

# Alaska Department of Health & Social Services

Tracking Public Opinion  
Regarding COVID-19

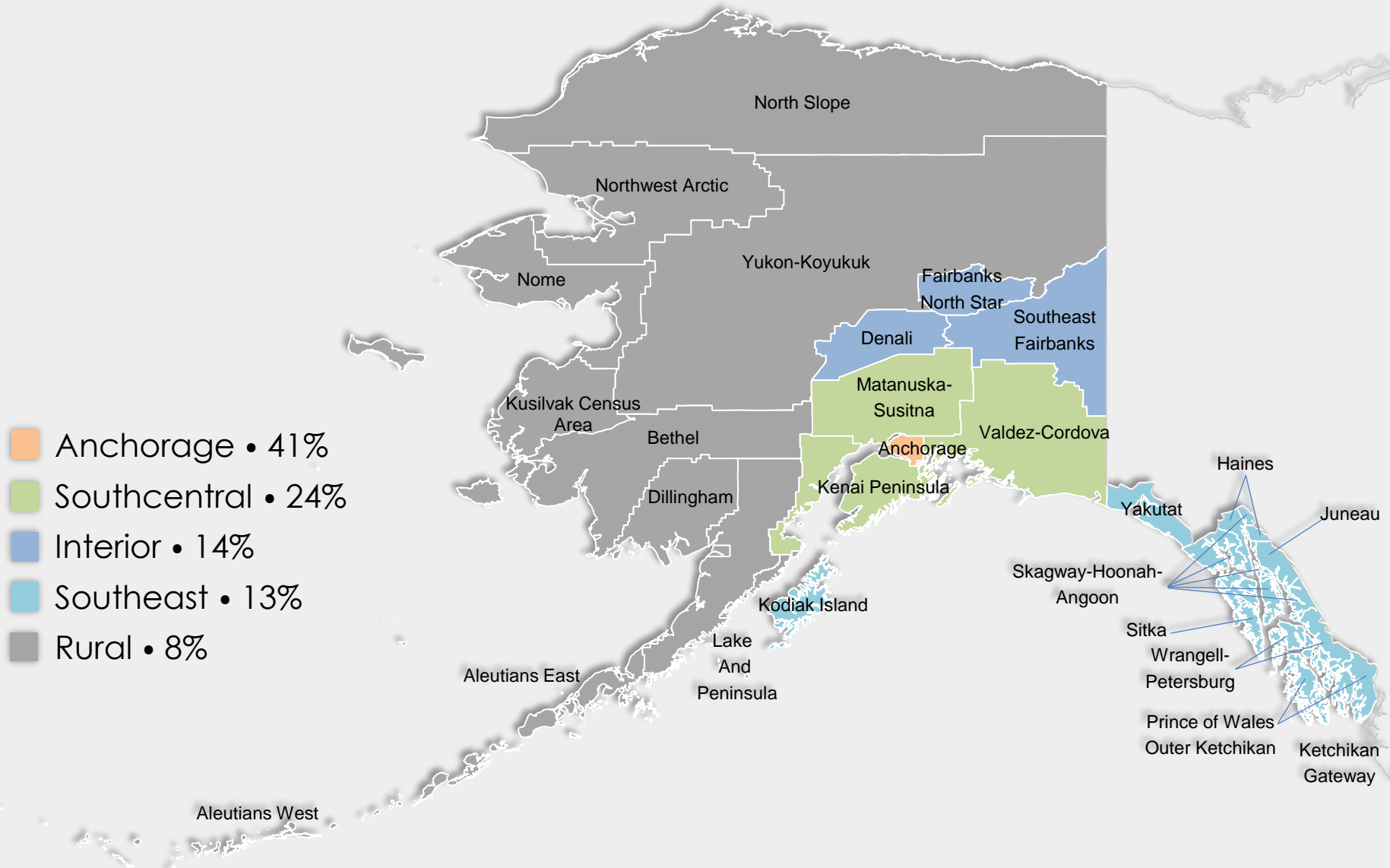
Conducted  
February 23-28, 2021



# Methodology

- Field Dates: February 23-28, 2021
- Sample:
  - Statewide
  - n=807 Alaskan residents age 18+
  - Age, gender and region quotas to ensure accurate representation
- Interview Method:
  - Live interviewers telephone survey
  - 51% cell phone, 49% landline
- Weighting:
  - Based on most recent Alaska voter registration and Census statistics.
  - Highly representative sample in terms of geographic location, political registration, gender, and age.
- Margin of Error:
  - $\pm 3.5\%$  at 95% confidence interval for total sample
- Tracking:
  - Tracking on topics related to COVID-19 is provided where available from the following surveys:
    - March 27-29, 2020, n=400 likely voters, 50% cell, MOE=  $\pm 4.9\%$
    - April 10-11, 2020, n=400 Alaskan residents age 18+, 70% cell, MOE=  $\pm 4.9\%$
    - May 20-23, 2020, n=400 Alaskan residents age 18+, 65% cell, MOE =  $\pm 4.9\%$
    - July 10-15, 2020, n=688 Alaskan residents age 18+, 77% cell, MOE =  $\pm 3.7\%$
    - Nov 24-25, 2020, n=406 Alaskan residents age 18+, 50% cell, MOE =  $\pm 4.9\%$

# Geographic Representation



# Key Findings

- Views on the state of the virus situation in Alaska have improved considerably since November.
  - 78% say the worst is behind us, up from 34%.
  - 52% are concerned about catching the virus, down from 69%.
  - 60% say the situation is still serious, down from 72%.
  - 58% say Alaska is not facing a healthcare emergency, 62% said we were in November.
  - 62%-64% are aware that cases and hospitalizations are declining.
  - 48% say the measures taken by the state have been appropriate, up from 35%.
  - 45% (a new low) are concerned the state will not go far enough to slow the spread going forward, down from 52%.

# Key Findings

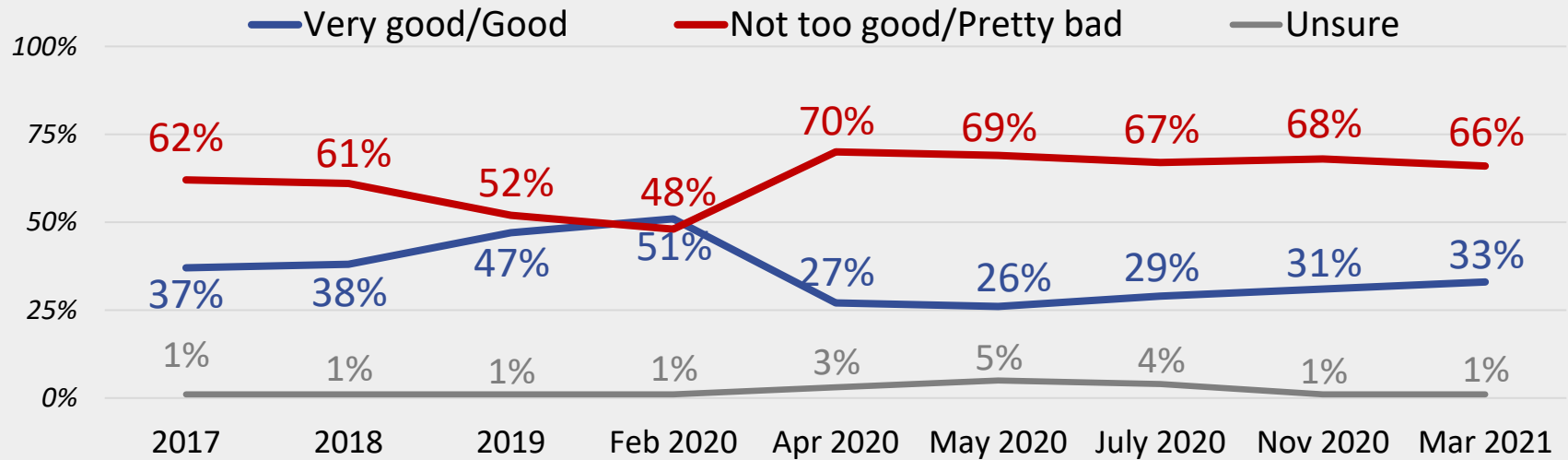
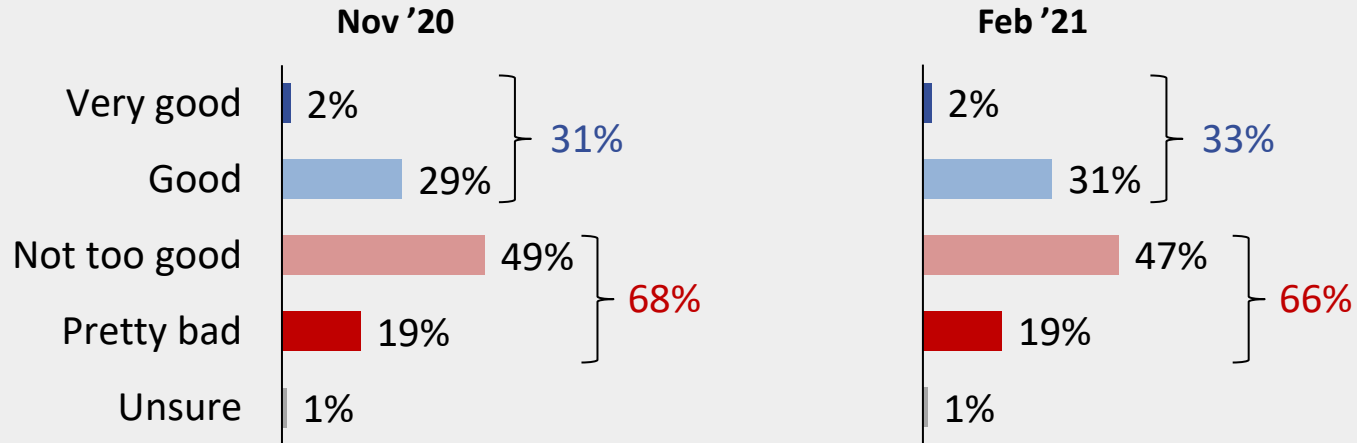
- Awareness of the state's efforts to vaccinate Alaskans is high and views on how the state has handled the vaccine distribution are significantly positive. A high number report receiving the vaccine already and fewer people report they will not get the vaccine.
  - 82% have heard a lot or some about the initial phase of vaccine distribution.
  - 64% have heard a lot or some about the phased plan.
  - 89% are confident that the state will distribute the vaccine in a fast and fair manner.
  - 86% say the vaccine distribution so far has been successful.
  - 89% agree with the state's phased plan to distribute the vaccine.
  - 41% say they have already been vaccinated, and 58% say they have been vaccinated or will “definitely” get vaccinated when it's available.
  - Only 30% say they will not get the vaccine, compared to 34% in November.

# Key Findings

- The state, elected officials and state health officials receive great marks for their handling of the situation.
  - 67% have a great deal or good amount of trust in state health officials.
  - 57% (and by a margin of 46%) say Dr. Zink has done a good job.
  - 57% say Governor Dunleavy has done a good job (+17% margin, up from +6% in November)
  - 59% say the State government overall has done a good job (+21% margin, up from +4% in November)
- Behaviors are starting to normalize.
  - 50% say they have reduced their social interactions significantly, down from 65% in November.
  - 60% say they would be comfortable returning to their regular routines today.
- The majority of Alaskans overall (55%) think the legislature should issue a new public health disaster declaration.
- Alaskans, including parents with school-age children, continue to report strongly that students should return to the classroom.
  - 75% of parents say return kids to the classroom, up from 58% in November.

