

The Economist/YouGov Poll
October 8 - 10, 2023 - 1500 U.S. Adult citizens



Sample 1500 U.S. Adult citizens
 Conducted October 8 - 10, 2023
 Margin of Error ±3.3%

1. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way things are going in your life today?

Very satisfied	16%
Somewhat satisfied	45%
Somewhat dissatisfied	24%
Very dissatisfied	14%

2. How would you rate the following aspects of your life?

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
Financial situation	11%	30%	35%	23%
Health	13%	49%	30%	7%
Personal relationships	25%	42%	23%	10%

3. Have you experienced any of these feelings recently? Select all that apply.

Sad	39%
Angry	33%
Frustrated	54%
Bored	33%
Excited	34%
Grateful	52%
Jealous	10%
Lonely	31%
Afraid	21%
Embarrassed	16%
Hopeful	45%
Tense	34%
Happy	56%
None of the above	5%

4. Are you currently in a relationship or married?

Married	41%
In a relationship	15%
Not in a relationship	43%

5. Are you currently happy with your [marriage / relationship]?

Asked of those in a relationship or married

Very happy	59%
Somewhat happy	26%
Neither happy nor unhappy	6%
Somewhat unhappy	6%
Very unhappy	3%

6. Which of the following best describes your current employment status?

Full-time	34%
Part-time	12%
Temporarily laid off	0%
Unemployed	10%
Retired	24%
Permanently disabled	7%
Homemaker	6%
Student	4%
Other	3%

7. Do you have a job outside of school?

Asked of students

Full-time job	8%
Part-time job	37%
No job outside of school	55%

8. How much do you enjoy your job?

Asked of those currently employed

A great deal	34%
Somewhat	43%
A little	16%
Not at all	7%

9. Do you like most of the people you work with?

Asked of those currently employed

Yes	80%
No	9%
Not sure	11%

10. Do you consider yourself paid fairly or underpaid in your job?

Asked of those currently employed

Paid fairly	52%
Underpaid	39%
Not sure	8%

11. How worried are you about losing your job?

Asked of those currently employed

Very worried	7%
Somewhat worried	25%
Not very worried	68%

12. Are you seeking a job?

Asked of those who are not currently employed

Yes	19%
No	74%
Not sure	7%

13. Do you expect your total family income to increase or decrease in 2024?

Increase a lot	7%
Increase slightly	36%
Stay the same	43%
Decrease slightly	9%
Decrease a lot	5%

14. Compared to five years ago, would you say that your family's financial situation has gotten better or worse?

Much better	15%
Slightly better	20%
About the same	28%
Slightly worse	18%
Much worse	17%
Not sure	3%

15. Would you say that the amount of crime in your community is above or below the national average?

Above the national average	16%
About the same	37%
Below the national average	34%
Not sure	13%

16. Has crime increased, decreased, or stayed the same over the last year in the following places?

	Increased	Stayed the same	Decreased	Not sure
In the country as a whole	64%	18%	6%	13%
In your state	49%	29%	6%	15%
In your community	28%	49%	9%	14%
In urban areas	51%	25%	6%	18%

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

Generally headed in the right direction	22%
Off on the wrong track	64%
Not sure	15%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Hakeem Jeffries	12%	16%	7%	16%	49%
Ron DeSantis	15%	20%	10%	36%	19%
Donald Trump	23%	16%	9%	46%	6%
Kevin McCarthy	7%	17%	19%	29%	27%
Patrick McHenry	5%	12%	9%	12%	63%
Steve Scalise	10%	16%	12%	17%	45%
Jim Jordan	16%	12%	8%	23%	40%
Kevin Hern	5%	8%	6%	9%	73%
Matt Gaetz	8%	13%	10%	31%	38%

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

	Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	Don't know
Joe Biden	18%	25%	10%	44%	3%
Kamala Harris	14%	24%	10%	41%	11%
Mitch McConnell	4%	14%	22%	41%	19%
Chuck Schumer	11%	19%	12%	32%	25%

