

The Economist/YouGov Poll

September 5 - 8, 2025 - 1644 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1644 U.S. Adult citizens
Conducted September 5 - 8, 2025
Margin of Error $\pm 3.4\%$

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

Generally headed in the right direction	35%
Off on the wrong track	57%
Not sure	8%

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

Excellent	5%
Good	22%
Fair	32%
Poor	39%
Don't know	3%

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

Getting better	23%
About the same	19%
Getting worse	54%
Not sure	4%

4. 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	10%
Equally positive and negative	23%
Mostly negative	50%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	17%

5. Is the U.S. economy doing better or worse than other countries in the world?

Much better	12%
Somewhat better	23%
About the same	15%
Somewhat worse	20%
Much worse	14%
Not sure	17%

6. How much do you trust the data reported about the economy by the federal government?

Completely trust	6%
Somewhat trust	32%
Somewhat distrust	27%
Completely distrust	21%
Don't know	15%

7. Over the next 12 months, do you think the prices for most products will. . . ?

Increase a lot	37%
Increase a little	29%
Stay about the same	14%
Decrease a little	11%
Decrease a lot	3%
Not sure	6%

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

A higher rate of inflation	50%
The same rate of inflation	19%
A lower rate of inflation	18%
Not sure	14%

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

Higher gas prices	46%
The same gas prices	22%
Lower gas prices	19%
Not sure	13%

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

Increasing	22%
Staying the same	30%
Decreasing	48%

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

Very serious	30%
Somewhat serious	36%
A minor problem	21%
Not a problem	5%
Not sure	9%

12. Which do you think is a more important problem facing the U.S. today?

Unemployment	6%
Inflation	31%
Both equal	55%
Not sure	8%

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

Higher interest rates	29%
The same interest rates	19%
Lower interest rates	29%
Not sure	23%

14. How would you describe the current state of the stock market?

Excellent	8%
Good	27%
Fair	26%
Poor	13%
Don't know	27%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	18%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	41%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	38%
Not sure	4%

16. Looking ahead, do you think that A YEAR FROM NOW you and your household will be...

Better off financially	27%
Just about the same as now	33%
Worse off financially	27%
Not sure	13%

17. Will you have enough money to pay this month's bills?

Definitely	45%
Probably	31%
Probably not	11%
Definitely not	8%
Not sure	5%

18. Do you have plans to purchase any of the following within the next year? Select all that apply.

A home	6%
An automobile	12%
A major home appliance	9%
Furniture (such as a couch or a bed)	14%
Electronics (such as a computer, smartphone, or TV)	19%
Home renovations	13%
A vacation	22%
A major medical procedure	5%
None of the above	48%

19. If you had extra money available right now, would you be more likely to spend it on a major purchase or save it for later?

Spend it now	17%
Save it for later	72%
Not sure	11%

20. Do you think that the effects of artificial intelligence (AI) on the U.S. economy will be...?

Entirely positive	3%
More positive than negative	13%
Equally positive and negative	25%
More negative than positive	29%
Entirely negative	13%
Not sure	18%

21. Overall, do you think that advances in artificial intelligence (AI) will lead to an increase or a decrease in the number of jobs available in the U.S.?

Increase	8%
Have no effect	9%
Decrease	64%
Not sure	19%

22. In the past 12 months, have you experienced an increase or a decrease in your income?

Increase	22%
No change	49%
Decrease	23%
Not sure	5%

23. How worried are you about losing your job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very worried	9%
Somewhat worried	34%
Not very worried	57%

24. 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?

Asked of those currently employed

Very hard – I would probably have to take a pay cut.	29%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	37%
Not very hard	24%
Not sure	11%

25. Do you think large corporations generally have a positive or negative effect on the U.S. economy?

Very positive	7%
Somewhat positive	24%
Neither positive nor negative	20%
Somewhat negative	21%
Very negative	13%
Not sure	15%

26. Do you own any cryptocurrency?

Yes	10%
No, but I am interested in owning some	10%
No, and I am not interested in owning any	77%
Not sure	3%

27. Who do you think is more responsible for the current state of the U.S. economy?

Joe Biden	22%
Donald Trump	57%
Neither	7%
Not sure	14%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Donald Trump	24%	18%	42%	8%	47%	55%	4%

29. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President?

Strongly approve	23%
Somewhat approve	18%
Approve	41%
Somewhat disapprove	9%
Strongly disapprove	45%
Disapprove	54%
Not sure	4%

30. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling these specific issues?

	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Approve	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	Disapprove	No opinion
Jobs and the economy	18%	20%	38%	12%	43%	55%	7%
Inflation/prices	15%	17%	32%	16%	46%	62%	6%
Immigration	34%	11%	45%	6%	43%	50%	6%
Taxes and government spending	20%	18%	37%	12%	44%	56%	7%
Health care	14%	18%	32%	11%	45%	56%	12%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Unfavorable	Don't know
Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.	14%	22%	37%	11%	39%	50%	13%
Ron DeSantis	17%	16%	33%	9%	34%	43%	24%
Eric Adams	2%	10%	12%	15%	24%	39%	48%

32. Would you say Donald Trump is a strong or a weak leader?

Very strong	32%
Somewhat strong	20%
Somewhat weak	12%
Very weak	36%

33. How would you describe Donald Trump's current overall health?

Excellent	8%
Very good	14%
Good	16%
Fair	17%
Poor	29%
Not sure	14%

34. Is Trump too old to be President?

Yes	46%
No	43%
Not sure	11%

35. How much of an effect do you think Donald Trump's health and age are having on his ability to fulfill his duties as president?

