

# Topline questionnaire

**Pew Research Center  
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## Methodological notes:

- Survey results are based on national samples. For further details on sample designs, see Methodology section and our [international survey methods database](#).
- Due to rounding, percentages may not total 100%. The topline “total” columns show 100%, because they are based on unrounded numbers.
- Since 2007, Pew Research Center has used an automated process to generate toplines for its Global Attitudes surveys. As a result, numbers may differ slightly from those published prior to 2007.
- The U.S. survey was conducted on Pew Research Center’s American Trends Panel. Many questions have been asked in previous surveys on the phone. Phone trends for comparison are provided in separate tables throughout the topline. The extent of the mode differences varies across questions; while there are negligible differences on some questions, others have more pronounced differences. Caution should be taken when evaluating online and phone estimates.
- Since 2020, the Italy survey has been conducted by telephone; surveys were conducted face-to-face in 2002 and 2007-2019.
- In 2021, the Greece survey was conducted by telephone; all prior surveys in Greece were conducted face-to-face.
- Not all questions included in the Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey are presented in this topline. Omitted questions have either been previously released or will be released in future reports.

		Q1. Thinking about our economic situation, how would you describe the current economic situation in (survey public) – is it very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	3	26	52	19	0	100
	March, 2020	16	38	34	12	0	100
Canada	Spring, 2021	5	44	32	19	1	100
	Summer, 2020	5	33	39	22	1	100
	Spring, 2019	9	63	19	8	1	100
	Spring, 2018	7	56	24	10	3	100
	Spring, 2017	5	54	28	10	2	100
	Spring, 2016	3	45	35	13	4	100
	Spring, 2015	7	50	32	7	4	100
	Spring, 2013	6	61	26	6	1	100
	Spring, 2009	4	39	42	14	2	100
	Spring, 2007	19	61	13	5	2	100
	Summer, 2002	12	58	24	4	2	100
	Belgium	Spring, 2021	4	43	33	19	1
Summer, 2020		2	30	39	28	0	100
France	Spring, 2021	1	25	49	23	1	100
	Fall, 2020	3	22	52	22	1	100
	Summer, 2020	1	17	51	30	1	100
	Spring, 2019	2	35	44	18	1	100
	Spring, 2018	1	42	42	15	1	100
	Fall, 2017	1	32	47	17	3	100
	Spring, 2017	0	21	55	23	0	100
	Spring, 2016	2	10	50	36	1	100
	Spring, 2015	1	13	56	29	1	100
	Spring, 2014	1	11	54	34	0	100
	Spring, 2013	0	9	53	38	0	100
	Spring, 2012	1	18	52	29	0	100
	Spring, 2011	0	17	52	31	0	100
	Spring, 2010	1	12	56	31	0	100
	Fall, 2009	1	15	60	24	0	100
	Spring, 2009	0	14	58	27	0	100
	Spring, 2008	0	19	61	20	0	100
	Spring, 2007	1	29	53	17	0	100
Summer, 2002	1	44	47	6	2	100	

