

Californians and Their Economic Well-Being November 2025

Time Trends—California Adults Earning Less Than \$40,000 Only

Methodology Note:

Findings are based on a survey of 2,306 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 17 minutes. Interviewing took place from October 16–30, 2025.

The November 2025 sampling error for the 1,025 California adults earning less than \$40,000 annually, taking design effects from weighting into consideration, is ± 5.4 percent. 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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	54%	45%	2%	1014
Dec 2024	45%	52%	4%	1002
Nov 2023	52%	46%	2%	1000
Nov 2022	58%	40%	2%	1013
Nov 2021	64%	35%	1%	1010
Dec 2020	58%	39%	3%	986

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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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	46%	52%	2%	1014
Dec 2024	39%	59%	3%	999
Nov 2023	46%	52%	2%	1001
Nov 2022	51%	47%	2%	1014
Nov 2021	56%	43%	1%	1009
Dec 2020	51%	45%	4%	990

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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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	8%	37%	53%	1%	1019
Dec 2024	8%	33%	58%	1%	1004
Nov 2023	6%	33%	61%	1%	1001
Nov 2022	7%	38%	53%	1%	1020
Nov 2021	10%	37%	53%	0%	1012
Dec 2020	7%	40%	51%	2%	994

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Q4. Do you think things in California are generally going in the right direction or the wrong direction?				
	right direction	wrong direction	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	46%	53%	1%	1018
Dec 2024	40%	59%	1%	1001
Nov 2023	46%	54%	1%	1005

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Q5. 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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	28%	71%	1%	1017
Dec 2024	38%	60%	2%	1002
Nov 2023	34%	65%	1%	1004
Nov 2022	35%	64%	1%	1024
Nov 2021	43%	56%	1%	1012
Dec 2020	32%	67%	2%	997

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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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	34%	57%	8%	1%	1017
Dec 2024	28%	60%	11%	1%	1004
Nov 2023	30%	55%	14%	0%	1007
Nov 2022	32%	53%	14%	1%	1028
Nov 2021	27%	55%	17%	0%	1014
Dec 2020	31%	59%	8%	2%	998

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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? If yes, ask: Are you considering moving elsewhere in California, or outside of the state?

	Yes, elsewhere in California	Yes, outside of the state	Yes, other	No	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	10%	23%	1%	65%	1%	1019
Dec 2024	6%	23%	1%	69%	1%	1003
Nov 2023	10%	26%	0%	63%	0%	1007
Nov 2022	7%	26%	1%	65%	1%	1022
Nov 2021	8%	23%	0%	68%	0%	1013
Dec 2020	8%	27%	0%	64%	2%	993

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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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	7%	44%	49%	0%	1022
Dec 2024	8%	40%	52%	0%	1006
Nov 2023	10%	36%	54%	0%	1008
Nov 2022	9%	38%	53%	0%	1026
Nov 2021	13%	29%	58%	0%	1013
Dec 2020	12%	34%	54%	1%	999

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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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	15%	34%	51%	1%	1021
Dec 2024	25%	30%	44%	0%	1004
Nov 2022	18%	25%	55%	1%	1028
Nov 2021	24%	20%	56%	0%	1012
Dec 2020	22%	21%	55%	1%	998

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Q10. How would you describe your household's financial situation? Would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, or not satisfied?					
	very satisfied	somewhat satisfied	not satisfied	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	5%	44%	50%	0%	1018
Dec 2024	8%	48%	45%	0%	1005
Nov 2023	6%	44%	51%	0%	1009
Nov 2022	7%	49%	44%	0%	1028
Nov 2021	7%	51%	42%	0%	1011

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Q12. 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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	20%	34%	22%	24%	0%	1022
Dec 2024	19%	34%	23%	24%	0%	1006
Nov 2022	24%	30%	25%	21%	1%	1028
Nov 2021	28%	30%	23%	18%	0%	1014
Dec 2020	23%	31%	23%	22%	1%	998

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Q13. 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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	21%	20%	59%	1%	1021
Dec 2024	24%	20%	55%	1%	1006
Nov 2023	26%	19%	54%	0%	1008
Nov 2021	30%	20%	50%	0%	1012
Dec 2020	30%	22%	48%	1%	998

