

## Center for Economic and Social Research – Understanding America Study

Coronavirus Tracking Survey – Short Form UAS 267 – Wave 13: September 30 - October 27.

For LA short form: Preload variables from last asked short form or 230 (when available)

Thank you for agreeing to participate in our ongoing survey which focuses on the impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). We will send you a reminder to check in every week on [day of the week] to let us know how the coronavirus epidemic is affecting you. Most of the questions in this survey were asked in previous surveys. Thank you for answering them accurately again, to ensure we always have the most up-to-date information.

cr001\_intro, (cr001a – cr001r)

Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 7 days?

[Randomize order]

Yes	No	Unsure	Fever or chills
Yes	No	Unsure	Runny or stuffy nose
Yes	No	Unsure	Chest congestion
Yes	No	Unsure	Cough
Yes	No	Unsure	Sore throat
Yes	No	Unsure	Sneezing
Yes	No	Unsure	Muscle or body aches
Yes	No	Unsure	Headaches
Yes	No	Unsure	Fatigue or tiredness
Yes	No	Unsure	Shortness of breath
Yes	No	Unsure	Abdominal Discomfort
Yes	No	Unsure	Vomiting
Yes	No	Unsure	Hair Loss
Yes	No	Unsure	Dry skin
Yes	No	Unsure	Body temperature higher than 100.4 F or 38.0 C
Yes	No	Unsure	Diarrhea
Yes	No	Unsure	Lost sense of smell
Yes	No	Unsure	Skin rash

cr002

Have you been tested for the coronavirus since [DATE OF PREVIOUS SURVEY]? If so, what was the result?

1. I have been tested and I tested positive (I had coronavirus)
2. I have been tested and I tested negative (I did **not** have coronavirus)
3. I have been tested and I do not know the result
4. I have not been tested

cr005

Whether or not you have had a coronavirus test, has a doctor or another healthcare professional diagnosed you as having or probably having the coronavirus since [DATE OF PREVIOUS SURVEY]?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Unsure

cr007

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[if cr002 != 1 & cr005 != 1] Do you think you've been infected with the coronavirus since [DATE OF PREVIOUS SURVEY]?

1. Yes
2. No

cr011

[if cr002 = 1 OR cr005 = 1 OR cr007 = 1] Have you contacted anyone, (other than the medical professionals that tested, or diagnosed, or treated you), to inform them you have coronavirus since [DATE OF PREVIOUS SURVEY]?

1. Yes
2. No

### Coronavirus Expectations and Avoidance Behaviors

cr015\_intro, (cr015a – cr015s)

[Randomize order]

In the last seven days, have you done the following:

- |    |     |    |        |  |
|----|-----|----|--------|--|
| a) | Yes | No | Unsure | Gone out to a bar, club, or other place where people gather.   |
| b) | Yes | No | Unsure | Gone to the grocery store or pharmacy.   |
| c) | Yes | No | Unsure | Gone to a friend, neighbor, or relative's residence (that is not your own).  |
| d) | Yes | No | Unsure | Had visitors such as friends, neighbors or relatives at your residence.  |
| e) | Yes | No | Unsure | Attended a gathering with more than 10 people, such as a reunion, wedding, funeral, birthday party, concert, or religious service. |
| f) | Yes | No | Unsure | Sought care from a hospital or health care facility.   |
| g) | Yes | No | Unsure | Been placed in isolation or quarantine.  |
| h) | Yes | No | Unsure | Remained in your residence at all times, except for essential activities or exercise.  |
| i) | Yes | No | Unsure | Shared items like towels or utensils with other people.  |
| j) | Yes | No | Unsure | Had close contact (within 6 feet) with people who live with you.   |
| k) | Yes | No | Unsure | Had close contact (within 6 feet) with people who do not live with you.  |
| l) | Yes | No | Unsure | Gone outside to walk, hike, or exercise.   |
| m) | Yes | No | Unsure | Attended a political rally, protest, or demonstration.   |
| n) | Yes | No | Unsure | Attended an in-person religious service.   |
| r) | Yes | No | Unsure | Traveled by airplane.  |
| s) | Yes | No | Unsure | Traveled by public transportation (bus, subway, commuter rail, etc.).  |

cr016\_intro, (cr016a – cr016p) note: removed cr016a,c,d,e,h,l,n,r from UAS248 on

Which of the following have you done in the last seven days to keep yourself safe from coronavirus? Only consider actions that you took or decisions that you made personally.

- |     |    |  |
|-----|----|--|
| Yes | No | Washed your hands with soap or used hand sanitizer several times per day (b) |
| Yes | No | Visited a doctor (g)   |
| Yes | No | Avoided contact with people who could be high-risk (j)                       |
| Yes | No | Avoided public spaces, gatherings, or crowds (k)                             |
| Yes | No | Prayed (l)   |
| Yes | No | Avoided eating at restaurants (m)  |
| Yes | No | Worked or studied at home (o)  |
| Yes | No | Worn a mask or other face covering (p)                                       |

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cr021

We'd like to ask about your family, as well as your close friends. How many family or close friends do you have? Only include people who are still alive, regardless of where they live.

