

# CBS News Poll – February 28 - March 1, 2024

## Adults in the U.S.



Sample 2,159 Adults in the U.S.  
 Margin of Error ±2.8 points

**1. Generally speaking, do you feel things in America today are going...**

Very well	6%
Somewhat well	28%
Somewhat badly	30%
Very badly	36%

**2. How would you rate the condition of the national economy today?**

Very good	9%
Fairly good	30%
Fairly bad	27%
Very bad	30%
Not sure	4%

**11. As you and your family plan for the next year, are you doing so expecting the U.S. economy to be...**

Booming	6%
Growing, but not booming	18%
Holding steady	26%
Slowing, but not in recession	27%
In recession	22%

**12. Thinking about your overall, personal financial situation - that is, including many things like income and expenses, savings and debts you might have, the value of investments such as retirement plans, stocks, a home or other real estate you might own – In the last few years do you feel your overall financial situation has...**

Gotten a lot better	6%
Gotten a little better	17%
Stayed about the same	29%
Gotten a little worse	26%
Gotten a lot worse	22%

**14. If you could give the "State of the Union" which would you say describes the state of the country today?  
 CHECK ALL THAT APPLY**

Strong	15%
Weak	37%
United	12%
Divided	61%
Prospering	11%
Declining	45%

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20. In the U.S. today, do you think democracy and the rule of law is...?

Very secure .....	8%
Somewhat secure .....	31%
Somewhat threatened .....	34%
Very threatened .....	27%

21. Do you think the current situation with migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border is...

A crisis .....	45%
A very serious problem, but not a crisis .....	30%
A somewhat serious problem .....	18%
Not much of a problem .....	7%

\*Questions held for future release.

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### 1. Things in America

Generally speaking, do you feel things in America today are going...

	Gender			Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very well	6%	8%	5%	14%	7%	3%	2%	9%	7%	3%
Somewhat well	28%	33%	23%	41%	32%	22%	21%	40%	35%	12%
Somewhat badly	30%	28%	32%	25%	33%	31%	31%	34%	33%	25%
Very badly	36%	31%	40%	20%	28%	44%	46%	17%	25%	60%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,155)	(1,044)	(1,111)	(450)	(539)	(706)	(460)	(540)	(716)	(701)

	Party ID			Race			White by Education		
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very well	6%	11%	4%	4%	5%	9%	8%	3%	7%
Somewhat well	28%	45%	24%	13%	24%	40%	35%	22%	27%
Somewhat badly	30%	31%	32%	26%	30%	31%	30%	28%	33%
Very badly	36%	13%	40%	57%	41%	19%	27%	46%	33%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,155)	(655)	(721)	(603)	(1,344)	(271)	(351)	(836)	(508)

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### 2. Condition of National Economy

How would you rate the condition of the national economy today?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very good	9%	11%	8%	16%	11%	6%	6%	16%	11%	4%
Fairly good	30%	35%	25%	36%	32%	24%	28%	44%	36%	14%
Fairly bad	27%	25%	28%	26%	25%	28%	28%	25%	26%	29%
Very bad	30%	24%	36%	15%	26%	38%	36%	11%	23%	51%
Not sure	4%	5%	3%	7%	5%	3%	1%	4%	3%	2%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,158)	(1,046)	(1,111)	(451)	(539)	(709)	(460)	(540)	(717)	(702)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very good	9%	17%	8%	3%	8%	10%	9%	4%	15%
Fairly good	30%	49%	24%	16%	27%	43%	31%	24%	32%
Fairly bad	27%	21%	30%	30%	27%	24%	27%	28%	25%
Very bad	30%	11%	32%	49%	35%	20%	26%	40%	25%
Not sure	4%	1%	5%	2%	3%	3%	7%	4%	3%
Totals	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,158)	(655)	(723)	(604)	(1,345)	(272)	(351)	(836)	(509)

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### 11. Expectations for U.S. Economy

As you and your family plan for the next year, are you doing so expecting the U.S. economy to be...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Booming	6%	6%	6%	16%	5%	3%	3%	9%	7%	4%
Growing, but not booming	18%	21%	16%	19%	17%	17%	20%	26%	18%	14%
Holding steady	26%	29%	24%	29%	30%	22%	24%	32%	30%	17%
Slowing, but not in recession	27%	23%	31%	25%	24%	30%	29%	20%	28%	31%
In recession	22%	21%	23%	11%	23%	28%	24%	12%	17%	34%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,153)	(1,042)	(1,111)	(451)	(536)	(707)	(460)	(536)	(717)	(701)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Booming	6%	9%	3%	6%	5%	9%	5%	5%	6%
Growing, but not booming	18%	28%	15%	13%	16%	26%	20%	12%	22%
Holding steady	26%	35%	26%	16%	25%	26%	30%	25%	25%
Slowing, but not in recession	27%	21%	27%	33%	28%	27%	26%	31%	24%
In recession	22%	7%	29%	32%	25%	12%	19%	27%	22%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%
Weighted N	(2,153)	(655)	(722)	(600)	(1,344)	(272)	(347)	(836)	(508)

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### 12. Change in Personal Financial Situation Over Past Few Years

