



# The February 2025 AP-NORC Center Poll

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*Interviews: 02/06-10/2025  
1,112 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.*

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

	Climate change is happening	Climate change is not happening	Not sure if climate change is happening	SKP/REF
AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025 (N=1,112)	72	13	15	*
AP-NORC 07/25-29/2024 (N=1,143)	70	13	18	*
AP-NORC 04/04-08/2024 (N=1,204)	71	11	18	*
AP-NORC 09/07-11/2023 (N=1,146)	74	11	14	*
AP-NORC 04/13-17/2023 (N=1,230)	71	12	16	*
AP-NORC 09/09-12/2022 (N=1,054)	74	8	18	*
AP-NORC 06/23-27/2022 (N=1,053)	71	11	18	-
AP-NORC 8/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	76	9	15	1
AP-NORC/EPIC 11/14-19/2018 (N=1,202)	71	9	19	1
AP-NORC/EPIC 8/17-21/2017 (N=1,038)	72	9	19	1
AP-NORC/EPIC 6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	65	12	23	1
AP-NORC/EPIC 8/11-14/2016 (N=1,096)	77	19	13	-

Show if climate change is happening 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?**

	Caused entirely/ mostly by human activities NET	Caused <u>entirely</u> by human activities	Caused <u>mostly</u> by human activities	Caused <u>equally</u> by human activities and natural changes in the environment	Caused entirely/ mostly by natural changes in the environment NET	Caused <u>mostly</u> by natural changes in the environment	Caused <u>entirely</u> by natural changes in the environm ent	DK	SKP /REF
AP-NORC									
02/06- 10/2025 (N=797)	59	13	46	30	11	8	2	-	*
07/25- 29/2024 (N=814)	59	15	44	29	12	7	5	*	*
04/04- 08/2024 (N=852)	65	19	47	22	12	10	2	*	-
09/07- 11/2023 (N=874)	61	15	45	29	10	8	3	-	*
04/13- 17/2023 (N=908)	63	14	49	30	7	6	1	*	*
09/09- 12/2022 (N=801)	65	20	45	26	9	8	1	-	*
06/23- 27/2022 (N=763)	66	17	49	27	7	5	1	-	*
8/15- 18/2019 (N=804)	62	19	44	27	10	8	2	*	*

**CC19. Have you been personally affected by each of the following in the last five years, or not?<sup>1</sup>**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC		Yes	No	DK	SKP/REF
Extremely hot weather or extreme heat waves	02/06-10/2025 (N=1,112)	55	45	-	*
	07/25-29/2024 (N=1,143)	71	28	-	1
	09/07-11/2023 (N=1,146)	74	25	-	1
	04/13-17/2023 (N=1,230)	55	43	-	1
Severe cold weather or severe winter storms	02/06-10/2025 (N=1,112)	49	50	-	1
	07/25-29/2024 (N=1,143)	34	65	-	1
	09/07-11/2023 (N=1,146)	42	57	-	1
	04/13-17/2023 (N=1,230)	45	53	-	2
Major droughts or water shortages	02/06-10/2025 (N=1,112)	31	68	-	*
	07/25-29/2024 (N=1,143)	31	68	-	1
	09/07-11/2023 (N=1,146)	32	67	-	2
	04/13-17/2023 (N=1,230)	30	69	-	1
Hurricanes or severe tropical storms	02/06-10/2025 (N=1,112)	25	74	-	*
	07/25-29/2024 (N=1,143)	26	72	-	2
	09/07-11/2023 (N=1,146)	31	68	-	1
	04/13-17/2023 (N=1,230)	24	75	-	*

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<sup>1</sup> Previous polls phrased the question as “Have you been personally affected by each of the following extreme weather events in the last five years, or not?”