[Input number: 0-999: Soft check "Do you really have [NUMBER] family and close friends?"]

cr022

You said that you have [NUMBER] family and close friends. Of these people, how many do you think have been infected with the coronavirus?

[Input number: 0-999, must be <= to total contacts]:

[Soft check: "Do you really know [NUMBER] people who have been infected?"]

cr022a

You said that you have [NUMBER] family and close friends. Of these people, how many do you think have been hospitalized (spent at least one night in the hospital) from the coronavirus?

[Input number: 0-999, must be <= to total contacts and <=cr022]:

[Soft check: "Do you really know [NUMBER] people who have been hospitalized?"]

cr022b

You said that you have [NUMBER] family and close friends. Of these people, how many do you think have died from the coronavirus?

[Input number: 0-999, must be <= to total contacts and <= cr022]:

[Soft check: "Do you really know [NUMBER] people who have died?"]

cr023

On a scale of 0 to 100 percent, what is the chance that you will get the coronavirus in the next three months? If you're not sure, please give your best guess.

[0%-100% Visual Linear Scale]

cr023b

If you do get the coronavirus, what is the percent chance you will be hospitalized (spend at least one night in the hospital) from it? If you're not sure, please give your best guess.

[0%-100% Visual Linear Scale]

cr024

If you do get the coronavirus, what is the percent chance you will die from it? If you're not sure, please give your best guess.

[0%-100% Visual Linear Scale]

cr032\_intro, (cr032a – cr032j)

How much do you trust the following sources of information about the coronavirus:

[Randomize order]

	Do not trust at all	Trust somewhat	Trust mostly	Trust completely

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California Governor Gavin Newsom				
Los Angeles County Department of Public Health				
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors				
Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti				
The Los Angeles Times				
CNN				
MSNBC				
Fox News				
Network News (NBC, ABC, CBS)				
Your local TV news				
	Do not trust at all	Trust somewhat	Trust mostly	Trust completely

uci001\_intro, (uci001a – uci001m)

How much do you trust the following sources of information about the coronavirus:

[Randomize order]

	Do not trust at all	Trust somewhat	Trust mostly	Trust completely
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)				
Food and Drug Administration (FDA)				
Pediatric professional organizations				
Your doctor				
Nurses				
Pharmacists				
Family and friends				
Religious leaders				
Health insurers				
California Department of Public Health				

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Online publishers of medical information (such as WebMD or Mayo Clinic)				
Social media (such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, or TikTok)				
Other: specify				

cr033\_intro, (cr033a – cr033j)

Which of the following information sources have you used to learn about the coronavirus in the past 7 days?

[Randomize order]

- a. Yes No California Governor Gavin Newsom
- b. Yes No Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
- c. Yes No Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
- d. Yes No Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti
- e. Yes No The Los Angeles Times
- f. Yes No Your local TV news
- g. Yes No CNN
- h. Yes No MSNBC
- i. Yes No Fox News
- j. Yes No Network News (NBC, ABC, CBS)

uci002\_intro, (uc002a – uci002m)

Which of the following information sources have you used to learn about the coronavirus in the past 7 days?

[Randomize order]

- a. Yes No Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- b. Yes No Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- c. Yes No Pediatric professional organizations
- d. Yes No Your doctor
- e. Yes No Nurses
- f. Yes No Pharmacists
- g. Yes No Family and friends
- h. Yes No Religious leaders
- i. Yes No Health insurers
- j. Yes No California Department of Public Health
- k. Yes No Online publishers of medical information (such as WebMD or Mayo Clinic)
- l. Yes No Social media (such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, or TikTok)
- m. Yes No Other: specify

### Economic Insecurity

ei002

In the past seven days, were you worried you would run out of food because of a lack of money or other resources?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Unsure

ei003

In the past seven days, did you eat less than you thought you should because of a lack of money or other resources?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Unsure

ei004

In the past seven days, did you go without eating for a whole day because of a lack of money or other resources?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Unsure

ei024

How much of a threat would you say the coronavirus outbreak is to your household's finances?

1. A substantial threat
2. A moderate threat
3. Not much of a threat
4. Not a threat at all

ei025

Thinking about the decisions by a number of state governments to impose significant restrictions on public activity because of the coronavirus outbreak, is your greater concern that state governments will...

[Randomize order]

1. Lift the restrictions too quickly
2. Not lift the restrictions quickly enough

ei026

Now thinking about the decisions by the **government of your state**, is your greater concern that **your own state government** will...

[Randomize order]

1. Lift the restrictions too quickly
2. Not lift the restrictions quickly enough

### Labor Market Outcomes

lr001[only ask if they previously said they have a job]

The next set of questions are about your primary job. If you have multiple jobs, think of the job in which you work the most hours or receive the most pay.

