COVID-19 Report Series: Trust in Public Officials Amid Coronavirus

A majority of Pennsylvanians trust their state officials over federal officials to deliver coronavirus information.

Trust Scale: not at all | not very much | a good amount | a great deal

PA Secretary of Health Dr. Levine [n=935]

- Not at all: 5.9%
- Not very much: 13.8%
- A good amount: 49.9%
- A great deal: 30.4%

More likely to trust a great deal: Democrats, Age 65 and Over

Governor Wolf [n=1,007]

- Not at all: 9.5%
- Not very much: 21.4%
- A good amount: 50.0%
- A great deal: 19.1%

More likely to trust not at all: Men, Republicans

Vice President Pence [n=985]

- Not at all: 28.4%
- Not very much: 27.5%
- A good amount: 26.9%
- A great deal: 17.2%

More likely to trust a great deal: Republicans, Age 35 and Over
More likely to trust not at all: Democrats, Black/African Americans

President Trump [n=1,014]

- Not at all: 35.9%
- Not very much: 21.1%
- A good amount: 24.6%
- A great deal: 18.4%

More likely to trust a great deal: Republicans, Age 35 and Over, Veterans
Less likely to trust a great deal: Black/African Americans
More likely to trust not at all: College-Educated, Democrats

Excludes respondents who answered “Don’t know / Not sure”. Data were collected from 1,047 adult Pennsylvanians via web from April 6 – April 16, 2020. Margin of Error: ± 3.0% with 95.0% Confidence
President Trump and Vice President Pence rank lowest in trust among measured sources of coronavirus information.

Average score: How much do you trust each of the following to give you information about the coronavirus [n=935-1,027], where:

1=“Not at all”, 2=“Very little”, 3=“A good amount”, 4=“A great deal”

- Researchers (infectious disease experts and epidemiologists) 3.40
- Medical providers, such as doctors and nurses 3.39
- Federal government health agencies (CDC, NIH) 3.18
- PA Secretary of Health Dr. Levine 3.05
- State government health agencies 3.04
- Governor Wolf 2.79
- Friends and family 2.67
- Local government 2.66
- Police 2.56
- The news media 2.36
- Vice President Pence 2.33
- President Trump 2.26