

Civis Analytics fielded a survey with 692 Florida respondents on February 11-15, 2021. Below are some key takeaways from this wave’s research.

Florida Highlights

COVID-19 Vaccine

In Florida, 19.0% of adults report that they have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine so far. Of those who have not yet been vaccinated, 58.1% of Floridian adults say they are ‘very’ or ‘somewhat’ likely to get vaccinated for COVID-19, while 35.4% say they are ‘very’ or ‘somewhat’ unlikely, and 6.4% are not sure. Of those who are unlikely or unsure whether they will get vaccinated, 48.3% said it is because they are worried the vaccine will have side effects, 47.1% said they don’t trust that the vaccine will really be safe, and 33.6% said they are concerned the vaccine has not been tested enough on people like them. 41.6% of Floridian adults say they would be more likely to get the COVID-19 vaccine if they knew it would protect them from getting COVID-19, 38.8% said they would be more likely to get the vaccine if they knew it was part of helping end the pandemic, and 27.4% said they would be more likely to get the vaccine if it has been out for a few months and seems okay.

With regard to eligibility, 43.3% of Floridian adults report being eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine under their state’s current vaccination rollout phase, 33.7% report being ineligible, and 23.0% say they are unsure. When asked why they have not yet received a dose, eligible adults in Florida say they have been unable to secure an appointment or their appointment was cancelled (27.2%), they don’t intend to be vaccinated (21.8%), or vaccine supply is limited and others need it more (19.1%).

You indicated that you are currently eligible for a vaccine in your state, but you have not yet received a dose. Which of the following statements best reflects why?

US Margin of Error = 2.9%, FL Margin of Error = 9.7%

Statements (% selected)	US	FL	NY	OH	TX	WA
I have an appointment scheduled but have not yet received the vaccine.	17.1%	13.4%	15.9%	16.5%	16.6%	19.9%
I have not been able to secure an appointment to be vaccinated, or the appointment I scheduled was cancelled.	22.9%	27.2%	29.0%	19.9%	18.5%	21.4%
Vaccine supply is limited, and others who are eligible need it more than I do.	21.9%	19.1%	18.0%	20.8%	22.8%	27.5%
I do not intend to be vaccinated for COVID-19.	21.9%	21.8%	19.8%	23.7%	22.5%	19.0%
I don’t know how to sign up or where to go to be vaccinated.	5.9%	5.0%	7.0%	5.6%	8.2%	3.3%

None of the above	10.4%	13.4%	10.3%	13.5%	11.4%	9.0%
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Government Priorities

When asked about government budget priorities, 55.9% of Floridian adults said they would increase federal spending for Social Security, 54.9% would increase federal spending for veterans benefits, and 54.1% would increase federal spending for assistance to the needy in the U.S. For state budgets, 63.4% of Floridian adults said they would increase spending for health care, 58.1% would increase spending for Coronavirus (COVID-19), and 47.7% would increase spending for K-12 education. Compared to stated priorities in January, we see lower support for increased *federal* spending on coronavirus and health (59.5% to 51.4% for coronavirus, 56.1% to 53.5% for health care).

42.2% of Floridian adults said that they would increase spending for K-12 education in the federal government budget, and 26.8% of Floridian adults said they would increase spending for postsecondary education in the federal budget. Similarly, 47.7% of Floridian adults said they would increase spending for K-12 education in their state’s government budget, and 31.0% of Floridian adults said they would increase spending for postsecondary education in the state budget.

Parenting

When asked who is responsible for taking care of their child(ren), 75.7% of Floridian adults say they share the care of their child(ren) with a partner, ex-partner, or relative, while 15.4% say they are a single parent. Single parents in Florida say they are most concerned about paying bills and managing household finances (40.5%), grocery shopping and food security (39.4%), and cleaning (35.4%). When it comes to seeking outside support, single parents say they are actively looking for support or outside intervention for mental health and stability for their family (36.2%), grocery shopping and food security (35.3%), and paying bills and managing household finances (35.1%).

As for households where multiple adults share childcare responsibilities, there have been some shifts in division of roles in the home since the start of COVID-19. Before COVID-19, parents with another adult in the household report equally sharing the following household responsibilities: making health decisions for the family (66.7%), educating children at home (53.8%) and playing with and entertaining children (53.2%). Since the start of COVID-19, parents’ shared responsibilities have remained largely the same; parents say they equally share making health decisions (68.0%), caring for children (55.4%) and educating children at home (54.6%).

