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The Dating Attitudes of Single Black Adults

While about half of Black singles are looking for a relationship or dates, men and women differ on goals and financial considerations

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About this research

This Pew Research Center analysis focuses on single Black adults' views about dating and relationships – including the types of connections Black singles are looking for, what qualities they find important in a partner, and the reasons they give for being single. It also provides an estimate of the share of Black Americans who are single.

Why did we do this?

Pew Research Center conducts high-quality research to inform the public, journalists and decision-makers. This analysis is based on a survey of Black adults and builds on a larger body of work that explores the attitudes and experiences of Black Americans. A previous report based on the same survey explores how Black Americans define and experience family, and another recent report describes what factors influence Black Americans' views on what it means to be a Black man or Black woman.

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How did we do this?

We surveyed 6,871 U.S. adults from June 16 to 29, 2025. The sample included 4,271 Black adults, with 1,057 respondents who are members of Pew Research Center's American Trends Panel and 3,214 respondents who are members of SSRS's Opinion Panel. The survey also included 2,600 non-Black ATP members. The survey is representative of the views of the full U.S. adult population.

Here are the survey questions used for this report, the detailed responses and the survey methodology.

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Key terms

The terms **Black Americans** and **Black adults** are used interchangeably in this report to refer to U.S. adults who self-identify as Black, either alone or in combination with other races or Hispanic identity.

This analysis includes a comparison between Black adults and other U.S. adults. In this case, **other U.S. adults** refers to U.S. adults who do not self-identify as Black.

The term **White Americans** refers to U.S. adults who self-identify as White, either alone or in combination with other races or Hispanic identity.

The term **Asian adults** refers to U.S. adults who self-identify as Asian, either alone or in combination with other races or Hispanic identity.

The term **Hispanic adults** refers to U.S. adults who self-identify as Hispanic and are of any race.

The term **single** refers to adults who are not married, not living with a partner and not in a committed romantic relationship.

The term **single-and-looking adults** refers to those who are single and looking for a committed romantic relationship and/or casual dates.

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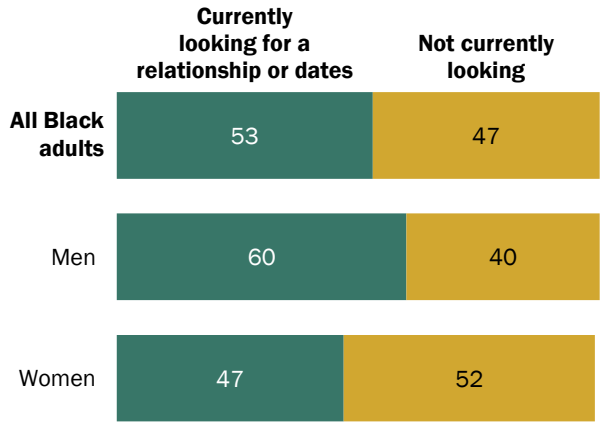
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Among single Black adults, men are more likely than women to say they are looking for a romantic relationship or dates. And among those currently looking, women are more likely than men to say they want a committed romantic relationship rather than casual dates.

Single Black men and women who are looking for a relationship or dates tend to value many of the same qualities in a potential match. Majorities say it's extremely or very important for a good spouse or partner to be **caring and compassionate, romantic,** to help with **household chores,** and to **believe in God.**

Single Black men are more likely than single Black women to be seeking romantic connections

% of single Black adults who say they are ...



Note: Black adults are those who say their race is Black alone and non-Hispanic, Black and at least one other race and non-Hispanic, or Black and Hispanic. "Looking for a relationship or dates" refers to those who say they are currently seeking a committed romantic relationship and/or casual dates. Respondents who didn't answer or offered other answers are not shown.
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However, women place greater importance than men on most of these characteristics.

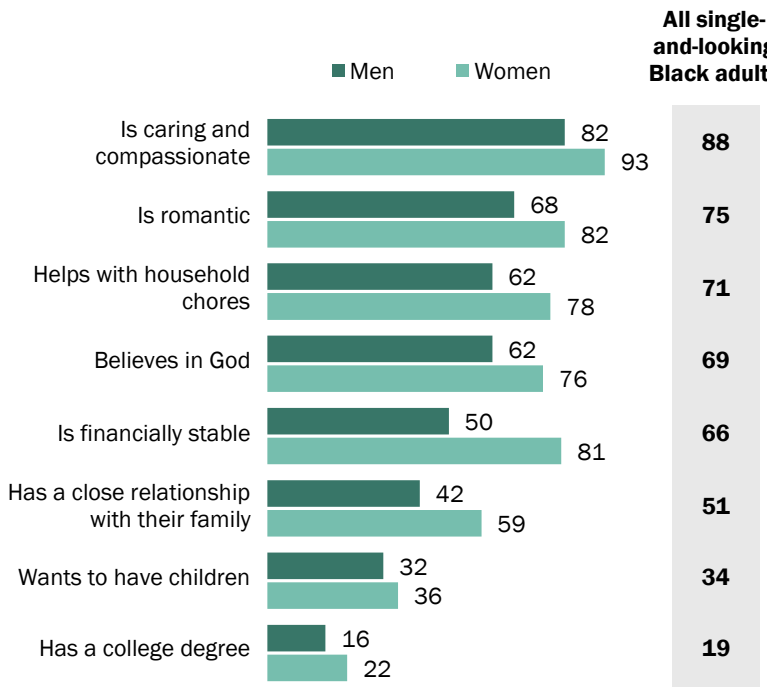
Single Black women are also far more likely than men to say it's important that their partner is **financially stable.** And they're more likely to say they would *not* consider a relationship with someone who **earns much less** than they do or has **significant debt.**[1]

These findings come from a Pew Research Center survey of 4,271 Black adults conducted in June 2025.

Singles make up a large share of Black Americans: 42% of Black adults are not married, living with a partner or in a committed romantic relationship. By comparison, 29% of other U.S. adults are single.

Black men and women are looking for similar things in a relationship but differ on the importance of finances

*% of single-and-looking Black adults who say it's **extremely or very important** that a good spouse or partner ...*



Note: Black adults are those who say their race is Black alone and non-Hispanic, Black and at least one other race and non-Hispanic, or Black and Hispanic. "Single-and-looking" refers to those who say they are single and seeking a committed romantic relationship and/or casual dates. Respondents who didn't answer or offered other answers are not shown.
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[1] Single-race Black Americans have lower incomes and less wealth than some other single-race racial/ethnic groups in the United States. In 2025, the median household income for households with Black householders was about $60,000, up since 2024 but lower than for other major racial and ethnic groups, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. There's a relatively narrow gap in median annual earnings between Black men and women ages 15 and older working full time, year-round, according to U.S. Department of Labor reports from 2024. On average, Black men and women each had lower median earnings than Asian and White full-time workers of any gender. And according to the Federal Reserve's 2025 Survey of Consumer Finances, the median net worth or wealth of Black families (gross assets minus liabilities) was about $37,000 – lower than that of other racial and ethnic groups.

And among all singles, Black adults are more likely than White adults to say they are looking for a relationship or dates (53% vs. 36%) and about as likely to say this as Hispanic adults (49%).[2]

This report explores three questions:

- What types of relationships are Black singles looking for, if any?
- What characteristics do Black singles consider when assessing a potential partner?
- Why do Black singles who are not currently in a relationship say this is the case?

[2] The sample size of single Hispanic adults in this survey was relatively low, yielding an effective sample size of 74 and a 95% confidence level margin of error of plus or minus 11.4 percentage points. This margin of error assumes a reported percentage of 50%, which is used to calculate the most conservative range. We are unable to report on single Asian adults in the U.S. due to limited sample size.

What share of U.S. Black adults are single?

About four-in-ten Black adults are single (42%), according to a Pew Research Center survey conducted in June 2025.

In this analysis, single adults are those who are not married, not living with a partner and not in a committed romantic relationship.

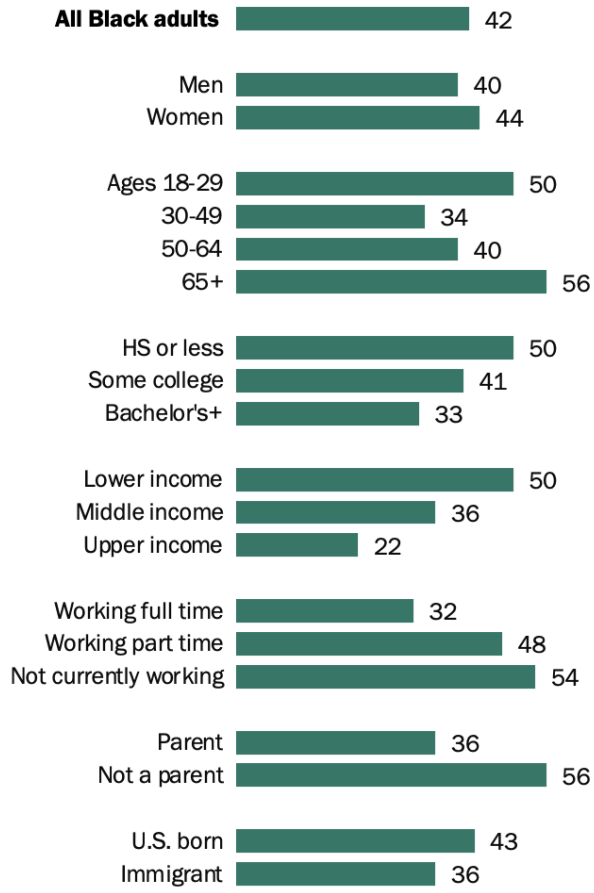
Black women and men are about as likely to be single (44% and 40%), but there are gaps among other demographic subgroups.

Being single is more common among:

- Black adults in the youngest (ages 18 to 29) and oldest (ages 65 and older) age categories, when compared with those ages 30 to 49 and 50 to 64
- Black adults with a high school diploma or less education, compared with those with some college education and those with a bachelor's degree or more
- Black adults with lower income, when compared with those with middle and upper incomes
- Black adults who are not parents, compared with Black parents

About 4 in 10 Black Americans are single

% of Black adults who are not married, not living with a partner and not in a committed romantic relationship



Note: Black respondents are those who say their race is single-race Black and non-Hispanic, Black and at least one other race and non-Hispanic, or Black and Hispanic. "Some college" includes those with an associate degree and those who attended college but did not obtain a degree. Family income tiers are based on adjusted 2024 earnings. Respondents who are not currently working are those who are not working for pay, are unable to work due to a disability, or are retired. Shares of respondents who didn't answer or offered other answers are not shown.
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What kinds of relationships are Black singles looking for?

About half of single Black adults (53%) are "single and looking" – meaning they are seeking a committed romantic relationship, casual dates or both.

Among those who are single and looking, Black women are more likely than men to say they are seeking a **committed romantic relationship only** (45% vs. 24%).

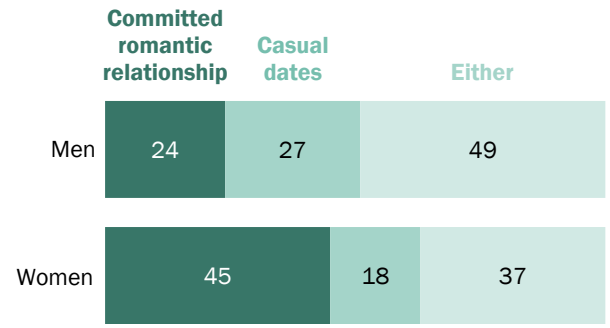
Meanwhile, Black men are more likely than women to say they are seeking **casual dates only** (27% vs. 18%).

Black men are also more likely than women to say they are **open to either** a committed relationship *or* casual dates (49% vs. 37%).

To read more about the dating outlook of Black singles by other characteristics, refer to the detailed tables in the appendix.

Black women are more likely than Black men to be seeking commitment rather than casual dates

% of single-and-looking Black adults looking for ...



Note: Black respondents are those who say their race is single-race Black and non-Hispanic, Black and at least one other race and non-Hispanic, or Black and Hispanic. "Single-and-looking" refers to those who say they are currently seeking a committed romantic relationship and/or casual dates. Shares of respondents who didn't answer are not shown.
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What are dealbreakers for Black singles?

We also asked single-and-looking Black adults about the reasons they might *rule out* someone as a partner. The largest shares say they would probably or definitely not consider ever being in a committed romantic relationship with someone who has a significant amount of debt (56%), lives far away (43%), is raising children from another relationship (38%) or has different religious views (38%).

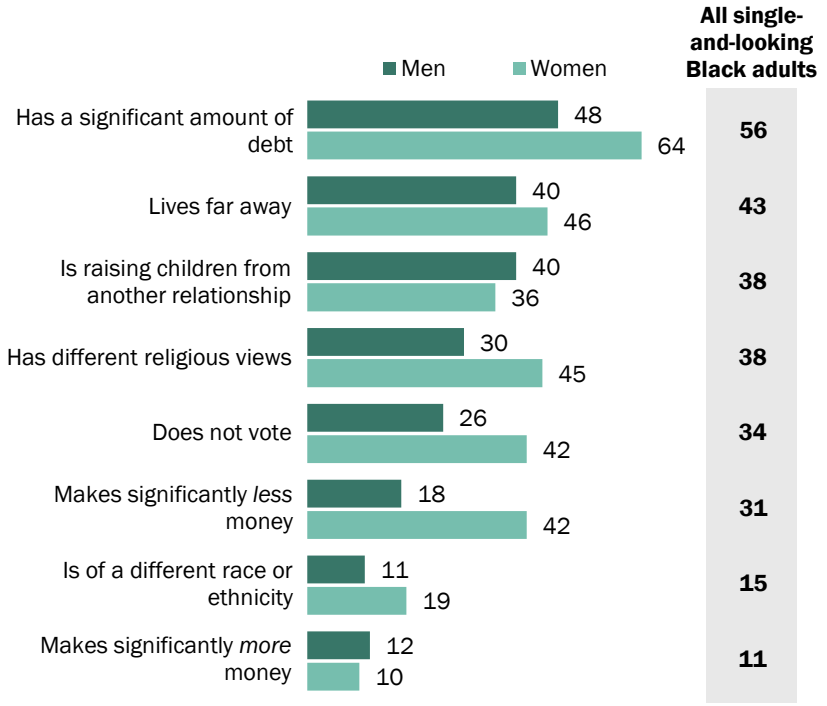
Single-and-looking Black women and men also differ in whom they would rule out as a partner. Women are more likely than men to say they would probably or definitely not consider being in a committed relationship with someone who makes significantly less money than them (42% vs. 18%) or has significant debt (64% vs. 48%).

Additionally, single-and-looking Black women are more likely than Black men to rule out partners over civic, religious or racial differences:

- 42% of women would not consider being in a committed relationship with someone who does not vote, compared with 26% of men.
- 45% of women say they would not consider someone who has different religious views than their own; 30% of men say the same.
- 19% of women would not consider someone who is of a different race or ethnicity, compared with 11% of Black men.

Debt is more of a dealbreaker for single-and-looking Black women than for men

*% of single-and-looking Black adults who aren't widowed and say they **probably or definitely would not consider** ever being in a committed relationship with someone who ...*



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On other factors, Black women and men are more alike. Similar shares say they would not consider a partner who lives far away from them (46% of women and 40% of men), who is raising children from another relationship (36% and 40%) or who makes significantly *more* money than them (10% and 12%).

Why do single-and-looking Black adults say they are single?

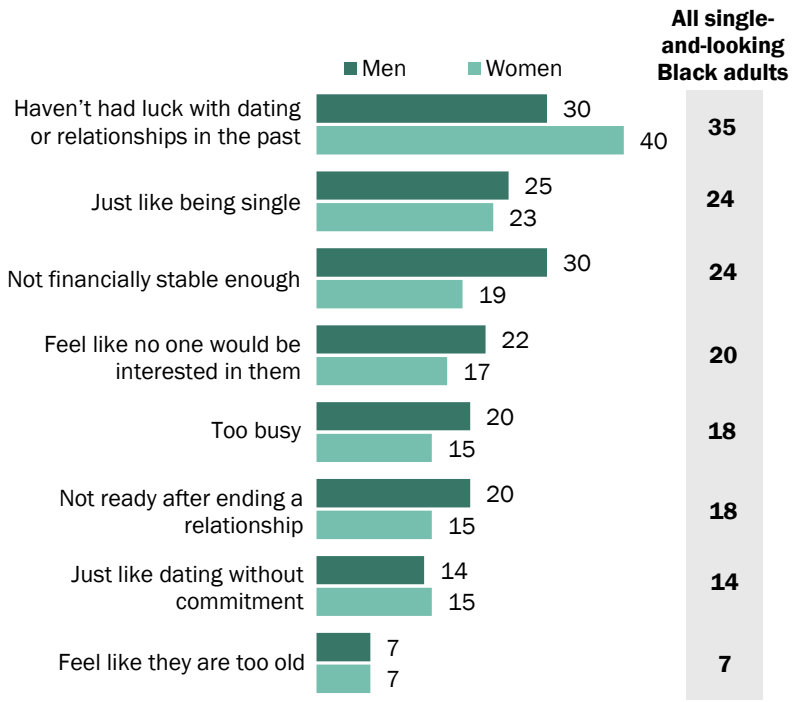
We offered single-and-looking Black adults a list of factors and asked them to choose the ones they believe are *major reasons* they are not currently in a relationship.

Not having luck with dating or relationships in the past is cited most often by single-and-looking Black adults as a major reason, though it's chosen more commonly by women than men (40% vs. 30%).

Not being financially stable enough is another top reason, but it's cited more often by men than women (30% vs 19%).[3]

Black men, more than Black women, say personal finances are a major reason they are single

*% of single-and-looking Black adults who aren't widowed and say ___ is a **major reason** they are not currently in a relationship*



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[3] In the same June 2025 survey, Black adults were asked to rate their personal financial situation. Among Black adults who are single, men are more likely than women to say they are not too or not at all satisfied with their personal financial situation (55% vs. 44%). The sample size is too low to show differences by gender among single-and-looking Black adults.

What about Black adults who are *not* looking for a relationship?

We also asked Black singles who say they are not looking for a relationship why they are single.

Black singles who are *not* looking are substantially more likely than those who *are* looking to say they just like being single (42% vs. 24%). They are also less likely to cite bad luck in past relationships as a major reason (24% vs. 35%).

On the other reasons we asked about, there were no significant differences between single Black adults who are not looking for a relationship and those who are.

Appendix: Detailed Tables

What kinds of relationships are single Black adults looking for?

% of single-and-looking Black adults looking for …

	Committed romantic relationship only	Casual dates only	Either
Total			
All single-and-looking Black adults	35	22	43
Gender			
Men	24	27	49
Women	45	18	37
Age			
18-49	34	21	45
50+	36	26	38
Parental status			
Parent	35	25	41
Not a parent	34	20	46
Educational attainment			
HS or less	28	30	43
Some college	42	18	40
Bachelor's+	37	16	46
Religion*			
Protestant	39	20	41
Unaffiliated	23	28	49

* Results for other religious affiliations not shown due to small sample sizes.
Note: Figures may not add to subtotals due to rounding. Black respondents are those who say their race is single-race Black and non-Hispanic, Black and at least one other race and non-Hispanic, or Black and Hispanic. "Single-and-looking" refers to those who say they are currently seeking a committed romantic relationship and/or casual dates. "Some college" includes those with an associate degree and those who attended college but did not obtain a degree. Shares of respondents who didn't answer or offered other answers are not shown.
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Liking dating without commitment as a reason for not being in a relationship

*% of single-and-looking Black adults who say **just liking dating without commitment** is (a)___ they are not currently in a relationship**

	Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason
Total			
All single-and-looking Black adults	14	24	61
Gender			
Men	14	25	60
Women	15	22	62
Age			
18-49	13	25	61
50+	16	20	62
Parental status			
Parent	17	25	58
Not a parent	12	22	66
Educational attainment			
HS or less	17	27	56
Some college	12	23	65
Bachelor's+	14	21	65
Religion**			
Protestant	12	26	61
Unaffiliated	16	23	60

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Feeling too old as a reason for not being in a relationship

*% of single-and-looking Black adults who say **feeling like they are too old** is (a) ___ they are not currently in a relationship**

	Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason
Total			
All single-and-looking Black adults	7	25	68
Gender			
Men	7	28	64
Women	7	21	71
Age			
18-49	7	23	70
50+	7	29	63
Parental status			
Parent	9	24	67
Not a parent	5	26	69
Educational attainment			
HS or less	8	29	63
Some college	4	20	76
Bachelor's+	10	24	66
Religion**			
Protestant	5	24	71
Unaffiliated	9	27	64

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Financial instability as a reason for not being in a relationship

*% of single-and-looking Black adults who say **not being financially stable enough** is (a) ___ they are not currently in a relationship**

	Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason
Total			
All single-and-looking Black adults	24	36	39
Gender			
Men	30	41	29
Women	19	32	49
Age			
18-49	29	40	31
50+	14	25	60
Parental status			
Parent	23	33	44
Not a parent	26	40	34
Educational attainment			
HS or less	32	39	29
Some college	20	37	42
Bachelor's+	17	31	51
Religion**			
Protestant	20	37	42
Unaffiliated	29	34	38

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Not having luck with dating in the past as a reason for not being in a relationship

*% of single-and-looking Black adults who say **not having luck with dating or relationships in the past** is (a) ___ they are not currently in a relationship**

	Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason
Total			
All single-and-looking Black adults	35	32	33
Gender			
Men	30	34	35
Women	40	30	31
Age			
18-49	40	31	29
50+	23	32	44
Parental status			
Parent	31	30	38
Not a parent	39	34	27
Educational attainment			
HS or less	35	31	34
Some college	35	30	35
Bachelor's+	36	35	30
Religion**			
Protestant	30	35	34
Unaffiliated	37	28	35

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Being too busy as a reason for not being in a relationship

*% of single-and-looking Black adults who say **being too busy** is (a) __ they are not currently in a relationship**

	Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason
Total			
All single-and-looking Black adults	18	31	51
Gender			
Men	20	32	47
Women	15	30	54
Age			
18-49	20	34	45
50+	11	23	65
Parental status			
Parent	18	26	55
Not a parent	17	37	46
Educational attainment			
HS or less	19	33	48
Some college	12	26	61
Bachelor's+	24	35	42
Religion**			
Protestant	13	31	56
Unaffiliated	19	32	49

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Feeling like no one would be interested as a reason for not being in a relationship

*% of single-and-looking Black adults who say **feeling like no one would be interested in them** is (a) __ they are not currently in a relationship**

	Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason
Total			
All single-and-looking Black adults	20	28	52
Gender			
Men	22	30	47
Women	17	25	57
Age			
18-49	24	29	47
50	9	23	67
Parental status			
Parent	14	23	62
Not a parent	27	33	41
Educational attainment			
HS or less	20	31	49
Some college	20	27	53
Bachelor's+	18	23	58
Religion**			
Protestant	13	28	59
Unaffiliated	27	24	48

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Not being ready after ending a previous relationship as a reason for not being in a relationship

*% of single-and-looking Black adults who say **not being ready after ending a relationship** is (a)___ they are not currently in a relationship**

	Major reason	Minor reason	Not a reason
Total			
All single-and-looking Black adults	18	25	57
Gender			
Men	20	22	57
Women	15	27	58
Age			
18-49	20	29	52
50+	12	15	72
Parental status			
Parent	20	23	57
Not a parent	15	27	58
Educational attainment			
HS or less	27	23	50
Some college	10	25	64
Bachelor's+	13	27	60
Religion**			
Protestant	16	26	58
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Importance of a partner being financially stable

% of single-and-looking Black adults who say it is ___ important that a good spouse or partner ***is financially stable***

	NET Extremely/Very	Somewhat	NET Not too/Not at all
Total			
All single-and-looking Black adults	66	24	9
Gender			
Men	50	37	13
Women	81	13	6
Age			
18-49	63	27	10
50+	74	17	9
Parental status			
Parent	71	22	6
Not a parent	60	27	13
Educational attainment			
HS or less	63	24	12
Some college	65	24	10
Bachelor's+	73	24	3
Religion*			
Protestant	70	18	11
Unaffiliated	65	29	6

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Importance of a partner helping with household chores

% of single-and-looking Black adults who say it is ___ important that a good spouse or partner ***helps with household chores***

	NET Extremely/Very	Somewhat	NET Not too/Not at all
Total			
All single-and-looking Black adults	71	23	6
Gender			
Men	62	28	9
Women	78	19	3
Age			
18-49	70	24	6
50+	73	22	5
Parental status			
Parent	75	21	4
Not a parent	66	26	8
Educational attainment			
HS or less	66	27	7
Some college	73	19	7
Bachelor's+	76	22	3
Religion*			
Protestant	72	21	7
Unaffiliated	71	26	3

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Importance of a partner having a college degree

% of single-and-looking Black adults who say it is ___ important that a good spouse or partner ***has a college degree***

	NET Extremely/Very	Somewhat	NET Not too/Not at all
Total			
All single-and-looking Black adults	19	30	51
Gender			
Men	16	25	58
Women	22	34	44
Age			
18-49	22	30	48
50+	14	29	55
Parental status			
Parent	14	35	51
Not a parent	26	24	51
Educational attainment			
HS or less	13	27	60
Some college	18	29	53
Bachelor's+	33	35	32
Religion*			
Protestant	16	30	54
Unaffiliated	23	28	48

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Importance of a partner being caring and compassionate

% of single-and-looking Black adults who say it is ___ important that a good spouse or partner ***is caring and compassionate***

	NET Extremely/Very	Somewhat	NET Not too/Not at all
Total			
All single-and-looking Black adults	88	8	4
Gender			
Men	82	11	6
Women	93	6	1
Age			
18-49	86	10	5
50+	92	6	1
Parental status			
Parent	90	8	1
Not a parent	84	9	7
Educational attainment			
HS or less	81	11	9
Some college	93	7	-
Bachelor's+	93	7	-
Religion*			
Protestant	89	7	4
Unaffiliated	88	8	4

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Importance of a partner being romantic

% of single-and-looking Black adults who say it is ___ important that a good spouse or partner ***is romantic***

	NET Extremely/Very	Somewhat	NET Not too/Not at all
Total			
All single-and-looking Black adults	75	17	7
Gender			
Men	68	21	11
Women	82	14	3
Age			
18-49	73	18	8
50+	80	16	4
Parental status			
Parent	80	17	3
Not a parent	70	19	12
Educational attainment			
HS or less	71	19	10
Some college	78	15	7
Bachelor's+	80	18	2
Religion*			
Protestant	75	18	7
Unaffiliated	71	19	10

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Importance of a partner having a close relationship with their family

% of single-and-looking Black adults who say it is ___ important that a good spouse or partner ***has a close relationship with their family***

	NET Extremely/Very	Somewhat	NET Not too/Not at all
Total			
All single-and-looking Black adults	51	32	17
Gender			
Men	42	32	26
Women	59	32	9
Age			
18-49	48	34	18
50+	57	28	14
Parental status			
Parent	55	32	13
Not a parent	45	32	22
Educational attainment			
HS or less	52	28	20
Some college	49	35	15
Bachelor's+	52	34	14
Religion*			
Protestant	54	29	16
Unaffiliated	47	38	15

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Importance of a partner believing in God

% of single-and-looking Black adults who say it is ___ important that a good spouse or partner ***believes in God***

	NET Extremely/Very	Somewhat	NET Not too/Not at all
Total			
All single-and-looking Black adults	69	15	15
Gender			
Men	62	15	22
Women	76	16	8
Age			
18-49	65	18	18
50+	79	10	10
Parental status			
Parent	73	18	8
Not a parent	63	12	25
Educational attainment			
HS or less	68	17	15
Some college	72	14	13
Bachelor's+	66	16	18
Religion*			
Protestant	80	12	7
Unaffiliated	50	21	29

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Importance of a partner wanting to have children

% of single-and-looking Black adults who say it is ___ important that a good spouse or partner ***wants to have children***

	NET Extremely/Very	Somewhat	NET Not too/Not at all
Total			
All single-and-looking Black adults	34	23	42
Gender			
Men	32	30	38
Women	36	17	47
Age			
18-49	42	27	31
50+	19	14	66
Parental status			
Parent	31	23	45
Not a parent	38	22	39
Educational attainment			
HS or less	32	28	40
Some college	37	18	45
Bachelor's+	34	23	43
Religion*			
Protestant	32	23	44
Unaffiliated	33	21	46

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Is having different religious views a dealbreaker?

*% of single-and-looking Black adults who say they ___ being in a committed romantic relationship with someone who **has different religions views than them****

	NET Definitely/Probably would consider	NET Definitely/Probably would not consider	Have already done this
Total			
All single-and-looking Black adults	48	38	14
Gender			
Men	56	30	13
Women	41	45	15
Age			
18-49	48	38	14
50+	49	37	13
Parental status			
Parent	47	37	15
Not a parent	50	38	12
Educational attainment			
HS or less	49	37	14
Some college	46	39	14
Bachelor's+	51	36	13
Religion**			
Protestant	47	40	13
Unaffiliated	50	37	13

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Is being of a different race or ethnicity a dealbreaker?

*% of single-and-looking Black adults who say they __ being in a committed romantic relationship with someone who **is of a different race or ethnicity than them****

	NET Definitely/Probably would consider	NET Definitely/Probably would not consider	Have already done this
Total			
All single-and-looking Black adults	64	15	20
Gender			
Men	68	11	21
Women	61	19	20
Age			
18-49	65	15	21
50+	63	18	19
Parental status			
Parent	63	17	19
Not a parent	65	14	21
Educational attainment			
HS or less	59	20	21
Some college	63	14	22
Bachelor's+	74	9	16
Religion**			
Protestant	68	12	19
Unaffiliated	61	18	21

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Is having a lot of debt a dealbreaker?

*% of single-and-looking Black adults who say they ___ being in a committed romantic relationship with someone who **has a significant amount of debt****

	NET Definitely/Probably would consider	NET Definitely/Probably would not consider	Have already done this
Total			
All single-and-looking Black adults	33	56	10
Gender			
Men	42	48	10
Women	25	64	11
Age			
18-49	36	54	10
50+	25	62	12
Parental status			
Parent	30	56	13
Not a parent	36	56	7
Educational attainment			
HS or less	34	53	13
Some college	28	60	11
Bachelor's+	38	57	5
Religion**			
Protestant	33	57	9
Unaffiliated	33	54	12

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Is raising kids from another relationship a dealbreaker?

*% of single-and-looking Black adults who say they __ being in a committed romantic relationship with someone who **is raising children from another relationship****

	NET Definitely/Probably would consider	NET Definitely/Probably would not consider	Have already done this
Total			
All single-and-looking Black adults	46	38	16
Gender			
Men	46	40	13
Women	45	36	19
Age			
18-49	45	40	16
50+	48	33	19
Parental status			
Parent	50	29	21
Not a parent	41	48	11
Educational attainment			
HS or less	45	37	18
Some college	45	38	17
Bachelor's+	49	39	12
Religion**			
Protestant	47	36	17
Unaffiliated	47	39	14

* Figures exclude those who are widowed.
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Is living far away a dealbreaker?

*% of single-and-looking Black adults who say they ___ being in a committed romantic relationship with someone who **lives far away from them****

	NET Definitely/Probably would consider	NET Definitely/Probably would not consider	Have already done this
Total			
All single-and-looking Black adults	43	43	14
Gender			
Men	47	40	13
Women	39	46	14
Age			
18-49	43	44	13
50+	44	41	14
Parental status			
Parent	42	44	14
Not a parent	43	43	13
Educational attainment			
HS or less	39	48	14
Some college	51	36	13
Bachelor's+	40	45	14
Religion**			
Protestant	44	41	14
Unaffiliated	37	47	15

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Is making significantly more money a dealbreaker?

*% of single-and-looking Black adults who say they ___ being in a committed romantic relationship with someone who **makes significantly more money than them****

	NET Definitely/Probably would consider	NET Definitely/Probably would not consider	Have already done this
Total			
All single-and-looking Black adults	76	11	13
Gender			
Men	74	12	13
Women	78	10	12
Age			
18-49	75	12	13
50+	78	10	11
Parental status			
Parent	76	9	14
Not a parent	75	13	12
Educational attainment			
HS or less	71	16	12
Some college	74	10	15
Bachelor's+	86	4	9
Religion**			
Protestant	78	10	12
Unaffiliated	75	13	12

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Is making significantly less money a dealbreaker?

*% of single-and-looking Black adults who say they ___ being in a committed romantic relationship with someone who **makes significantly less money than them****

	NET Definitely/Probably would consider	NET Definitely/Probably would not consider	Have already done this
Total			
All single-and-looking Black adults	51	31	18
Gender			
Men	63	18	18
Women	39	42	18
Age			
18-49	53	31	16
50+	46	30	23
Parental status			
Parent	47	30	23
Not a parent	55	32	13
Educational attainment			
HS or less	54	27	19
Some college	47	31	21
Bachelor's+	51	35	14
Religion*			
Protestant	48	32	20
Unaffiliated	54	30	16

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Is not voting a dealbreaker?

*% of single-and-looking Black adults who say they ___ being in a committed romantic relationship with someone who **does not vote****

	NET Definitely/Probably would consider	NET Definitely/Probably would not consider	Have already done this
Total			
All single-and-looking Black adults	48	34	17
Gender			
Men	55	26	19
Women	41	42	16
Age			
18-49	49	32	19
50+	45	40	13
Parental status			
Parent	47	33	19
Not a parent	49	36	15
Educational attainment			
HS or less	47	31	21
Some college	48	34	18
Bachelor's+	48	40	11
Religion*			
Protestant	48	34	18
Unaffiliated	44	37	19

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Methodology

The American Trends Panel survey methodology

Overview

Data in this report comes from Wave 174 of the American Trends Panel (ATP), Pew Research Center's nationally representative panel of randomly selected U.S. adults. The survey was conducted June 16-29, 2025. A total of 6,871 panelists responded out of 12,032 who were sampled, for a survey-level response rate of 58% (AAPOR RR3).[4] This includes 3,657 respondents from the ATP and an additional oversample of 3,214 Black Americans from the SSRS Opinion Panel.

The cumulative response rate accounting for nonresponse to the recruitment surveys and attrition is 2%. The break-off rate among panelists who logged on to the survey and completed at least one item is 3%. The margin of sampling error for the full sample of 6,871 respondents is plus or minus 2.1 percentage points.

The survey includes oversamples of Black adults and non-Hispanic Asian adults from the ATP in order to provide more precise estimates of the opinions and experiences of these smaller demographic subgroups. These oversampled groups are weighted back to reflect their correct proportions in the population.

SSRS conducted the survey for Pew Research Center via online (n=6,339) and live telephone (n=532) interviewing. Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish.

To learn more about the ATP, read "About the American Trends Panel."[5]

Panel recruitment

Since 2018, the ATP has used address-based sampling (ABS) for recruitment. A study cover letter and a pre-incentive are mailed to a stratified, random sample of households selected from the U.S. Postal Service's Computerized Delivery Sequence File. This Postal Service file has been estimated to cover 90% to 98% of the population.[6] Within each sampled household, the adult with the next birthday is selected to participate. Other details of the ABS recruitment protocol have changed

[4] The response rate is calculated as the number of eligible completes over the sum of eligible completes, breakoffs and nonrespondents, where it is estimated that 99% of nonrespondents would have been eligible if they responded.
[5] Learn more about the SSRS Opinion Panel.
[6] AAPOR Task Force on Address-based Sampling. 2016. "AAPOR Report: Address-based Sampling."

over time but are available upon request.[7] Prior to 2018, the ATP was recruited using landline and cellphone random-digit-dial surveys administered in English and Spanish.

A national sample of U.S. adults has been recruited to the ATP approximately once per year since 2014. In some years, the recruitment has included additional efforts (known as an "oversample") to improve the accuracy of data for underrepresented groups. For example, Hispanic adults, Black adults and Asian adults were oversampled in 2019, 2022 and 2023, respectively.

Sample design

The overall target population for this survey was noninstitutionalized persons ages 18 and older living in the United States. It featured a stratified random sample from the ATP in which Black adults and non-Hispanic Asian adults were selected with certainty. The remaining ATP panelists were sampled at rates designed to ensure that the share of respondents in each stratum is proportional to its share of the U.S. adult population to the greatest extent possible. Respondent weights are adjusted to account for differential probabilities of selection as described in the Weighting section below.

The ATP was supplemented with a sample from the SSRS Opinion Panel (OP) of panelists who had previously identified as Black or African American, either alone or in combination with another race/ethnicity.

At the start of the survey, potentially eligible respondents were asked a series of screening questions to confirm their eligibility. For the OP sample, respondents were considered eligible if they indicated they identified as Black either alone or in combination with another race/ethnicity. For the ATP sample, all respondents were eligible for the survey, but those who previously identified as Black were re-asked their race and ethnicity, and some questions were asked only of respondents who reconfirmed as Black.

Questionnaire development and testing

The questionnaire was developed by Pew Research Center in consultation with SSRS. The web program used for online respondents was rigorously tested on both PC and mobile devices by the SSRS project team and Pew Research Center researchers. The SSRS project team also populated test data that was analyzed in SPSS to ensure the logic and randomizations were working as intended before launching the survey.

[7] Email pewsurveys@pewresearch.org.

Incentives

All respondents were offered a post-paid incentive for their participation. Respondents could choose to receive the post-paid incentive in the form of a check or gift code to Amazon.com, Target.com or Walmart.com. Incentive amounts ranged from $5 to $20 for ATP respondents, and $5 to $10 for OP respondents, depending on whether the respondent belongs to a part of the population that is harder or easier to reach. Differential incentive amounts were designed to increase panel survey participation among groups that traditionally have low survey response propensities.

Data collection protocol

The data collection field period for this survey was June 16 to June 29, 2025. Surveys were conducted via self-administered web survey or by live telephone interviewing.

For panelists who take surveys online:[8] Postcard notifications were mailed to a subset on June 16.[9] Survey invitations were sent out in two separate launches: soft launch and full launch. 210 panelists were included in the soft launch (60 from ATP, 150 from OP), which began with an initial invitation sent on June 16. All remaining English- and Spanish-speaking sampled online panelists were included in the full launch and were sent an invitation on June 17.

Invitation and reminder dates for web respondents, ATP Wave 174

	ATP		SSRS OP	
	Soft launch	**Full launch**	**Soft launch**	**Full launch**
Initial invitation	June 16, 2025	June 17, 2025	June 16, 2025	June 17, 2025
First reminder	June 20, 2025	June 20, 2025	June 20, 2025	June 20, 2025
Second reminder	June 22, 2025	June 22, 2025	June 22 or 23, 2025	June 22 or 23, 2025
Final reminder	June 25, 2025	June 25, 2025	June 25, 2025	June 25, 2025

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[8] The ATP does not use routers or chains in any part of its online data collection protocol, nor are they used to direct respondents to additional surveys.
[9] Postcard notifications for web panelists are sent to 1) panelists who were recruited within the last two years and 2) panelists recruited prior to the last two years who opt to continue receiving postcard notifications.

Panelists participating online were sent an email invitation and up to three email reminders if they did not respond to the survey. ATP panelists who consented to SMS messages were sent an SMS invitation with a link to the survey and up to three SMS reminders.

For panelists who take surveys over the phone with a live interviewer: Prenotification postcards were mailed on June 13. Soft launch took place on June 16 and involved dialing until a total of four interviews had been completed. All remaining English- and Spanish-speaking sampled phone panelists' numbers were dialed throughout the remaining field period. Panelists who take surveys via phone can receive up to six calls from trained SSRS interviewers.

Data quality checks

To ensure high-quality data, Center researchers performed data quality checks to identify any respondents showing patterns of satisficing. This includes checking for whether respondents left questions blank at very high rates or always selected the first or last answer presented. As a result of this checking, four respondents were removed from the survey dataset prior to weighting and analysis.

Weighting

The ATP data is weighted in a process that accounts for multiple stages of sampling and nonresponse that occur at different points in the panel survey process. First, each panelist begins with a base weight that reflects their probability of recruitment into the panel. Base weights for OP respondents were provided by SSRS. The base weights for ATP and OP respondents were combined and scaled to account for the sample design.

The combined weights were then calibrated to align with the population benchmarks in the accompanying table and trimmed at the 1st and 99th percentiles to reduce the loss in precision stemming from variance in the weights. Sampling errors and tests of statistical significance take into account the effect of weighting.

American Trends Panel weighting dimensions

Variable	Benchmark source
Age (detailed) Age x Gender Education x Gender Education x Age Race/Ethnicity x Education Race/Ethnicity x Gender Race/Ethnicity x Age Black (alone or in combination) Born inside vs. outside the U.S. among Hispanics and Asian Americans Years lived in the U.S. Census region x Metropolitan status	2023 American Community Survey (ACS)
Volunteerism	2023 CPS Volunteering & Civic Life Supplement
Frequency of internet use Religious affiliation Party affiliation x Race/Ethnicity Party affiliation x Age	2024 National Public Opinion Reference Survey (NPORS)
Self-reported 2024 presidential election turnout and vote choice	Candidate vote share is based on official results from the Federal Election Commission. Turnout is based on estimates from the Election Lab at the University of Florida. The size of the voting-eligible population is based on the 2023 ACS.

Note: Estimates from the ACS are based on noninstitutionalized adults.

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The following table shows the unweighted sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the survey.

Sample sizes and margins of error, ATP Wave 174

Group	Unweighted sample size	Plus or minus ...
Total sample	6,871	2.1 percentage points
Black adults	4,271	2.2 percentage points
Non-Black adults	2,555	2.5 percentage points

Note: This survey includes oversamples of Black and non-Hispanic Asian respondents. Unweighted sample sizes do not account for the sample design or weighting and do not describe a group's contribution to weighted estimates. See the Sample design and Weighting sections above for details.

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Sample sizes and sampling errors for other subgroups are available upon request. In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

Dispositions and response rates

Final dispositions, ATP Wave 174

	AAPOR code	ATP	SSRS OP	TOTAL
Completed interview	1.1	3,657	3,214	6,871
Eligible panelist, but broke off before completing survey	2.10	17	172	189
Survey completed after close of the field period	2.27	0	0	0
Eligible, but other non-interview	2.30	0	0	0
Completed interview but was removed for data quality	2.90	3	1	4
Screener not completed	3.20	409	4,460	4,869
Screened out	4.10	0	99	99
Total panelists sampled for the survey		**4,086**	**7,946**	**12,032**
Completed interviews	I	3,657	3,214	6,871
Partial interviews	P	0	0	0
Refusals	R	17	172	189
Non-contact	NC	0	0	0
Other	O	3	1	4
Unknown household	UH	0	0	0
Unknown other	UO	409	4,460	4,869
Not eligible	NE	0	99	99
Total		**4,086**	**7,946**	**12,032**
Est. eligibility rate among unscreened: e = (I+P+R+NC+O)/(I+P+R+NC+O+NE)		100%	97%	99%
AAPOR RR1 = I / (I+P+R+NC+O+UH+UO)		90%	41%	58%
AAPOR RR3 = I / (I+P+R+NC+O+[e*(UH+UO)])		**90%**	**42%**	**58%**

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Cumulative response rate, ATP Wave 174

	ATP	SSRS OP	TOTAL
Weighted response rate to recruitment surveys	11%	5%	7%
% of recruitment survey respondents who agreed to join the panel, among those invited	73%	60%	64%
% of those agreeing to join who were active panelists at start of Wave 174	34%	77%	62%
Response rate to Wave 174 survey	90%	42%	58%
Cumulative response rate	3%	1%	2%

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How family income tiers are calculated

Family income data reported in this study is adjusted for household size and cost-of-living differences by geography. Panelists then are assigned to income tiers that are based on the median adjusted family income of all American Trends Panel members. The process uses the following steps:

1. First, panelists are assigned to the midpoint of the income range they selected in a family income question that was measured on either the most recent annual profile survey or, for newly recruited panelists, their recruitment survey. This provides an approximate income value that can be used in calculations for the adjustment.

2. Next, these income values are adjusted for the cost of living in the geographic area where the panelist lives. This is calculated using price indexes published by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis. These indexes, known as Regional Price Parities (RPP), compare the prices of goods and services across all U.S. metropolitan statistical areas as well as non-metro areas with the national average prices for the same goods and services. The most recent available data at the time of the annual profile survey is from 2022. Those who fall outside of metropolitan statistical areas are assigned the overall RPP for their state's non-metropolitan area.

3. Family incomes are further adjusted for the number of people in a household using the methodology from Pew Research Center's previous work on the American middle class. This is done because a four-person household with an income of say, $50,000, faces a tighter budget constraint than a two-person household with the same income.

4. Panelists are then assigned an income tier. "Middle-income" adults are in families with adjusted family incomes that are between two-thirds and double the median adjusted family income for the full ATP at the time of the most recent annual profile survey. The median adjusted family income for the panel is roughly $74,100. Using this median income, the middle-income range is about $49,400 to $148,200. Lower-income families have adjusted incomes less than $49,400 and upper-income families have adjusted incomes greater than $148,200 (all figures expressed in 2023 dollars and scaled to a household size of three). If a panelist did not provide their income and/or their household size, they are assigned "no answer" in the income tier variable.

Two examples of how a given area's cost-of-living adjustment was calculated are as follows: the Pine Bluff metropolitan area in Arkansas is a relatively inexpensive area, with a price level that is 19.1% less than the national average. The San Francisco-Oakland-Berkeley metropolitan area in

California is one of the most expensive areas, with a price level that is 17.9% higher than the national average. Income in the sample is adjusted to make up for this difference. As a result, a family with an income of $40,400 in the Pine Bluff area is as well off financially as a family of the same size with an income of $58,900 in San Francisco.

The respondents from the SSRS Opinion Panel oversample answered the same family income (but about their 2024 income) and household size questions, and their incomes were adjusted using the procedures detailed above. They were then assigned an income tier based on the median adjusted family income for the full ATP at the time of the most recent annual profile survey.

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Topline

2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 174: National Survey of Black Americans
June 16-29, 2025

TOPLINE
Black adults N=4,271
U.S. adults N=6,871

Note: "Black adults" refers to U.S. adults who are Black alone and non-Hispanic, Black in combination with other races and non-Hispanic, or Black and Hispanic.

All numbers are percentages unless otherwise noted. Percentages greater than zero but less than 0.5% are replaced by an asterisk (*). 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.

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.

PN = Programming note

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
All U.S. adults	6,871	+/- 2.1 percentage points
Single U.S. adults	2,499	+/- 3.9 percentage points
Black adults	4,271	+/- 2.2 percentage points
Single Black adults	1,815	+/- 3.4 percentage points
Single and not looking	840	+/- 5.0 percentage points
Single and looking	971	+/- 4.8 percentage points
Single-and-looking men	304	+/- 8.0 percentage points
Single-and-looking women	662	+/- 5.5 percentage points

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

COMMREL
ASK IF NOT MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER:

Are you currently in a committed romantic relationship?

Black adults:

Total	
28	Yes
72	No
*	No answer

n=2,611

All U.S. adults:

Total	
21	Yes
78	No
1	No answer

n=3,492

SEEKING
ASK IF NOT MARRIED, NOT LIVING WITH A PARTNER OR NOT IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP:

Which of these best describes what you are looking for right now?

Single Black adults:

		- All -		*- Single and looking -*	
Total		Not looking	Looking	Men	Women
18	A committed romantic relationship only	-	35	24	45
12	Casual dates only	-	22	27	18
22	Either a committed romantic relationship or casual dates	-	43	49	37
47	Not currently looking for a relationship or casual dates	100	-	-	-
*	No answer	-	-	-	-

All single U.S. adults:

Total	
15	A committed romantic relationship only
6	Casual dates only
20	Either a committed romantic relationship or casual dates
59	Not currently looking for a relationship or casual dates
*	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

QUALSPOUSE
ASK IF BLACK:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS ACROSS TWO SCREENS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Some people have different ideas about what makes a good spouse or partner. How important is it to you that a good spouse or partner...

Single Black adults:

		- All -		*- Single and looking -*	
Total		Not looking	Looking	Men	Women
QUALSPOUSE_a	Is financially stable				
66	**Extremely/Very important (NET)**	**65**	**66**	**50**	**81**
34	Extremely important	32	36	25	46
32	Very important	33	30	25	35
23	Somewhat important	22	24	37	13
10	**Not too/Not at all important (NET)**	**12**	**9**	**13**	**6**
5	Not too important	4	6	9	4
5	Not at all important	8	3	4	2
1	No answer	1	*	1	*
QUALSPOUSE_b	Helps with household chores				
69	**Extremely/Very important (NET)**	**67**	**71**	**62**	**78**
34	Extremely important	33	35	26	42
35	Very important	34	36	36	36
23	Somewhat important	23	23	28	19
7	**Not too/Not at all important (NET)**	**9**	**6**	**9**	**3**
4	Not too important	4	4	7	1
3	Not at all important	5	2	2	2
1	No answer	1	*	*	*
QUALSPOUSE_c	Has a college degree				
19	**Extremely/Very important (NET)**	**19**	**19**	**16**	**22**
9	Extremely important	9	9	7	10
10	Very important	10	11	9	11
26	Somewhat important	22	30	25	34
54	**Not too/Not at all important (NET)**	**58**	**51**	**58**	**44**
28	Not too important	29	27	28	26
26	Not at all important	28	24	30	18
1	No answer	1	*	*	*

QUALSPOUSE CONTINUED …

Single Black adults:

		- All -		- Single and looking -	
Total		Not looking	Looking	Men	Women
QUALSPOUSE_d	Is caring and compassionate				
84	**Extremely/Very important (NET)**	**79**	**88**	**82**	**93**
54	Extremely important	50	57	46	67
30	Very important	29	31	36	25
11	Somewhat important	13	8	11	6
5	**Not too/Not at all important (NET)**	**6**	**4**	**6**	**1**
2	Not too important	2	2	3	1
3	Not at all important	4	2	3	*
1	No answer	2	*	*	-
QUALSPOUSE_e	Is romantic				
66	**Extremely/Very important (NET)**	**56**	**75**	**68**	**82**
33	Extremely important	26	39	33	44
33	Very important	30	37	34	39
21	Somewhat important	24	17	21	14
12	**Not too/Not at all important (NET)**	**19**	**7**	**11**	**3**
6	Not too important	8	4	7	1
7	Not at all important	10	3	4	2
1	No answer	1	*	*	-
QUALSPOUSE_f	Has a close relationship with their family				
52	**Extremely/Very important (NET)**	**54**	**51**	**42**	**59**
25	Extremely important	25	24	22	27
27	Very important	28	27	20	32
29	Somewhat important	26	32	32	32
18	**Not too/Not at all important (NET)**	**20**	**17**	**26**	**9**
11	Not too important	9	12	18	7
8	Not at all important	11	5	8	2
1	No answer	1	*	*	-
QUALSPOUSE_g	Believes in God				
68	**Extremely/Very important (NET)**	**67**	**69**	**62**	**76**
46	Extremely important	45	47	36	56
22	Very important	22	22	26	19
15	Somewhat important	14	15	15	16
17	**Not too/Not at all important (NET)**	**18**	**15**	**22**	**8**
8	Not too important	7	8	13	4
9	Not at all important	11	7	10	4
1	No answer	1	*	*	*

QUALSPOUSE CONTINUED …

Single Black adults:

		- All -		- Single and looking -	
Total		Not looking	Looking	Men	Women
QUALSPOUSE_h	Wants to have children				
31	**Extremely/Very important (NET)**	**27**	**34**	**32**	**36**
15	Extremely important	12	18	16	20
16	Very important	15	17	17	16
20	Somewhat important	17	23	30	17
48	**Not too/Not at all important (NET)**	**54**	**42**	**38**	**47**
16	Not too important	17	14	15	13
32	Not at all important	37	28	22	34
1	No answer	1	*	*	*

All Black adults:

Total	
QUALSPOUSE_a	Is financially stable
66	**Extremely/Very important (NET)**
33	Extremely important
32	Very important
24	Somewhat important
9	**Not too/Not at all important (NET)**
6	Not too important
3	Not at all important
1	No answer
QUALSPOUSE_b	Helps with household chores
71	**Extremely/Very important (NET)**
35	Extremely important
36	Very important
23	Somewhat important
6	**Not too/Not at all important (NET)**
3	Not too important
2	Not at all important
1	No answer
QUALSPOUSE_c	Has a college degree
19	**Extremely/Very important (NET)**
9	Extremely important
10	Very important
25	Somewhat important
55	**Not too/Not at all important (NET)**
28	Not too important
27	Not at all important
1	No answer

QUALSPOUSE CONTINUED …

All Black adults:

Total	
QUALSPOUSE_d	Is caring and compassionate
86	**Extremely/Very important (NET)**
56	Extremely important
30	Very important
10	Somewhat important
3	**Not too/Not at all important (NET)**
2	Not too important
2	Not at all important
1	No answer
QUALSPOUSE_e	Is romantic
66	**Extremely/Very important (NET)**
33	Extremely important
33	Very important
24	Somewhat important
10	**Not too/Not at all important (NET)**
6	Not too important
4	Not at all important
1	No answer
QUALSPOUSE_f	Has a close relationship with their family
53	**Extremely/Very important (NET)**
25	Extremely important
28	Very important
29	Somewhat important
17	**Not too/Not at all important (NET)**
11	Not too important
6	Not at all important
1	No answer
QUALSPOUSE_g	Believes in God
69	**Extremely/Very important (NET)**
48	Extremely important
21	Very important
15	Somewhat important
15	**Not too/Not at all important (NET)**
7	Not too important
9	Not at all important
1	No answer
QUALSPOUSE_h	Wants to have children
38	**Extremely/Very important (NET)**
21	Extremely important
17	Very important
21	Somewhat important
40	**Not too/Not at all important (NET)**
15	Not too important
25	Not at all important
1	No answer

DATEREASON
ASK IF BLACK, NOT WIDOWED AND NOT IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS ACROSS TWO SCREENS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

Please indicate if each of the following is a reason why you are not currently in a relationship.

Single Black adults:

		- *All* -		- *Single and looking* -	
Total		Not looking	Looking	Men	Women
DATEREASON_a	Just like being single				
32	Major reason	42	24	25	23
32	Minor reason	26	37	36	37
35	Not a reason	31	39	38	40
1	No answer	1	*	*	*
DATEREASON_b	Just like dating without commitment				
12	Major reason	10	14	14	15
20	Minor reason	15	24	25	22
67	Not a reason	73	61	60	62
1	No answer	2	1	1	1
DATEREASON_c	Feel like I am too old				
9	Major reason	11	7	7	7
21	Minor reason	16	25	28	21
70	Not a reason	72	68	64	71
1	No answer	1	*	*	*
DATEREASON_d	Not financially stable enough				
25	Major reason	25	24	30	19
28	Minor reason	19	36	41	32
46	Not a reason	55	39	29	49
1	No answer	1	*	*	1
DATEREASON_e	Haven't had luck with dating or relationships in the past				
30	Major reason	24	35	30	40
26	Minor reason	20	32	34	30
43	Not a reason	55	33	35	31
1	No answer	1	*	1	-
DATEREASON_f	Too busy				
17	Major reason	17	18	20	15
27	Minor reason	21	31	32	30
55	Not a reason	60	51	47	54
1	No answer	1	*	*	1

DATEREASON CONTINUED …
Single Black adults:

		- All -		- Single and looking -	
Total		Not looking	Looking	Men	Women
DATEREASON_g	Feel like no one would be interested in me				
18	Major reason	16	20	22	17
22	Minor reason	16	28	30	25
59	Not a reason	66	52	47	57
1	No answer	1	*	*	*
DATEREASON_h	Not ready after ending a relationship				
18	Major reason	19	18	20	15
21	Minor reason	16	25	22	27
60	Not a reason	63	57	57	58
1	No answer	1	*	1	*
n=1,633		*n=731*	*n=900*	*n=289*	*n=606*

DATECON
ASK IF BLACK, NOT WIDOWED AND NOT IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS ACROSS TWO SCREENS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 HOLDING 5, 98, AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

Would you ever consider being in a committed relationship with someone who...

Single Black adults:

			- *All* -		- *Single and looking* -	
Total			Not looking	Looking	Men	Women
DATECON_a	Has different religious views than you					
44	**Would consider (NET)**	**38**	**48**	**56**	**41**
10	Definitely would consider	8	11	15	8
34	Probably would consider	30	37	41	33
40	**Would not consider (NET)**	**44**	**38**	**30**	**45**
20	Probably would not consider	19	21	17	24
20	Definitely would not consider	24	17	13	20
15	Have already done this	17	14	13	15
1	No answer	2	*	*	-
DATECON_b	Is of a different race or ethnicity than you					
62	**Would consider (NET)**	**60**	**64**	**68**	**61**
29	Definitely would consider	24	35	42	28
33	Probably would consider	36	29	26	33
19	**Would not consider (NET)**	**24**	**15**	**11**	**19**
11	Probably would not consider	14	8	7	9
9	Definitely would not consider	10	7	4	10
18	Have already done this	15	20	21	20
1	No answer	1	*	*	-

DATECON CONTINUED …
Single Black adults:

		- All -		- Single and looking -	
Total		Not looking	Looking	Men	Women
DATECON_c	Has a significant amount of debt				
27	**Would consider (NET)**	**21**	**33**	**42**	**25**
8	Definitely would consider	6	9	13	5
20	Probably would consider	14	24	29	19
60	**Would not consider (NET)**	**65**	**56**	**48**	**64**
28	Probably would not consider	23	32	29	34
32	Definitely would not consider	42	25	19	30
12	Have already done this	13	10	10	11
1	No answer	2	*	*	*
DATECON_d	Is raising children from another relationship				
43	**Would consider (NET)**	**41**	**46**	**46**	**45**
13	Definitely would consider	12	15	15	15
30	Probably would consider	28	31	32	30
39	**Would not consider (NET)**	**40**	**38**	**40**	**36**
17	Probably would not consider	14	20	18	21
21	Definitely would not consider	25	18	22	15
17	Have already done this	19	16	13	19
1	No answer	1	*	*	*
DATECON_e	Lives far away from you				
35	**Would consider (NET)**	**26**	**43**	**47**	**39**
9	Definitely would consider	6	11	15	8
26	Probably would consider	20	32	32	31
50	**Would not consider (NET)**	**58**	**43**	**40**	**46**
24	Probably would not consider	22	25	26	25
26	Definitely would not consider	35	18	14	22
14	Have already done this	15	14	13	14
1	No answer	1	*	*	-

DATECON CONTINUED …
Single Black adults:

Total		- All -		- Single and looking -	
		Not looking	Looking	Men	Women
DATECON_f	Makes significantly more money than you				
73	**Would consider (NET)**	**70**	**76**	**74**	**78**
38	Definitely would consider	29	46	40	51
35	Probably would consider	41	30	34	26
13	**Would not consider (NET)**	**15**	**11**	**12**	**10**
8	Probably would not consider	8	7	8	6
5	Definitely would not consider	7	4	4	4
13	Have already done this	14	13	13	12
1	No answer	2	*	*	-
DATECON_g	Makes significantly less money than you				
47	**Would consider (NET)**	**43**	**51**	**63**	**39**
13	Definitely would consider	13	13	21	7
34	Probably would consider	30	38	42	33
33	**Would not consider (NET)**	**36**	**31**	**18**	**42**
19	Probably would not consider	19	18	13	23
14	Definitely would not consider	17	12	5	19
19	Have already done this	19	18	18	18
1	No answer	1	*	*	*
DATECON_h	Does not vote				
45	**Would consider (NET)**	**43**	**48**	**55**	**41**
17	Definitely would consider	16	18	24	13
28	Probably would consider	27	29	31	28
36	**Would not consider (NET)**	**38**	**34**	**26**	**42**
20	Probably would not consider	22	18	12	23
16	Definitely would not consider	16	16	14	19
17	Have already done this	17	17	19	16
1	No answer	2	*	*	*
n=1,633		*n=731*	*n=900*	*n=289*	*n=606*

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

Questionnaire

2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 174: National Survey of Black Americans
June 16-29, 2025

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

TXT
SAMPLE SOURCE FOR SURVEY PROGRAMMING LOGIC

X_PANEL
1=ATP (SSRS SampSource=7)
2=SSRS OP (SSRS SampSource=2)

CODEBOOK FOR GENERIC ROTATION VARIABLE TO BE USED IN SURVEY PROGRAMMING LOGIC

ROTATION_GEN
1 Scale in ascending order (1-5)
2 Scale in descending order (5-1)
Note: Flag created by programmers to assign panelists' rotation orders for the following questions: FAMFINHURT, FAMFINHELP, BLK_LEARNMAN, BLK_LEARNWOMAN, BLK_MEDIAMAN, BLK_MEDIAWOMAN, PRESMAN, PRESWOMAN, DATINGINFL
Source: Created by programmers and randomly assigned to all sampled panelists.

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

X_ATPBLACK
1 ATP Black
2 ATP non-Black
Note: Flag to identify ATP Black and non-Black panelists for welcome and closing messages.
Source: Frame file variable F_RACEMOD_2. If F_RACEMOD_2=1, X_ATPBLACK=1. Otherwise X_ATPBLACK=2.

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

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED OR HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

QUE: COMMREL
ASK IF NOT MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER (MARITAL=3,4,5,6,98,99):

Are you currently in a committed romantic relationship?

[PN: IF CATI:] **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

1 Yes
2 No
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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QUE: SEEKING

ASK IF NOT MARRIED, NOT LIVING WITH A PARTNER OR NOT IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP (COMMREL=2):

Which of these best describes what you are looking for right now?

[PN: IF CATI:] **(READ LIST)**

1 A committed romantic relationship only
2 Casual dates only
3 Either a committed romantic relationship or casual dates
4 Not currently looking for a relationship or casual dates
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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BAT: QUALSPOUSE

ASK IF BLACK (ATPBLACK=1 OR X_PANEL=2):
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS ACROSS TWO SCREENS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS SATLIFE_MOD HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]
[PN: SHOW "READ FOR FIRST ITEM" AND "READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS" ON THE FIRST SCREEN; ON THE FIRST SCREEN, BETWEEN THE QUESTION TEXT AND THE GRID, INCLUDE AN INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: "[INTERVIEWER NOTE: QUESTION CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE]"; ONLY SHOW "READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS" ON THE SECOND SCREEN]

[PN: IF WEB:] Some people have different ideas about what makes a good spouse or partner. How important is it to you that a good spouse or partner...

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] Some people have different ideas about what makes a good spouse or partner. How important is it to you that a good spouse or partner **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] Next, how about **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ AS NECESSARY:** How important is it to you that a good spouse or partner **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

BATTERY ITEMS:
a Is financially stable
b Helps with household chores
c Has a college degree
d Is caring and compassionate
e Is romantic
f Has a close relationship with their family
g Believes in God
h Wants to have children

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:
1 Extremely important
2 Very important
3 Somewhat important
4 Not too important
5 Not at all important
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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BAT: DATEREASON
ASK IF BLACK, NOT WIDOWED AND NOT IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP ((ATPBLACK=1 OR X_PANEL=2) AND MARITAL=3,4,6,98,99 AND COMMREL=2):
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS ACROSS TWO SCREENS;; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]
[PN: SHOW "READ FOR FIRST ITEM" AND "READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS" ON THE FIRST SCREEN; ON THE FIRST SCREEN, BETWEEN THE QUESTION TEXT AND THE GRID, INCLUDE AN INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: "[INTERVIEWER NOTE: QUESTION CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE]"; ONLY SHOW "READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS" ON THE SECOND SCREEN]

[PN: IF WEB:] Please indicate if each of the following is a reason why you are not currently in a relationship.

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] Please indicate if each of the following is a reason why you are not currently in a relationship. First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] Next, **(INSERT ITEM)**.
(READ AS NECESSARY: Is this a reason why you are not currently in a relationship? **(READ LIST))**

BATTERY ITEMS:
a Just like being single
b Just like dating without commitment
c **[PN: IF WEB:]** Feel like I am too old **[PN: IF CATI:]** Feel like you are too old
d Not financially stable enough
e Haven't had luck with dating or relationships in the past
f Too busy
g **[PN: IF WEB:]** Feel like no one would be interested in me **[PN: IF CATI:]** Feel like no one would be interested in you
h Not ready after ending a relationship

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:
1 Major reason
2 Minor reason
3 Not a reason
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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BAT: DATECON
ASK IF BLACK, NOT WIDOWED AND NOT IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP ((ATPBLACK=1 OR X_PANEL=2) AND MARITAL=3,4,6,98,99 AND COMMREL=2):
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS ACROSS TWO SCREENS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4/4-1 HOLDING 5, 98, AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]
[PN: SHOW "READ FOR FIRST ITEM" AND "READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS" ON THE FIRST SCREEN; ON THE FIRST SCREEN, BETWEEN THE QUESTION TEXT AND THE GRID, INCLUDE AN INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: "[INTERVIEWER NOTE: QUESTION CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE]"; ONLY SHOW "READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS" ON THE SECOND SCREEN]

[PN: IF WEB:] Would you ever consider being in a committed relationship with someone who...

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] Would you ever consider being in a committed relationship with someone who **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] How about someone who **(INSERT ITEM)**?
(READ AS NECESSARY: Would you ever consider being in a committed relationship with someone who **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

BATTERY ITEMS:
a Has different religious views than you
b Is of a different race or ethnicity than you
c Has a significant amount of debt
d Is raising children from another relationship
e Lives far away from you
f Makes significantly more money than you
g Makes significantly less money than you
h Does not vote

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:
1 Definitely would consider
2 Probably would consider
3 Probably would not consider
4 Definitely would not consider
[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]
5 **[PN: IF WEB:]** Have already done this **[PN: IF CATI:]** Or have you already done this?
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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