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		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
Germany	Spring, 2021	10	50	26	14	0	100
	Fall, 2020	13	60	19	7	1	100
	Summer, 2020	7	44	35	12	2	100
	Spring, 2019	21	58	16	3	1	100
	Spring, 2018	21	57	16	4	1	100
	Fall, 2017	23	62	11	3	1	100
	Spring, 2017	31	55	12	1	1	100
	Spring, 2016	15	60	18	4	3	100
	Spring, 2015	15	60	20	3	2	100
	Spring, 2014	14	71	13	2	1	100
	Spring, 2013	10	65	22	3	1	100
	Spring, 2012	12	61	22	5	0	100
	Spring, 2011	9	58	27	5	1	100
	Spring, 2010	2	42	47	8	1	100
	Fall, 2009	1	27	58	12	1	100
	Spring, 2009	1	27	54	16	2	100
	Spring, 2008	4	49	39	7	1	100
	Spring, 2007	8	55	25	11	1	100
	Summer, 2002	1	26	55	16	1	100
	Greece	Spring, 2021	2	26	38	34	0
Spring, 2019		1	14	51	34	1	100
Spring, 2018		0	4	32	64	0	100
Spring, 2017		0	2	26	72	0	100
Spring, 2016		0	2	20	77	0	100
Spring, 2014		0	2	30	67	0	100
Spring, 2013		0	1	27	72	0	100
Spring, 2012		0	2	20	78	0	100
Italy	Spring, 2021	2	10	54	33	0	100
	Summer, 2020	1	10	47	43	0	100
	Spring, 2019	1	22	51	25	1	100
	Spring, 2018	2	13	50	34	1	100
	Fall, 2017	1	16	51	31	1	100
	Spring, 2017	1	14	51	32	1	100
	Spring, 2016	4	29	34	32	1	100
	Spring, 2015	1	11	45	43	0	100
	Spring, 2014	0	3	38	58	0	100
	Spring, 2013	0	3	38	58	0	100
	Spring, 2012	1	5	37	56	1	100
	Fall, 2009	3	19	48	28	2	100
	Spring, 2007	1	24	56	14	5	100
	Summer, 2002	0	36	51	11	2	100
Netherlands	Spring, 2021	12	57	23	7	0	100
	Summer, 2020	10	51	30	9	0	100
	Spring, 2019	20	62	12	5	0	100
	Spring, 2018	18	67	9	4	2	100
	Fall, 2017	16	70	10	3	1	100
	Spring, 2017	19	68	9	3	1	100
	Spring, 2016	5	57	28	10	1	100

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		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
Spain	Spring, 2021	2	11	39	48	0	100
	Summer, 2020	2	13	33	51	0	100
	Spring, 2019	3	39	37	20	1	100
	Spring, 2018	3	27	36	33	1	100
	Fall, 2017	1	27	37	34	1	100
	Spring, 2017	3	25	37	34	1	100
	Spring, 2016	1	12	36	50	1	100
	Spring, 2015	2	16	37	44	1	100
	Spring, 2014	1	7	30	63	0	100
	Spring, 2013	1	3	17	79	1	100
	Spring, 2012	1	5	22	72	0	100
	Spring, 2011	1	9	27	62	0	100
	Spring, 2010	1	12	40	48	0	100
	Fall, 2009	1	11	43	45	1	100
	Spring, 2009	1	12	38	47	2	100
	Spring, 2008	1	34	43	19	3	100
	Spring, 2007	9	56	29	5	1	100
Sweden	Spring, 2021	15	71	12	2	0	100
	Summer, 2020	6	62	26	6	1	100
	Spring, 2019	14	64	16	5	2	100
	Spring, 2018	15	66	14	4	1	100
	Fall, 2017	16	71	8	2	2	100
	Spring, 2017	17	67	10	5	1	100
	Spring, 2016	9	67	17	6	1	100
	Spring, 2007	25	59	11	2	3	100
United Kingdom	Spring, 2021	7	37	32	23	1	100
	Fall, 2020	5	27	37	30	1	100
	Summer, 2020	2	19	43	36	1	100
	Spring, 2019	7	43	33	16	1	100
	Spring, 2018	4	42	35	15	4	100
	Fall, 2017	4	37	40	16	2	100
	Spring, 2017	6	45	33	12	3	100
	Spring, 2016	4	43	33	14	5	100
	Spring, 2015	5	47	29	16	3	100
	Spring, 2014	2	41	37	18	2	100
	Spring, 2013	2	13	44	39	2	100
	Spring, 2012	1	14	47	37	1	100
	Spring, 2011	1	14	45	40	1	100
	Spring, 2010	2	18	40	39	1	100
	Fall, 2009	2	14	45	38	2	100
	Spring, 2009	1	10	38	49	2	100
	Spring, 2008	2	28	47	20	2	100
Spring, 2007	13	56	20	8	3	100	
Summer, 2002	8	57	24	8	4	100	

