

Topline

# KFF/LA Times Survey of Immigrants: U.S.-Born Adult Comparison

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## METHODOLOGY

The *KFF/LA Times Survey on Immigration* was designed and analyzed by public opinion researchers at KFF. The survey was conducted June 29, 2023 – July 10, 2023, online and by telephone, among a nationally representative sample of 1,201 U.S. adults in English ( $n=1,122$ ) and in Spanish ( $n=79$ ). The sample includes 996 adults reached through the [SSRS Opinion Panel](#) either online or over the phone ( $n=56$  in Spanish). The SSRS Opinion Panel is a nationally representative probability-based panel where panel members are recruited randomly in one of two ways: (a) Through invitations mailed to respondents randomly sampled from an Address-Based Sample (ABS) provided by Marketing Systems Groups (MSG) through the U.S. Postal Service’s Computerized Delivery Sequence (CDS); (b) from a dual-frame random digit dial (RDD) sample provided by MSG. For the online panel component, invitations were sent to panel members by email followed by up to three reminder emails. 966 panel members completed the survey online and panel members who do not use the internet were reached by phone ( $n=30$ ).

Another 205 ( $n=23$  in Spanish) interviews were conducted from a random digit dial telephone sample of prepaid cell phone numbers obtained through MSG. Phone numbers used for the prepaid cell phone component were randomly generated from a cell phone sampling frame with disproportionate stratification aimed at reaching Hispanic and non-Hispanic Black respondents. Stratification was based on incidence of the race/ethnicity groups within each frame. Respondents in the phone samples received a \$15 incentive via a check received by mail, and web respondents received a \$5 electronic gift card incentive (some harder-to-reach groups received a \$10 electronic gift card).

Cases with over 20% item non-response, those with a length less than one-third of the mean length by mode, and those who straightlined at more than one question series were flagged and reviewed. Cases were removed from the data if they failed two or more of these quality checks. Based on this criterion, 1 case was removed.

The combined cell phone and panel samples were weighted to match the sample’s demographics to the national U.S. adult population using data from the Census Bureau’s 2022 Current Population Survey (CPS). Weighting parameters included sex, age, education, race/ethnicity, and region. The sample was weighted to match patterns of civic engagement from the September 2019 Volunteering and Civic Life Supplement data from the CPS and to match frequency of internet use from the National Public Opinion Reference Survey (NPORS) for Pew Research Center. Finally, the sample was weighted to match patterns of political party identification based on a parameter derived from recent ABS polls conducted by SSRS polls. The weights take into account differences in the probability of selection for each sample type (prepaid cell phone and panel). This includes adjustment for the sample design and geographic stratification of the cell phone sample, within household probability of selection, and the design of the panel-recruitment procedure.

The margin of sampling error including the design effect for the full sample is plus or minus 4 percentage points. Numbers of respondents and margins of sampling error for key subgroups are shown in the table below. For results based on other subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Sample sizes and margins of sampling error for other subgroups are available by request. Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error and there may be other unmeasured error in this or any other public opinion poll. Kaiser Family Foundation public opinion and survey research is a charter member of the [Transparency Initiative of the American Association for Public Opinion Research](#).

Group	N (unweighted)	M.O.S.E.
Total U.S. Adults	1,201	± 4 percentage points
U.S.-Born Adults	1,049	± 4 percentage points

Notes for reading the topline:

- Percentages may not always add up to 100 percent due to rounding.
- Values less than 0.5 percent are indicated by an asterisk (\*).
- “Vol.” indicates a response was volunteered by the respondent, not offered as an explicit choice.
- Questions are presented in the order asked; question numbers may not be sequential.
- No answer includes those who said ‘Don’t know’ or refused to answer the question on the phone and those who skipped the question on the web.
- There were small question wording variations between mode of completion, but web mode question text is shown in this document.

**Q7.** Compared to your parents when they were your age, do you think your own standard of living now is better, worse, or about the same as theirs was?

	Total U.S. Adults	U.S.-Born Adults
Better	55	51
Worse	24	26
About the same	21	22
No answer	*	*
	<i>n=1,201</i>	<i>n=1,049</i>

**Q11.** How much do you trust each of the following?

	A great deal/Fair amount (NET)	A great deal	A fair amount	Not much/Not at all (NET)	Not much	Not at all	No answer	
a. Your local schools								
Total U.S. Adults	72	19	53	28	22	6	1	<i>n=1,201</i>
U.S.-Born Adults	68	17	52	31	24	7	1	<i>n=1,049</i>
b. Your local police								
Total U.S. Adults	78	27	51	22	16	5	*	<i>n=1,201</i>
U.S.-Born Adults	77	26	51	23	17	6	*	<i>n=1,049</i>
d. The government of the state where you live								
Total U.S. Adults	57	13	44	43	31	12	*	<i>n=1,201</i>
U.S.-Born Adults	53	11	42	47	34	13	-	<i>n=1,049</i>
e. The U.S. government								
Total U.S. Adults	43	6	37	57	38	19	*	<i>n=1,201</i>
U.S.-Born Adults	38	5	34	62	40	21	-	<i>n=1,049</i>
f. The U.S. news media								
Total U.S. Adults	35	5	30	65	35	29	*	<i>n=1,201</i>
U.S.-Born Adults	33	4	29	67	34	33	*	<i>n=1,049</i>

Q20 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE.

