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GRANITE STATERS DISAPPROVE OF TRUMP'S HANDLING OF COVID-19

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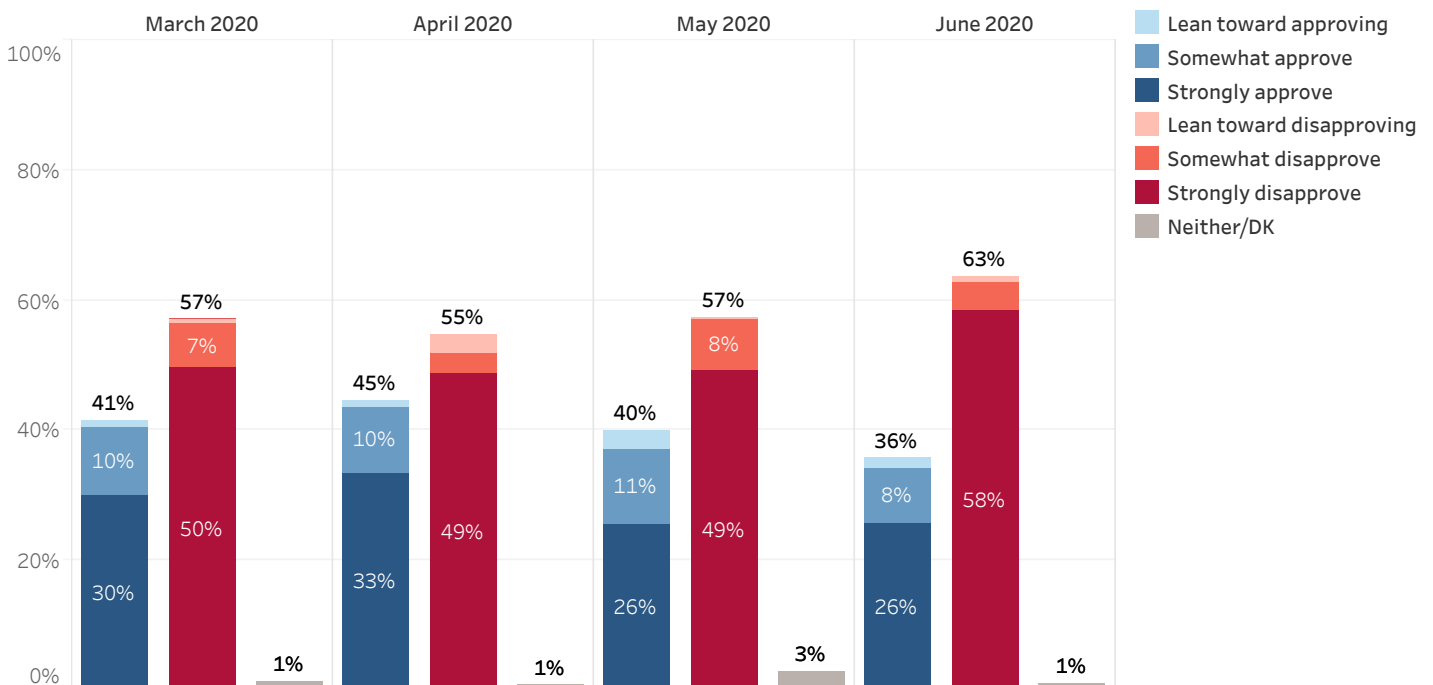
DURHAM, NH - Nearly two-thirds of New Hampshire residents disapprove of President Trump's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic, representing the highest disapproval of Trump's handling of the pandemic since it began. While three-quarters of Republicans still approve of his handling of COVID-19, virtually no Democrats do. Approval among Republicans has declined every month since March. Confidence in the federal government's ability to respond effectively to the COVID-19 situation and trust in science agencies such as the CDC are largely unchanged since May.

These findings are based on the latest **Granite State Panel*** survey, conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center. Nine hundred ninety-seven (997) Granite State Panel members completed the survey online between June 18 and June 22, 2020. Data were weighted by respondent sex, age, education, and region of the state to targets from the most recent American Community Survey (ACS) conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, as well as party registration levels provided by the New Hampshire Secretary of State. The Granite State Panel is part of an effort by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center to investigate new ways of gathering and understanding the opinion of New Hampshire residents. Granite State Panel members are recruited from randomly-selected landline and cell phone numbers across New Hampshire and surveys are sent periodically to panel members.

