

KEY FINDINGS

Family Planning in the Age of the Coronavirus

Morning Consult, on behalf of the National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association (NFPRHA), conducted a poll using a national sample of 2,200 US adults, between April 30 - May 2, 2020. The interviews were conducted online, and the data were weighted to approximate a target sample of US adults based on age, educational attainment, gender, race, and region. Results from the full survey have a margin of error of +/- 2%.

The following are highlights from the survey:

Family planning during the coronavirus pandemic

A majority of women (57%) think it is 'more essential' for individuals to have access to birth control measures to prevent or delay pregnancy during a pandemic like the coronavirus.

- A majority of US adults (52%) think it is more essential for individuals to have access to birth control measures to prevent or delay pregnancy during a pandemic.
- Only four percent of women (5% of adults overall) think it's 'less essential' for individuals to have access.
- About half (48%) of younger women between the ages of 18-34 and half (47%) of Black women are more concerned than their older 65+ (13%) and white (28%) counterparts about accessing family planning care for themselves or a loved one amid the coronavirus.
- There is at least some bipartisan agreement on the essential nature of birth control during the pandemic: only three percent of Democrats and seven percent of Republicans viewed birth control access as 'less essential.'

Sixty-five percent of US adults think now is a bad time for individuals and couples to try to get pregnant.

- Latina women are particularly likely to believe that now is a 'bad time' for individuals and couples to try to get pregnant (83% believe it is a 'bad time').
- A majority of those who report they will try to get pregnant in the next one to five years are less likely to do so during the coronavirus (62% are less likely).
- Only six percent of US adults think it is a good time to get pregnant.

Additional views on health care during the coronavirus pandemic

Sixty-eight percent of US adults report concern about going to a health care provider's office during the coronavirus pandemic for non-coronavirus-related needs.

- A vast majority (78%) of older women (65+), and about 70 percent of Black (68%) and Latina (71%) women report more acute concern about going to a health care provider's office during the coronavirus pandemic.
- Regionally speaking, Northeasterners (72%) are slightly most concerned than other regions about seeking non-coronavirus-related health care during the pandemic.

Over three-quarters of adults (76%) are generally concerned about individuals not having access to health insurance.

- Concern that millions of individuals do not have health insurance is particularly high among Black adults (79%) and Democrats (88%).
- Two-thirds of Republicans (68%) show concern that millions in this country do not have health insurance.
- Three-in-four (78%) adults also expressed concern about a lack of health insurance due to coronavirus-related layoffs.