



**Napolitan News Service Survey**  
of 1,000 Registered Voters  
Conducted December 1-2, 2025

*1\* How do you rate the U.S. economy these days?*

5%    Excellent  
20%    Good  
32%    Fair  
41%    Poor  
1%    Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Excellent /Good	Poor	Excellent /Good	Poor	Excellent /Good	Poor
<b>December 1-2, 2025</b>	25%	41%	20%	45%	35%	32%
<b>November 17-18, 2025</b>	28%	39%	24%	43%	35%	31%
<b>November 3-4, 2025</b>	29%	38%	27%	43%	35%	27%
<b>October 20-21, 2025</b>	35%	33%	34%	35%	38%	27%
<b>October 6-7, 2025</b>	32%	32%	27%	38%	44%	21%
<b>September 22-23, 2025</b>	32%	30%	27%	35%	44%	20%
<b>September 8-9, 2025</b>	30%	31%	27%	37%	37%	21%
<b>August 25-26, 2025</b>	31%	32%	25%	37%	40%	20%
<b>August 11-12, 2025</b>	33%	30%	31%	33%	40%	24%
<b>July 28-29, 2025</b>	32%	32%	28%	32%	41%	31%
<b>July 14-15, 2025</b>	31%	30%	26%	31%	41%	28%
<b>June 30-July 1, 2025</b>	33%	28%	26%	31%	48%	22%
<b>June 16-17, 2025</b>	31%	28%	26%	33%	42%	19%

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*2\* Is the U.S. economy getting better or worse?*

8% Much better  
18% Somewhat better  
21% About the same  
26% Somewhat worse  
25% Much worse  
2% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Better	Worse	Better	Worse	Better	Worse
<b>December 1-2, 2025</b>	26%	51%	22%	54%	35%	44%
<b>November 17-18, 2025</b>	26%	54%	23%	56%	31%	49%
<b>November 3-4, 2025</b>	31%	51%	28%	52%	35%	49%
<b>October 20-21, 2025</b>	33%	47%	31%	46%	37%	48%
<b>October 6-7, 2025</b>	31%	46%	27%	51%	40%	36%
<b>September 22-23, 2025</b>	30%	44%	24%	47%	44%	36%
<b>September 8-9, 2025</b>	33%	48%	28%	51%	40%	42%
<b>August 25-26, 2025</b>	29%	47%	27%	50%	36%	41%
<b>August 11-12, 2025</b>	36%	44%	33%	46%	40%	40%
<b>July 28-29, 2025</b>	31%	45%	28%	45%	37%	47%
<b>July 14-15, 2025</b>	32%	45%	28%	50%	39%	36%
<b>June 30-July 1, 2025</b>	32%	45%	29%	48%	41%	38%
<b>June 16-17, 2025</b>	36%	42%	34%	46%	42%	34%

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*3\* How do you rate your personal finances these days?*

8%    Excellent  
30%    Good  
37%    Fair  
24%    Poor  
1%    Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Excellent /Good	Poor	Excellent /Good	Poor	Excellent /Good	Poor
<b>December 1-2, 2025</b>	38%	24%	29%	30%	57%	13%
<b>November 17-18, 2025</b>	38%	26%	29%	32%	58%	14%
<b>November 3-4, 2025</b>	37%	23%	30%	28%	52%	12%
<b>October 20-21, 2025</b>	44%	21%	36%	24%	60%	14%
<b>October 6-7, 2025</b>	43%	19%	33%	24%	61%	11%
<b>September 22-23, 2025</b>	43%	22%	33%	27%	64%	10%
<b>September 8-9, 2025</b>	42%	20%	33%	27%	61%	6%
<b>August 25-26, 2025</b>	39%	24%	29%	29%	60%	13%
<b>August 11-12, 2025</b>	40%	22%	35%	25%	55%	16%
<b>July 28-29, 2025</b>	40%	21%	33%	25%	58%	11%
<b>July 14-15, 2025</b>	42%	21%	35%	25%	56%	14%
<b>June 30-July 1, 2025</b>	39%	21%	31%	26%	59%	8%
<b>June 16-17, 2025</b>	40%	21%	29%	26%	60%	10%

