



805 15th Street, NW #300 Washington, DC 20005 (202) 973-5800 Interviews: <u>1,004 US Adults</u>
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Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.

Q1. How anxious are you about each of the following?

Ranked by highest percentage.

		Combined Extremely/ Somewhat Anxious	Extremely anxious	Somewhat anxious	Not that anxious	Not anxious at all
	2020	80	45	35	15	5
	2019	66	32	34	25	9
Keeping myself or my family safe	2018	68	36	31	24	8
	2017	63	29	34	27	10
COVID-19 (coronavirus)	2020	75	44	31	17	8
	2020	73	33	39	21	7
My health	2019	64	24	40	25	11
	2018	68	28	39	24	9
	2017	63	20	42	27	10
Gun violence in America	2020	73	38	35	18	9
The upcoming 2020 presidential election	2020	72	37	35	17	11
	2020	67	37	30	21	13
Paving my hills or expenses	2019	66	33	33	22	12
Paying my bills or expenses	2018	67	35	32	22	11
	2017	56	24	32	27	17
The impact of climate change on the planet	2020	67	34	33	20	13
	2020	61	22	39	27	12
The impact of politics on my daily life	2019	51	13	38	32	17
The impact of politics of my daily life	2018	56	20	36	28	17
	2017	51	16	36	35	14
	2020	59	28	31	23	18
My relationships with family, friends,	2019	49	18	31	31	20
and coworkers	2018	48	20	27	30	22
	2017	46	16	30	35	19
The impact of climate change on my mental health	2020	55	24	31	26	19
Discussions about the 2020 election at work or in my personal life	2020	51	20	31	26	23





Q2. In general, are you more or less anxious than you were at this time last year?

	2017	2018	2019	2020
More anxious	36	39	32	62
Less anxious	20	19	24	11
About the same	41	39	43	24
Not sure	3	3	2	2

Q3. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the following statements.

Ranked by highest percentage.

		Combined Strongly/ Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Completely Disagree	Refused
Someone's mental	2020	83	51	32	12	3	2	1
health has an impact	2019	84	51	33	11	3	1	1
on their physical .	2018	86	56	30	9	2	2	1
health	2017	80	49	31	14	3	1	2
Untreated mental	2020	69	35	34	22	6	3	/
illness has a	2019	71	33	38	22	4	1	1
significant negative	2018	75	39	36	18	4	2	1
impact on the U.S. economy	2017	65	31	35	26	4	2	2
There is less stigma	2020	57	20	36	26	11	6	/
against people with	2019	54	15	39	25	13	7	1
mental illness than there was 10 years	2018	50	16	34	24	15	10	2
ago	2017	48	12	36	31	12	6	3
People with mental	2020	51	22	29	35	10	4	/
illness are far more likely to be victims of	2019	43	15	27	37	15	5	1
violence than be	2018	46	21	25	37	10	5	2
perpetrators of violence	2017	40	14	26	43	12	4	2
I would not vote for a	2020	41	18	22	33	14	13	1
candidate for elected	2019	34	15	19	32	17	15	2
office who has been diagnosed with a	2018	35	19	16	31	16	15	2
mental illness, even if the candidate had been treated for it	2017	31	13	18	39	15	12	3
The mental health	2020	33	16	17	21	24	23	/
needs of military	2019	20	10	10	19	27	34	1
veterans are being met under the	2018	20	7	12	18	24	36	2
current mental health system	2017	13	5	9	24	28	31	3





Q4. How would you define your benefit status as an employee?

	2019	2020
Full-time with benefits	35	33
Part-time with benefits	3	5
Employed without benefits	14	10
Self-employed	6	6
Not employed	43	46

Q5. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements about mental health in the workplace?

Ranked by highest percentage.

(Q5-Q7 shown to currently full or part time paid employees)

		Combined completely/ somewhat agree	Completely agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Completely disagree	Not sure
I know how to access mental health	2020	70	39	31	14	7	9
care services through work if I need it	2019	70	38	32	14	10	6
My employer offers sufficient mental	2020	68	36	32	13	9	11
health care resources/benefits	2019	61	27	33	17	10	13
I feel comfortable utilizing mental	2020	67	31	36	15	8	11
health services with my current employer	2019	62	28	34	16	12	10
I can discuss mental health openly	2020	65	29	36	15	11	9
and honestly with my coworkers	2019	51	21	30	18	20	11
I can discuss mental health openly	2020	62	32	31	15	11	11
and honestly with my supervisors	2019	51	20	30	19	19	11
I worry about retaliation, or being fired, if I take time off for my mental							
health	2020	52	22	29	20	22	7
I worry about retaliation, or being	2020	43	20	23	23	29	6
fired, if I seek mental health care	2019	35	15	20	22	38	6





Q6. Which of the following types of mental health resources are offered by your employer? Ranked by highest percentage.

	2019	2020
Employee Assistance Program (EAPs)	41	39
Primary care that offers sufficient mental health coverage	36	34
Telehealth services that offer virtual mental health care (e.g., through an app or videoconferencing system)	/	27
Mental health days	14	18
On-site mental health care – such as a clinic with therapists on staff	14	16
Mental Health First Aid training	12	17
Holistic wellness programs	12	15
Virtual coaching – such as Headspace	8	13
Other	1	5
Don't know	17	9
None of the above	11	17

Q7. Beyond what is normally offered, which of the following services or benefits has your workplace offered to help during the coronavirus pandemic?

	2020
Offering access to additional health services	41
Offering access to additional mental health services	35
None of these	23
I don't know what my workplace is offering	18

Q8. In the past 6 months, how often have you worn a face mask when leaving your home?

