

The Economist/YouGov Poll

July 3 - 6, 2021 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted July 3 - 6, 2021
 Margin of Error ±2.8%

1. Would you say things in this country today are...

Generally headed in the right direction	39%
Off on the wrong track	48%
Not sure	14%

2. How would you describe the current state of the American economy?

Excellent	4%
Good	27%
Fair	37%
Poor	25%
Don't know	6%

3. Which do you think is a more important problem facing the U.S. today: unemployment or inflation?

Unemployment	21%
Inflation	26%
Both equal	42%
Not sure	11%

4. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the economy, or have you not heard much news at all about the economy?

Mostly positive	18%
Equally positive and negative	36%
Mostly negative	30%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	17%

5. How serious a problem is unemployment in the U.S.?

Very serious	29%
Somewhat serious	43%
A minor problem	16%
Not a problem	4%
Not sure	8%

6. How serious a problem is unemployment in your LOCAL community?

Very serious	17%
Somewhat serious	32%
A minor problem	24%
Not a problem	11%
Not sure	16%

7. For you personally, which of the following do you consider the best measure of how the national economy is doing?

The stock market index	6%
The unemployment rate and job reports	25%
The prices of goods and services you buy	42%
Your personal finances	10%
Don't know	17%

8. What is the current unemployment rate in the U.S.? Please tell us the percentage of adults who want to work that are currently unemployed and looking for a job. If you don't know, please make your best guess.

Less than 4%	3%
Between 4% and 5%	5%
Between 5% and 6%	18%
Between 6% and 7%	10%
Between 7% and 8%	6%
Between 8% and 10%	10%
Between 10% and 12%	8%
Between 12% and 15%	6%
Greater than 15%	8%
Not sure	27%

9. Since last month, has the unemployment rate increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

Increased	19%
Stayed the same	28%
Decreased	32%
Don't know	21%

10. How good of a job do you think the national unemployment rate does explaining the actual health of the national economy?

Very good	4%
Good	18%
Fair	32%
Poor	19%
Very poor	9%
Don't know	18%

11. The government releases unemployment numbers on the first Friday of the month. Do you think the government numbers are accurate or do you think there are more unemployed people or fewer unemployed people?

More unemployed people	49%
The government numbers are accurate	18%
Fewer unemployed people	7%
Don't know	26%

12. Do you think improving the economy is...	
Something the president can do a lot about	45%
Something the president can do a little about	38%
Something that is that mostly beyond the president's control	17%
13. Which President do you think deserves more of the credit for the current state of the American economy?	
President Trump	21%
President Biden	46%
Neither one	17%
Not sure	15%
14. How long do you think it will take until the economy has recovered all the ground lost during the pandemic?	
Has already recovered	5%
Less than a year	8%
About a year	22%
Two years	24%
More than two years	42%
15. Since last year, has the number of jobs increased, decreased, or stayed the same?	
Increased	46%
Stayed the same	18%
Decreased	20%
Don't know	16%
16. Since last year, has the pay for workers increased, decreased, or stayed the same?	
Increased	39%
Stayed the same	34%
Decreased	9%
Don't know	18%
17. Since last year, has the number of people on the job market increased, decreased, or stayed the same?	
Increased	24%
Stayed the same	21%
Decreased	34%
Don't know	20%
18. Which President do you think deserves more of the credit for the high jobs and high worker pay numbers released last week?	
President Biden	39%
President Trump	25%
Neither one	20%
Not sure	17%

19. Would you support or oppose an increase of the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour?

Strongly support	39%
Somewhat support	18%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	21%
Not sure	10%

20. How closely are you following the news about COVID-19?

Very closely	25%
Somewhat closely	44%
Not very closely	20%
Not following at all	11%

21. Do you personally know anyone who... [has been laid off from work due to covid-19]? Check all that apply.

Yes, me	9%
Yes, a family member	14%
Yes, a close friend	16%
No	64%
Prefer not to say	2%

22. Do you personally know anyone who... [has tested positive for covid-19]? Check all that apply.

Yes, me	8%
Yes, a family member	31%
Yes, a close friend	30%
No	44%
Prefer not to say	2%

23. Do you personally know anyone who... [has died due to complications from covid-19]? Check all that apply.

Yes, a family member	10%
Yes, a close friend	15%
No	74%
Prefer not to say	3%

24. Taking into consideration both your risk of contracting it and the seriousness of the illness, how worried are you personally about experiencing COVID-19?