Handling of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation by President Trump

Nearly two-thirds (63%) of New Hampshire residents disapprove of President Trump's handling of the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, and more than half strongly disapprove. Only 36% approve of Trump's handling of the situation - 26% strongly approve and 8% somewhat approve - while 1% neither approve nor disapprove or don't know. Disapproval of Trump's handling of COVID-19 is at its highest point since the onset of the pandemic. Among state residents who approve of Governor Chris Sununu's handling of COVID-19 (78%), only 35% approve of Trump's handling of COVID-19.

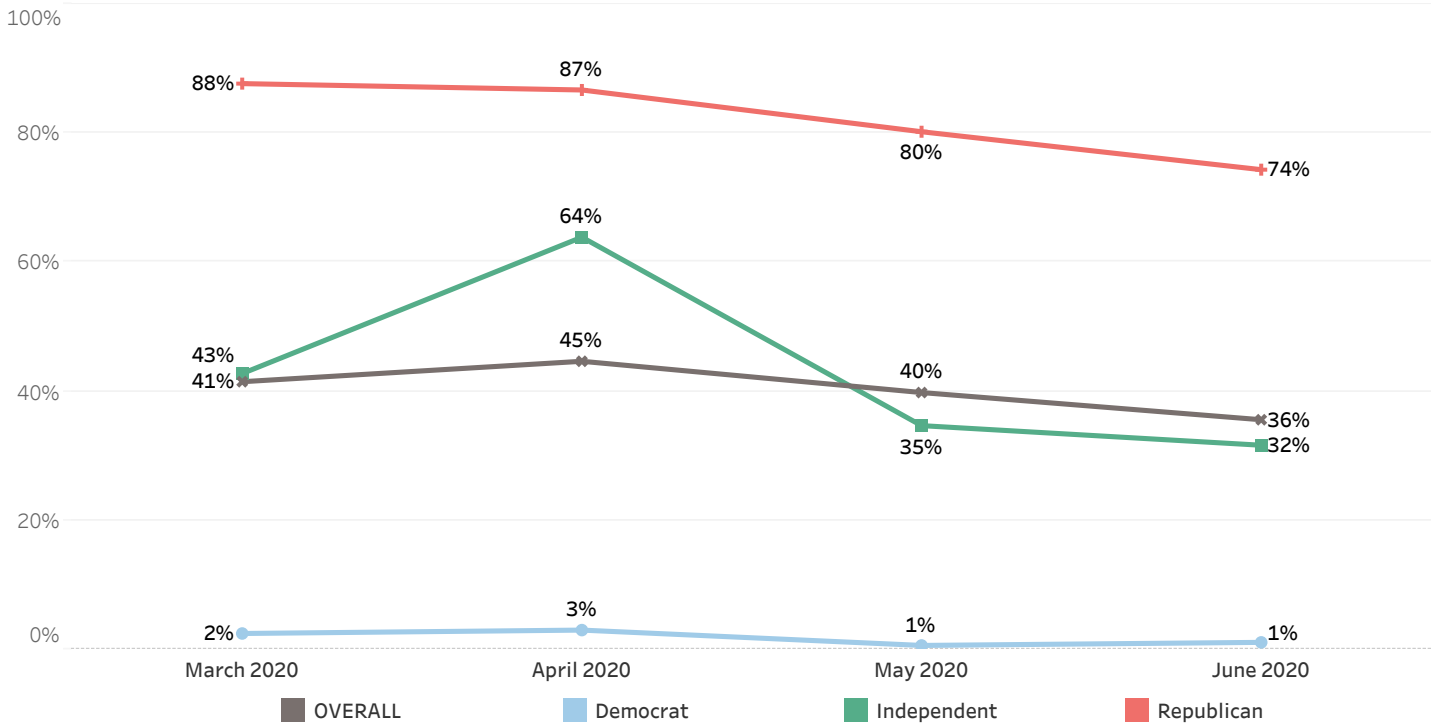
Approval of President Trump's Handling of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation



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Three-quarters (74%) of self-identified Republicans in New Hampshire approve of Trump's handling of COVID-19 but approval among this group is at its lowest point since the onset of the pandemic. Only one-third (32%) of Independents and virtually no Democrats (1%) approve of Trump's handling of the COVID-19 situation, largely unchanged since May.

