

YouGov Survey: Paranormal Encounters



Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens
 Conducted October 12 - 16, 2022
 Margin of Error ±3.5%

1. Some people believe they have paranormal abilities, meaning they are able to perceive matters beyond the range of ordinary perception. Do you personally have any of the following paranormal abilities?

	Yes	No	Not sure
The ability to hear voices or sounds from spirits or ghosts	15%	76%	9%
The ability to read minds	9%	80%	11%
The ability to psychically see events in the future	12%	76%	12%
The ability to psychically see events in the past	13%	76%	11%
The ability to psychically see current events you are not physically present for	13%	78%	9%
The ability to psychically sense others' emotions or auras	24%	63%	12%
The ability to communicate with the dead	8%	80%	12%

2. Some people have experiences that they believe are paranormal, or beyond the scope of normal scientific understanding. Have you personally ever experienced any of the following paranormal events?

	Yes	No	Not sure
Seeing a spirit or ghost	19%	69%	12%
Seeing a demon	10%	81%	9%
Seeing an angel	13%	74%	13%
Feeling a presence or unknown energy	37%	53%	10%
Hearing the voice of someone who wasn't there	29%	61%	9%
Feeling an unexplained change in temperature	28%	63%	9%
Smelling an unexplained odor	30%	62%	8%
Hearing an unexplained sound or music	33%	58%	8%
Seeing unexplained smoke	11%	81%	8%
Seeing lights or other devices turn on or off without explanation	25%	68%	7%
Seeing a door open or close without explanation	20%	73%	8%
Seeing an object move without explanation	22%	70%	8%
Seeing unexplained orbs of light	22%	69%	8%

3. Do you think the paranormal events you've encountered are more likely to...?

Asked of people who say they have experienced a paranormal event

Have a scientific explanation that you just aren't aware of	29%
Be otherworldly or supernatural	35%
Not sure	36%

4. How many times have you encountered a spirit or ghost?

Asked of people who say they have encountered a spirit or ghost

1 time	9%
2 times	13%
3 times	20%
4 times	9%
5 times	2%
More than 5 times	29%
Not sure	16%

5. When you've encountered spirits or ghosts, did you think they were...?

Asked of people who say they have encountered a spirit or ghost

Someone you personally knew at some point, such as the ghost of a deceased family member	29%
Someone you did not know personally	29%
I've seen both	28%
Not sure	14%

6. Do you think that the spirits or ghosts you've encountered have been...?

Asked of people who say they have encountered a spirit or ghost

Good	40%
Evil	7%
Neutral	17%
I've encountered a mix	27%
Not sure	8%

7. Have you ever lived in a house that you thought was haunted?

Yes	25%
No	65%
Not sure	10%

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Interviewing Dates	October 12 - 16, 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 0.183 to 6.501, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.506.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.5% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	68 questions not reported.