



Napolitan News Service Survey
of 1,000 Registered Voters
Conducted December 15-16, 2025

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

6% Excellent
18% Good
34% Fair
40% Poor
1% Not sure

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

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

9% Much better
22% Somewhat better
17% About the same
27% Somewhat worse
23% Much worse
2% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Better	Worse	Better	Worse	Better	Worse
December 15-16, 2025	31%	50%	31%	48%	30%	55%
December 1-2, 2025	26%	51%	22%	54%	35%	44%
November 17-18, 2025	26%	54%	23%	56%	31%	49%
November 3-4, 2025	31%	51%	28%	52%	35%	49%
October 20-21, 2025	33%	47%	31%	46%	37%	48%
October 6-7, 2025	31%	46%	27%	51%	40%	36%
September 22-23, 2025	30%	44%	24%	47%	44%	36%
September 8-9, 2025	33%	48%	28%	51%	40%	42%
August 25-26, 2025	29%	47%	27%	50%	36%	41%
August 11-12, 2025	36%	44%	33%	46%	40%	40%
July 28-29, 2025	31%	45%	28%	45%	37%	47%
July 14-15, 2025	32%	45%	28%	50%	39%	36%
June 30-July 1, 2025	32%	45%	29%	48%	41%	38%
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3 How do you rate your personal finances these days?*

9% Excellent
29% Good
37% Fair
23% Poor
1% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Excellent /Good	Poor	Excellent /Good	Poor	Excellent /Good	Poor
December 15-16, 2025	38%	23%	33%	28%	53%	13%
December 1-2, 2025	38%	24%	29%	30%	57%	13%
November 17-18, 2025	38%	26%	29%	32%	58%	14%
November 3-4, 2025	37%	23%	30%	28%	52%	12%
October 20-21, 2025	44%	21%	36%	24%	60%	14%
October 6-7, 2025	43%	19%	33%	24%	61%	11%
September 22-23, 2025	43%	22%	33%	27%	64%	10%
September 8-9, 2025	42%	20%	33%	27%	61%	6%
August 25-26, 2025	39%	24%	29%	29%	60%	13%
August 11-12, 2025	40%	22%	35%	25%	55%	16%
July 28-29, 2025	40%	21%	33%	25%	58%	11%
July 14-15, 2025	42%	21%	35%	25%	56%	14%
June 30-July 1, 2025	39%	21%	31%	26%	59%	8%

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

7% Much better
20% Somewhat better
38% About the same
21% Somewhat worse
12% Much worse
1% Not sure

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

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5 Is the United States currently in a recession?*

37% Yes
36% No
27% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
December 15-16, 2025	37%	36%	37%	34%	38%	40%
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%
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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
9% Yes
24% No
4% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
December 15-16, 2025	9%	24%	8%	24%	11%	23%
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%
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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?*

23% Yes
65% No
12% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
December 15-16, 2025	23%	65%	21%	66%	28%	61%
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%
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7a [Among all voters] Over the next six months, is the U.S. likely to enter a recession?*

64% Not asked, say U.S. is already in a recession or are not sure
 7% Yes
 22% No
 7% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
December 15-16, 2025	7%	22%	6%	21%	11%	23%
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%
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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?*

20% Yes
60% No
19% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
December 15-16, 2025	20%	60%	17%	62%	28%	56%
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%
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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?*

46% I paid all of my credit card balances in full
45% 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
December 15-16, 2025	46%	45%	43%	45%	54%	44%
December 1-2, 2025	49%	42%	41%	47%	65%	32%
November 17-18, 2025	51%	41%	43%	47%	67%	29%
November 3-4, 2025	47%	43%	41%	47%	60%	35%
October 20-21, 2025	49%	42%	41%	49%	67%	28%
October 6-7, 2025	53%	38%	46%	42%	66%	31%
September 22-23, 2025	49%	43%	41%	50%	66%	29%
September 8-9, 2025	46%	45%	41%	48%	57%	39%
August 25-26, 2025	49%	41%	40%	47%	69%	27%
August 11-12, 2025	49%	42%	47%	43%	54%	38%
July 28-29, 2025	50%	42%	44%	45%	63%	34%
July 14-15, 2025	49%	40%	42%	43%	62%	34%
June 30-July 1, 2025	47%	43%	40%	49%	63%	31%
June 16-17, 2025	51%	41%	41%	47%	70%	28%
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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?*

49% I am able to regularly set aside money
47% All of my income goes to current living expenses
4% 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 15-16, 2025	49%	47%	43%	52%	62%	36%
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%
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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?*

49% I would be able to make that payment without cutting back on my lifestyle
47% I would have to cut back on expenses for a while
4% 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 15-16, 2025	49%	47%	43%	51%	62%	37%
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%
July 28-29, 2025	46%	51%	36%	59%	67%	32%
July 14-15, 2025	50%	45%	41%	53%	66%	28%
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Methodology

This survey of 1,000 Registered Voters was conducted online by Scott Rasmussen on December 15-16, 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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