

Civis Analytics fielded a survey with 1,265 New York respondents on July 22-26, 2021. Below are some key takeaways from this wave’s research.

New York Highlights

COVID-19 Concern

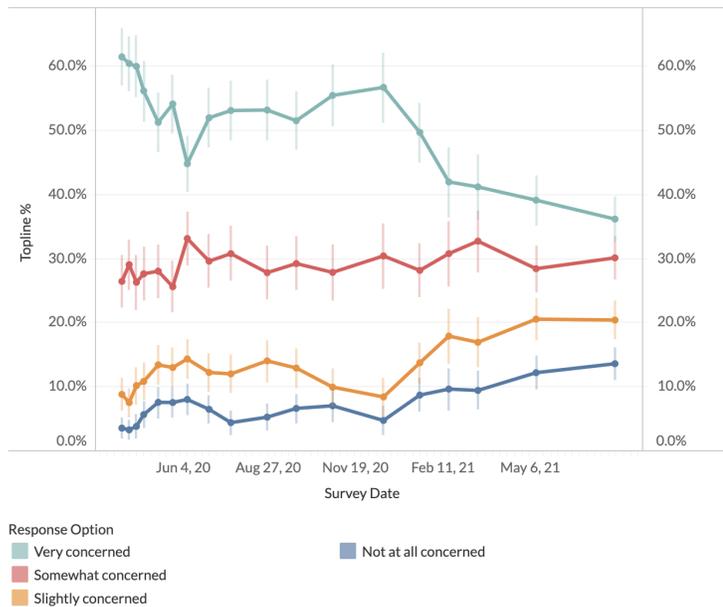
In New York, concern about Coronavirus has stayed the same since our last wave of research in May. 36.5% of adults report being ‘very concerned’ about COVID-19, on par with 30.8% nationally and 38.8% in our last wave of research in New York in May. 79.6% of New York adults report having heard of Coronavirus variants or strains (e.g. Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta), with 46.1% of those respondents reporting being ‘very concerned’ about the variants. Compared to the US overall, more New York adults report increasing levels of concern (56.2% vs. 50.9% nationally) in response to news about increasing Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in states like Florida, Texas, California, Arkansas, and Missouri.

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

Concern about the Coronavirus among New York adults has continued to decrease since a relative peak of 56.7% reporting being ‘very concerned’ in December, down to 36.5% currently.

Attitudes Concern Level in NY

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



COVID-19 Vaccine

In New York, 72.1% of adults report that they have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, a 7pp increase since our last wave of research in May (65.4%). Compared to the US as a whole (65.8%), a greater proportion of adults in New York has received at least one dose. 89.4% of New York adults who have received at least one dose report having also received a second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, on par with 87.5% nationally. 64.9% of New York adults who’ve received at least one dose of the

COVID-19 vaccine report that they would be ‘very likely’ to get a COVID-19 booster shot, assuming the FDA had authorized it, similar to 62.1% nationally.

Among New York adults who have been vaccinated, 33.0% report that they felt hesitant about receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. The most common motivators to get the vaccine among those who identified as hesitant are it being recommended by their local health department (33.3%), it being recommended by their physician (31.4%), and knowing it would help protect them from getting COVID-19 (31.2%). Among New York adults who have not yet been vaccinated, 37.0% of New York adults say they are ‘very’ or ‘somewhat likely’ to get vaccinated for COVID-19, while 46.2% say they are ‘very’ or ‘somewhat unlikely’, and 16.8% are not sure.

Protective Measures

Some states and jurisdictions have returned to mask mandates and social distancing measures following an increase in COVID-19 cases. 57.3% of New York adults report always wearing a mask indoors, and 46.5% report always staying 6 feet apart from others while indoors. In New York, 39.7% of adults report always staying home and limiting trips to essentials, and 43.5% report only gathering in small groups when socializing. Of New York adults who report ‘always’ wearing a mask indoors, 49.5% say they do so they don’t trust that others are vaccinated or safe to be around unmasked, 46.3% report they want to help protect others who have health issues or cannot be vaccinated, and 39.2% report that it is required in the public places they go to.

You indicated that you always wear a cloth face covering or mask while indoors in public. What best describes why? Select all that apply.

