

**2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 189: Energy issues
March 16-22, 2026**

QUESTIONNAIRE

Note: The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel. For all questions, the 98 ("don't know" in phone mode) and 99 (refusal in phone mode and no answer in web mode) codes are combined in the data for analytical purposes.

PN = Programming note

CODEBOOK FOR ATP SAMPLE VARIABLES TO BE USED IN SURVEY PROGRAMMING LOGIC

X_FORM

- 1 Form 1
- 2 Form 2

Note: Flag to randomly assign panelists to one of two forms (Form 1, Form 2) and weight within form
Source: Randomly assigned for each survey.

X_OWNTRENTMOD

- 1 Owned by you or someone in your household with a mortgage or loan (include home equity loans)
- 2 Owned by you or someone in your household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)
- 3 Rented
- 4 Occupied without payment of rent
- 99 Refused

Note: Flag to identify people who own their home in HMEINSUR
Source: Frame file variable F_OWNTRENTMOD. Same codes as F_OWNTRENTMOD.

 -----**MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE BEGINS HERE**-----

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

QUE: HMEINSUR

ASK IF FORM 1 AND HOMEOWNER (X_FORM=1 & X_OWNRMOD=1,2):

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 6, 7, AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Over the last few years, has the cost of your homeowners insurance...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

- 1 Gone up a lot
- 2 Gone up a little
- 3 Stayed about the same
- 4 Gone down a little
- 5 Gone down a lot

[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]

- 6 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Not sure **[PN: IF CATI:]** Are you not sure?
- 7 **[PN: IF WEB:]** I do not have homeowners insurance **[PN: IF CATI:]** Or do you not have homeowners insurance?
- 99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

BAT: HMEINSURWHY

ASK IF FORM 1 AND THE COST OF HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE HAS GONE UP (HMEINSUR=1,2):

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] How much of a reason do you think each of the following is for why the cost of your homeowners insurance has gone up over the last few years?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] How much of a reason do you think each of the following is for why the cost of your homeowners insurance has gone up over the last few years? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Is this **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] Next, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ AS NECESSARY:)** How much of a reason do you think this is for why the cost of your homeowners insurance has gone up over the last few years? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

BATTERY ITEMS:

INSUR	Insurance companies wanting to make more money
EWEAT	Extreme weather events
BUILD	Costs of repairing or rebuilding
REG	Government regulations

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1	A major reason
2	A minor reason
3	Not a reason

[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]

4	[PN: IF WEB:] Not sure [PN: IF CATI:] Or are you not sure?
99	[PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

QUE: HENGRY

ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2):

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 6 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Over the last few years, have your home energy costs...

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST)

1	Gone up a lot
2	Gone up a little
3	Stayed about the same
4	Gone down a little
5	Gone down a lot

[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]

6	[PN: IF WEB:] Not sure [PN: IF CATI:] Or are you not sure?
99	[PN: IF WEB:] Web blank / [PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ) Refused

BAT: HENGRYWHY**ASK IF FORM 2 AND HOME ENERGY COSTS HAVE GONE UP (HENGRY= 1,2):****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]**

[PN: IF WEB:] How much of a reason do you think each of the following is for why your home energy costs have gone up over the last few years?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] How much of a reason do you think each of the following is for why your home energy costs have gone up over the last few years? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Is this **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] Next, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ AS NECESSARY)**: How much of a reason do you think this is for why your home energy costs have gone up over the last few years? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

BATTERY ITEMS:

UTIL	Utility companies wanting to make more money
EWEAT	Extreme weather events
BUILD	Costs of updating or expanding the electrical grid
REG	Government regulations
DATCEN	[PN: IF WEB:] Data centers using more energy (by data centers, we mean buildings filled with computer equipment that powers streaming services, artificial intelligence (AI), online banking and other things) [PN: IF CATI:] Data centers using more energy – by data centers, we mean buildings filled with computer equipment that powers streaming services, artificial intelligence, online banking and other things
MENERG	[PN: IF WEB:] Using more energy in my home [PN: IF CATI:] Using more energy in your home

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

1 A major reason
2 A minor reason
3 Not a reason

[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]

4 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Not sure **[PN: IF CATI:]** Or are you not sure?
99 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:]** **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

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