

**2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 188: Survey of Working Parents
March 2-15, 2026**

**TOPLINE
N=2,242**

Note: All numbers are percentages unless otherwise noted. Percentages less than 0.5% are replaced by an asterisk (*). Rows/columns may not total 100% due to rounding.

"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).

PN = Programming note

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
Employed parents with children under age 18	2,242	+/- 2.6 percentage points

**EMPLSIT
ASK ALL:**

What is your current work situation?

Mar 2-15, <u>2026</u>	
81	Work full time for pay
19	Work part time for pay

[PN: THE STUDY POPULATION FOR THIS SURVEY INCLUDES U.S. ADULTS WHO ARE EMPLOYED FULL TIME, EMPLOYED PART TIME, AND ARE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF ANY CHILDREN UNDER AGE 18 (KIDS1=1 AND EMPLSIT=1,2). "ASK ALL" USED FROM HERE ONWARD IN THIS SURVEY REFERS TO THIS POPULATION GROUP OF WORKING PARENTS, NOT THE GENERAL POPULATION.]

WRKRS**ASK ALL:**

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Are you currently working mainly because...

Mar 2-15,	
<u>2026</u>	
47	You need the money
5	You want to work
47	Both equally
*	No answer

WLBMOD**ASK ALL:**

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

How easy or difficult would you say it is for you personally to balance your work and family responsibilities?

Mar 2-15,	
<u>2026</u>	
6	Very easy
17	Somewhat easy
23	Neither easy nor difficult
40	Somewhat difficult
13	Very difficult
*	No answer

WLBEASYOE

ASK IF BALANCING RESPONSIBILITIES IS EASY (WLBMOD=1,2) [n=538]:

What are some of the things that make it easy for you to balance your work and family responsibilities?

Mar 2-15,	
<u>2026¹</u>	
59	NET Mentions work
31	Work hours
13	Work from home
10	General job flexibility
10	Job arrangements or benefits, general
4	Workplace culture
3	Location or commute
33	NET Mentions family
10	Supportive spouse or partner
8	Prioritizing family or having work boundaries
8	Preparation and routine
6	Help or support from others on childcare
6	Children are older or helpful
4	Being financially secure
4	Outlook
6	Other (exclusive)
12	No answer/Unintelligible/Unrelated

¹ Total exceeds 100% due to multiple mentions.

WLBDIFFOE**ASK IF BALANCING RESPONSIBILITIES IS DIFFICULT (WLBMOD=4,5) [n=1,216]:**

What are some of the things that make it difficult for you to balance your work and family responsibilities?

Mar 2-15,
2026²

46	NET Mentions work
23	Work hours
16	Job demands, general
8	Work and family schedule conflict
4	Commuting
1	Spouse job demands
1	Not being able to or having no flexibility to work from home
42	NET Mentions family
12	Parent missing out
12	Parenting or family demands
8	Household demands
7	Children's extracurricular activities
5	Issues with childcare
4	Having no family support
4	Work-family boundary
18	Not having enough time
16	Financial stress
8	Exhaustion, burnout or no time for self
4	Other (exclusive)
9	No answer/Unintelligible/Unrelated

JOBNUM**ASK ALL:**

How many jobs do you currently have?

Mar 2-15,
2026

77	One
21	More than one, but consider one of them my primary job
2	More than one and do not consider any of them my primary job
*	No answer

TRANSITION1**DISPLAY IF HAS MORE THAN ONE JOB BUT CONSIDERS ONE PRIMARY (JOBNUM=2):**

For this survey, please think only about the job you consider your primary job.

TRANSITION2**DISPLAY IF HAS MORE THAN ONE JOB AND CONSIDERS NONE OF THEM AS PRIMARY (JOBNUM=3):**

For this survey, please think only about the job you have had for the longest time.

² Total exceeds 100% due to multiple responses.

PAYTYPE
ASK ALL:

What is the main way you are paid at work?

Mar 2-15,
2026

42	Salary
49	Paid by the hour
4	Commission
6	Other (please specify): [PN: INSERT SINGLE LINE TEXT BOX]
*	No answer

SELFEMP
ASK ALL:

Are you currently self-employed?

Mar 2-15,
2026

13	Yes
87	No
0	No answer

MANAGER
ASK ALL:

Thinking about your role at work, are you someone's manager or supervisor?

Mar 2-15,
2026

31	Yes
69	No
*	No answer

YRSJOBMOD
ASK IF NOT SELF-EMPLOYED (SELFEMP=2) [n=1,982]:

How long have you been with your current employer?

