

# HUDSON VALLEY PATTERN *for* PROGRESS

## The PULSE of the ECONOMY

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In advance of President Biden being sworn in on January 20, the Pew Research Center conducted a survey, which appears to the right, as to the top priorities for the President and Congress to address this year. No surprise are the economy and the pandemic, but given the climatic turmoil from a record hurricane season to wildfires in California and a winter which seems to have produced endless storms, take note of where climate change is listed. We also wish to bring to your attention the stubborn lack of reduction in the WEI Index.

### STOCK MARKET - DOW JONES

OPENING NUMBERS

**31,420**  
FEBRUARY 12

**31,504**  **84**  
FEBRUARY 19

As the coordinator for the Hudson Valley Region Hub of New York State's Regional Vaccine Network, WMCHHealth is dedicated to ensuring that all residents of the Hudson Valley have access to the COVID-19 vaccine. This is being achieved through extensive regional partnerships and stakeholder coordination resulting in safe, rapid and equitable vaccine distribution and administration to communities and residents throughout the region.

Helmed by Josh Ratner, Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer for the WMCHHealth Network - to date, WMCHHealth has supported the coordination of nearly 170,000 doses across the region, including directly administering more than 55,000 vaccinations at WMCHHealth campuses and the Westchester County Center. As we enter each new phase of vaccine availability, we are eager to continue to lead the way in ensuring the safety and well-being of the people we serve across the Hudson Valley.

At WMCHHealth, we are proud of the work we are doing - through our HUB Coordinator role, our robust COVID- testing capacity, our Post-COVID Recovery Program and our Worksite Wellness Programs - to serve the region's families and business community as we all work through the impacts of the COVID pandemic.

**Susan Gerry, Senior Vice President**  
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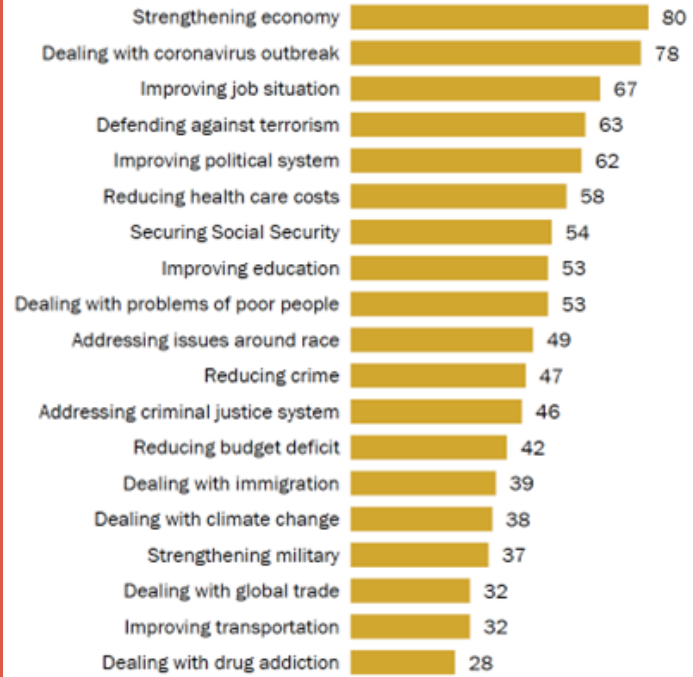
### COVID IN THE U.S.A.: LATEST COUNT



### PEW RESEARCH CENTER SURVEY: STRENGTHENING THE ECONOMY AND DEALING WITH CORONAVIRUS STAND OUT AS THE PUBLIC'S TOP PRIORITIES

% who say \_\_\_\_\_ should be a top priority for the president and Congress to address this year

Survey of U.S. adults conducted Jan. 8-12, 2021



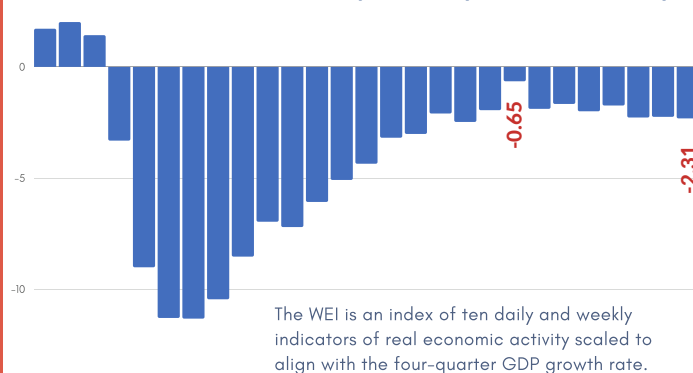
<https://www.pewresearch.org/politics/2021/01/28/economy-and-covid-19-top-the-publics-policy-agenda-for-2021/>

**As a Hudson Valley Resident, what are YOUR top 3 of the categories above?**

Send your response to: [rdegroat@pfprogress.org](mailto:rdegroat@pfprogress.org)

### WEEKLY ECONOMIC INDEX (WEI)

Over Recent Months | Percent (GDP Growth Units)



Source: Authors calculations based on data from Haver Analytics, Redbook Research, Rasmussen Reports, The American Association of Railroads and Booth Financial Consulting