

YouGov Survey: The Y2K Problem



Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens
Conducted January 11 - 28, 2024
Margin of Error ±4.1%

1. Currently, does anyone in your household own a computer?

Yes	86%
No	13%
Not sure	1%

2. Currently, how often do you use a computer?

Very often	59%
Somewhat often	17%
Not very often	14%
Never	8%
Not sure	1%

3. Currently, how often do you experience computer problems?

Very often	4%
Somewhat often	12%
Not very often	62%
Never	9%
Not sure	4%
Not asked - never uses a computer	8%

4. In 1999, did anyone in your household own a computer?

Asked of people 30 or older

Yes	71%
No	20%
Not sure	9%

5. In 1999, how often did you use a computer?

Asked of people 30 or older

Very often	36%
Somewhat often	26%
Not very often	20%
Never	12%
Not sure	6%

6. In 1999, how often did you experience computer problems?

Asked of people 30 or older

Very often	9%
Somewhat often	25%
Not very often	34%
Never	5%
Not sure	16%
Not asked - never used a computer	12%

7. In the period leading up to the year 2000, there was a belief that many computer problems would occur as a result of issues with the way computers registered dates. This was known as the Y2K problem. How much do you remember hearing about the Y2K problem during that period?

Asked of people 30 or older

A lot	47%
A fair amount	33%
Not much	12%
Nothing at all	8%

8. Leading up to the year 2000, how concerned were you personally about the potential impacts of the Y2K problem?

Asked of people 30 or older

Very concerned	7%
Somewhat concerned	25%
Not very concerned	35%
Not at all concerned	28%
Not sure	6%

9. Leading up to the year 2000, how concerned do you remember other people being about the potential impacts of the Y2K problem?

Asked of people 30 or older

Very concerned	32%
Somewhat concerned	40%
Not very concerned	13%
Not at all concerned	8%
Not sure	7%

10. Did you or your family take any of the following steps to prepare for the Y2K problem? Select all that apply.

Asked of people 30 or older

Made updates to your computer systems	18%
Stockpiled supplies	7%
Withdrew cash	9%
Checked the compliance of your appliances	7%
Educated yourself on the problem	25%
Other steps	2%
None of the above	49%
Not sure	12%

11. For the country in general, would you say that the Y2K problem ultimately caused...?

Asked of people 30 or older

Major disruptions	4%
Minor disruptions	29%
No disruptions	52%
Not sure	15%

12. For you personally, would you say that the Y2K problem ultimately caused...?

Asked of people 30 or older

Major disruptions	2%
Minor disruptions	10%
No disruptions	78%
Not sure	10%

13. Do you approve or disapprove of how the following handled the Y2K problem?

Asked of people 30 or older

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Not sure
The government	14%	27%	10%	8%	41%
Congress	10%	26%	9%	8%	47%
President Bill Clinton	17%	24%	6%	10%	43%
Vice President Al Gore	14%	19%	6%	12%	48%
Computer companies	21%	34%	6%	5%	35%
Banks	20%	31%	5%	4%	39%

14. Looking back, do you think that leading up to the year 2000, people expressed...?

Asked of people 30 or older

Too much concern about the Y2K problem	57%
The right amount of concern about the Y2K problem	25%
Too little concern about the Y2K problem	4%
Not sure	14%

15. Looking back, how do you view the Y2K problem now?

Asked of people 30 or older

A serious problem which was effectively managed	14%
An exaggerated problem that wasted time and resources	68%
Not sure	18%

Interviewing Dates	January 11 - 28, 2024
Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov’s opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2019 American Community Survey.
Weighting	The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, 2020 election turnout and Presidential vote, baseline party identification, and current voter registration status. Demographic weighting targets come from the 2019 American Community Survey. Baseline party identification is the respondent’s most recent answer given prior to November 1, 2022, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (33% Democratic, 31% Republican). The weights range from 0.061 to 6.547, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.859.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.1% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	66 questions not reported.

