# Modest Rise in Number Saying There Is "Solid Evidence" of Global Warming 

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## More Moderate Republicans See Evidence of Warming Modest Rise in Number Saying There Is "Solid Evidence" of Global Warming

The percentage of Americans who say there is solid evidence of global warming has increased modestly over the past two years. Currently, $63 \%$ say there is solid evidence that that the earth's average temperature has been getting warmer over the past few decades. In October 2009, 57\% expressed this view.

The number saying global warming is a very serious problem also has ticked up to 38\% currently from 32\%

Opinions About Global Warming: 2006-2011

| Is there solid evidence | $\mathbf{2 0 0 6}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 8}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 0 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 1}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| the earth is warming? | $\%$ | $\%$ | $\%$ | $\%$ | $\%$ | $\%$ |
| Yes | 77 | 77 | 71 | 57 | 59 | 63 |
| Because of human activity | 47 | 47 | 47 | 36 | 34 | 38 |
| Because of natural patterns | 20 | 20 | 18 | 16 | 18 | 18 |
| Don't know | 10 | 10 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| No | 17 | 16 | 21 | 33 | 32 | 28 |
| Mixed evidence/Don't know | $\underline{6}$ | $\underline{7}$ | $\underline{8}$ | $\underline{10}$ | $\underline{9}$ | $\underline{9}$ |
|  | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| How serious a problem |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| is global warming? |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Very serious | 43 | 45 | 44 | 35 | 32 | 38 |
| Somewhat serious | 36 | 32 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 27 |
| Not too serious | 11 | 12 | 13 | 15 | 16 | 16 |
| Not a problem | 9 | 8 | 11 | 17 | 18 | 17 |
| Don't know | $\underline{1}$ | $\underline{3}$ | $\underline{3}$ | $\underline{3}$ | $\underline{3}$ | $\underline{2}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| rounding. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

last year; 35\% said this in 2009.

Nonetheless, substantially fewer Americans say there is solid evidence of global warming than did so from 2006 to 2008. And in those years, higher percentages viewed global warming as a very serious problem than do so today.

The national survey by the Pew Research Center for the People \& the Press, conducted Nov. 9-14 among 2,001 adults, finds that nearly four-in-ten (38\%) say that global warming is occurring mostly because of human activity, such as the burning of fossil fuels, which also is slightly higher than last year (34\%). From 2006-2008, 47\% said global warming was mostly caused by human activity.

The survey finds a continuing partisan divide in opinions about global warming: 77\% of Democrats and 63\% of independents say there is solid evidence that the average temperature on earth has been getting warmer over the past few decades. J ust 43\% of Republicans agree.

There also is a large partisan gap in views about the causes of global warming: $51 \%$ of Democrats and 40\% of independents say the earth is getting warmer mostly because of human activity. J ust $19 \%$ of Republicans say rising temperatures are mostly attributable to human activity.

Solid Evidence of Global Warming?
\% saying yes

200620092011

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| \% who say there | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 09-11 <br> change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| is solid evidence earth is warming | \% | \% | \% | \% |  |
| Total | 71 | 57 | 59 | 63 | +6 |
| Men | 68 | 54 | 55 | 60 | +6 |
| Women | 74 | 61 | 62 | 65 | +4 |
| 18-29 | 74 | 64 | 66 | 66 | +2 |
| 30-49 | 74 | 55 | 58 | 64 | +9 |
| 50-64 | 70 | 59 | 57 | 60 | +1 |
| 65+ | 64 | 50 | 55 | 61 | +11 |
| College grad+ | 70 | 58 | 60 | 68 | +10 |
| Some college | 71 | 57 | 53 | 61 | +4 |
| HS or less | 72 | 56 | 61 | 60 | +4 |
| Republican | 49 | 35 | 38 | 43 | +8 |
| Conserv Rep | 43 | 32 | 33 | 31 | -1 |
| Mod/Lib Rep | 69 | 41 | 48 | 63 | +22 |
| Independent | 75 | 53 | 56 | 63 | +10 |
| Democrat | 83 | 75 | 79 | 77 | +2 |
| Cons/Mod Dem | 80 | 72 | 74 | 73 | +1 |
| Liberal Dem | 91 | 83 | 89 | 84 | +1 |

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liberals has increased from nine percentage points in 2009 to 32 points in the new survey.