Now turning to questions about health care...

**Q22.** Do you have a doctor or other medical provider in the U.S. who you trust to answer questions about your own health?

	Total U.S. Adults	U.S.-Born Adults
Yes	81	83
No	19	17
No answer	-	-
	<i>n=1,201</i>	<i>n=1,049</i>

**Q28.** Which of the following is your main source of health insurance, if any?

	Total U.S. Adults	U.S.-Born Adults
I do not currently have health insurance	11	8
Covered by health insurance (NET)	88	91
Plan through your or a family member's employer	46	48
Plan you purchased from an insurance company or a state or federal marketplace like healthcare.gov	6	6
Medicare, the government health insurance program for people 65 and older and some younger people with disabilities	19	19
Medicaid, the government health insurance program for people with lower incomes	15	16
Military/VA	1	1
Something else	1	1
No answer	*	1
	<i>n=1,201</i>	<i>n=1,049</i>

Q30, Q38, Q39, Q42, Q43, Q46 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE.

**Q48.** In the past 12 months, did you or anyone living with you receive government assistance that helps lower income people pay for food, housing, or health care, such as food stamps, housing assistance, or Medicaid?

	Total U.S. Adults	U.S.-Born Adults
Yes	29	28
No	71	72
No answer	*	*
	<i>n=1,201</i>	<i>n=1,049</i>

Q53, Q54, Q62 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE.

Now a few questions we will use to describe the people who took part in our survey...

**Q76.** Do you describe yourself as a man, a woman, or in some other way?

	Total U.S. Adults	U.S.-Born Adults
Man	48	48
Woman	50	51
Some other way	1	1
No answer	*	*
	<i>n=1,201</i>	<i>n=1,049</i>

**AGE.** What is your age?

**AGE2.** (ASK IF DON'T KNOW OR REFUSED AGE) Could you please tell me if you are between the ages of...

RECA2 VARIABLE

	Total U.S. Adults	U.S.-Born Adults
18-29	20	21
30-49	33	33
50-64	24	24
65+	22	22
No answer	-	-
	<i>n=1,201</i>	<i>n=1,049</i>

Q2a. Were you, yourself, born in the U.S. or in another country?

	Total U.S. Adults
U.S.	82
Puerto Rico	1
Another country (NET)	17
No answer	*
	<i>n=1,201</i>

Q65. Are you the parent or guardian of any child under the age of 18 living with you?

	Total U.S. Adults	U.S.-Born Adults
Yes	30	29
No	70	71
No answer	-	-
	<i>n=1,201</i>	<i>n=1,049</i>

Q80. What describes your racial and ethnic background? (Select all that apply.)

	Total U.S. Adults	U.S.-Born Adults
Hispanic or Latino (such as Mexican, Brazilian, Cuban, or some other Latin American background)	17	11
Black or African American or Afro-Latino	13	14
Asian or Pacific Islander (such as Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Filipino, Indian, Samoan, or some other Asian or Pacific Islander background)	7	3
Middle Eastern or North African (such as Lebanese or Egyptian)	2	1
White (such as European)	64	73
Other (Please specify.)	1	1
No answer	1	1
	<i>n=1,201</i>	<i>n=1,049</i>

Q82. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received? (Please include education completed in the U.S. and/or other countries)

	Total U.S. Adults	U.S.-Born Adults
Did not graduate high school	9	8
High school graduate with a diploma	29	30
Some college (including an associate's degree)	26	27
University degree (Bachelor's degree)	20	20
Post-graduate degree (such as Master's, PhD, MD, JD)	15	15
No answer	*	-
	<i>n=1,201</i>	<i>n=1,049</i>

Q14. Is your home owned or rented?

	Total U.S. Adults	U.S.-Born Adults
Owned	69	71
Rented	31	29
No answer	*	*
	<i>n=1,201</i>	<i>n=1,049</i>

Q78. In 2022, what was your total household income from all sources, before taxes?

	Total U.S. Adults	U.S.-Born Adults
Less than \$20,000	13	14
\$20,000 to less than \$30,000	11	10
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	10	8
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	8	9
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	17	16
\$75,000 to less than \$90,000	9	10
\$90,000 to less than \$100,000	5	6
\$100,000 or more	26	26
No answer	1	1
	<i>n=1,201</i>	<i>n=1,049</i>

PARTY. In politics today, do you consider yourself a: (Republican), (Democrat), an Independent, or something else?

*Based on total surveyed June 30-July 9*

	Total U.S. Adults
Republican	28
Democrat	31
Independent	24
Something else	14
No answer	3
	<i>n=1,122</i>

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