

The Economist/YouGov Poll

October 8 - 11, 2022 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted October 8 - 11, 2022
 Margin of Error ±3.1%

1. Would you say things in this country today are...

Generally headed in the right direction	28%
Off on the wrong track	60%
Not sure	12%

2. How would you describe the current state of the American economy?

Excellent	5%
Good	20%
Excellent / Good	25%
Fair	29%
Poor	41%
Fair / Poor	70%
Don't know	5%

3. Which do you think is a more important problem facing the U.S. today: unemployment or inflation?

Unemployment	6%
Inflation	54%
Both equal	32%
Not sure	8%

4. Do you think the economy is shrinking or growing?

Growing	19%
Shrinking	45%
Staying about the same	20%
Not sure	16%

5. Do you believe the United States is currently in an economic recession?

Yes	56%
No	22%
Not sure	22%

6. Which of the following do you think is the best indicator of an economic recession?

The stock market index	7%
The unemployment rate and job reports	12%
The prices of goods and services you buy	42%
Your personal finances	6%
Whether the economy is shrinking or growing	18%
Don't know	14%

7. How likely do you think it is that there will be an economic recession during the next twelve months?

Very likely	4%
Somewhat likely	17%
Not very likely	9%
Not at all likely	1%
Not sure	13%
Not asked - Already in a recession	56%

8. Have you heard mostly positive or mostly negative news stories about the economy, or have you not heard much news at all about the economy?

Mostly positive	8%
Equally positive and negative	26%
Mostly negative	51%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	15%

9. For you personally, which of the following do you consider the best measure of how the national economy is doing?

Asked of a randomly assigned half-sample

The stock market index	10%
The unemployment rate and job reports	15%
The prices of goods and services you buy	52%
Your personal finances	10%
Don't know	12%

10. How important is the issue of what happens in the stock market to you?

Very important	26%
Somewhat important	37%
Not very important	21%
Unimportant	15%

11. How serious a problem is unemployment in the U.S.?

Very serious	24%
Somewhat serious	36%
A minor problem	23%
Not a problem	10%
Not sure	6%

12. Since last month, has the unemployment rate increased, decreased, or stayed the same?

Increased	20%
Stayed the same	30%
Decreased	27%
Don't know	24%

13. Are the number of jobs in the United States...

Increasing	36%
Staying the same	41%
Decreasing	24%

14. Six months from now do you think there will be...

Higher gas prices	52%
The same gas prices	18%
Lower gas prices	13%
Not sure	16%

15. Six months from now do you think there will be...

A higher rate of inflation	47%
The same rate of inflation	21%
A lower rate of inflation	15%
Not sure	17%

16. Six months from now do you think there will be...

Higher interest rates	54%
The same interest rates	21%
Lower interest rates	7%
Not sure	18%

17. How much have you felt the impact of this high inflation in your own life?

A lot	49%
A little	42%
Not at all	9%

18. Do you consider the following country to be an ally or an enemy of the United States?

	Ally	Friendly	Unfriendly	Enemy	Not sure
Russia	3%	6%	23%	53%	15%
China	3%	11%	32%	36%	17%
Ukraine	28%	41%	8%	5%	18%
Germany	34%	33%	9%	4%	20%
Italy	27%	42%	7%	3%	21%
United Kingdom	50%	26%	5%	3%	16%
Turkey	8%	27%	25%	6%	34%

19. In the war between Russia and Ukraine, who do you think is currently winning?

Russia	17%
Ukraine	39%
Neither	25%
Not sure	19%

20. Who is more likely to be the eventual winner of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine?

Russia	23%
Ukraine	33%
Equally likely	13%
Not sure	30%

21. A year from now, do you think Vladimir Putin will still be the president of Russia?

Yes	35%
No	28%
Not sure	37%

22. A year from now, do you think Volodymyr Zelensky will still be the president of Ukraine?

Yes	51%
No	13%
Not sure	35%

23. How many Russian people do you think support Russia's invasion of Ukraine?

All of them	2%
Most of them	15%
About half of them	28%
A few of them	30%
None of them	5%
Not sure	20%

