

AEI COVID-19 & American Life Survey

Topline Questionnaire

Total N=3,504 adults.

Interview dates: May 21–June 5, 2020.

Note: All results shown are percentages. An asterisk (*) replaces percentages greater than zero but less than 0.5 percent. NA signifies there was not a response option. Responses may not total to 100 percent due to rounding.

ASK ALL:

Q.1 How closely have you been following news about the coronavirus outbreak known as covid-19?

	Very closely	Somewhat closely	Not very closely	Not closely at all	Refused
June 5, 2020	46	44	8	2	*
April 20, 2020 ¹	46	42	10	2	*

Q.2 Which of the following best describes your feelings about the coronavirus (covid-19) outbreak in the United States?

39	The worst is behind us
50	The worst is yet to come
8	The coronavirus (covid-19) is not and has never been a major problem in the U.S.
2	Refused

Q.3 Do you personally know anyone in the United States who has tested positive for the coronavirus (covid-19)? **[SELECT ALL THAT APPLY]**

1	Yes, myself
2	Yes, someone in my household
40	Yes, someone outside your household
58	No, do not know anyone
*	Refused

¹ Source: Pew Research Center, American Trends Panel April 2020. The original question wording is as follows: "How closely have you been following news about the outbreak of the coronavirus strain known as COVID-19?"

ASK IF NO ONE IN HOUSEHOLD TESTED POSITIVE [N=3,404]:

Q.4 How worried, if at all, are you about the possibility that you or someone in your household might contract the coronavirus (covid-19)?

	Very worried	Somewhat worried	Not too worried	Not worried at all	Refused
June 5, 2020	22	38	28	12	*
March 30, 2020 ²	29	41	21	9	NA

ASK ALL:

Q.5 Do you have a close friend or family member who is a nurse, doctor or works in a hospital?

57	Yes
43	No
*	Refused

Q.6 How worried, if at all, are you about not being able to pay your rent, mortgage or other housing costs?

13	Very worried
24	Somewhat worried
30	Not too worried
33	Not worried at all
*	Refused

Q.7 Since February (2020), have you or any other adult in your household. . . **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

A. Fallen behind in paying your rent or mortgage

12	Yes
88	No
*	Refused

B. Had problems paying for food

17	Yes
83	No
1	Refused

C. Fallen behind in paying credit card or other bills

20	Yes
79	No
1	Refused

² Source: AEI American Perspectives Survey, April 2020. The original question wording is as follows: "How worried, if at all, are you about the possibility that you or someone in your immediate family might catch the Coronavirus (COVID-19)?"

D.	Lost your health insurance coverage
6	Yes
93	No
1	Refused
E.	Received unemployment benefits
20	Yes
80	No
*	Refused
F.	Withdrew money from a savings account or retirement account such as a 401(k) or IRA
15	Yes
85	No
*	Refused
G.	Borrowed money from friends or family
17	Yes
83	No
*	Refused
H.	Lost your job or gotten laid off
20	Yes
79	No
*	Refused
I.	Been placed on furlough, meaning you are temporarily not working and not getting paid
20	Yes
80	No
*	Refused
J.	Had your work hours reduced or limited
35	Yes
65	No
*	Refused
K.	Increased charitable giving or donations to local nonprofits
21	Yes
79	No
*	Refused

L. Received support from a charity or religious group

8 Yes
92 No
* Refused

M. Gave larger tips than you would normally to support workers in your community

42 Yes
57 No
1 Refused

N. Paid for services, such as lawn care, house cleaning or daycare that you are not currently using

10 Yes
90 No
* Refused

Q.8 How many of your immediate family members and close friends have lost their job due to the coronavirus outbreak?

30 None
32 Hardly any
20 Less than half
11 Half
7 More than half
1 Refused

Q.9 Which of the following best describes your current work situation?

37 Working full-time
10 Working part-time
7 Temporarily unemployed (including furloughed)
9 Unemployed
21 Retired
5 A homemaker or stay-at-home parent
4 A student
7 Disabled and unable to work
* Refused

ASK IF CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED [N=568]:

Q.10a About how long have you been unemployed or furloughed?

- 1 Less than 1 week
- 5 More than 1 to less than 3 weeks
- 12 More than 3 to less than 6 weeks
- 21 More than 6 to less than 8 weeks
- 24 More than 8 to less than 10 weeks
- 12 More than 10 to less than 12 weeks
- 24 Longer than 12 weeks
- * Refused

Q.10b Did you lose your job, either directly or indirectly, due to the coronavirus (covid-19) outbreak or did you lose it for some other reason?

