

Energy Attitudes

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| | 2020 | '19 | '18 | 2020 | '19 | '18 | 2020 | '19 | '18 | 2020 | '19 | '18 |
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Q1. How do you think things are going in America today? Which of the following is closest to your opinion? I am _____ with the way things are going in America today.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Very satisfied | 7 | 13 | 8 | 10 | 28 | 12 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 3 |
| Somewhat satisfied | 16 | 27 | 25 | 29 | 41 | 46 | 14 | 32 | 19 | 9 | 12 | 3 |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 27 | 26 | 24 | 34 | 18 | 19 | 29 | 26 | 27 | 19 | 28 | 22 |
| Very dissatisfied | 49 | 34 | 43 | 27 | 12 | 22 | 53 | 33 | 47 | 63 | 54 | 71 |

Q2. How much does each of these energy sources contribute to unhealthy air pollution and climate change?

Wind and solar

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A lot | 8 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 4 | 11 | 7 | 4 |
| Some | 12 | 8 | 7 | 16 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 7 | 6 | 11 | 8 | 6 |
| A little | 23 | 23 | 20 | 21 | 30 | 19 | 26 | 23 | 22 | 20 | 18 | 23 |
| Not at all | 51 | 55 | 60 | 49 | 46 | 58 | 54 | 56 | 61 | 52 | 63 | 62 |
| Not sure | 6 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 |

Oil

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A lot | 50 | 51 | 52 | 27 | 33 | 28 | 55 | 53 | 62 | 63 | 65 | 66 |
| Some | 29 | 29 | 30 | 36 | 35 | 45 | 26 | 31 | 20 | 25 | 22 | 25 |
| A little | 13 | 13 | 9 | 26 | 22 | 12 | 11 | 9 | 13 | 6 | 9 | 3 |
| Not at all | 4 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Not sure | 5 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 3 |

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| | | 2020 | '19 | '18 | | 2020 | '19 | '18 | | 2020 | '19 | '18 | | 2020 | '19 | '18 |
| Natural gas | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A lot..... | | 16 | 17 | 13 | 7 | 15 | 8 | 14 | 14 | 12 | 24 | 21 | 17 | | | |
| Some | | 38 | 36 | 36 | 32 | 28 | 24 | 38 | 38 | 41 | 42 | 45 | 43 | | | |
| A little..... | | 28 | 30 | 29 | 37 | 34 | 33 | 30 | 35 | 34 | 20 | 20 | 26 | | | |
| Not at all..... | | 8 | 8 | 10 | 14 | 14 | 24 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | | | |
| Not sure..... | | 11 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 8 | 11 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 9 | 9 | | | |
| Coal | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A lot..... | | 53 | 59 | 57 | 31 | 39 | 29 | 60 | 63 | 57 | 63 | 74 | 74 | | | |
| Some | | 23 | 21 | 24 | 35 | 30 | 38 | 20 | 19 | 23 | 18 | 13 | 15 | | | |
| A little..... | | 13 | 12 | 9 | 23 | 19 | 16 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 6 | 4 | | | |
| Not at all..... | | 4 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | | | |
| Not sure..... | | 6 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 | | | |
| Nuclear | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A lot..... | | 30 | 29 | 29 | 30 | 25 | 24 | 28 | 24 | 29 | 31 | 31 | 25 | | | |
| Some | | 24 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 16 | 15 | 24 | 25 | 23 | 25 | 24 | 29 | | | |
| A little..... | | 22 | 22 | 19 | 21 | 30 | 18 | 18 | 23 | 22 | 26 | 19 | 16 | | | |
| Not at all..... | | 13 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 29 | 18 | 17 | 15 | 7 | 13 | 17 | | | |
| Not sure..... | | 12 | 13 | 14 | 10 | 13 | 13 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 11 | 13 | 13 | | | |

Q3. In the next few years, should the United States be spending more or less on research and development of each of the following energy sources?

