The Marist Poll’s America Now: National Outlook Index (NOI) stands at an improved 6.4 out of a maximum top score of 10. The NOI is marked by a sizeable increase in optimism about the economy. Views about personal health and life in Americans’ local communities remain strong while impressions of society and government still weaken the NOI.

Americans’ economic outlook has improved, though is still cautious. The economic index is bolstered by improved scores among all economic indicators. The most notable: increased optimism about the jobs and consumer markets. Both are at their NOI peak. Americans’ opinion of their current finances remains the highest economic item. Views of future finances are also on an upswing.

Americans’ impressions of their health and well-being are at an all-time high. Though still tepid, Americans’ view of the current risk to their health as low is at its highest in the history of the NOI. Americans are also satisfied with the access they have to health care, consider themselves to be in excellent health, and are satisfied with their current lifestyle.

Americans’ impressions of life in their local communities remain strong. They still feel safe where they live and are satisfied with the area where they live. These indicators remain the highest of all NOI items. Though lower than the others, Americans are still upbeat about the positive impact they can have in their community and are satisfied with their community’s values and beliefs.

Americans’ views of society and government continue to pull down the NOI. They perceive themselves to have the same opportunity as everyone else but are less certain that future generations will have a better life. They lack confidence in those in leadership positions to improve life for the average citizen and see an unjust society. The latter remains the lowest of all NOI items.
### Economic Summary

**Economic Outlook Deep Dive**

- This is a good time financially for your household
  - Rating: 6.1
- You expect the next few months to be better financially for your household
  - Rating: 5.7
- Jobs right now are easy to find
  - Rating: 5.6
- This is a good time to make purchases or investments
  - Rating: 5.5

### Health Summary

**Health Outlook Deep Dive**

- You, yourself, are in excellent health
  - Rating: 7.0
- You are happy with the life you are living right now
  - Rating: 7.4
- There is little risk to your health right now
  - Rating: 6.4
- You are satisfied with your access to health care
  - Rating: 7.4

### Community Summary

**Community Outlook Deep Dive**

- You are satisfied with the area where you live
  - Rating: 7.8
- You can have an impact in making your community a better place
  - Rating: 6.8
- You are satisfied with your community's values and beliefs
  - Rating: 6.4
- You feel safe where you live
  - Rating: 8.1

### Society & Government Summary

**Society & Gov't Outlook Deep Dive**

- Those in leadership positions are working to make life better for people like you
  - Rating: 5.0
- You feel you have access to the same opportunities as everyone else
  - Rating: 6.9
- Your children and grandchildren will have a better life than you
  - Rating: 5.8
- You feel you live in a society that is fair and just
  - Rating: 4.6
Nature of the Sample: Marist Poll of 1,809 National Adults
This survey of 1,809 adults was conducted April 19th through April 21st, 2021 by The Marist Poll. Adults 18 years of age and older residing in the contiguous United States were contacted on landline or mobile numbers and interviewed by telephone using live interviewers. Survey questions were available in English or Spanish. Mobile telephone numbers were randomly selected based upon a list of telephone exchanges from throughout the nation. The exchanges were selected to ensure that each region was represented in proportion to its population. Mobile phones are treated as individual devices. After validation of age, personal ownership, and non-business-use of the mobile phone, interviews are typically conducted with the person answering the phone. To increase coverage, this mobile sample was supplemented by respondents reached through random dialing of landline phone numbers. Within each landline household, a single respondent is selected through a random selection process to increase the representativeness of traditionally under-covered survey populations. The samples were then combined and balanced to reflect the 2017 American Community Survey 1-year estimates for age, gender, income, race, and region. Results are statistically significant within ±3.2 percentage points. There are 1,688 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ±3.3 percentage points. It should be noted that although you may not see results listed for a certain group, it does not mean interviews were not completed with those individuals. It simply means the sample size is too small to report. The error margin was adjusted for sample weights and increases for cross-tabulations.

The Marist Poll America Now: National Outlook Index is reported on a 0 to 10 scale. A mean score for each sub-index statement was calculated. Overall economic, health, community, and society & government indices are derived by calculating an overall mean based on responses to the four sub-index questions in each category. The overall Marist Poll America Now: National Outlook Index is derived by calculating an overall mean based on responses to all sixteen sub-index questions.

Respondents were asked: Please let me know how much you agree or disagree with each of the following:

Economic:
A. This is a good time financially for your household
B. You expect the next few months to be better financially for your household
C. Jobs right now are easy to find
D. This is a good time to make purchases or investments

Health:
E. You, yourself, are in excellent health
F. You are happy with the life you are living right now
G. There is little risk to your health right now
H. You are satisfied with your access to health care

Community:
A. You are satisfied with the area where you live
B. You can have an impact in making your community a better place
C. You are satisfied with your community’s values and beliefs
D. You feel safe where you live

Society & Government:
E. Those in leadership positions are working to make life better for people like you
F. You feel you have access to the same opportunities as everyone else
G. Your children and grandchildren will have a better life than you
H. You feel you live in a society that is fair and just