COVID Impact Survey: Week 2, California Findings

Conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago
On behalf of the Data Foundation

Interviews: 05/4-10/2020
672 adults residing in California
Margin of error: +/- 5.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.

SOC1. We'd like to know how much you trust people in your neighborhood. Generally speaking, would you say that you can trust all the people, most of the people, some of the people, or none of the people in your neighborhood?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	NORC 05/04-10/2020
Top NET	**56**
All	9
Most	46
Bot NET	**44**
Some	38
None	6
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*
N = 672	

SOC2A. In the past month, how often did you talk with any of your neighbors?

	NORC 05/04-10/2020
Top NET	**45**
Basically every day	11
A few times a week	34
A few times a month	**30**
Bot NET	**24**
Once a month	11
Not at all	13
Not sure	1
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*
N = 672	

SOC2B. During a typical month prior to March 1, 2020, when COVID-19 began spreading in the United States, how often did you talk with any of your neighbors?

	NORC 05/04-10/2020
Top NET	**44**
Basically every day	14
A few times a week	31
A few times a month	**27**
Bot NET	**26**
Once a month	12
Not at all	14
Not sure	3
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*
N = 672	

SOC3A. In the past month, how often did you communicate with friends and family by phone, text, email, app, or using the Internet?

	NORC 05/04-10/2020
Top NET	**88**
Basically every day	66
A few times a week	23
A few times a month	**9**
Bot NET	**1**
Once a month	*
Not at all	1
Not sure	1
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*
N = 672	

SOC3B. During a typical month prior to March 1, 2020, when COVID-19 began spreading in the United States, how often did you communicate with friends and family by phone, text, email, app, or using the Internet?

	NORC 05/04-10/2020
Top NET	**87**
Basically every day	54
A few times a week	33
A few times a month	**11**
Bot NET	**2**
Once a month	1
Not at all	1
Not sure	1
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*
N = 672	

SOC4A. In the past month, did you spend any time volunteering for any organization or association, or not?

	NORC 05/04-10/2020
Yes	10
No	88
Not sure	2
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*
N = 672	

SOC4B. During a typical month prior to March 1, 2020, when COVID-19 began spreading in the United States, did you spend any time volunteering for any organization or association, or not?

	NORC 05/04-10/2020
Yes	24
No	75
Not sure	1
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*
N = 672	

PHYS8. Would you say your health in general is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?

	NORC 05/04-10/2020
Top NET	**58**
Excellent	19
Very good	39
Good	**32**
Bot NET	**10**
Fair	9
Poor	1
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	-
N = 672	

PHYS1. Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 7 days, or not?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

NORC 05/04-10/2020	Yes	No	Not sure	SKP/REF
Fever	11	88	1	*
Chills	11	88	*	*
Runny or stuffy nose	11	88	1	*
Chest congestion	9	90	1	*
Skin rash	13	86	1	*
Cough	12	87	1	*
Sore throat	9	90	1	*
Sneezing	14	84	1	*
Muscle or body aches	8	90	2	*
Headaches	11	89	*	*
Fatigue or tiredness	11	89	*	*
Shortness of breath	7	92	1	*
Abdominal discomfort	10	90	1	*
Nausea or vomiting	14	85	*	*
Diarrhea	10	89	1	*
Changed or lost sense of taste or smell	12	87	1	*
Loss of appetite	10	89	*	*
N = 672				

SOC5. In the past 7 days, how often have you?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

NORC 05/04-10/2020	Top NET	Not at all or less than 1 day	1-2 days	Bot NET	3-4 days	5-7 days	DON'T KNOW	SKP/REF
Felt nervous, anxious, or on edge	**83**	63	20	**17**	11	6	-	*
Felt depressed	**86**	64	22	**13**	7	6	-	1
Felt lonely	**84**	62	21	**15**	11	4	-	1
Felt hopeless about the future	**84**	64	21	**15**	7	8	-	*
Had physical reactions such as sweating, trouble breathing, nausea or a pounding heart when thinking about your experience with the coronavirus pandemic	**97**	91	6	**2**	2	1	-	*
N = 672								

PHYS2. Which of the following measures, if any, are you taking in response to the coronavirus?
Please select all that apply.

