

Civis Analytics fielded a survey with 1,004 Washington respondents on February 11-15, 2021. Below are some key takeaways from this wave’s research.

Washington Highlights

COVID-19 Vaccine

In Washington, 18.5% 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, 72.4% of Washington adults say they are ‘very’ or ‘somewhat’ likely to get vaccinated for COVID-19, while 22.7% say they are ‘very’ or ‘somewhat’ unlikely, and 5.0% are not sure. Of those who are unlikely or unsure whether they will get vaccinated, 55.7% said it is because they don’t trust that the vaccine will really be safe, 47.8% said they’re worried the vaccine will have side effects, 32.5% said they’re concerned it has not been tested enough on people like them. 46.3% of Washington 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, 40.7% said they would be more likely to get the vaccine if they knew that it was part of helping end the pandemic, and 24.9% 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, 41.0% of Washington adults report being eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine under their state’s current vaccination rollout phase, 33.9% report being ineligible, and 25.0% say they are unsure. When asked why they have not yet received a dose, eligible adults in Washington say vaccine supply is limited, and others who are eligible need it more than they do (27.4%), they have not been able to secure an appointment to be vaccinated, or the appointment they scheduled was cancelled (21.5%), or they have an appointment scheduled but have not yet received the vaccine (20.0%).

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%, WA Margin of Error = 7.9%

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%	20.0%
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%	21.5%
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%	27.4%
I do not intend to be vaccinated for COVID-19.	21.9%	21.8%	19.8%	23.7%	22.5%	18.9%

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%	3.2%
None of the above	10.4%	13.4%	10.3%	13.5%	11.4%	9.0%

Government Priorities

When asked about government budget priorities, 59.8% of Washington adults said they would increase federal spending for health care, 58.6% would increase federal spending for Coronavirus, and 54.0% would increase federal spending for assistance to the needy in the U.S. For state budgets, 60.2% of Washington adults said they would increase spending for health care, 50.5% would increase spending for Coronavirus, and 43.5% would increase spending for K-12 education. Washington adults reported similar budget priorities in the January survey wave at both state and federal level.

51.2% of Washington adults said that they would increase spending for K-12 education in the federal government budget, and 32.4% of Washington adults said they would increase spending for postsecondary education in the federal budget. In slight contrast, 43.7% of Washington adults said they would increase spending for K-12 education in their state's government budget, and 28.1% of Washington 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), 68.6% of Washington adults say they share the care of their child(ren) with a partner, ex-partner, or relative, while 23.6% say they are a single parent. Single parents in Washington say they are most concerned about paying bills and managing household finances (46.4%), mental health and stability of their family (36.5%), and working to support their family (25.9%). When it comes to seeking outside support, single parents say they are actively looking for support or outside intervention for paying bills and managing household finances (45.0%), working to support their family (31.8%), and grocery shopping and food security (28.9%).

Before COVID-19, parents with another adult in the household report equally sharing the following household responsibilities: making health decisions for the family (68.8%), playing with/entertaining children (66.4%) and caring for children (52.9%). Since the start of COVID-19, parents' shared responsibilities have not shifted much; parents say they equally share making health decisions for the family (69.1%), playing with/entertaining children (59.9%) and caring for children (53.5%).

School Reopenings

14.8% of parents of K-12 students report that their children are attending all in-person classes, 62.2% report that their children are attending all remote classes, and 23.1% report a hybrid of in-person and remote. Of the parents who report their children are attending all remote or hybrid classes, 47.4% say there is at least one student in their child's class who is having trouble accessing online resources.

46.2% 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 33.5% say they typically do it themselves, and 11.7% say another parent or guardian does. 62.2% 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, 52.4% of Washington K-12 parents say their children’s school has provided information on mental health, 63.8% on physical health, 40.8% on racial justice, and 73.8% on food services. When asked about mental and physical health resources during the August 2020 wave, slightly fewer (45.9%) parents reported their children’s school providing these resources.

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

US Margin of Error = 3%, WA Margin of Error = 8.2%

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%	63.8%
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

