

Civis Analytics fielded a survey with 1,094 Ohio respondents on July 22-26, 2021. Below are some key takeaways from this wave’s research.

Ohio Highlights

COVID-19 Concern

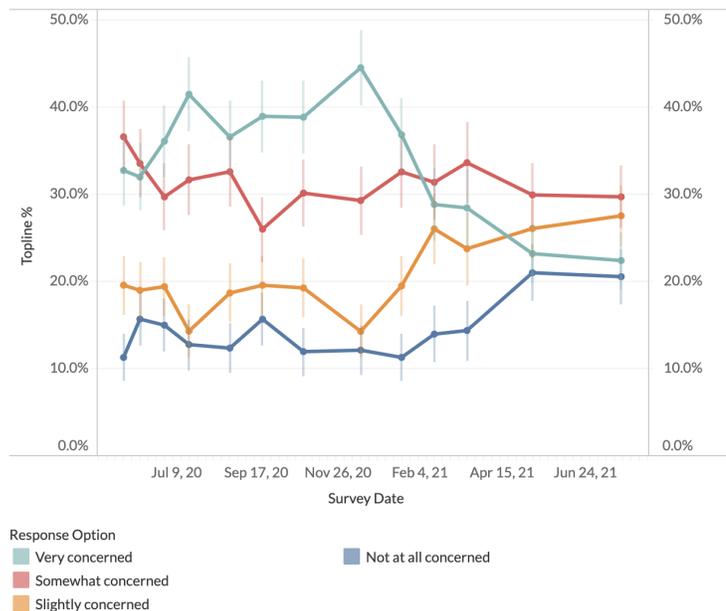
In Ohio, concern about Coronavirus has stayed the same since our last wave of research in May. 22.7% of adults report being ‘very concerned’ about COVID-19, on par with our last wave of research in Ohio in May. Ohio adults are less concerned than the US as a whole (30.8%). 79.4% of Ohio adults report having heard of Coronavirus variants or strains (e.g. Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta), with 29.8% of those respondents reporting being ‘very concerned’ about the variants. Compared to the US overall, fewer Ohio adults report increasing levels of concern (43.4% 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)?

Reported levels of concern have been steadily decreasing among Ohio adults since a relative peak in December of 44.5% reporting being ‘very concerned’ about the Coronavirus.

Attitudes Concern Level in OH

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



COVID-19 Vaccine

In Ohio, 64.6% of adults report that they have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, a 12.1pp increase since our last wave of research in May (56.5%). Compared to the US as a whole (65.8%), about the same proportion of adults in Ohio has received at least one dose. 89.6% of Ohio adults who have received at least one dose report having also received a second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, similar to 87.5% nationally. 64.3% of Ohio 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, on par with 62.1% nationally.

Among Ohio adults who have been vaccinated, 26.7% 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 if they knew that it was part of helping end the pandemic (37.8%), if it was recommended by their physician (32.7%), and if they knew it would help protect them from getting COVID-19 (31.5%). Among Ohio adults who have not yet been vaccinated, 27.6% of Ohio adults say they are ‘very’ or ‘somewhat likely’ to get vaccinated for COVID-19, while 61.5% say they are ‘very’ or ‘somewhat unlikely’, and 10.8% 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. 29.6% of Ohio adults report always wearing a mask indoors, and 39.6% report always staying 6 feet apart from others while indoors. In Ohio, 31.7% of adults report always staying home and limiting trips to essentials, and 35.9% report only gathering in small groups when socializing. Of Ohio adults who report ‘always’ wearing a mask indoors, 59.9% say they do so because they don’t trust that others are vaccinated or safe to be around unmasked, 41.7% report wanting to help protect others who have health issues or cannot be vaccinated, and 27.7% because if they cannot social distance, it’s necessary.

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%, OH Margin of Error = 7.1%

Response (% selected)	US	FL	NY	OH	TX	WA
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%

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 Ohio adults who identify as parents or guardians of children 18 years old or younger, plans for vaccinating children [differ | are similar] across age groups. Compared to the US as a whole, fewer Ohio parents with children in the age ranges of [age ranges] report being 'very' or 'somewhat likely' to get those children vaccinated, while more are likely for the age ranges [age ranges], and levels are about the same for the age ranges [age ranges].

Everyone over the age of 12 in all 50 states is eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine. Among Ohio parents, 45.9% 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. 35.2% of Ohio parents with 12 to 15 year olds report that those child(ren) have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Of Ohio parents with 12 to 15 year olds who haven't received the vaccine yet, 39.3% say they are 'very' or 'somewhat likely' to get their child(ren) in that age group vaccinated. 41.5% of Ohio parents with 16 to 18 year olds report that those child(ren) have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Of Ohio parents with 16 to 18 year olds who haven't received the vaccine yet, 42.6% say they are 'very' or 'somewhat likely' to get their child(ren) in that age group vaccinated.

Vaccine Mandates

44.8% of Ohio 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, 84.1% of parents report that one or more of their child(ren)'s schools are mandating the vaccine. 11.4% of parents report that none of their child(ren)'s schools have a vaccine mandate. Only 4.5% 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, 59.4% indicate that they 'strongly' or 'somewhat agree' that colleges should mandate the COVID-19 vaccine for students prior to enrolling in classes. 26.8% of Ohio 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, 43.9% report no mandate, and 29.2% are not sure if the vaccine is required.

13.3% of Ohio adults report recently becoming unemployed or furloughed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. For Ohio adults who are not currently working, the top reasons reported are not actively seeking employment (29.2%) and unable to work due to family, medical, or other reasons (26.5%). Rates of remote work among employed US adults have continued to recede, with 20.6% of Ohio adults reporting they have not worked alongside others outside the home in the last two weeks, compared to 23.5% in our last wave of research in May. 54.5% of Ohio 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. 35.4% think the steps their state has taken have been appropriate, 21.5% think the steps have been okay but are too premature, 19.9% wish their state would take even more steps to reopen, and 12.4% think the state should not be reopening or lifting restrictions yet.

With regard to the global state of the pandemic, 32.2% of Ohio adults say they are ‘very concerned’ about the current situation in other countries, compared to 39.0% of all US adults. Adults in Ohio support vaccine sharing, with 70.5% ‘strongly’ or ‘somewhat’ agreeing that the United States should be sharing its vaccines with other countries and 70.9% ‘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%, OH Margin of Error = 3.9%

Response (% selected)	US	FL	NY	OH	TX	WA
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 Ohio. Questions were fielded July 22-26, 2021 (1,094 respondents).