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1. Owns a Computer Now

Currently, does anyone in your household own a computer?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes	86%	85%	86%	76%	85%	88%	92%	88%	78%	78%	*
No	13%	13%	13%	23%	14%	10%	8%	11%	20%	21%	*
Not sure	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(999)	(449)	(550)	(140)	(228)	(421)	(210)	(658)	(122)	(140)	(79)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	86%	86%	82%	90%	94%	92%	77%	94%	94%	90%	88%	80%	89%
No	13%	14%	15%	10%	6%	8%	23%	6%	6%	10%	11%	18%	10%
Not sure	1%	1%	3%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(999)	(339)	(379)	(281)	(365)	(320)	(417)	(281)	(201)	(163)	(226)	(389)	(221)

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2. Current Frequency of Computer Use

Currently, how often do you use a computer?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very often	59%	62%	57%	49%	54%	62%	69%	62%	53%	50%	*
Somewhat often	17%	18%	17%	20%	17%	16%	16%	17%	18%	21%	*
Not very often	14%	10%	19%	11%	21%	15%	9%	13%	17%	20%	*
Never	8%	9%	8%	16%	7%	6%	6%	8%	8%	9%	*
Not sure	1%	2%	0%	4%	1%	0%	0%	1%	3%	0%	*
Totals	99%	101%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	99%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(996)	(448)	(548)	(140)	(228)	(420)	(208)	(655)	(122)	(140)	(79)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very often	59%	65%	52%	62%	71%	64%	50%	67%	71%	68%	53%	56%	63%
Somewhat often	17%	12%	21%	18%	13%	18%	17%	19%	15%	12%	24%	18%	15%
Not very often	14%	13%	17%	14%	11%	11%	19%	10%	7%	12%	17%	16%	10%
Never	8%	10%	8%	7%	4%	7%	14%	4%	7%	8%	6%	8%	11%
Not sure	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(996)	(338)	(379)	(279)	(364)	(319)	(416)	(280)	(200)	(164)	(225)	(387)	(220)

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3. Current Experiences With Computer Problems

Currently, how often do you experience computer problems?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very often	4%	2%	5%	6%	4%	4%	2%	3%	5%	5%	*
Somewhat often	12%	11%	13%	16%	14%	13%	4%	10%	16%	12%	*
Not very often	62%	62%	62%	51%	58%	61%	79%	66%	47%	65%	*
Never	9%	10%	8%	4%	12%	12%	8%	8%	14%	8%	*
Not sure	4%	5%	4%	6%	5%	5%	1%	4%	9%	1%	*
Not asked - never uses a computer	8%	9%	8%	16%	7%	6%	6%	8%	8%	9%	*
Totals	99%	99%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	99%	99%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(996)	(447)	(549)	(140)	(228)	(418)	(210)	(655)	(122)	(140)	(79)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very often	4%	5%	4%	2%	5%	2%	4%	5%	2%	6%	5%	3%	2%
Somewhat often	12%	12%	12%	12%	10%	8%	14%	12%	9%	12%	12%	12%	11%
Not very often	62%	60%	58%	70%	69%	72%	51%	71%	73%	64%	61%	61%	65%
Never	9%	10%	11%	7%	10%	8%	13%	8%	6%	6%	10%	11%	9%
Not sure	4%	2%	7%	4%	2%	3%	5%	1%	2%	4%	4%	6%	2%
Not asked - never uses a computer	8%	10%	8%	7%	4%	7%	14%	4%	7%	8%	6%	8%	11%
Totals	99%	99%	100%	102%	100%	100%	101%	101%	99%	100%	98%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(996)	(338)	(377)	(281)	(365)	(319)	(415)	(281)	(201)	(162)	(225)	(389)	(220)

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4. Owned Computer in 1999

In 1999, did anyone in your household own a computer?

Asked of people 30 or older

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes	71%	72%	71%	*	62%	73%	79%	72%	73%	62%	*
No	20%	21%	19%	*	25%	20%	14%	20%	20%	26%	*
Not sure	9%	7%	10%	*	13%	7%	7%	8%	7%	12%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(859)	(364)	(495)	(0)	(229)	(421)	(209)	(591)	(100)	(100)	(68)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	71%	70%	69%	75%	77%	75%	63%	71%	88%	70%	77%	65%	76%
No	20%	23%	18%	19%	18%	17%	28%	17%	9%	20%	14%	26%	16%
Not sure	9%	7%	13%	6%	5%	7%	10%	11%	3%	10%	9%	9%	7%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(859)	(280)	(331)	(248)	(343)	(300)	(354)	(246)	(174)	(129)	(198)	(349)	(183)

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5. Frequency of Computer Use in 1999

In 1999, how often did you use a computer?

