

YouGov Survey: Taxes



Sample 1000 U.S. adult citizens
Conducted October 13 - 14, 2017
Margin of Error ±3.9%

1. Would you say that you currently:

Pay more in taxes than I did 10 years ago	41%
Pay less in taxes than I did 10 years ago	9%
Pay about the same amount in taxes as I did 10 years ago	27%
Not sure	24%

2. Would you say that most wealthy people currently:

Pay more in taxes than they did 10 years ago	18%
Pay less in taxes than they did 10 years ago	38%
Pay about the same amount in taxes as they did 10 years ago	20%
Not sure	24%

3. Would you say that most middle-class people currently:

Pay more in taxes than they did 10 years ago	52%
Pay less in taxes than they did 10 years ago	5%
Pay about the same amount in taxes as they did 10 years ago	20%
Not sure	23%

4. Would you say that most poor people currently:

Pay more in taxes than they did 10 years ago	35%
Pay less in taxes than they did 10 years ago	17%
Pay about the same amount in taxes as they did 10 years ago	23%
Not sure	26%

5. Do you think the federal tax system:

Is too complicated	68%
Is NOT too complicated	13%
Not sure	18%

6. In regards to your federal income taxes this year, did you:

Itemize your personal deductions	23%
Take the standard deduction	39%
Not file a federal income tax return	14%
Prefer not to say	11%
Not sure	13%

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Target population	U.S. Citizens, aged 18 and over.
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Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, and 2016 Presidential vote. The weights range from 0.132 to 6.011, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.753.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.9% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	48 questions not reported.

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1. Your taxes

Would you say that you currently:

	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)				
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Pay more in taxes than I did 10 years ago	41%	44%	39%	24%	43%	48%	45%	41%	33%	*	*
Pay less in taxes than I did 10 years ago	9%	10%	7%	8%	6%	8%	13%	8%	14%	*	*
Pay about the same amount in taxes as I did 10 years ago	27%	29%	24%	22%	30%	24%	32%	30%	24%	*	*
Not sure	24%	16%	30%	45%	21%	20%	10%	22%	29%	*	*
Totals	101%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	*	*
Unweighted N	(993)	(429)	(564)	(187)	(267)	(340)	(199)	(733)	(119)	(80)	(61)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Pay more in taxes than I did 10 years ago	41%	38%	42%	46%	42%	58%	34%	44%	61%	45%	41%	43%	35%
Pay less in taxes than I did 10 years ago	9%	10%	5%	13%	10%	10%	11%	7%	7%	10%	5%	7%	13%
Pay about the same amount in taxes as I did 10 years ago	27%	31%	24%	24%	30%	23%	29%	29%	25%	20%	30%	26%	29%
Not sure	24%	21%	29%	18%	17%	10%	26%	20%	8%	24%	24%	23%	23%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	101%	99%	101%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(993)	(387)	(354)	(252)	(402)	(319)	(483)	(259)	(126)	(184)	(271)	(340)	(198)

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2. Wealthy people's taxes

Would you say that most wealthy people currently:

	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)				
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Pay more in taxes than they did 10 years ago	18%	21%	16%	15%	20%	17%	23%	19%	17%	*	*
Pay less in taxes than they did 10 years ago	38%	37%	39%	30%	36%	41%	44%	38%	43%	*	*
Pay about the same amount in taxes as they did 10 years ago	20%	24%	16%	16%	18%	24%	20%	21%	16%	*	*
Not sure	24%	17%	29%	39%	26%	18%	14%	23%	23%	*	*
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	101%	99%	*	*
Unweighted N	(986)	(427)	(559)	(183)	(266)	(338)	(199)	(726)	(119)	(81)	(60)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Pay more in taxes than they did 10 years ago	18%	13%	14%	34%	7%	40%	14%	20%	27%	21%	14%	19%	20%
Pay less in taxes than they did 10 years ago	38%	52%	35%	24%	63%	19%	41%	39%	37%	43%	38%	38%	34%
Pay about the same amount in taxes as they did 10 years ago	20%	16%	22%	23%	14%	24%	21%	22%	23%	14%	21%	18%	28%
Not sure	24%	20%	30%	19%	16%	16%	24%	19%	13%	22%	27%	25%	18%
Totals	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(986)	(388)	(348)	(250)	(403)	(316)	(478)	(256)	(128)	(183)	(269)	(337)	(197)

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3. Middle-class people's taxes

Would you say that most middle-class people currently:

