

MARIST POLL

AMERICA NOW

NATIONAL OUTLOOK INDEX

The Marist Poll's America Now: National Outlook Index provides insight into Americans' experiences and expectations for the future. Attitudes are measured along a scale of 0 to 10 with "0" indicating the lowest negative point of the scale and "10" noting the highest positive point.



November 2020

The Marist Poll's America Now: National Outlook Index (NOI) stands at a cautious 6.3 out of a maximum top score of 10, marking the first time since July that the index has declined. Economic concerns and perceptions of society and government continue to weaken the NOI while attitudes about health and community buoy the overall index.



10/20 9/20 7/20 6/20

ECONOMIC



Americans have become slightly more wary in their financial outlook. This growing caution is driven by a persistent concern about the nation's jobs picture and increased pessimism about the future of their personal financial situation. Residents remain tentative about their current financial state and consumerism. The jobs market remains the lowest of all NOI items.

HEALTH



Americans remain content with their health and well-being. They see themselves as in excellent health and are satisfied with their access to health care. Though down slightly, they are also happy with the life they are now living. The health index is weakened by the perception of a risk to Americans' current health. Still, they are more positive than negative on this item.

COMMUNITY



Americans' perceptions of life in their local communities bolsters the overall index. They feel satisfied with and secure in where they live. Of note, these indicators are the highest of all NOI items. While still positive, Americans are less upbeat about the beliefs and values of their community and their ability to make where they live a better place.

SOCIETY



Americans' attitudes about society and government remain lukewarm and weaken the index. Americans are more positive than negative that they have the same opportunities as everyone else and that life will be better for future generations. Confidence wanes in the ability of those in leadership positions to improve life for citizens that society is just and fair.

ECONOMIC SUMMARY

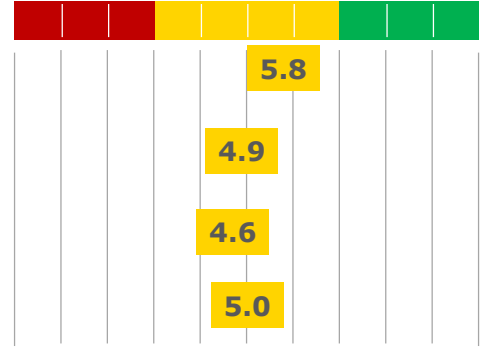
ECONOMIC OUTLOOK DEEP DIVE

This is a good time financially for your household

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

Jobs right now are easy to find

This is a good time to make purchases or investments



HEALTH SUMMARY

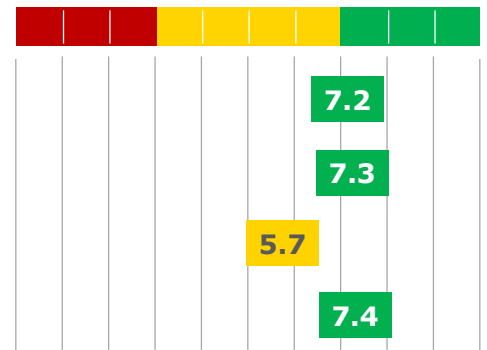
HEALTH OUTLOOK DEEP DIVE

You, yourself, are in excellent health

You are happy with the life you are living right now

There is little risk to your health right now

You are satisfied with your access to health care



COMMUNITY SUMMARY

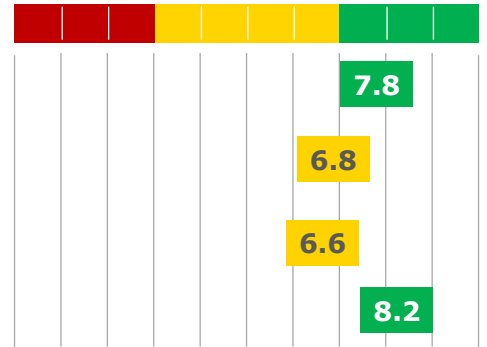
COMMUNITY OUTLOOK DEEP DIVE

You are satisfied with the area where you live

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

You are satisfied with your community's values and beliefs

You feel safe where you live



SOCIETY & GOVERNMENT SUMMARY

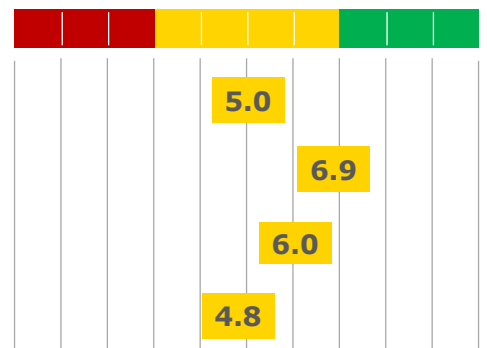
SOCIETY & GOV'T OUTLOOK DEEP DIVE

Those in leadership positions are working to make life better for people like you

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

Your children and grandchildren will have a better life than you

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



HOW THE SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED

Nature of the Sample: Marist Poll of 1,753 National Adults

This survey of 1,753 adults was conducted November 16th through November 18th, 2020 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 1,636 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 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