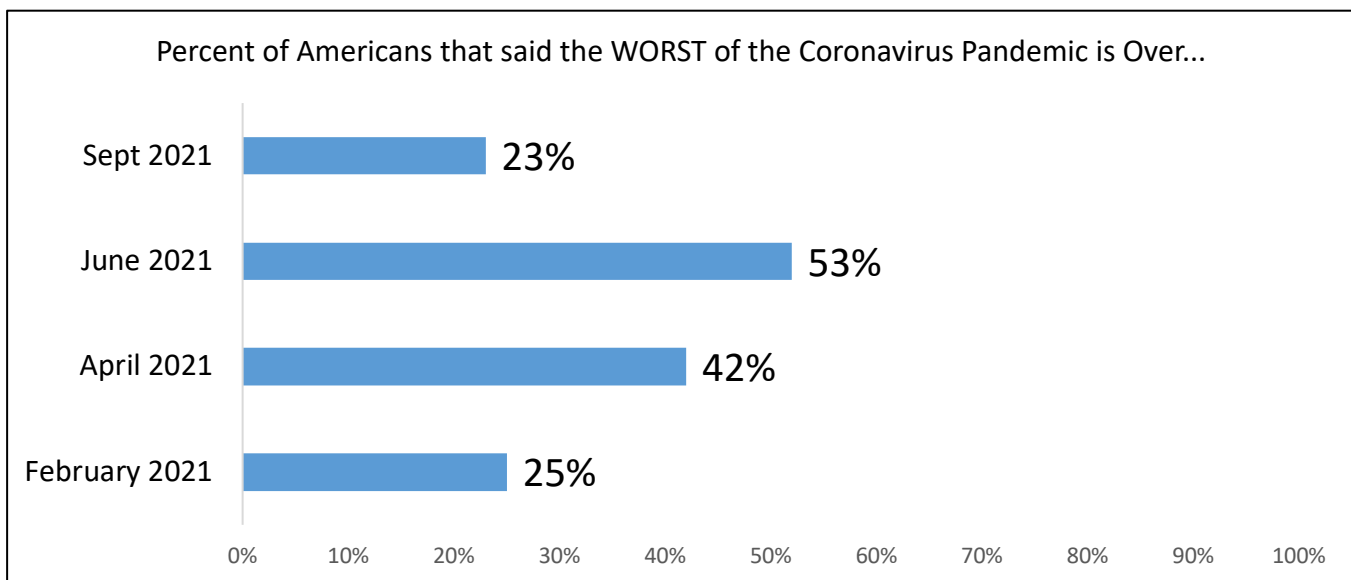

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Americans Less Confident the Worst of the Pandemic is Over Entering Fall 2021: Long Island University Hornstein Center National Poll

BROOKVILLE, NY, September 7, 2021 – Results of a newly released Long Island University Steven S. Hornstein Center for Policy, Polling and Analysis national poll reveal that Americans’ confidence that the worst of the coronavirus pandemic is over has decreased to 23% entering the fall of 2021 as compared to entering summer 2021 (53%) as the highly contagious Delta variant surges.

23% OF AMERICANS SAID THE WORST OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC IS OVER (DOWN FROM 52% IN JUNE 2021 AND 25% IN FEBRUARY 2021)



SOURCE: LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY HORNSTEIN CENTER POLL (SEPTEMBER 2021)

Respondents were asked if they believe the worst of the pandemic is over. Overall, 23% of respondents said yes, which tracks significantly lower than 53% in [June 2021](#) and 25% in [February 2021](#) through national polls conducted by the Long Island University Steven S. Hornstein Center for Policy, Polling and Analysis. Respondents age 18-29 believe the worst is over at a higher rate (27%) than respondents age 60 and older (18%). Males believe the worst is over at a higher rate (30%) than females (17%). Respondents with the highest confidence level that the worst of the coronavirus pandemic is over are Republicans (36%), followed by Independents (23%) and Democrats (15%).

72% OF AMERICANS RECOMMEND ADOLESCENTS AGES 12 TO 18 GET VACCINATED

Americans were asked if they would recommend adolescents ages 12 to 18 get vaccinated with an FDA approved vaccine. 72% of respondents said yes. 90% of Democrats said yes. 66% of Independents/Other said yes. 53% of Republicans said yes.