- 74 Lost it because of coronavirus (covid-19) outbreak
- 25 Lost it for some other reason
- 1 Refused

ASK IF LOST JOB DUE TO CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK [N=429]:

Q.11 Is your former employer. . .

- 9 Open and operating as usual
- 32 Open, but employees working remotely, reduced hours or limited schedules
- 51 Closed temporarily due to the coronavirus (covid-19) outbreak, but will reopen
- 6 Closed permanently due to the coronavirus (covid-19) outbreak
- 1 Refused

Q.12 Do you expect to be hired back in your previous position in the next 6 months, or not?

- 68 Yes
- 31 No
- 2 Refused

Q.13 Do you think your former employer did their best to help their employees who lost their jobs, or was there more that they could have done?

- 63 Yes, did their best
- 36 No, could have done more
- * Refused

Q.14 Have you been in contact with your former employer since you stopped working?

- 64 Yes
- 35 No
- * Refused

ASK ALL:

Q.15 Do you think unemployment benefits in your state have been too generous, not generous enough, or about right?

19	Too generous
52	About right
26	Not generous enough
3	Refused

Q.16 Over the last couple months, has your household's income...?

2	Increased substantially
11	Increased slightly
53	Remained the same
22	Decreased slightly
12	Decreased substantially
*	Refused

Q.17 Before the coronavirus (covid-19) outbreak, did you have an emergency or rainy day fund that would cover your expenses for 3 months in case of sickness, job loss, economic downturn, or other emergencies?

50	Yes
50	No
*	Refused

ASK IF HAS EMERGENCY FUNDS [N=1,778]:

Q.17A Over the last few months, how much, if at all, have you spent of your emergency or rainy day fund?

4	All of it
7	Most of it
7	About half of it
26	Just a little of it
56	None of it
*	Refused

ASK ALL:

Q.18 When the coronavirus (covid-19) outbreak is under control, do you expect that the United States economy will recover?

3	Almost immediately
11	Within a couple months
16	Within six months
22	Within 12 months
47	Will take longer than 12 months
1	Refused

Q.18A How well do you know your neighbors?

	Very well	Fairly well	Not too well	Not at all well	Refused
June 5, 2020	14	39	34	13	*
July 17, 2018 ³	12	42	36	9	*

Q.19 In general, would you say that most of the time people try to be helpful, or that they are mostly just looking out for themselves?

	Try to be helpful	Just look out for themselves	Refused
June 5, 2020	65	34	1
July 17, 2018 ⁴	55	44	1

Q.20 How well are most of your neighbors and the people who live in your community maintaining social distance from each other?

34	Very well
47	Somewhat well
15	Not too well
4	Not at all well
1	Refused

Q.21 If you could live in anywhere in the United States that you wanted to, would you prefer a city, a suburban area, a small town, or a rural area?

13	City
29	Suburban area
29	Small town
28	Rural area
1	Refused

Q.22 As far as you know, are people living in cities more likely to become infected with coronavirus (covid-19) than those living in less densely populated areas or are they not any more likely than people living in other areas?

90	Yes, people in cities more likely
9	No, people in cities not any more likely
1	Refused

PARENT Are you the parent or legal guardian of any minors under the age of 18 living with you?

31	Yes
69	No
*	Refused

³ Source: AEI Survey on Community and Society, February 2019.

⁴ Source: AEI Survey on Community and Society, February 2019.

Q.23 Even if you might not normally do all of the following, given the current situation with the coronavirus (covid-19) outbreak how comfortable would you feel doing any of the following?

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

A. Attending a worship service in person

16 Very comfortable
20 Somewhat comfortable
22 Somewhat uncomfortable
42 Very uncomfortable
1 Refused

B. Going to a polling place to vote

20 Very comfortable
25 Somewhat comfortable
28 Somewhat uncomfortable
27 Very uncomfortable
* Refused

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=1,743]:

C. Having a friend or relative over to your house

31 Very comfortable
33 Somewhat comfortable
24 Somewhat uncomfortable
11 Very uncomfortable
* Refused

D. Eating out in a restaurant

13 Very comfortable
24 Somewhat comfortable
26 Somewhat uncomfortable
36 Very uncomfortable
1 Refused

E. Going to get a haircut, or visiting a nail salon

20 Very comfortable
25 Somewhat comfortable
27 Somewhat uncomfortable
27 Very uncomfortable
1 Refused

- F. Going to the grocery store
- | | |
|----|------------------------|
| 27 | Very comfortable |
| 38 | Somewhat comfortable |
| 26 | Somewhat uncomfortable |
| 8 | Very uncomfortable |
| * | Refused |
- G. Taking a flight on an airplane
- | | |
|----|------------------------|
| 9 | Very comfortable |
| 12 | Somewhat comfortable |
| 24 | Somewhat uncomfortable |
| 54 | Very uncomfortable |
| 1 | Refused |

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=1,761]:

- H. Having someone over to your house who was infected with coronavirus (covid-19), but recovered
- | | |
|----|------------------------|
| 13 | Very comfortable |
| 22 | Somewhat comfortable |
| 29 | Somewhat uncomfortable |
| 36 | Very uncomfortable |
| 1 | Refused |
- I. Taking the bus, train, subway or other public transportation
- | | |
|----|------------------------|
| 4 | Very comfortable |
| 14 | Somewhat comfortable |
| 28 | Somewhat uncomfortable |
| 53 | Very uncomfortable |
| 1 | Refused |
- J. Going to a movie theater
- | | |
|----|------------------------|
| 7 | Very comfortable |
| 17 | Somewhat comfortable |
| 26 | Somewhat uncomfortable |
| 49 | Very uncomfortable |
| 1 | Refused |
- K. Attending a sporting event
- | | |
|----|------------------------|
| 8 | Very comfortable |
| 14 | Somewhat comfortable |
| 27 | Somewhat uncomfortable |
| 49 | Very uncomfortable |
| 1 | Refused |

ASK IF HAS CHILD(REN) UNDER AGE 18 [N=1,066]:

L. Sending your child to daycare or school

7 Very comfortable
17 Somewhat comfortable
26 Somewhat uncomfortable
50 Very uncomfortable
* Refused

M. Taking your children to a playground or park

13 Very comfortable
27 Somewhat comfortable
27 Somewhat uncomfortable
33 Very uncomfortable
* Refused

ASK ALL:

Q.24 How long will it take for life in the U.S. to mostly return to normal due to the coronavirus (covid-19) outbreak?

1 Life is already mostly back to normal
4 By the end of June
8 By the end of July
33 By the end of the year
54 Will take longer than that
1 Refused

Q.25 Which one of the following do you think the government should do?

	Take all necessary steps to ensure the public is safe even if it means keeping businesses closed longer and hurting the economy	Allow businesses to open back up even if it means putting some people at risk	Refused
June 5, 2020	58	41	2
March 30, 2020 ⁵	78	22	NA

Q.26 How well, if at all, do you think the following are handling the coronavirus (covid-19) outbreak?
[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

A. The federal government

	Very well	Somewhat well	Not too well	Not at all well	Refused
June 5, 2020	11	38	29	22	1
March 30, 2020 ⁶	25	35	21	19	NA

⁵ Source: AEI American Perspectives Survey, April 2020.

⁶ Source: AEI American Perspectives Survey, April 2020.

B. Your state government

	Very well	Somewhat well	Not too well	Not at all well	Refused
June 5, 2020	25	45	18	12	1
March 30, 2020	34	43	16	8	NA

C. Donald Trump

	Very well	Somewhat well	Not too well	Not at all well	Refused
June 5, 2020	20	22	13	44	1
March 30, 2020	32	20	13	35	NA

D. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

	Very well	Somewhat well	Not too well	Not at all well	Refused
June 5, 2020	18	51	20	9	1
March 30, 2020	36	42	15	7	NA

ASK IF PARENT OF CHILD UNDER 18 [N=1,066]:

Q.27 How easy or difficult has it been for you to handle child care responsibilities during the coronavirus (covid-19) outbreak?