NORC 05/04-10/2020	Yes
Canceled a doctor appointment	30
Worn a face mask	92
Visited a doctor or hospital	7
Canceled or postponed work activities	38
Canceled or postponed school activities	28
Canceled or postponed dentist or other appointment	40
Canceled outside housekeepers or caregivers	13
Avoided some or all restaurants	70
Worked from home	34
Studied from home	22
Canceled or postponed pleasure, social, or recreational activites	73
Stockpiled food or water	40
Avoided public or crowded places	79
Prayed	49
Avoided contact with high-risk people	59
Washed or sanitized hands	93
Kept six feet distance from those outside my household	87
Stayed home because I felt unwell	13
Wiped packages entering my home	46
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB	1
REFUSED	-
N = 672	

PHYS10. There are some options for testing and tracking people who may have COVID-19 in order to help slow the spread of this virus. If these options were available to you, how likely would you be to participate in them?

NORC 05/04-10/2020	Top NET	Extremely likely	Very likely	Moderately likely	Bot NET	Not too likely	Not likely at all	Already done this	DON'T KNOW	SKP/REF
Installing an app on your phone that asks you questions about your own symptoms and provides recommendations about COVID-19	**25**	14	11	**24**	**48**	23	25	2	-	1
Installing an app on your phone that tracks your location and sends push notifications if you might have been exposed to COVID-19	**31**	17	14	**21**	**47**	14	33	*	-	1
Using a website to log your symptoms and location and get recommedations about COVID-19	**29**	13	16	**25**	**44**	17	27	1	-	1
Testing you for COVID-19 infection using a q-tip to swab your cheek or nose	**51**	26	25	**22**	**24**	10	15	2	-	1
Testing you for immunity or resistance to COVID-19 by drawing a small amount of blood	**54**	32	22	**21**	**24**	9	15	1	-	1
N = 672										

ECON8. In the past 7 days, have your personal plans been changed or affected by the following types of restrictions, or not?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

NORC 05/04-10/2020	Yes	No	Not sure	SKP/REF
K-12 school closure	40	57	3	1
Pre-K or child care closure	38	59	2	2
College or training closure	40	56	3	1
Ban on gatherings of 250 people or more	41	54	2	2
Ban on gatherings of 50 people or more	41	55	3	1
Ban on gatherings of 10 people or more	42	55	2	1
Closure of place of worship	41	56	2	1
Reduced public transportation	41	57	1	2
Other reduced public services	38	59	1	2
Closure of bars	42	54	1	2
Closure of restaurants	42	56	1	1
Closure of gyms or fitness facilities	41	57	1	1
Closure of other businesses	41	57	1	1
Canceled sport events	38	59	1	2
Closure of work	38	60	1	1
Work from home requirements	41	57	1	1
Quarantine requirements or stay-at-home orders	42	56	2	1
International travel restrictions or bans	50	48	2	*
Domestic travel restrictions or bans	69	28	3	*
N = 672				

ECON7. Suppose that you have an unexpected expense that costs $400. Based on your current financial situation, how would you pay for this expense? If you would use more than one method to cover this expense, please select all that apply.

NORC 05/04-10/2020	Yes
Put it on my credit card and pay it off in full at the next statement	37
Put it on my credit card and pay it off over time	21
Use money currently in my checking or savings account or with cash	48
Use money from a bank loan or line of credit	6
Borrow from a friend or family member	16
Use a payday loan, deposit advance or overdraft	3
Sell something	9
I would not be able to pay for it right now	14
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB	*
REFUSED	-
N = 672	

ECON1. In the past 7 days, did you do any work for pay at a job or business?

	NORC 05/04-10/2020
Yes, I worked for someone else for wages, salary, piece rate, commission, tips, or payments 'in kind,' for example, food or lodging received as payment for work performed	38
Yes, I worked as self-employed in my own business, professional practice, or farm	7
No, I did not work for pay last week.	55
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*
N = 672	

Show if Worked for someone else in ECON1
ECON2. How many hours did you work last week at all jobs?

	NORC 05/04-10/2020
0 hours	-
1-20 hours	15
21-39 hours	23
40+ hours	60
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1
N = 280	

Show if Did not work for pay last week in ECON1
ECON4. What was your main reason for not working for pay?

	NORC 05/04-10/2020
I do not want to be employed at this time	16
I am retired	33
I was laid-off temporarily or furloughed	19
I was not at my usual jobs because I was caring for children not in school	7
I was not at my usual jobs because I was caring for an elderly person	1
I was not at my usual jobs because I was caring for someone with COVID-19	*
I was not at my usual jobs because I was recovering from COVID-19 or isolating due to exposure to COVID-19	2
I was unemployed and looking for work starting before March 1, 2020 when COVID-19 began spreading in the United States	9
I was unemployed and looking for work starting after March 1, 2020 when COVID-19 began spreading in the United States	10
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	3
N = 334	

ECON3. Prior to March 1, 2020 when COVID-19 began spreading in the United States, how many hours did you usually work each week?

