



# The May 2022 AP-NORC Center Poll

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*Interviews: 05/12-16/2022*

*1,172 adults*

*Margin of sampling error: +/- 4.0 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 headed 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
05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	21	78	*	*
4/14-18/2022 (N=1,085)	29	70	1	1
3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	31	68	*	1
2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	29	70	*	1
1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	26	74	*	*
12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	33	66	1	1
10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	32	67	1	*
9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	34	64	*	1
8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	39	61	*	*
7/15-19/2021 (N=1,308)	44	55	1	1
6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	46	53	*	1
4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	54	44	1	1
3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	50	50	*	*
2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	48	51	*	1
1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	49	49	1	1
12/3-7/2020 (N=1,117)	37	62	1	1
10/8-12/2020 (N=1,121)	25	74	1	1
9/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	27	72	*	1
8/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	23	75	1	*
7/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	20	80	*	*
6/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	24	74	1	1
5/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	33	65	1	1
4/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	36	63	1	-
3/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	42	58	*	*
2/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	41	59	*	*
1/16-21/2020 (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
9/20-23/2019 (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	*	*

AP-NORC All adults	Right direction	Wrong direction	DON'T KNOW	SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED
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	*

**CUR2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Joe Biden 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 Joe Biden is handling his job as president?**

*If approve in CUR2:*

**CUR3A. Would you say you approve of the way Joe Biden 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 Joe Biden 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	D K	SKP / REF
05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	<b>39</b>	12	26	1	*	<b>60</b>	1	21	39	*	*
4/14-18/2022 (N=1,085)	<b>45</b>	15	30	*	*	<b>54</b>	*	18	36	*	*
3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	<b>43</b>	16	27	*	*	<b>56</b>	*	19	37	*	*
2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	<b>44</b>	15	29	*	<b>1</b>	<b>55</b>	1	19	35	*	*
1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	<b>43</b>	13	30	*	<b>1</b>	<b>56</b>	1	19	36	-	1
12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	<b>48</b>	18	30	*	<b>1</b>	<b>51</b>	*	20	30	-	*
10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	<b>48</b>	17	31	*	<b>1</b>	<b>51</b>	*	17	34	*	*
9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	<b>50</b>	18	31	1	<b>1</b>	<b>49</b>	*	17	32	*	*
8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	<b>54</b>	24	30	*	*	<b>46</b>	*	15	30	*	*

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	D K	SKP / REF
7/15-19/2021 (N=1,308)	<b>59</b>	25	33	1	*	<b>41</b>	1	14	26	-	*
6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	<b>55</b>	26	29	*	<b>1</b>	<b>44</b>	1	14	29	-	-
4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	<b>63</b>	34	29	*	<b>1</b>	<b>36</b>	*	11	25	*	*
3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	<b>61</b>	31	29	*	*	<b>38</b>	*	13	25	-	1
2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	<b>60</b>	32	28	*	*	<b>40</b>	*	15	24	*	*
1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	<b>61</b>	35	26	*	<b>1</b>	<b>38</b>	*	11	26	*	*

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

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

AP-NORC		Approve	Disapprove	DK	SKP/REF
The economy	05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	33	67	*	1
	4/14-18 2022 (N=1,085)	33	66	*	1
	3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	34	65	1	*
	2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	38	61	*	1
	1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	37	62	*	1
	12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	41	57	*	1
	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	41	58	1	1
	9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	47	51	1	1
	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	49	49	*	1
	7/15-19/2021 (N=1,308)	52	47	*	*
	6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	51	47	*	2
	4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	57	42	*	2
	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	60	39	*	1
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	55	44	*	1

AP-NORC		Approve	Disapprove	DK	SKP/REF
The coronavirus pandemic	05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	53	47	*	*
	4/14-18 2022 (N=1,085)	50	49	*	1
	3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	53	46	1	1
	2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	50	49	*	1
	1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	45	54	*	1
	12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	57	42	*	1
	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	54	45	*	1
	9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	57	43	*	1
	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	54	45	*	1
	7/15-19/2021 (N=1,308)	66	33	1	*
	6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	68	31	*	1
	4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	71	27	*	1
	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	73	26	*	1
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	70	29	*	1
The U.S. relationship with Russia	05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	45	54	*	*
	4/14-18 2022 (N=1,085)	44	54	1	1
	3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	46	53	*	1
	2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	43	56	*	1
	6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	49	47	1	3