Mar 2-15,
2026

14	Less than 1 year
39	1 year to less than 5 years
22	5 years to less than 10 years
24	10 years or more
*	No answer

YRSJOBSLFMOD**ASK IF SELF-EMPLOYED (SELFEMP=1) [n=260]:**

How long have you been self-employed?

Mar 2-15,

2026

11	Less than 1 year
39	1 year to less than 5 years
24	5 years to less than 10 years
26	10 years or more
2	No answer

[PN: SHOW PARAFFJOB AND JOBAFFPAR ON SAME SCREEN; RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PARAFFJOB AND JOBAFFPAR; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

DISPLAY TO ALL:

Thinking about your work and family life today...

PARAFFJOB**ASK ALL:**

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS JOBAFFPAR, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

How does being a parent affect your ability to advance in your job or career?

Mar 2-15,

2026

2	Makes it a lot easier
4	Makes it somewhat easier
48	Makes it neither easier nor harder
35	Makes it somewhat harder
11	Makes it a lot harder
*	No answer

JOBAFFPAR**ASK ALL:**

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS PARAFFJOB, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

How does having a job affect your ability to be a good parent?

Mar 2-15,

2026

6	Makes it a lot easier
9	Makes it somewhat easier
35	Makes it neither easier nor harder
41	Makes it somewhat harder
9	Makes it a lot harder
*	No answer

WFHOPTION**ASK ALL:**

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Regardless of your current work arrangement, would you say that, for the most part, the responsibilities of your job...

Mar 2-15, <u>2026</u>	
35	Can be done from home
65	Cannot be done from home
*	No answer

WFHCURR BASED ON ALL WORKING PARENTS WITH ONE JOB OR A PRIMARY JOB AND HAS A JOB THAT CAN BE DONE FROM HOME (JOBNUM=1-2 AND WFHOPTION=1) [n=948]:

Are you currently working from home...

	<u>All of the time</u>	<u>Most of the time</u>	<u>Some of the time</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Mar 2-15, 2026	29	19	27	15	10	*
Oct 7-13, 2024	31	17	25	13	15	0
Feb 6-12, 2023	36	19	21	13	11	0
Jan 24-30, 2022	43	15	20	12	10	1
Oct 13-19, 2020	54	16	12	8	9	*

WFHPOSTCVDMOD**ASK ALL:**

Regardless of your current work arrangement, if you had a choice, would you want to work from home...

Mar 2-15, <u>2026</u>	
28	All of the time
22	Most of the time
30	Some of the time
10	Rarely
6	Never
4	Not sure
*	No answer

WRKSCHED**ASK ALL:**

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Thinking about your work schedule...

How predictable would you say your work hours are?

Mar 2-15,	
<u>2026</u>	
27	Extremely predictable
32	Very predictable
27	Somewhat predictable
8	Not too predictable
5	Not at all predictable
*	No answer

JOB BENEFIT1

ASK IF NOT SELF-EMPLOYED (SELFEMP=2) [n=1,982]:

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS WITH ITEM B ALWAYS ASKED AFTER ITEM A; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS WRKSCHED, HOLDING 6 AND 99 LAST; SHOW OPTION 6 FOR ITEMS A, B, C AND D ONLY; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Regardless of whether you currently have each of the following at your job, how helpful would each be to you?

	<u>Extremely helpful</u>	<u>Very helpful</u>	<u>Somewhat helpful</u>	<u>Not too helpful</u>	<u>Not at all helpful</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Paid time off (PTO) for vacations, doctor visits or minor illnesses Mar 2-15, 2026	70	18	6	2	2	2	*
b. Paid parental, family or medical leave, separate from PTO Mar 2-15, 2026	64	20	9	2	3	3	*
c. Health insurance offered through your employer Mar 2-15, 2026	65	18	8	3	3	3	*
d. Onsite childcare at your workplace Mar 2-15, 2026	30	12	18	12	19	9	*
	<u>Extremely helpful</u>	<u>Very helpful</u>	<u>Somewhat helpful</u>	<u>Not too helpful</u>	<u>Not at all helpful</u>	<u>No answer</u>	
e. Flexibility to choose when you work your required hours Mar 2-15, 2026	44	28	18	6	5		*
f. Flexibility to work from home when needed Mar 2-15, 2026	50	22	16	5	8		*

JOB BENEFIT 2**ASK IF NOT SELF-EMPLOYED (SELFEMP=2) [n=1,982]:****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS JOBBENEFIT1 WITH ITEM B ALWAYS ASKED AFTER ITEM A; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]**

Are the following benefits available to you at your current job?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Paid time off (PTO) for vacations, doctor visits or minor illnesses Mar 2-15, 2026	78	18	3	*
b. Paid parental, family or medical leave, separate from PTO Mar 2-15, 2026	50	41	9	*
c. Health insurance offered through your employer Mar 2-15, 2026	79	19	3	*
d. Onsite childcare at your workplace Mar 2-15, 2026	6	90	4	1

WRKFLEX**ASK ALL:****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

How much flexibility do you have at work to do each of the following?

