

INTRODUCTION & METHODOLOGY

From January 18-22, 2022, DHM Research conducted a survey of Oregonians. The purpose of the survey was to track Oregonians' opinions about the economy, Covid-19, and the criminal justice system. The survey also asked Oregonians about issues in the upcoming gubernatorial elections, controversies related to critical race theory, and healthcare.

Research Methodology: The online survey consisted of 400 Oregon residents ages 18+ and took approximately 15 minutes to complete. This is a sufficient sample size to assess Oregonians' opinions generally and to review findings by multiple subgroups.

Respondents were contacted by using a professionally maintained online panel. A variety of quality control measures were employed, including questionnaire pre-testing, data validation, and real time monitoring of responses. To ensure a representative sample, demographic quotas were set, and data was weighted by area of state, age, gender, race, education, and political party affiliation.

Statement of Limitations: Any sampling of opinions or attitudes is subject to a margin of error. The margin of error is a standard statistical calculation that represents differences between the sample and total population at a confidence interval, or probability, calculated to be 95%. This means that there is a 95% probability that the sample taken for this study would fall within the stated margin of error if compared with the results achieved from surveying the entire population. The margin of error for this survey is $\pm 4.9\%$.

DHM Research Background: DHM Research has been providing opinion research and consultation throughout the Pacific Northwest and other regions of the United States for over 40 years. The firm is nonpartisan and independent and specializes in research projects to support public policy making.

**DHM Panel
January 2022**

**Oregon Statewide
N=400; ±4.9% margin of error
15 minutes**

EDUCATION

The next topic is about education.

Indicate if your impression of the following is positive or negative.

| Response category | Very positive | Somewhat positive | Somewhat negative | Very negative | Don't know |
|---|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|
| 40. Your local school district | | | | | |
| January 2022; n=400 | 17% | 39% | 21% | 8% | 15% |
| 41. Public school teachers in your community | | | | | |
| January 2022; n=400 | 20% | 46% | 14% | 7% | 13% |
| March 2021 | 31% | 39% | 12% | 5% | 12% |
| 42. Oregon Department of Education | | | | | |
| January 2022; n=400 | 15% | 34% | 27% | 13% | 12% |
| 43. Unions that represent public school teachers | | | | | |
| January 2022; n=400 | 13% | 37% | 18% | 14% | 19% |
| March 2021 | 18% | 33% | 15% | 17% | 18% |

The Oregon legislature may consider the following two issues in the upcoming session. Indicate if you would support or oppose each. **[Randomize]**

| Response category | n=400 | Strongly support | Somewhat support | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | Don't know |
|---|-------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| 44. Prohibit school boards from mandating superintendents ignore or violate state and federal laws, or any emergency or executive order that applies to school and education service districts. | | 28% | 24% | 12% | 10% | 26% |
| 45. Prohibit school boards from firing superintendents for following state and federal laws and emergency and executive orders. | | 34% | 27% | 9% | 8% | 22% |

There have recently been controversies about teaching critical race theory in public schools.

46. How familiar, if at all, are you with critical race theory?

| Response category | n=400 |
|---------------------|-------|
| Very familiar | 20% |
| Somewhat familiar | 35% |
| Not too familiar | 23% |
| Not at all familiar | 17% |
| Don't know | 6% |

47. To the best of your knowledge, is critical race theory being taught in your local public schools?

| Response category | n=400 |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Yes, it definitely is | 13% |
| Yes, it probably is | 19% |
| No, it probably is not | 19% |
| No, it definitely is not | 10% |
| Don't know | 39% |

48. Do you support or oppose critical race theory being taught in your local public schools?

| Response category | n=400 |
|-------------------|-------|
| Strongly support | 21% |
| Somewhat support | 18% |
| Somewhat oppose | 9% |
| Strongly oppose | 25% |
| Don't know | 27% |

