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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted September 15-18, 2011 with a random sample of **~1,004**—adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with **95%** confidence that the margin of error is **±4** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **~889**—registered voters, the maximum margin of sampling error is **±4** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **~439**—Republicans and Republican-leaning independents, the maximum margin of sampling error is **±6** percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents by region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and being cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2010 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

11. Do you think the economy is now in a recession, or not?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Sep 15-18	80	18	2	2002 Mar 8-9 ^	56	38	6
				2001 Nov 8-11	59	38	3
2010 Aug 27-30	82	16	2	2001 Oct 11-14	49	49	2
2009 Sep 11-13	84	15	1	2001 Sep 21-22	52	43	5
2008 Mar 14-16	76	22	1	2001 Sep 7-10	51	43	6
2007 Oct 12-14 ^	36	58	7	2001 May 10-14	33	62	5
2004 Jan 2-5	32	66	2	2001 Apr 6-8	42	52	6
2003 Apr 22-23	56	41	3	2001 Mar 5-7 ^	31	64	5
2003 Mar 24-25	41	54	5	2001 Feb 1-4 ^	44	49	7
2002 Nov 22-24	52	45	3	1994 May 20-22	35	61	4
2002 Oct 3-6 ^	55	40	5	1994 Feb 26-28	34	62	4
2002 Jul 29-31	46	50	4	1993 Dec 4-6	45	50	5
2002 Jun 28-30	52	45	3	1992 Sep 11-15	79	19	2
2002 May 6-9	45	53	2	1992 Jan 3-6	84	14	2
2002 Apr 8-11	45	52	3	1991 Mar	81	16	4

^ Asked of a half sample.

12. Do you think the U.S. economy is fully recovered, better than it was a year ago but not fully recovered, about the same as a year ago, or worse than it was a year ago?

	<u>Fully recovered</u>	<u>Better, but not fully recovered</u>	<u>About the same as a year ago</u>	<u>Worse than a year ago</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Sep 15-18	*	22	35	42	*

13. Thinking about one year from now, do you think the U.S. economy will be – fully recovered, better than it is now, but not fully recovered, about the same as now, or worse than it is now?

	<u>Fully recovered</u>	<u>Better, but not fully recovered</u>	<u>About the same as now</u>	<u>Worse than it is now</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2011 Sep 15-18	*	37	39	22	2
2010 Aug 27-30	1	44	33	21	2

For comparison: Thinking about one year from now, do you think the U.S. economy will be – fully recovered, better than it is now, but not fully recovered, still in a recession, or worse than it is now?

	<u>Fully recovered</u>	<u>Better, but not fully recovered</u>	<u>Still in a recession</u>	<u>Worse than it is now</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2009 Sep 11-13	2	63	23	12	1