Asked of people 30 or older

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very often	36%	36%	36%	*	27%	38%	43%	34%	46%	34%	*
Somewhat often	26%	28%	23%	*	24%	28%	25%	27%	16%	27%	*
Not very often	20%	20%	20%	*	28%	17%	16%	20%	25%	21%	*
Never	12%	11%	14%	*	11%	13%	13%	14%	8%	9%	*
Not sure	6%	5%	7%	*	9%	5%	4%	6%	4%	9%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	*	99%	101%	101%	101%	99%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(860)	(365)	(495)	(0)	(229)	(421)	(210)	(592)	(100)	(100)	(68)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very often	36%	40%	31%	38%	43%	38%	34%	37%	46%	43%	37%	29%	43%
Somewhat often	26%	22%	30%	25%	24%	29%	23%	23%	28%	24%	27%	29%	21%
Not very often	20%	23%	17%	20%	23%	17%	20%	22%	22%	18%	17%	20%	25%
Never	12%	9%	15%	12%	6%	10%	17%	12%	3%	6%	12%	18%	8%
Not sure	6%	6%	7%	5%	4%	6%	7%	5%	2%	9%	8%	5%	3%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	101%	100%	101%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(860)	(281)	(331)	(248)	(343)	(300)	(355)	(246)	(174)	(129)	(199)	(349)	(183)

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6. Experiences With Computer Problems in 1999

In 1999, how often did you experience computer problems?

Asked of people 30 or older

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very often	9%	8%	9%	*	7%	8%	11%	9%	9%	6%	*
Somewhat often	25%	31%	19%	*	24%	28%	20%	23%	25%	27%	*
Not very often	34%	33%	35%	*	29%	31%	43%	35%	33%	33%	*
Never	5%	6%	3%	*	7%	4%	3%	4%	6%	7%	*
Not sure	16%	11%	21%	*	22%	16%	11%	16%	19%	18%	*
Not asked - never used a computer	12%	11%	14%	*	11%	13%	13%	14%	8%	9%	*
Totals	101%	100%	101%	*	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(858)	(363)	(495)	(0)	(229)	(420)	(209)	(590)	(100)	(100)	(68)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very often	9%	8%	6%	12%	10%	9%	6%	13%	8%	9%	14%	7%	6%
Somewhat often	25%	24%	23%	27%	27%	27%	18%	24%	42%	22%	23%	24%	28%
Not very often	34%	36%	33%	33%	39%	37%	36%	33%	30%	46%	32%	26%	40%
Never	5%	7%	5%	2%	6%	4%	8%	2%	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%
Not sure	16%	17%	18%	14%	11%	14%	16%	14%	13%	13%	15%	21%	13%
Not asked - never used a computer	12%	9%	15%	12%	6%	10%	17%	12%	3%	6%	12%	18%	8%
Totals	101%	101%	100%	100%	99%	101%	101%	98%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(858)	(281)	(330)	(247)	(343)	(298)	(353)	(246)	(174)	(129)	(199)	(348)	(182)

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7. Memory of Y2K Problem

In the period leading up to the year 2000, there was a belief that many computer problems would occur as a result of issues with the way computers registered dates. This was known as the Y2K problem. How much do you remember hearing about the Y2K problem during that period?