Severely limit his ability to do the job	31%
Have little effect on his ability to do the job	28%
Have no effect at all	27%
Not sure	14%

36. Does the public have a right to receive detailed information about the president's health?

Yes	69%
No	16%
Not sure	15%

37. How much do you trust information that the White House has given about President Trump's health?

A great deal	16%
Some	18%
Only a little	17%
Not at all	39%
Not sure	11%

38. Do you think that Donald Trump will attempt to serve a third term as president?

Yes	45%
No	34%
Not sure	21%

39. Do you think that Donald Trump should attempt to serve a third term as president?

Yes	13%
No	75%
Not sure	12%

40. As far as you know, does the Constitution allow Donald Trump to serve a third term as president?

Yes	5%
No	81%
Not sure	14%

41. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling investigations into Jeffrey Epstein?

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	13%
Approve	22%
Somewhat disapprove	13%
Strongly disapprove	44%
Disapprove	57%
Not sure	22%

42. Before investigations into Jeffrey Epstein began, how much do you think Donald Trump knew about sex crimes committed by Epstein against underage girls?

A lot	41%
Some	27%
Nothing	8%
Not sure	24%

43. Do you think that Donald Trump was involved in crimes allegedly committed by Jeffrey Epstein?

Yes	41%
No	34%
Not sure	25%

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

Inflation/prices	21%
Jobs and the economy	15%
Health care	13%
Immigration	9%
Civil rights	8%
National Security	6%
Climate change and the environment	5%
Civil liberties	4%
Taxes and government spending	4%
Guns	3%
Crime	3%
Abortion	2%
Education	2%
Criminal justice reform	1%
Foreign policy	1%

45. In the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, are your sympathies more with...?

The Israelis	31%
About equal	21%
The Palestinians	25%
Not sure	23%

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

The Democratic Party candidate	39%
The Republican Party candidate	36%
Other	2%
Not sure	10%
I would not vote	14%

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

Very liberal	12%
Liberal	16%
Total Liberal	29%
Moderate	30%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	11%
Total Conservative	32%
Not sure	10%

48. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	74%
Not registered	26%

49. 2024 Presidential Vote

Kamala Harris	31%
Donald Trump	32%
Other	1%
Did not vote for President	35%

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

Democrat	30%
Republican	32%
Independent	26%
Other	5%
Not sure	8%

51. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	19%
Not very strong Democrat	10%
Lean Democrat	10%
Independent	19%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	21%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

52. Do you identify as a MAGA Republican?

Asked of Republicans

Yes	48%
No	40%
Not sure	13%

53. Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

54. Respondent age by category

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

55. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

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

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

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

57. What is your marital status?

Married	38%
Separated	1%
Divorced	11%
Widowed	6%
Never married	38%
Domestic / civil partnership	6%

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

Yes	18%
No	82%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

Northeast	15%
Midwest	21%
South	42%
West	22%

60. Thinking back over the last year, what was your family's annual income?

Under \$50K	41%
\$50-100K	29%
\$100K or more	18%
Prefer not to say	12%

61. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?

More than once a week	8%
Once a week	15%
Once or twice a month	7%
A few times a year	10%
Seldom	22%
Never	36%
Don't know	2%

62. Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	29%
No	71%

63. People practice their religion in different ways. Outside of attending religious services, how often do you pray?

Several times a day	26%
Once a day	13%
A few times a week	11%
Once a week	4%
A few times a month	6%
Seldom	13%
Never	23%
Don't know	3%

64. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	29%
Roman Catholic	19%
Mormon	2%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	0%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	1%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	6%
Agnostic	5%
Nothing in particular	24%
Something else	9%

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Sponsorship	<i>The Economist</i>
Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	September 5 - 8, 2025
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.
Sample composition	1,989 started the survey after screenouts. 175 were deleted due to breakoffs, 130 were removed for interview completion time under 5 minutes, 13 were removed for attention check failures, and 27 were removed for data quality control. The reporting is based on the remaining 1,644 respondents.
Weighting	The sample was weighted according to gender, age, race, education, 2024 election turnout and presidential vote, 2020 election turnout and presidential vote, baseline party identification, and current voter registration status. 2024 presidential vote, at time of weighting was estimated to be 48% Harris and 50% Trump. Demographic weighting targets come from the 2019 American Community Survey. Baseline party identification is the respondent's most recent answer given around November 8, 2024, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (31% Democratic, 33% Republican). The weights range from 0.052 to 6.605, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 1.009.
Number of respondents	1644 1487 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.4% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	1 questions not reported.