

# COVID-19 Health Concerns Overtake Financial Worries

*Pandemic prompts behavior changes, increased social distancing and less physical contact*

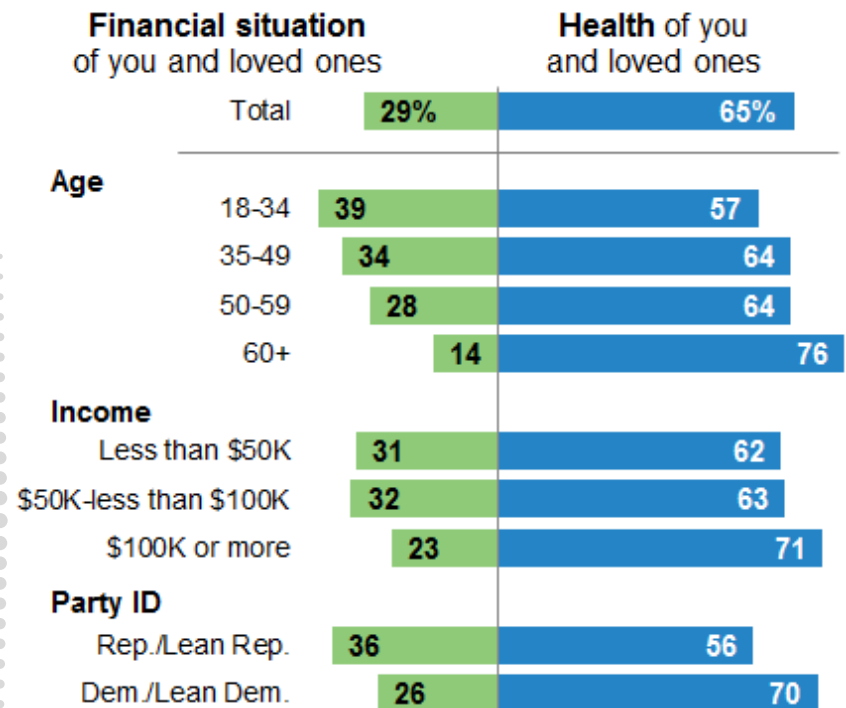


Americans express their concerns as the spread of coronavirus in the U.S. increases – impacting lives and livelihoods across the nation. **Americans say that they are “most concerned” about the threat posed to their health**, more than the threat to their financial situation, by a margin of greater than two-to-one (65% vs. 29%). There is a wide age gap on the greatest concern over COVID-19. Americans 60 years and older feel that the threat to health is greater than the risk to their finances (76% vs. 14%). However, among those under age 35, views are mixed: 57% are most concerned about the health risk, while 39% are most concerned about the threat to their financial situation.

The EurekaFacts national poll of U.S. adults, conducted March 23-31, also finds that calls from elected officials and health experts for Americans to maintain social distance have gained traction. **Nine-in-ten adults (92%) say that they are practicing social distancing “more often”** since the COVID-19 outbreak. In addition to avoiding meetings and handshaking, **three-in-ten Americans (31%) are hugging and kissing “less often”** since learning of the outbreak, and another **47% say they are not doing this at all**. For updates on the COVID-19 study and other EurekaFacts research, please visit our website: [EurekaFacts.com/COVID19](https://EurekaFacts.com/COVID19).

## Impact of COVID-19 over next few weeks

*You are most concerned about threat to ...*



\*Remaining percentage selected “other”

## Change in behaviors since COVID-19 outbreak

*How often are you...*

