



National Parents Union - Coronavirus Impact Survey
Survey of N=500 parents of public school students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade
Sampled from online web panel
Week #1 - Field Dates: April 27–29, 2020

SCHOOL CLOSURES AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. [QSchoolClosures] Are any of the schools your children attend currently closed for in-person classes, and if so, please indicate the type of closure they are experiencing:

TOTAL CLOSED	96%
TOTAL OPEN	4%
1. Closure through end of April	8%
2. Closure through mid-May	15%
3. Closure through end of school year	74%
4. My child's schools are still open but running on a new schedule	2%
5. My child's schools are still open and running normally	2%

2. [QChildrenNumber] How many children do you have in public school in grades kindergarten through 12th grade?

1. 1	48%
2. 2	35%
3. 3	13%
4. 4	2%
5. 5	1%
6. 6 or more	1%

3. [QKidsGradeLevels] In which grade levels do you have a child or children in public school? Select all that apply. [ALLOW MULTIPLE]

1. Kindergarten	13%
2. 1st grade	12%
3. 2nd grade	11%
4. 3rd grade	12%
5. 4th grade	10%
6. 5th grade	12%
7. 6th grade	12%
8. 7th grade	17%
9. 8th grade	16%
10. 9th grade (Freshman)	15%
11. 10th grade (Sophomore)	14%
12. 11th grade (Junior)	12%
13. 12th grade (Senior)	10%

ECONOMIC AND HEALTH CONCERNS

4. [QCoronaConcern{A-G}] With regard to the current coronavirus situation, how much do you worry about each of the following as a parent or guardian? [RANDOMIZE A-G] [DISPLAY AS GRID OVER 2 PAGES]

	1. Worry a lot	2. Worry some	3. Worry a little bit	4. Do not worry much	5. Do not worry at all	6. Unsure				
			A LOT/ SOME	NOT MUCH/ AT ALL	1. Worry a lot	2. Worry some	3. Worry a little bit	4. Do not worry much	5. Do not worry at all	6. Unsure
A. You or someone in your family getting the coronavirus			59%	19%	33%	26%	20%	14%	6%	1%
B. Making sure your child or children stay on track in school so they are ready for the next grade			59%	18%	33%	26%	23%	11%	7%	1%
C. Your kids missing important social interactions at school or with friends			58%	18%	27%	31%	23%	10%	8%	*%
D. School closures will have a negative impact on your child's education			55%	21%	29%	26%	22%	12%	10%	1%
E. How the situation is affecting you or your children's mental health and emotional wellbeing			51%	23%	24%	27%	26%	14%	9%	1%
F. Being able to make ends meet			46%	31%	27%	19%	22%	18%	13%	1%
G. Figuring out what to do with your kids during the day			44%	35%	19%	25%	20%	20%	15%	1%

5. [QCoronaSick] Do you personally know anyone who has been sick with the coronavirus?

1. Yes	27%
2. No	70%
3. Unsure	3%

6. [QCoronaHelpful] To cope with the coronavirus crisis, which of the following would be the most helpful for you to have as a parent right now? Please choose NO MORE THAN THREE. [RANDOMIZE 1-9]

1. Help keeping my children engaged in good activities	46%
2. More money to spend on necessities	41%
3. High speed internet access	31%
4. More information about how to support my child's learning	28%
5. Paid time off work from my job	22%
6. More tablets or computers in the house	20%
7. More hours in the day	19%
8. Someone to run errands for me to pick up essentials	16%
9. Childcare	6%
10. Something else (Please specify)	3%

7. [QEmployment] What is your current employment status?

1. Employed full-time	52%
2. Employed part-time	9%
3. Freelance, contract, or temporary work	2%
4. Furloughed or placed on temporary leave by my employer	6%
5. Unemployed and looking for work	6%
6. Unemployed and not currently looking for work	2%
7. Stay-at-home parent or caregiver	16%
8. Full time student	*%
9. Retired	5%
10. Something else (Please specify)	2%
11. Prefer not to say	-

IF STILL WORKING [QEmployment = 1-3], ASK:

8. [QCoronaWFH] Which of these statements best describes where you are working from currently, and before the coronavirus outbreak? [RANDOMIZE 1-3, 3-1]

	(n=321)
1. I worked from an office or job site before the coronavirus but I'm currently working from home	42%
2. I worked from an office or job site before the coronavirus and I'm still working there	39%
3. I worked from home before the coronavirus and I'm still working there	13%
4. Something else (Please specify)	5%
5. Prefer not to say	1%

9. [QCoronaPay] Which of these statements best describes how you are paid or earn your income? [RANDOMIZE 1-4, 4-1]