74% OF AMERICANS SUPPORT WEARING MASKS IN SCHOOLS TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS

Respondents were asked if they support wearing masks in schools to reduce the spread of the coronavirus. 74% of respondents said yes. 92% of Democrats said yes. 71% of Independents/Other said yes. 50% of Republicans said yes.

75% OF AMERICANS SUPPORT WEARING MASKS IN PUBLIC AREAS TO REDUCE THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS

Respondents were asked if they support wearing masks in public areas to reduce the spread of the coronavirus. 75% of respondents said yes. 92% of Democrats said yes. 72% of Independents/Other said yes. 52% of Republicans said yes.

72% OF AMERICANS BELIEVE WEARING MASKS REDUCES THE LIKELIHOOD OF CONTRACTING THE CORONAVIRUS

Respondents were asked if they believe wearing face masks reduces the likelihood of contracting the coronavirus. 72% of Americans said yes. 91% of Democrats said yes. 68% of Independents/Other said yes. 51% of Republicans said yes.

72% OF AMERICANS REMAIN CONCERNED OVER RISK OF FAMILY CONTRACTING THE CORONAVIRUS (UP FROM 57% IN JUNE 2021)

Americans were asked how concerned they are about someone in their family becoming seriously ill from the coronavirus. 72% of respondents said they are somewhat or seriously concerned as compared to 57% in an earlier June 2021 poll. 84% of Democrats, 70% of Independents/Other, and 56% of Republicans said they are somewhat or seriously concerned.

73% OF AMERICANS CONCERNED OVER RISK OF FAMILY CONTRACTING THE DELTA VARIANT

Americans were asked how concerned they are about someone in their family becoming seriously ill from the Delta variant. 73% of respondents said they are somewhat or seriously concerned. 85% of Democrats, 72% of Independents/Other, and 56% of Republicans said they are somewhat or seriously concerned.

62% OF AMERICANS CONCERNED OVER RISK OF VACCINATED FAMILY MEMBERS CONTRACTING A BREAKTHROUGH INFECTION

Americans were asked how concerned they are about someone in their family that has been vaccinated becoming seriously ill from a “breakthrough” infection. 62% of respondents said they are somewhat or seriously concerned. 71% of Democrats, 60% of Independents/Other, and 51% of Republicans said they are somewhat or seriously concerned.

57% OF AMERICANS FEEL SAFE DINING OUT IN RESTAURANTS (ROUGHLY SAME AS 58% IN APRIL 2021)

Respondents were asked if they feel safe dining out in restaurants if they are vaccinated. 57% of Americans said yes, which held roughly steady from a previous poll in [April 2021](#) (58%). 56% of Democrats said yes, 54% of Independents/Other said yes, and 64% of Republicans said yes.

51% OF AMERICANS FEEL SAFE USING AIR TRAVEL (ROUGHLY SAME AS 50% IN APRIL 2021)

Respondents were asked if they feel safe using air travel if they are vaccinated. 51% of Americans said yes, which held roughly steady from a previous poll in [April 2021](#) (50%). 48% of Democrats said yes, 50% of Independents/Other said yes, and 59% of Republicans said yes.

32% OF AMERICANS FEEL SAFE ATTENDING FULL-CAPACITY STADIUM EVENTS (ROUGHLY SAME AS 33% IN APRIL 2021)

Respondents were asked if they feel safe attending full-capacity stadium events if they are vaccinated. 32% of Americans said yes, which held roughly steady from a previous poll in [April 2021](#) (33%). 26% of Democrats said yes, 30% of Independents/Other said yes, and 46% of Republicans said yes.

CDC REPORTS HOSPITALIZATIONS AMONG UNVACCINATED ADOLESCENTS TEN TIMES HIGHER THAN VACCINATED

On Friday, September 3, 2021, the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) announced a new study](#) that indicated a rise in child and adolescent hospitalizations related to the coronavirus and highly contagious Delta variant during the Summer of 2021. The study showed that hospitalization rates of adolescents age 12–17 years were 10 times higher in the unvaccinated compared with those that were fully vaccinated. The CDC recommends that everyone age 2 and older wear masks in public spaces, schools, and childcare centers. The CDC also recommends that everyone age 12 and older to get vaccinated to prevent the spread of coronavirus and the Delta variant, which is reportedly more than twice as contagious as previous variants. The CDC acknowledged that while COVID-19 vaccines are effective at

preventing most infections, they are not 100% effective and breakthrough infections monitored by a CDC hospitalization rate tracking system.