	NORC 05/04-10/2020
0 hours	24
1-20 hours	15
21-39 hours	10
40+ hours	45
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	6
N = 672	

ECON4A. Think about 30 days from now, how likely do you think it is that you will be employed at that time?

	NORC 05/04-10/2020
Top NET	**45**
Extremely likely	30
Very likely	14
Moderately likely	**18**
Bot NET	**37**
Not too likely	16
Not likely at all	20
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1
N = 672	

ECON4B. Think about 3 months from now, how likely do you think it is that you will be emloyed at that time?

	NORC 05/04-10/2020
Top NET	**53**
Extremely likely	32
Very likely	21
Moderately likely	**19**
Bot NET	**25**
Not too likely	9
Not likely at all	16
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	3
N = 672	

ECON6. In the past 7 days, have you either received, applied for any of the following forms of income assistance, or not?

NORC 05/04-10/2020	Top NET	Received	Applied for	Bot NET	Tried to apply for	Did not receive nor apply for any	DON'T KNOW	SKP/REF
Unemployment insurance	**18**	9	9	**80**	3	77	-	2
SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program)	**14**	12	2	**84**	2	82	-	2
TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)	**1**	1	1	**95**	1	93	-	4
Social Security	**19**	19	*	**78**	1	77	*	2
Supplemental Social Security	**5**	5	*	**93**	1	92	*	1
Any kind of government health insurance or health coverage plan including Medicaid, Medical Assistance or Medicare	**23**	21	2	**75**	1	74	-	2
Other aid from the government	**12**	9	3	**86**	2	84	-	2
Assistance from a union or other association	**2**	2	*	**96**	2	94	-	2
Assistance from a church or religious organization	**3**	3	*	**96**	1	95	-	1
Assistance from another community organization	**4**	3	*	**95**	1	94	-	1
A food pantry	**11**	10	1	**88**	2	86	-	1
Other assistance	**5**	3	1	**94**	1	92	-	2
N = 672								

ECON5A. Please indicicate whether the following statements were often true, sometimes true, or never true for you or your household over the past 30 days.

NORC 05/04-10/2020	Often true	Sometimes true	Never true	DON'T KNOW	SKP/REF
We worried our food would run out before we got money to buy more	5	25	69	-	*
The food that we bought just didn't last, and we didn't have money to get more	4	20	75	-	1
N = 672					

PHYS7. Please indicate if you have felt any of the following in the past 7 days.
Please select all that apply.

NORC 05/04-10/2020	Yes
Felt hot or feverish	4
Felt chilly or cold or had chills	3
Been sweating more than usual	5
Have not felt any of these	90
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB	1
REFUSED	-
N = 672	

PHYS11. Can you use a thermometer to take your temperature now?

	NORC 05/04-10/2020
Yes	49
No	51
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*
N = 672	

PHYS11_TEMP. Can you use a thermometer to take your temperature now? [Recorded temperature]

	NORC 05/04-10/2020
<97 degrees	10
97 to <99 degrees	83
99 to <100.3 degrees	4
100.3 degrees or more	-
Out of range	*
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	3
N = 364	

PHYS9. Are you currently covered by any of the following types of health insurance or health coverage plans?

NORC 05/04-10/2020	Yes	No	DON'T KNOW	SKP/REF
Insurance through a current or former employer or union of yours or another family member	47	51	*	1
Insurance purchased directly through an insurance company by you or another family member	15	82	*	3
TRICARE or another military health care	5	90	-	5
Medicaid, Medical Assistance, or any kind of government-assistance plan for those with low incomes or a disability	28	69	*	3
Medicare, for people 65 and older, or people with certain disabilities	21	78	*	1
The Veteran's Administration, meaning you are currently enrolled for VA health care	4	93	*	3
Indian Health Service	1	96	*	3
Other health insurance or health coverage plan	31	68	-	1
N = 672				

PHYS3. Has a doctor or other health care provider ever told you you have any of the following?

