US) in response to news about increasing coronavirus cases in some states (e.g. Arizona, Florida, Texas, California). 60.3% of Washingtonians 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 52.2% believing state governments reopening too quickly is one of the most important factors, and 45.9% believing that the federal government has not set appropriate guidelines for states to follow.

Overall, 41.7% of Washingtonians are very concerned about coronavirus (compared to 46.6% of the US), which is slightly higher than late June when 39.7% of Washingtonians were very concerned. Of the specific effects of COVID-19, Washingtonians are most concerned about transmitting the virus to others (40.3% very concerned vs. 38.3% in the US), followed by the long term health impacts of COVID-19 (35.6% very concerned vs. 36.8% in the US).

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

US MOE = 1.4%  
WA MOE = 4.3%

Coronavirus Attitudes Concern Level	US	WA
Very concerned	46.6%	41.7%
Somewhat concerned	30.3%	34.7%
Slightly concerned	13.4%	13.8%
Not at all concerned	9.7%	9.8%

In the news, Washingtonians report the most common topic that they've read or heard about is coronavirus, with 58.0% 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 44.7% reporting they've heard a lot about this topic (compared to 42.4% in the US).

### Protective Measures Highlights

Compared to the US overall, Washingtonians are slightly more likely to always wear a mask in public, with 77.8% of Washingtonians report always wearing a mask in public compared to 72.2% of the US overall. 91.4% of Washingtonians report always or sometimes staying at home/limiting trips (88.1% US overall), 96.5% report always or sometimes staying 6 feet apart from others (92.0% US overall), and 96.5% 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 = 1.4%

WA MOE = 4.3%

Action	Always		Sometimes		Rarely		Never	
	US	WA	US	WA	US	WA	US	WA
Wear a cloth face covering or face mask while in public	72.2%	77.8%	17.7%	16.5%	6.2%	4.7%	3.9%	1.0%
Stay home and limiting trips to only essentials	58.1%	59.9%	30.0%	31.5%	8.0%	6.0%	3.9%	2.6%
Stay 6 feet apart from others	64.6%	66.7%	27.4%	29.8%	5.3%	3.2%	2.6%	0.3%
Wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds	67.9%	67.9%	24.4%	28.5%	5.3%	3.4%	2.4%	0.2%

Of Washingtonians who report rarely or never wearing a face mask, the most common reason for not doing so is that it's uncomfortable (33.0% in FL, compared to 35.5% US overall).

More than three-quarters (76.1%) 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 50.3% of Washingtonians 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 (43.8% Washingtonians selected) and that information from contact tracing is strictly confidential and used only to slow the spread of the virus (41.7% 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 July 17-20, 2020 (745 respondents).