

**2023 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL  
WAVE 137 OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 2023  
FINAL TOPLINE  
SURVEY OF PARENTS WITH CHILDREN AGES 18-34  
OCTOBER 24-NOVEMBER 5, 2023  
TOTAL N=3,017**

**NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. THE PERCENTAGES LESS THAN 0.5% ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (\*). ROWS/COLUMNS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING.**

	<b>Sample size</b>	<b>Margin of error at 95% confidence level</b>
Parents with adult children ages 18-34 <sup>1</sup>	3,017	+/- 2.5 percentage points

**SCREENING QUESTIONS WILL NOT BE RELEASED**

**DISPLAY TO PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34:**

For the next set of questions, please think generally about your child(ren) ages 18-34.

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34:**

PSUCCESS How much do you think your child(ren)'s successes and failures reflect the job you have done as a parent? [**RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1**]

Oct 24-  
Nov 5,  
2023

35	A great deal
36	A fair amount
23	Some
3	Not much
3	Not at all
*	No answer

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34:**

PPREPARE Overall, to what extent do you think you prepared your child(ren) to be an independent adult? [**DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS PSUCCESS**]

Oct 24-  
Nov 5,  
2023

47	A great deal
39	A fair amount
11	Some
2	Not much
*	Not at all
1	No answer

<sup>1</sup> The sample includes respondents on the American Trends Panel who previously indicated that they are the parent of at least one child age 18 to 34. Respondents were screened again for this survey, and those who indicated they don't have children ages 18 to 34 were excluded from the sample. Eligible children ages 18 to 34 excluded those currently enrolled in high school. Additionally, respondents were asked to indicate initials for all their children ages 18 to 34 as part of child selection for a module of the survey. Only those who indicated initials and that they are in contact with at least one child age 18 to 34 were included in the full survey.

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34:**

PADVICE

How often do any of your children ages 18 to 34 come to you for advice on each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1, USING THE SAME ORDER FOR EACH ITEM, WITH OPTION 6 ALWAYS LAST FOR ITEM G]**

		Extremely <u>often</u>	<u>Very often</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Never</u>	None of my children ages 18 to 34 are parents <b>[anchor; INCLUDE ONLY FOR ITEM G]</b>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Their financial situation Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	10	23	43	17	7		*
b.	Their career or job situation Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	11	32	39	13	5		*
c.	Their mental health Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	8	19	40	20	14		*
d.	Their physical health Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	10	26	42	16	6		*
e.	Their friendships Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	6	15	38	28	13		*
f.	Their dating life or relationships Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	6	14	36	28	16		*
g.	Parenting Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	5	10	20	10	11	44	*

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34:**

PDISAGREE How often do you and any of your children ages 18 to 34 disagree about each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN THE SAME ORDER AS PADVICE, USING THE SAME ORDER FOR EACH ITEM, WITH OPTION 6 ALWAYS LAST FOR ITEM G]**

		Extremely often	Very often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never	None of my children ages 18 to 34 are parents <b>[anchor; INCLUDE ONLY FOR ITEM G]</b>	No answer
a.	Their financial choices Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	3	9	37	31	19		*
b.	Their views about religion Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	3	6	22	27	42		1
c.	Their political views Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	2	7	25	29	36		*
d.	Their career or job situation Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	4	10	27	30	29		*
e.	Their social life Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	3	5	29	35	27		1
f.	Their dating life or relationships Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	2	6	27	35	29		*
g.	How they're raising their children Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	2	3	12	12	15	55	*

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34:**

PPASTADV Thinking about your relationship with your own parents when you were in your 20s and 30s, in general, how often did you turn to your parents for advice on finances, work or relationships? **[DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN THE SAME ORDER AS PADVICE, WITH OPTIONS 6 AND 7 ALWAYS LAST]**

Oct 24-  
Nov 5,  
2023

- |    |                                |
|----|--------------------------------|
| 4  | Extremely often                |
| 12 | Very often                     |
| 29 | Sometimes                      |
| 29 | Rarely                         |
| 22 | Never                          |
| 3  | Don't remember <b>[anchor]</b> |
| 2  | Does not apply <b>[anchor]</b> |
| *  | No answer                      |

**DISPLAY TO PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34:**

Still thinking about your child(ren) ages 18 to 34...

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34:**

PEMOTIONAL1 In general, how much, if at all, would you say you rely on your child(ren) for emotional support? **[DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN THE SAME ORDER AS PSUCCESS]**

Oct 24-  
Nov 5,  
2023

- |    |               |
|----|---------------|
| 5  | A great deal  |
| 13 | A fair amount |
| 29 | Some          |
| 35 | Not much      |
| 18 | Not at all    |
| *  | No answer     |

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34:**

PLIVECHILD1 Do any of your child(ren) age 18 to 34 live with you?