Very worried	13%
Somewhat worried	32%
Not too worried	31%
Not worried at all	24%

25. In the past seven days, how often have you worn a mask on your face when outside your home?

Always	27%
Most of the time	18%
Some of the time	25%
Never	30%

26. How much do you trust medical advice from each of the following officials?

	Trust a lot	Trust somewhat	Neither trust nor distrust	Distrust somewhat	Distrust a lot	Not sure
Joe Biden	23%	18%	14%	8%	31%	6%
Donald Trump	16%	11%	13%	7%	46%	6%
Anthony Fauci	30%	15%	11%	8%	26%	10%
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)	25%	28%	15%	9%	17%	6%

27. How would you describe your personal situation regarding COVID-19 vaccines?

I have received all the injections required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19	58%
I have started the vaccination process, but need another shot	6%
I plan to get vaccinated	6%
I will not get vaccinated	19%
I'm not sure about getting vaccinated	10%

28. Which vaccine did you receive?

Among people who have been vaccinated

Pfizer-BioNtech	46%
Moderna	40%
Oxford-AstraZeneca	1%
Johnson & Johnson	13%

29. Have you experienced any negative reactions to the vaccine?

Among people who have been vaccinated

Yes	22%
No	75%
Not sure	3%

30. Which of do you think is a greater risk: possibly contracting COVID-19, or possibly having a bad reaction to the COVID-19 vaccine?

Possibly contracting COVID-19	56%
Possibly having a bad reaction to the COVID-19 vaccine	44%

31. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling COVID-19?

Strongly approve	32%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	13%

32. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about the delta variant of the COVID-19 virus?

A lot	36%
A little	50%
Nothing at all	14%

33. A variant of the COVID-19 virus known as the Delta variant, first identified in India, is spreading rapidly in some regions. Taking into consideration both your risk of contracting it and the seriousness of the illness, how worried are you personally about experiencing this new variant?

Very worried	15%
Somewhat worried	36%
Not too worried	27%
Not worried at all	22%

34. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about the grand jury indictment of the Trump Organization?

A lot	24%
A little	50%
Nothing at all	26%

35. Last week, a grand jury charged the Trump Organization with conspiring to help top executives cheat on their taxes by not reporting compensation like free use of apartments and cars, payments of school tuition or reimbursement for personal expenses. Do you approve or disapprove of the charges against the Trump Organization?

Strongly approve	39%
Somewhat approve	12%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Not sure	20%

36. Do you think the indictment of the Trump Organization is a witch hunt or a legitimate investigation?

Legitimate investigation	47%
Witch hunt	36%
Not sure	17%

37. Do you believe the investigation should lead to further charges against executives within the Trump Organization?

Yes, it should	46%
No, it should not	30%
Not sure	24%

38. How likely do you think it is that the investigation will lead to further charges against executives within the Trump Organization?

Very likely	25%
Somewhat likely	25%
Not very likely	15%
Not likely at all	13%
Not sure	22%

39. Do you believe the investigation should lead to charges against Donald Trump?

Yes, it should	44%
No, it should not	33%
Not sure	23%

40. How likely do you think it is that the investigation will lead to charges against Donald Trump?

Very likely	15%
Somewhat likely	22%
Not very likely	22%
Not likely at all	20%
Not sure	21%

41. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the people who took over the Capitol on January 6th?

Very favorable	6%
Somewhat favorable	7%
Somewhat unfavorable	15%
Very unfavorable	56%
Don't know	16%

42. Do you feel like the Trump supporters who took over the Capitol building to stop Congressional proceedings represent most supporters of Donald Trump or not?

They represent most Trump supporters	44%
They do not represent most Trump supporters	38%
Not sure	18%

43. How much responsibility does President Trump have for the takeover of the Capitol?

A lot	41%
Some	11%
A little	9%
None	30%
Not sure	9%

44. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Joe Manchin	4%	17%	21%	16%	41%
Ron DeSantis	20%	10%	10%	25%	35%
Liz Cheney	9%	20%	16%	24%	31%
Rudy Giuliani	13%	17%	10%	39%	21%

45. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about a commission to investigate the takeover of the Capitol on January 6th?

A lot	29%
A little	49%
Nothing at all	22%

46. Do you approve or disapprove of the proposal to establish an independent commission to investigate the takeover of the Capitol on January 6th?

Strongly approve	37%
Somewhat approve	16%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	21%
Not sure	18%

47. Do you believe the House Select Committee to investigate the takeover of the Capitol on January 6th will conduct their investigation fairly?

