

INTRODUCTION & METHODOLOGY

From August 31—September 5, DHM Research conducted a survey of Oregonians to assess opinions the political mood of the state, trust in political parties, COVID-19 vaccination requirements.

Research Methodology: The online survey consisted of 500 Oregon residents ages 18+ and took approximately 10 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, and education.

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 $\pm 4.4\%$.

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 Research
Oregon Statewide Survey**

**August 31–September 5, 2021
Oregonians ages 18+
N=500; ±4.4%
10 minutes**

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DEMOGRAPHICS

These first questions are for demographic purposes only. Your responses are confidential.

1. Which state do you live in? **[Terminate if not Oregon]**
2. What county do you live in? **[Dropdown of all counties in OR, coded into categories]**

Response category	n=500
Tri county	43%
Willamette Valley	27%
Rest of state	31%

3. In what year were you born?

Response category	n=500
18-29	19%
30-44	27%
45-64	31%
65+	23%

4. With which of the following gender identities do you identify? Check all that apply.

Response category	n=500
Male	49%
Female	50%
Non-binary or gender non-conforming	1%
Trans	1%
Something else	-

5. With which of the following races and ethnicities do you identify? Check all that apply.

Response category	n=500
African	1%
Asian or Pacific Islander	6%
Black or African American	5%
Hispanic or Latino	8%
Middle Eastern or North African	n=1
Native American or American Indian	4%
Slavic	n=1
White or Caucasian	84%
Something else	1%
I'm not sure	n=1

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

Response category	n=500
Less than high school diploma	2%
High school diploma	31%
2-year degree/some college/trade	35%
4-year degree	22%
Graduate degree	10%

7. What was your total household income in 2020? Remember to include everyone and your best guess is okay.

Response category	n=500
Less than \$25,000	25%
\$25,00–\$49,999	25%
\$50,000–\$74,999	22%
\$75,000–\$99,999	10%
\$100,000–\$149,999	14%
\$150,000 or more	5%

8. What is your party registration?

Response category	n=500
Democrat	33%
Republican	24%
Non-affiliated/other party	37%
Not registered to vote	5%

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

Response category	n=500
Yes	25%
No	75%

10. Are you currently employed?

Response category	n=500
Full-time, part-time, currently looking	62%
No, and not looking for work	38%

11. Have you received the COVID-19 vaccine?

Response category	n=500
Yes	73%
No	27%

WARM UP

12. All things considered, do you think Oregon is headed in the right direction, or off on the wrong track?

Response category	Sept 2021 n=500	March 2021 n=600
Right direction	36%	40%
Wrong track	45%	45%
Don't know	19%	15%

13. How worried are you about the spread of COVID-19 in your community?

Response category	Sept 2021 n=500	March 2021 n=600
Very worried	32%	24%
Somewhat worried	37%	36%
Not too worried	19%	20%
Not at all worried	9%	17%
Don't know	2%	3%

14. How worried are you about your personal financial situation?

Response category	Sept 2021 n=500	May 2021 n=500
Very worried	23%	22%
Somewhat worried	35%	31%
Not too worried	27%	30%
Not at all worried	12%	16%
Don't know	2%	2%

GENERAL IMPRESSIONS

Indicate if your overall impressions of the following people, places, and organizations are positive or negative. **(Randomize)**

Response category	n=500	Very positive	Somewhat positive	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Don't know
15. Kate Brown		11%	22%	20%	39%	9%
16. Joe Biden		17%	31%	11%	33%	7%
17. Kamala Harris		17%	25%	12%	31%	15%
18. Amazon		28%	42%	18%	7%	6%
19. Walmart		17%	42%	20%	15%	6%
20. Comcast		10%	33%	18%	16%	23%
21. (Split A) Pfizer		27%	34%	14%	6%	19%
22. (Split B) Pharmaceutical Industry		8%	32%	29%	23%	9%
23. Portland, Oregon		15%	30%	22%	28%	5%
24. Oregon's rural communities		21%	41%	17%	7%	14%

The following are issues in Oregon. For each, indicate which Oregon political party you trust more to handle that issue. **[Randomize]**

Response category	n=500	Democratic Party	Republican Party	Don't know
25. Healthcare		47%	27%	26%
26. Housing		41%	28%	30%
27. Taxes		37%	35%	28%
28. K-12 education		44%	28%	28%
29. Managing the state budget		36%	34%	30%
30. Transportation		41%	29%	30%
31. Environment		50%	24%	26%
32. Forest management		43%	29%	28%
33. Energy		45%	27%	28%
34. Jobs		39%	36%	26%
35. Homelessness		41%	28%	31%
36. Crime		32%	38%	30%
37. Gun policy		37%	36%	27%
38. Elections and voting		39%	31%	30%
39. COVID-19		44%	26%	30%

COVID-19

Do you support or oppose the following:

Response category	n=500	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
40. A state law requiring all healthcare workers be vaccinated against and COVID-19 and other common infectious diseases		47%	19%	9%	20%	4%
41. A state law that allows hospitals and healthcare facilities to make vaccinations against COVID-19 and common infectious diseases a condition of employment		45%	18%	10%	21%	6%

42. How important do you think COVID-19 vaccination is to stopping the spread of infection in your community?

Response category	n=500
Very important	56%
Somewhat important	18%
Not too important	9%
Not at all important	10%
Don't know	7%

Do you support or oppose the State of Oregon requiring the following people to be vaccinated against COVID-19? **(Randomize)**

Response category	n=500	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
43. Public school teachers		53%	15%	9%	18%	5%
44. Public school students ages 12 and older		46%	16%	8%	22%	8%
45. Public safety employees, including police officers and fire fighters		54%	14%	8%	19%	6%
46. Doctors, nurses, dentists, and other healthcare providers		55%	15%	6%	19%	5%
47. Service employees, such as people who work at restaurants, grocery stores, and retail		47%	18%	8%	21%	6%
48. People who work in large office buildings		46%	17%	9%	21%	8%
49. People on the Oregon Health Plan, the state's public health insurance program		48%	15%	7%	21%	8%

Governor Brown has mandated that all public school and healthcare workers take the COVID-19 vaccine. Some communities, particularly in rural Oregon, oppose the mandate because many local teachers and healthcare workers say they will quit their jobs rather than take the vaccine. These communities fear that schools and healthcare facilities will close if these workers follow through and quit their jobs.

50. Knowing this, do you support or oppose Governor Brown's mandate that all public school and healthcare workers take the COVID-19 vaccine?

Response category	n=500
Strongly support	44%
Somewhat support	16%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose	27%
Don't know	5%

SEPTEMBER 11th, AFGHANISTAN

September 11, 2021, will be the twenty-year anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States.

51. All in all, has the United States government's responses to the September 11th attacks made the country more safe or less safe?

Response category	n=500
More safe	28%
Neither more nor less safe	46%
Less safe	16%
Don't know	9%

52. Looking back, do you now think that the United States made the right decision or the wrong decision in using military force in Afghanistan?

Response category	n=500
Right decision	36%
Wrong decision	39%
Don't know	25%

53. Do you think that the United States mostly succeeded or mostly failed in achieving its goals in Afghanistan?

Response category	n=500
Mostly succeeded	20%
Mostly failed	58%
Don't know	22%

54. Do you approve or disapprove of the United States removing its troops from Afghanistan?

Response category	n=500
Strongly approve	31%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	12%
Don't know	14%

GENERAL DEMOCRACY QUESTIONS

The following are statements that people sometimes make about America. Indicate if you agree or disagree. **(Randomize)**

Response category	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
55. I am proud to be an American.					
2021, n=500	44%	30%	13%	7%	7%
56. America is the envy of the world.					
2021, n=500	14%	24%	30%	19%	13%
2016, n=630	14%	31%	31%	21%	3%
57. The world would be a better place if more countries shared American values.					
2021, n=500	21%	31%	20%	12%	16%
2016, n=630	19%	29%	26%	18%	8%
58. The world is safer when America leads.					
2021, n=500	26%	27%	21%	11%	16%
59. When you work hard and play by the rules you can get ahead in America.					
2021, n=500	21%	32%	20%	19%	8%
2016, n=630	15%	40%	27%	16%	1%
60. I don't recognize my country anymore.					
2021, n=500	23%	35%	18%	13%	10%
2016, n=630	20%	33%	21%	24%	2%
61. People like me are no longer valued in America.					
2021, n=500	24%	29%	19%	15%	13%
2016, n=630	22%	30%	21%	22%	6%
62. America's best days are behind us.					
2021, n=500	17%	32%	22%	16%	13%
2016, n=630	16%	24%	27%	27%	6%

The following are some more statements that people sometimes make about America. Indicate if you agree or disagree. **(Randomize)**

Response category	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
63. Because things have gotten so off track in America, we need a leader who is willing to break some rules if that's what it takes to set things right.					
2021, n=500	20%	25%	18%	25%	13%
2016, n=630	11%	15%	23%	47%	3%
64. Elected officials would help the country more if they would stop talking and just take action.					
2021, n=500	32%	40%	13%	4%	11%
2016, n=630	34%	39%	16%	7%	5%
65. If elected leaders will not protect America, the people must do it themselves even if that requires taking violent actions.					
2021, n=500	15%	19%	19%	34%	12%
66. Ordinary citizens are able to influence the American government if they are willing to make the effort.					
2021, n=500	17%	38%	17%	18%	9%

Response category	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
67. The views of ordinary people are respected by America's political leaders.					
2021, n=500	8%	15%	30%	37%	10%
68. Government policies generally reflect the views of most Americans.					
2021, n=500	7%	18%	34%	28%	12%