

# CBS News Poll – September 5-8, 2023

## Adults in the U.S.



Sample 2,335 Adults in the U.S.  
Margin of Error ±2.7%

### 22. Are you concerned, or not concerned, about yourself personally or a close family member getting the coronavirus?

Very concerned	16%
Somewhat concerned	29%
Not very concerned	30%
Not at all concerned	25%

### 23. How closely have you been following news about new variants of the coronavirus such as EG.5 and BA.2.86 Pirola?

Very closely	9%
Somewhat closely	31%
Not very closely	33%
Not at all closely	27%

### 24. Are you personally concerned, or not concerned, about the new variants of the coronavirus?

Very concerned	17%
Somewhat concerned	31%
Not very concerned	26%
Not at all concerned	26%

### 25. Are you planning to get a booster shot of the COVID-19 vaccine, when an updated version of it is available in the fall?

Yes, planning to get a booster	43%
No, not planning to get a booster	57%

Questions held for future release.

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**22. Concerned about Contracting Coronavirus**

Are you concerned, or not concerned, about yourself personally or a close family member getting the coronavirus?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very concerned	16%	16%	17%	23%	20%	13%	10%	23%	14%	10%
Somewhat concerned	29%	28%	29%	29%	28%	30%	27%	39%	35%	17%
Not very concerned	30%	29%	30%	22%	28%	28%	42%	29%	31%	30%
Not at all concerned	25%	27%	24%	25%	24%	29%	21%	9%	20%	42%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(2,329)	(1,130)	(1,199)	(484)	(581)	(764)	(500)	(572)	(760)	(751)

	Total	2020 Vote		Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Biden	Trump	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very concerned	16%	20%	7%	23%	14%	11%	12%	31%	21%	11%	13%
Somewhat concerned	29%	43%	15%	39%	28%	20%	27%	35%	27%	28%	27%
Not very concerned	30%	29%	33%	29%	29%	30%	33%	18%	28%	31%	36%
Not at all concerned	25%	8%	44%	9%	29%	39%	28%	16%	24%	30%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,329)	(730)	(680)	(725)	(771)	(645)	(1,455)	(291)	(378)	(910)	(545)

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**23. Following News about New Variants**

How closely have you been following news about new variants of the coronavirus such as EG.5 and BA.2.86 Pirola?

	Gender			Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very closely	9%	9%	9%	8%	7%	8%	12%	11%	8%	9%
Somewhat closely	31%	33%	29%	30%	22%	32%	40%	32%	35%	30%
Not very closely	33%	33%	32%	28%	30%	36%	35%	36%	32%	32%
Not at all closely	27%	25%	30%	34%	40%	23%	13%	21%	25%	29%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,330)	(1,131)	(1,199)	(487)	(583)	(762)	(498)	(570)	(763)	(751)

	2020 Vote			Party ID			Race			White by Education	
	Total	Biden	Trump	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very closely	9%	12%	9%	11%	7%	9%	8%	12%	9%	5%	12%
Somewhat closely	31%	35%	31%	37%	30%	30%	31%	25%	36%	30%	34%
Not very closely	33%	35%	30%	32%	34%	32%	34%	31%	27%	36%	29%
Not at all closely	27%	17%	30%	20%	29%	29%	27%	31%	28%	29%	25%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,330)	(730)	(679)	(725)	(771)	(645)	(1,458)	(290)	(378)	(912)	(545)

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**24. Concerned about New Variants**

Are you personally concerned, or not concerned, about the new variants of the coronavirus?

	Gender			Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very concerned	17%	14%	19%	23%	18%	14%	14%	23%	15%	9%
Somewhat concerned	31%	28%	33%	34%	29%	30%	31%	42%	39%	18%
Not very concerned	26%	29%	23%	20%	24%	26%	34%	26%	25%	29%
Not at all concerned	26%	28%	24%	23%	29%	30%	21%	9%	21%	43%
Totals	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(2,330)	(1,131)	(1,199)	(486)	(582)	(762)	(500)	(572)	(760)	(752)

	2020 Vote			Party ID			Race			White by Education	
	Total	Biden	Trump	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very concerned	17%	22%	8%	24%	13%	12%	11%	30%	25%	11%	11%
Somewhat concerned	31%	46%	15%	46%	31%	17%	29%	38%	31%	27%	32%
Not very concerned	26%	25%	30%	22%	27%	30%	30%	15%	23%	27%	34%
Not at all concerned	26%	7%	47%	8%	29%	41%	30%	17%	21%	35%	23%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,330)	(730)	(678)	(726)	(769)	(646)	(1,455)	(291)	(378)	(910)	(545)

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**25. Planning to Get Booster Shot**

Are you planning to get a booster shot of the COVID-19 vaccine, when an updated version of it is available in the fall?

	Gender			Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Yes, planning to get a booster	43%	43%	43%	50%	39%	39%	49%	74%	47%	19%
No, not planning to get a booster	57%	57%	57%	50%	61%	61%	51%	26%	53%	81%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,325)	(1,130)	(1,195)	(486)	(580)	(761)	(498)	(571)	(758)	(751)

	2020 Vote		Party ID			Race			White by Education		
	Total	Biden	Trump	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Yes, planning to get a booster	43%	74%	16%	73%	37%	21%	40%	54%	43%	33%	52%
No, not planning to get a booster	57%	26%	84%	27%	63%	79%	60%	46%	57%	67%	48%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,325)	(729)	(679)	(726)	(767)	(646)	(1,455)	(291)	(376)	(913)	(542)

# HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR CALCULATED

The CBS News/YouGov survey of 2,335 adults in the U.S. was conducted between September 5-8, 2023.

This sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, and education based on the U.S. Census American Community Survey, and the U.S. Census Current Population Survey, as well as 2020 Presidential vote and 2022 Congressional vote. Respondents were selected to be representative of adults nationwide. The weights range from 0.1 to 6.1, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.9.

The *margin of error* (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage  $p$  based upon the entire sample is approximately 2.7%. It is calculated using the formula

$$\hat{p} \pm 100 \times \sqrt{\frac{1 + CV^2}{n}}$$

where CV is the coefficient of variation of the sample weights and  $n$  is the sample size used to compute the proportion. This is a measure of sampling error (the average of all estimates obtained using the same sample selection and weighting procedures repeatedly). The sample estimate should differ from its expected value by less than margin of error in 95 percent of all samples. It does not reflect non-sampling errors, including potential selection bias in panel participation or in response to a particular survey.