

YouGov Survey: Autism



Sample 1140 U.S. adult citizens
Conducted May 20 - 25, 2025
Margin of Error $\pm 4\%$

1. Do you think that you are autistic?

Yes, definitely	2%
Probably	4%
Maybe	7%
Probably not	17%
No, definitely not	69%
Prefer not to say	2%

2. Do you have any traits or tendencies that you think are more common among autistic people than non-autistic people?

Yes, many	3%
Yes, some	9%
Yes, a few	14%
No, none	58%
Not sure	16%

3. Do you think the average autistic person is...?

Very similar to me	2%
Somewhat similar to me	8%
Equally similar and different to me	27%
Somewhat different from me	26%
Very different from me	21%
Not sure	15%

4. Do you know anyone who has been diagnosed with autism? Select all that apply.

Yes, me	2%
Yes, a family member	20%
Yes, a friend	19%
Yes, an acquaintance	23%
No	41%
Not sure	8%

5. Do you know anyone who you think might be autistic?

Yes	58%
No	33%
Not sure	9%

6. Which of the following people do you think are or might be autistic? Select all that apply.

My spouse or romantic partner	4%
A past romantic partner	2%
My child	5%
My sibling	5%
My parent	2%
An extended family member	18%
A friend	19%
Someone I work with	10%
An acquaintance	19%
A family member of a friend or an acquaintance	16%
Someone else	14%
Not asked - don't know anyone who think is autistic	33%

7. You said at least one of your extended family members are or might be autistic. Are they...? Select all that apply.

Asked of those who think a family member is or might be autistic

Around my age	15%
Older	12%
A younger adult	48%
A child	43%

8. You said at least one person you work with might be autistic. Are they...? Select all that apply.

Asked of those who think someone they work with is or might be autistic

Someone I work for	7%
Someone who works for me	13%
A coworker	68%
A client, customer, or student	21%
Someone else	17%

9. When you were a child, did you know anyone who was autistic?

Yes	19%
No	63%
Not sure	17%

10. When you were a child, did any autistic students attend your school?

Yes	25%
No	38%
Not sure	37%

11. How often did you talk to or spend time with autistic people when you were a child?

Daily	7%
Weekly	6%
Monthly	3%
Yearly	1%
Less often	11%
Never	46%
Not sure	27%

12. How often do you talk to or spend time with autistic people now?

Daily	11%
Weekly	16%
Monthly	11%
Yearly	4%
Less often	21%
Never	16%
Not sure	22%

13. Do you have a good idea of what autism is?

Yes	70%
No	15%
Not sure	15%

14. Compared to the average person, do you think autistic people contribute...?

Much more to society	5%
Somewhat more to society	6%
About the same to society	50%
Somewhat less to society	16%
Much less to society	7%
Not sure	16%

15. Do you think research related to autism should focus more on...?

How to prevent and cure autism	36%
How to support and accommodate autistic people	52%
Not sure	12%

16. Which of the following statements comes closer to your feelings?

Our society has gone too far in accommodating autistic people	4%
Our society has been about right when it comes to accommodating autistic people	29%
Our society has not gone far enough in accommodating autistic people	46%
Not sure	21%

17. How much discrimination do you think autistic people face in America today?

A great deal	20%
A fair amount	51%
Not much	23%
None at all	6%

18. Do you think that the rate of autism diagnoses is...?

Increasing	56%
Staying the same	20%
Decreasing	2%
Not sure	22%

19. Do you think that vaccinations cause autism?

Yes	15%
No	53%
Not sure	31%

20. Have you ever seen the TV show Love on the Spectrum?

Yes	16%
No	77%
Not sure	7%

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Interviewing Dates	May 20 - 25, 2025
Target population	U.S. Citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens.
Weighting	The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, 2024 presidential vote, 2020 election turnout and presidential vote, baseline party identification, and current voter registration status. Demographic weighting targets come from the 2019 American Community Survey. 2024 presidential vote, at time of weighting was estimated to be 48% Harris and 50% Trump. Baseline party identification is the respondent's most recent answer given around November 8, 2024, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (31% Democratic, 32% Republican). The weights range from 0.051 to 6.561, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.921.
Number of respondents	1140
Margin of error	± 4% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	61 questions not reported.

