

The Economist/YouGov Poll

July 24 - 27, 2021 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted July 24 - 27, 2021
Margin of Error ±2.8%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	33%
Off on the wrong track	51%
Not sure	16%

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

Excellent	3%
Good	23%
Fair	38%
Poor	29%
Don't know	6%

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

Unemployment	19%
Inflation	28%
Both equal	45%
Not sure	7%

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

Very closely	33%
Somewhat closely	41%
Not very closely	18%
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	12%
Yes, a family member	15%
Yes, a close friend	14%
No	62%
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	33%
Yes, a close friend	28%
No	42%
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	70%
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	17%
Somewhat worried	34%
Not too worried	28%
Not worried at all	21%

9. 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	28%
Never	28%

10. 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	4%
I plan to get vaccinated	6%
I will not get vaccinated	19%
I'm not sure about getting vaccinated	12%

11. Which vaccine did you receive?

Among people who have been vaccinated

Pfizer-BioNtech	49%
Moderna	40%
Oxford-AstraZeneca	1%
Johnson & Johnson	10%

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

Among people who have been vaccinated

Yes	20%
No	76%
Not sure	4%

13. Would you get the vaccine if...

Asked of those who have not been vaccinated for COVID-19 and do not plan to

	Yes	No	Not sure
Your doctor urged you to be vaccinated	6%	69%	26%
Your employer required you to be vaccinated	8%	69%	23%
Your state's Governor urged you to get vaccinated	3%	81%	17%
Your priest, minister or other religious leader urged you to get vaccinated	2%	84%	14%
Donald Trump urged you to be vaccinated	2%	82%	16%
You received \$100 for getting the vaccine	8%	75%	17%
The vaccine received full FDA authorization	9%	53%	38%
Someone close to you contracted COVID-19	5%	69%	26%
The vaccine could protect your family from COVID-19	14%	57%	29%
You needed to be vaccinated to be able to travel	8%	71%	22%

14. 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	60%
Possibly having a bad reaction to the COVID-19 vaccine	40%

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

Strongly approve	25%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	26%
Not sure	14%

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

Vaccinated	6%
Unvaccinated	56%
Equally split between vaccinated and unvaccinated	21%
Not sure	17%

17. Do you believe that most unvaccinated Americans have a good reason for not being vaccinated?

Asked of those who have been vaccinated or plan on getting vaccinated

Yes	16%
No	63%
Not sure	21%

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

A lot	47%
A little	41%
Nothing at all	12%

19. 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	18%
Somewhat worried	36%
Not too worried	26%
Not worried at all	20%

20. How long do you think it will take until the economy has recovered all the ground lost during the pandemic?

Has already recovered	4%
Less than a year	7%
About a year	16%
Two years	24%
More than two years	49%

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

The pandemic has already ended	10%
Before the end of the summer 2021	2%
Before the end of 2021	7%
In 2022	25%
After 2022	35%
Never	21%

22. Thinking about the Summer Olympics this year, how much of the games do you expect you will you watch?

I will watch events every day	7%
I will watch lots of events when I can	10%
I will watch a few events	29%
I will not watch any of them	44%
Not sure	10%

23. Did you watch the Opening Ceremony of the Summer Olympics this year?

Yes	17%
No	79%
Not sure	4%

24. Do you think the International Olympic Committee made a good decision in holding the Summer Olympic Games in Tokyo, Japan in light of the COVID-19 pandemic?

Good decision	22%
Bad decision	36%
Not sure	43%

25. Do you expect the Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan to be successful or unsuccessful?

Very successful	9%
Somewhat successful	30%
Somewhat unsuccessful	17%
Very unsuccessful	12%
Not sure	32%

26. If you could afford it and were permitted to attend, would you want to go see the Olympic Games in person in Tokyo this year or not?

Asked of respondents who indicated they plan to watch the Olympic Games

Yes	29%
No	62%
Not sure	10%

27. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision to not allow spectators at any events in the Summer Olympics this year?

