

**2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
WAVE 77 OCTOBER 2020  
FINAL TOPLINE  
OCTOBER 13-19, 2020  
TOTAL N=10,332**

**NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. THE PERCENTAGES LESS THAN 0.5% ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (\*). ROWS/COLUMNS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING. THE QUESTIONS PRESENTED BELOW ARE PART OF A LARGER SURVEY CONDUCTED ON THE AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL.**

U.S. adults	<b>Sample size</b> 10,332	<b>Margin of error at 95% confidence level</b> +/- 1.6 percentage points
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**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK IF PARENT WITH CHILD <18 IN HOUSEHOLD (XPARENT=1) [n=2,561]:**

PARENTK12 Are you the parent or guardian of any children who are in elementary, middle or high school and who live in your household?

Oct 13-19,  
2020

38	Yes, one child
43	Yes, two or more children
19	No
*	No answer

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
July 27-Aug 2, 2020 <sup>1</sup>	79	20	1
Apr 7-12, 2020 <sup>2</sup>	79	21	*

**ASK IF PARENT WITH CHILD <18 IN HOUSEHOLD (XPARENT=1) [n=2,561]:**

PARENTPK Are you the parent or guardian of any children who are preschool age or younger and who live in your household?

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2020

40	Yes
60	No
*	No answer

<sup>1</sup> In July/August 2020, question wording was, "Are you the parent or guardian of any children who will be enrolled in elementary, middle or high school in the fall and who live in your household?" It was asked of all respondents in that survey wave, and was called PARENTK12FALL. Results shown in this topline are among parents with children under 18 in the household.

<sup>2</sup> In April 2020, question wording was, "Are you the parent or guardian of any children who are now enrolled in elementary, middle or high school and who live in your household?" and was asked of all respondents in that survey wave. Results shown in this topline are among parents with children under 18 in the household.

**DISPLAY ON SEPARATE SCREEN IF PARENT WITH SCHOOL AGE CHILD IN HOUSEHOLD****(PARENTK12=1,2):** Now thinking about your children who are in elementary, middle or high school...**ASK IF PARENT WITH SCHOOL AGE CHILD IN HOUSEHOLD (PARENTK12=1,2) [n=2,092]:**

INSTRUCTION1 What best describes the type of instruction your child(ren) are getting from school right now?

Oct 13-19,

2020

- 20 In-person instruction only
- 46 Online instruction only
- 23 A mix of in-person and online instruction
- 7 My child(ren) are being homeschooled

**DISPLAY IF PARENT WITH MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL AGE CHILD IN HOUSEHOLD**

- 4 **(PARENTK12=2) [n=1,030]:**  
Different situations for different children
- \* No answer

**ASK IF PARENT WITH SCHOOL AGE CHILD IN HOUSEHOLD AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED****(INSTRUCTION1=1,2,3,5) [n=1,959]:**SCHLCNCRN Compared with before the coronavirus outbreak, how concerned, if at all, are you about each of the following for any of your children who are in elementary, middle or high school? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]****BASED ON PARENTS WITH SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED /DIFFERENT KIDS WITH DIFFERENT TYPES OF INSTRUCTION (INSTRUCTION1=1,2,3)****[n=1,884]:**

	More concerned than before the <u>outbreak</u>	Less concerned than before the <u>outbreak</u>	About the same as before the <u>outbreak</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. Having access to extracurricular activities Oct 13-19, 2020	58	9	33	1
b. Their emotional wellbeing Oct 13-19, 2020	59	6	35	*
c. Not getting enough exercise Oct 13-19, 2020	52	10	37	*
d. Maintaining social connections and friendships Oct 13-19, 2020	60	9	31	1
e. Spending too much time unsupervised Oct 13-19, 2020	31	19	50	*
f. Having too much screen time Oct 13-19, 2020	63	7	30	*

**ASK IF PARENT WITH SCHOOL AGE CHILD IN HOUSEHOLD AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED/DIFFERENT KIDS WITH DIFFERENT TYPES OF INSTRUCTION (INSTRUCTION1=1,2,3) [n=1,884]:**

COVIDSCHL3 Overall, how satisfied are you, if at all, with the way your children's school has been handling instruction this fall?

Oct 13-19,  
2020

35	Very satisfied
44	Somewhat satisfied
16	Not too satisfied
6	Not at all satisfied
0	No answer

**TREND FOR COMPARISON, BASED ON PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHOSE SCHOOLS WERE CLOSED AT TIME OF SURVEY:**

	Very <u>satisfied</u>	Somewhat <u>satisfied</u>	Not too <u>satisfied</u>	Not at all <u>satisfied</u>	No <u>answer</u>
April 7-12, 2020 <sup>3</sup>	45	38	13	4	*

**ASK IF PARENT WITH SCHOOL AGE CHILD IN HOUSEHOLD AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED (INSTRUCTION1=1,2,3,5) [n=1,959]:**

COVIDSCHL4 How concerned, if at all, are you about your children falling behind in school as a result of any disruptions caused by the coronavirus outbreak?

