



Texans' Views on the COVID-19 Pandemic

Selected Findings from the 2020 Texas COVID-19 Survey

Methodology

SSRS (Glen Mills, PA) conducted the *Texas COVID-19 Survey* on behalf of the Episcopal Health Foundation (EHF) from August 5 through September 18, 2020. The goal of this survey was to detail the perspectives and experiences of Texas adults regarding the pandemic and its impact on their health and financial situation as well as concerns about the future of the pandemic.

For the *Texas COVID-19 Survey*, SSRS interviewed a random representative sample of 1,889 adults age 18 and older living in the state of Texas. Interviews were administered in English and Spanish, combining random samples of both landline (367) and cellular telephones (1,522).

Weighting is generally used in survey analysis to compensate for sample designs and patterns of non-response that might bias results. The survey data are weighted to balance the sample demographics to match estimates for the Texas adult population. A multi-stage weighting design was applied to ensure an accurate representation of the Texas adult population. The margin of sampling error for this study is plus or minus 3 percentage points for results based on the total sample. For results based on subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher.



Chart 1: Skipped or Postponed Medical Care

Question: Since March 2020, have you or someone in your household skipped or postponed any type of medical care because of COVID-19, or not?

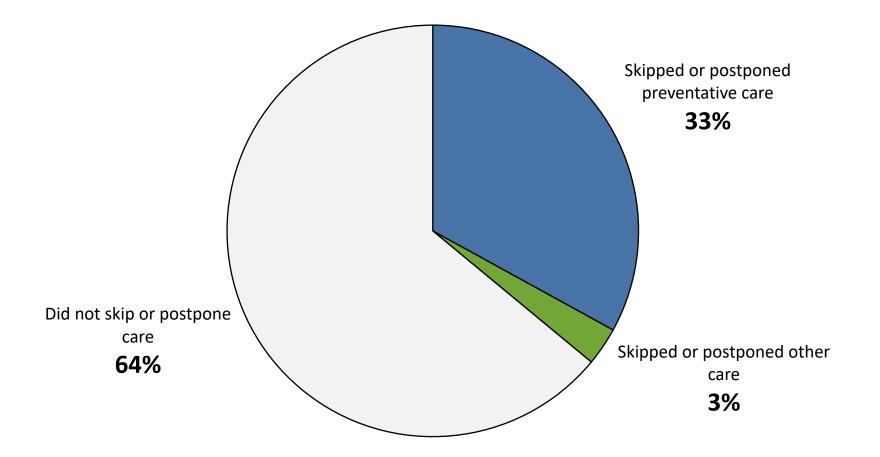




Table 1: Skipping or Postponing Medical Care by Key Demographics

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| | | HOUSEHO | | EDUCATION | | |
|---|-------|--------------------|--------|-----------------|------------|--|
| | Total | Less than \$75K | \$75K+ | Less than HS | HS or more | |
| Skipped or postponed preventative care | 33% | 29% | 40% | 13% | 36% | |
| Skipped or postponed other care | 3% | 3% | 4% | 3% | 4% | |
| Did not skip or postpone care | 64% | 69% | 55% | 84% | 61% | |

Skipping or Postponing Medical Care by Key Demographics

Source: Episcopal Health Foundation's Texas COVID-19 Survey



Chart 2: Access to and Use of Telemedicine Resources

Question: Since the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak, in March 2020, have you used a computer, smart phone, or tablet to talk by video with a doctor or healthcare provider?