School Reopenings

30.1% of parents of K-12 students report that their children are attending all in-person classes, 57.5% report that their children are attending all remote classes, and 12.4% report a hybrid of in-person and remote. Of the parents who report their children are attending all remote or hybrid classes, 49.4% say there is at least one student in their child’s class who is having trouble accessing online resources.

47.7% of parents of K-12 students who are attending all remote or hybrid classes say that the school or teachers typically plan educational activities, while 30.9% say they typically do it themselves, and 9.6% say another parent or guardian does. 52.3% of parents of K-12 students who are attending all remote or hybrid classes ‘agree’ or ‘strongly agree’ that school closures have made it difficult for them to work or do other household tasks.

As for K-12 schools providing information to families, 58.0% of Florida K-12 parents say their children’s school has provided information on mental health, 63.1% on physical health, 32.9% on racial justice and 61.1% on food services. This represents a shift from August 2020, when 54.8% (+3.2pp) of parents reported receiving mental and physical health information, 39.1% (-6.2pp) reported receiving information about racial justice, and 63.9% (-2.8pp) reported receiving information about food services.

Has your children’s school provided information on any of the following topics?

US Margin of Error = 3%, FL Margin of Error = 10.7%

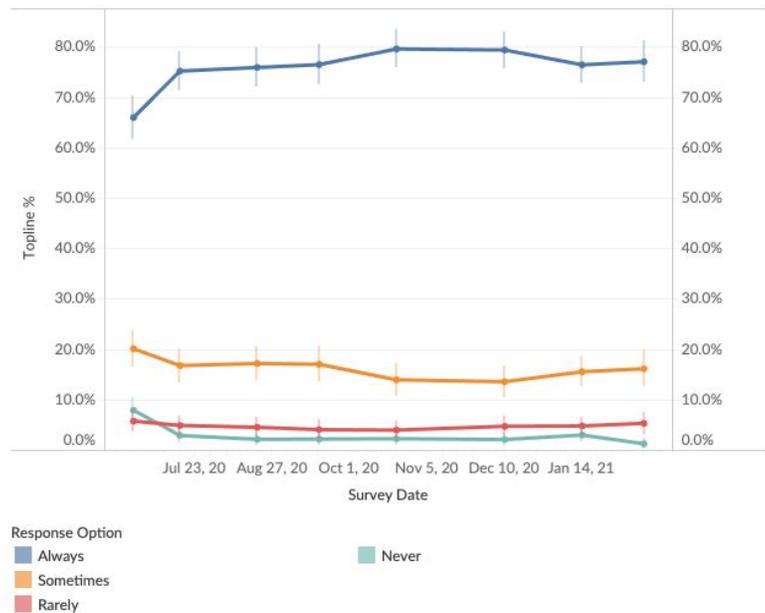
Topics (% Yes)	US	FL	NY	OH	TX	WA
Mental health	55.4%	58.0%	66.9%	54.7%	56.1%	52.4%
Physical health	63.0%	63.1%	70.9%	63.8%	68.5%	63.9%
Racial justice	41.0%	32.9%	59.7%	35.0%	43.6%	40.8%
Food services	68.1%	61.1%	69.4%	73.4%	71.3%	73.8%

COVID-19 Protective Measures

77.9% of Floridian adults report ‘always’ wearing a cloth face covering or face mask while in public, 56.4% ‘always’ staying home and limited trips to only essentials, 65.6% ‘always’ staying 6 feet apart from others, 55.4% ‘always’ gathering with small groups only when socializing, and 54.4% ‘always’ gathering with small groups only when socializing, continuing to wear masks and remain six feet apart during group activities.

Protective Measures Freq Face Mask in FL

Question Text: "How often do you do each of the following? -- Wear a cloth face covering or face mask while in public"



Compliance with protective measures over time

Compliance with wearing a mask or cloth face covering in public has remained high in Florida since late summer, following an increase in June to July.