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|--|
| Wind and solar | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A lot more..... | | 54 | 59 | 59 | 37 | 40 | 41 | 56 | 58 | 63 | 66 | 75 | 73 | |
| More..... | | 27 | 25 | 26 | 38 | 32 | 33 | 27 | 26 | 21 | 20 | 17 | 21 | |
| Less..... | | 8 | 8 | 5 | 11 | 15 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 4 | 3 | |
| A lot less..... | | 4 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | |
| Not sure..... | | 7 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | |

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| | | 2020 | '19 | '18 | | 2020 | '19 | '18 | | 2020 | '19 | '18 | | 2020 | '19 | '18 |
| Oil | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A lot more..... | 9 | 8 | 7 | 10 | 12 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 12 | 6 | 5 | | | | |
| More..... | 22 | 18 | 19 | 35 | 30 | 37 | 22 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 14 | 15 | | | | |
| Less..... | 31 | 33 | 30 | 34 | 33 | 24 | 32 | 37 | 37 | 25 | 30 | 23 | | | | |
| A lot less..... | 28 | 32 | 34 | 7 | 12 | 19 | 31 | 37 | 36 | 42 | 44 | 47 | | | | |
| Not sure..... | 11 | 9 | 10 | 14 | 13 | 14 | 11 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 9 | | | | |
| Natural gas | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A lot more..... | 14 | 14 | 15 | 20 | 19 | 16 | 9 | 13 | 12 | 13 | 11 | 10 | | | | |
| More..... | 34 | 33 | 37 | 40 | 42 | 54 | 38 | 33 | 36 | 31 | 29 | 36 | | | | |
| Less..... | 27 | 28 | 25 | 21 | 19 | 12 | 29 | 31 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | | | | |
| A lot less..... | 11 | 12 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 10 | 14 | 9 | 14 | 16 | 9 | | | | |
| Not sure..... | 14 | 13 | 13 | 14 | 14 | 9 | 14 | 10 | 15 | 12 | 13 | 14 | | | | |
| Coal | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A lot more..... | 7 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 3 | 4 | | | | |
| More..... | 17 | 15 | 15 | 26 | 25 | 29 | 14 | 11 | 13 | 14 | 11 | 11 | | | | |
| Less..... | 28 | 27 | 24 | 36 | 34 | 22 | 31 | 32 | 25 | 18 | 20 | 15 | | | | |
| A lot less..... | 37 | 44 | 45 | 16 | 21 | 26 | 42 | 47 | 50 | 50 | 61 | 62 | | | | |
| Not sure..... | 11 | 8 | 10 | 15 | 10 | 14 | 8 | 4 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 9 | | | | |
| Next generation nuclear energy | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A lot more..... | 23 | 22 | 20 | 25 | 23 | 21 | 24 | 27 | 19 | 24 | 20 | 15 | | | | |
| More..... | 34 | 34 | 34 | 38 | 38 | 37 | 27 | 34 | 29 | 36 | 33 | 33 | | | | |
| Less..... | 16 | 18 | 17 | 17 | 19 | 8 | 15 | 18 | 22 | 16 | 18 | 24 | | | | |
| A lot less..... | 11 | 10 | 13 | 8 | 6 | 14 | 16 | 10 | 15 | 9 | 14 | 14 | | | | |
| Not sure..... | 16 | 15 | 16 | 13 | 15 | 20 | 17 | 12 | 14 | 15 | 14 | 14 | | | | |
| Q4. America's traditional nuclear power plants produce around 20% of our electricity. Which is closest to your opinion? | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Strongly support nuclear power | 19 | 20 | 16 | 26 | 26 | 32 | 19 | 22 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 8 | | | | |
| Somewhat support nuclear power | 37 | 35 | 33 | 39 | 40 | 32 | 33 | 40 | 33 | 40 | 29 | 29 | | | | |
| Somewhat oppose nuclear power | 21 | 22 | 22 | 18 | 17 | 14 | 24 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 27 | 18 | | | | |
| Strongly oppose nuclear power..... | 9 | 11 | 13 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 18 | 8 | 15 | 25 | | | | |
| Not sure..... | 14 | 13 | 16 | 10 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 8 | 11 | 14 | 15 | 20 | | | | |

