

New Mexico Latino Parent/Family Survey (2020)

MAIN SURVEY

Specifically thinking about the coronavirus or COVID-19 pandemic, what are the most important issues facing your community that you think government should address? [MAY SELECT TWO; RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

Increase access to coronavirus tests	19%
Help with wages and income	31%
Increase access to healthcare in general.....	17%
Help with child care or online education	20%
Need access to protective gear, masks, gloves	24%
Need better access to Internet/technology	9%
More honest and factual information about COVID-19	24%
Improved access to food, medicine and basic resources.....	24%
Other	5%

Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way your children's school has handled the transition to distance learning as a result of the coronavirus pandemic? [Follow up]: Is that strongly or somewhat approve/disapprove?

Strongly approve	44%
Somewhat approve	36%
Somewhat disapprove	14%
Strongly disapprove	5%
Total approve	81%
Total disapprove.....	19%

Specifically thinking about your children's education, what are the most important issues you think government should address? [MAY SELECT TWO; RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

Access to daycare and early learning.....	20%
Access to quality childcare while school is out	21%
Help with online education	48%
Need better access to Internet/technology	29%
More information about how school will operate.....	36%
Other	5%

How concerned are you, personally, that: Your children are spending too much time away from school, or not learning enough from online schooling and will fall behind?

Very concerned	52%
Somewhat concerned	29%
Not too concerned.....	9%
Not at all concerned	10%

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[If Q4=1,2] In which of the following subjects do you feel your child is falling behind in?
 [Check all that apply] [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

Math	64%
Reading	42%
Writing	46%
Science	48%
History.....	43%
Physical Education/Exercise.....	43%
Foreign Language /Spanish.....	37%
Arts and Culture.....	34%
Special education/specialized needs	34%
Other	2%

[If Q4=1,2] In which of the following subjects do you have the most difficulty assisting your child while helping them with their assignments at home? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

Math	57%
Reading	25%
Writing	32%
Science	37%
History	33%
Physical Education/Exercise.....	21%
Foreign Language /Spanish	29%
Arts and Culture	29%
Special education/specialized needs	30%
Other [Record Verbatim]	4%

How can schools and teachers best help your kids to catch-up or not fall behind? [Check all that apply]
 [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

One-on-one tutoring available for my child.....	75%
More in-person time with my child’s teachers even if on-line or on the phone	75%
More communication from the school on the daily and weekly assignments and how my child is doing meeting expectations.....	82%
Other	5%

Please indicate whether any of the circumstances apply to you or someone in your household because of the recent coronavirus outbreak: Had to home school children due to school closures.

Yes	73%
No	27%

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[Asked of respondents who reported home schooling] Is your job (or someone in the household's employer) or the children's school helping to pay for any of the following expenses while you (or someone in your household) are home schooling your children?

WiFi, internet, data use, or other bills for online/internet access from your home

No, neither job nor school are helping pay	78%
Yes, job/work is helping pay this expense.....	8%
Yes, school is helping pay this expense.....	11%
Yes, Both job and school helping pay this expense.....	2%

Cell phone or landline telephone monthly bill

No, neither job nor school are helping pay	83%
Yes, job/work is helping pay this expense.....	6%
Yes, school is helping pay this expense.....	7%
Yes, Both job and school helping pay this expense.....	4%

Childcare or a babysitter to help watch my children

No, neither job nor school are helping pay	86%
Yes, job/work is helping pay this expense.....	7%
Yes, school is helping pay this expense.....	4%
Yes, Both job and school helping pay this expense.....	2%

Laptop, tablet, cell phone, or printer equipment to do required job tasks or schoolwork.

No, neither job nor school are helping pay	71%
Yes, job/work is helping pay this expense.....	8%
Yes, school is helping pay this expense.....	13%
Yes, Both job and school helping pay this expense.....	7%

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[Asked of respondents who reported home schooling] When it comes to dealing with working from home and/or kids schooling from home, which of the following are true for you? [RANDOMIZE]

Several people in my household are working and/or going to school online and we don't have enough computers, laptops or tablets for everyone	50%
My internet and/or cell phone bill is much higher now because people in my home are working and/or going to school online	44%
Online school or work has been difficult because of technical problems, such as websites or programs not working.....	61%
Online school has made it hard to communicate with teachers, learning is more difficult now.....	74%
It is difficult to help my kids with online schooling sometimes because I am not as familiar with the class subjects and assignments.....	68%

Would any of the following help address the challenges you are having providing your child with home schooling if your children's school has to consider moving back to distance learning next academic year? [Check all that apply] [RANDOMIZE]

