

**2022 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
SURVEY OF AMERICAN PARENTS
WAVE 115 SEPTEMBER 2022
FINAL TOPLINE
SEPTEMBER 20-OCTOBER 2, 2022
TOTAL N=3,757¹**

NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. THE PERCENTAGES LESS THAN 0.5% ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (*). ROWS/COLUMNS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING.

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
Adult parents (18+) of children under age 18	3,757	+/- 2.2 percentage points
<i>Fathers</i>	1,493	+/- 3.5 percentage points
<i>Mothers</i>	2,226	+/- 2.7 percentage points

ASK IF KP OVERSAMPLE WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18 (XPANEL=1)² [n=770]:

KIDS2 Are you the parent or guardian of any adult children age 18 or older, including any who live on their own?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
39	Yes	40	38
60	No	59	61
1	No answer	1	1

DISPLAY TO ALL ATP RESPONDENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18 AND A CHILD 18 OR OLDER (XPANEL=2 AND KIDS2=1):

For the next few questions, think about all of your children, including any adult children age 18 or older and who live on their own...

ASK ALL PARENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18:

PARJOB Overall, how would you rate the job you do as a parent? **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM 1/2 OF SAMPLE]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
16	Excellent	13	17
48	Very good	49	48
32	Good	32	31
4	Only fair	5	3
*	Poor	1	*
*	No answer	*	*

¹ The Wave 115 survey includes an oversample of 770 responses from Hispanic, Asian and Black parents who are members of Ipsos' KnowledgePanel.

² KIDS2 was asked of ATP respondents in a previous wave.

ASK ALL PARENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18:

RAISED Overall, compared with how you were raised, are you trying to raise your children in...
[SHOW IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM ½ OF SAMPLE]

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
9	A very similar way	10	8
34	A somewhat similar way	37	33
12	Neither similar nor different	12	12
29	A somewhat different way	28	29
16	A very different way	12	18
*	No answer	*	*

ASK ALL PARENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18 WHO ARE RAISING THEIR CHILD IN A SIMILAR WAY (RAISED=1,2) [n=1,689]:

RAISEDSIM In what ways are you trying to raise your children similarly to the way you were raised?

OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES NOT SHOWN**ASK ALL PARENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18 WHO ARE RAISING THEIR CHILD IN A DIFFERENT WAY (RAISED=4,5) [n=1,678]:**

RAISEDDIFF In what ways are you trying to raise your children differently from the way you were raised?

OPEN-ENDED RESPONSES NOT SHOWN**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE OR PREVIOUSLY RELEASED****ASK ALL PARENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18:**

PARIDENTITY Now thinking about yourself...

How important is being a parent to who you are as a person? **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM ½ OF SAMPLE]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
30	The most important aspect	24	35
57	One of the most important aspects	61	53
10	Important but not one of the most important aspects	11	10
2	Not too important an aspect	2	2
*	Not an important aspect at all	1	*
*	No answer	*	*

ASK ALL PARENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18:

PARHARD Overall, compared with how you thought parenting would be, do you think being a parent has been... **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM ½ OF SAMPLE]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
2	A lot easier	2	2
6	Somewhat easier	6	5
30	Neither easier nor harder	34	27
36	Somewhat harder	37	36
26	A lot harder	20	30
*	No answer	*	*

DISPLAY IF RESPONDENT HAS A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18 AND A CHILD 18 OR OLDER

(KIDS2=1): For the rest of this survey, please think only about your children who are younger than 18.

ASK ALL PARENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18:

KIDSAGEGRP How many children do you have in the following age groups?

[Enter number of children in each age category. Please enter a number between 0 and 9. Enter 0 if none and 9 if you have 9 or more children in any of the age groups]

<u>Total</u>	
36	0 to 4 years old
25	One
9	Two
1	Three+
59	5 to 12 years old
35	One
18	Two
6	Three+
44	13 to 17 years old
33	One
9	Two
3	Three+
1	No answer

Soft prompt if blank: "Please enter a number between 0 and 9 in each box. If you would like to skip, click Next."

