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*Interviews: 8/17-19/2020*

*1,075 adults*

*Margin of sampling error: +/- 4.1 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
08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	23	75	1	*
07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	20	80	*	*
06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	24	74	1	1
05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	33	65	1	1
04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	36	63	1	-
03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	42	58	*	*
02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	41	59	*	*
01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	38	62	*	*
12/5-9/2019 (N=1,053)	36	63	*	*
10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	39	60	1	1
09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	38	60	1	1
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,059)	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	<b>Approve NET</b>	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean toward approv- ing	<b>Do not lean either way</b>	<b>Dis- approve NET</b>	Lean toward disapp- roving	Some- what dis- approve	Strongly dis- approve	DK	SKP /REF
08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	<b>35</b>	18	16	*	*	<b>65</b>	1	19	46	*	*
07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>38</b>	24	14	*	<b>1</b>	<b>61</b>	*	11	50	-	*
06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	<b>39</b>	21	17	*	<b>1</b>	<b>60</b>	*	10	49	-	1
05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	<b>41</b>	22	19	*	*	<b>58</b>	*	14	44	-	1
04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>42</b>	22	20	-	-	<b>57</b>	*	16	41	-	1
03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>43</b>	26	17	-	*	<b>56</b>	*	16	39	-	*
02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	<b>43</b>	24	19	*	<b>1</b>	<b>56</b>	*	16	40	-	1
01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	<b>41</b>	24	17	1	*	<b>58</b>	*	14	44	-	*
12/5-9/2019 (N=1,053)	<b>40</b>	23	17	*	-	<b>60</b>	*	15	45	-	*
10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	<b>42</b>	25	17	*	<b>1</b>	<b>56</b>	*	14	42	-	1
09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	<b>40</b>	24	16	*	<b>1</b>	<b>59</b>	*	16	42	-	1
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	<b>36</b>	21	15	*	*	<b>62</b>	-	16	46	*	2

AP-NORC All adults	<b>Approve NET</b>	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean toward approv- ing	<b>Do not lean either way</b>	<b>Dis- approve NET</b>	Lean toward disapp- roving	Some- what dis- approve	Strongly dis- approve	DK	SKP /REF
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	<b>38</b>	19	19	*	*	<b>60</b>	*	17	43	-	1
5/17-20/2019 (N=1,137)	<b>38</b>	19	18	*	<b>1</b>	<b>61</b>	1	13	47	*	1
4/11-14/2019 (N=1,108)	<b>39</b>	19	20	*	<b>1</b>	<b>60</b>	*	13	46	-	*
3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063)	<b>40</b>	22	18	*	*	<b>58</b>	1	15	42	-	1
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	<b>34</b>	18	16	*	*	<b>65</b>	1	11	53	*	*
12/13-16/2018 (N=1,067)	<b>42</b>	21	21	*	<b>1</b>	<b>56</b>	*	14	42	-	1
10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	<b>40</b>	21	19	*	<b>1</b>	<b>59</b>	*	14	45	-	1
8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	<b>38</b>	18	20	-	<b>1</b>	<b>60</b>	1	17	43	-	1
6/13-18/2018 (N=1,109)	<b>41</b>	21	20	*	<b>1</b>	<b>57</b>	*	16	42	*	*
4/11-16/2018 (N=1,140)	<b>40</b>	19	20	*	<b>1</b>	<b>59</b>	*	15	44	-	1
3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	<b>42</b>	20	21	*	<b>1</b>	<b>58</b>	*	14	44	-	*
2/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	<b>35</b>	19	17	-	<b>1</b>	<b>64</b>	*	17	46	*	*
12/7-11/2017 (N=1,020)	<b>32</b>	15	17	*	*	<b>67</b>	*	16	51	-	*
9/28- 10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	<b>32</b>	20	12	*	*	<b>67</b>	*	17	50	*	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	<b>35</b>	16	18	*	<b>1</b>	<b>64</b>	*	17	47	*	1
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	<b>42</b>	20	22	*	*	<b>58</b>	*	14	43	-	1