24. How likely do you think it is that Russian forces will use nuclear weapons in Ukraine?

Very likely	9%
Somewhat likely	32%
Not very likely	24%
Not likely at all	9%
Not sure	25%

25. Compared to five years ago, would you say there is a greater chance, a lesser chance, or about the same chance of...

	Greater	Lesser	About the same	Don't know
A new Cold War	52%	13%	19%	16%
A nuclear war	49%	13%	23%	15%

26. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following person?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Herschel Walker	14%	20%	34%	10%	24%	34%	31%
Raphael Warnock	15%	13%	28%	8%	14%	22%	50%
Ron DeSantis	26%	14%	40%	9%	26%	35%	25%
Marco Rubio	16%	19%	35%	14%	23%	37%	27%
Bennie Thompson	11%	13%	24%	7%	6%	13%	63%
Elon Musk	16%	30%	46%	21%	17%	38%	16%
Liz Cheney	13%	23%	36%	13%	25%	38%	25%
Hunter Biden	6%	16%	22%	19%	35%	54%	24%
Kanye West	10%	22%	32%	19%	33%	52%	15%

27. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following person?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Aaron Judge	16%	20%	36%	7%	3%	10%	54%
Brett Favre	11%	24%	35%	15%	18%	33%	32%
Tom Brady	15%	30%	45%	21%	14%	35%	21%

28. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following person?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Liz Truss	6%	17%	23%	10%	8%	18%	59%
King Charles III	10%	29%	39%	24%	13%	37%	24%
Boris Johnson	8%	24%	32%	21%	15%	36%	33%
Recep Tayyip Erdogan	4%	9%	13%	13%	13%	26%	61%

29. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about Hurricane Ian?

A lot	58%
A little	33%
Nothing at all	9%

30. Do you know anyone personally impacted by Hurricane Ian? Select all that apply.

Yes, me	6%
Yes, a family member	17%
Yes, a close friend	15%
Yes, an acquaintance	17%
No	50%
Prefer not to say	1%
Not sure	6%

31. Do you approve or disapprove of how the following people and organizations are handling the response to Hurricane Ian?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Not sure
The federal government	21%	34%	12%	10%	22%
Florida state government	29%	27%	12%	8%	24%
Florida Governor Ron DeSantis	30%	23%	11%	14%	21%
The Federal Emergency Management Agency	24%	36%	10%	7%	24%

32. Do you think the U.S. government should be doing more or less than it currently is in response to Hurricane Ian, or is it doing the right amount?

Should do more	36%
Doing about the right amount	39%
Should do less	4%
Not sure	21%

33. Have you ever had to evacuate your home due to severe weather such as a tornado, hurricane, wildfire, or flood?

Yes	22%
No	74%
Prefer not to say	5%

34. If the government in your local community issued an order to evacuate your home due to severe weather, would you leave your home?

Definitely would leave	30%
Probably would leave	38%
Probably would not leave	11%
Definitely would not leave	6%
Not sure	15%

35. If you thought you needed to evacuate your home due to severe weather, could you afford to leave your home and stay elsewhere for several days?

Definitely could leave	30%
Probably could leave	31%
Probably could not leave	16%
Definitely could not leave	11%
Not sure	12%

36. How much do you think Joe Biden cares about the needs and problems of people affected by Hurricane Ian?

A lot	31%
Some	29%
Not much	19%
Not at all	21%

37. Do you approve or disapprove of Joe Biden meeting Florida Governor Ron DeSantis to survey the damage and meet with people affected by Hurricane Ian?

Strongly approve	39%
Somewhat approve	29%
Somewhat disapprove	8%
Strongly disapprove	8%
Not sure	16%

38. The Cuban government has asked the U.S. government for emergency assistance to help with their recovery after Hurricane Ian. Should the U.S. provide this emergency assistance to Cuba?