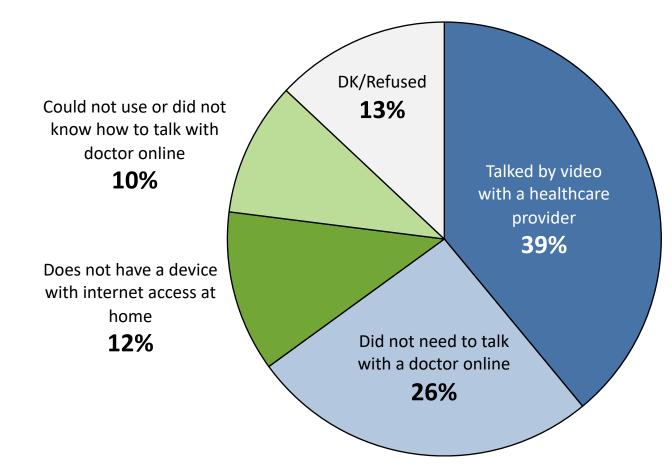




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| | | HOUSEHOLD | | EDUCATION | | AGE | | RURAL STATUS | |
|---|-------|--------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| | Total | Less than \$20K | \$20K+ | HS diploma or less | HS diploma or more | Under 65 | 65 or older | Rural | Non- Rural |
| Have talked with a doctor online | 39% | 28% | 40% | 27% | 48% | 40% | 36% | 31% | 40% |
| Did not need to talk with a doctor online | 26% | 17% | 23% | 21% | 29% | 29% | 12% | 27% | 26% |
| Does not have a device with internet access | 12% | 34% | 8% | 22% | 5% | 8% | 29% | 11% | 20% |
| Could not use device or did not know how to use | 10% | 11% | 10% | 15% | 7% | 10% | 8% | 11% | 9% |



Table 3: Likelihood to get a Flu Vaccine and Potential COVID-19Vaccine by Key Demographics

Question: Are you more or less likely to get a flu vaccine next flu season because of the COVID-19 pandemic? If a vaccine against COVID-19 became available, how likely are you to get vaccinated? Are you...

| | | | RACE | | POLITICA | AL PARTY | A | GE |
|---|-------|-------|-------|----------|----------|------------|-----------------|-----|
| | TOTAL | White | Black | Hispanic | Democrat | Republican | Less than 65 | 65+ |
| Much/Somewhat more likely to get a flu vaccine | 55% | 52% | 47% | 64% | 74% | 44% | 53% | 69% |
| Very/Somewhat likely to get a COVID-19 vaccine | 59% | 59% | 49% | 64% | 72% | 46% | 57% | 69% |



Table 4: Health Insurance Coverage for Texans Under 65 by KeyDemographics

Question: Are you, yourself, now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan or do you not have health insurance at this time? Have you ever lost your health insurance coverage as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, or not?

| | TOTAL | | RACE | HOUSEHOLD INCOME | | |
|---|-------|-------|-------|------------------|-------------|--------|
| | TOTAL | White | Black | Hispanic | Under \$75K | \$75K+ |
| Covered by Health Insurance | 70% | 79% | 73% | 56% | 58% | 89% |
| Not covered by Health Insurance | 29% | 20% | 27% | 43% | 41% | 11% |
| Lost insurance some point during pandemic | 8% | 5% | 16% | 9% | 10% | 6% |



Chart 3: Insurance Coverage Among Texans

Question: Which of the following is your MAIN source of health insurance coverage?

