



THE TENNESSEE POLL

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About The Tennessee Poll

The Tennessee Poll is conducted by the Applied Social Research Lab (ASRL) in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at East Tennessee State University. ASRL is directed by Dr. Kelly N. Foster, associate professor of sociology.

The Tennessee Poll is an annual public opinion poll funded by East Tennessee State University. The mission of The Tennessee Poll is to provide the citizens and governance of Tennessee with neutral, unbiased information on Tennesseans' perceptions of issues that impact their health, education, and quality of life.

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How closely do you follow news about COVID-19?

		Gender		Party Affiliation			Final Race			Respondent Age			Generation				Respondent's Education				Annual Income			
		Male	Female	Republican (with leaners)	Independent	Democrat (with leaners)	White	Black	Other	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 and older	Boomers	Gen X	Millennials	Gen Z	Less than HS	HS or equivalent	Some college or Associates	Bachelors degree or higher	Under \$50,000	\$50,000 - \$100,000	Over \$100,000	
How closely have you followed news about the novel coronavirus, also known as COVID19? READ LIST	Very closely	63%	61%	65%	62%	57%	75%	63%	67%	52%	49%	59%	76%	78%	58%	56%	42%	63%	56%	63%	71%	62%	63%	66%
	Somewhat closely	30%	34%	26%	34%	35%	19%	32%	23%	30%	35%	37%	21%	19%	38%	28%	49%	21%	37%	31%	26%	31%	32%	29%
	Not very much	6%	5%	7%	4%	7%	6%	5%	9%	19%	13%	4%	3%	3%	4%	13%	9%	16%	6%	5%	3%	7%	5%	5%
	Not at all	1%	1%	1%		1%		1%			2%					3%			1%	1%		1%	1%	
Total	Unweighted Count	615	291	324	277	121	182	479	92	35	157	209	249	232	182	144	57	19	130	210	245	259	184	112

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Have the measures taken by the federal government to slow the spread of the virus been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?

		Gender		Party Affiliation			Final Race			Respondent Age			Generation				Respondent's Education				Annual Income			
		Male	Female	Republican (with leaners)	Independent	Democrat (with leaners)	White	Black	Other	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 and older	Boomers	Gen X	Millennials	Gen Z	Less than HS	HS or equivalent	Some college or Associates	Bachelors degree or higher	Under \$50,000	\$50,000 - \$100,000	Over \$100,000	
Have the measures taken by the federal government to slow the spread of the virus been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough? (VOL) DK_Unsure	Been appropriate	45%	46%	43%	67%	37%	16%	50%	25%	34%	43%	47%	44%	43%	49%	42%	43%	32%	48%	45%	48%	42%	49%	55%
	They have gone too far	10%	11%	8%	14%	11%	4%	11%	4%	10%	10%	12%	8%	7%	14%	8%	10%		12%	15%	7%	11%	9%	12%
	Not gone far enough	38%	37%	39%	14%	39%	72%	33%	58%	39%	36%	34%	42%	43%	31%	40%	32%	53%	32%	35%	39%	39%	36%	30%
	(VOL) DK_Unsure	8%	6%	10%	5%	14%	8%	6%	13%	17%	12%	7%	6%	6%	10%	15%	16%	8%	5%	6%	9%	6%	3%	
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Have the measures taken by the Tennessee state government to slow the spread of the virus been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?

		Gender			Party Affiliation			Final Race			Respondent Age			Generation				Respondent's Education				Annual Income		
		Total	Male	Female	Republican (with leaners)	Independent	Democrat (with leaners)	White	Black	Other	18 to 34	35 to 54	55 and older	Boomers	Gen X	Millennials	Gen Z	Less than HS	HS or equivalent	Some college or Associates	Bachelors degree or higher	Under \$50,000	\$50,000 - \$100,000	Over \$100,000
Have the measures taken by the Tennessee state government to slow the spread of the virus been appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?	Been appropriate	49%	51%	46%	62%	47%	31%	52%	37%	45%	42%	52%	51%	50%	53%	45%	43%	42%	49%	46%	57%	45%	49%	65%
	They have gone too far	10%	9%	11%	13%	7%	9%	11%	7%	8%	8%	15%	7%	8%	15%	10%	5%	11%	10%	12%	8%	11%	14%	4%
	Not gone far enough	34%	34%	34%	20%	32%	56%	31%	47%	37%	39%	26%	37%	37%	24%	39%	38%	32%	34%	37%	31%	35%	32%	29%
	(VOL) DK_Unsure	7%	6%	9%	5%	14%	5%	7%	9%	10%	10%	7%	6%	5%	8%	6%	14%	16%	8%	5%	4%	10%	5%	1%
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How confident are you that the government will be able to limit the impact of the outbreak over the next few weeks?