Oct 24-  
Nov 5,  
2023

- |    |                               |
|----|-------------------------------|
| 17 | Yes, all                      |
| 26 | Yes, at least one but not all |
| 57 | No, none                      |
| *  | No answer                     |

**DISPLAY TO PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34 WHO HAVE MORE THAN ONE CHILD AND DON'T LIVE WITH ANY CHILDREN (XSAMPLE=2 AND CHILDTOTAL>1 AND PLIVECHILD1=3):**

Thinking about the child age 18 to 34 you're in touch with most often ...

**DISPLAY TO PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34 WHO HAVE MORE THAN ONE CHILD AND LIVE WITH AT LEAST ONE BUT NOT ALL (XSAMPLE=2 AND CHILDTOTAL>1 AND PLIVECHILD1=2):**

Thinking about the child age 18 to 34 you're in touch with most often, not including any who live with you...

**DISPLAY TO PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34 WHO HAVE ONE CHILD AGE 18-34 (XSAMPLE=2 AND CHILDTOTAL=1):**

Thinking about your child ages 18 to 34...

**ASK PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34 WITH CHILDREN AGES 18-34 WHO DO NOT LIVE WITH THEM (XSAMPLE=2 AND PLIVECHILD1=2,3) [n=2,515]:**

PCOMMCHILD1 How often do you do each of the following with this child? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-6 OR 6-1, USING THE SAME ORDER FOR EACH ITEM]

		At least once a <u>day</u>	A few times a <u>week</u>	A few times a <u>month</u>	Once a <u>month</u>	Less than once a <u>month</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Talk on the phone or video chat Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	18	36	28	6	9	3	*
b.	Send text messages Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	31	42	18	2	4	3	*
c.	See them in person Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	10	21	27	10	29	3	*

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34:**

PFINANCES1 In the past 12 months, did you give any financial help to your child(ren), including paying some of their bills?

Oct 24-  
Nov 5,  
2023

59	Yes
41	No
*	No answer

**ASK PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34 IF PARENT PROVIDED FINANCIAL HELP TO CHILDREN IN PAST 12 MONTHS (XSAMPLE=2 AND PFINANCES1=1) [n=1,854]:**

PFINANCES2 How much has giving financial help to your child(ren) in the past 12 months hurt your personal financial situation? **[DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN THE SAME ORDER AS PSUCCESS]**

Oct 24-	
Nov 5,	
<u>2023</u>	
3	A great deal
9	A fair amount
23	Some
34	Not much
30	Not at all
*	No answer

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34:**

PFINANCES3 In the past 12 months, have you received financial help from your child(ren)?

Oct 24-	
Nov 5,	
<u>2023</u>	
14	Yes
86	No
*	No answer

**ASK PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34 IF PARENT RECEIVED FINANCIAL HELP FROM CHILDREN IN PAST 12 MONTHS (XSAMPLE=2 AND PFINANCES3=1) [n=366]:**

PFINANCES4 Was the financial help you received for... **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

Oct 24-	
Nov 5,	
<u>2023</u>	
38	Special circumstances
31	Recurring expenses
30	Both <b>[anchor]</b>
1	No answer

**A note about the remainder of the survey:**

For questions PRATEREL through PMILESTONE3, parents with more than one adult child age 18 to 34 were asked to think about a specific child. The child was randomly selected among those they indicated they have at least some contact with.

**DISPLAY TO PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34 WHO HAVE MORE THAN ONE CHILD, WITH A RANDOMLY SELECTED CHILD (XSAMPLE=2 AND DOV\_CHILD\_SELECT=1):**

For the rest of the survey, "your child" refers to the person you listed as **[INSERT: INITIALS OF SELECTED CHILD]**. Please think of this child as you answer the next few questions.

**DISPLAY TO PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34 WHO HAVE ONE CHILD AGE 18-34 (XSAMPLE=2 AND CHILDTOTAL=1):**

Just a few more questions about your child who is 18 to 34...

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34:**

PRATEREL How would you rate your relationship with your child overall? **[RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1]**

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Nov 5,  
2023

41	Excellent
36	Very good
15	Good
5	Fair
3	Poor
*	No answer

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34:**

PTRUKNOW How well do you feel your child truly knows you beyond your role as their parent? **[RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1]**

Oct 24-  
Nov 5,  
2023

23	Extremely well
39	Very well
30	Somewhat well
7	Not too well
2	Not well at all
1	No answer

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34:**

PEMOTIONAL2 In general, how much, if at all, would you say your child relies on you for emotional support? **[DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN THE SAME ORDER AS PSUCCESS]**

Oct 24-  
Nov 5,  
2023

15	A great deal
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26	A fair amount
36	Some
18	Not much
5	Not at all
1	No answer

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34:**

PFEEL Overall, thinking about how things are going in your child's life, how often do you feel...  
**[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN THE SAME ORDER AS PADVICE, USING THE SAME ORDER FOR EACH ITEM]**

		Extremely <u>often</u>	Very <u>often</u>	<u>Sometimes</u>	<u>Rarely</u>	<u>Never</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a.	Worried Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	7	15	45	27	5	*
b.	Proud Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	47	36	14	2	*	*
c.	Disappointed Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	1	3	21	42	31	*
d.	Hopeful Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	28	47	20	3	1	1