AP-NORC		Yes	No	DK	SKP/REF
Major flooding	02/06-10/2025 (N=1,112)	18	82	-	1
	07/25-29/2024 (N=1,143)	18	81	-	1
	09/07-11/2023 (N=1,146)	21	78	-	1
	04/13-17/2023 (N=1,230)	20	79	-	1
Wildfires	02/06-10/2025 (N=1,112)	16	83	-	1
	07/25-29/2024 (N=1,143)	22	77	-	1
	09/07-11/2023 (N=1,146)	26	73	-	1
	04/13-17/2023 (N=1,230)	19	80	-	1
Tornadoes	02/06-10/2025 (N=1,112)	17	82	-	1
	07/25-29/2024 (N=1,143)	18	81	-	1
	09/07-11/2023 (N=1,146)	17	82	-	1
	04/13-17/2023 (N=1,230)	18	80	*	1
Other severe weather events or weather disasters	02/06-10/2025 (N=1,112)	20	80	-	1
	07/25-29/2024 (N=1,143)	22	76	-	2
	09/07-11/2023 (N=1,146)	22	76	-	3
	04/13-17/2023 (N=1,230)	20	77	-	3

Show if yes in any CC19

**CC20. Do you think the weather events or natural disasters you experienced occurred, at least in part, because of climate change, or not?<sup>2</sup>**

AP-NORC	Yes, climate change was a cause	No, climate change was not a cause	DK	SKP/REF
02/06- 10/2025 (N=880)	72	27	1	1
07/25-29/2024 (N=940)	69	30	*	*
09/07-11/2023 (N=985)	74	25	*	1
04/13-17/2023 (N=982)	69	30	*	1

**CC24. Do you think climate change has already had a major impact, will have a major impact, or not have a major impact on each of the following in your lifetime?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC		Has had a major impact	Will have a major impact	Will not have a major impact	DK	SKP/REF
You personally	02/06-10/2025 (N=1,112)	26	43	31	-	1
	09/07-11/2023 (N=1,146)	24	41	34	1	1
Your health	02/06-10/2025 (N=1,112)	13	43	43	-	1
	09/07-11/2023 (N=1,146)	13	44	41	*	1
Air quality in your area	02/06-10/2025 (N=1,112)	24	41	34	-	1
Availability of water in your area	02/06-10/2025 (N=1,112)	14	41	43	-	1
	09/07-11/2023 (N=1,146)	13	37	48	*	1

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<sup>2</sup> Previous polls phrased the question as “Do you think the extreme weather events you experienced occurred, at least in part, because of climate change, or not?”

**CC25. There are many people in this country who live in areas that are becoming more susceptible to destruction by disasters such as hurricanes, wildfires, and flooding. In general, when disasters strike these areas, do you favor, neither favor nor oppose, or oppose the federal government doing the following:**

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

AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025	<b>Strongly/ Somewhat favor NET</b>	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>Strongly/ Somewhat oppose NET</b>	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP /REF
Providing money to local residents to help them rebuild in the same community	<b>60</b>	31	29	<b>26</b>	<b>14</b>	10	4	*	*
Providing money to local residents to make their property more resistant to natural disasters	<b>63</b>	31	33	<b>26</b>	<b>10</b>	7	3	*	*
Providing homeowners' insurance in these communities for people who cannot get private insurance	<b>58</b>	32	26	<b>25</b>	<b>16</b>	11	5	*	1
Restricting new construction in these communities	<b>44</b>	19	24	<b>38</b>	<b>18</b>	10	7	*	1

*N=1,112*

**CC26. How concerned are you that climate change will have the following impacts?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025	<b>Extremely/ very concerned NET</b>	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	<b>Moderately concerned</b>	<b>Not very/not at all concerned</b>	Not very concerned	Not concerned at all	DK	SKP/ REF
Increasing energy costs for households	<b>55</b>	29	27	<b>28</b>	<b>15</b>	8	7	-	1
Increasing property insurance premiums for households	<b>59</b>	30	29	<b>26</b>	<b>13</b>	8	6	-	1
Increasing costs for local emergency responders	<b>48</b>	23	25	<b>32</b>	<b>19</b>	12	7	-	1
Increasing infrastructure costs for government	<b>47</b>	21	25	<b>33</b>	<b>19</b>	14	6	*	1

*N=1,112*

**CC28. Do you think oil and gas companies should or should not be held legally responsible for the costs of natural disasters linked to climate change?**

	AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025
Should	52
Should not	45
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2