62% OF AMERICANS ARE FULLY VACCINATED AGE 12 AND OVER

64% OF AMERICANS ARE FULLY VACCINATED AGE 18 AND OVER

82% OF AMERICANS ARE FULLY VACCINATED AGE 65 AND OVER

According to [CDC data](#), 62% of Americans age 12 and over are fully vaccinated as of September 4, 2021. 64% of Americans age 18 and over are fully vaccinated (up from 55% in June 2021). Americans over age 65 are fully vaccinated at a significantly higher rate (82% in September 2021; up from 77% in June 2021), indicating a promising way forward for the most at-risk population.

STATE VACCINATION PLANS AND CDC AUTHORIZED VACCINES

Each [state health department](#) has a tailored plan for vaccination rollout in the United States. Currently, the three vaccines that are authorized and recommended to prevent COVID-19 by the CDC are [Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine](#), [Moderna COVID-19 vaccine](#) and [Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine](#).

METHODOLOGY

This Long Island University Steven S. Hornstein Center for Policy, Polling, and Analysis online poll was conducted through SurveyMonkey from September 2 – 3, 2021 among a national sample of 1,611 adults age 18 and up. Respondents for this survey were selected from over 2.5 million people who take surveys on the SurveyMonkey platform each day. Data for this week have been weighted for age and gender using the Census Bureau's American Community Survey to reflect the demographic composition of the United States. The modeled error estimate for this survey is plus or minus 2.5 percentage points.

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NATIONAL POLL: WHERE AMERICANS STAND ON THE CORONAVIRUS AS SCHOOLS AND BUSINESSES REOPEN

September 2-3, 2021

1,611 RESPONDENTS

MODELED ERROR ESTIMATE +/- 2.5%

Have you received a coronavirus vaccination?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION					PARTY IDENTIFICATION		
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	North east	Mid west	South	Mount ain	Pacific	Rep ublic an	Dem ocrat	Indepe ndent/ Other
Yes	82%	83%	80%	80%	78%	80%	89%	78%	82%	88%	85%	89%	84%	81%	80%	81%	85%	68%	93%	79%
No	18%	17%	20%	20%	22%	20%	11%	22%	18%	12%	15%	11%	16%	19%	20%	19%	15%	32%	7%	21%

Do you believe the worst of the coronavirus pandemic is over?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION					PARTY IDENTIFICATION		
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	North east	Mid west	South	Mount ain	Pacific	Rep ublic an	Dem ocrat	Indepe ndent/ Other
Yes	23%	30%	17%	27%	23%	24%	18%	17%	26%	29%	31%	32%	26%	28%	19%	24%	20%	36%	15%	23%
No	49%	42%	56%	43%	46%	49%	59%	55%	47%	44%	41%	45%	49%	41%	55%	47%	53%	38%	59%	47%
Unsure/No answer	28%	28%	27%	29%	31%	27%	23%	28%	27%	27%	29%	23%	25%	30%	26%	29%	28%	27%	25%	30%

How concerned are you about someone in your family becoming seriously ill from the coronavirus?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION					PARTY IDENTIFICATION		
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	North east	Mid west	South	Mount ain	Pacific	Rep ublic an	Dem ocrat	Indepe ndent/ Other
Very concerned	36%	30%	41%	31%	36%	38%	37%	40%	34%	34%	25%	29%	39%	31%	38%	30%	36%	26%	42%	35%
Somewhat concerned	36%	37%	35%	36%	38%	33%	37%	33%	38%	39%	39%	38%	34%	37%	36%	36%	38%	30%	42%	35%
Not too concerned	18%	21%	16%	18%	17%	20%	18%	16%	19%	17%	25%	26%	18%	19%	17%	25%	16%	28%	11%	19%
Not at all concerned	7%	10%	5%	10%	6%	7%	6%	7%	7%	8%	10%	8%	8%	9%	6%	7%	8%	13%	3%	8%
Already happened	3%	2%	3%	5%	2%	3%	2%	4%	2%	1%	0%	0%	2%	4%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%