Strongly approve	32%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	14%
Not sure	22%

28. Do you approve or disapprove of the decision for the United States to send athletes to the Summer Olympics Games in Tokyo, Japan in light of the COVID-19 pandemic?

Strongly approve	24%
Somewhat approve	24%
Somewhat disapprove	15%
Strongly disapprove	12%
Not sure	26%

29. Do you believe that Olympics athletes should be required to get vaccinated in order to participate in the Summer Olympic Games?

They should be required to get vaccinated	52%
They should not be required to get vaccinated	28%
Not sure	20%

30. How likely or unlikely do you think it is that there will be a serious outbreak of COVID-19 among the athletes or staff of the Summer Olympics Games?

Very likely	19%
Somewhat likely	33%
Not very likely	20%
Not likely at all	6%
Not sure	22%

31. In your opinion, should athletes at the Summer Olympic Games be permitted to publicly engage in protests, such as displaying political messaging in signs or armbands, kneeling, disrupting medal ceremonies or making political hand gestures?

Athletes should be allowed to protest	33%
Athletes should not be allowed to protest	46%
Not sure	21%

32. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about wildfires in the western United States?

A lot	34%
A little	46%
Nothing at all	20%

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

The world's climate is changing as a result of human activity	54%
The world's climate is changing but NOT because of human activity	25%
The world's climate is NOT changing	6%
Not sure	15%

34. 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	47%	37%	16%
Polar vortex	37%	35%	28%
Rising sea levels	55%	29%	17%
Pacific Northwest heat wave in 2021	49%	34%	16%
Texas cold snap in 2021	43%	37%	20%
Severe hurricanes (e.g. Katrina, Harvey)	43%	42%	15%
Western wildfires	45%	38%	17%
Flooding in Western Europe	44%	36%	20%

35. Have you personally felt the impact of the recent western wildfires or reduced air quality resulting from those wildfires?

Yes	26%
No	62%
Not sure	12%

36. In the past week, have you personally experienced temperatures over 100 degrees?

Yes	31%
No	62%
Not sure	7%

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

Yes, I have	47%
No, I have not	32%
Not sure	21%

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

Yes, I will	59%
No, I will not	20%
Not sure	22%

39. Do you think governments and countries can take actions that will make a significantly slow the speed of climate change?

Yes	47%
No	31%
Not sure	22%

40. How much of an impact can humans have on slowing climate change?

A large impact	31%
A reasonable impact	26%
Not very much of an impact	18%
No impact at all	13%
Not sure	11%

41. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about the Cleveland Indians changing their name to the Cleveland Guardians?

A lot	22%
A little	43%
Nothing at all	36%

42. Last week, the Cleveland Indians baseball team announced they were changing their name to the Cleveland Guardians, after criticism from Native American activists. Do you approve or disapprove of this change?

Strongly approve	23%
Somewhat approve	15%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	22%

43. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	69%	26%	3%	1%
Immigration	51%	31%	13%	4%
Climate change and the environment	46%	26%	14%	14%
Foreign policy	40%	42%	13%	5%
National Security	65%	26%	6%	2%
Education	63%	27%	7%	3%
Health care	70%	23%	5%	2%
Taxes and government spending	62%	30%	7%	2%
Abortion	44%	25%	18%	13%
Civil rights	58%	26%	11%	6%
Civil liberties	58%	27%	11%	4%
Guns	54%	26%	13%	7%
Crime	65%	27%	5%	3%
Criminal justice reform	52%	32%	11%	5%

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

Jobs and the economy	14%
Immigration	9%
Climate change and the environment	13%
Foreign policy	0%
National Security	5%
Education	5%
Health care	20%
Taxes and government spending	8%
Abortion	4%
Civil rights	7%
Civil liberties	4%
Guns	3%
Crime	4%
Criminal justice reform	2%