*N=*

*1,112*



**TRAVEL2. How safe do you think each of the following types of transportation is in the United States today?**

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

AP-NORC		<b>Very/ somewhat safe NET</b>	Very safe	Somewhat safe	<b>Neither safe nor unsafe</b>	<b>Very/ somewhat unsafe NET</b>	Somewhat unsafe	Very unsafe	DK	SKP/ REF
Plane	02/06- 10/2025 (N=1,112)	<b>64</b>	28	36	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	13	8	-	1
	01/25- 29/2024 (N=1,152)	<b>71</b>	31	40	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	9	3	*	1
Car	02/06- 10/2025 (N=1,112)	<b>63</b>	17	47	<b>19</b>	<b>17</b>	14	3	*	*
	01/25- 29/2024 (N=1,152)	<b>72</b>	22	50	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	11	2	-	*
Walking	02/06- 10/2025 (N=1,112)	<b>65</b>	24	41	<b>17</b>	<b>17</b>	13	4	*	1
	01/25- 29/2024 (N=1,152)	<b>61</b>	21	40	<b>18</b>	<b>21</b>	16	5	*	*
Local subway, metro or light rail system	02/06- 10/2025 (N=1,112)	<b>53</b>	16	37	<b>23</b>	<b>23</b>	18	6	*	*
	01/25- 29/2024 (N=1,152)	<b>52</b>	15	37	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	17	7	2	1

**TRAVEL3. In general, how much confidence do you have in each the following to maintain air safety:**

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

AP-NORC		<b>A great deal/a moderate amount NET</b>	<b>A great deal</b>	<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>Only a little/none at all NET</b>	<b>Only a little</b>	<b>None at all</b>	<b>DK</b>	<b>SKP/REF</b>
Federal government agencies	02/06-10/2025 (N=1,112)	<b>55</b>	13	42	<b>44</b>	29	15	*	1
	01/25-29/2024 (N=1,152)	<b>62</b>	20	42	<b>35</b>	26	10	*	2
Commercial airlines	02/06-10/2025 (N=1,112)	<b>74</b>	26	49	<b>24</b>	19	6	*	1
	01/25-29/2024 (N=1,152)	<b>74</b>	25	48	<b>24</b>	20	4	*	2
Air traffic controllers	02/06-10/2025 (N=1,112)	<b>77</b>	35	42	<b>22</b>	17	5	-	1
	01/25-29/2024 (N=1,152)	<b>81</b>	40	41	<b>17</b>	14	3	*	2
Pilots	02/06-10/2025 (N=1,112)	<b>84</b>	41	43	<b>15</b>	11	4	-	1
	01/25-29/2024 (N=1,152)	<b>84</b>	45	39	<b>14</b>	11	3	*	2

**BET2. Do you think gambling on each of the following should be legal in your state, or don't you think so?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC		<b>Should</b>	<b>Should not</b>	<b>DK</b>	<b>SKP/REF</b>
Professional sports	02/06-10/2025 (N=1,112)	58	41	*	2
	3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063)	60	38	*	2
College sports	02/06-10/2025 (N=1,112)	43	55	*	2
	3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063)	42	56	*	2

**BET4. How often, if ever, do you bet on professional or college sports in each of the following ways?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC		Frequently	Occasionally	Never	DK	SKP/ REF
Online, using betting or fantasy sports websites or apps	02/06-10/2025 (N=1,112)	5	9	85	-	1
	3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063)	2	8	89	-	1
In-person at casinos	02/06-10/2025 (N=1,112)	3	20	76	-	1
	3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063)	2	18	79	*	1
Among friends or through an office pool	02/06-10/2025 (N=1,112)	1	24	74	-	*
	3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063)	4	32	63	-	1

**BET5. How often do you fill out a bracket for each of the following?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025	Every year	Some years	Never	DK	SKP/ REF
Men's March Madness Basketball Tournament	9	17	73	-	1
Women's March Madness Basketball Tournament	4	12	83	-	1

*N=1,112*

*Show if every year or some years in BET5*

**BET6. When you filled out a March Madness bracket in the past, how much of a reason was each of the following?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025	Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason at all	DK	SKP/ REF
The glory of winning	33	40	27	-	*
The chance to win money	27	42	31	-	*
Other people were doing it	23	44	32	-	1
To support a specific school or team	16	41	42	-	1

*N=299*

**BET7. If someone enters a March Madness bracket pool for money, do you consider that to be gambling, not consider that to be gambling, or does it depend on the amount of money?**

	AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025
Yes, it's gambling	56
No, it's not gambling	21
Depends on the amount of money	22
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,112</i>

**ROMANCE1. Which best describes your relationship status?**

	AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025
Married	49
Living together, but not married	11
Not living together, but in a serious relationship	6
In a casual relationship	6
Not in a relationship	28
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,112</i>

