YouGov Survey: State of the Country

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Sample	1125 U.S. adult citizens
Conducted	September 8 - 10, 2025
Margin of Error	±4%

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1. Generally speaking, in what kind of condition would you say each of the following are in?

	Very good condition	Fairly good condition	Fairly bad condition	Very bad condition	Don't know
Your local area	16%	55%	18%	7%	4%
The United States in general	9%	34%	32%	20%	5%

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2. And in the next 12 months do you expect the condition of the following to get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	Get much better	Get somewhat better	Stay about the same	Get somewhat worse	Get much worse	Don't know
Your local area	7%	14%	52%	13%	8%	6%
The United States in general	11%	20%	21%	20%	23%	5%

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3. And compared to how they were 10 years ago, do you think the condition of following NOW is...

	Much better than 10 years ago	Somewhat better than 10 years ago	About the same	Somewhat worse than 10 years ago	Much worse than 10 years ago	Don't know
Your local area	8%	16%	29%	21%	16%	10%
The United States in general	8%	12%	11%	26%	36%	7%

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4. And how do you think the condition of your local area compares with other areas of the United States?

My local area is in a better condition than ALL other areas of the U.S. 4%
My local area is in a better condition than MOST other areas of the U.S. 31%
The condition of my local area is about average for the U.S. 40%
My local area is in a worse condition than MOST other areas of the U.S. 10%
My local area is in a worse condition than ALL other areas of the U.S. 2%
Don't know 13%

5. And how do you think the condition of the United States compares with other Western countries?

The U.S. is in a better condition than ALL other Western countries 12%
The U.S. is in a better condition than MOST other Western countries 22%
The condition of the U.S. is about average for Western countries 21%
The U.S. is in a worse condition than MOST other Western countries 22%
The U.S. is in a worse condition than ALL other Western countries 8%
Don't know 15%

Interviewing Dates	September 8 - 10, 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 0.052 to 6.572, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.925.
Number of respondents	1125
Margin of error	$\pm$ 4% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	60 questions not reported.

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1A. Condition of Local Area and Country — Your local area
Generally speaking, in what kind of condition would you say each of the following are in?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very good condition	16%	21%	12%	12%	20%	9%	26%	19%	8%	16%	*
Fairly good condition	55%	52%	58%	53%	49%	60%	56%	54%	51%	63%	*
Fairly bad condition	18%	15%	20%	20%	15%	20%	16%	19%	19%	13%	*
Very bad condition	7%	7%	6%	8%	8%	8%	2%	5%	11%	7%	*
Don't know	4%	5%	4%	7%	8%	3%	0%	3%	10%	1%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,115)	(465)	(650)	(273)	(302)	(319)	(221)	(734)	(145)	(163)	(73)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very good condition	16%	15%	9%	25%	13%	26%	15%	16%	23%	12%	19%	14%	20%
Fairly good condition	55%	56%	54%	56%	60%	54%	50%	59%	60%	57%	55%	55%	53%
Fairly bad condition	18%	20%	20%	14%	20%	15%	20%	19%	12%	18%	17%	19%	17%
Very bad condition	7%	7%	8%	5%	4%	4%	10%	6%	2%	5%	4%	9%	7%
Don't know	4%	2%	9%	1%	2%	1%	5%	1%	3%	7%	6%	3%	2%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	101%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,115)	(382)	(437)	(296)	(478)	(372)	(449)	(336)	(219)	(208)	(244)	(387)	(276)