ASK ALL PARENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18:

PARFEEL How often do you find being a parent to be... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM ½ OF SAMPLE]**

a. Enjoyable

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
25	All of the time	21	27
58	Most of the time	60	56
17	Some of the time	18	16
1	Rarely	1	1
*	Never	*	*
*	No answer	*	*

PARFEEL CONTINUED ...

b. Rewarding

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
36	All of the time	33	37
44	Most of the time	46	43
18	Some of the time	18	18
2	Rarely	2	1
*	Never	*	1
*	No answer	*	*

c. Stressful

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
7	All of the time	5	9
21	Most of the time	19	24
58	Some of the time	60	57
10	Rarely	13	8
2	Never	3	2
*	No answer	1	*

d. Tiring

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
14	All of the time	11	16
28	Most of the time	24	30
46	Some of the time	50	44
9	Rarely	13	7
3	Never	3	2
*	No answer	*	*

[RANDOMIZE PARSTYLE1-4]**ASK ALL PARENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18:**

PARSTYLE1 Which of the following best describes your parenting style, even if neither is exactly right? Are you a parent who tends to... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
30	Stick to their guns too much	36	24
35	Give in too quickly	27	40
35	Neither	36	35
1	No answer	*	1

ASK ALL PARENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18:

PARSTYLE2 Which of the following best describes your parenting style, even if neither is exactly right? Are you a parent who tends to... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
26	Praise their children too much	23	29
20	Criticize their children too much	23	18
53	Neither	53	53
1	No answer	1	1

ASK ALL PARENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18:

PARSTYLE3 Which of the following best describes your parenting style, even if neither is exactly right? Are you a parent who tends to... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
45	Be overprotective	38	51
20	Give too much freedom	24	16
34	Neither	38	32
1	No answer	*	1

ASK ALL PARENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18:

PARSTYLE4 Which of the following best describes your parenting style, even if neither is exactly right? Are you a parent who tends to... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
25	Push their children too hard	26	24
30	Not push their children hard enough	31	29
45	Neither	42	47
1	No answer	1	*

ASK ALL PARENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18:

PARSUCCESS How much do you think your children's successes and failures reflect the job you are doing as a parent? **[SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM 1/2 OF SAMPLE]**

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
21	A great deal	22	21
35	A fair amount	37	35
34	Some	33	36
7	Not much	6	7
2	Not at all	2	2
*	No answer	*	*

ASK ALL PARENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18:

JUDGMNT How often do you feel judged by each of the following for how you parent your children? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM 1/2 OF SAMPLE; RANDOMIZE IN SAME ORDER AS PARFEEL]**

- a. **ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER (MARITAL=1,2) [n=2,965]:** Your spouse or partner

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
5	Always	5	5
13	Very often	14	11
35	Sometimes	37	33
28	Rarely	27	29
19	Never	17	21
*	No answer	*	*

JUDGMNT CONTINUED ...

- b. **ASK IF NOT MARRIED AND NOT LIVING WITH PARTNER (MARITAL=3-6) [n=765]:** Your children's other parent

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers³</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
8	Always	6	10
14	Very often	16	12
25	Sometimes	31	23
17	Rarely	18	16
21	Never	19	22
15	Does not apply	10	17
*	No answer	*	*

- c. Your parents

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
5	Always	3	6
9	Very often	7	11
29	Sometimes	28	30
25	Rarely	25	25
23	Never	28	20
8	Does not apply	8	8
*	No answer	*	*

- d. **ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER (MARITAL=1,2) [n=2,965]:** Your spouse or partner's parents

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
5	Always	3	6
9	Very often	7	10
27	Sometimes	26	28
25	Rarely	26	25
24	Never	30	20
9	Does not apply	7	11
*	No answer	*	*

- e. Your friends

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
2	Always	1	3
4	Very often	3	5
23	Sometimes	18	27
36	Rarely	37	35
35	Never	41	30
*	No answer	1	*

³ The survey included 200 interviews with fathers who are not married and not living with a partner, with an effective sample size of 95 and a 95% confidence level margin of error +/- 10.1 percentage points. This margin of error conservatively assumes a reported percentage of 50%.

JUDGMNT CONTINUED ...

f. Other parents in your community

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
3	Always	2	4
6	Very often	5	7
26	Sometimes	21	31
31	Rarely	34	29
34	Never	39	30
*	No answer	*	*

g. People you interact with on online groups or message boards

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
2	Always	1	3
3	Very often	2	3
12	Sometimes	8	15
16	Rarely	14	17
33	Never	40	28
34	Does not apply	34	34
*	No answer	1	*

ASK ALL PARENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18:

WORRYKIDS Below is a list of things that some parents worry might happen to their children. How worried are you about each of the following happening to any of your children at some point? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM ½ OF SAMPLE; IF SICKKID WAS ASKED, THEN SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS SICKKID; SPLIT ITEMS ACROSS TWO SCREENS]**

a. Having problems with drugs or alcohol

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
11	Extremely worried	9	11
13	Very worried	11	14
30	Somewhat worried	29	30
30	Not too worried	32	28
17	Not at all worried	18	15
*	No answer	*	*

b. Getting beaten up or attacked

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
12	Extremely worried	9	14
13	Very worried	10	15
32	Somewhat worried	32	31
33	Not too worried	37	30
10	Not at all worried	12	9
*	No answer	*	*