**ROMANCE2. Do you plan to celebrate Valentine's Day in the following ways this year?**

**[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]**

AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025	Yes	No	DK	SKP/ REF
With a romantic partner	55	44	-	2
With friends	17	81	*	2
With family	39	60	-	2
In some other way	15	81	*	4
<i>N=1,112</i>				

**ROMANCE3. How well would you say the following words describe Valentine's Day?**

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

AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025	<b>Extremely/very well NET</b>	Extremely well	Very well	<b>Somewhat well</b>	<b>Not very/not at all well NET</b>	Not very well	Not well at all	DK	SKP/REF
Romantic	<b>38</b>	14	24	<b>43</b>	<b>17</b>	10	7	-	2
Outdated	<b>22</b>	10	13	<b>29</b>	<b>47</b>	25	22	*	2
Fun	<b>34</b>	11	24	<b>41</b>	<b>23</b>	15	8	1	1
Stressful	<b>14</b>	4	10	<b>28</b>	<b>56</b>	27	30	*	2

*N=1,112*

**ROMANCE4. How important would you say the following is in a successful romantic relationship?**

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

AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025	<b>Extremely/ very important NET</b>	Extremely important	Very important	<b>Somewhat important</b>	<b>Not very/not at all important NET</b>	Not very important	Not at all important	DK	SKP/ REF
Physical intimacy	<b>71</b>	35	35	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>	4	2	*	1
Being friends	<b>84</b>	52	32	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	1	1	-	1
Ability to talk about your emotions	<b>85</b>	53	32	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	2	1	-	1
Shared values and beliefs	<b>82</b>	46	36	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	2	2	-	1

*N=1,112*

**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.**

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

	AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025
<b>Democrat NET</b>	<b>45</b>
Strong Democrat	18
Not so strong Democrat	15
Lean Democrat	12
<b>Independent/None – Don't lean</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Republican NET</b>	<b>36</b>
Lean Republican	9
Not so strong Republican	12
Strong Republican	15
N=	1,112

**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:*

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

**Combines D3, D4, D5:**

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

	AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025
<b>Liberal NET</b>	<b>23</b>
Very liberal	13
Somewhat liberal	10
<b>Moderate</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Conservative NET</b>	<b>28</b>
Somewhat conservative	16
Very conservative	12
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2
N=	1,112

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

	AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025
Urban area	28
Suburban area	46
Rural area	25
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,112

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

	AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025
Protestant	24
Roman Catholic	19
Mormon	2
Orthodox	1
Jewish	2
Muslim	*
Buddhist	1
Hindu	1
Atheist	7
Agnostic	7
Nothing in particular	13
Just Christian	19
Unitarian	1
Something else	1
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

1,112

*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 02/06-10/2025
Yes	38
No	62
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-

N=

769

**AGE**

	AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025
18-29	20
30-44	26
45-59	24
60+	31

*N=* 1,112

**GENDER**

	AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025
Male	48
Female	52

*N=* 1,112

**RACE/ETHNICITY**

	AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025
White, non-Hispanic	61
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	18
Other	9

*N=* 1,112

**MARITAL STATUS**

	AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025
Married	50
Not married	50

*N=* 1,112

**EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

	AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025
Employed	59
Not employed	41

*N=* 1,112



## EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025
Less than a high school diploma	9
High school graduate or equivalent	29
Some college	26
Bachelor's degree	20
Post graduate study or professional degree	16
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,112</i>

## CENSUS REGION

	AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025
<b>Northeast NET</b>	<b>17</b>
New England	5
Mid-Atlantic	13
<b>Midwest NET</b>	<b>20</b>
East North Central	14
West North Central	6
<b>South NET</b>	<b>39</b>
South Atlantic	21
East South Central	6
West South Central	12
<b>West NET</b>	<b>24</b>
Mountain	8
Pacific	16
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,112</i>

## HOME OWNERSHIP

	AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025
Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household	69
Rented for cash	29
Occupied without payment of cash rent	3
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,112</i>

## INCOME

	AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025
Under \$10,000	5
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	6
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	8
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	21
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	16
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	16
\$150,000 or more	12

*N*=

*1,112*

## 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 bi-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 February 6 through February 10, 2025, with adults aged 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,112 completed the survey—1,064 via the web and 48 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 11.7 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 26.1 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 77.8 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 2.4 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.

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, 61 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 2024 Current Population Survey. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over.

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