



**PRRI/Brookings 2013 Religion, Values & Immigration Survey**  
**N=4,465 (2,691 Landline, 1,774 Cell phone)**  
**January 28 - February 24**

Q.1 All in all, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in this country today?

31	Satisfied
58	Dissatisfied
7	Mixed (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.2 Do you approve or disapprove of the way Barack Obama is handling his job as President?

51	Approve
39	Disapprove
6	Mixed/Approve and disapprove (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.3 I'd like to ask you about priorities for President (Barack) Obama and Congress this year. As I read from a list, please tell me if you think each should be the highest priority, high but not the highest, or a lower priority. Should **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]** be the highest priority, high but not the highest, or a lower priority? What about... **[INSERT]**?

a. Reforming the nation's immigration system

24	Highest priority
47	High but not highest
27	Lower priority
<u>2</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY (N=2,249):**

b. Improving the job situation

65	Highest priority
31	High but not highest
3	Lower priority
<u>1</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Enacting stricter gun control laws

26	Highest priority
29	High but not highest
43	Lower priority
<u>2</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Dealing with the moral breakdown of the country

32	Highest priority
35	High but not highest
28	Lower priority
<u>5</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY (N=2,216):**

e. Reducing the budget deficit

56	Highest priority
33	High but not highest
9	Lower priority
<u>3</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	Total

f. Changing the federal income tax system to make it more fair

37	Highest priority
44	High but not highest
16	Lower priority
<u>3</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	Total

g. Enacting legislation to address climate change

16	Highest priority
31	High but not highest
51	Lower priority
<u>3</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK ALL:**

Q.4 Now, we would like to get your views on some issues that are being discussed in the country today. All in all, do you strongly favor, favor, oppose or strongly oppose **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**? What about **[INSERT NEXT]**?

a. Allowing gay and lesbian couples to marry legally

25	Strongly favor
27	Favor
19	Oppose
23	Strongly oppose
<u>7</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Allowing illegal immigrants brought to the U.S. as children to gain legal resident status if they join the military or go to college

21	Strongly favor
40	Favor
21	Oppose
13	Strongly oppose
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Tougher laws and regulations to protect the environment even if it raises prices or costs jobs

18	Strongly favor
38	Favor
27	Oppose
13	Strongly oppose
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.5 Do you think abortion should be... **[RANDOMIZE LIST ORDER 1-4; 4-1]**

23	Legal in all cases
33	Legal in most cases
24	Illegal in most cases
14	Illegal in all cases
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.6 Now I'm going to read you a few pairs of statements. For each pair, tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right. The first pair is... **(READ AND ROTATE ITEMS)**

a.

40	The growing number of newcomers from other countries threatens traditional American customs and values.
54	The growing number of newcomers from other countries strengthens American society.
3	Neither/Both equally <b>(VOL)</b>
<u>3</u>	DK/REF <b>(VOL)</b>
100	Total

b.

37	The federal government should provide more services, even if it means higher taxes
58	The federal government should provide fewer services and reduce taxes
3	Neither/Both equally <b>(VOL)</b>
<u>3</u>	DK/REF <b>(VOL)</b>
100	Total

Q.7 Since the 1950s, do you think American culture and way of life has mostly changed for the better, or has it mostly changed for the worse?

40	Mostly changed for the better
54	Mostly changed for the worse
3	Both/Neither (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.8 Thinking about some different groups currently living in the U.S., please say whether any of the following groups are changing American culture and way of life for the better, changing it for the worse, or whether they are not having any real impact on American culture and way of life. First... **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**. What about... **[INSERT]**?

**REPEAT AS NECESSARY:** Would you say that, in general, **[INSERT]** are changing American culture and way of life for the better, changing it for the worse, or are they not having any real impact on American culture and way of life?

a. Immigrants

38	Changing for the better
28	Changing for the worse
26	No impact
4	Mixed impact/Depends (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY (N=2,249):**

b. Young people

43	Changing for the better
30	Changing for the worse
21	No impact
3	Mixed impact/Depends (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

c. The Tea Party

24	Changing for the better
30	Changing for the worse
30	No impact
1	Mixed impact/Depends (VOL.)
<u>15</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Non-religious people