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1. Autistic

Do you think that you are autistic?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, definitely	2%	3%	2%	6%	4%	1%	0%	2%	5%	3%	*
Probably	4%	4%	3%	6%	6%	3%	1%	3%	1%	10%	*
Maybe	7%	8%	6%	8%	11%	5%	3%	7%	7%	8%	*
Probably not	17%	17%	16%	16%	18%	16%	17%	18%	14%	17%	*
No, definitely not	69%	66%	71%	58%	60%	74%	80%	69%	70%	60%	*
Prefer not to say	2%	1%	3%	8%	1%	1%	0%	2%	3%	2%	*
Totals	101%	99%	101%	102%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,139)	(543)	(596)	(300)	(288)	(327)	(224)	(735)	(155)	(177)	(72)

	Party ID				2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, definitely	2%	4%	2%	1%	3%	1%	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	3%	2%
Probably	4%	3%	5%	3%	4%	3%	5%	4%	3%	4%	2%	4%	5%
Maybe	7%	7%	8%	5%	8%	6%	8%	6%	7%	8%	4%	8%	7%
Probably not	17%	18%	17%	15%	19%	14%	17%	15%	19%	14%	22%	14%	16%
No, definitely not	69%	67%	64%	75%	64%	74%	65%	74%	68%	70%	68%	69%	67%
Prefer not to say	2%	1%	5%	1%	1%	0%	3%	0%	0%	1%	2%	2%	3%
Totals	101%	100%	101%	100%	99%	98%	101%	101%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,139)	(415)	(412)	(312)	(453)	(394)	(450)	(309)	(265)	(205)	(245)	(426)	(263)

2. Autistic Traits

Do you have any traits or tendencies that you think are more common among autistic people than non-autistic people?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, many	3%	4%	2%	6%	4%	2%	0%	2%	5%	5%	*
Yes, some	9%	8%	9%	12%	14%	6%	4%	8%	6%	13%	*
Yes, a few	14%	14%	14%	15%	20%	11%	10%	16%	9%	14%	*
No, none	58%	56%	61%	48%	46%	63%	75%	58%	68%	57%	*
Not sure	16%	18%	14%	18%	16%	17%	11%	17%	12%	11%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,137)	(543)	(594)	(300)	(288)	(326)	(223)	(734)	(155)	(176)	(72)

		Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, many	3%	3%	4%	2%	3%	1%	4%	2%	4%	3%	2%	4%	3%
Yes, some	9%	12%	8%	7%	10%	8%	9%	7%	11%	14%	5%	7%	12%
Yes, a few	14%	17%	17%	8%	19%	11%	12%	16%	17%	16%	15%	13%	14%
No, none	58%	58%	50%	67%	54%	67%	58%	61%	54%	59%	58%	61%	55%
Not sure	16%	11%	21%	16%	13%	13%	17%	14%	15%	9%	22%	15%	17%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	102%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,137)	(414)	(413)	(310)	(452)	(393)	(449)	(309)	(263)	(204)	(244)	(427)	(262)

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3. Autistic Similarity

Do you think the average autistic person is...?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very similar to me	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	4%	1%	7%	5%	*
Somewhat similar to me	8%	11%	6%	8%	8%	8%	10%	7%	11%	13%	*
Equally similar and different to me	27%	24%	31%	23%	27%	30%	27%	31%	19%	20%	*
Somewhat different from me	26%	28%	23%	22%	27%	30%	21%	26%	17%	27%	*
Very different from me	21%	21%	22%	28%	20%	17%	23%	23%	24%	19%	*
Not sure	15%	15%	16%	17%	17%	13%	15%	13%	22%	16%	*
Totals	99%	101%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,140)	(543)	(597)	(301)	(288)	(327)	(224)	(736)	(155)	(177)	(72)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very similar to me	2%	2%	4%	0%	2%	0%	3%	1%	1%	2%	0%	2%	4%
Somewhat similar to me	8%	10%	6%	9%	11%	9%	8%	9%	10%	7%	9%	7%	10%
Equally similar and different to me	27%	24%	33%	25%	26%	24%	27%	29%	27%	28%	24%	31%	24%
Somewhat different from me	26%	25%	26%	26%	30%	27%	24%	26%	31%	23%	35%	21%	26%
Very different from me	21%	26%	14%	24%	19%	28%	18%	25%	23%	27%	21%	20%	19%
Not sure	15%	13%	17%	16%	12%	12%	20%	11%	8%	13%	11%	19%	17%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,140)	(415)	(413)	(312)	(453)	(394)	(450)	(309)	(265)	(205)	(245)	(427)	(263)

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4. Know Someone Diagnosed With Autism

Do you know anyone who has been diagnosed with autism? Select all that apply.