US Margin of Error = 2.1%, NY Margin of Error = 4.7%

| Response (% selected) | US | FL | NY | OH | TX | WA |
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| It is required in the public places I go to | 31.8% | 34.6% | 39.2% | 22.3% | 28.1% | 28.5% |
| I have a health issue or my immune system is compromised | 16.9% | 18.0% | 13.2% | 15.7% | 17.8% | 19.3% |
| My workplace requires or wants me to wear a cloth face covering or mask | 19.8% | 23.1% | 23.0% | 16.5% | 17.2% | 19.3% |
| I am not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 | 20.8% | 23.4% | 22.4% | 18.6% | 20.4% | 13.6% |
| If I cannot social distance, it’s necessary | 30.9% | 31.7% | 29.4% | 27.7% | 31.8% | 31.8% |
| Others in my community are also wearing cloth face coverings or masks | 21.1% | 19.9% | 22.5% | 16.2% | 26.2% | 22.0% |

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| I want to help protect others who have health issues or cannot be vaccinated | 49.0% | 51.5% | 46.3% | 41.7% | 51.7% | 55.8% |
| I don't trust that others are vaccinated or safe to be around unmasked | 54.2% | 56.4% | 49.5% | 59.9% | 62.2% | 57.5% |
| Other | 2.5% | 0.9% | 3.0% | 1.7% | 1.5% | 3.3% |

COVID-19 Vaccine Plans for Children

Among New York adults who identify as parents or guardians of children 18 years old or younger, plans for vaccinating children are similar across age groups. Compared to the US as a whole, more New York parents with children in all age ranges (0 to 6 months, 6 months to 11 years, 12 to 15 years, and 16 to 18 years) report being 'very' or 'somewhat likely' to get their children vaccinated.

Everyone over the age of 12 in all 50 states is eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine. Among New York parents, 69.8% of those with children 6 months to 11 years old report being 'very' or 'somewhat likely' to get those child(ren) vaccinated when it is available. 65.7% of New York parents with 12 to 15 year olds report that those child(ren) have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Of New York parents with 12 to 15 year olds who haven't received the vaccine yet, 53.6% say they are 'very' or 'somewhat likely' to get their child(ren) in that age group vaccinated. 67.5% of New York parents with 16 to 18 year olds report that those child(ren) have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Of New York parents with 16 to 18 year olds who haven't received the vaccine yet, 55.4% say they are 'very' or 'somewhat likely' to get their child(ren) in that age group vaccinated.

Vaccine Mandates

77.2% of New York adults with child(ren) who are currently enrolled in primary or secondary school report being in favor of schools mandating COVID-19 vaccination for eligible age groups in order to return to in person classes this fall. When asked if their child(ren)'s primary or secondary schools are mandating the COVID-19 vaccine for eligible age groups, 88.4% of parents report that one or more of their child(ren)'s schools are mandating the vaccine. 7.2% of parents report that none of their child(ren)'s schools have a vaccine mandate. Only 4.4% of parents are unsure if their schools have a vaccine mandate, which suggests vaccine mandates have been well-communicated to parents.

American colleges have been divided over whether to require a vaccine for students. Of college students and college students' parents, 75.6% indicate that they 'strongly' or 'somewhat agree' that colleges should mandate the COVID-19 vaccine for students prior to enrolling in classes. 60.9% of New York college students or parents of college students report that the college they or their child is attending this fall requires that students receive the COVID-19 vaccine, 26.2% report no mandate, and 12.9% are not sure if the vaccine is required.

18.7% of New York adults report recently becoming unemployed or furloughed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Rates of remote work among employed US adults have remained stable, with 15.6% of New York adults reporting they have not worked alongside others outside the home in the last two weeks, compared to 16.6% in our last wave of research in May. 67.3% of New York adults report 'somewhat' or 'strongly' agreeing that employers should mandate the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine for employees returning to in-person work.

COVID-19 Information

US adults are divided on the steps their state has taken with regard to reopening and lifting restrictions. 33.8% think the steps their state has taken have been appropriate, 20.7% think the steps have been okay but are too premature, 19.3% wish their state would take even more steps to reopen, and 16.2% think the state should not be reopening or lifting restrictions yet.

With regard to the global state of the pandemic, 45.6% of New York adults say they are 'very concerned' about the current situation in other countries, compared to 39.0% of all US adults. Adults in New York support vaccine sharing, with 76.6% 'strongly' or 'somewhat' agreeing that the United States should be sharing its vaccines with other countries and 79.4% 'strongly' or 'somewhat' agreeing that all countries should be sharing their vaccines with others.

Which statement best reflects your feelings about openings, lifting restrictions, and other steps that <my state> has taken?

US Margin of Error = 1.5%, NY Margin of Error = 3.6%

| Response (% selected) | US | FL | NY | OH | TX | WA |
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| I wish they would take even more steps to reopen and lift restrictions | 18.0% | 13.9% | 19.3% | 19.9% | 17.5% | 20.9% |
| I think the steps have been appropriate given where we are in the crisis | 30.2% | 30.9% | 33.8% | 35.4% | 28.0% | 34.4% |
| I think some of the steps are okay, but overall they go too far or are too soon | 21.7% | 21.6% | 20.7% | 21.5% | 22.4% | 21.6% |
| I think we shouldn't be reopening or lifting restrictions yet | 18.7% | 25.3% | 16.2% | 12.4% | 22.6% | 15.2% |
| I don't know enough to say about <my state>'s current steps to reopen | 11.4% | 8.3% | 10.0% | 10.8% | 9.5% | 8.0% |

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 July 22-26, 2021 (1,265 respondents).