

Civis Analytics fielded a survey with 1,223 Washington respondents on July 22-26, 2021. Below are some key takeaways from this wave’s research.

Washington Highlights

COVID-19 Concern

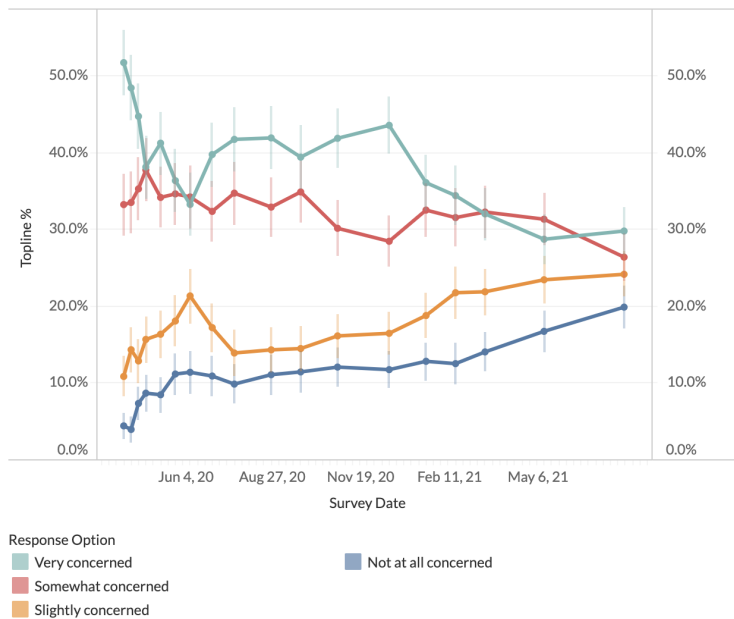
In Washington, concern about Coronavirus has remained stable since our last wave of research in May. 29.8% of adults report being ‘very concerned’ about COVID-19, compared to 30.8% nationally and 28.6% in our last wave of research in Washington in May. 83.4% of Washington adults report having heard of Coronavirus variants or strains (e.g. Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta), with 39.1% of those respondents reporting being ‘very concerned’ about the variants. Compared to the US overall, a similar proportion of Washington adults reports increasing levels of concern (48.9% 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 has decreased steadily since a relative peak in December (43.5%), with 29.8% of Washington adults currently reporting being ‘very concerned’ about COVID-19.

Attitudes Concern Level in WA

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



COVID-19 Vaccine

In Washington, 75.0% of adults report that they have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, a 10.7pp increase since our last wave of research in May (64.3%). Compared to the US as a whole (65.8%), a greater proportion of adults in Washington has received at least one dose. 89.1% of Washington adults who have received at least one dose report having also received a second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, compared to 87.5% nationally. 65.6% of Washington 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 Washington adults who have been vaccinated, 25.4% 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 they knew that it was part of helping end the pandemic (37.2%), they knew it would help protect them from getting COVID-19 (36.6%), and if it had been out for a few months and seemed okay (29.2%). Among Washington adults who have not yet been vaccinated, 24.3% of Washington adults say they are ‘very’ or ‘somewhat likely’ to get vaccinated for COVID-19, while 63.7% say they are ‘very’ or ‘somewhat unlikely’, and 12.1% 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. 45.8% of Washington adults report always wearing a mask indoors, and 42.9% report always staying 6 feet apart from others while indoors. In Washington, 35.1% of adults report always staying home and limiting trips to essentials, and 43.8% report only gathering in small groups when socializing. Of Washington adults who report ‘always’ wearing a mask indoors, 57.5% say they do so because they don’t trust that others are vaccinated or safe to be around unmasked, and 55.8% report they want to help protect others who have health issues or cannot be vaccinated.

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%, WA Margin of Error = 5.1%

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 Washington adults who identify as parents or guardians of children 18 years old or younger, plans for vaccinating children differ across age groups. Compared to the US as a whole, more Washington parents with children in the age ranges of 6 months - 11 years and 12 - 15 years report being 'very' or 'somewhat likely' to get those children vaccinated, while levels are about the same for 16 to 18 year olds.

Everyone over the age of 12 in all 50 states is eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine. Among Washington parents, 59.5% 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. 70.4% of Washington parents with 12 to 15 year olds report that those child(ren) have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Of Washington parents with 12 to 15 year olds who haven't received the vaccine yet, 38.8% say they are 'very' or 'somewhat likely' to get their child(ren) in that age group vaccinated. 61.1% of Washington parents with 16 to 18 year olds report that those child(ren) have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. Of Washington parents with 16 to 18 year olds who haven't received the vaccine yet, 41.0% say they are 'very' or 'somewhat likely' to get their child(ren) in that age group vaccinated.

Vaccine Mandates

66.7% of Washington 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, 82.1% of parents report that one or more of their child(ren)'s schools are mandating the vaccine. 8.7% of parents report that none of their child(ren)'s schools have a vaccine mandate. Only 9.2% 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, 77.0% indicate that they 'strongly' or 'somewhat agree' that colleges should mandate the COVID-19 vaccine for students prior to enrolling in classes. 51.7% of Washington 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, 21.2% report no mandate, and 27.0% are not sure if the vaccine is required.

17.3% of Washington adults report recently becoming unemployed or furloughed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. For Washington adults who are not currently working, the top reasons reported are not actively seeking employment (29.9%) and unable to work due to family, medical, or other reasons (25.0%). Rates of remote work among employed US adults have continued to recede, with 20.9% of Washington adults reporting they have not worked alongside others outside the home in the last two weeks, compared to 24.8% in our last wave of research in May. 63.6% of Washington 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. 34.4% think the steps their state has taken have been appropriate, 21.6% think the steps have been okay but are too premature, 20.9% wish their state would take even more steps to reopen, and 15.2% think the state should not be reopening or lifting restrictions yet.

With regard to the global state of the pandemic, 41.6% of Washington adults say they are 'very concerned' about the current situation in other countries, compared to 39.0% of all US adults. Adults in Washington support vaccine sharing, with 78.8% 'strongly' or 'somewhat' agreeing that the United States should be sharing its vaccines with other countries and 81.3% '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%, WA Margin of Error = 3.4%

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 Washington. Questions were fielded July 22-26, 2021 (1,223 respondents).