

This Washington Post-Schar School poll was conducted by telephone July 6-21, 2021, among a random sample of 1,000 adults in the Washington, D.C. region with 75 percent reached on cellphones and 25 percent on landlines. Results have a margin of error of plus or minus four percentage points, including design effects due to weighting. Sampling, field work and data processing by Abt Associates of Rockville, Md.

(Full methodological details at the end of this document.)

*= less than 0.5 percent

1. How much have you returned to your normal, pre-coronavirus life? Fully returned to normal, mostly returned to normal, partly returned to normal or barely returned to normal?

	--- Fully/Mostly ---			--- Partly/Barely ---			Not at all	No opinion
	NET	Fully	Mostly	NET	Partly	Barely		
7/21/21 D.C. region	50	19	31	48	33	15	1	1
D.C.	42	14	28	55	40	15	1	2
Md. suburbs	42	17	25	56	39	17	2	*
Va. suburbs	59	23	37	39	25	14	*	2

2. (AMONG THOSE NOT FULLY RETURNED TO NORMAL) When do you expect to be able to fully return to your normal, pre-coronavirus life? Within the next month, within the next three months, within the next year, longer than that or never?

	Within the	Within the	Within the	Longer	Never	No op
	next month	next 3 months	next year	than that		
7/21/21 D.C. region	7	23	41	10	10	9
D.C.	5	23	40	7	12	13
Md. suburbs	5	23	41	13	9	8
Va. suburbs	9	23	42	8	10	7

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	Fully	----- Not fully returned to normal -----						No op.	No op.
		NET	Next month	Next 3 months	Next year	Longer	Never		
7/21/21 D.C. region	19	80	6	18	33	8	8	7	1
D.C.	14	84	5	19	33	6	10	11	2
Md. suburbs	17	83	4	19	34	11	8	7	*
Va. suburbs	23	76	7	17	32	6	8	6	2

3. In the last three months, have you [ITEM], or not?

Summary table D.C. region half sample - 7/21/21

	Yes, have done this	No, have not done this	No opinion
a. Attended a crowded indoor gathering	36	64	*
b. Attended a crowded outdoor gathering	41	59	0
c. Gotten a haircut in a salon or barber shop	53	47	0
d. Visited a doctor or			

dentist	81	19	*
e. Attended a live ticketed sporting event	10	90	0
f. Gone to a movie in a theater	19	81	0
g. Exercised in a gym or indoor group class	26	74	0
h. Ridden in a rideshare like Uber, Lyft or taken a taxi	37	63	0
i. Attended a live concert or performance	12	88	0
j. Ridden on Metrorail	19	81	0
k. Ridden on a public bus	14	86	0
l. Eaten at a restaurant indoors	73	27	0
m. Eaten at a restaurant outdoors	70	30	0

4. (AMONG THOSE WHO HAVEN'T DONE EACH YET) Would you be concerned about [ITEM] because of the coronavirus, or not?

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Summary table D.C. region half sample - 7/21/21

	Yes, have done this	NET	---- No, have not done this ---- Concerned	Not concerned	No op.	No opinion
a. Attended a crowded indoor gathering	36	64	44	19	1	*
b. Attended a crowded outdoor gathering	41	59	27	30	1	0
c. Gotten a haircut in a salon or barber shop	53	47	16	31	*	0
d. Visited a doctor or dentist	81	19	3	16	*	*
e. Attended a live ticketed sporting event	10	90	43	45	1	0
f. Gone to a movie in a theater	19	81	40	39	2	0
g. Exercised in a gym or indoor group class	26	74	37	36	*	0
h. Ridden in a rideshare like Uber, Lyft or taken a taxi	37	63	25	37	1	0
i. Attended a live concert or performance	12	88	44	42	3	0
j. Ridden on Metrorail	19	81	37	43	1	0
k. Ridden on a public bus	14	86	38	47	1	0
l. Eaten at a restaurant indoors	73	27	19	8	*	0
m. Eaten at a restaurant outdoors	70	30	11	19	*	0

5. When the pandemic is over, do you expect to [ITEM] more often than you did before the pandemic, less often, or will you do this about the same as before?

