

**2024 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 140 JANUARY 2024
FINAL TOPLINE
JANUARY 16-21, 2024
N=5,140**

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ADDITIONAL QUESTION HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE****DISPLAY FOR ALL:**

On another topic...

ASK ALL

BORDER_CL How closely have you been following news about the current situation at the U.S. border with Mexico and the large number of migrants seeking to enter the U.S.? **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS 1-5 AND 5-1 FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE]**

Jan 16-21, <u>2024</u>		Jun 5-11, <u>2023</u> ⁴
12	Extremely closely	6
18	Very closely	12
34	Somewhat closely	33
22	Not too closely	27
14	Not at all closely	21
1	No answer	*

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,569]:

BRDRERJOB How would you rate the job the U.S. government is doing dealing with the large number of migrants seeking to enter the U.S. at the border with Mexico?

Jan 16-21, <u>2024</u>		Jun 5-11, <u>2023</u> ⁵	TREND FOR COMPARISON⁶	
			Apr 5-11, <u>2021</u>	Jul 22-Aug 4, <u>2019</u>
2	Very good job	2	3	6
17	Somewhat good job	21	26	27
34	Somewhat bad job	35	35	27
45	Very bad job	39	33	38
2	No answer	4	3	2

⁴ Question previously asked, "How closely have you been following news about the number of people seeking asylum at the United States border with Mexico?"

⁵ Question previously asked, "How would you rate the job the U.S. government is doing dealing with the large number of people seeking asylum at the U.S. border with Mexico?"

⁶ Previous versions of this question were worded slightly differently. For surveys conducted 2021 and earlier, the question was worded "How would you rate the job the U.S. government is doing dealing with the increased number of people seeking asylum at the U.S. border with Mexico?"

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,571]:

IMM_CRISIS Would you say the large number of migrants seeking to enter the U.S. at the border with Mexico is... **[RANDOMIZE ORDER OF OPTIONS 1-4 AND 4-1 FOR RANDOM HALF SAMPLE]**

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2024

45	A crisis for the U.S.
32	A major problem for the U.S., but not a crisis
17	A minor problem for the U.S.
4	Not a problem for the U.S.
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

IMMFACT How much of a reason is each of the following for why a large number of migrants are seeking to enter the U.S. at the border with Mexico? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		<u>Major reason</u>	<u>Minor reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
NOOPP	Bad economic conditions in their home countries Jan 16-21, 2024	75	19	6	1
USOPP	Good economic opportunities in the U.S. Jan 16-21, 2024	71	21	7	1
VIOL	Violence in their home countries Jan 16-21, 2024	65	26	8	1
FRDM	Greater political freedoms in the U.S. Jan 16-21, 2024	44	37	18	1
POL	Belief that U.S. immigration policies will make it easy to stay in the country once they arrive Jan 16-21, 2024	58	26	15	1

ASK ALL:

IMMCRIMM Do you think the situation at the U.S. border with Mexico, with a large number of migrants seeking to enter the U.S., is leading to... **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1-2; ALWAYS ASK OPTION 3 LAST]**

Jan 16-21,
2024

57	More crime in the U.S.
3	Less crime in the U.S.
39	Doesn't have much impact on crime in the U.S.
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

IMMPOLIMPCT Thinking about some proposed policies to address immigration and the situation at the U.S. border with Mexico, do you think each of the following proposals would make the situation better or worse? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMIZE RESPONSES 1-2 WITH 3 AND 4 ALWAYS LAST]**

		<u>Better</u>	<u>Worse</u>	<u>Not make much difference</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>No answer</u>
ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,569]						
DPRT	Increasing deportations of people who are in the country illegally Jan 16-21, 2024	52	17	16	15	*
BUS	Putting more severe penalties on businesses if they hire people who are not legally allowed to work in the U.S. Jan 16-21, 2024	45	19	20	16	1
AID	Increasing economic aid to Central American countries where many migrants are coming from Jan 16-21, 2024	27	18	35	20	1
HRD	Making it harder for asylum seekers to be granted temporary legal status in the U.S. while they wait for their asylum hearing Jan 16-21, 2024	38	28	15	18	1
COND	Increasing resources to provide safe and sanitary conditions for migrants arriving in the U.S. Jan 16-21, 2024	36	27	20	15	1
ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,571]						
RCS	Increasing the number of judges and staff so that asylum applications can be decided more quickly Jan 16-21, 2024	60	11	14	15	*
OPP	Creating more opportunities for people to <u>legally</u> immigrate to the U.S. Jan 16-21, 2024	56	15	14	14	1
WALL	Substantially expanding the wall along the U.S. border with Mexico Jan 16-21, 2024	41	14	32	12	*

IMMPOLIMPCT CONTINUED...