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

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

AP-NORC		Approve	Disapprove	DK	SKP/REF
The economy	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	47	52	*	1
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	48	51	*	*
	06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	49	50	*	1
	05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	49	50	*	1
	04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	52	47	*	1
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	56	43	*	1
	01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	56	43	1	1
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	54	44	*	*
	09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	51	47	1	1
	08/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	46	51	1	2
	06/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	47	51	1	1
	01/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	44	55	-	1
	10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	50	48	*	1
	08/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	51	49	*	-
	03/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	46	51	*	*
	02/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	45	53	-	*
	12/07-11/2017 (N=1,020)	40	59	*	-
	10/12-16/2017 (N=1,054)	41	57	*	*
	09/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	42	56	*	*
	06/08-11/2017 (N=1,068)	43	55	*	*
	03/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	50	47	-	*
Foreign policy	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	36	62	1	1
	05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	43	55	1	1
	04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	39	60	*	1
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	41	57	*	1
	01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	39	59	*	1
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	38	59	*	2
	09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	39	58	2	1
	08/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	36	61	1	1
	01/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	35	63	1	2
	10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	39	59	*	1
	08/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	36	62	*	*
	02/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	34	64	*	*
	12/07-11/2017 (N=1,020)	30	68	*	-
	09/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	34	64	*	*
	06/08-11/2017 (N=1,068)	34	63	*	*
The coronavirus outbreak	03/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	40	57	*	*
	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	31	68	*	1
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	32	68	*	*
	06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	37	62	*	1

AP-NORC		Approve	Disapprove	DK	SKP/REF
	05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	39	60	-	1
	04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	41	58	1	1
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	44	55	*	*
Health care	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	36	62	*	1
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	36	63	*	*
	06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	40	59	1	1
	05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	42	56	1	1
	04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	39	60	1	1
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	42	57	*	1
	01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	38	61	*	1
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	43	55	*	1
	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	62	*	1
	8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	36	63	*	-
	12/7-11/2017 (N=1,020)	29	70	*	-
	9/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	31	68	*	*
	6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	32	65	*	*
	3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	36	62	*	*

**B1A. How would you describe the nation's economy these days? Would you say...**

*If neither good nor poor, Don't know, Skipped, or Refused in B1A.*

**B1B. If you had to choose, do you lean more toward the nation's economy being good or the nation's economy being poor?**

**[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

	AP- NORC 8/17- 19/ 2020	AP- NORC 7/16- 20/ 2020	AP- NORC 06/11- 15/ 2020	AP- NORC 05/14- 18/ 2020	AP- NORC 04/16- 20/ 2020	AP- NORC 03/26- 29/ 2020	AP- NORC 01/16- 21/ 2020	AP- NORC 09/20- 23/ 2019	AP- NORC 06/13- 17/ 2019	AP- NORC 01/16- 20/ 2019	AP- NORC 03/23- 27/ 2017
<b>Very/ Somewhat /Lean toward good NET</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>56</b>
Very good	4	4	5	3	3	9	21	18	15	10	4
Somewhat good	21	22	19	13	15	17	36	31	35	30	39
Lean toward good	12	12	12	13	11	12	10	11	14	13	14
<b>Neither good nor poor</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>
<b>Very/ Somewhat /Lean toward poor NET</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>43</b>
Lean toward poor	12	11	14	9	8	10	13	11	13	14	13
Somewhat poor	32	30	28	31	30	29	15	19	16	23	20
Very poor	18	21	21	30	33	21	5	8	7	9	9
DON'T KNOW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	*	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED	-	-	1	*	-	-	*	*	1	-	*
N=	1,075	1,057	1,310	1,056	1,057	1,057	1,353	1,286	1,116	1,062	1,110