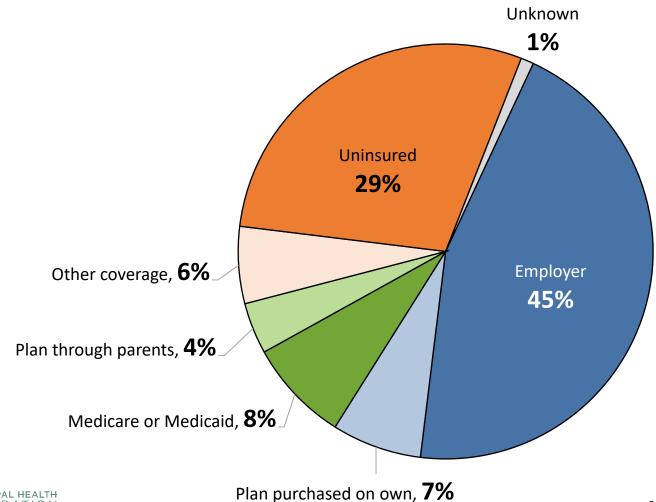
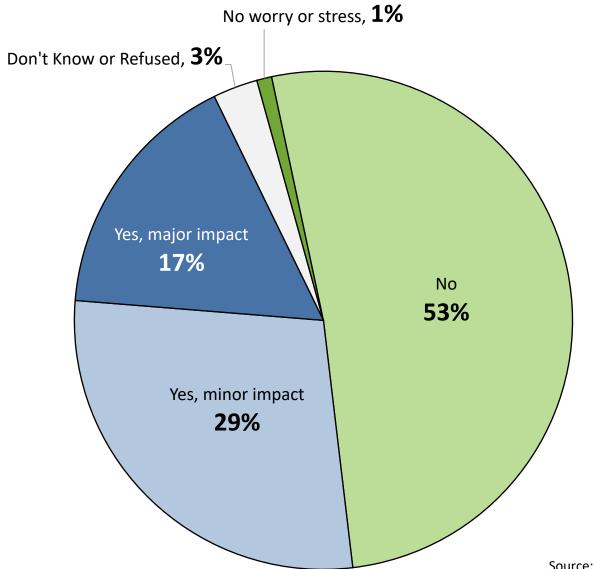




Chart 4: Negative Impact of COVID-19 Related Worry or Stress

Question: Do you feel worry or stress related to COVID-19 has had a negative impact on your mental health,





or not?

Table 5: Negative Impact of COVID-19 Related Worry or Stress by Key Demographics

Question: Do you feel worry or stress related to COVID-19 has had a negative impact on your mental health, or not?

| | Total | INC | OME | LOST JOB, BUSINESS OR WAGES | | |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------------|--------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| | iotai | Less than \$75K | \$75K+ | Lost Job/Wages | Did not Lose Job/Wages | |
| Major negative impact | 17% | 19% | 15% | 25% | 12% | |
| Minor negative Impact | 29% | 27% | 34% | 34% | 26% | |
| No negative impact | 53% | 54% | 50% | 41% | 61% | |
| Don't have worry/stress | 1% | 1% | 1% | * | 1% | |
| Don't Know/Refused | 1% | * | 1% | * | * | |



Table 6: Negative Feelings Reported About Half the Time or More inPast 14 Days by Key Demographics

Question: Over the past fourteen days, how often have you...

| | | HOUSEHOLD INCOME | | | USINESS OR GES | RACE | | | |
|---|-------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|-------------------------------|-------|----------|-------|--|
| | Total | Less than \$75K | \$75K+ | Lost Job/ Wages | Did not Lose Job/ Wages | White | Hispanic | Black | |
| Felt nervous, anxious, or on edge | 25% | 19% | 21% | 33% | 19% | 27% | 25% | 20% | |
| Not been able to stop or control worrying | 25% | 21% | 17% | 35% | 18% | 21% | 31% | 28% | |
| Felt down, depressed, or hopeless | 18% | 16% | 11% | 24% | 14% | 17% | 21% | 19% | |
| Had little interest or pleasure in doing things | 27% | 23% | 19% | 34% | 23% | 22% | 33% | 30% | |



Table 7: Financial Hardship Due to COVID-19 Outbreak by Key Demographics

Question: Has the COVID-19 outbreak caused any financial hardship for you or your household?

| Тс | | RACE | | | INSURANCE | STATUS <65 | HOUSEHOLD INCOME | | |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|----------|-----------|------------|--------------------|------------------|--|
| | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Insured | Uninsured | Less than \$50K | \$50K or more | |
| Severe hardship | 22% | 16% | 26% | 28% | 18% | 37% | 30% | 14% | |
| Moderate hardship | 28% | 25% | 21% | 34% | 27% | 37% | 31% | 26% | |
| No hardship | 49% | 58% | 52% | 37% | 54% | 25% | 37% | 59% | |
| Don't Know/Refused† | 1% | 1% | - | 1% | 1% | 1% | * | * | |



