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TRUMP JOB APPROVAL UNDERWATER IN NH

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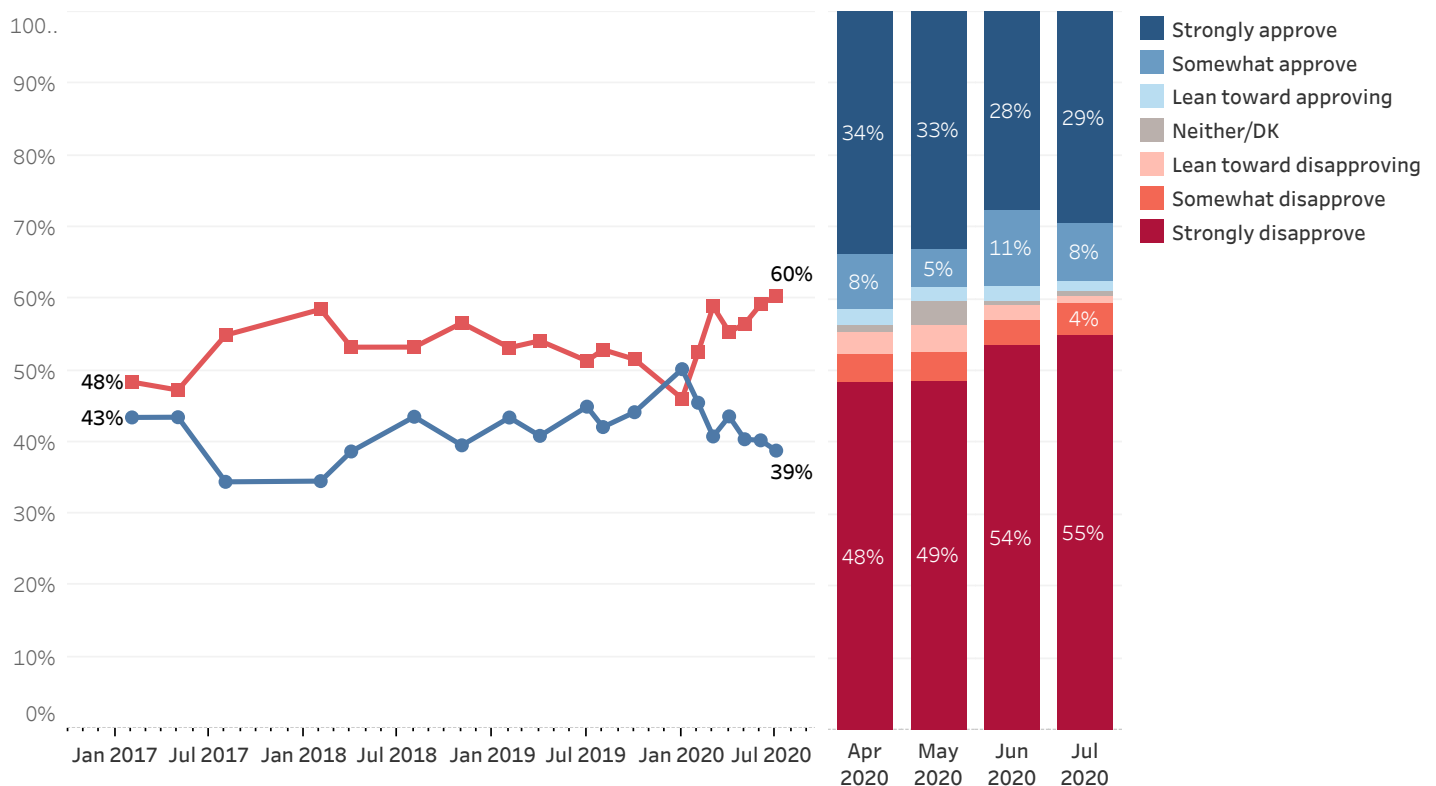
DURHAM, NH - With the presidential election less than four months away, disapproval of President Donald Trump in New Hampshire is at the highest level, 60%, of his presidency. Majorities also disapprove of Trump's handling of the economy, foreign affairs, and COVID-19. Trust in the federal government's ability to respond effectively to COVID-19 remains low.

These findings are based on the latest **Granite State Panel*** survey, conducted by the University of New Hampshire Survey Center. Two thousand twenty-two (2,022) Granite State Panel members completed the survey online between July 16 and July 28, 2020. The margin of sampling error for the survey is +/- 2.2 percent. 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. 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.

Presidential Approval

Donald Trump faces an increasingly difficult reelection as the COVID-19 pandemic continues and the economy continues to suffer. Currently, 39% of New Hampshire residents approve of Donald Trump's performance as President, 60% disapprove, and 1% don't know or are unsure. The percentage of New Hampshire adults who disapprove of Trump's job as president is the highest measured during his presidency. Trump's net approval rating (the percentage who approve minus the percentage who disapprove) among Granite Staters is -22% and has declined for three consecutive months.

