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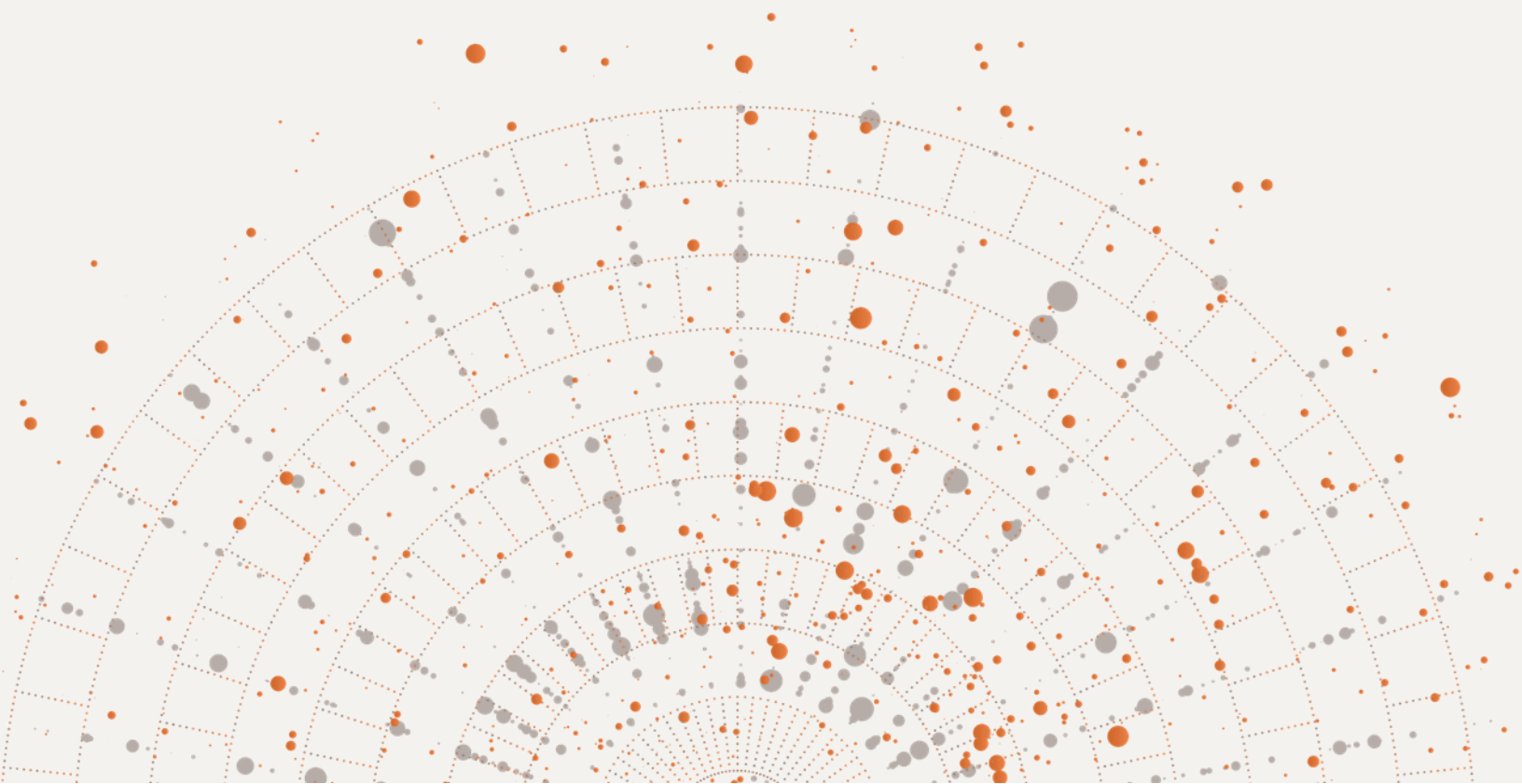


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Study Methodology

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 November 6 through November 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 1,143 completed the survey—1,072 via the web and 71 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 13.4 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 26.3 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 78.0 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 2.8 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. For example, the margin of sampling error is 5.9 percentage points for Democrats, 6.1 percentage points for Republicans and 8.9 percentage points for independents.

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, 101 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, education, and 2024 presidential vote. Weighting variables were obtained from the 2025 Current Population Survey and the final results for 2024 presidential vote turnout and vote choice. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over.

Complete questions and results are available at: www.apnorc.org.

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

For more information, email info@apnorc.org.

