

**2020 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 72 AUGUST 2020
FINAL TOPLINE
AUGUST 3-16, 2020
TOTAL N=13,200**

Wave 72 is the 2020 ATP Annual Profile Survey. The questionnaire featured mainly demographic questions but also some substantive questions used in public reporting. The public use dataset contains only the substantive questions and not the demographic profile questions. The raw profile questions (e.g., year of birth) are not released under the Center's procedures for protecting individual panelists from being identified. Demographic variables, some of which have been coarsened (e.g., age categories), are regularly included in ATP datasets.

ASK ALL:

COVIDERA When the COVID-19 pandemic is over, do you expect that things in your life will...

August 3-
16, 2020

48	Basically go back to normal
51	Remain changed in major ways
*	No answer

ASK ALL:

FINANCES Since the coronavirus outbreak began in February, have any of the following happened to you? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS A-I; SPLIT OVER TWO SCREENS]**

	Yes, have done this since <u>February</u>	No, have not done this since <u>February</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Had trouble paying for medical care for yourself or your family Aug 3-16, 2020	11	88	1
b. Had problems paying your rent or mortgage Aug 3-16, 2020	16	83	1
c. Had trouble paying your bills Aug 3-16, 2020	25	75	1
d. Borrowed money from friends or family Aug 3-16, 2020	17	83	*
e. Gotten food from a food bank or charitable organization Aug 3-16, 2020	17	82	1
f. Received government food assistance, such as SNAP benefits Aug 3-16, 2020	15	84	1
g. Received unemployment benefits Aug 3-16, 2020	15	85	1
h. Lost your health insurance Aug 3-16, 2020	5	94	1

FINANCES CONT...

i.	Used money from a savings or retirement account to pay your bills Aug 3-16, 2020	33	67	1
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TREND FOR COMPARISON¹:

		Yes, has <u>happened</u>	No, has not <u>happened</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Had trouble getting or paying for medical care for yourself or your family Sept 15-Oct 3, 2014	29	71	1
b.	Had problems paying your rent or mortgage Sept 15-Oct 3, 2014	21	78	1
d.	Had trouble paying your bills Sept 15-Oct 3, 2014	39	60	1
g.	Borrowed money from friends or family Sept 15-Oct 3, 2014	33	65	2
i.	Gotten food from a food bank or food pantry Sept 15-Oct 3, 2014	14	84	1

ASK ALL:

SAVINGS

Since the coronavirus outbreak began in February, have you...

[RANDOMIZE 1-2, WITH 3 & 4 ALWAYS LAST]Aug 3-16,
2020

13	Been able to put more money into savings than usual
25	Been able to put less money into savings than usual
30	Been able to put the same amount of money into savings as usual
31	Usually not able to put any money into savings
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

E3

Are you now employed full-time, part-time or not employed?

Aug 3-16,
2020

43	Full-time
13	Part-time
43	Not employed
1	No answer

¹ In 2014, the question wording was, "In the past year, have any of the following happened to you?"

ASK ALL:

COVIDMASK1 In the past month, how often, if ever, have you worn a mask or face covering when in stores or other businesses?

	<u>All or most of the time</u>	<u>Some of the time</u>	<u>Hardly ever</u>	<u>Never</u>	<u>Have not gone to these types of places</u>	<u>No answer</u>
August 3-16, 2020	85	9	3	1	1	*
June 4-10, 2020	65	15	9	7	4	*

ASK ALL:

COVID_SELF Since February 2020, have YOU done or experienced the following?²

	<u>Yes, I have</u>	<u>No, I have not</u>	<u>No answer</u>
NO ITEM a			
b. Been pretty sure you have had COVID-19 even though you have not been officially diagnosed			
Aug 3-16, 2020	13	87	*
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	14	85	1
c. Tested positive for having COVID-19			
Aug 3-16, 2020	2	97	*
NO ITEM d			
e. Tested positive for having <u>antibodies</u> to COVID-19			
Aug 3-16, 2020	2	98	*
Apr 29-May 5, 2020 ³	2	97	*

ASK IF PROBABLY HAD COVID (COVID_SELFb=1 OR COVID_SELFc=1 OR COVID_SELFe=1):

RATEOWNCOVID Which best describes your experience with COVID-19?