Asked of people 30 or older

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
A lot	47%	53%	41%	*	40%	53%	47%	47%	44%	51%	*
A fair amount	33%	31%	35%	*	32%	32%	37%	34%	36%	30%	*
Not much	12%	10%	13%	*	14%	11%	11%	12%	14%	12%	*
Nothing at all	8%	5%	10%	*	13%	5%	6%	8%	6%	7%	*
Totals	100%	99%	99%	*	99%	101%	101%	101%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(858)	(365)	(493)	(0)	(229)	(421)	(208)	(590)	(100)	(100)	(68)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
A lot	47%	54%	45%	43%	57%	49%	42%	52%	58%	43%	45%	48%	51%
A fair amount	33%	27%	36%	37%	30%	36%	37%	30%	29%	34%	35%	33%	31%
Not much	12%	11%	11%	14%	10%	10%	12%	9%	10%	12%	13%	11%	11%
Nothing at all	8%	9%	8%	6%	4%	5%	9%	9%	4%	10%	6%	8%	7%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(858)	(281)	(330)	(247)	(343)	(298)	(354)	(245)	(174)	(129)	(199)	(347)	(183)

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8. Own Concern Over Y2K Problem

Leading up to the year 2000, how concerned were you personally about the potential impacts of the Y2K problem?

Asked of people 30 or older

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very concerned	7%	6%	7%	*	5%	8%	6%	4%	15%	11%	*
Somewhat concerned	25%	23%	26%	*	22%	25%	28%	24%	32%	25%	*
Not very concerned	35%	35%	35%	*	32%	36%	38%	38%	23%	32%	*
Not at all concerned	28%	31%	25%	*	31%	27%	25%	29%	23%	26%	*
Not sure	6%	5%	6%	*	10%	4%	3%	4%	7%	6%	*
Totals	101%	100%	99%	*	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(859)	(365)	(494)	(0)	(229)	(421)	(209)	(591)	(100)	(100)	(68)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very concerned	7%	8%	6%	7%	8%	7%	6%	8%	7%	7%	5%	8%	4%
Somewhat concerned	25%	31%	20%	25%	29%	22%	22%	33%	24%	25%	25%	22%	30%
Not very concerned	35%	30%	39%	36%	37%	39%	34%	32%	37%	40%	39%	29%	39%
Not at all concerned	28%	26%	28%	28%	23%	29%	33%	25%	24%	22%	25%	35%	23%
Not sure	6%	5%	7%	4%	3%	3%	5%	2%	7%	6%	6%	6%	4%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(859)	(281)	(330)	(248)	(343)	(300)	(354)	(246)	(174)	(129)	(199)	(348)	(183)

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9. Others' Concern Over Y2K Problem

Leading up to the year 2000, how concerned do you remember other people being about the potential impacts of the Y2K problem?

Asked of people 30 or older

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very concerned	32%	31%	33%	*	28%	29%	40%	30%	47%	*	*
Somewhat concerned	40%	43%	37%	*	40%	40%	40%	41%	34%	*	*
Not very concerned	13%	15%	12%	*	11%	17%	10%	15%	8%	*	*
Not at all concerned	8%	5%	10%	*	11%	8%	3%	8%	3%	*	*
Not sure	7%	6%	9%	*	10%	6%	6%	7%	8%	*	*
Totals	100%	100%	101%	*	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	*	*
Unweighted N	(857)	(364)	(493)	(0)	(228)	(420)	(209)	(590)	(100)	(99)	(68)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very concerned	32%	39%	28%	30%	39%	30%	28%	39%	30%	22%	37%	36%	28%
Somewhat concerned	40%	35%	45%	39%	44%	42%	40%	39%	44%	48%	37%	37%	41%
Not very concerned	13%	12%	12%	16%	8%	17%	14%	12%	12%	13%	16%	11%	14%
Not at all concerned	8%	7%	7%	8%	5%	6%	10%	7%	6%	9%	3%	7%	12%
Not sure	7%	7%	8%	7%	4%	5%	8%	4%	7%	8%	7%	9%	5%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(857)	(281)	(329)	(247)	(342)	(299)	(353)	(246)	(173)	(129)	(197)	(348)	(183)

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10. Preparation for Y2K Problem

Did you or your family take any of the following steps to prepare for the Y2K problem? Select all that apply.