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, me	2%	4%	1%	6%	4%	0%	0%	1%	2%	6%	*
Yes, a family member	20%	16%	23%	9%	21%	25%	20%	21%	18%	19%	*
Yes, a friend	19%	20%	19%	21%	21%	20%	15%	21%	11%	19%	*
Yes, an acquaintance	23%	16%	30%	21%	24%	23%	24%	26%	11%	19%	*
No	41%	44%	38%	48%	40%	36%	44%	37%	59%	42%	*
Not sure	8%	11%	5%	11%	7%	7%	7%	9%	9%	6%	*
Unweighted N	(1,140)	(543)	(597)	(301)	(288)	(327)	(224)	(736)	(155)	(177)	(72)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, me	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%	1%	3%	2%
Yes, a family member	20%	17%	18%	24%	21%	22%	19%	23%	23%	24%	16%	22%	17%
Yes, a friend	19%	19%	22%	17%	20%	21%	19%	18%	24%	18%	23%	16%	21%
Yes, an acquaintance	23%	21%	26%	22%	29%	25%	20%	22%	30%	27%	25%	20%	22%
No	41%	47%	38%	38%	40%	38%	45%	39%	34%	38%	39%	44%	41%
Not sure	8%	6%	11%	7%	5%	4%	8%	6%	6%	2%	8%	8%	11%
Unweighted N	(1,140)	(415)	(413)	(312)	(453)	(394)	(450)	(309)	(265)	(205)	(245)	(427)	(263)

5. Know Someone Who Might Be Autistic

Do you know anyone who you think might be autistic?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes	58%	51%	65%	52%	60%	62%	57%	62%	38%	62%	*
No	33%	36%	30%	41%	29%	31%	35%	29%	53%	34%	*
Not sure	9%	13%	5%	7%	11%	8%	8%	10%	9%	5%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	101%	*
Unweighted N	(1,138)	(541)	(597)	(300)	(288)	(326)	(224)	(735)	(154)	(177)	(72)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	58%	55%	60%	59%	64%	64%	54%	62%	68%	65%	61%	54%	57%
No	33%	37%	29%	34%	30%	29%	38%	28%	27%	29%	32%	35%	34%
Not sure	9%	8%	11%	7%	6%	7%	8%	11%	5%	6%	7%	10%	9%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,138)	(415)	(411)	(312)	(452)	(394)	(449)	(309)	(265)	(204)	(244)	(427)	(263)

6. Who Might Be Autistic

Which of the following people do you think are or might be autistic? Select all that apply.

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
My spouse or romantic partner	4%	4%	3%	2%	8%	3%	1%	4%	3%	6%	*
A past romantic partner	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%	*
My child	5%	4%	5%	1%	8%	6%	2%	5%	4%	4%	*
My sibling	5%	4%	5%	4%	10%	2%	2%	5%	2%	4%	*
My parent	2%	3%	1%	5%	4%	1%	0%	1%	4%	4%	*
An extended family member	18%	15%	20%	12%	13%	23%	20%	19%	14%	15%	*
A friend	19%	19%	19%	20%	21%	21%	12%	20%	14%	18%	*
Someone I work with	10%	9%	10%	11%	14%	8%	5%	9%	9%	13%	*
An acquaintance	19%	18%	20%	16%	20%	19%	20%	23%	9%	13%	*
A family member of a friend or an acquaintance	16%	12%	20%	12%	18%	14%	19%	18%	10%	11%	*
Someone else	14%	15%	14%	15%	12%	15%	15%	16%	12%	14%	*
Not asked - don't know anyone who think is autistic	33%	36%	30%	41%	29%	31%	35%	29%	53%	34%	*
Unweighted N	(1,138)	(541)	(597)	(300)	(288)	(326)	(224)	(735)	(154)	(177)	(72)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
My spouse or romantic partner	4%	5%	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%	2%	4%	5%
A past romantic partner	2%	3%	3%	1%	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	3%	3%	1%