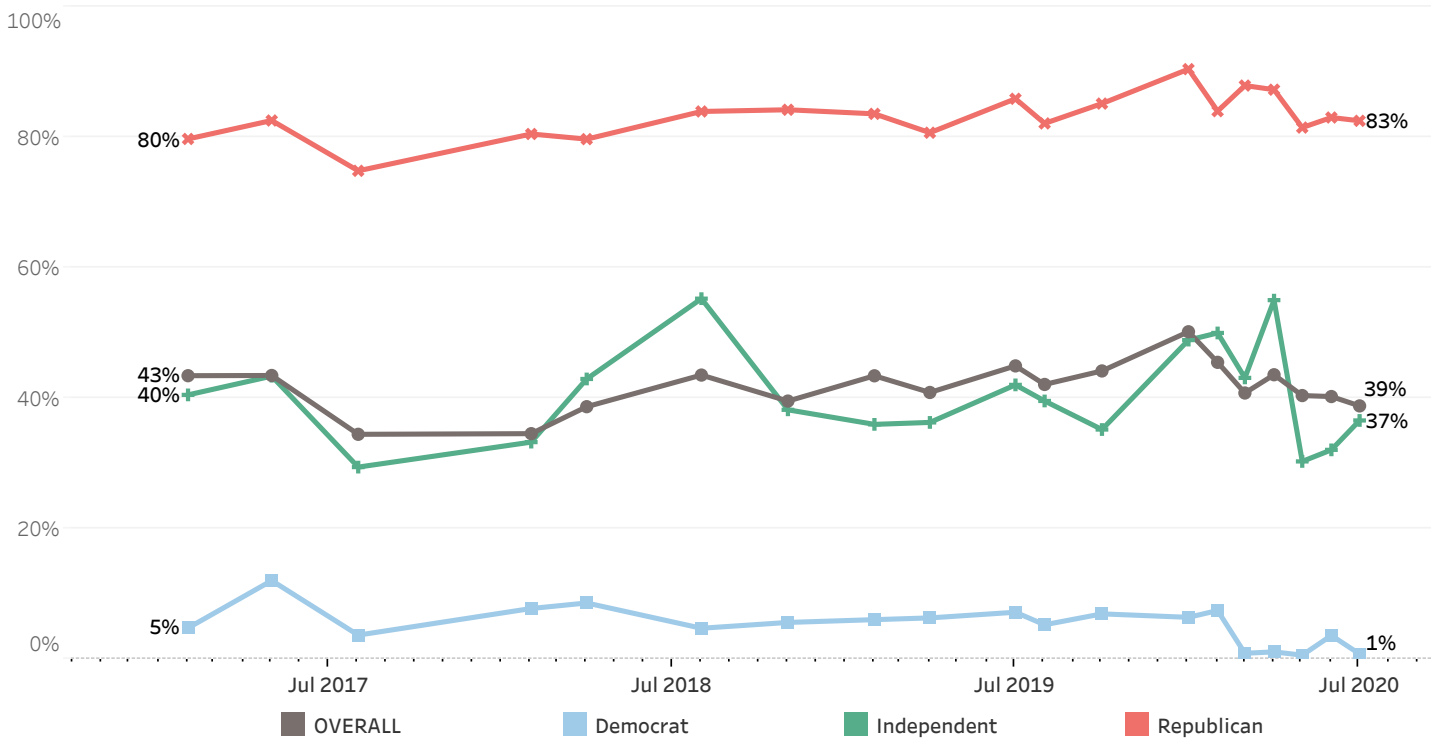
Presidential Approval - Donald Trump



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Eighty-three percent of Republicans approve of Trump's job performance, but only 37% of Independents and 1% of Democrats approve. Support among all three groups is largely unchanged since June.

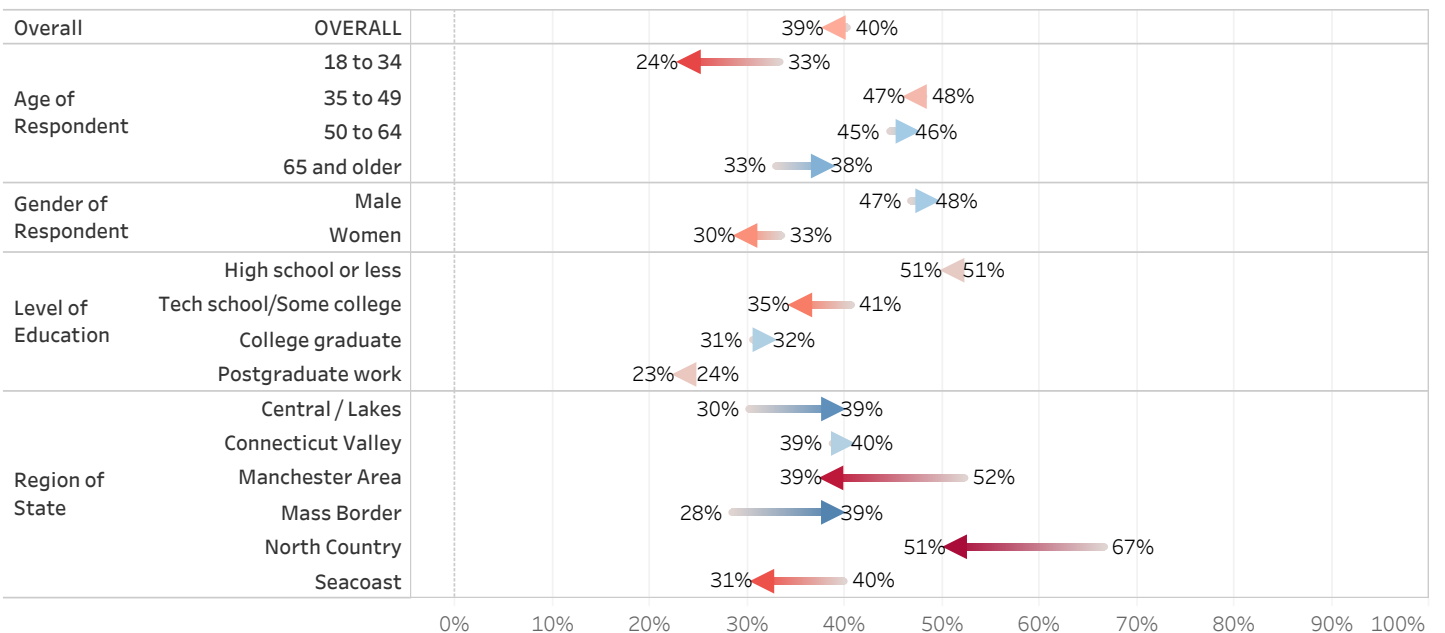
Job Approval - President Donald Trump - By Party Identification



Since June, approval of Trump's job performance has:

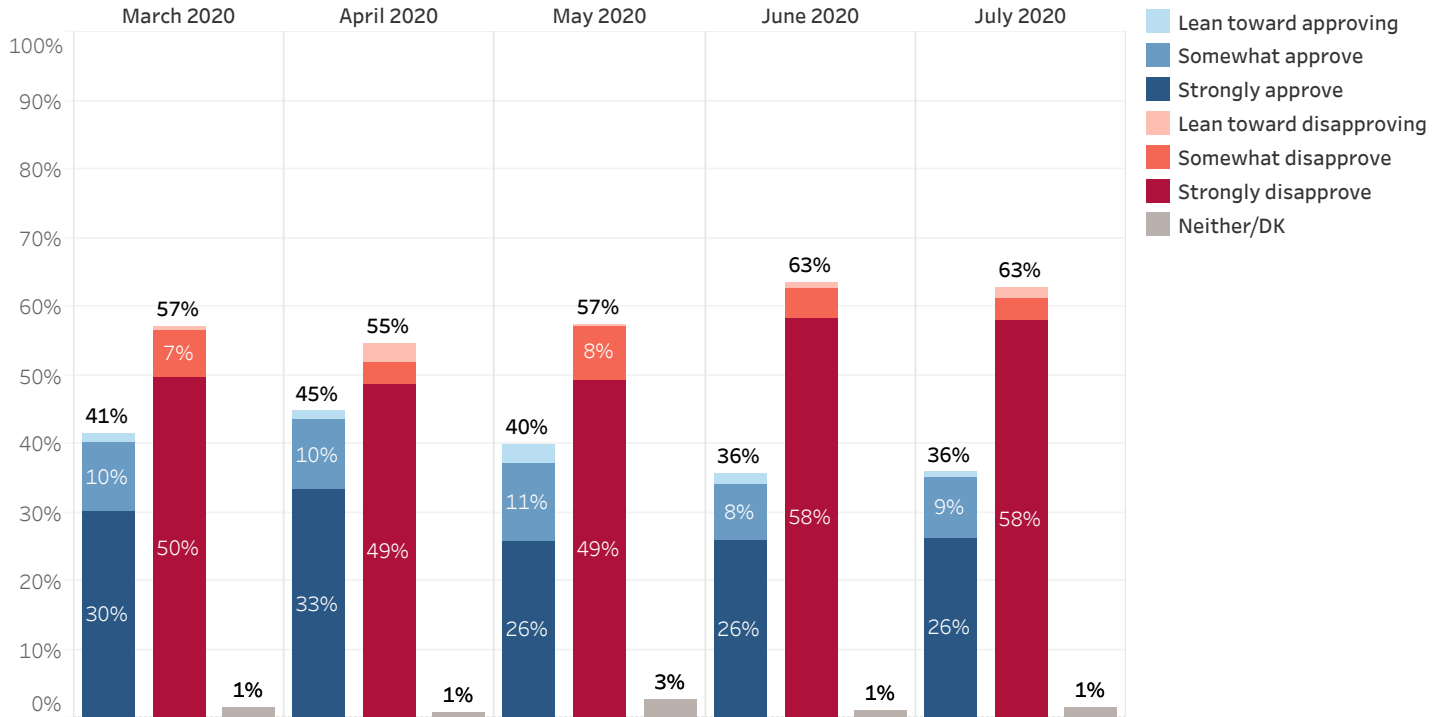
- declined among those aged 18 to 34 but remained largely stable among other age groups;
- fallen among those who went to technical school or have some college education but remained largely stable among other education groups; and
- declined among Manchester Area, North Country, and Seacoast residents but increased among Central/Lakes Region and Mass Border residents.

