



The September 2026 AP-NORC Center Poll
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Interviews: 09/24-28/2026
2,140 adults

Margin of sampling error: +/- 2.9 percentage points at the 95% confidence level
among all adults

Republican, including leaners: N=669; margin of sampling error = +/- 4.7 percentage points
Independent, other, no answer: N=405; margin of sampling error = +/- 6.6 percentage points
Democrat, including leaners: N=1,066; margin of sampling error = +/- 4.3 percentage points

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

CUR1. Generally speaking, would you say things in this country are heading in the...

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC	Right direction	Wrong direction	DON'T KNOW	SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED
09/24-28/2026 (N=2,140)	26	73	*	1
07/23-27/2026 (N=1,165)	26	72	*	2
04/16-20/2026 (N=2,596)	28	72	*	1
02/05-08/2026 (N=1,156)	29	69	1	1
10/09-13/2025 (N=1,289)	30	69	*	1
09/11-15/2025 (N=1,183)	24	75	*	*
06/05-09/2025 (N=1,158)	37	62	*	*
04/17-21/2025 (N=1,260)	37	62	1	1
03/20-24/2025 (N=1,229)	38	61	1	*
01/09-13/2025 (N=1,147)	27	72	*	1
12/5-9/2024 (N=1,251)	29	70	1	*
10/11-14/2024 (N=1,072)	32	68	*	*
09/12-16/2024 (N=2,028)	30	69	*	*
07/25-29/2024 (N=1,143)	26	72	1	1
06/20-24/2024 (N=1,088)	25	74	*	*
04/04-08/2024 (N=1,204)	24	76	*	1
03/21-25/2024 (N=1,282)	23	76	*	1
02/22-26/2024 (N=1,102)	22	77	*	1
01/25-29/2024 (N=1,152)	26	73	*	*
11/30-12/4/2023 (N= 1,074)	25	75	*	*
11/2-6/2023 (N=1,239)	18	81	1	*
10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	21	78	*	1
09/07-11/2023 (N=1,146)	25	75	*	1
08/10-14/2023 (N=1,165)	24	74	1	1
06/22-26/2023 (N=1,220)	24	74	*	1
05/11-15/2023 (N=1,680)	21	78	*	*
04/13-17/2023 (N=1,230)	25	74	*	1
03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	21	78	*	*
02/16-20/2023 (N=1,247)	28	71	1	1
01/26-30/2023 (N=1,068)	25	73	1	*
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

AP-NORC	Right direction	Wrong direction	DON'T KNOW	SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED
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 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 approv- ing	Not lean either way	Dis- approve NET	Lean toward disapp- roving	Some- what dis- approve	Strongly dis- approve	DK	SKP /REF
09/24-28/2026 (N=2,140)	31	15	15	*	*	69	*	18	51	*	1
07/23-27/2026 (N=1,165)	33	16	17	*	1	66	21	18	47	-	*
06/11-17/2026 (N=3,040)	37	19	18	*	*	62	*	13	48	*	1
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	-	*

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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
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

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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
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
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	09/24-28/2026 (N=2,140)	26	73	-	1
	07/23-27/2026 (N=1,165)	32	66	*	2
	06/11-17/2026 (N=3,040)	33	66	*	*
	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	09/24-28/2026 (N=2,140)	39	60	*	1
	07/23-27/2026 (N=1,165)	39	58	*	2
	06/11-17/2026 (N=3,040)	40	59	*	1
	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	09/24-28/2026 (N=2,140)	28	71	*	1
	07/23-27/2026 (N=1,165)	28	69	*	2
	06/11-17/2026 (N=3,040)	34	65	*	1
	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
Border security	09/24-28/2026 (N=2,140)	48	51	*	1
	12/4-8/2025 (N=1,146)	50	48	*	2
	09/11-15/2025 (N=1,183)	55	44	*	1
	6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	43	55	*	1
	1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	38	60	*	1
Trade negotiations with other countries	09/24-28/2026 (N=2,140)	31	68	*	1
	03/19-23/2026 (N=1,150)	38	61	*	1
	12/4-8/2025 (N=1,146)	37	61	*	2
	09/11-15/2025 (N=1,183)	36	63	*	1
	07/10-14/2025 (N=1,437)	37	61	*	2
	06/05-09/2025 (N=1,158)	38	60	*	1
	04/17-21/2025 (N=1,260)	37	62	*	1