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1B. Condition of Local Area and Country — The United States in general
Generally speaking, in what kind of condition would you say each of the following are in?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Very good condition	9%	12%	6%	9%	11%	6%	10%	9%	9%	11%	*
Fairly good condition	34%	36%	32%	26%	33%	35%	43%	37%	19%	37%	*
Fairly bad condition	32%	32%	31%	36%	28%	34%	28%	33%	30%	30%	*
Very bad condition	20%	17%	23%	22%	19%	22%	16%	18%	29%	16%	*
Don't know	5%	3%	7%	6%	9%	3%	3%	3%	12%	6%	*
Totals	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,122)	(468)	(654)	(273)	(305)	(322)	(222)	(740)	(146)	(163)	(73)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Very good condition	9%	5%	5%	16%	3%	16%	9%	10%	11%	9%	5%	11%	9%
Fairly good condition	34%	22%	27%	54%	21%	53%	33%	38%	37%	41%	33%	31%	36%
Fairly bad condition	32%	35%	40%	19%	40%	21%	29%	35%	30%	31%	37%	29%	31%
Very bad condition	20%	34%	20%	8%	34%	7%	23%	16%	17%	15%	19%	22%	21%
Don't know	5%	4%	8%	3%	3%	3%	6%	2%	5%	4%	6%	6%	3%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,122)	(383)	(439)	(300)	(479)	(375)	(452)	(339)	(220)	(211)	(245)	(388)	(278)

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2A. Future Condition of Local Area and Country — Your local area
And in the next 12 months do you expect the condition of the following to get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Get much better	7%	7%	6%	9%	8%	5%	6%	7%	6%	7%	*
Get somewhat better	14%	13%	15%	17%	11%	14%	16%	15%	6%	23%	*
Stay about the same	52%	56%	48%	43%	53%	49%	63%	53%	55%	43%	*
Get somewhat worse	13%	10%	16%	14%	10%	16%	11%	13%	12%	11%	*
Get much worse	8%	9%	8%	9%	8%	11%	4%	7%	12%	5%	*
Don't know	6%	5%	7%	9%	10%	5%	0%	4%	9%	11%	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,107)	(466)	(641)	(272)	(301)	(316)	(218)	(729)	(143)	(162)	(73)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Get much better	7%	5%	4%	11%	3%	13%	7%	7%	7%	7%	6%	8%	5%
Get somewhat better	14%	10%	11%	22%	8%	21%	13%	16%	16%	15%	11%	14%	17%
Stay about the same	52%	50%	51%	55%	53%	52%	52%	56%	50%	55%	57%	47%	52%
Get somewhat worse	13%	19%	14%	6%	22%	8%	11%	12%	17%	18%	13%	11%	12%
Get much worse	8%	12%	10%	3%	10%	4%	12%	7%	3%	2%	6%	12%	8%
Don't know	6%	5%	10%	3%	4%	2%	5%	3%	6%	4%	8%	6%	6%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	101%	101%	98%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,107)	(376)	(434)	(297)	(469)	(374)	(445)	(334)	(219)	(206)	(242)	(382)	(277)

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2B. Future Condition of Local Area and Country — The United States in general
And in the next 12 months do you expect the condition of the following to get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Get much better	11%	12%	10%	9%	9%	11%	15%	13%	5%	11%	*
Get somewhat better	20%	21%	20%	22%	19%	20%	22%	24%	11%	14%	*
Stay about the same	21%	22%	20%	17%	23%	21%	22%	18%	21%	32%	*
Get somewhat worse	20%	19%	20%	21%	20%	17%	22%	21%	22%	19%	*
Get much worse	23%	23%	22%	26%	20%	26%	17%	20%	30%	19%	*
Don't know	5%	4%	7%	5%	9%	6%	2%	4%	11%	5%	*
Totals	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,105)	(466)	(639)	(271)	(300)	(311)	(223)	(730)	(143)	(159)	(73)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Get much better	11%	3%	6%	23%	3%	25%	10%	11%	15%	10%	12%	12%	8%
Get somewhat better	20%	6%	16%	39%	5%	41%	16%	25%	24%	27%	15%	20%	21%
Stay about the same	21%	15%	23%	24%	15%	20%	23%	20%	15%	24%	21%	20%	20%
Get somewhat worse	20%	30%	24%	6%	31%	6%	20%	18%	22%	21%	22%	16%	23%
Get much worse	23%	40%	25%	4%	42%	4%	25%	20%	20%	13%	23%	26%	24%
Don't know	5%	5%	7%	3%	4%	3%	6%	5%	4%	4%	7%	6%	4%
Totals	100%	99%	101%	99%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,105)	(378)	(433)	(294)	(471)	(370)	(441)	(336)	(220)	(204)	(243)	(381)	(277)

3A. Past Condition of Local Area and Country — Your local area
And compared to how they were 10 years ago, do you think the condition of following NOW is...