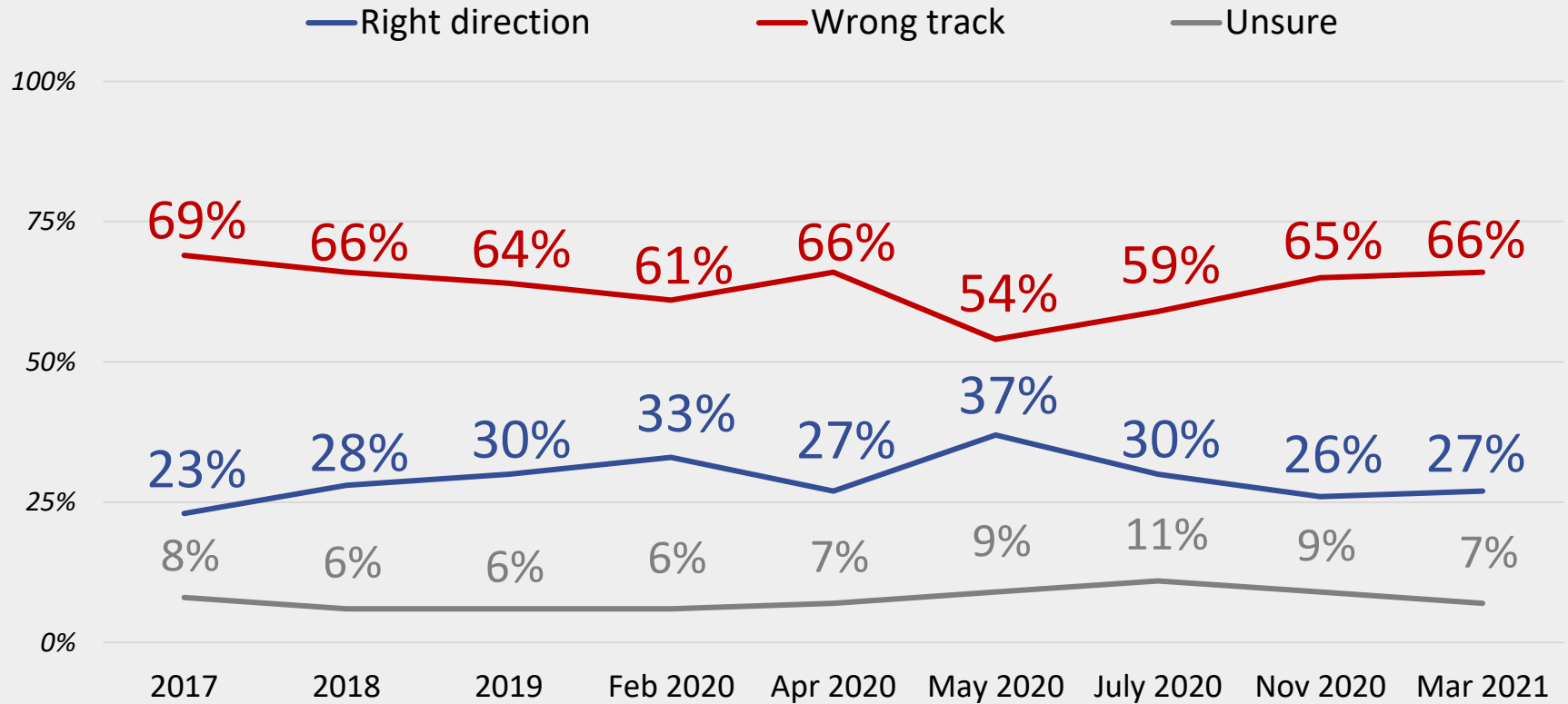
# Alaska's Current Economy

Generally speaking, how would you rate Alaska's current economy?



# Direction of State

Thinking about Alaska right now, do you think things are headed in the right direction, or do you think things have gotten off on the wrong track?





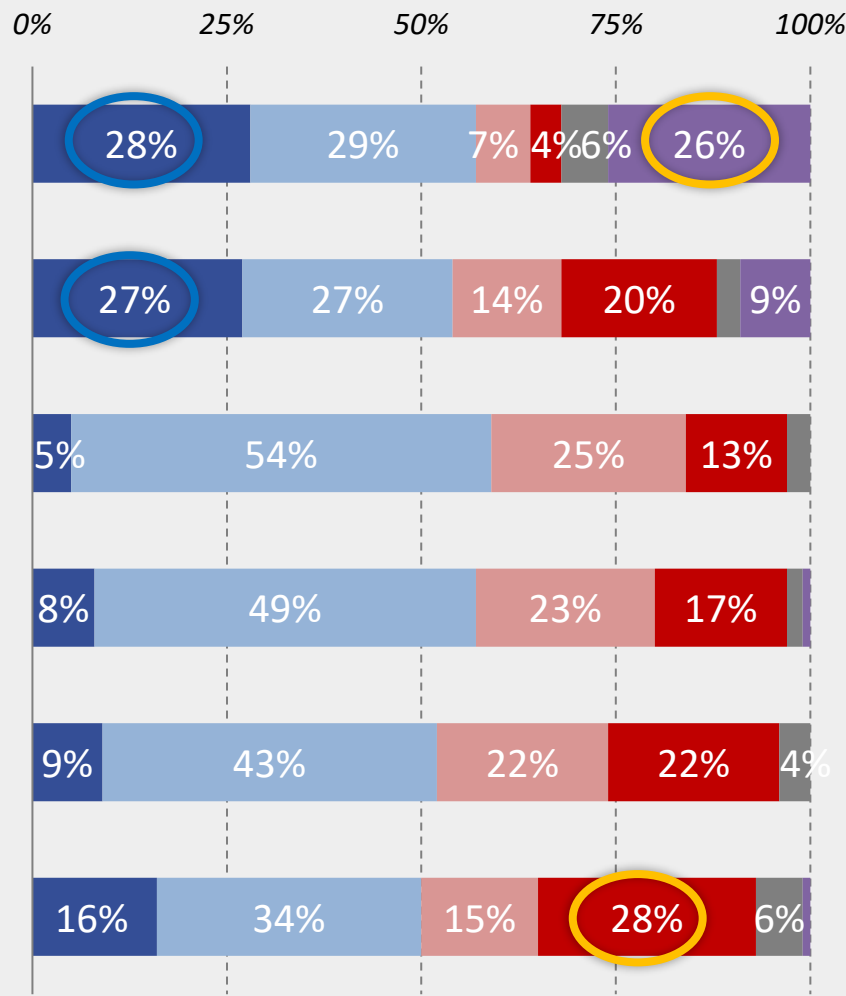
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# **HANDLING OF RESPONSE**

# Rating Handling of Response

I'm going to read the names of some people and organizations. For each, please tell me how you would rate their handling of the response to the coronavirus. If you have never heard the name just let me know.

■ Excellent   ■ Pretty good   ■ Not too good   ■ Pretty bad   ■ Unsure   ■ Never heard of

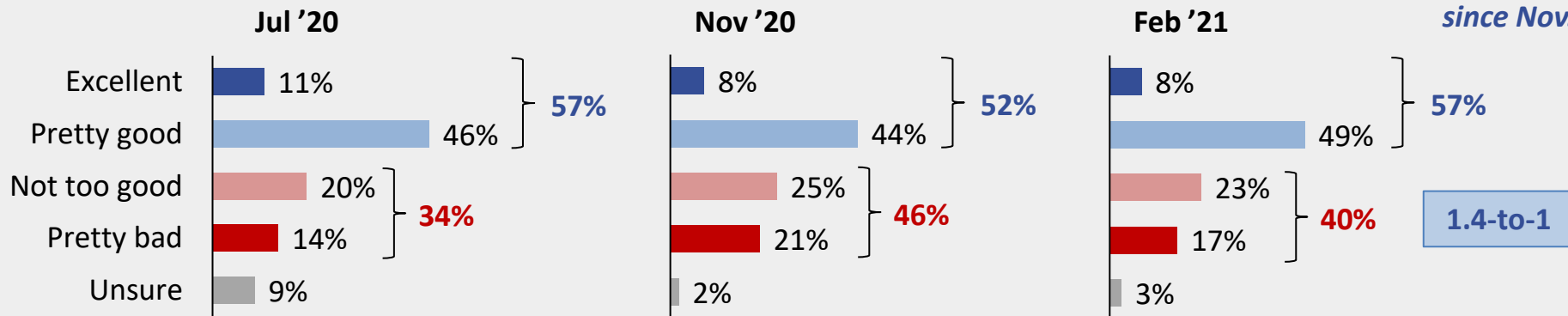


Total good	Total not good	Net good Feb '21	Net good Nov '20
57%	11%	+46%	+47%
54%	34%	+20%	+27%
59%	38%	+21%	+4%
57%	40%	+17%	+6%
52%	44%	+8%	+8%
50%	43%	+7%	NA



# Governor's Handling of Response

Please tell me how you would rate Governor Mike Dunleavy's handling of the response to the coronavirus... **+11% net improvement since Nov.**



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**% Excellent/Pretty good**

Location	Nov '20	Feb '21	Change
Anchorage	45%	46%	+1%
Southcentral	63%	64%	+1%
Interior	47%	65%	+18%
Southeast	49%	67%	+18%
Rural (Nov n=21)	70%	63%	-7%

Age	Nov '20	Feb '21	Change
18-34 yrs old	47%	49%	+2%
35-44 yrs old	51%	58%	+7%
45-54 yrs old	59%	60%	+1%
55-64 yrs old	55%	59%	+4%
65+ yrs old	51%	63%	+12%

Gender	Nov '20	Feb '21	Change
Male	57%	61%	+4%
Female	47%	54%	+7%

**% Excellent/Pretty good**

Party	Nov '20	Feb '21	Change
Democrat	19%	41%	+22%
Republican	76%	78%	+2%
Non-Partisan	43%	53%	+10%
Undeclared	53%	52%	-1%

Ideology	Nov '20	Feb '21	Change
Very conservative	73%	76%	+3%
Smwht conserv.	73%	67%	-6%
Moderate	45%	56%	+11%
Somewhat liberal	32%	43%	+11%
Very liberal	21%	28%	+7%

Follow local news	Nov '20	Feb '21	Change
Very closely	50%	55%	+5%
Smwht closely	54%	59%	+5%
Not closely	56%	56%	0%

Higher risk household	Nov '20	Feb '21	Change
Yes	47%	56%	+9%
No	58%	58%	0%

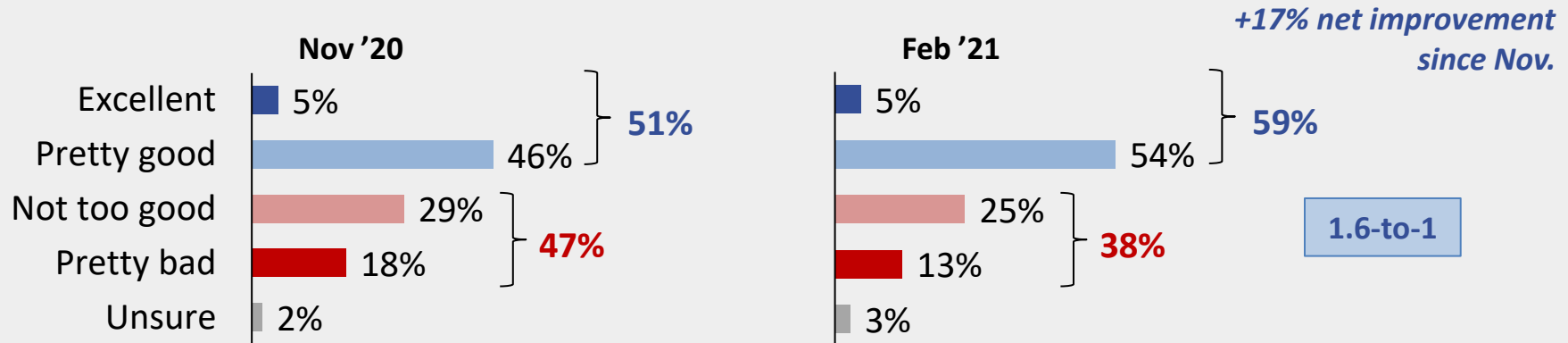
# Governor's Handling of Response

	Excellent /Good	Not good/ Pretty bad	Net
Overall	57%	40%	+17%
<b>Location</b>			
Anchorage	46%	49%	-3%
Southcentral	64%	32%	+32%
Interior	65%	31%	+34%
Southeast	67%	33%	+34%
Rural	63%	36%	+27%
<b>Age</b>			
18-34 yrs old	49%	44%	+5%
35-44 yrs old	58%	36%	+22%
45-54 yrs old	60%	40%	+20%
55-64 yrs old	59%	39%	+20%
65+ yrs old	63%	36%	+27%
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	61%	36%	+25%
Female	54%	42%	+12%
<b>Party</b>			
Democrat	41%	56%	-15%
Republican	78%	21%	+57%
Non-Partisan	53%	46%	+7%
Undeclared	52%	43%	+9%

	Excellent /Good	Not good/ Pretty bad	Net
<b>Follow local news</b>			
Very closely	55%	45%	+10%
Somewhat closely	59%	37%	+22%
Not closely	56%	35%	+21%
<b>Parent</b>			
Yes	62%	34%	+28%
No	55%	42%	+13%
<b>Financial hardship due to COVID-19</b>			
Yes	52%	44%	+8%
No	61%	36%	+25%
<b>Disaster declaration</b>			
Should issue	48%	49%	-1%
Should not issue	68%	28%	+40%
<b>Industry</b>			
Retail/Personal care (n28)	68%	25%	+43%
Construction/Trades (n76)	64%	29%	+35%
Tourism/Hospitality (n16)	66%	34%	+32%
Food Service (n25)	62%	32%	+30%
Resource development (n60)	59%	37%	+22%
Transportation (n30)	58%	42%	+16%
Education (n56)	57%	43%	+14%
Healthcare (n97)	54%	42%	+12%
Government (n43)	53%	45%	+8%
Public safety/MIL (n26)	45%	43%	+2%
Business/Office work (n89)	47%	49%	-2%

# State Government's Handling of Response

Please tell me how you would rate the State Government's handling of the response to the coronavirus...