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Q14. 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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	15%	53%	30%	1%	1018
Dec 2024	9%	58%	32%	2%	1003
Nov 2023	9%	54%	37%	0%	1007
Nov 2021	13%	55%	32%	0%	1014
Dec 2020	8%	55%	35%	1%	1000

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Q15. 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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	30%	68%	0%	2%	1018
Dec 2024	32%	66%	0%	2%	1002
Nov 2023	33%	64%	0%	2%	1007
Nov 2022	37%	61%	0%	2%	1026
Nov 2021	42%	56%	0%	1%	1011
Dec 2020	43%	54%	0%	3%	998

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Q16. 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	Has stayed the same	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	65%	9%	25%	1%	1019
Nov 2022	65%	9%	24%	1%	1026
Nov 2021	63%	7%	29%	0%	1012
Dec 2020	58%	9%	31%	1%	999

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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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	17%	12%	4%	68%	0%	1017
Dec 2024	14%	9%	3%	74%	0%	1002
Nov 2023	16%	8%	5%	71%	0%	1005
Nov 2022	14%	9%	2%	75%	0%	1027
Nov 2021	17%	9%	3%	71%	0%	1009
Dec 2020	18%	11%	6%	65%	0%	992

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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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	20%	12%	7%	61%	0%	1016
Dec 2024	19%	12%	5%	63%	1%	1003
Nov 2023	21%	8%	5%	66%	0%	1004
Nov 2022	19%	7%	8%	66%	0%	1026
Nov 2021	20%	11%	5%	64%	0%	1012
Dec 2020	22%	10%	11%	57%	0%	994

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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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	21%	8%	7%	65%	0%	1018
Dec 2024	20%	7%	6%	68%	0%	1005
Nov 2023	19%	6%	7%	69%	0%	1005
Nov 2022	20%	9%	4%	67%	0%	1028
Nov 2021	21%	5%	3%	71%	0%	1011
Dec 2020	20%	4%	7%	69%	0%	993

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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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	24%	9%	8%	59%	0%	1021
Dec 2024	23%	8%	8%	60%	0%	1003
Nov 2023	28%	6%	8%	59%	0%	1006
Nov 2022	28%	7%	7%	57%	0%	1027
Nov 2021	24%	7%	3%	66%	0%	1011
Dec 2020	20%	7%	9%	65%	0%	995

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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 benefits from the CalFresh program, also known as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or 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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	34%	9%	8%	49%	0%	1017
Dec 2024	32%	11%	7%	49%	0%	1004
Nov 2023	32%	10%	6%	51%	0%	1006
Nov 2022	31%	9%	8%	52%	0%	1027
Nov 2021	30%	6%	6%	58%	0%	1012
Dec 2020	22%	8%	8%	62%	0%	995

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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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	32%	5%	15%	47%	0%	1017
Dec 2024	29%	8%	13%	50%	1%	1006
Nov 2023	36%	5%	16%	43%	0%	1005
Nov 2022	34%	5%	14%	48%	0%	1026
Nov 2021	29%	2%	8%	61%	0%	1009
Dec 2020	23%	5%	14%	58%	0%	995

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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...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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	20%	9%	5%	66%	0%	1016
Dec 2024	24%	8%	9%	59%	0%	1004
Nov 2023	26%	6%	9%	59%	0%	1007
Nov 2022	24%	8%	6%	62%	0%	1026
Nov 2021	20%	5%	5%	69%	0%	1012
Dec 2020	18%	8%	9%	64%	0%	994

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Q26. 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	don't know (vol)
Nov 2025	16%	8%	29%	21%	26%	0%
Dec 2024	14%	8%	27%	19%	31%	0%
Nov 2023	17%	8%	29%	17%	29%	0%
Nov 2022	16%	6%	26%	21%	31%	0%
Nov 2021	15%	7%	32%	17%	29%	0%
Dec 2020	18%	9%	30%	15%	28%	0%

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	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	1017
Dec 2024	1001
Nov 2023	1005
Nov 2022	1027
Nov 2021	1011
Dec 2020	995

