

Californians and Their Economic Well-Being November 2021

Time Trends – All Respondents

Methodology Note:

Findings for November 2021 are based on a survey of 2,292 California adult residents, conducted online using the Ipsos KnowledgePanel. Interviews were conducted in English, Spanish, Chinese (simplified or traditional), Vietnamese, and Korean according to the respondents' preferences. The median time to complete the survey was 16.2 minutes. Interviewing took place from October 12–31, 2021.

The sampling error for November 2021, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is ± 3.2 percent at the 95 percent confidence level for the total unweighted sample of 2,292 adults. This means that 95 times out of 100, the results will be within 3.2 percentage points of what they would be if all adults in California were interviewed. Sampling error is only one type of error to which surveys are subject. Results may also be affected by factors such as question wording, question order, and survey timing.

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Q1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way
 that Governor Newsom is handling the issue of
 jobs and the economy?

	Approve	Disapprove	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	61%	38%	1%	2280
Jul 2021	57%	41%	2%	1562
Apr 2021	56%	41%	4%	1592
Dec 2020	58%	40%	1%	2306
May 2020	59%	32%	9%	1691

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Q1a. Do you approve or disapprove of the way that Governor Newsom is handling the state's kindergarten through 12th grade public education system?

	Approve	Disapprove	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	60%	38%	2%	2281
Apr 2021	57%	41%	3%	1594
Apr 2020	73%	25%	2%	1630
Apr 2019	53%	38%	9%	1503

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Q2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way
 that the California Legislature is handling the
 issue of jobs and the economy?

	Approve	Disapprove	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	56%	43%	1%	2281
Dec 2020	53%	45%	2%	2310
Jan 2009	15%	74%	11%	1997

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Q3. How much of the time can you trust the state government to do what is right when it comes to handling the issue of jobs and the economy?

	Just about always	Most of the time	Only some of the time	None	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	7%	43%	49%	0%	0%	2283
Dec 2020	6%	44%	49%	0%	1%	2317

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Q4. Turning to economic conditions in California, do you think
 that during the next 12 months we will have good times
 financially or bad times?

	Good times	Bad times	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	47%	52%	1%	2288
Jul 2021	54%	44%	1%	1564
Apr 2021	54%	44%	2%	1597
Dec 2020	31%	68%	1%	2321
Jul 2020	19%	80%	1%	1558
Apr 2020	19%	79%	1%	1631
Jan 2020	49%	43%	8%	1694
Sep 2019	41%	50%	10%	1694
May 2019	44%	47%	9%	1702
Jan 2019	49%	42%	9%	1697
Dec 2018	46%	45%	9%	1687
Oct 2018	48%	39%	12%	1693
Sep 2018	53%	37%	10%	1689
May 2018	51%	39%	10%	1694
Jan 2018	56%	35%	10%	1695
Sep 2017	51%	40%	9%	1728
Mar 2017	51%	40%	9%	1696
Jan 2017	53%	35%	12%	1691
Oct 2016	47%	38%	15%	1696
Sep 2016	48%	40%	12%	1693
May 2016	50%	39%	11%	1691
Mar 2016	51%	40%	9%	1695
Jan 2016	49%	43%	8%	1693
Dec 2015	48%	41%	11%	1689
Sep 2015	48%	42%	9%	1700
Jun 2015	48%	42%	10%	1695
Mar 2015	52%	38%	10%	1686
Jan 2015	58%	34%	8%	1691
Dec 2014	52%	39%	9%	1684
Oct 2014	45%	44%	11%	1694
Sep 2014	44%	45%	10%	1687
May 2014	44%	47%	9%	1689
Mar 2014	46%	45%	10%	1693
Jan 2014	49%	45%	6%	1692
Dec 2013	43%	48%	9%	1692
Sep 2013	46%	44%	10%	1694
Jun 2013	46%	42%	12%	2468
May 2013	48%	44%	8%	1685
Mar 2013	44%	49%	8%	1691
Jan 2013	49%	40%	11%	1695
Dec 2012	41%	50%	9%	1987
Oct 2012	37%	53%	11%	1995

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	Good times	Bad times	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Sep 2012	33%	57%	10%	1983
May 2012	31%	61%	8%	1986
Mar 2012	34%	56%	10%	1994
Jan 2012	35%	56%	9%	1988
Dec 2011	31%	60%	9%	1986
Sep 2011	25%	67%	8%	1993
Jun 2011	26%	63%	11%	2479
Jun 2011	34%	58%	8%	1995
Mar 2011	30%	61%	8%	1987
Feb 2011	34%	54%	11%	2481
Jan 2011	36%	56%	7%	1989
Oct 2010	25%	62%	13%	1971
Sep 2010	29%	59%	12%	1984
Jul 2010	25%	67%	7%	2487
May 2010	28%	65%	8%	1990
Mar 2010	27%	65%	8%	1991
Jan 2010	25%	67%	8%	1990
Dec 2009	28%	66%	6%	1995
Nov 2009	23%	69%	8%	2487
Sep 2009	26%	67%	7%	1996
Jul 2009	18%	75%	7%	2493
Jun 2009	24%	69%	7%	2498
May 2009	25%	67%	8%	1998
Mar 2009	22%	71%	6%	1999
Feb 2009	22%	73%	6%	2496
Jan 2009	18%	77%	5%	1998
Nov 2008	20%	71%	10%	2489
Oct 2008	18%	74%	8%	1995
Sep 2008	20%	68%	11%	1996
Aug 2008	21%	71%	8%	1995
Jul 2008	15%	78%	6%	2498
Jun 2008	15%	78%	7%	2495
May 2008	17%	73%	10%	1988
Mar 2008	16%	76%	9%	1998
Jan 2008	20%	72%	9%	1991
Dec 2007	25%	65%	10%	1993
Sep 2007	33%	59%	8%	1992
Jun 2007	40%	49%	10%	1987
May 2007	38%	50%	12%	1990
Mar 2007	40%	51%	9%	1989
Jan 2007	50%	39%	11%	2009
Oct 2006	50%	37%	13%	1994
Sep 2006	45%	43%	12%	1999

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Q4. Turning to economic conditions in California, do you think
that during the next 12 months we will have good times
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	Good times	Bad times	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Aug 2006	43%	46%	12%	1993
Jul 2006	39%	46%	15%	2494
May 2006	37%	52%	12%	1994
Mar 2006	45%	43%	12%	1989
Feb 2006	42%	45%	13%	1995
Jan 2006	48%	42%	11%	1997
Jan 2006	41%	46%	13%	2487
Oct 2005	34%	56%	10%	1990
Sep 2005	32%	58%	10%	1993
Aug 2005	38%	51%	11%	1994
Jul 2005	42%	43%	15%	2489
May 2005	39%	49%	12%	1990
Apr 2005	38%	51%	11%	2492
Jan 2005	47%	39%	13%	1992
Oct 2004	42%	43%	14%	2007
Sep 2004	46%	40%	14%	1990
Aug 2004	45%	40%	15%	1989
Jul 2004	48%	40%	12%	2488
Jun 2004	41%	46%	13%	2479
May 2004	42%	44%	14%	1991
Feb 2004	43%	44%	13%	1974
Jan 2004	49%	36%	15%	1983
Nov 2003	39%	47%	14%	1985
Oct 2003	36%	43%	22%	1965
Sep 2003	32%	50%	18%	1959
Aug 2003	30%	53%	17%	1967
Jul 2003	34%	55%	10%	1977
Jun 2003	32%	58%	10%	1972
Feb 2003	20%	71%	10%	1978
Nov 2002	44%	46%	10%	1964
Oct 2002	38%	51%	12%	1960
Sep 2002	43%	46%	10%	1976
Aug 2002	39%	51%	10%	1976
Feb 2002	46%	47%	7%	2021
Jan 2002	48%	46%	6%	1950
Dec 2001	37%	56%	7%	1969
Nov 2001	33%	59%	9%	1970
Jul 2001	41%	50%	9%	1983
May 2001	38%	56%	6%	1984

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 that during the next 12 months we will have good times
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	Good times	Bad times	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Jan 2001	51%	38%	11%	1975
Aug 2000	72%	21%	7%	1970
Feb 2000	78%	15%	7%	2028
Dec 1999	76%	19%	6%	1992
Sep 1999	72%	23%	5%	1997

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Q5. Looking ahead, in California will we have
 mostly good times during the next five years or
 will we have mostly periods of widespread
 unemployment or depression?

	Good times	Periods of depression or unemployment	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	47%	52%	1%	2288
Dec 2020	40%	59%	1%	2316

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Q6. How much of a problem is the availability of well-paying jobs
 in your part of California today? Is it a big problem, somewhat of
 a problem, or not a problem?

	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Not a problem	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	22%	57%	21%	0%	2290
Dec 2020	27%	61%	12%	1%	2322

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Q7. Does the lack of well-paying jobs make you and your family seriously consider moving away from the part of California you live now?

	Yes, elsewhere in California	Yes, outside of the state	Yes, other	No	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	5%	21%	0%	74%	0%	2286
Dec 2020	6%	26%	0%	68%	1%	2316

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Q8. Now thinking about your own personal finances, would you say that you and your family are financially better off, worse off, or just about the same as you were a year ago?

	Better off	Worse off	About the same	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	20%	18%	62%	0%	2287
May 2021	20%	24%	56%	1%	1694
Dec 2020	16%	24%	59%	0%	2321
May 2020	16%	29%	54%	0%	1692
Nov 2019	23%	22%	54%	1%	1706
Dec 2013	22%	24%	54%	1%	1697
Dec 2011	15%	35%	49%	1%	1998
Dec 2009	9%	53%	36%	1%	2000
Sep 2002	30%	23%	45%	1%	1976
Dec 2001	21%	25%	53%	1%	1971
Jan 2001	38%	14%	48%	0%	1978
Sep 2000	42%	10%	47%	0%	1993
Sep 1999	36%	12%	52%	0%	2001
Jan 1999	31%	14%	55%	1%	1971
Oct 1998	35%	11%	53%	1%	2003
Sep 1998	33%	12%	54%	1%	1998
May 1998	36%	13%	50%	0%	2002
Apr 1998	37%	12%	51%	0%	1982

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Q9. Now looking ahead, do you think a year from now that you
 and your family will be better off, worse off, or just about the
 same as now?

	Better off	Worse off	About the same	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	29%	15%	56%	0%	2287
Dec 2020	23%	16%	60%	0%	2320
Sep 2002	44%	7%	44%	4%	1974
Dec 2001	41%	9%	47%	3%	1970
Jan 2001	41%	12%	43%	5%	1980
Sep 2000	48%	4%	43%	5%	1991
Sep 1999	44%	6%	48%	2%	1999
Jan 1999	43%	7%	48%	3%	1973
Oct 1998	45%	6%	47%	2%	2002
Sep 1998	40%	7%	51%	3%	1996
Apr 1998	44%	6%	48%	2%	1983

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Q11. Suppose that you have an emergency expense that costs \$1,000. Based on your current financial situation, how difficult would it be for you to pay for this expense?

	Not too difficult	Somewhat difficult	Very difficult	Nearly impossible	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	62%	22%	10%	7%	0%	2284
Dec 2020	55%	24%	13%	8%	0%	2320

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Q12. On another topic, do you think the American Dream—that if you work hard you'll get ahead—still holds true, never held true, or once held true but does not anymore?

	Still holds true	Never held true	Once held true, but not anymore	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	37%	16%	47%	0%	2286
Dec 2020	38%	16%	45%	0%	2321

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Q13. Do you think the American Dream is easier to achieve in California than elsewhere in the U.S. or harder to achieve?

	Easier to achieve	Harder to achieve	About the same	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	13%	57%	30%	1%	2288
Dec 2020	11%	58%	30%	1%	2324

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Q14. When children today in California grow up, do you think they will be better off or worse off financially than their parents?

	Better off	Worse off	About the same	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	36%	63%	0%	1%	2285
Dec 2020	35%	63%	0%	1%	2320
Dec 2018	40%	50%	2%	8%	1691
Dec 2014	37%	55%	3%	5%	1687

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Q15. Do you think the gap between the rich and the poor in your part of California is getting larger, getting smaller, or has it stayed the same?

	Getting larger	Getting smaller	Stayed the same	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	69%	6%	25%	1%	2282
May 2021	62%	5%	29%	4%	1692
Dec 2020	69%	6%	25%	0%	2321
Jan 2020	63%	3%	32%	2%	1703
Mar 2019	67%	5%	26%	3%	1702
May 2017	61%	2%	33%	4%	1702

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Q16. Looking ahead to the year 2030, do you think the gap between the rich and the poor in your part of California will be larger, be smaller, or will be the same?

	Be larger	Be smaller	Will be the same	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	64%	10%	25%	2%	2288
Dec 2020	61%	10%	28%	1%	2320

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Q17. Now, please indicate whether you or anyone in your household has done or experienced any of the following in the last 12 months...Been laid off or lost their job?

	Yes, happened to me	Yes, happened to someone in my household	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household	Did not happen to anyone in my household	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	9%	7%	3%	81%	2279
Dec 2020	12%	12%	3%	72%	2314

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Q18. Now, please indicate whether you or anyone in your household has done or experienced any of the following in the last 12 months...Had work hours reduced or pay cut?

	Yes, happened to me	Yes, happened to someone in my household	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household	Did not happen to anyone in my household	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	13%	10%	5%	71%	2282
Dec 2020	17%	14%	10%	60%	2316

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Q19. Now, please indicate whether you or anyone in your household has done or experienced any of the following in the last 12 months...Put off seeing a doctor or purchasing medication for financial reasons?

	Yes, happened to me	Yes, happened to someone in my household	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household	Did not happen to anyone in my household	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	10%	5%	3%	82%	2281
Dec 2020	10%	4%	7%	79%	2313

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Q20. Now, please indicate whether you or anyone in your household has done or experienced any of the following in the last 12 months...Was not able to pay a monthly bill?

	Yes, happened to me	Yes, happened to someone in my household	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household	Did not happen to anyone in my household	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	10%	4%	3%	83%	2282
Dec 2020	9%	5%	6%	81%	2316

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Q21. Now, please indicate whether you or anyone in your household has done or experienced any of the following in the last 12 months...Received food stamps?

	Yes, happened to me	Yes, happened to someone in my household	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household	Did not happen to anyone in my household	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	9%	5%	2%	84%	2282
Dec 2020	8%	5%	4%	82%	2316

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Q22. Now, please indicate whether you or anyone in your household has done or experienced any of the following in the last 12 months...Reduced meals or cut back on food to save money?

	Yes, happened to me	Yes, happened to someone in my household	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household	Did not happen to anyone in my household	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	12%	2%	7%	79%	2279
Dec 2020	11%	3%	10%	76%	2317

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Q23. Now, please indicate whether you or anyone in your household has done or experienced any of the following in the last 12 months...Received unemployment benefits?

	Yes, happened to me	Yes, happened to someone in my household	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household	Did not happen to anyone in my household	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	12%	11%	4%	73%	2283
Dec 2020	12%	14%	5%	68%	2314

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Q24. Now, please indicate whether you or anyone in your household has done or experienced any of the following in the last 12 months...Received food from a food bank or pantry?

	Yes, happened to me	Yes, happened to someone in my household	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household	Did not happen to anyone in my household	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	9%	4%	3%	84%	2280
Dec 2020	9%	4%	6%	80%	2315

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Q26. Now, please indicate whether you or anyone in your household has done or experienced any of the following in the last 12 months...Had difficulty paying rent or mortgage?

	Yes, happened to me	Yes, happened to someone in my household	Yes, happened to me and someone in my household	Did not happen to anyone in my household	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	9%	4%	4%	84%	2285
Dec 2020	8%	5%	6%	80%	2316

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Q27. Next, how often, if ever, do you worry about each of the following? You or someone in your family losing their job?

	Every day	Almost every day	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	8%	6%	32%	25%	29%	2285
Dec 2020	11%	8%	33%	21%	28%	2317

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Q28. Next, how often, if ever, do you worry about each of the following? The cost of healthcare for you and your family?

	Every day	Almost every day	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	10%	9%	37%	19%	25%	2287
Dec 2020	12%	8%	35%	20%	25%	2318

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Q29. Next, how often, if ever, do you worry about each of the following? The cost of housing for you and your family?

	Every day	Almost every day	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	13%	12%	32%	17%	26%	2283
Dec 2020	15%	11%	31%	19%	24%	2316

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Q30. Next, how often, if ever, do you worry about each of the following? Paying your bills?

	Every day	Almost every day	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	9%	10%	27%	24%	29%	2283
Dec 2020	12%	10%	26%	24%	29%	2318

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Q31. Next, how often, if ever, do you worry about each of the following? The cost of childcare?

	Every day	Almost every day	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	4%	4%	12%	11%	69%	2282
Dec 2020	4%	2%	12%	11%	71%	2311

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Q32. Next, how often, if ever, do you worry about each of the following? The amount of debt your have?

	Every day	Almost every day	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	11%	9%	27%	23%	31%	2285
Dec 2020	13%	9%	26%	22%	29%	2316

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Q33. Next, how often, if ever, do you worry about each of the following? Being able to save enough for your children's college education?

	Every day	Almost every day	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	9%	6%	18%	13%	54%	2284
Dec 2020	9%	6%	18%	14%	53%	2316

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Q34 Next, how often, if ever, do you worry about each of the following? Being able to save enough for your retirement?

	Every day	Almost every day	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	15%	12%	38%	14%	20%	2279
Dec 2020	16%	12%	34%	16%	21%	2317

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Q36. Would you say that you
 have stable and predictable
 pay at work?

	Yes	No	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	86%	14%	1121
Dec 2020	84%	16%	1110

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Q37. Would you say that you
 have stable and predictable
 hours at work?

	Yes	No	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	81%	19%	1122
Dec 2020	79%	21%	1111

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Q38. Would you say that your
job offers opportunities for
growth and advancement?

	Yes	No	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	60%	40%	1120
Dec 2020	61%	39%	1111

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Q39. Would you say that your
 employer cares about your
 health and safety at work as it
 relates to COVID-19?

	Yes	No	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	85%	15%	1122
Dec 2020	84%	16%	1109

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Q40. Would you say that you
 can voice concerns at work
 without fear of negative
 consequences?

	Yes	No	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	74%	26%	1122
Dec 2020	74%	26%	1109

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Q41. Would you say that
 decisions made at work take
 into account your views and
 concerns?

	Yes	No	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	61%	39%	1121
Dec 2020	68%	32%	1110

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Q46. Are you or is anyone in your immediate family a member of a labor union? If yes: is that person you or another person in your family?

	yes, respondent	yes, another person in family	yes, both	no	(VOL) Don't know
Nov 2021	15%	11%	3%	71%	0%
Aug 2005	11%	10%	2%	76%	1%
Oct 2004	11%	10%	2%	76%	1%
Sep 2004	10%	10%	2%	78%	1%
Aug 2004	12%	12%	2%	74%	1%
May 2004	10%	10%	2%	76%	1%
Feb 2004	9%	10%	2%	77%	2%
Jan 2004	8%	10%	3%	77%	2%
Jun 2003	18%	0%	0%	81%	1%
Feb 2003	20%	0%	0%	79%	1%

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	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	1123
Oct 2005	1986
Aug 2005	1987
Oct 2004	2010
Sep 2004	2001
Aug 2004	1989
May 2004	1996
Feb 2004	1987
Jan 2004	1987
Jun 2003	1983
Feb 2003	1988

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Q47. Does your current job provide healthcare coverage?			
	Yes	No	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	75%	25%	1123
Dec 2020	74%	26%	1112

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Q48. Does your current job provide paid sick leave?			
	Yes	No	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	80%	20%	1123
Dec 2020	79%	21%	1111

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Q49. Does your current job provide retirement savings?

	Yes	No	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	70%	30%	1123
Dec 2020	65%	35%	1112

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Q.50 And thinking about the benefits
 offered at your current job... - Does
 your current job provide educational or
 training assistance?

	Yes	No	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	51%	49%	1123
Dec 2020	53%	47%	1111

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Q51. Next, please read these two statements and say if you completely agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or completely disagree with each one. It is important for workers to organize so that employers do not take advantage of them.

	Completely agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Completely disagree	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	43%	38%	14%	5%	2279
Dec 2020	41%	37%	14%	7%	2316

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Q52. Next, please read these two statements and say if you completely agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree, or completely disagree with each one.
 Voting gives people like me some say in what the government does.

	Completely agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Completely disagree	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	39%	42%	11%	8%	0%	2280
Dec 2020	41%	42%	10%	8%	0%	2316
Dec 2015	31%	44%	13%	9%	2%	1696

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Q53. Do you favor or oppose a
 government policy to make
 college tuition free at both
 public two-year and four-year
 colleges?

	Favor	Oppose	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	65%	35%	2275
Dec 2020	66%	34%	2306

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Q54. Would you favor or
 oppose a government policy to
 eliminate college debt?

	Favor	Oppose	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	60%	40%	2269
Dec 2020	65%	35%	2304

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Q55. Do you favor or oppose
 increasing government funding
 so that child care programs
 are available for more lower-
 income working parents?

	Favor	Oppose	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	76%	24%	2274
Dec 2020	78%	22%	2309

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Q56. Do you favor or oppose
 increasing government funding
 for job training programs so
 that more workers have the
 skills they need for today's
 jobs?

	Favor	Oppose	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	81%	19%	2272
Dec 2020	83%	17%	2307

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Q57. Would you favor or
 oppose the government
 offering a health insurance
 plan, similar to Medicare, that
 Americans can choose to
 purchase instead of private
 insurance?

	Favor	Oppose	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	77%	23%	2272
Dec 2020	77%	23%	2311

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Q58. Do you favor or oppose
 the government expanding the
 eligibility and payments of the
 earned income tax credit for
 lower-income working families
 and individuals?

	Favor	Oppose	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	72%	28%	2265
Dec 2020	73%	27%	2298

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Q59. Would you favor or
 oppose the federal
 government providing a
 guaranteed income,
 sometimes called a "Universal
 Basic Income," of about
 \$1,000 a month for all adult
 citizens, whether or not they
 work?

	Favor	Oppose	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	48%	52%	2270
Dec 2020	50%	50%	2299

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Q60. How big of a problem is racism in the U.S. today? Is it a big problem, somewhat of a problem, a small problem, or not a problem at all?

	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Small problem	Not a problem at all	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	46%	34%	12%	7%	0%	2287
Jul 2021	55%	29%	10%	6%	0%	1566
Apr 2021	58%	26%	9%	6%	0%	1600
Dec 2020	53%	30%	11%	7%	0%	2321
Jul 2020	60%	25%	10%	5%	0%	1552

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Q61. Was there a time in the last twelve months when you felt
 you were treated unfairly at your place of work because of your
 racial or ethnic background?

	Yes	No	Not applicable	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	9%	91%	0%	0%	2285
Dec 2020	8%	91%	0%	0%	2319

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Q62. How much do you think that racial and ethnic discrimination contributes to economic inequality in this country?

	A great deal	A fair amount	Not too much	Not at all	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	34%	36%	21%	9%	1%	2287
Dec 2020	34%	38%	20%	8%	0%	2319

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Q63. How much of a problem is the threat of wildfires in your part of California? Is it a big problem, somewhat of a problem, or not much of a problem?

	Big problem	Somewhat of a problem	Not much of a problem	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	51%	36%	13%	0%	2290
Jul 2021	55%	30%	15%	0%	1567
Dec 2020	53%	34%	12%	0%	2323
Jul 2020	48%	36%	16%	0%	1559
Mar 2019	40%	30%	29%	0%	1705

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Q64. How serious is the threat of wildfires in your part of California to your personal and economic wellbeing—very serious, somewhat serious, or not too serious?

	Very serious	Somewhat serious	Not too serious	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	25%	41%	34%	0%	2290
Jul 2021	34%	36%	30%	0%	1567
Dec 2020	28%	36%	37%	0%	2322

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Q65. How much confidence do you have in the government in terms of its readiness to respond to wildfires in your part of California—a great deal, only some, or hardly any confidence?

	A great deal	Only some	Hardly any confidence	None	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	34%	49%	17%	0%	0%	2285
Jul 2021	33%	52%	14%	0%	0%	1566
Dec 2020	41%	45%	14%	0%	0%	2321
Jul 2020	35%	56%	9%	0%	0%	1554
Dec 2007	40%	43%	11%	5%	2%	1995

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Q66. At this time, how much would you say that you know about how the recall process works in California?

	A lot	Some	Very little	Nothing	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	19%	46%	24%	11%	0%	2284
Jul 2021	11%	34%	32%	21%	1%	1567
Oct 2003	22%	44%	27%	6%	1%	1992
Sep 2003	21%	42%	28%	9%	0%	1979
Aug 2003	16%	43%	32%	9%	0%	1983

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Q67. Currently, a statewide official can be recalled for any or no reason. Would you support or oppose changing this so that an elected official could only be recalled because of illegal or unethical activity?

	Support	Oppose	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	63%	36%	1%	2280
Jul 2021	61%	37%	2%	1561
Oct 2003	60%	35%	5%	1982

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Q68. Would you support or oppose raising this
 requirement to 25 percent of the total votes cast
 in the previous election?

	Support	Oppose	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	61%	38%	1%	2275
Jul 2021	53%	44%	3%	1560
Oct 2003	57%	37%	6%	1983

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Q69. Generally speaking, and regardless of how you felt about the upcoming election, do you think the recall election process in California needs major changes, minor changes, or is it basically fine the way it is?

	Major changes	Minor changes	Basically fine the way it is	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	43%	31%	25%	1%	2282
Jul 2021	30%	37%	29%	4%	1561
Oct 2004	28%	24%	43%	6%	2013
Oct 2003	34%	25%	34%	7%	1989
Sep 2003	35%	24%	32%	9%	1977

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Q70. Generally speaking, and regardless of how you felt about the upcoming election, do you think it is a good thing or a bad thing that the California constitution provides a way to recall the state's elected officials, such as the Governor?

	Good thing	Bad thing	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	82%	17%	1%	2283
Jul 2021	80%	17%	3%	1558
Oct 2004	71%	24%	5%	2015
Oct 2003	73%	23%	4%	1985
Aug 2003	76%	18%	6%	1981

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Q71. Currently, the winner of the second part of a recall ballot could get under 50 percent of the vote. Would you support or oppose changing the law so that if no candidate got more than 50 percent of the vote, there would be a runoff election between the

	Support	Oppose	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	67%	31%	2%	2277
Jul 2021	66%	29%	5%	1558
Oct 2003	67%	28%	5%	1983

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Q72. According to the state Department of Finance, the special election to recall Governor Newsom will cost an estimated \$276 million. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?

	This election was a waste of money	This election was worth the cost	(VOL) Don't know	Unweighted n
Nov 2021	79%	21%	1%	2279
Jul 2021	73%	25%	2%	1562
Aug 2003	55%	41%	4%	1980

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