



Americans' Readiness To Emerge From the Pandemic and How Their Daily Lives Have Changed

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*Nationally representative sample of 1,001 adults age 18 and older, conducted using the AmeriSpeak® Panel, the probability-based panel of NORC at the University of Chicago
Margin of error: +/- 4.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level*

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

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EMPLOY1. Which statement best describes your current employment status?

	AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022
Working <u>remotely</u> as a paid employee	8
Working <u>in-person</u> as a paid employee	37
Working <u>both remotely and in-person</u> as a paid employee	7
Working – self-employed	7
Not working – laid off or furloughed since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic	2
Not working – unemployed looking for work since before the COVID-19 pandemic	2
Not working – retired	22
Not working – disabled	8
Not working – other	8
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-

N=

1,001

SCAN1. Are you the parent or guardian of a child under 18 years of age or not?

	AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022
Yes	30
No	70
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

1,001

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SCAN2. How worried are you about you or someone in your family being infected with...

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

AP-NORC		Extremely /Very worried NET	Extremely worried	Very worried	Some- what worried	Not too/Not at all worried NET	Not too worried	Not at all worried	DK	SKP/ REF
The coronavirus	5/12-16/2022 (N=1,001) ¹	23	12	11	31	45	25	20	-	1
	4/14-18/2022 (N=1,085)	20	9	11	33	48	29	18	-	*
	3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	25	12	13	32	43	29	15	-	-
	2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	24	12	13	34	41	26	15	-	*
	1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	36	17	19	32	32	20	12	-	*
	12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	36	17	18	31	33	21	12	-	*
	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	25	13	13	32	43	27	16	-	-
	9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	33	16	17	36	31	20	11	-	*
	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	41	22	19	29	30	21	9	-	*
	7/15-19/2021 (N= 1,308)	27	14	13	27	45	29	16	*	*
	6/10-14/2021 (N= 1,125)	21	10	11	25	54	34	20	-	*
	4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	24	10	14	29	47	31	15	-	*
	3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	35	17	18	34	32	24	7	-	-
	2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	31	16	15	36	33	24	9	-	*
	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	43	22	20	30	27	19	8	-	*
	12/3-7/2020 (N=1,117)	43	22	21	34	23	16	8	-	*
10/8-12/2020 (N=1,121)	42	22	19	32	26	18	8	-	*	
9/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	38	19	19	31	31	22	9	-	*	

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		Extremely /Very worried NET	Extremely worried	Very worried	Some- what worried	Not too/Not at all worried NET	Not too worried	Not at all worried	DK	SKP/ REF
	8/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	42	20	22	31	26	17	9	*	*
	7/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	49	25	24	31	19	11	8	*	*
	6/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	32	16	16	35	32	22	9	-	1
	5/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	42	21	21	31	25	18	7	*	1
	4/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	43	23	20	35	22	17	5	*	-
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	50	28	22	34	16	13	3	-	*
	03/12-16/2020 (N=1,003)	31	14	17	35	33	23	10	*	1
	2/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	22	11	11	23	55	37	19	-	*
The flu	5/12-16/2022 (N=1,001) ²	13	7	7	28	58	34	24	-	1
	4/14-18/2022 (N=1,085)	10	5	6	28	61	37	24	-	*
	3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	13	5	8	23	64	42	22	-	1
	2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	11	4	7	25	65	42	23	*	*
	1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	16	6	9	30	54	36	18	-	*
	12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	14	5	9	33	53	35	17	-	*
	10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	14	7	8	26	60	39	21	-	*
	9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	12	4	8	31	57	39	18	-	*
	8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	15	8	7	26	58	41	17	-	*
	7/15-19/2021 (N= 1,308)	13	5	8	24	63	41	23	-	*
	6/10-14/2021 (N= 1,125)	10	3	7	22	69	44	25	-	*
	4/29-5/3/2021 (N= 1,842)	9	3	6	21	70	42	27	-	*