Should	41%
Should not	27%
Not sure	32%

39. Do you approve or disapprove of Joe Biden traveling to Puerto Rico to survey the damage and meet with people affected by Hurricane Fiona?

Strongly approve	39%
Somewhat approve	28%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	10%
Not sure	13%

40. Have you ever tried marijuana?	
Yes	50%
No	45%
Prefer not to say	5%
41. Have you used marijuana in the past year?	
Yes	46%
No	53%
Prefer not to say	1%
42. Do you think that the use of marijuana should be made legal in the United States or not?	
Yes, it should be legal	55%
No, it should not be legal	29%
Not sure	16%
43. Do you support or oppose removing marijuana-related convictions from the records of non-violent offenders?	
Strongly support	40%
Somewhat support	24%
Somewhat oppose	12%
Strongly oppose	12%
Not sure	13%
44. President Biden recently announced he would pardon Americans who were convicted of possession of marijuana under federal law. Do you approve or disapprove of this decision?	
Strongly approve	40%
Somewhat approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	15%
Not sure	13%
45. At the request of the National Archives, the Justice Department is investigating former President Trump for his possession and handling of government documents. Do you think this investigation is fair or unfair?	
Fair	48%
Unfair	34%
Not sure	18%

46. Do you think that the following statements regarding the FBI's execution of a search warrant at former President Trump's home are true or not true?

	Definitely true	Probably true	Probably false	Definitely false	Not sure
Former President Trump was keeping sensitive national security documents at his home in Mar-a-Lago	33%	19%	15%	12%	20%
The FBI planted classified documents at former President Trump's home in Mar-a-Lago	10%	17%	15%	36%	23%
Former President Trump lied about having classified documents at his home in Mar-a-Lago	33%	17%	15%	15%	20%
Former President Trump had declassified any documents he had at Mar-a-Lago before he left the White House	18%	21%	13%	23%	24%

47. Is former President Trump being treated fairly by the U.S. court system in this matter?

Yes	44%
No	35%
Not sure	21%

48. Is former President Trump getting favorable treatment by the U.S. court system in this matter?

Yes	31%
No	42%
Not sure	27%

49. How much, if anything, have you heard in the news recently about former President Trump asking the Supreme Court to intervene in the review of documents the FBI took from his home and limit the FBI review of classified material?

A lot	24%
A little	51%
Nothing at all	25%

50. Do you think this request to the Supreme Court by former President Trump is a serious objection or a delaying tactic?

Serious objection	20%
Delaying tactic	32%
Both a serious objection and a delaying tactic	21%
Neither a serious objection nor a delaying tactic	6%
Not sure	21%

51. Do you think the Supreme Court should intervene in Donald Trump's favor in the investigation that is taking place, or not?

Should	27%
Should not	42%
Not sure	30%

52. Do you think the Justice Department should conclude their investigation into former President Trump before Election Day on November 8?

Should	45%
Should not	22%
Not sure	32%

53. Do you think the Justice Department will conclude their investigation into former President Trump before Election Day on November 8?

Will	16%
Will not	43%
Not sure	41%

54. How much attention have you been paying to the 2022 congressional elections?

A lot	34%
A little	43%
None at all	23%

55. How likely is it that you will vote in the 2022 congressional elections in November?

Definitely will vote	52%
Probably will vote	11%
Maybe will vote	9%
Probably will not vote	6%
Definitely will not vote	13%
Don't know	6%
I have already voted	2%

56. In the 2022 congressional elections, how [will you / did you] cast your vote?

Among likely voters

In person early, before election day	24%
In person on election day	40%
By mail or absentee ballot, sending it back by mail or post office	28%
By mail or absentee ballot, returning it at a vote center, elections dropbox or other official voting site	9%

57. Compared to voting in previous Congressional election years, are you more or less enthusiastic about voting in this year's election?