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*4\* Are your personal finances getting better or worse these days?*

8% Much better  
18% Somewhat better  
35% About the same  
22% Somewhat worse  
14% Much worse  
2% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Better	Worse	Better	Worse	Better	Worse
<b>December 1-2, 2025</b>	26%	36%	19%	43%	40%	23%
<b>November 17-18, 2025</b>	25%	39%	17%	44%	41%	30%
<b>November 3-4, 2025</b>	26%	39%	22%	42%	37%	32%
<b>October 20-21, 2025</b>	31%	31%	25%	33%	42%	24%
<b>October 6-7, 2025</b>	32%	32%	24%	39%	50%	18%
<b>September 22-23, 2025</b>	30%	33%	22%	38%	47%	24%
<b>September 8-9, 2025</b>	31%	34%	23%	38%	49%	23%
<b>August 25-26, 2025</b>	31%	36%	26%	40%	41%	23%
<b>August 11-12, 2025</b>	30%	31%	24%	31%	41%	27%
<b>July 28-29, 2025</b>	28%	30%	25%	34%	37%	23%
<b>July 14-15, 2025</b>	33%	32%	29%	37%	40%	25%
<b>June 30-July 1, 2025</b>	29%	34%	23%	38%	43%	26%
<b>June 16-17, 2025</b>	30%	30%	22%	36%	48%	19%

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*5\* Is the United States currently in a recession?*

37%    Yes  
33%    No  
30%    Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
December 1-2, 2025	37%	33%	38%	29%	33%	41%
November 17-18, 2025	35%	34%	34%	31%	36%	40%
November 3-4, 2025	39%	34%	39%	29%	37%	43%
October 20-21, 2025	31%	43%	32%	39%	29%	50%
October 6-7, 2025	36%	35%	34%	31%	40%	41%
September 22-23, 2025	37%	38%	35%	39%	42%	37%
September 8-9, 2025	37%	39%	34%	39%	42%	38%
August 25-26, 2025	36%	37%	34%	36%	41%	39%
August 11-12, 2025	35%	42%	33%	42%	38%	41%
July 28-29, 2025	35%	39%	31%	38%	42%	43%
July 14-15, 2025	36%	39%	32%	38%	43%	41%
June 30-July 1, 2025	31%	38%	29%	38%	36%	39%
June 16-17, 2025	34%	43%	35%	38%	33%	51%
June 2-3, 2025	37%	38%	38%	36%	33%	43%
May 29, 2025	40%	38%	39%	36%	41%	42%
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*6a\* [Among all voters] Over the next six months, is the recession likely to end?*

63% Not asked, do not say the U.S. is in a recession  
8% Yes  
24% No  
4% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
December 1-2, 2025	8%	24%	6%	28%	13%	16%
November 17-18, 2025	8%	21%	6%	23%	12%	18%
November 3-4, 2025	10%	22%	9%	24%	12%	19%
October 20-21, 2025	9%	18%	8%	18%	9%	19%
October 6-7, 2025	10%	21%	7%	23%	18%	19%
September 22-23, 2025	10%	23%	6%	24%	20%	21%
September 8-9, 2025	11%	21%	6%	23%	19%	17%
August 25-26, 2025	8%	22%	5%	22%	16%	22%
August 11-12, 2025	9%	22%	7%	22%	12%	22%
July 28-29, 2025	10%	19%	7%	18%	15%	21%
July 14-15, 2025	10%	23%	5%	23%	19%	21%
June 30-July 1, 2025	7%	20%	4%	21%	14%	17%
June 16-17, 2025	9%	20%	7%	22%	12%	16%
May 27-28, 2025	9%	22%	7%	22%	11%	21%
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*6b\* [Among those who say U.S. is in a recession] Over the next six months, is the recession likely to end?*