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	Extremely /Very worried NET	Extremely worried	Very worried	Some-what worried	Not too/Not at all worried NET	Not too worried	Not at all worried	DK	SKP/ REF
3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	13	6	8	27	59	42	18	-	*
2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	12	5	7	29	59	39	20	-	*
1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	14	6	7	29	58	40	17	-	*
12/3-7/2020 (N=1,117)	17	8	9	31	52	39	13	-	-
10/8-12/2020 (N=1,121)	20	9	10	34	47	33	14	*	*
9/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	21	8	12	33	46	32	14	-	*
8/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	16	7	9	31	52	37	15	-	1
7/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	19	9	10	34	47	33	15	-	*
6/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	15	7	9	27	56	41	16	-	1
5/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	17	7	10	28	54	38	15	-	1
4/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	22	10	13	30	47	35	12	-	*
3/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	22	11	12	35	43	34	8	-	*
3/12-16/2020 (N=1,003)	15	6	9	33	50	37	13	-	1
2/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	23	10	14	40	37	29	7	-	*

SCAN3. Compared to your life before the COVID-19 pandemic, would you say your life these days is...?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022
Completely the same	12
Somewhat but not completely the same	54
Not yet the same	34
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

1,001

SCAN4. Would you say it is mostly good, mostly bad, or neither good nor bad that your life these days is...

If completely the same in SCAN3
...completely the same?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022
Mostly good	56
Mostly bad	9
Neither good nor bad	35
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-
<i>N=</i>	<i>115</i>

If somewhat but not completely the same in SCAN3
...somewhat but not completely the same?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022
Mostly good	45
Mostly bad	14
Neither good nor bad	40
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>548</i>

If not yet the same in SCAN3
...not yet the same?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022
Mostly good	12
Mostly bad	39
Neither good nor bad	49
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>336</i>

SCAN5. How important is it to you that each of the following happens for you to fully participate in public life without feeling at risk of infection with COVID-19?

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

AP-NORC		Essential	Important but not essential	Not too important	Not at all important	DK	SKP/REF
Most people regularly wear face masks in public indoor places	5/12-16/2022 (N=1,001)	22	32	18	27	-	*
	1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	46	25	13	14	-	1
Nearly all people have received a COVID-19 vaccine	5/12-16/2022 (N=1,001)	39	28	12	21	*	1
	1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	46	26	10	17	*	1
Most people get COVID-19 booster shots when recommended	5/12-16/2022 (N=1,001)	38	26	15	21	-	1
	1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	42	26	12	19	*	*
Most people are regularly tested for COVID-19	5/12-16/2022 (N=1,001)	20	32	25	23	*	1
	1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	25	36	21	17	*	1
You have received a COVID-19 vaccine	5/12-16/2022 (N=1,001)	51	18	9	20	-	1
	1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	59	14	8	17	-	1
You have received a COVID-19 booster shot	5/12-16/2022 (N=1,001)	45	19	11	24	*	1
	1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	47	19	12	21	-	1
<i>IF PARENT:</i> Your children have been vaccinated against COVID-19	5/12-16/2022 (N=284)	35	25	14	25	-	1
	AP-NORC 1/13-18/2022 (N=364)	37	26	9	27	*	1
Effective treatments are available for people who contract COVID-19	5/12-16/2022 (N=1,001)	50	32	8	9	*	1

N=1,001

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SCAN6. Before the coronavirus outbreak, about how often did you:

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

AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022	Every day	At least several times a week	At least once a week	At least once a month	Several times a year	Less often	DK	SKP/ REF
Attend in-person religious services	1	6	21	10	10	52	*	1
Use public transportation	3	5	3	6	10	71	*	1
Travel	4	3	6	14	42	30	-	1
Go out to a bar or restaurant	2	14	27	26	12	19	*	1
Exercise at a gym or studio	3	15	9	6	6	59	*	2
Visit with older relatives in person	5	11	19	21	20	22	*	1
Participate in community or civic organizations in person	2	6	11	16	18	46	*	1
Socialize with friends or neighbors in person	13	25	28	18	6	10	*	1

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SCAN7. In the next few weeks, will you personally:

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

AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022	Yes NET	Yes, definitely will	Yes, probably will	No NET	No, probably will <u>not</u>	No, definitely will <u>not</u>	DK	SKP/ REF
Attend in-person religious services	38	22	16	61	20	42	-	1
Use public transportation	16	7	8	83	25	59	-	1
Travel	54	24	30	44	25	19	-	2
Go out to a bar or restaurant	67	30	37	31	15	16	-	2
Exercise at a gym or studio	28	16	12	70	24	47	-	2
Visit with older relatives in person	61	27	35	37	21	16	*	2
Participate in community or civic organizations in person	35	12	22	64	33	32	-	1
Socialize with friends or neighbors in person	81	43	38	17	12	5	*	1

N=1,001

SCAN8. Did you do each of the following at any point during the pandemic or not?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022	Yes	No	DK	SKP/ REF
Start any new hobbies or activities	41	58	-	1
Stop any hobbies or activities	35	64	-	1

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If started any new hobbies or activities in SCAN8.

SCAN9. What new hobbies or activities did you start during the pandemic? Please list up to 3 hobbies or activities.

[OPEN-ENDED CODED]

	AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022
Arts and crafts (such as painting and drawing)	29
Exercise	22
Tabletop games, boardgames, puzzles	15
Reading	15
Cooking/baking	13
Needlework (such as knitting and crocheting)	13
Household maintenance	13
Gardening	12
Going for walks	11
Video games	11
Outdoor recreation (such as camping and hiking)	10
Entertainment (such as TV, movies, and listening to music)	6
Electronics/computer skills	6
Writing	5
Playing music/learning a new instrument	4
Education/learning something new	4
Pets/livestock	3
Religion/spirituality	3
Socializing (such as Zoom hangouts)	3
Social media	3
Learning a new language	2
Vices (such as gambling)	2
Personal maintenance	1
Collecting/starting a collection	1
Other	8
DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

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SCAN10. During the COVID-19 pandemic, did you do each of the following more often, less often, or about the same as before the pandemic?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022	More often	Less often	About the same	DK	SKP/ REF
<i>IF EMPLOYED (N=576):</i> Worked from home instead of in person	41	21	37	-	1
Attended virtual activities such as fitness classes, religious services, or social events	29	29	41	*	1
Received virtual medical services, such as a doctor or therapist visit	37	22	40	*	1
Visited with friends or family by video chat	36	25	38	*	1
Had groceries delivered	26	24	48	*	1
Used curbside pickup at a store or restaurant	48	20	31	*	1
Online shopped	53	11	34	*	1
<i>IF AGE 60 OR OLDER (N=358):</i> Shopped during reduced-capacity "senior hours" at grocery stores, banks, and other public places where shopping was restricted to older adults	38	19	43	*	*

N=1,001

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SCAN11. After the COVID-19 pandemic is over, how likely is it that you will do each of the following at least some of the time?

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

AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022	Extremely / very likely NET	Extremely likely	Very likely	Somewhat likely	Not too/not at all likely NET	Not too likely	Not at all likely	DK	SKP/ REF
<i>IF EMPLOYED (N=576):</i> Work from home instead of in person	28	19	9	19	53	17	37	-	1
Attend virtual activities such as fitness classes, religious services, or social events	16	8	8	21	62	26	36	*	1
Receive virtual medical services, such as a doctor or therapist visit	21	10	12	26	52	26	26	*	*
Visit with friends or family by video chat	27	13	14	28	44	25	19	*	1
Have groceries delivered	16	9	7	18	66	24	41	*	1
Use curbside pickup at a store or restaurant	26	14	12	27	46	19	27	*	1
Online shop	64	37	26	23	13	7	6	*	*
<i>IF AGE 60 OR OLDER (N=358):</i> Shop during reduced- capacity "senior hours" at grocery stores, banks, and other public places	16	6	10	21	62	29	34	1	*

N=1,001

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SCAN12. Each of the following became more common during the pandemic. Do you think it would be a good thing, a bad thing, or neither a good nor a bad thing if each continues after the pandemic?