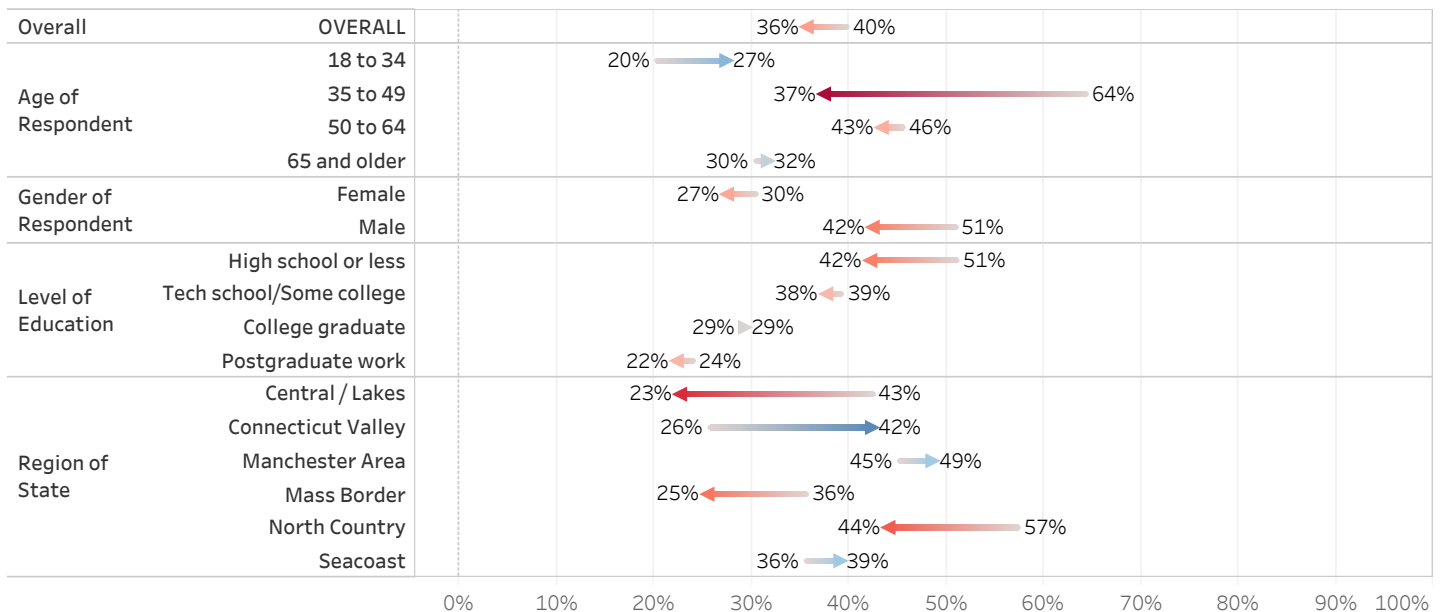
Approval of President Trump's Handling of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation - By Party ID



Approval of Trump's handling of the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation has:

- increased slightly since May among those aged 18 to 34 but has declined dramatically among those aged 35 to 49;
- fallen among men but only very slightly among women;
- declined among those with a high school education or less for the second consecutive month; and
- fallen among Central/Lakes Region, North Country, and Massachusetts Border residents but increased among Connecticut Valley residents.