	<u>A great deal</u>	<u>A fair amount</u>	<u>Some</u>	<u>Not too much</u>	<u>None at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Choose when you work your required hours Mar 2-15, 2026	15	14	21	24	26	*

ASK IF HAVE TELEWORKABLE JOB (WFHOPTION=1) [n=958]:

b. Work from home when needed Mar 2-15, 2026	50	19	14	11	7	0
c. Attend events or activities your child(ren) are involved in that take place during your regular work hours Mar 2-15, 2026	24	22	29	17	9	*

WRKPAREXP1**ASK ALL:****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]**

Have you personally experienced each of the following in the past 12 months?

	<u>Yes, have experienced this</u>	<u>No, have not experienced this</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Needing to reduce your work hours Mar 2-15, 2026	34	66	*
b. Feeling like you couldn't give 100% <u>at work</u> Mar 2-15, 2026	63	37	*
c. Turning down an important task or assignment at work Mar 2-15, 2026	27	72	*
d. Feeling like you couldn't give 100% <u>at home</u> Mar 2-15, 2026	70	29	*

WRKPAREXP2**ASK IF HAVE EXPERIENCED IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS (WRKPAREXP1_a-d=1) [n=1,827]:****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS WRKPAREXP1; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]**

What is the main reason you experienced each of the following in the past 12 months?

	<u>Mainly because you were juggling work and family responsibilities</u>	<u>Mainly because of some other reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
ASK IF THEY'VE EXPERIENCED THIS (WRKPAREXP1_a=1) [n=772]:			
a. Needing to reduce your work hours Mar 2-15, 2026	79	20	*
ASK IF THEY'VE EXPERIENCED THIS (WRKPAREXP1_b=1) [n=1,449]:			
b. Feeling like you couldn't give 100% <u>at work</u> Mar 2-15, 2026	71	28	1
ASK IF THEY'VE EXPERIENCED THIS (WRKPAREXP1_c=1) [n=621]:			
c. Turning down an important task or assignment at work Mar 2-15, 2026	76	23	1
ASK IF THEY'VE EXPERIENCED THIS (WRKPAREXP1_d=1) [n=1,625]:			
d. Feeling like you couldn't give 100% <u>at home</u> Mar 2-15, 2026	79	21	*

WRKPAREXP1/WRKPAREXP2 COMBO TABLE BASED ON ALL WORKING PARENTS

a. Needing to reduce your work hours

Mar 2-15,
2026

34	Yes, have experienced this
27	Mainly because you were juggling work and family responsibilities
7	Mainly because of some other reason
*	No answer to WRKPAREXP2a
66	No, have not experienced this
*	No answer to WRKPAREXP1a

b. Feeling like you couldn't give 100% at work

Mar 2-15,
2026

63	Yes, have experienced this
45	Mainly because you were juggling work and family responsibilities
18	Mainly because of some other reason
*	No answer to WRKPAREXP2b
37	No, have not experienced this
*	No answer to WRKPAREXP1b

c. Turning down an important task or assignment at work

Mar 2-15,
2026

27	Yes, have experienced this
21	Mainly because you were juggling work and family responsibilities
6	Mainly because of some other reason
*	No answer to WRKPAREXP2c
72	No, have not experienced this
*	No answer to WRKPAREXP1c

d. Feeling like you couldn't give 100% at home

Mar 2-15,
2026

70	Yes, have experienced this
56	Mainly because you were juggling work and family responsibilities
15	Mainly because of some other reason
*	No answer to WRKPAREXP2d
29	No, have not experienced this
*	No answer to WRKPAREXP1d

MISSKIDACT1**ASK ALL:**

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS WRKSCHED, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

In the past 12 months, how often did you miss an activity your child(ren) were participating in, such as a concert or sporting event, because of your work responsibilities?

Mar 2-15,	
<u>2026</u>	
3	Extremely often
11	Very often
32	Sometimes
29	Rarely
25	Never
*	No answer

MISSKIDACT2

ASK IF MISSES CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY AT LEAST SOMETIMES (MISSKIDACT1=1,2,3)

[n=986]:

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS WRKSCHED, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

How do you normally feel when you miss an activity your child(ren) participate in because of your work responsibilities?

