# 2021 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL WAVE 98 OCTOBER 2021 FINAL TOPLINE OCTOBER 18-24, 2021 TOTAL N=9,676

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.

|  |             | Margin of error at 95%    |
|--|-------------|---------------------------|
|  | Sample size | confidence level          |
| U.S. adults  | 9,676       | +/- 1.6 percentage points |
| Adults in multigenerational<br>households <sup>1</sup> | 1,548       | +/- 3.9 percentage points |

#### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE OR PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

#### **ASK ALL:**

**MULTIGEN** 

Thinking about the household where you currently live, do any of the following people live there with you? [DISPLAY ITEMS IN ORDER]

|    |   | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | No<br><u>answer</u> |
|----|---|------------|-----------|---------------------|
| a. | Your parent or parent-in-law<br>Oct 18-24, 2021   | 14         | 85        | *                   |
| b. | Your adult child or child-in-law, age<br>18 or older <sup>2</sup><br>Oct 18-24, 2021            | 19         | 81        | 1                   |
| c. | Your grandparent or grandparent-in-<br>law<br>Oct 18-24, 2021                                   | 3          | 97        | 1                   |
| d. | Your adult grandchild or grandchild-<br>in-law, age 18 or older <sup>3</sup><br>Oct 18-24, 2021 | 3          | 96        | *                   |

#### ASK IF LIVING WITH PARENT OR PARENT-IN-LAW (MULTIGENa=1) [n=811]:

PARENT65 Are any of the parents/parents-in-law who live with you age 65 or older?

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2021

41 Yes

59 No

\* No answer

<sup>1</sup> The definition of adults in multigenerational households here and in the report is based on those ages 25 and older who live with a parent or grandparent or who live with an adult child or grandchild ages 25 or older.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> If the respondent is married/living with a partner, the item read "An adult child or child-in-law, age 18 or older (yours or your spouse's or partner's)".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> If the respondent is married/living with a partner, the item read "An adult grandchild or grandchild-in-law, age 18 or older (yours or your spouse's or partner's)".

#### ASK IF LIVING WITH ADULT CHILD/CHILD-IN-LAW (MULTIGENb=1) [n=1,735]:

CHILD25 Are any of the adult children/children-in-law who live with you age 25 or older?

Oct 18-24,

2021
52 Yes
47 No
1 No answer

#### **ASK IF LIVING WITH GRANDPARENT (MULTIGENc=1):**

GRANDPARENT65 Are any of the grandparents/grandparents-in-law who live with you age 65 or older?

#### **RESPONSES NOT SHOWN DUE TO SMALL SAMPLE SIZE**

#### ASK IF LIVING WITH ADULT GRANDCHILD (MULTIGENd=1):

GRANDCHILD25 Are any of the adult grandchildren/grandchildren-in-law who live with you age 25 or older?

#### **RESPONSES NOT SHOWN DUE TO SMALL SAMPLE SIZE**

#### Definition of adults in multigenerational households used in this topline

The following questions were asked of all U.S. adults who answered "yes" on at least one item in MULTIGENa-d, unless otherwise noted. However, for the remainder of this topline, responses are based only on those ages 25 and older who live with a parent or grandparent or who live with an adult child or grandchild ages 25 or older ((F\_AGE=25-98) AND (MULTIGEN\_A\_W98=1 OR CHILD25\_W98=1 OR MULTIGEN\_C\_W98=1 OR GRANDCHILD25\_W98=1)), consistent with the definition of adults in multigenerational households used in the report.

#### BASED ON THOSE WHO LIVE IN A MULTIGENERATIONAL HOUSEHOLD [n=1,548]:

MULTIGENHOME Whose home do you and the adult family members who live with you live in?

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2021

[IF MARRIED/LIVING WITH PARTNER (F\_MARITAL=1,2): They live with me
and my spouse or partner in OUR home; IF NOT MARRIED/LIVING WITH
PARTNER (F\_MARITAL=3-99): They live with me in MY home]
[IF MARRIED/LIVING WITH PARTNER (F\_MARITAL=1,2): My spouse or
partner and I live with them in THEIR home; IF NOT MARRIED/LIVING
WITH PARTNER (F\_MARITAL=3-99): I live with them in THEIR home]

Other/Don't think of it that way
No answer

#### BASED ON THOSE WHO LIVE IN A MULTIGENERATIONAL HOUSEHOLD [n=1,548]4:

Which of the following best describes your current living situation? [RANDOMIZE **HHSPACE RESPONSE OPTIONS**]

| Oct 18-24,  |   |            |
|-------------|---|------------|
| <u>2021</u> |   | All adults |
| 72          | There is plenty of space to live comfortably  | 80         |
| 28          | There is not enough space to live comfortably | 20         |
| *           | No answer                                     | 1          |