Asked of people 30 or older

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Made updates to your computer systems	18%	19%	16%	*	17%	19%	17%	17%	11%	26%	*
Stockpiled supplies	7%	7%	7%	*	8%	9%	3%	6%	6%	12%	*
Withdrew cash	9%	11%	8%	*	12%	9%	5%	7%	13%	20%	*
Checked the compliance of your appliances	7%	9%	6%	*	9%	8%	4%	7%	9%	4%	*
Educated yourself on the problem	25%	32%	19%	*	21%	31%	22%	26%	19%	23%	*
Other steps	2%	2%	1%	*	0%	3%	2%	2%	0%	1%	*
None of the above	49%	43%	53%	*	42%	47%	58%	49%	46%	51%	*
Not sure	12%	9%	15%	*	21%	8%	8%	13%	13%	6%	*
Unweighted N	(860)	(365)	(495)	(0)	(229)	(421)	(210)	(592)	(100)	(100)	(68)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Made updates to your computer systems	18%	17%	16%	20%	24%	19%	14%	23%	21%	17%	13%	19%	21%
Stockpiled supplies	7%	7%	5%	9%	7%	8%	5%	8%	7%	7%	7%	8%	5%
Withdrew cash	9%	8%	7%	12%	11%	12%	7%	12%	12%	7%	8%	12%	7%
Checked the compliance of your appliances	7%	10%	9%	4%	12%	6%	7%	8%	10%	4%	10%	6%	8%
Educated yourself on the problem	25%	24%	27%	25%	29%	28%	19%	27%	37%	24%	22%	24%	31%
Other steps	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%	3%	1%	2%	4%	2%	1%	2%	1%

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	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
None of the above	49%	48%	48%	50%	43%	49%	56%	47%	33%	53%	52%	45%	47%
Not sure	12%	14%	11%	10%	10%	9%	12%	10%	14%	9%	12%	13%	11%
Unweighted N	(860)	(281)	(331)	(248)	(343)	(300)	(355)	(246)	(174)	(129)	(199)	(349)	(183)

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11. Disruptions to Country from Y2K Problem

For the country in general, would you say that the Y2K problem ultimately caused...?

Asked of people 30 or older

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Major disruptions	4%	3%	4%	*	6%	4%	1%	3%	8%	8%	*
Minor disruptions	29%	30%	29%	*	39%	23%	27%	28%	28%	35%	*
No disruptions	52%	59%	46%	*	38%	60%	57%	55%	47%	44%	*
Not sure	15%	8%	21%	*	17%	13%	14%	14%	17%	13%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(860)	(365)	(495)	(0)	(229)	(421)	(210)	(592)	(100)	(100)	(68)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Major disruptions	4%	3%	5%	3%	2%	3%	5%	4%	2%	1%	6%	4%	4%
Minor disruptions	29%	32%	26%	30%	34%	29%	26%	30%	38%	23%	25%	32%	33%
No disruptions	52%	51%	50%	55%	53%	60%	54%	52%	50%	59%	49%	50%	55%
Not sure	15%	14%	18%	11%	10%	8%	16%	14%	9%	17%	20%	15%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(860)	(281)	(331)	(248)	(343)	(300)	(355)	(246)	(174)	(129)	(199)	(349)	(183)

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12. Disruptions to Self from Y2K Problem

For you personally, would you say that the Y2K problem ultimately caused... ?

Asked of people 30 or older

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Major disruptions	2%	2%	3%	*	2%	2%	2%	2%	4%	*	*
Minor disruptions	10%	11%	9%	*	14%	9%	7%	7%	22%	*	*
No disruptions	78%	81%	75%	*	67%	81%	86%	83%	62%	*	*
Not sure	10%	6%	13%	*	17%	7%	5%	8%	12%	*	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	*	*
Unweighted N	(858)	(365)	(493)	(0)	(228)	(420)	(210)	(591)	(100)	(99)	(68)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Major disruptions	2%	3%	3%	1%	1%	1%	3%	3%	0%	2%	5%	1%	1%
Minor disruptions	10%	10%	11%	9%	12%	8%	13%	9%	8%	7%	7%	13%	10%
No disruptions	78%	78%	75%	82%	80%	86%	72%	80%	88%	80%	80%	74%	81%
Not sure	10%	9%	12%	8%	7%	5%	12%	8%	4%	11%	8%	12%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(858)	(281)	(329)	(248)	(342)	(300)	(354)	(246)	(174)	(129)	(198)	(349)	(182)

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13A. Approval of Handling of Y2K Problem — The government

Do you approve or disapprove of how the following handled the Y2K problem?