**Approval of President Trump's Job Performance
Change from June to July 2020 - By Demographics**



The COVID-19 pandemic will certainly be the most serious crisis of the Trump administration and he is not perceived as handling it well. Sixty-three percent of New Hampshire residents disapprove of President Trump's handling of the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation, and 58% strongly disapprove. Only 36% approve of Trump's handling of the situation - 26% strongly approve and 9% somewhat approve - while 1% neither approve nor disapprove or don't know. Disapproval of Trump's handling of COVID-19 is unchanged since June and remains at its highest point since the onset of the pandemic. Approval of Trump's overall job performance tracks closely with approval of his handling of COVID-19: only 2% of respondents disapprove of Trump's handling of COVID-19 but approve of his overall job performance and only 1% approve of Trump's handling of COVID-19 but disapprove of his overall job performance.

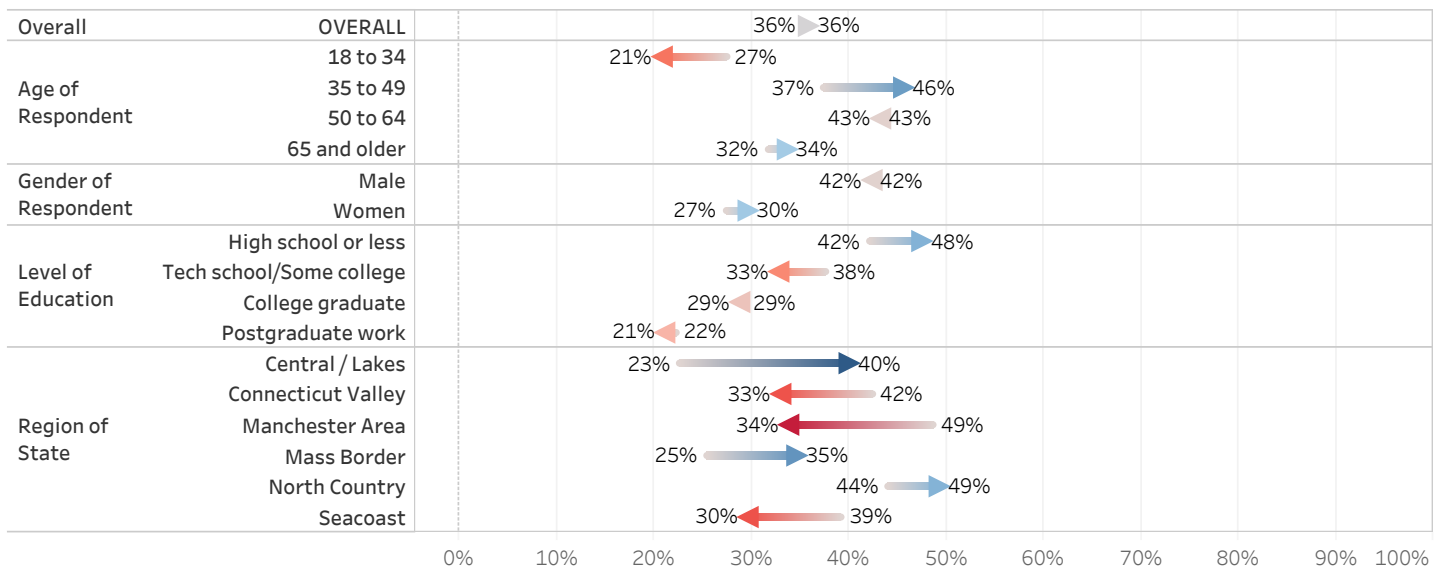
Approval of President Trump's Handling of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation



Since June, approval of Trump's handling of the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation:

- declined slightly among those aged 18 to 34 but increased slightly among those aged 35 to 49; and
- fallen among Connecticut Valley, Manchester Area, and Seacoast residents but increased among Central/Lakes Region residents and slightly among Mass Border residents.