Technical support with learning websites, programs, apps	71%
More virtual instruction directly from my children's teachers	74%
Tutoring or extra help for my child.....	71%
More direction on creating at-home learning schedules for kids and lesson plans to go with on-line learning	74%
More orientation on using face-to-face applications (Zoom, Google Hangout etc).....	68%
More hands-on learning projects we can do at home (science experiments, book reports, essays etc.).....	75%
More printed materials/assignments that do not require the computer or internet	72%

Our states education leaders are working hard to come up with strategies to improve our children's learning environments that are safe and will help reduce the spread of the virus. Do you support each of the following strategies that may be considered in the fall? [RANDOMIZE]

Extending the school year to help kids catch up

Strongly support	36%
Somewhat support.....	32%
Somewhat oppose	15%
Strongly oppose.....	17%
Total support	69%
Total oppose	31%

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Longer school days to help kids make up some ground lost during home schooling

Strongly support	34%
Somewhat support.....	29%
Somewhat oppose	18%
Strongly oppose.....	19%
Total support	63%
Total oppose	37%

Staggering school days for different classes of students to reduce class sizes

Strongly support	48%
Somewhat support.....	35%
Somewhat oppose	9%
Strongly oppose.....	9%
Total support	83%
Total oppose	17%

Having the classrooms extensively cleaned every day and requiring teachers and students to wear masks to prevent the spread of the virus

Strongly support	64%
Somewhat support.....	24%
Somewhat oppose	7%
Strongly oppose.....	6%
Total support	87%
Total oppose	13%

A mix of school attendance and distance learning

Strongly support	48%
Somewhat support.....	33%
Somewhat oppose	10%
Strongly oppose.....	9%
Total support	81%
Total oppose	19%

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Continue with distance learning only

Strongly support	36%
Somewhat support.....	27%
Somewhat oppose	20%
Strongly oppose.....	17%
Total support	63%
Total oppose	37%

Are you considering any of the following as a result of concern that you or any of your children could get sick? [RANDOMIZE]

Not sending my child/children to a summer program, camp or childcare that I would ordinarily sign them up for	51%
Not sending my child back to school or to childcare in the fall	35%
Looking for home-based childcare or home-schooling options so my child is in a smaller home environment	40%
Having the classrooms extensively cleaned every day and requiring teachers and students to wear masks to prevent the spread of the virus	71%
Moving my child to a school that has better on-line learning options.....	35%

How concerned are you that your children’s school may either have to start in the fall with home schooling or go to that model at some point during the academic year?

Very concerned.....	40%
Somewhat concerned.....	36%
Not too concerned.....	15%
Not at all concerned.....	8%
Refuse	1%

Although it is not clear how schools will adjust to reduce the potential of spreading the virus, we would like to get a sense of whether you plan to do any of the following when school opens back up? [Mark all that apply] [RANDOMIZE]

Will not participate with in-person parent meetings, groups, convenings.....	45%
Will participate less in-person parent meetings, groups, convenings.....	50%
Will look for virtual participation in parent meetings, groups, convenings	66%
Will visit my child’s school less when school returns.....	49%
Will continue to participate as usual at my child’s school.....	59%

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Which of the following is true for you? [RANDOMIZE]

In my home, I do not have regular access to the Internet	21%
In my home, the ONLY internet and online access I have is on my cell phone	28%
In my home, I have internet / wifi access through an internet service provider	77%
In my home, I have internet access through a cell phone hotspot	52%

The movement to home schooling has been heavily dependent on using technology to educate our children. Would any of the following help you keep your children continue learning if we see schools having to return to distance learning in the fall? [Check all that apply] [RANDOMIZE]

A computer provided by the school/I do not have one at home	62%
A better printer and/or printer cartridges	67%
Better/newer devices	70%
Updated software to be up to date with what my children’s school is using	75%
Technical support to troubleshoot technological problems as they arise	76%
Tutorials on how to use the computer and different programs	74%
Better internet access/I do not have reliable internet access	61%
More television learning instruction	60%
More radio learning instruction	48%

Please indicate whether any of the circumstances apply to you or someone in your household because of the recent coronavirus outbreak: Lost your employer - provided health insurance or other benefits?

Yes	23%
No	76%
DK	1%

[If Q31=1] Did children in your home lose their health insurance as well?

Yes	26%
No	73%
DK	1%

[Among those who have lost health insurance] Do you plan to pursue any of the following to address your children’s ability to access health care?