More enthusiastic	34%
Less enthusiastic	17%
About the same	35%
Not sure	14%

58. What is your preference for the outcome of this year's elections for the U.S. Senate?

Senate controlled by Democrats	36%
Senate controlled by Republicans	35%
Senate evenly divided between both parties	11%
No preference	18%

59. What do you expect will be the outcome of this year's elections for the U.S. Senate?

Democrats win majority in the Senate	28%
Republicans win majority in the Senate	32%
Senate remains evenly divided between both parties	12%
Not sure	29%

60. What is your preference for the outcome of this year's elections for the U.S. House of Representatives?

House controlled by Democrats	37%
House controlled by Republicans	35%
House evenly divided between both parties	10%
No preference	18%

61. What do you expect will be the outcome of this year's elections for the U.S. House of Representatives?

Democrats retain majority in the House	27%
Republicans win majority in the House	35%
House becomes evenly divided between both parties	9%
Not sure	29%

62. Do you want President Biden to run for president again in 2024?

Yes	26%
No	52%
Not sure	23%

63. Do you want Donald Trump to run for president again in 2024?

Yes	29%
No	52%
Not sure	19%

64. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	65%	27%	5%	3%
Immigration	47%	32%	15%	6%
Climate change and the environment	40%	25%	17%	19%
Foreign policy	38%	44%	13%	5%
National Security	59%	29%	8%	5%
Education	53%	33%	8%	5%
Health care	61%	27%	9%	4%
Taxes and government spending	54%	33%	9%	4%
Abortion	43%	26%	18%	14%
Civil rights	50%	28%	13%	8%
Civil liberties	50%	31%	11%	8%
Guns	51%	28%	13%	8%
Crime	59%	30%	7%	4%
Criminal justice reform	45%	35%	13%	7%
Inflation/prices	69%	21%	6%	4%

65. Which of these is the most important issue for you?

Inflation/prices	20%
Health care	11%
Jobs and the economy	10%
Climate change and the environment	10%
Immigration	8%
Civil rights	6%
National Security	6%
Abortion	6%
Guns	4%
Taxes and government spending	4%
Education	4%
Crime	4%
Civil liberties	3%
Criminal justice reform	2%
Foreign policy	1%

66. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of the following people?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Joe Biden	23%	23%	46%	10%	37%	47%	6%
Kamala Harris	15%	24%	39%	13%	38%	51%	9%
Nancy Pelosi	15%	21%	36%	14%	40%	54%	10%
Kevin McCarthy	7%	19%	26%	15%	27%	42%	32%
Mitch McConnell	5%	20%	25%	18%	37%	55%	19%
Chuck Schumer	12%	20%	32%	13%	32%	45%	23%
Donald Trump	22%	18%	40%	12%	43%	55%	6%

67. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the political parties?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
The Democratic Party	20%	22%	42%	13%	34%	47%	10%
The Republican Party	15%	23%	38%	18%	33%	51%	10%

68. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling his job as President?

Strongly approve	19%
Somewhat approve	26%
Approve	45%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	36%
Disapprove	46%
Not sure	9%

69. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Some-what approve	Approve	Some-what disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	17%	26%	43%	14%	33%	47%	11%
Education	15%	27%	42%	12%	28%	40%	17%
Health care	18%	28%	46%	14%	27%	41%	14%
Abortion	17%	21%	38%	13%	32%	45%	17%

70. Would you say Joe Biden is...

Very liberal	28%
Liberal	19%
Moderate	26%
Conservative	7%
Very conservative	4%
Not sure	15%

71. Do you think Joe Biden is honest and trustworthy, or not?

Honest and trustworthy	40%
Not honest and trustworthy	42%
Not sure	19%

72. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way that the United States Congress is handling its job?

Strongly approve	5%
Somewhat approve	17%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	14%

73. Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the following groups in Congress?