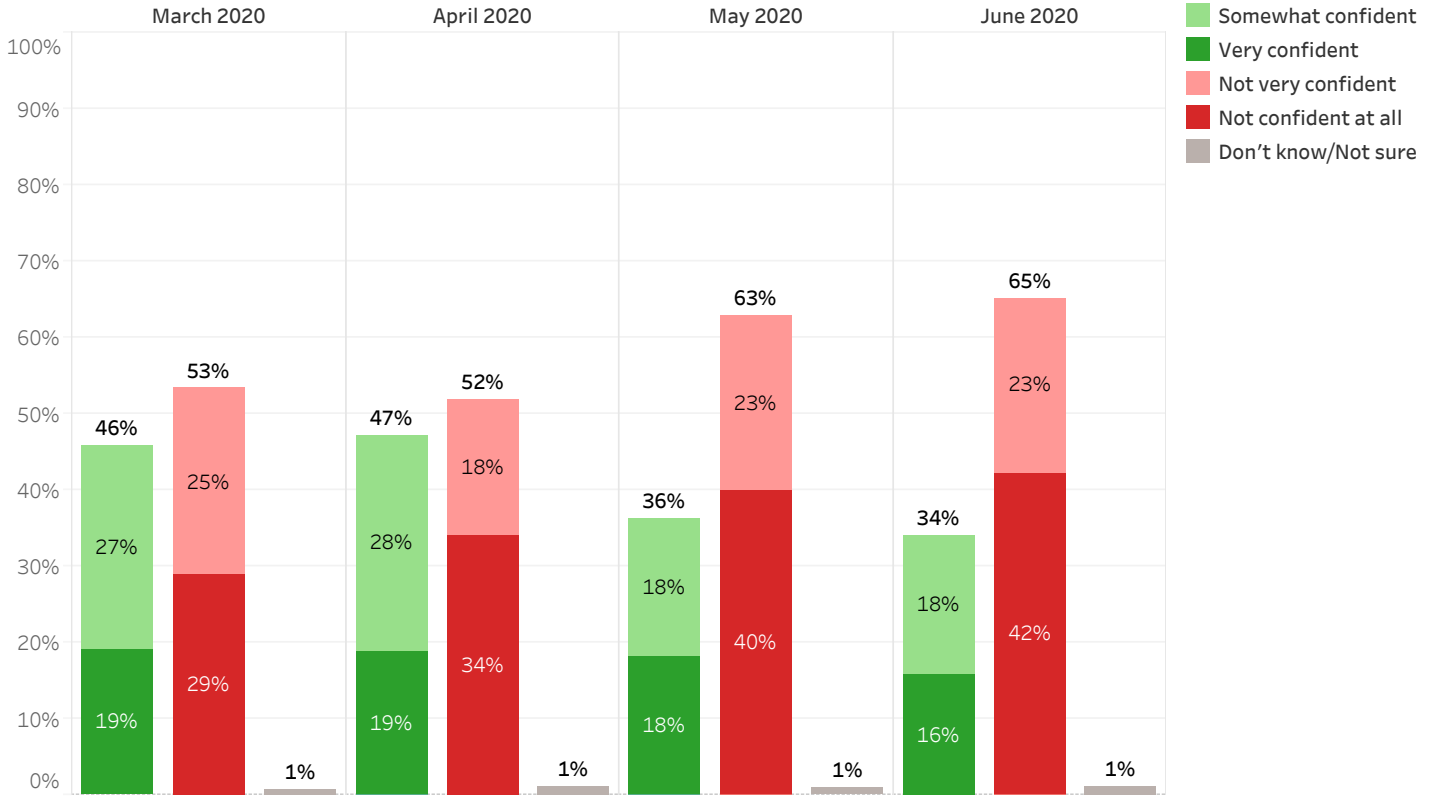
**Approval of President Trump's Handling of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation
Change from May to June 2020 - By Demographics**



Federal Government's Response to Coronavirus

Confidence among New Hampshire residents in the federal government's ability to respond effectively to the coronavirus outbreak is largely unchanged since May but remains lower than in March and April: only 34% are very (16%) or somewhat (18%) confident while 65% are not very (23%) or not at all confident (42%) and 1% don't know or are unsure. In April, nearly half (47%) of Granite Staters reported they were very or somewhat confident in the federal government's ability to respond effectively.