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Q5. If you learned that we can clean up unhealthy pollution and make the climate stable by modernizing nuclear power, would this shift your opinion? *NOTE: Only those who oppose nuclear in Q4.*

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Yes, I would support nuclear power after learning it pollutes the climate much less | 17 | 16 | 17 | 25 | 19 | 17 | 13 | 14 | 16 | 15 | 17 | 14 |
| Perhaps, but I would only support nuclear power until lower cost renewable energy becomes available | 43 | 45 | 37 | 44 | 44 | 30 | 44 | 47 | 28 | 48 | 44 | 40 |
| No, I would want to phase out nuclear power as soon as soon as we can replace it with clean safe energy | 36 | 33 | 41 | 27 | 29 | 43 | 40 | 33 | 54 | 34 | 35 | 44 |
| Not sure | 5 | 7 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 |

Q6. What are the most important reasons for supporting nuclear energy? *NOTE: Only those who support nuclear in Q4.*

Nuclear power plants generate a lot of our electricity, reliably

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Very important..... | 37 | 36 | 34 | 42 | 46 | 47 | 36 | 36 | 33 | 35 | 28 | 27 |
| Somewhat important..... | 33 | 33 | 30 | 32 | 30 | 24 | 32 | 34 | 27 | 32 | 37 | 31 |
| A little important..... | 18 | 16 | 18 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 19 | 17 | 19 | 19 | 17 | 19 |
| Not at all important..... | 7 | 8 | 10 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 9 | 6 | 12 | 8 | 11 | 15 |
| Not sure..... | 6 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 9 |

Nuclear power plants keep America competitive and energy independent

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Very important..... | 32 | 34 | 30 | 39 | 51 | 49 | 31 | 34 | 28 | 28 | 21 | 18 |
| Somewhat important..... | 32 | 31 | 31 | 32 | 29 | 24 | 32 | 30 | 27 | 33 | 37 | 32 |
| A little important..... | 20 | 18 | 17 | 18 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 20 | 16 | 24 | 20 | 19 |
| Not at all important..... | 10 | 10 | 13 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 13 | 9 | 19 | 10 | 16 | 25 |
| Not sure..... | 5 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 5 | 6 | 5 |

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| | %= | | | %= | | | %= | | | %= | | | |
| We have thousands of years of uranium and thorium for truly sustainable energy | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Very important..... | 27 | 30 | 25 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 24 | 31 | 24 | 26 | 25 | 18 | |
| Somewhat important..... | 31 | 29 | 29 | 28 | 31 | 27 | 36 | 31 | 28 | 30 | 29 | 27 | |
| A little important..... | 18 | 17 | 15 | 19 | 16 | 19 | 20 | 17 | 14 | 17 | 18 | 15 | |
| Not at all important..... | 10 | 11 | 13 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 11 | 11 | 20 | 12 | 15 | 21 | |
| Not sure..... | 13 | 13 | 17 | 13 | 13 | 11 | 9 | 11 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 19 | |
| Nuclear power plants should be kept running as long as they are cost effective in the long term | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Very important..... | 28 | 29 | 27 | 35 | 42 | 48 | 26 | 29 | 23 | 24 | 21 | 13 | |
| Somewhat important..... | 34 | 31 | 30 | 35 | 31 | 26 | 30 | 31 | 29 | 38 | 34 | 24 | |
| A little important..... | 20 | 21 | 19 | 19 | 17 | 12 | 24 | 24 | 18 | 19 | 22 | 26 | |
| Not at all important..... | 12 | 13 | 16 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 14 | 10 | 22 | 13 | 17 | 29 | |
| Not sure..... | 6 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 9 | |
| Nuclear power plants should be kept running until lower cost renewable energy becomes available | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Very important..... | 29 | 33 | 32 | 31 | 42 | 41 | 26 | 31 | 26 | 32 | 29 | 23 | |
| Somewhat important..... | 40 | 33 | 31 | 41 | 33 | 26 | 39 | 35 | 31 | 40 | 34 | 33 | |
| A little important..... | 18 | 19 | 19 | 16 | 16 | 18 | 20 | 18 | 21 | 17 | 22 | 22 | |
| Not at all important..... | 8 | 8 | 10 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 10 | 9 | 16 | 7 | 10 | 13 | |
| Not sure..... | 5 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 9 | |
| Nuclear power plants do not emit pollutants that harm our health or our climate compared to alternatives | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Very important..... | 41 | 44 | 38 | 37 | 46 | 48 | 43 | 40 | 29 | 41 | 49 | 36 | |
| Somewhat important..... | 27 | 25 | 26 | 30 | 27 | 24 | 25 | 28 | 28 | 26 | 22 | 24 | |
| A little important..... | 17 | 14 | 14 | 16 | 14 | 14 | 16 | 17 | 16 | 18 | 13 | 17 | |
| Not at all important..... | 7 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 12 | 6 | 9 | 12 | |
| Not sure..... | 9 | 9 | 12 | 11 | 8 | 11 | 7 | 8 | 16 | 7 | 7 | 11 | |
| Nuclear power helps us grow our economy while reducing pollution to our climate and health | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Very important..... | 35 | 39 | 35 | 38 | 43 | 51 | 33 | 38 | 25 | 34 | 36 | 26 | |
| Somewhat important..... | 32 | 28 | 27 | 32 | 27 | 20 | 30 | 29 | 32 | 32 | 30 | 22 | |

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| A little important..... | 18 | 18 | 16 | 15 | 18 | 14 | 20 | 18 | 15 | 22 | 19 | 22 | |
| Not at all important..... | 8 | 8 | 12 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 12 | 9 | 14 | 6 | 9 | 22 | |
| Not sure..... | 7 | 7 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 14 | 6 | 6 | 7 | |

Q7. American engineers invented molten salt reactors in the early 1960s to be cheap, produce little waste, and be fail-safe so human errors can't cause widespread damage. Power failures and mechanical breakdowns can't damage anything outside the building. Some nations and several small companies in the USA are now racing to bring it to market for the first time. Assuming the claims are true, would you support moving on to better nuclear energy?

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Strongly support..... | 33 | 38 | 35 | 41 | 40 | 42 | 33 | 40 | 28 | 32 | 34 | 26 |
| Somewhat support..... | 41 | 40 | 39 | 42 | 40 | 33 | 39 | 40 | 43 | 42 | 42 | 41 |
| Somewhat oppose..... | 10 | 9 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 12 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 14 |
| Strongly oppose..... | 5 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| Not sure..... | 12 | 10 | 13 | 8 | 9 | 17 | 8 | 7 | 14 | 11 | 10 | 18 |

Q8. Which of the following most closely matches your view?

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| We should allow Wall Street investors to choose whatever energy system makes the most money this week | 5 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| We should get engineers, scientists and economists to choose energy systems to make us safe and prosperous within 20 years, investing in new jobs and technology as required..... | 43 | 47 | 48 | 39 | 48 | 51 | 47 | 49 | 44 | 43 | 47 | 52 |
| We should do what it takes to choose energy that makes us safe and prosperous for 400 years..... | 32 | 36 | 34 | 33 | 26 | 27 | 32 | 37 | 38 | 32 | 41 | 36 |
| We should protect today's jobs and companies and accept the possible risks to climate and health result..... | 12 | 7 | 6 | 14 | 12 | 11 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 13 | 5 | 7 |
| Not sure..... | 8 | 7 | 10 | 7 | 10 | 10 | 7 | 5 | 11 | 5 | 4 | 5 |

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Q9. People have concerns about upgrading nuclear energy. Which of the following make you concerned?

