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Boise State University Statewide Survey

SCHEDULED November 29 – December 3, 2020

N = 1000 Adults Statewide

N = 300 Additional Treasure Valley Adults



**INTRODUCTION**

Good evening. My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I'm calling from RTB Research, a national public opinion firm. This evening we're conducting a survey on issues in Idaho for research purposes and we'd like to get your opinions. Participation is voluntary, all answers are anonymous, and you can skip questions or end the interview at any time. If you have questions or concerns about this survey, you can contact Jeffrey Lyons at jeffreylyons@boisestate.edu or (208) 426-1458, or the Boise State University Institutional Review Board at Humansubjects@boisestate.edu or (208) 426-5401.

First, to make sure we get a representative sample, can you please tell me your current age? [**RECORD EXACT AGE]**

1. Under 18 **(TERM)** 2. 18-24 3. 25-29 4. 30-34

5. 35-39 6. 40-44 7. 45-49 8. 50-54

9. 55-59 10. 60-64 11. 65-69 12. 70-74

13. 75-79 14. 80+ 15. DK/Refused **(TERM)**

And before we begin, please tell me, do you currently live in Idaho – yes or no?

1. Yes **(CONT)**  2. No **(TERM)**  3. DK/REF **(TERM)**

What is your gender?

1. Male
2. Female
3. Non-binary

What Idaho county do you currently live in? **CODED OPEN ENDED**

1. Ada  
2. Adams  
3. Bannock  
4. Bear Lak  
5. Benewah  
6. Bingham  
7. Blaine  
8. Boise  
9. Bonner  
10. Bonneville  
11. Boundary  
12. Butte  
13. Camas  
14. Canyon  
15. Caribou  
16. Cassia  
17. Clark  
18. Clearwater  
19. Custer  
20. Elmore  
21. Franklin  
22. Fremont  
23. Gem  
24. Gooding  
25. Idaho  
26. Jefferson  
27. Jerome  
28. Kootenai  
29. Latah  
30. Lemhi  
31. Lewis  
32. Lincoln  
33. Madison  
34. Minidoka  
35. Nez Perce  
36. Oneida  
37. Owyhee  
38. Payette  
39. Power  
40. Shoshone  
41. Teton  
42. Twin Falls  
43. Valley  
44. Washington

**IF ADA, CANYON, BOISE, GEM, OR OWYHEE in Q4 ASK**

What town or city do you currently live in or nearest to? **CODED OPEN END**

* + - 1. Banks
      2. Boise
      3. Bowmont
      4. Bruneau
      5. Caldwell
      6. Crouch
      7. Dickshooter
      8. Eagle
      9. Emmett
      10. Garden City
      11. Garden Valley
      12. Grand View
      13. Greenleaf
      14. Hidden Spring
      15. Homedale
      16. Horseshoe Bend
      17. Huston
      18. Idaho City
      19. Kuna
      20. Lowman
      21. Marsing
      22. Melba
      23. Meridian
      24. Middleton
      25. Murphy
      26. Murphy Hot Springs
      27. Nampa
      28. Notus
      29. Ola
      30. Parma
      31. Placerville
      32. Riddle
      33. Riverside
      34. Star
      35. Sweet
      36. Wilder
      37. Other
      38. DK/Refused

**CONTINUE ASKING ALL:**

Have you lived in Idaho for your entire life – yes or no?

1. Yes 2. No

**IF NO in Q6 ASK:**

How many years have you lived in the Idaho? **RECORD EXACT NUMBER OF YEARS / MARK ZERO FOR LESS THAN ONE YEAR**

1. Less than one
2. 1-5
3. 6-10
4. 11-20
5. 20+
6. DK/Refused

**IF NO in Q6 ASK:**

When you moved to Idaho, what state did you move from?