	(n=321)
1. I earn a salary	39%
2. I am paid hourly wages	47%
3. I am paid by commissions	5%
4. I work on a contract or freelance basis	7%
5. Something else (Please specify)	*%
6. Prefer not to say	1%

ASK ALL:

10. [QCoronaPersonalHardship] Which one or two of the following are the greatest hardships you personally have faced due to the spread of the coronavirus? [SELECT UP TO TWO] [RANDOMIZE 1-13]

1. I feel down or anxious about the overall situation in the country right now	25%
2. I haven't been able to see friends and family members	22%
3. I haven't been able to move freely or go about my daily routine	17%
4. I've had difficulty helping my children with their schoolwork and learning	15%
5. I've lost my job, had my hours cut, or lost income	14%
6. I haven't been able to attend religious services	12%
7. I've had difficulty getting food and other essentials	11%
8. I've had difficulty getting work done with my children around	8%
9. I've had difficulty with travel	8%
10. I've had health-related difficulties (seeing doctors, getting medications, etc.)	7%
11. I've had difficulty with working from home, or other work-related difficulty	5%
12. I've had difficulty getting along with people I live with	5%
13. I've had difficulty arranging childcare	3%
14. Other (Please specify)	1%
15. None of these	13%

11. [QCoronaChildcare] Have you needed to find childcare due to disruptions from the coronavirus?

1. Yes	15%
2. No	85%

12. [QCoronaPayment] Have you received a coronavirus relief payment from the government, and if so, how have you used that funding? Please select all that apply. [RANDOMIZE 1-7]

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| 1. Used to buy groceries or basic household supplies | 27% |
| 2. Put it into a savings account | 27% |
| 3. Used to pay for utilities, phone bills, or internet service | 23% |
| 4. Used to pay mortgage or rent | 17% |
| 5. Used to buy educational supplies or technology for your children | 8% |
| 6. Used to pay for childcare | 7% |
| 7. Used to pay for medical expenses | 6% |
| 8. Something else (Please specify) | 3% |
| 9. I have not received a coronavirus relief payment | 34% |

EDUCATION QUALITY

IF CHILDREN'S SCHOOLS ARE STILL OPEN, SKIP TO FAMILY LIFE SECTION.
IF CHILDREN'S SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED, ASK EDUCATION QUALITY QUESTIONS.

IF HAS TWO OR MORE CHILDREN IN GRADES K-12, INSERT:

[ParentIntroText] For the following questions, please respond regarding your [INSERT FIRST/SECOND/ETC] child in birth order (from oldest to youngest) of your children who are in grades kindergarten through high school. [RANDOMIZE WHICH CHILD IS ASKED ABOUT, SPLITTING EVENLY BASED ON NUMBER OF CHILDREN. FOR EXAMPLE, FOR PARENTS OF TWO CHILDREN, ASK 50% ABOUT FIRST CHILD (IN BIRTH ORDER FROM OLDEST TO YOUNGEST) WHO ATTENDS K-12 SCHOOL, 50% ABOUT SECOND CHILD WHO ATTENDS K-12 SCHOOL. PROGRAM FOR UP TO SIX CHILDREN.]

13. [QKidGrade] What grade level is your child currently in? [DROP DOWN: Kindergarten–12th grade]

	(n=482)
1. Kindergarten	9%
2. 1st grade	7%
3. 2nd grade	9%
4. 3rd grade	6%
5. 4th grade	4%
6. 5th grade	8%
7. 6th grade	6%
8. 7th grade	10%
9. 8th grade	8%
10. 9th grade (Freshman)	10%
11. 10th grade (Sophomore)	7%
12. 11th grade (Junior)	8%
13. 12th grade (Senior)	7%

14. [QLearningResources] Is your child's school offering any of the following to help your child continue to learn while their school is closed? Please select all that apply. [ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES] [RANDOMIZE 1-7]

	(n=482)
1. Emailed assignments from teachers	50%
2. Live online classes with their teacher(s)	46%
3. Laptops/tablets for students to take home	31%
4. Self-paced online courses provided through a service or app	29%
5. Pre-recorded online video lessons by their teacher(s)	27%
6. Activities or resources that do not require the use of a computer or Internet, such as printed learning materials or phone calls with their teacher(s)	27%
7. Hot spots or access to high speed internet for students at home	7%
8. None of the above	5%
9. Unsure	3%

15. [QGradeResponse] Overall, how would you rate the job your child's school is doing in providing resources and support to help your child continue learning?

	(n=482)
EXCELLENT/GOOD	74%
ONLY FAIR/POOR	7%
1. Excellent	27%
2. Good	47%
3. Average	18%
4. Only fair	4%
5. Poor	3%
6. Unsure	*%

16. [QGradeParent] Overall, thinking honestly, how confident do you feel about being able to help your child continue learning?