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	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
My child	5%	3%	6%	5%	5%	7%	5%	6%	5%	7%	5%	3%	5%
My sibling	5%	3%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	5%	6%	9%	5%	2%	5%
My parent	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	1%	2%	4%
An extended family member	18%	20%	16%	17%	21%	19%	15%	23%	23%	17%	17%	18%	18%
A friend	19%	19%	19%	17%	22%	17%	20%	17%	22%	17%	22%	16%	20%
Someone I work with	10%	10%	14%	5%	15%	9%	7%	9%	18%	9%	10%	8%	13%
An acquaintance	19%	19%	21%	16%	25%	21%	17%	20%	21%	19%	23%	15%	21%
A family member of a friend or an acquaintance	16%	15%	16%	16%	19%	21%	12%	16%	22%	20%	19%	13%	14%
Someone else	14%	12%	19%	12%	14%	13%	14%	15%	9%	14%	15%	16%	13%
Not asked - don't know anyone who think is autistic	33%	37%	29%	34%	30%	29%	38%	28%	27%	29%	32%	35%	34%
Unweighted N	(1,138)	(415)	(411)	(312)	(452)	(394)	(449)	(309)	(265)	(204)	(244)	(427)	(263)

7. Which Extended Family Might Be Autistic

You said at least one of your extended family members are or might be autistic. Are they...? Select all that apply.

Asked of those who think a family member is or might be autistic

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Around my age	15%	*	13%	*	*	*	*	16%	*	*	*
Older	12%	*	10%	*	*	*	*	14%	*	*	*
A younger adult	48%	*	46%	*	*	*	*	51%	*	*	*
A child	43%	*	51%	*	*	*	*	40%	*	*	*
Unweighted N	(226)	(96)	(130)	(53)	(51)	(79)	(43)	(149)	(29)	(29)	(19)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Around my age	15%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Older	12%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
A younger adult	48%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
A child	43%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Unweighted N	(226)	(83)	(87)	(56)	(97)	(75)	(83)	(66)	(60)	(39)	(47)	(84)	(56)

8. Which People at Work Might Be Autistic

You said at least one person you work with might be autistic. Are they...? Select all that apply.

Asked of those who think someone they work with is or might be autistic

		Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Someone I work for	7%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Someone who works for me	13%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
A coworker	68%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
A client, customer, or student	21%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Someone else	17%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Unweighted N	(133)	(60)	(73)	(38)	(46)	(34)	(15)	(86)	(16)	(25)	(6)

		Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Someone I work for	7%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Someone who works for me	13%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
A coworker	68%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
A client, customer, or student	21%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Someone else	17%	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Unweighted N	(133)	(47)	(62)	(24)	(68)	(42)	(36)	(33)	(53)	(22)	(28)	(44)	(39)

9. Know Anyone Autistic in Childhood

When you were a child, did you know anyone who was autistic?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes	19%	22%	17%	29%	30%	11%	11%	21%	17%	19%	*
No	63%	62%	64%	56%	50%	71%	72%	60%	61%	66%	*
Not sure	17%	16%	19%	15%	19%	18%	16%	18%	22%	15%	*
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,140)	(543)	(597)	(301)	(288)	(327)	(224)	(736)	(155)	(177)	(72)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	19%	18%	21%	20%	22%	19%	18%	20%	23%	21%	21%	19%	17%
No	63%	64%	57%	68%	56%	68%	66%	63%	59%	65%	62%	64%	62%
Not sure	17%	19%	22%	12%	22%	13%	17%	17%	18%	13%	17%	17%	21%
Totals	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,140)	(415)	(413)	(312)	(453)	(394)	(450)	(309)	(265)	(205)	(245)	(427)	(263)

10. Autistic Students in School

When you were a child, did any autistic students attend your school?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes	25%	29%	21%	38%	42%	16%	9%	27%	23%	25%	*
No	38%	36%	40%	41%	29%	40%	41%	34%	38%	45%	*
Not sure	37%	35%	39%	21%	30%	44%	50%	39%	39%	30%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,135)	(541)	(594)	(298)	(288)	(326)	(223)	(734)	(153)	(176)	(72)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	25%	27%	28%	21%	26%	22%	23%	28%	27%	30%	27%	22%	25%
No	38%	33%	37%	43%	29%	45%	38%	37%	38%	42%	36%	39%	33%
Not sure	37%	40%	35%	36%	45%	33%	39%	36%	35%	28%	36%	39%	42%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,135)	(413)	(412)	(310)	(450)	(392)	(447)	(307)	(265)	(205)	(244)	(424)	(262)

