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*

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