

**2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
WAVE 185 POLITICS JANUARY SURVEY  
FINAL TOPLINE  
January 20-26, 2026  
N=8,512**

Note: 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.

\* "No answer" includes web respondents who do not answer the question as well as telephone respondents who refuse to answer or who say that 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.

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**

**ASK ALL:**

DTECON Since taking office, have Donald Trump's economic policies made economic conditions...

Jan 20-26 <u>2026</u>		Sep 22-28 <u>2025</u>	Jan 6-19 <u>2020</u>	July 22- Aug 4 <u>2019</u>
28	Better	24	44	40
52	Worse	53	29	33
19	Not had much of an effect	22	26	27
1	No answer*	1	1	1

**TREND FOR COMPARISON:**

Since taking office, have Joe Biden's economic policies made economic conditions...

	Jun 27-Jul 4, <u>2022</u>	Sep 13-19, <u>2021</u>
Better	11	26
Worse	56	40
Not had much of an effect	32	33
No answer*	1	1

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

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**ASK ALL:**

ECON1

Thinking about the nation's economy...

How would you rate economic conditions in this country today?

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
Jan 20-26, 2026	3	25	42	30	*
Sep 22-28, 2025	2	23	40	34	*
Apr 7-13, 2025	2	20	42	34	*
Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	2	22	45	31	*
Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024	2	22	37	38	*
May 13-19, 2024	2	21	41	36	1
Jan 16-21, 2024	3	25	41	31	*
Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	1	18	46	35	1
Jan 18-24, 2023	1	20	47	32	*
Oct 10-16, 2022	2	16	46	36	*
Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	1	12	38	49	*
Jan 10-17, 2022	2	25	47	24	1
Sep 13-19, 2021	2	24	50	24	*
Apr 20-29, 2021	2	35	49	14	*
Mar 1-7, 2021	2	21	53	24	*
Nov 12-17, 2020	5	31	44	20	*
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	4	29	42	25	*
Jun 16-22, 2020	4	22	44	30	1
Apr 7-12, 2020	4	19	38	38	1
Jan 6-19, 2020	16	42	33	9	*
Sep 16-29, 2019	10	46	35	8	*
Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	14	43	32	11	*
Nov 7-16, 2018	13	46	31	9	1
Sep 24-Oct 7, 2018	12	45	32	11	*
Feb 28-Mar 12, 2017	2	37	43	17	0
Oct 25-Nov 8, 2016	2	30	47	21	*
Apr 29-May 27, 2014	1	18	50	30	1

**ASK ALL:**

ECON1B

A year from now, do you expect that economic conditions in the country as a whole will be...

	<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>About the same as now</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
Jan 20-26, 2026	31	38	30	*
Sep 22-28, 2025	29	46	24	*
Apr 7-13, 2025	36	45	19	1
Jan 27-Feb 2, 2025	40	37	23	*
Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024	38	21	39	2
May 13-19, 2024	24	32	43	1
Jan 16-21, 2024	26	33	41	1
Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	17	46	36	*
Jan 18-24, 2023	23	40	36	1
Oct 10-16, 2022	23	41	35	1
Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	22	47	30	1
Jan 10-17, 2022	27	35	37	1
Sep 13-19, 2021	29	37	34	1
Apr 20-29, 2021	45	28	27	1
Mar 1-7, 2021	44	31	24	*
Nov 12-17, 2020	42	32	24	2
Sep 30-Oct 5, 2020	52	17	30	1
Jun 16-22, 2020	50	22	27	1
Apr 7-12, 2020	55	22	22	1
Jan 6-19, 2020	29	26	45	1
Sep 16-29, 2019	20	32	48	*
Jul 22-Aug 4, 2019	28	28	44	*

**ASK ALL:**

ECONCONC

How concerned, if at all, are you personally about each of the following economic issues in the country today? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		<u>Very concerned</u>	<u>Somewhat concerned</u>	<u>Not too concerned</u>	<u>Not at all concerned</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
UNEM	People who want to work being unable to find jobs					
	Jan 20-26, 2026	45	34	16	5	*
	Sep 22-28, 2025	42	33	19	6	*
	Apr 7-13, 2025	41	33	19	7	*
	Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024	40	35	19	5	*
	Jan 16-21, 2024	31	35	25	8	*
	Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	27	34	27	11	*
	Jan 18-24, 2023	30	34	26	10	*
	Oct 10-16, 2022	29	31	28	11	1
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	27	32	28	12	1
	Sep 13-19, 2021	29	32	23	15	*
PRICE	The price of food and consumer goods					
	Jan 20-26, 2026	66	26	7	2	*
	Sep 22-28, 2025	65	27	7	2	*
	Apr 7-13, 2025	67	25	6	2	*
	Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024	74	20	4	1	*
	Jan 16-21, 2024	72	21	5	1	*
	Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	72	22	4	1	*
	Jan 18-24, 2023	75	20	4	1	*
	Oct 10-16, 2022	73	22	4	1	*
	<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>					
	<i>Rising prices for food and consumer goods</i>					
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	75	21	3	1	*
	Sep 13-19, 2021	63	30	6	1	*
REAL	The cost of housing					
	Jan 20-26, 2026	62	26	9	2	*
	Sep 22-28, 2025	61	27	9	2	*
	Apr 7-13, 2025	61	26	10	3	*
	Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024	69	22	6	2	*
	Jan 16-21, 2024	64	25	9	1	1
	Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	61	27	9	2	*
	Jan 18-24, 2023	60	27	10	2	*
	Oct 10-16, 2022	60	27	10	3	*
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	60	27	10	3	*
HC	The cost of health care					
	Jan 20-26, 2026	71	21	6	1	*
	<b>ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=4,250]:</b>					
GAS	The price of gasoline					
	Jan 20-26, 2026	34	34	26	6	*
ELEC	The price of electricity					
	Jan 20-26, 2026	51	33	13	2	*