20. How important are the following issues to you?

	Very Important	Somewhat Important	Not very Important	Unimportant
Jobs and the economy	66%	29%	4%	1%
Immigration	50%	34%	13%	3%
Climate change and the environment	42%	26%	15%	17%
Foreign policy	41%	45%	12%	2%
National Security	62%	30%	7%	1%
Education	58%	32%	6%	3%
Health care	66%	27%	5%	1%
Taxes and government spending	59%	34%	6%	1%
Abortion	44%	28%	17%	10%
Civil rights	52%	32%	12%	4%

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Civil liberties	50%	36%	11%	4%
Guns	52%	30%	13%	5%
Crime	61%	29%	8%	2%
Criminal justice reform	41%	41%	13%	5%
Inflation/prices	72%	24%	4%	1%

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

Inflation/prices	22%
Health care	12%
Climate change and the environment	10%
Jobs and the economy	10%
Immigration	9%
Taxes and government spending	6%
Abortion	6%
Guns	5%
National Security	4%
Crime	4%
Civil rights	4%
Education	3%
Civil liberties	2%
Foreign policy	1%
Criminal justice reform	1%

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

Strongly approve	15%
Somewhat approve	26%
Approve	41%
Somewhat disapprove	11%
Strongly disapprove	43%
Disapprove	54%
Not sure	5%

23. 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	19%	20%	39%	12%	41%	53%	8%
Immigration	8%	22%	31%	15%	43%	58%	11%
Foreign policy	17%	21%	38%	10%	37%	47%	15%
Education	15%	26%	41%	13%	32%	45%	14%
Health care	16%	24%	40%	14%	33%	47%	13%
Civil rights	16%	24%	40%	12%	32%	44%	16%
Civil liberties	14%	24%	38%	12%	33%	45%	17%
Crime	12%	21%	33%	13%	39%	52%	15%
Inflation/prices	13%	20%	33%	12%	46%	58%	9%

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

Strongly approve	3%
Somewhat approve	12%
Neither approve nor disapprove	15%
Somewhat disapprove	23%
Strongly disapprove	38%
Not sure	8%

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

Strongly approve	12%
Somewhat approve	25%
Somewhat disapprove	19%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	14%

26. If the election for president were held today, who would you vote for?
Asked of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	41%
The Republican Party candidate	41%
Not sure	15%
I would not vote	3%

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

Asked of registered voters

The Democratic Party candidate	42%
The Republican Party candidate	41%
Other	1%
Not sure	13%
I would not vote	3%

28. Do you have a favorable or an 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	15%	21%	37%	16%	36%	52%	11%
Republicans in Congress	10%	23%	32%	19%	37%	56%	12%

29. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Chuck Schumer is handling his job as Majority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	11%
Somewhat approve	20%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	30%
Not sure	29%

30. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mitch McConnell is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. Senate?

Strongly approve	4%
Somewhat approve	15%
Somewhat disapprove	22%
Strongly disapprove	35%
Not sure	23%

31. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Hakeem Jeffries is handling his job as Minority Leader of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	14%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	10%
Strongly disapprove	19%
Not sure	41%

32. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Kevin McCarthy handled his job as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives?

Strongly approve	7%
Somewhat approve	18%
Somewhat disapprove	20%
Strongly disapprove	29%
Not sure	27%

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

Very liberal	4%
Liberal	6%
Moderate	25%
Conservative	22%
Very conservative	22%
Not sure	21%

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

Excellent	6%
Good	20%
Fair	26%
Poor	44%
Don't know	4%

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

Getting better	18%
About the same	20%
Getting worse	55%
Not sure	7%

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

Better off financially than you were a year ago	16%
About the same financially as you were a year ago	43%
Worse off financially than you were a year ago	36%
Not sure	4%

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

Unemployment	4%
Inflation	53%
Both equal	38%
Not sure	5%

38. 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	30%
Mostly negative	46%
Not heard much news about the economy at all	16%