AP-NORC		Approve	Disapprove	DK	SKP/REF
Immigration	05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	38	62	*	*
	1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	39	59	*	2
	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	36	63	*	1
	9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	35	64	1	1
	6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	40	59	-	2
	4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	43	54	1	2
	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	42	56	*	2

**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 All adults	Very/ Somewhat/ Lean toward good NET	Very good	Some- what good	Lean toward good	Neither good nor poor	Very/ Somewhat/ Lean toward poor NET	Lean toward poor	Some- what poor	Very poor	DK	SKP /REF
05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	<b>22</b>	2	10	9	*	<b>78</b>	11	34	34	-	*
4/14-18 2022 (N=1,085)	<b>29</b>	2	16	12	*	<b>70</b>	11	35	24	-	*
3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	<b>31</b>	2	18	10	*	<b>69</b>	11	37	22	-	-
12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	<b>35</b>	3	21	11	*	<b>64</b>	16	33	16	-	*
10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	<b>35</b>	2	20	13	*	<b>65</b>	12	33	19	-	-
9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	<b>45</b>	2	27	16	-	<b>54</b>	17	25	12	*	-
7/15-19/2021 (N=1,308)	<b>45</b>	4	28	13	<b>1</b>	<b>54</b>	15	28	11	-	*
6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	<b>47</b>	3	27	17	*	<b>53</b>	14	26	13	-	-

AP-NORC All adults	<b>Very/ Somewhat/ Lean toward good NET</b>	Very good	Some- what good	Lean toward good	<b>Neither good nor poor</b>	<b>Very/ Somewhat/ Lean toward poor NET</b>	Lean toward poor	Some- what poor	Very poor	DK	SKP /REF
3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	<b>46</b>	2	25	19	*	<b>54</b>	16	27	11	-	-
2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	<b>37</b>	1	22	14	*	<b>63</b>	16	34	12	-	*
1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	<b>31</b>	1	17	12	*	<b>69</b>	15	37	17	-	-
12/3-7/2020 (N=1,117)	<b>38</b>	5	22	11	*	<b>62</b>	11	34	17	*	-
10/8-12/2020 (N=1,121)	<b>39</b>	6	22	11	*	<b>61</b>	10	31	20	-	*
9/11-14/2020 (N=1,108)	<b>40</b>	6	24	11	*	<b>60</b>	10	33	16	-	-
8/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	<b>37</b>	4	21	12	*	<b>62</b>	12	32	18	-	-
7/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>38</b>	4	22	12	-	<b>62</b>	11	30	21	-	-
6/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	<b>36</b>	5	19	12	*	<b>63</b>	14	28	21	-	1
5/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	<b>29</b>	3	13	13	*	<b>70</b>	9	31	30	-	*
4/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>29</b>	3	15	11	-	<b>71</b>	8	30	33	-	-
03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	<b>39</b>	9	17	12	*	<b>60</b>	10	29	21	-	-
1/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	<b>67</b>	21	36	10	*	<b>33</b>	13	15	5	-	*
9/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	<b>61</b>	18	31	11	*	<b>38</b>	11	19	8	1	*
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	<b>63</b>	15	35	14	*	<b>36</b>	13	16	7	-	1

**ECO1. Do you think President Biden’s policies have done more to help or hurt the national economy, or have they not made much difference?**

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

AP-NORC All adults	Help NET	Help a lot	Some what help	Not much difference	Hurt NET	Somewhat hurt	Hurt a lot	DK	SKP/REF
05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	<b>18</b>	4	14	<b>30</b>	<b>51</b>	19	32	*	*
3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	<b>24</b>	7	17	<b>28</b>	<b>48</b>	19	29	-	*

**ECO2. For each of the following, how concerned are you about the impact of higher than usual prices on your household’s financial situation?**

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

AP-NORC		Extremely concerned/ Very concerned NET	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Somewhat concerned	Not very concerned/Not concerned at all NET	Not very concerned	Not concerned at all	DK	SKP/REF
Groceries	05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	<b>68</b>	41	27	<b>23</b>	<b>9</b>	7	2	-	*
	3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	<b>59</b>	32	27	<b>29</b>	<b>12</b>	8	4	-	*
Gas	05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	<b>74</b>	48	26	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	6	3	-	*
	3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	<b>68</b>	45	23	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	8	3	-	*
Housing	05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	<b>54</b>	32	22	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	15	8	-	*
	3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	<b>40</b>	23	17	<b>24</b>	<b>35</b>	22	14	-	*
Other goods and services	05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	<b>61</b>	33	27	<b>30</b>	<b>9</b>	7	2	-	*
	3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	<b>53</b>	26	27	<b>32</b>	<b>14</b>	10	4	-	*

