

# Daily Survey: Tax Questions

## April 11 - 18, 2022 - 1000 US Adult Citizens



### 1. When taxes filed

The tax filing deadline for 2021 income is April 18 this year. When did you or will you file your taxes this year?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
On or before April 15	58%	57%	59%	49%	55%	61%	64%	63%	46%	48%	51%
April 16, 17, or 18	11%	13%	10%	12%	10%	13%	10%	10%	12%	10%	26%
Sometime after April 18	6%	6%	6%	6%	9%	4%	5%	5%	8%	9%	7%
I will not file taxes this year	15%	14%	16%	19%	10%	16%	17%	13%	26%	19%	8%
Prefer not to say	10%	10%	9%	13%	17%	6%	4%	9%	8%	14%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(999)	(475)	(524)	(185)	(200)	(379)	(235)	(715)	(129)	(86)	(69)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
On or before April 15	58%	56%	58%	61%	60%	65%	53%	71%	58%	63%	64%	53%	55%
April 16, 17, or 18	11%	16%	9%	10%	15%	11%	8%	16%	14%	9%	11%	11%	14%
Sometime after April 18	6%	9%	5%	4%	9%	5%	4%	6%	13%	8%	6%	4%	7%
I will not file taxes this year	15%	15%	16%	15%	12%	12%	27%	4%	6%	13%	13%	20%	12%
Prefer not to say	10%	5%	13%	10%	4%	8%	8%	3%	10%	7%	5%	12%	12%
Totals	100%	101%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(999)	(316)	(436)	(247)	(363)	(344)	(432)	(267)	(183)	(180)	(202)	(392)	(225)

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## 2. Method of filing

Do you prepare your taxes yourself or do you have someone else prepare them for you?

*Asked of those who will file taxes this year*

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Prepare taxes yourself	49%	49%	49%	52%	47%	50%	45%	50%	39%	44%	55%
Someone else prepares them for you	42%	41%	43%	31%	39%	45%	52%	43%	52%	33%	36%
Prefer not to say	9%	10%	8%	17%	14%	4%	3%	7%	10%	23%	8%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%
Unweighted N	(843)	(406)	(437)	(150)	(180)	(318)	(195)	(614)	(95)	(71)	(63)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Prepare taxes yourself	49%	53%	48%	44%	53%	50%	46%	54%	55%	41%	47%	46%	59%
Someone else prepares them for you	42%	41%	39%	49%	42%	46%	42%	42%	42%	50%	45%	42%	35%
Prefer not to say	9%	6%	12%	6%	5%	4%	11%	4%	3%	8%	8%	12%	6%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(843)	(265)	(367)	(211)	(315)	(307)	(315)	(257)	(173)	(158)	(173)	(315)	(197)

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**3. Self tax filing method**

How did you prepare your taxes?

*Asked of those who are preparing their own taxes*

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Tax preparation software	88%	86%	90%	87%	89%	87%	90%	90%	85%	89%	79%
Paper forms and schedules from the IRS	11%	13%	9%	11%	11%	12%	10%	10%	12%	11%	17%
Prefer not to say	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%	0%	3%	0%	5%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(413)	(200)	(213)	(73)	(88)	(162)	(90)	(308)	(39)	(32)	(34)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Tax preparation software	88%	82%	91%	92%	87%	89%	86%	89%	88%	90%	85%	90%	87%
Paper forms and schedules from the IRS	11%	18%	8%	8%	13%	11%	14%	11%	10%	10%	13%	9%	13%
Prefer not to say	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	0%	2%	1%	0%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(413)	(138)	(181)	(94)	(169)	(153)	(147)	(138)	(98)	(67)	(80)	(151)	(115)

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## 4. Your taxes

Would you say that you currently:

*Asked of those who will file taxes this year*

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Pay more in taxes than I did last year	31%	34%	27%	28%	28%	31%	36%	31%	32%	22%	36%
Pay less in taxes than I did last year	14%	12%	15%	19%	14%	12%	12%	14%	13%	15%	13%
Pay about the same amount in taxes as I did last year	36%	37%	34%	27%	31%	42%	41%	38%	30%	32%	26%
Not sure	20%	16%	23%	26%	27%	15%	11%	16%	25%	30%	24%
Totals	101%	99%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	99%
Unweighted N	(845)	(407)	(438)	(151)	(180)	(319)	(195)	(615)	(95)	(72)	(63)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Pay more in taxes than I did last year	31%	31%	29%	33%	30%	37%	26%	34%	39%	35%	33%	29%	28%
Pay less in taxes than I did last year	14%	16%	14%	12%	16%	12%	15%	16%	14%	18%	13%	11%	16%
Pay about the same amount in taxes as I did last year	36%	34%	36%	38%	38%	38%	37%	37%	35%	31%	33%	34%	44%
Not sure	20%	19%	21%	17%	16%	13%	22%	13%	11%	16%	20%	26%	13%
Totals	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	99%	100%	101%
Unweighted N	(845)	(266)	(368)	(211)	(315)	(307)	(316)	(257)	(173)	(158)	(173)	(317)	(197)

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**5. Complicated tax system**

Do you think the federal tax system:

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Is too complicated	61%	65%	58%	49%	49%	66%	80%	66%	49%	48%	64%
Is NOT too complicated	17%	16%	17%	19%	21%	17%	9%	15%	25%	18%	18%
Not sure	22%	19%	25%	32%	29%	17%	11%	19%	26%	34%	18%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(1,000)	(476)	(524)	(185)	(200)	(380)	(235)	(716)	(129)	(86)	(69)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Is too complicated	61%	64%	58%	65%	68%	73%	58%	71%	59%	64%	65%	59%	60%
Is NOT too complicated	17%	18%	15%	18%	17%	16%	18%	15%	21%	20%	14%	17%	15%
Not sure	22%	18%	28%	17%	15%	11%	23%	15%	20%	16%	21%	23%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%
Unweighted N	(1,000)	(316)	(437)	(247)	(363)	(344)	(433)	(267)	(183)	(180)	(203)	(392)	(225)

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## 6. Itemize deductions

In regards to your federal income taxes this year, did you or will you:

*Asked of those who will file taxes this year*

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Itemize your personal deductions	18%	21%	16%	15%	12%	21%	25%	17%	17%	21%	27%
Take the standard deduction	52%	51%	53%	36%	48%	60%	60%	56%	45%	42%	41%
Not file a federal income tax return	2%	3%	2%	7%	2%	1%	0%	2%	2%	2%	5%
Prefer not to say	8%	7%	9%	13%	11%	5%	4%	7%	5%	12%	8%
Not sure	19%	18%	20%	29%	26%	13%	12%	17%	31%	22%	18%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%	101%	99%	100%	99%	99%
Unweighted N	(846)	(407)	(439)	(152)	(180)	(319)	(195)	(615)	(95)	(73)	(63)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Itemize your personal deductions	18%	18%	18%	20%	20%	22%	11%	20%	32%	22%	14%	16%	23%
Take the standard deduction	52%	58%	45%	57%	59%	57%	55%	61%	47%	55%	56%	50%	49%
Not file a federal income tax return	2%	2%	4%	1%	1%	1%	4%	3%	1%	3%	3%	3%	1%
Prefer not to say	8%	5%	9%	9%	6%	8%	6%	4%	6%	8%	6%	8%	8%
Not sure	19%	16%	24%	14%	14%	12%	24%	12%	13%	13%	21%	22%	19%
Totals	99%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	101%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(846)	(266)	(369)	(211)	(315)	(307)	(316)	(257)	(173)	(158)	(173)	(318)	(197)

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**7. Wealthy people's taxes**

Would you say that most wealthy people currently:

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Pay more in taxes than they did 10 years ago	20%	24%	17%	23%	24%	16%	21%	20%	18%	21%	31%
Pay less in taxes than they did 10 years ago	40%	42%	39%	37%	29%	48%	44%	42%	46%	29%	33%
Pay about the same amount in taxes as they did 10 years ago	14%	13%	15%	11%	14%	15%	15%	14%	9%	17%	15%
Not sure	25%	21%	29%	28%	32%	21%	21%	24%	27%	33%	21%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(991)	(471)	(520)	(182)	(199)	(376)	(234)	(710)	(128)	(85)	(68)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Pay more in taxes than they did 10 years ago	20%	12%	20%	33%	10%	34%	16%	26%	24%	24%	17%	20%	21%
Pay less in taxes than they did 10 years ago	40%	61%	34%	26%	65%	25%	40%	45%	40%	41%	43%	37%	43%
Pay about the same amount in taxes as they did 10 years ago	14%	9%	15%	17%	10%	19%	15%	14%	17%	13%	14%	13%	15%
Not sure	25%	18%	31%	24%	15%	22%	29%	15%	19%	21%	25%	29%	21%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(991)	(314)	(432)	(245)	(363)	(340)	(428)	(265)	(181)	(178)	(201)	(388)	(224)

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**8. Middle-class people's taxes**

Would you say that most middle-class people currently:

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Pay more in taxes than they did 10 years ago	53%	54%	52%	37%	46%	60%	68%	56%	51%	44%	48%
Pay less in taxes than they did 10 years ago	9%	9%	10%	18%	9%	7%	5%	9%	9%	7%	17%
Pay about the same amount in taxes as they did 10 years ago	10%	12%	9%	11%	8%	11%	10%	12%	5%	9%	10%
Not sure	27%	25%	29%	34%	38%	22%	16%	23%	35%	39%	25%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(993)	(471)	(522)	(185)	(200)	(376)	(232)	(711)	(129)	(84)	(69)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Pay more in taxes than they did 10 years ago	53%	55%	49%	60%	59%	63%	49%	67%	52%	53%	55%	54%	50%
Pay less in taxes than they did 10 years ago	9%	11%	8%	10%	10%	10%	10%	11%	10%	10%	10%	8%	10%
Pay about the same amount in taxes as they did 10 years ago	10%	11%	10%	9%	11%	10%	10%	9%	14%	15%	10%	8%	11%
Not sure	27%	23%	33%	20%	21%	18%	31%	12%	24%	22%	24%	30%	29%
Totals	99%	100%	100%	99%	101%	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(993)	(314)	(433)	(246)	(361)	(340)	(431)	(266)	(180)	(179)	(199)	(390)	(225)



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## 9. Poor people's taxes

Would you say that most poor people currently:

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Pay more in taxes than they did 10 years ago	37%	38%	36%	40%	38%	36%	33%	35%	49%	31%	40%
Pay less in taxes than they did 10 years ago	17%	19%	15%	13%	10%	17%	28%	19%	9%	14%	21%
Pay about the same amount in taxes as they did 10 years ago	17%	19%	15%	17%	16%	19%	14%	17%	13%	20%	20%
Not sure	29%	25%	34%	31%	36%	27%	25%	30%	29%	35%	19%
Totals	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%	99%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(997)	(475)	(522)	(182)	(200)	(380)	(235)	(715)	(128)	(85)	(69)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Pay more in taxes than they did 10 years ago	37%	47%	32%	32%	45%	30%	43%	40%	28%	37%	38%	37%	35%
Pay less in taxes than they did 10 years ago	17%	9%	18%	25%	10%	32%	11%	23%	25%	20%	15%	15%	19%
Pay about the same amount in taxes as they did 10 years ago	17%	18%	17%	15%	21%	14%	14%	20%	23%	15%	17%	17%	18%
Not sure	29%	26%	33%	28%	24%	24%	32%	17%	24%	28%	30%	31%	28%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(997)	(315)	(435)	(247)	(363)	(344)	(431)	(267)	(183)	(179)	(203)	(390)	(225)

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**10. Presidents tax returns**

Generally speaking, do you think the President of the United States should release his or her tax returns?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes	64%	66%	61%	52%	61%	69%	69%	65%	67%	55%	59%
No	16%	18%	14%	18%	16%	15%	17%	16%	15%	20%	17%
Not sure	20%	16%	24%	30%	23%	16%	14%	19%	18%	25%	24%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(998)	(476)	(522)	(183)	(200)	(380)	(235)	(716)	(128)	(85)	(69)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	64%	82%	59%	49%	83%	50%	63%	59%	73%	71%	61%	60%	68%
No	16%	7%	17%	26%	6%	29%	15%	21%	15%	14%	15%	19%	14%
Not sure	20%	11%	24%	25%	11%	22%	22%	20%	12%	16%	24%	22%	18%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(998)	(315)	(436)	(247)	(363)	(344)	(432)	(267)	(183)	(180)	(203)	(390)	(225)