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Australia	Spring, 2021	15	59	21	5	1	100
	Summer, 2020	5	31	45	18	1	100
	Spring, 2019	8	58	25	8	2	100
	Spring, 2018	7	59	23	8	2	100
	Spring, 2017	6	54	30	10	1	100
	Spring, 2016	5	52	31	9	3	100
	Spring, 2015	7	48	33	9	4	100
	Spring, 2013	13	54	20	10	3	100
	Spring, 2008	11	58	22	6	3	100
Japan	Spring, 2021	2	16	55	25	2	100
	Summer, 2020	0	13	50	35	2	100
	Spring, 2019	2	35	50	12	2	100
	Spring, 2018	2	42	46	9	2	100
	Spring, 2017	2	39	47	9	3	100
	Spring, 2016	1	29	53	15	3	100
	Spring, 2015	1	36	46	14	2	100
	Spring, 2014	1	34	50	13	2	100
	Spring, 2013	1	26	55	16	1	100
	Spring, 2012	0	7	44	49	0	100
	Spring, 2011	1	9	46	42	1	100
	Spring, 2010	1	11	49	39	0	100
	Spring, 2009	1	9	47	43	1	100
	Spring, 2008	1	12	57	28	1	100
	Spring, 2007	1	27	54	17	2	100
Summer, 2002	0	6	42	51	0	100	
New Zealand	Spring, 2021	7	66	21	4	1	100
Singapore	Spring, 2021	15	54	25	6	0	100
South Korea	Spring, 2021	3	25	39	33	0	100
	Summer, 2020	1	15	43	40	0	100
	Spring, 2019	1	29	42	27	1	100
	Spring, 2018	2	29	49	19	2	100
	Spring, 2017	1	14	53	31	1	100
	Spring, 2015	1	15	56	27	1	100
	Spring, 2014	0	33	51	14	2	100
	Spring, 2013	0	20	59	20	1	100
	Spring, 2010	0	18	63	17	1	100
	Spring, 2009	0	5	71	23	1	100
	Spring, 2008	0	7	66	26	1	100
	Spring, 2007	0	8	63	28	1	100
Summer, 2002	1	19	72	7	1	100	
Taiwan	Spring, 2021	8	48	33	10	1	100

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United States	Fall, 2020	12	36	31	21	1	100
	Summer, 2020	5	25	36	33	1	100
	Spring, 2020	17	32	29	20	2	100
	Spring, 2019	20	40	26	13	1	100
	Spring, 2018	17	48	20	12	3	100
	Spring, 2017	9	49	27	13	2	100
	Spring, 2016	5	39	33	21	2	100
	Spring, 2015	4	36	32	24	4	100
	Spring, 2014	2	38	34	24	2	100
	Spring, 2013	2	31	35	30	2	100
	Spring, 2012	3	28	38	30	2	100
	Spring, 2011	1	17	38	42	1	100
	Spring, 2010	1	23	41	34	1	100
	Fall, 2009	1	19	44	34	2	100
	Spring, 2009	2	15	42	41	1	100
	Spring, 2008	2	18	41	36	3	100
Spring, 2007	9	41	32	16	3	100	
Summer, 2002	4	42	39	13	2	100	

		Q2. When children today in (survey public) grow up, do you think they will be better off or worse off financially than their parents?				
		Better off	Worse off	Same (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2021	32	68	0	1	100
	March, 2020	42	57	0	1	100
Canada	Spring, 2021	27	68	3	2	100
	Spring, 2019	30	66	2	2	100
	Spring, 2018	25	67	4	5	100
	Spring, 2017	24	69	3	5	100
	Spring, 2015	27	64	2	7	100
	Spring, 2013	27	64	3	6	100
Belgium	Spring, 2021	27	69	3	1	100
France	Spring, 2021	16	77	4	3	100
	Spring, 2019	16	79	3	2	100
	Spring, 2018	15	80	3	2	100
	Spring, 2017	9	71	18	2	100
	Spring, 2015	14	85	1	0	100
	Spring, 2014	13	86	1	0	100
Spring, 2013	9	90	1	0	100	