**% Excellent/Pretty good**

Location	Nov '20	Feb '21	Change
Anchorage	41%	53%	+12%
Southcentral	53%	62%	+9%
Interior	52%	56%	+4%
Southeast	53%	72%	+19%
Rural (Nov n=21)	83%	63%	-20%

Age	Nov '20	Feb '21	Change
18-34 yrs old	49%	64%	+15%
35-44 yrs old	46%	59%	+13%
45-54 yrs old	46%	54%	+8%
55-64 yrs old	60%	58%	-2%
65+ yrs old	50%	59%	+9%

Gender	Nov '20	Feb '21	Change
Male	54%	61%	+7%
Female	46%	56%	+10%

**% Excellent/Pretty good**

Party	Nov '20	Feb '21	Change
Democrat	33%	50%	+17%
Republican	60%	63%	+3%
Non-Partisan	50%	66%	+16%
Undeclared	52%	58%	+6%

Ideology	Nov '20	Feb '21	Change
Very conservative	60%	56%	-4%
Smwht conserv.	67%	65%	-2%
Moderate	48%	64%	+16%
Somewhat liberal	31%	55%	+24%
Very liberal	37%	44%	+7%

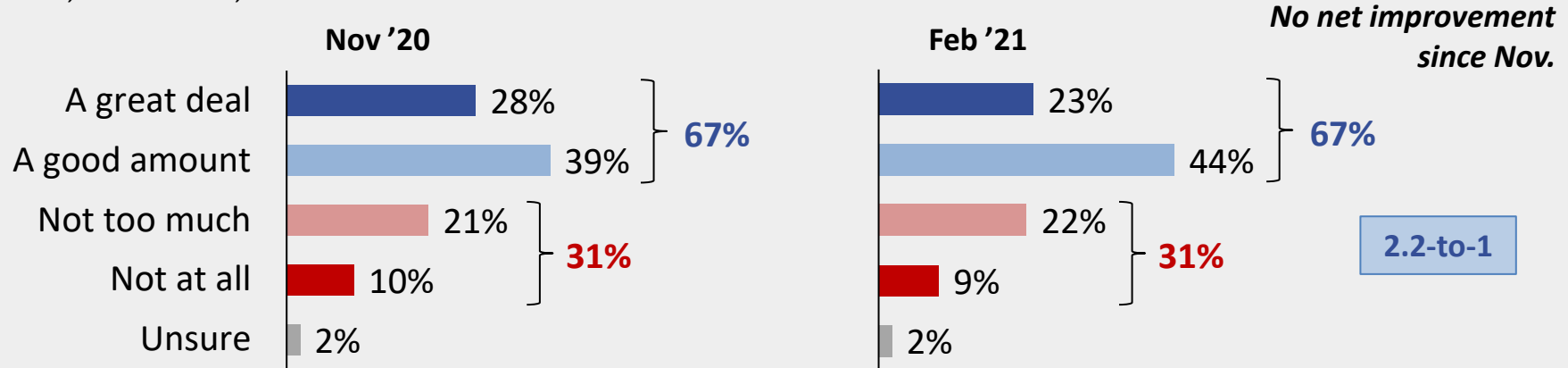
Follow local news	Nov '20	Feb '21	Change
Very closely	48%	57%	+9%
Smwht closely	50%	64%	+14%
Not closely	58%	49%	-9%

Higher risk household	Nov '20	Feb '21	Change
Yes	45%	58%	+13%
No	57%	60%	+3%

# Trust Advice from State Health Officials

How much do you trust the advice given by state health officials regarding COVID-19? Do you trust it a great deal, a good amount, not too much, or not at all?



## February 2021 Demographics

	A great deal	Great/Good	Not much/None		A great deal	Great/Good	Not much/None
<b>Location</b>				<b>Gender</b>			
Anchorage	24%	72%	26%	Male	20%	61%	35%
Southcentral	19%	55%	43%	Female	26%	72%	27%
Interior	21%	68%	29%	<b>Party</b>			
Southeast	22%	69%	30%	Democrat	39%	87%	13%
Rural	39%	71%	29%	Republican	11%	48%	50%
<b>Age</b>				Non-Partisan	30%	74%	25%
18-34 yrs old	15%	67%	32%	Undeclared	23%	71%	27%
35-44 yrs old	22%	68%	31%	<b>Follow local news</b>			
45-54 yrs old	26%	64%	33%	Very closely	37%	78%	22%
55-64 yrs old	24%	64%	33%	Smwht closely	18%	65%	33%
65+ yrs old	30%	69%	29%	Not closely	13%	52%	44%

# Trust Advice from State Health Officials, cont.

How much do you trust the advice given by state health officials regarding COVID-19? Do you trust it a great deal, a good amount, not too much, or not at all?

	A great deal	Great/Good	Not much/None		A great deal	Great/Good	Not much/None
<b>Overall</b>	23%	67%	31%	<b>Disaster declaration</b>			
<b>Ideology</b>				Should issue	33%	84%	15%
Very conservative	13%	41%	57%	Should not issue	10%	45%	54%
Smwht conserv.	17%	58%	41%	<b>COVID-19 vaccine</b>			
Moderate	23%	73%	25%	Already received	39%	85%	12%
Somewhat liberal	40%	87%	13%	Definitely get it	31%	87%	13%
Very liberal	37%	88%	10%	Probably get it	9%	60%	38%
<b>Household income</b>				Probably not get it	4%	49%	49%
<\$40K	14%	52%	44%	Definitely not get it	2%	20%	78%
\$40-60K	23%	72%	28%	<b>Industry</b>			
\$60-80K	21%	68%	30%	Tourism/Hospitality (n16)	49%	74%	26%
\$80-100K	23%	68%	27%	Education (n56)	44%	89%	10%
\$100K+	29%	71%	28%	Healthcare (n97)	38%	84%	16%
<b>Education</b>				Business/Office (n89)	25%	68%	30%
High school GED	16%	48%	50%	Government (n43)	18%	82%	16%
Some college	15%	59%	39%	Retail/Personal care (n28)	16%	64%	36%
College graduate	24%	74%	23%	Public safety/MIL (n26)	14%	67%	27%
Graduate school	39%	83%	16%	Transportation (n30)	13%	64%	31%
<b>Returning to normal routine</b>				Construction/Trades (n76)	11%	47%	48%
Comfortable	15%	53%	45%	Resource development (n60)	9%	50%	50%
Not comfortable	36%	89%	10%	Food Service (n25)	7%	42%	58%

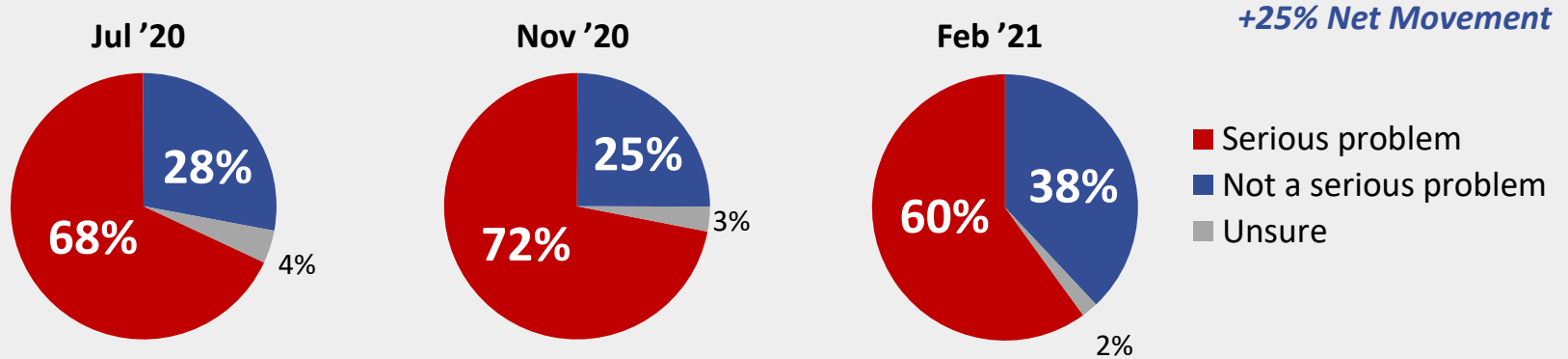
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# **STATE OF COVID-19 IN ALASKA**



# Coronavirus Situation in Alaska

Do you think the coronavirus situation in Alaska is a serious problem, or not a serious problem?



**% Serious problem**

Location	Nov '20	Feb '21	Change
Anchorage	77%	67%	-10%
Southcentral	66%	43%	-23%
Interior	65%	56%	-9%
Southeast	73%	66%	-7%
Rural (Nov n=21)	78%	72%	-6%

Age	Nov '20	Feb '21	Change
18-34 yrs old	72%	63%	-9%
35-44 yrs old	68%	54%	-14%
45-54 yrs old	66%	58%	-8%
55-64 yrs old	75%	62%	-13%
65+ yrs old	80%	63%	-17%

Gender	Nov '20	Feb '21	Change
Male	66%	56%	-10%
Female	78%	64%	-14%

**% Serious problem**

Party	Nov '20	Feb '21	Change
Democrat	94%	91%	-3%
Republican	46%	32%	-14%
Non-Partisan	85%	69%	-16%
Undeclared	76%	63%	-13%

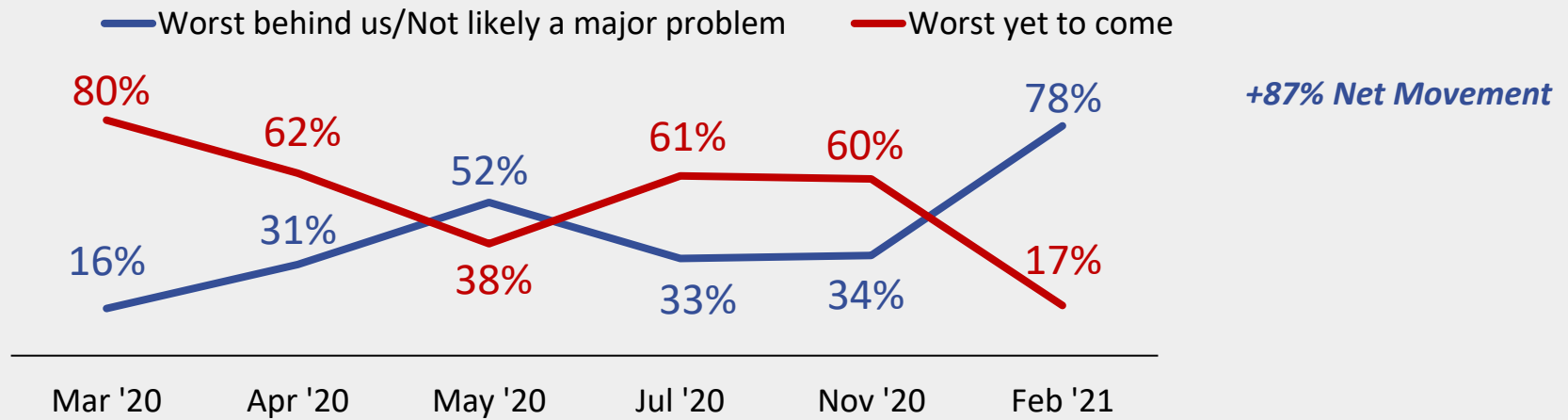
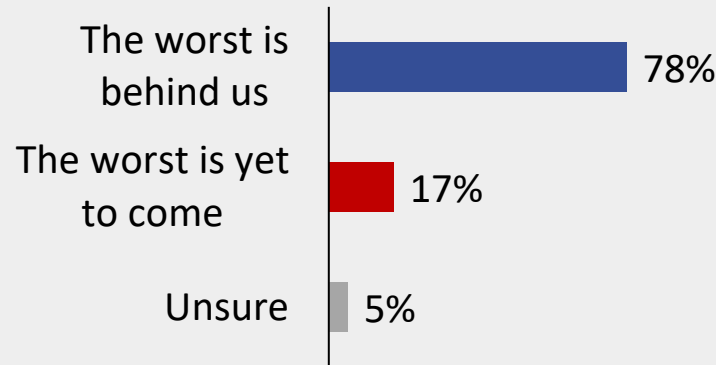
Ideology	Nov '20	Feb '21	Change
Very conservative	40%	30%	-10%
Somewhat conserv.	54%	39%	-15%
Moderate	85%	69%	-16%
Somewhat liberal	92%	89%	-3%
Very liberal	91%	96%	+5%

