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The August 2019 AP-NORC Center Poll

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Interviews: 8/15-18/2019

1,058 adults

Margin of error: +/- 4.2 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.

CUR1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the...

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC All adults	Right direction	Wrong direction	DON'T KNOW	SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED
8/15-18/2019	33	66	*	1
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	36	63	*	1
5/17-20/2019 (N=1,137)	35	62	2	1
4/11-14/2019 (N=1,108)	37	62	*	*
3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063)	35	63	*	1
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	28	70	1	*
12/13-16/2018 (N=1,067)	39	59	*	1
10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	39	60	*	1
8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	38	62	*	*
6/13-18/2018 (N=1,109)	40	58	1	1
4/11-16/2018 (N=1,140)	39	60	*	*
3/14-19/2018 (N=1,222)	37	62	1	1
2/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	32	68	*	*
12/7-11/2017 (N=1,020)	30	69	1	*
9/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	24	74	1	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	34	65	2	*
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	37	62	1	*

CUR2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

If don't know, skipped, or refused in CUR2

CUR3. If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

If approve in CUR2

CUR3A. Would you say you approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president strongly or do you approve just somewhat?

If disapprove in CUR2

CUR3B. Would you say you disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president strongly or do you disapprove just somewhat?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC All adults	Approve NET	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean toward approv- ing	Do not lean either way	Dis- approve NET	Lean toward disapp- roving	Some- what dis- approve	Strongly dis- approve	DK	SKP /REF
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	36	21	15	*	*	62	-	16	46	*	2
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	38	19	19	*	*	60	*	17	43	-	1
5/17-20/2019 (N=1,137)	38	19	18	*	1	61	1	13	47	*	1
4/11-14/2019 (N=1,108)	39	19	20	*	1	60	*	13	46	-	*
3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063)	40	22	18	*	*	58	1	15	42	-	1
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	34	18	16	*	*	65	1	11	53	*	*
12/13-16/2018 (N=1,067)	42	21	21	*	1	56	*	14	42	-	1
10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	40	21	19	*	1	59	*	14	45	-	1
8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	38	18	20	-	1	60	1	17	43		
6/13-18/2018 (N=1,109)	41	21	20	*	1	57	*	16	42	*	*
4/11-16/2018 (N=1,140)	40	19	20	*	1	59	*	15	44	-	1
3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	42	20	21	*	1	58	*	14	44	-	*
2/15-19/2018	35	19	17	-	1	64	*	17	46	*	*

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(N=1,337)											
12/7-11/2017 (N=1,020)	32	15	17	*	*	67	*	16	51	-	*
9/28- 10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	32	20	12	*	*	67	*	17	50	*	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	35	16	18	*	1	64	*	17	47	*	1
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	42	20	22	*	*	58	*	14	43	-	1

CURY2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZED; HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

Economy

AP-NORC All adults	Approve NET	Approve	Lean toward approve	Don't lean either way	Disapprove NET	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	-	46	-	-	-	-	51	1	2
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	-	47	-	-	-	-	51	1	1
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	-	44	-	-	-	-	55	-	1
10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	50	50	*	1	49	1	48	*	1
8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	51	51	*	*	49	*	49	*	-
3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	47	46	1	1	52	*	51	*	*
2/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	45	45	-	*	54	*	53	-	*
12/7-11/2017 (N=1,020)	40	40	*	1	59	*	59	*	-
10/12-16/2017 (N=1,054)	41	41	*	1	58	1	57	*	*
9/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	42	42	*	1	56	1	56	*	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	43	43	1	1	55	*	55	*	*
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	50	49	1	1	48	1	47	-	*

Energy policy

AP-NORC All adults	Approve NET	Approve	Lean toward approve	Don't lean either way	Disapprove NET	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	-	39	-	-	-	-	58	1	2

