

YouGov Survey: Birthright Citizenship



Sample 1124 U.S. adult citizens
 Conducted January 27 - February 2, 2025
 Margin of Error ±4.1%

1. Which comes closest to your view about how the citizenship status of a child born in the U.S. should be determined?

All children born in the U.S. should automatically become citizens 51%
 Children born in the U.S. should automatically become citizens only if their parents are citizens 39%
 Not sure 9%

2. Do you think that children born in the U.S. should automatically receive U.S. citizenship if their parents are in the following groups?

	Yes, they should	No, they should not	Not sure
U.S. citizens	95%	2%	3%
Legal immigrants living in the U.S.	81%	10%	9%
Undocumented immigrants who had been brought to the U.S. as children	43%	44%	13%
Refugees or asylum seekers in the U.S.	40%	40%	20%
Foreign students studying in the U.S.	38%	48%	13%
Temporary workers, such as H-1B visa holders	37%	48%	15%
Undocumented immigrants	31%	56%	13%
Foreign diplomats in the U.S.	30%	52%	18%
Tourists visiting the U.S.	25%	61%	14%

3. Do you think the following is true or false? The U.S. Constitution says that all persons born in the U.S. are citizens, regardless of whether their parents were here legally.

True 57%
 False 20%
 Not sure 23%

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Interviewing Dates	January 27 - February 2, 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 6.548, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.962.
Number of respondents	1124
Margin of error	± 4.1% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	92 questions not reported.

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1. Citizenship Status

Which comes closest to your view about how the citizenship status of a child born in the U.S. should be determined?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
All children born in the U.S. should automatically become citizens	51%	47%	55%	71%	53%	38%	51%	43%	81%	64%	49%
Children born in the U.S. should automatically become citizens only if their parents are citizens	39%	44%	35%	20%	36%	52%	43%	48%	13%	28%	29%
Not sure	9%	9%	10%	9%	11%	10%	6%	9%	6%	8%	22%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,122)	(543)	(579)	(304)	(232)	(316)	(270)	(644)	(149)	(195)	(134)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
All children born in the U.S. should automatically become citizens	51%	76%	54%	26%	79%	23%	53%	50%	52%	49%	46%	51%	57%
Children born in the U.S. should automatically become citizens only if their parents are citizens	39%	16%	33%	68%	15%	70%	38%	43%	39%	42%	51%	36%	33%
Not sure	9%	8%	13%	7%	5%	8%	8%	7%	9%	9%	3%	12%	10%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	101%	99%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%

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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
Unweighted N	(1,122)	(399)	(385)	(338)	(453)	(404)	(428)	(342)	(250)	(194)	(240)	(428)	(260)

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2A. Views on Birthright Citizenship — U.S. citizens

Do you think that children born in the U.S. should automatically receive U.S. citizenship if their parents are in the following groups?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, they should	95%	95%	95%	92%	92%	97%	99%	96%	95%	93%	94%
No, they should not	2%	2%	2%	2%	5%	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	1%
Not sure	3%	4%	3%	7%	3%	3%	0%	3%	3%	3%	6%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	99%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,123)	(544)	(579)	(305)	(232)	(317)	(269)	(643)	(150)	(196)	(134)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, they should	95%	94%	94%	97%	98%	97%	95%	97%	93%	92%	97%	95%	95%
No, they should not	2%	4%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	4%	2%	2%	2%	3%
Not sure	3%	2%	5%	2%	0%	2%	4%	0%	3%	6%	1%	4%	2%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,123)	(398)	(385)	(340)	(452)	(405)	(428)	(342)	(251)	(193)	(241)	(428)	(261)

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2B. Views on Birthright Citizenship — Legal immigrants living in the U.S.

