

# The Economist/YouGov Poll

August 14 - 17, 2021 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens  
Conducted August 14 - 17, 2021  
Margin of Error  $\pm 2.8\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	30%
Off on the wrong track	55%
Not sure	14%

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

Excellent	2%
Good	22%
Fair	36%
Poor	34%
Don't know	6%

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

Unemployment	18%
Inflation	29%
Both equal	43%
Not sure	11%

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

Very closely	33%
Somewhat closely	42%
Not very closely	17%
Not following at all	8%

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

Yes, me	11%
Yes, a family member	14%
Yes, a close friend	15%
No	63%
Prefer not to say	3%

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

Yes, me	9%
Yes, a family member	34%
Yes, a close friend	33%
No	38%
Prefer not to say	3%

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

Yes, a family member .....	11%
Yes, a close friend .....	18%
No .....	69%
Prefer not to say .....	3%

8. 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 .....	18%
Somewhat worried .....	35%
Not too worried .....	30%
Not worried at all .....	18%

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

Always .....	29%
Most of the time .....	23%
Some of the time .....	24%
Never .....	23%

10. Looking at the COVID-19 pandemic in the U.S., do you believe that...

The pandemic is going to get worse .....	37%
We are currently in the worst part of the pandemic .....	13%
The worst part of the pandemic is behind us .....	25%
Not sure .....	24%

11. 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 .....	59%
I have started the vaccination process, but need another shot .....	6%
I plan to get vaccinated .....	5%
I will not get vaccinated .....	19%
I'm not sure about getting vaccinated .....	10%

12. Which vaccine did you receive?

*Among people who have been vaccinated*

Pfizer-BioNtech .....	51%
Moderna .....	39%
Oxford-AstraZeneca .....	1%
Johnson & Johnson .....	9%

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

*Among people who have been vaccinated*

Yes .....	19%
No .....	78%
Not sure .....	3%

14. Do you think the following groups of people should or should not be required to be vaccinated against COVID-19?

	Should	Should not	Not sure
Police officers	60%	25%	16%
Members of the U.S. military	59%	24%	17%
College students	55%	27%	18%
Teachers	61%	24%	16%
Students in K-12 schools who are eligible to get the vaccine	51%	30%	18%
Medical providers (e.g. doctors, nurses, phlebotomists, lab techs, etc)	65%	21%	14%
Federal employees	56%	26%	18%

15. Should people from those groups who choose NOT to get vaccinated be required to undergo weekly testing for COVID-19?

Yes .....	54%
No .....	30%
Not sure .....	16%

16. Do you think students in K-12 schools should be required to wear masks in school?

Should .....	52%
Should not .....	31%
Not sure .....	17%

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

Strongly approve .....	22%
Somewhat approve .....	25%
Somewhat disapprove .....	11%
Strongly disapprove .....	31%
Not sure .....	11%

18. Are most new cases of COVID-19 among people who are...

Vaccinated .....	7%
Unvaccinated .....	54%
Equally split between vaccinated and unvaccinated .....	22%
Not sure .....	17%

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

A lot .....	52%
A little .....	39%
Nothing at all .....	10%

20. A variant of the COVID-19 virus known as the Delta variant, first identified in India, is spreading rapidly in some regions, and now makes up the majority of COVID-19 cases in the United States. 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 .....	21%
Somewhat worried .....	34%
Not too worried .....	27%
Not worried at all .....	18%

21. 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 .....	5%
About a year .....	17%
Two years .....	24%
More than two years .....	49%

22. In your opinion, when do you think the COVID-19 pandemic will finally end?

The pandemic has already ended .....	6%
Before the end of the summer 2021 .....	1%
Before the end of 2021 .....	6%
In 2022 .....	26%
After 2022 .....	37%
Never .....	23%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Gavin Newsom	8%	15%	7%	26%	43%
Andrew Cuomo	4%	7%	18%	49%	22%
Kathy Hochul	4%	10%	6%	9%	71%
Ron DeSantis	21%	8%	5%	31%	35%
Greg Abbott	13%	9%	6%	26%	46%
Rand Paul	17%	13%	6%	30%	34%

24. Do you think Governor Andrew Cuomo should have resigned his office?

Yes, he should have resigned .....	68%
No, he should not have resigned .....	8%
Not sure .....	24%