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Immigration

AP-NORC All adults	Approve NET	Approve	Lean toward approve	Don't lean either way	Disapprove NET	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	-	38	-	-	-	-	60	1	1
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	-	39	-	-	-	-	59	*	2
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	-	36	-	-	-	-	62	*	1
10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	41	41	-	*	58	*	58	*	1
8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	38	38	*	*	61	*	61	-	-
2/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	37	37	*	*	62	*	62	*	*
9/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	35	35	*	1	64	*	64	*	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	39	39	*	*	60	*	60	*	*
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	45	45	*	1	54	*	54	-	*

Gun policy

AP-NORC All adults	Approve NET	Approve	Lean toward approve	Don't lean either way	Disapprove NET	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	-	36	-	-	-	-	61	1	2
8/16-20/2018 (N=524)	40	40	*	*	59	*	59	*	-

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Health care

AP-NORC All adults	Approve NET	Approve	Lean toward approve	Don't lean either way	Disapprove NET	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	-	37	-	-	-	-	61	1	2
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	-	35	-	-	-	-	62	*	2
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	-	35	-	-	-	-	62	1	2
10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	37	36	*	1	62	*	62	*	1
8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	36	36	*	*	64	*	63	*	-
12/7-11/2017 (N=1,020)	30	29	*	*	70	*	70	*	-
9/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	31	31	*	1	68	*	68	*	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	32	32	*	1	66	1	65	*	*
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	36	36	1	1	62	*	62	*	*

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Foreign policy

AP-NORC All adults	Approve NET	Approve	Lean toward approve	Don't lean either way	Disapprove NET	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	-	36	-	-	-	-	61	1	1
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	-	35	-	-	-	-	63	1	2
10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	39	39	*	2	59	*	59	*	1
8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	36	36	1	*	63	1	62	*	*
2/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	34	34	*	1	64	*	64	*	*
12/7-11/2017 (N=1,020)	30	30	*	1	69	*	68	*	-
9/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	34	34	*	1	65	*	64	*	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	35	34	*	1	63	1	63	*	*
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	40	40	1	1	58	1	57	*	*

Climate change

AP-NORC All adults	Approve NET	Approve	Lean toward approve	Don't lean either way	Disapprove NET	Lean toward disapprove	Disapprove	DK	SKP/ REF
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	-	32	-	-	-	-	64	2	2
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	-	30	-	-	-	-	68	1	1
9/28-10/2017 (N=1,150)	33	33	*	1	65	*	65	*	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	34	33	1	1	64	*	64	*	1

CC1. How worried, if at all, are you about the current condition of the natural environment in ...

AP-NORC 08/15-18/2019	Extremely/ Very worried	Extremely worried	Very worried	Moderately worried	Not very/Not at all worried	Not very worried	Not at all worried	DK	SKP/ REF
Your local area	32	14	18	34	33	24	9	*	1
The United States	55	27	29	24	19	13	6	*	1
The Earth as a whole	59	38	21	24	15	10	6	*	1

N=1,058

AP-NORC 11/19- 12/1/2014	Extremely/ Very worried	Extremely worried	Very worried	Moderately worried	Not very/Not at all worried	Not very worried	Not at all worried	DK	SKP/ REF
Your local area	15	5	10	42	43	32	11	-	1
The United States	29	7	22	44	25	18	7	-	2
The Earth as a whole	39	16	23	39	21	14	7	-	1

N=1,576

CC2. Generally speaking, do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose each of the following government policies?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 08/15-18/2019	Strongly/ Somewhat favor	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	Neither favor nor oppose	Strongly/ Somewhat oppose	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP/ REF
Regulating the amount of carbon dioxide that power and industrial plants can emit	66	40	26	19	14	6	8	*	1
Expanding offshore drilling for oil and natural gas off the U.S. coast	32	11	21	27	39	18	22	1	1
Funding research into renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind power	77	52	25	16	6	4	3	*	1
Allowing more widespread use of hydraulic fracturing, or “fracking”, to extract oil and natural gas	22	7	14	31	45	20	25	1	1
Encouraging the building of more nuclear power plants	26	8	18	30	43	19	24	1	1
Taxing the use of carbon based fuels such as coal, oil, and natural gas	37	16	21	31	31	16	15	*	1