WORRYKIDS CONTINUED ...

c. Getting shot

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
13	Extremely worried	10	15
9	Very worried	5	12
23	Somewhat worried	21	25
35	Not too worried	39	32
20	Not at all worried	24	16
1	No answer	1	*

d. Getting pregnant or getting someone pregnant as a teenager

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
7	Extremely worried	7	8
9	Very worried	7	10
30	Somewhat worried	29	30
36	Not too worried	37	35
18	Not at all worried	20	17
*	No answer	*	*

e. Being bullied

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
15	Extremely worried	11	19
20	Very worried	17	22
39	Somewhat worried	41	38
18	Not too worried	24	14
7	Not at all worried	8	6
*	No answer	*	*

f. Struggling with anxiety or depression

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
15	Extremely worried	9	20
25	Very worried	23	26
36	Somewhat worried	37	35
17	Not too worried	21	13
7	Not at all worried	9	5
*	No answer	1	*

g. Being kidnapped or abducted

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
16	Extremely worried	11	21
11	Very worried	7	15
31	Somewhat worried	29	32
29	Not too worried	36	24
12	Not at all worried	17	8
1	No answer	*	1

WORRYKIDS CONTINUED ...

h. Getting in trouble with the police

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
7	Extremely worried	6	8
6	Very worried	4	8
19	Somewhat worried	20	19
39	Not too worried	39	39
28	Not at all worried	30	26
*	No answer	*	*

ASK ALL PARENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18:

ASPIREKIDS Thinking about the kind of people you hope your children become as adults, how important is it to you that they... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM ½ OF SAMPLE; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS WORRYKIDS; SPLIT ITEMS ACROSS TWO SCREENS]**

a. Be hardworking

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
48	Extremely important	47	49
40	Very important	40	41
10	Somewhat important	11	8
1	Not too important	1	1
1	Not at all important	1	*
*	No answer	*	*

b. Be ambitious

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
27	Extremely important	25	28
38	Very important	39	38
28	Somewhat important	28	28
5	Not too important	6	5
1	Not at all important	2	1
*	No answer	*	*

c. Be honest and ethical

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
66	Extremely important	64	67
28	Very important	29	28
4	Somewhat important	5	3
1	Not too important	1	1
1	Not at all important	1	1
*	No answer	*	*

ASPIREKIDS CONTINUED ...

d. Have political beliefs that are similar to your own

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
4	Extremely important	4	4
12	Very important	13	11
29	Somewhat important	30	29
31	Not too important	29	33
24	Not at all important	23	24
*	No answer	*	*

e. Have religious beliefs that are similar to your own

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
17	Extremely important	16	17
18	Very important	19	17
22	Somewhat important	22	23
21	Not too important	20	21
22	Not at all important	23	21
*	No answer	*	1

f. Be someone who helps others in need

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
40	Extremely important	34	44
41	Very important	44	40
16	Somewhat important	18	15
2	Not too important	3	1
1	Not at all important	1	*
*	No answer	*	*

g. Be accepting of people who are different from them

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
42	Extremely important	34	48
38	Very important	41	35
15	Somewhat important	19	11
4	Not too important	4	3
2	Not at all important	2	1
*	No answer	*	1

ASK ALL PARENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18:

GOALSKIDS How important is it to you that your children do each of the following when they are adults? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS WORRYKIDS]**

a. Earn a college degree

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
20	Extremely important	19	20
21	Very important	22	21
32	Somewhat important	31	33
17	Not too important	18	16
10	Not at all important	9	9
*	No answer	*	*

b. Get married

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
8	Extremely important	10	6
13	Very important	15	12
32	Somewhat important	33	31
25	Not too important	22	29
21	Not at all important	20	21
*	No answer	*	*

c. Have children

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
7	Extremely important	8	5
13	Very important	16	11
34	Somewhat important	34	34
27	Not too important	24	29
19	Not at all important	17	20
*	No answer	*	*

d. Have jobs or careers they enjoy

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
47	Extremely important	43	51
41	Very important	43	39
10	Somewhat important	13	8
1	Not too important	1	1
*	Not at all important	*	*
*	No answer	*	*

e. Be financially independent

<u>Total</u>		<u>Fathers</u>	<u>Mothers</u>
50	Extremely important	47	52
38	Very important	40	38
10	Somewhat important	12	8
1	Not too important	1	1
1	Not at all important	1	*
*	No answer	*	*

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL PARENTS WITH A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3,4) OR MISSING [n=1,588]:PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...⁴

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
25	30	28	15	2	17	21

⁴ PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.