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Much better than 10 years ago	8%	9%	8%	9%	11%	7%	7%	8%	6%	10%	*
Somewhat better than 10 years ago	16%	17%	15%	21%	11%	16%	18%	18%	9%	20%	*
About the same	29%	30%	28%	23%	27%	30%	35%	28%	33%	31%	*
Somewhat worse than 10 years ago	21%	19%	23%	18%	21%	22%	23%	21%	15%	23%	*
Much worse than 10 years ago	16%	15%	17%	19%	12%	20%	10%	16%	18%	11%	*
Don't know	10%	11%	10%	11%	18%	6%	8%	9%	19%	5%	*
Totals	100%	101%	101%	101%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,111)	(465)	(646)	(272)	(301)	(316)	(222)	(731)	(143)	(163)	(74)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Much better than 10 years ago	8%	10%	5%	11%	6%	12%	9%	7%	11%	8%	6%	10%	8%
Somewhat better than 10 years ago	16%	14%	14%	21%	16%	17%	11%	17%	28%	17%	18%	17%	12%
About the same	29%	28%	29%	29%	34%	30%	30%	29%	25%	27%	35%	26%	30%
Somewhat worse than 10 years ago	21%	22%	20%	21%	23%	22%	20%	21%	22%	25%	17%	19%	24%
Much worse than 10 years ago	16%	16%	18%	13%	13%	14%	21%	16%	7%	12%	13%	17%	19%
Don't know	10%	10%	14%	5%	8%	5%	9%	11%	7%	11%	11%	11%	8%

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		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(1,111)	(380)	(434)	(297)	(476)	(373)	(446)	(338)	(220)	(209)	(245)	(382)	(275)

3B. Past Condition of Local Area and Country — The United States in general
And compared to how they were 10 years ago, do you think the condition of following NOW is...

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Much better than 10 years ago	8%	10%	6%	8%	9%	7%	9%	8%	4%	12%	*
Somewhat better than 10 years ago	12%	12%	12%	13%	8%	14%	13%	13%	10%	13%	*
About the same	11%	12%	10%	10%	11%	12%	11%	11%	11%	15%	*
Somewhat worse than 10 years ago	26%	26%	25%	22%	32%	20%	31%	27%	18%	27%	*
Much worse than 10 years ago	36%	35%	38%	40%	28%	45%	30%	35%	42%	31%	*
Don't know	7%	5%	8%	7%	12%	2%	7%	6%	14%	2%	*
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,114)	(465)	(649)	(271)	(303)	(321)	(219)	(732)	(145)	(163)	(74)

	Total	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Much better than 10 years ago	8%	6%	4%	15%	4%	16%	7%	8%	12%	9%	6%	10%	6%
Somewhat better than 10 years ago	12%	6%	11%	20%	6%	18%	9%	17%	11%	14%	12%	11%	12%
About the same	11%	9%	10%	15%	9%	16%	13%	8%	15%	16%	10%	10%	11%
Somewhat worse than 10 years ago	26%	26%	24%	27%	25%	27%	25%	24%	28%	29%	30%	20%	30%
Much worse than 10 years ago	36%	48%	42%	19%	52%	19%	40%	35%	30%	27%	36%	40%	37%
Don't know	7%	5%	9%	6%	4%	5%	6%	8%	4%	5%	7%	9%	3%

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		Dem	Ind	Rep	Harris	Trump	< $50K	$50-100K	$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Totals	100%	100%	100%	102%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,114)	(382)	(435)	(297)	(478)	(371)	(446)	(340)	(218)	(206)	(244)	(388)	(276)

