IRIS COVID-19 Survey of Adults in Washington State
Methodology

- Nationwide web panel survey of 1,655 adults 18+, with an oversample of 583 interviews in Washington state
- Conducted March 31 – April 6, 2020
- This presentation is focused on a representative sample of 583 adults age 18+ in Washington state with a Margin of Error ±4.1 points at the 95% confidence interval
- Survey sample from a Dynata Research online panel

Please note that due to rounding, some percentages may not add up to exactly 100%.
Washington state residents are deeply pessimistic about the direction of the country, with nearly two-thirds saying things are “pretty seriously off on the wrong track.” King County residents are the most pessimistic.

“Do you feel that things in the United States are...generally going in the right direction or pretty seriously off on the wrong track?”

**WA Adults**
- Generally going in the right direction: 32%
- Pretty seriously off on the wrong track: 63%
- No Response: 6%

**U.S. Adults**
- Generally going in the right direction: 36%
- Pretty seriously off on the wrong track: 56%
- No Response: 8%

**King County**
- Generally going in the right direction: 22%
- Pretty seriously off on the wrong track: 71%
- No Response: 6%

**Other**
- Generally going in the right direction: 36%
- Pretty seriously off on the wrong track: 60%
- No Response: 4%

**Western WA**
- Generally going in the right direction: 36%
- Pretty seriously off on the wrong track: 60%
- No Response: 4%

**Eastern WA**
- Generally going in the right direction: 34%
- Pretty seriously off on the wrong track: 59%
- No Response: 7%
Washington residents are overwhelmingly concerned about the COVID-19 outbreak and are even more concerned about its impact on the economy. Half of residents say they are “extremely concerned” about the economic impacts.

### WA Adults

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Please rate how concerned you are for each of the following...
Most Washington residents are concerned about someone they know contracting COVID-19 and a majority are concerned about contracting it themselves – although only 1-in-4 are “extremely concerned.”

### WA Adults

- **Someone you know contracting COVID-19**
  - 10 - Extremely concerned: 34%
  - 7-9 Concerned: 37%
  - Total Concern: 70%

- **Personally contracting COVID-19**
  - 10 - Extremely concerned: 23%
  - 7-9 Concerned: 34%
  - Total Concern: 57%

### U.S. Adults

- **Someone you know contracting COVID-19**
  - 10 - Extremely concerned: 37%
  - 7-9 Concerned: 31%
  - Total Concern: 68%

- **Personally contracting COVID-19**
  - 10 - Extremely concerned: 29%
  - 7-9 Concerned: 31%
  - Total Concern: 60%
Concern about the COVID-19 outbreak is higher and more intense in King County than the rest of the state. King County is the only region where concern about the virus is on the same level as concern about the economic impact. Residents outside King County are more intensely concerned about the economic impacts than the outbreak itself.

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**Concern about COVID-19**

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Residents in Eastern Washington are somewhat less concerned about themselves or someone they know getting the virus.

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Please rate how concerned you are for each of the following...
Most residents agree that, despite plenty of warning, the federal government failed to adequately prepare and work to contain the COVID-19 virus and that “our leaders have failed us.” Significant majorities across the state agree.

“The Federal government had plenty of warning that COVID-19 was coming and failed to prepare. We could have been more prepared to test for and contain this virus, but our leaders failed us.”

- **U.S. Adults**: 66% Agree, 5% Strongly Agree, 29% Disagree
- **King County**: 78% Agree, 3% Strongly Agree, 19% Disagree
- **Other Western WA**: 63% Agree, 5% Strongly Agree, 32% Disagree
- **Eastern WA**: 66% Agree, 4% Strongly Agree, 30% Disagree
Attitudes about the State Response

Most residents feel the state is taking the appropriate action to stop the spread of COVID-19. Very few believe the state is overreacting, however, 1-in-5 King County residents feel the state is not taking things seriously enough.

“How is your state government doing in trying to stop the spread of COVID-19?”

- **Acting appropriately**: 71%
- **Taking things too seriously**: 11%
- **Not taking things seriously enough**: 16%

**U.S. Adults**
- 66%
- 12%
- 17%

**King County**
- 67%
- 6%
- 25%

**Other Western WA**
- 72%
- 12%
- 14%

**Eastern WA**
- 75%
- 11%
- 13%
Washington residents give their state and local governments significantly higher ratings for their response to COVID-19 than they give the Federal government.

**WA Adults**

“How would you rate each of the following’s response to COVID-19?”

- **Federal Government**
  - Good Response: 38%
  - Neutral/(Don't know): 27%
  - Bad Response: 34%

- **State Government**
  - Good Response: 64%
  - Neutral/(Don't know): 22%
  - Bad Response: 15%

- **Local Government**
  - Good Response: 59%
  - Neutral/(Don't know): 26%
  - Bad Response: 15%
Residents in all three regions are generally happy with their local government’s response to COVID-19.

