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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted August 1-12, 2018 with a random sample of **–1,024—**adults, ages 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on this sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is **±4** percentage points at the 95% confidence level.

For results based on the sample of **–533—**adults who are employed full- or part-time, the maximum margin of sampling error is **±5** percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **–229—**parents with children in Kindergarten through Grade 12, the maximum margin of sampling error is **±8** 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 of national adults includes a minimum quota of 70% cell phone respondents and 30% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. Gallup obtained sample for this study from Survey Sampling International. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member has the next birthday.

Samples are weighted to correct for unequal selection probability, non-response, and double coverage of landline and cell users in the two sampling frames. They are also weighted to match the national demographics of gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, population density, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2017 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2017 National Health Interview Survey. Population density targets are based on the 2010 census. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting.

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. For questions about how this survey was conducted, please contact [galluphelp@gallup.com](mailto:galluphelp@gallup.com).

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

	Aug 1-12, 2018	Jul 1-11, 2018	Jun 1-12, 2018	May 1-10, 2018	Apr 2-11, 2018	Mar 1-8, 2018	Feb 1-10, 2018
<i>Recent Trend:</i>							
<b>ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>
Economy in general	5	4	4	5	5	4	6
Unemployment/Jobs	4	2	3	3	4	2	4
Gap between rich and poor	2	1	2	2	2	1	1
Taxes	2	1	1	1	1	1	2
Federal budget deficit/Federal debt	1	2	1	3	3	2	3
Corporate corruption	1	*	*	1	1	2	1
Wage issues	1	1	1	1	1	*	1
Foreign trade/Trade deficit	1	1	1	1	2	1	--
Lack of money	1	*	*	2	*	1	1
High cost of living/Inflation	1	*	*	1	1	*	1
Fuel/Oil prices	--	1	1	*	--	*	*
<b>NON-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS (NET)</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>77</b>
Dissatisfaction with government/Poor leadership	21	19	19	20	23	22	22
Immigration/Illegal aliens	16	22	14	10	11	9	15
Race relations/Racism	7	7	7	7	7	7	8
Unifying the country	6	6	4	5	5	5	6
Lack of respect for each other	5	6	4	5	2	3	3
Healthcare	5	3	4	4	4	4	7
Ethics/moral/religious/family decline	4	3	4	5	3	4	4
Poverty/Hunger/Homelessness	3	2	3	1	1	2	3
Education	2	2	2	3	3	3	3
Guns/Gun control	2	2	4	3	6	13	*
International issues, problems	2	1	2	3	3	2	1
Environment/Pollution	2	2	2	2	1	3	3
The media	2	1	2	1	1	1	1
Crime/Violence	2	1	2	2	2	3	2
Drugs	2	1	1	2	1	1	1
Judicial system/Courts/Laws	1	2	1	2	1	2	1
Elections/Election reform	1	1	1	1	1	*	*
Situation with North Korea	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
National security	1	1	2	2	4	3	2
Wars/War (nonspecific)/Fear of war	1	1	1	2	1	2	1
Terrorism	1	1	1	1	*	1	1
Situation with Russia	1	*	*	*	1	1	1
Abortion	1	1	*	*	1	*	1
Welfare	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Children's behavior/Way they are raised	*	1	1	*	1	1	*
School shootings	*	1	1	1	2	*	--
Foreign policy/Foreign aid/Focus overseas	*	1	*	1	--	1	*
Care for the elderly/Medicare	*	*	1	*	*	*	1
Natural disaster response	*	--	--	--	--	--	--
Energy/Lack of energy sources	*	--	--	*	*	*	*
Advancement of Computers/Technology	*	*	*	*	*	*	--
Social Security	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Lack of military defense	*	--	*	1	*	1	1
War/conflict between Middle East nations	*	*	*	*	*	*	--
Situation in Iraq/ISIS	--	--	*	1	*	*	*
Situation in Syria	--	--	--	1	--	--	--
Other non-economic	5	7	5	7	8	8	6
No opinion	4	3	5	3	5	4	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>121%</b>	<b>116%</b>	<b>112%</b>	<b>121%</b>	<b>122%</b>	<b>126%</b>	<b>122%</b>