Summary table D.C. region - 7/21/21

More Less About No

	often	often	the same	opinion
a. Take Metrorail	7	20	68	4
b. Go to restaurants or bars in your area	17	14	68	1
c. Go to restaurants and bars in D.C.	14	19	66	2
d. Go to ticketed sporting events	12	15	72	1
e. Visit the National Mall or museums in D.C.	18	10	71	1
f. Make meals at home	23	6	70	*
g. Order takeout or delivery	16	21	62	1
h. Go to movies in theaters	13	22	65	1
i. Attend live concerts or performances	15	17	67	1

Summary table D.C. - 7/21/21

	More often	Less often	About the same	No opinion
a. Take Metrorail	7	22	66	5
b. Go to restaurants or bars in your area	13	17	69	1
c. Go to restaurants and bars in D.C.	13	15	70	1
d. Go to ticketed sporting events	13	16	69	2
e. Visit the National Mall or museums in D.C.	18	9	72	1
f. Make meals at home	26	7	68	*
g. Order takeout or delivery	12	19	68	*
h. Go to movies in theaters	10	23	66	1
i. Attend live concerts or performances	11	19	67	4

Summary table Md. suburbs - 7/21/21

	More often	Less often	About the same	No opinion
a. Take Metrorail	7	23	66	3
b. Go to restaurants or bars in your area	15	16	68	1
c. Go to restaurants and bars in D.C.	13	22	63	2
d. Go to ticketed sporting events	10	15	73	2
e. Visit the National Mall or museums in D.C.	14	14	70	2
f. Make meals at home	27	5	68	0
g. Order takeout or delivery	21	20	58	1
h. Go to movies in theaters	9	27	63	1
i. Attend live concerts or performances	12	23	64	*

Summary table Va. suburbs - 7/21/21

	More often	Less often	About the same	No opinion
a. Take Metrorail	7	18	70	5
b. Go to restaurants or bars in your area	20	11	69	1
c. Go to restaurants and bars in D.C.	15	17	66	2
d. Go to ticketed sporting events	13	14	73	1
e. Visit the National Mall or museums in D.C.	21	7	71	1
f. Make meals at home	20	8	72	0
g. Order takeout or delivery	14	23	63	1
h. Go to movies in theaters	16	17	66	1
i. Attend live concerts or performances	19	12	69	1

6. Before the pandemic, on average how often did you take Metrorail to get from one place to another in the Washington area? More than once a day, about once a day, a few times a week, a few times a month, or less often than that?

--Rode metro at least a few times a month -

	NET	More than once a day	About once a day	A few times a week	A few times a month	Less often than that	No op.
7/21/21 D.C. region	35	7	3	10	15	64	1
D.C.	60	14	9	19	18	38	2
Md. suburbs	35	8	1	9	17	64	1
Va. suburbs	27	4	2	8	13	72	*

Compare to:

On average, how often do you take Metrorail to get from one place to another in the Washington area? More than once a day, about once a day, a few times a week, a few times a month, or less often than that?

----- NET Yes, do use each in past year -----

	NET	> 1X a day	About 1X a day	Few times a week	Few times a month	Less often	Don't use	No op.
5/2/19 D.C. region*	59	5	2	9	16	26	41	*
D.C.	77	13	5	21	21	17	23	0
Md. suburbs	57	5	1	9	18	23	43	0
Va. suburbs	54	2	2	4	14	31	46	*

*2019 Post-Schar School

7. (AMONG EMPLOYED) Apart from the pandemic, do you do most of your job at a computer, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion
7/21/21 D.C. region	59	40	1
D.C.	74	26	0
Md. suburbs	49	49	2
Va. suburbs	62	38	0

Question 8 held for release.

9. (AMONG PARENTS) Do/does [ITEM] make it more difficult for you to (AMONG EMPLOYED: work/AMONG UNEMPLOYED: work or find a job) at this time, or not?

Summary table D.C. region - 7/21/21

	Yes, more difficult	No, not more difficult	No opinion
a. supporting your child's education	50	48	2
Employed parents	48	50	2
D.C.	54	43	4
Md. suburbs	56	44	0
Va. suburbs	45	52	3
b. other child care responsibilities	42	58	*
Employed parents	40	60	*
D.C.	49	50	1
Md. suburbs	49	51	0
Va. suburbs	36	64	0

10. (AMONG EMPLOYED) At any time in the last year, did you telework or work at home for pay because of the coronavirus pandemic?

	Yes	No	No opinion
7/21/21 D.C. region	66	34	*
D.C.	75	25	*
Md. suburbs	64	36	0
Va. suburbs	65	35	0

11. (AMONG THOSE WHO TELEWORKED) And have you teleworked because of the coronavirus pandemic in the past four weeks?