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34:**

PCINVOLV Thinking about how involved you are in your child's day-to-day life, would you say you are...  
**[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

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2023

7	More involved than you'd like to be
26	Less involved than you'd like to be
67	As involved as you'd like to be <b>[anchor]</b>
*	No answer

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34:**

PCOMMCHILD2 Thinking about how often you and your child communicate, would you say it's...  
**[DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 IN THE SAME ORDER AS PCINVOLV, WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]**

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Nov 5,  
2023

3	More often than you'd like
36	Less often than you'd like
59	About as often as you'd like <b>[anchor]</b>
1	No answer



**ASK ALL PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34:**

PMONITOR Do you ever track your child's location through GPS apps or software? **[RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-4 OR 4-1]**

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Nov 5,  
2023

6	Yes, frequently
12	Yes, sometimes
7	Yes, rarely
74	No, I never do this
*	No answer

**DISPLAY TO PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34 WHO HAVE MORE THAN ONE CHILD, WITH A RANDOMLY SELECTED CHILD (XSAMPLE=2 AND DOV\_CHILD\_SELECT=1):**

Still thinking about **[INSERT: INITIALS OF SELECTED CHILD]**...

**DISPLAY TO PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34 WHO HAVE ONE CHILD AGE 18-34 (XSAMPLE=2 AND CHILDTOTAL=1):**

Still thinking about your child who is 18 to 34...

**ASK PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34 IF PARENT HAS ANY CHILDREN AGES 18-34 LIVING WITH THEM (XSAMPLE=2 AND PLIVECHILD1=1,2) [n=1,192]:**

PLIVECHILD2 Which of the following best describes your current living situation?

Oct 24-  
Nov 5,  
2023

68	My child lives with me in my home
2	I live with my child in their home
3	I live with my child in some other arrangement
26	<b>(ASK IF NOT LIVING WITH ALL CHILDREN (PLIVECHILD1=2)) [n=693]:</b> This child and I don't live together
*	No answer

**ASK PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34 IF PARENT LIVES WITH SELECTED CHILD (XSAMPLE=2 AND PLIVECHILD2=1-3) [n=851]:**

PLIVECHILD3 What impact would you say living with your child has had on each of the following?  
**[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; RANDOMLY DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5 OR 5-1, USING THE SAME ORDER FOR EACH ITEM]**

		<u>Very positive</u>	<u>Somewhat positive</u>	<u>Neither positive nor negative</u>	<u>Somewhat negative</u>	<u>Very negative</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Your relationship with your child Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	45	29	21	5	*	*
b.	Your personal financial situation Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	13	14	55	16	2	0

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34:**

CDISABIL Does your child have difficulty participating in work, school, housework or other activities because of a physical, mental, or emotional disability?

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Nov 5,  
2023

13	Yes
87	No
*	No answer

**DISPLAY TO PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34 WHO HAVE MORE THAN ONE CHILD, WITH A RANDOMLY SELECTED CHILD (XSAMPLE=2 AND DOV\_CHILD\_SELECT=1):**

Still thinking about [INSERT: INITIALS OF SELECTED CHILD]...

**DISPLAY TO PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34 WHO HAVE ONE CHILD AGE 18-34 (XSAMPLE=2 AND CHILDTOTAL=1):**

Still thinking about your child who is 18 to 34...

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34:**

PMILESTONE1 Does each of the following describe your child? [RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	Currently enrolled in a 4-year college [ANCHOR; INCLUDE ONLY FOR ITEM A]	<u>No answer</u>
a. Has a four-year college degree Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	31	54	14	*
b. Is married Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	23	77		*
c. Is a parent Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	27	73		*
d. Is employed full or part time Oct 24-Nov 5, 2023	78	21		*

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34:**

PMILESTONE2 To what extent is your child financially independent from you? [DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN THE SAME ORDER AS PSUCCESS]

Oct 24- Nov 5, <u>2023</u>	44	Completely
	21	Mostly
	11	Somewhat
	11	A little
	12	Not at all
	*	No answer

**ASK PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34 WHO INDICATE THEIR CHILD IS NOT COMPLETELY FINANCIALLY INDEPENDENT (XSAMPLE=2 AND PMILESTONE2=2-5) [n=1,648]:**

PMILESTONE3 How likely is it that your child will eventually be completely financially independent from you? [DISPLAY RESPONSE OPTIONS IN SAME ORDER AS PTRUKNOW]

Oct 24- Nov 5, <u>2023</u>	44	Extremely likely
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28	Very likely
15	Somewhat likely
8	Not too likely
5	Not at all likely
1	No answer

**ASK ALL PARENTS OF ADULT CHILDREN AGES 18-34:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

**ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3,4) OR MISSING [n=1,051]:**PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...<sup>2</sup>

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
35	28	25	10	2	16	15

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<sup>2</sup> PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.