Table 8: Household Income Loss by Key Demographics

Question: Since the start of the COVID-19 outbreak in March 2020, have you or anyone else in your household lost their job, their business, been furloughed, had their wages or hours reduced, or taken mandatory unpaid leave, or not?

| | TOTAL | TOTAL | | | EDUC/ | ATION | INSURANCE STATUS UNDER 65 | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|----------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| | TOTAL | White | Black | Hispanic | Less than college | College degree+ | Insured | Uninsured |
| Household lost income due to COVID-19 | 37% | 33% | 39% | 43% | 42% | 27% | 37% | 57% |
| Household did not lose income due to COVID-19 | 61% | 66% | 61% | 55% | 57% | 73% | 63% | 41% |
| Not applicable | 1% | 2% | - | 1% | * | * | * | - |
| Don't know/Refused | 1% | 1% | * | 1% | * | - | * | * |



Table 9: Use of Government Benefit Programs by Key Demographics

Question: Since March 2020, have you or anyone else in your household received any of the following government benefits. Did you start receiving the benefit(s) you mentioned during the COVID-19 outbreak, since March 2020 or were you receiving it prior to the COVID-19 outbreak?

| | TOTAL | INSURANCE STATUS <65 | | RACE/ETHNICITY | | |
|---|-------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|-------|----------|
| | TOTAL | Insured | Not Insured | White | Black | Hispanic |
| Receiving any Government Assistance Program | 25% | 20% | 40% | 14% | 29% | 37% |
| Started using benefits during pandemic | 7% | 5% | 16% | 4% | 9% | 13% |



Chart 5: Government Financial Assistance Important to Most Texan Households

Question: How important is it for the federal or state government to (ITEM) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic?

| Very important | Somewhat important | Not too im | nportant | Not a | t all important |
|---|--------------------|------------|----------|-------|-----------------|
| Provide rental or housing assistance to you and your household | 35% | 16% | 13% | | 35% |
| Provide assistance with your utility bills such as electric, water, or cable bills | 37% | 18% | 13% | | 31% |
| Provide assistance in making sure you have enough food | 43% | 19 | 5% 13 | 3% | 29% |
| Provide assistance with your healthcare costs | 46% | | 19% | 9% | 26% |



Table 10: Assistance from Nonprofits, Family, Friends and Other Individuals by Key Demographics

Question: Since the start of the COVID-19 outbreak in March, have you or anyone in your household received any financial assistance from local non-profit organizations or food-banks, family, friends, neighbors, or other individuals in your community?

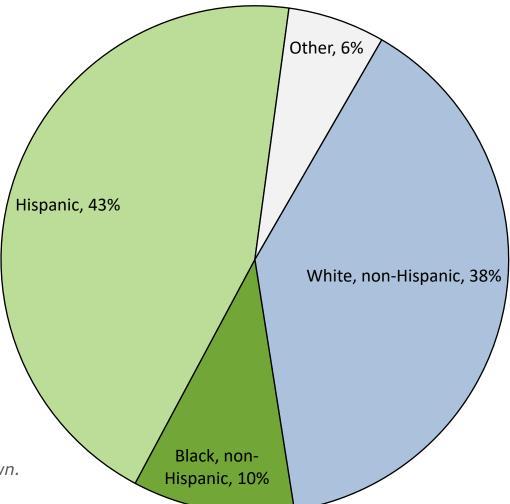
| | TOTAL | RACE | | | AGE | | INSURANCE STATUS < 65 | | HOUSEHOLD | |
|--|-------|-------|-------|----------|----------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|
| | | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 50 | 50 or older | Insured | Uninsured | Under \$75K | Over \$75K |
| Received assistance from nonprofits | 18% | 9% | 19% | 29% | 18% | 18% | 15% | 27% | 26% | 5% |
| Received assistance from friends, family, and other individuals | 13% | 12% | 14% | 15% | 16% | 9% | 12% | 19% | 17% | 9% |

Question wording abbreviated



Chart 6: Majority of Essential Workers are Non-White

Question: Are you considered an essential worker who must work outside your home even during stay-athome orders and other local and state government restrictions on business openings?