**B2A. And how would you describe the financial situation in your own household these days? Would you say...**

*If neither good nor poor, Don't know, Skipped, or Refused in B2A.*

**B2B. If you had to choose, do you lean more toward the financial situation in your own household being good or poor?**

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

	AP- NORC 8/17- 19/ 2020	AP- NORC 7/16- 20/ 2020	AP- NORC 06/11- 15/ 2020	AP- NORC 05/14- 18/ 2020	AP- NORC 04/16- 20/ 2020	AP- NORC 03/26- 29/ 2020	AP- NORC 01/16- 21/ 2020	AP- NORC 09/20- 23/ 2019	AP- NORC 06/13- 17/ 2019	AP- NORC 01/16- 20/ 2019	AP- NORC 03/23- 27/ 2017
<b>Very/ Somewhat /Lean toward good NET</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>
Very good	13	14	14	15	14	11	18	19	15	12	11
Somewhat good	34	34	36	32	31	34	37	32	37	33	38
Lean toward good	17	17	16	20	18	17	15	14	15	17	13
<b>Neither good nor poor</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Very/ Somewhat /Lean toward poor NET</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>
Lean toward poor	12	14	12	10	10	10	9	13	12	13	12
Somewhat poor	18	15	14	16	17	19	14	14	15	17	20
Very poor	6	6	7	7	8	9	7	8	5	7	6
DON'T KNOW	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	*	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED	*	-	1	1	-	*	*	*	1	1	*
N=	1,075	1,057	1,310	1,056	1,057	1,057	1,353	1,286	1,116	1,062	1,110



**VIRUS2. How worried are you about you or someone in your family being infected with ...**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC		<b>Extremely / very worried</b>	Extremely worried	Very worried	<b>Some- what worried</b>	<b>Not too/ not at all worried</b>	Not too worried	Not at all worried	DK	SKP/ REF
The coronavirus	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	<b>42</b>	20	22	<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>	17	9	*	*
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>49</b>	25	24	<b>31</b>	<b>19</b>	11	8	*	*
	06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	<b>32</b>	16	16	<b>36</b>	<b>32</b>	22	9	-	1
	05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	<b>42</b>	21	21	<b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	18	7	*	1
	04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>43</b>	23	20	<b>35</b>	<b>22</b>	17	5	*	-
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>50</b>	28	22	<b>34</b>	<b>16</b>	13	3	-	*
	03/12-16/2020 (N=1,003)	<b>31</b>	14	17	<b>35</b>	<b>33</b>	23	10	*	1
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	<b>22</b>	11	11	<b>23</b>	<b>55</b>	37	19	-	*
The flu	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	<b>16</b>	7	9	<b>31</b>	<b>52</b>	37	15	-	1
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>19</b>	9	10	<b>34</b>	<b>47</b>	33	15	-	*
	06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	<b>15</b>	7	9	<b>27</b>	<b>56</b>	41	16	-	1
	05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	<b>17</b>	7	10	<b>28</b>	<b>54</b>	38	15	-	1
	04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>22</b>	10	13	<b>30</b>	<b>47</b>	35	12	-	*
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>22</b>	11	12	<b>35</b>	<b>43</b>	34	8	-	*
	03/12-16/2020 (N=1,003)	<b>15</b>	6	9	<b>33</b>	<b>50</b>	37	13	-	1
	02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	<b>23</b>	10	14	<b>40</b>	<b>37</b>	29	7	-	*

**VIRUS6. Do you approve, disapprove, or neither approve nor disapprove of how each of the following is handling the coronavirus outbreak?**