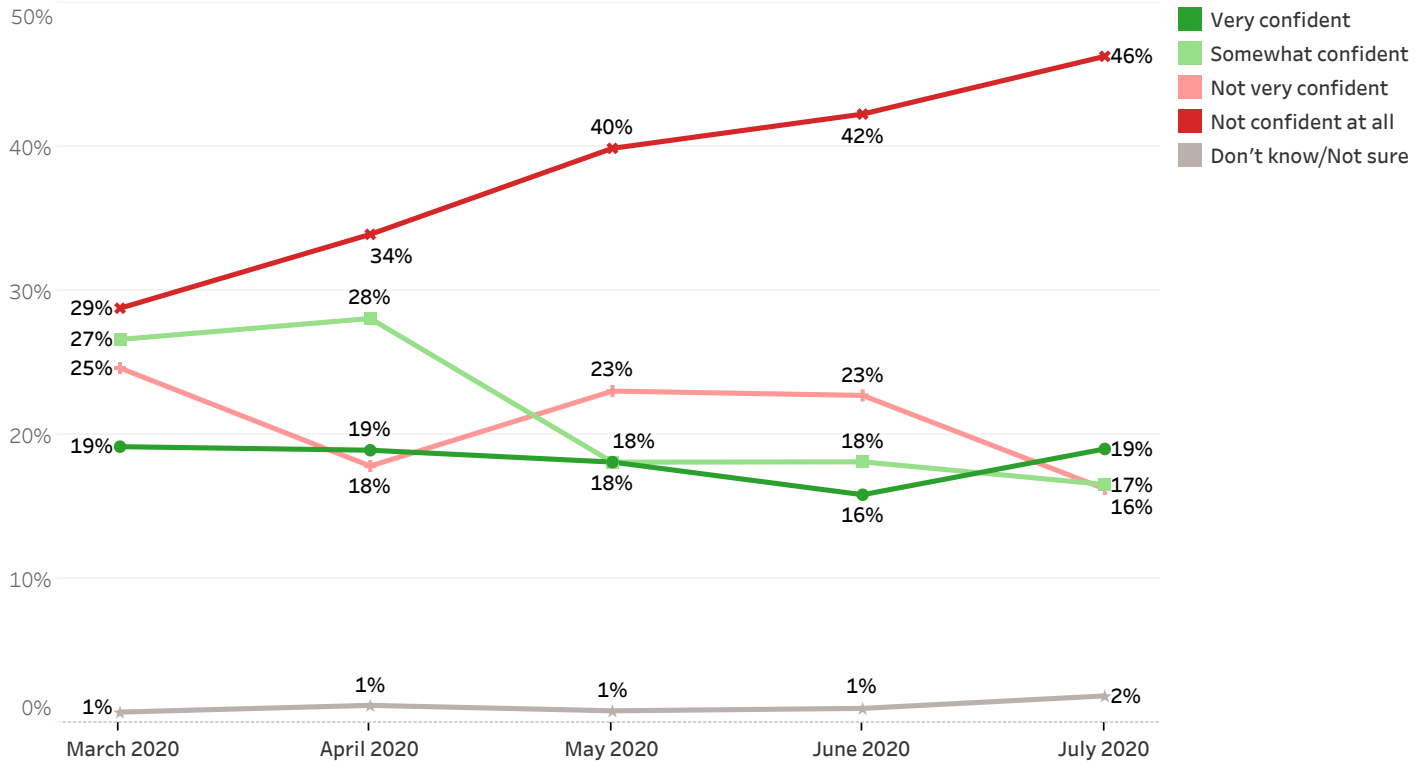
Approval of President Trump's Handling of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation Change from June to July 2020 - By Demographics



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 June but remains lower than in March and April: 36% are very (19%) or somewhat (17%) confident while 63% are not very (16%) or not at all confident (46%) and 2% 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.

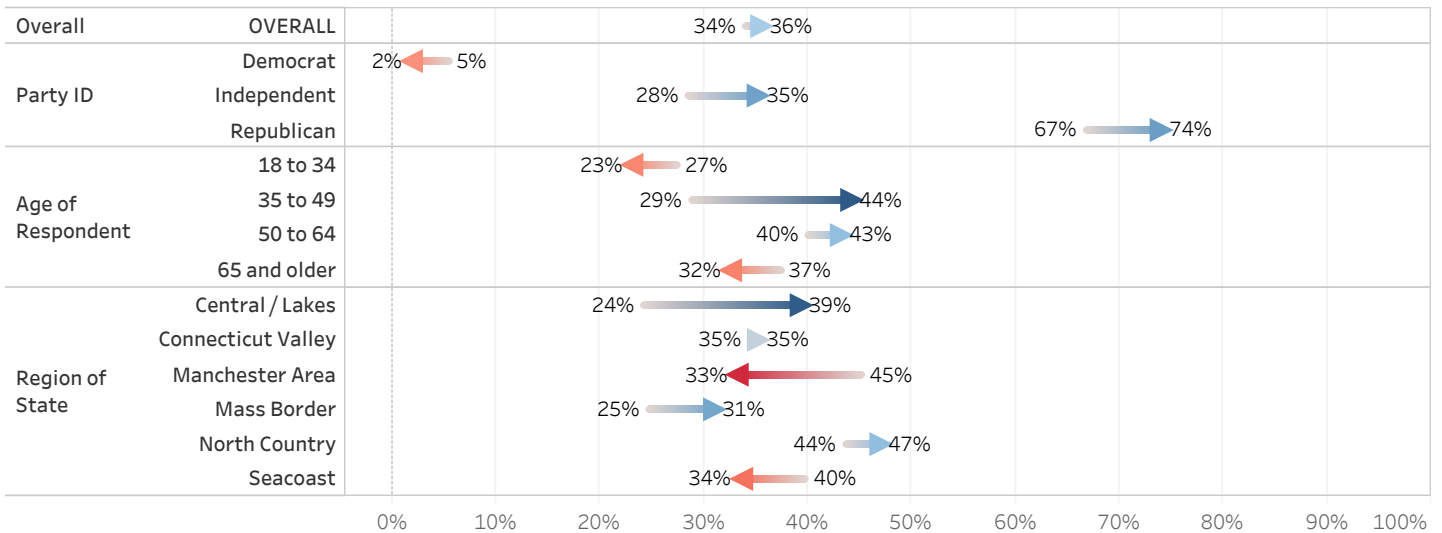
Confidence in Federal Government's Ability to Respond Effectively to Coronavirus Outbreak



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

- increased among Independents and Republicans;
- increased among those aged 35 to 49; and
- increased among Central/Lakes Region residents but fallen among Manchester Area and Seacoast residents.