#### BASED ON THOSE WHO LIVE IN A MULTIGENERATIONAL HOUSEHOLD [n=1,548]:

MULTIGENPERM Would you say living with adult family members [IF MARRIED/LIVING WITH **PARTNER (F\_MARITAL=1,2):** (other than your spouse or partner)] is a...

| Oct 18-24,  |                     |
|-------------|---------------------|
| <u>2021</u> |                     |
| 41          | Long-term situation |
| 34          | Temporary situation |
| 24          | Don't know          |
| *           | No answer           |

#### BASED ON THOSE WHO LIVE IN A MULTIGENERATIONAL HOUSEHOLD [n=1,548]:

MULTIGENPOSNEG Would you say living with adult family members [IF MARRIED/LIVING WITH PARTNER (F\_MARITAL=1,2): (other than your spouse or partner)] has been mostly... [SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN REVERSE ORDER FOR RANDOM 1/2 OF RESPONDENTS]

| Oct 18-24,<br>2021 |                               |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 30                 | Very positive                 |
| 27                 | Somewhat positive             |
| 26                 | Neither positive nor negative |
| 14                 | Somewhat negative             |
| 3                  | Very negative                 |
| 1                  | No answer                     |

#### BASED ON THOSE WHO LIVE IN A MULTIGENERATIONAL HOUSEHOLD [n=1,548]:

MULTIGENFEEL

How often do you find living with adult family members [IF MARRIED/LIVING WITH PARTNER (F\_MARITAL=1,2): (other than your spouse or partner)] to be... [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

|    |                               | All of<br><u>the time</u> | Most of<br>the time | Some of the time | <u>Rarely</u> | <u>Never</u> | No<br><u>answer</u> |
|----|-------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------|
| a. | Convenient<br>Oct 18-24, 2021 | 22                        | 36                  | 30               | 7             | 4            | 1                   |
| b. | Rewarding<br>Oct 18-24, 2021  | 19                        | 35                  | 33               | 9             | 3            | 1                   |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> In the survey, this question was asked of all respondents regardless of whether they indicated they live in a multigenerational household. The responses from the total sample are indicated in the column for "All adults."

#### **MULTIGENFEEL CONTINUED ...**

|    |                 | All of<br>the time | Most of<br>the time | Some of the time | Rarely | <u>Never</u> | No<br><u>answer</u> |
|----|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------|--------------|---------------------|
| c. | Stressful       | ·                  |                     |                  |        |              |                     |
|    | Oct 18-24, 2021 | 7                  | 17                  | 40               | 27     | 8            | *                   |

#### BASED ON THOSE WHO LIVE IN A MULTIGENERATIONAL HOUSEHOLD [n=1,548]:

MULTIGENWHY

Is each of the following a major reason, minor reason or not a reason why you live with adult family members [IF MARRIED/LIVING WITH PARTNER (F\_MARITAL=1,2): (other than your spouse or partner)]? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

|    |  | Major<br><u>reason</u> | Minor<br><u>reason</u> | Not a<br><u>reason</u> | No<br>answer |
|----|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|
| a. | Financial issues<br>Oct 18-24, 2021  | 40                     | 28                     | 32                     | *            |
| b. | To care for an adult family member or to receive care Oct 18-24, 2021                                  | 25                     | 20                     | 55                     | *            |
| c. | To provide child care or to receive<br>help with child care<br>Oct 18-24, 2021                         | 12                     | 12                     | 75                     | 1            |
| d. | For companionship<br>Oct 18-24, 2021   | 12                     | 26                     | 61                     | 1            |
| e. | This is just the arrangement you've<br>always had<br>Oct 18-24, 2021                                   | 28                     | 18                     | 53                     | 1            |
| f. | Change in relationship status, such as the death of a partner or end of a relationship Oct 18-24, 2021 | 15                     | 11                     | 73                     | 1            |

#### BASED ON THOSE WHO LIVE IN A MULTIGENERATIONAL HOUSEHOLD [n=1,548]:

MULTIGENCOVID

Are any of the reasons you live with adult family members [IF MARRIED/LIVING WITH PARTNER (F\_MARITAL=1,2): (other than your spouse or partner)] related to the coronavirus outbreak?