	(n=482)
VERY/SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT	85%
NOT THAT/NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT	14%
1. Very confident	35%
2. Somewhat confident	50%
3. Not that confident	10%
4. Not at all confident	4%
5. Unsure	1%

17. [QSchoolResources] Do you feel your child's school has the technology or resources needed to provide and support instruction for your child while their school is closed?

(n=482)

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| 1. Yes | 80% |
| 2. No | 11% |
| 3. Unsure | 9% |

18. [QFamilyResources] Do you feel your family has the technology and resources you need to provide and support instruction for your child while their school is closed?

(n=482)

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| 1. Yes | 81% |
| 2. No | 12% |
| 3. Unsure | 6% |

19. [QSchoolworkMoreLess] Is your child doing more schoolwork during this time while they are at home, doing less schoolwork, or do they have about the same amount of schoolwork to do as they normally would? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

(n=482)

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| 1. More schoolwork | 27% |
| 2. Less schoolwork | 38% |
| 3. About the same amount | 32% |
| 4. Unsure | 3% |

20. [QLearningMoreLess] Do you think your child is learning more during this time while they are at home, learning less, or are they learning about the same amount as they normally would when attending school? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

(n=482)

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|--------------------------|-----|
| 1. Learning more | 18% |
| 2. Learning less | 40% |
| 3. About the same amount | 35% |
| 4. Unsure | 7% |

21. [QDisability] Does your child have a disability for which they usually receive specialized instruction or therapy? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

(n=482)

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|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Yes | 18% |
| 2. No | [SKIP TO FAMILY LIFE SECTION] 76% |
| 3. Unsure | [SKIP TO FAMILY LIFE SECTION] 2% |

IF SAYS CHILD USUALLY RECEIVES SPECIAL INSTRUCTION OR THERAPY [QDisability=1], ASK:

22. [QReceivingSpecial] Are they still receiving any of their specialized instruction or therapy while their school is closed, or not? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

(n=99)

- 1. Yes 57%
- 2. No 40%
- 3. Unsure 3%

23. [QMeetingSpecial] Has your child’s school held a meeting with you virtually or on the phone to describe what specialized instruction or therapy they can continue to offer while their school is closed and which services will be resumed once school opens again? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

(n=99)

- 1. Yes 56%
- 2. No 43%
- 3. Unsure 1%

24. [QSatisfiedHandlingDis] How satisfied are you with what your child’s school is doing to address your child’s needs for specialized instruction or therapy at this time?

(n=99)

- SATISFIED (TOTAL) 69%
- UNSATISFIED (TOTAL) 16%
- 1. Very satisfied 42%
- 2. Somewhat satisfied 27%
- 3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied 13%
- 4. Somewhat dissatisfied 8%
- 5. Very dissatisfied 8%
- 6. Unsure 2%

FAMILY LIFE IMPACTS

ASK ALL:

25. [TimeUse Battery] As a result of the coronavirus situation and school and business closures, have you spent more time, about the same amount of time, or less time on the following activities? [DISPLAY AS GRID, 3 PER PAGE] [ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-3, 3-1]

	1. More time	2. About the same as before	3. Less time	4. Unsure
		2. About the		
	1. More time	same as before	3. Less time	4. Unsure
A. Cooking, baking, or preparing meals	59%	36%	4%	1%
B. Spending time with your children doing activities just for fun	53%	40%	6%	1%
C. Guiding my children through lessons provided by their school	50%	41%	7%	2%
D. Helping my child with their homework assignments	50%	43%	7%	1%
E. Communicating with friends or family who don't live in your household	36%	42%	21%	1%
F. Creating lessons or learning activities for my child outside of what they get from school	36%	50%	12%	3%
G. Talking with your neighbors	15%	41%	42%	2%

DEMOGRAPHICS

Finally, we have a few questions for demographic purposes.

26. [QParty] Regardless of how you typically vote, would you say you consider yourself a ... ?
[RANDOMIZE SCALE R>D, D>R]

REPUBLICAN (TOTAL)		31%
DEMOCRAT (TOTAL)		36%
1. Strong Republican	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	19%
2. Not very strong Republican	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	12%
3. Independent	CONTINUE TO QPARTYLEAN	26%
4. Not very strong Democrat	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	13%
5. Strong Democrat	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	23%
4. A member of another party	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	1%
5. Unsure		6%

27. [QPartyLean] Which of the following statements would you say best describes you?
[RANDOMIZE SCALE]

	(n=99)
1. I almost always vote for Republican candidates	8%
2. I vote for Republicans more often than I vote for Democrats	12%
3. I vote for Democrats more often than I vote for Republicans	15%
4. I almost always vote for Democratic candidates	10%
5. I vote equally for Democrats and Republicans	21%
6. Unsure	35%

