



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 #5 - Field Dates: May 25–27, 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:

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| 1. Closure through end of school year | 84% |
| 2. My child's schools are still open but running on a new schedule | 4% |
| 3. My child's schools are still open and running normally | 1% |
| 4. My child's schools have already finished the school year and started summer vacation | 11% |

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

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| 1. 1 | 54% |
| 2. 2 | 31% |
| 3. 3 | 11% |
| 4. 4 | 1% |
| 5. 5 | 1% |
| 6. 6 or more | 1% |

3. [QKidsGradeLevels] In which grade levels do you have a child or children in public school (2019–2020 school year)? Select all that apply. [ALLOW MULTIPLE – LIMIT MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SELECTIONS BASED ON NUMBER OF CHILDREN]

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

ECONOMIC AND HEALTH CONCERNS

4. [QCoronaConcern{A-J}] With regard to the current coronavirus situation, how much do you worry about each of the following as a parent or guardian? [RANDOMIZE A-J]
[DISPLAY AS GRID OVER 3 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. Making sure your child or children stay on track in school so they are ready for the next grade	65%	15%	36%	29%	20%	9%	6%	*%		
B. Your kids missing important social interactions at school or with friends	65%	15%	27%	38%	19%	8%	7%	*%		
C. School closures will have a negative impact on your child's education	60%	18%	31%	29%	21%	11%	7%	1%		
D. You or someone in your family getting the coronavirus	60%	19%	36%	24%	20%	13%	7%	1%		
E. Your children spending too much time on screens (watching TV, playing video games, or using a computer, tablet, or smart phone)	54%	20%	27%	27%	26%	13%	7%	-		
F. How the situation is affecting your children's mental health and emotional wellbeing	53%	22%	26%	27%	24%	14%	9%	1%		
G. Being able to make ends meet	51%	27%	29%	22%	21%	15%	13%	*%		
H. How the situation is affecting your mental health and emotional wellbeing	45%	29%	20%	26%	26%	17%	11%	*%		
I. Your children being exposed to more of the negative aspects or risks of online social interaction, such as cyberbullying	45%	37%	22%	23%	18%	21%	16%	*%		
J. Figuring out what to do with your kids during the day	39%	38%	20%	19%	22%	21%	17%	*%		

5. [QChildSocial] Thinking about the next couple of months, which of the following would you say concerns you more? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]

- That my children missing important social interactions with friends could negatively affect their emotional wellbeing 43%
- That allowing my children to hang out with friends could put them at risk of being exposed to the coronavirus 48%
- Unsure 9%

6. **[QChildrenGroup] When do you think you will feel comfortable allowing your children to start hanging out with friends and being around other groups of children again?**
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| 1. Right away | 14% |
| 2. In a few weeks | 14% |
| 3. Sometime later this summer | 28% |
| 4. In the fall or later | 27% |
| 5. Unsure | 16% |
7. **[QCoronaSick] Do you personally know anyone who has been sick with the coronavirus?**
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| 1. Yes | 31% |
| 2. No | 66% |
| 3. Unsure | 3% |
8. **[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]**
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| 1. Help keeping my children engaged in good activities | 50% |
| 2. More money to spend on necessities | 46% |
| 3. More information about how to support my child's learning | 35% |
| 4. High speed internet access | 27% |
| 5. Paid time off work from my job | 23% |
| 6. More hours in the day | 18% |
| 7. Someone to run errands for me to pick up essentials | 15% |
| 8. More tablets or computers in the house | 9% |
| 9. Childcare | 8% |
| 10. Something else (Please specify) | 3% |
9. **[QEmployment] What is your current employment status?**
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| 1. Employed full-time | 48% |
| 2. Employed part-time | 9% |
| 3. Freelance, contract, or temporary work | 1% |
| 4. Furloughed or placed on temporary leave by my employer | 5% |
| 5. Unemployed and looking for work | 8% |
| 6. Unemployed and not currently looking for work | 3% |
| 7. Stay-at-home parent or caregiver | 18% |
| 8. Full time student | 1% |
| 9. Retired | 3% |
| 10. Something else (Please specify) | 2% |
| 11. Prefer not to say | 1% |