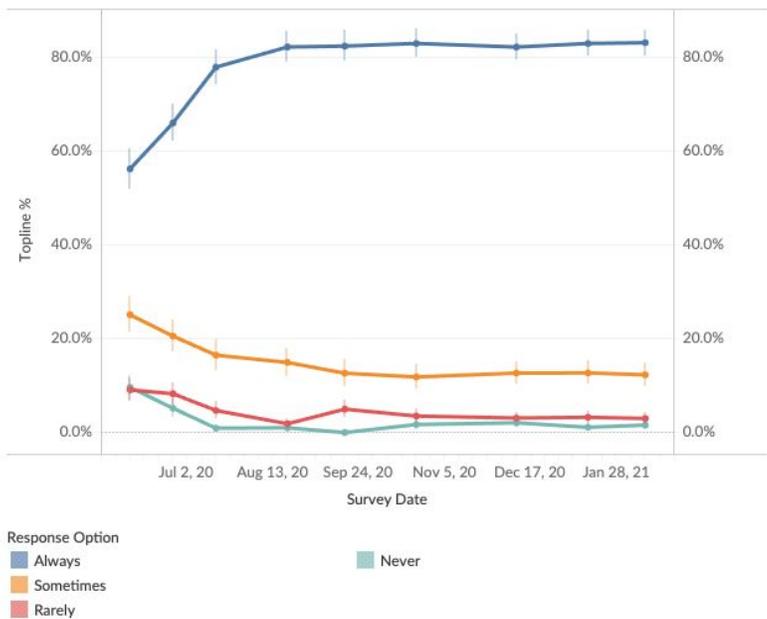
82.9% of Washington adults report ‘always’ wearing a cloth face covering or face mask while in public, 54.5% ‘always’ staying home and limited trips to only essentials, 65.6% ‘always’ staying 6 feet apart from others, 61.2% ‘always’ gathering with small groups only when socializing, and 56.8% ‘always’ gathering with small groups only when socializing, continuing to wear masks and remain six feet apart during group activities.

Compliance with protective measures over time

Compliance with protective measures has remained steady in Washington since summer 2020.

Protective Measures Freq Face Mask in WA

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



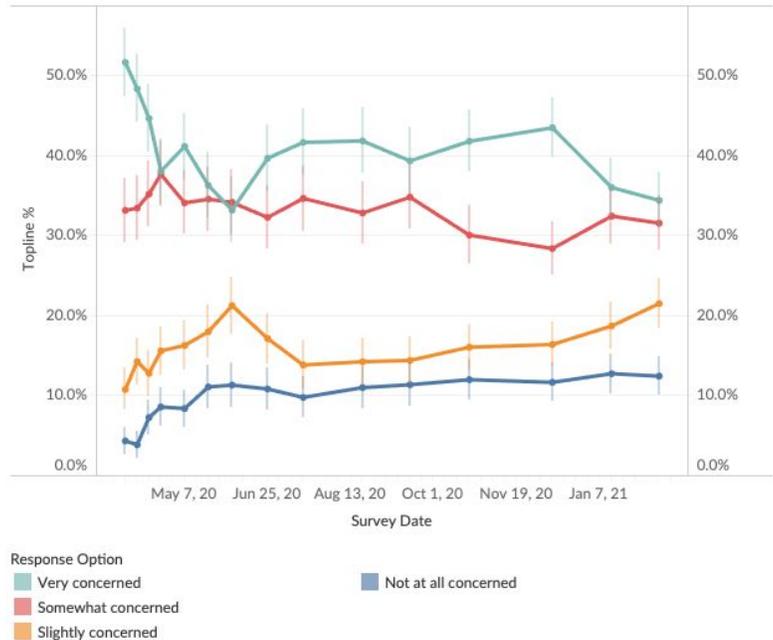
Of those who report only 'sometimes,' 'rarely,' or 'never' wear a face mask, 28.5% say they don't do so because if they are social distancing and/or outside, it's not necessary, followed by 22.6% who say they don't do so because they really trust the people who are telling them it is necessary to wear a mask and 18.9% who say they don't do so because it's uncomfortable. Of those who report not always staying 6 feet apart from others, 46.1% 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 33.8% who say they don't do so because when they try to stay socially distanced, others don't and 21.4% 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, 35.3% say they don't do so because they trust that their friends and family have taken proper precautions, followed by 25.6% who say they don't do so because gatherings are spontaneous, so it's not easy to control the number of people and 18.6% 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 group.

When asked what would make them more likely to follow recommended COVID-19 behaviors, 61.9% of Washington adults selected if they believed it would help to end the pandemic as soon as possible, 44.5% of Washington adults selected if they believed it was a way to protect the most vulnerable in their community, and 34.2% of Washington adults selected it they believed it would mean they were not responsible for getting someone else sick.

Attitudes toward Coronavirus

Attitudes Concern Level in WA

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



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

Overall, 34.4% of Washington adults say that they are 'Very concerned' about Coronavirus (COVID-19), slightly down from 36.0% from our last wave of research in January. Concern about Coronavirus (COVID-19) has gone down slightly in the last couple of months.

20.7% of Washington adults believe that all or most of the information available about COVID-19 is trustworthy, while 32.7% believe there is misinformation and it's hard to know what's real, 29.8% believe there is some misinformation but it's easy to know what's fake, and 16.8% 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%, WA Margin of Error = 4.1%

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%	20.7%
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%	32.7%
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%	29.8%
I can't trust all or most of the information available about COVID-19.	18.7%	19.4%	13.2%	20.4%	19.8%	16.8%

Methodology: Responses were gathered through online web panels, quality screened, and weighted to accurately reflect the entire adult population of Washington. Questions were fielded February 11-15, 2021 (1,004 respondents).