



## **WSJ/NORC Poll May 2022**

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*Interviews: 05/09-05/17/2022*

*1,071 adults*

*Margin of sampling error: +/- 4.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among all adults*

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

**NATECON. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as...?**

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

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
<b>Excellent/good NET</b>	<b>17</b>
Excellent	1
Good	16
<b>Poor/not so good NET</b>	<b>83</b>
Not so good	55
Poor	27
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

*N= 1,071*

**SATFIN. We are interested in how people are getting along financially these days. So far as you and your family are concerned, would you say that you are pretty well satisfied with your present financial situation, more or less satisfied, or not satisfied at all?**

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

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
Pretty well satisfied	14
More or less satisfied	51
Not satisfied at all	35
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

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**FINALTER. During the last few years, has your financial situation been getting better, worse, or has it stayed the same?**

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

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
Better	24
Worse	38
Stayed the same	39
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

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**GOODLIFE. The way things are in America, people like you and your family have a good chance of improving your standard of living - do you agree or disagree?**

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

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
<b>Strongly/somewhat agree NET</b>	<b>27</b>
Strongly agree	4
Somewhat agree	22
<b>Neither agree nor disagree</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Somewhat/strongly disagree NET</b>	<b>46</b>
Somewhat disagree	26
Strongly disagree	19
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

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**ECO3. In general, do you think this is a good time, a bad time, or neither a good time nor a bad time to...**

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

WSJ/NORC 05/09- 17/2022 <i>N= 1,071</i>	<b>Very/ moderately good NET</b>	Very good	Moderately good	<b>Neither good nor bad</b>	<b>Very/ moderately bad NET</b>	Moderately bad	Very bad	DK	SKP / REF
Invest in the stock market	<b>21</b>	3	18	<b>34</b>	<b>44</b>	26	18	*	1
Buy a home	<b>13</b>	3	10	<b>21</b>	<b>65</b>	34	31	*	2
Look for a job	<b>71</b>	32	38	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	7	3	*	1

**ECO1. Thinking about your financial situation, how confident are you that...?**

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

WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022 N=1,071	<b>Extremely/ very confident NET</b>	Extremely confident	Very confident	<b>Somewhat confident</b>	<b>Not very/ not at all confident</b>	Not very confident	Not at all confident	DK	SKP / REF
You could pay for a large expense, such as a down payment on a home or purchasing a new car	<b>20</b>	8	11	<b>20</b>	<b>60</b>	25	35	-	*
You will have enough savings your retirement	<b>17</b>	7	10	<b>26</b>	<b>56</b>	27	29	-	1
You can keep up with your expenses	<b>36</b>	15	21	<b>41</b>	<b>22</b>	13	9	-	1
You would be able to pay an unexpected bill of \$1,000	<b>41</b>	25	16	<b>21</b>	<b>38</b>	15	22	*	1

**ECO2. For each of the following, how concerned are you about the impact of higher than usual prices on your household's financial situation?**

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

WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022 N=1,071	<b>Extremely/ very concerned NET</b>	Extremely concerned	Very concerned	<b>Somewhat concerned</b>	<b>Not very/not at all concerned</b>	Not very concerned	Not at all concerned	D K	SKP / REF
Groceries	<b>54</b>	28	26	<b>26</b>	<b>19</b>	15	4	-	*
Gas	<b>63</b>	35	28	<b>23</b>	<b>13</b>	8	5	-	1
Housing	<b>42</b>	20	22	<b>26</b>	<b>31</b>	20	11	-	1
Health care	<b>47</b>	23	24	<b>30</b>	<b>22</b>	16	7	-	1
Child care	<b>18</b>	11	8	<b>16</b>	<b>64</b>	15	49	-	2
Elder care	<b>35</b>	19	17	<b>27</b>	<b>37</b>	18	18	-	1
Prescription drugs	<b>33</b>	17	16	<b>29</b>	<b>37</b>	24	13	*	1
Other goods and services	<b>48</b>	23	25	<b>34</b>	<b>16</b>	13	3	-	2

**FUT1. Thinking about the future of our country, please tell me whether you feel generally optimistic or generally pessimistic about each of the following...**

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

WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022	Generally optimistic	Generally pessimistic	DK	SKP /REF
The opportunity for most people to achieve the American dream	38	61	*	1
America's role as a global leader in the world	38	60	*	1
The way our leaders are chosen under our political system	33	66	*	1
Our system of government and how well it works	32	67	*	1

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**DIV5. Which statement comes closer to your own view?**

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

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
Americans are united and in agreement about the most important values	13
Americans are greatly divided when it comes to the most important values	86
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1

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**DIV6. And thinking about five years from now, do you think the country will become more divided on the most important values, less divided on the most important values, or be about as divided as it is now?**

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

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
More divided	55
Less divided	11
About as divided as now	32
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1

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**UNITY1. These days, do you feel optimistic that each of the following can come together and solve the country's problems, or are you pessimistic that they can do that?**