16	Changing for the better
31	Changing for the worse
48	No impact
1	Mixed impact/Depends (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

e. Asians

40	Changing for the better
9	Changing for the worse
43	No impact
1	Mixed impact/Depends (VOL.)
<u>7</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY (N=2,216):**

f. Muslims

18	Changing for the better
27	Changing for the worse
44	No impact
2	Mixed impact/Depends (VOL.)
<u>8</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

g. Atheists, that is people who do not believe in God

10	Changing for the better
39	Changing for the worse
46	No impact
1	Mixed impact/Depends (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

h. Gay and lesbian people

24	Changing for the better
29	Changing for the worse
42	No impact
1	Mixed impact/Depends (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

i. Hispanics

39	Changing for the better
20	Changing for the worse
35	No impact
3	Mixed impact/Depends (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK ALL:**

Thinking about your own community and the place where you live...

Q.9 Do you live in a community with many new immigrants, some new immigrants, only a few new immigrants, or almost no new immigrants?

24	Many new immigrants
23	Some new immigrants
23	Only a few new immigrants
27	Almost no new immigrants
<u>3</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

Turning to another subject...

Q.10 Do you think the current immigration system in the United States is **[READ IN ORDER]**

**[IF DK OR DEPENDS PROBE ONCE WITH: Just your general impression, do you think the current immigration system is...]**

7	Generally working
29	Working but with some major problems
40	Broken but working in some areas
23	Completely Broken
<u>2</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.11 Which statement comes closest to your view about how the immigration system should deal with immigrants who are currently living in the U.S. illegally? The immigration system should... **(FORM 1 READ 1-3 IN ORDER, FORM 2 READ 1-3 REVERSE ORDER)**

63	Allow them a way to become citizens provided they meet certain requirements
14	Allow them to become permanent legal residents, but not citizens
21	Identify and deport them
1	None of these (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.12 As I read a pair of statements, please tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views – even if neither is exactly right. **[READ; ROTATE OPTIONS].**

29	The best way to solve the country's illegal immigration problem is to secure our borders and arrest and deport all those who are here illegally
68	The best way to solve the country's illegal immigration problem is to both secure our borders and provide an earned path to citizenship for illegal immigrants already in the U.S.
2	Neither/Both equally <b>(VOL)</b>
<u>1</u>	DK/REF <b>(VOL)</b>
100	Total

Congress is currently debating immigration reform...

Q.13 The legislation includes many different policies. Please say whether you favor or oppose the following policies. First, do you favor or oppose **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**? What about **[INSERT; NEXT]**?

a. Creating a database that would allow employers to verify the immigration status of new hires

81	Favor
17	Oppose
<u>2</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Allowing immigrants who get degrees from U.S. colleges or universities in math, science or technology to work legally in the U.S.

75	Favor
22	Oppose
<u>3</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total



c. Expanding 'guest worker' programs that would give a temporary visa to non-citizens who want to work legally in the United States

72	Favor
26	Oppose
<u>2</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY (N=2,249):**

Q.14 Do you think immigrants coming to this country today mostly take jobs away from American citizens, or do they mostly take jobs Americans don't want? **IF BOTH ASK:** Well, which do most of them do?

27	Take jobs away
64	Take unwanted jobs
4	Both (VOL.)
<u>5</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY (N=2,216):**

Q.15 Do you think illegal immigrants mostly help the economy by providing low cost labor, or mostly hurt the economy by driving down wages for many Americans?

36	Provide low-cost labor
56	Drive down wages
2	Both (VOL.)
2	Neither (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK ALL:**

Q.16 Thinking about the different types of immigrants seeking legal status in the U.S. Do you think the immigration system should give preferences to immigrants who... **INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**, even if it means less space for others? What about immigrants who... **[INSERT; NEXT]?**

a. Can speak English fluently

48	Yes, should give preference
47	No should not give preference
1	Depends (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Have children or parents currently living in the U.S. legally

60	Yes, should give preference
36	No should not give preference
1	Depends (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY (N=2,249):**

c. Have a spouse currently living in the U.S. legally

63	Yes, should give preference
34	No should not give preference
1	Depends (VOL.)
<u>2</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Have a degree from an American college or University

59	Yes, should give preference
37	No should not give preference
1	Depends (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY (N=2,216):**

e. Have a gay or lesbian spouse currently living in the U.S. legally

31	Yes, should give preference
63	No should not give preference
1	Depends (VOL.)
<u>5</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

f. Are from Western Europe

26	Yes, should give preference
67	No should not give preference
1	Depends (VOL.)
<u>5</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK ALL:**

Q.17 Over the last five or six years, do you think the number of illegal immigrants who were deported back to their home countries has increased, decreased or stayed about the same?