Note: Don't know/Refused responses are not shown.



Chart 7: Essential Workers More Likely to Lack Insurance Coverage and Receive Government Benefits

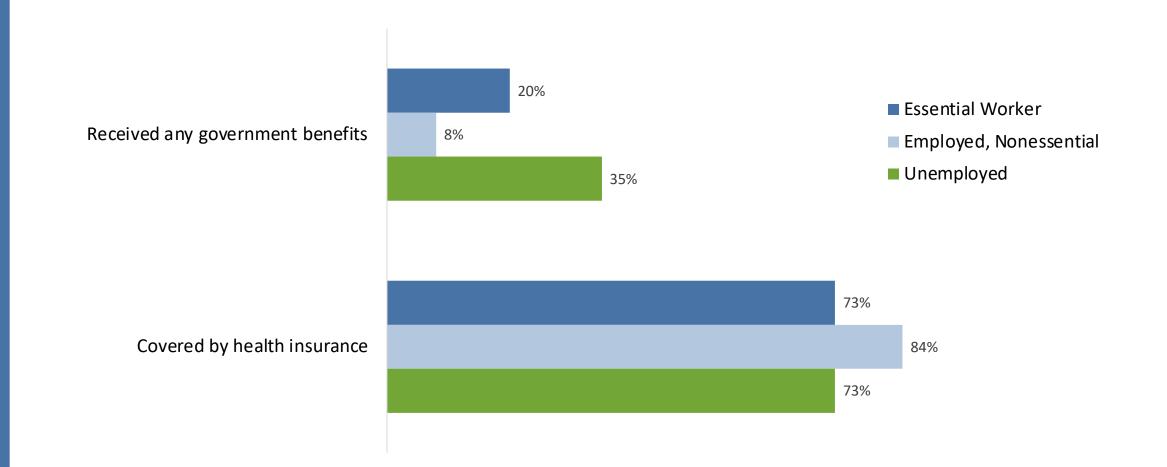




Chart 8: Essential Workers Tend to Have More Positive View on Future of COVID-19

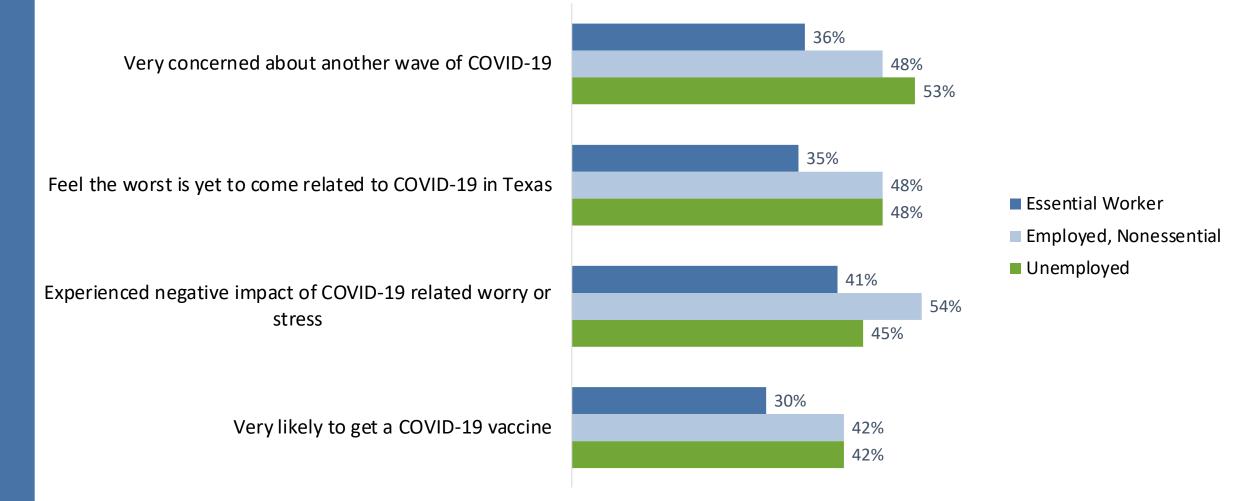




Table 11: Feelings about the COVID-19 Outbreak in Texas by Key Demographics

Question: Which of the following best describes your feelings about the COVID-19 pandemic?

| | Tatal | | HOUSEHOLD INCOME | | | |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|------------------|----------|-----------------|---------------|
| | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Less than \$75K | \$75K or more |
| The worst is behind us | 29% | 37% | 12% | 24% | 25% | 34% |
| The worst is yet to come | 44% | 19% | 72% | 43% | 48% | 42% |
| COVID-19 not a major problem | 21% | 58% | 13% | 28% | 23% | 18% |
| Don't Know/Refused | 7% | 8% | 4% | 5% | 7% | 6% |



Chart 9: Many Texans Are Very Concerned About Another Wave of COVID-19

Question: Based on what you have experienced so far, are you very concerned, somewhat concerned, not very concerned, or not concerned at all about another wave of COVID-19?