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

AP-NORC		<b>Strongly/ somewhat approve NET</b>	<b>Strongly approve</b>	<b>Some what approve</b>	<b>Neither approve nor dis- approve</b>	<b>Somewhat /strongly disapprove NET</b>	<b>Some what dis- approve</b>	<b>Strongly dis- approve</b>	<b>DK</b>	<b>SKP/ REF</b>
Your state government	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	<b>44</b>	14	31	<b>15</b>	<b>40</b>	21	19	1	*
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>48</b>	19	29	<b>17</b>	<b>34</b>	18	15	*	1
	05/14-18/2020 N=1,056	<b>51</b>	18	33	<b>15</b>	<b>33</b>	19	13	-	1
	04/16- 20/2020 N=1,057	<b>63</b>	28	35	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	12	8	*	*
	03/26-29/2020 N=1,057	<b>57</b>	19	38	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>	14	9	-	*
Your city or local government	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	<b>48</b>	13	35	<b>21</b>	<b>31</b>	19	12	1	*
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>52</b>	16	35	<b>22</b>	<b>25</b>	16	10	*	1
	05/14-18/2020 N=1,056	<b>51</b>	16	35	<b>25</b>	<b>22</b>	16	6	*	1
	04/16-20/2020 N=1,057	<b>63</b>	23	40	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	11	5	*	1
	03/26-29/2020 N=1,057	<b>54</b>	18	36	<b>26</b>	<b>20</b>	14	6	*	*
The federal government	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	<b>23</b>	4	19	<b>19</b>	<b>57</b>	23	34	1	*
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>24</b>	5	19	<b>20</b>	<b>55</b>	20	35	*	1
	05/14-18/2020 N=1,056	<b>31</b>	5	25	<b>21</b>	<b>48</b>	22	26	*	1
	04/16-20/2020 N=1,057	<b>40</b>	12	28	<b>22</b>	<b>37</b>	21	16	*	1
	03/26-29/2020 N=1,057	<b>38</b>	12	27	<b>21</b>	<b>41</b>	23	18	*	*
Leaders in Congress	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	<b>13</b>	1	12	<b>21</b>	<b>65</b>	33	32	1	*
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>15</b>	3	12	<b>25</b>	<b>58</b>	33	25	*	1
	05/14-18/2020 N=1,056	<b>23</b>	3	20	<b>27</b>	<b>49</b>	27	21	1	1

AP-NORC		<b>Strongly/ somewhat approve NET</b>	Strongly approve	Some what approve	<b>Neither approve nor dis- approve</b>	<b>Somewhat /strongly disapprove NET</b>	Some what dis- approve	Strongly dis- approve	DK	SKP/ REF
	04/16-20/2020 N=1,057	<b>28</b>	5	23	<b>33</b>	<b>38</b>	22	16	*	1
	03/26-29/2020 N=1,057	<b>31</b>	6	25	<b>28</b>	<b>41</b>	28	13	*	*

**VIRUS8. In response to the coronavirus outbreak, do you think the government is doing too much, not enough, or about the right amount to help the financial situation of each of the following?**

**[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]**

AP-NORC		Too much	Not enough	About the right amount	DK	SKP/ REF
Small businesses	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	6	66	26	*	1
	04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	5	58	34	1	1
Large corporations	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	44	24	30	1	1
	04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	39	15	44	2	1
Individual Americans	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	10	66	23	*	1
	04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	5	53	41	*	1
Public Schools	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	8	64	26	*	1

**VIRUS9. Because of the coronavirus outbreak, have you been doing each of the following, or not?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC 08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	Yes	No	DK	SKP/ REF
Spending less than usual	66	34	*	*
Paying down debt faster than usual	26	72	1	1
Saving more money than usual	45	53	*	1

**VIRUS11. Have you or has someone in your household experienced each of the following because of the coronavirus outbreak, or not?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC		Yes	No	DK	SKP/ REF
Been laid off	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	23	76	*	1
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	27	72	*	1
	06/11-15/2020 N=1,310	24	75	*	1
	05/14-18/2020 N=1,056	26	71	*	2
	04/16-20/2020 N=1,057	25	74	-	1
Been scheduled for fewer hours	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	34	65	*	1
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	33	66	-	1
	06/11-15/2020 N=1,310	32	66	*	1
	05/14-18/2020 N=1,056	37	61	-	2
	04/16-20/2020 N=1,057	31	68	-	1
Taken unpaid time off	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	22	77	*	1
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	24	75	*	1
	06/11-15/2020 N=1,310	21	77	*	1
	05/14-18/2020 N=1,056	22	75	-	2
	04/16-20/2020 N=1,057	20	79	-	1
Had your wages or salary reduced	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	25	74	*	1
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	29	70	*	1
	06/11-15/2020 N=1,310	27	72	*	1
	05/14-18/2020 N=1,056	29	69	*	2
	04/16-20/2020 N=1,057	24	75	*	1

