

Pew Philadelphia Poll Topline
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This study was conducted for The Pew Charitable Trusts via web and mail surveys by SSRS, an independent research company. The field period for this study was from July 27 to Aug. 24, 2020, and during that time, SSRS collected data from a sample of 1,025 adults ages 18 or older who live in Philadelphia County (662 via web and 363 via mail). The margin of error for total respondents is plus or minus 4.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. For more information about SSRS, visit ssrs.com.

Q1. To begin with, for how many years have you lived in Philadelphia, or have you lived here all of your life? If you don't live in Philadelphia, please tell me.

Less than one	2%					
One or two	6%					
Three to five	8%					
Six to 10	9%					
11 to 20	14%					
21 to 30	7%					
More than 30	9%					
All my life	46%					
Do not live in Philadelphia	-	-	-	-	-	-
Don't know/Refused/Blank	-	-	-	-	-	-

Q2. What was your age on your last birthday?

18-24	10%
25-29	12%
30-35	14%
36-49	23%
50-60	17%
61-64	6%
65 or older	18%

Q3. How would you rate Philadelphia as a place to live—excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

Excellent	12%
Good	54%
Only fair	26%
Poor	7%
Don't know/Refused/Blank	*

Q4. Do you think things in Philadelphia are generally headed in the right direction, or would you say that things are pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

Right direction	50%
Wrong track	49%
Mixed (Vol.)	-
Don't know/Refused/ Blank	1%

Q5. What do you think is the **most** important issue facing the city of Philadelphia?

Crime/drugs/safety	41%
Poor/poverty/homelessness	18%
Education/schools	14%
Jobs/economy/economic development/lack of economic opportunities	13%
COVID-19 impact	10%
Race relations/racism	9%
Sanitation/trash removal/cleanliness	8%
Police reform/brutality/defunding	8%
Government functioning/corruption	7%
Affordable housing/cost of living	7%
Infrastructure/roads/transportation	4%
Neighborhood revitalization/poor people being pushed out/gentrification/other neighborhood answers	4%
Public services/resources	4%
Taxes/lower taxes/pensions/spending	3%
Equality (unspecified)	1%
Opioids	1%
Immigration/sanctuary city	1%
Climate change/environment/pollution	1%
Parks/green space/recreational opportunities	*
Entertainment and nightlife/restaurants	*
Other (specify)	12%
Don't know/Refused/Blank	4%

**Asked differently in 2019: What do you think is the most important issue facing the city and the next mayor? Question was open-ended, rather than multiple choice, and respondents could give more than one answer.*

Q6. Thinking about how your own life might unfold over the next five to 10 years, how likely are you to be living in Philadelphia? Do you think you ...?

Definitely will	26%
Probably will	40%
Probably will not	25%
Definitely will not be living in Philadelphia in five years	8%
Don't know/Refused/Blank	1%

Q7. Which of the following statements do you agree with more?

In Philadelphia, race is <u>often</u> a major factor in government decisions and policies	69%
In Philadelphia, race is <u>rarely</u> a major factor in government decisions and policies	28%
Don't know/Both/Neither/Can't choose/Blank	4%

Q8. How would you rate the job PUBLIC SCHOOLS are doing in Philadelphia—excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

Excellent	3%
Good	22%
Only fair	44%
Poor	30%
Don't know/ Refused/Blank	1%

Q9. How would you rate your own personal financial situation?

Excellent	8%
Good	41%
Only fair	39%
Poor	10%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q10. Do you personally know someone who has tested positive for the coronavirus?

Yes	58%
No	41%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q11. Have you or has anybody in your household tested positive for the coronavirus?

Base: Total respondents who know someone who has tested positive for the coronavirus (N=597)

No	95%
Only you	2%
Only someone else in your household	1%
Both you and someone else	1%
Blank/Refused	*

Q12. Do you personally know anybody who has died from the coronavirus?

Base: Total respondents who know someone who has tested positive for the coronavirus (N=597)

Yes	41%
No	58%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q13. Which of the following statements most applies to you?

I have been tested for the coronavirus or antibodies against it	22%
I tried to get tested but was unable to get tested	8%
I have not tried to get tested	69%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q14. 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	66%
Minor impact	24%
No impact	8%
Blank/Refused	2%

Q15. How long do you think it will be until your family will be able to get your lives back to the way they were before the pandemic began?