College graduates and older Americans also are more likely to see solid evidence of global warming. Two-thirds of college graduates (68\%) say there is solid evidence of rising temperatures, up 10 points from 2009. And 61\% of those 65 and older express this view today, compared with $50 \%$ two years ago.

## Most See Warming as Serious Problem

A majority of Americans (65\%) say that global warming is either a very serious (38\%) or somewhat serious (27\%) problem. A third (33\%) views global warming as not too serious a problem (16\%) or not a problem (17\%).

The large partisan and ideological gap over the existence of global warming is reflected in opinions about whether it represents a serious problem. Nine-in-ten (90\%) liberal Democrats say global warming is at least a somewhat serious problem, with $64 \%$ calling it very serious. Nearly three-quarters of conservative Republicans (73\%) say global warming either is not too serious a problem or not a problem; $44 \%$ say it is not a problem.

Both parties are internally divided, though the differences are more pronounced among Republicans. While 73\% of conservatives say global warming is not much of a problem, only $34 \%$ of moderates and conservatives agree. Liberal Democrats are more likely than the party's conservatives and moderates to view global warming as a very serious problem (64\% vs. 50\%). And about twice as many conservative and moderate Democrats as liberals say it is little or no problem (21\% vs. 9\%).

How Serious a Problem is Global Warming?

|  | Some- <br> what too/ |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\%$ | $\%$ | $\%$ | $\%$ |
| Not prob |  |  |  |  |$\quad$ DK

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Figures may not add to $100 \%$ because of rounding.

## Tea Party Republicans and Global Warming

The GOP's divisions over global warming also are seen in how Tea Party Republicans and non-Tea Party Republicans view the issue.

Among all Republicans and Republicanleaning independents who agree with the Tea Party, 30\% say there is solid evidence of global warming and $11 \%$ say it is mostly caused by human activity. A majority (56\%) of Republicans and GOP leaners who do not agree with the Tea Party see solid evidence of global warming, and $28 \%$ say it is mostly caused by human activity.

And while more than half (55\%) of
Republicans and leaners who do not agree with the Tea Party view global warming as at least a somewhat serious problem, just 27\% of Tea Party Republicans agree.

Few Tea Party Republicans See Solid Evidence of Global Warming

Among Reps/Rep leaners
Agree w/ Disagree/

| Is there solid evidence | Tea Party No opinion |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| the earth is warming? | $\%$ | $\%$ |
| Yes | 30 | 56 |
| Because of human activity | 11 | 28 |
| Because of natural patterns | 17 | 22 |
| Don't know (Vol.) | 2 | 5 |
| No | 64 | 34 |
| Mixed evidence/Don't know | $\underline{6}$ | $\underline{9}$ |
|  | 100 | 100 |

How serious a problem
is global warming?

| Very serious | 7 | 26 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Somewhat serious | 20 | 29 |
| Not too serious | 25 | 25 |
| Not a problem | 47 | 18 |
| Don't know | $\underline{1}$ | $\underline{2}$ |
|  | 100 | 100 |
| N | 386 | 464 |

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Based on Republicans and Republican-leaning independents. Figures may not add to $100 \%$ because of rounding.