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

WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022	Optimistic	Pessimistic	Neither optimistic nor pessimistic	DK	SKP/ REF
Americans who belong to different racial or ethnic groups	33	37	30	-	1
Americans who belong to different religious groups	32	36	31	*	1
Americans who hold different political views	13	65	20	*	1

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**MEDIA. Which statement comes closer to your own view? Social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter are generally...**

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

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
Helpful for society because they provide a way for all Americans to share their opinions	34
Harmful for society because they emphasize differences between people	64
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1

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**DIV7. The United States has a diverse population, with people of many different races, ethnicities, religions, and backgrounds. Do you think this diversity makes the country...?**

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

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
<b>Much/moderately stronger NET</b>	<b>55</b>
Much stronger	25
Moderately stronger	30
<b>Neither stronger nor weaker</b>	<b>33</b>
<b>Much/moderately weaker NET</b>	<b>11</b>
Moderately weaker	6
Much weaker	5
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

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**RACE2. How serious a problem do you think racism is in the United States?**

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

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
<b>Not at all serious/not too serious NET</b>	<b>17</b>
Not at all serious	3
Not too serious	14
<b>Moderately serious</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Extremely/very serious NET</b>	<b>51</b>
Extremely serious	29
Very serious	21
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1

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**RACE3. How much discrimination do you think each of the following groups face in the United States today?**

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

WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022 N=1,071	<b>A great deal/quite a bit NET</b>	A great deal	Quite a bit	<b>A moderate amount</b>	<b>Only a little/ none at all</b>	Only a little	None at all	DK	SKP / REF
Black Americans	<b>58</b>	33	25	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>	16	3	-	*
Hispanic Americans	<b>44</b>	17	27	<b>35</b>	<b>20</b>	18	3	*	*
White Americans	<b>15</b>	6	9	<b>21</b>	<b>64</b>	34	29	*	*
Asian Americans	<b>39</b>	17	22	<b>32</b>	<b>29</b>	24	4	*	*
Transgender Americans	<b>61</b>	33	28	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	13	7	1	*
Gay or Lesbian Americans	<b>49</b>	24	25	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	19	5	*	*
Immigrants	<b>58</b>	27	32	<b>24</b>	<b>18</b>	15	3	*	*

**Q31. Do you think being transgender should be...**

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
Accepted by society	65
Discouraged by society	32
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	3

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**CRT. Do you think your local public school system is focusing too much or too little on racism in the U.S., or is the focus about right?**

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
Too much	27
Too little	40
About right	32
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1

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**VAX. Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose requiring each of the following vaccines for students to attend public schools?**

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

WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022 N=1,071	<b>Strongly/ somewhat favor NET</b>	Strongly favor	Somewhat favor	<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>Somewhat/ strongly oppose NET</b>	Somewhat oppose	Strongly oppose	DK	SKP /REF
Measles	<b>78</b>	62	16	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	2	4	*	*
Chicken pox	<b>76</b>	58	17	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	2	4	*	*
The flu	<b>53</b>	34	19	<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>	8	12	-	*
COVID-19	<b>54</b>	41	14	<b>19</b>	<b>27</b>	8	19	-	*

**EMPLOY1. Which of the following describes your current employment status?**

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
Working <u>remotely</u> – as a paid employee	9
Working <u>in-person</u> – as a paid employee	34
Working both <u>in-person and remotely</u> – as a paid employee	10
Working – self-employed	11
Not working – temporarily laid off or furloughed	1
Not working –unemployed	3
Not working – retired	20
Not working – disabled	6
Not working – other	6
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

N=

1,071

*Shown if working remotely as a paid employee, in-person as a paid employee, or both remotely and in-person as a paid employee*

**SATJOB.** On the whole, how satisfied are you with the work you do--would you say you are very satisfied, moderately satisfied, a little dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
<b>Very/moderately satisfied NET</b>	<b>80</b>
Very satisfied	35
Moderately satisfied	45
<b>Very/a little dissatisfied</b>	<b>19</b>
A little dissatisfied	14
Very dissatisfied	5
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1

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*Shown if working remotely as a paid employee, in-person as a paid employee, or both remotely and in-person as a paid employee*

**JOBFIND.** About how easy would it be for you to find a job with another employer with approximately the same income and fringe benefits you now have? Would you say very easy, somewhat easy, or not easy at all?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
Very easy	15
Somewhat easy	50
Not easy at all	34
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	*

N=573

**Q6. Do you think it would be good, bad, or neither good nor bad for companies in the U.S. to do each of the following?**

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

WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022 N=1,071	Very/ somewhat good NET	Very good	Somewhat good	Neither good nor bad	Very/ somewhat bad NET	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK	SKP / REF
Transition to a fully remote workplace	<b>33</b>	10	23	<b>36</b>	<b>30</b>	21	9	*	1
Institute a hybrid work model with some days in the office and some days at home	<b>60</b>	26	35	<b>31</b>	<b>9</b>	7	2	*	*
Require employees to work in the office 5 days a week	<b>21</b>	7	14	<b>42</b>	<b>36</b>	24	12	*	1

