



The May 2026 AP-NORC Center Poll

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*Interviews: 05/14-18/2026
1,117 adults*

*Margin of sampling error: +/- 3.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level
among all adults*

*Republican, including leaners: N=412; margin of sampling error = +/- 5.9 percentage points
Independent, other, no answer: N=219; margin of sampling error = +/- 8.7 percentage points
Democrat, including leaners: N=486; margin of sampling error = +/- 5.8 percentage points*

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

CUR2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

CUR3. If don't know, skipped, or refused in CUR2

If you had to choose, do you lean more toward approving or disapproving of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

CUR3A. If approve in CUR2

Would you say you approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president strongly or do you approve just somewhat?

CUR3B. If disapprove in CUR2

Would you say you disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president strongly or do you disapprove just somewhat?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC	Approve NET	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean toward approving	Not lean either way	Disapprove NET	Lean toward disapproving	Somewhat disapprove	Strongly disapprove	DK	SKP /REF
05/14-18/2026 (N=1,117)	37	18	19	*	*	62	*	14	49	-	*
04/16-20/2026 (N=2,596)	33	17	16	*	*	67	*	17	49	*	*
03/19-23/2026 (N=1,150)	38	18	20	*	1	60	*	12	48	-	*
02/05-08/2026 (N=1,156)	36	18	18	*	1	62	1	16	46	-	1
01/08-11/2026 (N=1,203)	40	20	20	*	1	59	*	12	47	-	*
12/4-8/2025 (N=1,146)	36	18	18	*	1	61	*	15	47	-	1
11/6-10/2025 (N=1,143)	36	18	17	*	1	62	-	13	49	-	1
10/09-13/2025 (N=1,289)	37	19	18	1	1	61	*	17	43	-	1
09/11-15/2025 (N=1,183)	39	21	18	*	1	60	*	18	42	-	1
08/21-25/2025 (N=1,182)	45	25	19	*	2	53	*	13	40	-	*
07/10-14/2025 (N=1,437)	40	21	18	1	1	58	*	15	43	-	1
06/05-09/2025 (N=1,158)	39	20	19	*	1	60	*	18	41	-	*
05/01-05/2025 (N=1,175)	41	24	17	*	1	57	1	13	43	*	1

AP-NORC	Approve NET	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean toward approving	Not lean either way	Dis-approve NET	Lean toward disapproving	Some-what dis-approve	Strongly dis-approve	DK	SKP /REF
04/17-21/2025 (N=1,260)	39	22	16	*	1	59	1	16	43	-	1
03/20-24/2025 (N=1,229)	42	22	20	*	1	56	1	15	40	-	1
12/3-7/2020 (N=1,117)	40	24	16	-	*	58	*	12	46	-	1
10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	39	22	17	*	*	61	*	15	46	*	*
09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	43	25	17	*	1	56	*	11	44	-	*
08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	35	18	16	*	*	65	1	19	46	*	*
07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	38	24	14	*	1	61	*	11	50	-	*
06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	39	21	17	*	1	60	*	10	49	-	1
05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	41	22	19	*	*	58	*	14	44	-	1
04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	42	22	20	-	-	57	*	16	41	-	1
03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	43	26	17	-	*	56	*	16	39	-	*
02/13-16/2020 (N=1,074)	43	24	19	*	1	56	*	16	40	-	1
01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	41	24	17	1	*	58	*	14	44	-	*
12/5-9/2019 (N=1,053)	40	23	17	*	-	60	*	15	45	-	*
10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	42	25	17	*	1	56	*	14	42	-	1
09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	40	24	16	*	1	59	*	16	42	-	1
8/15-18/2019 (N=1,060)	36	21	15	*	*	62	-	16	46	*	2
6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	38	19	19	*	*	60	*	17	43	-	1
5/17-20/2019 (N=1,137)	38	19	18	*	1	61	1	13	47	*	1
4/11-14/2019 (N=1,108)	39	19	20	*	1	60	*	13	46	-	*
3/14-18/2019 (N=1,063)	40	22	18	*	*	58	1	15	42	-	1