28	Increased
18	Decreased
42	Stayed about the same
<u>12</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY (N=2,249):**

Q.18 How much, if at all, do you think immigrants today are changing your COMMUNITY and way of life? Would you say a lot, a little or not at all?

32	A lot
46	A little
21	Not at all
<u>1</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF A LOT OR A LITTLE [Q.18=1,2], ASK (N=1,732):**

Q.19 And all in all, do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing?

54	Good thing
37	Bad thing
4	Depends (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY (N=2,216):**

Q.20 How much, if at all, do you think that immigrants today are changing AMERICAN SOCIETY and way of life? Would you say a lot, a little or not at all?

46	A lot
45	A little
8	Not at all
<u>1</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF A LOT OR A LITTLE [Q.20=1,2], ASK (N=2,031):**

Q.21 And all in all, do you think this is a good thing or a bad thing?

50	Good thing
41	Bad thing
5	Depends (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

**NO Q.22**

**ASK ALL:**

Q.23 Now, as I read a few statements about issues being discussed in the country today, please tell me if you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely disagree with each one. First... **[INSERT; RANDOMIZE]**. Next...

**READ FOR FIRST ITEM, THEN REPEAT AS NECESSARY:** Do you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly DISagree or completely disagree?

a. The American way of life needs to be protected against foreign influence

27	Completely agree
26	Mostly agree
24	Mostly disagree
21	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

b. The idea of America where most people are not white bothers me

5	Completely agree
9	Mostly agree
29	Mostly disagree
55	Completely disagree
<u>3</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Immigrants today think of themselves as Americans just as much as immigrants from earlier eras did

19	Completely agree
40	Mostly agree
23	Mostly disagree
13	Completely disagree
<u>5</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

d. The best way to solve the country's illegal immigration problem is to make conditions so difficult for illegal immigrants that they return to their home country on their own

14	Completely agree
20	Mostly agree
28	Mostly disagree
36	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY (N=2,249):**

e. The values of Islam are at odds with American values and way of life

23	Completely agree
24	Mostly agree
25	Mostly disagree
19	Completely disagree
<u>9</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY (N=2,216):**

f. We should make a serious effort to deport all illegal immigrants back to their home countries.

19	Completely agree
24	Mostly agree
30	Mostly disagree
25	Completely disagree
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY (N=2,249):**

Q.24 Which political party, the Democrats or the Republicans, do you trust to do a better job handling the issue of illegal immigration?

43	The Democratic Party
30	The Republican Party
1	Both (VOL.)
19	Neither (VOL.)
<u>7</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY (N=2,216):**

Q.25 Which political party, the Democrats or the Republicans, do you trust to do a better job handling the issue of immigration?

39	The Democratic Party
29	The Republican Party
1	Both (VOL.)
23	Neither (VOL.)
<u>8</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK ALL:**

Q.26 Do you think the Republican Party's position on immigration has helped or hurt the party in recent elections, or do you think it has not made a difference?

7	Helped
45	Hurt
42	Not made a difference
<u>6</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK ALL:**

Now a few different questions...

**RELIG** What is your present religion, if any? Are you Protestant, Roman Catholic, Mormon, Orthodox such as Greek or Russian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Hindu, atheist, agnostic, something else, or nothing in particular?

**INTERVIEWER: IF R VOLUNTEERS** “nothing in particular, none, no religion, etc.”  
**BEFORE REACHING END OF LIST, PROMPT WITH:** and would you say that’s atheist, agnostic, or just nothing in particular?]