25. Do you think Governor Andrew Cuomo should face criminal charges for sexual harassment?

Yes, he should face criminal charges .....	53%
No, he should not face criminal charges .....	13%
Not sure .....	34%

26. Do you approve or disapprove of the way of the way Kamala Harris is handling her job as Vice President?

Strongly approve .....	18%
Somewhat approve .....	21%
Somewhat disapprove .....	9%
Strongly disapprove .....	36%
Not sure .....	17%

27. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kamala Harris is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	No opinion
Voting rights	20%	14%	7%	33%	26%
Immigration	13%	18%	9%	38%	23%
Health care (including COVID-19)	19%	17%	7%	32%	25%

28. Regardless of your overall opinion of Kamala Harris, do you feel she has the qualifications to be president if something were to happen to Joe Biden?

Qualified to be president .....	37%
Not qualified to be president .....	43%
Not sure .....	19%

29. How much do you think Kamala Harris cares about the needs and problems of...

	A lot	Some	Not much	Doesn't care at all	Not sure
People like you	22%	17%	14%	36%	11%
Women	33%	22%	13%	21%	12%
Men	19%	23%	15%	29%	14%
Black people	34%	19%	13%	21%	13%
White people	21%	21%	13%	31%	13%

30. How much do you think Joe Biden cares about the needs and problems of...

	A lot	Some	Not much	Doesn't care at all	Not sure
People like you	25%	18%	13%	32%	11%
Women	27%	23%	14%	25%	11%
Men	26%	23%	14%	25%	12%
Black people	29%	22%	13%	24%	11%
White people	27%	21%	14%	26%	12%

31. How closely are you following the news about the war in Afghanistan?

Very closely	20%
Somewhat closely	39%
Not very closely	23%
Not following at all	18%

32. Do you approve or disapprove of the plan to withdraw all U.S. forces from Afghanistan by September 11, 2021?

Strongly approve	21%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	17%
Not sure	23%

33. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the war in Afghanistan?

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	26%

34. Do you think the United States made a mistake sending troops to fight in Afghanistan?

Yes	38%
No	28%
Not sure	34%

35. Do you think the United States made a mistake by recently withdrawing troops from Afghanistan?

Yes	33%
No	36%
Not sure	31%

<b>36. What do you think are the chances of a terrorist attack against the United States in the next 12 months?</b>	
Very likely (more than 50%) .....	19%
Somewhat likely (10% to 50%) .....	29%
Not very likely (1% to 10%) .....	19%
Very unlikely (less than 1%) .....	8%
Not sure .....	24%
<b>37. Are we safer from terrorist attacks now than we were in 2001?</b>	
Much more safe .....	8%
Somewhat more safe .....	24%
About the same .....	27%
Somewhat less safe .....	8%
Much less safe .....	15%
Not sure .....	18%
<b>38. Which comes closer to your view?</b>	
In the long run, the U.S. will be safer from terrorism if it confronts the countries and groups that promote terrorism .....	53%
In the long run, the U.S. will be safer from terrorism if it stays out of other countries' affairs .....	47%
<b>39. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news about new U.S. Census results being released last week?</b>	
A lot .....	15%
A little .....	39%
Nothing at all .....	45%
<b>40. Do you think the 2020 U.S. Census accurately counted the number of people living in the United States or do you think there are more people or fewer people than the Census reported?</b>	
More people living in US than the 2020 Census reported .....	46%
The Census count was accurate .....	12%
Fewer people living in US than the 2020 Census reported .....	7%
Don't know .....	35%
<b>41. Per the U.S. Census, is the number of people in the United States who identify as white increasing, decreasing, or staying about the same?</b>	
Increasing .....	9%
Staying about the same .....	34%
Decreasing .....	57%
<b>42. Is this a good thing or a bad thing?</b>	
Good thing .....	11%
Bad thing .....	16%
Neither good nor bad .....	55%
Not sure .....	18%

43. Per the U.S. Census, is the percentage of the U.S. population residing in cities increasing, decreasing, or staying about the same?

Increasing .....	41%
Staying about the same .....	37%
Decreasing .....	22%

44. Is this a good thing or a bad thing?

Good thing .....	11%
Bad thing .....	18%
Neither good nor bad .....	48%
Not sure .....	23%

45. The data from the U.S. Census will be used to re-draw congressional districts. Do you think these districts will be re-drawn fairly in your state?