**50 STATE DROP DOWN WITH FIRST ANSWER BEING “ONLY LIVED IN IDAHO”**

**CONTINUE ASKING ALL:**

**STATE OF IDAHO OVERVIEW**

Do you think things in Idaho are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

1. Right Direction
2. Wrong Track
3. DK/Refused

On a scale of 1-10, with 1 being not at all important and 10 being extremely important, how important would you say it is for the Idaho State Legislature to address each of the following issues? If you have no opinion, just say so. **READ/ROTATE:**

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|  |  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | No Opinion | DK/  Refused |
|  | Jobs and the economy | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|  | Education | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|  | Transportation | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|  | Housing | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|  | Healthcare | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|  | Coronavirus response | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|  | Taxes | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|  | The Environment | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |

**BUDGET/SPENDING/TAXES**

The state of Idaho is currently on track for a $530 million budget surplus in this fiscal year. Hearing that, which of the following is the best use of that surplus? **READ/ROTATE**

1. Giving tax relief to Idahoans to help make it through this difficult time
2. Increasing funding for critical state services like education and transportation
3. Putting the money into the rainy-day fund, to prepare for potentially worse economic conditions in the future
4. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

If the budget surplus is used to provide Idahoans with tax relief, which type of tax should be reduced in order to provide the most help to Idahoans during this time? **READ/ROTATE**

1. Income tax
2. Sales tax
3. Property tax
4. DK/Refused

In general, would you say that property taxes in Idaho are too high, too low or about right?

1. Too high
2. About right
3. Too low
4. DK/Refused

What is your biggest concern as it pertains to residential property taxes?  **READ/ROTATE**

1. The unpredictability of tax due to the values of homes increasing
2. Additional bonds & levies for schools and other taxing districts
3. Local budget increases as allowed under state law
4. Current dollar limits of homeowners exemptions
5. No concerns (Don’t Rotate)
6. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

If the budget surplus is used to increase funding for state services, which of the following is the best use of state resources? **READ/ROTATE**

1. K-12 Public Education
2. Transportation spending on roads, highways and bridges
3. Broadband internet access
4. Securing water for sustainable agriculture and our communities
5. DK/Refused

Would you support or oppose a plan in which car registration fees and gas taxes were increased to allow for more transportation funding, but you had lower property, income or sales taxes, so that, overall, you paid less on an annual basis? **PROBE IF SUPPORT OR OPPOSE: Is that strongly or somewhat?**

1. Strongly Support
2. Somewhat Support
3. Somewhat Oppose
4. Strongly Oppose
5. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

**COVID**

Changing subjects now:

How many people do you know among your family and friends who have been diagnosed with COVID-19? **RECORD EXACT ANSWER**

1. 0
2. 1-5
3. 6-10
4. More than 10
5. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

Which best describes your personal experience with COVID-19? **READ**

1. I have never been diagnosed with it
2. I was never diagnosed but believe I had it
3. I was diagnosed, but effectively managed symptoms at home
4. I was diagnosed, with severe symptoms and required hospitalization
5. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

Which of the following is more concerning to you about coronavirus here in Idaho? **READ/ROTATE**

1. The negative impact coronavirus is having on the health of Idahoans
2. The negative impact coronavirus is having on Idaho’s economy
3. The negative impact coronavirus is having on the education of Idaho’s children
4. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

**SPLIT SAMPLE**

A Would you support or oppose the state making it mandatory to wear masks in public spaces to fight the coronavirus pandemic? **PROBE IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE: Is that strongly or just somewhat?**

1. Strongly support
2. Somewhat support
3. Somewhat oppose
4. Strongly oppose
5. DK/Refused

27.B Would you support or oppose the state making it mandatory to wear masks in public spaces to fight the coronavirus pandemic, where not wearing a mask could be punishable by a fine? **PROBE IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE: Is that strongly or just somewhat?**

1. Strongly support
2. Somewhat support
3. Somewhat oppose
4. Strongly oppose
5. DK/Refused

**CONTINUE ASKING ALL:**

As you may know, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Americans have been asked to ‘social distance’ and wear face coverings with many states canceling upcoming major events and closing schools, restaurants, and other public spaces. Based on what you know, when do you believe Americans will be able to stop social distancing, wearing masks and return to normal in public spaces? **READ**

1. In the next three months
2. In the next six months
3. In the next year
4. More than one year from now
5. Many years from now
6. Never
7. DK/Refused

If a vaccine to prevent COVID-19 were available today, would you get the vaccine? **READ 1-4 and 4-1**

