



American Neighbor Survey

Topline Questionnaire

Total $N=5,357$ adults. | Interview dates: October 10 – October 17, 2025.

Note: All results shown are percentages. An asterisk () replaces percentages greater than zero but less than 0.5 percent. Responses may not total 100 percent due to rounding.*

ASK ALL:

Q1 Overall, how would you rate your community as a place to live?

27	Excellent
55	Good
14	Only fair
3	Poor
1	Don't know/Refused

Q2 How much of a problem do you think each of the following are in the country today?

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

A. Inflation

53	A very big problem
33	A moderately big problem
10	A small problem
2	Not a problem at all
1	Don't know/Refused

B. Loneliness and isolation

23	A very big problem
36	A moderately big problem
29	A small problem
9	Not a problem at all
2	Don't know/Refused

C. Gun violence

49	A very big problem
25	A moderately big problem
17	A small problem
7	Not a problem at all
2	Don't know/Refused

D. Racism

34	A very big problem
29	A moderately big problem
25	A small problem
10	Not a problem at all
2	Don't know/Refused

ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

E. Crime

36	A very big problem
37	A moderately big problem
21	A small problem
4	Not a problem at all
2	Don't know/Refused

F. Wages and cost of living

49	A very big problem
33	A moderately big problem
13	A small problem
3	Not a problem at all
2	Don't know/Refused

G. Lack of kindness and compassion

43	A very big problem
30	A moderately big problem
18	A small problem
7	Not a problem at all
2	Don't know/Refused

- H. The gap between rich and poor
 - 42 A very big problem
 - 29 A moderately big problem
 - 19 A small problem
 - 8 Not a problem at all
 - 2 Don't know/Refused

ASK ALL:

- I. Availability of abortion
 - 24 A very big problem
 - 26 A moderately big problem
 - 23 A small problem
 - 24 Not a problem at all
 - 3 Don't know/Refused

- J. Illegal immigration
 - 30 A very big problem
 - 26 A moderately big problem
 - 28 A small problem
 - 14 Not a problem at all
 - 2 Don't know/Refused

- K. Drug addiction
 - 46 A very big problem
 - 36 A moderately big problem
 - 13 A small problem
 - 3 Not a problem at all
 - 2 Don't know/Refused

- L. Sexism
 - 19 A very big problem
 - 30 A moderately big problem
 - 33 A small problem
 - 15 Not a problem at all
 - 2 Don't know/Refused

Q3 During a typical month in the past year, how often did you talk with any of your neighbors?

- 10 Basically every day
- 30 A few times a week
- 25 A few times a month
- 16 Once a month
- 17 Not at all
- 1 Don't know/Refused

Q4 Do you have children in any of the following age ranges?

- 2 Under 1
- 13 1-7
- 13 8-13
- 11 14-17
- 42 18 or older
- 35 Do not have any children [EXCLUSIVE]
- 1 Don't know/Refused

Q5 In the past year, how often, if ever, would you say you...

A. Worked with people from your neighborhood to fix a problem or improve a condition in your community or elsewhere

- 1 Almost every day
- 2 Once or twice a week
- 3 Several times a month
- 5 About once a month
- 11 Several times a year
- 18 About once a year
- 59 Never
- 2 Don't know/Refused

B. Spent a social evening with someone who lives in your neighborhood

- 1 Almost every day
- 5 Once or twice a week
- 7 Several times a month
- 9 About once a month
- 15 Several times a year
- 14 About once a year
- 48 Never
- 1 Don't know/Refused

C. Exchanged emails or text messages with any of your neighbors

- 4 Almost every day
- 8 Once or twice a week
- 11 Several times a month
- 9 About once a month
- 14 Several times a year
- 7 About once a year
- 44 Never
- 2 Don't know/Refused

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

D. Took a walk around your neighborhood

- 20 Almost every day
- 16 Once or twice a week
- 16 Several times a month
- 11 About once a month
- 13 Several times a year
- 7 About once a year
- 16 Never
- 1 Don't know/Refused

ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

E. Went for a run in your neighborhood

- 7 Almost every day
- 8 Once or twice a week
- 9 Several times a month
- 6 About once a month
- 9 Several times a year
- 5 About once a year
- 55 Never
- 2 Don't know/Refused

ASK ALL:

Q6 How comfortable, if at all, would you be asking a neighbor to...

A. Take care of a pet if you were away for a couple of days

- 25 Very comfortable
- 24 Somewhat comfortable
- 19 Not too comfortable
- 29 Not at all comfortable
- 2 Don't know/Refused

B. Help you move a heavy piece of furniture

31	Very comfortable
33	Somewhat comfortable
18	Not too comfortable
16	Not at all comfortable
2	Don't know/Refused

C. Hold on to a set of keys to your home in case of an emergency

31	Very comfortable
25	Somewhat comfortable
15	Not too comfortable
27	Not at all comfortable
2	Don't know/Refused

IF PARENT OF CHILD UNDER 13 (Q20=1-3), ASK:

D. Watch your child for an hour or so if something came up

24	Very comfortable
25	Somewhat comfortable
19	Not too comfortable
32	Not at all comfortable
*	Don't know/Refused

ASK ALL:

Q7 Have you ever had a problem or dispute with one of your neighbors?