Mar 2-15,	
<u>2026</u>	
24	Extremely upset
31	Very upset
37	Somewhat upset
8	Not too upset
1	Not at all upset
*	No answer

SICKKID**ASK IF NOT SELF-EMPLOYED (SELFEMP=2) [n=1,982]:****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS WRKSCHED, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

If you needed to take a day or two off from work to care for a sick child or because of childcare issues, how worried would you be about each of the following?

		Extremely <u>worried</u>	Very <u>worried</u>	Somewhat <u>worried</u>	Not too <u>worried</u>	Not at all <u>worried</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a.	Losing pay Mar 2-15, 2026	17	12	18	17	34	*
b.	Losing your job Mar 2-15, 2026	8	8	15	25	44	*
	Sep 20-Oct 2, 2022 ³	6	4	10	23	57	*
c.	Your boss <u>not</u> seeing you as committed to your work Mar 2-15, 2026	8	10	22	23	37	*

MARITAL**ASK ALL:**

Which of these best describes you?

Mar 2-15, <u>2026</u>	
67	Married
11	Living with a partner
7	Divorced
5	Separated
1	Widowed
9	Never been married
1	No answer

SPOUSEEMPLSIT**ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER (MARITAL=1,2) [n=1,796]:**

What is your spouse or partner's current work situation?

Mar 2-15, <u>2026</u>	
67	Work full time for pay
12	Work part time for pay
16	Not currently working for pay
3	Unable to work due to a disability
*	Retired
*	No answer

³ In the 2022 survey, items a and b were asked of all employed adults and item b included a response option "Self-employed." The 5% of respondents who selected "Self-employed" for item b were filtered out so the results can be trended to this survey.

FAMARRIMP1

ASK IF WORKS FULL TIME AND SPOUSE OR PARTNER WORKS FULL TIME (EMPLSIT=1 AND SPOUSEEMPLSIT=1) [n=1,068]:

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

What kind of impact does the fact that you and your spouse or partner both work full time have on each of the following?

	Very <u>positive</u>	Somewhat <u>positive</u>	Neither positive nor <u>negative</u>	Somewhat <u>negative</u>	Very <u>negative</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. Your family's financial situation Mar 2-15, 2026	50	33	13	4	1	*
b. Your child(ren)'s well-being Mar 2-15, 2026	25	24	29	21	2	*
c. Your relationship with your spouse or partner Mar 2-15, 2026	20	19	38	22	3	*
d. Your ability to advance in your job or career Mar 2-15, 2026	13	17	56	10	3	*

FAMARRIMP2

ASK IF WORKS FULL TIME AND SPOUSE OR PARTNER WORKS PART TIME (EMPLSIT=1 AND SPOUSEEMPLSIT=2) [n=170]:

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

What kind of impact does the fact that you work full time and your spouse or partner works part time have on each of the following?

	Very <u>positive</u>	Somewhat <u>positive</u>	Neither positive nor <u>negative</u>	Somewhat <u>negative</u>	Very <u>negative</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. Your family's financial situation Mar 2-15, 2026	22	33	25	15	3	1
b. Your child(ren)'s well-being Mar 2-15, 2026	22	34	27	13	3	1
c. Your relationship with your spouse or partner Mar 2-15, 2026	20	26	41	11	1	1
d. Your ability to advance in your job or career Mar 2-15, 2026	16	21	57	4	1	1

FAMARRIMP3

ASK IF WORKS FULL TIME AND SPOUSE OR PARTNER DOES NOT WORK (EMPLSIT=1 AND SPOUSEEMPLSIT=3) [n=245]:

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

What kind of impact does the fact that you work full time and your spouse or partner is not employed for pay have on each of the following?

	Very <u>positive</u>	Somewhat <u>positive</u>	Neither positive nor <u>negative</u>	Somewhat <u>negative</u>	Very <u>negative</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. Your family's financial situation Mar 2-15, 2026	8	10	36	39	7	0
b. Your child(ren)'s well-being Mar 2-15, 2026	56	26	13	6	*	0
c. Your relationship with your spouse or partner Mar 2-15, 2026	28	21	33	14	3	0
d. Your ability to advance in your job or career Mar 2-15, 2026	17	21	54	6	2	1

FAMARRIMP4

ASK IF WORKS PART TIME AND SPOUSE OR PARTNER WORKS FULL TIME (EMPLSIT=2 AND SPOUSEEMPLSIT=1) [n=208]:

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

What kind of impact does the fact that you work part time and your spouse or partner works full time have on each of the following?