*If someone in household has been laid off in VIRUS11*

**VIRUS12. Do you think that you or the person in your household who was laid off will or will not be able to go back to the same job once the coronavirus outbreak is over?**

	AP-NORC 8/17-19/ 2020	AP-NORC 07/16- 20/2020	AP-NORC 06/11- 15/2020	AP-NORC 05/14- 18/2020	AP-NORC 04/16- 20/2020
<b>Definitely/probably will</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>78</b>
Definitely will	14	15	21	29	33
Probably will	25	19	34	35	45
<b>Definitely/probably will NOT</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>20</b>
Probably will NOT	30	29	23	20	14
Definitely will NOT	19	19	13	10	6
<b>Already back at the same job</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>(Not asked)</b>
DON'T KNOW	1	-	*	-	1
SKIPPED/REFUSED	-	1	*	*	2

N=

232

265

321

244

249

**VIRUS13. Have you experienced each of the following because of the coronavirus outbreak, or not?**

**[FIRST TWO GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC		Have experienced this	Have not experienced this	DK	SKP/REF
Been unable to pay a credit card bill	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	14	86	*	*
	05/14-18/2020 N=1,056	15	83	-	1
	04/16-20/2020 N=1,057	11	88	-	1
Been unable to make a rent or mortgage payment	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	14	86	1	*
	05/14-18/2020 N=1,056	15	84	-	1
	04/16-20/2020 N=1,057	11	89	-	1
Been unable to pay another type of bill	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	21	78	-	*
	05/14-18/2020 N=1,056	21	78	-	1
	04/16-20/2020 N=1,057	19	81	-	1
Received unemployment benefits	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	17	82	*	1

**PID1. Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent or none of these?**

*If Democrat:*

**PIDA. Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Democrat?**

*If Republican:*

**PIDB. Do you consider yourself a strong or moderate Republican?**

*If independent, none of these, don't know, skipped, or refused:*

**PIDI. Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?**

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

	AP-NORC 8/17-19/2020
<b>Democrat NET</b>	<b>48</b>
Strong Democrat	16
Moderate Democrat	20
Lean Democrat	13
<b>Independent/None – Don't lean</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Republican NET</b>	<b>35</b>
Lean Republican	11
Moderate Republican	15
Strong Republican	10

N=

1,075



**D3. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself to be a liberal, moderate, or conservative?**

*If liberal:*

**D4. Do you consider yourself very liberal or somewhat liberal?**

*If conservative:*

**D5. Do you consider yourself very conservative or somewhat conservative?**

**Combines D3, D4, D5:**

	AP-NORC 8/17-19/2020
<b>Liberal NET</b>	<b>22</b>
Very liberal	10
Somewhat liberal	13
<b>Moderate</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Conservative NET</b>	<b>31</b>
Somewhat conservative	18
Very conservative	12
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,075</i>

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

	AP-NORC 8/17-19/2020
Urban	26
Suburban	48
Rural	25
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,075</i>

**AGE**

	AP-NORC 8/17-19/2020
18-29	20
30-39	17
40-59	33
60-64	8
65 +	22
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,075</i>

**GENDER**

	AP-NORC 8/17-19/2020
Male	48
Female	52
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,075</i>

**RACE/ETHNICITY**

	AP-NORC 8/17-19/2020
White	63
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	16
Other	8
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,075</i>

**MARITAL STATUS**

	AP-NORC 8/17-19/2020
Married	53
Not married	47
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,075</i>

**EDUCATION**

	AP-NORC 8/17-19/2020
Less than a high school diploma	9
High school graduate or equivalent	28
Some college	28
College graduate or above	35
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,075</i>

## INCOME

	AP-NORC 8/17-19/2020
Under \$10,000	5
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	9
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	11
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	9
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	18
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	14
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	16
\$150,000 or more	8

*N*=

*1,075*

## 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 17 and 19, 2020, with adults age 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,075 completed the survey—962 via the web and 113 via telephone. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. The final stage completion rate is 14.5 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 23.6 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 84.8 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 2.9 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/-4.1 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 2020 Current Population Survey. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over.

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