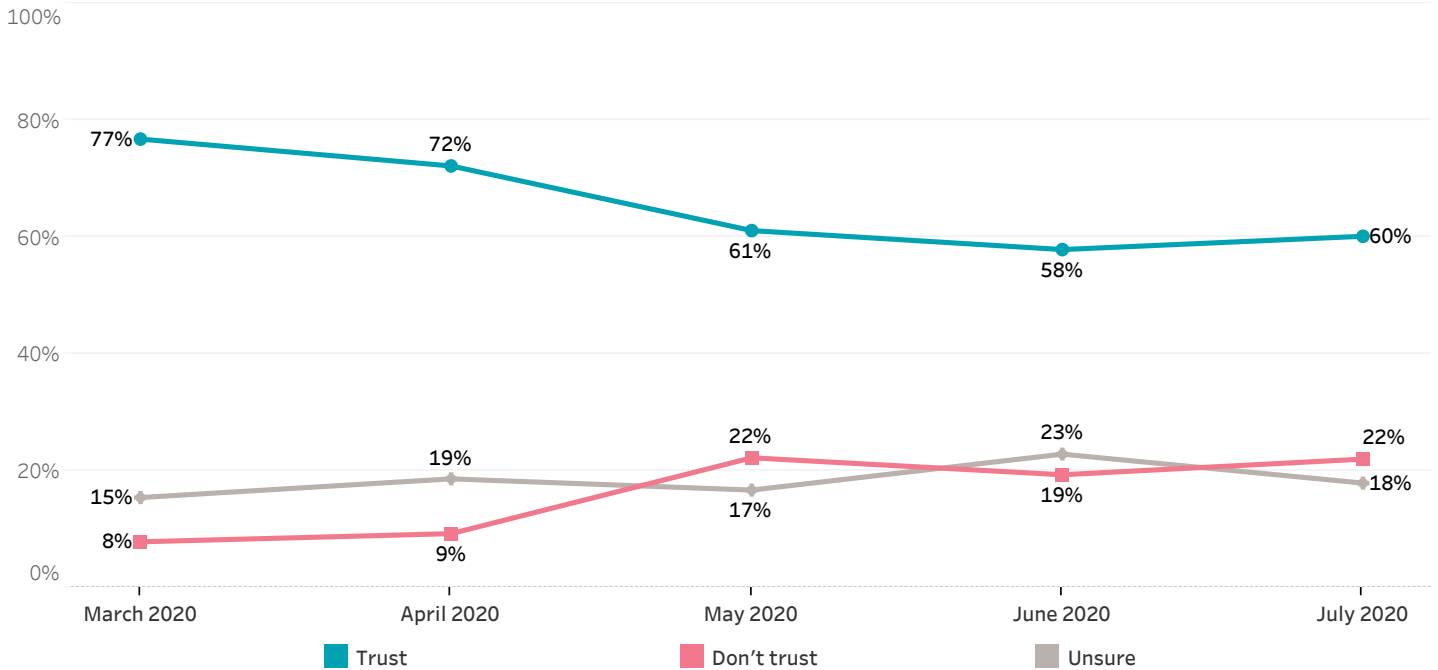
**Very or Somewhat Confident in Federal Government's Ability to Respond Effectively to Coronavirus Outbreak
Change from June to July 2020 - By Demographics**



Trust in Science Agencies

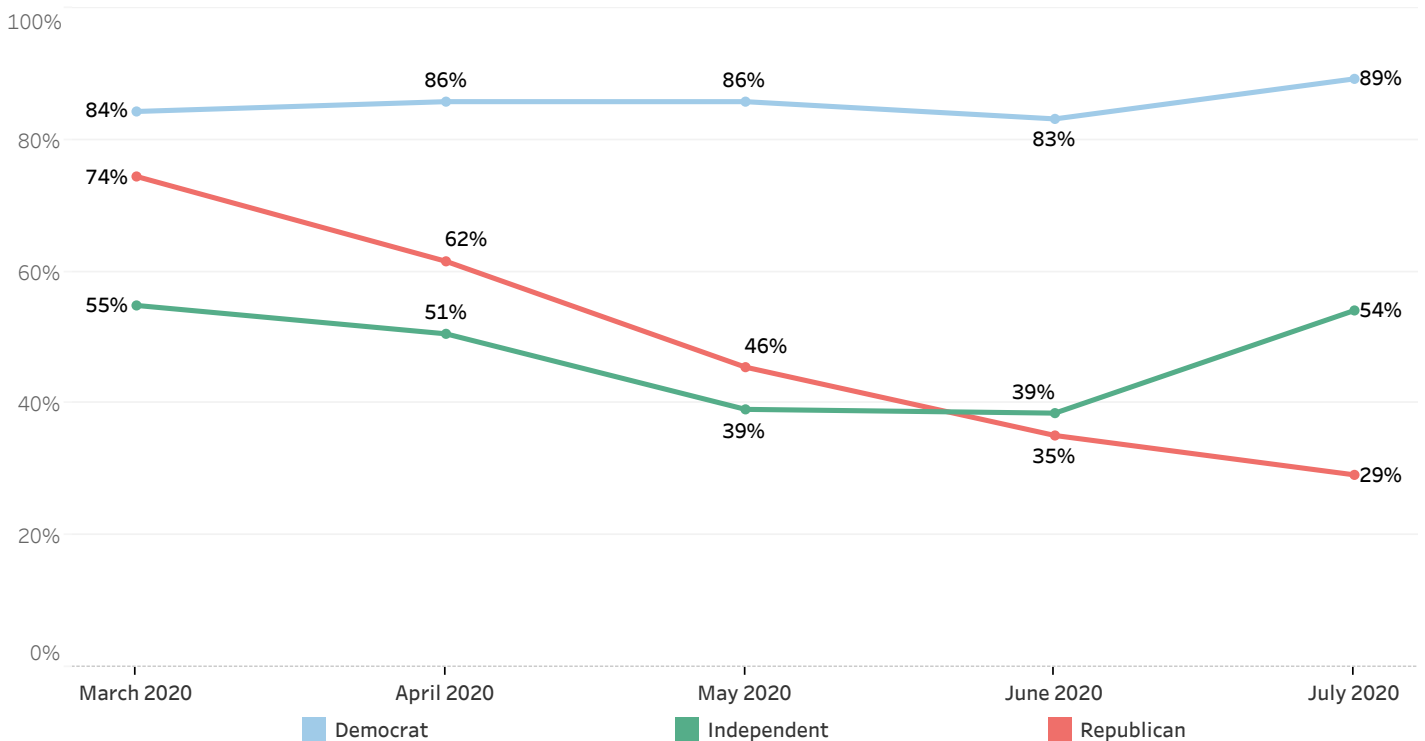
Trust in science agencies, such as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), as sources of information about COVID-19 remains well below levels seen in March and April. Currently, only 60% of New Hampshire residents say they trust such agencies as an information source, 22% don't trust them, and 18% are unsure. In March, 77% said they trusted such agencies and only 8% 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 continues to deteriorate among Republicans from 74% in March to 29% in July. Trust in science agencies like this has increased among Independents and Democrats and trust among both groups now nearly meets or exceeds the trust they expressed in March.