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How confident are you that the government will be able to limit the impact of the outbreak over the next few weeks - very confident, somewhat confident, not too confident, or not at all confident?	Very confident	17%	23%	12%	25%	7%	13%	18%	13%	8%	13%	18%	19%	18%	18%	15%	12%	16%	24%	15%	11%	16%	16%	14%
	Somewhat confident	37%	36%	39%	49%	33%	26%	38%	35%	38%	33%	40%	39%	39%	41%	32%	33%	47%	32%	37%	42%	35%	42%	41%
	Not too confident	29%	23%	34%	17%	41%	35%	29%	28%	32%	39%	24%	25%	26%	22%	35%	42%	21%	30%	30%	29%	28%	29%	34%
	Not at all confident	14%	14%	13%	6%	17%	23%	12%	19%	22%	11%	14%	16%	15%	15%	14%	8%	11%	11%	14%	16%	16%	11%	8%
	(VOL) DK_Unsure	3%	4%	2%	4%	2%	3%	3%	5%		4%	4%	2%	2%	3%	3%	5%	5%	3%	3%	2%	4%	1%	2%
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Once government restrictions on social contact are lifted and businesses and schools start to reopen, how quickly do you think you would return to your normal activities, including interacting with people in public?

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Once government restrictions on social contact are lifted and businesses and schools start to reopen, how quickly do you think you would return to your normal activities, including interacting with people in public?	Immediately	17%	25%	10%	24%	13%	8%	19%	12%	8%	12%	26%	14%	14%	22%	21%	9%	11%	22%	15%	17%	16%	21%	17%
	Wait to see what happens	53%	51%	56%	57%	47%	57%	54%	51%	56%	61%	51%	50%	52%	51%	53%	66%	47%	53%	51%	60%	53%	47%	62%
	Limit activities indefinitely	27%	22%	31%	17%	39%	33%	25%	37%	22%	20%	22%	36%	34%	26%	22%	16%	37%	23%	31%	22%	30%	29%	20%
	(VOL) DK_Unsure	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	14%	7%	2%	0%	0%	1%	5%	9%	5%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%
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If there were no government restrictions and people were able to decide for themselves about being out in public, how soon would you return to your normal day-to-day activities?

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If there were no government restrictions and people were able to decide for themselves about being out in public, how soon would you return to your normal day-to-day activities? READ LIST	Right now	22%	28%	16%	28%	14%	15%	21%	24%	14%	16%	28%	20%	21%	26%	21%	13%	21%	24%	22%	17%	20%	25%	18%
	After the number of new cases declines significantly	31%	30%	33%	38%	30%	25%	35%	15%	25%	30%	31%	32%	32%	31%	30%	31%	26%	27%	31%	41%	26%	32%	48%
	After there are no new cases for a period of time	28%	26%	30%	23%	33%	34%	28%	35%	22%	30%	27%	28%	27%	29%	28%	30%	21%	32%	28%	27%	32%	27%	25%
	After a coronavirus vaccine is developed	13%	11%	14%	8%	17%	15%	10%	19%	22%	15%	9%	14%	14%	9%	14%	13%	21%	11%	12%	10%	15%	12%	7%
	(VOL) DK_Unsure	6%	5%	7%	3%	6%	10%	5%	7%	16%	9%	5%	5%	6%	5%	6%	12%	11%	5%	6%	5%	7%	3%	1%
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When you think about the coronavirus, what is your biggest concern?

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When you think about the coronavirus, what is your biggest concern?	General public health/healthcare system	16%	12%	19%	15%	16%	15%	17%	15%	6%	20%	15%	13%	13%	15%	16%	24%	11%	23%	10%	14%	15%	15%	18%
	Personal/family/loved one getting sick	33%	32%	34%	29%	33%	39%	33%	37%	30%	26%	34%	36%	37%	35%	29%	23%	50%	38%	28%	24%	41%	22%	25%
	States and cities opening up too early/second wave	6%	6%	6%	5%	6%	6%	6%	5%	2%	6%	6%	6%	6%	5%	9%	3%		5%	8%	7%	7%	5%	5%
	Poor or inadequate government response/more testing needed	3%	3%	3%	1%	3%	7%	2%	5%	8%	1%	2%	6%	6%	2%	0%	2%		2%	4%	4%	3%	3%	2%
	Misinformation/Not sure who to trust for true info	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%	4%	1%		1%	5%	6%	2%	3%	6%
	Being locked-down/Blown out of proportion/government abuse of power	5%	7%	4%	7%	4%	5%	5%	7%	2%	3%	6%	7%	7%	7%	4%	2%	6%	5%	7%	5%	6%	5%	3%
	Economy/job loss/fiscal implications	13%	13%	13%	17%	16%	7%	15%	4%	6%	17%	19%	5%	5%	17%	20%	16%	6%	8%	16%	19%	8%	19%	24%
	People not taking it seriously or following CDC guidelines	6%	6%	6%	5%	4%	7%	5%	10%	12%	7%	4%	7%	8%	4%	8%	3%	6%	5%	7%	7%	5%	9%	7%
	Finding a vaccine/cure/our ability to fight the virus	9%	10%	7%	11%	9%	5%	8%	11%	14%	12%	4%	10%	9%	5%	6%	19%	6%	8%	8%	9%	6%	13%	6%
	No concerns	3%	4%	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%		16%	3%	5%	1%	1%	4%	2%	7%	11%	2%	1%	0%	3%	2%	1%
Other	4%	5%	2%	3%	5%	4%	4%	4%	2%	2%	3%	5%	5%	4%	3%		6%	2%	5%	4%	3%	4%	3%	
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