



The December 2022 AP-NORC Center Poll

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Interviews: 12/01-05/2022

1,124 adults

Margin of sampling error: +/- 3.8 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
12/1-5/2022 (N=1,124)	28	71	*	1
10/06-10/2022 (N=1,121)	25	74	*	1
09/09-12/2022 (N=1,054)	27	72	*	1
07/14-17/2022 (N=1,085)	17	83	-	*
06/23-27/2022 (N=1,053)	14	85	1	*
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	*	*
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	DK	SKP/ REF
12/1- 5/2022 (N=1,124)	43	15	28	*	1	55	1	20	34	-	1
10/06- 10/2022 (N=1,121)	43	15	26	1	1	56	*	20	36	*	*
09/09- 12/2022 (N=1,054)	45	16	30	*	1	53	*	20	33	*	*
07/14- 17/2022 (N=1,085)	36	8	27	*	1	62	*	18	44	*	1
06/23- 27/2022 (N=1,053)	39	12	27	*	1	60	*	19	41	-	*
05/12- 16/2022 (N=1,172)	39	12	26	1	*	60	1	21	39	*	*
4/14- 18/2022 (N=1,085)	45	15	30	*	*	54	*	18	36	*	*

3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	43	16	27	*	*	56	*	19	37	*	*
2/18-21/2022 (N=1,289)	44	15	29	*	1	55	1	19	35	*	*
1/13-18/2022 (N=1,161)	43	13	30	*	1	56	1	19	36	-	1
12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	48	18	30	*	1	51	*	20	30	-	*
10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	48	17	31	*	1	51	*	17	34	*	*
9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	50	18	31	1	1	49	*	17	32	*	*
8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	54	24	30	*	*	46	*	15	30	*	*
7/15-19/2021 (N=1,308)	59	25	33	1	*	41	1	14	26	-	*
9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	50	18	31	1	1	49	*	17	32	*	*
8/12-16/2021 (N=1,729)	54	24	30	*	*	46	*	15	30	*	*
7/15-19/2021 (N=1,308)	59	25	33	1	*	41	1	14	26	-	*
6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	55	26	29	*	1	44	1	14	29	-	-
4/29-5/3/2021 (N=1,842)	63	34	29	*	1	36	*	11	25	*	*
3/25-29/2021 (N=1,166)	61	31	29	*	*	38	*	13	25	-	1
2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	60	32	28	*	*	40	*	15	24	*	*
1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	61	35	26	*	1	38	*	11	26	*	*

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	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
12/1-5/2022 (N=1,124)	25	1	14	10	*	75	11	38	25	-	-
10/06-10/2022 (N=1,121)	23	2	12	9	*	76	13	36	28	*	*
09/09-12/2022 (N=1,054)	29	1	15	12	*	71	11	35	25	*	-
06/23-27/2022 (N=1,053)	20	2	10	9	1	79	9	35	35	-	-
05/12-16/2022 (N=1,172)	22	2	10	9	*	78	11	34	34	-	*
4/14-18/2022 (N=1,085)	29	2	16	12	*	70	11	35	24	-	*
3/17-21/2022 (N=1,082)	31	2	18	10	*	69	11	37	22	-	-
12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	35	3	21	11	*	64	16	33	16	-	*
10/21-25/2021 (N=1,083)	35	2	20	13	*	65	12	33	19	-	-
9/23-27/2021 (N=1,099)	45	2	27	16	-	54	17	25	12	*	-
7/15-19/2021 (N=1,308)	45	4	28	13	1	54	15	28	11	-	*
6/10-14/2021 (N=1,125)	47	3	27	17	*	53	14	26	13	-	-
3/25-29/2021 (N= 1,166)	46	2	25	19	*	54	16	27	11	-	-
2/25-3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	37	1	22	14	*	63	16	34	12	-	*
1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055)	31	1	17	12	*	69	15	37	17	-	-
12/3-7/2020 (N=1,117)	38	5	22	11	*	62	11	34	17	*	-
10/8-12/2020 (N=1,121)	39	6	22	11	*	61	10	31	20	-	*
9/11-14/2020 (N=1,108)	40	6	24	11	*	60	10	33	16	-	-
8/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	37	4	21	12	*	62	12	32	18	-	-
07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	38	4	22	12	-	62	11	30	21	-	-

6/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	36	5	19	12	*	63	14	28	21	-	1
5/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	29	3	13	13	*	70	9	31	30	-	*
4/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	29	3	15	11	-	71	8	30	33	-	-
03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	39	9	17	12	*	60	10	29	21	-	-
1/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	67	21	36	10	*	33	13	15	5	-	*
9/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	61	18	31	11	*	38	11	19	8	1	*
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	63	15	35	14	*	36	13	16	7	-	1

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

B2B. *If neither good nor poor, don't know, skipped, or refused in B2A:*

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

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC	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
12/1- 5/2022 (N=1,124)	57	11	28	18	1	43	11	21	10	-	-
10/06- 10/2022 (N=1,121)	54	8	29	17	*	46	12	23	10	-	*
3/17- 21/2022 (N=1,082)	63	13	30	19	*	37	12	16	9	-	-
12/2- 7/2021 (N=1,089)	64	12	33	19	1	35	11	16	8	-	*
10/21- 25/2021 (N=1,083)	65	13	33	19	1	34	12	15	7	-	-
2/25- 3/1/2021 (N=1,434)	67	13	37	18	*	32	12	14	6	-	*
10/8- 12/2020 (N=1,121)	65	14	35	16	*	34	12	15	8	-	*
9/11- 14/2020 (N=1,108)	65	15	31	18	*	35	13	17	5	-	*