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Index of Variables: *Listed in the order they appear on the file*

#	Variable	Question	Type	Length	Label
1	SU_ID	N/A	Num	8	SU_ID: CaseID
2	FINALWT	N/A	Num	8	FINALWT: Post-stratification weights - 18+ general population (N=1,143)
3	SURV_MODE	N/A	Num	8	SURV_MODE: Survey interview mode (online or phone)
4	SURV_LANG	N/A	Num	8	SURV_LANG: Survey interview language
5	CUR3AB	CUR2, CUR3, CUR3A, CUR3B	Num	8	CUR3AB: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?
6	CURY2A	CURY2	Num	8	CURY2A: [The economy] Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...?
7	CURY2B	CURY2	Num	8	CURY2B: [Immigration] Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...?

#	Variable	Question	Type	Length	Label
8	CURY2C	CURY2	Num	8	CURY2C: [Health care] Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...?
9	CURY2D	CURY2	Num	8	CURY2D: [Managing the federal government] Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...?
10	POLITICS	PID1	Num	8	POLITICS: Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or none of these?
11	DEMO	PIDA	Num	8	DEMO: Do you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Democrat?
12	REPub	PIDB	Num	8	REPub: Do you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Republican?
13	INDEP	PIDI	Num	8	INDEP: Do you lean more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?
14	AGEGRP	N/A	Num	8	AGEGRP: Age
15	MARITAL	N/A	Num	8	MARITAL: Marital status

#	Variable	Question	Type	Length	Label
16	EDUCATION	N/A	Num	8	EDUCATION: Educational attainment
17	RACETH	N/A	Num	8	RACETH: Race/ethnicity
18	GENDER	N/A	Num	8	GENDER: Gender
19	HHINCOME	N/A	Num	8	HHINCOME: Household income
20	HOUSING	N/A	Num	8	HOUSING: Home ownership
21	EMPSTATUS	N/A	Num	8	EMPSTATUS: Employment status
22	CENSUS_REGION	N/A	Num	8	CENSUS_REGION: Census region

Variables #5 is collapsed or recoded from original data, making the coding frame of this variable different from the survey questionnaire. This variable is derived from more than one question.

Variables #14-22 are AmeriSpeak Omnibus® profile variables. These variables are collapsed or recoded to minimize the risk of disclosing respondent privacy.

Variable #21 is collapsed to minimize the risk of disclosing respondent privacy.

Details of Variables

- “.”: logic skip, respondent is not applicable to a specific question
- **99**: question non-response

SURV_MODE: Survey interview mode (online or phone)			
SURV_MODE	Frequency	Weighted Frequency	Weighted Percent
(1) Phone interview	71	57	5
(2) Web interview	1,072	1,086	95
Total	1,143	1,143	100

SURV_LANG: Survey interview language			
SURV_LANG	Frequency	Weighted Frequency	Weighted Percent
(1) English	1,090	1,074	94
(2) Spanish	53	69	6
Total	1,143	1,143	100

CUR3AB: Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?			
CUR3AB	Frequency	Weighted Frequency	Weighted Percent
(1) Strongly approve	203	209	18
(2) Somewhat approve	169	199	17
(3) Lean toward approving	2	4	0
(4) Do not lean either way	3	8	1
(5) Lean toward disapproving	0	0	0
(6) Somewhat disapprove	114	151	13
(7) Strongly disapprove	640	556	49
(99) DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED (VOL)	12	16	1
Total	1,143	1,143	100

CURY2A: [The economy] Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...?

CURY2A	Frequency	Weighted Frequency	Weighted Percent
(1) Approve	353	376	33
(2) Disapprove	788	766	67
(99) DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED (VOL)	2	1	0
Total	1,143	1,143	100

CURY2B: [Immigration] Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...?

CURY2B	Frequency	Weighted Frequency	Weighted Percent
(1) Approve	433	481	42
(2) Disapprove	704	656	57
(99) DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED (VOL)	6	7	1
Total	1,143	1,143	100

CURY2C: [Health care] Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...?

CURY2C	Frequency	Weighted Frequency	Weighted Percent
(1) Approve	346	388	34
(2) Disapprove	789	745	65
(99) DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED (VOL)	8	10	1
Total	1,143	1,143	100

CURY2D: [Managing the federal government] Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...?

CURY2D	Frequency	Weighted Frequency	Weighted Percent
(1) Approve	342	379	33
(2) Disapprove	797	761	67
(99) DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED (VOL)	4	3	0
Total	1,143	1,143	100

POLITICS: Do you consider yourself a Democrat, a Republican, an independent or none of these?