9	Yes, in the past 12 months
17	Yes, not in the past 12 months
73	No
1	Don't know/Refused

ASK IF HAS HAD A PROBLEM WITH A NEIGHBOR (Q7=1 OR 2).

Q8 Can you describe the nature of the problem you had with your neighbor or that they had with you?

[OPEN END]

ASK ALL:

Q9 How many of the following places are within a 20-minute walk from where you live? *Please select all that apply.*

- 50 Coffee shop or café
- 66 Corner store, local market, or grocery store
- 57 Bar or restaurant
- 62 Public park, dog park, or community garden
- 29 Community center
- 37 Library
- 39 Gym or fitness center
- 62 School
- 60 Church or place of worship
- 10 Some other public or commercial place [INSERT TEXT BOX]
- 10 Don't know/Refused

Q10 Do you own a dog that you walk regularly in your neighborhood or the immediate local area where you live?

- 20 Own a dog and walk it regularly
- 18 Own a dog but do not walk it regularly
- 60 No, I do not own a dog
- 1 Don't know/Refused

ASK ALL:

Q11 Regardless of whether each of the following is available where you currently live, how important is it to you, personally, to live in a community...

A. That is close to your extended family

- 18 Very important
- 34 Somewhat important
- 28 Not too important
- 18 Not at all important
- 2 Don't know/Refused

B. That is racially and ethnically diverse

- 19 Very important
- 34 Somewhat important
- 27 Not too important
- 19 Not at all important
- 2 Don't know/Refused

C. Where most people share your political views

8	Very important
28	Somewhat important
39	Not too important
23	Not at all important
2	Don't know/Refused

D. Where people generally mind their own business

32	Very important
47	Somewhat important
15	Not too important
3	Not at all important
2	Don't know/Refused

E. Where most people have traditional values

24	Very important
38	Somewhat important
22	Not too important
14	Not at all important
2	Don't know/Refused

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

F. With a strong sense of community

23	Very important
50	Somewhat important
19	Not too important
6	Not at all important
2	Don't know/Refused

ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

G. Where people look out for each other

46	Very important
42	Somewhat important
8	Not too important
3	Not at all important
2	Don't know/Refused

ASK ALL:

Q12 When you think about what it means to be a good neighbor, do you think it is generally more about...

65	Not getting too involved in your neighbors' personal affairs out of respect for their privacy
33	Trying to help your neighbors even if they do not ask
2	Don't know/Refused

ATTEND How often do you attend religious services?

- 8 More than once a week
- 18 Once a week
- 6 Once or twice a month
- 12 A few times a year
- 20 Seldom
- 34 Never
- 1 Don't know/Refused

Q13 In general, how much do you trust the following groups to do the right thing?

A. People in your neighborhood or the immediate local area where you live

- 16 A great deal
- 56 A fair amount
- 21 Not too much
- 5 Not at all
- 2 Don't know/Refused

IF ATTEND MORE THAN SELDOM (ATTEND=1-4), ASK:

B. People at your church or place of worship

- 44 A great deal
- 43 A fair amount
- 10 Not too much
- 2 Not at all
- 1 Don't know/Refused

ASK ALL:

C. Federal government

- 5 A great deal
- 25 A fair amount
- 41 Not too much
- 27 Not at all
- 2 Don't know/Refused

D. The local news media

- 7 A great deal
- 40 A fair amount
- 34 Not too much
- 17 Not at all
- 2 Don't know/Refused

E. The police in your local community

25	A great deal
49	A fair amount
18	Not too much
7	Not at all
2	Don't know/Refused

Q14 To the best of your knowledge, how do you think people in your neighborhood or local area voted in the 2024 election? Would you say that...

4	Nearly everyone voted for Harris
13	Most people voted for Harris
18	Roughly even split between Harris and Trump
24	Most people voted for Trump
8	Nearly everyone voted for Trump
31	Not sure how people in my local area voted [ANCHOR]
2	Don't know/Refused

Q15 How comfortable or uncomfortable would you feel about the following...?