	Very <u>positive</u>	Somewhat <u>positive</u>	Neither positive nor <u>negative</u>	Somewhat <u>negative</u>	Very <u>negative</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. Your family's financial situation Mar 2-15, 2026	25	36	21	16	2	*
b. Your child(ren)'s well-being Mar 2-15, 2026	32	27	32	8	1	*
c. Your relationship with your spouse or partner Mar 2-15, 2026	28	18	40	13	1	*
d. Your ability to advance in your job or career Mar 2-15, 2026	10	15	48	19	7	1

FAMARRIMP5

ASK IF WORKS PART TIME AND SPOUSE OR PARTNER WORKS PART TIME (EMPLSIT=2 AND SPOUSEEMPLSIT=2) [n=36]:

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

What kind of impact does the fact that you and your spouse or partner both work part time have on each of the following?

RESPONSES NOT SHOWN DUE TO SMALL SAMPLE SIZE

FAMARRIMP6

ASK IF WORKS PART TIME AND SPOUSE OR PARTNER DOES NOT WORK (EMPLSIT=2 AND SPOUSEEMPLSIT=3) [n=18]:

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

What kind of impact does the fact that you work part time and your spouse or partner is not employed for pay have on each of the following?

RESPONSES NOT SHOWN DUE TO SMALL SAMPLE SIZE

FAMFOCUSWRK

ASK IF SPOUSE OR PARTNER WORKS FULL TIME OR PART TIME (SPOUSEEMPLSIT=1,2) [n=1,482]:

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Who would you say spends more time working on a typical day?

Mar 2-15,	
<u>2026</u>	
34	Me
36	My spouse or partner
31	Both about equally
*	No answer

PARCHOES

ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER (MARITAL=1,2) [n=1,796]:

[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 IN SAME ORDER AS FAMFOCUSWRK, HOLDING 3, 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

When it comes to handling each of the following, who would you say does more?

	<u>Me</u>	My spouse or <u>partner</u>	Both about <u>equally</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Day-to-day parenting tasks Mar 2-15, 2026	35	30	34	*
b. Household chores Mar 2-15, 2026	41	24	35	*

SATCHORES**ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER (MARITAL=1,2) [n=1,796]:****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS PARCHORES; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS WRKSCHED, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

How satisfied are you with the way you and your spouse or partner share each of the following responsibilities?

	<u>Extremely satisfied</u>	<u>Very satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Not too satisfied</u>	<u>Not at all satisfied</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Day-to-day parenting tasks						
Mar 2-15, 2026	16	31	36	13	4	*
b. Household chores						
Mar 2-15, 2026	14	26	35	19	6	*

QUE: TIMECHILD**ASK ALL:****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 3, 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

Thinking about the time you spend with your child(ren), do you think you spend...

	<u>Too much time</u>	<u>Too little time</u>	<u>The right amount of time</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Mar 2-15, 2026	3	56	40	*
Oct 13-19, 2020 ⁴	7	44	48	1
Aug 8-Sep 28, 2017 ⁵	4	52	44	*

⁴ In 2020, question wording was: "Thinking about the time you spend with your CHILDREN these days, do you think you spend...". Additionally, the question was asked of parents of children under 18 and these figures are filtered on working parents to trend to this survey.

⁵ In 2017, the question was asked of parents of children under 18 and these figures are filtered on working parents to trend to this survey. The question wording was the same as the 2026 survey. Additionally, results reported here are based on panelists who responded to both the Wave 28 survey fielded Aug. 8-21, 2017, and the Wave 29 survey fielded Sept. 14-28, 2017.

TIMCHLDMOD

ASK IF SPENDS TOO LITTLE TIME WITH THEIR CHILDREN (TIMECHILD=2) [n=1,264]:
[PN : RANDOMIZE ITEMS WITH ITEM B ALWAYS ASKED AFTER ITEM A; INCLUDE
RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

How much of a reason is each of the following for why you think you spend too little time with your child(ren)?

	<u>Major reason</u>	<u>Minor reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Your work obligations Mar 2-15, 2026	65	28	7	*
b. Other family or household obligations Mar 2-15, 2026	25	48	26	*
c. Your children don't live with you all of the time Mar 2-15, 2026	11	9	80	*
d. Your children are too busy with schoolwork or other activities Mar 2-15, 2026	16	38	46	*

PARTIMEOFF1

ASK IF SPOUSE OR PARTNER WORKS FULL TIME OR PART TIME (SPOUSEEMPLSIT=1,2)
[n=1,482]:

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 IN SAME ORDER AS FAMFOCUSWRK, HOLDING
3, 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

If you or your spouse or partner needed to take unexpected time off from work to care for a sick child or because of childcare issues, who would be more likely to take time off?

