

## INTRODUCTION & METHODOLOGY

From March 7-14, 2021, DHM Research conducted a survey of Oregonians to assess values and beliefs about a variety of issues in the direction of the state, impressions of key leaders, legislative policies, and COVID-19, including vaccinations and school re-openings.

The research was completed as a community service by DHM Research as a community service.

**Research Methodology:** The online survey consisted of 600 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 professionally maintained online panels. In gathering responses, a variety of quality control measures were employed, including questionnaire pre-testing, validation, and real time monitoring of responses. To ensure a representative sample, demographic quotas were set, and data weighted by area of the state, gender, age, race, education and political 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. This survey's margin of error is  $\pm 4.0\%$

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**DHM Research  
Oregon Panel Survey**

**Oregonians 18+  
N=600, margin of error ±4.0%**

**March 7-14, 2021**

1. All things considered, would you say that Oregon is headed in the right direction or are things off on the wrong track?

Response category	n=600
Right direction	40%
Wrong track	45%
I'm not sure	15%

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

Response category	n=600	Very positive	Somewhat positive	Somewhat negative	Very negative	Don't know
2. Governor Kate Brown		11%	26%	20%	37%	6%
3. President Joe Biden		28%	25%	12%	28%	7%
4. Les Schwab Tires		36%	41%	9%	3%	11%
5. Oregon Public Broadcasting		31%	39%	10%	5%	15%
6. Public school teachers in your community		31%	39%	12%	5%	12%
7. Unions that represent public school teachers		18%	33%	15%	17%	18%

8. *Question withheld for future release*  
 9. *Question withheld for future release*  
 10. *Question withheld for future release*

## LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The Oregon Legislature is now in session and it will be meeting for the next several months to set priorities for the state and approve a budget.

11. What is the most important issue that you would like the Oregon Legislature to address this session? **(Open)**

Response category	n=600
Homelessness/poverty	17%
Environment/climate change	13%
COVID-19/vaccinations	12%
Economy/re-opening	9%
Education/schools/sending kids back	9%
Taxes/budget	8%
Jobs/unemployment	6%
Government leadership	5%
Healthcare	4%
Affordable housing	4%
Crime/public safety	3%
Riots/protests	3%
Drug abuse	3%
Police reform	2%
Social justice/upholding the Constitution	2%
Senior issues	2%
All other responses	1% or less
Don't know	6%

12. Which of the following statements is closest to how you feel about taxes and spending on public services in Oregon? **(Rotate: a, b, c; c, b, a)**

Response category	n=600
a. Oregon spends too much on public services and taxes should be reduced	34%
b. Oregon spends about the right amount on public services and taxes should remain the same	40%
c. Oregon doesn't spend enough on public services and taxes should be increased	12%
d. Don't know	14%

The following are some policies that are being considered by the Oregon Legislature. Indicate if you support or oppose each. **(Randomize)**

Response category	n=600	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
13. Eliminate mandatory minimum prison sentences for non-violent crimes		29%	31%	11%	18%	11%
14. Allow school districts, state and local governments, and other public entities to prohibit firearms in their buildings		37%	22%	16%	15%	9%
15. Allow persons convicted of felonies to register and vote in elections while in prison		18%	18%	16%	37%	10%

<b>Response category</b> n=600	<b>Strongly support</b>	<b>Somewhat support</b>	<b>Somewhat oppose</b>	<b>Strongly oppose</b>	<b>Don't know</b>
16. Prohibit police from using pepper spray except when riots are officially declared	23%	21%	17%	30%	8%
17. Require employers with fewer than 25 employees to provide 12 weeks of protected leave for employees to care for a newborn, treat a serious health condition, or other qualifying family and medical reasons	36%	28%	12%	11%	11%
18. Extend the COVID-19 eviction moratorium to September 1, 2021	34%	26%	11%	18%	10%
19. Create a tax credit for landlords who have lost rent due to tenants' inability to pay during the COVID-19 outbreak	33%	40%	8%	7%	12%
20. Increase the minimum wage to \$17 per hour statewide by July 1, 2022	34%	17%	14%	28%	6%
21. Prohibit the sale of diesel for motor vehicles by 2024 in the Portland metro area and by 2028 statewide	14%	21%	16%	28%	21%
22. Require 100% of the electricity sold to Oregon customers be from clean energy sources by 2035	31%	29%	13%	17%	11%
23. Require the State Highway Fund to increase the minimum spending on pedestrian and biking projects from 1 percent to 5 percent	18%	27%	21%	19%	16%
24. Require producers to share with customers the cost of handling and recycling their products and packaging	18%	35%	13%	11%	23%
25. <i>Question withheld for future release</i>	--	--	--	--	--
26. Increase taxes on beer, cider and wine to fund behavioral health and substance abuse programs	26%	26%	16%	28%	5%

Oregon has five members of the United States House of Representatives. Because of population growth, Oregon is expected to gain an additional seat in 2022, for a total of six members.

The current partisan makeup of Oregon's members of the United States House of Representatives is four Democrats and one Republican.

27. What do you think would be the most reasonable partisan makeup after the new district lines are drawn and elections held? **(Rotate order)**

Response category	n=600
0 Democrats; 6 Republicans	5%
1 Democrat; 5 Republicans	2%
2 Democrats; 4 Republicans	4%
3 Democrats; 3 Republicans	37%
4 Democrats; 2 Republicans	15%
5 Democrats; 1 Republican	12%
6 Democrats; 0 Republicans	7%
Don't know	19%

28. Do make sure your browser is working correctly please answer this question. What is sum of 2+2?

Response category	n=600
2	<b>TERM</b>
4	100%
7	<b>TERM</b>
9	<b>TERM</b>
11	<b>TERM</b>

Turning to a new topic. The next questions are about energy policy in Oregon.