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Q27. 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	don't know (vol)
Nov 2025	26%	16%	31%	12%	15%	0%
Dec 2024	24%	18%	33%	11%	14%	0%
Nov 2023	29%	18%	31%	11%	11%	0%
Nov 2022	26%	16%	31%	14%	13%	0%
Nov 2021	24%	12%	36%	12%	17%	0%
Dec 2020	25%	12%	31%	16%	17%	0%

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	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	1020
Dec 2024	1004
Nov 2023	1008
Nov 2022	1028
Nov 2021	1013
Dec 2020	994

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Q28. Next, how often, if ever, do you worry about each of the following? Paying your bills?						
	every day	almost every day	sometimes	rarely	never	don't know (vol)
Nov 2025	24%	13%	36%	14%	14%	0%
Dec 2024	24%	14%	34%	16%	13%	0%
Nov 2023	29%	15%	29%	16%	11%	0%
Nov 2022	24%	16%	32%	15%	13%	0%
Nov 2021	20%	15%	32%	16%	17%	0%
Dec 2020	23%	11%	35%	15%	16%	0%

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	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	1020
Dec 2024	1003
Nov 2023	1008
Nov 2022	1028
Nov 2021	1012
Dec 2020	995

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Q29. 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	don't know (vol)
Nov 2025	16%	8%	21%	9%	45%	1%
Dec 2024	19%	3%	22%	12%	44%	0%
Nov 2023	22%	11%	14%	8%	45%	0%
Nov 2022	7%	3%	10%	9%	71%	0%
Nov 2021	8%	3%	11%	10%	68%	0%
Dec 2020	7%	2%	8%	12%	70%	0%

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	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	284
Dec 2024	252
Nov 2023	273
Nov 2022	1027
Nov 2021	1012
Dec 2020	992

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Q30. 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	don't know (vol)
Nov 2025	23%	11%	28%	17%	21%	0%
Dec 2024	20%	13%	29%	18%	20%	0%
Nov 2023	23%	12%	29%	16%	19%	0%
Nov 2022	23%	10%	29%	13%	24%	0%
Nov 2021	19%	12%	28%	18%	24%	0%
Dec 2020	22%	12%	25%	18%	23%	0%

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	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	1016
Dec 2024	1003
Nov 2023	1008
Nov 2022	1028
Nov 2021	1014
Dec 2020	995

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Q33. Overall, would you say you are satisfied or dissatisfied with your job?					
	very satisfied	somewhat satisfied	not satisfied	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	20%	61%	19%	0%	371
Dec 2024	22%	61%	17%	0%	356
Nov 2023	23%	56%	19%	2%	355
Nov 2022	27%	57%	16%	0%	407
Nov 2021	33%	56%	11%	0%	375

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Q34. Would you say that you have stable and predictable pay at work?				
	yes	no	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	66%	32%	1%	369
Dec 2024	64%	35%	2%	355
Nov 2023	64%	36%	0%	355
Nov 2022	73%	27%	0%	409
Nov 2021	75%	25%	0%	375
Dec 2020	72%	28%	0%	343

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Q35. Would you say that you have stable and predictable hours at work?				
	yes	no	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	65%	35%	0%	368
Dec 2024	60%	38%	2%	355
Nov 2023	57%	43%	0%	355
Nov 2022	64%	36%	0%	409
Nov 2021	72%	28%	0%	376
Dec 2020	66%	34%	0%	344

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Q36. Would you say that your job offers opportunities for growth and advancement?				
	yes	no	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	43%	56%	1%	369
Dec 2024	40%	58%	2%	355
Nov 2023	41%	59%	0%	354
Nov 2022	45%	55%	0%	409
Nov 2021	48%	52%	0%	376
Dec 2020	54%	46%	0%	343

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Q37. Would you say that you have at least a fair amount of job security?				
	yes	no	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	64%	35%	1%	370
Dec 2024	70%	29%	2%	355
Nov 2023	61%	39%	0%	354
Nov 2022	62%	38%	0%	409

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Q38. Would you say that you can voice concerns at work without fear of negative consequences?				
	yes	no	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	64%	35%	1%	370
Dec 2024	63%	36%	2%	355
Nov 2023	58%	42%	0%	354
Nov 2022	67%	33%	0%	409
Nov 2021	67%	33%	0%	376
Dec 2020	74%	26%	0%	344

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Q39. Would you say that decisions made at work take into account your views and concerns?				
	yes	no	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	54%	45%	1%	370
Dec 2024	50%	48%	2%	355
Nov 2023	50%	50%	0%	355
Nov 2022	52%	48%	0%	408
Nov 2021	53%	47%	0%	375
Dec 2020	67%	33%	0%	344

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Q40. As far as you know, does the company or
organization you work for provide trainings or
meetings on diversity, equity, and inclusion at
work?

	yes	no	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	51%	49%	0%	369
Dec 2024	53%	47%	0%	355

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Q41. Which describes your current employment or work situation?						
	working outside the home	working from home/remotel y	mix of some work from home, and some outside home/at workplace	something else	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	68%	10%	15%	7%	0%	371
Dec 2024	75%	10%	12%	4%	0%	355
Nov 2023	67%	10%	12%	11%	0%	354
Nov 2022	74%	12%	8%	5%	0%	409
Nov 2021	64%	19%	10%	6%	0%	375

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Q42. If you had the choice, for the next year, would you prefer to:					
	work outside the home/ at your workplace full-time	work from home or remotely full- time	mix some days working remotely, some days at the workplace	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	35%	31%	34%	0%	370
Dec 2024	50%	28%	22%	0%	355
Nov 2023	39%	34%	26%	1%	353
Nov 2022	48%	29%	22%	1%	409
Nov 2021	47%	28%	25%	0%	373

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Q45. How concerned are you about the possibility of AI resulting in your losing your job, or having your hours cut?						
	very concerned	somewhat concerned	not very concerned	not at all concerned	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	28%	25%	20%	26%	0%	371
Dec 2024	15%	24%	35%	26%	0%	356

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Q46. Do you think that advances in artificial intelligence (AI) will ROTATE [1] increase [OR] [2] decrease the number of jobs available in the industry you are currently employed in?					
	increase	decrease	have no effect	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	17%	52%	30%	1%	371
Dec 2024	8%	54%	36%	2%	999

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Q48. Next, does your workplace offer a membership in or affiliation with a union, occupation association, worker center, or other type of group that represents workers?				
	yes	no	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	16%	82%	1%	369
Dec 2024	20%	80%	0%	356
Nov 2023	19%	81%	0%	353
Nov 2022	23%	77%	0%	409
Nov 2021	18%	80%	2%	376
Dec 2020	21%	79%	0%	343

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Q49. And are you or is anyone in your immediate family a member of a labor union? [if yes, ask: Is that person you or another person in your family?]						
	yes, respondent	yes, another person in family	yes, both	no	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	7%	4%	1%	86%	2%	371
Dec 2024	12%	8%	3%	78%	0%	356
Nov 2023	10%	9%	0%	81%	0%	354
Nov 2022	9%	10%	2%	78%	0%	408
Nov 2021	13%	4%	0%	83%	0%	376

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Q50. Do you approve or disapprove of labor unions?				
	approve	disapprove	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	71%	27%	2%	1014
Dec 2024	72%	26%	3%	999
Nov 2023	73%	25%	2%	998

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Q52. Does your current job provide healthcare coverage?				
	yes	no	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	43%	57%	0%	369
Dec 2024	51%	49%	0%	354
Nov 2023	48%	51%	1%	354
Nov 2022	49%	51%	0%	408
Nov 2021	50%	50%	0%	376
Dec 2020	48%	52%	0%	344

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Q53. Does your current job provide paid sick leave?				
	yes	no	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	64%	36%	0%	369
Dec 2024	69%	31%	0%	355
Nov 2023	55%	44%	2%	354
Nov 2022	60%	40%	0%	408
Nov 2021	56%	44%	0%	376
Dec 2020	59%	41%	0%	344

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Q54. Does your current job provide retirement savings?				
	yes	no	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	46%	54%	1%	369
Dec 2024	44%	56%	0%	355
Nov 2023	47%	51%	1%	354
Nov 2022	40%	60%	0%	408
Nov 2021	45%	55%	0%	376
Dec 2020	40%	60%	0%	344

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Q55. And thinking about the benefits offered at your current job... - Does your current job provide educational or training assistance?				
	yes	no	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	39%	60%	1%	369
Dec 2024	43%	57%	0%	355
Nov 2023	35%	63%	2%	354
Nov 2022	32%	68%	0%	408
Nov 2021	35%	65%	0%	376
Dec 2020	33%	67%	0%	344

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Q56. 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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	52%	37%	7%	3%	1%	1018
Dec 2024	48%	38%	7%	5%	1%	1002
Nov 2023	53%	34%	9%	4%	0%	1008
Nov 2022	51%	37%	9%	3%	0%	1023
Nov 2021	48%	39%	9%	4%	0%	1012
Dec 2020	49%	35%	11%	5%	0%	996

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Q57. 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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	35%	44%	14%	7%	0%	1017
Dec 2024	35%	42%	13%	8%	1%	1002
Nov 2023	32%	43%	14%	10%	0%	1007
Nov 2022	37%	41%	13%	8%	0%	1023
Nov 2021	37%	42%	11%	10%	0%	1013
Dec 2020	38%	45%	10%	7%	0%	995

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Q59. Do you favor or oppose increasing government funding so that child care programs are available for more lower-income working parents?				
	favor	oppose	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	84%	16%	1%	1015
Dec 2024	83%	16%	0%	1001
Nov 2023	88%	12%	1%	1004
Nov 2022	86%	14%	0%	1022
Nov 2021	82%	18%	0%	1012
Dec 2020	82%	18%	0%	993

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Q60. 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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	85%	14%	1%	1015
Dec 2024	85%	15%	0%	1001
Nov 2023	85%	14%	1%	1003
Nov 2022	84%	16%	0%	1021
Nov 2021	85%	15%	0%	1012
Dec 2020	85%	15%	0%	992

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Q61. 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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	83%	16%	1%	1011
Dec 2024	81%	18%	1%	999
Nov 2023	82%	16%	3%	1004
Nov 2022	83%	17%	0%	1020
Nov 2021	79%	21%	0%	1009
Dec 2020	79%	21%	0%	994

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Q62. 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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	82%	17%	1%	1012
Dec 2024	84%	14%	2%	1000
Nov 2023	84%	15%	2%	998
Nov 2022	83%	17%	0%	1021
Nov 2021	82%	18%	0%	1008
Dec 2020	81%	19%	0%	987

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Q63. 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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	63%	36%	1%	1009
Dec 2024	60%	39%	1%	999
Feb 2024	65%	33%	2%	325
Nov 2023	65%	33%	2%	998
Nov 2022	66%	34%	0%	1021
Nov 2021	63%	37%	0%	1012
Dec 2020	63%	37%	0%	990

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Q65. Do you favor or oppose government policies that would ease permit requirements and allow more housing to be built so that more lower and middle income Californians could afford to purchase a home?

	favor	oppose	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	78%	19%	2%	1013
Nov 2022	80%	20%	0%	1018

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Q67. 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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	48%	33%	14%	4%	1%	1021
Dec 2024	43%	36%	15%	6%	0%	1002
Nov 2023	47%	37%	12%	4%	0%	1009
Nov 2022	51%	33%	11%	4%	0%	1027
Nov 2021	51%	30%	13%	7%	0%	1013
Dec 2020	56%	31%	8%	5%	0%	999

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Q68. 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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	16%	81%	1%	1%	1019
Dec 2024	15%	84%	1%	0%	1002
Nov 2023	20%	80%	0%	0%	1006
Nov 2022	16%	83%	1%	0%	1025
Nov 2021	15%	84%	0%	0%	1012
Dec 2020	13%	86%	1%	0%	998

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Q69. 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	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	35%	39%	20%	6%	0%	1020
Dec 2024	30%	39%	23%	7%	0%	1002
Nov 2023	33%	38%	21%	7%	0%	1008
Jun 2023	35%	42%	15%	6%	1%	303
Nov 2022	30%	45%	18%	7%	0%	1025
Nov 2021	34%	39%	19%	9%	0%	1013
Dec 2020	33%	44%	17%	7%	0%	999

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Q70. In recent years, some companies have adopted diversity, equity, and inclusions programs, or 'DEI programs.' Do you think its a good thing or a bad thing for companies to adopt these programs?

	good thing	bad thing	don't know (vol)	Unweighted n
Nov 2025	69%	29%	2%	1015
Dec 2024	64%	30%	6%	995

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