8/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	63	13	34	17	*	36	12	18	6	*	*
7/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	65	14	34	17	*	35	14	15	6	-	-
6/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	66	14	36	16	1	32	12	14	7	-	1
5/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	66	15	32	20	*	33	10	16	7	-	1
4/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	64	14	31	18	*	36	10	17	8	-	-
3/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	62	11	34	17	*	38	10	19	9	-	*
1/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	69	18	37	15	*	31	9	14	7	-	*
9/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	64	19	32	14	*	35	13	14	8	*	*
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	67	15	37	15	*	32	12	15	5	-	1

Now we'd like to get your thoughts on a different topic.

BIZZ2. In general, have you experienced higher prices than usual for each of the following in recent months, or not?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC		Yes, higher	No, not higher	Did not purchase	DON'T KNOW	SKIPPED/ REFUSED
Groceries	12/1-5/2022 (N=1,124)	95	4	2	-	*
	12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	85	13	1	-	1
Gas	12/1-5/2022 (N=1,124)	83	12	5	-	*
	12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	85	8	7	*	1
Electricity	12/1-5/2022 (N=1,124)	74	20	5	*	*
	12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	57	35	7	*	1
Holiday gifts	12/1-5/2022 (N=1,124)	69	10	20	*	1
	12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	58	20	21	*	1

SHOPPING1. Thinking about your holiday shopping this year, has it been easier, neither easier nor harder, or harder to:

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

AP-NORC 12/2-7/2021		Easier	Neither easier nor harder	Harder	DON'T KNOW	SKIPPED/ REFUSED
Find the exact things you want to give as gifts	12/1-5/2022 (N=1,124)	5	56	37	1	1
	12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	6	57	36	1	1
Afford the things you want to give as gifts	12/1-5/2022 (N=1,124)	2	40	57	*	1
	12/2-7/2021 (N=1,089)	7	52	40	1	1
Afford the food you or your family are buying for holiday meals	12/1-5/2022 (N=1,124)	2	40	57	*	1

SHOPPING2. Have you cut back on gifts that you are giving this year because it's harder to afford the things you want to give as gifts, or not?

	AP-NORC 12/1-5/2022
Yes, cut back	91
No, not cut back	10
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-
N=	1,124

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 12/1-5/2022
Democrat NET	44
Strong Democrat	18
Not so strong Democrat	16
Lean Democrat	10
Independent/None – Don't lean	18
Republican NET	38
Lean Republican	9
Not so strong Republican	12
Strong Republican	17
N=	1,124

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 12/1-5/2022
Liberal NET	22
Very liberal	12
Somewhat liberal	10
Moderate	46
Conservative NET	29
Somewhat conservative	14
Very conservative	14
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	3
N=	1,124

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

	AP-NORC 12/1-5/2022
Urban area	24
Suburban area	50
Rural area	25
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1
N=	1,124

RELIG. What is your present religion, if any?

	AP-NORC 12/1-5/2022
Protestant	25
Roman Catholic	18
Mormon	2
Orthodox	*
Jewish	2
Muslim	*
Buddhist	*
Hindu	1
Atheist	7
Agnostic	8
Nothing in particular	15
Just Christian	20
Unitarian	1
Something else	3
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
N=	1,124

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 12/1-5/2022
Yes	39
No	61
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

1,124

AGE

	AP-NORC 12/1-5/2022
18-29	20
30-44	25
45-59	25
60+	30

N=

1,124

GENDER

	AP-NORC 12/1-5/2022
Male	49
Female	51

N=

1,124

RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 12/1-5/2022
White	62
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	17
Other	9

N=

1,124

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 12/1-5/2022
Married	49
Not married	51

N=

1,124

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	AP-NORC 12/1-5/2022
Employed	57
Not employed	43

*N=**1,124***EDUCATION**

	AP-NORC 12/1-5/2022
Less than a high school diploma	10
High school graduate or equivalent	29
Some college	26
College graduate or above	20
Post grad study/professional degree	15

*N=**1,124***CENSUS REGION**

	AP-NORC 12/1-5/2022
Northeast NET	17
New England	5
Mid-Atlantic	13
Midwest NET	21
East North Central	14
West North Central	6
South NET	38
South Atlantic	20
East South Central	6
West South Central	12
West NET	24
Mountain	8
Pacific	16

*N=**1,124***HOME OWNERSHIP**

	AP-NORC 12/1-5/2022
Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household	71
Rented for cash	26
Occupied without payment of cash rent	3

*N=**1,124*

INCOME

	AP-NORC 12/1-5/2022
Under \$10,000	6
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	7
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	11
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	18
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	13
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	15
\$150,000 or more	12

N=

1,124

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 December 1 and 5, 2022 with adults aged 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,124 completed the survey—1,045 via the web and 79 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 16.6 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 20.8 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 78.7 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 2.7 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 3.8 percentage points at the 95 percent 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, 41 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 2022 Current Population Survey. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults aged 18 and over.

Complete questions and results are available at: apnorc.org

Additional information on the AmeriSpeak Panel methodology is available at: <https://amerispeak.norc.org/about-amerispeak/Pages/Panel-Design.aspx>.

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