

# YouGov Survey: Life Expectancy



Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens  
Conducted October 12 - September 15, 2022  
Margin of Error ±3.3%

## 1. If you could, would you want to live forever?

Yes	27%
No	51%
Not sure	23%

## 2. Thinking about possible indicators of a country's success, how important do you think life expectancy is?

The most important indicator	9%
One of the most important indicators	31%
Somewhat important	34%
Not very important	8%
Not at all important	3%
Not sure	14%

## 3. Compared to the generation before yours, do you think people in your generation in the U.S. will live longer or shorter lives?

Will live longer lives	30%
Will live about as long	31%
Will live shorter lives	22%
Not sure	17%

## 4. Compared to your generation, do you think people in the generation after yours in the U.S. will live longer or shorter lives?

Will live longer lives	29%
Will live about the same length	28%
Will live shorter lives	23%
Not sure	19%

## 5. Compared to other U.S. states, do you think the life expectancy in the state you live in is... ?

Much higher	5%
Somewhat higher	20%
About the same	38%
Somewhat lower	18%
Much lower	3%
Not sure	17%

## 6. Since the start of 2020, do you think life expectancy in the U.S. has...?

Increased a lot	3%
Increased a little	10%
Stayed the same	20%
Decreased a little	40%
Decreased a lot	11%
Not sure	15%

## 7. How much of an effect do you think the COVID-19 pandemic has had on life expectancy in the U.S.?

A large effect	42%
A small effect	37%
No effect	8%
Not sure	13%

## 8. Do you think the United States has a higher or lower life expectancy than other wealthy countries?

Much higher	5%
Somewhat higher	12%
About the same	30%
Somewhat lower	31%
Much lower	6%
Not sure	15%

## 9. Do you think the U.S. has a higher or lower life expectancy than...

*Each respondent was asked about a random sample of 10 of the following countries*

	Much higher	Somewhat higher	About the same	Somewhat lower	Much lower	Not sure
Japan	4%	15%	19%	29%	19%	15%
Italy	4%	13%	36%	23%	8%	15%
Australia	2%	14%	40%	23%	5%	16%
South Korea	7%	23%	25%	20%	8%	17%
Israel	6%	20%	31%	19%	4%	19%
Canada	4%	9%	43%	23%	7%	15%
Germany	2%	13%	38%	25%	7%	15%
The United Kingdom	3%	13%	49%	15%	5%	16%
Brazil	10%	29%	26%	10%	5%	21%
Cuba	15%	28%	19%	11%	7%	20%
China	9%	24%	25%	18%	6%	18%
Algeria	15%	28%	16%	9%	5%	28%
Iran	20%	31%	12%	13%	5%	18%
Iraq	23%	30%	10%	10%	7%	20%
Mexico	13%	35%	21%	8%	5%	18%
Russia	12%	33%	23%	14%	4%	15%

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Philippines	11%	30%	25%	13%	3%	18%
India	13%	34%	20%	10%	6%	18%
Afghanistan	28%	28%	9%	8%	8%	18%
Nigeria	28%	27%	13%	8%	7%	17%

10. Which of the following do you think are the three leading causes of death in the United States, based on 2020 estimates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)? Please select exactly three of the following.

Heart disease	66%
Cancer	65%
COVID-19	36%
Accidents or unintentional injuries	25%
Stroke	17%
Chronic lower respiratory diseases	7%
Alzheimer's disease	7%
Diabetes	26%
Influenza and pneumonia	9%
Kidney disease	5%
Other	4%
Not sure	11%

11. How accurate do you think life expectancy estimates are at predicting how long people born in the U.S. today will eventually live?

Very accurate	6%
Somewhat accurate	50%
Not very accurate	18%
Not at all accurate	3%
Not sure	23%

12. Compared to other wealthy countries, do you think that the U.S. has higher or lower rates of...

	Higher rate	About the same	Lower rate	Not sure
Opioid addiction	65%	16%	6%	13%
Gun violence	63%	17%	8%	12%
Chronic disease	39%	40%	7%	14%
COVID-19 infection	31%	41%	13%	14%
Road accidents	44%	36%	7%	13%
Suicide	49%	28%	7%	16%
Cancer	42%	40%	4%	14%
Obesity	75%	12%	4%	10%

13. Compared to other wealthy countries, do you think that the U.S. has a better or worse health care system?

Better .....	24%
About the same .....	21%
Worse .....	43%
Not sure .....	12%

14. Compared to other wealthy countries, do you think that the U.S. spends more or less on health care?

More .....	46%
About the same .....	16%
Less .....	26%
Not sure .....	12%

15. Compared to other wealthy countries, do you think that the U.S. has a more or less fair health care system?

More fair .....	17%
About the same .....	22%
Less fair .....	48%
Not sure .....	13%

16. In the U.S., who do you think has a longer life expectancy?

Men .....	6%
Women .....	67%
No difference .....	15%
Not sure .....	12%

17. How much longer, on average, do you think women live than men in the U.S.?

*Asked of people who think women live longer than men*

0 - 2 years longer .....	5%
3 - 4 years longer .....	23%
5 - 6 years longer .....	30%
7 - 8 years longer .....	16%
9 - 10 years longer .....	14%
More than 10 years longer .....	6%
Not sure .....	4%

18. How much longer, on average, do you think men live than women in the U.S.?

*Asked of people who think men live longer than women*

0 - 2 years longer .....	9%
3 - 4 years longer .....	13%
5 - 6 years longer .....	28%
7 - 8 years longer .....	18%
9 - 10 years longer .....	10%
More than 10 years longer .....	5%
Not sure .....	16%

19. In the U.S., who do you think has a longer life expectancy?

White Americans .....	60%
Black Americans .....	5%
No difference .....	20%
Not sure .....	15%

20. How much longer, on average, do you think Black Americans live than White Americans in the U.S.?

*Asked of people who think Black Americans live longer than White Americans*

0 - 2 years longer .....	17%
3 - 4 years longer .....	9%
5 - 6 years longer .....	20%
7 - 8 years longer .....	18%
9 - 10 years longer .....	19%
More than 10 years longer .....	6%
Not sure .....	11%

21. How much longer, on average, do you think White Americans live than Black Americans in the U.S.?

*Asked of people who think White Americans live longer than Black Americans*

0 - 2 years longer .....	5%
3 - 4 years longer .....	16%
5 - 6 years longer .....	25%
7 - 8 years longer .....	17%
9 - 10 years longer .....	14%
More than 10 years longer .....	9%
Not sure .....	14%

22. In the U.S., who do you think has a longer life expectancy?

Native-born Americans .....	25%
Foreign-born Americans .....	14%
No difference .....	30%
Not sure .....	31%

23. How much longer, on average, do you think native-born Americans live than foreign-born Americans in the U.S.?

*Asked of people who think Native-Born Americans live longer than Foreign-Born Americans*

0 - 2 years longer .....	13%
3 - 4 years longer .....	23%
5 - 6 years longer .....	24%
7 - 8 years longer .....	12%
9 - 10 years longer .....	10%
More than 10 years longer .....	5%
Not sure .....	13%

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<b>Interviewing Dates</b>	October 12 - September 15, 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 2019 American Community Survey.
<b>Weighting</b>	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 0.429 to 2.789, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.314.
<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>	51 questions not reported.