How concerned are you about someone in your family becoming seriously ill from the Delta variant?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION					PARTY IDENTIFICATION		
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	North east	Mid west	South	Mount ain	Pacific	Rep ublic an	Dem ocrat	Indepe ndent/ Other
Very concerned	38%	31%	44%	35%	39%	40%	37%	45%	35%	38%	22%	33%	39%	34%	41%	34%	39%	26%	47%	37%
Somewhat concerned	35%	36%	33%	35%	33%	31%	41%	33%	36%	35%	42%	33%	35%	35%	35%	33%	35%	30%	38%	35%
Not too concerned	18%	21%	16%	19%	19%	19%	16%	15%	20%	18%	24%	23%	19%	19%	16%	26%	17%	29%	12%	18%
Not at all concerned	8%	10%	5%	9%	7%	9%	6%	6%	9%	7%	10%	11%	7%	10%	6%	8%	8%	13%	3%	9%
Already happened	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	2%	2%	0%	0%	2%	1%	2%

How concerned are you about someone in your family that has been vaccinated becoming seriously ill from a “breakthrough” virus?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION					PARTY IDENTIFICATION		
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	North east	Mid west	South	Mount ain	Pacific	Rep ublic an	Dem ocrat	Indepe ndent/ Other
Very concerned	27%	23%	31%	28%	25%	34%	20%	36%	22%	21%	17%	18%	30%	22%	27%	26%	32%	23%	30%	26%
Somewhat concerned	35%	32%	38%	31%	38%	30%	41%	32%	35%	37%	41%	41%	38%	35%	36%	27%	33%	28%	41%	34%
Not too concerned	27%	31%	24%	26%	25%	26%	30%	23%	30%	29%	31%	30%	22%	29%	26%	37%	25%	29%	24%	28%
Not at all concerned	10%	14%	7%	14%	10%	9%	7%	8%	10%	11%	10%	11%	10%	13%	9%	9%	9%	17%	5%	11%
Already happened	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%

Do you believe wearing face masks reduces the likelihood of contracting the coronavirus?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION					PARTY IDENTIFICATION		
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	North east	Mid west	South	Mount ain	Pacific	Rep ublic an	Dem ocrat	Indepe ndent/ Other
Yes	72%	71%	74%	72%	73%	68%	78%	73%	71%	77%	71%	73%	78%	67%	70%	66%	79%	51%	91%	68%
No	20%	23%	17%	18%	19%	25%	16%	18%	22%	17%	22%	23%	15%	24%	21%	27%	15%	40%	6%	20%
Unsure/No Answer	8%	7%	9%	9%	8%	8%	6%	9%	7%	7%	7%	5%	7%	9%	9%	7%	6%	9%	3%	12%

Do you support wearing masks in schools to reduce the spread of the coronavirus?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION					PARTY IDENTIFICATION		
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	North east	Mid west	South	Mount ain	Pacific	Rep ublic an	Dem ocrat	Indepe ndent/ Other
Yes	74%	71%	76%	71%	77%	70%	77%	75%	72%	77%	69%	73%	79%	68%	74%	67%	80%	50%	92%	71%
No	18%	22%	15%	21%	15%	22%	16%	17%	21%	17%	20%	18%	15%	23%	18%	25%	14%	39%	5%	19%
Unsure/No Answer	8%	7%	9%	8%	7%	9%	7%	9%	7%	6%	10%	9%	6%	9%	8%	8%	5%	11%	3%	10%

If a coronavirus vaccine were available right now for children ages 12 to 18 that was FDA approved, would you recommend they be vaccinated?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION					PARTY IDENTIFICATION		
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	North east	Mid west	South	Mount ain	Pacific	Rep ublic an	Dem ocrat	Indepe ndent/ Other
Yes	72%	73%	71%	71%	68%	69%	80%	71%	69%	78%	75%	79%	76%	69%	70%	72%	77%	53%	90%	66%
No	17%	18%	16%	17%	20%	20%	11%	16%	20%	13%	17%	14%	14%	20%	18%	18%	13%	34%	4%	19%
Unsure/No answer	11%	8%	13%	13%	12%	11%	9%	13%	11%	9%	8%	8%	10%	11%	12%	10%	10%	12%	6%	15%