## About the Survey

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted November 9-14, 2011 among a national sample of 2,001 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia ( 1200 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 801 were interviewed on a cell phone, including 397 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted by interviewers at Princeton Data Source under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates International. A combination of landline and cell phone random digit dial samples were used; both samples were provided by Survey Sampling International. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish. Respondents in the landline sample were selected by randomly asking for the youngest adult male or female who is now at home. Interviews in the cell sample were conducted with the person who answered the phone, if that person was an adult 18 years of age or older. For detailed information about our survey methodology, see http:// peoplepress.org/methodology/

The combined landline and cell phone sample are weighted using an iterative technique that matches gender, age, education, race, Hispanic origin and nativity, region, and population density to parameters from the March 2010 Census Bureau's Current Population Survey. The sample also is weighted to match current patterns of telephone status and relative usage of landline and cell phones (for those with both), based on extrapolations from the 2010 National Health Interview Survey. The weighting procedure also accounts for the fact that respondents with both landline and cell phones have a greater probability of being included in the combined sample and adjusts for household size within the landline sample. Sampling errors and statistical tests of significance take into account the effect of weighting. The following table shows the sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the $95 \%$ level of confidence for different groups in the survey:

| Group | Sample Size | Plus or minus $\ldots$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Total sample | 2,001 | 3.0 percentage points |
| Republicans | 549 | 5.5 percentage points |
| Democrats | 638 | 5.0 percentage points |
| Independents | 723 | 4.5 percentage points |

Sample sizes and sampling errors for other subgroups are available upon request.
In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

## GLOBAL WARMI NG TABLES

Q.65/Q.66: From what you've read and heard, is there solid evidence that the average temperature on earth has been getting warmer over the past few decades, or not?/ Do you believe that the earth is getting warmer mostly because of human activity such as burning fossil fuels, or mostly because of natural patterms in the earth's environment?

Mostly because of...

|  | Mostly because of... |  |  |  | Not warming | Mixed/ DK/Ref | N |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Earth is warming | Human activity | Natural patterns | (VOL.) DK/Ref |  |  |  |
|  | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% | \% |  |
| TOTAL | 63 | 38 | 18 | 6 | 28 | 9 | 2001 |
| SEX |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Men | 60 | 36 | 17 | 7 | 31 | 9 | 953 |
| Women | 65 | 40 | 20 | 6 | 26 | 9 | 1048 |
| AGE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18-49 | 65 | 42 | 17 | 6 | 27 | 9 | 832 |
| 50+ | 60 | 32 | 21 | 7 | 27 | 9 | 1133 |
| DETAILED AGE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18-29 | 66 | 43 | 18 | 5 | 26 | 8 | 321 |
| 30-49 | 64 | 41 | 17 | 6 | 27 | 9 | 511 |
| 50-64 | 60 | 35 | 20 | 5 | 34 | 6 | 620 |
| 65+ | 61 | 28 | 22 | 10 | 26 | 13 | 513 |
| SEX BY AGE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Men 18-49 | 62 | 39 | 17 | 7 | 29 | 9 | 437 |
| Men 50+ | 56 | 32 | 18 | 7 | 34 | 9 | 499 |
| Women 18-49 | 67 | 45 | 17 | 4 | 24 | 9 | 395 |
| Women 50+ | 63 | 33 | 23 | 8 | 27 | 9 | 634 |
| RACE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| White, non-Hispanic | 59 | 33 | 19 | 7 | 32 | 9 | 1470 |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 69 | 40 | 20 | 9 | 19 | 12 | 192 |
| Hispanic | 74 | 56 | 16 | 2 | 20 | 6 | 180 |
| EDUCATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| College grad+ | 68 | 46 | 15 | 6 | 26 | 6 | 754 |
| Some college | 61 | 35 | 19 | 6 | 30 | 9 | 510 |
| High school or less | 60 | 34 | 20 | 6 | 29 | 11 | 725 |
| FAMI LY INCOME |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| \$75,000+ | 63 | 40 | 17 | 6 | 32 | 5 | 570 |
| \$30,000-\$74,999 | 63 | 36 | 21 | 6 | 30 | 7 | 642 |
| Less than \$30,000 | 65 | 40 | 19 | 7 | 24 | 11 | 555 |
| RELIGIOUS PREFERENCE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Protestant | 59 | 33 | 19 | 7 | 32 | 9 | 997 |
| Total White NH Prot. | 54 | 28 | 19 | 7 | 36 | 10 | 760 |
| White NH evang. Prot. | 49 | 21 | 21 | 7 | 42 | 8 | 412 |
| White NH mainline Prot. | 60 | 37 | 17 | 7 | 29 | 11 | 348 |
| Total Black NH Prot. | 73 | 42 | 21 | 10 | 18 | 9 | 132 |
| Total Catholic | 65 | 43 | 19 | 3 | 28 | 8 | 449 |
| White NH Cath. | 60 | 35 | 21 | 4 | 32 | 8 | 310 |
| Unaffiliated | 68 | 44 | 17 | 7 | 22 | 10 | 346 |
| ATTEND RELI GI OUS SERVICES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Weekly or more | 57 | 31 | 20 | 7 | 33 | 10 | 815 |
| Less than weekly | 66 | 43 | 17 | 6 | 25 | 8 | 1152 |
| REGION |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northeast | 63 | 41 | 15 | 7 | 28 | 9 | 345 |
| Midwest | 58 | 33 | 20 | 5 | 32 | 10 | 472 |
| South | 65 | 37 | 20 | 7 | 26 | 10 | 706 |
| West | 62 | 40 | 17 | 5 | 30 | 8 | 478 |

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Q. 65 From what you've read and heard, is there solid evidence that the average temperature on earth has been getting warmer over the past few decades, or not?/Q. 66 Do you believe that the earth is getting warmer mostly because of human activity such as burning fossil fuels, or mostly because of natural patterms in the earth's environment?

|  | Mostly because of... |  |  |  | Not warming | Mixed/ DK/Ref | N |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Earth is $\frac{\text { warming }}{\%}$ | Human $\frac{\text { activity }}{\%}$ | Natural $\frac{\text { patterns }}{\%}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (VOL.) } \\ & \frac{\text { DK/Ref }}{\%} \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |
| REGI STERED VOTER |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Yes, certain | 61 | 36 | 18 | 8 | 30 | 9 | 1576 |
| Not registered | 66 | 43 | 20 | 3 | 24 | 10 | 425 |
| PARTY ID |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Republican | 43 | 19 | 20 | 4 | 47 | 10 | 549 |
| Democrat | 77 | 51 | 17 | 9 | 16 | 7 | 638 |
| Independent | 63 | 40 | 18 | 5 | 28 | 9 | 723 |
| PARTY WITH LEANERS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rep/Lean Rep | 45 | 21 | 20 | 4 | 46 | 8 | 863 |
| Dem/Lean Dem | 78 | 52 | 17 | 8 | 15 | 8 | 929 |
| I DEOLOGY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conservative | 45 | 21 | 20 | 4 | 45 | 9 | 762 |
| Moderate | 69 | 42 | 19 | 8 | 22 | 9 | 741 |
| Liberal | 80 | 60 | 15 | 5 | 13 | 7 | 434 |
| PARTY AND I DEOLOGY |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Conservative Republican | 31 | 10 | 18 | 2 | 60 | 9 | 363 |
| Mod/Lib Republican | 63 | 33 | 24 | 6 | 27 | 10 | 180 |
| Mod/Cons Democrat | 73 | 44 | 20 | 10 | 19 | 8 | 375 |
| Liberal Democrat | 84 | 64 | 14 | 6 | 11 | 5 | 250 |
| TEA PARTY MOVEMENT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agree | 30 | 11 | 17 | 2 | 64 | 6 | 386 |
| Disagree/ No opinion | 56 | 28 | 22 | 5 | 34 | 9 | 464 |
| AMONG WHITES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Men | 55 | 30 | 18 | 7 | 35 | 9 | 688 |
| Women | 62 | 36 | 19 | 7 | 29 | 9 | 782 |
| 18-49 | 60 | 37 | 17 | 5 | 30 | 10 | 532 |
| 50+ | 59 | 30 | 21 | 8 | 34 | 7 | 915 |
| College grad+ | 64 | 43 | 16 | 6 | 29 | 6 | 601 |
| Some college or less | 56 | 29 | 20 | 7 | 33 | 11 | 864 |
| \$75,000+ | 61 | 37 | 18 | 6 | 34 | 5 | 459 |
| \$30,000-\$74,999 | 58 | 29 | 22 | 6 | 36 | 7 | 497 |
| Less than \$30,000 | 61 | 35 | 17 | 9 | 25 | 14 | 351 |
| Republican | 42 | 16 | 22 | 4 | 49 | 9 | 482 |
| Democrat | 78 | 52 | 16 | 10 | 15 | 7 | 407 |
| Independent | 59 | 34 | 19 | 6 | 31 | 9 | 530 |
| Northeast | 65 | 41 | 16 | 8 | 28 | 8 | 254 |
| Midwest | 54 | 30 | 20 | 5 | 35 | 11 | 406 |
| South | 60 | 31 | 21 | 9 | 31 | 9 | 488 |
| West | 58 | 35 | 17 | 5 | 34 | 9 | 322 |

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Q. 67 In your view, is global warming a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not a problem?

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \begin{array}{l} \text { Very } \\ \text { serious } \end{array} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Somewhat } \\ & \frac{\text { serious }}{\%} \end{aligned}$ | Not too serious \% | Not a problem \% | (VOL.) $\frac{\text { DK/Ref }}{\%}$ | N |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| Women 18-49 | 46 | 28 | 14 | 10 | 1 | 395 |
| Women 50+ | 38 | 27 | 14 | 18 | 3 | 634 |
| RACE |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Black, non-Hispanic | 50 | 26 | 11 | 9 | 5 | 192 |
| Hispanic | 54 | 24 | 10 | 11 | 2 | 180 |
| EDUCATION |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| College grad+ | 39 | 31 | 14 | 16 | 1 | 754 |
| Some college | 33 | 28 | 20 | 16 | 2 | 510 |
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| FAMI LY INCOME |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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## QUESTI ONS 1-59 PREVI OUSLY RELEASED

NO QUESTI ONS 60-64

## ASK ALL:

Now, I'd like your views on some issues...
Q. 65 From what you've read and heard, is there solid evidence that the average temperature on earth has been getting warmer over the past few decades, or not?
ASK IF EARTH IS GETTING WARMER ( $\mathbf{Q} .65=1$ ):
Q. 66 Do you believe that the earth is getting warmer [READ AND RANDOMI ZE]?

BASED ON TOTAL:

| Nov 9-14 |  | Feb 22- <br> Mar 1 | Sep 30- |  |  | J an | Aug | Jul | Jun |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Oct 13-18 | Oct 4 | April |  |  |  |  |
| $\underline{2011}$ |  | $\underline{2011}$ | $\underline{2010}$ | $\underline{2009}$ | $\underline{2008}$ | $\underline{2007}$ | $\underline{2006}$ | $\underline{2006}$ | $\underline{2006}$ |
| 63 | Yes | 58 | 59 | 57 | 71 | 77 | 77 | 79 | 70 |
|  | Mostly because of human activity such |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 38 | as burning fossil fuels, [OR] | 36 | 34 | 36 | 47 | 47 | 47 | 50 | 41 |
|  | Mostly because of natural patterns in the earth's |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | environment | 18 | 18 | 16 | 18 | 20 | 20 | 23 | 21 |
| 6 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 8 |
| 28 | No | 34 | 32 | 33 | 21 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 20 |
| 1 | Mixed/some evidence (VOL.) | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 8 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | 5 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 9 |

ASK ALL:
Q. 67 In your view, is global warming a very serious problem, somewhat serious, not too serious, or not a problem?

| Nov 9-14 | Sep 30- Apr 28- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Oct 13-18 | Oct 4 | May 12 | April | Jan | Jul | Jun |
| $\underline{2011}$ |  | $\underline{2010}$ | 2009 | $\underline{2009}$ | $\underline{2008}$ | 2007 | $\underline{2006}$ | $\underline{2006}$ |
| 38 | Very serious | 32 | 35 | 47 | 44 | 45 | 43 | 41 |
| 27 | Somewhat serious | 31 | 30 | 26 | 29 | 32 | 36 | 33 |
| 16 | Not too serious | 16 | 15 | 11 | 13 | 12 | 11 | 13 |
| 17 | Not a problem | 18 | 17 | 13 | 11 | 8 | 9 | 11 |
| 2 | Don't know/Refused (VOL.) | ) 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 |

## QUESTI ONS 68-73 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

NO QUESTI ONS 74-75

## QUESTI ONS 76-81 PREVI OUSLY RELEASED

ASK ALL:
PARTY In politics TODAY, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, or independent?
ASK I F INDEP/ NO PREF/ OTHER/ DK/ REF (PARTY=3,4,5,9):
PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?

|  | Republican | Democrat | Independent | (VOL.) <br> No preference | (VOL.) <br> Other party | (VOL.) DK/Ref | Lean Rep | Lean Dem |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nov 9-14, 2011 | 24 | 33 | 38 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 15 |
| Sep 22-Oct 4, 2011 | 23 | 33 | 38 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 18 | 16 |
| Aug 17-21, 2011 | 24 | 30 | 40 | 3 | * | 3 | 17 | 18 |
| Jul 20-24, 2011 | 24 | 32 | 38 | 4 | * | 2 | 16 | 14 |
| Jun 15-19, 2011 | 26 | 34 | 32 | 4 | * | 4 | 13 | 13 |
| May 25-30, 2011 | 24 | 33 | 38 | 3 | * | 2 | 15 | 17 |
| Mar 30-Apr 3, 2011 | 25 | 32 | 37 | 3 | * | 3 | 17 | 16 |
| Mar 8-14, 2011 | 24 | 33 | 38 | 3 | * | 2 | 17 | 15 |
| Feb 22-Mar 1, 2011 | 24 | 33 | 37 | 3 | * | 3 | 15 | 16 |
| Feb 2-7, 2011 | 24 | 31 | 39 | 3 | * | 2 | 16 | 16 |
| J an 5-9, 2011 | 27 | 32 | 35 | 4 | * | 2 | 15 | 14 |
| Dec 1-5, 2010 | 25 | 33 | 34 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 13 | 14 |
| Nov 4-7, 2010 | 26 | 30 | 37 | 4 | * | 2 | 17 | 13 |
| Yearly Totals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2010 | 25.2 | 32.7 | 35.2 | 3.6 | . 4 | 2.8 | 14.5 | 14.1 |
| 2009 | 23.9 | 34.4 | 35.1 | 3.4 | . 4 | 2.8 | 13.1 | 15.7 |
| 2008 | 25.7 | 36.0 | 31.5 | 3.6 | . 3 | 3.0 | 10.6 | 15.2 |
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| 1995 | 31.6 | 30.0 | 33.7 | 2.4 | . 6 | 1.3 | 15.1 | 13.5 |
| 1994 | 30.1 | 31.5 | 33.5 | 1.3 | -- | 3.6 | 13.7 | 12.2 |
| 1993 | 27.4 | 33.6 | 34.2 | 4.4 | 1.5 | 2.9 | 11.5 | 14.9 |
| 1992 | 27.6 | 33.7 | 34.7 | 1.5 | 0 | 2.5 | 12.6 | 16.5 |
| 1991 | 30.9 | 31.4 | 33.2 | 0 | 1.4 | 3.0 | 14.7 | 10.8 |
| 1990 | 30.9 | 33.2 | 29.3 | 1.2 | 1.9 | 3.4 | 12.4 | 11.3 |
| 1989 | 33 | 33 | 34 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1987 | 26 | 35 | 39 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |

