

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

TOPLINE N=3,524

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	3,524	+/- 1.8

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

ASK IF FORM 1 AND HOMEOWNER (X_FORM=1 & X_OWNTRENTMOD=1,2) [N=1,236]:
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 6, 7 LAST]

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

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42	Gone up a lot
29	Gone up a little
10	Stayed about the same
2	Gone down a little
<1	Gone down a lot
7	Not sure
9	I do not have homeowners insurance
<1	No answer

HMEINSURWHY

ASK IF FORM 1 AND THE COST OF HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE HAS GONE UP (HMEINSUR=1,2)
[N=906]:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

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?

		<u>A major reason</u>	<u>A minor reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>No answer</u>
INSUR	Insurance companies wanting to make more money Mar 16-22, 2026	65	23	4	8	0
EWEAT	Extreme weather events Mar 16-22, 2026	46	31	15	8	<1
BUILD	Costs of repairing or rebuilding Mar 16-22, 2026	61	25	8	6	<1
REG	Government regulations Mar 16-22, 2026	28	29	20	22	<1

HENGRY**ASK IF FORM 2 (X_FORM=2) [N=1,753]:****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 6 LAST]**

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

Mar 16-22,
2026

42	Gone up a lot
33	Gone up a little
14	Stayed about the same
3	Gone down a little
1	Gone down a lot
6	Not sure
<1	No answer

HENGRYWHY**ASK IF FORM 2 AND HOME ENERGY COSTS HAVE GONE UP (HENGRY= 1,2) [N=1,332]:****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

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?

		<u>A major reason</u>	<u>A minor reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>No answer</u>
UTIL	Utility companies wanting to make more money Mar 16-22, 2026	64	21	5	10	0
EWEAT	Extreme weather events Mar 16-22, 2026	27	37	23	13	<1
BUILD	Costs of updating or expanding the electrical grid Mar 16-22, 2026	40	30	10	20	<1
REG	Government regulations Mar 16-22, 2026	35	26	15	24	<1
DATCEN	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) Mar 16-22, 2026	43	23	9	26	<1
MENERG	Using more energy in my home Mar 16-22, 2026	13	34	46	6	<1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR 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...¹

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	Something <u>else</u>	No <u>answer</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Rep</u>	<i>Lean</i> <u>Dem</u>
28	27	29	15	1	18	22

¹ PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.