

The Vanderbilt Child Health poll surveyed 1,026 Tennessee parents with children under 18 years old from October 19 —November 28, 2021. All reported percentages have survey weights applied, so their interpretation can be broadened to all parents in Tennessee. For example, “51% of Tennessee parents polled in 2021 agree with the statement: ‘I trust the information I receive about shots.’”

Unless otherwise noted, all summaries are listed as weighted proportions of Tennessee Parents ± Standard Error. Additionally, N’s are unweighted, row-wise percentages are presented, and p-values presented are from Rao-Scott corrected chi-square tests.

TRUST IN VACCINES

I trust the information I receive about shots

	2021			2020		
	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree
Overall	51.1% ± 2.3	27.6% ± 2.0	21.4% ± 1.9	61.6% ± 2.2	20.7% ± 1.8	17.7% ± 1.7
Race/Ethnicity						
White, Non-Hispanic	50.3% ± 2.6	27.0% ± 2.2	22.7% ± 2.3	66.1% ± 2.5	17.9% ± 2.0	16.0% ± 1.9
Black, Non-Hispanic	54.3% ± 6.0	26.1% ± 5.3	19.6% ± 5.0	48.6% ± 5.3	28.7% ± 4.8	22.7% ± 4.2
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	51.7% ± 6.9	33.7% ± 6.8	14.7% ± 4.1	47.9% ± 7.5	29.5% ± 6.5	22.6% ± 7.3
TN Region						
West	46.1% ± 4.9	32.0% ± 4.7	21.9% ± 4.2			
Middle	55.2% ± 3.8	21.7% ± 2.7	23.1% ± 3.5		<i>Not recorded</i>	
East	49.8% ± 3.4	31.1% ± 3.3	19.2% ± 2.5			

SOURCES OF TRUST FOR VACCINE INFORMATION

Who do you trust for information regarding vaccines?

Who do you trust for COVID-19 Information?

*It was possible to select more than one answer

	2021		2020	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
The President of the United States	10.5% ± 1.5	9.1% ± 1.3	11.3% ± 1.4	17.0% ± 1.7
Dr. Anthony Fauci	17.9% ± 1.9	15.7% ± 1.7	18.6% ± 1.9	22.2% ± 1.9
The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)	43.5% ± 2.3	39.0% ± 2.2	42.0% ± 2.2	38.4% ± 2.2
The Governor of TN	6.1% ± 1.1	9.6% ± 1.4	9.4% ± 1.2	16.6% ± 1.7
TN Department of Health	30.9% ± 2.0	31.3% ± 2.1	34.9% ± 2.1	37.7% ± 2.2
National News	7.8% ± 1.2	8.8% ± 1.3	10.1% ± 1.3	14.8% ± 1.6
Local News	6.4% ± 0.9	5.7% ± 1.1	8.5% ± 1.0	14.5% ± 1.6
Your town’s mayor	3.9% ± 1.0	1.8% ± 0.5	3.9% ± 0.9	8.2% ± 1.2
Your local Health Department	23.8% ± 1.8	24.6% ± 1.9	28.0% ± 1.9	30.0% ± 2.1
Your child’s health care provider	44.0% ± 2.3	41.5% ± 2.2	44.5% ± 2.3	34.8% ± 2.1
Your child’s school	5.0% ± 1.0	4.6% ± 0.9	9.9% ± 1.3	12.1% ± 1.4
Your religious leader	3.6% ± 0.9	2.2% ± 0.5	4.3% ± 0.8	5.0% ± 1.0
Friends & family	8.1% ± 1.2	6.9% ± 1.1	10.9% ± 1.3	11.7% ± 1.5
Social media	3.1% ± 0.7	4.7% ± 0.7	2.8% ± 0.6	7.2% ± 1.1
Scientific research/studies	37.9% ± 2.2	33.7% ± 2.2	37.5% ± 2.2	38.2% ± 2.2
None of these	18.4% ± 1.8	17.7% ± 1.8	18.5% ± 1.9	17.6% ± 1.8

Who do you trust for information regarding vaccines?:

(It was possible to select more than one answer)

Fall 2021	N	Child's healthcare provider	The CDC	Scientific Research Studies	TN Department of Health	Local Department of Health
Overall	1026	44.0% ± 2.3	43.5% ± 2.3	37.9% ± 2.2	30.9% ± 2.0	23.8% ± 1.8
Race/Ethnicity						
White, Non-Hispanic	789	45.9% ± 2.6	41.6% ± 2.6	39.3% ± 2.6	29.6% ± 2.3	23.1% ± 2.1
Black, Non-Hispanic	117	38.3% ± 5.9	54.2% ± 6.0	34.4% ± 5.8	35.2% ± 5.7	26.9% ± 4.9
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	119	39.2% ± 6.8	40.5% ± 6.8	33.5% ± 6.5	33.0% ± 6.2	23.8% ± 5.5
TN Region						
West	214	43.4% ± 4.9	44.1% ± 4.9	31.7% ± 4.6	35.5% ± 4.5	29.0% ± 4.3
Middle	368	45.2% ± 3.7	47.1% ± 3.8	41.1% ± 3.7	32.2% ± 3.5	22.3% ± 3.0
East	442	43.1% ± 3.4	39.7% ± 3.4	38.1% ± 3.3	27.1% ± 2.9	22.4% ± 2.8

Who do you trust for COVID-19 information?:

(It was possible to select more than one answer)

Fall 2021	N	Child's healthcare provider	The CDC	Scientific Research Studies	TN Department of Health	Local Department of Health
Overall	1025	44.5% ± 2.3	42.0% ± 2.2	37.5% ± 2.2	34.9% ± 2.1	28.0% ± 1.9
Race/Ethnicity						
White, Non-Hispanic	788	44.1% ± 2.6	39.9% ± 2.5	39.1% ± 2.6	33.1% ± 2.4	28.2% ± 2.3
Black, Non-Hispanic	117	49.1% ± 6.0	47.1% ± 6.0	34.1% ± 5.8	43.3% ± 5.9	24.1% ± 4.7
Other/2+ races, Non-Hispanic/Hispanic	119	39.8% ± 6.7	48.4% ± 6.9	31.4% ± 6.3	34.7% ± 6.1	32.7% ± 6.3
TN Region						
West	213	47.2% ± 5.0	42.1% ± 4.9	30.8% ± 4.6	38.8% ± 4.6	30.1% ± 4.4
Middle	368	43.4% ± 3.7	44.0% ± 3.7	39.1% ± 3.7	33.7% ± 3.5	27.4% ± 3.1
East	442	44.0% ± 3.4	39.9% ± 3.4	39.5% ± 3.4	33.9% ± 3.1	27.5% ± 3.0

Note: N's are unweighted; row-wise percentages presented (e.g. "45.9% of White, Non-Hispanic parents trust their child's healthcare provider for information regarding vaccines, compared to 38.3% of Black, Non-Hispanic parents")

* No statistically significant differences across groups ($p < 0.05$) were observed by Rao-Scott corrected Chi-Square tests