Mar 2-15,	
<u>2026</u>	
50	Me
23	My spouse or partner
27	Both about equally
*	No answer

PARTIMEOFF2**ASK IF SPOUSE OR PARTNER WORKS FULL TIME OR PART TIME (SPOUSEEMPLSIT=1,2)****[n=1,482]:****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS WITH ITEM B ALWAYS ASKED AFTER ITEM A; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]**

How much of a factor is each of the following in deciding who would take time off from work to care for a sick child or because of childcare issues?

	<u>Major factor</u>	<u>Minor factor</u>	<u>Not a factor</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Who works fewer hours Mar 2-15, 2026	27	21	51	*
b. Who's less busy that day Mar 2-15, 2026	43	25	32	*
c. Who has more flexibility at work Mar 2-15, 2026	70	18	12	*
d. Who does a better job caring for your child(ren) Mar 2-15, 2026	19	20	61	*

[PN: SHOW PARTASKWRK AND WRKTASKPAR ON SAME SCREEN; RANDOMIZE ORDER OF PARTASKWRK AND WRKTASKPAR; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]**PARTASKWRK****ASK ALL:****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS WRKSCHED, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

How often do you take care of parenting-related tasks while you're working (this could include coordinating activities, shopping for children's supplies, communicating with teachers or scheduling appointments)?

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9	Extremely often
19	Very often
43	Sometimes
24	Rarely
6	Never
*	No answer

WRKTASKPAR**ASK ALL:**

[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS WRKSCHED, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

How often do you take care of work-related tasks while you're with your child(ren)?

Mar 2-15,	
<u>2026</u>	
7	Extremely often
16	Very often
36	Sometimes
24	Rarely
17	Never
*	No answer

TIMESLFL**ASK ALL:**

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

Thinking about your own life, do you have enough time for each of the following, regardless of whether these are things you do?

	Yes, have enough <u>time for this</u>	No, don't have <u>enough time for this</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Hobbies or interests Mar 2-15, 2026	34	65	*
b. Getting together with friends Mar 2-15, 2026	35	65	*
c. Exercise Mar 2-15, 2026	43	57	*

ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER (MARITAL=1,2) [n=1,796]:

d. Spending time with your spouse or partner Mar 2-15, 2026	51	49	*
e. Household chores Mar 2-15, 2026	59	40	*
f. Relaxing Mar 2-15, 2026	41	59	*

TRANSITION**DISPLAY TO ALL:**

Next, we'd like to ask a few questions about your child(ren).

KIDSAGEMOD**ASK ALL:**

[**PN: PROGRAM A NUMERIC TEXT BOX TO THE RIGHT OF EACH AGE RANGE; VALID RANGE FOR RESPONDENT=0-9; VALID RANGE FOR PROGRAM=0-99; NO LETTERS OR DECIMALS**]

[**PN: IF BLANK, SOFT PROMPT:** "Please enter a number in each box. If you would like to skip, click Next." **ALLOW TO CONTINUE IF SKIP AGAIN WITHOUT A RESPONSE**]

[**PN: IF ENTERS A NUMBER GREATER THAN 9, BUT LESS THAN 100 SOFT PROMPT:** "If you have more than 9 children in this age group, please enter 9 and click Next."]

[**PN: IF ENTERS A NUMBER GREATER THAN 99 HARD PROMPT:** "The number entered is too large."]

How many children do you have in the following age groups?

Enter number of children in each age category. Enter 0 if none

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42	0 to 5 years old [PN: PROGRAM NUMERIC TEXT BOX]
53	6 to 12 years old [PN: PROGRAM NUMERIC TEXT BOX]
45	13 to 17 years old [PN: PROGRAM NUMERIC TEXT BOX]
*	No answer

[**PN: CREATE KIDSAGEMOD_1, KIDSAGEMOD_2 AND KIDSAGEMOD_3 TO RECORD NUMBER OF CHILDREN IN EACH AGE RANGE; CREATE 1 KIDSAGEMOD_REFUSED VARIABLE**

CREATE KIDSTOTAL WHERE: KIDSTOTAL=KIDSAGEMOD_1 + KIDSAGEMOD_2 + KIDSAGEMOD_3 (TREAT ANY BLANKS IN KIDSAGEMOD_1 OR KIDSAGEMOD_2 OR KIDSAGEMOD_3 AS ZERO)]

⁶ Total exceeds 100% due to multiple responses.

KIDCARE**ASK IF HAVE CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 5 (KIDSAGEMOD_1=1-9) [n=849]:****[PN: ASK IF KIDSAGEMOD_1=1-99]****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS WITH ITEM B ALWAYS ASKED AFTER ITEM A; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]**

For the next few questions, please think only about your child(ren) ages 5 or younger.

Do you currently use any of the following childcare arrangements when you are at work in a typical week?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Care by the child(ren)'s other parent Mar 2-15, 2026	42	58	*
b. Care by a family member other than the child(ren)'s other parent Mar 2-15, 2026	44	56	*
c. Care by a friend or neighbor Mar 2-15, 2026	13	87	*
d. Daycare or preschool Mar 2-15, 2026	50	50	0
e. A nanny or babysitter Mar 2-15, 2026	14	86	*

[PN:**CREATE KIDCARE1 WHERE IF KIDCARE_a=1, KIDCARE1=1; IF KIDCARE_a=2,98,99, KIDCARE1=0****CREATE KIDCARE2 WHERE IF KIDCARE_b=1, KIDCARE2=1; IF KIDCARE_b=2,98,99, KIDCARE2=0****CREATE KIDCARE3 WHERE IF KIDCARE_c=1, KIDCARE3=1; IF KIDCARE_c=2,98,99, KIDCARE3=0****CREATE KIDCARE4 WHERE IF KIDCARE_d=1, KIDCARE4=1; IF KIDCARE_d=2,98,99, KIDCARE4=0****CREATE KIDCARE5 WHERE IF KIDCARE_e=1, KIDCARE5=1; IF KIDCARE_e=2,98,99, KIDCARE5=0****CREATE KIDCARETOTAL WHERE: KIDCARETOTAL=KIDCARE1 + KIDCARE2 + KIDCARE3 + KIDCARE4 + KIDCARE5]**

KIDCARENUM

ASK IF HAVE MORE THAN ONE CHILD AGES 0 TO 5 AND MORE THAN ONE CHILDCARE ARRANGEMENT (KIDSAGEMOD_1=2-9 AND KIDCARETOTAL=2-5) [n=142]:
[PN: ASK IF KIDSAGEMOD_1=2-99 AND KIDCARETOTAL=2-5]

In a typical week, do you use more than one childcare arrangement for the same child age 5 or under when you are at work?

Mar 2-15,		
<u>2026</u>		
58	Yes	
42	No	
0	No answer	

KIDCARE/KIDCARENUM COMBO TABLES BASED ON WORKING PARENTS WITH CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 5 [n=849]:

Mar 2-15,		
<u>2026</u>		
51	One arrangement for the same child	
39	More than one arrangement for the same child	
10	Do not use childcare or no answer	

CAREIMP

ASK IF HAVE CHILDREN AGES 0 TO 5 (KIDSAGEMOD_1=1-9) [n=849]:
[PN: ASK IF KIDSAGEMOD_1=1-99]
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS WRKSCHED, HOLDING 6, 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

In choosing childcare arrangements for your child(ren) ages 5 or younger, how important is each of the following to you?

	Extremely <u>important</u>	Very <u>important</u>	Somewhat <u>important</u>	Not too <u>important</u>	Not at all <u>important</u>	I don't use <u>childcare</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. Location Mar 2-15, 2026	36	26	13	4	1	20	*
b. Cost Mar 2-15, 2026	34	22	18	5	2	20	*
c. Hours of care available Mar 2-15, 2026	38	26	10	3	1	21	0
d. Quality of care Mar 2-15, 2026	60	15	3	2	1	20	*
e. Educational opportunities Mar 2-15, 2026	37	24	15	3	1	19	*

CAREFIND**ASK IF USES ANY CHILDCARE (KIDCARE_a-e=1) [n=769]:****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS CAREIMP; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS WLBMOD, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

How easy or difficult has it been for you to find what you were looking for in childcare for your child(ren) ages 5 or younger when it comes to each of the following?

		<u>Very easy</u>	<u>Somewhat easy</u>	<u>Neither easy nor difficult</u>	<u>Somewhat difficult</u>	<u>Very difficult</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Location Mar 2-15, 2026	21	22	27	20	10	2
b.	Cost Mar 2-15, 2026	12	15	24	25	23	2
c.	Hours of care available Mar 2-15, 2026	18	23	28	18	11	2
d.	Quality of care Mar 2-15, 2026	16	22	29	19	12	2
e.	Educational opportunities Mar 2-15, 2026	14	23	35	18	8	2

AFTERSCHCARE**ASK IF HAVE CHILDREN AGES 6 TO 12 (KIDSAGEMOD_2=1-9) [n=1,186]:****[PN: ASK IF KIDSAGEMOD_2=1-99]****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS WLBMOD, HOLDING 6, 7, 8, 9, 98 AND 99 LAST; SHOW OPTION 6 FOR ITEM A ONLY; SHOW OPTION 7 FOR ITEM B ONLY; SHOW OPTION 8 FOR ITEM C ONLY; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**Now thinking about your child(ren) ages 6 to 12...

How easy or difficult has it been for you to find childcare for them during each of the following times?

	Very <u>easy</u>	Somewhat <u>easy</u>	Neither <u>easy</u> <u>nor</u> <u>difficult</u>	Somewhat <u>difficult</u>	Very <u>difficult</u>	My child(ren) <u>don't need</u> <u>childcare</u> <u>before school</u>	My <u>child(ren)</u> <u>are home</u> <u>schooled</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. Before school Mar 2-15, 2026	6	8	9	8	9	53	7	*
b. After school Mar 2-15, 2026	9	11	10	14	7	41	7	*
c. During the summer Mar 2-15, 2026	7	11	12	16	10	36	7	*

KIDACTIVITY**ASK IF HAVE CHILDREN AGES 6 TO 17 (KIDSAGEMOD_2=1-9 OR KIDSAGEMOD_3=1-9)****[n=1,782]:****[PN: ASK IF KIDSAGEMOD_2=1-99 OR KIDSAGEMOD_3=1-99]**Now thinking about your child(ren) ages 6 to 17...

Do any of them participate in extracurricular activities, such as music lessons or sports?

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2026

67	Yes
33	No
*	No answer

KIDACTWRK**ASK IF HAVE CHILDREN AGES 6 TO 17 WHO HAVE EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES****(KIDACTIVITY=1) [n=1,288]:****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS WRKSCHED, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]**

How often do you need to do each of the following to take your child(ren) ages 6 to 17 to an extracurricular activity?

		Extremely <u>often</u>	Very <u>often</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Never</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a. Leave work early Mar 2-15, 2026		2	10	42	25	21	*
b. Shift your work schedule Mar 2-15, 2026		4	8	38	26	23	*

TRANSITION**DISPLAY IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER (MARITAL=1,2) [n=XXXX]:**

Just a few last questions...

PARTNERPAR1**ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER AND HAVE ONE CHILD UNDER 18 (MARITAL=1,2 AND KIDSTOTAL=1) [n=680]:**

Is your spouse or partner the parent of your child under 18?

Mar 2-15, <u>2026</u>	
80	Yes
20	No
0	No answer

PARTNERPAR2**ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER AND HAVE TWO CHILDREN UNDER 18 (MARITAL=1,2 AND KIDSTOTAL=2) [n=736]:**

Is your spouse or partner the parent of...

Mar 2-15, <u>2026</u>	
91	Both of your children under 18
5	One of your children under 18
4	Neither of your children under 18
*	No answer

PARTNERPAR3

ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER AND HAVE THREE OR MORE CHILDREN UNDER 18 (MARITAL=1,2 AND KIDSTOTAL=3-98) [n=366]:

Is your spouse or partner the parent of...

Mar 2-15,		
<u>2026</u>		
78	All of your children under 18	
18	Some of your children under 18	
4	None of your children under 18	
*	No answer	

PARTNERPAR1-3 COMBO TABLE BASED ON MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER [n=1,796]:

Mar 2-15,		
<u>2026</u>		
83	All of your children under 18	
6	Some but not all of your children under 18	
10	None of your children under 18	
*	No answer	

HOUSEPAY

ASK IF SPOUSE OR PARTNER WORKS FULL TIME OR PART TIME (SPOUSEEMPLSIT=1,2) [n=1,482]:

Which of the following applies to your household income?

Mar 2-15,		
<u>2026</u>		
42	You earn more than your spouse or partner	
43	Your spouse or partner earns more than you	
15	You and your spouse or partner earn about the same	
*	No answer	

PARTNERSEXMOD

ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER (MARITAL=1,2) [n=1,796]:

Thinking about your spouse or partner, do they describe themselves as...

Mar 2-15,		
<u>2026</u>		
47	A man	
53	A woman	
1	In some other way	
*	No answer	