

Civis Analytics fielded a survey with 759 Ohio respondents on June 25-29, 2020. Below are some key takeaways from this wave’s research.

## Ohio Highlights

### Attitudes toward Coronavirus

Compared to the US overall, Ohioans are slightly less concerned (52.2% vs. 59.7% nationally) in response to news about increasing coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in some states (e.g. Arizona, Florida, Texas, California). 53.4% of Ohioans believe that people not following guidelines for social distancing and wearing masks in public is one of the most important factors contributing toward some states experiencing a surge in COVID-19 cases, followed by 44.3% believing state governments reopening too quickly is one of the most important factors, and 29.9% believing the federal government has not set appropriate guidelines for all states to follow.

39.7% of Ohioans report they’re very concerned about coronavirus, slightly less than the national 43.0%. This is a slight increase in concern from the last survey round (early June) where 33.5% of Ohioans and 38.8% of national respondents reported being very concerned about coronavirus.

In response to the actions that Ohio has taken to combat coronavirus, a majority of Ohioans (41.7%) believe that the steps have been appropriate given the serious nature of the crisis, on par with 41.7% of Americans responding to their own state governments’ actions. Just over a quarter of Ohioans (29.7%) wish that their state would do more in response to the virus, compared to about a third (33.1%) of the US population overall.

### Which statement best reflects your feelings about closures, restrictions, and other steps that the state of Ohio has taken to slow the spread of the virus?

US Margin of Error = 1.3%, OH Margin of Error = 4.3%

State Order Reaction (% response)	US	OH	FL	NY	TX	WA
I wish they would do even more	33.1%	29.7%	42.8%	27.4%	42.2%	24.2%
I think the steps are appropriate given the serious nature of the crisis	41.7%	41.7%	33.7%	52.9%	35.4%	46.1%
I think some of the steps are important, but overall they go too far	13.9%	15.4%	12.1%	11.1%	13.2%	17.9%
I think everyone is overreacting	6.7%	8.0%	6.2%	5.3%	5.7%	8.5%

The amount of coverage on coronavirus that Ohioans have seen, read, or heard has remained level since last wave, with 55.5% of Ohioans reporting they had heard a lot of information about coronavirus. This is about the same as the US overall, with 54.8% of respondents reporting they had heard a lot about it. Racial justice demonstrations and protests is another frequently consumed topic of news, with 56.4% of Ohioans saying they've heard/seen a lot of news on the topic.

### Protective Measures Highlights

Compared to the US overall, Ohioans are less likely to always wear a mask in public, with 54.2% of Ohioans reporting always wearing a mask in public compared to 65.8% of the US overall. 84.7% of Ohioans report always or sometimes staying at home/limiting trips (88.5% US overall), 88.8% report always or sometimes staying 6 feet apart from others (92.4% US overall), and 91.1% report always or sometimes washing hands frequently for at least 20 seconds (92.9% US overall).

#### How often do you do each of the following?

US MOE = 1.5%  
OH MOE = 4.3%  
OH N size = 758

Action	Always		Sometimes		Rarely		Never	
	US	OH	US	OH	US	OH	US	OH
Wear a cloth face covering or face mask while in public	65.8%	54.2%	21.8%	24.8%	6.6%	10.8%	5.8%	10.2%
Stay home and limiting trips to only essentials	57.9%	52.2%	30.5%	32.2%	7.3%	8.8%	4.3%	6.8%
Stay 6 feet apart from others	64.1%	59.2%	28.3%	29.6%	5.3%	6.7%	2.4%	4.5%
Wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds	69.6%	70.0%	23.3%	21.1%	4.9%	5.3%	2.3%	3.7%

Of Ohioans who report rarely or never wearing a face mask, the most common reason for not doing so is that it's uncomfortable (43.8% in OH, compared to 40.4% US overall). 20.5% of Ohioans report not wearing one because they did not think it was required, compared to 20.7% of those who rarely or never wear a face mask in the US overall.

A majority (63.2%) 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 42.4% of Ohioans citing this reason compared to 45.4% of respondents nationally. The next most compelling reasons are that contact tracing finds and isolates new infections before they spread (39.1% Ohioans selected) and that information from contact tracing is strictly confidential and used only to slow the spread of the virus (34.5% of Ohioans selected).

## Donating and Volunteering Behavior

In Ohio, 22.1% of respondents report donating and 10.3% report volunteering in response to the Coronavirus pandemic, compared to 22.2% donating and 12.1% volunteering nationally.

***Have you donated or volunteered in response to the Coronavirus pandemic? Select all that apply.***

*US MOE = 1.4%, OH MOE = 4.3%*  
*OH N size = 758*

Action	US	OH
Donated	22.2%	16.5%
Volunteered	12.1%	10.3%
Neither donated nor volunteered	67.9%	75.1%

Of those in Ohio who donated, hunger relief was the most common recipient (31.6%), followed by first responder and healthcare worker support (23.8%), neighborhood or community funds (19.7%) and direct funding of individuals in need (19.1%). 14.8% of Ohioans who donated gave money to a racial justice cause. Ohioans donated \$175 on average, compared to an average donation amount of \$244 nationally (these averages were calculated after limiting to self-reported donations under \$2,000).

Of those in Ohio who volunteered, food or grocery supply and delivery was the most common option with 35.9% reporting they had done so, compared to 36.7% of the overall US population. The next most common volunteer actions in Ohio are making face masks (24.6%) and volunteering at a homeless shelter (21.6%).

Of Ohioans who did not donate, the largest portion of respondents report not having enough money as the reason they have not donated (44.6% in OH, compared to 46.4% in US). 19.2% of Ohioans reported that they weren't interested in donating, on par with 19.2% of the overall US. Of Ohioans who did not volunteer, a third reported not being able to volunteer while staying at home as the reason they have not volunteered (32.4% in OH, compared to 36.1% 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 (47.3% in OH vs. 36.2% in the US overall). The next most common actions are engaging more on social media than they had before (33.3% in OH vs. 35.6% in US) and connecting with a vulnerable family member or friend who is self isolating (27.2% in OH, 30.5% in US).

**Methodology:** Responses were gathered through online web panels and weighted to accurately reflect the entire adult population of Ohio. Questions were fielded June 25-29, 2020 (759 respondents).