

2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 182: Health & Wellness
October 20-26, 2025

TOPLINE
N=5,111

Note: All numbers are percentages unless otherwise noted. 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.

"No answer" includes web respondents who do not answer the question as well as telephone respondents who refuse to answer or who say they don't know how to answer. In cases where "not sure" was offered as an explicit option to web and telephone respondents, the "no answer" category includes only web skips and telephone refusals.

This survey was conducted primarily online, with some interviews conducted by live telephone. This topline shows the programming language for online administration. For details on how questions were slightly modified for phone administration, visit the questionnaire.

American Trends Panel surveys conducted between October 2016 and June 2024 were conducted fully online (with tablets and data plans provided to adults without home internet). American Trends Panel surveys conducted prior to October 2016 were conducted primarily online, with some respondents completing by mail. For additional details, visit the methodology.

PN = Programming note

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	5,111	+/- 1.7 percentage points

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**[PN: DISPLAY MMR_RISKBENE1 AND MMR_RISKBENE2 ON SAME SCREEN, IN ORDER]****MMR_RISKBENE1¹****ASK ALL:****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1]**

Thinking about childhood vaccines for measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) how would you rate...

		<u>Very high</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Very low</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	The risk of side effects						
	Oct 20-26, 2025	6	9	23	31	30	1
	Mar 13-19, 2023	5	8	23	32	32	1
	Oct 1-13, 2019	5	7	17	28	42	1
	May 10-June 6, 2016	5	6	21	29	38	1
b.	The preventive health benefits						
	Oct 20-26, 2025	46	24	19	6	4	1
	Mar 13-19, 2023	44	28	19	4	4	1
	Oct 1-13, 2019	56	21	13	4	3	2
	May 10-June 6, 2016	45	28	18	4	3	2

¹ In all surveys prior to October 2025, this question label was BIO33.

MMR_RISKBENE2²**ASK ALL:**

Overall, do you think...

	The benefits of childhood vaccines for measles, mumps and rubella <u>outweigh the risks</u>	The risks of childhood vaccines for measles, mumps and rubella <u>outweigh the benefits</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Oct 20-26, 2025	84	14	2
Mar 13-19, 2023	88	10	1
Oct 1-13, 2019	88	10	2
May 10-Jun 6, 2016	88	10	2

MMR_REQUIRE³**ASK ALL:**

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1]

Which comes closer to your views about childhood vaccines for measles, mumps and rubella, even if neither is exactly right?

	Parents should be able to decide <u>not</u> to vaccinate their children, even if that may create health risks for other <u>children and adults</u>	Healthy children should be required to be vaccinated in order to attend public schools because of the potential risk for others when children <u>are not vaccinated</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Oct 20-26, 2025	30	69	1
Mar 13-19, 2023	28	70	2
Oct 1-13, 2019	16	82	1
May 10-Jun 6, 2016	17	82	2

² In all surveys prior to October 2025, this question label was BI034.

³ In all surveys prior to October 2025, this question label was BI035.

CHILDVAX_ISSUES⁴**ASK ALL:**

How much do you, personally, care about issues related to childhood vaccines?

	<u>A great deal</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not too much</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Oct 20-26, 2025	46	36	15	3	<1
May 10-Jun 6, 2016	42	39	14	3	1

CHILDVAXVIEWS**ASK ALL:**

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 HOLDING 6 LAST]

Thinking about childhood vaccines in general, how confident are you that...

	<u>Extremely confident</u>	<u>Very confident</u>	<u>Somewhat confident</u>	<u>Not too confident</u>	<u>Not at all confident</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Childhood vaccines are highly effective at preventing serious illness							
Oct 20-26, 2025	34	29	21	6	5	5	<1
b. Childhood vaccines have been tested enough for safety							
Oct 20-26, 2025	26	27	22	10	8	6	<1
c. The children's vaccine schedule is safe, meaning the timing and number of vaccines that children get							
Oct 20-26, 2025	24	27	23	10	9	7	<1

⁴ In the survey prior to October 2025, this question label was BIO36.

