NBC News Decision Desk Poll Results
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The NBC News Decision Desk Poll was conducted from November 20 - December 8, 2025 among a national sample of 20,252 adults aged 18 and over.

The error estimate is plus or minus 1.9 percentage points.

The NBC News Decision Desk Poll is powered by SurveyMonkey. Details on weighting and error estimates can be found in the methodology section below.

Q1: Which of the following topics are you most interested in?

	11/20-12/8	8/13-9/1	5/30-6/10	4/11-4/20
Politics	21	22	22	25
Sports	9	9	9	9
Culture and entertainment	8	8	9	8
Personal finance and money	13	12	12	12
Lifestyle issues	6	6	7	6
Travel	8	9	9	9
Health and wellness	23	23	24	21
Technology and innovation	10	9	9	10

Q2: Which one of the following issues matters MOST to you right now?

	11/20-12/8	8/13-9/1	5/30-6/10	4/11-4/20
Gun policy	3	3	3	3
Health care	17	17	17	14
Climate change	3	4	4	4
Abortion and reproductive rights	4	4	5	4
The economy	27	25	27	28
Immigration	9	9	9	9
Threats to democracy	23	24	23	25
Foreign policy	2	2	2	3
Crime and safety	12	12	10	11

Q3: Do you think the United States is on the right track or wrong track?

	11/20-12/8	8/13-9/1	5/30-6/10	4/11-4/20
Right track	36	39	39	40
Wrong track	64	61	61	60

Q4: Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

	11/20-12/8	8/13-9/1	5/30-6/10	4/11-4/20
Strongly approve	21	23	23	26
Somewhat approve	21	20	22	19
Somewhat disapprove	14	15	15	13
Strongly disapprove	44	42	40	42

Q5: How much do you agree with the following statement: When it comes to politics and society, nothing really matters because powerful people will always do whatever they want.

	11/20-12/8
Strongly agree	23
Agree	31
Neither agree or disagree	21
Disagree	16
Strongly disagree	9

Q6: Compared to one year ago, is your personal financial situation:

	11/20-12/8	8/13-9/1	5/30-6/10	4/11-4/20
Better today	24	23	21	22
About the same	41	43	45	44
Worse today	35	34	34	34

Q7: Attention check question.

Q8: All in all, for you and your family, would you say 2025 has been:

	11/20-12/8
A good year	59
A bad year	41

Q9: Thinking about next year, do you think 2026 will be better or worse for your family than 2025?

	11/20-12/8
Better	70
Worse	30

Q10: Which of the following economic matters is the most important to you and your family right now?

	11/20-12/8
Unemployment and job opportunities	7
Inflation and the rising cost of living	44
Interest rates and housing affordability	8
Government spending and the national debt	7
Taxes and take-home pay	9
Stock market performance and investments	5
Student loans	3
Health care costs	13
None of the above	4

Q11: Would you say that you are currently working at a job that you would consider a good job or long-term career?

	11/20-12/8
Yes	46
No	16
Not applicable (student, retired, stay-at-home parent, disabled, other)	38

Q12: How worried are you about either finding or keeping a full-time job that you would consider to be a good job?

	11/20-12/8
Extremely worried	17
Somewhat worried	32
Not really worried	30
Not at all worried	22

Q13: Have you considered, or are you currently doing, part-time "gig work" such as Uber/Lyft, Doordash, Uber Eats to help make ends meet?

	11/20-12/8
Yes, currently doing gig work	9
Yes, considering it	20
No	71

Q14: Which of the following would you say is the biggest economic problem facing your family today?

	11/20-12/8
Cost of food	18
Cost of housing	22
Cost of health care/insurance	17
Cost of education/student loans	5
Cost of child care	2
Credit card debt	7
Cost of gas	1
Cost of utilities, like electricity	9
Retirement/planning for retirement	9
Other (please specify)	10

Q15: Which of the following is your main source of health insurance coverage?