	Very favorable	Some-what favorable	Favorable	Some-what unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Democrats in Congress	17%	23%	40%	15%	33%	48%	12%
Republicans in Congress	11%	25%	36%	19%	34%	53%	11%

74. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Supreme Court of the United States is handling its job?

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	27%
Somewhat disapprove	16%
Strongly disapprove	27%
Not sure	17%

75. In general, how would you describe the political viewpoint of the Supreme Court of the United States?

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	9%
Moderate	25%
Conservative	18%
Very conservative	22%
Not sure	21%

76. Overall, do you think the economy is getting better or worse?

Getting better	12%
About the same	22%
Getting worse	52%
Not sure	13%

77. Do you think the stock market will be higher or lower 12 months from now?

Higher	18%
About the same	23%
Lower	27%
Not sure	31%

78. Would you say that you and your family are...

Better off financially than you were a year ago	11%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	37%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	41%
Not sure	11%

79. Six months from now do you think there will be...

More jobs	20%
The same amount of jobs	32%
Fewer jobs	23%
Not sure	25%

80. How worried are you about losing your job?

Very worried	14%
Somewhat worried	27%
Not very worried	59%

81. If you lost your job, how hard would it be for you to find a new job that paid as much as you are making now?

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut.	22%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	37%
Not very hard	26%
Not sure	14%

82. How happy would you say you are with your current job?

Very happy	25%
Happy	42%
Neither happy nor unhappy	23%
Unhappy	6%
Very unhappy	3%

83. In general, how would you describe your own political viewpoint?

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	15%
Moderate	29%
Conservative	18%
Very conservative	14%
Not sure	13%

84. Who did you vote for in the election for President in 2020?

Joe Biden	35%
Donald Trump	32%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	33%

85. If the election for U.S. Congress were being held today, who would you vote for in the district where you live?

Asked of those who are registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	46%
The Republican Party candidate	44%
Other	1%
Not sure	7%
I would not vote	2%

86. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a ...?

Democrats	33%
Independents	39%
Republicans	28%

87. Political Party Identification

Strong Democrat	24%
Not very strong Democrat	10%
Lean Democrat	8%
Independent	15%
Lean Republican	8%
Not very strong Republican	10%
Strong Republican	18%
Not sure	7%
Don't know	0%

88. Would you say that Joe Biden legitimately won the 2020 election, or not?

Biden legitimately won the election	63%
Biden did NOT legitimately win the election	37%

89. Are you... ?

Male	49%
Female	51%

90. Respondent age by category

Under 30	21%
30-44	24%
45-64	33%
65+	22%

91. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	13%
Other	7%

92. What is the highest level of education you have completed?

HS or less	36%
Some college	29%
College grad	22%
Postgrad	13%

93. What is your marital status?

Married	46%
Separated	2%
Divorced	12%
Widowed	5%
Never married	30%
Domestic / civil partnership	5%

94. Are you the parent or guardian of any children under the age of 18?

Yes	23%
No	77%

95. In what region of the country do you reside?

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	17%
Midwest	22%
South	38%
West	23%

96. How would you describe the place where you live?	
Urban	34%
Suburb	34%
Rural/Other	32%
97. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family's annual income?	
Under \$50K	42%
\$50-100K	28%
\$100K or more	20%
Prefer not to say	10%
98. Do you personally (or jointly with a spouse), have any money invested in the stock market right now, either in an individual stock or in a mutual fund?	
Yes	43%
No	57%

Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	October 8 - 11, 2022
Target population	U.S. Citizens, age 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, 2020 election turnout and Presidential vote, baseline party identification, and current voter registration status. Demographic weighting targets come from the 2019 American Community Survey. Baseline party identification is the respondent's most recent answer given prior to March 15, 2022, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (33% Democratic, 28% Republican). The weights range from 0.129 to 6.182, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.729.
Number of respondents	1500 1330 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.1% (adjusted for weighting) ± 2.9% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	50 questions not reported.