AP-NORC		Approve	Disapprove	DK	SKP/REF
Trade negotiations with other countries (cont.)	03/20-24/2025 (N=1,229)	38	60	1	2
	01/16-21/2020 (N=1,353)	46	53	1	1
	10/24-28/2019 (N=1,075)	43	55	1	1
	6/13-17/2019 (N=1,116)	39	59	*	2
	1/16-20/2019 (N=1,062)	39	59	*	1
	10/11-14/2018 (N=1,152)	41	59	*	1
	8/16-20/2018 (N=1,055)	39	61	-	-
	6/13-18/2018 (N=1,109)	43	55	*	*
	3/14-19/2018 (N=1,122)	41	58	*	*
The cost of living	09/24-28/2026 (N=2,140)	17	82	*	1
	04/16-20/2026 (N=2,596)	23	76	-	1
Artificial Intelligence (AI)	09/24-28/2026 (N=2,140)	31	67	*	1

B1A. How would you describe the nation's economy these days? Would you say...

B1B. If neither good nor poor, don't know, skipped, or refused in B1A:

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
09/24-28/2026 (N=2,140)	26	3	14	9	*	74	11	34	29	-	*
07/23-27/2026 (N=1,165)	30	3	16	12	1	69	11	33	24	-	-
04/16-20/2026 (N=2,596)	27	2	16	9	*	73	12	34	27	-	-
02/05-08/2026 (N=1,156)	34	5	18	11	*	66	13	31	21	-	*
12/4-8/2025 (N=1,146)	31	3	17	11	*	68	14	34	20	-	-
10/09-13/2025 (N=1,289)	32	4	17	10	*	68	13	32	23	-	*
08/21-25/2025 (N=1,182)	38	4	21	13	1	61	17	29	15	-	*
04/17-21/2025 (N=1,260)	32	3	17	12	*	68	13	33	22	*	*
03/20-24/2025 (N=1,229)	29	2	14	13	*	70	15	37	18	-	-
12/5-9/2024 (N=1,251)	32	5	18	10	*	67	14	28	25	-	-

	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
AP-NORC											
10/11-14/2024 (N=1,072)	38	6	23	9	*	62	9	27	26	-	-
09/12-16/2024 (N=2,028)	34	3	21	10	*	66	11	32	24	-	-
06/20-24/2024 (N=1,088)	33	6	18	10	*	67	13	27	27	-	-
04/04-08/2024 (N=1,204)	32	6	18	7	*	68	12	32	24	-	-
02/22-26/2024 (N=1,102)	30	4	17	9	1	69	10	31	29	-	*
1/25-29/2024 (N=1,152)	35	7	19	9	*	65	11	31	23	-	-
11/30- 12/4/2023 (N=1,074)	30	3	17	10	1	69	13	31	26	*	*
10/5-9/2023 (N=1,163)	27	1	15	10	*	73	11	31	31	-	-
09/07-11/2023 (N=1,146)	30	3	17	11	*	70	12	32	25	-	*
08/10-14/2023 (N=1,165)	34	3	20	11	*	66	10	31	25	-	*
06/22-26/2023 (N=1,220)	30	3	16	12	1	69	10	35	24	-	-
05/11-15/2023 (N=1,680)	24	1	13	9	*	76	12	34	29	-	*
04/13-17/2023 (N=1,230)	30	2	15	13	*	69	11	34	25	-	-
03/16-20/2023 (N=1,081)	25	1	14	10	*	75	11	38	26	-	*
02/16-20/2023 (N=1,247)	32	3	17	12	*	68	12	34	22	*	*
01/26-30/2023 (N=1,068)	24	2	13	9	1	76	13	35	28	*	-
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	-	*

