

Civis Analytics fielded a survey with 8,217 national respondents on September 16-19, 2021. Below are some key takeaways from this wave’s research.

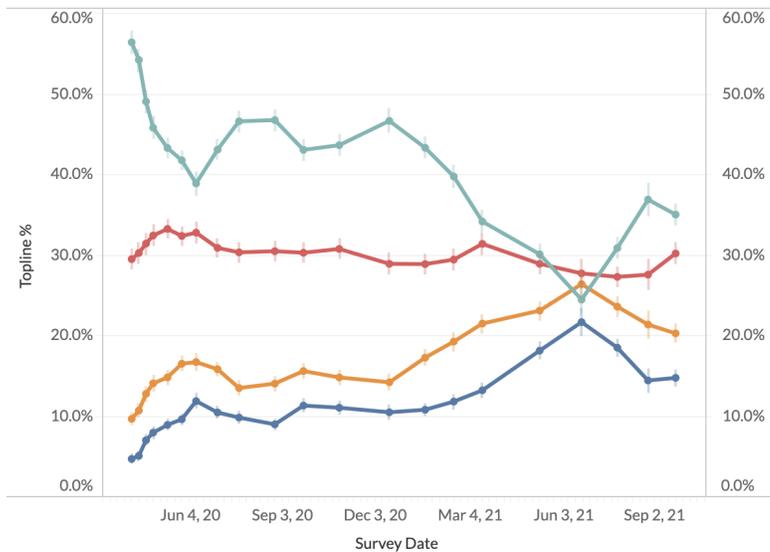
National Highlights

COVID-19 Concern

Nationally, concern about Coronavirus has stayed the same since our last wave of research in August. 35.0% of US adults report being ‘very concerned’ about COVID-19, on par with 36.8% in our last wave of research in the US in August. With regard to the global state of the pandemic, 36.2% of US adults say they are ‘very concerned’ about the current situation in other countries, similar to 38.4% in August. 82.1% of US adults report having heard of Coronavirus variants or strains (e.g. Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta), with 43.4% of those respondents reporting being ‘very concerned’ about the variants, with both figures on par with our last wave of research.

Attitudes Concern Level in US

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



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COVID-19 Vaccine

In the US, 66.6% of adults report that they have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, similar to our last wave of research in August (65.3%). 88.4% of US adults who have received at least one dose report having also received a second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, compared to 87.8% in August. 61.1% of US 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.

How likely are you to get a COVID-19 booster shot?

US Margin of Error = 1.8%

Response (% selected)	US	FL	NY	OH	TX	WA
Very likely	61.1%	62.7%	61.2%	60.7%	63.3%	61.5%
Somewhat likely	19.2%	18.4%	17.3%	16.4%	18.8%	19.8%
Somewhat unlikely	5.4%	6.5%	5.7%	4.6%	5.1%	5.3%
Very unlikely	7.0%	5.6%	7.5%	10.5%	5.7%	6.1%
Not sure	7.2%	6.8%	8.3%	7.8%	7.1%	7.4%

Protective Measures

Over the past few months, some states and jurisdictions have returned to mask mandates and social distancing measures following an increase in COVID-19 cases. 57.8% of US adults report always wearing a mask indoors, and 48.7% report always staying 6 feet apart from others while indoors. In the US, 38.5% of adults report always staying home and limiting trips to essentials, and 43.7% report only gathering in small groups when socializing. Of US adults who report ‘always’ wearing a mask indoors, 55.5% say they do so because they want to help protect others who have health issues or cannot be vaccinated, 53.9% report they don’t trust that others are vaccinated or safe to be around unmasked, and 44.8% that it is required in the public places they go to.

COVID-19 Vaccines and Testing for Children

Parents or guardians of children 18 years old or younger differ in their plans to vaccinate their child(ren) against COVID-19 across age groups. Everyone over the age of 12 in all 50 states is eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine. Among US parents, 47.9% of those with children 0 to 6 months old and 56.0% 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. 57.6% of US parents with 12 to 15 year olds report that those child(ren) have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, up from 53.5% in August. Of US parents with 12 to 15 year olds who haven’t received the vaccine yet, 31.5% say they are ‘very’ or ‘somewhat likely’ to get their child(ren) in that age group vaccinated. 66.5% of US parents with 16 to 18 year olds report that those child(ren) have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, up from 60.1% in August. Of US parents with 16 to 18 year olds who haven’t received the vaccine yet, 31.6% say they are ‘very’ or ‘somewhat likely’ to get their child(ren) in that age group vaccinated.

Parents or guardians of children 18 years old or younger have similar reported levels of using COVID-19 testing across age groups. In the last 30 days, 30.4% of parents with child(ren) ages 0 to 6 months old report getting their child(ren) tested for COVID-19, compared to 31.4% with child(ren) ages 6 months to 11 years old, 32.1% 12 to 15 years old, and 30.0% 16 to 18 years old. Of parents who report having tested their child(ren) for COVID-19 in the past 30 days, 44.2% report their 0 to 6 months old child(ren) tested positive, compared to 31.8% with child(ren) ages 6 months to 11 years old, 28.4% 12 to 15 years old, and 23.6% 16 to 18 years old.

Vaccine Mandates

The school year has begun for many primary and secondary schools. 55.5% of US adults with child(ren) who are currently enrolled in primary or secondary school report being ‘strongly’ or ‘somewhat’ 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, 32.4% of elementary school parents report that one or more of their child(ren)’s schools are mandating the vaccine, similar to 29.8% for middle school parents and 30.5% for high school parents.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: K12 schools should mandate the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine for students in eligible age groups.

US Margin of Error = 2.6%

Response (% selected)	US	FL	NY	OH	TX	WA
Strongly Agree	37.0%	36.4%	48.8%	31.7%	31.0%	42.7%
Somewhat Agree	18.5%	17.5%	24.1%	14.7%	22.0%	19.5%
Somewhat Disagree	10.2%	9.3%	8.0%	12.9%	12.7%	8.5%
Strongly Disagree	28.1%	27.5%	14.9%	36.3%	28.7%	27.6%
I don't know	6.2%	9.3%	4.3%	4.3%	5.6%	1.8%

Among US parents with child(ren) enrolled in primary or secondary school, 43.4% report their school is mandating the COVID-19 vaccine for teachers, while 27.7% are not sure. 45.3% of US parents with child(ren) enrolled in primary or secondary school report that students, teachers, or other staff at their child(ren)’s school(s) have tested positive in the last 30 days, while 20.2% are not sure.

Many American colleges have also started their school year. Of college students and college students' parents, 68.4% indicate that they 'strongly' or 'somewhat agree' that colleges should mandate the COVID-19 vaccine for students prior to enrolling in classes. 48.2% of US 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, 32.1% report no mandate, and 19.6% are not sure if the vaccine is required.

18.1% of US adults report recently becoming unemployed or furloughed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, on par with 18.7% in our last wave of research in August. 33.8% of US adults who are not currently working report they are not currently in the workforce (e.g. student, retired), while 21.8% are unable to work due to family, medical, or other reasons, and 13.6% report not actively seeking employment. 56.6% of US adults report 'somewhat' or 'strongly' agreeing that employers should mandate the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine for employees returning to in-person work.

Methodology: Responses were gathered through online web panels, quality screened, and weighted to accurately reflect the entire adult population of National. Questions were fielded September 16-19, 2021 (8,217 respondents).