11. Autistic Interactions in Childhood

How often did you talk to or spend time with autistic people when you were a child?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Daily	7%	8%	5%	8%	11%	5%	4%	7%	5%	10%	*
Weekly	6%	6%	6%	12%	6%	5%	3%	7%	5%	7%	*
Monthly	3%	3%	2%	2%	6%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%	*
Yearly	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	*
Less often	11%	13%	8%	17%	15%	8%	4%	10%	17%	6%	*
Never	46%	44%	47%	43%	32%	48%	60%	44%	42%	51%	*
Not sure	27%	23%	30%	18%	28%	31%	28%	29%	29%	22%	*
Totals	101%	98%	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	*
Unweighted N	(1,138)	(541)	(597)	(300)	(288)	(326)	(224)	(735)	(154)	(177)	(72)

	Party ID				2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Daily	7%	7%	7%	6%	8%	8%	7%	7%	6%	8%	4%	6%	9%
Weekly	6%	7%	7%	4%	8%	4%	7%	5%	6%	7%	8%	5%	5%
Monthly	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	5%	5%	4%	2%	1%
Yearly	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%
Less often	11%	11%	10%	11%	11%	8%	10%	10%	10%	13%	9%	10%	11%
Never	46%	41%	45%	51%	36%	54%	47%	44%	46%	47%	44%	48%	41%
Not sure	27%	30%	27%	24%	35%	22%	25%	30%	26%	18%	30%	27%	31%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	99%	102%	100%	99%	101%	100%	98%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,138)	(415)	(411)	(312)	(453)	(393)	(449)	(308)	(265)	(205)	(243)	(427)	(263)

12. Autistic Interactions Now

How often do you talk to or spend time with autistic people now?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Daily	11%	11%	12%	18%	12%	13%	2%	11%	*	18%	*
Weekly	16%	15%	16%	13%	18%	15%	16%	16%	*	22%	*
Monthly	11%	11%	10%	7%	17%	9%	9%	12%	*	7%	*
Yearly	4%	4%	5%	4%	3%	6%	3%	5%	*	0%	*
Less often	21%	19%	22%	25%	17%	20%	22%	19%	*	13%	*
Never	16%	18%	14%	16%	13%	13%	24%	15%	*	21%	*
Not sure	22%	22%	21%	17%	19%	25%	23%	22%	*	19%	*
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	99%	100%	*	100%	*
Unweighted N	(808)	(365)	(443)	(208)	(215)	(241)	(144)	(539)	(94)	(126)	(49)

	Party ID				2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Daily	11%	10%	14%	9%	13%	10%	11%	10%	13%	9%	9%	12%	14%
Weekly	16%	16%	13%	19%	21%	16%	15%	16%	20%	17%	19%	13%	15%
Monthly	11%	11%	8%	14%	10%	8%	8%	12%	14%	15%	13%	8%	9%
Yearly	4%	6%	3%	5%	6%	6%	5%	3%	7%	4%	4%	5%	3%
Less often	21%	24%	21%	16%	20%	23%	22%	16%	20%	24%	20%	18%	22%
Never	16%	12%	17%	18%	7%	19%	17%	21%	11%	13%	11%	22%	13%
Not sure	22%	22%	24%	19%	23%	17%	22%	22%	15%	18%	23%	21%	24%
Totals	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(808)	(277)	(320)	(211)	(323)	(281)	(311)	(220)	(196)	(155)	(173)	(291)	(189)

13. Know What Autism Is

Do you have a good idea of what autism is?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes	70%	64%	75%	66%	71%	73%	66%	72%	58%	64%	*
No	15%	18%	12%	18%	14%	12%	17%	12%	27%	23%	*
Not sure	15%	18%	13%	15%	15%	14%	17%	16%	16%	13%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,138)	(542)	(596)	(301)	(288)	(326)	(223)	(734)	(155)	(177)	(72)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	70%	70%	68%	71%	75%	75%	66%	72%	78%	76%	65%	68%	73%
No	15%	18%	13%	14%	12%	10%	17%	15%	11%	14%	15%	15%	15%
Not sure	15%	12%	18%	15%	13%	14%	17%	13%	12%	10%	20%	17%	12%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,138)	(415)	(413)	(310)	(453)	(392)	(449)	(308)	(265)	(205)	(245)	(425)	(263)