	11/20-12/8
Plan through my or my spouse's employer	32
Medicare, the government program for adults 65 and older, and some younger adults with long-term disabilities	21
Medicaid, the government program for certain low-income adults and children	15
Plan I purchased myself	10
Plan through my parents	7
Somewhere else	4
Don't have health insurance	7
Not sure	4

Q16: How satisfied are you with your current health insurance coverage?

	11/20-12/8
Very satisfied	34
Somewhat satisfied	48
Somewhat dissatisfied	12
Very dissatisfied	6

Q17: In the past two years, has your health insurance company delayed or denied you or your family's ability to get a health care service, treatment, or medication that you or your doctor requested?

	11/20-12/8
Yes	24
No	76

Q18: Thinking about the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare, would you rather:

	11/20-12/8
Repeal it	24
Keep it	46
Not sure	30

Q19: Which party do you trust more to handle health care costs?

	11/20-12/8
The Democratic Party	57
The Republican Party	43

Q20: Which party do you trust more to handle the rising price of everyday things?

	11/20-12/8
The Republican Party	47
The Democratic Party	53

Q21: As a result of recent economic conditions, have you personally experienced any of the following? (Select all that apply)

11/20-12/8	Yes	No
Changed what groceries you buy in order to stay within your budget	53	47

11/20-12/8	Yes	No
Cut back on electricity use	26	74

11/20-12/8	Yes	No
Cut back spending on extras and entertainment in order to afford necessities	55	45

11/20-12/8	Yes	No
Changed or canceled plans to travel	31	69

11/20-12/8	Yes	No
Had difficulty finding affordable housing	22	78

11/20-12/8	Yes	No
Had to cut back on Christmas or holiday spending	43	57

11/20-12/8	Yes	No
Delayed a major purchase	40	60

Q22: Will you spend more, less or about the same amount that you spent last year on holiday gifts?

	11/20-12/8
More	9
Less	55
About the same	36

Q23: How would you feel if the stock market crashed by 30%?

	11/20-12/8
Very unhappy	39
Somewhat unhappy	18
Neither happy or unhappy	37
Somewhat happy	3
Very happy	3

Q24: How much are you and your family's financial situation personally affected by what happens in the stock market?

	11/20-12/8
A lot	21
A little	34
Not much	27
Not at all	18

Q25: The Trump administration has torn down the East Wing of the White House to make way for a 90,000 square-foot ballroom, paid for by $300 million in private donations from U.S. businesses and individuals. Do you support or oppose this project?

	11/20-12/8
Strongly support	17
Somewhat support	16
Somewhat oppose	17
Strongly oppose	50

Q26: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the Trump administration has handled the Jeffrey Epstein files?

	11/20-12/8
Strongly approve	9
Somewhat approve	20
Somewhat disapprove	20
Strongly disapprove	51

Q27: Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: Sports betting lessens the integrity of the game.

	11/20-12/8
Strongly agree	34
Somewhat agree	36
Somewhat disagree	22
Strongly disagree	8

Q28: How concerned, if at all, are you that the increasing availability of sports betting will lead to games being fixed or rigged?

	11/20-12/8
Very concerned	29
Somewhat concerned	34
Not too concerned	21
Not at all concerned	17

Q29: In the 2024 presidential election, did you vote for:

	11/20-12/8
Kamala Harris	29
Donald Trump	30
Was not eligible to vote	8
Someone else	1
Did not vote	32

Q30: Are you registered to vote where you now live?

	11/20-12/8
Yes, registered to vote at current address	74
No, not registered to vote	15
No, not registered to vote at current address - registered elsewhere	6
Don't know	5

Q31: In politics today, do you consider yourself a Republican, Democrat, an Independent or something else?

	11/20-12/8
Republican	37
Democrat	41
Independent/ Something else	23

Q33: When it comes to political matters, do you consider yourself to be: (REPUBLICANS ONLY)

	11/20-12/8
More of a supporter of the Make America Great Again or MAGA movement	50
More of a supporter of the Republican Party	50

Q34: When it comes to political matters, do you consider yourself to be: (DEMOCRATS ONLY)

	11/20-12/8
More of a supporter of progressive causes and the progressive movement	50
More of a supporter of the Democratic Party	50

Q35: In what ZIP code is your home located? (enter 5-digit ZIP code; for example, 00544 or 94305)

Q35: What is your age?

