

**2024 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 151 AUGUST 2024
FINAL TOPLINE
August 5–11, 2024
TOTAL N=9,201**

Note: "All U.S. adults" refers to all U.S. adults, regardless of race. White, Black and Asian adults include those who report being only one race and are not Hispanic. Hispanics are of any race. Asian adults are representative of English-speakers only.

All numbers are percentages unless otherwise noted. Percentages greater than zero but less than 0.5% are replaced by an asterisk (*). A hyphen (-) indicates that the sample size for a given subgroup is too small to report for that question or that the responses for a given subgroup are not displayed. Rows/columns may not total 100% or to NETs due to rounding. The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel.

"No answer" includes web respondents who do not answer the question as well as telephone respondents who refuse to answer or who say they don't know how to answer. In cases where "not sure" was offered as an explicit option to web and telephone respondents, the "no answer" category includes only web skips and telephone refusals.

This survey was conducted primarily online, with some interviews conducted by live telephone. This topline shows the programming language for online administration. For details on how questions were slightly modified for phone administration, visit the [questionnaire](#).

American Trends Panel surveys conducted between October 2016 and June 2024 were conducted fully online (with tablets and data plans provided to adults without home internet). American Trends Panel surveys conducted prior to October 2016 were conducted primarily online, with some respondents completing by mail. For additional details, visit the [methodology](#).

PN = Programming note

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
All U.S. adults	9,201	+/- 1.3 percentage points
White adults	6,390	+/- 1.5 percentage points
Black adults	863	+/- 4.2 percentage points
Hispanic adults	974	+/- 4.0 percentage points
Asian adults	528	+/- 5.5 percentage points

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE OR PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**LGLSTATUS****ASK ALL:****[PN: ROTATE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST]**

Which comes closer to your view about how to handle undocumented immigrants who are now living in the U.S.?

<u>All U.S. adults</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
35	They should not be allowed to stay in the country legally	42	25	20	28
64	There should be a way for them to stay in the country legally, if certain requirements are met	57	73	79	72
1	No answer	1	2	1	*

TREND¹:

	They should not be allowed to stay in the country <u>legally</u>	There should be a way for them to stay in the country legally, if certain <u>requirements are met</u>	No <u>answer</u>
Apr 8-14, 2024			
All U.S. adults	37	62	1
White	44	55	1
Black	23	74	2
Hispanic	23	76	1
Asian	32	65	2
Apr 5-11, 2021			
All U.S. adults	30	69	1
White	36	64	*
Black	20	78	2
Hispanic	15	84	1
Asian	30	68	2
Jun 4-10, 2020			
All U.S. adults	24	75	1
White	29	70	1
Black	18	81	1
Hispanic	12	87	1
Asian	22	76	1

¹ In the April 2024, 2021 and 2020 surveys, the question did not emphasize "undocumented."

IMREASON²**ASK IF SAY UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAY LEGALLY****(LGLSTATUS=1) [n=3,235]:****[PN: RANDOMIZE BATTERY ITEMS]**

How much do you think each of the following are a reason why undocumented immigrants should not be allowed to stay in the U.S.?

		<u>All U.S. adults</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
LAW	Because people shouldn't be rewarded for breaking the law					
	Major reason	86	90	72	73	-
	Minor reason	10	8	23	19	-
	Not a reason	3	2	3	8	-
	No answer	*	*	2	0	-
		<i>n=3,235</i>	<i>n=2,512</i>	<i>n=206</i>	<i>n=204</i>	<i>n=137</i>
FAIR	It's unfair to immigrants who entered the country legally					
	Major reason	81	83	69	73	-
	Minor reason	13	12	22	18	-
	Not a reason	5	5	7	9	-
	No answer	*	*	2	*	-
		<i>n=3,235</i>	<i>n=2,512</i>	<i>n=206</i>	<i>n=204</i>	<i>n=137</i>
RSRC	They take away resources from American citizens					
	Major reason	76	79	74	63	-
	Minor reason	17	16	16	27	-
	Not a reason	6	5	9	10	-
	No answer	*	*	1	*	-
		<i>n=3,235</i>	<i>n=2,512</i>	<i>n=206</i>	<i>n=204</i>	<i>n=137</i>

IMREQRMENTS**ASK IF SAY UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO STAY LEGALLY IF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ARE MET (LGLSTATUS=2) [n=5,903]:****[PN: RANDOMIZE BATTERY ITEMS]**

Thinking about the requirements undocumented immigrants should meet in order to stay in the country legally, should each of the following be required, considered but not required, or neither?