Yes	37%
No	37%
Not sure	26%

48. On the subject of climate change do you think:

The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity	61%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity	30%
The world's climate is NOT changing	9%

49. How concerned are you about climate change?

Very concerned	39%
Somewhat concerned	24%
Not so concerned	12%
Not concerned at all	19%
Not sure	6%

50. Do you think the threat of climate change has been exaggerated, or not?

Exaggerated	34%
Has not been exaggerated	50%
Not sure	16%

51. Do you think the severity of heat waves, Western wildfires, and winter storms over the past two years is most likely the result of global climate change, or is it just the kind of severe weather events that happen from time to time?

Global climate change	51%
They just happen from time to time	36%
Not sure	14%

52. Would you say that you personally have felt the effects of climate change, or not?

Yes, I have	44%
No, I have not	33%
Not sure	23%

53. Do you think that you personally will feel the effects of climate change in your lifetime, or not?

Yes, I will	56%
No, I will not	23%
Not sure	21%

54. Were you personally affected by the following severe weather events? Check all that apply.

California drought emergency	11%
Polar vortex	15%
Rising sea levels	9%
Pacific Northwest heat wave in 2021	12%
Texas cold snap in 2021	13%
Severe hurricanes (e.g. Katrina, Harvey)	16%
None of these	51%

55. Do you think the severity of the weather events listed below are the result of climate change or do these kind of events just happen from time to time?

	Result of climate change	Just happen from time to time	Not sure
California drought emergency	44%	36%	20%
Polar vortex	37%	33%	29%
Rising sea levels	53%	29%	19%
Pacific Northwest heat wave in 2021	46%	34%	20%
Texas cold snap in 2021	42%	37%	21%
Severe hurricanes (e.g. Katrina, Harvey)	40%	43%	17%

56. Do you think climate change will do any of the following within your lifetime? (Check all that apply.)

Cause rising sea levels that threaten coastal areas	48%
Cause more frequent or intense storms such as hurricanes	49%
Make it more difficult for farmers to grow their crops	49%
Make certain areas harder for humans to live in	46%
None of these	29%

57. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	64%	29%	5%	2%
Immigration	47%	33%	14%	5%
Climate change and the environment	45%	26%	15%	14%
Foreign policy	39%	43%	12%	5%
National Security	60%	31%	6%	3%
Education	60%	29%	7%	4%
Health care	66%	26%	5%	4%
Taxes and government spending	57%	31%	8%	4%
Abortion	41%	28%	19%	12%
Civil rights	56%	26%	11%	6%
Civil liberties	56%	28%	11%	5%
Guns	52%	28%	11%	8%
Crime	60%	32%	6%	3%
Criminal justice reform	50%	31%	14%	5%

58. Which of these is the most important issue for you?

Jobs and the economy	13%
Immigration	9%
Climate change and the environment	11%
Foreign policy	1%
National Security	7%
Education	5%
Health care	19%
Taxes and government spending	7%
Abortion	5%
Civil rights	8%
Civil liberties	3%
Guns	4%
Crime	4%
Criminal justice reform	3%

59. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Joe Biden	29%	20%	10%	34%	7%
Kamala Harris	22%	20%	11%	35%	12%
Nancy Pelosi	17%	20%	11%	41%	12%
Kevin McCarthy	8%	15%	13%	28%	36%
Mitch McConnell	4%	17%	18%	41%	20%
Chuck Schumer	12%	20%	11%	31%	26%
Donald Trump	24%	13%	10%	46%	7%

60. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the political parties?

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	17%	24%	15%	34%	10%
The Republican Party	12%	21%	19%	38%	10%

61. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as President?

Strongly approve	27%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	10%

62. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	24%	24%	13%	27%	12%
Climate change and the environment	20%	23%	11%	25%	21%
National Security	20%	23%	12%	27%	18%
Taxes and government spending	18%	23%	12%	32%	16%

63. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	28%
Liberal	22%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	4%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	17%

64. How much do you think Joe Biden cares about the needs and problems of people like you?

A lot	26%
Some	22%
Not much	12%
Doesn't care at all	31%
Not sure	8%

65. Regardless of whether you agree with him, do you like or dislike Joe Biden as a person?

Like a lot	27%
Like somewhat	15%
Neither like nor dislike	18%
Dislike somewhat	7%
Dislike a lot	22%
Not sure	10%

66. Would you say Joe Biden is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	21%
Somewhat strong	31%
Somewhat weak	14%
Very weak	33%

67. Do you think Joe Biden is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	43%
Not honest and trustworthy	39%
Not sure	18%

68. Are you confident in Joe Biden’s ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?

Confident	41%
Uneasy	44%
Not sure	16%

69. Do you think Joe Biden...

Says what he believes	41%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	45%
Not sure	14%

70. Do you think that Joe Biden will be able to bring the country together as President?

Yes	24%
No	49%
Not sure	26%

71. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the next four years with Joe Biden as President?

