

CBS News Poll – May 14-21, 2024

Adults in the U.S.



Sample 1,402 Adults in the U.S.
Margin of Error ±4.4 points

1. How much have you heard or read about Donald Trump's trial in New York City for allegedly falsifying business records to hide "hush money" payments and influence the 2016 election?

A lot	39%
Some	37%
Not much	17%
Nothing so far	7%

2. Do you believe Donald Trump is guilty of a crime in this case being brought in New York City?

Yes, he's definitely guilty	37%
Yes, he's probably guilty	19%
No, he's probably not guilty	21%
No, he's definitely not guilty	23%

3. Do you think the jurors will find Donald Trump guilty or not guilty of a crime in this case?

He'll definitely be found guilty	10%
He'll probably be found guilty	42%
He'll probably be found not guilty	37%
He'll definitely be found not guilty	11%

*Questions held for future release.

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1. Heard about Trump Hush Money Trial

How much have you heard or read about Donald Trump's trial in New York City for allegedly falsifying business records to hide "hush money" payments and influence the 2016 election?

	Total	Gender		Age			
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+
A lot	39%	46%	32%	17%	24%	48%	59%
Some	37%	37%	38%	43%	43%	36%	28%
Not much	17%	11%	22%	28%	21%	10%	11%
Nothing so far	7%	6%	8%	12%	11%	6%	2%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,398)	(679)	(719)	(285)	(334)	(460)	(318)

	Total	Party ID			Race		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic
A lot	39%	43%	39%	43%	43%	30%	32%
Some	37%	37%	37%	37%	40%	37%	31%
Not much	17%	11%	18%	17%	13%	20%	18%
Nothing so far	7%	9%	6%	3%	4%	13%	19%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,398)	(422)	(455)	(417)	(907)	(174)	(203)

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2. Believe Trump is Guilty or Not

Do you believe Donald Trump is guilty of a crime in this case being brought in New York City?

	Total	Gender		Age			
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+
Yes, he's definitely guilty	37%	36%	39%	39%	34%	40%	35%
Yes, he's probably guilty	19%	17%	20%	22%	27%	13%	15%
No, he's probably not guilty	21%	19%	23%	29%	24%	18%	14%
No, he's definitely not guilty	23%	28%	18%	10%	15%	28%	35%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%
Weighted N	(1,386)	(679)	(707)	(285)	(335)	(448)	(318)

	Total	Party ID			Race		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic
Yes, he's definitely guilty	37%	74%	33%	8%	35%	53%	31%
Yes, he's probably guilty	19%	19%	20%	14%	18%	22%	24%
No, he's probably not guilty	21%	6%	25%	30%	18%	23%	28%
No, he's definitely not guilty	23%	1%	22%	48%	29%	2%	17%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,386)	(415)	(457)	(416)	(905)	(174)	(199)

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3. Will Jurors Find Trump Guilty

Do you think the jurors will find Donald Trump guilty or not guilty of a crime in this case?

	Total	Gender		Age			
		Male	Female	Under 30	30-44	45-64	65+
He'll definitely be found guilty	10%	11%	10%	15%	8%	10%	9%
He'll probably be found guilty	42%	44%	40%	46%	38%	40%	46%
He'll probably be found not guilty	37%	35%	39%	33%	41%	37%	36%
He'll definitely be found not guilty	11%	10%	11%	6%	12%	13%	9%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,374)	(679)	(695)	(285)	(325)	(448)	(317)

	Total	Party ID			Race		
		Dem	Ind	Rep	White	Black	Hispanic
He'll definitely be found guilty	10%	22%	7%	3%	8%	26%	9%
He'll probably be found guilty	42%	44%	45%	38%	43%	40%	39%
He'll probably be found not guilty	37%	29%	41%	39%	38%	26%	41%
He'll definitely be found not guilty	11%	5%	7%	20%	11%	8%	11%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Weighted N	(1,374)	(411)	(448)	(418)	(903)	(174)	(196)

HOW THE POLL WAS CONDUCTED AND THE MARGIN OF ERROR CALCULATED

The CBS News/YouGov survey of 1,402 adults in the U.S. was conducted between May 14-21, 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 with an oversample of adults living in Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. The weights range from 0.1 to 6.5, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 1.3.

The *margin of error* (a 95% confidence interval) for a sample percentage p based upon the entire sample is approximately ± 4.4 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.