29. *Question withheld for future release*

30. *Question withheld for future release*

Some Oregon state legislators have proposed requiring that all electricity sold to Oregon customers come from clean and renewable energy sources by 2035. If a law like this were enacted, what effect do you think it would have on the following? **(Randomize)**

31. Electricity prices

Response category	n=600
Increase	59%
No effect	14%
Decrease	13%
Don't know	13%

32. **(Split A)** Climate change

Response category	n=300
Increase	13%
No effect	27%
Decrease	46%
Don't know	13%

33. **(Split B)** Carbon emission

Response category	n=300
Increase	12%
No effect	24%
Decrease	47%
Don't know	16%

34. Air quality

Response category	n=600
Increase	57%
No effect	28%
Decrease	3%
Don't know	12%

35. Who should be responsible for paying the cost of handling and recycling products and packaging after use? **(Rotate: a, b, c; c, b, a)**

Response category	n=600
a. Consumers who buy the products should pay the full cost	12%
b. Product brands and manufacturers that make and sell the products should pay the full cost	31%
c. Product brands and manufacturers and consumers should share the cost	43%
d. Don't know	14%

**COVID-19**

The last set of questions is about COVID-19.

36. How worried are you about the spread of COVID-19 in our community?

Response category	n=600
Very worried	24%
Somewhat worried	36%
Not too worried	20%
Not at all worried	17%
Don't know	3%

Indicate if you approve or disapprove of the way the following people and organizations are responding to the COVID-19 outbreak. **(Randomize)**

Response category n=600	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Don't know
37. Governor Kate Brown	15%	27%	17%	35%	6%
38. President Joe Biden	31%	24%	10%	26%	8%
39. Oregon Health Authority	21%	37%	15%	15%	12%
40. Your local elected officials	12%	37%	17%	17%	16%
41. Your local school district	16%	36%	17%	14%	17%

42. Are you satisfied or dissatisfied of the job Oregon has done so far with COVID-19 vaccine distribution?

Response category	n=600
Very satisfied	11%
Somewhat satisfied	37%
Somewhat dissatisfied	22%
Very dissatisfied	17%
Don't know	13%

43. For the COVID-19 vaccine, Governor Brown made a decision to prioritize teachers and school employees ahead of seniors. Do you agree or disagree with this decision?

Response category	n=600
Strongly agree	17%
Somewhat agree	29%
Somewhat disagree	22%
Strongly disagree	23%
Don't know	9%

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, Governor Brown ordered that public schools in Oregon return to hybrid or full-time in-person instruction. The requirement goes into effect on March 29 for elementary schools and April 19 for middle and high school.

44. Do you agree or disagree with Governor Brown's order to require public elementary schools to offer hybrid or full-time in-person instruction by March 29?

Response category	n=600
Strongly agree	26%
Somewhat agree	39%
Somewhat disagree	13%
Strongly disagree	13%
Don't know	9%

45. Do you agree or disagree with Governor Brown's order to require public elementary schools to offer hybrid or full-time in-person instruction by April 19?

Response category	n=600
Strongly agree	24%
Somewhat agree	37%
Somewhat disagree	14%
Strongly disagree	14%
Don't know	11%

46. Who do think should have the final say about when and how public schools in your community return to in-person learning?

Response category	n=600
The locally elected school district board	67%
The governor of Oregon	16%
Don't know	17%

To make up for lost instruction time due to COVID-19, some have suggested that rather than taking the summer break this year that schools provide instruction to students who have fallen behind. This would require teachers to work during summer months and outside their contracted time.

With this in mind, would you support or oppose the following. **(Randomize)**

Response category	n=600	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Don't know
47. Require some teachers to work through the summer with additional pay		23%	34%	18%	14%	10%
48. Allow teachers to work through the summer with additional pay. Students would be invited to continue with summer instruction only if there are available teachers		35%	36%	10%	10%	9%

49. Finally, what is the one thing that you are most looking forward to once COVID-19 outbreak is behind us? **(Open)**

Response category	n=600
Stop wearing masks	19%
Travel	16%
Visit/spend time with family	13%
Visit/spend time with friends	10%
Getting back to normal	9%
Eat and drink out	9%
Attend events (clubs, shows, sports)	7%
Able to go out anywhere	5%
Getting economy/jobs back	4%
Live without fear	4%
Going to movie	3%
Seeing face to face in person/smiles	3%
All other responses	2% or less
Don't know	1%

## DEMOGRAPHICS

50. In what year were you born?

Response category	n=600
18-29	18%
30-44	26%
45-64	31%
65+	25%

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

Response category	n=600
Male	49%
Female	50%
Non-binary or gender non-conforming	1%
Trans	n=3
Other	n=2



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

Response category	n=600
African	1%
Asian or Pacific Islander	4%
Black or African American	2%
Hispanic or Latino	5%
Middle Eastern or North African	n=1
Native American or American Indian	5%
Slavic	1%
White or Caucasian	89%
Other	1%

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

Response category	n=600
Less than high school diploma	5%
High school diploma	29%
2-year degree/some college/trade	36%
4-year degree	20%
Graduate degree	10%

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

Response category	n=600
Less than \$25,000	26%
\$25,00– \$49,999	28%
\$50,000–\$74,999	16%
\$75,000–\$99,999	15%
\$100,000–\$149,999	10%
\$150,000 or more	5%

55. In what county do you live?

Response category	n=600
Portland metro	43%
Willamette Valley	26%
Rest of state	31%

56. What is your party registration?

Response category	n=600
Democrat	35%
Republican	25%
NAV/other party	33%
Not registered to vote	7%

57. Do you have any school age children living at home?

Response category	n=600
Yes	20%
No	80%