N=1,058

CC3. Would you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose taxing the use of carbon based fuels such as coal, oil, and natural gas if the tax revenue was used to provide a tax rebate to all Americans?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Strongly/Somewhat favor	43
Strongly favor	18
Somewhat favor	25
Neither favor nor oppose	31
Strongly/Somewhat oppose	25
Somewhat oppose	12
Strongly oppose	13
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

1,058

CC4. Thinking about the use of each of the following energy sources, would you say that there are more advantages, more disadvantages, about as many advantages as disadvantages, or don't you know enough to say?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 08/15-18/2019	Increase subsidies	Keep at current level	Decrease subsidies	Completely eliminate subsidies	DK	SKP/ REF
Companies that produce coal, oil, and natural gas	7	39	33	17	1	3
Companies that produce solar, wind, and geothermal energy	46	35	9	7	1	2

N=1,058

CC5. Thinking about the use of each of the following energy sources, would you say that there are more advantages, more disadvantages, about as many advantages as disadvantages, or don't you know enough to say?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZE; HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 08/15- 18/2019	A lot more/ Some- what more advan- tages	A lot more advan- tages	Some- what more advan- tages	About as many advan- tages as disadvan- tages	A lot more/ Some- what more disadvan- tages	Some- what more disadvan- tages	A lot more disadvan- tages	Don't know enough to say	SKP/ REF
Nuclear	24	11	13	18	32	15	17	25	1
Coal	16	6	10	18	48	18	29	18	1
Oil	20	8	12	26	36	21	16	17	1
Natural gas	40	16	24	22	18	15	4	18	1
Solar	68	45	23	11	6	4	3	14	1
Wind	64	38	26	12	8	5	3	15	1
Water, such as dams or tidal power	57	28	28	16	7	5	2	20	1

N=1,058

CC6. Do you think climate change is happening, do you think climate change is not happening, or aren't you sure?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 8/15- 18/2019	AP- NORC/EPIC 11/14- 19/2018	AP- NORC/EPIC 8/17- 21/2017	AP- NORC/EPIC 6/8- 11/2017	AP- NORC/EPIC 8/11- 14/2016
Climate change is happening	76	71	72	65	77
Climate change is not happening	9	9	9	12	10
Not sure if climate change is happening	15	19	19	23	13
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	1	1	1	-

N=

1,058

1,202

1,038

1,068

1,096

Show if yes in CC6.

CC7. Do you think climate change is caused entirely by human activities, caused mostly by human activities, caused about equally by human activities and natural changes in the environment, caused mostly by natural changes in the environment, or caused entirely by natural changes in the environment?

	AP-NORC 8/15- 18/2019	AP- NORC/EPIC 11/14- 19/2018	AP- NORC/EPIC 8/17- 21/2017	AP- NORC/EPIC 6/8- 11/2017
Caused entirely/mostly by human activities	62	60	55	57
Caused entirely by human activities	19	15	15	13
Caused mostly by human activities	44	45	40	44
Caused equally by human activities and natural changes in the environment	27	28	32	32
Caused entirely/mostly by natural changes in the environment	10	12	12	10
Caused mostly by natural changes in the environment	8	10	11	9
Caused entirely by natural changes in the environment	2	2	2	1
DON'T KNOW	*	*	*	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*	-	*	*
N=	804	854	774	751

Show if no in CC6.

CC8. Please indicate which statements describe your opinion about climate change – even if it is not exactly right.

