

We'd like to ask you some questions about finances. Compared to how things were before the COVID-19 pandemic, is your household's financial situation currently better, about the same or worse?



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Significantly better now than before the pandemic	7%	8%	7%	16%	6%	3%	7%	10%	13%	4%	7%	7%	12%	8%	9%	8%	5%	9%	4%	8%	21%
Moderately better now than before the pandemic	16%	16%	15%	25%	15%	9%	17%	8%	11%	13%	19%	17%	16%	17%	11%	19%	17%	10%	13%	20%	26%
About the same now as it was before the pandemic	33%	35%	32%	25%	26%	46%	33%	35%	29%	39%	32%	35%	30%	38%	33%	31%	38%	27%	38%	29%	13%
Moderately worse now than before the pandemic	25%	25%	25%	16%	29%	28%	24%	27%	26%	28%	28%	25%	26%	30%	22%	25%	26%	22%	28%	30%	15%
Significantly worse now than before the pandemic	15%	12%	17%	13%	19%	12%	15%	18%	20%	15%	10%	15%	14%	5%	22%	14%	9%	19%	17%	7%	20%
Not sure	4%	3%	4%	6%	4%	1%	5%	2%	0%	1%	4%	1%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%	13%	2%	7%	5%

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, are your household expenses higher, about the same, or lower in each of the following categories?

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Housing (Rent, Mortgage)																					
Higher	57%	53%	61%	57%	62%	52%	57%	59%	52%	54%	61%	55%	56%	45%	69%	54%	51%	66%	59%	51%	57%
About the same	34%	35%	32%	28%	28%	43%	32%	31%	37%	42%	33%	40%	37%	30%	26%	34%	38%	16%	36%	34%	23%
Lower	6%	6%	5%	8%	7%	2%	7%	5%	9%	1%	3%	4%	2%	18%	2%	8%	7%	8%	3%	8%	13%
Not sure	4%	5%	3%	7%	3%	3%	4%	5%	3%	4%	3%	2%	5%	8%	4%	5%	4%	9%	2%	6%	7%
Books																					
Higher	27%	26%	27%	27%	29%	25%	27%	28%	29%	23%	30%	27%	27%	25%	30%	27%	27%	39%	28%	24%	30%
About the same	45%	43%	46%	45%	43%	47%	42%	49%	50%	48%	47%	47%	46%	48%	39%	46%	48%	12%	46%	53%	27%
Lower	10%	10%	9%	14%	11%	4%	13%	6%	7%	3%	3%	6%	12%	12%	7%	11%	12%	26%	6%	12%	32%
Not sure	19%	20%	18%	14%	17%	25%	18%	17%	14%	26%	20%	19%	16%	14%	24%	17%	13%	23%	20%	11%	11%
Newspapers and Magazines																					
Higher	25%	25%	25%	23%	26%	26%	23%	22%	32%	24%	32%	27%	25%	20%	23%	25%	27%	37%	27%	21%	28%
About the same	44%	44%	44%	45%	42%	45%	45%	46%	36%	46%	41%	43%	45%	41%	40%	45%	44%	18%	47%	43%	27%
Lower	12%	12%	11%	18%	13%	7%	15%	12%	16%	4%	3%	11%	14%	19%	9%	15%	13%	21%	6%	20%	34%
Not sure	19%	19%	19%	14%	19%	22%	17%	19%	16%	26%	24%	19%	16%	20%	28%	15%	16%	23%	20%	17%	11%
Board Games																					
Higher	18%	15%	20%	17%	25%	10%	17%	23%	24%	10%	18%	17%	16%	15%	21%	16%	18%	21%	16%	19%	21%
About the same	40%	40%	40%	47%	41%	34%	42%	47%	30%	36%	34%	41%	46%	33%	36%	41%	42%	25%	39%	44%	41%
Lower	12%	12%	13%	18%	14%	6%	14%	8%	20%	6%	10%	8%	11%	31%	13%	13%	15%	24%	7%	20%	26%
Not sure	30%	32%	28%	18%	20%	49%	27%	22%	26%	47%	38%	33%	27%	21%	30%	30%	25%	31%	38%	16%	12%
Electronic Entertainment (Cable TV, Streaming Services)																					
Higher	49%	49%	49%	47%	50%	48%	46%	44%	47%	55%	56%	48%	48%	40%	57%	46%	44%	64%	52%	41%	44%
About the same	39%	39%	39%	37%	37%	43%	40%	43%	38%	37%	35%	45%	37%	36%	31%	43%	41%	15%	40%	44%	34%
Lower	7%	6%	7%	8%	8%	4%	7%	7%	10%	2%	6%	4%	9%	14%	6%	6%	10%	17%	5%	8%	13%
Not sure	6%	6%	5%	8%	4%	6%	6%	6%	4%	5%	4%	3%	6%	10%	6%	5%	6%	4%	3%	7%	10%
Transportation (Fuel for Vehicles, Transit Passes, Taxis)																					
Higher	67%	66%	67%	55%	66%	77%	63%	68%	61%	80%	73%	69%	68%	56%	66%	66%	69%	74%	74%	57%	66%
About the same	23%	25%	21%	32%	22%	16%	25%	20%	25%	16%	21%	26%	21%	25%	24%	23%	21%	13%	20%	26%	15%
Lower	7%	5%	9%	8%	8%	5%	8%	6%	13%	1%	4%	4%	10%	10%	5%	8%	8%	5%	5%	12%	17%
Not sure	3%	4%	3%	5%	4%	2%	4%	6%	1%	3%	2%	2%	1%	10%	5%	3%	2%	4%	1%	4%	2%
Groceries																					
Higher	78%	74%	82%	66%	75%	89%	74%	72%	81%	89%	87%	83%	75%	57%	83%	75%	78%	83%	88%	65%	65%
About the same	15%	18%	13%	23%	17%	8%	17%	23%	15%	8%	9%	13%	20%	28%	13%	16%	15%	13%	10%	24%	14%
Lower	4%	4%	4%	7%	4%	2%	6%	1%	4%	2%	0%	3%	4%	7%	2%	6%	4%	0%	2%	6%	16%
Not sure	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%	1%	3%	4%	0%	1%	3%	1%	1%	8%	2%	3%	3%	4%	1%	5%	6%