AP-NORC	Approve NET	Strongly approve	Somewhat approve	Lean toward approv- ing	Not lean either way	Dis- approve NET	Lean toward disapp- roving	Some- what dis- approve	Strongly dis- approve	DK	SKP /REF
1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	34	18	16	*	*	65	1	11	53	*	*
12/13-16/2018 (N=1,067)	42	21	21	*	1	56	*	14	42	-	1
10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	40	21	19	*	1	59	*	14	45	-	1
8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	38	18	20	-	1	60	1	17	43	-	1
6/13-18/2018 (N=1,109)	41	21	20	*	1	57	*	16	42	*	*
4/11-16/2018 (N=1,140)	40	19	20	*	1	59	*	15	44	-	1
3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	42	20	21	*	1	58	*	14	44	-	*
2/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	35	19	17	-	1	64	*	17	46	*	*
12/7-11/2017 (N=1,020)	32	15	17	*	*	67	*	16	51	-	*
9/28- 10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	32	20	12	*	*	67	*	17	50	*	*
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	35	16	18	*	1	64	*	17	47	*	1
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	42	20	22	*	*	58	*	14	43	-	1

CURY2. Overall, do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling...?

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

AP-NORC		Approve	Disapprove	DK	SKP/REF
The economy	05/14-18/2026 (N=1,117)	33	67	-	1
	04/16-20/2026 (N=2,596)	30	70	*	1
	03/19-23/2026 (N=1,150)	38	61	*	1
	02/05-08/2026 (N=1,156)	39	59	1	1
	01/08-11/2026 (N=1,203)	37	62	*	1
	12/4-8/2025 (N=1,146)	31	67	*	2
	11/6-10/2025 (N=1,143)	33	67	*	*
	10/09-13/2025 (N=1,289)	36	62	1	2
	09/11-15/2025 (N=1,183)	37	62	*	1
	08/21-25/2025 (N=1,182)	43	54	*	2
	07/10-14/2025 (N=1,437)	38	60	*	1
	06/05-09/2025 (N=1,158)	38	60	*	1
	05/01-05/2025 (N=1,175)	36	63	*	1
	04/17-21/2025 (N=1,260)	37	61	*	1
	03/20-24/2025 (N=1,229)	40	58	1	1
	10/08-12/2020 (N=1,121)	49	51	*	*
	09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	50	49	*	1
	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	47	52	*	1
	07/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	48	51	*	*
	06/11-15/2020 (N=1,310)	49	50	*	1
	05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	49	50	*	1
	04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	52	47	*	1
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	56	43	*	1
	01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	56	43	1	1
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	54	44	*	*
	09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	51	47	1	1
	08/15-18/2019 (N=1,060)	46	51	1	2
	06/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	47	51	1	1
	01/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	44	55	-	1
	10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	50	49	*	1
	08/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	51	49	*	-
	03/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	47	52	*	*
	02/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	45	53	-	*
	12/07-11/2017 (N=1,020)	40	59	*	-
10/12-16/2017 (N=1,054)	41	57	*	*	
09/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	42	56	*	*	
06/08-11/2017 (N=1,068)	43	55	*	*	
03/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	50	47	-	*	