1. Definitely would get the vaccine
2. Probably would get the vaccine
3. Probably would not get the vaccine
4. Definitely would not get the vaccine
5. DK/Refused

**IF 3 OR 4 IN Q29 ASK:**

Which of the following is the biggest reason you would most likely not get a vaccine for COVID-19? **READ/ROTATE**

1. Concern about side effects
2. Want to know more about its effectiveness
3. Do not believe I need it
4. It would cost too much
5. DK/Refused

**CONTINUE ASKING ALL:**

**EDUCATION**

Thinking now about schools and education in Idaho…

How would you rate the quality of education in Idaho’s K-12 public schools? **READ**

1. Excellent
2. Good
3. Fair
4. Poor
5. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

And thinking specifically about your school district, how would you rate the quality of K-12 public schools in your area? **READ**

1. Excellent
2. Good
3. Fair
4. Poor
5. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

Regardless of how schools are operating in your area, in your opinion, for the remainder of this school year, what do you think your local schools should offer? **READ/ROTATE 1 AND 3**

1. All online instruction
2. A mix of in-person and online instruction
3. All in-person classes
4. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

Which of the following do you think is most important for the state to spend education dollars on? **READ/ROTATE**

1. Addressing learning loss caused by the pandemic, focusing specifically on early literacy, and college and career readiness
2. Helping high-need families of K-12 students with technology, course fees, tutoring, and special education service
3. Additional classroom materials and professional development our teachers to navigate the COVID-19 crisis
4. Expanding pathways to careers for our high school students by expanding apprenticeships
5. Working to make higher education more affordable
6. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

**ELECTIONS**

Do you have any concerns about the security of Idaho elections- yes or no?

1. Yes
2. No
3. DK/Refused

**IF YES in Q35 ASK:**

What do you believe is the biggest threat to Idaho elections? **READ/ROTATE**

1. Security of voting machines
2. Accuracy of vote tallying
3. Foreign interference
4. Issues with mail in ballots
5. Voter fraud
6. Misinformation
7. Voter privacy
8. Other
9. DK/Refused

**CONTINUE ASKING ALL:**

How confident are you that votes in Idaho are counted as voters intend? **READ**

1. Very confident
2. Somewhat confident
3. Not too confident
4. Not at all confident
5. DK/Refused

**INCARCERATION**

What should be the most important priority for the criminal justice system to focus on when dealing with nonviolent criminals in Idaho? **READ/ROTATE**

1. Rehabilitating criminals
2. Make payments to the victims for damages caused by their crimes
3. Punishing criminals
4. Send a message to would-be criminals
5. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

And from the same list, which would be the second most important priority? **READ/ROTATE IF NECESSARY**

1. Rehabilitating criminals
2. Make payments to the victims for damages caused by their crimes
3. Punishing criminals
4. Send a message to would-be criminals
5. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

**SPLIT SAMPLE**

A Which of the following statements do you agree with more in regard to the sanctioning of first time criminal behavior? **READ/ROTATE**

1. We should spend more money on our prison system so that first time criminal offenders can be kept away from the public longer

OR

1. We should spend more money on finding effective education and treatment programs so that first time criminals leave and prison don’t commit new crimes
2. DK/Refused

40.B Which of the following statements do you agree with more in regard to the sanctioning of repeat criminal behavior? **READ/ROTATE**

1. We should spend more money on our prison system so that repeat criminal offenders can be kept away from the public longer

OR

1. We should spend more money on finding effective education and treatment programs so that repeat criminals leave and prison don’t commit new crimes
2. DK/Refused

**IF ADA, CANYON, BOISE, GEM, OR OWYHEE in Q4 ASK, IF ANY OTHER COUNTY SKIP to Q45**

**TREASURE VALLEY**

When it comes to the taxes you pay to your city or local government, how do you rate the amount you pay for the services you receive?

1. Too Much
2. Right Amount
3. Not Enough
4. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

Would you say that the Treasure Valley is growing too fast, too slow or about right?