[QPartyConsolidated: QParty + QPartyLean]

GOP + GOP-leaning independents	37%
DEM + DEM-leaning independents	44%
Total independent	6%
Total member of another party	1%
Unsure	11%

28. [QIdeology] Regardless of how you typically vote, would you say you consider yourself to be...? [RANDOMIZE SCALE CONSERVATIVE>LIBERAL, LIBERAL>CONSERVATIVE]

CONSERVATIVE (TOTAL)	27%
LIBERAL (TOTAL)	24%
1. Very conservative	14%
2. Somewhat conservative	13%
3. Moderate	42%
4. Somewhat liberal	14%
5. Very liberal	10%
6. Unsure	8%

29. [QSocial] Which social media platforms or apps do you use? [SELECT MULTIPLE]

[RANDOMIZE 1-9]

1. Facebook	77%
2. YouTube	68%
3. Instagram	52%
4. Twitter	36%
5. Pinterest	35%
6. Snapchat	31%
7. WhatsApp	25%
8. LinkedIn	16%
9. Reddit	13%
10. Something else (Please specify)	1%
11. None of these	4%

30. [QIncome] Which range includes your annual household income?

1. Less than \$30,000 per year	19%
2. \$30,000 to \$49,999 per year	19%
3. \$50,000 to \$74,999 per year	21%
4. \$75,000 to \$125,000 per year	24%
5. More than \$125,000 per year	16%
6. Prefer not to say	1%

31. [QState] In what state do you live?

1. States in the Northeast	17%
2. States in the Midwest	21%
3. States in the South	38%
4. States in the West	25%

32. [QUrbanRural] How would you describe the area in which you live?

1. City	33%
2. Suburb near a city	41%
3. Small town not near a city	9%
4. Rural or country area	16%

33. [QReligion] How would you describe your religion?

1. Evangelical Protestant/Born-Again Christian	23%
2. Mainline Protestant	8%
3. Roman Catholic	25%
4. Mormon	1%
5. Jewish	2%
6. Muslim	2%
7. Agnostic	4%
8. Atheist	4%
9. Something else	22%
10. Prefer not to say	8%

34. [QChurch] How often do you attend a religious service?

1. At least once a week	29%
2. Once or twice a month	14%
3. A few times a year	14%
4. Usually just for religious holidays	9%
5. Never	30%
6. Prefer not to say	5%

IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER, ASK:

35. [QSpousePartnerEducation] What is the highest level of education your spouse or partner has completed?

	(n=382)
1. High school or less	31%
2. Some college	18%
3. Associate's degree	10%
4. Bachelor's degree	24%
5. Graduate degree	17%
6. Prefer not to say	-

SCREENERS AND INITIAL DEMOGRAPHICS ASKED AT BEGINNING OF SURVEY

36. [QIndustry] Do you or does anyone in your household work in any of the following industries? [SELECT MULTIPLE] [RANDOMIZE 1-8]

1. Technology		5%
2. Sales		4%
3. Healthcare		9%
4. Education or early childhood development		7%
5. Journalism or the media	TERMINATE	-
6. Food service or the restaurant industry		6%
7. Market research	TERMINATE	-
8. Public relations	TERMINATE	-
9. None of these		72%

37. [QPublicSchoolParent] Are you the parent or guardian of a public school student who is currently in grades kindergarten through 12th grade? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

1. Yes		100%
2. No	TERMINATE	-
3. Prefer not to say	TERMINATE	-

38. [QLivingAtHome] Where do your children who are in grades kindergarten through 12th grade live?

1. Full-time with me in my home		93%
2. Split between my home and the home of another parent or family member		7%
3. Not with me	TERMINATE	-

39. [QGender] What is your gender? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

1. Male		44%
2. Female		56%

40. [QRace] What is your race? [SELECT MULTIPLE] [RANDOMIZE 1-7]

1. Black	12%
2. White	59%
3. Hispanic/Latino	24%
4. Asian	7%
5. Native American	*%
6. Something else	*%
7. Prefer not to say	*%

41. [QEducation] What is the highest level of education you have completed?

1. High school or less	36%
2. Some college	22%
3. Associate's degree	10%
4. Bachelor's degree	20%
5. Graduate degree	12%
6. Prefer not to say	*%

42. [QAge] What is your age?

1. 18–29	8%
2. 30–39	36%
3. 40–49	34%
4. 50–64	19%
5. 65+	1%
6. No answer	*%

43. [QMarital] What is your current marital status?

1. Single, never married	12%
2. Married	70%
3. Living with a partner	7%
4. Separated	1%
5. Divorced	8%
6. Widowed	2%
7. Prefer not to say	*%