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

AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022	Very/ somewhat good thing NET	Very good thing	Somewhat good thing	Neither a good nor a bad thing	Somewhat / very bad thing	Somewhat bad thing	Very bad thing	DK	SKP/ REF
More people work remotely instead of in person	54	24	30	31	14	9	5	-	*
Virtual options for activities such as gym classes, religious services, or social events	45	17	28	36	18	10	7	*	1
Stream new movies at home instead of going to movie theaters	57	28	30	31	10	7	4	*	1
More health care is provided by telehealth	48	19	30	32	18	13	5	*	1
Virtual gatherings for family events or holidays	30	11	18	34	35	21	15	-	1
Virtual options for attending community events and meetings	54	21	33	32	13	9	4	*	*

N=1,001

SCAN13. Have you:

AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022	Yes	No	DK	SKP/ REF
Received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine?	74	25	-	1
Received at least one COVID-19 vaccine booster dose?	56	42	-	1

N=1,001

Q14. Some people need ongoing living assistance as they get older. This assistance can be help with things like keeping house, cooking, bathing, getting dressed, getting around, paying bills, remembering to take medicine, or just having someone check in to see that everything is okay. This help can happen at your own home, in a family member's home, in a nursing home, or in a senior community. And, it can be provided by a family member, a friend, a volunteer, or a health care professional.

Are you currently providing ongoing living assistance on a regular basis to a family member or close friend or not?

	AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022
Yes	13
No	87
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N= 1,001

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

	AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022
Urban	23
Suburban	48
Rural	29
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N= 1,001

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RELIG. What is your present religion, if any?

	AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022
Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah's Witness, etc.)	27
Roman Catholic (Catholic)	19
Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)	2
Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)	*
Jewish (Judaism)	2
Muslim (Islam)	1
Buddhist	1
Hindu	1
Atheist (do not believe in God)	4
Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)	6
Nothing in particular	16
Just Christian	17
Unitarian (Universalist)	1
Something else – please specify	2
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

1,001

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 5/12-16/2022
Yes	35
No	65
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

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PARTYID7.

	AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022
Democrat NET	45
Strong Democrat	19
Not so strong Democrat	16
Lean Democrat	10
Independent/None – Don't lean	18
Republican NET	37
Lean Republican	9
Not so strong Republican	13
Strong Republican	15
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,001</i>

IDEOLOGY.

	AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022
Liberal NET	23
Very liberal	12
Somewhat liberal	11
Moderate	44
Conservative NET	30
Somewhat conservative	18
Very conservative	12
UNKNOWN	2
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,001</i>

AGE

	AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022
18-29	20
30-44	25
45-59	25
60+	30
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,001</i>

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GENDER

	AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022
Male	49
Female	51
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,001</i>

RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022
White	62
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	17
Other	9
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,001</i>

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022
Married	46
Not married	54
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,001</i>

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022
Employed	58
Not employed	42
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,001</i>

EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022
Less than a high school diploma	9
High school graduate or equivalent	29
Some college	26
College graduate or above	20
Post grad study/professional degree	15
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,001</i>

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INCOME

	AP-NORC 5/12-16/2022
Under \$10,000	7
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	8
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	12
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	7
\$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	16
\$150,000 or more	9
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,001</i>

Study Methodology

This study, funded by [The SCAN Foundation](#), was conducted by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. Staff from NORC at the University of Chicago, The Associated Press, and The SCAN Foundation collaborated on all aspects of the study.

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 or a secondary national address frame, both with over 97% coverage of all U.S. addresses, and then contacted by U.S. mail, email, telephone, or field interviewers (face to face). The panel provides sample coverage of approximately 97% 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 population. Of note for this study, the panel would also exclude adults who live in some institutional types of settings, such as skilled nursing facilities or nursing homes, depending on how addresses are listed for the facility.

Interviews for this survey were conducted between May 12 and May 16, 2022, with adults age 18 and older representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,001 completed the survey—948 via the web and 53 via telephone. Panel members were invited by email or by phone from an NORC telephone interviewer. Interviews were conducted in English. Respondents were offered a small monetary incentive (\$3) for completing the survey.

The final stage completion rate is 21.0%, the weighted household panel recruitment rate is 19.5%, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 77.1%, for a cumulative response rate of 3.2%. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 4.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level including the design effect. The margin of sampling error may be higher for subgroups.

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 non-coverage 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 2022 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.

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