

GALLUP NEWS SERVICE

STATE OF THE NATION INDICATORS

Results are based on telephone interviews conducted October 15-16, 2012, on the Gallup Daily election tracking survey, 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.

3. What do you think is the most important problem facing this country today? [OPEN-ENDED]

	Oct 15-16, 2012	Sep 6-9, 2012	Aug 9-12, 2012	Jul 9-12, 2012	Jun 7-10, 2012	May 3-6, 2012	Apr 9-12, 2012
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	72	72	65	65	68	66	72
Economy in general	37	29	31	29	31	31	32
Unemployment/Jobs	26	32	23	28	25	22	25
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	12	10	7	7	11	9	11
Lack of money	5	4	3	3	5	4	4
Taxes	2	2	1	1	1	2	2
Fuel/Oil prices	2	1	1	1	1	3	8
High cost of living/Inflation	1	1	1	1	*	1	2
Wage issues	1	1	1	*	1	1	1
Gap between rich and poor	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Corporate corruption	1	1	2	1	1	1	1
Recession	*	1	1	*	*	*	1
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	*	*	--	--	*	*	*
NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)	44	46	45	43	38	47	47
Dissatisfaction with government/Congress/politicians; Poor leadership/Corruption/Abuse of power	9	12	15	13	12	14	12
Poor healthcare/hospitals; High cost of healthcare	7	10	8	7	6	8	9
Education/Poor education/Access to education	4	5	4	4	4	4	5
Foreign aid/Focus overseas	4	*	1	1	1	1	2
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline; Dishonesty	4	4	5	4	4	4	4
Immigration/Illegal aliens	2	4	4	3	2	3	2
National security	2	*	1	*	*	1	1
Care for the elderly/Medicare	2	1	*	1	1	1	1
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	2	1	1	1	1	2	2
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	2	2	1	2	1	1	2
Welfare	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
Poverty/ Hunger/Homelessness	1	*	1	2	1	2	1
Situation/War in Afghanistan	1	*	*	*	*	1	1
Elections/Election reform	1	1	*	*	*	1	*
War/conflict between Middle East nations	1	*	*	*	*	*	*
Lack of military defense	1	*	*	1	1	1	1
Crime/Violence	1	*	1	1	*	*	1
International issues, problems	1	*	1	1	1	1	1
Abortion	1	1	*	*	*	*	1
Social Security	1	1	*	*	*	1	1
Lack of respect for each other	1	*	1	2	1	1	2
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	1	*	--	*	*	1	*
Environment/Pollution	*	2	1	*	1	1	1
Unifying the country	*	2	*	1	1	1	1
Energy/Lack of energy sources	*	1	1	*	1	2	2
Situation in Iraq	*	*	*	*	*	1	1
Terrorism	*	*	*	*	*	1	*
Drugs	*	--	--	*	*	*	*
Guns/Gun control	*	*	*	*	--	--	*
The media	*	*	--	*	1	*	*
Situation with China	*	--	--	1	*	*	*
Race relations/Racism	*	1	1	*	*	1	1
Gay rights issues	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Overpopulation	--	--	--	*	--	*	*
Other non-economic	2	2	3	4	3	3	3
No opinion	6	2	3	3	2	2	2
Total	149%	137%	130%	130%	128%	138%	152%