VAXPROTECT**ASK ALL:**

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS SCICONTRIB, HOLDING 6 LAST]

Just your impression, how much do childhood vaccines help to prevent serious illness among each of the following?

		A great <u>deal</u>	Quite a <u>bit</u>	<u>Some</u>	Not too <u>much</u>	Not at <u>all</u>	Not <u>sure</u>	No <u>answer</u>
INDIV	Children in your local community who get the vaccines Oct 20-26, 2025	45	24	15	4	2	9	<1
COMM	Everybody in your local community Oct 20-26, 2025	39	26	17	6	2	10	<1

CHILDVAX_ACTORS⁵**ASK ALL:**

[PN: SPLIT ITEMS ACROSS TWO SCREENS, WITH SCREEN 1 ALWAYS FIRST AND SCREEN 2 ALWAYS SECOND; RANDOMIZE ITEMS WITHIN EACH SCREEN]

What role, if any, do you think each of the following groups should have in making decisions about policy issues related to childhood vaccines?

		A major <u>role</u>	A minor <u>role</u>	<u>No role</u>	<u>No answer</u>
NO ITEM A					
[PN: SHOW ON SCREEN 1]					
b.	The general public				
	Oct 20-26, 2025	37	46	16	1
	May 10-Jun 6, 2016	47	39	13	1
c.	Medical scientists				
	Oct 20-26, 2025	73	21	6	1
	May 10-Jun 6, 2016	73	19	7	2
d.	Health insurance company leaders				
	Oct 20-26, 2025	17	34	48	1
	May 10-Jun 6, 2016	26	33	39	1

⁵ In the survey prior to October 2025, this question label was BIO37.

CHILDVAX_ACTORS CONTINUED ...

	<u>A major role</u>	<u>A minor role</u>	<u>No role</u>	<u>No answer</u>
[PN: SHOW ON SCREEN 2]				
e. Pharmaceutical (medical) industry leaders				
Oct 20-26, 2025	25	43	32	1
TREND FOR COMPARISON				
<i>Pharmaceutical industry leaders</i>				
May 10-Jun 6, 2016	27	37	35	2
f. Parents with young children				
Oct 20-26, 2025	59	32	8	1
g. Federal government officials				
Oct 20-26, 2025	27	48	24	1
h. State government officials				
Oct 20-26, 2025	26	50	24	1

CHILDVAX_RESEARCH⁶**ASK ALL:****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS, WITH ITEM F ALWAYS LAST]**

How often, if ever, do you think research findings from medical scientists about the health risks and benefits of childhood vaccines are influenced by each of the following?

	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>Some of the time</u>	<u>Not too often</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>No answer</u>
NO ITEM A					
b. Concern for the best interests of children's health					
Oct 20-26, 2025	48	37	11	3	1
May 10-Jun 6, 2016	55	35	5	3	2
c. Their own personal political leanings					
Oct 20-26, 2025	21	43	26	9	1
May 10-Jun 6, 2016	18	45	28	7	3
NO ITEM D					
e. The best available scientific evidence					
Oct 20-26, 2025	49	38	9	3	1
May 10-Jun 6, 2016	52	36	6	4	2
f. The interests of pharmaceutical (medical) companies					
Oct 20-26, 2025	33	44	16	6	1

⁶ In the survey prior to October 2025, this question label was BIO41.

COVVAX25**ASK ALL:****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 HOLDING 3 LAST]**

The federal government recently approved an updated vaccine for COVID-19. Which of the following best describes you...

Oct 20-26,

2025

26	I want to get an updated vaccine
59	I don't want to get an updated vaccine
13	I already got an updated vaccine
1	No answer

TREND FOR COMPARISON:**BOOST3MOD****ASK ALL:**

Public health officials recently recommended an updated vaccine for COVID-19. Do you think you will...