POLITICS	Frequency	Weighted Frequency	Weighted Percent
(1) Democrat	381	328	29
(2) Republican	299	320	28
(3) Independent	306	296	26
(4) None of these	155	198	17
(99) DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED (VOL)	2	1	0
Total	1,143	1,143	100

DEMO: Do you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Democrat?

DEMO	Frequency	Weighted Frequency	Weighted Percent
.	762	815	71
(1) Strong Democrat	217	159	14
(2) Not so strong Democrat	163	168	15
(99) DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED (VOL)	1	1	0
Total	1,143	1,143	100

REPUB: Do you consider yourself a strong or not so strong Republican?

REPUB	Frequency	Weighted Frequency	Weighted Percent
.	844	823	72
(1) Strong Republican	161	168	15
(2) Not so strong Republican	138	153	13
(99) DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED (VOL)	0	0	0
Total	1,143	1,143	100

INDEP: Do you learn more toward the Democrats or the Republicans?

INDEP	Frequency	Weighted Frequency	Weighted Percent
.	680	648	57
(1) Lean Democrat	151	122	11
(2) Lean Republican	101	109	10
(3) Don't lean	208	257	23
(99) DON'T KNOW/SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED (VOL)	3	6	1
Total	1,143	1,143	100

AGEGRP: Age

AGEGRP	Frequency	Weighted Frequency	Weighted Percent
(1) 18 to 29	146	228	20
(2) 30 to 39	198	202	18
(3) 40 to 59	329	357	31
(4) 60 to 64	127	90	8
(5) 65 or older	343	265	23
Total	1,143	1,143	100

MARITAL: Marital status			
MARITAL	Frequency	Weighted Frequency	Weighted Percent
(1) Married	570	521	46
(2) Widowed	59	45	4
(3) Divorced	135	120	10
(4) Separated	64	64	6
(5) Never married	315	394	34
Total	1,143	1,143	100

EDUCATION: Educational attainment			
EDUCATION	Frequency	Weighted Frequency	Weighted Percent
(1) Less than a high school diploma	67	104	9
(2) High school graduate or equivalent	207	324	28
(3) Some college	463	300	26
(4) Bachelor's degree	223	259	23
(5) Post grad study or professional degree	183	156	14
Total	1,143	1,143	100

RACETH: Race/ethnicity			
RACETH	Frequency	Weighted Frequency	Weighted Percent
(1) White, non-Hispanic	739	685	60
(2) Black or African American, non-Hispanic	116	138	12
(3) Hispanic	212	211	18
(4) Other, non-Hispanic	76	110	10
Total	1,143	1,143	100

GENDER: Gender

GENDER	Frequency	Weighted Frequency	Weighted Percent
(1) Male	534	558	49
(2) Female	609	585	51
Total	1,143	1,143	100

HHINCOME: Household income

HHINCOME	Frequency	Weighted Frequency	Weighted Percent
(1) Under \$10,000	38	63	6
(2) \$10,000 to under \$20,000	81	102	9
(3) \$20,000 to under \$30,000	118	126	11
(4) \$30,000 to under \$40,000	88	86	7
(5) \$40,000 to under \$50,000	95	102	9
(6) \$50,000 to under \$75,000	205	180	16
(7) \$75,000 to under \$100,000	155	144	13
(8) \$100,000 to under \$150,000	188	167	15
(9) \$150,000 or more	175	172	15
Total	1,143	1,143	100

HOUSING: Home ownership

HOUSING	Frequency	Weighted Frequency	Weighted Percent
(1) Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household	764	697	61
(2) Rented for cash	341	393	34
(3) Occupied without payment of cash rent	38	53	5
Total	1,143	1,143	100

EMPSTATUS: Employment status

EMPSTATUS	Frequency	Weighted Frequency	Weighted Percent
(1) Working - as a paid employee	616	637	56
(2) Working - self employed	80	77	7
(3) Not working - looking for work	30	55	5
(4) Not working - retired	292	228	20
(5) Not working - disabled	78	79	7
(6) Not working - other	47	68	6
Total	1,143	1,143	100

CENSUS_REGION: Census region

CENSUS_REGION	Frequency	Weighted Frequency	Weighted Percent
(1) Northeast	161	197	17
(2) Midwest	293	233	20
(3) South	405	442	39
(4) West	284	272	24
Total	1,143	1,143	100

Map of Census Regions