Do you think that children born in the U.S. should automatically receive U.S. citizenship if their parents are in the following groups?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, they should	81%	80%	83%	86%	80%	79%	82%	80%	85%	82%	85%
No, they should not	10%	12%	8%	5%	10%	10%	14%	11%	8%	8%	4%
Not sure	9%	8%	9%	9%	10%	11%	4%	9%	7%	10%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,121)	(544)	(577)	(304)	(231)	(316)	(270)	(643)	(150)	(195)	(133)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, they should	81%	89%	80%	77%	92%	76%	80%	84%	84%	79%	81%	81%	84%
No, they should not	10%	6%	8%	16%	5%	15%	11%	9%	11%	12%	12%	8%	9%
Not sure	9%	6%	12%	8%	3%	8%	10%	6%	5%	9%	7%	10%	8%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	99%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,121)	(398)	(384)	(339)	(452)	(404)	(429)	(340)	(251)	(192)	(241)	(428)	(260)

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2C. Views on Birthright Citizenship — Undocumented immigrants who had been brought to the U.S. as children

Do you think that children born in the U.S. should automatically receive U.S. citizenship if their parents are in the following groups?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, they should	43%	36%	49%	53%	48%	34%	41%	36%	64%	58%	45%
No, they should not	44%	50%	39%	25%	42%	55%	49%	52%	23%	28%	38%
Not sure	13%	14%	12%	22%	11%	12%	10%	13%	13%	14%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,122)	(544)	(578)	(304)	(232)	(317)	(269)	(643)	(150)	(195)	(134)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, they should	43%	66%	47%	16%	73%	15%	44%	43%	44%	37%	41%	41%	51%
No, they should not	44%	21%	38%	72%	18%	74%	44%	46%	44%	44%	50%	46%	35%
Not sure	13%	13%	15%	11%	9%	11%	12%	12%	13%	18%	9%	12%	15%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	99%	100%	99%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,122)	(399)	(385)	(338)	(453)	(403)	(428)	(342)	(250)	(194)	(241)	(427)	(260)

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2D. Views on Birthright Citizenship — Refugees or asylum seekers in the U.S.

Do you think that children born in the U.S. should automatically receive U.S. citizenship if their parents are in the following groups?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, they should	40%	37%	43%	51%	45%	28%	43%	34%	56%	51%	46%
No, they should not	40%	45%	35%	26%	34%	53%	39%	45%	23%	30%	33%
Not sure	20%	18%	23%	23%	22%	19%	19%	20%	22%	19%	21%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	101%	99%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,122)	(545)	(577)	(305)	(231)	(317)	(269)	(643)	(150)	(195)	(134)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, they should	40%	65%	41%	17%	67%	19%	41%	44%	39%	39%	38%	35%	52%
No, they should not	40%	18%	38%	61%	20%	60%	38%	42%	40%	39%	50%	38%	32%
Not sure	20%	17%	22%	22%	13%	21%	22%	14%	20%	21%	12%	27%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,122)	(398)	(385)	(339)	(452)	(404)	(429)	(342)	(249)	(193)	(240)	(428)	(261)

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2E. Views on Birthright Citizenship — Foreign students studying in the U.S.

Do you think that children born in the U.S. should automatically receive U.S. citizenship if their parents are in the following groups?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, they should	38%	37%	39%	58%	46%	27%	27%	34%	52%	44%	45%
No, they should not	48%	50%	46%	26%	39%	60%	62%	54%	35%	38%	35%
Not sure	13%	13%	14%	16%	14%	12%	11%	12%	14%	18%	20%
Totals	99%	100%	99%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,120)	(542)	(578)	(304)	(229)	(317)	(270)	(643)	(149)	(196)	(132)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, they should	38%	60%	35%	22%	61%	16%	39%	40%	38%	37%	35%	35%	48%
No, they should not	48%	29%	45%	69%	28%	75%	46%	54%	48%	47%	57%	49%	39%
Not sure	13%	11%	19%	9%	11%	9%	15%	6%	14%	16%	8%	16%	13%
Totals	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,120)	(398)	(383)	(339)	(452)	(403)	(428)	(341)	(250)	(194)	(240)	(426)	(260)

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2F. Views on Birthright Citizenship — Temporary workers, such as H-1B visa holders

Do you think that children born in the U.S. should automatically receive U.S. citizenship if their parents are in the following groups?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, they should	37%	34%	39%	55%	43%	24%	32%	31%	50%	51%	38%
No, they should not	48%	52%	44%	29%	42%	60%	54%	55%	34%	30%	43%
Not sure	15%	14%	17%	15%	16%	16%	13%	14%	16%	19%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,120)	(542)	(578)	(303)	(232)	(316)	(269)	(643)	(150)	(193)	(134)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, they should	37%	59%	35%	19%	60%	17%	36%	37%	42%	37%	31%	33%	48%
No, they should not	48%	26%	46%	70%	27%	73%	46%	54%	45%	44%	60%	48%	40%
Not sure	15%	15%	19%	11%	13%	11%	18%	9%	13%	18%	9%	19%	12%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,120)	(397)	(385)	(338)	(451)	(403)	(427)	(341)	(250)	(193)	(241)	(426)	(260)