Asked of people 30 or older

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly approve	14%	15%	13%	*	9%	16%	16%	13%	20%	10%	*
Somewhat approve	27%	33%	23%	*	23%	32%	26%	27%	35%	23%	*
Somewhat disapprove	10%	13%	7%	*	11%	7%	13%	10%	9%	8%	*
Strongly disapprove	8%	10%	6%	*	4%	9%	11%	8%	7%	7%	*
Not sure	41%	29%	52%	*	54%	37%	34%	42%	28%	52%	*
Totals	100%	100%	101%	*	101%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(859)	(365)	(494)	(0)	(229)	(420)	(210)	(591)	(100)	(100)	(68)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly approve	14%	25%	12%	6%	24%	5%	14%	14%	17%	12%	13%	12%	18%
Somewhat approve	27%	28%	25%	30%	29%	32%	25%	30%	34%	28%	25%	27%	31%
Somewhat disapprove	10%	7%	10%	12%	8%	15%	10%	8%	10%	9%	8%	9%	13%
Strongly disapprove	8%	2%	6%	15%	3%	15%	10%	7%	5%	4%	7%	10%	8%
Not sure	41%	39%	46%	37%	36%	34%	41%	40%	35%	47%	46%	42%	31%
Totals	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	101%	100%	99%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(859)	(281)	(331)	(247)	(343)	(299)	(355)	(245)	(174)	(129)	(199)	(348)	(183)

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13B. Approval of Handling of Y2K Problem — Congress

Do you approve or disapprove of how the following handled the Y2K problem?

Asked of people 30 or older

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly approve	10%	10%	10%	*	6%	13%	10%	9%	15%	5%	*
Somewhat approve	26%	30%	22%	*	20%	28%	29%	26%	34%	24%	*
Somewhat disapprove	9%	13%	5%	*	6%	7%	14%	9%	10%	5%	*
Strongly disapprove	8%	11%	5%	*	6%	9%	9%	8%	7%	6%	*
Not sure	47%	36%	58%	*	62%	43%	39%	48%	35%	60%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(855)	(362)	(493)	(0)	(228)	(419)	(208)	(587)	(100)	(100)	(68)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly approve	10%	16%	9%	5%	14%	5%	10%	9%	12%	11%	9%	9%	11%
Somewhat approve	26%	26%	21%	32%	26%	31%	27%	28%	29%	21%	25%	26%	30%
Somewhat disapprove	9%	9%	8%	9%	11%	11%	8%	9%	10%	10%	7%	9%	10%
Strongly disapprove	8%	3%	7%	13%	5%	14%	8%	8%	7%	5%	7%	8%	10%
Not sure	47%	46%	54%	41%	44%	39%	46%	47%	42%	53%	51%	48%	39%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(855)	(281)	(330)	(244)	(343)	(297)	(351)	(245)	(174)	(128)	(198)	(347)	(182)

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13C. Approval of Handling of Y2K Problem — President Bill Clinton

Do you approve or disapprove of how the following handled the Y2K problem?

Asked of people 30 or older

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly approve	17%	19%	15%	*	11%	19%	22%	16%	*	15%	*
Somewhat approve	24%	28%	20%	*	21%	26%	24%	24%	*	17%	*
Somewhat disapprove	6%	7%	5%	*	6%	6%	7%	7%	*	11%	*
Strongly disapprove	10%	14%	6%	*	6%	10%	14%	11%	*	11%	*
Not sure	43%	31%	53%	*	56%	39%	33%	43%	*	46%	*
Totals	100%	99%	99%	*	100%	100%	100%	101%	*	100%	*
Unweighted N	(855)	(362)	(493)	(0)	(228)	(417)	(210)	(588)	(99)	(100)	(68)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly approve	17%	34%	12%	7%	30%	4%	16%	22%	18%	14%	18%	14%	24%
Somewhat approve	24%	22%	27%	23%	27%	25%	25%	25%	23%	28%	19%	27%	20%
Somewhat disapprove	6%	4%	6%	9%	3%	11%	5%	6%	8%	5%	7%	6%	7%
Strongly disapprove	10%	1%	8%	21%	1%	23%	11%	8%	10%	4%	9%	11%	13%
Not sure	43%	40%	47%	40%	39%	37%	44%	40%	41%	50%	46%	42%	36%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(855)	(279)	(329)	(247)	(341)	(298)	(352)	(245)	(173)	(128)	(196)	(348)	(183)

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13D. Approval of Handling of Y2K Problem — Vice President Al Gore

Do you approve or disapprove of how the following handled the Y2K problem?