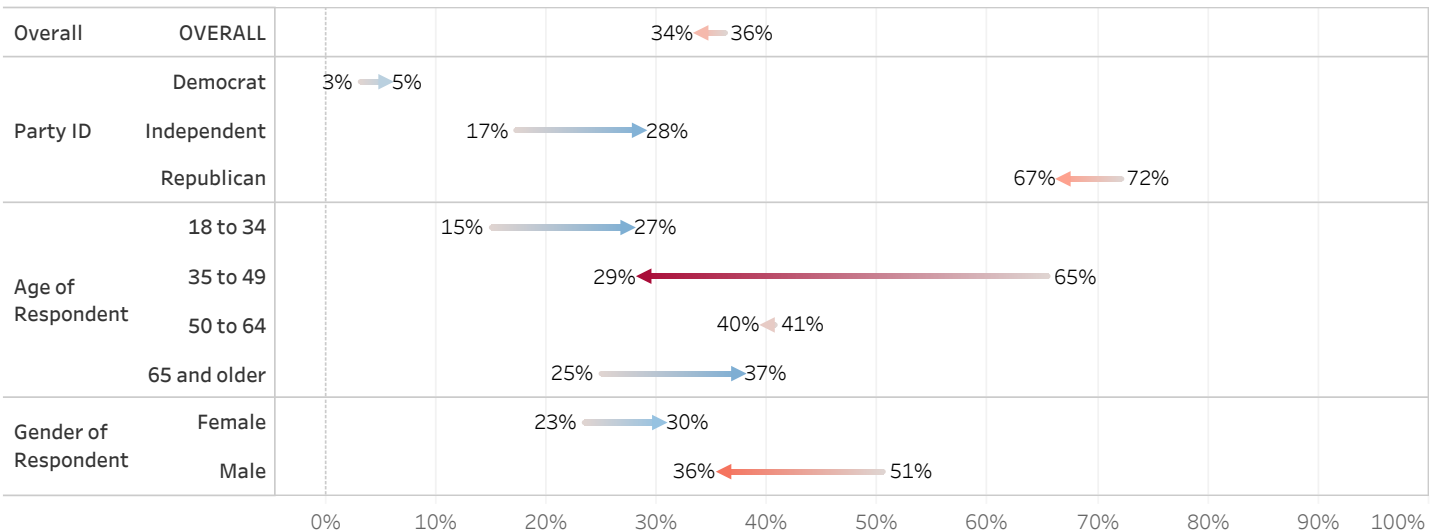
Confidence in Federal Government's Ability to Respond Effectively to Coronavirus Outbreak



The percentage of respondents who are very or somewhat confident in the federal government's ability to respond effectively has:

- increased since May among Independents but declined somewhat among Republicans;
- risen among those aged 18 to 34 or 65 and older, but fallen dramatically among those aged 35 to 49; and
- fallen substantially among men but increased slightly among women.

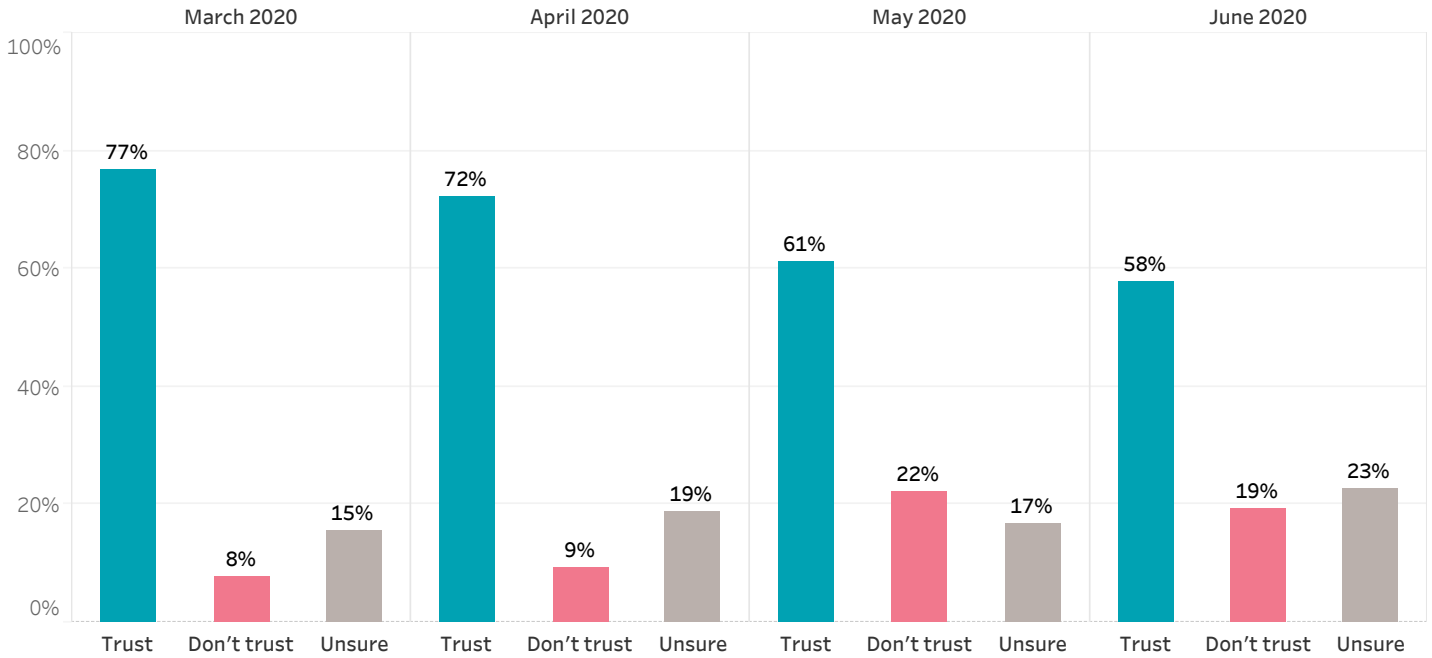
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Change from May to June 2020 - By Demographics**