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
I don't think climate change is happening because I don't find the scientific evidence convincing	55
I could be convinced climate change is happening	10
Some people and the press are exaggerating the risks of climate change	53
Climate change is a hoax	35
Climate change is not caused by human activity	34
N=	101

CC9. How much do you trust each of the following sources to provide accurate information about climate science?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZE]

AP-NORC 08/15-18/2019	A great deal/lot	A great deal	A lot	Some- what	Not much/ at all	Not much	Not at all	DK	SKP/ REF
The news media	14	3	11	34	50	29	21	*	1
Climate scientists	55	29	26	27	16	11	5	*	1
The Trump administration	12	4	8	21	66	20	45	*	1

N=1,058

CC10. How often do you do the following things?

AP-NORC 08/15-18/2019	Never/ Hardly ever	Never	Hardly ever	Sometimes	Often/ Always	Often	Always	DK	SKP/ REF
Turn off the lights when they are not needed	3	1	3	7	89	29	60	-	1
Set the thermostat at 68 degrees or lower in the winter to reduce heating	22	13	9	25	52	26	26	*	1
Set the thermostat at 76 degrees or higher in the summer to reduce air conditioning	32	20	12	22	45	21	25	*	1
Use public transportation, car pool, bike, or walk instead of driving	54	26	28	28	18	13	5	-	*
Eat vegetarian meals	44	24	20	37	18	13	5	-	1
Plant trees	54	29	25	31	14	10	3	-	1

N=1,058

CC11. How much responsibility does each of the following have for addressing climate change?

[ITEMS RANDOMIZE]

AP-NORC 08/15-18/2019	A great deal/lot	A great deal	A lot	Some	Not much/ at all	Not much	Not at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Your local government officials	48	26	22	29	22	14	8	*	2
Your state government officials	53	30	23	28	17	11	6	1	1
The U.S. federal government	64	42	22	20	13	8	5	1	2
Corporations and industry	66	41	24	21	12	6	6	*	2
Developed or industrialized countries outside the U.S.	60	36	25	24	14	8	5	*	2
Developing countries	48	24	24	31	18	12	6	1	2
Individual people	50	26	23	29	19	14	5	1	2

N=1,058

CC12. In general, do you think your actions have an effect on climate change?

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Yes	66
No	33
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,058

CC13. In the next ten years, how likely do you think it is that the world will take action that significantly reduces carbon emissions?

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Extremely/Very likely	28
Extremely likely	7
Very likely	21
Moderately likely	44
Not too/Not at all likely	26
Not too likely	19
Not at all likely	6
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,058

CC14. Say the world were to significantly reduce carbon emissions in the next ten years. In your opinion, how much of an impact would that have on each of the following?

AP-NORC 08/15-18/2019	A lot/Some	A lot	Some	Not much/Not at all	Not much	Not at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Reversing recent warming of the Earth	47	12	35	50	35	16	1	1
Preventing any additional warming of the Earth	67	21	46	31	21	10	1	1
Slowing down additional warming of the Earth	71	26	44	27	19	9	1	1

N=1,058

Show if Yes or Don't know in CC6.

CC15. How likely do you think it is that new technology could do enough to combat climate change without individuals needing to make major changes in their everyday lives?

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Extremely/Very likely	21
Extremely likely	6
Very likely	15
Moderately likely	36
Not too/Not at all likely	41
Not too likely	32
Not at all likely	10
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

945

CC16. In your opinion, would you say weather is becoming more extreme, less extreme, or is it staying about the same?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Becoming more extreme	72
Becoming less extreme	5
Staying about the same	22
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

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Show if yes in CC16.

CC17. And would you say the weather is becoming more extreme mainly because of climate change or mainly because of natural year-to-year variations in the weather, or is it both equally?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Mainly because of climate change	50
Mainly because of natural year-to-year variations	11
Both equally	39
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

749

CC18. In your opinion, would you say weather-related disasters are more severe, less severe, or has there been no change?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Becoming more extreme	72
Becoming less extreme	4
Staying about the same	24
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,058</i>

Show if yes in CC18.