Asked of people 30 or older

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly approve	14%	16%	13%	*	11%	15%	16%	13%	17%	13%	*
Somewhat approve	19%	23%	16%	*	19%	20%	18%	19%	31%	17%	*
Somewhat disapprove	6%	8%	5%	*	4%	8%	6%	7%	5%	5%	*
Strongly disapprove	12%	18%	7%	*	7%	13%	18%	13%	5%	8%	*
Not sure	48%	36%	60%	*	60%	44%	42%	48%	42%	57%	*
Totals	99%	101%	101%	*	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(858)	(364)	(494)	(0)	(229)	(421)	(208)	(590)	(100)	(100)	(68)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly approve	14%	27%	11%	6%	26%	5%	15%	14%	18%	14%	9%	13%	21%
Somewhat approve	19%	22%	16%	19%	24%	18%	18%	22%	23%	24%	21%	16%	18%
Somewhat disapprove	6%	4%	5%	9%	4%	10%	4%	7%	9%	2%	7%	7%	7%
Strongly disapprove	12%	2%	11%	24%	2%	27%	15%	9%	10%	6%	12%	14%	15%
Not sure	48%	45%	56%	43%	43%	40%	49%	47%	40%	53%	51%	50%	39%
Totals	99%	100%	99%	101%	99%	100%	101%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(858)	(281)	(330)	(247)	(343)	(298)	(354)	(245)	(174)	(129)	(197)	(349)	(183)

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13E. Approval of Handling of Y2K Problem — Computer companies

Do you approve or disapprove of how the following handled the Y2K problem?

Asked of people 30 or older

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly approve	21%	23%	18%	*	13%	25%	22%	21%	22%	16%	*
Somewhat approve	34%	39%	30%	*	31%	31%	44%	35%	42%	29%	*
Somewhat disapprove	6%	8%	4%	*	5%	6%	6%	6%	6%	7%	*
Strongly disapprove	5%	5%	4%	*	3%	6%	3%	4%	2%	10%	*
Not sure	35%	25%	44%	*	48%	32%	24%	35%	28%	39%	*
Totals	101%	100%	100%	*	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	101%	*
Unweighted N	(858)	(365)	(493)	(0)	(229)	(421)	(208)	(590)	(100)	(100)	(68)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly approve	21%	26%	20%	16%	27%	18%	20%	20%	25%	18%	18%	20%	26%
Somewhat approve	34%	33%	31%	40%	35%	41%	34%	38%	37%	39%	35%	32%	34%
Somewhat disapprove	6%	6%	4%	7%	7%	6%	5%	6%	8%	2%	4%	7%	8%
Strongly disapprove	5%	1%	4%	8%	1%	8%	7%	3%	1%	5%	4%	5%	4%
Not sure	35%	34%	42%	29%	30%	27%	34%	33%	28%	36%	38%	37%	27%
Totals	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	101%	99%
Unweighted N	(858)	(281)	(330)	(247)	(342)	(299)	(354)	(246)	(173)	(129)	(198)	(348)	(183)

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13F. Approval of Handling of Y2K Problem — Banks

Do you approve or disapprove of how the following handled the Y2K problem?