NET 14/15 AMONG EMPLOYED

	----- Teleworked -----					
	NET	Teleworked last month	No telework last month	No opinion	No telework	No opinion
7/21/21 D.C. region	66	48	18	*	34	*
D.C.	75	62	12	0	25	*
Md. suburbs	64	45	19	0	36	0
Va. suburbs	65	47	18	*	35	0

12. (AMONG NOT RETIRED) Thinking about yourself, what is closest to the right mix of telework versus leaving home for work after the pandemic is over? All telework, mostly telework, evenly split, mostly leaving home for work or always leaving home for work?

	---- Telework ----				Leaving home			No opinion
	NET	All	Mostly	Evenly split	NET	Mostly	Always	
7/21/21 D.C. region	25	10	15	24	47	14	33	4
Employed	26	10	16	25	48	15	33	2
D.C.	26	9	17	28	41	19	22	4
Md. suburbs	24	8	16	20	52	13	39	3
Va. suburbs	25	11	14	26	45	14	31	4

13. (AMONG EMPLOYED) And once the pandemic is over, do you expect your employer will allow you to telework more than you did before the pandemic, less, or about the same as before the pandemic?

About Job cannot be No

	More	Less	the same	done remotely (vol.)	opinion
7/21/21 D.C. region	40	10	37	12	1
D.C.	50	12	27	9	1
Md. suburbs	39	10	37	13	*
Va. suburbs	37	9	39	12	2

14. (AMONG EMPLOYED) How concerned are you, if at all, about the possibility of being exposed to the coronavirus at your workplace? Are you very concerned about that, somewhat concerned, not so concerned or not concerned at all?

	-- More concerned --			---- Less concerned ----			No
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not so	Not at all	opinion
7/21/21 D.C. region	43	14	29	57	28	29	*
D.C.	47	23	24	52	26	26	*
Md. suburbs	56	19	37	44	27	17	0
Va. suburbs	33	8	24	67	29	38	1

Questions 15-17 held for release.

24. How would you rate your level of risk of getting sick from the coronavirus - would you say you're at high risk, moderate risk, low risk or no risk?

	----- More risk -----			---- Less risk ----			No
	NET	High	Moderate	NET	Low	No risk	opinion
7/21/21 D.C. region	33	15	18	67	52	14	1
D.C.	33	15	18	65	52	13	2
Md. suburbs	37	14	23	63	50	13	0
Va. suburbs	29	15	14	70	53	16	1

25. Have you personally received at least one dose of a coronavirus vaccine, or not?

	Yes	No	No opinion/ Refused
7/21/21 D.C. region	77	23	*
D.C.	78	22	0
Md. suburbs	76	24	0
Va. suburbs	76	24	*

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
D.C. region	48	11	30	4	6

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METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was jointly sponsored and funded by The Washington Post and George Mason University's Schar School of. The poll is a random sample of adults in the D.C. region, with interviews in English and Spanish.

This questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as they appear in this document. Demographic questions are not shown. If a question was asked of a reduced base of the sample, a parenthetical preceding the question identifies the group asked. Phrases surrounded by parentheticals within questions indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents.

Dual frame landline and cell phone telephone samples were generated using Random Digit Dialing procedures by Survey Sampling International (SSI). For the D.C. region sample, calls were made to area codes in the region as well as a supplemental listed sample of cell phone numbers outside of Washington regional area codes that are associated with addresses in the region. Interviewers calling landline numbers requested to speak with the youngest adult male or female at home. The final D.C. region sample included 250 interviews completed on landlines and 750 interviews completed via cellular phones, including 508 interviews with adults in cell phone-only households.

This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for deviations in the survey sample from known population characteristics, which helps correct for differential survey participation and random variation in samples. The regional sample is weighted to correct for differential probabilities of selection among individuals who are landline-only, cell phone-only or dual users. The D.C. region sample is weighted to match the demographic makeup of population by county, sex, age, education, race/ethnicity according to the 2020 American Community Survey as well as vaccination status according to the CDC.

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.7 for the D.C. region 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.

Group	Unweighted sample size	Error margin
D.C. region adults	1,000	+/- 4 points
D.C. adults	337	7
Md. suburb adults	319	7
Va. suburb adults	344	7
D.C. area workers	622-652	5
Half sample	494-506	6

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