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Survey of likely voters in states with little or no VBM history | July 2020
Methodology

Change Research polled 1,497 likely voters from June 22-24, 2020 in states with limited or no history of voting by mail:

Georgia     New Hampshire     South Carolina
Kentucky    New Mexico       Virginia
Michigan    Nevada           Wisconsin
North Carolina    Pennsylvania

Dynamic Online Sampling was used to attain a representative sample of the electorate. Post-stratification weighting was performed on state, age, gender, race/ethnicity, and education, and 2016 presidential vote.

The margin of error as traditionally calculated is ±2.53% and larger among subgroups.
The vast majority of respondents report usually voting in person, consistent with the design of this survey, but a considerable number would prefer to vote by mail in November.

The plurality do not know the rules about voting by mail in their state.

Voters are more swayed by the health risks of in-person voting than by logistical concerns; these health-related concerns are particularly pronounced among the Rising American Electorate (18-34 year olds, voters of color, and unmarried women).

Voters do have concerns about mail-in ballots not arriving safely, though those concerns are less prevalent among RAE voters.

When it comes to voting by mail, respondents are most compelled by the assurance that coronavirus will not impede their ability to cast their votes.
### Typical method of voting

How do you usually vote?

- I have not voted before
- In person on Election Day
- In person through early voting
- By mail or absentee ballot

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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<td>11</td>
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<td><strong>RAE</strong></td>
<td>78</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td><strong>Not RAE</strong></td>
<td>85</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td><strong>18 to 34</strong></td>
<td>78</td>
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<td><strong>White</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Latinx</strong></td>
<td>76</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>8</td>
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<td><strong>Voters of color</strong></td>
<td>74</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>2</td>
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<td><strong>Unmarried women</strong></td>
<td>77</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>10</td>
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Prefered method of voting in November

Regardless of how you have voted in the past, how would you prefer to vote in the upcoming presidential election in November?

- In person on Election Day
- In person through early voting
- By mail or absentee ballot

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<td>47</td>
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<td>Voters of color</td>
<td>44</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>40</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unmarried women</td>
<td>45</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>46</td>
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Knowledge of VBM rules

Many states are changing rules about voting by mail in response to coronavirus. In {{ STATE }}, which statement best describes the current rules for voting by mail, or are you not sure?

- Election officials will send all voters a mail ballot.
- Any voter can request a mail ballot without providing a reason.
- Any voter can request a mail ballot with a reason like being sick or out of town.
- Any voter can request a mail ballot in 2020 if they are worried about coronavirus.
- Election officials will send all voters an application to request a mail ballot.
- Voting by mail is not allowed in {{ STATE }}.
- Not sure what the rules are now in {{ STATE }} for voting by mail.

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<th>Statement</th>
<th>GA</th>
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<th>PA</th>
<th>SC</th>
<th>VA</th>
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<td>8</td>
<td>5</td>
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<td>3</td>
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<td>Any voter can request a mail ballot in 2020 if they are worried about coronavirus.</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>21</td>
<td>9</td>
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<td>Election officials will send all voters an application to request a mail ballot.</td>
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<td>9</td>
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<td>Voting by mail is not allowed in {{ STATE }}.</td>
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<td>1</td>
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<td>8</td>
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<td>Not sure what the rules are now in {{ STATE }} for voting by mail.</td>
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<td>18</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>57</td>
<td>49</td>
<td>27</td>
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Concerns about in-person voting

These are some concerns people have about voting in person in November. How concerning is each on a scale from 0 to 10? A 0 means it is not concerning at all and a 10 means it is extremely concerning.

- Contracting the coronavirus and spreading it to my family.
  - Total: 41
  - RAE: 52
  - POC: 59
  - 18-34: 51
  - Unmarried women: 55

- Contracting the coronavirus.
  - Total: 38
  - RAE: 49
  - POC: 57
  - 18-34: 43
  - Unmarried women: 53

- Unknowingly spreading the coronavirus to others in my community.
  - Total: 37
  - RAE: 49
  - POC: 56
  - 18-34: 45
  - Unmarried women: 51

- Long lines and long wait times.
  - Total: 28
  - RAE: 36
  - POC: 43
  - 18-34: 31
  - Unmarried women: 40

- Changes in my polling place locations due to coronavirus.
  - Total: 22
  - RAE: 29
  - POC: 34
  - 18-34: 26
  - Unmarried women: 29

- Being unable to get time off work.
  - Total: 9
  - RAE: 14
  - POC: 16
  - 18-34: 16
  - Unmarried women: 13

- Being unable to find transportation to my polling place.
  - Total: 5
  - RAE: 7
  - POC: 10
  - 18-34: 7
  - Unmarried women: 10
Reasons to vote in person

These are some reasons to vote in person instead of by mail. How convincing is each on a scale from 0 to 10? A 0 means it is not convincing at all and a 10 means it is an extremely convincing reason to vote in person.

I worry that my ballot will not arrive safely in the mail, and I know my vote is counted when I vote in person.

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<td>I worry that my ballot will not arrive safely in the mail, and I know my vote is counted when I vote in person.</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>57</td>
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<td>I worry that using mail ballots will make voter fraud more likely.</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>58</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>40</td>
<td>38</td>
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<td>I enjoy the experience of voting in-person and being part of my community.</td>
<td>46</td>
<td>51</td>
<td>46</td>
<td>33</td>
<td>42</td>
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Incentives to vote by mail

Would you be more likely to vote by mail because...

- Much more likely
- Somewhat more likely
- A little more likely
- No difference

Voting by mail ensures coronavirus cannot take away your ability to vote.

- Total: 39
- RAE: 60
- POC: 66
- 18-34: 57
- Unmarried women: 62

The more people who vote by mail, the shorter the lines are for the people who do vote in person so it is considerate of your neighbors to vote from home.

- Total: 28
- RAE: 52
- POC: 55
- 18-34: 49
- Unmarried women: 54

You can research the candidates as you fill out your ballot.

- Total: 28
- RAE: 52
- POC: 56
- 18-34: 49
- Unmarried women: 54

You received an “I Voted” sticker in the mail.

- Total: 10
- RAE: 22
- POC: 26
- 18-34: 19
- Unmarried women: 23
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