Asked of people 30 or older

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Strongly approve	20%	25%	16%	*	12%	25%	22%	20%	*	13%	*
Somewhat approve	31%	34%	29%	*	27%	28%	40%	30%	*	32%	*
Somewhat disapprove	5%	8%	3%	*	5%	7%	4%	5%	*	10%	*
Strongly disapprove	4%	5%	3%	*	3%	5%	4%	4%	*	2%	*
Not sure	39%	29%	49%	*	53%	35%	30%	40%	*	44%	*
Totals	99%	101%	100%	*	100%	100%	100%	99%	*	101%	*
Unweighted N	(856)	(363)	(493)	(0)	(228)	(420)	(208)	(591)	(99)	(100)	(66)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Strongly approve	20%	26%	18%	17%	27%	19%	17%	24%	24%	20%	16%	18%	27%
Somewhat approve	31%	32%	27%	35%	33%	34%	31%	31%	39%	34%	30%	30%	34%
Somewhat disapprove	5%	4%	5%	7%	5%	8%	6%	6%	3%	4%	7%	6%	4%
Strongly disapprove	4%	1%	3%	8%	1%	5%	6%	1%	2%	3%	3%	5%	5%
Not sure	39%	38%	46%	33%	34%	33%	39%	38%	32%	40%	44%	42%	30%
Totals	99%	101%	99%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(856)	(281)	(327)	(248)	(343)	(298)	(352)	(246)	(174)	(129)	(198)	(348)	(181)

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14. Too Much or Too Little Concern Over Y2K Problem

Looking back, do you think that leading up to the year 2000, people expressed...?

Asked of people 30 or older

	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)				
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Too much concern about the Y2K problem	57%	58%	56%	*	50%	58%	63%	61%	*	*	*
The right amount of concern about the Y2K problem	25%	28%	22%	*	24%	26%	23%	23%	*	*	*
Too little concern about the Y2K problem	4%	5%	4%	*	6%	3%	5%	3%	*	*	*
Not sure	14%	9%	19%	*	19%	13%	9%	14%	*	*	*
Totals	100%	100%	101%	*	99%	100%	100%	101%	*	*	*
Unweighted N	(856)	(365)	(491)	(0)	(227)	(420)	(209)	(591)	(99)	(99)	(67)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Too much concern about the Y2K problem	57%	60%	54%	58%	61%	62%	49%	62%	68%	54%	63%	57%	53%
The right amount of concern about the Y2K problem	25%	25%	23%	26%	27%	25%	29%	23%	26%	25%	20%	23%	33%
Too little concern about the Y2K problem	4%	3%	5%	5%	4%	4%	6%	3%	3%	3%	4%	5%	5%
Not sure	14%	12%	18%	11%	8%	9%	16%	12%	3%	17%	14%	16%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	101%	99%
Unweighted N	(856)	(280)	(329)	(247)	(342)	(299)	(354)	(245)	(174)	(129)	(199)	(347)	(181)

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15. Reason for Lack of Impact of Y2K Problem

Looking back, how do you view the Y2K problem now?

Asked of people 30 or older

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
A serious problem which was effectively managed	14%	16%	12%	*	15%	14%	12%	12%	20%	13%	*
An exaggerated problem that wasted time and resources	68%	72%	65%	*	62%	70%	72%	70%	57%	70%	*
Not sure	18%	12%	24%	*	23%	16%	16%	18%	24%	17%	*
Totals	100%	100%	101%	*	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(860)	(365)	(495)	(0)	(229)	(421)	(210)	(592)	(100)	(100)	(68)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
A serious problem which was effectively managed	14%	19%	13%	10%	19%	10%	13%	13%	21%	12%	11%	15%	16%
An exaggerated problem that wasted time and resources	68%	63%	66%	75%	66%	77%	67%	75%	62%	70%	66%	68%	68%
Not sure	18%	18%	21%	15%	15%	12%	20%	13%	17%	18%	22%	17%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(860)	(281)	(331)	(248)	(343)	(300)	(355)	(246)	(174)	(129)	(199)	(349)	(183)

YouGov Survey: The Y2K Problem

January 11 - 28, 2024 - 1000 U.S. adult citizens



Interviewing Dates	January 11 - 28, 2024
Target population	U.S. citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2019 American Community Survey.
Weighting	The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, 2020 election turnout and Presidential vote, baseline party identification, and current voter registration status. Demographic weighting targets come from the 2019 American Community Survey. Baseline party identification is the respondent's most recent answer given prior to November 1, 2022, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (33% Democratic, 31% Republican). The weights range from 0.061 to 6.547, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.859.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 4.1% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	66 questions not reported.