34	Very easy
27	Somewhat easy
24	Somewhat difficult
14	Very difficult
1	Refused

ASK ALL:

Q.28 Over the last week, how many hours a day, on average did you spend on the following. . .
[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

ASK IF PARENT OF CHILD UNDER 18 [N=1,066]:

A. Doing child care or homeschooling activities

10	Zero
7	Less than 30 minutes
6	30 minutes to under an hour
16	One to less than two hours
13	Two to less than three hours
15	Three to less than four hours
31	More than four hours
1	Refused

ASK ALL:

B. Doing housecleaning or other household chores

- 2 Zero
- 7 Less than 30 minutes
- 15 30 minutes to under an hour
- 25 One to less than two hours
- 21 Two to less than three hours
- 12 Three to less than four hours
- 18 More than four hours
- * Refused

C. Watching television, movies or online videos

- 3 Zero
- 3 Less than 30 minutes
- 5 30 minutes to under an hour
- 14 One to less than two hours
- 19 Two to less than three hours
- 17 Three to less than four hours
- 38 More than four hours
- 1 Refused

D. Reading a book for pleasure

- 38 Zero
- 15 Less than 30 minutes
- 13 30 minutes to under an hour
- 14 One to less than two hours
- 9 Two to less than three hours
- 5 Three to less than four hours
- 6 More than four hours
- 1 Refused

E. Watching, listening to or reading the news

- 7 Zero
- 15 Less than 30 minutes
- 20 30 minutes to under an hour
- 23 One to less than two hours
- 15 Two to less than three hours
- 8 Three to less than four hours
- 11 More than four hours
- 1 Refused

F. Taking a walk outside

16	Zero
21	Less than 30 minutes
23	30 minutes to under an hour
20	One to less than two hours
9	Two to less than three hours
4	Three to less than four hours
7	More than four hours
1	Refused

G. Exercising

20	Zero
20	Less than 30 minutes
23	30 minutes to under an hour
17	One to less than two hours
8	Two to less than three hours
5	Three to less than four hours
7	More than four hours
1	Refused

RELIG What is your present religion, if any?

30	Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah's Witness, etc.)
19	Roman Catholic (Catholic)
1	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)
*	Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
1	Jewish (Judaism)
1	Muslim (Islam)
2	Buddhist
1	Hindu
6	Atheist (do not believe in God)
5	Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
11	Nothing in particular
19	Just Christian
1	Unitarian (Universalist)
2	Something else - please specify: [TEXTBOX]
1	Refused

BORN Would you describe yourself as a 'born-again' or evangelical Christian, or not?

38	Yes
61	No
1	Refused

ATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals and not counting the last couple months, how often do you attend religious services?

8	More than once a week
20	Once a week
7	Once or twice a month
13	A few times a year
20	Seldom
30	Never
1	Refused

Q.29 Even if you do not attend religious services regularly, are you personally a member of a local church, synagogue, mosque, temple or other house of worship, or not?

42	Yes, I am
57	No, I am not
1	Refused

ASK IF MEMBER OF CONGREGATION [N=1,517]:

Q.30 Is your congregation or place of worship currently offering religious services as usual, offering services online only or is it not currently offering formal religious services?

	Offering services as usual	Offering services online only	Not currently offering services	Refused
June 5, 2020	15	63	21	2
March 30, 2020 ⁷	12	57	30	0

ASK ALL:

Q.31 Would you say the U.S. government's response to the coronavirus (covid-19) outbreak has generally been better, worse or about the same as other similarly developed countries?

10	A lot better
20	Somewhat better
27	About the same
21	Somewhat worse
20	A lot worse
2	Refused

⁷ Source: AEI American Perspectives Survey, April 2020. The original question wording is as follows: "Is your congregation or place of worship currently offering religious services as usual, offering services online only or is it not currently offering formal religious services?"

Q.32 Do you think the federal government should do more, has it done enough or has it done too much to help the following. . . **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

A. People who lost their jobs due to the coronavirus (covid-19) outbreak

60	Should do more
33	Has done enough
5	Has done too much
2	Refused

B. Small businesses

68	Should do more
27	Has done enough
4	Has done too much
2	Refused

C. State governments

51	Should do more
39	Has done enough
8	Has done too much
2	Refused

D. Large corporations

24	Should do more
41	Has done enough
33	Has done too much
2	Refused

Q.33 Do you think it is the responsibility of the federal government to make sure all Americans have health care coverage, or is that not the responsibility of the federal government?

	Yes, government responsibility	No, not government responsibility	No opinion/ Refused
June 5, 2020	63	35	2
November 14, 2019 ⁸	54	45	1
November 11, 2018	57	42	1
November 8, 2017	56	42	2
November 13, 2016	52	45	3
November 8, 2015	51	47	2
November 9, 2014	45	52	3
November 10, 2013	42	56	2
November 18, 2012	44	54	2
November 6, 2011	50	46	4
November 7, 2010	47	50	3
November 8, 2009	47	50	3
November 16, 2008	54	41	5
November 14, 2007	64	33	3
November 12, 2006	69	28	3
November 10, 2005	58	38	4
November 10, 2004	64	34	2
November 5, 2003	59	39	2
November 14, 2002	62	35	3
November 11, 2001	62	34	4
September 13, 2000	64	31	5
January 16, 2000	59	38	3

Q.34 Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?

	The government should do more to help needy Americans, even if it means going deeper into debt	The government today can't afford to do much more to help the needy	Refused
June 5, 2020	62	36	2
September 15, 2019 ⁹	49	48	NA
March 12, 2017	54	45	NA

Q.35 When it comes to the economy, which comes closer to your view?

	It's possible to have economic policies that benefit everyone in the country	Pretty much any economic policy will end up benefitting some people at the expense of others	Refused
June 5, 2020	49	48	3
July 9, 2017 ¹⁰	56	41	NA

⁸ Source: Gallup Trend 2000-2019.

⁹ Source: Pew Research Center, latest that of September 2019.

¹⁰ Source: Pew Research Center, July 2017.

Q.36 Do you think the coronavirus (covid-19) outbreak will lead to lasting changes to the American economy or will it not have much of an effect over the long term?

77	Lead to lasting changes
22	Not have much effect
1	Refused

ASK IF OUTBREAK WILL LEAD TO LASTING CHANGES [N=2,730]:

Q.37 And will the changes to the American economy generally be for the better or will it be for the worse?

44	Generally for the better
54	Generally for the worse
2	Refused

ASK ALL:

Q.38 Do you think the coronavirus (covid-19) outbreak has shown that the U.S. economy is fundamentally strong or do you think that it has shown that the U.S. economy has major weaknesses?

38	Fundamentally strong
60	Has major weaknesses
2	Refused

Q.39 When it comes to your financial wellbeing do you feel like there are people looking out for you or do you feel like you are basically on your own?

30	Feel like people are looking out
68	Basically on my own
1	Refused

Q.40 In general, would you say people with expertise on a subject are. . .

	Not any better at making good decisions than other people	Usually better at making good decisions than other people	Refused
June 5, 2020	29	68	2
July 9, 2017 ¹¹	33	64	NA

Q.41 Which of these statements comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right?

	Scientists make judgments based solely on the facts	Scientists' judgments are just as likely to be biased as other people's	Refused
June 5, 2020	60	38	3
January 21, 2019 ¹²	55	44	NA

¹¹ Source: Pew Research Center, July 2017.

¹² Source: Pew Research Center, January 2019.

Q.42 How much confidence, if any, do you have in each of the following to act in the best interests of the public? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

A. Your city or local government

	A great deal	Some	Only a little	Not at all	Refused
June 5, 2020	16	52	22	10	1
October 22, 2019 ¹³	5	49	34	9	3

B. Local news media

	A great deal	Some	Only a little	Not at all	Refused
June 5, 2020	12	43	28	17	1
October 22, 2019	6	46	31	14	3

C. The federal government

	A great deal	Some	Only a little	Not at all	Refused
June 5, 2020	7	39	33	20	1
October 22, 2019	2	28	47	19	3

D. National news media

	A great deal	Some	Only a little	Not at all	Refused
June 5, 2020	8	34	30	28	1
October 22, 2019	5	32	34	27	2

E. College and university professors

	A great deal	Some	Only a little	Not at all	Refused
June 5, 2020	17	47	22	12	2
October 22, 2019	8	49	27	14	3

F. Scientists

	A great deal	Some	Only a little	Not at all	Refused
June 5, 2020	38	44	12	4	1

G. Doctors, nurses and public health professionals

	A great deal	Some	Only a little	Not at all	Refused
June 5, 2020	62	30	5	2	1

¹³ Source: AEI Community and Civic Life Survey, October 2019.

H. Donald Trump

	A great deal	Some	Only a little	Not at all	Refused
June 5, 2020	18	22	15	44	1
October 22, 2019	14	18	15	51	3

Q.42AA How much do you feel that having elections makes the government pay attention to what the people think?

30	A good deal
45	Some
23	Not much
1	Refused

Q.42BB Which statement comes closer to your own views, even if neither is exactly right?