**ECONCONC CONTINUED ...**

		<u>Very concerned</u>	<u>Somewhat concerned</u>	<u>Not too concerned</u>	<u>Not at all concerned</u>	<u>No answer*</u>
<b>ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,262]:</b>						
ENG2	The price of gasoline and energy					
	Jan 20-26, 2026	43	37	17	3	*
	Sep 22-28, 2025	45	37	15	3	*
	Apr 7-13, 2025	46	35	16	3	*
	Jan 16-21, 2024	51	34	13	2	*
	Jan 18-24, 2023	60	30	8	1	*
	Oct 10-16, 2022	69	24	6	1	*
<b>TREND FOR COMPARISON:</b>						
	<i>Rising prices for gasoline and energy</i>					
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	75	19	4	2	*
STCK	How the stock market is doing					
	Jan 20-26, 2026	20	38	30	11	1
	Sep 22-28, 2025	19	35	32	13	1
	Apr 7-13, 2025	36	34	21	8	1
	Aug 26-Sep 2, 2024	24	38	28	10	*
	Jan 16-21, 2024	18	38	32	11	1
	Mar 27-Apr 2, 2023	24	41	25	10	1
	Jan 18-24, 2023	26	38	26	9	1
	Oct 10-16, 2022	32	37	21	9	1
	Jun 27-Jul 4, 2022	31	36	22	10	1

**ASK ALL:**

VEN\_MADREMV

From what you've read and heard, do you approve or disapprove of the U.S. using  
military force to remove Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro?

**[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1, HOLDING 5 LAST]**

Jan 20-26,  
2026

22 Strongly approve  
17 Somewhat approve  
15 Somewhat disapprove  
24 Strongly disapprove

20 Not sure  
1 No answer\*

**ASK ALL:**

VEN\_DTCONF

How confident are you that Donald Trump can make wise decisions when it comes to U.S. policy toward Venezuela?

Jan 20-26,  
2026

19	Very confident
24	Somewhat confident
20	Not too confident
36	Not at all confident
1	No answer*

**ASK ALL:**

VEN\_USROLE

How involved do you think the U.S. should be in how Venezuela is governed over the next several months? **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS QUALPRES\_TRMP]**Jan 20-26,  
2026

6	Extremely involved
15	Very involved
32	Somewhat involved
23	Not too involved
21	Not at all involved
2	No answer*

**ASK ALL:**

VEN\_ACTIONS

Would you favor or oppose the U.S. doing each of the following?

**[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 IN SAME ORDER AS VEN\_MADREMV, HOLDING 5 LAST]**

		Strongly <u>favor</u>	Somewhat <u>favor</u>	Somewhat <u>oppose</u>	Strongly <u>oppose</u>	Not <u>sure</u>	No <u>answer*</u>
TROOP	Sending U.S. ground troops to Venezuela						
	Jan 20-26, 2026	4	14	22	43	17	*
NATRSC	Giving U.S. companies access to Venezuela's oil						
	Jan 20-26, 2026	15	22	15	25	22	1

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,262]:**

TARIFF\_APP Do you approve or disapprove of the Trump administration substantially increasing tariffs on goods imported from most countries that trade with the U.S.?  
**[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 IN SAME ORDER AS VEN\_MADREMV]**

Jan 20-26, <u>2026</u>		Aug 4-10, <u>2025</u>	Apr 7-13, <u>2025</u>
13	Strongly approve	15	17
25	Somewhat approve	23	22
22	Somewhat disapprove	22	17
39	Strongly disapprove	39	43
2	No answer*	1	1

**[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF TARIFFS\_COUNTRY2 AND TARIFFS\_INDIV2 SHOWN ON SAME SCREEN]****ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,262]:**

TARIFFS\_COUNTRY2 From what you have heard or read, do you think the overall effect of the Trump administration's tariff policies on the country as a whole over the coming years will be... **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 IN SAME ORDER AS TARIFFS\_INDIV2, HOLDING 3 LAST]**

Jan 20-26, <u>2026</u>		Aug 4-10, <u>2025</u>
25	Mostly positive	26
51	Mostly negative	55
23	About equally positive and negative	19
1	No answer*	1

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=4,262]:**

TARIFFS\_INDIV2 From what you have heard or read, do you think the overall effect of the Trump administration's tariff policies on you and your family over the coming years will be... **[ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 IN SAME ORDER AS TARIFFS\_COUNTRY2, HOLDING 3 LAST]**

Jan 20-26, <u>2026</u>		Aug 4-10, <u>2025</u>
19	Mostly positive	21
52	Mostly negative	55
28	About equally positive and negative	24
1	No answer*	1

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**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3,4 OR REFUSED):**PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...<sup>1</sup>

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer*</u>	<i>Lean Rep</i>	<i>Lean Dem</i>
28	26	29	15	2	18	21

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<sup>1</sup> PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.