14. Autistic Contributions

Compared to the average person, do you think autistic people contribute...?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Much more to society	5%	4%	7%	5%	4%	4%	8%	4%	10%	6%	*
Somewhat more to society	6%	7%	6%	6%	8%	4%	8%	6%	6%	12%	*
About the same to society	50%	52%	49%	43%	48%	58%	48%	54%	51%	37%	*
Somewhat less to society	16%	15%	16%	17%	15%	14%	17%	15%	10%	16%	*
Much less to society	7%	6%	7%	6%	9%	6%	6%	6%	5%	10%	*
Not sure	16%	17%	14%	23%	15%	13%	13%	15%	18%	18%	*
Totals	100%	101%	99%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	*
Unweighted N	(1,140)	(543)	(597)	(301)	(288)	(327)	(224)	(736)	(155)	(177)	(72)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Much more to society	5%	6%	6%	4%	5%	5%	7%	5%	3%	4%	3%	7%	5%
Somewhat more to society	6%	9%	4%	7%	7%	7%	6%	10%	5%	6%	4%	6%	10%
About the same to society	50%	54%	52%	46%	61%	44%	50%	48%	55%	45%	57%	51%	46%
Somewhat less to society	16%	15%	13%	19%	13%	21%	13%	16%	20%	26%	12%	13%	15%
Much less to society	7%	7%	5%	9%	4%	10%	6%	7%	10%	10%	6%	6%	6%
Not sure	16%	10%	20%	16%	10%	13%	19%	14%	8%	9%	18%	16%	18%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,140)	(415)	(413)	(312)	(453)	(394)	(450)	(309)	(265)	(205)	(245)	(427)	(263)

15. Autism Research

Do you think research related to autism should focus more on...?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
How to prevent and cure autism	36%	41%	31%	21%	35%	39%	45%	40%	24%	27%	*
How to support and accommodate autistic people	52%	46%	58%	58%	53%	51%	47%	50%	61%	54%	*
Not sure	12%	13%	12%	21%	13%	10%	7%	10%	15%	19%	*
Totals	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,138)	(543)	(595)	(301)	(287)	(326)	(224)	(735)	(155)	(177)	(71)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
How to prevent and cure autism	36%	21%	33%	51%	22%	56%	32%	41%	32%	42%	40%	35%	26%
How to support and accommodate autistic people	52%	70%	47%	40%	70%	34%	53%	51%	55%	50%	53%	51%	55%
Not sure	12%	9%	20%	8%	8%	10%	15%	7%	13%	8%	7%	14%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,138)	(414)	(413)	(311)	(453)	(393)	(449)	(309)	(265)	(205)	(243)	(427)	(263)

16. Autism Accommodation Too Far or Not Enough

Which of the following statements comes closer to your feelings?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Our society has gone too far in accommodating autistic people	4%	4%	5%	3%	4%	6%	3%	5%	3%	5%	*
Our society has been about right when it comes to accommodating autistic people	29%	34%	23%	22%	37%	26%	29%	30%	25%	21%	*
Our society has not gone far enough in accommodating autistic people	46%	43%	49%	52%	37%	51%	46%	46%	49%	48%	*
Not sure	21%	19%	23%	23%	22%	18%	22%	20%	23%	25%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	99%	*
Unweighted N	(1,139)	(542)	(597)	(301)	(288)	(326)	(224)	(735)	(155)	(177)	(72)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Our society has gone too far in accommodating autistic people	4%	2%	2%	8%	2%	8%	3%	7%	6%	6%	4%	4%	4%
Our society has been about right when it comes to accommodating autistic people	29%	24%	28%	34%	24%	38%	23%	33%	37%	28%	31%	31%	21%

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	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Our society has not gone far enough in accommodating autistic people	46%	60%	43%	37%	59%	34%	53%	45%	36%	44%	46%	46%	50%
Not sure	21%	14%	27%	21%	15%	20%	22%	16%	21%	22%	19%	20%	25%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,139)	(415)	(412)	(312)	(453)	(393)	(450)	(309)	(264)	(205)	(244)	(427)	(263)