Follow local news	Nov '20	Feb '21	Change
Very closely	81%	67%	-14%
Somewhat closely	70%	60%	-10%
Not closely	50%	50%	0%

# Coronavirus Outlook

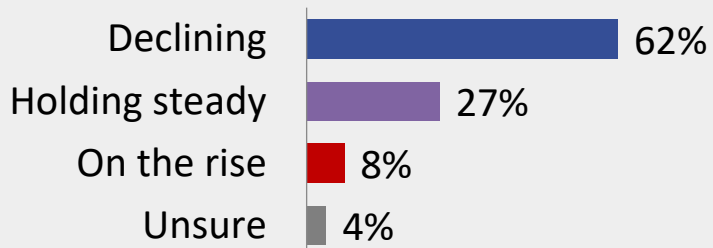
Which comes closer to your view about where Alaska stands in the coronavirus outbreak: the worst is behind us or the worst is yet to come?\*



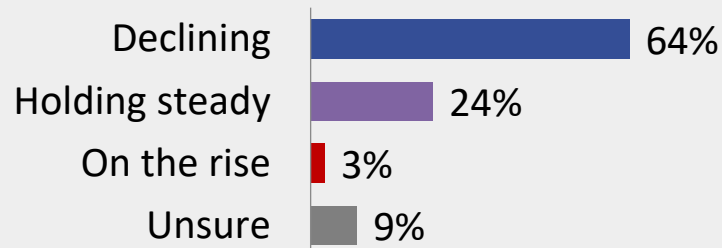
# COVID-19 Cases/Hospitalizations in Alaska?

As far as you know, are COVID-19 cases in Alaska on the rise, declining, or holding steady? And what about hospitalizations due to COVID-19 in Alaska? Are they on the rise, declining, or holding steady?

## Cases



## Hospitalizations



### Demographics for Cases Question

Location	Declining	Steady	Rising
Anchorage	65%	24%	6%
Southcentral	67%	23%	6%
Interior	60%	29%	9%
Southeast	49%	33%	15%
Rural	58%	36%	4%
Age	Declining	Steady	Rising
18-34 yrs old	58%	30%	8%
35-44 yrs old	66%	24%	5%
45-54 yrs old	61%	25%	10%
55-64 yrs old	61%	28%	10%
65+ yrs old	65%	26%	5%
Disaster declaration	Declining	Steady	Rising
Should issue	59%	27%	12%
Should not issue	66%	25%	2%

Party	Declining	Steady	Rising
Democrat	54%	32%	10%
Republican	74%	16%	6%
Non-Partisan	61%	28%	6%
Undeclared	61%	29%	7%

### Household income

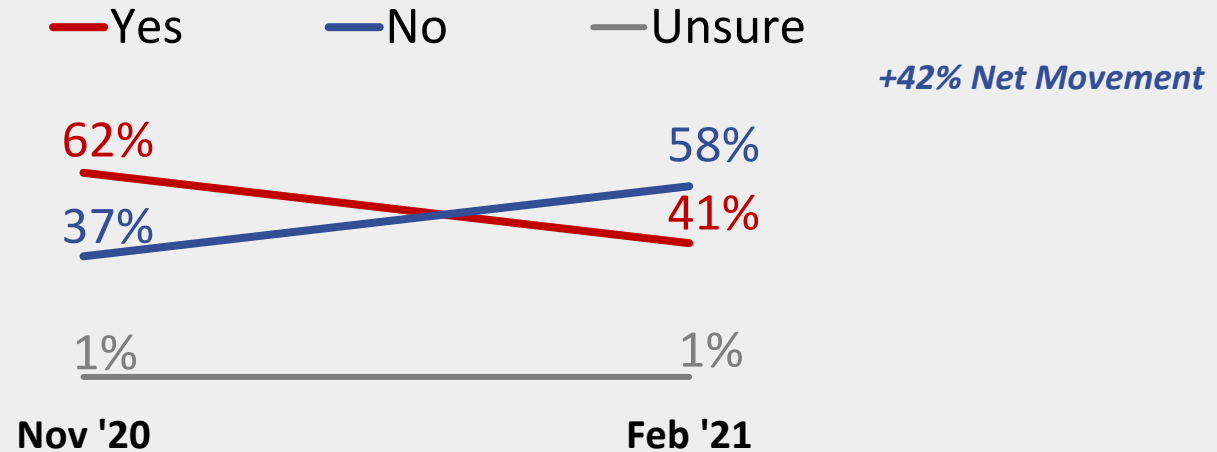
Household income	Declining	Steady	Rising
Less than \$40K	43%	41%	10%
\$40-60K	65%	22%	11%
\$60-80K	63%	27%	7%
\$80-100K	60%	26%	11%
More than \$100K	71%	21%	4%

### Governor's job

Governor's job	Declining	Steady	Rising
Excellent	74%	20%	6%
Good	66%	25%	6%
Not too good	57%	29%	9%
Pretty bad	57%	26%	11%

# Alaska Facing Healthcare Emergency?

Do you believe Alaska is currently facing a healthcare emergency due to COVID-19?



Location	Yes	No
Anchorage	41%	57%
Southcentral	32%	65%
Interior	37%	61%
Southeast	50%	47%
Rural	52%	48%

Gender	Yes	No
Male	39%	59%
Female	43%	56%

Industry	Yes	No
Healthcare (n97)	38%	59%

Age	Yes	No
18-34 yrs old	41%	56%
35-44 yrs old	42%	56%
45-54 yrs old	40%	60%
55-64 yrs old	36%	63%
65+ yrs old	44%	54%

Party	Yes	No
Democrat	63%	35%
Republican	16%	83%
Non-Partisan	45%	50%
Undeclared	45%	53%

Had COVID-19	Yes	No
Yes, personally	39%	60%
Know someone	44%	54%
No	29%	69%

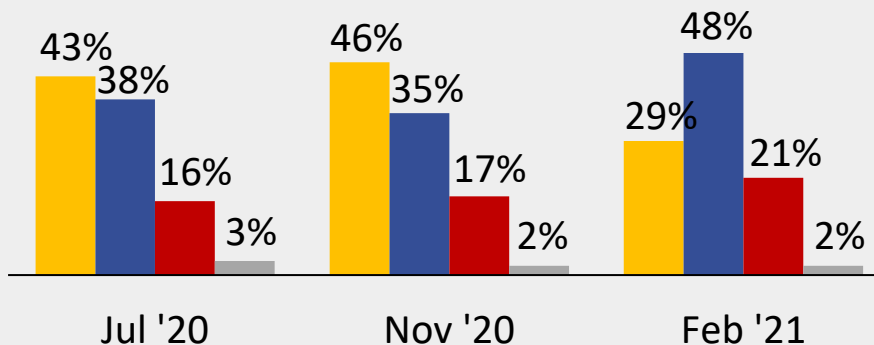
Follow local news	Yes	No
Very closely	47%	52%
Somewhat closely	38%	60%
Not closely	38%	59%

Disaster declaration	Yes	No
Should issue	60%	38%
Should not issue	16%	83%

# Measures Taken by State So Far

Have the measures taken by state government officials to slow the spread of the virus been (randomized) appropriate, have they gone too far, or have they not gone far enough?

- Not gone far enough
- Appropriate
- Gone too far
- Unsure



Location	Not far enough	Approp.	Too Far
Anchorage	36%	42%	21%
Southcentral	22%	48%	29%
Interior	32%	50%	18%
Southeast	23%	59%	12%
Rural	21%	64%	11%

Age	Not far enough	Approp.	Too Far
18-34 yrs old	29%	48%	20%
35-44 yrs old	26%	47%	23%
45-54 yrs old	32%	42%	26%
55-64 yrs old	28%	51%	19%
65+ yrs old	31%	52%	15%

Party	Not far enough	Approp.	Too Far
Democrat	51%	44%	4%
Republican	8%	54%	38%
Non-Partisan	37%	45%	16%
Undeclared	32%	48%	18%

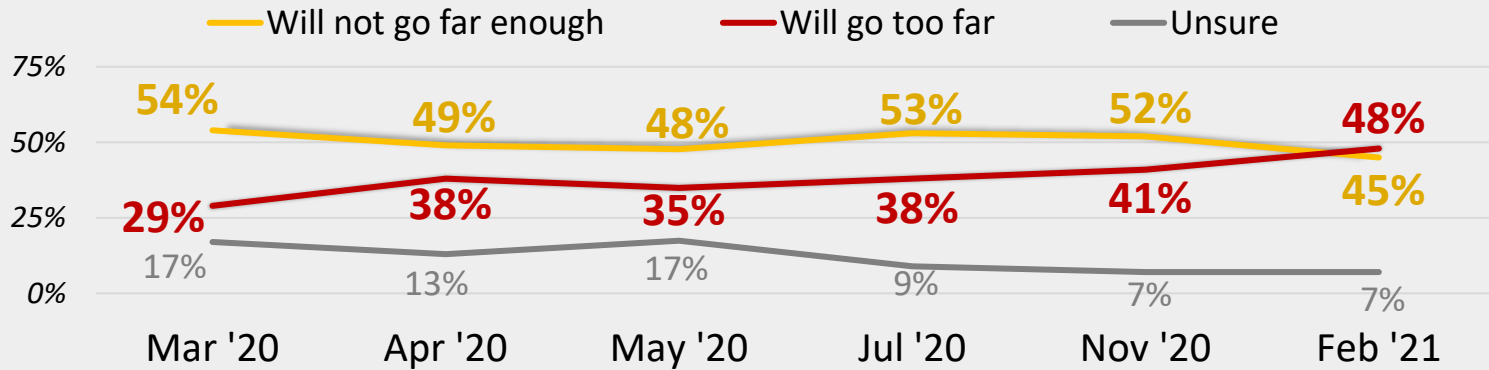
Industry	Not far enough	Approp.	Too Far
Healthcare (n97)	23%	60%	15%
Retail/Personal care (n28)	29%	55%	16%
Food Service (n25)	28%	54%	18%
Transportation (n30)	25%	53%	22%
Government (n43)	34%	52%	12%
Tourism/Hospitality (n16)	39%	51%	10%
Education (n56)	42%	49%	9%
Resource development (n60)	20%	46%	34%
Construction/Trades (n76)	15%	42%	35%
Business/Office work (n89)	34%	40%	23%
Public safety/MIL (n26)	37%	27%	34%

## Higher risk household

Response	Not far enough	Approp.	Too Far
Yes	35%	47%	17%
No	24%	50%	23%

# Measures Going Forward

And going forward, which worries you more about responding to the coronavirus (randomized) – that state government officials will not go far enough in limiting the activities and movement of Alaskans, or that they will go too far in limiting the activities and movement of Alaskans?