Base: Total respondents whose daily lives have been affected by coronavirus (N=945)

In the next month	2%
Sometime in the next three months	4%
In the next six months	11%
In the next year	31%
Over a year	26%
Things will never get back to the way they were	24%
Blank/Refused	2%

Q16. How has the coronavirus changed the way you personally view Philadelphia as a place to live?

Base: Total respondents whose daily lives have been affected by coronavirus (N=945)

Much less desirable	14%
A little less desirable	29%
Not changed your opinion	53%
More desirable	2%
Blank/Refused	2%

Q17. Do you think there will be another surge of coronavirus cases in Philadelphia sometime over the next six months?

Yes	80%
No	18%
Blank/Refused	2%

Q18. How would you rate the job Mayor Kenney and city health officials have done handling the crisis?

Excellent	12%
Good	47%
Only fair	27%
Poor	14%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q19. And how would you rate the job Governor Wolf and other state officials have done handling the crisis?

Excellent	21%
Good	46%
Only fair	23%
Poor	9%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q20. Since March, have any of the following things happened to you or someone else in your household because of the coronavirus?

	Yes	No	No Children	Blank/Refused
a. Fallen behind in paying your rent or mortgage	24%	70%	N/A	5%
b. Had problems paying for food	28%	67%	N/A	5%
c. Fallen behind in credit card or other bills	32%	64%	N/A	4%
d. Had problems affording health costs or prescriptions	17%	77%	N/A	6%
e. Had a problem getting child care	14%	29%	46%	10%

Q21. Thinking about overall health, have any of the following things happened to you or someone else in your household since March because of the coronavirus?

	Yes	No	Blank/Refused
a. Had to delay treatment for a medical condition other than the coronavirus	44%	53%	3%
b. Been unable to get a medical appointment	45%	50%	4%
c. Had trouble accessing therapy or mental health services	20%	75%	5%
d. Had a medical or mental health appointment online or over the phone rather than in person	55%	40%	5%
e. Felt seriously depressed or anxiety-ridden	49%	47%	4%

Q22. Were you employed on March 1, 2020?

Yes, I was employed full time	50%
Yes, I was employed part time	12%
No	37%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q23. Were you self-employed?

Base: Total respondents who were employed on March 1, 2020 (N=610)

Yes	14%
No	86%
Blank/Refused	*

Q24. How, if at all, did your employment status change during the pandemic?

Base: Total respondents who were employed on March 1, 2020 (N=610)

I was laid off/fired from my job and do not expect to go back	11%
I was laid off from my job/furloughed and expect to go back	12%
My hours were cut	11%
My pay was reduced	8%
The business I own closed, either temporarily or permanently	8%
My job did not change	46%
Other	17%
Blank/Refused	2%

Q25. After losing your job, were you able to access unemployment benefits?

Base: Total respondents who were laid off or furloughed, or closed their business during the pandemic (N=153)

Yes	52%
No	30%
I did not try to file for unemployment benefits	13%
Blank/Refused	4%

Q26. Did any of the following happen to **someone else** in your household?

Was laid off or lost their job	21%
Had to take a cut in pay	9%
Had hours cut	19%
Closed their own business	3%
None of the above happened to anybody in my household	39%
No one else in household	18%
Blank/Refused	5%

Q27. What is your job status now?

I work for the same employer since before the coronavirus outbreak	46%
I work for a new employer	4%
I am unemployed and seeking employment	17%
I am unemployed and not seeking employment	25%
Blank/Refused	8%

Q28. Which of these options best describes your current work situation?

I work entirely or mostly from home	52%
I cannot work at home	44%
Blank/Refused	4%

Q29. How comfortable are you that you will **not** get the coronavirus when you are at the workplace?

Very comfortable	11%
Pretty comfortable	30%
Pretty uncomfortable	32%
Very uncomfortable	26%
Blank/Refused	*

Q30. Are there any school-age children (grades kindergarten through 12th grade) in your household?

Yes	28%
No	70%
Blank/Refused	2%

Q31. Were any attending a school that closed because of the coronavirus?

Base: Total respondents who have school-age children in the household (N=180)

Yes	93%
No	5%
Blank/Refused	3%

Q32. How disruptive was it for your family to have to school your children at home?

