

Daily Survey: Tax Questions



Sample 1000 U.S. Adult Citizens
Conducted April 11 - 18, 2022
Margin of Error ±3.3%

1. The tax filing deadline for 2021 income is April 18 this year. When did you or will you file your taxes this year?

On or before April 15	58%
April 16, 17, or 18	11%
Sometime after April 18	6%
I will not file taxes this year	15%
Prefer not to say	10%

2. Do you prepare your taxes yourself or do you have someone else prepare them for you?

Asked of those who will file taxes this year

Prepare taxes yourself	49%
Someone else prepares them for you	42%
Prefer not to say	9%

3. How did you prepare your taxes?

Asked of those who are preparing their own taxes

Tax preparation software	88%
Paper forms and schedules from the IRS	11%
Prefer not to say	1%

4. Would you say that you currently:

Asked of those who will file taxes this year

Pay more in taxes than I did last year	31%
Pay less in taxes than I did last year	14%
Pay about the same amount in taxes as I did last year	36%
Not sure	20%

5. Do you think the federal tax system:

Is too complicated	61%
Is NOT too complicated	17%
Not sure	22%

6. In regards to your federal income taxes this year, did you or will you:

Asked of those who will file taxes this year

Itemize your personal deductions	18%
Take the standard deduction	52%
Not file a federal income tax return	2%
Prefer not to say	8%
Not sure	19%

7. Would you say that most wealthy people currently:

Pay more in taxes than they did 10 years ago	20%
Pay less in taxes than they did 10 years ago	40%
Pay about the same amount in taxes as they did 10 years ago	14%
Not sure	25%

8. Would you say that most middle-class people currently:

Pay more in taxes than they did 10 years ago	53%
Pay less in taxes than they did 10 years ago	9%
Pay about the same amount in taxes as they did 10 years ago	10%
Not sure	27%

9. Would you say that most poor people currently:

Pay more in taxes than they did 10 years ago	37%
Pay less in taxes than they did 10 years ago	17%
Pay about the same amount in taxes as they did 10 years ago	17%
Not sure	29%

10. Generally speaking, do you think the President of the United States should release his or her tax returns?

Yes	64%
No	16%
Not sure	20%

11. Should state and federal employees be exempt from income taxes?

Yes	16%
No	84%

12. Would you favor increasing income taxes as a means of balancing the national budget?

Yes	23%
No	51%
No opinion	26%

13. Would you favor a national sales tax as a means of balancing the national budget?

Yes	23%
No	52%
No opinion	26%

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Interviewing Dates	April 11 - 18, 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 0.366 to 4.458, with a mean of one and a standard deviation of 0.374.
Number of respondents	1000
Margin of error	± 3.3% (adjusted for weighting)
Survey mode	Web-based interviews
Questions not reported	60 questions not reported.