Trust in Science Agencies

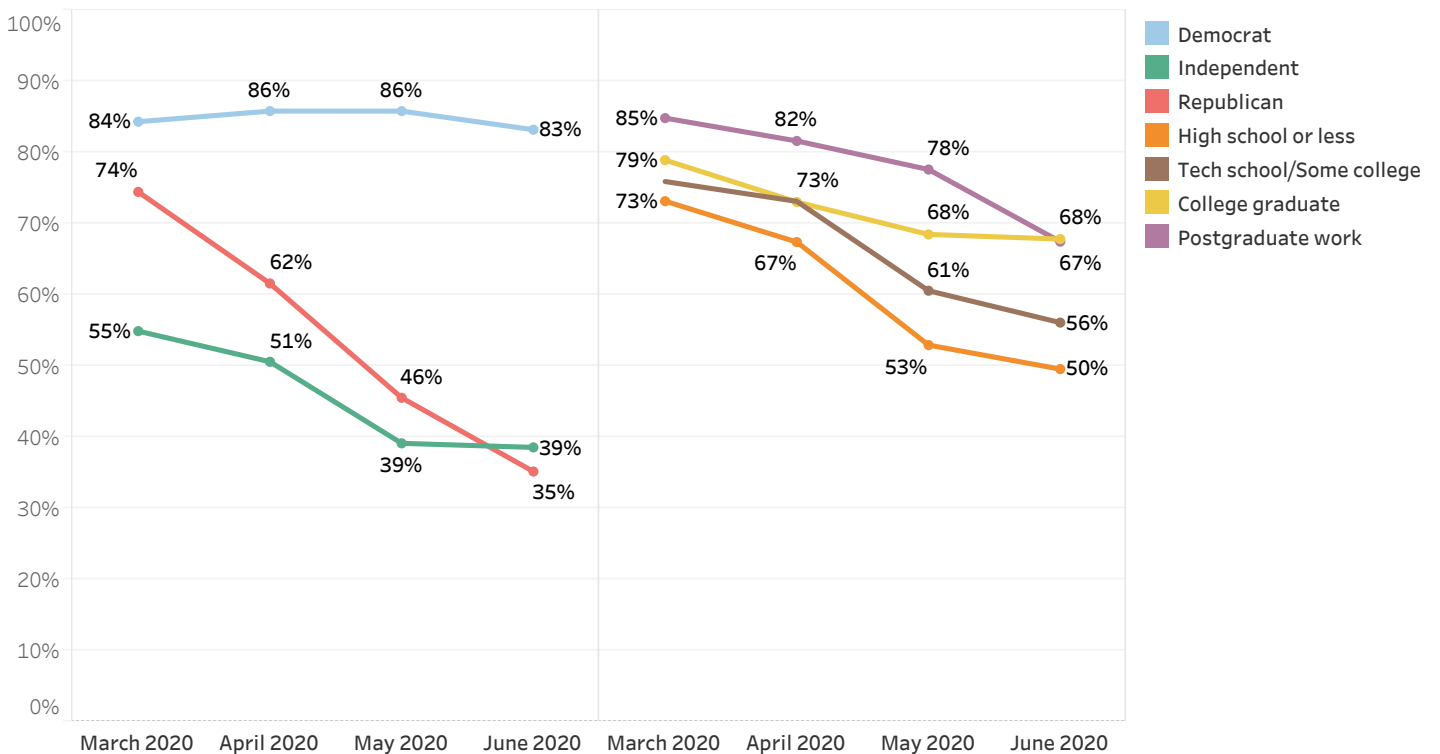
Trust in science agencies, such as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), as sources of information about COVID-19 remains well below levels seen in March and April. Currently, only 58% of New Hampshire residents say they trust such agencies as an information source, 19% don't trust them, and 23% are unsure. In April, 72% said they trusted such agencies and only 9% said they did not trust them.