**C17. How much responsibility do you think a company has to take a stand on important social and political issues?**

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

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
<b>A great deal/a lot NET</b>	<b>30</b>
A great deal	11
A lot	19
<b>Some</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Not much/not at all</b>	<b>34</b>
Not much	17
Not at all	17
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	1

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**SC1. When thinking about the United States Supreme Court, do you think its decisions are based more on the Constitution and the law, or more on the political views of its members?**

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
The Constitution and its law	33
The political views of its members	66
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	2

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**ABO3. Please say whether or not you think it should be possible for a pregnant woman to obtain a legal abortion if ...**

WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022	Yes, possible	No, not possible	DK	SKP /REF
There is a strong chance of serious defect in the baby	76	22	*	2
The woman's own health is seriously endangered by the pregnancy	86	12	*	1
The family has a very low income and cannot afford any more children	59	38	*	3
The woman became pregnant as the result of rape or incest	84	15	*	1
The woman wants it for any reason	57	41	*	2

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[BAN6 AND BAN15 ROTATED FOR HALF SAMPLE]

BAN6. Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose state laws that restrict abortions after 6 weeks of pregnancy?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
<b>Strongly/somewhat favor NET</b>	<b>30</b>
Strongly favor	20
Somewhat favor	10
<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Strongly/somewhat oppose NET</b>	<b>49</b>
Somewhat oppose	13
Strongly oppose	37
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	2

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BAN15. Do you favor, oppose, or neither favor nor oppose state laws that restrict abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy?

[HALF SAMPLE ASKED RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER]

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
<b>Strongly/somewhat favor NET</b>	<b>34</b>
Strongly favor	22
Somewhat favor	11
<b>Neither favor nor oppose</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Strongly/somewhat oppose NET</b>	<b>43</b>
Somewhat oppose	13
Strongly oppose	30
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED/REFUSED	2

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**RVW1. The 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision established a woman's constitutional right to an abortion, at least in the first three months of pregnancy. Would you like to see the Supreme Court completely overturn its Roe vs. Wade decision, or not?**

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
Yes, overturn	30
No, don't overturn	68
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED/REFUSED	2

*N=1,071*

**ABO2. Regardless of your opinion about abortion, which of the following do you think should be responsible for abortion law:**

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
State legislatures and governors	20
The U.S. Congress	17
State courts	15
The U.S. Supreme Court	44
DON'T KNOW	1
SKIPPED/REFUSED	4

*N=1,071*

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

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
Urban area	21
Suburban area	50
Rural area	29
DON'T KNOW	*
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	*

*N=1,071*

**KIDS1. Are you the parent or guardian of...**

WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022	Yes	No	DK	SKP/REF
A child 0-5	14	80	-	6
A child 6-12	19	75	-	6
A child 13-18	12	81	-	6
An adult age 18 or older	37	60	-	4

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**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.**

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
<b>Democrat NET</b>	<b>48</b>
Strong Democrat	21
Not so strong Democrat	16
Lean Democrat	11
<b>Independent/None – Don't lean</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Republican NET</b>	<b>37</b>
Lean Republican	10
Not so strong Republican	12
Strong Republican	15

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**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:*

**D5. Do you consider yourself very conservative or somewhat conservative?**

**Combines D3, D4, D5:**

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
<b>Liberal NET</b>	<b>24</b>
Very liberal	12
Somewhat liberal	12
<b>Moderate</b>	<b>47</b>
<b>Conservative NET</b>	<b>27</b>
Somewhat conservative	16
Very conservative	11
DON'T KNOW	-
SKIPPED ON WEB/REFUSED	-

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**GENDER**

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
Male	49
Female	51

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**RACE/ETHNICITY**

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
White	62
Black or African American	12
Hispanic	17
Other	9

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**MARITAL STATUS**

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
Married	49
Not married	51

*N=* 1,071



**EMPLOYMENT STATUS**

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
Employed	63
Not employed	37

*N=* 1,071

**EDUCATION**

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
Less than a high school diploma	9
High school graduate or equivalent	29
Some college	26
College graduate or above	19
Post grad study/professional degree	16

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**INCOME**

	WSJ/NORC 05/09-17/2022
Under \$10,000	4
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	7
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	13
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	8
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	21
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	11
\$100,000 to under \$150,000	15
\$150,000 or more	11

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## Study Methodology

This survey, funded by the Wall Street Journal, was conducted by NORC at the University of Chicago. Staff from NORC at the University of Chicago and the Wall Street Journal collaborated on all aspects of the study.

Data were collected using AmeriSpeak®, NORC's probability-based panel designed to be representative of the U.S. household population. 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% 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 May 9-17, 2022 with adults aged 18 and over representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Panel members were randomly drawn from AmeriSpeak, and 1,071 completed the survey—1,037 via the web and 34 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 26.7 percent, the weighted household panel response rate is 19.5 percent, and the weighted household panel retention rate is 77.1 percent, for a cumulative response rate of 4 percent. The overall margin of sampling error is +/- 4.0 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, 47 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 2021 Current Population Survey. The weighted data reflect the U.S. population of adults age 18 and over.

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

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