



Why are Demographic Questions Asked on the COVID-19 Student Survey?

Demographics describe who people are as individuals. Examples of demographics include race, ethnicity, age, grade in school, and gender.

Demographic questions are asked on this survey to help identify and address potential disparities among groups of people. For example, if fewer students in 8th grade state they have an adult to turn to for help or support if needed than students in 7th grade, then schools can look further into how to address the lack of trusting adults among 8th graders.

Demographics questions may be considered sensitive, and sometimes students are not comfortable answering all of them. For reporting reasons, on this survey all students need to answer the question of what grade they are in, but they can skip over any of the other questions they aren't comfortable answering or choose "I prefer not to answer," where applicable.

Statewide results from the COVID-19 Survey administered in March 2021, with some of the key topic areas split up by various demographics can be found on the [OSPI's COVID-19 Student Survey webpage](#), under "Topic Summaries." A Tableau Display with State, County, and ESD level results is also there.

The demographic questions asked on this survey are:

<p>What grade are you in?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th • 6th • 7th • 8th • 9th • 10th • 11th • 12th • Ungraded or other 	<p>What is your race? (Select all that apply)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Indian or Alaskan Native • Asian or Asian American • Black or African American • Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander • White or Caucasian • Other (please specify)_____
<p>What sex/gender were you at birth, even if you are not that gender today?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male • Female 	<p>Are you Hispanic/Latino/Latina/Latinx?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No, not Hispanic/Latino/Latina/Latinx • Yes, Hispanic/Latino/Latina/Latinx
<p>Have you or your family moved in the past 3 years to another school district or city for temporary or seasonal work in agriculture, dairy, or fishing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No • I am not sure or prefer not to answer 	<p>Are you limited in any activities because of a disability or long-term health problem including physical health, emotional, or learning problems expected to last 6 months or more?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes • No • I am not sure or prefer not to answer

<p>What is the language you speak most often at home?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English • Spanish • Russian • Vietnamese • Somali • Ukrainian • Chinese • Korean • Other 	<p>Who did you live with most of the time during the current school year? Select the option (or options) that best describes who you live with.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent(s), step-parent(s), or legal guardian • Relatives like a grandparent, an aunt / uncle, an older brother / sister—but NOT your parents • Foster care parent(s) • Adults who are not your parents, relatives, or foster parents • Friends of yours with no adults present • On your own • Other
<p>How do you currently identify yourself? - <i>Only asked to students in grades 7 to 12</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male • Female • Transgender • Questioning / not sure of my gender identity • Something else fits better • I do not know what this question is asking • I prefer not to answer 	<p>Where did you live most of the time during the current school year?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a house or apartment • In a shelter • In a car or RV, park, or campground • In a motel / hotel • On the street • Moved from place to place • Other • I prefer not to answer
<p>Which of the following best describes you? <i>Only asked to students in grades 7 to 12</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heterosexual (straight) • Gay • Lesbian • Bisexual • Questioning/not sure • Something else fits better • I do not know what this question is asking • I prefer not to answer 	<p>How much are you worried right now about the following things? Not having enough food to eat...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not at all worried • A little worried • Pretty worried • Extremely worried
<p>How much are you worried right now about the following things? Your family not being able to afford rent or housing...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not at all worried • A little worried • Pretty worried • Extremely worried 	<p>How often during the current school year did you or your family have to cut meal size or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almost every month • Some months but not every month • Only 1-2 months • Never - We did not skip or cut the size of any meals