Trust Science Agencies Such as CDC as Source of Information About the Coronavirus - By Party Identification

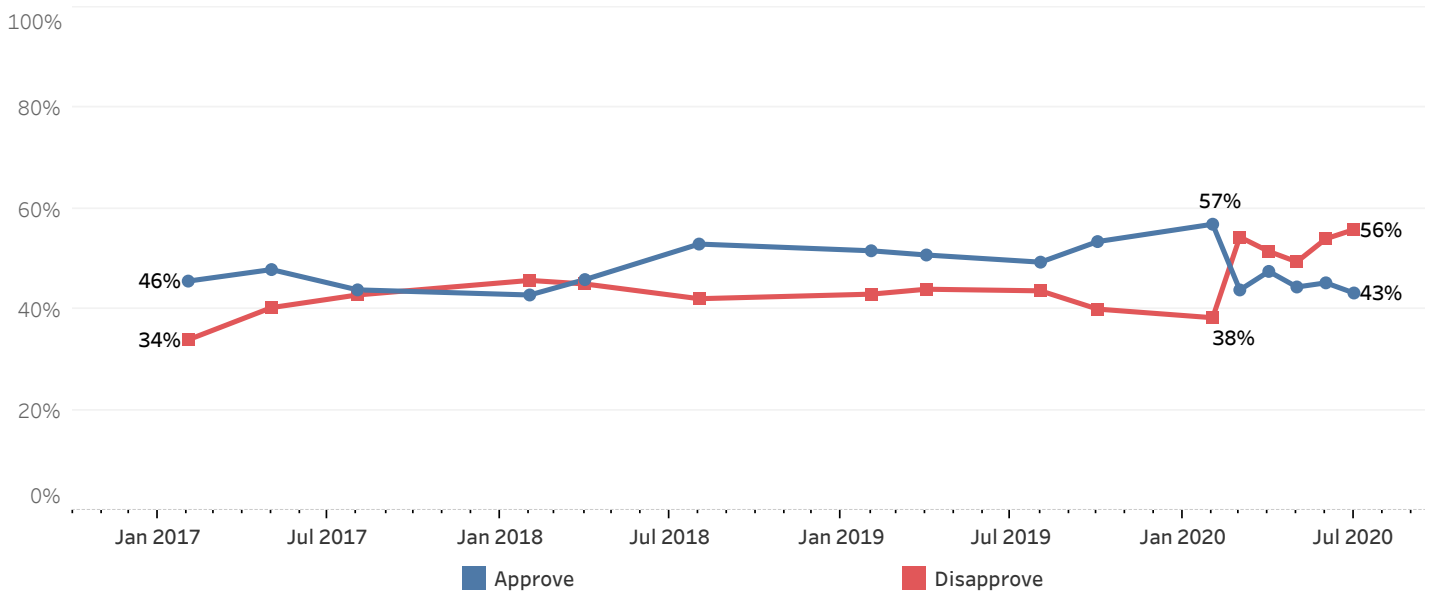


Economic Approval

The pre-COVID economy was the strongest argument Trump had for re-election in November. Perceptions of his handling of the economy have changed since COVID-19 hit. Currently, 43% of New Hampshire residents approve of President Trump's handling of the economy, 56% disapprove, and 1% neither approve nor disapprove or don't know. Approval of Trump's handling of the economy remains significantly lower than before the COVID-19 pandemic: in February 2020, 57% approved of Trump's handling of the economy and only 38% disapproved.

Ninety percent of Republicans approve of Trump's handling of the economy but only 43% of Independents and 2% of Democrats feel this way. Approval among Republicans is largely unchanged since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, while approval among Independents and Democrats has fallen by double-digits.

Approval of President Trump's Handling of the Economy

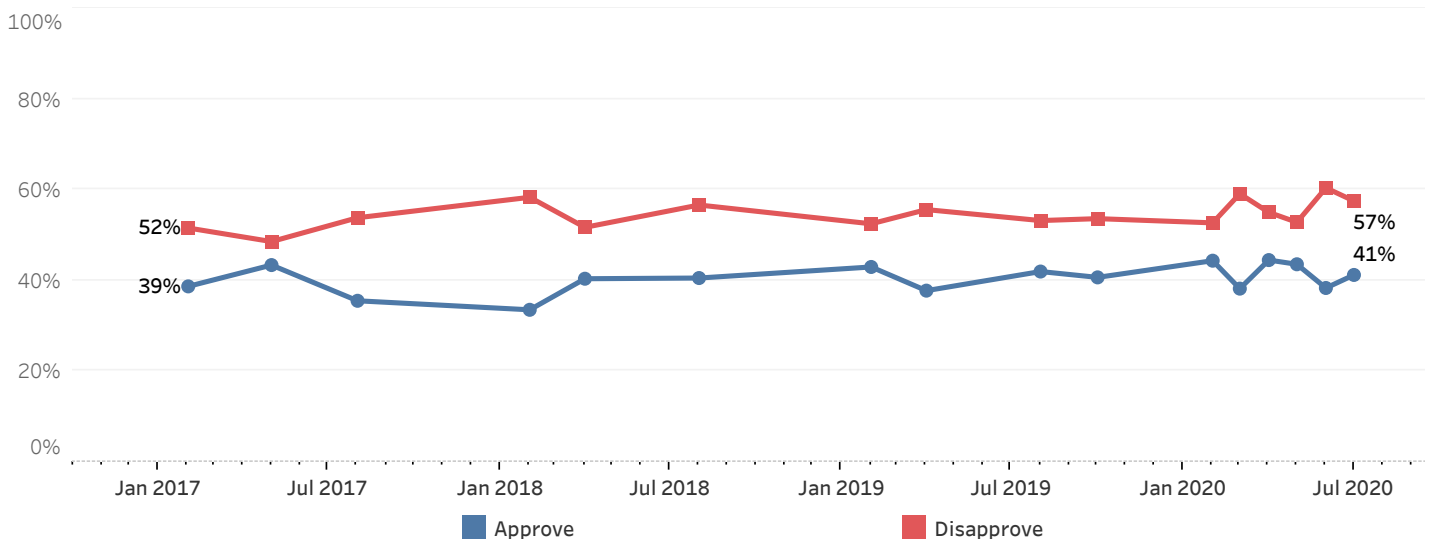


Foreign Affairs Approval

Forty-one percent of New Hampshire residents approve of President Trump's handling of foreign affairs, 57% disapprove, and 1% neither approve nor disapprove or don't know.

Eighty-seven percent of Republicans approve of Trump's handling of foreign affairs but only 40% of Independents and 1% of Democrats feel this way.

Approval of President Trump's Handling of the Foreign Affairs



Granite State Panel Methodology

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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. Approximately 5,500 New Hampshire adults were recruited from randomly selected landline and cell phone numbers to participate in the panel. Panelists are then asked to participate in online surveys sponsored by the UNH Survey Center. The response rate for the July 2020 Granite State Panel is 38%.

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. Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100%.