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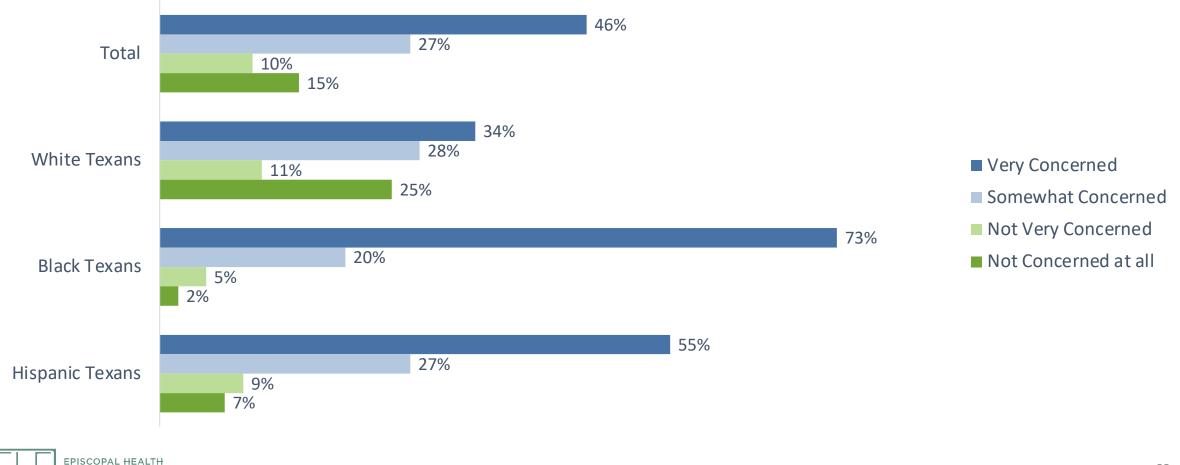


Chart 10: Most Texans Do Not Think Government is Very Prepared for Another Wave of COVID-19

Question: How prepared do you think (ITEM) is to handle another wave of COVID-19?

| Very prepared | Somewhat | t prepared | Not very prepared | | Not at all prepared | |
|---|------------|------------|-------------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| Your local government | | 24% | 49% | | 15% | 9% |
| The Texas Department of State Health Services | | 23% | 47% | | 16% | 9% |
| The Texas state government | | 21% | 47% | | 18% | 11% |
| The federal | government | 22% | 37% | 18% | 1 | 9% |



Chart 11: Responsibility for Health Care Response to COVID-19

Question: Who do you think should be primarily responsible for the healthcare response to the Someone else COVID-19 outbreak? 5% Don't know/Refused, **5%** Your local government 22% Federal government 42% State government 26% EPISCOPAL HEALTH



Chart 12: Responsibility for Economic Recovery from COVID-19

Question: Who do you think should be primarily responsible for the economic recovery from the COVID-19 outbreak?