Thinking about your overall, personal financial situation - that is, including many things like income and expenses, savings and debts you might have, the value of investments such as retirement plans, stocks, a home or other real estate you might own – In the last few years do you feel your overall financial situation has...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Gotten a lot better	6%	7%	5%	9%	6%	4%	4%	9%	6%	5%
Gotten a little better	17%	19%	15%	24%	18%	15%	14%	25%	20%	11%
Stayed about the same	29%	30%	28%	34%	32%	23%	29%	27%	34%	23%
Gotten a little worse	26%	24%	27%	24%	25%	28%	26%	25%	23%	29%
Gotten a lot worse	22%	20%	24%	9%	19%	30%	27%	14%	17%	32%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,159)	(1,047)	(1,112)	(451)	(539)	(708)	(460)	(540)	(717)	(702)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Gotten a lot better	6%	8%	6%	5%	6%	5%	7%	3%	9%
Gotten a little better	17%	26%	14%	12%	15%	22%	15%	12%	20%
Stayed about the same	29%	32%	28%	24%	27%	38%	32%	25%	31%
Gotten a little worse	26%	22%	25%	30%	27%	20%	25%	31%	21%
Gotten a lot worse	22%	12%	27%	29%	25%	15%	21%	29%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,159)	(655)	(722)	(605)	(1,346)	(272)	(351)	(837)	(509)

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**14. State of the Country**

If you could give the "State of the Union" which would you say describes the state of the country today? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

	Gender			Age				Ideology		
	Total	Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Strong	15%	18%	12%	28%	21%	8%	8%	23%	16%	7%
Weak	37%	34%	40%	29%	31%	44%	44%	21%	33%	55%
United	12%	16%	9%	29%	17%	5%	1%	12%	14%	9%
Divided	61%	57%	65%	40%	55%	70%	75%	67%	58%	63%
Prospering	11%	12%	11%	18%	11%	9%	10%	17%	14%	5%
Declining	45%	40%	50%	32%	40%	51%	55%	32%	38%	62%
Weighted N	(2,159)	(1,047)	(1,112)	(451)	(539)	(709)	(460)	(540)	(718)	(702)

	Party ID			Race			White by Education		
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Strong	15%	25%	10%	9%	11%	26%	18%	10%	14%
Weak	37%	21%	43%	49%	41%	22%	36%	44%	35%
United	12%	16%	8%	11%	10%	19%	10%	10%	11%
Divided	61%	58%	69%	58%	65%	52%	53%	63%	68%
Prospering	11%	20%	8%	7%	10%	18%	12%	7%	14%
Declining	45%	28%	50%	58%	50%	31%	42%	52%	46%
Weighted N	(2,159)	(655)	(723)	(605)	(1,346)	(272)	(351)	(837)	(509)

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**20. Democracy Secure or Threatened**

In the U.S. today, do you think democracy and the rule of law is...?

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
Very secure	8%	11%	5%	20%	8%	5%	2%	7%	11%	7%
Somewhat secure	31%	34%	27%	42%	43%	24%	16%	36%	34%	22%
Somewhat threatened	34%	30%	39%	26%	32%	37%	40%	32%	34%	33%
Very threatened	27%	25%	29%	12%	17%	34%	42%	25%	20%	38%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Weighted N	(2,150)	(1,040)	(1,110)	(444)	(539)	(707)	(460)	(533)	(717)	(700)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
Very secure	8%	12%	6%	7%	6%	12%	9%	6%	7%
Somewhat secure	31%	36%	28%	26%	28%	41%	34%	28%	27%
Somewhat threatened	34%	31%	36%	33%	34%	32%	39%	35%	32%
Very threatened	27%	21%	30%	34%	32%	15%	17%	31%	34%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,150)	(647)	(722)	(605)	(1,339)	(271)	(351)	(830)	(509)



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**21. Current Situation At U.S.-Mexico Border**

Do you think the current situation with migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border is...

	Total	Gender		Age				Ideology		
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative
A crisis	45%	45%	44%	21%	35%	55%	63%	21%	39%	75%
A very serious problem, but not a crisis	30%	28%	31%	38%	34%	25%	23%	42%	34%	14%
A somewhat serious problem	18%	18%	17%	27%	19%	15%	11%	24%	21%	8%
Not much of a problem	7%	9%	7%	13%	11%	4%	3%	13%	6%	3%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,157)	(1,046)	(1,111)	(451)	(538)	(707)	(460)	(539)	(718)	(701)

	Total	Party ID			Race			White by Education	
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic	No Degree	4yr Degree+
A crisis	45%	23%	48%	70%	50%	29%	40%	53%	45%
A very serious problem, but not a crisis	30%	41%	29%	20%	26%	40%	30%	24%	30%
A somewhat serious problem	18%	24%	16%	9%	17%	22%	18%	16%	20%
Not much of a problem	7%	11%	7%	1%	6%	9%	11%	7%	5%
Totals	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(2,157)	(655)	(722)	(604)	(1,345)	(272)	(349)	(836)	(509)

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

The CBS News/YouGov survey of 2,159 adults in the U.S. was conducted between February 28-March 1, 2024.

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 6.6, 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  $\pm 2.8$  points. 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.