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

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

(n=317)

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| 1. I worked from an office or job site before the coronavirus but I'm currently working from home | 41% |
| 2. I worked from an office or job site before the coronavirus and I'm still working there | 37% |
| 3. I worked from home before the coronavirus and I'm still working there | 16% |
| 4. Something else (Please specify) | 5% |
| 5. Prefer not to say | 2% |

ASK ALL:

11. [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]

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| 1. I haven't been able to see friends and family members | 26% |
| 2. I feel down or anxious about the overall situation in the country right now | 24% |
| 3. I haven't been able to move freely or go about my daily routine | 21% |
| 4. I've had difficulty helping my children with their schoolwork and learning | 20% |
| 5. I've lost my job, had my hours cut, or lost income | 15% |
| 6. I've had difficulty getting food and other essentials | 13% |
| 7. I haven't been able to attend religious services | 11% |
| 8. I've had difficulty getting work done with my children around | 8% |
| 9. I've had health-related difficulties (seeing doctors, getting medications, etc.) | 8% |
| 10. I've had difficulty with travel | 7% |
| 11. I've had difficulty with working from home, or other work-related difficulty | 6% |
| 12. I've had difficulty arranging childcare | 4% |
| 13. I've had difficulty getting along with people I live with | 3% |
| 14. Other (Please specify) | 1% |
| 15. None of these | 8% |

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 | 39% |
| 2. Used to pay for utilities, phone bills, or internet service | 39% |
| 3. Used to pay mortgage or rent | 24% |
| 4. Put it into a savings account | 19% |
| 5. Used to buy educational supplies or technology for your children | 8% |
| 6. Used to pay for medical expenses | 7% |
| 7. Used to pay for childcare | 5% |
| 8. Something else (Please specify) | 6% |
| 9. I am eligible for a coronavirus relief payment but have not received it yet | 9% |
| 10. I am not eligible for a coronavirus relief payment | 12% |

EDUCATION QUALITY

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 (2019–2020 school year)? [DROP DOWN: Kindergarten–12th grade]

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

14. [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?

EXCELLENT/GOOD	71%
ONLY FAIR/POOR	9%
1. Excellent	27%
2. Good	44%
3. Average	20%
4. Only fair	4%
5. Poor	5%
6. Unsure	*%

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

VERY/SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT	83%
NOT THAT/NOT AT ALL CONFIDENT	16%
1. Very confident	33%
2. Somewhat confident	50%
3. Not that confident	12%
4. Not at all confident	5%
5. Unsure	*%

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

1. Yes		14%
2. No	SKIP TO REOPEN. SECTION	85%
3. Unsure	SKIP TO REOPEN. SECTION	1%

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

17. [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=78)
VERY/SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	69%
VERY/SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	16%
1. Very satisfied	36%
2. Somewhat satisfied	33%
3. Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	11%
4. Somewhat dissatisfied	9%
5. Very dissatisfied	6%
6. Unsure	4%

18. [QConcernSpecial] Thinking about when your child's school reopens . . . How much do you worry that your child's specialized instruction or therapy might be unavailable or reduced because of budget cuts?

	(n=78)
WORRY A LOT/SOME	59%
DO NOT WORRY MUCH/AT ALL	26%
1. Worry a lot	27%
2. Worry some	33%
3. Worry a little	14%
4. Do not worry much	9%
5. Do not worry at all	16%
6. Unsure	1%

REOPENING AND REIMAGINING

ASK ALL:

19. [QReopenTradeoff] Even if neither one perfectly describes your views, which of the following statements do you agree with more? [RANDOMIZE ORDER 1-2]

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| 1. Schools should reopen as soon as possible so students don't fall too far behind and can receive the educational support they need | 25% |
| 2. Schools should remain closed until they are certain there is no health risk, even if it means students fall farther behind | 65% |
| 3. Unsure | 10% |

20. [QFocusTradeoff] Even if neither one perfectly describes your views, which of the following statements do you agree with more? [RANDOMIZE ORDER 1-2]

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| 1. Schools should be focused on trying to get back to the way things were before the COVID-19 crisis as soon as it is safe to do so | 32% |
| 2. Schools should be focused on rethinking how we educate students, coming up with new ways to teach children moving forward as a result of the COVID-19 crisis | 65% |
| 3. Unsure | 4% |

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Now, thinking about what you plan to have your children do this summer while they are out of school . . .