		<u>All U.S. adults</u>	<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
BKGRND	Passing a security background check					
	Yes, should be required	79	80	77	80	81
	Yes, should be considered but not required	16	16	17	16	15
	No, should not be considered	3	3	3	2	3
	No answer	2	1	3	2	1
		<i>n=5,903</i>	<i>n=3,842</i>	<i>n=643</i>	<i>n=764</i>	<i>n=390</i>

² Data for Asian adults who say undocumented immigrants should not be allowed to stay legally not shown separately due to small sample size.

IMREQURMNTS CONTINUED...

FINE	Paying a fine					
	Yes, should be required	25	22	29	29	29
	Yes, should be considered but not required	37	37	35	42	38
	No, should not be considered	35	39	33	25	32
	No answer	3	3	3	3	1
		<i>n=5,903</i>	<i>n=3,842</i>	<i>n=643</i>	<i>n=764</i>	<i>n=390</i>
JOB	Having a job					
	Yes, should be required	52	50	52	58	46
	Yes, should be considered but not required	39	40	38	34	45
	No, should not be considered	7	8	6	5	6
	No answer	2	2	3	3	3
		<i>n=5,903</i>	<i>n=3,842</i>	<i>n=643</i>	<i>n=764</i>	<i>n=390</i>
HASCHILD	Having a child or children who were born in the U.S.					
	Yes, should be required	14	11	25	17	13
	Yes, should be considered but not required	61	63	54	57	65
	No, should not be considered	23	24	18	25	21
	No answer	2	2	2	2	2
		<i>n=5,903</i>	<i>n=3,842</i>	<i>n=643</i>	<i>n=764</i>	<i>n=390</i>
HOME	Owning a home in the U.S.					
	Yes, should be required	7	5	14	9	9
	Yes, should be considered but not required	46	46	43	47	49
	No, should not be considered	44	46	40	40	40
	No answer	3	3	3	4	3
		<i>n=5,903</i>	<i>n=3,842</i>	<i>n=643</i>	<i>n=764</i>	<i>n=390</i>
BUS	Owning a business in the U.S.					
	Yes, should be required	7	5	15	6	9
	Yes, should be considered but not required	50	53	42	49	54
	No, should not be considered	39	39	39	42	33
	No answer	3	3	4	3	3
		<i>n=5,903</i>	<i>n=3,842</i>	<i>n=643</i>	<i>n=764</i>	<i>n=390</i>
IMMCHILD	Having come to the U.S. as a child					
	Yes, should be required	15	13	21	14	17
	Yes, should be considered but not required	63	66	57	58	60
	No, should not be considered	20	18	19	27	23
	No answer	2	2	3	2	*
		<i>n=5,903</i>	<i>n=3,842</i>	<i>n=643</i>	<i>n=764</i>	<i>n=390</i>

LGL_CITIZPRENSHIP**ASK IF SAY UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO STAY LEGALLY IF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ARE MET (LGLSTATUS=2) [n=5,903]:****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-2/2-1 HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST.]**

And do you think immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally and meet the requirements should...

<u>All U.S. adults</u>		<u>White</u>	<u>Black</u>	<u>Hispanic</u>	<u>Asian</u>
60	Be eligible to apply for U.S. citizenship	62	62	55	47
39	Be eligible to apply for permanent residency, but not U.S. citizenship	37	37	44	52
1	No answer	2	1	1	1
<i>n=5,903</i>		<i>n=3,842</i>	<i>n=643</i>	<i>n=764</i>	<i>n=390</i>

TREND:

	<u>Be eligible to apply for U.S. citizenship</u>	<u>Be eligible to apply for permanent residency, but not U.S. citizenship</u>	<u>No answer</u>
Apr 8-14, 2024			
All U.S. adults	59	39	2
White	62	36	2
Black	59	39	2
Hispanic	57	42	2
Asian	44	54	2
Apr 5-11, 2021			
All U.S. adults	61	38	1
White	62	37	1
Black	60	39	1
Hispanic	60	38	1
Asian	54	46	*

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