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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted April 1-9, 2019 with a random sample of –1,012—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.

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 2018 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the January-June 2018 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.

Now, thinking about taxes,

23. Do you consider the amount of federal income tax you have to pay as too high, about right, or too low?

	<u>Too high</u>	<u>About right</u>	<u>Too low</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>Too high</u>	<u>About right</u>	<u>Too low</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2019 Apr 1-9	45	48	4	4	1998 Apr 17-19	66	31	1	2
2018 Apr 2-11	45	48	3	3	1997 Mar 24-26	58	38	1	3
2017 Apr 5-9	51	42	4	4	1996 Apr 9-10	64	33	1	2
2016 Apr 6-10	57	37	3	3	1994 Dec 16-18	66	30	1	3
2015 Apr 9-12	51	42	3	4	1994 Apr 16-18	56	42	*	2
2014 Apr 3-6	52	42	3	4	1993 Mar 29-31	55	41	2	2
2013 Apr 4-7	50	45	2	3	1992 Mar 26-29	56	39	2	3
2012 Apr 9-12	46	47	3	4	1991 Mar 28-30	55	37	2	6
2011 Apr 7-11	50	43	4	3	1990 Mar 8-11	63	31	2	4
2010 Apr 8-11	48	45	3	4	1985 Jun 7-10	63	32	1	4
2009 Apr 6-9	46	48	3	2	1982 May 14-17	60	32	*	8
2008 Apr 6-9	52	42	2	4	1973 Feb 16-19	65	28	1	6
2007 Apr 2-5	53	41	2	3	1969 Mar 12-17	69	25	*	6
2006 Apr 10-13	48	44	2	5	1967 Mar 9-14	58	38	1	3
2005 Apr 4-7	51	44	2	3	1966 Feb 10-15	52	39	*	8
2004 Apr 5-8	50	43	3	4	1964 Feb 28-Mar 5	56	35	1	9
2003 Apr 7-9	50	46	2	2	1963 Jan 11-16	52	38	1	8
2003 Jan 10-12 ^	47	50	1	2	1962 Jun 28-Jul 3	63	32	1	4
2001 Apr 6-8	65	31	1	3	1962 Feb 8-13	48	45	*	7
2000 Apr 7-9	63	33	1	3	1961 Feb 10-15	46	45	1	8
1999 Sep 10-14	68	28	1	3	1959 Mar 4-9	51	40	2	7
1999 Jul 16-18	60	37	*	3	1957 Apr 6-11	61	31	*	8
1999 Apr 6-7	65	29	2	4	1956 Feb 16-21	55	35	1	9

^ Asked of a half sample.

For comparison: *Earlier trend (asked of taxpayers)*

	<u>Too high</u>	<u>About right</u>	<u>Too low</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
1953 Feb1-5	59	37	*	4
1952 Feb 9-14	71	26	*	3
1951 Feb 4-9	52	43	1	4
1950 Feb 5-10	57	40	*	3
1949 Mar 19-24	43	53	1	4
1948 Mar 5-10	57	38	1	4
1947 Nov 28-Dec 2	63	32	*	5
1947 Mar 14-17	54	40	*	6

24. Do you regard the income tax which you will have to pay this year as fair?

	<u>Yes, fair</u>	<u>No, not fair</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2019 Apr 1-9	57	39	3
2018 Apr 2-11	61	36	3
2017 Apr 5-9	61	35	4
2016 Apr 6-10	50	47	3
2015 Apr 9-12	56	40	4
2014 Apr 3-6	54	41	5
2013 Apr 4-7	55	42	3
2012 Apr 9-12	59	37	5
2011 Apr 7-11	57	40	3
2010 Apr 8-11	59	36	5
2009 Apr 6-9	61	35	4
2008 Apr 6-9	60	35	5
2007 Apr 2-5	60	37	3
2006 Apr 10-13	60	34	5
2005 Apr 4-7	61	34	5
2004 Apr 5-8	62	33	5
2003 Apr 7-9	64	33	3
2002 Apr 5-7	58	37	5
2001 Apr 6-8	51	46	3
1999 Apr 6-7	45	49	6
1997 Mar 24-26	51	43	6
1946 Nov 15-20	60	34	6
1946 Feb 28-Mar 5	62	38	--
1945 Mar 10-15	85	15	--
1944 Mar 3-8	87	13	--
1944 Feb	90	10	--
1943 Feb 25-Mar 1	85	15	--