CC19. And would you say weather-related disasters are more severe mainly because of climate change or mainly because of natural year-to-year variations in the weather, or is it both equally?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Mainly because of climate change	50
Mainly because of natural year-to-year variations	12
Both equally	37
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>755</i>

CC20. How concerned are you about the effects of climate change on:

AP-NORC 08/15-18/2019	Extremely/ Very concerned	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Moderately concerned	Not very/ Not at all concerned	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned	DK	SKP/ REF
Human health	58	32	26	24	17	11	6	*	1
Infrastructure, including buildings, roads, and bridges	41	16	25	31	27	19	8	*	1
Animal and plant life	63	36	27	22	14	9	6	*	1
The supply of drinking water	59	35	24	22	18	11	7	*	1
Air quality	64	37	27	20	15	9	6	*	1
The food supply	58	32	26	25	16	9	6	*	1
Sea level	56	33	24	23	19	11	8	1	1

N=1,058

CC21. How concerned are you about the effects of climate change on:

AP-NORC 08/15-18/2019	Extremely/ Very concerned	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Moderately concerned	Not very/ Not at all concerned	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned	DK	SKP/ REF
You personally	44	24	20	29	25	13	12	*	1
Low-income people	53	29	24	25	21	12	8	1	1
Coastal communities	55	30	25	24	20	12	8	1	1
Future generations	67	42	25	17	15	7	7	*	1

N=1,058

PID. Combines PID1, PIDI, PIDA, and PIDB.

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Democrat NET	44
Strong Democrat	15
Moderate Democrat	16
Lean Democrat	13
Independent/None – Don't lean	21
Republican NET	35
Lean Republican	11
Moderate Republican	13
Strong Republican	11

N= 1,058

G11B. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a...?

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Liberal	23
Conservative	31
Moderate	42
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	3

N= 1,058

DM5. How would you describe the community you live in now?

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Urban	25
Suburban	42
Rural	31
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N= 1,058

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AGE

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
18-24	12
25-34	20
35-44	14
45-54	17
55-64	17
65-74	14
75+	7

N=

1,058

GENDER

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Male	48
Female	52

N=

1,058

RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
White	63
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	16
Other	9

N=

1,058

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Married	50
Widowed	4
Divorced	10
Separated	2
Never married	23
Living with partner	9

N=

1,058

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Employed	59
Not employed	41
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,058</i>

EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Less than a high school diploma	10
High school graduate or equivalent	28
Some college	28
College graduate or above	33
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,058</i>

INCOME

	AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019
Under \$10,000	6
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	10
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	16
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	14
\$150,000 or more	9
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,058</i>

Study Methodology

This survey was conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and with funding from The Associated Press and NORC at the University of Chicago.

Data were collected using the AmeriSpeak Omnibus®, a monthly multi-client survey using NORC’s probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population. The survey was part of a larger study that included questions about other topics not included in this report. During the initial recruitment phase of the panel, randomly selected U.S. households were sampled with a known, non-zero probability of selection from the NORC National Sample Frame and then contacted by U.S. mail, email, telephone, and field interviewers (face-to-face). The panel provides sample coverage of approximately 97 percent of the U.S. household population. Those excluded from the sample include people with P.O. Box only addresses, some addresses not listed in the USPS Delivery Sequence File, and some newly constructed dwellings.

Interviews for this survey were conducted between August 15 and 18, 2019, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,058 completed the survey—961 via the web and 97 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 17.5 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 30.3 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 85.4 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 4.4 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 4.2 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level, including the design effect. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups.

Once the sample has been selected and fielded, and all the study data have been collected and made final, a poststratification process is used to adjust for any survey nonresponse as well as any noncoverage or under and oversampling resulting from the study specific sample design. Poststratification variables included age, gender, census division, race/ethnicity, and education. Weighting variables were obtained from the 2018 Current Population Survey. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over.

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