

Daily Survey: DNA Testing

Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens
Conducted February 9 - 12, 2022
Margin of Error ±3.5%

1. Have you ever taken a mail-in DNA test?

Yes	21%
No	77%
Prefer not to say	2%

2. Has anyone in your family taken a DNA test? Select all that apply.

Yes, someone in my immediate family (such as a parent, sibling, or child)	27%
Yes, someone in my extended family (such as a grandparent, cousin, aunt, or uncle)	16%
None of the above	39%
Not sure	27%
Prefer not to say	3%

3. Did the DNA test taken by either you or your family member(s) result in anything that surprised you?

Asked of those who either took a DNA test or whose immediate family had taken a DNA test

Yes	36%
No	64%

4. Did you learn from DNA test results about any close relatives that you previously didn't know about?

Asked of those who either took a DNA test or whose immediate family had taken a DNA test

Yes	33%
No	64%
Prefer not to say	5%

5. Did the DNA test results change the way you think about your racial or ethnic identity?

Asked of those who either took a DNA test or whose immediate family had taken a DNA test

Yes	16%
No	81%
Prefer not to say	3%

6. If you were offered a free DNA test, would you be interested in taking it?

Asked of those who have NOT taken a DNA test

Yes	51%
No	28%
Not sure	21%

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7. Which of the following would be a reason you would be interested in taking a DNA test? Select all that apply.

Asked of those who would want a free DNA test

To learn more about where your family came from	81%
To get information about your health or family medical history	63%
To connect with relatives you might have but didn't know about	50%
None of the above	3%

8. How much do you know about your family's ancestry or heritage?

A great deal	10%
A lot	12%
A moderate amount	30%
A little	33%
None at all	12%
Prefer not to say	3%

9. Were you adopted?

Yes	6%
No	90%
Not sure	4%
Prefer not to say	1%

10. How much of a concern is privacy in your decision of whether to take a DNA test or not?

Very much a concern	25%
Somewhat a concern	28%
Not very much a concern	24%
Not at all a concern	23%

11. How accurate do you think DNA tests are?

Very accurate	31%
Somewhat accurate	55%
Not very accurate	10%
Not at all accurate	4%

12. Do you think that law enforcement should be able to access the records of DNA test companies to assist in solving crimes?

Yes, for all crimes	30%
Yes, but only for violent crimes	31%
No	23%
Not sure	16%

13. Now we are going to ask you about some hypothetical scenarios. Imagine you are taking a DNA test for the first time and as a result would learn some surprising previously unknown information. Would you want to take the DNA test or not if it meant that you would learn...

	Yes, I would	No, I would not	Prefer not to say
That you were adopted	60%	34%	6%
That you are not biologically related to your father	59%	34%	7%
That you have a biological sibling who you had never met	62%	30%	8%
That you are distantly related to your spouse or partner	53%	38%	10%
That a family member had committed a violent crime	54%	36%	10%
That an ancestor was a slave owner	54%	36%	9%
That you have a high likelihood of developing a serious health condition	65%	26%	10%

14. Which of the following do you identify as? Select all that apply.

White	73%
Black	14%
Asian	3%
Hispanic	15%
American Indian	3%
Pacific Islander	1%
Other	3%