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**11. State and Federal Employees**

Should state and federal employees be exempt from income taxes?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes	16%	18%	15%	27%	28%	8%	6%	11%	26%	27%	28%
No	84%	82%	85%	73%	72%	92%	94%	89%	74%	73%	72%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(991)	(473)	(518)	(182)	(198)	(376)	(235)	(710)	(128)	(84)	(69)

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	16%	17%	17%	14%	14%	14%	15%	17%	18%	20%	12%	16%	20%
No	84%	83%	83%	86%	86%	86%	85%	83%	82%	80%	88%	84%	80%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(991)	(313)	(433)	(245)	(362)	(342)	(428)	(265)	(183)	(180)	(202)	(386)	(223)

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**12. Increase Income Tax**

Would you favor increasing income taxes as a means of balancing the national budget?

	Total	Gender		Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
		Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes	23%	26%	20%	29%	19%	26%	18%	23%	19%	29%	23%
No	51%	50%	51%	31%	50%	53%	67%	55%	43%	31%	54%
No opinion	26%	24%	28%	40%	31%	21%	16%	22%	38%	41%	23%
Totals	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%	101%	100%
Unweighted N	(993)	(473)	(520)	(181)	(200)	(377)	(235)	(714)	(127)	(84)	(68)

	Total	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region			
		Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	23%	40%	18%	11%	40%	7%	22%	24%	31%	28%	21%	22%	22%
No	51%	34%	52%	70%	35%	78%	47%	59%	49%	45%	54%	50%	52%
No opinion	26%	26%	30%	19%	25%	15%	31%	17%	20%	27%	24%	27%	26%
Totals	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(993)	(313)	(433)	(247)	(361)	(344)	(430)	(266)	(183)	(180)	(203)	(386)	(224)

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**13. National Sales Tax**

Would you favor a national sales tax as a means of balancing the national budget?

	Gender			Age (4 category)				Race (4 category)			
	Total	Male	Female	18-29	30-44	45-64	65+	White	Black	Hispanic	Other
Yes	23%	28%	18%	26%	24%	24%	18%	21%	27%	25%	25%
No	52%	52%	52%	36%	44%	56%	68%	57%	40%	35%	53%
No opinion	26%	20%	31%	38%	32%	20%	14%	22%	33%	39%	22%
Totals	101%	100%	101%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	100%
Unweighted N	(988)	(471)	(517)	(181)	(197)	(376)	(234)	(709)	(126)	(84)	(69)

  

	Party ID			2020 Vote		Family Income (3 category)			Census Region				
	Total	Dem	Ind	Rep	Biden	Trump	< \$50K	\$50-100K	\$100K+	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Yes	23%	27%	22%	18%	32%	16%	20%	29%	29%	29%	17%	23%	24%
No	52%	44%	50%	64%	44%	69%	52%	53%	48%	51%	59%	49%	50%
No opinion	26%	29%	27%	18%	24%	14%	28%	18%	23%	20%	25%	28%	26%
Totals	101%	100%	99%	100%	100%	99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	101%	100%	100%
Unweighted N	(988)	(313)	(430)	(245)	(361)	(341)	(425)	(267)	(181)	(179)	(201)	(388)	(220)

# Daily Survey: Tax Questions

April 11 - 18, 2022 - 1000 US Adult Citizens



<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	April 11 - 18, 2022
<b>Target population</b>	U.S. Citizens, aged 18 and over.
<b>Sampling method</b>	Respondents were selected from YouGov's opt-in Internet panel using sample matching. A random sample (stratified by gender, age, race, education, geographic region, and voter registration) was selected from the 2018 American Community Study. Voter registration was imputed from the November 2018 Current Population Survey Registration and Voting Supplement.
<b>Weighting</b>	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, news interest, and 2020 Presidential vote (or non-vote). The weights range from 0.366 to 4.458, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.374.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	1000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	60 questions not reported.