NORC 05/04-10/2020	Yes	No	Not sure	SKP/REF
Diabetes	8	89	3	*
High blood pressure or hypertension	25	70	4	*
Heart disease, heart attack or stroke	6	90	4	*
Asthma	12	84	4	*
Chronic lung disease or COPD	2	94	3	1
Bronchitis or emphysema	9	87	3	1
Allergies	38	58	3	1
A mental health condition	11	85	4	1
Cystic fibrosis	1	95	2	1
Liver disease or end stage liver disease	2	95	2	2
Cancer	8	89	2	2
A compromised immune system	4	92	3	1
Overweight or obesity	25	71	3	1
N = 672				

PHYS4. Has a doctor or other health care provider ever told you that you have COVID-19?

	NORC 05/04-10/2020
Yes	1
No	97
Not sure	1
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1
N = 672	

PHYS5. Has a doctor or other health care provider ever told someone you live with that they have COVID-19?

	NORC 05/04-10/2020
Yes	1
No	98
Not sure	1
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1
N = 672	

PHYS6. Have you had a family member or close friend die from COVID-19 or respiratory illness since March 1, 2020?

	NORC 05/04-10/2020
Yes	4
No	95
Not sure	1
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*
N = 672	

AGE4. Age: 4 category

	NORC 05/04-10/2020
18-29	22
30-44	30
45-59	24
60+	24
REMOVED FOR DISCLOSURE RISK	-
N = 672	

GENDER. Are you male or female

	NORC 05/04-10/2020
Male	49
Female	51
Not sure	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	-
N = 672	

RACETH. Race/ethnicity

	NORC 05/04-10/2020
White, non-Hispanic	40
Black, non-Hispanic	6
Hispanic	36
Other, non-Hispanic	19
DON'T KNOW	-
REMOVED FOR DISCLOSURE RISK	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*
N = 672	

HHINCOME. Household income

	NORC 05/04-10/2020
Under $10,000	7
$10,000 to under $20,000	10
$20,000 to under $30,000	13
$30,000 to under $40,000	7
$40,000 to under $50,000	8
$50,000 to under $75,000	16
$75,000 to under $100,000	13
$100,000 to under $150,000	13
$150,000 or more	11
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	2
N = 672	

EDUC4. Education: 4 categories

	NORC 05/04-10/2020
No HS diploma	14
HS graduate or equivalent	23
Some college	31
BA or above	32
Not sure	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	-
N = 672	

P_DENSE. Population density - Rural, suburban, or urban

	NORC 05/04-10/2020
Rural	3
Suburban	7
Urban	90
N = 672	

The COVID Impact Survey: Methodological Approach

The COVID-19 Household Impact Survey is a philanthropic effort to provide national and regional statistics about physical health, mental health, economic security, and social dynamics in the United States. The COVID Impact Survey is funded by the Data Foundation. NORC at the University of Chicago is conducting the survey.

The survey is designed to provide weekly estimates of the U.S. adult household population nationwide and for 18 regional areas including 10 states (CA, CO, FL, LA, MN, MO, MT , NY, OR, TX) and 8 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (Atlanta, Baltimore, Birmingham, Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, Phoenix, Pittsburgh). Data collection is occurring over a week long period. Interviews are conducted in English and Spanish. Respondents are offered a small monetary incentive for completing the survey. The questionnaire is available at: https://www.covid-impact.org/ (https://www.covid-impact.org/). And for additional information on the study, please contact covidimpactsurvey@datafoundation.org (mailto:covidimpactsurvey@datafoundation.org).

National Survey

Data for the national estimates are collected using the AmeriSpeak Panel®, NORC's probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population. During the initial recruitment phase of the AmeriSpeak panel, randomly selected U.S. households were sampled with a known, non-zero probability of selection from the NORC National Sample Frame and then contacted by U.S. mail, email, telephone, and field interviewers (face-to-face). The panel provides sample coverage of approximately 97% of the U.S. household population. Those excluded from the sample include people with P.O. Box only addresses, some addresses not listed in the USPS Delivery Sequence File, and some newly constructed dwellings.

Interviews are conducted with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members are randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak. In households with more than one adult panel member, only one is selected at random for the sample. Invited panel members may complete the survey online or by telephone with an NORC telephone interviewer.

Once the sample has been selected and fielded, and all the study data have been collected and made final, an iterative raking process is used to adjust for any survey nonresponse as well as any noncoverage or under and oversampling resulting from the study specific sample design. Raking variables include age, gender, census division, race/ethnicity, education, and county groupings based on county level counts of the number of COVID-19 deaths. Demographic weighting variables were obtained from the 2020 Current Population Survey. The count of COVID-19 deaths by county was obtained from USA Facts. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over.