38	Ordinary citizens can do a lot to influence the government in Washington
61	There's not much ordinary citizens can do to influence the government in Washington
1	Refused

Q.43 Which, if any, of the following have you done in the past week? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

A. Ordered takeout from a local restaurant

73	Yes, have done this
27	No, have not done this
*	Refused

B. Had a friend, relative or neighbor over to my house or apartment

50	Yes, have done this
50	No, have not done this
*	Refused

C. Attended a religious service at your place of worship

8	Yes, have done this
91	No, have not done this
*	Refused

D. Worn a face mask or covering when you've left your home because of the coronavirus (covid-19) outbreak

86	Yes, have done this
14	No, have not done this
*	Refused

E. Had a video call with friends or family

60 Yes, have done this

40 No, have not done this

1 Refused

Q.44 In the last seven days, how often, if at all, did you. . . **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

A. Feel lonely or isolated

9 Every day

9 Nearly every day

19 A few times

21 Once or twice

42 Never

1 Refused

B. Feel like you did not have any time for yourself

9 Every day

7 Nearly every day

18 A few times

18 Once or twice

46 Never

1 Refused

C. Feel depressed

9 Every day

8 Nearly every day

19 A few times

22 Once or twice

41 Never

1 Refused

D. Cry because of feeling stressed, frustrated or overwhelmed

5 Every day

5 Nearly every day

13 A few times

16 Once or twice

61 Never

1 Refused

Turning to the 2020 presidential election . . .

Q.45 How closely have you been following news about candidates for the 2020 presidential election?

	Very closely	Fairly closely	Not too closely	Not at all closely	Refused
June 5, 2020	24	33	27	16	1
April 26, 2020 ¹⁴	19	33	31	16	NA
March 2, 2020	23	37	29	12	NA
July 15, 2019	31	32	21	16	NA

Q.46 If the 2020 presidential election were being held today, would you vote for Donald Trump, the Republican, Joe Biden, the Democrat, a third party candidate or would not vote?

32	Donald Trump, the Republican
40	Joe Biden, the Democrat
6	Third party candidate
9	Not sure
13	Would not vote

Q.47 Would you prefer to elect a representative to Congress who has experience in politics, or is new to politics?

37	Experience in politics
26	New to politics
35	No opinion
2	Refused

Finally, a few questions about yourself . . .

Q.49 Do you currently live in a city, a suburban area, a small town, or a rural area?

28	City
32	Suburban area
23	Small town
17	Rural area
*	Refused

Q.50 Which of the following describes the type of home you currently live in?

63	Detached single family home
8	Attached single family home (e.g., townhome)
20	Apartment, condominium (condo), or co-op
6	Mobile home
2	Other, please specify: [TEXTBOX]
*	Refused

¹⁴ Source: Pew Research Center, April 2020.

ASK IF HOME IS APARTMENT OR CONDO [N=827]:

Q.50a How many units are there in the building you live in?

28	Four or fewer apartments or condos
44	Between 5 to 49 apartments or condos
27	More than 50 or more apartments or condos
1	Refused

Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by the American Enterprise Institute. Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 3,504 adults (age 18 and up) living in the United States, including all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Interviews were conducted both online using a self-administered design and by telephone using live interviewers. All interviews were conducted among participants using a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the national US adult population run by NORC at the University of Chicago. Panel participants without Internet access, which included 405 respondents, were interviewed via telephone by professional interviewers under the direction of NORC. Interviewing was conducted between May 21 and June 5, 2020.

Weighting was accomplished in two separate stages. First, panel base weights were calculated for every household based on the probability of selection from the NORC National Frame, the sampling frame that is used to sample housing units for AmeriSpeak.ⁱ Household level weights were then assigned to each eligible adult in every recruited household. In the second stage, sample demographics were balanced to match target population parameters for gender, age, education, race and Hispanic ethnicity, and division (US Census definitions), housing type, and telephone usage. The telephone usage parameter came from an analysis of the National Health Interview Survey. All other weighting parameters were derived from an analysis of the US Census Bureau's Current Population Survey. The sample weighting was accomplished using an iterative proportional fitting (IPF) process that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables. Weights were trimmed to prevent individual interviews from having too much influence on the final results.

The use of survey weights in statistical analyses ensures that the demographic characteristics of the sample closely approximate the demographic characteristics of the target population. The margin of error for the survey is +/- 2.3 percentage points at the 95% level of confidence. The design effect for the survey is 1.93.

ⁱ The National Frame is representative of over 97 percent of U.S. households and includes additional coverage of hard-to-survey population segments, such as rural and low-income households, that are underrepresented in other sample frames. AmeriSpeak uses U.S. mail notifications, NORC telephone interviewers, and in-person field interviewers to recruit panel households.