

YouGov Survey: Debt Relief



Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens
Conducted August 29 - September 5, 2022
Margin of Error ±3.3%

1. Have you personally EVER had any of the following types of debt?

Undergraduate student loan debt	25%
Graduate student loan debt	12%
Medical debt	36%
Credit card debt	61%
Mortgage debt	43%
Auto loan debt	53%
Business loan debt	6%
Paycheck Protection Program loan debt	4%
Other personal debt	5%
I've never had any debt	17%

2. Do you CURRENTLY have any of the following types of debt?

Asked of people who say they have ever had debt

Undergraduate student loan debt	14%
Graduate student loan debt	6%
Medical debt	18%
Credit card debt	45%
Mortgage debt	28%
Auto loan debt	24%
Business loan debt	1%
Paycheck Protection Program loan debt	2%
\$other_debt	6%
I don't currently have any debt	22%

3. How much stress, if any, does your debt currently cause you?

Asked of people who currently have debt

A great deal	16%
A lot	15%
A moderate amount	25%
A little	28%
None at all	16%

4. Have you ever successfully filed for personal bankruptcy?

Yes	16%
No	80%
Prefer not to say	4%

5. Would you support or oppose the government providing some relief to people with the following types of debt?

	Strongly support	Somewhat support	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	Not sure
Undergraduate student loan debt	30%	19%	12%	26%	13%
Graduate student loan debt	27%	21%	13%	29%	11%
Medical debt	41%	26%	10%	13%	10%
Credit card debt	16%	16%	18%	35%	14%
Mortgage debt	18%	23%	15%	28%	15%
Auto loan debt	13%	16%	19%	38%	15%
Business loan debt	14%	20%	19%	30%	17%
Paycheck Protection Program loan debt	16%	18%	13%	28%	25%

6. Which of the following types of debt do you think the government should prioritize relief for most, assuming they aren't able to provide relief for all?

Asked of people who supported relief of at least one of these types of debt in the previous questions

Undergraduate student loan debt	17%
Graduate student loan debt	7%
Medical debt	52%
Credit card debt	5%
Mortgage debt	7%
Auto loan debt	3%
Business loan debt	3%
Paycheck Protection Program loan debt	5%

7. Bankruptcy is a legal process through which people who cannot repay debts to creditors may seek relief. To your knowledge, which of the following types of debt are people in the U.S. allowed to have canceled when filing for Chapter 7 bankruptcy? Select all that apply.

Undergraduate student loan debt	10%
Graduate student loan debt	9%
Medical debt	35%
Credit card debt	42%
Mortgage debt	26%
Auto loan debt	29%
Business loan debt	26%
Paycheck Protection Program loan debt	13%
None of the above	4%
Not sure	39%

8. Which of the following types of debt do you think people in the U.S. should be allowed to have canceled when filing for Chapter 7 bankruptcy? Select all that apply.

Undergraduate student loan debt	33%
Graduate student loan debt	31%
Medical debt	57%
Credit card debt	41%
Mortgage debt	32%
Auto loan debt	29%
Business loan debt	28%
Paycheck Protection Program loan debt	21%
None of the above	9%
Not sure	20%

Interviewing Dates	August 29 - September 5, 2022
Target population	U.S. Citizens, aged 18 and over.
Sampling method	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.
Weighting	The sample was weighted based on gender, age, race, education, news interest, and 2020 Presidential vote (or non-vote). The weights range from 0.337 to 4.416, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.385.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	56 questions not reported.