AP-NORC		Approve	Disapprove	DK	SKP/REF
Immigration	05/14-18/2026 (N=1,117)	45	54	-	1
	04/16-20/2026 (N=2,596)	40	59	*	1
	02/05-08/2026 (N=1,156)	38	60	*	2
	01/08-11/2026 (N=1,203)	38	61	1	1
	12/4-8/2025 (N=1,146)	38	60	-	2
	11/6-10/2025 (N=1,143)	42	57	-	1
	10/09-13/2025 (N=1,289)	42	56	*	2
	09/11-15/2025 (N=1,183)	43	56	*	1
	08/21-25/2025 (N=1,182)	44	53	*	2
	07/10-14/2025 (N=1,437)	43	55	1	1
	06/05-09/2025 (N=1,158)	46	53	*	1
	05/01-05/2025 (N=1,175)	49	51	*	1
	04/17-21/2025 (N=1,260)	46	53	*	1
	03/20-24/2025 (N=1,229)	49	50	*	1
	09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	40	59	1	1
	8/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	38	60	1	1
	6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	39	59	*	2
	1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	36	62	*	1
	10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	41	58	*	1
	8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	38	61	-	-
2/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	37	62	*	*	
9/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	35	64	*	*	
6/8-11/2017 (N=1,068)	39	60	*	*	
3/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	45	54	-	*	
Iran	05/14-18/2026 (N=1,117)	34	64	*	1
	04/16-20/2026(N=2,596)	32	67	*	1
	03/19-23/2026 (N=1,150)	35	63	*	2
Foreign policy	05/14-18/2026 (N=1,117)	36	62	*	1
	02/05-08/2026 (N=1,156)	36	61	1	2
	01/08-11/2026 (N=1,203)	37	61	1	2
	12/4-8/2025 (N=1,146)	37	60	1	2
	09/11-15/2025 (N=1,183)	39	59	*	2
	04/17-21/2025 (N=1,260)	38	60	1	1
	09/11-14/2020 (N = 1,108)	45	54	-	1
	08/17-19/2020 (N=1,075)	36	62	1	1
	05/14-18/2020 (N=1,056)	43	55	1	1
	04/16-20/2020 (N=1,057)	39	60	*	1
	03/26-29/2020 (N=1,057)	41	57	*	1
	01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	39	59	*	1
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	38	59	*	2
	09/20-23/2019 (N=1,286)	39	58	2	1
	08/15-18/2019 (N=1,058)	36	61	1	1
	01/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	35	63	1	2
	10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	39	59	*	1
08/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	36	62	*	*	

AP-NORC		Approve	Disapprove	DK	SKP/REF
Foreign policy	02/15-19/2018 (N=1,337)	34	64	*	*
	12/07-11/2017 (N=1,020)	30	68	*	-
	09/28-10/2/2017 (N=1,150)	34	64	*	*
	06/08-11/2017 (N=1,068)	34	63	*	*
	03/23-27/2017 (N=1,110)	40	57	*	*

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 05/14-18/2026
Democrat NET	37
Strong Democrat	14
Not so strong Democrat	11
Lean Democrat	12
Independent/None – Don't lean	24
Republican NET	39
Lean Republican	9
Not so strong Republican	14
Strong Republican	16

N=

1,117

AGE

	AP-NORC 05/14-18/2026
18-29	20
30-44	25
45-59	23
60+	32

N=

1,117

GENDER

	AP-NORC 05/14-18/2026
Male	48
Female	52
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,117</i>

RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 05/14-18/2026
White, non-Hispanic	58
Black or African American	11
Hispanic	19
Other	11
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,117</i>

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 05/14-18/2026
Married	51
Not married	49
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,117</i>

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	AP-NORC 05/14-18/2026
Employed	59
Not employed	41
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,117</i>

EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 05/14-18/2026
Less than a high school diploma	9
High school graduate or equivalent	28
Some college	26
Bachelor's degree	23
Post graduate study or professional degree	14

N=

1,117

CENSUS REGION

	AP-NORC 05/14-18/2026
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	23
Mountain	8
Pacific	16

N=

1,117

HOME OWNERSHIP

	AP-NORC 05/14-18/2026
Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household	65
Rented for cash	30
Occupied without payment of cash rent	4

N=

1,117

VOTE 2024

	AP-NORC 05/14-18/2026
Voted for Kamala Harris	29
Voted for Donald Trump	30
Voted for someone else	1
Didn't vote	41
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-

N= 1,117

INCOME

	AP-NORC 05/14-18/2026
Under \$10,000	5
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	8
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	10
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	16
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	12
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	15
\$150,000 or more	17

N= 1,117

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 National Sample Frame provides coverage of approximately 97 percent of the U.S. household population. The U.S. Postal Service delivery-sequence file (DSF) and National Consumer Address File have been used in a subset of years as a supplemental sample during AmeriSpeak panel recruitment for low coverage states. 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 May 14-18, 2026, with adults aged 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,117 completed the survey—1,064 via the web and 53 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 weighted household panel recruitment rate is 24.9 percent, the survey completion rate is 26.4 percent, for a weighted cumulative response rate of 6.6 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 5.8 percentage points for Democrats, 5.9 percentage points for Republicans and 8.7 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, 107 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 the 2024 presidential vote. Weighting variables were obtained from the 2026 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: 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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