Region Surveys

Data for the regional estimates are collected using a multi-mode address-based (or ABS) approach that allows residents of each area to complete the interview via web or with an NORC telephone interviewer. The sampling frame is based on an extract of the U.S. Postal Service delivery-sequence file (DSF). The DSF provides sample coverage of approximately 97% of the U.S. household population. Those excluded from the sample include people with P.O. Box only addresses, some addresses not listed in the USPS Delivery Sequence File, and some newly constructed dwellings. Addresses are stratified by the Census propensity to respond metric and then randomly selected within each target region.

All sampled households are mailed a postcard inviting them to complete the survey either online using a unique PIN or via telephone by calling a toll-free number. Postcards are addressed to: [CITY] HOUSEHOLD. There is no within household selection for households with multiple adults. Interviews are conducted with adults age 18 and over.

In four states (CA, FL, NY, and TX), the AmeriSpeak panel design yields representative state samples. As such, AmeriSpeak panelists who reside in each of these four states are combined with the ABS sample to generate region level estimates. These panelists' sampling weights are then raked with the ABS to external population targets for each state.

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A Note on Applying Weights

The dataset contains 6 weight variables. When generating national estimates, the NATIONAL_WEIGHT or NATIONAL_WEIGHT_POP should be applied. When generating estimates for a geographic region, the REGION_WEIGHT or REGION_WEIGHT_POP should be applied. NATIONAL_WEIGHT and REGION_WEIGHT are normalized weights that total to the sample size. NATIONAL_WEIGHT_POP and REGION_WEIGHT_POP are population weights that total to size of the adult population nationally or in the regions. Any analyses that aggregate all 18 regions together should apply REGION_WEIGHT_POP. When generating estimates combining the Wave 1 and Wave 2 samples, NAT_WGT_COMB_POP and REG_WGT_COMB_POP, should be used for analysis for national and regional samples, respectively. These weights have been adjusted so that they represent the population when the Wave 1 and Wave 2 samples are combined.

Data Collection Metrics for May 4-10, 2020

AmeriSpeak Sample Performance Summary

Sampled/ Invited Panelists	No. Screening Interviews Completed	Screener Completion Rate	No. Panelists Eligible for Interview	Incidence/ Eligibility Rate	No. Survey Interviews Completed	No. Completed Online	No. Completed by Phone	Interview Completion Rate	AAPOR RR3
8,570	N/A	N/A	N/A	100%	2,238	2,044	194	26.1%	5.2%

ABS Sample Performance Summary

Sampled/ Invited Panelists	No. Screening Interviews Completed	Screener Completion Rate	No. Panelists Eligible for Interview	Incidence/ Eligibility Rate	No. Survey Interviews Completed	No. Completed Online	No. Completed by Phone	Interview Completion Rate	AAPOR RR3
268,358	6,806	2.4%	6,806	100%	6,342	5,840	502	93.3%	2.3%

Margins of Sampling Error

	No. Completed Interviews Sourced from ABS	No. Completed Interviews Sourced from AmeriSpeak	Design Effect	Margin of Sampling Error (incl. design effect) +/- percentage points
National	0	2,238	1.98	2.9
CA	369	303	1.78	5.0
CO	418	0	2.34	7.3
FL	343	143	1.92	6.2
LA	342	0	1.79	7.1
MN	408	0	1.88	6.7
MO	418	0	1.96	6.7
MT	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
NY	353	98	2.20	6.8
OR	425	0	1.76	6.3
TX	283	140	1.91	6.6
Atlanta	413	0	2.46	7.6
Baltimore	358	0	1.58	6.5
Birmingham	315	0	1.80	7.4
Chicago	418	0	2.16	7.0
Cleveland	404	0	1.78	6.5
Columbus	373	0	2.00	7.2
Phoenix	313	0	3.13	9.8
Pittsburgh	389	0	1.62	6.3

Research publications that use microdata from the COVID Impact Survey should cite as:

Abigail Wozniak, Joe Willey, Jennifer Benz, and Nick Hart. COVID Impact Survey: Version 2 [dataset]. Chicago, IL: National Opinion Research Center, 2020.

Media articles and other publications should attribute as:

The COVID-19 Household Impact Survey (https://www.covid-impact.org/), conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago for the Data Foundation.

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