40	Protestant (Baptist, Methodist, Non-denominational, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Pentecostal, Episcopalian, Reformed, Church of Christ, Jehovah’s Witness, etc.)
21	Roman Catholic (Catholic)
2	Mormon (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints/LDS)
1	Orthodox (Greek, Russian, or some other orthodox church)
2	Jewish (Judaism)
1	Muslim (Islam)
*	Buddhist
*	Hindu
3	Atheist (do not believe in God)
4	Agnostic (not sure if there is a God)
2	Something else <b>[SPECIFY]</b>
14	Nothing in particular
9	Christian (VOL.)
*	Unitarian (Universalist) (VOL.)
<u>1</u>	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF NOTHING IN PARTICULAR (RELIG=12), ASK (N=562):**

**SECULAR** In general would you describe yourself more as a religious person or as secular, that is someone who is NOT religious?

30	Religious
56	Secular, not religious
6	Spiritual, not religious (VOL.)
*	OTHER [SPECIFY—VOL.]
<u>7</u>	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF ATHEIST, AGNOSTIC, NOTHING IN PARTICULAR OR DK (RELIG=9,10,12,99), ASK (N=897):**

JEWID Do you consider yourself to be Jewish for any reason? [DO NOT READ]

3	Yes
91	No
*	Half or part (VOL.)
<u>6</u>	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF SOMETHING ELSE OR DK/REF (RELIG = 11, 99) ASK (N=131):**

CHR Do you think of yourself as a Christian or not?

**IF R NAMED A NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN PREVIOUS QUESTION (e.g. Native American, Wiccan, Pagan, etc.), DO NOT READ (ENTER "NO" CODE 2)**

49	Yes
39	No
12	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF CHRISTIAN [RELIG=1-4, 13 OR CHR=1], ASK (N=3,411):**

BORN Would you describe yourself as a "born-again" or evangelical Christian, or not?

45	Yes
51	No
<u>5</u>	Don't Know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK ALL:**

ATTEND Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services... more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom, or never?

15	More than once a week
23	Once a week
14	Once or twice a month
18	A few times a year
17	Seldom
13	Never
<u>1</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total



Q.27 Which statement comes closest to your view of God: God is a person with whom people can have a relationship, God is an impersonal force, or I do not believe in God?

63	God is a person
25	God is an impersonal force
7	I do not believe in God
2	Both/Neither/Other (VOL.)
<u>3</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.28 Which comes closest to your view? **[READ, IN ORDER]**

**[Holy book: If Christian or no religion (RELIG=1-4, 9, 10, 12, 13 OR CHR=1) insert "the Bible"; If Jewish (RELIG=5), insert "the Torah"; If Muslim (RELIG=6), insert, "the Koran"; If other non-Christian affiliations (RELIG=7,8,14 OR (RELIG=11 AND CHR=2,9)), insert "the Holy Scripture"; IF DK/REF IN RELIGION (RELIG=99) AND CHR=2,9, insert "the Bible"]**  
**IF BELIEVE HOLY BOOK IS WORD OF GOD (Q.28=1), ASK:**

Q.29 And would you say that **[READ, IN ORDER]**?

65	<b>[Holy book]</b> is the word of God, OR
33	<b>[Holy book]</b> is to be taken literally, word for word, OR
30	Not everything in <b>[Holy book]</b> should be taken literally, word for word.
2	Other/Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
29	<b>[Holy book]</b> is a book written by men and is not the word of God.
2	Other (VOL.)
<u>4</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF ATTEND AT LEAST ONCE OR TWICE A MONTH [ATTEND<4], ASK (N=2,427):**

Q.30 Thinking about the place you attend religious services most often...  
How often, if at all, does your clergy leader speak out about the issue of immigration? **[READ IN ORDER]**

6	Often
16	Sometimes
27	Rarely
49	Never
<u>1</u>	Don't know/refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.31 Now, I'm going to read a list of values that some say are important MORAL guides for immigration reform. Please tell me whether you think each value is extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important to you as a moral guide to immigration reform. The first value is...  
**[INSERT; RANDOMIZE].**

**REPEAT AS NECESSARY:** Is this value extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important to you as a moral guide to immigration reform?

