

PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 181: National Survey of Latinos
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TOPLINE

U.S. Latino adults N=4,923

All U.S. adults N=8,046

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 refused 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](#). For additional details, visit the [methodology](#).

The questions below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel. Additional questions held for future release or previously released.

PN = Programming note

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. Latino adults	4,923	+/- 2.6 percentage points
Foreign born	1,116	+/- 4.9 percentage points
U.S. born	3,753	+/- 2.9 percentage points
2nd generation	1,876	+/- 3.8 percentage points
3rd or higher generation	1,877	+/- 4.3 percentage points
All U.S. adults	8,046	+/- 1.7 percentage points

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**LIVSTAN****ASK ALL:**

Compared to your parents when they were the age you are now, do you think your own standard of living now is...

U.S. Latino adults:

<u>Total</u>		Foreign <u>born</u>	U.S. <u>born</u>	<i>- Among U.S. born -</i>	
				<u>2nd gen.</u>	<u>3rd or higher gen.</u>
29	Much better than your parents	34	26	29	24
28	Somewhat better than your parents	36	23	24	22
13	About the same as your parents	10	15	13	16
13	Somewhat worse than your parents	9	16	15	17
10	Much worse than your parents	6	13	12	15
7	Not sure	5	6	6	6
*	No answer	0	*	*	0

All U.S. adults

<u>Total</u>	
21	Much better than your parents
25	Somewhat better than your parents
18	About the same as your parents
18	Somewhat worse than your parents
12	Much worse than your parents
5	Not sure
*	No answer

LIVSTAN2**ASK ALL:**

When your children are at the age you are now, do you think their standard of living will be...

U.S. Latino adults:

<u>Total</u>		Foreign <u>born</u>	U.S. <u>born</u>	<i>- Among U.S. born -</i>	
				<u>2nd gen.</u>	<u>3rd or higher gen.</u>
31	Much better than yours is right now	34	30	31	29
22	Somewhat better than yours is right now	29	18	19	17
10	About the same as yours is right now	8	12	11	13
7	Somewhat worse than yours is right now	6	8	7	10
6	Much worse than yours is right now	4	8	7	9
13	I do not have children	8	16	17	15
10	Not sure	10	8	9	8
*	No answer	*	*	*	*

LIVSTAN2 continued...**All U.S. adults**Total

- 15 Much better than yours is right now
- 18 Somewhat better than yours is right now
- 14 About the same as yours is right now
- 13 Somewhat worse than yours is right now
- 8 Much worse than yours is right now
- 20 I do not have children
- 11 Not sure
- * No answer

AMDREAM_OE**ASK ALL:**

In a few words, what does the "American Dream" mean to you? **[OPEN END]**¹

U.S. Latino adults:

		Foreign born	U.S. born	- Among U.S. born - 2nd gen. 3rd or higher gen.	
<u>Total</u>				<u>2nd gen.</u>	<u>higher gen.</u>
59	NET Financial stability or success, access to economic opportunity or homeownership	68	55	57	52
36	Financial stability or success	39	34	34	34
31	Access to economic opportunity	40	26	28	23
14	Homeownership	15	13	13	13
39	NET A good life for them, their family or community	38	41	42	40
27	A good life for them	24	30	29	30
18	A good life for their family or community	19	18	19	17
18	Freedom or being free	14	20	19	21
13	Achieving success through hard work	14	11	11	11
11	NET Equal treatment for all or acceptance of others	9	13	14	11
8	Equal treatment for all	5	10	11	9
4	Acceptance of others	5	4	5	2
8	Living without fear	10	8	8	7
7	Having a fair, representative government with civil liberties	6	8	8	8
5	Access to education	6	5	6	4
3	Access to public goods (e.g., healthcare, infrastructure)	3	3	3	4
2	Faith or freedom of religion	1	3	3	2
12	Don't believe in the American dream	13	11	12	10
13	Don't know/Refused	10	13	13	14

¹Verbatim open-end responses have been coded into categories. Figures add to more than 100% because multiple categories were allowed.

AMDREAM_OE continued...**All U.S. adults**

<u>Total</u>	
55	NET Financial stability or success, access to economic opportunity or homeownership
37	Financial stability or success
22	Access to economic opportunity
17	Homeownership
42	NET A good life for them, their family or community
29	A good life for them
19	A good life for their family or community
21	Freedom or being free
11	Achieving success through hard work
10	NET Equal treatment for all or acceptance of others
9	Equal treatment for all
3	Acceptance of others
10	Living without fear
12	Having a fair, representative government with civil liberties
5	Access to education
5	Access to public goods (e.g., healthcare, infrastructure)
5	Faith or freedom of religion
9	Don't believe in the American dream
16	Don't know/Refused

AMDREAM1_MOD**ASK ALL:**

[PN: RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1, 2, AND 3, HOLDING 4, 98, AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

The term "American Dream" can mean different things to different people.

However you define it, do you believe...

U.S. Latino adults:

<u>Total</u>		<u>Foreign born</u>	<u>U.S. born</u>	<i>- Among U.S. born -</i>	
				<u>2nd gen.</u>	<u>3rd or higher gen.</u>
20	You have achieved the American Dream	23	19	18	21
33	You're on your way to achieving the American Dream	35	33	32	33
18	The American Dream is out of reach for you	17	19	19	20
27	The American Dream doesn't exist	24	28	30	26
1	No answer	1	1	1	*

AMDREAM1_MOD continued...**All U.S. adults**

<u>Total</u>	
27	You have achieved the American Dream
30	You're on your way to achieving the American Dream
19	The American Dream is out of reach for you
24	The American Dream doesn't exist
1	No answer

AMDREAM_PRNT

ASK IF DID NOT SAY AMERICAN DREAM DOES NOT EXIST (AMDREAM1_MOD=1,2,3,98,99):
[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 6, 98, AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Compared to your parents, do you think it is easier or harder for you to achieve the American Dream?

U.S. Latino adults:

<u>Total</u>		<u>Foreign born</u>	<u>U.S. born</u>	<i>- Among U.S. born -</i>	
				<u>2nd gen.</u>	<u>3rd or higher gen.</u>
12	A lot easier	11	13	15	11
18	Somewhat easier	19	18	20	16
22	Neither easier nor harder	23	21	21	21
22	Somewhat harder	20	24	21	26
20	A lot harder	15	24	22	26
5	My parents have never lived in the U.S.	12	1	*	1
1	No answer	*	*	*	*
<i>n=3,598</i>		<i>n=861</i>	<i>n=2,697</i>	<i>n=1,356</i>	<i>n=1,341</i>

All U.S. adults

<u>Total</u>	
7	A lot easier
15	Somewhat easier
24	Neither easier nor harder
29	Somewhat harder
22	A lot harder
2	My parents have never lived in the U.S.
1	No answer
<i>n=6,031</i>	

AMDREAM3

ASK IF DID NOT SAY AMERICAN DREAM DOES NOT EXIST (AMDREAM1_MOD=1,2,3,98,99):
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

In general, how much of a factor do you think each of the following are in people's ability to achieve the American Dream these days?

WRK Hard work and motivation

U.S. Latino adults:

		Foreign born	U.S. born	- Among U.S. born -	
<u>Total</u>		<u>born</u>	<u>born</u>	<u>2nd gen.</u>	<u>3rd or higher gen.</u>
81	Major factor	86	77	80	75
14	Minor factor	11	17	16	17
5	Not a factor	3	6	3	8
1	No answer	*	1	1	*
<i>n</i> =3,598		<i>n</i> =861	<i>n</i> =2,697	<i>n</i> =1,356	<i>n</i> =1,341

All U.S. adults:

<u>Total</u>	
80	Major factor
16	Minor factor
3	Not a factor
*	No answer
<i>n</i> =6,031	

OPP Having access to the right opportunities

U.S. Latino adults:

		Foreign born	U.S. born	- Among U.S. born -	
<u>Total</u>		<u>born</u>	<u>born</u>	<u>2nd gen.</u>	<u>3rd or higher gen.</u>
76	Major factor	84	71	74	68
19	Minor factor	11	23	22	24
5	Not a factor	5	5	3	7
*	No answer	*	*	*	0
<i>n</i> =3,598		<i>n</i> =861	<i>n</i> =2,697	<i>n</i> =1,356	<i>n</i> =1,341

All U.S. adults:

<u>Total</u>	
71	Major factor
24	Minor factor
5	Not a factor
1	No answer
<i>n</i> =6,031	

LUCK Luck and chance

U.S. Latino adults:

<u>Total</u>		Foreign <u>born</u>	U.S. <u>born</u>	<i>- Among U.S. born -</i>	
				<u>2nd gen.</u>	<u>3rd or higher gen.</u>
35	Major factor	32	37	37	37
43	Minor factor	39	46	46	46
21	Not a factor	28	17	17	17
1	No answer	1	*	*	0
<i>n=3,598</i>		<i>n=861</i>	<i>n=2,697</i>	<i>n=1,356</i>	<i>n=1,341</i>

All U.S. adults:

<u>Total</u>	
31	Major factor
49	Minor factor
20	Not a factor
1	No answer
<i>n=6,031</i>	

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE OR PREVIOUSLY RELEASED