

2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 65 April 2020
APRIL 7-12, 2020
N=4,917

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. FOR RELATED QUESTIONS, SEE "[POSITIVE ECONOMIC VIEWS PLUMMET; SUPPORT FOR GOVERNMENT AID CROSSES PARTY LINES](#)".

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

E_COVID Which of the following best describes your current employment situation?

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42	Employed full-time
12	Employed part-time
45	Not employed (including retired or in school)
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

COVIDWORK For each of the following, indicate whether or not it is something that happened to YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD because of the coronavirus outbreak. [**DISPLAY ITEMS IN ORDER**]

		<u>Yes, has happened</u>	<u>No, has not happened</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Been laid off or lost a job			
	Apr 7-12, 2020	28	72	*
	Mar 19-24, 2020	20	80	1
b.	Had to take a cut in pay due to reduced hours or demand for your work			
	Apr 7-12, 2020	33	66	1
	Mar 19-24, 2020	27	72	1

ASK ALL:

COVID_INDVD Just your impression, how would you describe the coronavirus outbreak's impact on your own personal financial situation? The outbreak has... [**RANDOMIZE 1 AND 2, 3 ALWAYS LAST**]

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10	Hurt my finances MORE than those of most other people
52	Hurt my finances LESS than those of most other people
37	Impacted my finances about the same as it has most other people
*	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

COVID_AIDPERS

If you receive a payment from the federal government as part of the coronavirus aid package, or if you have already received a payment, how are you most likely to use the majority of the money? [**DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN ORDER**]

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12	Pay off debt
46	Pay bills or for something essential you or your family needs
3	Pay for something non-essential you or your family wants
18	Save it
6	Something else [SPECIFY]
15	Won't get a payment/Not eligible
1	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE/PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**

WORRY2

How often, if ever, do you worry about each of the following? [**RANDOMIZE ITEMS**]

		Every <u>day</u>	Almost <u>every day</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Never</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a.	The amount of debt you have						
	Apr 7-12, 2020	19	17	28	18	17	*
	Sep 16-29, 2019	24	16	26	16	16	1
ASK IF EMPLOYED (E_COVID=1,2) [N=2,734]:							
b.	Losing your job						
	Apr 7-12, 2020	14	9	32	29	16	*
	Sep 16-20, 2019	12	8	29	29	21	1
ASK ALL:							
c.	Paying your bills						
	Apr 7-12, 2020	21	16	29	21	12	*
	Sep 16-20, 2019	25	16	28	18	12	1
d.	The cost of health care for you and your family						
	Apr 7-12, 2020	18	16	37	18	10	*
	Sep 16-20, 2019	22	17	35	15	9	1
e.	Being able to save enough for your retirement						
	Apr 7-12, 2020	21	17	34	15	12	1
	Sep 16-20, 2019	26	19	32	12	10	2
ASK IF EMPLOYED (E_COVID=1,2) [N=2,734]:							
f.	Taking a cut in pay due to reduced hours or demand for your work						
	Apr 7-12, 2020	15	14	27	25	18	*

ASK ALL:

BILLSTYPICAL Which best describes your ability to pay all of your bills in full IN A TYPICAL MONTH?

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I can typically pay all of my bills in full

24

I cannot pay some bills or can only make a partial payment on some of them

*

No answer

ASK ALL:

BILLSNOW Which best describes your ability to pay all of your bills in full THIS MONTH?

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68

I will be able to pay all of my bills in full

32

I cannot pay some bills or will only make a partial payment on some of them

1

No answer

ASK ALL:

EMERGFUND Do you have emergency or rainy day funds that would cover your expenses for 3 months in case of sickness, job loss, economic downturn, or other emergencies?

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Yes

53

No

1

No answer

ASK IF DOES NOT HAVE EMERGENCY FUNDS (EMERGFUND=2) [N=2,038]:

EMERGCOVER If you were to lose your main source of income (for example, your job or government benefits), could you cover your expenses for 3 months by borrowing money, using savings, selling assets, or borrowing from friends or family?

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Yes

71

No

1

No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE/PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**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...¹

<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	13	1	17	22

¹ Party and PartyIn asked in a prior survey.