

USA TODAY/GALLUP POLL

HOME FORECLOSURES

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted January 14-15, 2012, on the Gallup Daily tracking survey, with a random sample of 1,000 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.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each daily sample of 1,000 national adults 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, phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2011 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.

Question(s) were asked of a random half-sample on two nights of the Gallup Daily tracking survey.

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.

1. As you may know, the rate of Americans losing their homes through bank foreclosures is expected to rise sharply in 2012. Do you think it would be better for the economy if – [ROTATED: the federal government takes further steps to prevent this from happening, (or would it be better for the economy if) the federal government does not take further steps but allows problems in the housing market to be resolved on their own]?

	Better if federal gov't <u>takes steps</u>	Better if federal gov't <u>does not take steps</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
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