22% Yes  
66% No  
12% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
December 1-2, 2025	22%	66%	14%	73%	41%	49%
November 17-18, 2025	23%	61%	17%	66%	34%	50%
November 3-4, 2025	25%	57%	22%	60%	33%	51%
October 20-21, 2025	27%	57%	26%	55%	32%	63%
October 6-7, 2025	29%	59%	19%	66%	44%	48%
September 22-23, 2025	28%	62%	17%	68%	47%	50%
September 8-9, 2025	29%	58%	18%	68%	46%	41%
August 25-26, 2025	23%	61%	14%	67%	38%	52%
August 11-12, 2025	25%	64%	21%	66%	32%	59%
July 28-29, 2025	28%	54%	23%	56%	36%	50%
July 14-15, 2025	27%	63%	14%	73%	45%	49%
June 30-July 1, 2025	23%	63%	13%	72%	39%	47%
June 16-17, 2025	27%	58%	21%	62%	38%	48%
May 27-28, 2025	24%	61%	21%	64%	28%	56%
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*7a\* [Among all voters] Over the next six months, is the U.S. likely to enter a recession?*

67% Not asked, say U.S. is already in a recession or are not sure  
6% Yes  
20% No  
7% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
December 1-2, 2025	6%	20%	5%	17%	8%	25%
November 17-18, 2025	5%	21%	4%	19%	7%	24%
November 3-4, 2025	7%	21%	6%	18%	8%	27%
October 20-21, 2025	11%	24%	8%	24%	17%	24%
October 6-7, 2025	8%	20%	7%	18%	10%	23%
September 22-23, 2025	9%	22%	9%	22%	9%	21%
September 8-9, 2025	8%	22%	8%	22%	9%	21%
August 25-26, 2025	9%	20%	8%	19%	11%	21%
August 11-12, 2025	8%	26%	9%	24%	6%	30%
July 28-29, 2025	8%	20%	7%	19%	8%	22%
July 14-15, 2025	8%	23%	7%	22%	9%	25%
June 30-July 1, 2025	11%	20%	11%	18%	11%	24%
June 16-17, 2025	8%	24%	6%	20%	12%	32%
May 27-28, 2025	10%	19%	10%	19%	11%	20%
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*7b\* [Among those who say U.S. is not in a recession or are not sure] Over the next six months, is the U.S. likely to enter a recession?*

19% Yes  
59% No  
21% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
December 1-2, 2025	19%	59%	19%	57%	20%	61%
November 17-18, 2025	15%	62%	14%	62%	18%	60%
November 3-4, 2025	20%	62%	22%	61%	19%	62%
October 20-21, 2025	25%	56%	20%	60%	33%	49%
October 6-7, 2025	23%	57%	23%	58%	23%	57%
September 22-23, 2025	23%	56%	22%	55%	25%	58%
September 8-9, 2025	21%	55%	20%	55%	23%	56%
August 25-26, 2025	25%	53%	23%	53%	29%	54%
August 11-12, 2025	20%	62%	23%	58%	14%	72%
July 28-29, 2025	19%	52%	20%	52%	19%	52%
July 14-15, 2025	21%	59%	19%	58%	23%	61%
June 30-July 1, 2025	29%	52%	29%	47%	29%	62%
June 16-17, 2025	19%	57%	16%	54%	23%	62%
May 27-28, 2025	27%	52%	25%	51%	30%	55%
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*8\* Over the past month, did you pay all your credit card balances in full, or did you just make partial payments on some of your credit cards?*