WORK	Making it easier for asylum seekers to work legally while they wait for a decision about their asylum applications					
	Jan 16-21, 2024	47	22	13	17	*

ASK FORM 1 ONLY [N=2,569]:

IMMIG_OE What other thoughts about immigration would you like to share?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: OPEN END TEXT BOX]Jan 16-21,
2024

8	NET Make policies more restrictive
4	<i>Need stricter laws</i>
3	<i>Close the border</i>
2	<i>Deport illegal immigrants</i>
7	NET: Need to address immediate crisis
4	<i>Secure the border</i>
3	<i>Too many people/system overwhelmed</i>
*	<i>Send more resources to border states</i>
*	<i>Send them to empty states/we have room</i>
7	Immigrants need to come legally
6	NET: Strain on resources
2	<i>We need to focus on our citizens first</i>
2	<i>Hurting the economy</i>
2	<i>Don't deserve welfare</i>
6	Process is broken
5	NET: Political failures
2	<i>Current administration is failing</i>
2	<i>Political interests/failures</i>
1	<i>Need bipartisan solution/everyone's problem</i>
5	NET: Positive view of immigrants
3	<i>Immigrants are good for society</i>
2	<i>Immigrants are good for the economy</i>
4	NET: Security concerns
2	<i>Illegal immigrants are dangerous</i>
1	<i>Unvetted immigrants are a risk</i>
1	<i>Citizens should feel safe and protected</i>
4	Immigrants need support
3	NET: Make policies less restrictive
2	<i>Need easier laws</i>
1	<i>Open the border</i>
3	Complicated issue
2	Other
1	Need humane system

IMMIG_OE CONTINUED...

Jan 16-21,
2024

1	Current system works fine
1	Not just U.S. problem/countries of origin should also be involved
1	America is changing for the worse
55	No answer/skipped

ASK FORM 2 ONLY [N=2,571]:

IMMIG_OE2 What is your top concern, if any, about the large number of migrants seeking to enter the U.S. at the border with Mexico?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: OPEN END TEXT BOX]

Jan 16-21,
2024

22	NET: Economic burden
15	<i>Strain/cost of resources</i>
4	<i>Economic burden (general)</i>
3	<i>Taking Americans jobs</i>
2	<i>Increased poverty/homelessness</i>
1	<i>Migrants lazy/cannot provide for themselves/not skilled</i>
22	NET: Security Concerns
10	<i>Unvetted/dangerous people entering</i>
10	<i>Increasing crime rates</i>
3	<i>Security</i>
3	<i>Drugs</i>
1	<i>Trafficking</i>
1	<i>Cartels/Gangs/organized crime</i>
11	NET: Concern for migrant safety, treatment
6	<i>Human rights, safety, health and wellbeing of migrants</i>
4	<i>Concern for migrants (general)</i>
2	<i>Policies do not allow them to work/not fair to migrants</i>
5	Housing concerns
5	No concerns
5	NET Broken immigration system
4	<i>Inefficient system</i>
1	<i>Problems with immigration policies/system</i>
5	NET: Migrants abusing system
3	<i>Policies not strict enough</i>
2	<i>Migrants are not following laws/not legitimate</i>
4	NET: Politicians taking advantage of issue
2	<i>Blames politicians/parties</i>
1	<i>Problems with political system</i>
1	<i>Republican/Democratic Party use to their advantage</i>
1	<i>Influence on voting/political process</i>
4	Too many people

IMMIG_OE2 CONTINUED...Jan 16-21,
2024

3	NET: Migrants impact on communities
2	<i>Negative effects on communities they migrate to</i>
1	<i>Direct effect on border communities</i>
2	NET: Changing composition of U.S./assimilation issues
1	<i>Ethnic/cultural composition of U.S.</i>
1	<i>Struggles to/do not try hard enough to assimilate</i>
1	U.S. responsibility for home countries of migrants
1	Disease/health concerns
1	General mentions of it being bad
1	Other/No substantive answer
36	No answer/Skipped

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...⁷

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<i>Lean Rep</i>	<i>Lean Dem</i>
	28	29	27	13	3	17	18

Key to Pew Research trends noted in the topline:

(U) Pew Research Center/USA Today polls

⁷ PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.