



Bermuda Social Issues Poll

November 2020

Survey Overview

Sample/Methodology

- Global Research interviewed a representative sample of 405 Bermuda residents aged 18 years and over.
- Surveys were collected online and via telephone interviews.
- All interviews were collected between November 13th-19th, 2020.

Weighting

- The results were weighted to be representative of Bermuda's population on the following factors: gender, age, and race.

Margin of Error

- The margin of error for the study is +/- 4.9% at the 95% confidence level.

Biggest Issue Facing Bermuda Today

- Residents stated that the biggest issues facing Bermuda today were the economy (49%), unemployment (29%) and education (11%).

	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 +	Black	White
Economy	49%	57%	43%	31%	47%	58%	54%	59%	44%	66%
Unemployment	29%	21%	36%	36%	26%	24%	34%	23%	38%	9%
Education	11%	12%	9%	26%	15%	6%	3%	1%	9%	10%
Immigration/Work permits	3%	4%	2%	4%	6%	2%	0%	0%	1%	2%
Several issues	2%	2%	3%	0%	2%	1%	5%	6%	2%	4%
Crime	2%	1%	4%	4%	2%	1%	2%	4%	3%	1%
Race/Race relations	2%	3%	1%	0%	2%	5%	3%	1%	0%	6%
Breakdown of the family unit	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%
Political corruption	0.49%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%
COVID-19	0.49%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%
Road fatalities	0.25%	0%	0.46%	0%	0.92%	0%	0%	0%	0.43%	0%

Top Priority of Newly Elected PLP Government

- Residents felt that improving the economy (39%), addressing unemployment/adding more jobs (19%) and improving education (13%) should be the top priorities of the newly elected PLP Government.

	Total		Total
Improve the economy	39%	Honesty/transparency	1%
Address unemployment/add more jobs	19%	Improve healthcare	1%
Improve education	13%	Efficiency in Government/eliminating party politics	1%
Improve financial management/balance the budget/reduce the debt	5%	Grow the population	1%
Manage COVID-19	5%	Seniors services/Take care of seniors	1%
Immigration	3%	Housing/rent control	1%
Race relations	2%	Improve infrastructure (roads, bridges, public buildings)	1%
Reduce the high cost of living	2%	Put Bermudians first	1%
Reduce crime	2%	Improve families	0.38%
Tourism	2%		

Impact of COVID-19 on Income & Employment

- As a result of COVID-19, 42% had lost income, 27% had had hours cut or had been laid off from work, and 8% had lost their job.

	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 +	Black	White
Lost income as a result of COVID-19	42%	46%	38%	49%	44%	44%	48%	22%	40%	43%
Had hours cut or was laid off from work as a result of COVID-19	27%	27%	28%	33%	26%	27%	40%	10%	25%	30%
Lost my job as a result of COVID-19	8%	10%	7%	10%	7%	7%	11%	3%	7%	6%

Whether Residents Should Be Allowed To Engage In Non-Essential Travel During COVID-19

- 52% felt that residents should not be allowed to travel outside of Bermuda for non-essential travel, compared to 48% who felt that they should be allowed to do so.

	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 +	Black	White
Yes	48%	55%	42%	59%	59%	54%	41%	18%	47%	50%
No	52%	45%	58%	41%	41%	46%	59%	82%	53%	50%

Whether Residents Plan To Travel In Next 6 Months

- 23% stated that they plan to travel in the next 6 months compared to 77% who do not plan to travel.

	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 +	Black	White
Yes	23%	25%	21%	26%	23%	27%	23%	13%	19%	34%
No	77%	75%	79%	74%	77%	73%	77%	87%	81%	66%

Willingness To Take An Effective COVID-19 Vaccine

- 66% would be willing to take an effective COVID-19 vaccine, compared to 34% who would be unwilling.
- 15% would take the vaccine as soon as it was available, 28% would wait for 6 months to one year before taking it and 22% would wait for more than a year.
- Residents aged 55 years and over and whites were more likely to be willing to take an effective vaccine.
- Residents aged 18-34 years and blacks were less likely to be willing to take an effective vaccine.

	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 +	Black	White
Willing to take vaccine	66%	68%	62%	44%	60%	66%	78%	85%	55%	92%
Unwilling to take vaccine	34%	32%	38%	56%	40%	34%	22%	15%	45%	8%
I would be willing to take the vaccine right away.	15%	17%	12%	1%	8%	22%	14%	32%	6%	39%
I would wait for 6 months - 1 year to take the vaccine.	28%	28%	27%	18%	27%	22%	35%	44%	24%	39%
I would wait for 1 year or longer to take the vaccine.	22%	23%	23%	25%	25%	22%	29%	9%	26%	13%
I would not take the vaccine.	34%	32%	38%	56%	40%	34%	22%	15%	45%	8%

Christmas Spending This Year

- 63% stated that they plan to spend less this year, compared to 1% who stated that they plan to spend more, and 36% who plan to spend about the same as last year.

	Total	Male	Female	18-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65 +	Black	White
I plan to spend less this year compared to last year	63%	66%	60%	56%	65%	68%	72%	54%	67%	56%
I plan to spend more this year compared to last year	1%	0%	2%	4%	2%	1%	0%	0%	2%	0%
I plan to spend about the same this year compared to last year	36%	34%	37%	41%	33%	31%	28%	46%	31%	44%