

Civis Analytics fielded a survey with 709 New York respondents on February 11-15, 2021. Below are some key takeaways from this wave’s research.

New York Highlights

COVID-19 Vaccine

In New York, 22.2% 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, 69.8% of New York adults say they are ‘very’ or ‘somewhat’ likely to get vaccinated for COVID-19, while 23.6% say they are ‘very’ or ‘somewhat’ unlikely, and 6.6% are not sure. Of those who are unlikely or unsure whether they will get vaccinated, 54.0% said it is because they don’t trust that the vaccine will really be safe, 39.6% said they don’t trust that the vaccine will really be effective, 34.9% said they’re worried the vaccine will have side effects. 47.5% of New York adults say they would be more likely to get the COVID-19 vaccine if they knew it would help protect them from getting COVID-19, 40.0% said they would be more likely to get the vaccine if they knew that it was part of helping end the pandemic, and 29.0% 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, 48.5% of New York adults report being eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine under their state’s current vaccination rollout phase, 31.5% report being ineligible, and 20.0% say they are unsure. When asked why they have not yet received a dose, eligible adults in New York say they have not been able to secure an appointment or their appointment was cancelled (29.0%), they do not intend to be vaccinated for COVID-19 (19.8%), or vaccine supply is limited and others who are eligible need it more than they do (18.0%).

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%, NY Margin of Error = 10%

| Statements (% selected) | US | FL | NY | OH | TX | WA |
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| 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% |

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| 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% |

Government Priorities

When asked about government budget priorities, 60.3% of New York adults said they would increase federal spending for health care, 56.3% would increase federal spending for coronavirus (COVID-19), and 53.9% would increase federal spending for Medicare. For state budgets, 64.6% of New York adults said they would increase spending for health care, 63.7% would increase spending for coronavirus (COVID-19), and 49.0% would increase spending for K-12 education. Compared to stated priorities in January, the rank order of issues has remained the same. This change represents a decrease across the board in support for federal spending and an increase for state spending.

38.7% of New York adults said that they would increase spending for K-12 education in the federal government budget, and 24.9% of New York adults said they would increase spending for postsecondary education in the federal budget. In contrast, 49.0% of New York adults said they would increase spending for K-12 education in their state's government budget, and 27.6% of New York 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), 72.3% of New York adults say they share the care of their child(ren) with a partner, ex-partner, or relative, while 17.3% say they are a single parent. Single parents in New York say they are most concerned about the mental health and stability of my family (49.6%), making health decisions for their family (34.2%), and grocery shopping and food security (33.1%). When it comes to seeking outside support, single parents say they are actively looking for support or outside intervention for the mental health and stability of their family (45.0%), cleaning (39.2%) and grocery shopping and food security (38.7%).

As for households where multiple adults share childcare responsibilities, there has been a shift 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: caring for children (59.3%), making health decisions for the family (57.5%), and playing with/entertaining children (53.7%). Since the start of COVID-19, the greatest shifts in parents' equally shared responsibilities have been in the following areas: caring for children (59.3% to 43.3%), cooking (32.5% to 37.5%), and grocery shopping (32.9% to 37.0%).

School Reopenings

17.2% of parents of K-12 students report that their children are attending all in-person classes, 52.7% report that their children are attending all remote classes, and 30.1% report a hybrid of in-person and remote. Of the parents who report their children are attending all remote or hybrid classes, 47.1% say there is at least one student in their child’s class who is having trouble accessing online resources.

31.0% 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 47.0% say they typically do it themselves, and 7.5% say another parent or guardian does. 61.7% 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, 66.9% of New York K-12 parents say their children’s school has provided information on mental health, 70.9% on physical health, 59.7% on racial justice, and 69.4% on food services. These reported levels of resource access have remained relatively stable since August 2020, with mental and physical health jointly at 69.2%, racial justice at 51.3%, and food services at 72.9%.

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

US Margin of Error = 3%, NY Margin of Error = 9.7%

| Topics (% Yes) | US | FL | NY | OH | TX | WA |
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| 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

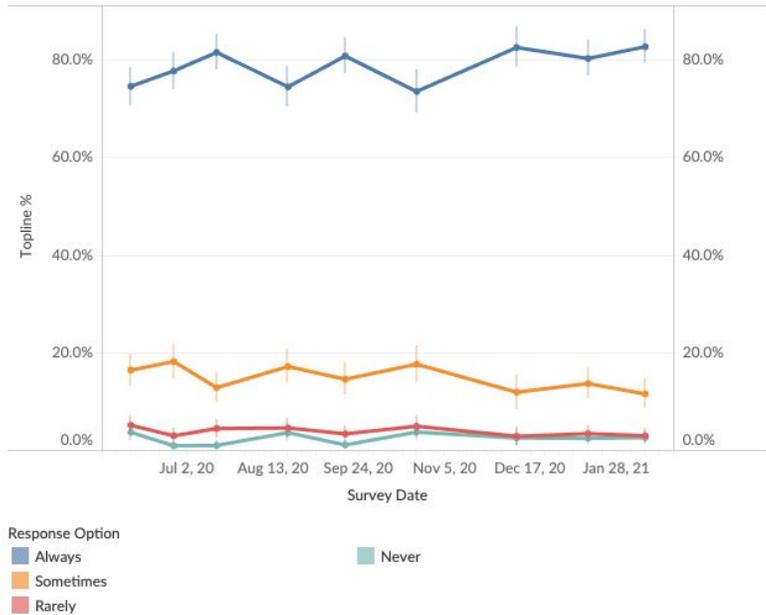
83.0% of New York adults report ‘always’ wearing a cloth face covering or face mask while in public, 58.4% ‘always’ staying home and limited trips to only essentials, 63.8% ‘always’ staying 6 feet apart from others, 59.3% ‘always’ gathering with small groups only when socializing, and 58.8% ‘always’ 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 NY

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

Mask wearing frequency has remained stable over the past 6 months in New York, with the vast majority of New York adults always wearing a cloth face covering or face mask while in public.



Of those who report only 'sometimes,' 'rarely,' or 'never' wear a face mask, 23.9% say they don't do so because if they're social distancing and/or outside, it's not necessary, followed by 19.9% who say they don't do so because they don't have one and 17.8% who say they don't do so because it's uncomfortable. Of those who report not always staying 6 feet apart from others, 37.5% say they don't do so because some of the places they go don't have enough room to stay 6 feet apart, followed by 35.1% who say they don't do so because when I try to stay socially distanced, others don't, and 22.4% who say they don't do so because if they're outside and/or wearing a mask, it's not necessary to stay physically distanced. Of those who report not always gathering with small groups only when socializing, 36.6% say they don't do so because they trust that their friends and family have taken proper precautions, followed by 24.9% who say they don't do so because if they are wearing masks, standing six feet apart and/or are outside, it's not necessary to gather in small groups, and 19.5% 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, 63.5% of New York adults selected if they believed it would help to end the pandemic as soon as possible, 40.7% of New York adults selected if they believed it was a way to protect the most vulnerable in my community, and 33.0% of New York adults selected if the recommendations were required or mandated everywhere they went.

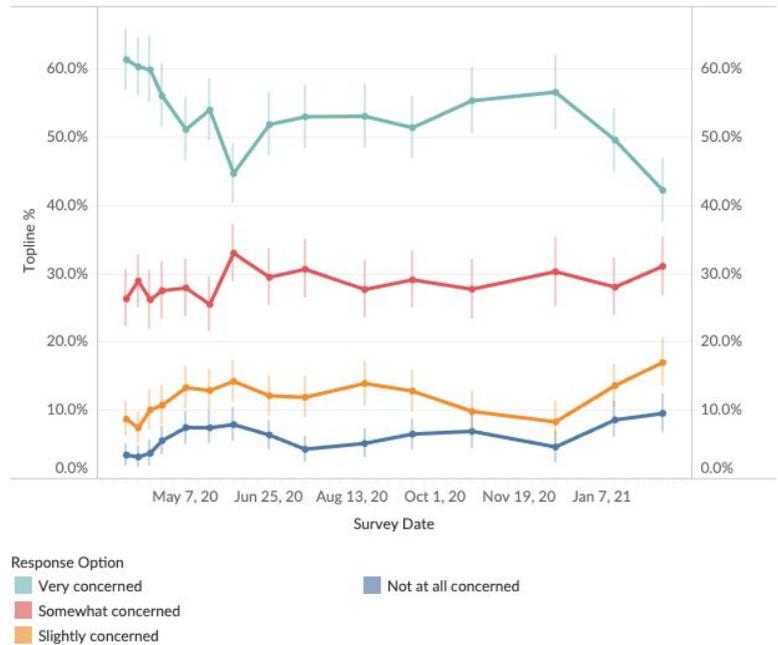
Attitudes toward Coronavirus

Attitudes Concern Level in NY

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

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Overall, 42.0% of New York adults say that they are 'Very concerned' about Coronavirus (COVID-19), down from 49.6% from our last wave of research in January. Concern about Coronavirus (COVID-19) has declined in the past two months in New York.



31.4% of New York adults believe that all or most of the information available about COVID-19 is trustworthy, while 29.1% believe there is misinformation and it's hard to know what's real, 26.2% believe there is some misinformation but it's easy to know what's fake, and 13.2% 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%, NY Margin of Error = 5.6%

| 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 New York. Questions were fielded February 11-15, 2021 (709 respondents).