



**Napolitan News Service Survey**  
Of 1,000 Registered Voters  
Conducted March 2-3, 2026

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

5% Excellent  
24% Good  
33% Fair  
35% Poor  
2% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Excellent /Good	Poor	Excellent /Good	Poor	Excellent /Good	Poor
<b>March 2-3, 2026</b>	29%	35%	28%	37%	32%	31%
<b>February 17-18, 2026</b>	31%	30%	28%	35%	38%	17%
<b>February 2, 2026</b>	33%	32%	34%	33%	33%	31%
<b>January 19-20, 2026</b>	28%	37%	26%	39%	30%	33%
<b>January 5, 2026</b>	31%	35%	28%	38%	36%	27%
<b>December 15-16, 2025</b>	24%	40%	23%	41%	29%	35%
<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%

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

- 8% Much better
- 21% Somewhat better
- 19% About the same
- 27% Somewhat worse
- 24% Much worse
- 2% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Better	Worse	Better	Worse	Better	Worse
<b>March 2-3, 2026</b>	29%	51%	29%	49%	30%	55%
<b>February 17-18, 2026</b>	33%	44%	30%	45%	40%	40%
<b>February 2, 2026</b>	31%	48%	32%	46%	31%	52%
<b>January 19-20, 2026</b>	31%	48%	28%	50%	36%	46%
<b>January 5, 2026</b>	33%	44%	33%	44%	34%	43%
<b>December 15-16, 2025</b>	31%	50%	31%	48%	30%	55%
<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%

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

10% Excellent  
31% Good  
38% Fair  
20% Poor  
1% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Excellent /Good	Poor	Excellent /Good	Poor	Excellent /Good	Poor
<b>March 2-3, 2026</b>	41%	20%	34%	25%	55%	12%
<b>February 17-18, 2026</b>	41%	24%	32%	29%	64%	13%
<b>February 2, 2026</b>	45%	21%	36%	25%	67%	11%
<b>January 19-20, 2026</b>	42%	21%	33%	27%	59%	8%
<b>January 5, 2026</b>	43%	21%	34%	25%	60%	15%
<b>December 15-16, 2025</b>	38%	23%	33%	28%	53%	13%
<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%

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

- 7% Much better
- 22% Somewhat better
- 39% About the same
- 20% Somewhat worse
- 11% Much worse
- 1% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Better	Worse	Better	Worse	Better	Worse
<b>March 2-3, 2026</b>	29%	31%	26%	35%	36%	24%
<b>February 17-18, 2026</b>	28%	29%	23%	36%	41%	16%
<b>February 2, 2026</b>	32%	30%	30%	32%	38%	23%
<b>January 19-20, 2026</b>	28%	33%	24%	38%	37%	23%
<b>January 5, 2026</b>	30%	30%	28%	34%	37%	23%
<b>December 15-16, 2025</b>	27%	33%	23%	37%	37%	25%
<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%

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

31% Yes  
41% No  
28% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
<b>March 2-3, 2026</b>	31%	41%	29%	39%	35%	45%
<b>February 17-18, 2026</b>	30%	39%	31%	39%	28%	42%
<b>February 2, 2026</b>	37%	39%	36%	38%	38%	40%
<b>January 19-20, 2026</b>	33%	42%	34%	40%	31%	47%
<b>January 5, 2026</b>	32%	42%	33%	41%	32%	46%
<b>December 15-16, 2025</b>	37%	36%	37%	34%	38%	40%
<b>December 1-2, 2025</b>	37%	33%	38%	29%	33%	41%
<b>November 17-18, 2025</b>	35%	34%	34%	31%	36%	40%
<b>November 3-4, 2025</b>	39%	34%	39%	29%	37%	43%
<b>October 20-21, 2025</b>	31%	43%	32%	39%	29%	50%
<b>October 6-7, 2025</b>	36%	35%	34%	31%	40%	41%
<b>September 22-23, 2025</b>	37%	38%	35%	39%	42%	37%
<b>September 8-9, 2025</b>	37%	39%	34%	39%	42%	38%
<b>August 25-26, 2025</b>	36%	37%	34%	36%	41%	39%
<b>August 11-12, 2025</b>	35%	42%	33%	42%	38%	41%

