

Topline questionnaire

**2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 72 AUGUST 2020
FINAL TOPLINE
AUGUST 3-16, 2020
TOTAL N=13,200**

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. THE QUESTIONS PRESENTED BELOW ARE PART OF A LARGER SURVEY CONDUCTED ON THE AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL.

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	13,200	+/- 1.4 percentage points

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE OR PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

ASK ALL:

FINANCES Since the coronavirus outbreak began in February, have any of the following happened to you? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-I; SPLIT OVER TWO SCREENS]**

	Yes, have done this since <u>February</u>	No, have not done this since <u>February</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Had trouble paying for medical care for yourself or your family Aug 3-16, 2020	11	88	1
b. Had problems paying your rent or mortgage Aug 3-16, 2020	16	83	1
c. Had trouble paying your bills Aug 3-16, 2020	25	75	1
d. Borrowed money from friends or family Aug 3-16, 2020	17	83	*
e. Gotten food from a food bank or charitable organization Aug 3-16, 2020	17	82	1
f. Received government food assistance, such as SNAP benefits Aug 3-16, 2020	15	84	1
g. Received unemployment benefits Aug 3-16, 2020	15	85	1
h. Lost your health insurance Aug 3-16, 2020	5	94	1
i. Used money from a savings or retirement account to pay your bills Aug 3-16, 2020	33	67	1

TREND FOR COMPARISON¹:

	Yes, has <u>happened</u>	No, has not <u>happened</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Had trouble getting or paying for medical care for yourself or your family Sept 15-Oct 3, 2014	29	71	1
b. Had problems paying your rent or mortgage Sept 15-Oct 3, 2014	21	78	1
d. Had trouble paying your bills Sept 15-Oct 3, 2014	39	60	1
g. Borrowed money from friends or family Sept 15-Oct 3, 2014	33	65	2
i. Gotten food from a food bank or food pantry Sept 15-Oct 3, 2014	14	84	1

ASK ALL:

SAVINGS

Since the coronavirus outbreak began in February, have you... **[RANDOMIZE 1-2, WITH 3 & 4 ALWAYS LAST]**

Aug 3-16,
2020

13	Been able to put MORE money into savings than usual
25	Been able to put LESS money into savings than usual
30	Been able to put the SAME AMOUNT of money into savings as usual
31	Usually not able to put any money into savings
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

E3

Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed?

Aug 3-16,
2020

43	Full-time
13	Part-time
43	Not employed
1	No answer

¹ In 2014, the question wording was, "In the past year, have any of the following happened to you?"

ASK ALL:

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

	<u>Yes, has happened</u>	<u>No, has not happened</u>	<u>Not applicable (not employed)</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Been laid off or lost a job				
Aug 3-16, 2020	15	50	35	*
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	17	83	NA	1
b. Had to take a cut in pay due to reduced hours or demand for your work				
Aug 3-16, 2020	21	43	36	1
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	23	77	NA	1

ASK IF MORE THAN ONE ADULT IN HOUSEHOLD (HH3 > 1) [n=10,085]:

COVIDWORKO What about other people currently living in your household? Because of the coronavirus outbreak has ANYONE ELSE in your immediate household... **[DISPLAY ITEMS IN ORDER]**

	<u>Yes, has happened</u>	<u>No, has not happened</u>	<u>Not applicable (not employed)</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Been laid off or lost a job				
Aug 3-16, 2020	21	54	25	1
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	24	75	NA	1
b. Had to take a cut in pay due to reduced hours or demand for their work				
Aug 3-16, 2020	27	47	25	1
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	29	69	NA	1

COMBINED:

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

COVIDWORKO What about other people currently living in your household? Because of the coronavirus outbreak has ANYONE ELSE in your immediate household... **[DISPLAY ITEMS IN ORDER]** {new version}

	<i>You or anyone else in your immediate household</i>			
	<u>Yes, has happened</u>	<u>No, has not happened</u>	<u>Not applicable (not employed)</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Been laid off or lost a job				
Aug 3-16, 2020	25	51	23	*
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	28	72	NA	*
b. Had to take a cut in pay due to reduced hours or demand for their work				
Aug 3-16, 2020	32	43	24	*
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	34	65	NA	*

TREND FOR COMPARISON²:

	<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	33	66	1
Mar 19-24, 2020	27	72	1

ASK IF RESPONDENT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BUT PREVIOUSLY LAID OFF OR LOST JOB DUE TO CORONAVIRUS (E3=1,2 AND COVIDWORKR_a=1) [n=822]:

POSTCOVIDJOB2 Which of the following best describes your current circumstances?

Aug 3-16,
2020

66	I have returned to the job I had before the coronavirus outbreak
29	I am working at a different job than before the coronavirus outbreak
4	No answer

ASK IF RESPONDENT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BUT HAD REDUCED PAY OR HOURS (E3=1,2 AND COVIDWORKRb=1) [n=1,978]:POSTCOVIDPAYR Which of the following best describes your current circumstances?
I am now earning...Aug 3-16,
2020

60	Less money than before the coronavirus outbreak
34	About the same amount of money as before the coronavirus outbreak
6	More money than before the coronavirus outbreak
*	No answer

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...

	<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>
Aug 3-16, 2020	27	30	29	13	1	18	21

²In April and March, the question wording was "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."