Optimistic	44%
Pessimistic	37%
Not sure	20%

72. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	15%
Neither approve nor disapprove	16%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	32%
Not sure	12%

73. Do you think the current Congress has accomplished more or less than Congress usually does at this point in its two-year term?

More than usual	11%
About the same	27%
Less than usual	34%
Not sure	27%

74. Who is more to blame for Congress achieving less than usual?

Democrats in Congress	42%
Republicans in Congress	23%
Both equally	31%
Neither	2%
Not sure	2%

75. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Nancy Pelosi is handling her job as the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	17%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Not sure	17%

76. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chuck Schumer is handling his job as Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	26%

77. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mitch McConnell is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	39%
Not sure	23%

78. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Supreme Court of the United States is handling its job?

Strongly approve	10%
Somewhat approve	28%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	13%
Not sure	25%

79. In general, how would you describe the political viewpoint of the Supreme Court of the United States?

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	8%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	24%
Very conservative	11%
Not sure	25%

80. Recently, the Supreme Court ruled that a Catholic Church-affiliated group is within their constitutional rights to reject applications to foster children from same-sex couples. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

Strongly approve	26%
Somewhat approve	14%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	28%
Not sure	21%

81. Recently, the Supreme Court ruled that two Arizona voting laws, which prevent ballots cast in the wrong precinct and absentee ballots collected by non-family members from being counted, are constitutional, and do not violate the Voting Rights Act. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

Strongly approve	23%
Somewhat approve	12%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	28%

82. Recently, the Supreme Court ruled that the NCAA can provide student athletes with unlimited education-related compensation, such as compensation for internships or funds for musical instruments. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?

Strongly approve	26%
Somewhat approve	31%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	8%
Not sure	25%

83. Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?

Getting better	29%
About the same	26%
Getting worse	32%
Not sure	13%

84. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?

Higher	26%
About the same	25%
Lower	17%
Not sure	32%

85. Do you personally (or jointly with a spouse), have any money invested in the stock market right now, either in an individual stock or in a mutual fund?

Yes	41%
No	59%

86. Would you say that you and your family are...	
Better off financially than you were a year ago	19%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	50%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	22%
Not sure	9%
87. Six months from now do you think there will be...	
More jobs	37%
The same amount of jobs	28%
Fewer jobs	15%
Not sure	21%
88. How worried are you about losing your job?	
Very worried	9%
Somewhat worried	30%
Not very worried	61%
89. If you lost your job, how hard would it be for you to find a new job that paid as much as you are making now?	
Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut.	26%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	34%
Not very hard	28%
Not sure	12%
90. How happy would you say you are with your current job?	
Very happy	27%
Happy	37%
Neither happy nor unhappy	27%
Unhappy	5%
Very unhappy	4%
91. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?	
Very liberal	12%
Liberal	17%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	18%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	10%
92. Are you registered to vote?	
Registered	78%
Not registered	22%

93. Who did you vote for in the election for President in 2020?

Joe Biden	34%
Donald Trump	31%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	34%

94. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Democrat	33%
Republican	25%
Independent	30%
Other	3%
Not sure	9%

95. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Strong Democrat	23%
Not very strong Democrat	10%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	20%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	8%
Strong Republican	16%
Not sure	5%

96. Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

97. Respondent age by category

Under 30	20%
30-44	23%
45-64	34%
65+	22%

98. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	12%
Other	7%

99. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

HS or less	37%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	12%

100. What is your marital status?

Married	46%
Separated	2%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	6%
Never married	29%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

101. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	17%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
West	23%

102. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family's annual income?

Under \$50K	44%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	18%
Prefer not to say	12%

103. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	34%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	16%
Not at all important	24%

104. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

More than once a week	6%
Once a week	13%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	12%
Seldom	25%
Never	34%
Don't know	4%

105. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	28%
No	72%

106. People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

Several times a day	26%
Once a day	12%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	15%
Never	22%
Don't know	4%

107. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	27%
Roman Catholic	18%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	7%
Agnostic	6%
Nothing in particular	25%
Something else	9%

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Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	July 3 - 6, 2021
Target population	US Adult Population
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, and region) was selected from the 2018 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2018 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, and both 2016 and 2020 Presidential votes (or non-votes). The weights range from 0.344 to 3.807, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.441.
Number of respondents	1500 1281 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 2.8% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	40 questions not reported.