Oct 21-27,

2024

24	<i>Probably get an updated vaccine</i>
60	<i>Probably <u>not</u> get an updated vaccine</i>
15	<i>Have already received an updated vaccine</i>
1	<i>No answer</i>

TREND FOR COMPARISON:**ASK IF FULLY VACCINATED [COVID_VAXDMOD=1] [N=8,189]:**

VAXBOOST3 *Public health officials recently recommended a new booster shot designed for recent variants of COVID-19. Do you think you will...*

Sep 13-18,

2022

62	<i>Probably get an updated vaccine booster</i>
32	<i>Probably NOT get an updated vaccine booster</i>
6	<i>Have already received an updated vaccine booster</i>
1	<i>No answer</i>

TREND FOR COMPARISON:**COVID_VAXDMOD****ASK ALL:**

Have you received a vaccine to prevent COVID-19?

	<i>NET Have received at least one dose of a <u>vaccine</u></i>	<i>Yes, have had all the shots needed to be fully <u>vaccinated</u></i>	<i>Yes, have had one shot but still need <u>one more</u></i>	<i>No, have not received a <u>vaccine</u></i>	<i><u>No answer</u></i>
Mar 13-19, 2023	77	70	7	21	2
Sep 13-18, 2022	77	71	6	21	2
May 2-8, 2022	78	73	5	21	2
Jan 24-30, 2022	78	73	5	20	2
Aug 23-29, 2021	73	69	4	26	1
Jun 14-27, 2021	67	63	4	31	2
Feb 16-21, 2021	19	--	--	80	<1

TREND FOR COMPARISON:**COVID_BOOST****ASK ALL:**

Have you received a COVID-19 booster shot within the last six months?

	<i>Yes, have received a <u>booster shot</u></i>	<i>No, have not received a <u>booster shot</u></i>	<i>Does not <u>apply to me</u></i>	<i>Invalid <u>response</u></i>	<i><u>No answer</u></i>
Mar 13-19, 2023	34	44	19	1	2
Sep 13-18, 2022	38	41	18	1	2
May 2-8, 2022	49	31	17	1	2
Jan 24-30, 2022	48	34	15	1	2

TREND FOR COMPARISON:**NEWCOVVAX****ASK ALL:**

Have you gotten the updated vaccine for COVID-19 that became available last September?

Feb 7-11,

2024

28	Yes, have gotten the updated COVID-19 vaccine
70	No, have not gotten the updated COVID-19 vaccine
1	No answer

VAXREC_HEARD**ASK ALL:**

As you may know, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) makes vaccine recommendations. How much, if anything, have you heard about recent changes the CDC has made to their COVID-19 vaccine recommendations?

Oct 20-26,

2025

15	A lot
41	A little
44	Nothing at all
1	No answer

VAX_DECIDE

ASK IF HEARD AT LEAST A LITTLE ABOUT RECOMMENDATION CHANGE (VAXREC_HEARD=1,2)
[N=2,935]:

How much influence did these recent changes to the CDC's COVID-19 vaccine recommendations have on your decision [**PN: INSERT IF COVVAX25=1,2,98,99:** about whether you want] to get an updated COVID-19 vaccine?

Oct 20-26,

2025

12	Major influence
24	Minor influence
63	No influence
1	No answer

VAXTRUST

ASK IF HEARD AT LEAST A LITTLE ABOUT RECOMMENDATION CHANGE (VAXREC_HEARD=1,2)
[N=2,935]:

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 HOLDING 3 AND 4 LAST]

Do these recent changes to the CDC's COVID-19 vaccine recommendations make you more trusting or less trusting of other vaccine recommendations that come from the Trump administration?

Oct 20-26,

2025

10	More trusting
40	Less trusting
33	Has had no effect
17	Don't know enough to say
<1	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

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...⁷

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something</u> <u>else</u>	<u>No</u> <u>answer</u>	<u>Lean</u> <u>Rep</u>	<u>Lean</u> <u>Dem</u>
29	27	28	13	2	17	19

⁷ PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.