Will be re-drawn fairly .....	16%
Will not be re-drawn fairly .....	44%
Not sure .....	40%

46. In your opinion, who should be in charge of re-drawing congressional districts in your state: the state legislature, or an independent re-districting commission?

The state legislature .....	17%
An independent commission .....	50%
Not sure .....	33%

47. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	68%	26%	3%	3%
Immigration	47%	34%	13%	6%
Climate change and the environment	45%	23%	16%	15%
Foreign policy	37%	46%	11%	5%
National Security	60%	30%	7%	3%
Education	58%	30%	7%	4%
Health care	67%	25%	5%	4%
Taxes and government spending	58%	32%	7%	3%
Abortion	42%	25%	20%	13%
Civil rights	55%	29%	10%	6%
Civil liberties	56%	29%	10%	5%
Guns	50%	27%	14%	9%
Crime	58%	32%	6%	4%
Criminal justice reform	49%	33%	11%	7%



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

Jobs and the economy	13%
Immigration	10%
Climate change and the environment	15%
Foreign policy	2%
National Security	6%
Education	4%
Health care	17%
Taxes and government spending	8%
Abortion	5%
Civil rights	7%
Civil liberties	4%
Guns	4%
Crime	3%
Criminal justice reform	3%

49. 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	27%	19%	11%	35%	8%
Kamala Harris	22%	19%	8%	37%	13%
Nancy Pelosi	17%	18%	11%	40%	14%
Kevin McCarthy	7%	13%	12%	30%	38%
Mitch McConnell	4%	14%	18%	43%	21%
Chuck Schumer	14%	18%	10%	32%	27%
Donald Trump	24%	15%	7%	46%	7%
Barack Obama	35%	16%	11%	29%	8%

50. 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%	13%	34%	12%
The Republican Party	10%	22%	17%	39%	12%

51. 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	14%
About the same	25%
Less than usual	33%
Not sure	28%

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

Democrats in Congress .....	45%
Republicans in Congress .....	17%
Both equally .....	34%
Neither .....	2%
Not sure .....	1%

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

Strongly approve .....	22%
Somewhat approve .....	22%
Somewhat disapprove .....	11%
Strongly disapprove .....	33%
Not sure .....	12%

54. 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	22%	21%	10%	32%	15%
Education	17%	24%	10%	28%	21%
Health care	20%	23%	11%	29%	17%
Abortion	13%	17%	8%	30%	32%

55. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal .....	25%
Liberal .....	22%
Moderate .....	27%
Conservative .....	5%
Very conservative .....	2%
Not sure .....	19%

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

Like a lot .....	26%
Like somewhat .....	15%
Neither like nor dislike .....	17%
Dislike somewhat .....	9%
Dislike a lot .....	23%
Not sure .....	10%

<b>57. Would you say Joe Biden is a strong or a weak leader?</b>	
Very strong .....	17%
Somewhat strong .....	29%
Somewhat weak .....	18%
Very weak .....	36%
<b>58. Do you think Joe Biden is honest and trustworthy, or not?</b>	
Honest and trustworthy .....	40%
Not honest and trustworthy .....	42%
Not sure .....	19%
<b>59. Are you confident in Joe Biden's ability to deal wisely with an international crisis, or are you uneasy about his approach?</b>	
Confident .....	36%
Uneasy .....	47%
Not sure .....	17%
<b>60. Do you think Joe Biden...</b>	
Says what he believes .....	37%
Says what he thinks people want to hear .....	43%
Not sure .....	19%
<b>61. Do you think that Joe Biden will be able to bring the country together as President?</b>	
Yes .....	18%
No .....	55%
Not sure .....	28%
<b>62. Are you optimistic or pessimistic about the next four years with Joe Biden as President?</b>	
Optimistic .....	38%
Pessimistic .....	41%
Not sure .....	21%
<b>63. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?</b>	
Strongly approve .....	4%
Somewhat approve .....	13%
Neither approve nor disapprove .....	16%
Somewhat disapprove .....	20%
Strongly disapprove .....	31%
Not sure .....	15%

64. 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	15%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	37%
Not sure	18%

65. 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	21%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	31%
Not sure	26%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	15%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	41%
Not sure	23%

67. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kevin McCarthy is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	15%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	34%

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

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	29%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	14%
Not sure	26%