A. Taking a walk after dark by yourself around your neighborhood

31	Very comfortable
32	Somewhat comfortable
20	Somewhat comfortable
15	Very uncomfortable
2	Don't know/Refused

B. Leaving the door to your home unlocked when you are not at home

10	Very comfortable
18	Somewhat comfortable
21	Somewhat comfortable
48	Very uncomfortable
2	Don't know/Refused

C. Asking a neighbor for help with a personal problem

11	Very comfortable
30	Somewhat comfortable
31	Somewhat comfortable
25	Very uncomfortable
2	Don't know/Refused

D. If someone who is transgender moved in next door

34	Very comfortable
29	Somewhat comfortable
22	Somewhat comfortable
12	Very uncomfortable
4	Don't know/Refused

E. If someone who strongly supports Donald Trump moved in next door

30	Very comfortable
27	Somewhat comfortable
22	Somewhat comfortable
18	Very uncomfortable
4	Don't know/Refused

F. If someone who strongly opposes Donald Trump moved in next door

36	Very comfortable
32	Somewhat comfortable
20	Somewhat comfortable
8	Very uncomfortable
4	Don't know/Refused

IF PARENT WITH KIDS AGE 8-13 (Q16=3), ASK:

G. Letting your kids roam around the neighborhood without a phone or smartwatch

13	Very comfortable
30	Somewhat comfortable
28	Somewhat comfortable
29	Very uncomfortable
*	Don't know/Refused

ASK ALL:

H. Teenagers using marijuana or alcohol in local public parks

5	Very comfortable
11	Somewhat comfortable
33	Somewhat comfortable
49	Very uncomfortable
3	Don't know/Refused

IF PARENT OF CHILD UNDER 18 (Q16=1-4), ASK:

Q16 How often, if ever, do you worry that your children...

A. Do not have enough close friends

8	Constantly
15	Often
30	Once in a while
23	Rarely
24	Never
*	Don't know/Refused

B. Won't find a job or career that will provide them financial security

11	Constantly
23	Often
26	Once in a while
22	Rarely
17	Never
1	Don't know/Refused

C. Won't be able to find a good partner or spouse

8	Constantly
15	Often
28	Once in a while
24	Rarely
25	Never
1	Don't know/Refused

D. Might become addicted to drugs or alcohol

10	Constantly
10	Often
23	Once in a while
28	Rarely
29	Never
1	Don't know/Refused

E. Are spending too much time on social media

13	Constantly
24	Often
22	Once in a while
13	Rarely
26	Never
1	Don't know/Refused

F. Are being bullied

10	Constantly
15	Often
27	Once in a while
26	Rarely
23	Never
*	Don't know/Refused

ASK ALL:

Q17 Which of the following describes the type of home you currently live in?

65	Detached single family home
8	Attached single family home (e.g., townhome)
19	Apartment, condominium (condo), or co-op
5	Mobile home
1	Other [TEXT BOX]
1	Don't know/Refused

Q18 How satisfied are you with the way things are going in your life?

10	Completely satisfied
37	Very satisfied
37	Somewhat satisfied
11	Not too satisfied
3	Not at all satisfied
1	Don't know/Refused

Q19 Thinking about the people you know, do you know someone who has ever...

Please select all that apply.

ASK FORM 1 ONLY:

A. Struggled with alcohol abuse

7	Yourself
40	A family member
22	A close friend
13	A coworker
13	A parent
3	A child
7	Someone else [TEXT BOX]
33	No one [EXCLUSIVE]
2	Don't know/Refused

ASK FORM 2 ONLY:

B. Struggled with drug abuse

7	Yourself
34	A family member
21	A close friend
13	A coworker
7	A parent
5	A child
7	Someone else [TEXT BOX]
43	No one [EXCLUSIVE]
2	Don't know/Refused

Survey Methodology

AEI's Survey Center on American Life designed and conducted the survey. Interviews were conducted among a random sample of 5,357 adults (age 18 and up). All interviews were conducted among participants in the Ipsos KnowledgePanel, a probability-based panel designed to be representative of the US general population, not just the online population. Interviews were conducted in Spanish and English between October 10 and October 17, 2025.

The Ipsos KnowledgePanel recruitment process employs a scientifically developed address-based sampling methodology using the US Postal Service's latest Delivery Sequence File—a database that fully covers all delivery points in the US. Households invited to join the panel are randomly selected from all available US households. Persons in the sampled households are invited to join and participate in the panel. Those selected who do not already have internet access are provided a tablet and internet connection at no cost to the panel member. Those who join the panel and who are selected to participate in a survey are sent a unique password-protected log-in to complete surveys online.

Because of these recruitment and sampling methodologies, samples from KnowledgePanel cover all households regardless of their phone or internet status, and findings can be reported with a margin of sampling error and projected to the general population. KnowledgePanel members receive a per-survey incentive, usually the equivalent of \$1 (though for some it is \$2) in points, that can be redeemed for cash or prizes. Panelists receive a unique log-in to the survey and can complete it only once. Two reminder emails were sent for this study.

The data were weighted to adjust for gender, race and ethnicity, education, census region, household income, language dominance, race by age, race by education, and 2020 presidential vote. The sample weighting was accomplished using an iterative proportional fitting process that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables. The use of survey weights in statistical analyses ensures that the demographic characteristics of the sample closely approximate those of the target population. The margin of sampling error for the qualified survey sample is ± 1.55 percentage points at the 95 percent level of confidence. The design effect for the survey is 1.35.