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

Growing	21%
Staying about the same	24%
Shrinking	38%
Not sure	17%

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

Very serious	21%
Somewhat serious	36%
A minor problem	25%
Not a problem	10%
Not sure	9%

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

Increasing	36%
Staying the same	36%
Decreasing	27%

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

Higher gas prices	58%
The same gas prices	18%
Lower gas prices	10%
Not sure	15%

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

A higher rate of inflation	50%
The same rate of inflation	23%
A lower rate of inflation	14%
Not sure	13%

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

A lot	58%
A little	38%
Not at all	4%

45. 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.	30%
Somewhat hard – It might take a while before I found a job that paid as much.	37%
Not very hard	22%
Not sure	10%

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

Asked of those currently employed

Very happy	22%
Happy	41%
Neither happy nor unhappy	25%
Unhappy	7%
Very unhappy	5%

47. How much have you heard about the House of Representatives removing Kevin McCarthy as speaker?

A lot	46%
A little	35%
Nothing at all	19%

48. Do you approve or disapprove of the House of Representatives removing Kevin McCarthy as speaker?

Strongly approve	16%
Somewhat approve	21%
Somewhat disapprove	18%
Strongly disapprove	14%
Not sure	31%

49. Most Republicans in the House of Representatives voted to keep Kevin McCarthy as speaker. Do you think this was a good or a bad decision?

Good decision	32%
Bad decision	25%
Not sure	43%

50. Eight Republicans in the House of Representatives voted to remove Kevin McCarthy as speaker. Do you think this was a good or a bad decision?

Good decision	28%
Bad decision	34%
Not sure	38%

51. Democrats in the House of Representatives voted to remove Kevin McCarthy as speaker. Do you think this was a good or a bad decision?

Good decision	34%
Bad decision	25%
Not sure	41%

52. Do you think the House Republicans who voted to remove Kevin McCarthy as speaker were motivated more by...?

Serious concerns they had about McCarthy	28%
A desire to seek more power for themselves	45%
Not sure	26%

53. Do you want the next Speaker of the House to be more or less conservative than Kevin McCarthy?

More conservative	26%
About as conservative	16%
Less conservative	29%
Not sure	29%

54. If you had to choose, would you rather the next Speaker of the House of Representatives be someone who...?

Compromises to get things done	50%
Sticks to their principles, no matter what	30%
Not sure	20%

55. As Speaker of the House of Representatives, would you say that Kevin McCarthy was someone who...?

Compromised to get things done	41%
Stuck to his principles, no matter what	17%
Not sure	43%

56. As Speaker of the House of Representatives, do you think that Kevin McCarthy should have...?

Done more to work with hardline Republican members	27%
Done less to work with hardline Republican members	22%
Done about the same amount to work with hardline Republican members	14%
Not sure	38%

57. Who would you most like to serve as the next Speaker of the House of Representatives?

Patrick McHenry	2%
Matt Gaetz	2%
Steve Scalise	4%
Jim Jordan	14%
Kevin Hern	1%
Tom Emmer	1%
Donald Trump	10%
Elise Stefanik	2%
Hakeem Jeffries	16%
Someone else	2%
Not sure	45%

58. How long do you think it will be before the House of Representatives elects a new speaker?

Less than a week	7%
1 - 2 weeks	21%
2 - 3 weeks	15%
3 - 4 weeks	10%
More than a month	16%
Not sure	32%

59. Which of the following traits do you think is important for the next Speaker of the House of Representatives to have? Select all that apply.