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
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	-	*
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

B1Z2. How concerned are you about being able to afford each of the following in the next few months? ¹

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

		Extremely/ very concerned NET	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Some- what concerned	Not too/not at all concerned NET	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	D K	SKP /REF
Groceries	09/24- 28/2026 (N=2,140)	48	28	20	25	26	14	12	-	1
	07/23- 27/2026 (N=1,165)	41	22	19	25	32	18	14	-	2
	04/16- 20/2026 (N=2,596)	24	12	12	26	49	24	25	-	*
	03/19- 23/2026 (N=1,150)	41	23	18	27	32	18	14	-	*
	12/5- 9/2024 (N=1,251)	35	18	17	27	37	18	19	-	*
Gas	09/24- 28/2026 (N=2,140)	49	29	20	23	27	13	14	-	1
	07/23- 27/2026 (N=1,165)	39	20	19	26	33	17	17	-	2
	04/16- 20/2026 (N=2,596)	29	14	15	25	46	20	26	-	*
	03/19- 23/2026 (N=1,150)	45	26	20	28	26	13	13	-	*
	12/5- 9/2024 (N=1,251)	30	13	17	25	45	21	24	-	*

¹ A change in the placement of this question in the April 2026 survey makes it difficult to determine whether observed shifts reflect a question-order effect or a real change in outlook.

AP-NORC		Extremely/ very concerned NET	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	Some- what concerned	Not too/not at all concerned NET	Not too concerned	Not at all concerned	D K	SKP /REF
Electricity	09/24- 28/2026 (N=2,140)	41	25	16	26	32	18	14	-	1
	07/23- 27/2026 (N=1,165)	35	18	18	23	40	22	17	-	2
	04/16- 20/2026 (N=2,596)	23	11	12	24	53	25	28	-	*
	03/19- 23/2026 (N=1,150)	35	18	16	30	35	20	16	-	*
	12/5- 9/2024 (N=1,251)	28	14	14	26	45	24	21	*	*
Your rent or mortgage	09/24- 28/2026 (N=2,140)	35	23	12	20	44	19	25	-	1
	07/23- 27/2026 (N=1,165)	28	16	12	22	49	22	27	-	2
	04/16- 20/2026 (N=2,596)	21	11	10	22	56	23	33	-	1
	03/19- 23/2026 (N=1,150)	29	17	12	22	49	23	26	-	1

DJT7. Overall, would you say that each of the following is better off or worse off than it was when Donald Trump became president in 2025, or has there not been much difference?

		Much/some- what better off NET	Much better off	Some- what better off	Not much difference	Somewhat /much worse off NET	Some- what worse off	Much worse off	DK	SKP /REF
AP-NORC										
You and your family	09/24-28/2026 (N=2,140)	22	10	12	31	46	29	17	*	1
	01/08-11/2026 (N=1,203)	25	10	15	37	38	24	13	*	*
	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055) ²	38	16	21	35	27	16	11	*	*
	11/30- 12/4/2017 (N=1,444) ³	20	8	13	46	33	19	14	*	1
The country as a whole	09/24-28/2026 (N=2,140)	26	11	15	14	60	19	40	*	1
	01/08-11/2026 (N=1,203)	30	15	15	16	53	20	34	*	*
	1/28-2/1/2021 (N=1,055) ⁴	31	15	16	15	52	20	32	*	1
	11/30- 12/4/2017 (N=1,444) ⁵	25	9	16	21	52	19	33	*	1
The national economy	09/24-28/2026 (N=2,140)	23	10	14	15	61	22	39	-	1
	01/08-11/2026 (N=1,203)	29	13	16	18	53	24	29	*	*
The economy in your local area	09/24-28/2026 (N=2,140)	20	8	12	24	55	29	26	-	1

² Question read: Overall, would you say that you and your family are better off or worse off than you were when Donald Trump became president in 2017, or has there not been much difference?