Do you support wearing masks in public areas to reduce the spread of the coronavirus?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION					PARTY IDENTIFICATION		
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	North east	Mid west	South	Mount ain	Pacific	Rep ublic an	Dem ocrat	Indepe ndent/ Other
Yes	75%	70%	79%	74%	76%	72%	77%	77%	71%	77%	71%	82%	80%	70%	74%	70%	80%	52%	92%	72%
No	18%	22%	15%	16%	17%	23%	16%	15%	22%	18%	15%	15%	14%	23%	17%	25%	15%	39%	4%	18%
Unsure/No Answer	7%	8%	6%	9%	7%	6%	7%	8%	7%	5%	14%	3%	6%	8%	9%	5%	5%	9%	3%	9%

If you are vaccinated, would you feel safe dining out in restaurants?

	GENDER			AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION					PARTY IDENTIFICATION		
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	North east	Mid west	South	Mount ain	Pacific	Rep ublic an	Dem ocrat	Indepe ndent/ Other
Yes	57%	62%	53%	60%	56%	55%	58%	52%	61%	65%	58%	65%	58%	59%	59%	57%	52%	64%	56%	54%
No	22%	21%	23%	18%	24%	22%	21%	25%	19%	17%	24%	18%	22%	19%	20%	20%	28%	15%	24%	23%
Unsure/No answer	21%	18%	24%	21%	19%	23%	21%	23%	20%	18%	19%	17%	20%	23%	21%	23%	20%	21%	20%	22%

If you are vaccinated, would you feel safe attending a full-capacity stadium event?

	GENDER		AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION					PARTY IDENTIFICATION			
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	North east	Mid west	South	Mount ain	Pacific	Rep ublic an	Dem ocrat	Indepe ndent/ Other
Yes	32%	38%	26%	37%	31%	35%	24%	31%	34%	34%	31%	39%	30%	37%	33%	34%	25%	46%	26%	30%
No	51%	45%	56%	40%	52%	48%	62%	51%	47%	50%	44%	52%	55%	41%	50%	47%	61%	34%	60%	51%
Unsure/No answer	17%	17%	18%	23%	17%	17%	14%	18%	19%	15%	25%	9%	15%	22%	17%	19%	14%	20%	14%	19%

If you are vaccinated, would you feel safe using air travel?

	GENDER		AGE				HOUSEHOLD INCOME					REGION					PARTY IDENTIFICATION			
	TOTAL	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-60	60+	\$0-\$49,999	\$50,000-\$99,999	\$100,000-\$149,999	\$150,000-\$199,999	\$200,000+	North east	Mid west	South	Mount ain	Pacific	Rep ublic an	Dem ocrat	Indepe ndent/ Other
Yes	51%	57%	47%	57%	52%	52%	44%	46%	57%	52%	58%	67%	53%	55%	51%	53%	44%	59%	48%	50%
No	29%	24%	33%	23%	27%	29%	35%	34%	23%	26%	29%	21%	29%	23%	29%	26%	35%	21%	31%	30%
Unsure/No answer	20%	19%	21%	20%	20%	19%	21%	20%	20%	22%	14%	12%	18%	22%	19%	21%	20%	19%	20%	20%

Nature of Sample

Age	Percent	Household Income	Percent	Region	Percent	Device Type	Percent
< 18	0%	\$0-\$49,999	34%	Northeast	17%	iOS Phone / Tablet	51%
18-29	22%	\$50,000-\$99,999	33%	Midwest	24%	Android Phone / Tablet	39%
30-44	26%	\$100,000-\$149,999	13%	South	32%	Other Phone / Tablet	0%
45-60	28%	\$150,000-\$174,999	4%	Mountain	8%	Windows Desktop / Laptop	6%
> 60	24%	\$200,000+	4%	Pacific	19%	MacOS Desktop / Laptop	3%
		Prefer not to answer	12%			Other	1%

Gender	Percent	Party Identification	Percent
Male	48%	Republican	23%
Female	52%	Democrat	36%
		Independent/Other	41%