The Marist Poll’s America Now: National Outlook Index (NOI) stands at 6.5 out of a maximum top score of 10. This matches the highest score in the NOI to date. The NOI is buoyed by a steady economic outlook, specifically a striking improvement in views of the jobs market. Opinions of personal health and life in Americans’ local communities remain strong. Impressions of society and government still pull down the NOI.

### Economic

The economic index is steady and matches its highest score. Perceptions of the jobs market have been trending up since February. This boosts the still cautious economic index. Opinions of current and future finances, as well as the consumer market, are more positive than negative. Though, views of current finances and the consumer market have inched down.

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### Health

The consistently strong health index has reached a new high. Americans’ view of the current risk to their health as low and their satisfaction with their access to health care are at their highest point. Americans also continue to perceive themselves to be in excellent health, and are satisfied with the life they are currently living.

### Community

Americans’ attitudes toward life in their local communities continue to bolster the NOI. Residents are still content with the area they live in and feel safe there. These indicators remain the highest of all NOI items. Though lower than the others, Americans have a positive outlook about the impact they can have in their community and are satisfied with their community’s values and beliefs.

### Society

Americans’ views of society and government remain tepid and continue to weaken the NOI. Americans are upbeat about receiving equal opportunity and are hopeful that future generations will have a better life. They are skeptical, though, that leaders aim to improve life for average citizens and perceive an unjust society. These two indicators remain the lowest of all NOI items.
ECONOMIC SUMMARY

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK DEEP DIVE

This is a good time financially for your household

- 5.8

You expect the next few months to be better financially for your household

- 5.7

Jobs right now are easy to find

- 6.5

This is a good time to make purchases or investments

- 5.1

HEALTH SUMMARY

HEALTH OUTLOOK DEEP DIVE

You, yourself, are in excellent health

- 7.1

You are happy with the life you are living right now

- 7.5

There is little risk to your health right now

- 6.6

You are satisfied with your access to health care

- 7.6

COMMUNITY SUMMARY

COMMUNITY OUTLOOK DEEP DIVE

You are satisfied with the area where you live

- 7.8

You can have an impact in making your community a better place

- 6.9

You are satisfied with your community’s values and beliefs

- 6.6

You feel safe where you live

- 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

- 4.9

You feel you have access to the same opportunities as everyone else

- 6.9

Your children and grandchildren will have a better life than you

- 6.0

You feel you live in a society that is fair and just

- 4.8
**Nature of the Sample: Marist Poll of 1,037 National Adults**

This survey of 1,037 adults was conducted May 19th through May 25th, 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. Assistance was provided by Luce Research for data collection. The samples were then combined and balanced to reflect the 2019 American Community Survey 1-year estimates for age, gender, income, race, and region. Results are statistically significant within ±3.7 percentage points. There are 904 registered voters. The results for this subset are statistically significant within ±4.0 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