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Pay more in taxes than they did 10 years ago	52%	54%	50%	39%	42%	61%	63%	54%	42%	*	*
Pay less in taxes than they did 10 years ago	5%	5%	5%	7%	7%	3%	3%	4%	9%	*	*
Pay about the same amount in taxes as they did 10 years ago	20%	25%	16%	18%	26%	17%	21%	20%	19%	*	*
Not sure	23%	16%	29%	36%	25%	18%	13%	22%	30%	*	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	*	*
Unweighted N	(990)	(428)	(562)	(187)	(266)	(338)	(199)	(729)	(119)	(81)	(61)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Pay more in taxes than they did 10 years ago	52%	50%	49%	62%	54%	71%	49%	57%	61%	55%	53%	52%	49%
Pay less in taxes than they did 10 years ago	5%	8%	4%	3%	6%	4%	7%	3%	3%	5%	4%	5%	6%
Pay about the same amount in taxes as they did 10 years ago	20%	22%	21%	16%	22%	14%	22%	19%	24%	15%	19%	21%	24%
Not sure	23%	21%	27%	19%	18%	12%	22%	21%	11%	25%	25%	22%	20%
Totals	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(990)	(386)	(354)	(250)	(400)	(319)	(480)	(256)	(128)	(183)	(269)	(339)	(199)

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4. Poor people's taxes

Would you say that most poor people currently:

	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)				
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Pay more in taxes than they did 10 years ago	35%	34%	35%	35%	35%	37%	30%	35%	30%	*	*
Pay less in taxes than they did 10 years ago	17%	18%	15%	12%	10%	19%	25%	19%	12%	*	*
Pay about the same amount in taxes as they did 10 years ago	23%	29%	18%	17%	29%	25%	21%	23%	23%	*	*
Not sure	26%	19%	32%	35%	26%	20%	24%	24%	35%	*	*
Totals	101%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	*	*
Unweighted N	(988)	(429)	(559)	(185)	(266)	(338)	(199)	(729)	(118)	(80)	(61)

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	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Clinton	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Pay more in taxes than they did 10 years ago	35%	44%	33%	24%	47%	24%	37%	37%	32%	40%	36%	34%	29%
Pay less in taxes than they did 10 years ago	17%	8%	14%	32%	5%	37%	12%	18%	29%	25%	15%	12%	20%
Pay about the same amount in taxes as they did 10 years ago	23%	27%	22%	20%	27%	23%	26%	21%	25%	13%	21%	29%	26%
Not sure	26%	22%	30%	24%	21%	16%	25%	24%	15%	22%	29%	25%	26%
Totals	101%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(988)	(385)	(355)	(248)	(402)	(316)	(479)	(257)	(127)	(183)	(270)	(339)	(196)

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5. Complicated tax system

Do you think the federal tax system:

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Is too complicated	68%	72%	65%	59%	57%	73%	84%	73%	46%	*	*
Is NOT too complicated	13%	12%	14%	12%	20%	13%	9%	12%	18%	*	*
Not sure	18%	16%	20%	29%	23%	14%	8%	14%	36%	*	*
Totals	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	*	*
Unweighted N	(997)	(431)	(566)	(188)	(268)	(341)	(200)	(735)	(119)	(82)	(61)

	Party ID			2024 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
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Is too complicated	68%	59%	67%	84%	61%	89%	65%	72%	76%	70%	70%	64%	73%
Is NOT too complicated	13%	20%	11%	7%	23%	5%	14%	16%	14%	12%	11%	16%	13%
Not sure	18%	20%	22%	9%	16%	6%	21%	12%	11%	17%	19%	20%	14%
Totals	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%
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6. Itemize deductions

In regards to your federal income taxes this year, did you:

	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)				
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Itemize your personal deductions	23%	28%	19%	9%	17%	28%	38%	26%	20%	*	*
Take the standard deduction	39%	41%	37%	36%	43%	37%	39%	41%	28%	*	*
Not file a federal income tax return	14%	12%	16%	16%	13%	15%	12%	14%	21%	*	*
Prefer not to say	11%	9%	12%	15%	10%	9%	8%	9%	11%	*	*
Not sure	13%	10%	16%	25%	16%	11%	3%	10%	19%	*	*
Totals	100%	100%	100%	101%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	*	*
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Take the standard deduction	39%	41%	36%	40%	43%	41%	37%	48%	36%	40%	43%	36%	37%
Not file a federal income tax return	14%	15%	12%	16%	11%	9%	23%	7%	2%	10%	13%	19%	10%
Prefer not to say	11%	11%	12%	7%	9%	9%	10%	4%	8%	7%	11%	13%	10%
Not sure	13%	12%	19%	7%	7%	5%	17%	8%	3%	13%	13%	14%	13%
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