Base: Total respondents who have children who attend a school that closed because of the coronavirus (N=167)

Very disruptive	37%
Somewhat disruptive	46%
Not too disruptive/Not disruptive	16%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q33. Compared to what your child/children would have learned if school had not been closed, do you think they learned ...?

Base: Total respondents who have children who attend a school that closed because of the coronavirus (N=167)

About the same or more	19%
A little less	45%
A lot less	35%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q34. Before the pandemic started, did you use public transportation ...?

Daily or almost daily	22%
Three to five days a week	8%
One or two days a week	10%
Less than once a week	56%
Blank/Refused	4%

Q35. How safe do you think public transportation in Philadelphia is for **you** to use right now?

Base: Total respondents who use public transportation at least once a week (N=388)

Very safe	6%
Pretty safe	28%
Pretty unsafe	38%
Very unsafe	25%
Blank/Refused	3%

Q36. What geographic section of the city do you live in?

Center City	7%
South Philadelphia	9%
West Philadelphia	13%
Southwest Philadelphia	5%
North Philadelphia—upper and lower	17%
River Wards	2%
Northwest Philadelphia/Mount Airy	14%
Northeast Philadelphia	26%
Other (specify)	7%
Don't know/Refused/Blank	1%

Q37. How safe do you feel when you are out in your neighborhood at night?

Completely safe	11%
Pretty safe	39%
A little unsafe	33%
Not safe at all	17%
Don't know/It depends/ Refused/Blank	1%

Q38. In the days following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, there were some large demonstrations in Philadelphia, most of them peaceful; some looting; and some violence. How would you rate the overall performance of the Philadelphia Police in dealing with the situation?

Excellent	10%
Good	25%
Only fair	31%
Poor	32%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q39. How would you rate the performance of Mayor Kenney in handling the demonstrations?

Excellent	9%
Good	30%
Only fair	33%
Poor	27%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q40. How would you rate the performance of Police Commissioner Outlaw?

Excellent	10%
Good	31%
Only fair	32%
Poor	27%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q41. Overall, how much respect do you have for the police in Philadelphia?

A great deal	27%
A good amount	36%
Just some	23%
Not much	14%
Don't know/Blank/Refused	1%

Q42. How much confidence do you have in police officers in your community to treat Blacks and Whites equally?

A great deal	18%
A fair amount	30%
Just some	21%
Very little	31%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q43. We want to ask you about the number of police in Philadelphia. Would you say that the city ...?

Doesn't have enough police	45%
Has about the right number of police	39%
Has too many police	14%
Blank/Refused	3%

Q44. In thinking about the police department as a whole, which statement comes closest to your view?

The police department needs a complete overhaul	30%
The police department needs some reforms	58%
The police department is fine the way it is	11%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q45. How have the demonstrations and the way they have been handled by the police changed the way you view Philadelphia as a place to live? Has it made Philadelphia ...?

Much less desirable	15%
A little less desirable	29%
Not changed your opinion	52%
More desirable	2%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q46. Including yourself, how many adults over 18 are there currently living in your household?

One	19%
Two	50%
Three	14%
Four or more	11%
Blank/Refused	7%

Q47. What was the last grade of school you completed?

Grade school or less	4%
Some high school	7%
High school	30%
Some college (one to three years)	24%
College graduate (four years)	18%
Postgraduate (beyond four years)	15%
Blank/Refused	2%

Q48. Are you of Latino or Hispanic origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

Yes	13%
No	84%
Blank/Refused	2%

Q49. Are you Black, White, Asian, Native American, or something else?

Black	36%
White	43%
Asian	7%
Native American	1%
Mixed race	5%
Something else	5%
Blank/Refused	3%

Q48/Q49. Race/Ethnicity Combo Table

Black, non-Hispanic	36%
White, non-Hispanic	39%
Hispanic	13%
Other	10%
Blank/Refused	3%

Q50. Are you ...?

Married	36%
Living as married	6%
Widowed	7%
Divorced	9%
Separated	2%
Never been married	38%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q51. Last year, that is in 2019, what was your total family household income from all sources, before taxes?

Less than \$10,000	10%
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	14%
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	13%
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10%
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8%
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	14%
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	10%
\$100,000 to under \$125,000	6%
\$125,000 to under \$150,000	5%
\$150,000 or more	7%
Blank/Refused	3%

Q52. What is your gender?

Male	45%
Female	53%
Other	1%
Blank/Refused	1%