1. Too Fast
2. Too Slow
3. About right
4. DK/Refused

Does the cost of your housing place a financial strain on you and your family today? **READ**

1. Yes, a lot
2. Yes, a little
3. No
4. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

If you had to move out of your home today for whatever reason, how likely is it that you would be able to find a similar home for the same amount? **READ 1-4 and 4-1**

1. Very likely
2. Somewhat likely
3. Somewhat unlikely
4. Very unlikely
5. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

**CONTINUE ASKING ALL**

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

Just a few more questions, for statistical use only.

We hear a lot of talk these days about liberals and conservatives. Here is a seven-point scale on which the political views that people might hold are arranged from very liberal to very conservative. Where would you place yourself on this scale, or haven't you thought much about this? **READ:**

1. Very Liberal
2. Liberal
3. Somewhat liberal
4. Moderate
5. Somewhat conservative
6. Conservative
7. Very Conservative
8. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or what?

**PROBE IF REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRAT: Would you call yourself a strong Republican/Democrat or a not very strong Republican/Democrat?**

**PROBE IF INDEPENDENT: Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican or Democratic party?**

1. Strong Republican
2. Not very strong Republican
3. Strong Democrat
4. Not very strong Democrat
5. Independent lean Republican
6. Independent lean Democrat
7. Pure Independent
8. Other
9. DK/Refused

What racial or ethnic group best describes you? **CODED OPEN END**

1. White
2. Latino or Hispanic
3. Black
4. Asian
5. Native American
6. Other
7. Two or more
8. DK/Refused

What is the highest level of education or training you have completed?

1. Some high school 2. High school degree or equivalent

3. Some college 4. Associate’s Degree

5. Bachelor’s Degree 6. Some graduate school

7. Graduate degree 8. DK/Refused

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in employment changes for a lot of people. We would like to know if you are working now, temporarily laid off, or are you unemployed, retired, permanently disabled, a homemaker, a student, or what?

1. Working now
2. Temporarily laid off
3. Unemployed
4. Retired
5. Permanently disabled
6. Homemaker
7. Student
8. Other
9. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

**IF 1 IN Q49 ASK:**

Do you currently commute to work, work from home, or do some of both?

1. Commute to work full time
2. Work from home full time
3. Some days work from home, some days commute to work
4. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

**IF 2 or 3 IN Q50 ASK:**

Are you currently working remotely from home as a result of COVID-19 – yes or no?

1. Yes
2. No
3. DK/Refused (Don’t Read

**IF 1 IN Q51 ASK:**

Do you anticipate continuing to telework, even after the Covid-19 pandemic is over – yes or no?

1. Yes
2. No
3. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

**CONTINUE ASKING ALL:**

Which of the following best describes your annual household income before taxes?

1. Under $25,000 2. $25,001-$50,000 3. $50,001 to $75,000

4. $75,001 to $100,000 5. Over $100,000 6. DK/Refused

Do you currently have any children or grandchildren in K-12 schools in Idaho?

* + - 1. Yes
      2. No
      3. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

Do you currently rent or own your home?

1. Rent
2. Own
3. Other (Don’t Read)
4. DK/Refused (Don’t Read)

Now, thinking specifically about the past week, how many days have you…

Felt nervous, anxious, or on edge? **READ IF NECESSARY**

1. Not at all or less than 1 day
2. 1-2 days
3. 3-4 days
4. 5-7 days
5. DK/Refused

Felt depressed? **READ IF NECESSARY**

1. Not at all or less than 1 day
2. 1-2 days
3. 3-4 days
4. 5-7 days
5. DK/Refused

Felt lonely? **READ IF NECESSARY**

1. Not at all or less than 1 day
2. 1-2 days
3. 3-4 days
4. 5-7 days
5. DK/Refused

Felt hopeful about the future? **READ IF NECESSARY**

1. Not at all or less than 1 day
2. 1-2 days
3. 3-4 days
4. 5-7 days
5. DK/Refused

Felt anxious or stressed due to COVID-19? **READ IF NECESSARY**

1. Not at all or less than 1 day
2. 1-2 days
3. 3-4 days
4. 5-7 days
5. DK/Refused

Area Breaks: **COUNTY CODED FROM LIST**

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Phone Type: **CODED FROM LIST**