Aug 3-16, 2020	
17	No symptoms
45	Mild symptoms
29	Moderate symptoms
9	Severe symptoms
*	No answer

² In the April 29-May 5, 2020 survey, the question wording was, "Thinking about the past few months, since FEBRUARY 2020, have you done or experienced the following?" The April-May survey also included additional items not asked in the August survey.

³ In the April 29-May 5, 2020 survey, the wording for item e was, "Taken a blood test that showed you have antibodies to COVID-19."

ASK IF MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD (HH1>1):

COVID_HHMATE Thinking about the past few months, since February 2020, has SOMEONE ELSE in your immediate household done or experienced the following?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
NO ITEM a			
b. Been pretty sure they have had COVID-19 even though they have not been officially diagnosed Aug 3-16, 2020	12	88	*
c. Tested positive for having COVID-19 Aug 3-16, 2020	4	96	*
d. Tested positive for having <u>antibodies</u> to COVID-19 Aug 3-16, 2020	2	98	*

ASK IF OTHER HH MEMBER PROBABLY HAD COVID (COVID_HHMATEb=1 OR COVID_HHMATEc=1 OR COVID_HHMATED=1):

RATEHHMATECOVID Thinking about the other person(s) in your immediate household with COVID-19, which best describes their experience?

[If multiple other people in your household have had COVID-19, please answer about the most serious case]

Aug 3-16, 2020	
17	No symptoms
38	Mild symptoms
36	Moderate symptoms
9	Severe symptoms
1	No answer

ASK ALL:

COVIDWORKR For each of the following, indicate whether or not it is something that happened to YOU because of the coronavirus outbreak. **[DISPLAY ITEMS IN ORDER]**

	<u>Yes, has happened</u>	<u>No, has not happened</u>	<u>Not Applicable⁴</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Been laid off or lost a job Aug 3-16, 2020	15	50	35	*
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	17	83	-	1
b. Had to take a cut in pay due to reduced hours or demand for your work Aug 3-16, 2020	21	43	36	1
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	23	77	-	1

⁴ In the April 29-May 5, 2020 survey, there was no "Not Applicable" option.

ASK IF OTHER ADULTS IN HOUSEHOLD (HH3COV > 1):

COVIDWORKO What about other people currently living in your household? Because of the coronavirus outbreak has ANYONE ELSE in your immediate household... **[DISPLAY ITEMS IN ORDER]**

	<u>Yes, has happened</u>	<u>No, has not happened</u>	<u>Not Applicable⁵</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Been laid off or lost a job				
Aug 3-16, 2020	21	54	25	*
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	24	75	-	1
b. Had to take a cut in pay due to reduced hours or demand for your work				
Aug 3-16, 2020	27	47	25	1
Apr 29-May 5, 2020	29	69	-	1

ASK IF RESPONDENT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BUT PREVIOUSLY LAID OFF OR LOST JOB DUE TO CORONAVIRUS (E3=1,2 AND COVIDWORKR_a=1):

POSTCOVIDJOBR2 Which of the following best describes your current circumstances?

Aug 3-16,
2020

66	I have returned to the job I had before the coronavirus outbreak
29	I am working at a different job than before the coronavirus outbreak
4	No answer

ASK IF RESPONDENT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BUT HAD REDUCED PAY OR HOURS (E3=1,2 AND COVIDWORKRb=1):

POSTCOVIDPAYR Which of the following best describes your current circumstances?
I am now earning...

Aug 3-16,
2020

60	Less money than before the coronavirus outbreak
34	About the same amount of money as before the coronavirus outbreak
6	More money than before the coronavirus outbreak
*	No answer

ASK ALL:

NEWSFINCORP How much, if at all, do you think that the news that you get is influenced by corporations and financial interests?

Aug 3-16,
2020

38	A great deal
42	Somewhat
15	Not very much at all
5	Not at all
1	No answer

⁵ In the April 29-May 5, 2020 survey, there was no "Not Applicable" option.

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...⁶

	<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	Something <u>else</u>	No <u>answer</u>	Lean <u>Rep</u>	Lean <u>Dem</u>
August 3-16, 2020	27	30	29	13	1	18	21
June 4-10, 2020	27	29	30	13	1	17	22

⁶ PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.