

YouGov Survey: Inflation



Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens
 Conducted October 28 - 31, 2022
 Margin of Error ±3.4%

1. How would you describe the current state of the...?

Asked of a random half of respondents

| | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Don't know |
|------------------|-----------|------|------|------|------------|
| American economy | 4% | 14% | 33% | 45% | 4% |
| Global economy | 2% | 8% | 37% | 36% | 17% |
| European economy | 2% | 12% | 26% | 28% | 32% |
| UK economy | 3% | 10% | 23% | 34% | 30% |

2. Do you think the problem of inflation is currently affecting...?

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| Mostly just the U.S. | 20% |
| Many parts of the world | 67% |
| Neither | 5% |
| Not sure | 8% |

3. How well do you personally understand the causes of inflation in the U.S. today?

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| Very well | 24% |
| Somewhat well | 48% |
| Not very well | 23% |
| Not at all | 6% |

4. How well do you personally understand the solutions to inflation in the U.S. today?

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| Very well | 17% |
| Somewhat well | 38% |
| Not very well | 35% |
| Not at all | 10% |

5. Would you say that the cost of each of the following has increased or decreased over the past 20 years?

| | Increased a lot | Increased some | No change | De-creased some | De-creased a lot | Not sure |
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| Hospital services | 60% | 16% | 7% | 3% | 2% | 12% |
| College tuition and fees | 59% | 14% | 8% | 2% | 4% | 14% |
| Airfare | 41% | 31% | 9% | 5% | 2% | 13% |
| Child care and nursery school | 49% | 19% | 6% | 3% | 1% | 21% |
| Housing | 71% | 12% | 5% | 4% | 1% | 7% |
| Food and beverages | 63% | 25% | 5% | 3% | 2% | 3% |

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| New cars | 62% | 17% | 7% | 3% | 2% | 9% |
| Household furnishings | 39% | 34% | 8% | 4% | 3% | 12% |
| Clothing | 36% | 42% | 9% | 3% | 1% | 8% |
| Cellphone services | 25% | 34% | 16% | 11% | 3% | 11% |
| Computer software | 27% | 33% | 10% | 9% | 2% | 19% |
| Toys | 34% | 29% | 8% | 4% | 3% | 23% |
| TVs | 24% | 30% | 12% | 15% | 7% | 12% |
| Gasoline | 72% | 15% | 6% | 2% | 2% | 4% |
| Utilities | 52% | 31% | 6% | 4% | 1% | 6% |
| Prescription drugs | 49% | 28% | 10% | 2% | 2% | 10% |

6. Would you say that inflation is affecting you personally more or less than it is affecting other Americans?

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| Much more than other Americans | 9% |
| Somewhat more than other Americans | 14% |
| About as much as other Americans | 51% |
| Somewhat less than other Americans | 15% |
| Much less than other Americans | 3% |
| Not sure | 7% |

7. Is your household's income... ?

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| Growing faster than inflation | 6% |
| Just keeping up with inflation | 34% |
| Falling behind inflation | 49% |
| Not sure | 11% |

8. Do you think an effective president would be able to control inflation, or is that something beyond any president's control?

From 1980 CBS News/New York Times Poll

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| Would be able | 48% |
| Beyond control | 36% |
| No opinion | 17% |

9. In periods of high inflation, do you think the government should enact policies that encourage people to... ?

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| Spend more money | 11% |
| Spend less money | 30% |
| Neither | 29% |
| Not sure | 30% |

10. Regardless of whether you support or oppose it, do you think that each of the following would increase or decrease inflation?

| | Would definitely increase inflation | Would probably increase inflation | No effect on inflation | Would probably decrease inflation | Would definitely decrease inflation | Not sure |
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| Fining companies for price gouging | 6% | 9% | 22% | 24% | 23% | 17% |
| Reducing government spending on social services | 7% | 10% | 26% | 17% | 16% | 24% |
| Removing sanctions on Russia | 5% | 7% | 33% | 19% | 7% | 29% |
| Reducing aid to Ukraine | 5% | 7% | 31% | 20% | 14% | 24% |
| Increasing immigration of working-age people | 15% | 14% | 24% | 13% | 6% | 26% |
| Increasing domestic oil production | 5% | 8% | 13% | 29% | 27% | 19% |
| Increasing taxes on corporations | 15% | 19% | 16% | 17% | 12% | 22% |
| Cutting taxes | 6% | 14% | 17% | 24% | 15% | 25% |
| Increasing interest rates | 13% | 19% | 13% | 23% | 7% | 24% |
| Decreasing interest rates | 9% | 16% | 14% | 26% | 9% | 26% |
| Having the government enforce limits on price increases | 7% | 15% | 15% | 31% | 13% | 20% |
| Reducing the number of foreign imports | 6% | 16% | 21% | 19% | 10% | 29% |
| Encouraging people not to buy things they don't need | 5% | 12% | 34% | 23% | 6% | 20% |
| Investing in strengthening the supply chain | 4% | 10% | 13% | 37% | 15% | 21% |
| Providing more child care to workers | 7% | 15% | 32% | 16% | 7% | 23% |
| Preventing companies from buying shares of their own stock | 5% | 6% | 28% | 17% | 9% | 34% |

11. Which party do you think has a more effective plan to reduce inflation?

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| Democratic Party | 28% |
| Republican Party | 34% |
| Neither party | 23% |
| Not sure | 15% |

12. How much, if at all, do you blame each of the following for inflation?

| | A lot | A little | Not at all |
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| Democrats | 43% | 30% | 27% |
| Republicans | 30% | 37% | 33% |
| The supply chain | 50% | 37% | 13% |
| The level of consumer demand | 29% | 47% | 24% |
| Large corporations seeking maximum profits | 52% | 30% | 18% |
| The COVID-19 pandemic | 49% | 35% | 15% |
| The war in Ukraine | 34% | 46% | 20% |
| Consumer purchases on credit | 23% | 52% | 25% |
| The price of foreign oil | 60% | 30% | 10% |
| Spending by the federal government | 52% | 31% | 17% |
| Wage demands by large unions | 26% | 43% | 32% |

13. Do you think the following is true or false?

Asked of a random half of respondents

| | Definitely true | Probably true | Probably false | Definitely false | Not sure |
|---|-----------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|----------|
| The Federal Reserve is causing inflation by printing too much money | 21% | 26% | 18% | 13% | 22% |
| Inflation is a global problem that the U.S. government alone cannot solve | 26% | 32% | 16% | 12% | 14% |
| An increase in government spending increases demand relative to supply, causing prices to rise | 26% | 31% | 12% | 6% | 25% |
| Prices for goods and services rise and fall all the time in a market economy, so inflation is not unusual | 16% | 33% | 22% | 15% | 15% |
| Inflation would decline if the value of the dollar were held stable relative to the price of gold | 14% | 34% | 11% | 7% | 34% |

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| Interviewing Dates | October 28 - 31, 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 2019 American Community Survey. |
| 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 March 15, 2022, and is weighted to the estimated distribution at that time (33% Democratic, 28% Republican). The weights range from 0.236 to 4.764, with a mean of 1 and a standard deviation of 0.463. |
| Number of respondents | 1000 |
| Margin of error | ± 3.4% (adjusted for weighting) |
| Survey mode | Web-based interviews |
| Questions not reported | 76 questions not reported. |