Of those who report only 'sometimes,' 'rarely,' or 'never' wear a face mask, 33.5% say they don't do so because it's not required when they're social distancing and/or outside, followed by 17.6% who say they don't do so because they forget to bring their mask with them and 15.5% who say they don't do so because it's uncomfortable. Of those who report not always staying 6 feet apart from others, 44.7% say they don't do so because the places they go don't have enough room to stay 6 feet apart, followed by 30.6% who say they don't do so because it's not necessary if outside and/or wearing a mask, and 28.2% who say they don't do so because when they try to, others don't. Of those who report not always gathering with small groups only when socializing, 35.5% say they don't do so because they trust their friends and family have taken proper precautions, followed by 28.8% who say they don't do so because it's unnecessary if wearing masks, standing six feet apart and/or outside, and 26.5% who say they don't do so because gatherings are spontaneous, so it's not easy to control the number of people.

When asked what would make them more likely to follow recommended COVID-19 behaviors, 56.8% of Floridian adults selected if they believed it would help to end the pandemic as soon as possible, 46.9% of Floridian adults selected if they believed it was a way to protect the most vulnerable in their community, and 33.5% of Floridian adults selected if the recommendations were required or mandated everywhere they went.

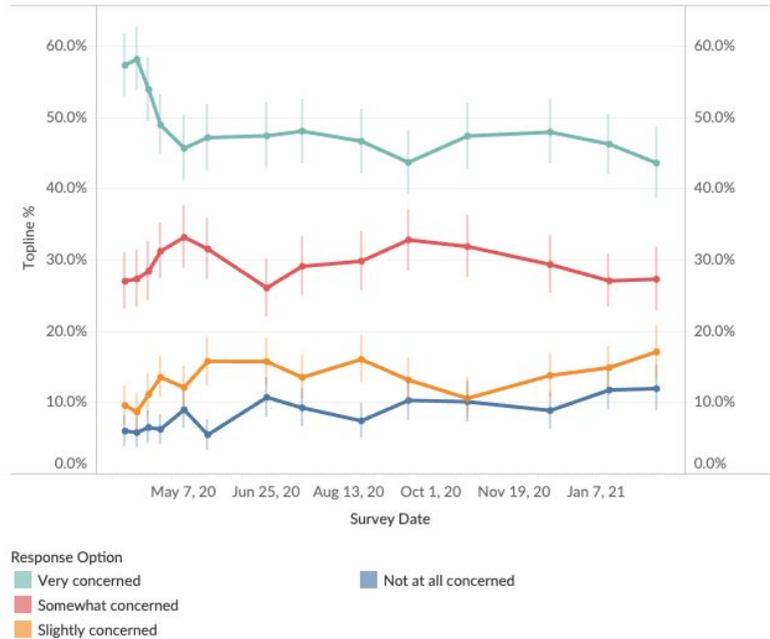
Attitudes toward Coronavirus

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

Overall, 44.0% of Floridian adults say that they are 'Very concerned' about Coronavirus (COVID-19), slightly down from 46.2% from our last wave of research in January. Concern is dipping back down, after increasing in November and December 2020.

Attitudes Concern Level in FL

Question Text: "How concerned are you about Coronavirus (COVID-19)?"



25.0% of Floridian adults believe that all or most of the information available about COVID-19 is trustworthy, while 30.8% believe there is misinformation and it's hard to know what's real, 24.8% believe there is some misinformation but it's easy to know what's fake, and 19.4% say they can't trust all or most of the information available about COVID-19.

Thinking about the information you learn about COVID-19 and the pandemic, which of the following most closely describes how you feel?

US Margin of Error = 1.5%, FL Margin of Error = 5.2%

Statement (% selected)	US	FL	NY	OH	TX	WA
All or most of the information available about COVID-19 is trustworthy.	24.8%	25.0%	31.4%	23.3%	29.6%	20.8%
There is misinformation about COVID-19, and it's hard for me to know what's real.	30.8%	30.8%	29.1%	34.2%	30.2%	32.6%
There is some misinformation about COVID-19, but it's easy to know what's fake.	25.7%	24.8%	26.2%	22.2%	20.4%	29.9%
I can't trust all or most of the information available about COVID-19.	18.7%	19.4%	13.2%	20.4%	19.8%	16.7%

Methodology: Responses were gathered through online web panels, quality screened, and weighted to accurately reflect the entire adult population of Florida. Questions were fielded February 11-15, 2021 (692 respondents).