**BASED ON PARENTS WITH SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED /DIFFERENT KIDS WITH DIFFERENT TYPES OF INSTRUCTION (INSTRUCTION1=1,2,3) [n=1,884]:**

Oct 13-19,  
2020

30	Very concerned
35	Somewhat concerned
23	Not too concerned
11	Not at all concerned
1	No answer

**TREND FOR COMPARISON, BASED ON PARENTS OF CHILDREN WHOSE SCHOOLS WERE CLOSED AT TIME OF SURVEY OR THEY EXPECTED SCHOOLS TO CLOSE:**

	Very <u>concerned</u>	Somewhat <u>concerned</u>	Not too <u>concerned</u>	Not at all <u>concerned</u>	No <u>answer</u>
April 7-12, 2020 <sup>4</sup>	29	35	22	11	2

**[SHOW COVIDSCHL6MOD AND INSTRUCTION2 ON THE SAME SCREEN]**

**DISPLAY IF PARENT WITH SCHOOL AGE CHILD IN HOUSEHOLD (PARENTK12=1,2):**

Thinking about things you may have done for your children who are in elementary, middle or high school BECAUSE OF DISRUPTIONS CAUSED BY THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK...

<sup>3</sup> In April 2020, question wording was, "Overall, how satisfied are you, if at all, with the way your children's school has been handling instruction during the school closure?" and was asked among respondents with children whose schools were closed at the time of the survey (n=1,079).

<sup>4</sup> In April 2020, this question was asked of respondents with children whose schools were closed at the time of the survey or that expected that their school would close (n=1,090).

**ASK IF PARENT WITH SCHOOL AGE CHILD IN HOUSEHOLD AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED  
(INSTRUCTION1=1,2,3,5) [n=1,959]:**

COVIDSCHL6MOD How much additional instruction or resources, if any, are you or another adult in your household providing to your children beyond what is being provided by the school?

**BASED ON PARENTS WITH SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED  
/DIFFERENT KIDS WITH DIFFERENT TYPES OF INSTRUCTION (INSTRUCTION1=1,2,3)  
[n=1,884]:**

Oct 13-19,  
2020  
20 A lot  
46 Some  
24 Not much  
10 None at all  
\* No answer

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
April 7-12, 2020 <sup>5</sup>	25	44	22	8	1

**ASK IF PARENT WITH SCHOOL AGE CHILD IN HOUSEHOLD (PARENTK12=1,2) [n=2,092]:**

INSTRUCTION2 Have you hired anyone to provide additional instruction or resources to your children beyond what is being provided by the school?

**BASED ON PARENTS WITH SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED  
/DIFFERENT KIDS WITH DIFFERENT TYPES OF INSTRUCTION (INSTRUCTION1=1,2,3)  
[n=1,884]:**

Oct 13-19,  
2020  
9 Yes  
91 No  
\* No answer

**DISPLAY ON SEPARATE SCREEN IF HAS CHILDREN IN DIFFERENT TYPES OF INSTRUCTION  
(INSTRUCTION1=5):** For the next few questions, please think about your children in elementary, middle or high school who are getting at least some in-person instruction.

<sup>5</sup> In April 2020, this question was asked of respondents with children whose schools were closed at the time of the survey (n=1,079) and was called COVIDSCHL6.

**ASK IF CHILD GETTING AT LEAST SOME IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION (INSTRUCTION1=1,3,5)  
[n=969]:**

CVDSCHLHLTH1 Overall, how satisfied are you, if at all, with the steps your children's school is taking to prevent the spread of coronavirus?

**BASED ON PARENTS WITH SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD WHO ARE GETTING AT LEAST SOME IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED/DIFFERENT KIDS WITH DIFFERENT TYPES OF INSTRUCTION (INSTRUCTION1=1,3) [n=894]:**

Oct 13-19,  
2020

45	Very satisfied
40	Somewhat satisfied
11	Not too satisfied
2	Not at all satisfied
1	No answer

**ASK IF CHILD GETTING AT LEAST SOME IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION (INSTRUCTION1=1,3,5)  
[n=969]:**

CVDSCHLHLTH2 How concerned, if at all, are you about your children being exposed to the coronavirus at school?

**BASED ON PARENTS WITH SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD WHO ARE GETTING AT LEAST SOME IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND NOT HOMESCHOOLED/DIFFERENT KIDS WITH DIFFERENT TYPES OF INSTRUCTION (INSTRUCTION1=1,3) [n=894]:**

Oct 13-19,  
2020

20	Very concerned
42	Somewhat concerned
25	Not too concerned
13	Not at all concerned
*	No answer

**ASK IF PARENT WITH CHILD PRESCHOOL AGE OR YOUNGER IN HOUSEHOLD (PARENTPK=1)  
[n=942]:**

CVCHILDCARE2 Do any of your children who are preschool age or younger attend a daycare or preschool regularly?

Oct 13-19,  
2020

36	Yes
64	No
*	No answer

**ASK IF CHILD IN DAYCARE (CVCHILDCARE2=1) [n=373]:**

CVCHILDCARE3 Overall, how satisfied are you, if at all, with the steps your children's day care or preschool is taking to prevent the spread of coronavirus?

Oct 13-19,

2020

47	Very satisfied
34	Somewhat satisfied
15	Not too satisfied
1	Not at all satisfied
2	No answer

**ASK IF PARENT WITH CHILD PRESCHOOL AGE OR YOUNGER IN HOUSEHOLD (PARENTPK=1) [n=942]:**

CVCHILDCARE4 Thinking about your children who are preschool age or younger...

Compared with before the coronavirus outbreak, how concerned, if at all, are you about your children falling behind in developing the following skills? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

	More concerned than before <u>the outbreak</u>	Less concerned than before <u>the outbreak</u>	About the same as before <u>the outbreak</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. Social skills Oct 13-19, 2020	47	7	46	*
b. Physical or motor skills Oct 13-19, 2020	24	14	62	*
c. Language skills Oct 13-19, 2020	30	11	59	*

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