21. [QSummerPlans Battery {A-M}] For each of the following, please indicate which describes what you plan to have your children do this summer in light of the coronavirus situation. [DISPLAY AS GRID OVER 3 PAGES] [RANDOMIZE A-M]

	1. Planned to do this and still plan to	2. Planned to do this, but are no longer planning to	3. Did not plan to do this, but are now planning to	4. Did not plan to do this and still do not plan to	5. Unsure
A. Go to an overnight camp	8%	15%	9%	59%	8%
B. Attend a sports team training or an activity at school like band camp	9%	18%	8%	56%	9%
C. Go to a day camp or community program for children	7%	18%	8%	56%	12%
D. Go to vacation bible school or a similar religious activity	9%	16%	7%	59%	10%
E. Go to a public or community swimming pool	11%	25%	6%	46%	11%
F. Travel on an airplane for a family trip	8%	20%	6%	58%	8%
G. Travel by car for a family trip	24%	28%	10%	26%	13%
H. Get a summer job or volunteer position	12%	13%	9%	54%	11%
I. Mostly stay at home	52%	9%	23%	8%	8%
J. Nothing much, my child needs a break	36%	12%	14%	19%	20%
K. Participate in an online summer camp or activity program	11%	15%	12%	48%	14%
L. Take classes online to prepare for next school year	25%	10%	16%	34%	16%
M. Do educational activities other than classes to prepare for next school year	30%	12%	20%	25%	13%

22. [QSummerNormal] Thinking about what your children normally do while they are out of school for summer vacation, how many of their normal activities will they be able to do this summer? [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF SCALE 1-5, 5-1]

ALL/MOST OF THEIR NORMAL ACTIVITIES	23%
ONLY A FEW/NONE OF THEIR NORMAL ACTIVITIES	45%
1. All of their normal activities	7%
2. Most of their normal activities	16%
3. Some of their normal activities	27%
4. Only a few of their normal activities	34%
5. None of their normal activities	11%
6. Unsure	5%

23. [QSummerEdu] If your children's schools were to offer the following educational activities this summer a way to help them prepare for the next school year, please indicate which ones you would want your children to do, if any. Please select all that apply. [ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES] [RANDOMIZE 1-6]

1. Online educational activities other than classes	39%
2. Educational activity packets or workbooks	37%
3. Online summer school classes	34%
4. One-on-one online tutoring sessions	27%
5. One-on-one in-person tutoring sessions	15%
6. In-person summer school classes	13%
7. Other educational activities (Please specify)	*%
8. None of these – I don't think my children need do schoolwork this summer	16%
9. Unsure	7%

24. [QReasonActivities] Which of the following best describes how you feel about your children participating in activities this summer where they will be around groups of people, such as day camps, summer school, or community programs? [RANDOMIZE 1-3]

1. I am choosing to have my children participate in those types of activities.	17%
2. I have no choice other than to have my children participate in those types of activities because I have to work, but I would prefer to have them stay home if I could.	11%
3. My children will be staying home and not be participating in those types of activities.	60%
4. Unsure	12%

25. [QSafetyConcern] Thinking about the activities you currently plan to have your children do this summer where they will be around groups of people, do you feel confident that those activities will be safe in light of the coronavirus situation, or are you worried they will not be safe?

VERY/SOMEWHAT CONFIDENT	41%
VERY/SOMEWHAT WORRIED	51%
1. Very confident	15%
2. Somewhat confident	26%
3. Somewhat worried	25%
4. Very worried	26%
5. Unsure	7%

DEMOGRAPHICS

Finally, we have a few questions for demographic purposes.