You told us on [DATE OF EARLIER SURVEY] that you had a job. Which statement best reflects your current employment status:

1. I am still working in the same job.
2. I lost my job and I am looking for work.
3. I have been temporarily laid off from the same job.
4. I am on sick leave or other leave from the same job.
5. I am now working at a different job.
6. None of these, please specify:
7. I am now retired.

**Ir002**

[if Ir001 = 2 OR Ir001 = 3 OR Ir001 = 4] Are you still receiving benefits such as health insurance through your former job?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Unsure

**Ir003aa**

[if respondent was temporarily laid off in previous wave] You told us on [DATE OF EARLIER SURVEY] that you were temporarily laid off from your job. Which statement best reflects your current employment status?

1. I have resumed working at the same job.
2. I am still temporarily laid off from the same job.
3. I have lost my job and I am looking for work.
4. I am on sick leave or other leave from the same job.
5. I am now working at a different job.
6. None of these, please specify:

**Ir003bb**

[if respondents was on sick leave or other leave in the previous wave] You told us on [DATE OF EARLIER SURVEY] that you were on sick leave or other leave from your job. Which statement best reflects your current employment status?

1. I have resumed working at the same job.
2. I am still on sick leave or other leave from the same job.
3. I have lost my job and I am looking for work.
4. I have been temporarily laid off from the same job.
5. I am now working at a different job.
6. None of these, please specify:

**Ir003cc**

[if respondent was **retired** in the previous wave] You told us on [DATE OF EARLIER SURVEY] that you were retired. Which statement best reflects your current employment status?

1. I am still retired.
2. I now have a job.

3. I am unemployed and looking for work .
4. None of these, please specify:

**Ir003dd**

[if respondent was **not in labor force** in previous wave] You told us on [DATE OF EARLIER SURVEY] that you were not in the labor force. Which statement best reflects your current employment status?

1. I am still not in the labor force (not currently working and not looking for work).
2. I now have a job.
3. I am unemployed and looking for work.
4. I am retired.
5. None of these, please specify:

**Ir003**

[if respondent did not have a job in previous wave] You told us on [DATE OF EARLIER SURVEY] that you did not have a job. Which statement best reflects your current employment status:

1. I still do not have a job.
2. I now have a job.
4. I am retired.
5. I am not in the labor force (not currently working and not looking for work).
3. None of these, please specify:

**Ir003a**

Do you currently have a job?

[fill based on responses above.]

1. Yes
2. No

[Ask the following questions if the respondent has a job]

The next set of questions ask about your primary job. If you have multiple jobs, think of the job in which you work the most hours or receive the most pay.

**Ir005**

In your primary job, are you self-employed or do you work for an employer?

1. Self-employed
2. Work for an employer
3. Other (specify)

**Ir019**

Do any of the following describe your primary job? Please check all that apply.

1. Independent contractor (for example, freelance worker, Uber driver, Instacart worker, independent consultant)
2. On-call worker or day laborer
3. Temporary agency worker
4. Contract company worker
5. None of the above

**lr006**

Out of the past seven days, how many days did you work at your job?

[Radio buttons: 0-7]

**lr006a**

Out of the past seven days, how many days did you work from home?

[Radio buttons: 0-7]

**lr008**

Think of every day you worked in the past seven days. How many total hours did you work for pay across all the days?

[0<=hours <= 150]

**lr016**

Have you received unemployment insurance benefits in the past fourteen days?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Unsure

**lr017**

[if lr016 = 1] How much did you receive in unemployment insurance in your most recent payment?

Amount>=0

[soft check if >\$5000]

**lr017b**

[If lr017 < \$15] You said your most recent payment for unemployment compensation was \$[fillin lr017]. Is this correct?

1. Yes, that is correct
2. No, I made a mistake [GO BACK TO LR017]
3. I did not receive a payment in the past fourteen days
4. I do not recall the amount of my last UI payment
5. I prefer not to answer

**lr017b\_i**

[If lr017 is skipped OR (lr017 = RESPONSE AND lr017 < \$15 AND lr017b = 4)] Would you say the amount was?

1. \$300 or less
2. \$301 to \$600
3. \$601 to \$900
4. \$901 to \$1200
5. More than \$1200
6. I prefer not to answer

7. Don't know

**lr017a**

[if lr017 > 14 OR (lr017 = RESPONSE and lr017 < \$15 AND lr017b = 1) OR (lr017 = RESPONSE AND lr017 < \$15 AND lr017b = 4 AND lr017b\_j = 1-5)] How often do you expect to receive this amount?

1. Once every week
2. Once every two weeks
3. Once every month
4. Another interval, please specify:
5. Unsure

**lr016a**

[If lr016 = 3] Why are you unsure about whether you have received unemployment insurance in the past 14 days?

1. I received a benefit payment but I am unsure about whether it is from unemployment insurance or some other program
2. I am expecting to receive a payment but I am unsure whether it has been deposited/mailed
3. I received a payment but I am unsure when I received it
4. I prefer not to answer this question
5. Other, please specify: