

**2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL**  
**WAVE 69 June 2020**  
**June 16-22, 2020**  
**N=4,708**

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

ECON1

Thinking about the nation's economy...  
 How would you rate economic conditions in this country today?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No answer</u>
June 16-22, 2020	4	22	44	30	1
Apr 7-12, 2020	4	19	38	38	1
Jan 6-19, 2020	16	42	33	9	*
Sep 16-29, 2019	10	46	35	8	*
July 22-Aug 4, 2019	14	43	32	11	*
Nov 7-16, 2018	13	46	31	9	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	12	45	32	11	*
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017	2	37	43	17	0
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	2	30	47	21	*
Apr 29-May 27, 2014	1	18	50	30	1

**ASK ALL:**

ECON1B

A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be...

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>About the same as now</u>	<u>No answer</u>
June 16-22, 2020	50	22	27	1
Apr 7-12, 2020	55	22	22	1
Jan 6-19, 2020	29	26	45	1
Sep 16-29, 2019	20	32	48	*
July 22-Aug 4, 2019 <sup>1</sup>	28	28	44	*

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

COVID\_FUT

Thinking about the problems the country is facing from the coronavirus outbreak, do you think...? **[RANDOMIZE]**

June 16-22, <u>2020</u>		Apr 7-12 <u>2020</u>
40	The worst is behind us	26
59	The worst is still to come	73
1	No answer	1

<sup>1</sup> In the survey conducted from July 22- August 4, 2019, response options for this question were not randomized.

**ASK ALL**

C\_SHOULDMASK Thinking about the coronavirus and your own local area, when people in your community go to public places where they may be near others, how often do you think they should wear a mask?

June 16-22,  
2020

48	Always
23	Most of the time
17	Some of the time
7	Rarely
5	Never
*	No answer

**ASK ALL**

C\_MASKREACT If you were to wear a mask in public places in your local area, generally, do you think most of the people around you would...

June 16-22,  
2020

55	Approve of you wearing a mask
4	Disapprove of you wearing a mask
40	Not care much either way
*	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

COVID\_COMFORT Given the current situation with the coronavirus outbreak, would you feel comfortable or uncomfortable doing each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	Comfortable <u>doing this</u>	Uncomfortable <u>doing this</u>	No <u>answer</u>
<b>ASK ALL:</b>			
a. Going out to the grocery store			
June 16-22, 2020	79	20	*
Mar 19-24, 2020	57	42	*
b. Visiting with a close friend or family member inside their home <sup>2</sup>			
June 16-22, 2020	77	22	*
Mar 19-24, 2020	62	38	*
<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY (N=2,353):</b>			
c. Eating out in a restaurant			
June 16-22, 2020	44	56	*
Mar 19-24, 2020	22	77	*
d. Attending an indoor sporting event or concert			
June 16-22, 2020	23	76	*

<sup>2</sup> In past surveys, this item has been asked as "Visiting with a close friend or family member at their house." In W69 (June 16-22, 2020), we split from this item with "Visiting with a close friend or family member inside their home." There were no significant differences between the items and the data from both questions were combined.

	Comfortable <u>doing this</u>	Uncomfortable <u>doing this</u>	No <u>answer</u>
<b>COVID_COMFORT CONTINUED...</b>			
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY (N=2,355):</b>			
<b>No item e</b>			
f. Attending a crowded party			
June 16-22, 2020	18	81	*
Mar 19-24, 2020	9	91	*
g. Going to a hair salon or barbershop			
June 16-22, 2020	53	46	1

**ASK ALL:**

COVID\_INDIMPCT Do you think the actions of ordinary Americans affect how the coronavirus spreads in the US...

June 16-22,

2020

59	A great deal
28	A fair amount
10	Not too much
2	Not at all
*	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

COVID\_2ASSIST As you may know, Congress and President Trump passed a \$2 trillion economic assistance package in March in response to the economic impact of the coronavirus outbreak

Do you think it will be necessary for the president and Congress to pass an additional economic package?

June 16-22,

2020

71	Yes, another economic assistance package will be necessary
28	No, another economic assistance package will NOT be necessary
2	No answer

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

*Do you think it will be necessary for the president and Congress to pass another bill to provide more economic assistance?*

Apr 7-12, 2020

77	Yes, another bill will be necessary
22	No, another bill will NOT be necessary
2	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

COVID\_ECONPRIO Please indicate whether you would favor or oppose the following proposals to address the economic problems resulting from the coronavirus outbreak. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Strongly favor</u>	<u>Somewhat favor</u>	<u>Somewhat oppose</u>	<u>Strongly oppose</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Providing financial assistance to state and local government June 16-22, 2020	37	39	14	9	1
b. Extending the \$600-per-week increase in unemployment benefits beyond July 31 June 16-22, 2020	33	27	19	20	1
c. Providing additional tax cuts and loans to businesses that keep workers on payroll June 16-22, 2020	45	42	8	4	1
d. Preventing evictions and foreclosures on renters and homeowners who have lost jobs or income June 16-22, 2020	57	31	8	3	*
e. Temporarily cutting workers' payroll taxes that go toward Social Security and Medicare June 16-22, 2020	24	29	26	20	1

**ASK ALL:**

COVID\_LIABILITY Which statement comes closer to your own view, even if neither is exactly right

June 16-22, 2020

68	In order for businesses to be able to open and operate, they need to be given broad protection from lawsuits brought by employees who may get COVID-19 while on the job
29	Employees need to be able to sue their employers if they get COVID-19 on the job, even if that makes it harder for businesses to open and operate
3	No answer

**ASK ALL:**

COVID\_INFECT How concerned, if at all, are you that... **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Very concerned</u>	<u>Somewhat concerned</u>	<u>Not too concerned</u>	<u>Not at all concerned</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. You might spread the coronavirus to other people without knowing that you have it June 16-22, 2020	30	32	23	14	*
Apr 7-12, 2020	33	34	22	11	1
b. You will get the coronavirus and require hospitalization June 16-22, 2020	24	27	32	17	*
Apr 7-12, 2020	24	31	32	13	*

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ASK ALL:**

GOVNEEDY

Which of the following statements comes closer to your own view – even if neither is exactly right? [**RANDOMIZE**]

	The government should do more to help needy Americans, even if it means <u>going deeper into debt</u>	The government today can't afford to do much <u>more to help the needy</u>	No <u>answer</u>
June 16-22, 2020	58	40	2
Sep 3-15, 2019	49	48	3
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017 <sup>3</sup>	54	45	2

**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:**

PARTYLN

As of today do you lean more to...<sup>4</sup>

<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>
28	29	29	12	1	16	23

<sup>3</sup> The W24.5 Mode Study survey was administered by web and phone. Results reported here are from web mode only.

<sup>4</sup> Party and Partyln asked in a prior survey.