

**2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 193: Young Adult Milestones
May 4-17, 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

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[**PN: IF ATP SAMPLE (X_PANEL=1):**] Just a few last questions...

BAT: YOUNGADULTS

ASK ALL:

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

[**PN: IF WEB:**] How do you think young adults today compare with their parents' generation on each of the following?

[**PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:**] How do you think young adults today compare with their parents' generation on each of the following? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ LIST)**

[**PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:**] What about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY:** How do you think young adults today compare with their parents' generation when it comes to this? Is it **(READ LIST))**

BATTERY ITEMS:

[**PN: NO ITEM A**]

- b Buying a home
- c Paying for college
- d Finding a job
- e Saving for the future

[**PN: NO ITEM F**]

[**PN: NO ITEM G**]

- h Covering basic expenses

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:

- 1 Harder for young adults today
- 2 Easier for young adults today
- 3 About the same as it was for their parents' generation
- 98 [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
- 99 [**PN: IF WEB:**] Web blank / [**PN: IF CATI:**] **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

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