Apply for Medicaid/CHIP	59%
Look into purchasing private insurance	84%
Seek employment that offers health insurance	65%

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For each of the following, please indicate whether any of the circumstances apply to you or someone in your household because of the recent coronavirus outbreak:

Continues to go to work outside of the house.....	49%
Lost their job	20%
The business I own has been shut down or seen a drop-in revenue	20%
Had work hours cut, or pay cut, but kept their job	48%
Had trouble making rent or mortgage payment	33%
Have lost a significant amount of retirement savings.....	29%

[Asked of those who are working outside of the home] What type of job do you have that has required you to continue working outside of the home? [Allow up to 2 responses – Open ended code to list]

Healthcare including caregiving, social worker, or working in a lab..	31%
First responder (fire department, police, or other emergency service)	20%
Food and agriculture production	11%
Restaurant/Grocery store	17%
Educator/Teacher.....	5%
Government sector.....	10%
Retail/work in a store that has remained open.....	14%
Transit/Transportation	5%
Other	12%

Have you done any of the following to manage your financial situation during the pandemic?

Borrowed money from friends or family	24%
Applied for a loan from a bank or credit union	15%
Borrowed money from a pay-day or easy loan company with a high interest rate	18%
Used up all or most of my savings to help pay for our family's expenses	38%
Skipped a monthly car, rent, or mortgage payment	24%
Postponed or cut back on health-related expenses.....	24%
Postpone or quit education/career related expenses.....	19%
Moved or changed my housing situation	14%
Other	3%

[Asked of respondents who were laid off/furloughed] Did you or your family member receive unemployment benefits?

Yes.....	33%
No	67%

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[If above is no] Why did you not receive unemployment benefits? [Check all that apply]
[RANDOMIZE]

Ineligible for unemployment	36%
Did not know how to apply for benefits/was too confusing to figure out.....	11%
Did not know about unemployment benefits.....	17%
I applied but was denied unemployment benefits by the state agency.....	11%
I tried to apply but could not get through to the state agency to submit my application	13%
Decided not to apply for personal reasons	27%

[Asked of respondents who received benefits] Did you have trouble applying for the small business/self-employed federal loan program?

Yes	33%
No	67%

[Asked of those facing housing challenges] Would any of the following help you stabilize your housing situation?

Financial assistance to support rent or mortgage payments.....	75%
Lower monthly payments	79%
No help needed	36%
Other support	5%

[Asked of those working outside of the home] Does your employer provide you with protective equipment, such as gloves, masks, and/or sanitizer?

Yes	82%
No	18%

[Asked of those working outside of the home] Which statement do you agree with most in reference to yourself, or the person in your household who is working outside the home right now?

I feel safe performing my job right now. My job has the necessary procedures and equipment (such as providing frequent breaks for hand washing, masks, face shields or gloves) to protect me and lower my risk of contracting COVID19/coronavirus..... 88%

I do not feel safe performing my job right now because my job does not have the necessary procedures or equipment to protect me from getting COVID19/coronavirus. My work places me at high risk of getting sick..... 12%

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[Asked of those working outside of the home] Would any of the following make you feel safer while working outside of the home? [Check all that apply]

Having access to free COVID-19 testing.....	80%
Having job safety training provided by my employer	76%
Having access to “PPE” such as masks, gloves and sanitizer.....	85%
Being given access to multiple breaks during the day to wash my hands	87%
If I were allowed to keep a safe distance from my co-workers/customers	78%
If customers and all co-workers were obligated to wear masks	84%
Other suggestion [record verbatim]	1%

How concerned are you, personally, that:

You or someone in household will lose their job

Very concerned.....	40%
Somewhat concerned.....	24%
Not too concerned.....	15%
Not at all concerned.....	20%

You or someone in your household will lose your health insurance

Very concerned.....	39%
Somewhat concerned.....	26%
Not too concerned.....	17%
Not at all concerned.....	18%

You will not be able to keep up with basic expenses like rent/mortgage, utilities, or food due to layoffs or pay cuts due to the coronavirus outbreak

Very concerned.....	38%
Somewhat concerned.....	29%
Not too concerned.....	16%
Not at all concerned.....	17%

You, or someone in your family will not be able keep up with student loan payments

Very concerned.....	32%
Somewhat concerned.....	24%
Not too concerned.....	17%
Not at all concerned.....	27%

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About a month ago, Congress passed a \$2.2 trillion bill called the CARES Act to address the health and economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic. One part of the bill created a one-time cash payment to Americans who filed a tax return and have a household income of less than \$75,000 for individuals, or \$150,000 for couples. Those who are single received \$1,200, couples get \$2,400. Parents received an additional \$500 for each child age 17 or under. The bill also included extended unemployment benefits to workers who have been laid off or had their hours reduced by adding \$600 state unemployment benefits.

Do you know if you, or someone in your household has received a payment from the federal government?

Yes, received a \$1,200 payment for a single person	40%
Yes, received a \$2,400 payment for 2-person household.....	31%
No did not receive payment.....	30%

Did you receive any additional payment for any kids in your household?