	Not go far enough	Will go too far
<b>Location</b>		
Anchorage	51%	43%
Southcentral	36%	57%
Interior	43%	51%
Southeast	45%	46%
Rural	52%	40%
<b>Age</b>		
18-34 yrs old	49%	46%
35-44 yrs old	44%	53%
45-54 yrs old	42%	51%
55-64 yrs old	44%	46%
65+ yrs old	46%	43%

	Not go far enough	Will go too far
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	40%	53%
Female	51%	42%
<b>Party</b>		
Democrat	84%	12%
Republican	15%	77%
Non-Partisan	61%	34%
Undeclared	45%	48%
<b>Caused financial hardship</b>		
Yes	49%	46%
No	43%	48%

	Not go far enough	Will go too far
<b>Follow local news</b>		
Very closely	53%	36%
Somewhat closely	44%	51%
Not closely	36%	59%
<b>Higher risk HH</b>		
Yes	53%	40%
No	39%	55%
<b>Had COVID-19</b>		
Yes, personally	37%	56%
Know someone	51%	42%
No	32%	59%

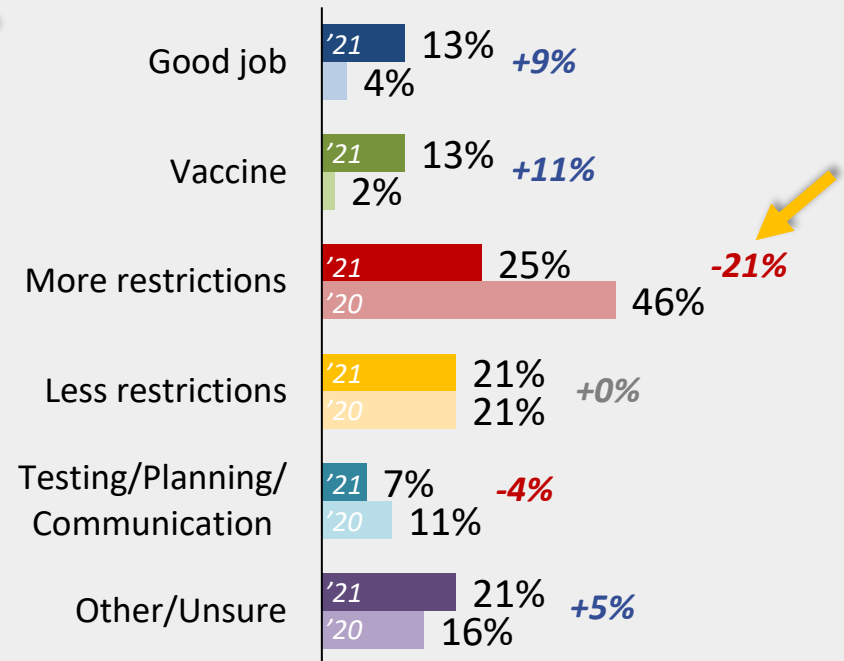
# Slowing the Spread

In your own words, please tell me what actions, if any, you would like to see from the state to help slow the spread of the virus over the next month.

## Coded verbatim comments



## Tracking Broad Categories Feb '21 vs. Nov '20



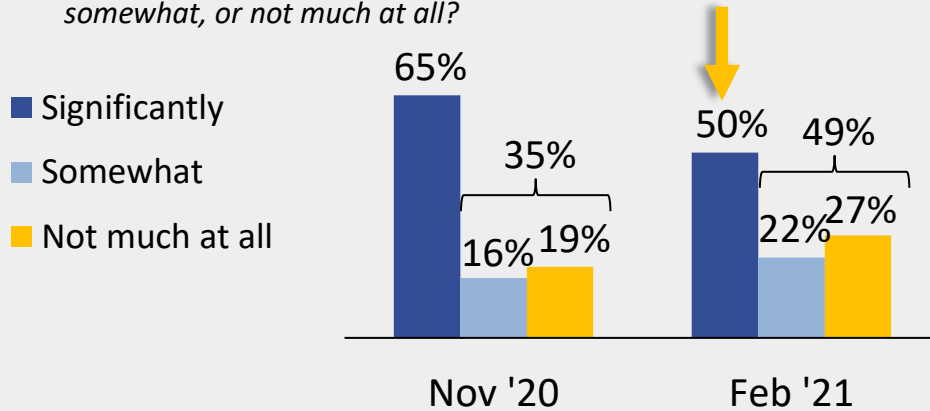
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# **PERSONAL BEHAVIORS & EXPERIENCES WITH COVID-19**



# Changes to Social Interactions

How would you describe your own social interactions lately? Would you say you have reduced your social interactions significantly, somewhat, or not much at all?



Location	Significant	Somewhat	Not much
Anchorage	55%	22%	22%
Southcentral	39%	20%	38%
Interior	52%	19%	27%
Southeast	51%	22%	27%
Rural	48%	25%	24%

Age	Significant	Somewhat	Not much
18-34 yrs old	40%	29%	30%
35-44 yrs old	46%	25%	28%
45-54 yrs old	55%	16%	29%
55-64 yrs old	53%	20%	26%
65+ yrs old	58%	16%	25%

Gender	Significant	Somewhat	Not much
Male	43%	23%	33%
Female	57%	20%	21%

Party	Significant	Somewhat	Not much
Democrat	79%	11%	9%
Republican	27%	28%	44%
Non-Partisan	53%	25%	21%
Undeclared	53%	20%	26%

Follow local news	Significant	Somewhat	Not much
Very closely	61%	16%	21%
Somewhat closely	45%	26%	28%
Not closely	43%	18%	39%

Higher risk household	Significant	Somewhat	Not much
Yes	54%	21%	24%
No	46%	22%	30%

Had COVID-19	Significant	Somewhat	Not much
Yes, personally	36%	22%	42%
Know someone	56%	21%	22%
No	38%	24%	36%

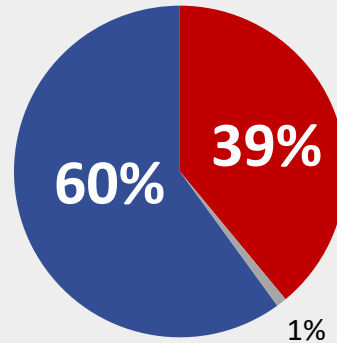
COVID-19 vaccine	Significant	Somewhat	Not much
Already received it	63%	20%	15%
Definitely get it	72%	18%	9%
Probably get it	44%	27%	28%
Probably not get it	32%	21%	45%
Definitely not get it	14%	22%	62%

Returning to normal routine	Significant	Somewhat	Not much
Comfortable	27%	29%	43%
Not comfortable	85%	11%	3%

# Returning to regular routine today?

Based on what you know right now about the coronavirus outbreak in the area where you live, would you feel comfortable or not comfortable returning to your regular routine today?

- Comfortable
- Not comfortable
- Unsure



Location	Comfortable	Not
Anchorage	54%	45%
Southcentral	67%	31%
Interior	63%	34%
Southeast	59%	41%
Rural	66%	33%

Age	Comfortable	Not
18-34 yrs old	66%	34%
35-44 yrs old	64%	36%
45-54 yrs old	58%	40%
55-64 yrs old	55%	42%
65+ yrs old	55%	44%

Industry	Comfortable	Not
Construction... (n76)	83%	16%
Food Service (n25)	77%	23%
Public safety (n26)	74%	26%
Resource devt. (n60)	72%	28%
Transportation (n30)	65%	31%
Healthcare (n97)	61%	39%
Retail/Personal care (n28)	57%	43%
Business/Office (n89)	52%	46%
Education (n56)	50%	50%
Government (n43)	46%	51%
Tourism (n16)	34%	66%

Party	Comfortable	Not
Democrat	21%	79%
Republican	84%	14%
Non-Partisan	47%	53%
Undeclared	60%	38%

Follow local news	Comfortable	Not
Very closely	49%	50%
Somewhat closely	64%	35%
Not closely	69%	31%

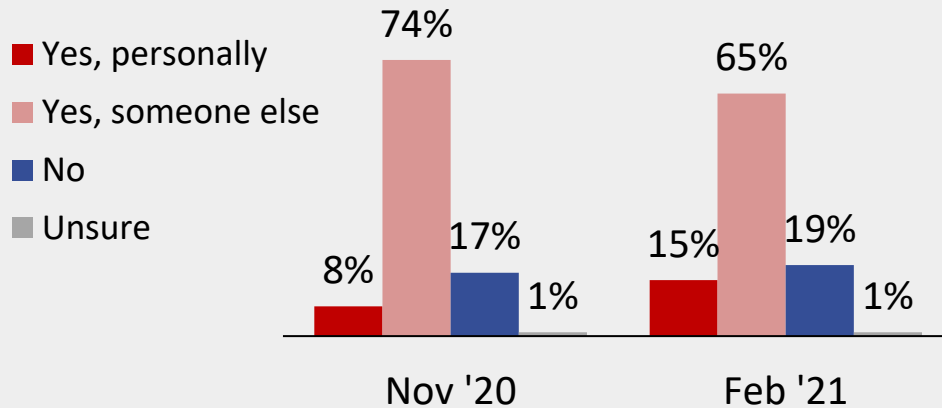
Education	Comfortable	Not
High school/GED	74%	24%
Some college	67%	32%
College graduate	57%	43%
Graduate school	40%	57%

Higher risk HH	Comfortable	Not
Yes	52%	47%
No	67%	32%

COVID-19 vaccine	Comfortable	Not
Already received	49%	51%
Definitely get it	26%	73%
Probably get it	72%	26%
Probably not get it	87%	13%
Definitely not get it	93%	5%

# Personal Experience with COVID-19

Have you, or anyone you know personally, been infected by COVID-19? And was it you or someone you know who was infected? And did (you/that person) have no symptoms, mild symptoms or serious symptoms?



Location	Know		
	Personally	someone	No
Anchorage	17%	66%	18%
Southcentral	18%	60%	21%
Interior	15%	65%	20%
Southeast	8%	73%	19%
Rural	12%	64%	23%

Age			
	Personally	someone	No
18-34 yrs old	21%	54%	24%
35-44 yrs old	15%	73%	12%
45-54 yrs old	18%	65%	17%
55-64 yrs old	11%	73%	16%
65+ yrs old	10%	64%	25%

Gender	Know		
	Personally	someone	No
Male	16%	60%	23%
Female	14%	71%	15%

Household income			
	Personally	someone	No
Less than \$40K	13%	54%	31%
\$40-60K	25%	52%	22%
\$60-80K	14%	65%	21%
\$80-100K	13%	72%	15%
More than \$100K	16%	72%	12%

State measures so far			
	Personally	someone	No
Gone too far	23%	55%	22%
Appropriate	15%	65%	20%
Not far enough	12%	73%	15%

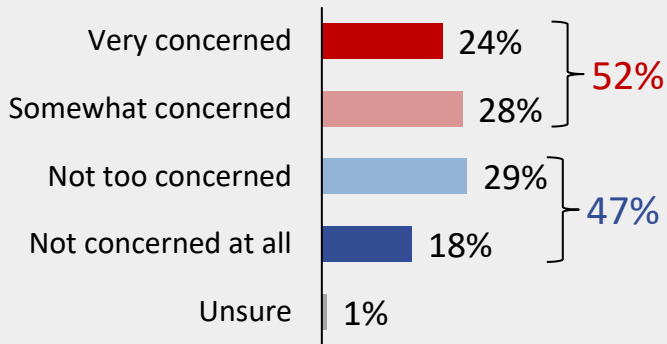
Changed social habits			
	Personally	someone	No
Significantly	11%	74%	15%
Somewhat	15%	63%	22%
Not much at all	23%	51%	25%

Returning to normal routine			
	Personally	someone	No
Comfortable	18%	58%	24%
Not comfortable	12%	77%	11%

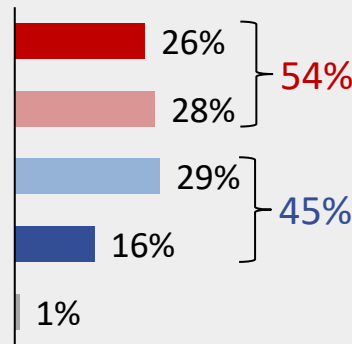
# Concerned about catching the virus?

How do you feel about the possibility that you or someone in your immediate family might catch the coronavirus?