**ASK FORM 1 ONLY (N=2,249):**

a. Keeping families together

41	Extremely important
43	Very Important
11	Somewhat important
2	Not too important
2	Not at all important
<u>1</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

b. Enforcing the rule of law

33	Extremely important
44	Very Important
16	Somewhat important
3	Not too important
2	Not at all important
<u>1</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

c. Ensuring fairness to taxpayers

37	Extremely important
40	Very Important
16	Somewhat important
3	Not too important
3	Not at all important
<u>2</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

d. Following the biblical example of welcoming the stranger

17	Extremely important
33	Very Important
30	Somewhat important
10	Not too important
9	Not at all important
<u>3</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

**ASK FORM 2 ONLY (N=2,206):**

e. Protecting the dignity of every person

41	Extremely important
41	Very Important
13	Somewhat important
2	Not too important
1	Not at all important
<u>1</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

f. Promoting national security

42	Extremely important
42	Very Important
11	Somewhat important
3	Not too important
1	Not at all important
<u>1</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

g. Following the Golden Rule, providing immigrants the same opportunity I would want if my family was immigrating to the U.S.

30	Extremely important
39	Very Important
19	Somewhat important
4	Not too important
4	Not at all important
<u>3</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

h. Continuing America's heritage as a nation of immigrants

20	Extremely important
32	Very Important
31	Somewhat important
10	Not too important
5	Not at all important
<u>2</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.32 Were you born in the United States, or in another country?

87	Born in U.S.
13	Born in another country
*	Born in Puerto Rico (VOL.)
*	Born in other U.S. territories (Guam, Samoa, Virgin Islands) (VOL.)
<u>*</u>	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

**IF BORN IN US (Q32=1) (N=4,017), ASK:**

Q.33 And where were your parents born? Were they both born in the U.S., was one born in the U.S., or were both born in another country?

**NOTE: If either parent born in Puerto Rico, that qualifies as being born outside of U.S.**

88	Both parents born in U.S.
6	Only one parent born in U.S.
5	Both parents born in another country
*	Other (VOL.)
<u>*</u>	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.34 How well do you know the story of how your family first came to the U.S.?

43	Very well
26	Somewhat well
15	Not too well
14	Not at all well
<u>2</u>	Don't know/Refused
100	Total

Q.36 How often do you personally come in contact with immigrants who speak little or no English?

50	Often
26	Sometimes
18	Rarely
5	Never
*	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

Q.37 Do you have any close friends who were born outside the U.S.?

61	Yes
39	No
*	Don't know (VOL.)
100	Total

*Note: Numbers may not add to 100% due to rounding*

# Survey Methodology

The survey was designed and conducted by Public Religion Research Institute in partnership with the Brookings Institution. The survey was made possible by the Ford Foundation with additional support from the Nathan Cummings Foundation and Four Freedoms Fund/Public Interest Projects. Results of the survey were based on bilingual (Spanish and English) telephone interviews conducted between January 28, 2013 and February 24, 2013, by professional interviewers under the supervision of Directions in Research. Interviews were conducted by telephone among a random sample of 4,465 adults 18 years of age or older in the entire United States (1,774 respondents were interviewed on a cell phone). The landline and cell phone samples were provided by Survey Sampling International and the final sample was weighted to ensure proper representativeness.

The weighting was accomplished in two stages. The first stage of weighting corrected for different probabilities of selection associated with the number of adults in each household and each respondent's telephone usage patterns.<sup>1</sup> In the second stage, sample demographics were balanced by form to match target population parameters for gender, age, education, race and Hispanic ethnicity, region (U.S. Census definitions), population density and telephone usage. The population density parameter was derived from Census 2010 data. The telephone usage parameter came from an analysis of the January-June 2012 National Health Interview Survey. All other weighting parameters were derived from an analysis of the U.S. Census Bureau's 2011 American Community Survey.

The sample weighting was accomplished using Sample Balancing, a special iterative sample-weighting program that simultaneously balances the distributions of all variables. Weights were trimmed to prevent individual interviews from having too much influence on the final results. The use of these weights in statistical analysis ensures that the demographic characteristics of the sample closely approximate the demographic characteristics of the target populations.

The margin of error is +/- 1.7 percentage points for the general sample at the 95% confidence level. In addition to sampling error, surveys may also be subject to error or bias due to question wording, context, and order effects.

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<sup>1</sup> Telephone usage refers to whether respondents have only a landline telephone, only a cell phone or both types.