



Methodology Used For Nicholson Foundation Funded Survey To Determine Child Care Challenges Facing New Jersey Working Parents Due To COVID-19

Funded by The Nicholson Foundation, The Fairleigh Dickinson University Poll conducted an online survey designed to provide estimates of adults in New Jersey with children age 35 months and younger. The survey was conducted August 17-24, 2020 with 914 adults residing in New Jersey.

This survey used a nonprobability sample source. Market Knowledge Online provided the sample, and individuals included are those who responded to invitations to participate in the survey. The Market Knowledge Online sample was selected based on quotas related to living in New Jersey with children 35 months or younger in the household. Surveys were conducted in English and via the web only. For panel recruitment, Market Knowledge Online uses invitations of all types including email invitations, phone alerts, banners, and messaging on panel community sites to include people with a diversity of motivations to take part in research.

Because nonprobability panels do not start with a frame where there is a known probability of selection, standard measures of sampling error and response rates cannot be calculated.

Question wording and order

Q18 Were you employed, in school, or in training during the COVID-19 shutdown (March through June 2020)

Yes

No **(Skip to Q20)**

Q19 Was your job classified as 'essential' or necessary during the COVID-10 shutdown (March through June 2020)?

Yes

No

Not Applicable

Not Sure

Q23 Please indicate which kinds of child care you used for your infant/toddler prior to the COVID-19 pandemic (from January through March 2020). Check all that apply.

I did not use any type of child care **(Skip to Q25)**

Child care center **(Skip to Q26)**

Home based child care provided by a non-relative in their own home **(Skip to Q26)**

Care provided by a nanny in your own home **(Skip to Q26)**

Care provided by a family member in his or her home

Care provided by a family member in your home

Q24 Which family member(s) provided care for your infant/toddler? (Check all that apply)

Spouse/Partner (Not the child's other parent or guardian)

Grandparent

Sibling of parent (Aunt or Uncle)

Sibling of child (Under age 18)

Sibling of child (Over age 18)

Other family member (e.g., cousins) _____

(Skip to Q26)

Q30 During a typical week between January and March 2020, how many days was your infant/toddler in child care?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7

Q31 Typically, how many hours a day was your infant/toddler in child care?

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10
- 11
- 12+

Q33 From January to March 2020, as a result of issues related to child care for infant/toddler, had you ever...(Check all that apply). **(Rotate)**

Changed from full-time to part time work or reduced your hours

Had your hours involuntarily reduced by your employer

Been demoted or transferred

Turned down a promotion /reassignment/new job

Been reprimanded or fired

Arrived late for work

Missed participating in work related education/training

Needed to leave work early

Not been able to attend classes or a training program

Other (Specify) _____

None of the above

Q37 Please indicate which kinds of child care, if any, you used for your infant/toddler since June 15th. Check all that apply.

I did not use any type of child care **(Skip to Q50)**

Child care center **(Skip to Q41)**

Home based child care provided by a non-relative in their own home **(Skip to Q41)**

Care provided by a nanny in your own home **(Skip to Q41)**

Care provided by a family member in his or her home

Care provided by a family member in your home

Q38 Which family member(s) provided care for your infant/toddler? (Check all that apply)

Spouse/Partner (Not the child's other parent or guardian)

Grandparent

Sibling of parent (Aunt or Uncle)

Sibling of child (Under age 18)

Sibling of child (Over age 18)

Other family member (e.g., cousins) _____

Q39 Why didn't you use child care since June 15th, 2020? (Check all that apply.) **(Rotate)**

Currently unemployed

Stay-at-home parent

Utilizing paid/unpaid leave

The hours I work or attend school allow me to be flexible and care for my child

Child is beginning preschool

The cost has increased

My child care provider has closed

My child care provider is no longer accepting infants 0-11 months

My child care provider is no longer accepting children 12 to 36 months

My prior child care provider does not have room for my child

Care quality does not meet my requirements

I am worried about COVID-19 exposure or safety requirements

Made other arrangements for now

My spouse/partner cares for them

Other (Specify) _____

(Skip to Q50)

(Display Q42 only if using child care both Pre & Post Covid)

Q42 Comparing the cost of child care per month for your primary infant/toddler care arrangement before COVID and the cost now, has the amount...?

Stayed the same

Decreased

Increased by \$1-49 per month

Increased by \$50-99 per month

Increased by \$100-149 per month

Increased by \$150-199 per month

Increased by \$300-399 per month

Increased by \$400 or more per month

Q46 Since June 15th, how many days a week do you typically use child care for your infant/toddler?

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

Q47 And about how many hours a day is your infant/toddler in child care?

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

11

12+

Q48 Since Covid-19, has finding quality child care within your budget become **easier** or more difficult than before, or has there been no change?

Much easier

Somewhat easier

The same

Somewhat more difficult

Much more difficult

Q50 How have you managed your work/school and child care since COVID-19? (Check all that apply) **(Rotate)**

I took a paid leave of absence

I took an unpaid leave of absence

I reduced my work hours

I quit my job

I worked off hours while my children needed attention

I was forced to multitask between work and caring for my child

I coordinated care with another adult in the house

I coordinated job share with another colleague

No changes required

Q53 If child care is deemed essential, should child care providers receive funding to cover additional costs of remaining open during COVID-19 closures?

Yes

No **(Skip to Q55)**

Not Sure **(Skip to Q55)**

Q54 Where should this funding come from for child care? (Check all that apply).

Federal government

State government

Donations or philanthropic organizations

Employers

Parents

Q55 The following questions are for demographic purposes only.

How old are you?

18 - 20

21 - 25

26 - 29

30 - 34

35 - 45

46 - 49

50 - 55

55 - 65

66 OR OVER

Q56 What was the last grade in school you completed?

8th Grade or Less

High School Incomplete (Grades 9, 10 and 11)

High School Complete (Grade 12)

Vocational/Technical School

Some College

Junior College Graduate (2 Year, Associates Degree)

4 Year College Graduate (Bachelor's Degree)

Graduate Work (Masters, Law/Medical School, Etc.)

Q57 Last year, that is in 2019, what was your approximate total family income from all sources, before taxes?

Less than \$25,000

\$25,000 to under \$50,000

\$50,000 to under \$75,000

\$75,000 to under \$100,000

\$100,000 to under \$150,000

\$150,000 or more

Don't know

Prefer not to answer

Q58 Are you currently employed full time, part time, or are you retired or not employed?

Full time

Part time

Retired

Not employed

Don't Know (VOL)

Refused (VOL)

Q59 And finally, are you...

Male

Female

Non-binary/transgender

Prefer not to answer