

**2021 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 96 SEPTEMBER 2021
FINAL TOPLINE
SEPTEMBER 20-26, 2021
N=6,485**

OTHER QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

ASK ALL:

CHURCHUNITE Do you think churches and religious organizations... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 & 2, 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

Sep 20-26 <u>2021</u>		Mar 18-Apr 1 <u>2019</u>	Dec 4-18 <u>2017</u>
52	Mostly bring people together	50	49
19	Mostly push people apart	21	23
28	Neither	29	27
1	No answer	1	1

ASK ALL:

CHURCHIMPACT Considering everything, what impact do churches and religious organizations have on American society? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 & 2, 3 ALWAYS LAST; USE SAME ORDER AS COVIDCHIMPACT]**

Sep 20-26 <u>2021</u>		Mar 18-Apr 1 <u>2019</u>	Dec 4-18 <u>2017</u>
21	They do more harm than good	20	21
53	They do more good than harm	55	55
25	Don't make much difference	24	23
1	No answer	1	1

ASK ALL:

KEEPOUT In your opinion, should churches and other houses of worship... **[RANDOMIZE]**

Sep 20-26 <u>2021</u>		Mar 18-Apr 1 <u>2019</u>
70	Keep out of political matters	63
29	Express their views on day-to-day social and political questions	36
1	No answer	1

ASK ALL:

COVIDCHIMPACT What impact do you think churches and religious organizations have had on the way the U.S. has handled the coronavirus outbreak? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 & 2, 3 ALWAYS LAST; USE SAME ORDER AS CHURCHIMPACT]**

Sep 20-26 <u>2021</u>	
25	They have done more harm than good
22	They have done more good than harm
52	They haven't made much difference
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

ATTENDMONTH

In the last month, did you attend religious services in person at a church, synagogue, mosque or other house of worship?

Sep 20-26 <u>2021</u>		Mar 1-7 <u>2021</u>	July 13-19 <u>2020</u>
26	Yes, attended religious services in person in the last month	18	12
74	No, did not attend religious services in person in the last month	81	88
1	No answer	1	1

ASK ALL:

ATTENDONLINE

In the last month, have you watched religious services online or on TV?

Sep 20-26 <u>2021</u>		Mar 1-7 <u>2021</u>	July 13-19 <u>2020</u>
28	Yes, have watched religious services online or on TV in the last month	33	33
71	No, have not watched religious services online or on TV in the last month	66	66
1	No answer	1	<1

ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT LEAST MONTHLY (F_ATTEND=1-3 OR ATTENDMONTH=1) [N=2,437]¹:

COVIDCONG3

Which of the following best describes the current operating status of the house of worship you attend most often?

Sep 20-26 <u>2021</u>		Mar 1-7 <u>2021</u>	July 13-19 <u>2020</u>
29	It is open to the public and holding religious services in the same way that it did before the coronavirus outbreak	12	6
59	It is open to the public for religious services, but has made changes as a result of the coronavirus outbreak	64	55
6	It is NOT open to the public for in-person religious services	17	31
5	Not sure	6	7
<1	No answer	<1	<1

ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT LEAST MONTHLY (F_ATTEND=1-3 OR ATTENDMONTH=1) [N=2,437]:

COVIDCONG4

Regardless of whether the house of worship you attend most often is currently open to the public, what do you think the operating status of your house of worship SHOULD be?

Sep 20-26 <u>2021</u>		Mar 1-7 <u>2021</u>	July 13-19 <u>2020</u>
34	Should be open to the public and holding religious services in the same way that it did before the coronavirus outbreak	26	13
59	Should be open to the public and holding religious services, but with changes as a result of the coronavirus outbreak	58	57
6	Should NOT be open to the public for in-person religious services	15	28
1	No answer	1	2

¹ Respondents were asked about the frequency with which they attend religious services (F_ATTEND) on previous survey waves of the American Trends Panel conducted May 19 – July 7, 2021 and July 26 – Aug. 29, 2021.

**ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT LEAST MONTHLY (F_ATTEND=1-3 OR ATTENDMONTH=1)
[N=2,437]:**

ATTENDCONF Thinking about the modifications, if any, that are currently in place at your house of worship, how confident are you that you could safely attend in-person religious services right now without spreading or catching the coronavirus?

Sep 20-26 2021		Mar 1-7 2021	July 13-19 2020
82	NET Very/somewhat confident	76	64
45	Very confident	45	34
37	Somewhat confident	32	29
18	NET Not too/not at all confident	23	35
14	Not too confident	15	19
4	Not at all confident	8	16
<1	No answer	1	1

ASK ALL:

VAXCONF How much confidence, if any, do you have in each of the following to provide guidance about receiving the COVID-19 vaccine? **[SPLIT OVER TWO SCREENS; RANDOMIZE a-c ON FIRST SCREEN AND d-g ON SECOND SCREEN]**

		A great deal	A fair amount	Not too much	No confidence at all	No answer
a.	Your state elected officials Sep 20-26, 2021	11	37	29	22	1
b.	Your local elected officials Sep 20-26, 2021	11	38	32	19	1
c.	Public health officials such as those at the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) Sep 20-26, 2021	31	34	19	16	1
d.	The news media Sep 20-26, 2021	9	33	27	30	1
e.	ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT LEAST MONTHLY (F_ATTEND=1-3 OR ATTENDMONTH=1) [N=2,437]: The clergy or other religious leaders at your house of worship Sep 20-26, 2021	21	40	26	11	2
f.	ASK IF CATHOLIC [N=1,374]: Pope Francis Sep 20-26, 2021	16	32	33	19	1
g.	Your primary care doctor Sep 20-26, 2021	45	37	12	5	1

ASK IF ATTENDS RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT LEAST MONTHLY (F_ATTEND=1-3 OR ATTENDMONTH=1)**[N=2,437]:**CLERGYVAX Have the clergy at your house of worship... **[RANDOMIZE 1 & 2, WITH 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

Sep 20-26

2021

39	Encouraged people to get the COVID-19 vaccine
5	Discouraged people from getting the COVID-19 vaccine
54	Not said much about the vaccine either way
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE OR MISSING:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something</u> <u>else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
26	32	26	14	3	16	19