\$500 for each child	48%
\$Less than \$500 for each child.....	4%
\$No payments for any of my children.....	40%
Don't know	9%

Federal, state, and local governments are all considering approaches to provide relief funds for members of our community in need of support. For each of the following items, please indicate if you think this is something these relief programs should include, or not include: **[SPLIT SAMPLE EVERY OTHER]**

Allow undocumented immigrants who currently pay federal income taxes to be eligible for stimulus checks	71%
Allow all children who are U.S. citizens to be eligible for stimulus checks, regardless of their parents' immigration status.....	72%
Create a new fund for small business and self-employment loans, just for people who missed out on the first round.....	77%
Funding for more coronavirus testing for all	82%
Funding for coronavirus treatment for all.....	79%
Funding for states to provide vote-by-mail or absentee voting for people who do not want to vote in-person.....	74%
Funding for state and local governments that are running out of money due to the crisis, so that they can continue to provide essential services and will not cut jobs.....	80%
Ensure paid sick leave for all workers – so that those who are sick or have sick family members can take time off without losing pay	80%

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Expand unemployment insurance so that people who are still out of work because of coronavirus will continue to receive unemployment benefits79%

COVID-19 has been hard for all of us, particularly our children who may be feeling added stress and anxiety right now. What additional support do you need for your children? [Check all that apply]

Emotional support counseling.....62%
More information on how to safely provide social interaction with their peers and friends...74%
More interaction with their teachers77%

How much money do you currently have in a savings account or for emergencies?

Less than \$10024%
Between \$100 and \$500.....12%
Between \$500 and \$1000.....13%
Between \$1000 and \$3000.....13%
Between \$3000 and \$5000.....8%
Between \$5000 and \$10,000.....6%
More than \$10,000.....6%
Refused18%

Many parents we have spoken to have indicated that they have also felt added stress and anxiety transitioning to social distancing and work and school from home. What additional support do you need as a parent or primary caregiver? [Check all that apply]

Career Counseling.....53%
Education Counseling61%
Emotional support Counseling.....58%
More social interaction with your friends or other parents.....66%
More personal time (i.e. meditation, exercise, etc).....69%

Which of the following communication approaches would you prefer to have teachers and your child's school use to communicate with you when school opens back up in the fall? [Check all that apply]

[RANDOMIZE]

Email messages from the school or teacher76%
Cell phone texts.....77%
Phone calls made to my home or cell phone number79%
Phone calls made to my work or place of employment46%
Facebook Messenger Messages47%
Placing important information on the school's webpage.....74%
Messaging from apps the school sets up for parents.....69%

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Would you prefer that the information that comes from your children’s teachers and school be provided in English, Spanish, or both?

English	47%
Spanish	8%
Both/Bilingually	45%

Has your school district and/or school provided your family with regular communication about resources available for you and your child including remote learning tools and plans the school may have in place for the summer and fall?

Yes	61%
No	33%
DK	6%

During this pandemic have you received information or follow news from any of the following groups?

United Way	19%
Catholic Charities.....	22%
Head Start.....	24%
Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors.....	21%
PIQE.....	17%
Parents as Teachers	34%
AVANCE.....	17%
Churches or faith-based	30%
My children’s school district	51%
Family and friends	59%

Recently the U.S. Census Bureau sent out postcards to all households asking everyone to fill out the census population count of everyone living in your household. Have you, or someone else in your house already filled out the Census and included your children in the form for the household?

Yes	72%
No	25%
DK	2%

Do you plan to fill out the U.S. Census population count?

Yes	88%
No	11%
DK	2%

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As you may have seen, there have been protests across the country in response to George Floyd being killed by police officers in Minnesota. As far as you know, have your children watched the video footage showing the police officer placing his knee on Mr. Floyd's neck restricting his ability to breath causing his death?

Yes – I watched the video with my children.....46%
 Yes – My child has watched the video on their own21%
 No- As far as I know my child has not seen the video32%
 Don't Know 1%

[If above is yes] Have you used this video as an opportunity to speak with your children about racism and racial bias?

Yes..... 82%
 No 16%
 DK 1%

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

I am concerned that my child may experience excessive force by law enforcement at some point in their lives.

Strongly agree54%
 Somewhat agree.....22%
 Somewhat disagree 12%
 Strongly disagree10%
Total Agree 77%
Total Disagree 22%

I can understand the pain and frustration that the Black community feels right now with law enforcement, because Latinos face similar experiences with law enforcement.

Strongly agree65%
 Somewhat agree.....24%
 Somewhat disagree4%
 Strongly disagree 6%
 Don't know2%
Total Agree 89%
Total Disagree 2%

Have you or anyone in your household experienced an incident of excessive force by law enforcement?

Yes..... 26%
 No 72%
 DK 2%