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

Very liberal .....	4%
Liberal .....	8%
Moderate .....	27%
Conservative .....	22%
Very conservative .....	10%
Not sure .....	28%

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

Getting better .....	21%
About the same .....	23%
Getting worse .....	41%
Not sure .....	15%

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

Higher .....	21%
About the same .....	22%
Lower .....	22%
Not sure .....	35%

72. 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 .....	40%
No .....	60%

73. Would you say that you and your family are...

Better off financially than you were a year ago .....	16%
About the same financially as you were a year ago .....	45%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago .....	30%
Not sure .....	10%

74. Six months from now do you think there will be...

More jobs .....	29%
The same amount of jobs .....	30%
Fewer jobs .....	18%
Not sure .....	23%

75. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried .....	9%
Somewhat worried .....	29%
Not very worried .....	62%

**76. 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. ....	28%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much. ....	32%
Not very hard .....	27%
Not sure .....	14%

**77. How happy would you say you are with your current job?**

Very happy .....	23%
Happy .....	36%
Neither happy nor unhappy .....	29%
Unhappy .....	9%
Very unhappy .....	3%

**78. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?**

Very liberal .....	10%
Liberal .....	15%
Moderate .....	30%
Conservative .....	19%
Very conservative .....	12%
Not sure .....	13%

**79. Are you registered to vote?**

Registered .....	78%
Not registered .....	22%

**80. 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%

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

Democrat .....	32%
Republican .....	24%
Independent .....	30%
Other .....	3%
Not sure .....	10%

<b>82. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?</b>	
Strong Democrat .....	21%
Not very strong Democrat .....	11%
Lean Democrat .....	9%
Independent .....	19%
Lean Republican .....	9%
Not very strong Republican .....	8%
Strong Republican .....	16%
Not sure .....	7%
<b>83. Would you say that Joe Biden legitimately won the election, or not?</b>	
Biden legitimately won the election .....	61%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election .....	39%
<b>84. How likely or unlikely do you think it is that Donald Trump will be re-instated as President before the end of 2021?</b>	
Very likely .....	5%
Somewhat likely .....	7%
Not very likely .....	12%
Not likely at all .....	61%
Not sure .....	14%
<b>85. Are you...?</b>	
Male .....	48%
Female .....	52%
<b>86. Respondent age by category</b>	
Under 30 .....	20%
30-44 .....	23%
45-64 .....	34%
65+ .....	22%
<b>87. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?</b>	
White .....	67%
Black .....	13%
Hispanic .....	12%
Other .....	7%
<b>88. What is the highest level of education you have completed?</b>	
HS or less .....	37%
Some college .....	29%
College grad .....	22%
Postgrad .....	12%

**89. What is your marital status?**

Married .....	42%
Separated .....	2%
Divorced .....	12%
Widowed .....	6%
Never married .....	32%
Domestic / civil partnership .....	6%

**90. Calculated from respondent's state of residence**

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

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

Under \$50K .....	43%
\$50-100K .....	26%
\$100K or more .....	17%
Prefer not to say .....	14%

**92. How important is religion in your life?**

Very important .....	36%
Somewhat important .....	26%
Not too important .....	13%
Not at all important .....	25%

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

More than once a week .....	7%
Once a week .....	16%
Once or twice a month .....	6%
A few times a year .....	11%
Seldom .....	22%
Never .....	35%
Don't know .....	3%

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

Yes .....	28%
No .....	72%



95. 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 .....	13%
A few times a week .....	11%
Once a week .....	3%
A few times a month .....	6%
Seldom .....	12%
Never .....	23%
Don't know .....	5%

96. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant .....	27%
Roman Catholic .....	17%
Mormon .....	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox .....	1%
Jewish .....	4%
Muslim .....	1%
Buddhist .....	1%
Hindu .....	0%
Atheist .....	7%
Agnostic .....	6%
Nothing in particular .....	25%
Something else .....	9%

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<b>Sponsorship</b>	<i>The Economist</i>
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<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	August 14 - 17, 2021
<b>Target population</b>	US Adult Population
<b>Sampling method</b>	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.
<b>Weighting</b>	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, and both 2016 and 2020 Presidential votes (or non-votes). The weights range from 0.295 to 4.089, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.451.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1500 1250 (Registered voters)
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 2.8% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3% (Registered voters)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	37 questions not reported.