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*6a\* [Among all voters] Over the next six months, is the recession likely to end?*

69% Not asked, do not say the U.S. is in a recession  
7% Yes  
21% No  
3% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
<b>March 2-3, 2026</b>	7%	21%	5%	21%	9%	20%
<b>February 17-18, 2026</b>	6%	19%	4%	21%	11%	16%
<b>February 2, 2026</b>	8%	23%	8%	23%	9%	23%
<b>January 19-20, 2026</b>	6%	23%	5%	24%	8%	22%
<b>January 5, 2026</b>	5%	23%	4%	24%	5%	22%
<b>December 15-16, 2025</b>	9%	24%	8%	24%	11%	23%
<b>December 1-2, 2025</b>	8%	24%	6%	28%	13%	16%
<b>November 17-18, 2025</b>	8%	21%	6%	23%	12%	18%
<b>November 3-4, 2025</b>	10%	22%	9%	24%	12%	19%
<b>October 20-21, 2025</b>	9%	18%	8%	18%	9%	19%
<b>October 6-7, 2025</b>	10%	21%	7%	23%	18%	19%
<b>September 22-23, 2025</b>	10%	23%	6%	24%	20%	21%
<b>September 8-9, 2025</b>	11%	21%	6%	23%	19%	17%
<b>August 25-26, 2025</b>	8%	22%	5%	22%	16%	22%

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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?*

21% Yes  
68% No  
11% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
<b>March 2-3, 2026</b>	21%	68%	18%	73%	27%	58%
<b>February 17-18, 2026</b>	20%	64%	13%	67%	39%	56%
<b>February 2, 2026</b>	23%	61%	22%	62%	25%	60%
<b>January 19-20, 2026</b>	18%	71%	14%	70%	25%	71%
<b>January 5, 2026</b>	14%	72%	13%	72%	17%	71%
<b>December 15-16, 2025</b>	23%	65%	21%	66%	28%	61%
<b>December 1-2, 2025</b>	22%	66%	14%	73%	41%	49%
<b>November 17-18, 2025</b>	23%	61%	17%	66%	34%	50%
<b>November 3-4, 2025</b>	25%	57%	22%	60%	33%	51%
<b>October 20-21, 2025</b>	27%	57%	26%	55%	32%	63%
<b>October 6-7, 2025</b>	29%	59%	19%	66%	44%	48%
<b>September 22-23, 2025</b>	28%	62%	17%	68%	47%	50%
<b>September 8-9, 2025</b>	29%	58%	18%	68%	46%	41%
<b>August 25-26, 2025</b>	23%	61%	14%	67%	38%	52%

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*7a\* [Among all voters] Over the next six months, is the U.S. likely to enter a recession?*

59% Not asked, say U.S. is already in a recession or are not sure  
7% Yes  
25% No  
10% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
<b>March 2-3, 2026</b>	7%	25%	7%	24%	7%	27%
<b>February 17-18, 2026</b>	6%	26%	5%	25%	7%	29%
<b>February 2, 2026</b>	6%	25%	5%	25%	8%	24%
<b>January 19-20, 2026</b>	10%	23%	8%	22%	12%	25%
<b>January 5, 2026</b>	8%	25%	7%	25%	10%	25%
<b>December 15-16, 2025</b>	7%	22%	6%	21%	11%	23%
<b>December 1-2, 2025</b>	6%	20%	5%	17%	8%	25%
<b>November 17-18, 2025</b>	5%	21%	4%	19%	7%	24%
<b>November 3-4, 2025</b>	7%	21%	6%	18%	8%	27%
<b>October 20-21, 2025</b>	11%	24%	8%	24%	17%	24%
<b>October 6-7, 2025</b>	8%	20%	7%	18%	10%	23%
<b>September 22-23, 2025</b>	9%	22%	9%	22%	9%	21%
<b>September 8-9, 2025</b>	8%	22%	8%	22%	9%	21%
<b>August 25-26, 2025</b>	9%	20%	8%	19%	11%	21%