“How would you rate your local government’s response to COVID-19?”

- **King County**: 60% Good Response, 24% Neutral/(Don't know), 16% Bad Response
- **Other Western WA**: 61% Good Response, 29% Neutral/(Don't know), 10% Bad Response
- **Eastern WA**: 55% Good Response, 23% Neutral/(Don't know), 22% Bad Response
### Attitudes about Quarantine

*For the most part, Washington residents are on board with quarantine efforts, and despite overwhelming concern about the economy, most do not agree that we should start letting people go back to work in less hard hit areas.*

#### WA Adults

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<td>The best thing to do in my community would be to mandate that everyone stay home, leaving only for essential activities like getting food and necessities. We must stay on lockdown until we kill off this virus, and anything short of a lockdown just extends how long we have to put our lives on hold.</td>
<td>83%</td>
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<td>We should let people in areas where coronavirus isn’t as bad get back to work to help our economy.</td>
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<td>Thousands of people die every year from the flu. We can’t stay locked up in our houses anymore, we need to get back out and get the economy moving again. My community doesn’t need to be locked down, people voluntarily socially distancing themselves is enough to prevent the spread of COVID-19.</td>
<td>28%</td>
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Residents across the state agree that the right thing to do is stay on lockdown until the virus is killed off.

“We must stay on lockdown until we kill off this virus, and anything short of a lockdown just extends how long we have to put our lives on hold.”

- **WA Adults**: Agree 74%, Disagree 23%, Strong Agree 37%, Strong Disagree 6%, Net Agree +50
- **U.S. Adults**: Agree 76%, Disagree 21%, Strong Agree 41%, Strong Disagree 7%, Net Agree +55
- **King County**: Agree 78%, Disagree 20%, Strong Agree 45%, Strong Disagree 3%, Net Agree +58
- **Other Western WA**: Agree 70%, Disagree 26%, Strong Agree 34%, Strong Disagree 7%, Net Agree +45
- **Eastern WA**: Agree 76%, Disagree 23%, Strong Agree 35%, Strong Disagree 8%, Net Agree +53
Attitudes about Re-Opening Some Areas

There isn’t a strong call in any region to allow less hard-hit areas to open sooner. Even among the roughly one-third who agree that we should let people get back to work in less impacted areas, intensity is very low.

“We should let people in areas where coronavirus isn’t as bad get back to work to help our economy.”

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"Responding to the coronavirus has led to major changes in life including school and business closures, stay at home orders, and keeping physical distance from each other. How long do you expect these major changes to continue?"
What People Miss

Washington residents miss social connection and being able to go out and about.

WA Adults

- Socializing, seeing family/friends: 27%
- Leaving the house/freedom: 16%
- Going places in the community: 11%
- Going out to eat: 9%
- School/work: 6%
- Less worry/anxiety: 6%
- Travel: 5%
- Exercise/sports: 4%
- Normalcy/daily routines: 2%

What do you miss the most about life before the effects of COVID-19? (OPEN END, RECORD RESPONSE)
Economic Environment
**Concern About Losing Your Job**

Among the Washington labor force, 16% report being under- or unemployed as a result of COVID-19. Four-in-ten Washingtonians say they are concerned that they will lose their job because of COVID-19.

**“Which best describes your working arrangement?”**
(Among Adults in WA Labor Force)

- I cannot work from home, but am still working: 24%
- I can work from home and regularly do, regardless of CV-19: 23%
- I can work from home, and have been told I must bc of CV-19: 22%
- I cannot work from home and am now un- or underemployed bc of CV-19: 14%
- I am unemployed, but not bc of CV-19: 7%
- I can work from home, but am not currently doing so: 5%
- I had a job that could be done remotely, but I am now unemployed bc of CV-19: 2%
- Something else/Prefer not to respond: 4%

**“I am concerned I will lose my job because of COVID-19.”**
(Among Adults in Labor Force)

- WA Adults: Agree 42%, No Response 5%, Disagree 53%
- U.S. Adults: Agree 44%, No Response 5%, Disagree 50%

"CV-19 Impacted 62%"
Almost half of Washington state residents think it will take more than a year for the economy to recover compared to just over a third nationally. A majority in King County think it’s going be a year or more.

“How many months do you believe it will take economy to recover and get back to normal?”

Economic Recovery
Changes in Spending Behavior

Two thirds of Washington residents say they are significantly reducing their spending. Strong majorities are spending less on the basics – including education/childcare.

WA Adults

“I have significantly reduced my spending because of COVID-19.”

- WA Adults: 66% Agree, 32% Disagree
- U.S. Adults: 67% Agree, 30% Disagree
- King County: 64% Agree, 36% Disagree
- Other Western WA: 70% Agree, 26% Disagree
- Eastern WA: 62% Agree, 35% Disagree

“In what areas have you or do you plan to significantly reduce your spending as a result of COVID-19?”