Young	12%
Intelligent	66%
Experienced	51%
Ethical	62%
Trustworthy	70%
Strong leader	61%
Very conservative	20%
Loyal to Donald Trump	10%
Willing to work with Democrats	48%
None of the above	2%
Not sure	8%

60. Which party do you think is currently more united?

Democrats	46%
Republicans	15%
Both equally	14%
Not sure	25%

61. Do you think most Democrats in Congress want to solve the country's problems?

Yes	39%
No	41%
Not sure	20%

62. Do you think most Republicans in Congress want to solve the country's problems?

Yes	33%
No	43%
Not sure	23%

63. How much, if anything, have you heard about the news about escalating violence in Israel and Palestine?

A lot	37%
A little	45%
Nothing at all	18%

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

The Israelis	42%
About equal	22%
The Palestinians	9%
Not sure	27%

65. Which side in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict do you think the U.S. government favors?

The Israeli side	54%
Treats both sides equally	11%
The Palestinian side	5%
Not sure	31%

66. Who do you blame more for the escalation of violence in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

The Israeli side	10%
The Palestinian side	39%
Both sides equally	19%
Not sure	32%

67. Thinking about U.S. policies toward the Middle East, how important a goal should it be to protect Israel?

Very important	36%
Somewhat important	25%
Not too important	8%
Not at all important	6%
Not sure	25%

68. Do you have a favorable or an unfavorable opinion of Benjamin Netanyahu?

Very favorable	13%
Somewhat favorable	18%
Somewhat unfavorable	10%
Very unfavorable	17%
Don't know	43%

69. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden is handling the Israeli-Palestinian conflict?

Strongly approve	9%
Somewhat approve	17%
Somewhat disapprove	12%
Strongly disapprove	23%
Not sure	39%

70. How likely or unlikely do you think it is that the Israelis and Palestinians will reach a permanent peace deal in the next 20 years?

Very likely	5%
Somewhat likely	13%
Not very likely	26%
Not at all likely	29%
Not sure	27%

71. Would you support or oppose the U.S. government providing aid to the following?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
Israel	30%	23%	11%	12%	25%
Palestine	7%	14%	14%	35%	30%

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

Very liberal	11%
Liberal	16%
Moderate	31%
Conservative	21%
Very conservative	13%
Not sure	9%

73. Are you registered to vote?

Registered	73%
Not registered	27%

74. 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%

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

Democrat	34%
Republican	31%
Independent	25%
Other	3%
Not sure	7%

76. Political Party Identification

Calculated based on a series of questions about party identification

Strong Democrat	23%
Not very strong Democrat	12%
Lean Democrat	6%
Independent	18%
Lean Republican	7%
Not very strong Republican	12%
Strong Republican	19%
Not sure	3%
Don't know	0%

77. Are you...?

Male	48%
Female	52%

78. Respondent age by category

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

79. What racial or ethnic group best describes you?

White	67%
Black	13%
Hispanic	13%
Other	8%

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

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

81. What is your marital status?

Married	43%
Separated	2%
Divorced	13%
Widowed	5%
Never married	33%
Domestic / civil partnership	4%

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

Yes	23%
No	77%

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

Calculated from respondent's state of residence

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

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

Under \$50K	42%
\$50-100K	26%
\$100K or more	19%
Prefer not to say	12%

85. How important is religion in your life?

Very important	40%
Somewhat important	23%
Not too important	14%
Not at all important	24%

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

More than once a week	10%
Once a week	16%
Once or twice a month	5%
A few times a year	13%
Seldom	21%
Never	33%
Don't know	4%

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

Yes	30%
No	70%

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

Several times a day	27%
Once a day	13%
A few times a week	10%
Once a week	3%
A few times a month	7%
Seldom	14%
Never	21%
Don't know	5%

89. What is your present religion, if any?

Protestant	30%
Roman Catholic	20%
Mormon	1%
Eastern or Greek Orthodox	2%
Jewish	3%
Muslim	2%
Buddhist	1%
Hindu	0%
Atheist	5%
Agnostic	7%
Nothing in particular	23%
Something else	6%

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Fieldwork	YouGov
Interviewing Dates	October 8 - 10, 2023
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 November 1, 2022, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (33% Democratic, 31% Republican). The weights range from 0.051 to 6.516, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.827.
Number of respondents	1500 1319 (Registered voters)
Margin of error	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting) ± 3.1% (Registered voters)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	41 questions not reported.