

# JA COVID Grads Survey QuickRead Report May 2020

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## METHODOLOGY

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An online survey of 1,000 US Teens Graduating High School in 2020.

## CONTENT QUESTIONS

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1. Which of the following, if any, has happened to your parent or guardian because of COVID-19?

Response	%
They are now working from home	35%*
They are working fewer hours or have reduced pay	27%
They are concerned about paying bills, such as rent, utilities, house payment, etc.	22%
They lost their job	12%
Their living situation changed	12%
They had to borrow money to help pay bills	10%
They had to sell something to help pay bills	8%
Other	2%
Nothing has happened to my parent or guardian because of COVID-19	29%
<b>QuickFacts<sup>±</sup></b>	
Something has happened to parent/guardian because of COVID-19 (net)	71%

2. Do you or your family depend on the money you make from your job to pay bills and living expenses?

*(Asked among those currently working at a job)*

Response	%
Yes	49%
No	51%

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\* All decimals are rounded to the nearest percentage point. This may result in certain numerical totals adding up to slightly more or slightly less than 100%.

<sup>±</sup> Data under "QuickFacts" were derived from the responses, not included as response options that were read during fielding. We include QuickFacts in instances where we feel they will be helpful.



## 3. Have your plans for after graduation changed as a result of COVID-19?

Response	%
Yes	49%
No	33%
Not sure	19%

## 4. How have your plans for after high school graduation changed because of COVID-19?

*(Asked among those whose plans for after graduation changed as a result of COVID-19)*

Response	%
Decided to work to earn money	36%
Delayed my college start date	32%
Changed my future living situation (living at home, in a dorm, with friend, relatives, etc.)	28%
Decided to participate in online college classes only	18%
Changed the career path I wish to pursue	16%
Changed what school I plan to attend	16%
Decided to attend college	14%
Decided to no longer attend college	5%
Other	6%

## 5. How has COVID-19 changed the career path you wish to pursue?

*(Asked among those whose career path changed because of COVID-19)*

Response	%
Changed the career/position I wish to pursue (lawyer, doctor, accountant, etc.)	58%
Changed the location I wish to work in	41%
Changed the industry I wish to work in (Finance, Technology, Marketing, etc.)	40%
Changed the salary I wish to earn	36%
Other	1%

## 6. Has COVID-19 affected your plans to pay for college?

Response	%
Yes	40%
No	53%
I was never planning on attending college	7%



## 7. How much more or less excited are you to attend college due to COVID-19?

*(Asked among those who plan to attend college)*

Response	%
Much more excited	12%
Somewhat more excited	13%
About the same	39%
Somewhat less excited	25%
Much less excited	11%
<b>QuickFacts</b>	
More excited (net)	25%
Less excited (net)	35%

## 8. Which aspects of college, if any, are you worried will be negatively affected by COVID-19?

*(Asked among those who plan to attend college)*

Response	%
Classes/academics quality	58%
Dorm life	53%
Athletic & other school sponsored events	44%
Dining halls	40%
Internships/co-ops availability	34%
Nightlife/Greek life	28%
Other	1%
None of these	11%
<b>QuickFacts</b>	
Is worried about some aspect of college (net)	89%

## 9. How interested would you be in a career that involves initiating, planning, executing, controlling, and completing the work of a team to achieve specific goals and meet specific success criteria at the specified time?

Response	%
Very interested	23%
Somewhat interested	52%
Not very interested	19%
Not at all interested	7%
<b>QuickFacts</b>	
Interested (net)	74%
Not interested (net)	26%



10. Which of the following, if any, do you believe you excel at?

Response	%
Problem solving	56%
Team work	52%
Organization	49%
Multitasking	46%
Communication	46%
Detail-oriented	39%
Time management	37%
None of these	7%
<b>QuickFacts</b>	
Excels in some aspect of Project Management (net)	94%

11. How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement – Due to COVID-19, having a versatile career that can span different industries is more important than ever before.

Response	%
Agree strongly	37%
Agree somewhat	50%
Disagree somewhat	10%
Disagree strongly	3%
<b>QuickFacts</b>	
Agree (net)	87%
Disagree (net)	14%

12. Have you ever heard of a career called “Project Management”?

Response	%
Yes	45%
No	55%

13. How interested would you be in a career in Project Management?

Response	%
Very interested	15%
Somewhat interested	51%
Not very interested	27%
Not at all interested	8%
<b>QuickFacts</b>	
Interested (net)	66%
Not interested (net)	35%



14. Which of the following attributes of Project Management, if any, would make you interested in pursuing that career?

Response	%
Allows for flexible work hours	58%
Provides better than average income	54%
Provides employee benefits (healthcare, work from home, company discounts, etc.)	50%
Ability to work in almost any city or country	49%
Ability to work in a variety of industries	42%
Ability to work in a team environment	37%
Only requires a college degree you can get online	25%
Other	0%
None of these attributes interest me	12%
<b>QuickFacts</b>	
Is interested in some aspect of Project Management (net)	88%

15. Which of the following attributes of Project Management, if any, have you become more interested in as a result of COVID-19?

*(Asked among those who are interested in some aspect of Project Management)*

Response	%
Allows for flexible work hours	44%
Provides better than average income	42%
Provides employee benefits (healthcare, work from home, company discounts, etc.)	37%
Ability to work in almost any city or country	28%
Ability to work in a variety of industries	24%
Ability to work in a team environment	18%
Only requires a college degree you can get online	16%
Other	0%
I haven't become more interested in any of these attributes	17%
<b>QuickFacts</b>	
Has become more interested in some aspect of Project Management as a result of COVID-19 (net)	83%

**Methodological Notes:**

The JA COVID Grads Survey was conducted by Wakefield Research ([www.wakefieldresearch.com](http://www.wakefieldresearch.com)) among 1,000 US Teens Graduating High School in 2020, between May 21<sup>st</sup> and May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020, using an email invitation and an online survey. Quotas have been set to ensure reliable and accurate representation of the US teen population graduating high school in 2020.

Results of any sample are subject to sampling variation. The magnitude of the variation is measurable and is affected by the number of interviews and the level of the percentages expressing the results. For the interviews conducted in this particular study, the chances are 95 in 100 that a survey result does not vary, plus or minus, by more than 3.1 percentage points from the result that would be obtained if interviews had been conducted with all persons in the universe represented by the sample.