

Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens
 Conducted July 20 - 22, 2022
 Margin of Error ±3.6%

1. How important is the issue of legal immigration to you?

Very important	41%
Somewhat important	36%
Not very important	16%
Unimportant	7%

2. On average, about 1 million people each year obtain lawful permanent status to live in the U.S. Do you think the federal government should increase or decrease the level of LEGAL immigration into the United States, or leave the level the same?

Asked of a randomly selected half of respondents

Increase LEGAL immigration	31%
Not change the level of LEGAL immigration	31%
Decrease LEGAL immigration	21%
Not sure	17%

3. Do you think the federal government should increase or decrease the level of LEGAL immigration into the United States, or leave the level the same?

Asked of a randomly selected half of respondents

Increase LEGAL immigration	27%
Not change the level of LEGAL immigration	32%
Decrease LEGAL immigration	23%
Not sure	18%

4. In general, do you think immigration has made the United States...?

Better off	42%
Hasn't made much difference	16%
Worse off	25%
Not sure	18%

5. Do you think the government should give a higher priority to accepting immigration applications from the following types of people?

	Should give higher priority	Should not give higher priority
People who already speak English	53%	47%
People who have a close family member already living in the country	55%	45%
People who have a close family member who is already a citizen	63%	37%
People who have enough money to start a new business when they arrive	49%	51%
People who have enough money to employ other people when they arrive	46%	54%

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People who are trying to escape from areas devastated by war	70%	30%
People who are trying to escape from areas with poor economies	50%	50%

6. If the sibling of a U.S. adult citizen applies for a green card to the U.S. from Mexico, how long do you think it would take for their application to be approved?

Less than 6 months	15%
Around 6 months	14%
Around 1 year	21%
Around 3 years	15%
Around 5 years	9%
Around 7 years	4%
Around 10 years	2%
Around 15 years	1%
More than 15 years	1%
Not sure	17%

7. If the sibling of a U.S. adult citizen applies for a green card to the U.S. from Mexico, how long do you think it should take for their application to be approved?

Less than 6 months	26%
Around 6 months	19%
Around 1 year	22%
Around 3 years	8%
Around 5 years	5%
Around 7 years	2%
Around 10 years	1%
Around 15 years	0%
More than 15 years	1%
Not sure	15%

8. When businesses say they are having trouble finding Americans to take jobs in construction, manufacturing, hospitality, and other service work, what do you think they should do?

They should raise wages and try harder to recruit Americans even if it causes the prices of their products to rise	50%
They should recruit immigrant workers to help keep business costs and prices down	22%
Not sure	28%

9. Now we're going to present you with a few statements relating to immigrants in the United States, and we'd like you to tell us whether you think they're true or false.

	True	False	Not sure
The United States has the most open immigration policy in the world	46%	34%	21%
Most immigrants here illegally have lived in the U.S. for less than five years	31%	39%	30%
Immigrants here illegally are more likely to commit serious crimes than native-born Americans are	29%	51%	20%
Immigrants today make up about the same share of the population as they did 100 years ago	19%	54%	27%
If migration to the U.S. were to stop, the U.S. population would begin to shrink	44%	34%	22%
Nearly half of Fortune 500 companies were founded by immigrants or children of immigrants	47%	16%	38%
More people migrate to the U.S. than from it each year	76%	7%	17%

10. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? - Immigrants generally work harder than people born in the US

Definitely disagree	9%
Tend to disagree	10%
Neither agree nor disagree	37%
Tend to agree	32%
Definitely agree	13%

11. With respect to legal immigration, do you think Biden's administration's policies have been... ?

Too hard	12%
About right	28%
Not hard enough	26%
Not sure	34%

12. Do you currently live in a community with...

Many new immigrants	18%
Some new immigrants	28%
Only a few new immigrants	17%
Almost no new immigrants	14%
Not sure	24%

13. To your knowledge, how many of your family members immigrated to the U.S. in the last 100 years?

None of them	41%
One of them	6%
A few of them	24%
Many of them	10%
All of them	3%
Not sure	15%

14. Do you personally know anyone who is living in the United States illegally? Select all that apply.

Yes, a family member	4%
Yes, a friend	10%
Yes, an acquaintance	15%
No	53%
Not sure	16%
Prefer not to say	6%

15. Have you personally ever hired someone, either for a permanent or temporary role (including housekeepers, landscapers, and caregivers) who you thought might be here illegally?

Yes	9%
No	76%
Not sure	11%
Prefer not to say	4%

16. How important is the issue of illegal immigration to you?

Very important	41%
Somewhat important	30%
Not very important	21%
Unimportant	8%

17. How serious a problem is illegal immigration in the U.S. as a whole?

Very serious	40%
Somewhat serious	23%
A minor problem	20%
Not a problem	8%
Not sure	9%

18. How serious a problem is illegal immigration in your LOCAL community?

Very serious	13%
Somewhat serious	20%
A minor problem	21%
Not a problem	27%
Not sure	19%

19. Which comes closest to your view about illegal immigrants who are living in the U.S.? Should they be...

Allowed to stay in the U.S. and eventually apply for citizenship	40%
Allowed to stay in the U.S., but not become citizens	10%
Required to leave the U.S.	34%
Not sure	16%

20. Should the following groups of immigrants who have come to the U.S. illegally be...

	Allowed to stay in the U.S. and eventually apply for citizenship	Allowed to stay in the U.S., but not allowed to apply for citizenship	Required to leave the U.S.	Not sure
A person who came here as a 5-year-old	63%	11%	16%	10%
A person who came here as a teenager	55%	10%	21%	13%

21. Would you support or oppose allowing immigrants who are here illegally to..?

	Support	Oppose	Not sure
Have a driver's license	45%	43%	12%
Have a social security card	35%	53%	12%
Vote in local elections	23%	63%	14%
Vote in school board elections	24%	62%	14%
Vote in state and national elections	19%	67%	13%
Be eligible for government benefits	25%	58%	16%

22. Which comes closest to your view?

Illegal immigrants take jobs that Americans don't want	53%
Illegal immigrants take jobs that are wanted by Americans	25%
Not sure	22%

23. If a large number of illegal immigrants are caught and detained at the border, do you see this as a sign that U.S. immigration policy is working as intended, or as a sign that it is failing?

Working as intended	36%
Failing	36%
Not sure	28%

24. Currently, do you think immigrants being detained near the U.S.-Mexico border are being treated humanely or inhumanely by U.S. officials?

Humanely	38%
Inhumanely	34%
Not sure	28%

25. With respect to illegal immigration, do you think Biden’s administration’s policies have been... ?

Too hard	10%
About right	22%
Not hard enough	41%
Not sure	27%

26. How much have you heard about the Biden administration’s decision to end border restrictions enacted during the pandemic, known as Title 42, that enable the U.S. to block migrants from entering the country based on public-health concerns?

A lot	22%
A little	45%
Nothing at all	33%

27. Do you support or oppose removing pandemic-era Title 42 immigration restrictions?

Asked of people who have heard about Title 42

Support	27%
Oppose	46%
Not sure	26%

28. Do you support or oppose building a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border to try to stop illegal immigration?

Support	47%
Oppose	39%
Not sure	14%

YouGov Survey: Immigration



Interviewing Dates	July 20 - 22, 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 0.208 to 6.503, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.591.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.6% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	51 questions not reported.