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, July 2020 Demographics

		N	%
Gender of Respondent	Male	925	49%
	Women	962	51%
Age of Respondent	18 to 34	515	27%
	35 to 49	426	22%
	50 to 64	567	30%
	65 and older	389	21%
Level of Education	High school or less	703	36%
	Tech school/Some college	600	31%
	College graduate	396	21%
	Postgraduate work	232	12%
Region of State	Central / Lakes	324	17%
	Connecticut Valley	239	12%
	Manchester Area	395	21%
	Mass Border	418	22%
	North Country	183	10%
	Seacoast	364	19%
Party ID	Democrat	902	47%
	Independent	184	10%
	Republican	821	43%
Voting Registration	Registered Democrat	526	28%
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	812	43%
	Registered Republican	553	29%
Gender & Education	Men, college degree	278	15%
	Men, no college degree	647	34%
	Women, college degree	330	18%
	Women, no college degree	629	33%

Approval of President Trump's Job Performance

Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>	<u>N</u>
February 2017	43%	48%	8%	501
May 2017	43%	47%	9%	508
August 2017	34%	55%	11%	492
February 2018	35%	59%	7%	519
April 2018	39%	53%	8%	338
August 2018	44%	53%	3%	498
November 2018	40%	57%	4%	617
February 2019	43%	53%	3%	599
April 2019	41%	54%	5%	541
July 2019	45%	51%	4%	855
August 2019	42%	53%	5%	489
October 2019	44%	52%	4%	1,256
January 2020	50%	46%	4%	1,168
February 2020	45%	53%	2%	605
March 2020	41%	59%	0%	637
April 2020	44%	55%	1%	1,139
May 2020	40%	56%	3%	818
June 2020	40%	59%	1%	983
July 2020	39%	60%	1%	1,995

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
July 2020	36%	63%	1%	1,986

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
July 2020	19%	17%	16%	46%	2%	1,973

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
July 2020	60%	22%	18%	1,975

Approval of President Trump's Handling of the Economy

Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling the economy?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>	<u>N</u>
February 2017	46%	34%	20%	493
May 2017	48%	40%	12%	500
August 2017	44%	43%	13%	491
October 2017	42%	48%	10%	562
February 2018	43%	46%	11%	515
April 2018	46%	45%	9%	338
August 2018	53%	42%	5%	497
October 2018	53%	40%	8%	636
February 2019	52%	43%	5%	594
April 2019	51%	44%	5%	536
August 2019	49%	44%	7%	488
October 2019	53%	40%	6%	1,252
February 2020	57%	38%	5%	605
March 2020	44%	54%	2%	648
April 2020	48%	52%	1%	1,147
May 2020	44%	49%	6%	819
June 2020	45%	54%	1%	987
July 2020	43%	56%	1%	1,994

Approval of President Trump's Handling of Foreign Affairs

Generally speaking, do you approve or disapprove of the way President Trump is handling foreign affairs?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>Neither/DK</u>	<u>N</u>
February 2017	39%	52%	10%	501
May 2017	43%	49%	8%	511
August 2017	36%	54%	11%	494
October 2017	34%	62%	5%	570
February 2018	34%	58%	8%	515
April 2018	40%	52%	8%	336
August 2018	41%	57%	3%	500
October 2018	43%	50%	6%	639
February 2019	43%	52%	5%	595
April 2019	38%	56%	7%	539
August 2019	42%	53%	5%	487
October 2019	41%	54%	6%	1,247
February 2020	44%	53%	3%	603
March 2020	38%	59%	3%	649
April 2020	44%	55%	1%	1,149
May 2020	44%	53%	4%	828
June 2020	38%	60%	1%	990
July 2020	41%	57%	1%	1,996

Approval of President Trump's Job Performance

		Approve	Disapprove	Neither/DK	N
STATEWIDE	July 2020	39%	60%	1%	1,995
Voting Registration	Registered Democrat	3%	97%	0%	524
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	34%	65%	1%	808
	Registered Republican	82%	17%	1%	544
Party ID	Democrat	1%	99%	0%	898
	Independent	37%	62%	2%	184
	Republican	83%	16%	1%	809
Ideology	Liberal	1%	99%	0%	877
	Moderate	31%	67%	1%	125
	Conservative	83%	16%	1%	815
Media Usage	Boston Globe reader	8%	92%		125
	NHPR listener	44%	56%	1%	1,639
	Union Leader reader	37%	61%	2%	266
	WMUR viewer	42%	57%	1%	1,425
Age of Respondent	18 to 34	24%	76%		515
	35 to 49	47%	51%	2%	425
	50 to 64	46%	53%	1%	565
	65 and older	38%	61%	1%	386
Gender of Respondent	Male	48%	51%	1%	922
	Women	30%	70%	1%	950
Level of Education	High school or less	51%	49%		695
	Tech school/Some college	35%	63%	2%	595
	College graduate	32%	67%	1%	395
	Postgraduate work	23%	76%	1%	232
Gender & Education	Men, college degree	38%	62%	1%	278
	Men, no college degree	53%	46%	1%	645
	Women, college degree	20%	79%	1%	329
	Women, no college degree	35%	65%	0%	618
Region of State	Central / Lakes	39%	61%	0%	322
	Connecticut Valley	40%	60%	0%	238
	Manchester Area	39%	60%	2%	394
	Mass Border	39%	60%	1%	416
	North Country	51%	47%	1%	175
	Seacoast	31%	68%	0%	362

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

		Approve	Disapprove	Neither/DK	N
STATEWIDE	July 2020	36%	63%	1%	1,986
Voting Registration	Registered Democrat	1%	98%	0%	523
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	31%	67%	2%	810
	Registered Republican	78%	20%	2%	535
Party ID	Democrat	1%	99%		900
	Independent	29%	69%	2%	184
	Republican	78%	19%	3%	801
Ideology	Liberal	1%	99%		879
	Moderate	32%	67%	1%	126
	Conservative	77%	20%	3%	806
Media Usage	Boston Globe reader	8%	92%		124
	NHPR listener	40%	58%	2%	1,633
	Union Leader reader	31%	63%	6%	265
	WMUR viewer	40%	59%	1%	1,417
Age of Respondent	18 to 34	21%	79%		515
	35 to 49	46%	54%	0%	418
	50 to 64	43%	54%	3%	564
	65 and older	34%	63%	3%	388
Gender of Respondent	Male	42%	55%	2%	915
	Women	30%	70%	1%	951
Level of Education	High school or less	48%	50%	2%	687
	Tech school/Some college	33%	66%	2%	597
	College graduate	29%	71%	0%	395
	Postgraduate work	21%	78%	1%	231
Gender & Education	Men, college degree	32%	67%	1%	277
	Men, no college degree	47%	50%	3%	638
	Women, college degree	19%	80%	0%	329
	Women, no college degree	35%	64%	1%	619
Region of State	Central / Lakes	40%	60%	0%	323
	Connecticut Valley	33%	66%	1%	230
	Manchester Area	34%	64%	2%	394
	Mass Border	35%	62%	3%	417
	North Country	49%	49%	1%	175
	Seacoast	30%	70%	0%	363