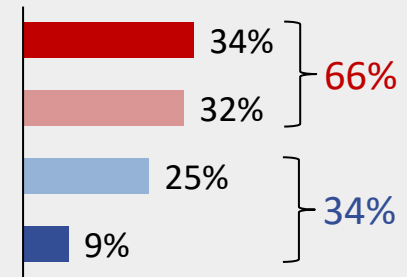
## Overall



## Among 85% Not had COVID-19



## Among 41% Vaccinated



## Demographics Among Total Alaskans

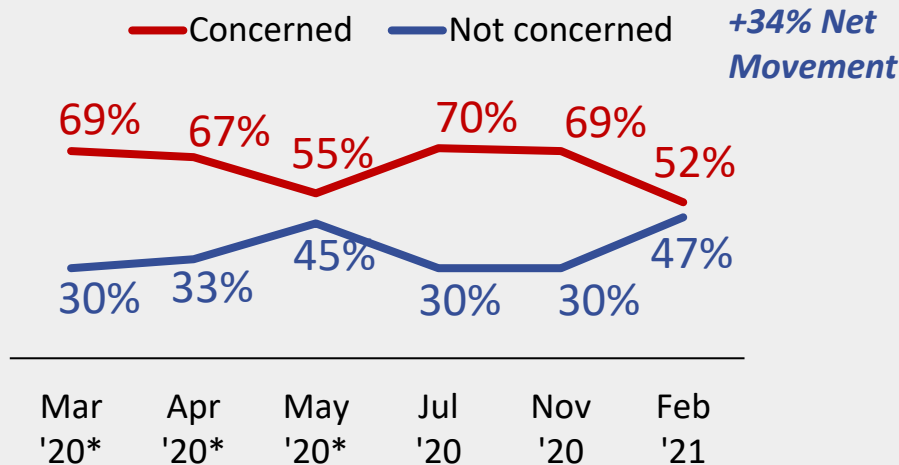
Location	Concerned	Not concerned
Anchorage	58%	42%
Southcentral	34%	66%
Interior	47%	52%
Southeast	65%	35%
Rural	63%	37%

## Age

18-34 yrs old	47%	53%
35-44 yrs old	51%	48%
45-54 yrs old	56%	44%
55-64 yrs old	53%	46%
65+ yrs old	54%	46%

Demographics continued on next slide

## Overall Tracking



# Concerned about catching the virus?

## Demographics Among Total Alaskans

	Concerned	Not concerned
<b>Location</b>		
Overall	52%	47%
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	48%	52%
Female	57%	43%
<b>Party</b>		
Democrat	74%	25%
Republican	30%	70%
Non-Partisan	60%	40%
Undeclared	57%	43%
<b>Follow local news</b>		
Very closely	60%	40%
Somewhat closely	50%	50%
Not closely	44%	56%
<b>State measures so far</b>		
Gone too far	9%	91%
Appropriate	52%	48%
Not far enough	84%	15%

	Concerned	Not concerned
<b>Changed social habits</b>		
Significantly	71%	29%
Somewhat	49%	51%
Not much at all	20%	80%
<b>Higher risk household</b>		
Yes	62%	38%
No	44%	56%
<b>Returning to normal routine</b>		
Comfortable	31%	69%
Not comfortable	84%	15%
<b>Industry</b>		
Tourism/Hospitality (n16)	76%	24%
Government (n43)	74%	26%
Education (n56)	70%	30%
Business/Office work (n89)	57%	43%
Healthcare (n97)	50%	49%
Transportation (n30)	49%	51%
Retail/Personal care (n28)	46%	54%
Resource development (n60)	45%	55%
Food Service (n25)	45%	55%
Public safety/MIL (n26)	42%	58%
Construction/Trades (n76)	35%	65%

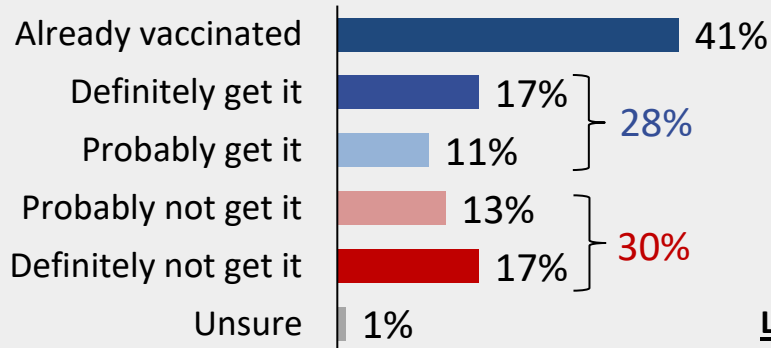
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# **COVID-19 VACCINATIONS**

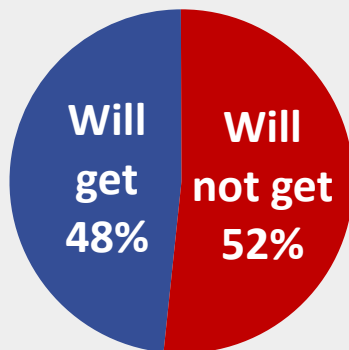
# COVID-19 Vaccine

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved vaccines for the prevention of COVID-19. When the vaccine becomes available to you, and if it's available for free, will you...

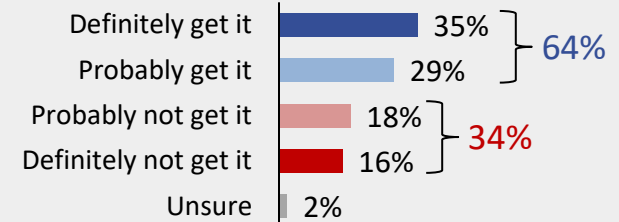
## Overall - Feb '21



## Among 59% Unvaccinated



## Nov '20



Total very likely to be vaccinated

Location	Received/ Def. will get	Already received	Unvaccinated		Net remaining
			Total Will get	Total Not get	
Anchorage	66%	44%	31%	24%	+7%
Southcentral	40%	28%	23%	47%	-24%
Interior	50%	29%	38%	32%	+6%
Southeast	62%	47%	25%	28%	-3%
Rural	81%	71%	17%	12%	+5%
<b>Age</b>					
18-34 yrs old	50%	28%	39%	31%	+8%
35-44 yrs old	53%	36%	27%	34%	-7%
45-54 yrs old	52%	32%	31%	36%	-5%
55-64 yrs old	59%	38%	29%	32%	-3%
65+ yrs old	77%	71%	11%	18%	-7%
<b>Gender</b>					
Male	56%	39%	29%	32%	-3%
Female	61%	43%	27%	28%	-1%

# COVID-19 Vaccine

	Received/ Def. will get	Already received	Unvaccinated		Net remaining
			Total Will get	Total Not get	
Overall	58%	41%	28%	30%	-2%
<b>Party</b>					
Democrat	83%	51%	40%	9%	+31%
Republican	40%	27%	24%	49%	-25%
Non-Partisan	69%	49%	29%	21%	+8%
Undeclared	59%	44%	26%	28%	-2%
<b>Household income</b>					
<\$40K	49%	33%	30%	36%	-6%
\$40-60K	50%	40%	23%	33%	-10%
\$60-80K	58%	40%	31%	28%	+3%
\$80-100K	58%	34%	35%	31%	+4%
\$100K+	64%	44%	27%	28%	-1%
<b>Education</b>					
High school/GED	44%	29%	29%	42%	-13%
Some college	45%	37%	24%	37%	-13%
College graduate	64%	40%	33%	25%	+8%
Graduate school	78%	57%	23%	17%	+6%
<b>Higher risk household</b>					
Yes	65%	50%	24%	24%	0%
No	53%	33%	32%	35%	-3%
<b>Returning to normal routine</b>					
Comfortable	40%	33%	20%	45%	-25%
Not comfortable	85%	53%	39%	6%	+33%



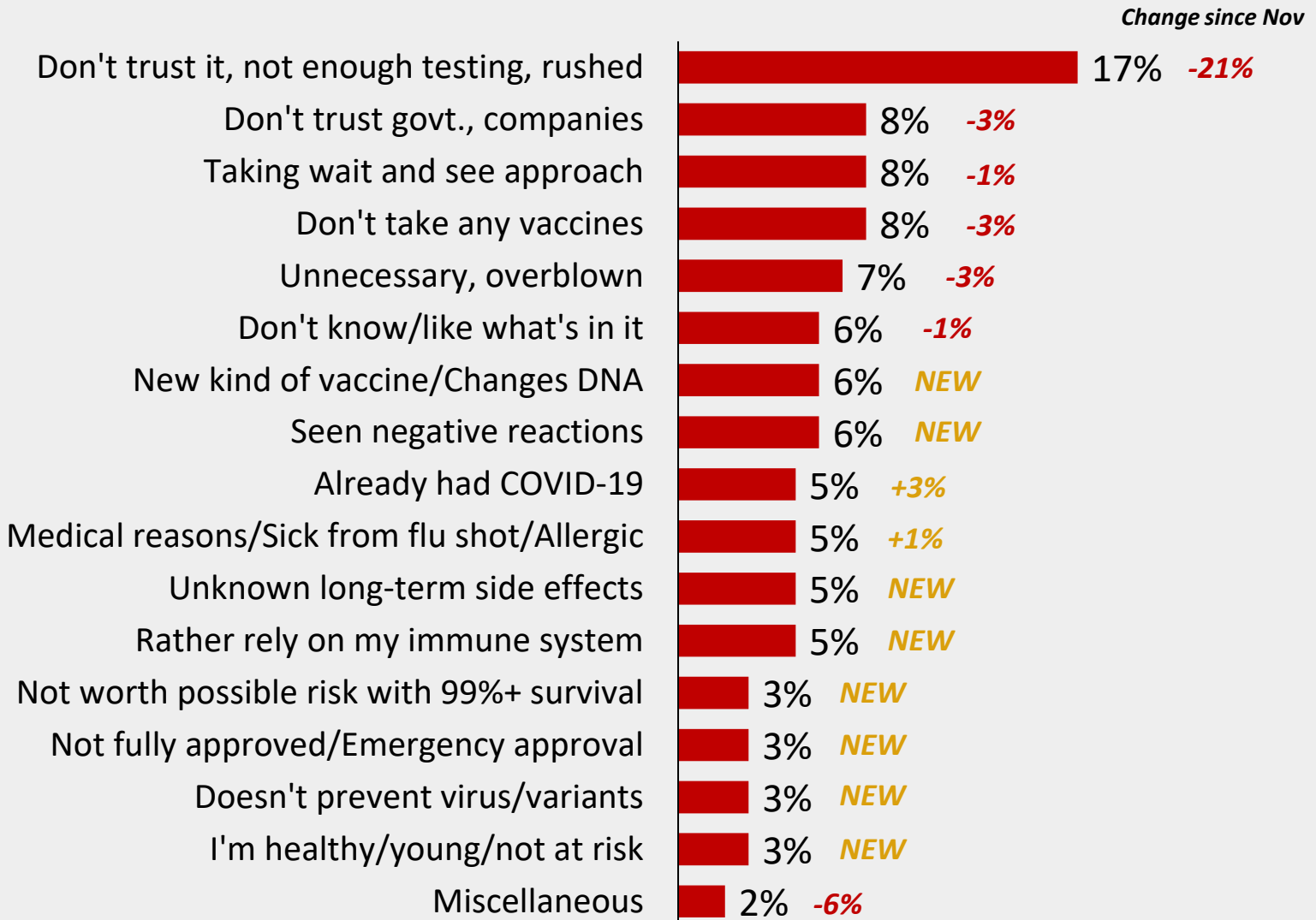
# COVID-19 Vaccine

	Received/ Def. get	Already received	Unvaccinated		Net remaining
			Total Will get	Total Not get	
Overall	58%	41%	28%	30%	-2%
<b>Parent of school-age kids</b>					
Yes	51%	32%	29%	37%	-8%
No	61%	45%	27%	26%	+1%
<b>Employment</b>					
Full-time	58%	40%	30%	30%	0%
Part-time	61%	41%	30%	29%	+1%
Unemployed	48%	28%	37%	31%	+6%
Retired	72%	58%	18%	24%	-6%
<b>Industry</b>					
Education (n56)	81%	65%	16%	17%	-1%
Healthcare (n97)	76%	66%	16%	18%	-2%
Government (n43)	70%	39%	44%	15%	+29%
Tourism/Hospitality (n16)	61%	28%	46%	25%	+21%
Business/Office (n89)	59%	33%	38%	29%	+9%
Retail/Personal care (n28)	48%	29%	41%	27%	+14%
Public safety/MIL (n26)	46%	37%	19%	45%	-26%
Food Service (n25)	45%	24%	42%	34%	+8%
Transportation (n30)	42%	30%	27%	43%	-16%
Resource devt. (n60)	40%	22%	38%	40%	-2%
Construction/Trades (n76)	33%	22%	25%	47%	-22%

# Why would you **not** get the vaccine?

And what is the main reason you would likely not get the vaccine?