Trust Science Agencies Such as CDC as Source of Information About the Coronavirus



Trust in science agencies like the CDC has deteriorated markedly since March among self-identified Republicans but remained largely unchanged among Democrats, who are now more than twice as likely as Republicans or Independents to say they trust these agencies. Respondents with a college degree or more education are somewhat more likely than others to say they trust these agencies, but trust has fallen by a broader similar amount among respondents of all education levels since March.

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Granite State Panel Methodology

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For each survey which they complete, panel members are entered into quarterly drawings to earn rewards, such as gift certificates from statewide and internet companies. Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100%. The number of respondents in each demographic below may not equal the number reported in cross-tabulation tables as some respondents choose not to answer some questions.

For more information about the methodology used in the Granite State Panel, contact Dr. Andrew Smith at (603) 862-2226 or by email at andrew.smith@unh.edu.

Granite State Panel, June 2020 Demographics

		N	%
Gender of Respondent	Female	495	51%
	Male	477	49%
Age of Respondent	18 to 34	263	27%
	35 to 49	225	23%
	50 to 64	292	30%
	65 and older	201	21%
Level of Education	High school or less	356	36%
	Tech school/Some college	305	31%
	College graduate	205	21%
	Postgraduate work	124	13%
Region of State	Central / Lakes	175	18%
	Connecticut Valley	138	14%
	Manchester Area	179	18%
	Mass Border	244	25%
	North Country	96	10%
	Seacoast	162	16%
Party ID	Democrat	441	45%
	Independent	115	12%
	Republican	416	43%
Voting Registration	Registered Democrat	266	28%
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	407	43%
	Registered Republican	279	29%

Approval of President Trump's Handling of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation

Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>	<u>N</u>
March 2020	41%	57%	1%	645
April 2020	45%	55%	1%	1,154
May 2020	40%	57%	3%	830
June 2020	36%	63%	1%	996

Confidence in Federal Government's Ability to Respond Effectively to Coronavirus Outbreak

How confident are you in the federal government's ability to respond effectively to the current outbreak of coronavirus in the United States?

	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not very confident</u>	<u>Not confident at all</u>	<u>Don't know/Not sure</u>	<u>N</u>
March 2020	19%	27%	25%	29%	1%	648
April 2020	19%	28%	18%	34%	1%	1,155
May 2020	18%	18%	23%	40%	1%	840
June 2020	16%	18%	23%	42%	1%	997

Trust Science Agencies Such as CDC as Source of Information About the Coronavirus

As a source of information about the coronavirus, would you say that you trust, don't trust, or are unsure about science agencies such as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) that study infectious diseases?

	<u>Trust</u>	<u>Don't trust</u>	<u>Unsure</u>	<u>N</u>
March 2020	77%	8%	15%	649
April 2020	72%	9%	19%	1,154
May 2020	61%	22%	17%	837
June 2020	58%	19%	23%	996

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STATEWIDE	June 2020	36%	63%	1%	996
Voting Registration	Registered Democrat	3%	96%	0%	266
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	31%	68%	2%	406
	Registered Republican	76%	23%	0%	279
Party ID	Democrat	1%	99%	0%	440
	Independent	32%	63%	6%	115
	Republican	74%	25%	1%	416
Ideology	Liberal	4%	96%		429
	Moderate	35%	65%	0%	85
	Conservative	73%	25%	2%	414
Media Usage	Boston Globe reader	3%	97%		76
	NHPR listener	39%	60%	1%	880
	Union Leader reader	37%	63%		155
	WMUR viewer	39%	60%	1%	735
Age of Respondent	18 to 34	27%	71%	2%	263
	35 to 49	37%	62%	1%	225
	50 to 64	43%	56%	1%	292
	65 and older	32%	67%	1%	201
Gender of Respondent	Female	27%	72%	0%	494
	Male	42%	56%	2%	476
Level of Education	High school or less	42%	58%		356
	Tech school/Some college	38%	60%	2%	305
	College graduate	29%	70%	1%	205
	Postgraduate work	22%	77%	1%	124
Region of State	Central / Lakes	23%	77%		175
	Connecticut Valley	42%	57%	0%	138
	Manchester Area	49%	49%	3%	179
	Mass Border	25%	75%		244
	North Country	44%	53%	3%	96
	Seacoast	39%	60%	1%	162

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