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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?*

16% Yes  
61% No  
23% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
<b>March 2-3, 2026</b>	16%	61%	17%	61%	15%	59%
<b>February 17-18, 2026</b>	15%	66%	14%	65%	16%	70%
<b>February 2, 2026</b>	15%	64%	12%	66%	20%	60%
<b>January 19-20, 2026</b>	23%	55%	21%	56%	26%	53%
<b>January 5, 2026</b>	19%	58%	18%	60%	22%	55%
<b>December 15-16, 2025</b>	20%	60%	17%	62%	28%	56%
<b>December 1-2, 2025</b>	19%	59%	19%	57%	20%	61%
<b>November 17-18, 2025</b>	15%	62%	14%	62%	18%	60%
<b>November 3-4, 2025</b>	20%	62%	22%	61%	19%	62%
<b>October 20-21, 2025</b>	25%	56%	20%	60%	33%	49%
<b>October 6-7, 2025</b>	23%	57%	23%	58%	23%	57%
<b>September 22-23, 2025</b>	23%	56%	22%	55%	25%	58%
<b>September 8-9, 2025</b>	21%	55%	20%	55%	23%	56%
<b>August 25-26, 2025</b>	25%	53%	23%	53%	29%	54%

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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?*

- 50% I paid all of my credit card balances in full
- 40% I made partial payments on some of my credit cards
- 10% Not sure

Total						
	Total		Mainstreet		Elite and Elite Adj	
	Paid in full	Partial payments	Paid in full	Partial payments	Paid in full	Partial payments
March 2-3, 2026	50%	40%	45%	43%	61%	33%
February 17-18, 2026	45%	43%	38%	47%	61%	34%
February 2, 2026	51%	41%	45%	44%	65%	33%
January 19-20, 2026	51%	42%	45%	46%	63%	33%
January 5, 2026	49%	42%	42%	47%	62%	33%
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%

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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?*

- 48% I am able to regularly set aside money
- 46% All of my income goes to current living expenses
- 6% 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
March 2-3, 2026	48%	46%	41%	52%	62%	33%
February 17-18, 2026	46%	48%	38%	56%	68%	29%
February 2, 2026	53%	43%	43%	52%	74%	23%
January 19-20, 2026	49%	45%	40%	54%	69%	27%
January 5, 2026	49%	46%	39%	54%	67%	29%
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%

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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?*

- 52% I would be able to make that payment without cutting back on my lifestyle
- 44% 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
March 2-3, 2026	52%	44%	46%	49%	66%	33%
February 17-18, 2026	45%	49%	36%	58%	66%	29%
February 2, 2026	51%	43%	42%	51%	71%	27%
January 19-20, 2026	49%	46%	38%	55%	69%	28%
January 5, 2026	47%	48%	38%	57%	66%	31%
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%

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*11\* Thinking about basic household expenses like food, clothing, and utilities, are you spending more, less, or about the same amount as you were a year ago?*

- 17% Much more
- 40% Somewhat more
- 15% Somewhat less
- 8% Much less
- 17% About the same amount
- 3% Not sure

Total			
	More	Less	Net
<b>March 2-3, 2026</b>	57%	23%	+34
<b>November 3-4, 2025</b>	62%	23%	+39
<b>April 28-29, 2025</b>	57%	23%	+34
<b>February 3-4, 2025</b>	64%	21%	+43

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**Methodology**

This survey of 1,000 Registered Voters was conducted online by Scott Rasmussen on March 2-3, 2026. 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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