³ Question read: Overall, would you say that you and your family are better off or worse off than you were when Donald Trump became president in January, or has there not been much difference?

⁴ Question read: Overall, would you say that the country as a whole is better off or worse off than it was when Donald Trump became president in 2017, or has there not been much difference?

⁵ Question read: Overall, would you say that the country as a whole are better off or worse off than you were when Donald Trump became president in January, or has there not been much difference?

DJT5. When it comes to each of the following, would you say Donald Trump has gone too far, not gone far enough, or been about right?

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

AP-NORC		Gone too far	Not far enough	About right	DK	SKP/REF
Deporting immigrants living in the U.S. illegally	09/24-28/2026 (N=2,140)	55	19	25	-	1
	07/23-27/2026 (N=1,165)	47	18	32	*	3
	02/05-08/2026 (N=1,156)	52	14	32	*	2
	01/08-11/2026 (N=1,203)	51	18	30	*	1
	09/11-15/2025 (N=1,183)	49	15	35	*	1
	04/17-21/2025 (N=1,260)	48	18	32	*	1
Imposing new tariffs on other countries	09/24-28/2026 (N=2,140)	64	9	26	*	1
	01/08-11/2026 (N=1,203)	58	10	30	*	1
	09/11-15/2025 (N=1,183)	60	5	34	*	1
	04/17-21/2025 (N=1,260)	59	6	33	1	1
Remodeling the White House, Kennedy Center and other landmarks in Washington, DC	09/24-28/2026 (N=2,140)	68	7	24	*	2
Trying to influence or change state voting procedures	09/24-28/2026 (N=2,140)	61	16	21	*	2

USRELATION. How would you describe the relationship between the following countries and the United States? Would you say they are close allies, friendly but not close allies, not friendly but not enemies, or enemies?⁶

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED]

AP-NORC		Close allies	Friendly but not close allies	Not friendly but not enemies	Enemies	DK	SKP/REF
Canada	09/24-28/2026 (N=2,140)	26	35	30	6	*	2
	03/20-24/2025 (N=1,229)	45	30	19	3	1	2
	9/21-25/2023 (N=1,191)	62	25	9	2	*	2
Russia	09/24-28/2026 (N=2,140)	4	18	38	37	*	2
	03/20-24/2025 (N=1,229)	3	16	42	36	1	3
China	09/24-28/2026 (N=2,140)	4	24	42	27	*	3
	03/20-24/2025 (N=1,229)	3	15	46	33	*	2
Israel	09/24-28/2026 (N=2,140)	41	21	21	14	*	3
	03/20-24/2025 (N=1,229)	40	28	23	7	*	2

IRAN5. Overall, do you think the war with Iran has been worth fighting, or has it not been worth fighting?

	AP-NORC 09/24-28/2026	AP-NORC 07/23-27/2026
Worth fighting	28	33
Not worth fighting	69	64
DON'T KNOW	*	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2	3

N=

2,140

1,165

⁶ The September 21-25, 2023 data comes from a Pearson Institute/AP-NORC Poll.

ECO7. Do you think higher than usual prices are more because of President Trump's policies or more because of factors outside Trump's control?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	AP-NORC 09/24-28/2026
More because of Trump's policies	65
More because of factors outside Trump's control	33
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2
N=	2,140

DJT11. Do you think Donald Trump's handling of each of the following during his second term has gone better than you expected, worse than you expected, or has it been about what you expected?

[GRID ITEMS RANDOMIZED, HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN REVERSE ORDER]

AP-NORC 09/24-28/2026	Better than expected	Worse than expected	About as expected	DK	SKIP/REF
Cost of living	7	69	23	-	2
Immigration	23	48	28	-	1
Foreign policy	16	55	27	*	1
Trade negotiations with other countries	17	58	24	*	2
N=2,140					

DJT12. In general, do you think Donald Trump keeps his promises to Americans, tries to keep his promises but is not able to, or does not try to keep his promises?