4. Comparison of Local and National Conditions

And how do you think the condition of your local area compares with other areas of the United States?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
My local area is in a better condition than ALL other areas of the U.S.	4%	5%	3%	8%	5%	2%	2%	4%	4%	5%	*
My local area is in a better condition than MOST other areas of the U.S.	31%	32%	31%	32%	28%	28%	39%	35%	19%	28%	*
The condition of my local area is about average for the U.S.	40%	39%	41%	37%	38%	42%	43%	39%	33%	47%	*
My local area is in a worse condition than MOST other areas of the U.S.	10%	10%	10%	8%	9%	14%	8%	11%	15%	5%	*
My local area is in a worse condition than ALL other areas of the U.S.	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	0%	1%	4%	2%	*
Don't know	13%	12%	13%	14%	17%	12%	7%	10%	25%	13%	*
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	*
Unweighted N	(1,124)	(469)	(655)	(272)	(306)	(323)	(223)	(741)	(145)	(164)	(74)

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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 local area is in a better condition than ALL other areas of the U.S.	4%	5%	2%	6%	2%	7%	3%	5%	7%	5%	5%	4%	3%
My local area is in a better condition than MOST other areas of the U.S.	31%	34%	23%	38%	40%	37%	24%	29%	54%	28%	38%	25%	38%
The condition of my local area is about average for the U.S.	40%	41%	42%	37%	39%	41%	41%	43%	31%	42%	41%	41%	37%
My local area is in a worse condition than MOST other areas of the U.S.	10%	10%	9%	11%	10%	8%	11%	14%	4%	12%	4%	14%	8%
My local area is in a worse condition than ALL other areas of the U.S.	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%
Don't know	13%	9%	21%	6%	6%	5%	18%	8%	3%	13%	12%	14%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,124)	(385)	(438)	(301)	(481)	(376)	(451)	(341)	(221)	(211)	(244)	(390)	(279)

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5. Comparison of Condition of U.S. and Other Western Countries
And how do you think the condition of the United States compares with other Western countries?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
The U.S. is in a better condition than ALL other Western countries	12%	15%	9%	7%	14%	12%	14%	14%	6%	5%	*
The U.S. is in a better condition than MOST other Western countries	22%	23%	22%	19%	23%	21%	27%	23%	14%	30%	*
The condition of the U.S. is about average for Western countries	21%	21%	20%	20%	21%	19%	23%	22%	15%	18%	*
The U.S. is in a worse condition than MOST other Western countries	22%	21%	24%	24%	21%	22%	22%	23%	21%	18%	*
The U.S. is in a worse condition than ALL other Western countries	8%	9%	7%	8%	7%	10%	6%	8%	9%	6%	*
Don't know	15%	12%	18%	22%	15%	17%	8%	10%	35%	21%	*
Totals	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	100%	98%	*
Unweighted N	(1,121)	(467)	(654)	(272)	(304)	(322)	(223)	(740)	(145)	(162)	(74)

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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
The U.S. is in a better condition than ALL other Western countries	12%	4%	6%	24%	2%	28%	12%	14%	10%	12%	10%	14%	10%
The U.S. is in a better condition than MOST other Western countries	22%	16%	14%	37%	13%	38%	20%	24%	29%	24%	17%	25%	21%
The condition of the U.S. is about average for Western countries	21%	18%	22%	21%	21%	19%	20%	22%	21%	28%	22%	16%	20%
The U.S. is in a worse condition than MOST other Western countries	22%	36%	25%	6%	40%	7%	19%	20%	29%	18%	28%	17%	29%
The U.S. is in a worse condition than ALL other Western countries	8%	14%	8%	3%	16%	2%	10%	7%	6%	4%	8%	9%	10%
Don't know	15%	11%	25%	8%	8%	6%	19%	14%	5%	14%	16%	18%	10%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,121)	(383)	(438)	(300)	(480)	(374)	(449)	(341)	(220)	(211)	(244)	(389)	(277)

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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 0.052 to 6.572, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.925.
Number of respondents	1125
Margin of error	± 4% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	60 questions not reported.