Health and safety

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A lot..... | 54 | 58 | 60 | 46 | 47 | 49 | 55 | 53 | 64 | 57 | 71 | 67 |
| Some | 22 | 20 | 20 | 26 | 25 | 18 | 23 | 23 | 20 | 21 | 15 | 21 |
| A little..... | 14 | 12 | 10 | 17 | 17 | 15 | 13 | 16 | 9 | 14 | 7 | 6 |
| Not at all..... | 6 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 2 |
| Not sure..... | 5 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 4 |

Cost

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A lot..... | 26 | 27 | 30 | 25 | 27 | 33 | 26 | 25 | 26 | 26 | 27 | 27 |
| Some | 34 | 31 | 35 | 38 | 29 | 31 | 35 | 35 | 39 | 33 | 31 | 38 |
| A little..... | 22 | 26 | 20 | 22 | 28 | 19 | 23 | 27 | 24 | 24 | 26 | 20 |
| Not at all..... | 11 | 10 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 12 | 9 | 7 | 11 | 11 | 9 |
| Not sure..... | 6 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 6 |

Waste disposal

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A lot..... | 53 | 62 | 65 | 45 | 51 | 51 | 54 | 63 | 66 | 59 | 71 | 73 |
| Some | 25 | 19 | 19 | 29 | 24 | 27 | 27 | 22 | 19 | 23 | 14 | 19 |
| A little..... | 12 | 12 | 8 | 17 | 15 | 14 | 9 | 11 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 3 |
| Not at all..... | 5 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Not sure..... | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 |

Security, weaponization

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| A lot..... | 41 | 46 | 49 | 39 | 45 | 45 | 38 | 40 | 43 | 45 | 51 | 55 |
| Some | 27 | 24 | 25 | 32 | 23 | 21 | 25 | 30 | 25 | 28 | 23 | 23 |
| A little..... | 17 | 18 | 13 | 15 | 19 | 16 | 22 | 21 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 12 |
| Not at all..... | 8 | 7 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 11 | 11 | 5 | 10 | 5 | 7 | 5 |
| Not sure..... | 7 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 5 |

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| Overpopulation, overdevelopment, leading to natural habitat loss | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| A lot..... | 38 | 44 | 48 | | 31 | 36 | 34 | 40 | 43 | 48 | 41 | 51 | 54 |
| Some | 28 | 26 | 26 | | 28 | 25 | 27 | 24 | 28 | 27 | 32 | 27 | 28 |
| A little..... | 18 | 15 | 12 | | 18 | 19 | 16 | 20 | 15 | 9 | 20 | 13 | 7 |
| Not at all..... | 9 | 8 | 8 | | 15 | 12 | 16 | 11 | 9 | 8 | 5 | 4 | 5 |
| Not sure..... | 6 | 7 | 7 | | 7 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 6 |

Q10. How personally concerned are you about climate change?

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----|----|----|--|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Very concerned..... | 44 | 47 | 49 | | 21 | 21 | 16 | 46 | 44 | 54 | 60 | 72 | 74 |
| Somewhat concerned..... | 28 | 25 | 24 | | 31 | 30 | 29 | 30 | 27 | 25 | 26 | 19 | 21 |
| A little concerned..... | 15 | 15 | 13 | | 24 | 25 | 25 | 17 | 16 | 10 | 9 | 6 | 3 |
| Not concerned at all..... | 10 | 11 | 10 | | 22 | 22 | 25 | 7 | 11 | 9 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Not sure..... | 3 | 2 | 4 | | 2 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 |

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Political Party

Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or something else?