- Monthly bills like rent, mortgage, or utilities: 77%
- Travel or vacations: 69%
- Education/Childcare: 62%
- Shopping: 46%
- Something else: 10%
Of the organizations and individuals tested, Dr. Anthony Fauci is the most trusted voice on COVID-19. The President and Fox News are the least trusted. State and local governments are more trusted than the Federal government, and all three levels of government are more trusted than the news media.

“How much trust do you have in the advice of each of the following when it comes to COVID-19?

WA Adults

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1 = Do not trust at all / 10 = Trust completely
**Information Sources**

Washington residents are getting most of their information about COVID-19 from TV news and social media.

**WA Adults**

**“And which of these news outlets do you most frequently get your news from, either on television, online, on the radio, or on your mobile device?”**

- Local news: 35%
- FOX News: 28%
- ABC: 26%
- CNN: 25%
- CBS: 22%
- NBC: 21%
- MSNBC: 14%
- NPR: 12%
- CNBC: 8%

**“Where have you seen or heard most of your information about COVID-19?”**

- Television news: 69%
- Social media: 57%
- Podcast: 32%
- Community organization: 28%
- School/child's school: 27%
- Other: 21%
- Mail: 16%
- Church/faith-based org: 15%
- Government agency: 14%
Nearly 6-in-10 Washingtonians give President Trump a negative overall job rating and only 1-in-5 believe he took the right actions based on the COVID-19 intelligence briefings he received in January.

**WA Adults**

“How would you rate the job Donald Trump is doing as President?”

- **Positive 39%**
  - Good 22%
  - Excellent 17%
- **Negative 57%**
  - Only Fair 16%
  - Poor 41%
  - (Don't know) 3%

“In January, United States intelligence agencies were issuing warnings that a coronavirus pandemic was likely and that action needed to be taken to prevent it.”

Based on what you’ve seen, did President Trump...

- **Ignore or dismiss these warnings 49%**
- **Take some but not enough of the right actions 28%**
- **Take the right actions 19%**
- **(Don't know) 19%**

“*In January, United States intelligence agencies were issuing warnings that a coronavirus pandemic was likely and that action needed to be taken to prevent it.*”
**Trump vs. Biden**

Former Vice President Joe Biden has a 13-point lead over President Trump among registered voters in Washington state. Biden’s most significant leads are with Dems, women, and non-white voters. Trump’s only significant lead is with Republicans.

### WA Registered Voters

#### Vote for President

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#### By Region

- **King County:**
  - Biden: 63%
  - Trump: 49%
  - (Undecided): 11%

- **Other Western WA:**
  - Biden: 46%
  - Trump: 46%
  - (Undecided): 8%

- **Eastern WA:**
  - Biden: 48%
  - Trump: 48%
  - (Undecided): 10%

#### By Party Affiliation

- **Democrat:**
  - Biden: 93%
  - Trump: 7%
  - (Undecided): 3%

- **Republican:**
  - Biden: 9%
  - Trump: 89%
  - (Undecided): 2%

- **Ind/Other:**
  - Biden: 9%
  - Trump: 91%
  - (Undecided): 0%

#### By Gender

- **Men:**
  - Biden: 45%
  - Trump: 46%
  - (Undecided): 11%

- **Women:**
  - Biden: 59%
  - Trump: 59%
  - (Undecided): 8%

- **Non-binary:**
  - Biden: 46%
  - Trump: 31%
  - (Undecided): 33%

#### By Age

- **Men <50:**
  - Biden: 44%
  - Trump: 45%
  - (Undecided): 17%

- **Men 50+:**
  - Biden: 60%
  - Trump: 59%
  - (Undecided): 7%

- **Women <50:**
  - Biden: 59%
  - Trump: 59%
  - (Undecided): 7%

- **Women 50+:**
  - Biden: 60%
  - Trump: 59%
  - (Undecided): 9%

#### By Race/Ethnicity

- **White/Caucasian:**
  - Biden: 50%
  - Trump: 49%
  - (Undecided): 9%

- **African-American/Black:**
  - Biden: 69%
  - Trump: 31%
  - (Undecided): 13%

- **Asian/Pacific Islander:**
  - Biden: 60%
  - Trump: 40%
  - (Undecided): 14%

- **Multiracial/other:**
  - Biden: 53%
  - Trump: 47%
  - (Undecided): 8%

#### By Education Level

- **White Non-college:**
  - Biden: 55%
  - Trump: 45%
  - (Undecided): 10%

- **White College:**
  - Biden: 47%
  - Trump: 55%
  - (Undecided): 7%

- **Nonwhite Non-college:**
  - Biden: 59%
  - Trump: 41%
  - (Undecided): 14%

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