45. 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	28%	19%	10%	36%	7%
Kamala Harris	23%	20%	8%	40%	10%
Nancy Pelosi	18%	17%	9%	43%	12%
Kevin McCarthy	8%	16%	12%	31%	33%
Mitch McConnell	5%	17%	16%	42%	19%
Chuck Schumer	13%	18%	10%	34%	25%
Donald Trump	26%	15%	7%	45%	6%

46. 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	18%	23%	12%	37%	10%
The Republican Party	11%	23%	19%	37%	10%

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

Strongly approve	23%
Somewhat approve	23%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	10%

48. 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%	22%	11%	32%	13%
Immigration	11%	24%	11%	39%	15%
Foreign policy	18%	23%	11%	31%	17%
Guns	11%	19%	14%	34%	22%

49. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	29%
Liberal	22%
Moderate	27%
Conservative	4%
Very conservative	2%
Not sure	16%

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

A lot	26%
Some	19%
Not much	14%
Doesn't care at all	33%
Not sure	8%

51. 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	9%
Dislike a lot	22%
Not sure	9%

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

Very strong	19%
Somewhat strong	28%
Somewhat weak	16%
Very weak	37%

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

Honest and trustworthy	41%
Not honest and trustworthy	42%
Not sure	17%

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

Confident	38%
Uneasy	46%
Not sure	16%

55. Do you think Joe Biden...

Says what he believes	39%
Says what he thinks people want to hear	44%
Not sure	16%

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

Yes	21%
No	53%
Not sure	26%

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

Optimistic	40%
Pessimistic	41%
Not sure	19%

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

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	11%
Neither approve nor disapprove	19%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	34%
Not sure	12%

59. 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	16%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Not sure	16%

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

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	19%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	33%
Not sure	25%

61. 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	16%
Somewhat disapprove	17%
Strongly disapprove	40%
Not sure	22%

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

Strongly approve	8%
Somewhat approve	30%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	15%
Not sure	25%

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

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	9%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	20%
Very conservative	12%
Not sure	26%

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

Getting better	23%
About the same	28%
Getting worse	37%
Not sure	12%

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

Higher	22%
About the same	22%
Lower	25%
Not sure	31%

66. 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%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	17%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	48%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	27%
Not sure	8%

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

More jobs	30%
The same amount of jobs	30%
Fewer jobs	19%
Not sure	21%

69. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	8%
Somewhat worried	26%
Not very worried	65%

70. 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.	22%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	34%
Not very hard	31%
Not sure	12%

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

Very happy	27%
Happy	33%
Neither happy nor unhappy	30%
Unhappy	6%
Very unhappy	4%

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

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	28%
Conservative	19%
Very conservative	13%
Not sure	13%

73. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	79%
Not registered	21%

74. 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%

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

Democrat	31%
Republican	25%
Independent	30%
Other	4%
Not sure	10%

76. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?	
Strong Democrat	21%
Not very strong Democrat	10%
Lean Democrat	9%
Independent	20%
Lean Republican	9%
Not very strong Republican	8%
Strong Republican	17%
Not sure	6%
77. Would you say that Joe Biden legitimately won the election, or not?	
Biden legitimately won the election	61%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election	39%
78. Are you... ?	
Male	48%
Female	52%
79. Respondent age by category	
Under 30	20%
30-44	23%
45-64	34%
65+	22%
80. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?	
White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	12%
Other	7%
81. What is the highest level of education you have completed?	
HS or less	37%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	12%
82. What is your marital status?	
Married	44%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	5%
Never married	32%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

83. Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	43%
\$50-100K	27%
\$100K or more	17%
Prefer not to say	13%

85. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	38%
Somewhat important	26%
Not too important	13%
Not at all important	23%

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

More than once a week	7%
Once a week	17%
Once or twice a month	6%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	22%
Never	31%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	31%
No	69%

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

Several times a day	27%
Once a day	14%
A few times a week	10%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	14%
Never	19%
Don't know	6%

89. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	29%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	1%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	24%
Something else	8%

Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	July 24 - 27, 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 0.202 to 4.573, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.456.
Number of respondents	1500 1280 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 2.8% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	42 questions not reported.