

# YouGov Survey: Cheating



Sample 2000 U.S. Adult Citizens  
Conducted September 15 - 22, 2022  
Margin of Error ±2.4%

## 1. Monogamy is a relationship in which both partners agree not to have any other partners. What is your personal attitude toward monogamy in relationships?

I would only ever consider being in a monogamous relationship	66%
I would consider being in a monogamous or non-monogamous relationship	15%
I would only ever consider being in a non-monogamous relationship	3%
I wouldn't consider any type of relationship	6%
Not sure	10%

## 2. Have you ever been in a monogamous relationship with someone?

Yes	78%
No	22%

## 3. Throughout your life, how many monogamous relationships have you been in?

0	23%
1	23%
2	15%
3	14%
4	8%
5	7%
6	3%
7	1%
8	1%
9	0%
10 or more	4%

## 4. Are you currently in a monogamous relationship with someone?

Yes	51%
No	49%

## 5. Which best describes your relationship status?

*Asked of people currently in a monogamous relationship*

Married	72%
Living together, but not married	16%
Not living together, but in a serious relationship	8%
In a casual relationship	3%
None of the above	1%

## 6. Have you ever been in a non-monogamous or open relationship?

Yes	23%
No	77%

7. Would you consider each of the following to be cheating, if done by a person who is in a monogamous relationship?

	Yes, it is cheating	No, it is not cheating
Forming an intense emotional attachment to another person	73%	27%
Lying about spending time with another person	80%	20%
Flirting with another person	55%	45%
Sending suggestive online messages to another person	83%	17%
Sharing your most private thoughts and feelings with another person	46%	54%
Falling in love with another person	82%	18%
Sending nude photos of themselves to another person	90%	10%
Holding hands with another person	64%	36%
Kissing another person	81%	19%
Having sex with another person	93%	7%

8. As far as you know, has anyone ever cheated on their partner with you?

Yes, physically	11%
Yes, emotionally	6%
Yes, both physically and emotionally	24%
No	52%
Prefer not to say	6%

9. When you first became involved with the person, were you aware that they were in a monogamous relationship with someone else?

*Asked of people who have been with someone who was cheating on their partner*

Yes	41%
No	42%
Not sure	12%
Prefer not to say	4%

10. Have you ever cheated on a partner while in a monogamous relationship?

*Asked of people who have ever been in a monogamous relationship*

Yes, physically	12%
Yes, emotionally	6%
Yes, both physically and emotionally	15%
No	63%
Prefer not to say	4%

11. In how many of the monogamous relationships that you've been in have you cheated on the other person physically or emotionally?

*Asked of people who have ever been in a monogamous relationship*

0 .....	64%
1 .....	19%
2 .....	7%
3 .....	2%
4 .....	1%
5 .....	1%
6 .....	1%
7 .....	0%
8 .....	0%
9 .....	0%
10 or more .....	0%
Prefer not to say .....	6%

12. Thinking about the last relationship in which you cheated physically or emotionally, how many different people did you cheat on your partner with?

*Asked of people who have cheated on a partner*

1 .....	59%
2 .....	16%
3 .....	7%
4 .....	2%
5 .....	2%
6 .....	3%
7 .....	3%
8 .....	0%
9 .....	0%
10 or more .....	2%
Prefer not to say .....	5%

13. Have you ever had a partner accuse you of cheating when you weren't cheating on them?

*Asked of people who have been in a monogamous relationship*

Yes .....	43%
No .....	57%

14. Has a partner ever found out that you were cheating on them, either because you told them or some other way?

*Asked of people who have cheated on a partner*

Yes .....	57%
No .....	39%
Prefer not to say .....	4%

15. Did you ever want a partner to find out that you were cheating on them?

*Asked of people who have cheated on a partner*

Yes .....	25%
No .....	71%
Prefer not to say .....	4%

16. Has a partner whom you cheated on ever NOT found out that you were cheating on them?

*Asked of people who have cheated on a partner*

Yes .....	57%
No .....	36%
Prefer not to say .....	7%

17. Have you ever had a partner break up with you because you cheated on them?

*Asked of people who have cheated on a partner*

Yes .....	29%
No .....	67%
Prefer not to say .....	4%

18. Have you ever broken up with a partner as a result of having cheated on them?

*Asked of people who have cheated on a partner*

Yes .....	43%
No .....	54%
Prefer not to say .....	3%

19. Have you ever gotten back together with a partner who broke up with you because of cheating?

*Asked of people who have had a partner break up with them because of cheating*

Yes .....	58%
No .....	38%
Prefer not to say .....	4%

20. Have you ever cheated on your current partner?

*Asked of people currently in a monogamous relationship*

Yes, physically .....	5%
Yes, emotionally .....	3%
Yes, both physically and emotionally .....	4%
No .....	86%
Prefer not to say .....	2%

**21. Have you ever been cheated on while in a monogamous relationship?**

*Asked of people who have ever been in a monogamous relationship*

Yes, physically .....	14%
Yes, emotionally .....	6%
Yes, both physically and emotionally .....	34%
No .....	42%
Prefer not to say .....	3%

**22. In how many of the monogamous relationships that you've been in have you been cheated on by the other person, physically or emotionally?**

*Asked of people who have ever been in a monogamous relationship*

0 .....	43%
1 .....	30%
2 .....	13%
3 .....	5%
4 .....	2%
5 .....	1%
6 .....	0%
7 .....	0%
8 .....	0%
9 .....	0%
10 or more .....	0%
Prefer not to say .....	6%

**23. Thinking about the last time you found out that a partner cheated on you, are you glad that you found out?**

*Asked of people who have been cheated on*

Yes .....	81%
No .....	14%
Prefer not to say .....	5%

**24. Have you ever broken up with a partner who cheated on you?**

*Asked of people who have been cheated on*

Yes .....	75%
No .....	21%
Prefer not to say .....	4%

**25. Have you ever been broken up with by a partner as a result of their having cheated on you?**

*Asked of people who have been cheated on*

Yes .....	52%
No .....	45%
Prefer not to say .....	3%

**26. Have you ever gotten back together with a partner who cheated on you?**

*Asked of people who have broken up with a partner because of cheating*

Yes .....	39%
No .....	59%
Prefer not to say .....	2%

**27. Have you ever been cheated on by your current partner?**

*Asked of people currently in a monogamous relationship*

Yes, physically .....	4%
Yes, emotionally .....	5%
Yes, both physically and emotionally .....	6%
No .....	82%
Prefer not to say .....	3%

<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	September 15 - 19, 2022   September 19 - 22, 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 0.267 to 5.141, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.409.
<b>Number of respondents</b>	2000
<b>Margin of error</b>	± 2.4% (adjusted for weighting)
<b>Survey mode</b>	Web-based interviews
<b>Questions not reported</b>	45 questions not reported.