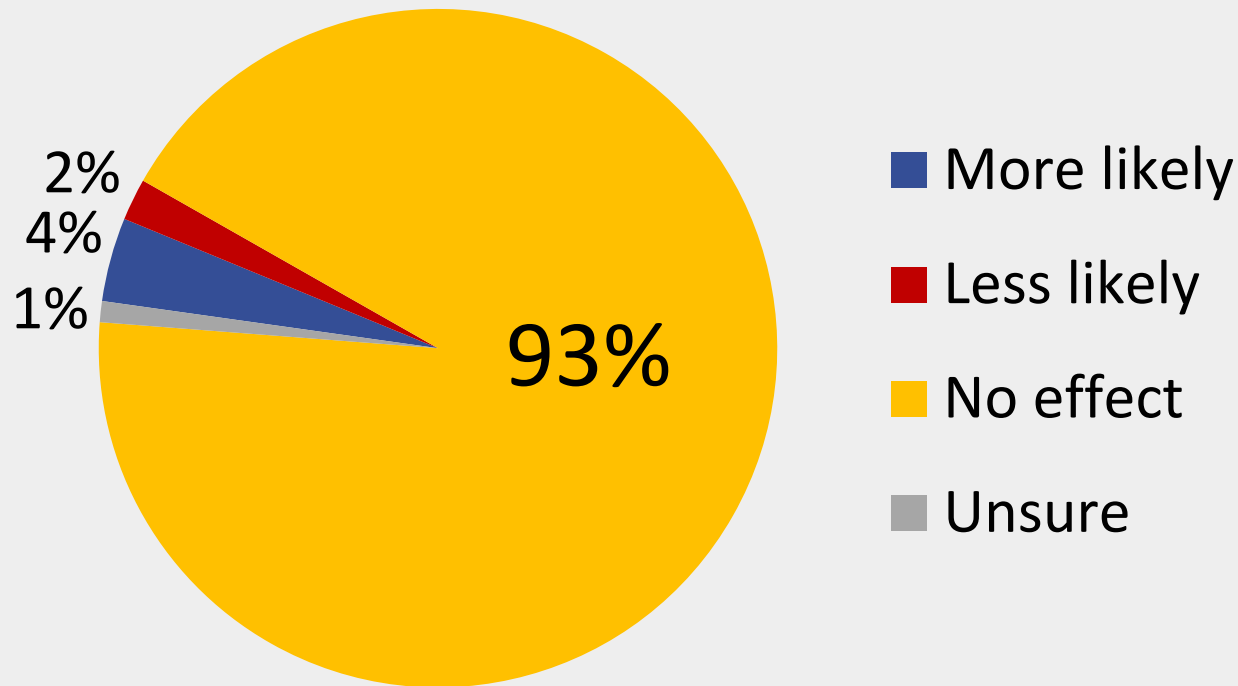
## Coded verbatim comments among 30% who would not get vaccine



# More likely to vaccinate if elected officials do?

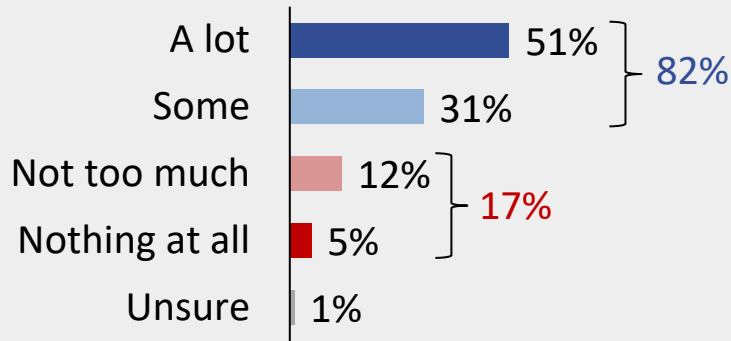
*Alaska elected officials, including Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan, Congressman Don Young and Governor Mike Dunleavy have either received the COVID-19 vaccine or stated they will take the vaccine when it first becomes available to them. Does this information make you more likely or less likely to take the vaccine, or does it not have an effect on your decision?*

**Among 59% Unvaccinated**



# Awareness of Initial Vaccination Phase

How much have you seen, read, or heard about the initial phase of the COVID-19 vaccinations taking place in Alaska?



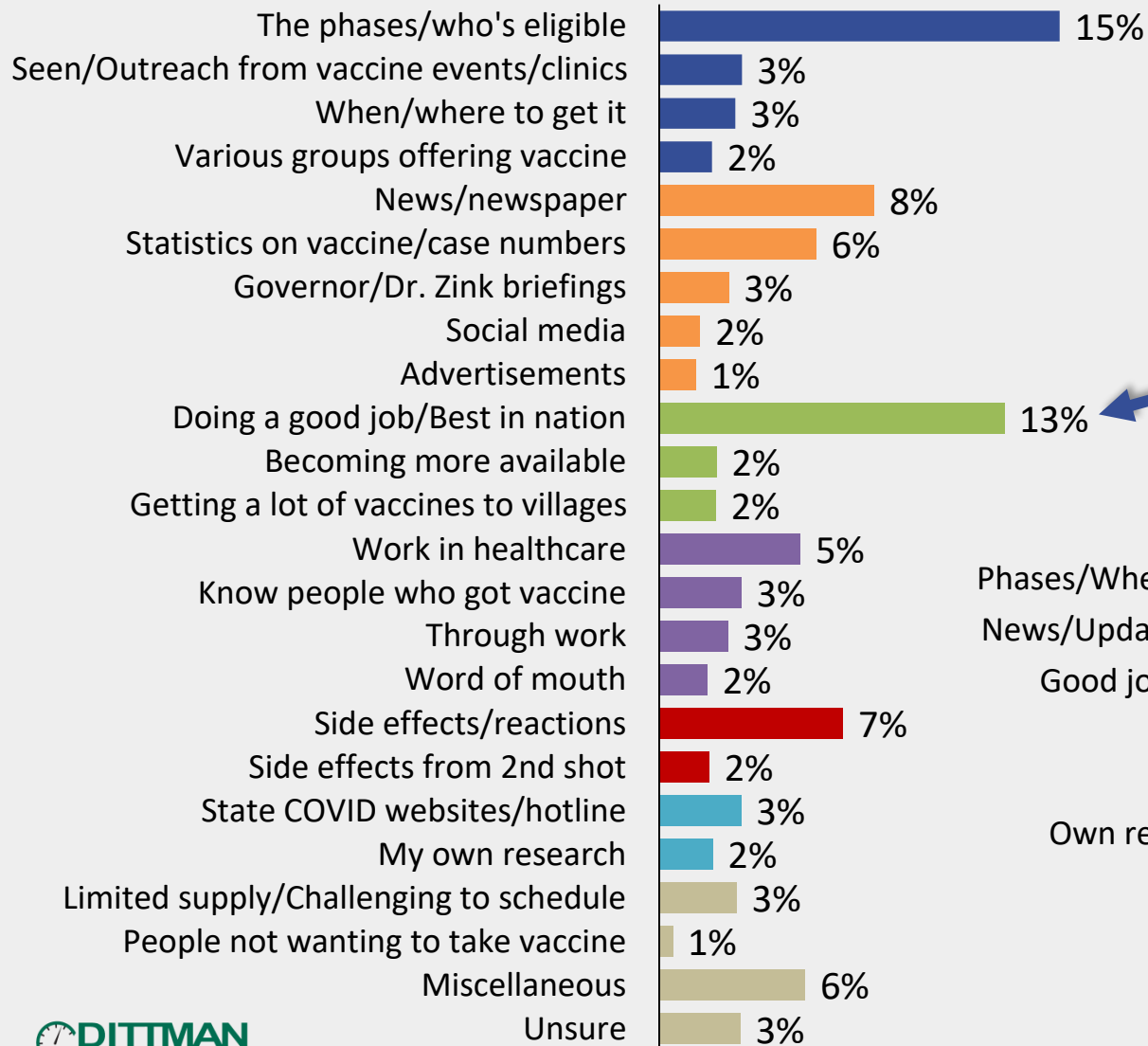
	A lot	A lot/ Some	Not much/ Nothing
<b>Location</b>			
Anchorage	51%	82%	18%
Southcentral	51%	82%	17%
Interior	51%	81%	17%
Southeast	55%	83%	15%
Rural	51%	87%	13%
<b>Age</b>			
18-34 yrs old	36%	75%	25%
35-44 yrs old	53%	88%	12%
45-54 yrs old	59%	87%	11%
55-64 yrs old	55%	83%	17%
65+ yrs old	58%	80%	18%

	A lot	A lot/ Some	Not much/ Nothing
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	44%	79%	21%
Female	59%	86%	13%
<b>Party</b>			
Democrat	56%	85%	15%
Republican	48%	77%	21%
Non-Partisan	59%	87%	12%
Undeclared	51%	84%	16%
<b>Household income</b>			
<\$40K	30%	70%	28%
\$40-60K	55%	80%	20%
\$60-80K	53%	81%	17%
\$80-100K	52%	85%	14%
\$100K+	60%	89%	9%
<b>COVID-19 vaccine</b>			
Already received	64%	88%	11%
Definitely get it	54%	85%	12%
Probably get it	36%	78%	21%
Probably not get it	38%	72%	27%
Definitely not get it	39%	76%	23%

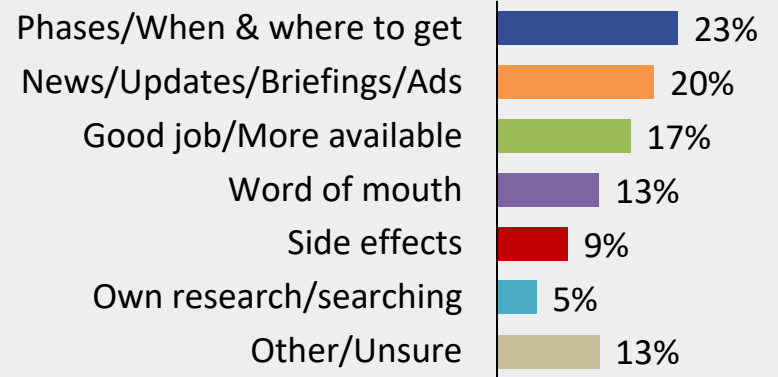
# What have you seen about vaccine rollout?

Could you please tell me specifically what you have seen, read or heard [about the initial phase of the COVID-19 vaccinations taking place in Alaska]?

## Coded verbatim comments among 94% who saw something

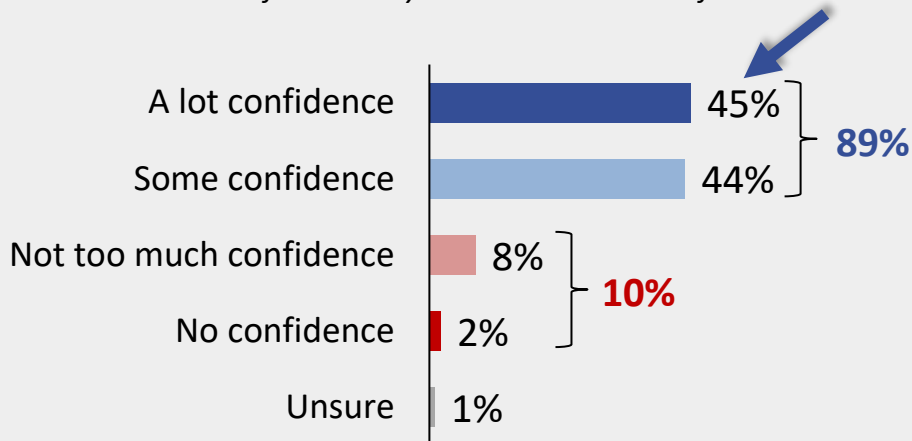


## Broad Categories



# Confidence in State Regarding Vaccine

How much confidence do you have in the State of Alaska to distribute the COVID-19 vaccine in a fast and fair manner?



	A lot	A lot/ Some	Not much/ None
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	42%	86%	12%
Female	47%	91%	8%
<b>Party</b>			
Democrat	45%	89%	10%
Republican	50%	90%	9%
Non-Partisan	50%	88%	10%
Undeclared	39%	89%	10%

Location	A lot	A lot/ Some	Not much/ None
Anchorage	44%	87%	12%
Southcentral	45%	87%	10%
Interior	39%	89%	11%
Southeast	49%	95%	5%
Rural	51%	87%	10%
<b>Age</b>			
18-34 yrs old	31%	85%	15%
35-44 yrs old	46%	91%	7%
45-54 yrs old	48%	86%	11%
55-64 yrs old	46%	90%	10%
65+ yrs old	56%	92%	7%

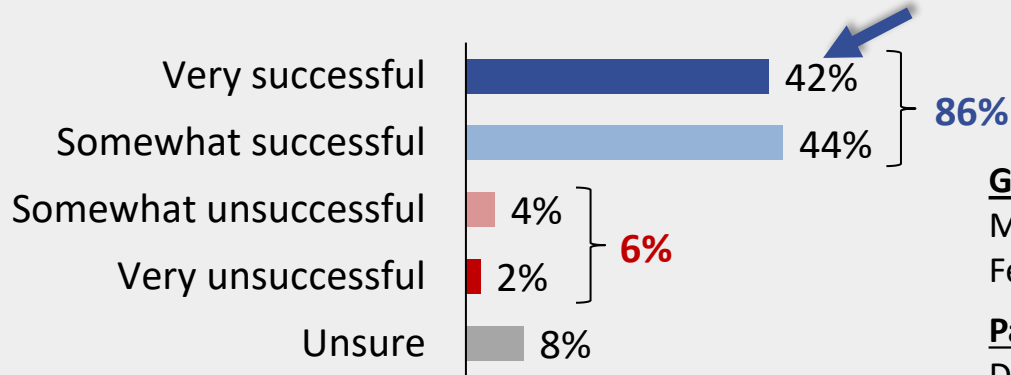
Follow local news	A lot	A lot/ Some	Not much/ None
Very closely	64%	92%	7%
Smwht closely	38%	89%	10%
Not closely	29%	81%	17%

Concerned about catching	A lot	A lot/ Some	Not much/ None
Very	42%	89%	11%
Somewhat	50%	91%	7%
Not too	42%	89%	11%
Not at all	43%	83%	13%

Disaster declaration	A lot	A lot/ Some	Not much/ None
Should issue	47%	91%	9%
Should not issue	42%	87%	11%

# State's Vaccine Distribution So Far

Do you think the State of Alaska's distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine so far has been...?