| | | | |
|-------------------|----|----|----|
| Republican | 25 | 25 | 24 |
| Independent | 26 | 29 | 31 |
| Democrat | 36 | 33 | 29 |
| Other | 13 | 13 | 16 |

Age

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| < 18..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 18 - 29 | 23 | 31 | 18 | 15 | 27 | 11 | 22 | 27 | 13 | 29 | 35 | 18 |
| 30 - 44 | 23 | 16 | 28 | 21 | 12 | 30 | 24 | 17 | 34 | 20 | 18 | 27 |
| 45 - 60 | 34 | 22 | 22 | 41 | 25 | 18 | 32 | 23 | 23 | 33 | 18 | 19 |
| > 60..... | 19 | 31 | 32 | 23 | 36 | 40 | 21 | 33 | 30 | 19 | 29 | 36 |

Gender

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Male..... | 45 | 45 | 46 | 46 | 48 | 63 | 51 | 57 | 52 | 41 | 34 | 34 |
| Female..... | 55 | 55 | 54 | 54 | 52 | 37 | 49 | 43 | 48 | 59 | 66 | 66 |

Household Income

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| \$0 - \$9,999..... | 7 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 5 |
| \$10,000 - \$24,999 | 11 | 14 | 11 | 8 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 13 | 9 | 13 | 14 | 11 |
| \$25,000 - \$49,999 | 19 | 23 | 17 | 16 | 25 | 15 | 24 | 22 | 14 | 19 | 22 | 14 |
| \$50,000 - \$74,999 | 19 | 14 | 15 | 24 | 15 | 22 | 22 | 11 | 17 | 14 | 15 | 14 |
| \$75,000 - \$99,999 | 14 | 9 | 12 | 14 | 11 | 13 | 13 | 9 | 13 | 15 | 9 | 13 |
| \$100,000 - \$124,999..... | 8 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 14 |

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| | | 2020 | '19 | '18 | | 2020 | '19 | '18 | | 2020 | '19 | '18 | | 2020 | '19 | '18 |
| \$125,000 - \$149,999..... | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 6 | | |
| \$150,000 - \$174,999..... | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 6 | | |
| \$175,000 - \$199,999..... | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | | |
| \$200,000 + | 5 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 7 | | |
| Prefer not to answer..... | 8 | 11 | 14 | 7 | 9 | 17 | 17 | 5 | 12 | 13 | 13 | 8 | 10 | 9 | | |

Region

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| New England..... | 5 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 7 |
| Middle Atlantic..... | 12 | 12 | 14 | 13 | 10 | 10 | 12 | 14 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| East North Central..... | 15 | 16 | 14 | 17 | 15 | 22 | 12 | 17 | 13 | 14 | 13 | 14 |
| West North Central..... | 6 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 7 |
| South Atlantic..... | 17 | 19 | 18 | 18 | 21 | 11 | 17 | 19 | 25 | 17 | 16 | 19 |
| East South Central..... | 7 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 |
| West South Central..... | 10 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 14 | 11 | 9 | 10 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 8 |
| Mountain..... | 8 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 12 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 6 | 7 |
| Pacific..... | 20 | 19 | 17 | 12 | 14 | 15 | 21 | 16 | 13 | 24 | 25 | 20 |

Methodology

ecoAmerica designed and administered this survey, which was conducted online September 1st – September 2nd, 2020 using Survey Monkey. The survey yielded a total of 1,097 adult responses. The sample was drawn from an online panel and the respondents were screened to ensure that they were over the age of 18. The margin of error for the sample is +/-3%. In interpreting the survey results, it is important to note that all sample surveys are subject to possible sampling error. Thus, the results of a survey may differ from the results that would be obtained if the entire population was interviewed. The size of the sampling error depends upon both the total number of respondents in the survey and the percentage distribution of the responses to a particular question. For example, if 50% of the respondents in a sample of 1,097 respondents answered, “Yes” to a particular question, we can be 95% confident that the true percentage would fall within 3 points, or range from 47% to 53%.

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