

# 2021 Alamance County Community Health Assessment

Produced in partnership with Alamance County Health Equity Collective

Survey of Alamance County Residents September 20<sup>th</sup> - November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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### **About This Survey**

The Elon University Poll conducted a survey of 529 Alamance County, North Carolina residents, from September  $20^{th}$  – November  $18^{th}$ , 2020. 89% of the interviews were conducted by live telephone interviewers. 11% were conducted with a supplemental opt-in online survey, distributed by the Alamance County Department of Health.

The Unless otherwise noted, results reported below are percentages (%) and cell sample sizes (n). The margin of error is  $\pm$ 4.3 percentage points.

### **Toplines**

#### **Covid-19 and Health Equity**

"When you go out into the community, how much do you worry about catching COVID-19—not at all, a little, a moderate amount, or a great deal?"

	%	N
Not at all	28.9	153
A little	29.3	155
A moderate amount	27.4	145
A great deal	13.9	74
No opinion	0.3	1
Don't know or refused	0.1	1
Total	100.0	529

"Have you personally contracted coronavirus?"

	%	N
Yes	22.3	118
No	76.0	402
Don't know	1.7	9
Total	100.0	529

"Have you personally known anyone who has contracted coronavirus?"



Total 100.0 529

"Have you taken a COVID-19 vaccine?"

	%	N
Yes	70.4	372
No	28.0	148
Don't know	0.9	5
Refused	0.8	4
Total	100.0	529

[if Yes]

"Overall, are you glad you took the vaccine or do you wish you hadn't taken it?"

	%	N	April 2021
			NC residents
I am glad I took it.	85.7	328	92.5
I wish I had not taken it.	7.8	30	2.6
Not sure	6.5	25	4.9
Total	100.0	383	

# [if No]

<sup>&</sup>quot;What is the most important reason why you haven't taken a COVID-19 vaccine?" [open-ended responses available upon request]



"In the past year, have you delayed, declined, or decided not to seek medical care because of the costs?"

	%	N
Yes	23.4	124
No	76.0	402
Don't know or refused	0.6	3
Total	100.0	529

"Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: People of my race are treated fairly in a healthcare setting."

	%	N
Agree	69.7	369
Disagree	23.4	124
No opinion	3.4	18
Don't know or refused	3.5	18
Total	100.0	529



"I'm going to read you a list of sources of news and information about COVID-19. I'd like you tell me if you have received news and information from that source in the past 7 days, or not."

	% got info	N
The Centers for Disease Control (CDC)	37.5	198
Government health authorities or officials	34.8	184
Scientists and other health experts	40.0	212
Doctors and other health professionals you go to for medical care	41.7	220
Friends and family	53.9	285
Religious leaders	12.7	67
Journalists	30.7	162
Social media	52.6	278

<sup>&</sup>quot;I'm going to read you the same list of sources again. I'd like you to tell me whether you trust that source for news and information about COVID-19, or not."

	% trust	N
The Centers for Disease Control (CDC)	64.2	340
Government health authorities or officials	47.4	251
Scientists and other health experts	72.4	382
Doctors and other health professionals you go to for medical care	84.0	445
Friends and family	41.2	218
Religious leaders	25.3	134
Journalists	18.8	100
Social media	7.2	38



#### **Monuments**

"Recently there has been some controversy about what to do with Confederate monuments on public, government-owned property (e.g. parks, city squares, court houses). Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?"

			April 2021
			NC residents
	%	N	%
Should be removed from public spaces.	39.3	207	41.6
Should remain in public spaces.	47.9	252	58.4
Don't know	10.6	56	
Refused	2.3	12	
Total	100.0	527	100.0

#### **Housing and Employment**

"Do you currently own a home, or, have a mortgage on a home in Alamance County?"

	%	N
Yes	65.8	348
No	31.2	165
<b>Something else</b>	3.1	16
Total	100.0	529

[If does not own or have a mortgage]

"How likely do you think it is that you will ever purchase a home in Alamance County—very likely, somewhat likely, not very likely, or not at all likely?"