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

		<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>
STATEWIDE	July 2020	19%	17%	16%	46%	2%	1,973
Voting Registration	Registered Democrat	0%	3%	17%	79%		526
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	16%	15%	17%	50%	1%	812
	Registered Republican	43%	31%	12%	10%	3%	551
Party ID	Democrat	0%	2%	19%	79%	0%	902
	Independent	17%	18%	14%	45%	6%	184
	Republican	42%	33%	14%	9%	3%	819
Ideology	Liberal	0%	1%	18%	81%	0%	880
	Moderate	18%	13%	16%	46%	8%	126
	Conservative	41%	33%	12%	10%	3%	824
Media Usage	Boston Globe reader	4%	5%	17%	74%		125
	NHPR listener	21%	18%	16%	42%	2%	1,652
	Union Leader reader	15%	15%	28%	40%	3%	266
	WMUR viewer	21%	18%	14%	45%	2%	1,437
Age of Respondent	18 to 34	11%	12%	16%	59%	2%	515
	35 to 49	20%	24%	14%	42%	0%	426
	50 to 64	25%	18%	16%	38%	3%	567
	65 and older	21%	11%	18%	49%	0%	389
Gender of Respondent	Male	24%	18%	15%	41%	2%	925
	Women	15%	14%	16%	52%	2%	960
Level of Education	High school or less	28%	19%	14%	35%	5%	703
	Tech school/Some college	15%	16%	19%	49%		600
	College graduate	16%	15%	15%	54%	1%	396
	Postgraduate work	10%	13%	15%	62%	0%	232
Gender & Education	Men, college degree	17%	18%	14%	51%	0%	278
	Men, no college degree	27%	19%	16%	36%	2%	647
	Women, college degree	10%	10%	17%	62%	1%	330
	Women, no college degree	18%	17%	16%	47%	3%	629
Region of State	Central / Lakes	23%	17%	10%	47%	3%	324
	Connecticut Valley	17%	18%	21%	43%		239
	Manchester Area	19%	14%	23%	42%	2%	394
	Mass Border	17%	15%	15%	52%	2%	418
	North Country	18%	29%	13%	35%	5%	183
	Seacoast	22%	12%	14%	52%		364

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

		<u>Trust</u>	<u>Don't trust</u>	<u>Unsure</u>	<u>N</u>
STATEWIDE	July 2020	60%	22%	18%	1,975
Voting Registration	Registered Democrat	87%	3%	10%	526
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	68%	19%	13%	812
	Registered Republican	24%	47%	29%	553
Party ID	Democrat	89%	2%	9%	902
	Independent	54%	25%	21%	184
	Republican	29%	43%	27%	821
Ideology	Liberal	89%	2%	9%	880
	Moderate	58%	20%	21%	126
	Conservative	30%	43%	27%	826
Media Usage	Boston Globe reader	85%	3%	12%	125
	NHPR listener	57%	25%	18%	1,653
	Union Leader reader	66%	12%	22%	266
	WMUR viewer	55%	26%	19%	1,437
Age of Respondent	18 to 34	71%	13%	16%	515
	35 to 49	51%	23%	26%	426
	50 to 64	55%	31%	14%	567
	65 and older	67%	17%	16%	389
Gender of Respondent	Male	54%	23%	23%	925
	Women	66%	20%	14%	962
Level of Education	High school or less	53%	30%	17%	703
	Tech school/Some college	58%	20%	22%	600
	College graduate	70%	16%	14%	396
	Postgraduate work	72%	13%	15%	232
Gender & Education	Men, college degree	67%	17%	16%	278
	Men, no college degree	49%	26%	25%	647
	Women, college degree	76%	11%	13%	330
	Women, no college degree	61%	25%	14%	629
Region of State	Central / Lakes	56%	23%	21%	324
	Connecticut Valley	51%	22%	27%	239
	Manchester Area	62%	23%	16%	395
	Mass Border	60%	23%	17%	418
	North Country	62%	25%	13%	183
	Seacoast	68%	18%	14%	364

Approval of President Trump's Handling of the Economy

		Approve	Disapprove	Neither/DK	N
STATEWIDE	July 2020	43%	56%	1%	1,994
Voting Registration	Registered Democrat	4%	95%	1%	524
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	40%	59%	2%	811
	Registered Republican	88%	12%	0%	543
Party ID	Democrat	2%	97%	0%	900
	Independent	43%	55%	2%	184
	Republican	90%	10%	0%	810
Ideology	Liberal	2%	97%	0%	879
	Moderate	42%	55%	3%	126
	Conservative	90%	10%	0%	815
Media Usage	Boston Globe reader	10%	90%	0%	125
	NHPR listener	48%	51%	1%	1,642
	Union Leader reader	44%	56%	1%	266
	WMUR viewer	47%	53%	0%	1,426
Age of Respondent	18 to 34	29%	71%	0%	515
	35 to 49	51%	49%	0%	426
	50 to 64	51%	48%	1%	565
	65 and older	43%	54%	3%	387
Gender of Respondent	Male	54%	46%	0%	923
	Women	34%	65%	1%	951
Level of Education	High school or less	53%	46%	1%	695
	Tech school/Some college	41%	58%	1%	598
	College graduate	39%	60%	1%	394
	Postgraduate work	29%	70%	1%	232
Gender & Education	Men, college degree	44%	55%	1%	277
	Men, no college degree	58%	42%	0%	646
	Women, college degree	27%	72%	1%	329
	Women, no college degree	38%	61%	1%	620
Region of State	Central / Lakes	43%	56%	1%	323
	Connecticut Valley	41%	58%	0%	239
	Manchester Area	42%	57%	0%	395
	Mass Border	46%	52%	2%	417
	North Country	57%	42%	1%	175
	Seacoast	36%	64%	1%	362

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		Approve	Disapprove	Neither/DK	N
STATEWIDE	July 2020	41%	57%	1%	1,996
Voting Registration	Registered Democrat	3%	96%	1%	523
	Registered Undeclared/Not Reg.	38%	60%	3%	811
	Registered Republican	84%	15%	0%	544
Party ID	Democrat	1%	99%	0%	899
	Independent	40%	55%	6%	184
	Republican	87%	12%	1%	812
Ideology	Liberal	1%	98%	0%	877
	Moderate	34%	65%	1%	126
	Conservative	87%	11%	1%	817
Media Usage	Boston Globe reader	10%	89%	1%	124
	NHPR listener	46%	52%	1%	1,642
	Union Leader reader	41%	55%	4%	266
	WMUR viewer	45%	54%	1%	1,427
Age of Respondent	18 to 34	26%	73%	2%	515
	35 to 49	49%	50%	1%	426
	50 to 64	50%	48%	2%	565
	65 and older	41%	59%	1%	388
Gender of Respondent	Male	52%	47%	1%	924
	Women	31%	67%	2%	951
Level of Education	High school or less	53%	46%	1%	695
	Tech school/Some college	39%	59%	2%	598
	College graduate	34%	65%	1%	395
	Postgraduate work	25%	75%	1%	231
Gender & Education	Men, college degree	39%	60%	1%	276
	Men, no college degree	57%	42%	1%	647
	Women, college degree	22%	77%	1%	330
	Women, no college degree	36%	62%	2%	619
Region of State	Central / Lakes	41%	58%	1%	323
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