At this point, how difficult is it to do each of the following in your household?



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<i>Pay for necessities ("make ends meet")</i>																					
Very difficult	20%	16%	23%	27%	24%	10%	19%	20%	19%	19%	24%	18%	15%	16%	35%	15%	10%	40%	18%	9%	32%
Moderately difficult	28%	27%	28%	29%	34%	20%	28%	27%	44%	24%	22%	27%	29%	31%	27%	30%	23%	29%	27%	28%	31%
Not too difficult	32%	33%	32%	29%	30%	36%	34%	27%	29%	31%	31%	29%	34%	40%	25%	33%	38%	25%	32%	41%	26%
Not difficult at all	18%	21%	15%	10%	10%	32%	17%	20%	8%	25%	22%	25%	20%	8%	11%	19%	27%	6%	23%	16%	6%
Not sure	2%	3%	2%	5%	2%	1%	3%	6%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	4%	2%	3%	2%	0%	0%	5%	5%
<i>Save money (for retirement or for a "rainy day")</i>																					
Very difficult	36%	30%	42%	41%	46%	23%	34%	36%	46%	34%	41%	33%	33%	29%	55%	34%	22%	61%	38%	21%	44%
Moderately difficult	29%	30%	28%	32%	28%	28%	31%	27%	35%	26%	23%	27%	34%	36%	23%	33%	28%	27%	26%	38%	34%
Not too difficult	22%	24%	21%	20%	19%	27%	23%	22%	17%	19%	23%	28%	22%	20%	16%	21%	31%	10%	22%	29%	12%
Not difficult at all	10%	12%	7%	4%	4%	19%	8%	11%	3%	19%	13%	12%	8%	11%	5%	9%	16%	2%	12%	7%	8%
Not sure	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	5%	0%	2%	0%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	0%	1%	5%	2%
<i>Have money for leisure (dining out, entertainment)</i>																					
Very difficult	27%	21%	32%	33%	31%	18%	26%	26%	29%	28%	31%	27%	20%	21%	43%	22%	16%	42%	28%	13%	37%
Moderately difficult	32%	35%	29%	29%	40%	26%	33%	26%	45%	27%	30%	27%	36%	42%	31%	37%	25%	31%	30%	36%	32%
Not too difficult	28%	27%	28%	31%	22%	31%	30%	29%	21%	24%	25%	32%	29%	27%	19%	29%	37%	21%	26%	40%	26%
Not difficult at all	11%	15%	8%	4%	5%	23%	10%	12%	6%	19%	13%	13%	13%	8%	6%	11%	20%	6%	15%	8%	3%
Not sure	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	6%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	0%	1%	4%	2%