



Washington Post-University of Maryland poll was conducted by telephone April 28 to May 3, 2020, among a random national sample of 1,005 adults with 70 percent reached on cell phones and 30 percent on landlines. Overall results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points, including design effects due to weighting. Sampling, data collection and tabulation by SSRS of Glen Mills, Pa.

(Full methodological details and sampling error margins for subgroups appended at the end.)

*= less than 0.5 percent

1. How would you rate [ITEM] overall response to the coronavirus outbreak - excellent, good, not so good or poor?

5/03/20 - Summary table

	--- Excellent/Good ---			--- Not so good/poor ---			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
a. President Trump's	44	16	28	56	24	33	*
b. your state governor's	75	24	51	24	13	11	*
c. Dr. Anthony Fauci's	74	26	48	19	14	5	7
d. Federal public health scientists'	71	16	55	27	19	7	2

Trend where available:

a. President Trump's

	--- Excellent/Good ---			--- Not so good/poor ---			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
5/03/20	44	16	28	56	24	33	*
4/26/20	47	17	30	52	20	32	1
4/19/20	44	19	25	54	23	31	2

b. your state governor's

	--- Excellent/Good ---			--- Not so good/poor ---			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
5/03/20	75	24	51	24	13	11	*
4/26/20	77	27	51	22	12	10	1
4/19/20	72	22	50	26	16	10	1

c-d. No trend.

2. How worried, if at all, are you about becoming infected and seriously ill from the coronavirus?

	----- Worried -----			----- Not worried -----			Already infected (vol.)	No op.
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not too	Not at all		
5/03/20	63	21	42	36	21	16	*	*
4/26/20*	60	20	40	40	25	15	*	0
4/19/20	57	20	37	42	27	16	1	*

*4/26/20 and earlier: "as a result of the coronavirus"

3. Which of the following best describes your feelings about the coronavirus outbreak in your local community?

	The worst is behind us	The worst is happening now	The worst is yet to come	Not a problem in my community (vol.)	No opinion
5/03/20	31	30	38	1	1

4. During the coronavirus outbreak, most states have restricted the types of businesses that can operate. In your opinion, should your state allow [ITEM] to be open now, or not? (Half sample asked items a-d, half sample items e-h)

	Should allow to be open	Should NOT allow to be open	No opinion
a. gun stores	29	70	*
b. dine-in restaurants	26	74	*
c. nail salons	25	74	*
d. barber shops and hair salons	31	69	*
e. retail shops, such as clothing stores	34	66	*
f. gyms	22	78	*
g. golf courses	41	59	*
h. movie theaters	18	82	1

5. Regardless of current restrictions in your area, would you feel comfortable or uncomfortable [ITEM] at this time?

	Comfortable	Uncomfortable	No opinion
a. going to a grocery store	56	44	*
b. going to a retail clothing store	33	67	*
c. eating out in a restaurant	22	78	*

Party ID. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what?

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other (vol.)	No opinion
5/3/20	33	25	41	0	1
4/26/20	32	25	42	1	*
4/19/20	31	27	40	*	1
3/25/20	30	24	37	4	5
2/17/20	29	25	37	4	5
1/23/20	27	24	39	6	4
10/30/19	29	23	38	5	5
9/5/19	28	24	37	7	5
7/1/19	29	23	37	5	5
4/25/19	29	26	36	5	5

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METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was sponsored and funded by The Washington Post and the University of Maryland's Center for Democracy and Civic Engagement within the College of Behavioral and Social Science's Department of Government and Politics. The poll is of a random sample of adults of the United States, including interviews in English and Spanish. This questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as appears in this document unless otherwise noted. These questions were part of an "omnibus" survey in which other questions were asked before or after these questions.

A dual frame landline and cellular phone telephone sample was generated by Marketing Systems Group (MSG) using Random Digit Dialing procedures. Interviewers called

landlines and cellular phone numbers. For landline phones, interviewers first request to speak with the youngest adult male or female at home. Cellular phones are treated as individual devices and the interview is conducted with the adult answering the phone. The final sample included 304 interviews completed on landlines and 701 interviews completed via cellular phones, including 425 interviews with adults in cell phone-only households.

This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for differential chances of being selected due to landline and cellular phone access and household size. Weighting also corrects for deviations in the survey sample from known population characteristics, which helps correct for differential survey participation and random variation in samples.

The overall adult sample is weighted using a raking procedure to match the demographic makeup of the population by sex, region, age, education, race/ethnicity, marital status, and population density according to Census Bureau estimates. The sample is also weighted to match phone estimates of the share of the population who are cell phone-only, landline-only and mixed user populations according to the National Health Interview Survey. The sample is also weighted to match the average of party identification in the previous two waves of Washington Post-ABC News national polls and this current survey.

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.4 for this survey. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's deviation from a simple random sample and takes into account decreases in precision due to sample design and weighting procedures. Surveys that do not incorporate a design effect overstate their precision.

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Group	Unweighted sample size	Error margin
All adults	1,005	+/- 3.5 points
Half sample	502-503	5

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