		Q2. When children today in (survey public) grow up, do you think they will be better off or worse off financially than their parents?				
		Better off	Worse off	Same (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	Total
Germany	Spring, 2021	40	50	7	3	100
	Spring, 2019	48	42	7	3	100
	Spring, 2018	37	52	7	4	100
	Spring, 2017	36	52	6	6	100
	Spring, 2015	34	58	3	4	100
	Spring, 2014	38	56	2	4	100
	Spring, 2013	28	64	3	5	100
Greece	Spring, 2021	31	66	1	2	100
	Spring, 2019	26	61	8	5	100
	Spring, 2018	18	69	8	4	100
	Spring, 2017	20	72	4	3	100
	Spring, 2014	25	65	8	3	100
	Spring, 2013	21	67	8	5	100
Italy	Spring, 2021	25	72	2	1	100
	Spring, 2019	23	61	11	5	100
	Spring, 2018	19	61	12	8	100
	Spring, 2017	23	65	5	7	100
	Spring, 2015	15	66	13	5	100
	Spring, 2014	15	67	10	7	100
	Spring, 2013	14	73	6	7	100
Netherlands	Spring, 2021	40	54	3	3	100
	Spring, 2019	35	59	3	2	100
	Spring, 2018	35	54	5	6	100
	Spring, 2017	35	54	7	5	100
Spain	Spring, 2021	24	71	4	1	100
	Spring, 2019	25	72	1	2	100
	Spring, 2018	24	72	1	3	100
	Spring, 2017	24	69	2	5	100
	Spring, 2015	31	61	4	4	100
	Spring, 2014	30	62	5	3	100
	Spring, 2013	28	65	3	4	100
Sweden	Spring, 2021	50	43	6	1	100
	Spring, 2019	40	52	6	2	100
	Spring, 2018	35	50	12	3	100
	Spring, 2017	44	46	7	3	100
United Kingdom	Spring, 2021	32	64	2	2	100
	Spring, 2019	22	74	3	1	100
	Spring, 2018	23	70	2	5	100
	Spring, 2017	24	68	3	5	100
	Spring, 2015	25	68	3	4	100
	Spring, 2014	23	72	2	3	100
	Spring, 2013	17	74	2	7	100

		Q2. When children today in (survey public) grow up, do you think they will be better off or worse off financially than their parents?				
		Better off	Worse off	Same (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	Total
Australia	Spring, 2021	35	60	2	3	100
	Spring, 2019	29	65	1	4	100
	Spring, 2018	29	64	4	3	100
	Spring, 2017	24	69	3	5	100
	Spring, 2015	26	64	4	6	100
	Spring, 2013	39	53	4	4	100
Japan	Spring, 2021	16	77	1	6	100
	Spring, 2019	13	79	3	5	100
	Spring, 2018	15	76	2	6	100
	Spring, 2017	19	72	3	6	100
	Spring, 2015	18	72	4	6	100
	Spring, 2014	14	79	4	3	100
	Spring, 2013	15	76	4	5	100
New Zealand	Spring, 2021	34	62	2	2	100
Singapore	Spring, 2021	61	35	3	1	100
South Korea	Spring, 2021	34	60	2	3	100
	Spring, 2019	39	54	3	3	100
	Spring, 2018	41	53	4	2	100
	Spring, 2017	34	55	6	5	100
	Spring, 2015	43	52	3	2	100
	Spring, 2014	52	43	4	2	100
	Spring, 2013	56	37	5	2	100
Taiwan	Spring, 2021	27	62	4	8	100

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		Better off	Worse off	Same (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2020	41	51	3	6	100
	Spring, 2019	31	60	2	7	100
	Spring, 2018	33	57	3	7	100
	Spring, 2017	37	58	2	3	100
	Spring, 2015	32	60	4	3	100
	Spring, 2014	30	65	2	3	100
	Spring, 2013	33	62	1	4	100