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2G. Views on Birthright Citizenship — Undocumented immigrants

Do you think that children born in the U.S. should automatically receive U.S. citizenship if their parents are in the following groups?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, they should	31%	25%	36%	37%	37%	23%	30%	25%	39%	52%	35%
No, they should not	56%	63%	50%	42%	51%	66%	61%	65%	38%	34%	47%
Not sure	13%	12%	14%	21%	13%	11%	9%	10%	24%	14%	18%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,120)	(543)	(577)	(305)	(230)	(317)	(268)	(642)	(149)	(195)	(134)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, they should	31%	53%	29%	13%	56%	11%	31%	33%	32%	28%	31%	26%	42%
No, they should not	56%	33%	52%	81%	32%	82%	56%	56%	60%	61%	62%	58%	45%
Not sure	13%	14%	19%	6%	12%	6%	13%	11%	9%	11%	7%	17%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,120)	(397)	(384)	(339)	(452)	(404)	(427)	(340)	(251)	(194)	(240)	(426)	(260)

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2H. Views on Birthright Citizenship — Foreign diplomats in the U.S.

Do you think that children born in the U.S. should automatically receive U.S. citizenship if their parents are in the following groups?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, they should	30%	29%	30%	46%	40%	22%	15%	25%	45%	40%	35%
No, they should not	52%	58%	46%	30%	38%	61%	74%	58%	40%	37%	40%
Not sure	18%	12%	24%	24%	22%	17%	11%	17%	16%	23%	25%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,124)	(545)	(579)	(305)	(232)	(317)	(270)	(644)	(150)	(196)	(134)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, they should	30%	48%	26%	18%	43%	16%	33%	25%	33%	27%	28%	29%	36%
No, they should not	52%	37%	50%	67%	43%	72%	50%	58%	49%	50%	58%	51%	48%
Not sure	18%	15%	23%	15%	14%	12%	16%	17%	19%	24%	14%	20%	16%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,124)	(399)	(385)	(340)	(453)	(405)	(429)	(342)	(251)	(194)	(241)	(428)	(261)

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2I. Views on Birthright Citizenship — Tourists visiting the U.S.

Do you think that children born in the U.S. should automatically receive U.S. citizenship if their parents are in the following groups?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes, they should	25%	24%	25%	36%	30%	18%	17%	19%	37%	37%	34%
No, they should not	61%	64%	59%	45%	52%	72%	71%	68%	48%	45%	54%
Not sure	14%	12%	16%	18%	17%	10%	12%	13%	15%	18%	12%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,124)	(545)	(579)	(305)	(232)	(317)	(270)	(644)	(150)	(196)	(134)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes, they should	25%	41%	24%	11%	40%	10%	27%	24%	25%	21%	20%	21%	38%
No, they should not	61%	44%	56%	82%	46%	84%	58%	64%	64%	65%	70%	62%	49%
Not sure	14%	15%	19%	7%	14%	6%	15%	12%	11%	14%	10%	17%	13%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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3. Birthright Citizenship - Constitutional

Do you think the following is true or false? The U.S. Constitution says that all persons born in the U.S. are citizens, regardless of whether their parents were here legally.

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
True	57%	53%	60%	64%	61%	50%	55%	52%	66%	73%	54%
False	20%	25%	15%	10%	16%	26%	24%	24%	11%	10%	17%
Not sure	23%	22%	25%	26%	23%	24%	21%	24%	23%	17%	29%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,124)	(545)	(579)	(305)	(232)	(317)	(270)	(644)	(150)	(196)	(134)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
True	57%	75%	59%	38%	82%	36%	57%	58%	60%	53%	52%	56%	66%
False	20%	8%	15%	36%	6%	40%	21%	20%	19%	22%	22%	18%	20%
Not sure	23%	18%	26%	26%	12%	24%	22%	23%	21%	25%	26%	26%	14%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
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