	AP-NORC 09/24-28/2026
Keeps his promises	17
Tries to keep his promises but is not able to	28
Does not try to keep his promises	54
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2
N=	2,140

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 09/24-28/2026
Democrat NET	42
Strong Democrat	15
Not so strong Democrat	12
Lean Democrat	15
Independent/None – Don't lean	23
Republican NET	35
Lean Republican	11
Not so strong Republican	11
Strong Republican	13
N=	2,140

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 09/24-28/2026
Liberal NET	23
Very liberal	11
Somewhat liberal	12
Moderate	46
Conservative NET	28
Somewhat conservative	15
Very conservative	13
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2
N=	2,140

MAGA. Do you consider yourself a supporter of the MAGA movement, or not?

	AP-NORC 09/24-28/2026
Yes	20
No	77
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	2
<i>N=</i>	<i>2,140</i>

DEMSOC. Do you consider yourself a supporter of democratic socialism, or not?

	AP-NORC 09/24-28/2026
Yes	24
No	73
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	3
<i>N=</i>	<i>2,140</i>

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

	AP-NORC 09/24-28/2026
Urban	25
Suburban	51
Rural	24
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>2,140</i>

Q_CDVOTEREG_17. Are you currently registered to vote at your current address, registered at a different address, or not currently registered?

	AP-NORC 09/24-28/2026
Registered NET	74
Registered at current address	74
Not registered NET	26
Registered at a different address	6
Not currently registered	10
I'm not eligible to vote	4
Not sure	6
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>2,140</i>

VOTE 2024

	AP-NORC 09/24-28/2026
Voted for Kamala Harris	29
Voted for Donald Trump	30
Voted for someone else	1
Didn't vote	41
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>2,140</i>

RELIG. What is your present religion, if any?

	AP-NORC 09/24-28/2026
Protestant	24
Roman Catholic	19
Mormon	2
Orthodox	1
Jewish	1
Muslim	1
Buddhist	1
Hindu	1
Atheist	7
Agnostic	5
Nothing in particular	16
Just Christian	21
Unitarian	1
Something else	1
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>2,140</i>

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 09/24-28/2026
Yes	35
No	65
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*
<i>N=</i>	<i>1,392</i>

AGE

	AP-NORC 09/24-28/2026
18-29	20
30-44	25
45-59	22
60+	32

N= 2,140

GENDER

	AP-NORC 09/24-28/2026
Male	48
Female	52

N= 2,140

RACE/ETHNICITY

	AP-NORC 09/24-28/2026
White, non-Hispanic	58
Black or African American	11
Hispanic	19
Other	11

N= 2,140

MARITAL STATUS

	AP-NORC 09/24-28/2026
Married	45
Not married	55

N= 2,140

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

	AP-NORC 09/24-28/2026
Employed	58
Not employed	42

N= 2,140

EDUCATION

	AP-NORC 09/24-28/2026
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
<i>N=</i>	<i>2,140</i>

CENSUS REGION

	AP-NORC 09/24-28/2026
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
<i>N=</i>	<i>2,140</i>

HOME OWNERSHIP

	AP-NORC 09/24-28/2026
Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household	66
Rented for cash	32
Occupied without payment of cash rent	3
<i>N=</i>	<i>2,140</i>

INCOME

	AP-NORC 09/24-28/2026
Under \$10,000	5
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	7
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	8
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	9
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	18
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	13
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	18
\$150,000 or more	15
<i>N</i> =	2,140

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 September 24-28, 2026, with adults aged 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 2,140 completed the survey—2,093 via the web and 47 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 17.0 percent, the survey completion rate is 25.8 percent, for a weighted cumulative response rate of 4.4 percent.

The overall margin of sampling error is +/-2.9 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 4.3 percentage points for Democrats, 4.7 percentage points for Republicans and 6.6 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, 148 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 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: 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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