

Topline

KFF Women's Health Survey 2020:

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Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) 2020 Women’s Health Survey

METHODOLOGY AND TOPLINE

The 2020 KFF Women’s Health Survey was designed and analyzed by researchers at the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF) of a representative sample of 4,805 adults, ages 18-64 years old (3,661 women and 1,144 men). The survey was conducted online and telephone using AmeriSpeak®, the probability-based panel of NORC at the University of Chicago. U.S. households are recruited for participation using address-based sampling methodology and initial invitations for participation are sent by mail, telephone, and in-person interviews. Interviews for this survey were conducted between November 19 and December 17, 2020, among adults living in the United States. KFF paid for all costs associated with the survey.

The sample for this study was stratified by age, race/ethnicity, education, and gender as well as disproportionate stratification aimed at reaching uninsured women, women who identify as LGBT, and women 18-49 years old. The sampling also took into consideration differential survey completion rates by demographic groups so that the set of panel members with a completed interview for a study is a representative sample of the target population. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish online (4,636) and via the telephone (169).

A series of data quality checks were run and cases determined to be poor-quality, as defined by surveys with a length of interview of less than 33% of the mean length of interview and with high levels of question refusal (>50%) were removed from the final data (n=96). Weighting involved multiple stages. First, the sample was weighted to match estimates for the national population from the 2020 Current Population Survey on age, gender, census division, race/ethnicity, and education. The second round of weights adjusted for the study’s sampling design. All statistical tests of significance account for the effect of weighting.

The margin of sampling error including the design effect for the full sample of women is plus or minus 2 percentage points. Numbers of respondents and margins of sampling error for key subgroups are shown in the table below. For results based on other subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Sample sizes and margins of sampling error for other subgroups are available by request. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

Group	N (unweighted)	M.O.S.E
Men Ages 18-64	1,144	+/- 4 percentage points
Women Ages 18-64	3,661	+/- 2 percentage points
Women Ages 18-49	2,695	+/- 2 percentage points
White Women Ages 18-64	1,813	+/- 3 percentage points
Black Women Ages 18-64	603	+/- 5 percentage points
Hispanic Women Ages 18-64	801	+/- 5 percentage points
Asian Women Ages 18-64	246	+/- 8 percentage points
LGBT Women Ages 18-64	392	+/- 7 percentage points
Straight Women Ages 18-64	3,239	+/- 2 percentage points
Women < 200% FPL	1,471	+/- 3 percentage points
Women ≥200% FPL	1,943	+/- 3 percentage points

For additional detail regarding the methodology, please contact womenshealth@kff.org.

Demographics of Survey Respondents		
	Women Unweighted Counts (unweighted %)	Men Unweighted Counts (unweighted %)
<u>Age</u>		
18-25	427 (12%)	175 (15%)
26-35	1092 (30%)	275 (24%)
36-49	1176 (32%)	300 (26%)
50-64	966 (26%)	394 (34%)
<u>Race/ethnicity</u>		
White	1813 (50%)	672 (59%)
Black	603 (16%)	129 (11%)
Hispanic	801 (22%)	230 (20%)
Asian	246 (7%)	65 (6%)
<u>Education</u>		
Less than HS	211 (6%)	58 (5%)
HS graduate	633 (17%)	214 (19%)
Some college	1590 (43%)	518 (45%)
College graduate	1227 (34%)	354 (31%)
<u>Urbanicity</u>		
Urban/Suburban	3113 (85%)	996 (87%)
Rural	548 (15%)	148 (13%)
<u>Region</u>		
Midwest	844 (23%)	284 (25%)
Northeast	557 (15%)	155 (14%)
South	1353 (37%)	407 (36%)
West	907 (25%)	298 (26%)
<u>State</u>		
Lives in a Medicaid expansion state	2359 (64%)	757 (66%)
Lives in a non-Medicaid expansion state	1302 (36%)	387 (34%)
<u>Insurance</u>		
Private insurance	2153 (59%)	753 (66%)
Medicaid	697 (19%)	107 (9%)
Other government insurance	334 (9%)	127 (11%)
Uninsured	452 (12%)	152 (13%)
<u>Income</u>		
<200% FPL	1471 (40%)	315 (28%)
≥ 200% FPL	1943 (53%)	750 (66%)
<u>Marital Status</u>		
Married/Living with Partner	2033 (56%)	590 (52%)
Divorced/Separated/Widowed/Never Married	1628 (44%)	554 (48%)
<u>Sexual Orientation</u>		
LGBT	392 (11%)	100 (9%)
Straight	3239 (88%)	1037 (91%)
<u>Political Affiliation</u>		
Democratic	1620 (44%)	368 (32%)
Republican	795 (22%)	320 (28%)
Independent	697 (19%)	319 (28%)
Total	3,661	1,144
SOURCE: 2020 KFF Women's Health Survey		

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ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

The next set of questions are about your use of telemedicine or telehealth. A telemedicine or telehealth visit is an appointment with a provider conducted by telephone or video conference in place of an in-person visit. For this survey, telemedicine or telehealth does not include email, messages sent through a website, or general online health information.