49% I paid all of my credit card balances in full  
42% I made partial payments on some of my credit cards  
9% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Paid in full	Partial payments	Paid in full	Partial payments	Paid in full	Partial payments
<b>December 1-2, 2025</b>	49%	42%	41%	47%	65%	32%
<b>November 17-18, 2025</b>	51%	41%	43%	47%	67%	29%
<b>November 3-4, 2025</b>	47%	43%	41%	47%	60%	35%
<b>October 20-21, 2025</b>	49%	42%	41%	49%	67%	28%
<b>October 6-7, 2025</b>	53%	38%	46%	42%	66%	31%
<b>September 22-23, 2025</b>	49%	43%	41%	50%	66%	29%
<b>September 8-9, 2025</b>	46%	45%	41%	48%	57%	39%
<b>August 25-26, 2025</b>	49%	41%	40%	47%	69%	27%
<b>August 11-12, 2025</b>	49%	42%	47%	43%	54%	38%
<b>July 28-29, 2025</b>	50%	42%	44%	45%	63%	34%
<b>July 14-15, 2025</b>	49%	40%	42%	43%	62%	34%
<b>June 30-July 1, 2025</b>	47%	43%	40%	49%	63%	31%
<b>June 16-17, 2025</b>	51%	41%	41%	47%	70%	28%
<b>May 27-28, 2025</b>	45%	44%	37%	50%	63%	29%
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*9\* Are you able to regularly set aside money in savings and/or retirement accounts? Or does all of your income go to current living expenses?*

47% I am able to regularly set aside money  
48% All of my income goes to current living expenses  
5% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Regularly set aside money	Income goes to living expenses	Regularly set aside money	Income goes to living expenses	Regularly set aside money	Income goes to living expenses
December 1-2, 2025	47%	48%	38%	57%	65%	31%
November 17-18, 2025	50%	46%	41%	55%	69%	27%
November 3-4, 2025	52%	44%	44%	51%	69%	28%
October 20-21, 2025	52%	44%	44%	51%	70%	28%
October 6-7, 2025	52%	44%	42%	53%	71%	29%
September 22-23, 2025	47%	49%	38%	57%	66%	32%
September 8-9, 2025	53%	43%	43%	52%	72%	25%
August 25-26, 2025	49%	45%	38%	55%	72%	24%
August 11-12, 2025	50%	46%	44%	52%	65%	31%
July 28-29, 2025	46%	50%	37%	57%	65%	34%
July 14-15, 2025	52%	44%	44%	52%	67%	29%
June 30-July 1, 2025	46%	49%	36%	59%	72%	26%
June 16-17, 2025	49%	48%	37%	59%	74%	25%
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*10\* Suppose something happened leading to a surprise emergency expense of \$1,000. Would you be able to make that payment without cutting back on your current lifestyle? Or, would you have to cut back on other expenses for a while?*

46% I would be able to make that payment without cutting back on my lifestyle  
48% I would have to cut back on expenses for a while  
6% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Make payment without cutting back	Would have to cut back	Make payment without cutting back	Would have to cut back	Make payment without cutting back	Would have to cut back
December 1-2, 2025	46%	48%	36%	57%	66%	30%
November 17-18, 2025	49%	47%	41%	54%	66%	32%
November 3-4, 2025	48%	47%	38%	56%	68%	28%
October 20-21, 2025	50%	47%	42%	54%	66%	32%
October 6-7, 2025	52%	45%	42%	54%	70%	29%
September 22-23, 2025	50%	45%	40%	53%	71%	26%
September 8-9, 2025	49%	46%	40%	56%	66%	28%
August 25-26, 2025	49%	47%	39%	57%	69%	27%
August 11-12, 2025	50%	46%	43%	53%	65%	31%
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**Methodology**

This survey of 1,000 Registered Voters was conducted online by Scott Rasmussen on December 1-2, 2025. Field work for the survey was conducted by RMG Research, Inc. Certain quotas were applied, and the sample was lightly weighted by geography, gender, age, race, education, internet usage, and political party to reasonably reflect the nation's population of Registered Voters. Other variables were reviewed to ensure that the final sample is representative of that population.

The margin of sampling error for the full sample is +/- 3.1 percentage points.

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