26. [QGender] What is your gender? [RANDOMIZE 1-2]	
1. Male	44%
2. Female	56%
27. [QRace] What is your race? [SELECT MULTIPLE] [RANDOMIZE 1-7]	
1. Black	12%
2. White	59%
3. Hispanic/Latino	24%
4. Asian	6%
5. Native American	1%
6. Something else	*%
7. Prefer not to say	-
28. [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	-
29. [QAge] What is your age?	
1. 18–29	14%
2. 30–39	33%
3. 40–49	32%
4. 50–64	19%
5. 65+	1%
30. [QMarital] What is your current marital status?	
1. Single, never married	14%
2. Married	64%
3. Living with a partner	11%
4. Separated	4%
5. Divorced	7%
6. Widowed	1%
7. Prefer not to say	-

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

REPUBLICAN (TOTAL)		26%
DEMOCRAT (TOTAL)		40%
1. Strong Republican	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	12%
2. Not very strong Republican	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	14%
3. Independent	CONTINUE TO QPARTYLEAN	24%
4. Not very strong Democrat	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	19%
5. Strong Democrat	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	21%
4. A member of another party	SKIP TO QIDEOLOGY	1%
5. Unsure	CONTINUE TO QPARTYLEAN	10%

IF INDEPENDENT OR UNSURE [QParty=3 OR 5], ASK:

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

		(n=161)
1. I almost always vote for Republican candidates		5%
2. I vote for Republicans more often than I vote for Democrats		13%
3. I vote for Democrats more often than I vote for Republicans		13%
4. I almost always vote for Democratic candidates		6%
5. I vote equally for Democrats and Republicans		19%
6. Unsure		43%

[QPartyConsolidated: QParty + QPartyLean]

GOP + GOP-leaning independents	32%
DEM + DEM-leaning independents	46%
Total independent	7%
Total member of another party	1%
Unsure	15%

ASK ALL:

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

CONSERVATIVE (TOTAL)	26%
LIBERAL (TOTAL)	23%
1. Very conservative	10%
2. Somewhat conservative	16%
3. Moderate	41%
4. Somewhat liberal	15%
5. Very liberal	8%
6. Unsure	9%

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

[RANDOMIZE 1-9]

1. Facebook	79%
2. Instagram	50%
3. YouTube	66%
4. Snapchat	33%
5. Reddit	12%
6. Pinterest	30%
7. LinkedIn	17%
8. WhatsApp	16%
9. Twitter	33%
10. Something else (Please specify)	1%
11. None of these	3%

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

1. Less than \$30,000 per year	21%
2. \$30,000 to \$49,999 per year	18%
3. \$50,000 to \$74,999 per year	22%
4. \$75,000 to \$125,000 per year	22%
5. More than \$125,000 per year	14%
6. Prefer not to say	3%

36. [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%

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

1. City	30%
2. Suburb near a city	45%
3. Small town not near a city	12%
4. Rural or country area	14%

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

1. Evangelical Protestant/Born-Again Christian	22%
2. Mainline Protestant	5%
3. Roman Catholic	24%
4. Mormon	*%
5. Jewish	3%
6. Muslim	2%
7. Agnostic	4%
8. Atheist	6%
9. Something else	24%
10. Prefer not to say	9%

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

1. At least once a week	25%
2. Once or twice a month	9%
3. A few times a year	17%
4. Usually just for religious holidays	15%
5. Never	28%
6. Prefer not to say	6%

IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER [QMarital=2 OR 3], ASK:

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

	(n=389)
1. High school or less	30%
2. Some college	19%
3. Associate's degree	12%
4. Bachelor's degree	24%
5. Graduate degree	15%
6. Prefer not to say	*%

SCREENERS AND INITIAL DEMOGRAPHICS ASKED AT BEGINNING OF SURVEY

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

1. Technology		7%
2. Sales		5%
3. Healthcare		9%
4. Education or early childhood development		9%
5. Journalism or the media	TERMINATE	-
6. Food service or the restaurant industry		7%
7. Market research	TERMINATE	-
8. Public relations	TERMINATE	-
9. None of these		68%

42. [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	-

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

1. Full-time with me in my home		91%
2. Split between my home and the home of another parent or family member		9%
3. Not with me	TERMINATE	-