PAR. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18, or not?

NORC 11/19-12/17/2020	Women 19-64 <i>N = 3,661</i>	Men 19-64 <i>N = 1,144</i>
Yes	38	32
No	61	67
DON’T KNOW	-	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	*

EMP. What best describes your employment situation today

NORC 11/19-12/17/2020	Women 19-64 <i>N = 2,316</i>	Men 19-64 <i>N = 829</i>
Employed full-time	50	62
Employed parti-time	15	10
Not employed or not working for pay (such as stay at home parent)	18	10
A student	5	7
Retired	6	5
On disability and can’t work	6	6
DON’T KNOW	*	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	*

T1. Did you ever have a telemedicine or telehealth visit for yourself before March 1, 2020, or not?

NORC 11/19-12/17/2020	Women 19-64 <i>N = 3,661</i>	Men 19-64 <i>N = 1,144</i>
Yes	13	11
No	86	88
DON’T KNOW	*	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	*

T2. Have you had a telemedicine or telehealth visit for yourself since March 1, 2020, or not?

NORC 11/19-12/17/2020	Women 19-64 N = 3,661	Men 19-64 N = 1,144
Yes	38	32
No	61	67
DON'T KNOW	-	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1	1

If "yes" in T1 or T2. Item "Prenatal or postpartum care" shown if age 49 or younger.

T3. What was the primary purpose of your most recent telemedicine or telehealth visit?

NORC 11/19-12/17/2020	Women 19-64 N = 1,571	Men 19-64 N = 411
COVID-related symptoms	8	9
A gynecological or sexual health issue, such as birth control or sexually transmitted infection services	3	1
Prenatal or postpartum care (N=465)	4	NA
An annual check-up / or well woman visit	12	26
Management of a chronic condition	18	17
Minor illness or injury	21	18
Mental health services	17	13
Other health concern	18	16
DON'T KNOW	-	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-

If "yes" in T1 or T2.

T4. How would you rate the quality of care that you received at your most recent telemedicine or telehealth visit

NORC 11/19-12/17/2020	Women 19-64 N = 1,571	Men N = 411
Top NET	67	63
Excellent	35	29
Very Good	32	34
Good	23	24
Bot NET	10	13
Fair	7	10
Poor	2	3
DON'T KNOW	-	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-

Next, we're going to ask about your experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COV1. Have you ever been tested for COVID-19, or not?

NORC 11/19-12/17/2020	Women 19-64 N = 3,661	Men 19-64 N = 1,144
Yes	42	39
No	58	60
DON'T KNOW	*	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	*

COV2. Have you ever tried to get a COVID-19 test and been unable to get one, or not?

NORC 11/19-12/17/2020	Women 19-64 N = 3,661	Men 19-64 N = 1,144
Yes	7	7
No	93	93
DON'T KNOW	-	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	*

Item "Delayed or were not able to get birth control" shown if age 49 or younger

COV3. Since March 1, 2020, have you experienced any of the following because of the COVID-19 pandemic, or not?

NORC 11/19-12/17/2020	Women 19-64 N = 3,661				Men 19-64 N = 1,144			
	Yes	No	DON'T KNOW	SKP/REF	Yes	No	DON'T KNOW	SKP/REF
Skipped preventive health services, such as a yearly check-up or routine test	38	62	-	*	26	73	-	1
Skipped a recommended medical test or treatment	23	77	*	1	15	85	-	1
Delayed or were not able to get birth control (N=2,695)	6	94	*	1	3	96	-	1
Not filled a prescription, cut pills in half or skipped doses of medicine	10	90	-	1	8	91	-	1
Sought mental health care	15	84	-	1	10	89	-	1
Couldn't get an appointment because of the pandemic	30	69	-	1	20	79	*	1

If “yes, skipped preventive health services, such as a yearly check-up or routine test” or “yes, skipped a recommended medical test or treatment” in COV3

COV4. Did your condition get worse as a result of skipping medical care, or not?

NORC 11/19-12/17/2020	Women 19-64 N = 1,608	Men 19-64 N = 357
Yes	15	12
No	60	63
Don't know	25	25
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	-

If age 18 to 49

COV5. Since March 1, 2020, have you ordered birth control from a website or app, like Nurx, The Pill Club, Pandia Health, or Planned Parenthood Direct, or not?

