



Illinois Statewide Registered Voter Survey

Conducted: September 27th–29th, 2020

Number of Respondents: 800

MoE: ±3.46%

Q. Which comes closer to your view about where Illinois stands in the Coronavirus pandemic?

Worst is behind us	31%
Worst is yet to come	35%
Don't know	34%
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Total	100%

Q. Thinking about you, personally, has the Coronavirus outbreak had a major impact, minor impact, or no real impact on your own daily life?

Major impact	47%
Minor impact	36%
No impact	14%
Unsure	2%
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Total	100%

Q. In general, would you say that you are more concerned about the economic impact of the Coronavirus pandemic – that is, the effect on the economy, unemployment and the stock market, or are you more concerned about the public health impact – that is, the spread of the disease and additional deaths.

Economic Impact	36%
Public health impact	54%
Unsure	9%
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Total	100%

Q. Which of the following best describes your current work status as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic?

You are continuing to work like you did before	30%
You are continuing to work, but doing it remotely or from home	18%
You are continuing to work, but your hours and/or pay have been reduced	9%
You have been laid off, furloughed or unable to work because of the pandemic	11%
You were not working or were retired prior to the outbreak	31%
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Total	100%

Q. Do you believe that your local elected officials understand the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on you personally?

Completely understand	22%
Somewhat understand	33%
Don't really understand	18%
Don't understand at all	18%
Unsure	8%
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Total	100%

Q. Are you the parent or guardian of a child or of children in school between kindergarten through grade 12?

Yes	26%
No	74%
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Total	100%

YES TO SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN – N207

Q. Which of the following types of school does your child attend? If you have multiple children in school, please think about your child with the most recent birthday.

Traditional Public School	76%
Private School	13%
Charter or Public Charter School	6%
Home School	6%
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Total	100%

YES TO SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN – N207

Q. Which of the following best describes how your child's school is handling learning this fall? Again, if you have multiple children in school, please think about your child with the most recent birthday.

Your child's school has fully reopened for in-person learning	16%
Your child's school is conducting remote, online-only learning	52%
Your child's school has a hybrid model with a mix of in-person and online learning	28%
Your child is being homeschooled	5%
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Total	100%

CHILDREN ONLINE LEARNING ONLY – N109

Q. How has your child's remote, online-only learning affected your ability to work?

It's made working harder, but not impossible	44%
It's made working impossible	12%
It's had no effect	43%
Unsure	1%
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Total	100%

CHILDREN ONLINE LEARNING ONLY – N109

As a result of your child’s school not being fully reopened and your child not receiving full in-person learning, how concerned are you be about the following?

Q. Your child falling behind academically

Very concerned	38%
Somewhat concerned	27%
Not very concerned	13%
Not concerned at all	22%
Not sure	0%
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Total	100%

Q. Losing income from being unable to work

Very concerned	37%
Somewhat concerned	10%
Not very concerned	15%
Not concerned at all	36%
Not sure	3%
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Total	100%

Q. Your child loosing essential social services like free meals

Very concerned	21%
Somewhat concerned	14%
Not very concerned	13%
Not concerned at all	50%
Not sure	2%
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Total	100%

Q. Your child suffering from mental health issues or depression

Very concerned	24%
Somewhat concerned	22%
Not very concerned	14%
Not concerned at all	37%
Not sure	2%
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Total	100%

CHILDREN IN-PERSON OR HYBRID LEARNING ONLY - N92

Q. For your child attending some or all in-person learning in their school, how satisfied are you with the safety precautions put in place by the school to keep students and teachers safe?

Very Satisfied	52%
Somewhat Satisfied	24%
Somewhat Unsatisfied	9%
Very Unsatisfied	0%
Not sure	15%
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Total	100%

CHILDREN IN-PERSON OR HYBRID LEARNING ONLY - N92

Q. For your child attending some or all in-person learning in their school, how concerned are you with your child or your family getting sick?

Very Concerned	18%
Somewhat Concerned	27%
Not Very Concerned	26%
Not Concerned At All	23%
Not sure	7%
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Total	100%

ALL RESPONDENTS

Q. As you may know, Governor JB Pritzker has restricted high school contact sports like football, soccer and volleyball from returning this fall citing the advice of medical professionals. Do you support or oppose the governor’s decision?

Support the governor’s restrictions on high school contact sports	55%
Believe we should restrict all high school sports	7%
Oppose restricting any high school sports	31%
Unsure	7%
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Total	100%

Q. Overall, how would you rate public schools here in Illinois?

Excellent	9%
Good	31%
Fair	29%
Poor	16%
Don’t know	16%
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Total	100%

Q. How would you rate your local public school?

Excellent	18%
Good	33%
Fair	23%
Poor	11%
Don't know	15%
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Total	100%

Q. Do you believe our current public education system prepares students for success after high school?

Yes	33%
No	44%
Unsure	24%
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Total	100%

Q. Thinking about opportunity in education, would you say that race, gender, income or other socio-economic factors play a role in determining the opportunities available to Illinois students?

Yes, they play a large role	51%
Yes, they play a small role	16%
No, they play no role	20%
Not sure	13%
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Total	100%

Q. As you may know, there exists a disparity in per-student funding across school districts in Illinois. Many times, these are circumstances based on local socio-economic factors. In 2017, bipartisan legislation called the Invest in Kids Act was passed here in Illinois. It created a tax credit scholarship program that raises private donations to provide scholarships for children from low-income and working-class families to attend high-quality private schools. Generally speaking, do you support or oppose this program?

Support	54%
Oppose	17%
Unsure	29%
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Total	100%

Q. If money was not an issue and you could select any type of K-12 school, what type of school would you select in order to obtain the best education for your child?

Local Public School	31%
Private School	39%
Public Charter School	7%
Home School	6%
Virtual School	1%
Unsure	15%
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Total	100%

DEMOGRAPHICS

Gender

Male	47%
Female	53%
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Total	100%

Age

18-34	27%
35-49	25%
50-64	26%
65 and older	23%
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Total	100%

Race

White or Caucasian	63%
Black or African-American	15%
Hispanic or Latino	12%
Other	10%
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Total	100%

Household Income

Less than \$25,000	13%
Between \$25,000 and \$50,000	22%
Between \$50,000 and \$100,000	26%
Between \$100,000 and \$200,000	17%
More than \$200,000	6%
Would prefer not to answer	16%
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Total	100%

Education Level

Less than Bachelor's Degree	48%
Bachelor's Degree or Post-Secondary Education	51%
Would rather not say	1%
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Total	100%

Party Affiliation

Democrat	45%
Republican	26%
Independent or Third Party	28%
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Total	100%

Region

Central	14%
City of Chicago	22%
Collar Counties	24%
Northern	7%
Southern	11%
Suburban Cook	21%
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Total	100%

Media Market

CHAMPAIGN&SPRNGFLD-DECATUR	8%
CHICAGO	68%
DAVENPORT-R.ISLAND-MOLINE	3%
EVANSVILLE	0%
PADUCAH-CAPE GIRARD-HARSBG	3%
PEORIA-BLOOMINGTON	5%
QUINCY-HANNIBAL-KEOKUK	1%
ROCKFORD	4%
ST. LOUIS	7%
TERRE HAUTE	1%
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Total	100%

Type of Phone

Cellphone	50%
Landline	50%
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Total	100%

Methodology

This poll was conducted by We Ask America between September 27th and 29th, 2020 using a blend of automated calls to landlines and live-operator calls to cell phones. In all, 800 interviews were achieved among registered voters in Illinois. 400 of these responses came from cell phones. The margin of error for this survey is +/- 3.46% at a Confidence Interval of 95%.