17. Autism Level of Discrimination

How much discrimination do you think autistic people face in America today?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
A great deal	20%	15%	26%	22%	15%	21%	25%	17%	25%	30%	*
A fair amount	51%	51%	52%	50%	51%	49%	56%	55%	46%	39%	*
Not much	23%	29%	17%	18%	28%	26%	17%	23%	17%	22%	*
None at all	6%	6%	6%	11%	6%	4%	3%	5%	11%	9%	*
Totals	100%	101%	101%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,134)	(540)	(594)	(300)	(287)	(323)	(224)	(730)	(155)	(177)	(72)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
A great deal	20%	32%	16%	14%	28%	11%	27%	13%	13%	25%	18%	19%	21%
A fair amount	51%	50%	53%	52%	56%	49%	45%	57%	60%	47%	56%	53%	47%
Not much	23%	14%	24%	28%	13%	34%	22%	27%	20%	22%	22%	21%	26%
None at all	6%	4%	7%	6%	4%	5%	7%	3%	7%	5%	4%	7%	6%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,134)	(414)	(409)	(311)	(452)	(392)	(446)	(307)	(265)	(205)	(244)	(423)	(262)

18. Change in Autism Diagnoses

Do you think that the rate of autism diagnoses is...?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Increasing	56%	55%	57%	42%	55%	57%	68%	60%	45%	45%	*
Staying the same	20%	20%	20%	27%	20%	21%	13%	19%	19%	28%	*
Decreasing	2%	2%	2%	4%	4%	1%	0%	3%	1%	2%	*
Not sure	22%	22%	21%	27%	20%	21%	19%	19%	35%	25%	*
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,138)	(542)	(596)	(300)	(288)	(326)	(224)	(734)	(155)	(177)	(72)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Increasing	56%	46%	56%	65%	51%	70%	53%	64%	53%	62%	58%	55%	52%
Staying the same	20%	27%	18%	15%	25%	13%	18%	20%	29%	20%	19%	19%	24%
Decreasing	2%	2%	1%	4%	2%	2%	1%	2%	4%	1%	4%	2%	1%
Not sure	22%	25%	25%	16%	22%	15%	28%	14%	14%	17%	19%	24%	23%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,138)	(415)	(413)	(310)	(453)	(394)	(449)	(308)	(265)	(204)	(245)	(426)	(263)

19. Do Vaccines Cause Autism

Do you think that vaccinations cause autism?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes	15%	17%	13%	11%	19%	17%	12%	15%	7%	20%	*
No	53%	51%	56%	59%	49%	52%	56%	56%	52%	42%	*
Not sure	31%	32%	31%	30%	33%	31%	32%	29%	41%	38%	*
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,138)	(542)	(596)	(301)	(288)	(326)	(223)	(735)	(154)	(177)	(72)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	15%	6%	14%	25%	4%	26%	14%	20%	12%	22%	14%	14%	13%
No	53%	77%	47%	38%	79%	33%	49%	54%	62%	47%	58%	50%	60%
Not sure	31%	18%	39%	37%	17%	41%	37%	25%	26%	31%	28%	36%	27%
Totals	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,138)	(413)	(413)	(312)	(452)	(393)	(450)	(309)	(265)	(204)	(245)	(426)	(263)

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20. Seen 'Love on the Spectrum'

Have you ever seen the TV show Love on the Spectrum?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes	16%	13%	19%	32%	21%	12%	3%	15%	13%	20%	*
No	77%	80%	75%	52%	70%	85%	95%	80%	76%	69%	*
Not sure	7%	7%	6%	16%	9%	2%	2%	5%	10%	11%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,140)	(543)	(597)	(301)	(288)	(327)	(224)	(736)	(155)	(177)	(72)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	16%	17%	15%	17%	19%	15%	11%	21%	22%	28%	16%	12%	15%
No	77%	76%	76%	79%	77%	81%	83%	74%	72%	68%	80%	82%	73%
Not sure	7%	7%	9%	4%	4%	4%	6%	5%	6%	4%	4%	6%	12%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,140)	(415)	(413)	(312)	(453)	(394)	(450)	(309)	(265)	(205)	(245)	(427)	(263)

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Interviewing Dates	May 20 - 25, 2025
Target population	U.S. Citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in panel to be representative of adult U.S. citizens.
Weighting	The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, 2024 presidential vote, 2020 election turnout and presidential vote, baseline party identification, and current voter registration status. Demographic weighting targets come from the 2019 American Community Survey. 2024 presidential vote, at time of weighting was estimated to be 48% Harris and 50% Trump. Baseline party identification is the respondent's most recent answer given around November 8, 2024, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (31% Democratic, 32% Republican). The weights range from 0.051 to 6.561, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.921.
Number of respondents	1140
Margin of error	± 4% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	61 questions not reported.