

# Impact of COVID-19 in Ottumwa

Full Response Rate n=282 23.3%  
 Full+Partial Response Rate n=356 29.4%

Data collected between December 2020 through February 2021.

Compared to ONE YEAR AGO, how has COVID-19 impacted the following aspects of your life. Has it made it worse off, better off, or has it stayed about the same?

	Much Worse Off	Somewhat Worse Off	About the Same	Somewhat Better Off	Much Better Off	DNA/DNK
Your physical health	9.1%	16.6%	60.6%	3.4%	1.2%	9.2%
Your mental health	11.4%	39.2%	36.0%	1.6%	2.1%	9.7%
Relationship with your spouse/partner	5.8%	20.7%	40.9%	4.7%	4.4%	23.5%
Your relationships with close family	16.5%	28.7%	37.5%	6.6%	4.8%	5.9%
Your relationships with close friends	16.9%	25.1%	40.8%	5.4%	5.9%	5.9%
Your housing situation	9.1%	13.5%	65.3%	3.7%	1.3%	7.2%
Your employment situation	19.6%	9.2%	48.9%	2.8%	4.0%	15.4%
Your personal financial situation	22.1%	17.5%	43.3%	5.2%	3.1%	8.8%

DNA = Does not apply. DNK = Do not know.

Based on what you see as the situation today, do you think IN THE NEXT YEAR COVID-19 will make life for you and others worse off, better off, or will it stay about the same?

	Much Worse Off	Somewhat Worse Off	About the Same	Somewhat Better Off	Much Better Off
You and your family	9.5%	17.4%	58.7%	10.1%	4.3%
People in your community	11.4%	38.3%	35.9%	11.0%	3.3%
People in Iowa	23.9%	28.4%	32.6%	11.8%	3.3%

Did any of the following HEALTH risks apply to YOU or someone in YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

	Yes
Was tested for COVID-19	55.1%
Tested positive for COVID-19	19.2%
Had or currently have symptoms of COVID-19	29.3%
Was hospitalized for COVID-19	3.6%
Had or currently have a serious health condition	30.4%
Sought mental health services due to COVID-19	18.4%
Living or working where risk of getting COVID-19 is high	54.0%

Would you get a VACCINE to prevent COVID-19 if it were available today?

Definitely Not	Probably Not	Probably Yes	Definitely Yes
10.6%	12.4%	33.6%	43.4%

Percent showing signs of DEPRESSION (CES-D10): 27.8%  
 Percent showing signs of ANXIETY (GAD7): 22.1%

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## How has COVID-19 impacted the FINANCIAL situation for YOUR HOUSEHOLD?

	Yes
Had working hours reduced	32.0%
Taken a pay cut	16.4%
Had job benefits reduced	7.8%
Been laid off or lost a job	17.1%
Been unable to pay rent or mortgage	9.8%
Been unable to pay other bills	24.7%
Have medical debt related to COVID	8.5%
Used personal or retirement savings to make ends meet	21.2%
Had to take on other debt to make ends meet	19.8%

## In your opinion, how have the following organizations HANDLED THE IMPACTS of COVID-19 in your community?

	Poor Job	Fair Job	Good Job	Very Good Job
Local hospitals, clinics, and health professionals	6.3%	29.8%	47.4%	16.5%
Employers in protecting the health of their workers	13.1%	39.1%	34.7%	13.1%
Local businesses in protecting the health of their customers	10.2%	39.9%	41.0%	8.9%
Local community groups	14.3%	33.8%	39.7%	12.3%
Local public schools	12.1%	38.3%	35.7%	13.9%
Your local city and county government officials	23.5%	32.0%	36.7%	7.8%
Iowa public health officials	16.3%	38.2%	35.3%	10.2%
CDC / Centers for Disease Control	12.2%	27.9%	44.1%	15.7%
Governor Reynolds and her administration	47.8%	21.0%	24.4%	6.9%
President Trump and his administration	51.9%	15.5%	20.6%	12.0%

## How often do you TRUST the following SOURCES OF INFORMATION about COVID-19?

	Never	Almost never	Some of the time	Most of the time	All of the time
Your doctor or healthcare provider	0.2%	1.6%	17.8%	54.4%	26.1%
Health or medical websites	3.0%	5.3%	46.0%	39.9%	5.8%
News media	14.7%	23.0%	50.2%	7.6%	4.5%
Social media	37.8%	38.2%	21.5%	1.8%	0.7%
Public health officials	4.5%	4.6%	30.6%	47.0%	13.2%
State and federal elected officials	12.8%	18.1%	51.2%	11.5%	6.4%

## What best describes how does the COVID-19 pandemic FEEL TO YOU?

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Local problem	4.1%	1.4%	21.7%	12.8%	60.0%	National problem
Close to me	25.2%	24.1%	36.1%	4.7%	9.9%	Far away from me
Spreading slowly	4.0%	5.9%	19.7%	26.8%	43.5%	Spreading fast
Responsibility of individuals	25.4%	12.7%	40.8%	6.4%	14.7%	Responsibility of government
Makes me feel passive	12.8%	8.0%	63.9%	8.5%	6.7%	Makes me feel defiant
Hyped by the media	22.1%	12.9%	27.3%	19.4%	18.3%	Not hyped by the media
People can't do anything about it	6.6%	2.5%	24.8%	19.0%	47.0%	People can do something about it