**ECO3. Do you think higher than usual gas prices are more because of President Biden’s policies or more because of factors outside Biden’s control?**

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

AP-NORC	More because of Biden’s policies	More because of factors outside of Biden’s control	DON’T KNOW	SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED
05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	44	56	*	*
3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	44	55	*	*

**RUS7. Would you say you have: a great deal of confidence, only some confidence or hardly any confidence in Joe Biden’s ability to handle the situation in Ukraine?**

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

	AP-NORC 05/12-16/2022
A great deal of confidence	21
Only some confidence	39
Hardly any confidence at all	39
DON’T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/ REFUSED	1
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,172</i>

**RELIG. What is your present religion, if any?**

	AP-NORC 05/12-16/2022
Protestant	25
Roman Catholic	23
Mormon	2
Orthodox	*
Jewish	2
Muslim	1
Buddhist	1
Hindu	*
Atheist	4
Agnostic	7
Nothing in particular	15
Just Christian	16
Unitarian	1
Something else	2
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N= 1,172

*If Religion is Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox, Christian, or something else:*

**BORN. Would you describe yourself as a 'born-again' or evangelical Christian, or not?**

	AP-NORC 05/12-16/2022	Catholics 05/12-16/2022
Yes	34	10
No	65	88
DON'T KNOW	*	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1	2

N= 853 358

**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 not so strong Democrat?**

*If Republican:*

**PIDB. Do you consider yourself a strong or not so strong 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 05/12-16/2022
<b>Democrat NET</b>	<b>45</b>
Strong Democrat	18
Not so strong Democrat	16
Lean Democrat	10
<b>Independent/None – Don't lean</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Republican NET</b>	<b>37</b>
Lean Republican	9
Not so strong Republican	13
Strong Republican	15
N=	1,172

**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 05/12-16/2022
<b>Liberal NET</b>	<b>24</b>
Very liberal	13
Somewhat liberal	11
<b>Moderate</b>	<b>44</b>
<b>Conservative NET</b>	<b>30</b>
Somewhat conservative	18
Very conservative	12
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2
N=	1,172

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

	AP-NORC 05/12-16/2022
Urban area	24
Suburban area	47
Rural area	28
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
N=	1,172

**GENDER**

	AP-NORC 05/12-16/2022
Male	49
Female	51
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,172</i>

**RACE/ETHNICITY**

	AP-NORC 05/12-16/2022
White	68
Black or African American	11
Hispanic	15
Other	7
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,172</i>

**MARITAL STATUS**

	AP-NORC 05/12-16/2022
Married	46
Not married	54
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,172</i>

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

	AP-NORC 05/12-16/2022
Employed	58
Not employed	42
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,172</i>

**EDUCATION**

	AP-NORC 05/12-16/2022
Less than a high school diploma	10
High school graduate or equivalent	26
Some college	34
College graduate or above	17
Post grad study/professional degree	13
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,172</i>

**INCOME**

	AP-NORC 05/12-16/2022
Under \$10,000	9
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	7
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	13
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	8
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	19
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	15
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	14
\$150,000 or more	7
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,172</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 May 12 and 16, 2022 with adults aged 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,172 completed the survey—1,113 via the web and 59 by telephone. Panel members were invited by email or by phone from an NORC telephone interviewer. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish, depending on respondent preference. Respondents were offered a small monetary incentive for completing the survey. The final stage completion rate is 19.5 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 18.5 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 77.1 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 2.8 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/-4.0 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level, including the design effect. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups.

Catholic respondents were sampled at a higher rate than their proportion of the population for reasons of analysis. The overall margin of sampling error for the 358 completed interviews with Catholic respondents is +/- 7.4 percentage points.

Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error and there may be other unmeasured error in this or any other survey.

Quality assurance checks were conducted to ensure data quality. In total, 47 interviews were removed for nonresponse to at least 50% of the questions asked of them, for completing the survey in less than one-third the median interview time for the full sample, or for straight-lining all grid questions asked of them. These interviews were excluded from the data file prior to weighting.

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 2021 Current Population Survey. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over.

The sample is also weighted to match the average of self-identified party identification in the previous two waves of the AmeriSpeak Omnibus survey and this current survey.

Complete questions and results are available at: [apnorc.org](http://apnorc.org)

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