NORC 11/19-12/17/2020	Women 18-49 N = 2,695
Yes	4
No	96
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

If “employed full-time” or “employed part-time” in EMP

COV6. During the pandemic, where are you working from?

NORC 11/19-12/17/2020	Women 19-64 N = 2,316	Men 19-64 N = 829
Working from home	32	26
Working in a location outside my home	46	53
Working both from home and a location outside my home	22	21
DON'T KNOW	*	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	*

If “employed full-time” or “employed part-time” in EMP

COV7. Since March 1, 2020, have you had to take time off work for any of the following reasons related to COVID-19?

NORC 11/19-12/17/2020	Women 19-64 N = 2,316	Men 19-64 N = 829
I personally became ill with COVID-19 or was quarantining	12	11
I was caring for a family member who was sick with COVID-19 or quarantining	5	5
My child’s school or daycare was closed due to COVID-19	12	9
I have not had to take time off work due to COVID-19 for any of these reasons	72	77

If “I personally became ill with COVID-19 or was quarantining” in COV7

COV8. Which of the following best describes your pay when you took time off work because you became ill with COVID-19 or were quarantining?

NORC 11/19-12/17/2020	Women 19-64 N = 294	Men 19-64 N = 87
I took sick leave fully paid	49	51
I took sick leave partially-paid	8	13
I took some leave fully paid and some sick leave partially-paid	7	10
I took unpaid sick leave	35	26
DON’T KNOW	-	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1	-

If “My child’s school or daycare was closed due to COVID-19” in COV7

COV9. Which of the following best describes your pay when you took time off work because your child’s school or daycare was closed due to COVID-19?

NORC 11/19-12/17/2020	Women 19-64 N = 341	Men 19-64 N = 65
I took sick leave fully paid	33	47
I took sick leave partially-paid	8	12
I took some leave fully paid and some sick leave partially-paid	11	4
I took unpaid sick leave	46	31
DON’T KNOW	-	3
SKIPPED/REFUSED	3	4

COV10. Since March 1, 2020, have you had to quit a job for any reason related to COVID-19, or not?

NORC 11/19-12/17/2020	Women 19-64 N = 3,661	Men 19-64 N = 1,144
Yes	8	8
No	91	92
DON'T KNOW	-	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	*

If “yes” in COV10. If respondent selected “Some other reason related to COVID-19,” they were asked to specify in an open-ended textbox.

COV10A. Why did you quit your job?

Please select all that apply

NORC 11/19-12/17/2020	Women 19-64 N = 341	Men 19-64 N = 76
I personally became ill with COVID-19	5	7
I was caring for a family member who was sick with COVID-19	8	14
My child’s school or daycare was closed due to COVID-19	30	3
I did not feel safe at my workplace due to COVID-19 risk	48	45
I live with someone who is at high-risk for COVID-19 complications	23	19
Some other reason related to COVID-19	34	29
DON'T KNOW	-	-
SKIPPED ON WEB	2	-
REFUSED	-	-

COV11. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, were you caring for a family member or relative who needed special assistance? This could include a chronically ill or disabled child, spouse or partner, parent, or other family member who may or may not live with you.

NORC 11/19-12/17/2020	Women 19-64 N = 3,661	Men 19-64 N = 1,144
Yes	14	9
No	86	90
DON'T KNOW	-	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	1

COV12. Since March 1, 2020, (have you had to take on new or additional responsibilities caring/have you had to care) for a family member or relative due to reasons related to the COVID-19 pandemic, or not?

NORC 11/19-12/17/2020	Women 19-64 N = 3,661	Men 19-64 N = 1,144
Yes	12	8
No	87	91
DON'T KNOW	-	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	1

COV13. As far as you know, is there a national law that provides some workers paid time off work if they get sick with COVID-19 or to care for a family member affected by COVID-19, or not?

NORC 11/19-12/17/2020	Women 19-64 N = 3,661	Men 19-64 N = 1,144
Yes	25	21
No	825	28
Don't know	49	51
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	*

COV14. Has worry or stress related to coronavirus affected your mental health, or not?

NORC 11/19-12/17/2020	Women 19-64 N = 3,661	Men 19-64 N = 1,144
Yes	51	34
No	40	55
Don't know	9	11
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	*

If "yes" in COV14

COV15. What has been the impact on your mental health?

NORC 11/19-12/17/2020	Women 19-64 N = 1,892	Men 19-64 N = 403
Major impact	21	34
Moderate impact	51	55
Minor impact	28	11
DON'T KNOW	-	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*	*



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