

64% of voters believe worst of the pandemic is still to come

June 25, 2020: Just 16% of voters now believe the worst of the [coronavirus](#) is behind us. A Ballotpedia national survey of 1,000 registered voters found that 64% believe the worst is still to come.^[1]

That's quite a change from [earlier in the month](#) when 29% believed the worst was behind us and only 42% took the more pessimistic view. In fact, those earlier numbers were the most optimistic yet recorded. The current numbers are the most pessimistic.

- In [mid-April](#), just 16% believed the worst was behind us. That matches the current numbers. At that time, 60% feared the worst was still to come, four points lower than the current total.
- Later [in April](#), 23% held the optimistic view while 49% disagreed.
- However, [in mid-May](#), confidence fell. The number thinking the worst was behind us fell to 17%. At the same time, the number fearing the worst was still to come jumped seven points to 56%.

Given this history, it seems likely that the emotional roller-coaster will continue.

The pessimistic view is now shared by 75% of Democrats, 62% of independents, and 52% of Republicans.^[1]

Those who are out working and interacting with customers and co-workers are a bit more optimistic. Twenty-seven percent (27%) of them believe the worst is behind us. Among those who have no in-person interactions, just 11% share that view.^[1]

Each weekday, [Scott Rasmussen's Number of the Day](#) explores interesting and newsworthy topics at the intersection of culture, politics, and technology. Columns published on Ballotpedia reflect the views of the author. Scott Rasmussen's Number of the Day is published by Ballotpedia weekdays at 9:00 a.m. Eastern. Columns published on Ballotpedia reflect the views of the author.

Footnotes:

1. [ScottRasmussen.com](#), "64% believe worst of pandemic is still to come—most pessimistic assessment yet measured," June 24, 2020