49. Which is closer to your opinion about the recent controversies about critical race theory in public schools. **[Randomize]**

| Response category | n=400 |
|---|-------|
| People have sincere differences of opinion and genuine political disagreements | 42% |
| It is a made-up controversy and people are using it to advance their own political agenda | 34% |
| Don't know | 24% |

50. Do you approve or disapprove of the job your local school district is doing responding to Covid-19?

| Date | Strongly approve | Somewhat approve | Somewhat disapprove | Strongly disapprove | Don't know |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|
| January 2022; n=400 | 15% | 39% | 20% | 12% | 14% |
| March 2021 | 16% | 36% | 17% | 14% | 17% |
| September 2020 | 17% | 40% | 18% | 11% | 15% |

Do you support or oppose the State of Oregon requiring the following people to be vaccinated against Covid-19? **[Randomize]**

| Response category | Strongly support | Somewhat support | Somewhat oppose | Strongly oppose | Don't know |
|---|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| 51. Public school teachers | | | | | |
| January 2022; n=400 | 46% | 19% | 10% | 19% | 6% |
| September 2021 | 53% | 15% | 9% | 18% | 5% |
| 52. Public school students ages 12 and older | | | | | |
| January 2022; n=400 | 38% | 22% | 10% | 25% | 6% |
| September 2021 | 46% | 16% | 8% | 22% | 8% |
| 53. Public school students ages 5-11 | | | | | |
| January 2022 | 35% | 22% | 10% | 27% | 6% |

DEMOGRAPHICS

62. I describe my gender as:

| Response category | n=400 |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Male | 49% |
| Female | 51% |
| Non-binary or gender non-conforming | -- |

63. In what year were you born? **[Open]**

[Autofill age as:]

| Response category | n=400 |
|-------------------|-------|
| 18–29 | 20% |
| 30–44 | 29% |
| 45–64 | 29% |
| 65+ | 23% |

64. Which of the following best describes your race or ethnicity? **[Allow for multiple responses]**

| Response category | n=400 |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| African | 1% |
| Asian/Pacific Islander | 9% |
| Black/African American | 3% |
| Hispanic/Latino/a/x | 8% |
| Middle Eastern/North African | -- |
| Native American/American Indian | 4% |
| White/Caucasian | 79% |
| Other | 2% |

| Response category | n=400 |
|-------------------|-------|
| White alone | 75% |
| Person of color | 25% |

65. Which category best describes your 2021 gross household income, before taxes? Remember to include everyone living in your household. Your best estimate will do.

| Response category | n=400 |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Less than \$25,000 | 24% |
| \$25,000 to less than \$50,000 | 26% |
| \$50,000 to less than \$75,000 | 17% |
| \$75,000 to less than \$100,000 | 12% |
| \$100,000 to less than \$150,000 | 17% |
| \$150,000 or more | 5% |

66. What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

| Response category | n=400 |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Less than high school | 4% |
| High school diploma/GED | 29% |
| Some college/2-year degree | 35% |
| College degree/4-year degree | 21% |
| Graduate/professional school | 11% |

67. Area of state: **[Don't ask, record from sample]**

| Response category | n=400 |
|-------------------|-------|
| Tri-county | 43% |
| Willamette Valley | 27% |
| Rest of state | 31% |

68. What is your party registration?

| Response category | n=400 |
|------------------------|-------|
| Democrat | 33% |
| Republican | 24% |
| NAV/some other party | 38% |
| Not registered to vote | 5% |

69. Do any children age 0-17 live in your home?

| Response category | n=400 |
|-------------------|-------|
| Yes | 30% |
| No | 70% |

70. What best describes your health insurance status?

| Response category | n=400 |
|--|-------|
| I have health insurance through an employer or union | 31% |
| I purchase my own health insurance | 10% |
| I have health insurance through a public plan (e.g., Medicare, Oregon Health Plan, VA) | 47% |
| I have some other type of health insurance | 5% |
| I do not have health insurance | 7% |