	11/20-12/8
18-29	19
30-44	26
45-64	31
65+	24

Q37: Which race or ethnicity best describes you? (Select all that apply)

	11/20-12/8
White	60
Black or African American	11
Hispanic or Latino/a	18
Other	11

Q38: Are you of Hispanic or Latino/a origin?

	11/20-12/8
Yes	17
No	83

Q39: Are you currently enrolled in school?

	11/20-12/8
No	84
Yes, in high school	4
Yes, in technical, trade or vocational school	1
Yes, in a four-year college program	6
Yes, in a two-year college program	2
Yes, in graduate school	2

Q40: What is the last grade of school you completed?

	11/20-12/8
Did not complete high school	7
High school or G.E.D.	32
Some college, but no degree	16
Associate's degree, occupational or vocational program	6
Associate's degree, academic program	5
Bachelor's degree	20
Post graduate degree	13

Q41: Do you own or rent the place you currently live?

	11/20-12/8
Own	49
Rent	37
Neither	14

Q42: My total household income last year was:

	11/20-12/8
Under $50,000	40
$50,000-$79,999	19
$80,000-$99,999	10
$100,000-$149,999	14
$150,000-$199,999	8
$200,000-$499,999	7
$500,000+	2

Q43: Which of the following best describes you?

	11/20-12/8
Employed, working full time	46
Employed, working part time	13
Not employed, student	7
Not employed, retired	19
Not employed, looking for paid work	9
Not employed, not looking for paid work	6

Q44: Do you have any children?

	11/20-12/8
Yes, one or more under 18	27
Yes, one or more over 18	36
No children	37

Q45: Which sex were you assigned at birth, on your original birth certificate?

	11/20-12/8
Male	49
Female	51

Q46: What is your current gender?

	11/20-12/8
Male	48
Female	50
Transgender	1
Nonbinary	1
Not listed	0

Q47: Do you identify as:

	11/20-12/8
Straight/ Heterosexual	87
Lesbian	2
Gay	2
Bisexual	5
Queer	1
Asexual	1
Pansexual	1
Something other than heterosexual	1

Q48: Optional: Would you like to be contacted by a reporter from a major news organization for a story about this survey? If so, please enter your information and select "I consent" below.

Q49: Do you consent to share your contact information with a reporter?

Methodology:

This NBC News Decision Desk Poll was powered by SurveyMonkey, the fast, intuitive feedback management platform where 20 million questions are answered daily. It was conducted online November 20, 2025 through December 8, 2025 among a national sample of 20,252 adults aged 18 and over. Reported percentages exclude item non-response and round to the nearest percentage point. Respondents were selected from the more than two million people who take surveys on SurveyMonkey each day.

Weighting was done in a two step process. Each generation (18-29,30-44,45-64, 65+) was weighted to population totals for race, sex, census region, education, and an estimate of 2024 presidential vote. The full sample was then combined and weighted to reflect each generation's true proportion in the adult population, where 18-29 year olds make up 20%, 30-44 year olds make up 26%, 45-64 year olds make up 31% and 65 year olds and above make up 24%.

Two data quality checks were used to verify quality respondents: the time it takes to complete the survey and the successful completion of an attention check question. Respondents who took less than 3 minutes or longer than 20 minutes to complete the survey were removed. Respondents who answered the attention check question incorrectly were also removed.

The valid sample after removing respondents who failed data quality checks and those without a weight is 20,252 adults.

The estimated margin of error for this survey among all adults is plus or minus 1.9 percent. To calculate a margin of error we used a method that attempts to capture the uncertainty due to sampling as well as through the need to weight the sample to match population targets. Specifically, the reported margin of error is equal to the square root of the design effect of the survey weights multiplied by the traditional margin of error based on the sample size. When looking at the difference between two percentages, like when calculating the margin between two survey waves, this margin of error is doubled. While this margin of error tries to capture the error due to sampling and weighting, other sources of error are possible.