

NATIONAL POLL

A Survey of Americans Adults

April 5, 2022

Sample Size Total: 1,000

Gender	Total
Men	49%
Women	51%

7. And thinking about one of the big issues that is in the news these days, how concerned would you say you are about the following?

	<u>Very concerned</u>	<u>Somewhat concerned</u>	<u>Not very concerned</u>	<u>Not at all concerned</u>	<u>Not sure</u>
The high costs of gas and oil	66%	25%	5%	2%	1%
The United States' dependence on foreign sources of oil	54%	30%	10%	3%	3%
The long-term energy security of the United States	49%	34%	10%	4%	4%

8. When it comes to Congress increasing federal funding in what order would you personally put the following in order from most important to receive additional funding to the least important

	<u>Rank 1</u>	<u>Rank 2</u>	<u>Rank 3</u>
More funding for ending childhood hunger	27%	18%	17%
More funding to fix our roads and bridges	19%	19%	18%
More funding for police training and hiring	16%	15%	14%
More funding to build K-12 schools	14%	20%	18%
More funding for wind and solar energy	14%	13%	13%
More funding for public transportation	6%	8%	13%
More funding for increasing the number of electric vehicles	5%	7%	8%

Methodology: 1,000 interviews among adults age 18+ were conducted from April 1-4, 2022 using an online survey. The results were weighted to ensure proportional responses. The Bayesian confidence interval for 1,000 interviews is 3.5, which is roughly equivalent to a margin of error of ± 3.1 at the 95% confidence level.

9. Regardless of how concerned you are, how big an affect has the increase in energy costs had on you personally?

	Total
It is making it hard to make ends meet	44%
It is not affecting my spending on needed items such as food but noticing the effect on my bank account	29%
I don't like it, but not really affecting me or my finances much	16%
Doesn't affect me at all	6%
(Don't know/ refused)	4%

10. There have been a lot of ideas discussed about how to get gas prices down. Below are a few of these ideas. Please rate each using a scale of 0-100 where 0 means you do not support the idea at all and 100 means you strongly support the idea. You can use any number between 0 and 100.

	<u>Mean</u>	% Strongly Support (80-100)
Temporarily stop charging state and federal taxes on gas	60.44	35%
Increase the number of permits for drilling for oil and gas	56.03	28%
Releasing 1 million barrels a day from the national strategic reserve to increase the supply in the US	53.78	26%
Send a monthly check of \$50 to people making less than \$75,000 a year to help defray the cost of gas	53.60	31%
Start charging oil and gas companies for the drilling permits they already have but are not using.	50.69	24%
Encourage more people to buy electric vehicles by investing more in the infrastructure of charging stations around the country.	27.23	8%
Add an additional charge on people's electrical bill to help fund the building of charging stations for electric vehicles	26.34	7%

11. In general, how likely are you to buy an electric vehicle in the following time periods?
 (Don't show options once answer Very likely)

	Very likely	Some- what likely	Not very likely	Unlikely to happen	Not Sure
In the next year	14%	14%	18%	49%	5%
In the next 2-3 years	7%	18%	17%	51%	7%
In the next 5 years	7%	19%	14%	50%	11%
In the next 5 to 10 years	4%	23%	15%	45%	12%
10 years or more	8%	20%	11%	47%	15%

12. [SHOW IF 2 YEARS OR MORE] Below are some reasons that other people have given for why they don't think they will buy an electric vehicle in the next couple years. Please rate each using a scale of 0-100 where 0 means you do not agree at all and 100 means you strongly agree. You can use any number between 0 and 100.

	<u>Mean</u>	<u>% Strongly agree (80-100)</u>
Right now, electric vehicles are too expensive	74.34	52%
My current car is hopefully going to last more than a couple years	68.97	45%
There are not enough charging stations for it to make sense right now	66.79	42%
I don't really have the ability to charge an electric vehicle where I live	59.69	36%
I don't want to buy a car where most of the parts come from countries like China and Russia.	58.94	36%
Until electric cars can go farther on a charge, I drive too much for an electric vehicle to make sense for me	54.87	28%

13. Which of the following statements comes closest to your own opinion?

	Total
The movement towards electric vehicles is already happening and while it might be slower than many would like we just need to be patient, and the federal government putting in more money is not an effective use of taxpayer money.	41%
Electric vehicles will probably not ever be a big market in this country, and we need to focus on other things.	34%
We need to do whatever we can to get as many electric vehicles on the road as quickly as possible, including the federal government subsidizing the costs of the cars and building the infrastructure for charging stations.	26%

14. When it comes to building out the infrastructure of charging stations in the United States what percent of the funding do you think should come from the federal government, state governments, and private businesses. Please make sure your answer adds up to 100%

	<u>Mean</u>	<u>50-100%</u>
Federal government	38.76	39%
State governments	28.56	17%
Private businesses	32.68	24%

15. Finally, how much more would you be willing to pay for an electric vehicle compared to a similarly equipped car that uses gas?

	Total
Up to \$1,000 more	12%
\$1,000-\$2000 more	12%
\$2,000-\$5,000 more	12%
\$5,000-\$10,000 more	8%
More than \$10,000	4%
I would not be willing to pay more	42%
Not sure	10%

Demographic Questions

1. Starting out, are you registered to vote at your current address?

	Total
Yes	81%
No	16%
Unsure	2%

2. We want to make sure we are talking to a lot of different kinds of people. How do you identify yourself?

	Total
Male	49%
Female	51%
Nonbinary	1%

3. Please indicate in what year you were born.

	Total
Under 45	47%
45-64	34%
65+	20%

4. Please indicate in which state you live.

	Total
Northeast	18%
Midwest	21%
South	38%
West	24%

5. Could you please indicate which race/ethnicity best describes you?

	Total
White	61%
Black/ African American	12%
Hispanic/ Latinx (Puerto Rican, Mexican, etc.)	17%
Asian	6%
Native American	1%
Other	3%
Refused	0%

6. And which of the following would best describe where you live?

	Total
Urban Area	35%
Suburban Area	39%
Rural Area	27%

19. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a:

	Total
Strong Republican	17%
Not-so-strong Republican	9%
Independent - lean Republican	6%
Independent	21%
Independent - lean Democratic	8%
Not-so-strong Democrat	10%
Strong Democrat	21%
Other	4%
Refused	3%

20. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1 – 11 th grade	5%
High school graduate	31%
Non-college post H.S.	2%
Some college	30%
College graduate	21%
Post-graduate school	11%
Unsure	0%

21. Are you married, unmarried living with partner, single, separated, divorced or widowed?

	Total
Married	41%
Unmarried with partner	10%
Single	32%
Separated/divorced	12%
Widowed	4%
Unsure	0%

22. Do you have any children under the age of 18 years old living in your household?

	Total
Yes	28%
No	72%
Refuse/Decline Answer	1%

23. What was your approximate annual income before taxes last year?

	Total
Less than \$20,000	21%
\$20,000-\$39,999	20%
\$40,000-\$59,999	18%
\$60,000-\$79,999	13%
\$80,000-\$99,999	8%
\$100,000-\$119,999	4%
\$120,000-\$149,999	4%
\$150,000-\$199,999	3%
\$200,000-\$249,999	1%
\$250,000 or more	2%
Not currently employed	2%
Prefer not to say	3%