

1. Unemployment benefits - heard

How much have you heard about Congress letting unemployment benefits expire for people who have been unemployed more than six months at the end of last year?

| | Gender | | | Age | | | | Party ID | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Total | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Heard a lot | 23% | 29% | 18% | 12% | 19% | 28% | 34% | 25% | 24% | 20% |
| Heard a little | 45% | 43% | 47% | 47% | 39% | 48% | 44% | 45% | 43% | 48% |
| Heard nothing at all | 32% | 29% | 35% | 41% | 42% | 25% | 21% | 30% | 34% | 32% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | 100% (998) | 100% (478) | 100% (520) | 100% (191) | 100% (267) | 100% (373) | 100% (167) | 100% (349) | 100% (403) | 100% (246) |

| | Race | | | | Family Income | | | | Region | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80-100 | 100+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Heard a lot | 23% | 23% | 18% | 28% | 17% | 23% | 21% | 40% | 22% | 20% | 23% | 28% |
| Heard a little | 45% | 46% | 48% | 37% | 42% | 48% | 47% | 47% | 43% | 46% | 42% | 50% |
| Heard nothing at all | 32% | 31% | 34% | 35% | 40% | 28% | 32% | 13% | 35% | 34% | 36% | 22% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | 100% (998) | 100% (761) | 100% (121) | 100% (116) | 100% (393) | 100% (286) | 100% (64) | 100% (114) | 100% (153) | 100% (224) | 100% (366) | 100% (255) |

| | Family members unemployed | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Total | Yes | No | Not sure |
| Heard a lot | 23% | 26% | 21% | 12% |
| Heard a little | 45% | 46% | 45% | 34% |
| Heard nothing at all | 32% | 28% | 34% | 54% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | 100% (998) | 100% (445) | 100% (512) | 100% (33) |

2. Unemployment benefits - should give benefit

Do you think people who have been unemployed for more than 6 months should receive unemployment assistance from the government, or not?

| | Gender | | | Age | | | | Party ID | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Total | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Yes, they should | 49% | 51% | 47% | 46% | 45% | 55% | 44% | 66% | 45% | 31% |
| No, they should not | 26% | 27% | 26% | 29% | 28% | 22% | 30% | 15% | 26% | 42% |
| Not sure | 25% | 22% | 28% | 25% | 27% | 23% | 26% | 18% | 29% | 27% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | 100% (997) | 100% (477) | 100% (520) | 100% (190) | 100% (267) | 100% (373) | 100% (167) | 100% (349) | 100% (402) | 100% (246) |

| | Race | | | | Family Income | | | | Region | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80-100 | 100+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Yes, they should | 49% | 47% | 71% | 38% | 54% | 40% | 53% | 42% | 55% | 44% | 48% | 49% |
| No, they should not | 26% | 27% | 9% | 37% | 22% | 31% | 34% | 36% | 17% | 29% | 30% | 25% |
| Not sure | 25% | 26% | 20% | 25% | 24% | 29% | 13% | 22% | 28% | 27% | 22% | 26% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | 100% (997) | 100% (762) | 100% (121) | 100% (114) | 100% (394) | 100% (285) | 100% (64) | 100% (114) | 100% (153) | 100% (224) | 100% (365) | 100% (255) |

| | Total | Family members unemployed | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| | | Yes | No | Not sure |
| Yes, they should | 49% | 60% | 41% | 28% |
| No, they should not | 26% | 19% | 35% | 8% |
| Not sure | 25% | 22% | 24% | 64% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | 100% (997) | 100% (445) | 100% (512) | 100% (33) |

3. Unemployment benefits - Congress should do

During economic recessions, Congress usually extends unemployment benefits to people who have been unemployed more than 6 months, and then lets those extended benefits expire when the unemployment rate drops. Which comes closest to your opinion about what Congress should do now about unemployment benefits for those unemployed more than 6 months?

| | Gender | | | Age | | | | Party ID | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| | Total | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| It was time to let those benefits expire | 32% | 34% | 30% | 32% | 32% | 27% | 40% | 14% | 33% | 53% |
| Those benefits should be extended | 46% | 44% | 48% | 42% | 41% | 53% | 46% | 64% | 44% | 25% |
| Not sure | 22% | 22% | 23% | 26% | 28% | 20% | 14% | 22% | 23% | 22% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | 100% (994) | 100% (476) | 100% (518) | 100% (189) | 100% (268) | 100% (371) | 100% (166) | 100% (346) | 100% (402) | 100% (246) |