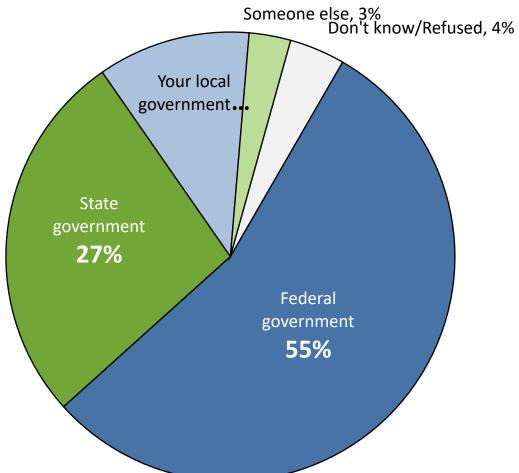




Chart 13: Texans are Concerned How the Economy and Healthcare System Will Weather the Pandemic

Question: How worried, if at all, are you that...?

| Very worried Somewhat worried | orried 📃 Not too worri | ed | Not at all wo | rried | |
|---|------------------------|-----|---------------|--------|--|
| Texas' local economy will suffer even more because of the COVID-19 pandemic | 46% | | 36% | 11% 6% | |
| The US economy will head into deeper recession because of the COVID-19 pandemic | 50% | | 31% | | |
| Local businesses will close permanently because of loss of revenue during the outbreak | 59% | | 28% | 8% 5% | |
| The state's health care system will be overrun and people won't be able to get needed medical care | 41% | 25% | 17% | 16% | |
| Your local hospital will run out of necessary equipment like beds or ventilators to treat patients | 39% | 22% | 16% | 21% | |



Chart 14: Most Texans Don't Expect Life to Return to Normal for 6 Months or More

Question: When do you expect your daily like will return to a sense of normalcy?

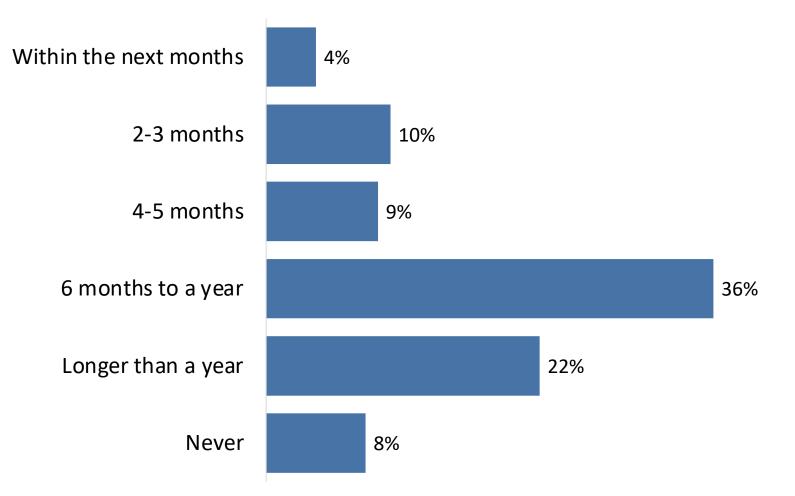




Chart 15: One in Five Parents Say Their Child Would Not Have the Support for Online Classes

Question: If your child needed to attend school online this year, would they have the support or supervision needed to successfully participate in online classes?