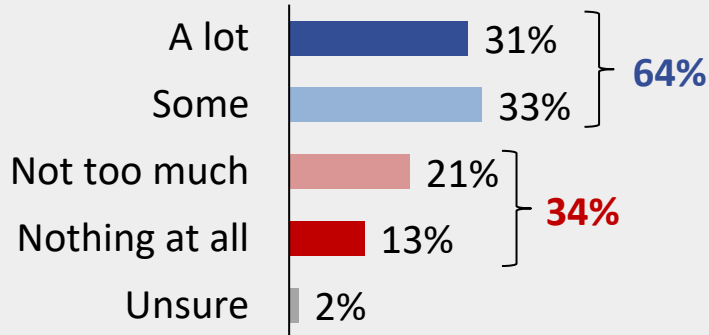


	Very succ.	Total Succ.	Total Not succ.
<b>Location</b>			
Anchorage	41%	86%	7%
Southcentral	43%	80%	6%
Interior	35%	89%	3%
Southeast	47%	91%	3%
Rural	43%	88%	6%
<b>Age</b>			
18-34 yrs old	30%	84%	8%
35-44 yrs old	45%	84%	5%
45-54 yrs old	48%	87%	6%
55-64 yrs old	35%	84%	6%
65+ yrs old	53%	93%	2%

	Very succ.	Total Succ.	Total Not succ.
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	34%	83%	6%
Female	50%	90%	5%
<b>Party</b>			
Democrat	45%	89%	6%
Republican	41%	83%	6%
Non-Partisan	47%	88%	5%
Undeclared	40%	88%	6%
<b>Follow local news</b>			
Very closely	57%	93%	4%
Somewhat closely	40%	86%	6%
Not closely	19%	73%	7%
<b>Higher risk household</b>			
Yes	42%	86%	8%
No	42%	87%	4%
<b>Industry</b> (top segments in terms of concern & vaccine interest)			
Education (n56)	59%	91%	7%
Tourism/Hosp. (n16)	55%	100%	0%
Healthcare (n97)	53%	96%	4%
Business/Office (n89)	53%	94%	2%
Government (n43)	33%	85%	6%

# Awareness of Phased Plan for Vaccinations

How much have you seen, read, or heard about the State of Alaska's phased plan for distributing the COVID-19 vaccine to residents?



Location	A lot	A lot/ Some	Not much/ Nothing
Anchorage	35%	64%	35%
Southcentral	25%	59%	40%
Interior	28%	68%	32%
Southeast	33%	72%	23%
Rural	31%	66%	34%

Age	A lot	A lot/ Some	Not much/ Nothing
18-34 yrs old	11%	53%	45%
35-44 yrs old	29%	60%	38%
45-54 yrs old	41%	73%	26%
55-64 yrs old	40%	71%	28%
65+ yrs old	39%	67%	28%

Gender	A lot	A lot/ Some	Not much/ Nothing
Male	26%	57%	42%
Female	36%	72%	26%

Party	A lot	A lot/ Some	Not much/ Nothing
Democrat	35%	72%	27%
Republican	28%	59%	38%
Non-Partisan	39%	73%	27%
Undeclared	29%	63%	37%

Household income	A lot	A lot/ Some	Not much/ Nothing
<\$40K	14%	47%	51%
\$40-60K	31%	62%	37%
\$60-80K	31%	64%	33%
\$80-100K	26%	66%	31%
\$100K+	39%	74%	26%

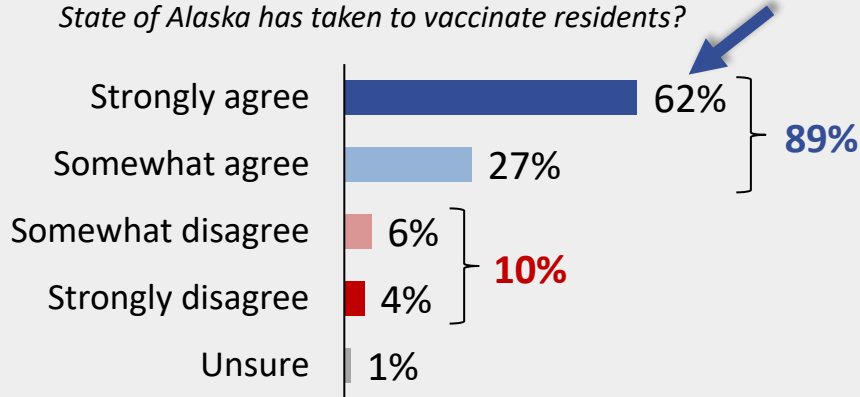
  

COVID-19 vaccine	A lot	A lot/ Some	Not much/ Nothing
Already received	46%	76%	23%
Definitely get it	34%	69%	30%
Probably get it	11%	46%	51%
Probably not get it	15%	51%	47%
Definitely not get it	18%	52%	45%



# Support for Alaska's Vaccination Plan

The State of Alaska is taking a phased approach to distributing the COVID-19 vaccine which prioritizes high risk individuals. The vaccine is first going to frontline healthcare workers and residents of long-term care facilities, followed by Alaskans age 65 and older, then to essential workers and high-risk individuals over age 50. As these populations are vaccinated, additional groups of increasingly lower risk individuals will become eligible for the vaccine. In general, do you agree or disagree with the approach the State of Alaska has taken to vaccinate residents?



	Strong agree	Total/ Agree	Total Disagree
<b>Location</b>			
Anchorage	59%	87%	11%
Southcentral	64%	89%	10%
Interior	60%	86%	13%
Southeast	69%	91%	8%
Rural	57%	92%	5%
<b>Age</b>			
18-34 yrs old	64%	88%	11%
35-44 yrs old	59%	92%	8%
45-54 yrs old	61%	87%	11%
55-64 yrs old	59%	89%	9%
65+ yrs old	65%	88%	11%

Location	Strong agree	Total/ Agree	Total Disagree
Democrat	65%	91%	9%
Republican	67%	91%	9%
Non-Partisan	63%	90%	6%
Undeclared	57%	88%	11%

Higher risk household	Strong agree	Total/ Agree	Total Disagree
Yes	59%	87%	12%
No	65%	91%	8%

Prior awareness of vaccine approach	Strong agree	Total/ Agree	Total Disagree
A lot	68%	92%	7%
Some	59%	88%	11%
Not too much	59%	87%	13%
Nothing at all	61%	86%	12%

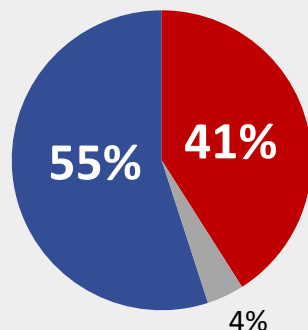
Industry (selected by concern/frontline status)	Strong agree	Total/ Agree	Total Disagree
Food Service (n25)	82%	98%	0%
Retail/Personal care(n28)	76%	87%	6%
Business/Office (n89)	75%	96%	4%
Tourism/Hosp. (n16)	71%	87%	13%
Healthcare (n97)	64%	91%	9%
Education (n56)	62%	94%	5%
Public safety/MIL (n26)	54%	81%	18%

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# **OTHER COVID-19 ISSUES**

# New Public Health Disaster Declaration

A public health disaster declaration provides the state with the authority and resources to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, and is necessary to facilitate things such as mandatory virus testing at the airport and vaccine distribution around Alaska. The state was operating under disaster declarations throughout 2020, but the latest declaration expired on February 15th when the state legislature failed to extend it. Do you think the state legislature should or should not issue another disaster declaration?



**+14% Net 'Should Issue'**

- Should issue
- Should not issue
- Unsure

Location	Issue	Don't Issue	Net
Anchorage	60%	36%	+24%
Southcentral	42%	54%	-12%
Interior	43%	49%	-6%
Southeast	66%	30%	+36%
Rural	65%	30%	+35%

Age	Issue	Don't Issue	Net
18-34 yrs old	54%	42%	+12%
35-44 yrs old	48%	46%	+2%
45-54 yrs old	52%	43%	+9%
55-64 yrs old	56%	42%	+14%
65+ yrs old	62%	32%	+30%

Gender	Issue	Don't Issue	Net
Male	49%	47%	+2%
Female	60%	35%	+25%

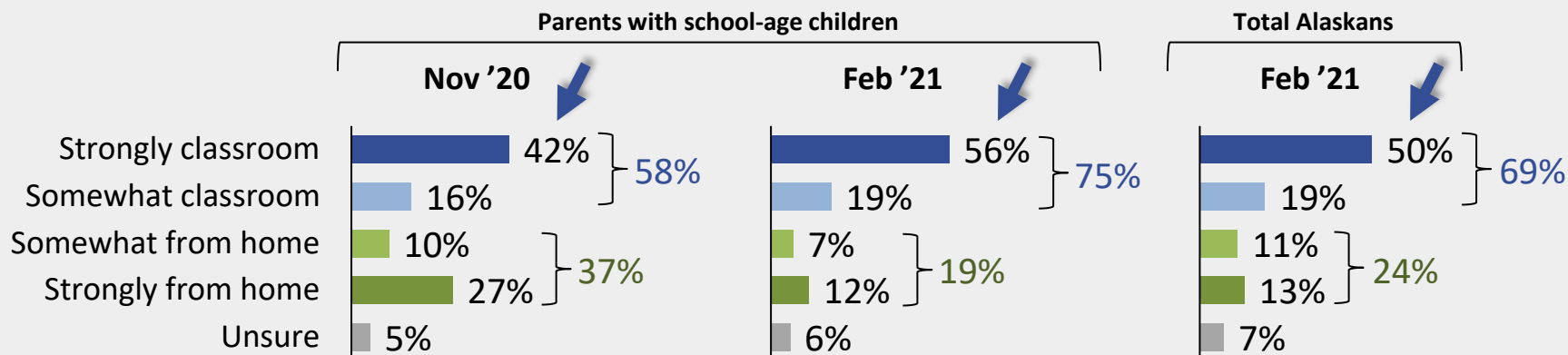
Party	Issue	Don't Issue	Net
Democrat	81%	16%	+65%
Republican	29%	67%	-38%
Non-Partisan	69%	27%	+42%
Undeclared	55%	41%	+14%

Governor's job	Issue	Don't Issue	Net
Excellent (8%)	36%	59%	-23%
Good (49%)	47%	47%	0%
Not too good (23%)	65%	33%	+32%
Pretty bad (17%)	73%	25%	+48%

COVID-19 vaccine	Issue	Don't Issue	Net
Already received	74%	22%	+52%
Definitely get it	74%	24%	+50%
Probably get it	43%	51%	-8%
Probably not get it	26%	68%	-42%
Definitely not get it	19%	77%	-58%

# Return Kids to Classroom or Stay at Home

Regardless of the school policies in your area, do you believe children should return to the classroom, or should they continue to learn from home over the internet?



## Demographics among Total Alaskans

Location	Strongly classroom	Total classroom	Total Stay home
Anchorage	42%	60%	31%
Southcentral	59%	74%	19%
Interior	55%	76%	20%
Southeast	53%	80%	12%
Rural	41%	61%	26%
Age	Strongly classroom	Total classroom	Total Stay home
18-34 yrs old	40%	64%	31%
35-44 yrs old	43%	65%	27%
45-54 yrs old	50%	68%	21%
55-64 yrs old	61%	71%	20%
65+ yrs old	59%	79%	13%

	Strongly classroom	Total classroom	Total Stay home
Gender	Male: 51%	67%	24%
Female: 48%	70%	23%	
Party	Democrat: 23%	56%	38%
Republican: 76%	86%	10%	
Non-Partisan: 48%	66%	21%	
Undeclared: 45%	65%	27%	
Industry	Education (n35): 45%	68%	22%
Governor's job	Excellent (8%): 68%	86%	9%
Good (49%): 57%	75%	17%	
Not too good (23%): 42%	65%	26%	
Pretty bad (17%): 25%	45%	49%	