| | Race | | | Family Income | | | | Region | | | | |
|--|------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80-100 | 100+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| It was time to let those benefits expire | 32% | 33% | 12% | 39% | 26% | 40% | 37% | 36% | 18% | 34% | 35% | 33% |
| Those benefits should be extended | 46% | 46% | 71% | 28% | 52% | 40% | 50% | 43% | 54% | 34% | 49% | 47% |
| Not sure | 22% | 21% | 17% | 33% | 22% | 20% | 13% | 21% | 27% | 32% | 16% | 20% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | 100% (994) | 100% (760) | 100% (120) | 100% (114) | 100% (393) | 100% (284) | 100% (63) | 100% (114) | 100% (152) | 100% (224) | 100% (365) | 100% (253) |

| | Total | Family members unemployed | | |
|--|------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------|
| | | Yes | No | Not sure |
| It was time to let those benefits expire | 32% | 23% | 41% | 9% |
| Those benefits should be extended | 46% | 57% | 38% | 25% |
| Not sure | 22% | 21% | 20% | 66% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | 100% (994) | 100% (445) | 100% (510) | 100% (33) |

4. Opinion - long term unemployment

Which comes closer to your own view about people who have been unemployed for more than 6 months?

| | Gender | | | Age | | | | Party ID | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| | Total | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Most are trying hard to find jobs but can't | 49% | 47% | 52% | 41% | 50% | 56% | 47% | 66% | 50% | 25% |
| Most could find jobs if they wanted to | 35% | 38% | 31% | 39% | 32% | 29% | 44% | 25% | 31% | 54% |
| Not sure | 16% | 15% | 17% | 20% | 18% | 16% | 9% | 9% | 19% | 21% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | 100% (996) | 100% (476) | 100% (520) | 100% (190) | 100% (268) | 100% (371) | 100% (167) | 100% (348) | 100% (402) | 100% (246) |

| | Race | | | Family Income | | | | Region | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80-100 | 100+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Most are trying hard to find jobs but can't | 49% | 48% | 66% | 42% | 54% | 41% | 61% | 49% | 57% | 42% | 47% | 53% |
| Most could find jobs if they wanted to | 35% | 35% | 24% | 40% | 31% | 46% | 27% | 36% | 26% | 40% | 39% | 28% |
| Not sure | 16% | 17% | 10% | 18% | 15% | 13% | 12% | 15% | 17% | 18% | 14% | 18% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | 100% (996) | 100% (761) | 100% (121) | 100% (114) | 100% (394) | 100% (283) | 100% (64) | 100% (114) | 100% (153) | 100% (224) | 100% (365) | 100% (254) |

| | Total | Family members unemployed | | |
|---|------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------|
| | | Yes | No | Not sure |
| Most are trying hard to find jobs but can't | 49% | 65% | 39% | 18% |
| Most could find jobs if they wanted to | 35% | 25% | 44% | 13% |
| Not sure | 16% | 10% | 17% | 69% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | 100% (996) | 100% (446) | 100% (511) | 100% (33) |

5. Family members unemployed

Have you or any members of your immediate family been unemployed for more than 6 months at some point in the past 5 years?

| | Gender | | | Age | | | | Party ID | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Total | Male | Female | 18-29 | 30-44 | 45-64 | 65+ | Democrat | Independent | Republican |
| Yes | 45% | 46% | 43% | 38% | 47% | 50% | 39% | 50% | 48% | 30% |
| No | 51% | 50% | 52% | 55% | 45% | 50% | 59% | 47% | 47% | 65% |
| Not sure | 4% | 4% | 5% | 7% | 8% | 1% | 2% | 3% | 5% | 5% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | 100% (991) | 100% (474) | 100% (517) | 100% (189) | 100% (268) | 100% (369) | 100% (165) | 100% (345) | 100% (403) | 100% (243) |

| | Race | | | | Family Income | | | | Region | | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Total | White | Black | Hispanic | Under 40 | 40-80 | 80-100 | 100+ | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
| Yes | 45% | 45% | 48% | 41% | 54% | 39% | 41% | 32% | 46% | 42% | 43% | 47% |
| No | 51% | 52% | 43% | 54% | 42% | 59% | 59% | 68% | 47% | 55% | 55% | 46% |
| Not sure | 4% | 3% | 9% | 5% | 4% | 2% | — | — | 7% | 3% | 2% | 7% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | 100% (991) | 100% (758) | 100% (121) | 100% (112) | 100% (391) | 100% (284) | 100% (64) | 100% (113) | 100% (153) | 100% (222) | 100% (364) | 100% (252) |

| | Total | Family members unemployed | | |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| | | Yes | No | Not sure |
| Yes | 45% | 100% | — | — |
| No | 51% | — | 100% | — |
| Not sure | 4% | — | — | 100% |
| Totals (Unweighted N) | 100% (991) | 100% (446) | 100% (512) | 100% (33) |