	2020
Always	66
Usually	20
About half of the time	8
Rarely	3
Never	3





Q9. Why did you not wear a face mask when leaving your home?

Ranked by highest percentage.

(This question was shown to participants who did not select "Always" in Q8)

	2020
I was not close to other people	54
I was outdoors	49
They are uncomfortable	26
They are not required	20
They are not effective in preventing the spread of coronavirus	19
They make me anxious	14
I don't own a face mask or know how to make one	3
Another reason	10
None of the above	6

Q10. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Ranked by highest percentage.

		Combined strongly/ somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neutral	Somewhat disagree	Strongly Disagree
I am anxious about the possibility of getting coronavirus	2020	47	21	26	19	13	20
I am anxious about the possibility of my family members and loved ones getting coronavirus	2020	56	27	29	15	12	17
I am anxious that I will become seriously ill or die if I get coronavirus	2020	42	21	21	18	16	24
I am anxious that I will spread coronavirus to my family and loved ones	2020	41	20	21	19	17	23





#### Q11. Please select the statement(s) below that describes you.

'If I was exposed to or started exhibiting symptoms of coronavirus, I would be concerned...'
Ranked by highest percentage.

	2020
that I would be quarantined or isolated from my family	42
to tell people I had recently been in contact with	37
to tell my friends and family	34
to tell a health care provider or seek care	32
to tell my job or school	22
that others in my community might find out and treat me differently	19
None of the above	29

#### Q12. How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

		Combine d strongly/ somewh at agree	Strongly agree	Somewh at agree	Neutral	Somewh at disagree	Strongly Disagree
The coronavirus pandemic is having a serious impact on my mental health	2020	37	13	24	23	15	25
I am concerned about running out of food/medicine/supplies	2020	30	11	19	18	22	29

# Q13. In what ways has the coronavirus impacted your day-to-day life? Ranked by highest percentage.

	2020
I have been having trouble sleeping because I'm anxious about coronavirus	22
I have been having a hard time concentrating on other things because I'm thinking about coronavirus	20
I have been fighting more with my partner or loved ones (e.g., because we are stuck at	
home together)	17
I have been consuming more alcohol or other substances/drugs than I normally do	14
None of the above	52





#### Q14. Which of the following best describes your experience with telehealth?

	2020
I have never heard of telehealth before taking this survey	27
I have heard of telehealth, but I have not personally used it	42
I have used telehealth services	31

## Q15. When was the first time you used telehealth services?

(This question was shown to participants who selected "I have used telehealth services" in Q14)

	2020
Within the past 6 months	72
6-11 months ago	14
1-4 years ago	7
5 or more years ago	7





Q16. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Ranked by highest percentage.

(This question was shown to participants who selected "I have used telehealth services" or "I have heard of telehealth, but I have not personally used it" in Q14)

		Combined strongly/ somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly Disagree
Telehealth is convenient	2020	71	34	37	22	3	3
Telehealth is private	2020	62	27	35	29	6	3
I would use telehealth for a physical health concern or illness	2020	59	21	38	23	12	7
I would use telehealth or telepsychiatry for a mental health concern or illness	2020	49	21	29	27	11	12
I would use a support line or 'warm line' during a time of need	2020	47	16	31	39	7	7
The quality of care received in a telehealth session can be the same as that of an in-person office visit	2020	40	14	26	28	21	11
Telehealth is less expensive than in- person, doctor's office visits	2020	38	15	23	49	7	6
I prefer telehealth compared to in- person, doctor's office visits	2020	31	12	19	28	19	22
Chatbots are a quick and easy way to receive mental health care services	2020	27	10	17	44	14	15





## Q17. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

Ranked by highest percentage.

		Combined strongly/ somewhat agree	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure
Gun violence, including violence	2020	83	49	34	11	6	/
from mass shootings, is a public	2019	84	56	29	11	5	1
health threat	2018	87	64	23	8	5	/
Congress should do more to	2020	78	47	31	14	8	/
address the issue of gun violence,	2019	82	55	26	11	7	1
including violence from mass shootings	2018	85	64	21	9	6	1
Systematic racism impacts the mental health of Americans, especially people of color	2020	76	41	34	15	9	/
Climate change is already	2020	72	37	36	17	10	1
impacting the health of Americans	2019	65	26	39	14	11	11
Climate change is already	2020	67	31	37	20	12	/
impacting the mental health of Americans	2019	48	17	30	21	14	17
The state of law enforcement in the U.S. today directly/indirectly impacts my mental health	2020	57	23	34	26	17	1
The state of racial injustice today directly/indirectly impacts my mental health	2020	54	22	32	25	21	1

Q18. Compared to previous election years, are you more or less anxious for the outcome of the 2020 presidential election than you were in previous election years?

	2020
More anxious	57
Less anxious	9
About the same	30
Not sure	4





# Q19. How much of a priority do you think policymakers in Washington, D.C. consider mental health? Do they consider mental health to be...?

	2017	2018	2019	2020
A top priority	9	12	10	16
Somewhat of a priority	21	22	20	29
Somewhat less of a priority	38	33	35	34
Not a priority	31	31	34	21
Refused	2	2	2	/

# Q20. When it comes to politics, as of today, do you consider yourself to be...

	2017	2018	2019	2020
Combined Republican/leans Republican	35	33	34	36
A Republican	22	23	23	30
An independent who leans Republican	12	10	11	6
An independent	22	23	22	19
Combined Democrat/leans Democrat	39	41	41	42
An independent who leans Democrat	13	11	11	9
A Democrat	26	30	30	33
Some other party	4	3	3	3