Oct 18-24,

2021

13 Yes

86 No

1 No answer

#### BASED ON THOSE WHO LIVE IN A MULTIGENERATIONAL HOUSEHOLD [n=1,548]:

MULTIGENFINAN

How does living with adult family members [IF MARRIED/LIVING WITH PARTNER (F\_MARITAL=1,2): (other than your spouse or partner)] affect your personal financial situation? [SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 IN REVERSE FOR RANDOM ½ OF RESPONDENTS]

Oct 18-24,

2021
22 Helps a lot
18 Helps a little
37 Does not help or hurt
16 Hurts a little
6 Hurts a lot

No answer

#### BASED ON THOSE WHO LIVE IN A MULTIGENERATIONAL HOUSEHOLD [n=1,548]:

MULTIGENHELP1

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How much do [IF MARRIED/LIVING WITH PARTNER (F\_MARITAL=1,2): you and your spouse or partner; IF NOT MARRIED/LIVING WITH PARTNER (F\_MARITAL=3-99): you] pay for each of the following in your household? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS; SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 IN REVERSE FOR RANDOM ½ OF RESPONDENTS]

a. Rent or mortgage

| Oct 18-24,  |   |
|-------------|---|
| <u>2021</u> |   |
| 39          | All   |
| 11          | More than half but not all                            |
| 14          | Half  |
| 10          | Some but less than half                               |
| 26          | Don't pay anything                                    |
| *           | No answer   |
| b.          | Household expenses such as groceries or utility bills |

| Oct 18-24,<br>2021 |                            |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 37                 | All                        |
| 22                 | More than half but not all |
| 16                 | Half                       |
| 19                 | Some but less than half    |
| 6                  | Don't pay anything         |
| *                  | No answer                  |

#### BASED ON THOSE WHO LIVE IN A MULTIGENERATIONAL HOUSEHOLD [n=1,548]:

MULTIGENHELP2 How much do [IF MARRIED/LIVING WITH PARTNER (F\_MARITAL=1,2):

you and your spouse or partner; IF NOT MARRIED/LIVING WITH PARTNER

(F\_MARITAL=3-99): you] do when it comes to household chores and responsibilities? [SHOW RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS

MULTIGENHELP1]

| Oct 18-24,<br>2021 |                            |
|--------------------|----------------------------|
| 27                 | All                        |
| 34                 | More than half but not all |
| 19                 | Half                       |
| 17                 | Some but less than half    |
| 3                  | Don't do any               |
| 1                  | No answer                  |

#### BASED ON THOSE WHO LIVE IN A MULTIGENERATIONAL HOUSEHOLD [n=1,548]:

MULTIGENHELP3a Does any adult in your household provide personal care for another adult in the household who is not their spouse or partner, such as helping them bathe or get dressed?

## ASK IF LIVES IN MULTIGENERATIONAL HOUSEHOLD AND AN ADULT IN HOUSEHOLD PROVIDES CARE FOR ANOTHER ADULT (MULTIGENHELP3a=1):

MULTIGENHELP3b How often do you personally provide personal care for another adult in your household [IF MARRIED/LIVING WITH PARTNER (F\_MARITAL=1,2): (other than your spouse or partner)], such as helping them bathe or get dressed?

| Oct 18-24,  |  |
|-------------|--|
| <u>2021</u> |  |
| 15          | Yes an adult provides personal care for another adult in the household |
| 12          | Respondent personally provides care at least sometimes                 |
| 2           | Respondent personally provides care rarely or never                    |
| 0           | No answer to MULTIGENHELP3b  |
| 85          | No adult provides personal care for another adult in the household     |
| *           | No answer to MULTIGENHELP3a  |

#### BASED ON THOSE WHO LIVE IN A MULTIGENERATIONAL HOUSEHOLD [n=1,548]:

MULTIGENHELP4a Does any adult in your household provide child care for a child younger than 18 in the household who is not their own?

# ASK IF LIVES IN MULTIGENERATIONAL HOUSEHOLD AND THERE IS A CHILD YOUNGER THAN 18 IN THE HOUSEHOLD AND AN ADULT IN HOUSEHOLD PROVIDES CHILD CARE FOR A CHILD THAT IS NOT THEIR OWN (MULTIGENHELP4a=1):

MULTIGENHELP4b How often do you personally provide child care for a child younger than 18 in your household who is not your own?

| Oct 18-24,  |   |
|-------------|---|
| <u>2021</u> |   |
| 14          | Yes an adult provides child care for a child not their own in the household |
| 12          | Respondent personally provides child care at least sometimes                |
| 2           | Respondent personally provides child care rarely or never                   |
| 0           | No answer to MULTIGENHELP4b   |
| 86          | No adult provides care for a child not their own in the household           |
| *           | No answer to MULTIGENHELP4a   |

### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE OR PREVIOUSLY RELEASED