	%	N
Very likely	26.3	39
Somewhat likely	31.2	46
Not very likely	16.8	25
Not at all likely	24.4	36
No opinion	0.5	1
Don't know or refused	0.8	1
Total	100.0	147

<sup>&</sup>quot;What is the most important reason why you do not currently own a home in Alamance County?"



#### [open-ended responses available on request]

"Are you currently employed, either full-time or part-time?"

	%	N
Yes, employed	65.7	347
No, not employed	33.5	177
Don't know or refused	0.8	4
Total	100.0	529

#### [If employed]

"In general, how difficult is it to find affordable housing close to where you work—very difficult, somewhat difficult, or not at all difficult?"

	%	N
Very difficult	25.7	94
Somewhat difficult	30.0	109
Not at all difficult	35.3	129
Don't know or refused	9.0	33
Total	100.0	365

"How long does it take you to get to your job from where you live?"

	%	N
<15 minutes	47.9	175
<b>15-29 minutes</b>	24.0	88
30-44 minutes	14.3	52
45-59 minutes	4.3	16
60 minutes or more	4.9	18
Don't know or refused	4.6	17
Total	100.0	365



"How often do you use Link Transit, the bus system in Alamance County, to get around—every day, a few times a week, a few times a month, a few times a year, almost never, or never?"

	%	N
Every day	1.6	8
A few times a week	0.7	4
A few times a month	1.8	9
A few times a year	0.4	2
Almost never	3.8	20
Never	91.5	483
Don't know or refused	0.3	2
Total	100.0	528

"What is the most important reason why you don't regularly ride Link Transit—is it that you do not need to, the routes are not convenient for you, the fare is not affordable, or, is it something else?"

	%	N
Don't need to	84.0	432
Routes are not convenient	8.6	44
Something else	7.5	38
Total	100.0	514

#### **Mental Health**

"In the last month how often have you felt nervous, anxious, or on edge?"

	%	N
None of the time	25.6	135
Rarely	25.0	132
Some of the time	32.1	170
Most of the time	16.5	87
Don't know	0.6	3
Refused	0.3	2
Total	100.0	529



"In the last month, how often have you felt depressed?"

	%	N
None of the time	41.9	222
Rarely	22.3	118
Some of the time	26.2	138
Most of the time	9.0	47
Don't know	0.3	2
Refused	0.3	2
Total	41.9	222

"In the last month, how often have you felt lonely or isolated?"

	%	N
None of the time	51.1	270
Rarely	18.7	99
Some of the time	19.4	102
Most of the time	9.7	51
Don't know	0.9	5
Refused	0.3	2
Total	100.0	529

"In the last month, how often have you felt hopeful about the future?"

	%	N
None of the time	7.7	41
Rarely	13.4	71
Some of the time	31.1	165
Most of the time	46.1	244
Don't know	1.6	8
Refused	0.1	1
Total	100.0	529



# Demographics

Time lived in Alamance County...

	%	N
Less than one year	2.1	11
Less than five years but more than one year	10.6	55
Less than ten year but more than five years	9.6	49
Ten years or more	76.5	393
Don't Know	0.7	4
Refused	0.3	1
Total	100.0	513

#### Lives in a....

	%	N
<b>Small City</b>	22.5	96
Large Town	10.0	43
<b>Small Town or Village</b>	37.4	160
<b>Rural or Country</b>	26.5	113
Other	2.4	10
Don't Know	1.1	5
Total	100.0	427

# **High-Speed Internet Access**

	%	N
Yes	93.0	492
No	6.2	33
Don't know	0.8	4
Total	100.0	529

### Age

	%	N
18 to 24	12.0	63
25 to 44	34.1	180
45 to 64	32.0	169
65+	21.9	116
Total	100.0	529



# Gender

	%	N
Men	47.5	251
Women	52.5	278
Total	100.0	529

### Race

	%	N
White	73.6	389
Black	20.9	111
Other Race	5.5	29
Total	100.0	529

# Income

	%	N
\$50k or less	50.0	265
>50k	50.0	264
Total	100.0	529

### Education

	%	N
<hs< th=""><th>13.7</th><th>72</th></hs<>	13.7	72
HS	49.8	263
BA or more	36.4	192
Total	100.0	527

# Party ID (self-identified, including leaners)

	%	N
Republican	46.3	240
Neither	15.3	80
Democrat	38.3	199
Total	100.0	519



#### **Question Order**

- 1. Worries about COVID when in community
  - When you go out into the community, how much do you worry about catching COVID-19?
- 2. Information about COVID Battery
  - CDC, Government, Scientists, Doctors, Friends and family, Religious leaders, Journalists, Social media
- 3. Trust in sources of information about COVID Battery
  - CDC, Government, Scientists, Doctors, Friends and family, Religious leaders, Journalists, Social media
- 4. Health Equity
  - In the past year, have you delayed, declined, or decided not to seek medical care because of the costs?
  - People of my race are treated fairly in a healthcare setting.
- 5. Housing, Employment, and Transit
  - Do you currently own a home, or, have a mortgage on a home in Alamance County?
  - How likely do you think it is that you will ever purchase a home in Alamance County?
  - Are you currently employed, either full-time or part-time?
  - How difficult is it to find affordable housing close to where you work?
  - How long does it take you to get to your job from where you live?
  - How often do you use Link Transit, the bus system in Alamance County?
  - What is the most important reason why you don't regularly ride Link Transit?
- 6. Mental Health Battery
  - Anxious, Depressed, Isolated, Hopeful
- 7. Monuments
- 8. COVID Experience and Vaccine Uptake
  - Have you personally contracted coronavirus?
  - Have you personally known anyone who has contracted coronavirus?
  - Have you taken a COVID-19 vaccine?
  - Did you receive one dose of vaccine or two?
  - What is the most important reason why you haven't taken a COVID-19 vaccine?
  - Overall, are you glad you took the vaccine or do you wish you hadn't taken it?
- 9. Demographics



### **Methodological Information**

Mode: Mixed- Live Interviewer Telephone and Online

Population: Alamance County Residents

Margin of Error: +/- 4.3

Dates in the field: September 20<sup>th</sup> - November 18<sup>th</sup>

Sample Size: 472 telephone interviews, 56 supplemental online surveys

Weighting Variables (NC): Age, Gender, Race, Education, and Income

#### Procedure

For this survey, the Elon University Poll used a mixed mode design of phone calls using live interviewers, and supplemental online surveys. Random telephone numbers were purchased from Survey Sampling International (SSI). The online surveys were completed by on an opt-in basis visitors to the Alamance County Department of Health who were provided with the survey URL at their appointment.

Survey responses were collected from September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 through November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021. A survey was considered complete only if a respondent progressed through the entire survey.

#### Support for Transparency

The Elon University Poll supports transparency in survey research and is a charter member of the American Association for Public Opinion Research Transparency Initiative, which is a program promoting openness and transparency about survey research methods and operations among survey research professionals and the industry. All information about the Elon University Poll that we release to the public conforms to reporting conventions recommended by the American Association for Public Opinion Research and the National Council on Public Polls.



# **Weighting Information**

Weights were generated in Stata using a technique known as iterative proportional fitting, also known as raking. The weight variable was calculated based on all of the variables in the table below, using U.S. Census <u>2020 parameters</u>.

	Population %	Unweighted %	Weighted %
18-65	78.1	77.6	78.1
65+	21.9	22.4	21.9
Male	47.5	50.1	47.5
Female	52.5	49.9	52.5
White	73.6	75.9	73.6
Black	20.9	15.2	20.9
Other	5.5	8.9	5.5
< HS	13.7	4.6	13.7
HS grad	86.3	95.4	86.3
< \$50k	50.0	33.7	50.0
\$50k or more	50.0	66.3	50.0



# Crosstabulations

# **COVID-19 and Health Equity**

"When you go out into the community, how much do you worry about catching COVID-19?"

	Not at all	A little	A moderate amount	A great deal	No opinion/ refused
18 to 24	36	16	33	16	0
25 to 44	32	30	29	9	0
45 to 64	25	34	21	19	1
65+	26	30	32	12	0
Men	39	29	20	10	1
Women	19	29	34	17	0
White	33	32	25	10	0
Black	20	22	34	25	0
Other	14	19	39	29	0
\$50k or less	24	26	31	18	1
>50k	34	32	24	10	0
No BA	32	31	24	12	0
BA or higher	23	35	28	13	1
Republican	42	35	14	9	0
Neither	29	27	35	9	0
Democrat	14	23	39	23	1
Has had COVID	40	28	22	9	1
Has not	25	30	29	16	0
Don't know	34	33	33	0	0
Yes, employed	30	32	27	11	0
No, not employed	27	23	29	20	1
Don't know or refused	0	48	0	52	0
Total	29	29	27	14	0



"In the past year, have you delayed, declined, or decided not to seek medical care because of the costs?"

	Yes	No	Don't know
18 to 24	40	60	or refused 0
25 to 44	32	67	1
45 to 64	16	84	0
65+	11	88	1
Men	23	76	1
Women	24	76	1
White	22	77	0
Black	25	73	1
Other	32	68	0
\$50k or less	32	67	1
>50k	15	85	0
No BA	23	77	0
BA or higher	18	80	2
Republican	20	79	0
Neither	25	75	0
Democrat	25	73	1
Has had COVID	27	70	3
Has not	23	77	0
Don't know	0	100	0
Yes, employed	28	71	1
No, not employed	15	85	1
Don't know or refused	0	100	0
Total	23	76	1



"Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: 'People of my race are treated fairly in a healthcare setting.""

	Agree	Disagree	No opinion/ refused
18 to 24	60	37	4
25 to 44	62	33	5
45 to 64	78	16	7
65+	75	13	13
Men	74	17	8
Women	66	29	6
White	82	13	5
Black	27	57	16
Other	64	36	0
\$50k or less	60	30	10
>50k	79	17	4
No BA	66	25	8
BA or higher	79	18	4
Republican	82	13	5
Neither	67	26	7
Democrat	55	35	9
Has had COVID	71	24	5
Has not	69	24	7
Don't know	85	15	0
Yes, employed	69	25	5
No, not employed	71	19	10
Don't know or refused	65	35	0
Total	70	23	7



#### Trust in Sources for News and Information about COVID-19

"I'm going to read you the same list of sources again. I'd like you to tell me whether you trust that source for news and information about COVID-19, or not."

#### The Center for Disease Control

	Yes, trust	No, does	No opinion/
10.4- 24	75	not trust	refused
18 to 24	75	19	6
25 to 44	64	29	7
45 to 64	60	33	6
65+	64	25	11
Men	56	36	8
Women	72	21	7
White	62	31	7
Black	68	23	9
Other	81	12	7
\$50k or less	63	29	8
>50k	65	28	7
No BA	60	33	8
BA or higher	75	17	8
Republican	46	43	11
Neither	53	39	8
Democrat	88	8	4
Has had COVID	53	39	8
Has not	68	25	7
Don't know	41	50	8
Vac amployed	65	28	7
Yes, employed No, not employed	63	30	8
Don't know or refused	65	35	0
Total	64	28	8



# Government health authorities or officials

	Yes, trust	No, does	No opinion/
		not trust	refused
18 to 24	59	25	16
25 to 44	47	45	8
45 to 64	45	49	6
65+	45	43	12
Men	42	49	9
Women	52	39	9
White	43	49	8
Black	59	31	9
Other	67	21	12
\$50k or less	49	42	10
>50k	46	46	8
No BA	42	52	6
BA or higher	57	32	11
Republican	26	63	11
Neither	47	50	4
Democrat	71	20	9
Has had COVID	44	42	14
Has not	49	43	7
Don't know	31	69	0
Yes, employed	48	43	9
No, not employed	46	45	8
Don't know or refused	52	48	0
Total	47	44	9



# Scientists and other health experts

	Yes, trust	No, does	No opinion/
		not trust	refused
18 to 24	83	13	3
25 to 44	69	22	9
45 to 64	74	16	10
65+	70	22	8
Men	67	25	9
Women	77	14	9
White	71	20	8
Black	72	18	10
Other	84	10	6
\$50k or less	71	22	8
>50k	74	17	9
No BA	72	18	10
BA or higher	82	9	8
Republican	61	28	11
Neither	62	27	10
Democrat	89	7	4
Has had COVID	65	26	9
Has not	75	17	9
Don't know	56	35	9
Yes, employed	72	18	10
No, not employed	72	22	5
Don't know or refused	75	25	0
Total	72	19	9



# Doctors and other health professionals you go to for medical care

	Yes, trust		No opinion/
10 / 24	00	not trust	refused
18 to 24	89	10	1
25 to 44	77	13	9
45 to 64	90	6	5
65+	83	10	6
Men	82	10	8
Women	86	10	4
White	86	9	6
Black	75	15	10
Other	96	2	2
\$50k or less	81	12	7
>50k	87	7	6
No BA	82	12	6
BA or higher	91	4	5
Republican	82	11	8
Neither	73	20	7
Democrat	90	5	5
Has had COVID	80	15	6
Has not	86	8	6
Don't know	76	24	0
Yes, employed	85	8	7
No, not employed	81	13	5
Don't know or refused	100	0	0
Total	84	10	6



# Friends and family

	Yes, trust		No opinion/
		not trust	refused
18 to 24	40	48	13
25 to 44	37	50	12
45 to 64	40	48	12
65+	50	34	16
Men	42	46	12
Women	40	46	14
White	40	47	13
Black	40	46	14
Other	58	34	9
\$50k or less	41	44	16
>50k	42	48	11
No BA	46	44	10
BA or higher	40	47	13
Republican	42	45	13
Neither	34	56	9
Democrat	43	43	14
Has had COVID	40	49	10
Has not	41	45	13
Don't know	56	35	9
Yes, employed	39	49	12
No, not employed	46	40	14
Don't know or refused	37	63	0
Total	41	46	13



# Religious leaders

	Yes, trust	No, does	No opinion/
		not trust	refused
18 to 24	30	57	13
25 to 44	18	67	14
45 to 64	24	65	11
65+	37	44	19
Men	25	58	16
Women	25	62	13
White	23	62	14
Black	32	52	15
Other	24	67	9
\$50k or less	26	56	18
>50k	24	65	11
No BA	27	63	10
BA or higher	26	60	13
Republican	30	54	17
Neither	15	79	7
Democrat	24	61	15
Has had COVID	28	58	13
Has not	24	61	15
Don't know	32	61	7
Yes, employed	23	63	14
No, not employed	29	54	17
Don't know or refused	24	76	0
Total	25	60	15



# **Journalists**

	Yes, trust	No, does not trust	Total
18 to 24	28	62	10
25 to 44	13	74	13
45 to 64	20	72	8
65+	21	63	16
Men	17	70	14
Women	21	69	11
White	18	71	11
Black	21	66	12
Other	24	64	13
\$50k or less	22	65	12
>50k	16	73	12
No BA	17	76	7
BA or higher	22	64	14
Republican	10	78	13
Neither	10	85	6
Democrat	32	53	15
Has had COVID	20	66	14
Has not	18	70	12
Don't know	15	76	9
Yes, employed	16	73	11
No, not employed	24	62	13
Don't know or refused	0	83	17
Total	19	69	12



### Social media

	Yes, trust	No, does	No opinion/
Age	%	not trust %	refused <b>%</b>
18 to 24	17	68	15
25 to 44	6	85	10
45 to 64	5	90	5
65+	7	77	17
Age	%	%	%
Men	8	80	12
Women	6	85	9
White	5	85	11
Black	13	77	10
Other	17	73	10
Other	17	73	10
\$50k or less	9	78	13
>50k	6	87	8
No BA	8	86	6
BA or higher	6	86	8
Republican	4	84	11
Neither	4	91	5
Democrat	12	76	12
Has had COVID	8	83	9
Has not	7	82	11
Don't know	0	91	9
Don't know	O	71	,
Yes, employed	6	85	9
No, not employed	9	77	13
Don't know or refused	0	83	17
Total	7	83	10



### Monuments

	"Confederate	"Confederate	
	monuments should be removed from	monuments should remain in public	Don't know/
	public spaces."	spaces."	refused
18 to 24	62	28	11
25 to 44	48	38	15
45 to 64	31	56	14
65+	27	62	11
Men	35	50	16
Women	44	46	11
White	27	61	12
Black	79	7	14
Other	53	29	19
\$50k or less	43	45	12
>50k	35	51	15
No BA	37	50	13
BA or higher	42	46	12
Republican	10	78	12
Neither	42	47	11
Democrat	73	12	15
Has had COVID	36	44	20
Has not	41	48	10
Don't know	9	82	9
Yes, employed	43	42	15
No, not employed	31	58	11
Don't know or refused	35	65	0
Total	39	48	13



### **Housing and Employment**

"Do you currently own a home, or, have a mortgage on a home in Alamance County?"

	Yes, own or have		Something
	a mortgage	No	else
18 to 24	34	66	0
25 to 44	54	39	7
45 to 64	80	18	2
65+	79	20	1
Men	68	29	3
Women	64	33	3
White	71	26	4
Black	53	45	2
Other	50	50	0
\$50k or less	51	44	5
>50k	81	18	1
No BA	59	37	4
BA or higher	80	19	1
Republican	72	25	3
Neither	58	38	4
Democrat	61	36	3
Has had COVID	61	38	1
Has not	67	29	4
Don't know	58	32	9
Yes, employed	66	31	3
No, not employed	66	31	3
Don't know or refused	65	35	0
Total	67	31	3



"In general, how difficult is it to find affordable housing close to where you work—very difficult, somewhat difficult, or not at all difficult?"

	Very difficult	Somewhat difficult	Not at all difficult	Don't know/ refused
18 to 24	44	31	19	6
25 to 44	29	29	37	5
45 to 64	14	33	41	11
65+	28	16	27	30
Men	24	26	43	7
Women	28	33	28	11
White	23	30	37	10
Black	36	31	26	8
Other	18	29	48	4
\$50k or less	32	36	24	9
>50k	22	26	43	9
No BA	33	22	35	11
BA or higher	18	35	40	8
Republican	21	27	42	10
Neither	28	24	36	13
Democrat	31	33	29	7
Has had COVID	25	32	38	5
Has not	27	30	33	10
Don't know	0	0	78	22
Total	26	30	35	9



### **Mental Health**

"In the last month, how often have you felt..."

# Nervous, anxious, or on edge

	None of	Rarely		Most of the	Don't know/
	the time		the time	time	refused
18 to 24	13	19	38	27	2
25 to 44	22	22	38	17	0
45 to 64	29	28	27	16	0
65+	33	28	26	11	2
Men	37	26	24	12	1
Women	15	24	40	20	1
White	25	28	30	17	0
Black	27	15	38	17	2
Other	31	23	34	13	0
\$50k or less	21	21	36	20	2
>50k	30	29	28	13	0
No BA	23	25	33	18	2
BA or higher	27	27	29	16	1
Republican	31	29	25	15	0
Neither	23	27	31	19	0
Democrat	21	19	41	17	2
Has had COVID	31	28	27	12	2
Has not	24	24	34	18	0
Don't know	25	24	35	15	0
Yes, employed	26	26	33	15	0
No, not employed	24	23	30	20	3
Don't know or refused	65	0	35	0	0
Total	26	25	32	17	1



# Depressed

	None of the time	Rarely	Some of the time	Most of the time	Don't know/ refused
10 to 24		11	ine time 47	13	•
18 to 24	25	11			3
25 to 44	40	27	26	6	0
45 to 64	49	20	22	9	0
65+	43	25	21	11	0
Men	51	21	19	8	2
Women	34	23	33	10	0
White	45	21	26	9	0
Black	35	23	31	9	1
Other	31	45	12	13	0
\$50k or less	29	24	36	10	1
>50k	55	21	16	8	1
No BA	41	21	26	11	1
BA or higher	49	26	19	6	0
Republican	50	18	24	7	1
Neither	37	22	33	9	0
Democrat	36	27	27	10	1
Has had COVID	53	20	21	5	1
Has not	38	23	28	10	0
Don't know	67	9	24	0	0
Yes, employed	46	23	24	7	0
No, not employed	33	21	32	13	1
Don't know or refused	89	0	11	0	0
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Total	42	22	26	9	1



### Lonely or isolated

	None of	Rarely		Most of the	Don't know/
	the time		the time	time	refused
18 to 24	26	21	37	13	3
25 to 44	53	19	19	9	0
45 to 64	56	21	15	7	0
65+	55	13	17	13	2
Men	53	18	18	9	2
Women	49	19	21	10	1
White	53	19	17	10	1
Black	49	16	25	8	2
Other	38	22	29	11	0
\$50k or less	36	20	28	13	2
>50k	66	17	10	6	1
No BA	53	14	20	12	2
BA or higher	60	21	13	5	1
Republican	55	19	14	11	1
Neither	52	11	23	13	0
Democrat	47	20	25	6	2
Has had COVID	52	22	19	7	1
Has not	50	18	20	11	1
Don't know	76	0	15	0	9
Yes, employed	58	18	17	7	0
No, not employed	38	20	25	16	3
Don't know or refused	89	0	11	0	0
Total	51	19	19	10	1



# Hopeful about the future

	None of	Rarely		Most of the	Don't know/
10.4- 24	the time	20	the time	time	refused
18 to 24	7	20	36	37	0
25 to 44	9	10	32	49	0
45 to 64	7	15	29	47	1
65+	6	13	30	46	5
Men	12	12	29	46	1
Women	4	15	33	46	2
White	7	14	30	47	2
Black	7	9	36	47	0
Other	19	22	28	30	2
\$50k or less	10	15	31	41	2
>50k	5	11	31	51	1
No BA	8	16	29	45	2
BA or higher	6	11	32	51	0
Republican	7	12	27	51	3
Neither	6	14	35	44	2
Democrat	9	13	36	41	0
Has had COVID	12	11	27	49	1
Has not	7	14	33	45	2
Don't know	0	0	17	83	0
Yes, employed	7	13	30	50	0
No, not employed	9	14	33	39	4
Don't know or refused	0	0	58	42	0
Total	8	13	31	46	2



#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### 1. Who pays for the Elon University Poll?

Elon University fully funds the Elon University Poll. The poll operates under the auspices of the College of Arts and Sciences at Elon University, led by Dean Gabie Smith. The Elon University administration, led by Dr. Connie Ledoux Book, president of the university, fully supports the Elon University Poll as part of its service to the community. Because of this generous support, the Elon University Poll does not engage in any contract work. This permits the Elon University Poll to operate as a neutral, non-biased, non-partisan resource.

#### 2. Does the Elon University Poll favor a certain party?

The Elon University Poll is an academic, non-partisan survey research organization. We do not engage or work with any political candidates or parties. We employ best practices to ensure the results are not biased.

#### 3. Did you weight the data?

Yes. We apply weights to the data. For this survey, we generated results using raking based on U.S. Census data. For more details, see the Weighting Information above.

# 4. What are the advantages and disadvantages of online surveys over traditional random-digital dial surveys?

Traditional telephone surveys have a clear advantage over online surveys such as this in that assumptions of equal probability of selection are more appropriate. Furthermore, online surveys do not capture opinions of respondents who lack internet access.

However, our opinion is that <u>declining telephone response rates</u> and the growth in online sample pool sizes have narrowed quality differences between the two modes. In the case of this survey, we hoped to capture opinions related to a breaking news item. An online survey enabled us to quickly gather a large enough sample size to make inferences about the U.S. population. Additionally, like many college students, our student survey interviewers are not on campus at this time.

Additional information about opt-in surveys in general is available from AAPOR and the <a href="Pew Research Center">Pew Research Center</a>.



#### **About the Elon University Poll**

The Elon University Poll conducts statewide, regional, and national surveys on issues of importance to North Carolinians as well as other states. Information from these polls is shared with media, citizens and public officials to facilitate informed public policy making through the better understanding of citizens' opinions and attitudes.



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