



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.

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

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

TRAVEL4. Based on what you know, do you approve, neither approve nor disapprove, or disapprove of Donald Trump’s response to the recent plane crash in Washington, D.C.?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025
Strongly/somewhat approve	24
Strongly approve	12
Somewhat approve	11
Neither approve nor disapprove	29
Strongly/somewhat disapprove	46
Somewhat disapprove	12
Strongly disapprove	34
DON’T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	1

N=

1,112

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		Should	Should not	DK	SKP/REF
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		Every year	Some years	Never	DK	SKP/REF
02/06-10/2025						
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

N=

1,112

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	*

N=

1,112

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

N=1,112

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	Extremely/very well NET	Extremely well	Very well	Somewhat well	Not very/not at all well NET	Not very well	Not well at all	DK	SKP/REF
Romantic	38	14	24	43	17	10	7	-	2
Outdated	22	10	13	29	47	25	22	*	2
Fun	34	11	24	41	23	15	8	1	1
Stressful	14	4	10	28	56	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	Extremely/ very important NET	Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not very/not at all important NET	Not very important	Not at all important	DK	SKP/ REF
Physical intimacy	71	35	35	23	6	4	2	*	1
Being friends	84	52	32	12	3	1	1	-	1
Ability to talk about your emotions	85	53	32	11	3	2	1	-	1
Shared values and beliefs	82	46	36	13	4	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
Democrat NET	45
Strong Democrat	18
Not so strong Democrat	15
Lean Democrat	12
Independent/None – Don't lean	19
Republican NET	36
Lean Republican	9
Not so strong Republican	12
Strong Republican	15
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,112</i>

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

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

N=

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CENSUS REGION

	AP-NORC 02/06-10/2025
Northeast NET	17
New England	5
Mid-Atlantic	13
Midwest NET	20
East North Central	14
West North Central	6
South NET	39
South Atlantic	21
East South Central	6
West South Central	12
West NET	24
Mountain	8
Pacific	16

N=

1,112

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

N=

1,112

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.

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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