25. As I read off some different groups, please tell me if you think they are paying their FAIR share in federal taxes, paying too MUCH or paying too LITTLE? First, how about -- [ITEMS A-C ROTATED, ITEM D READ LAST]?

<i>2019 Apr 1-9</i> <i>(sorted by "fair share")</i>	<u>Fair share</u>	<u>Too much</u>	<u>Too little</u>
Middle-income people	48	43	7
Lower-income people	33	48	17
Upper-income people	27	9	62
Corporations	23	6	69

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Q.25 (PERCEPTIONS OF TAXES PAID) CONTINUED

FULL TRENDS:

A. Lower-income people

	<u>Fair share</u>	<u>Too much</u>	<u>Too little</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2019 Apr 1-9	33	48	17	2
2018 Apr 2-11	32	49	16	2
2017 Apr 5-9	35	48	14	3
2016 Apr 6-10	31	46	20	3
2015 Apr 9-12	30	45	21	4
2014 Apr 3-6	33	41	23	3
2013 Apr 4-7	37	40	19	4
2012 Apr 9-12	33	40	24	3
2011 Apr 7-11	37	40	21	2
2010 Apr 8-11	35	39	22	4
2009 Apr 6-9	41	39	16	4
2008 Apr 6-9	32	51	13	4
2007 Apr 2-5	34	45	17	4
2006 Apr 10-13	36	46	12	6
2005 Apr 4-7	36	51	10	3
2004 Apr 5-8	35	49	12	4
2003 Apr 7-9	36	49	12	3
1999 Apr 6-7	34	51	11	4
1996 Apr 9-10	40	48	9	3
1994 Apr 16-18	43	42	12	3
1993 Mar 29-31	37	51	9	3
1992 Mar 26-29	32	57	8	3

Q.25 (PERCEPTIONS OF TAXES PAID) CONTINUED

B. Middle-income people

	<u>Fair share</u>	<u>Too much</u>	<u>Too little</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2019 Apr 1-9	48	43	7	2
2018 Apr 2-11	51	42	6	1
2017 Apr 5-9	40	51	6	2
2016 Apr 6-10	39	53	6	2
2015 Apr 9-12	44	46	6	3
2014 Apr 3-6	42	49	7	2
2013 Apr 4-7	53	42	3	2
2012 Apr 9-12	56	36	6	2
2011 Apr 7-11	50	44	5	1
2010 Apr 8-11	49	43	6	2
2009 Apr 6-9	50	43	5	2
2008 Apr 6-9	50	43	4	3
2007 Apr 2-5	44	47	7	2
2006 Apr 10-13	50	43	5	3
2005 Apr 4-7	52	41	4	3
2004 Apr 5-8	47	46	4	3
2003 Apr 7-9	51	40	7	2
1999 Apr 6-7	35	59	4	2
1996 Apr 9-10	34	58	5	3
1994 Apr 16-18	39	57	3	1
1993 Mar 29-31	39	54	5	2
1992 Mar 26-29	36	57	5	2

Q.25 (PERCEPTIONS OF TAXES PAID) CONTINUED**C. Upper-income people**

	<u>Fair share</u>	<u>Too much</u>	<u>Too little</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2019 Apr 1-9	27	9	62	2
2018 Apr 2-11	26	10	62	2
2017 Apr 5-9	24	10	63	3
2016 Apr 6-10	21	15	61	3
2015 Apr 9-12	25	11	62	3
2014 Apr 3-6	24	13	61	2
2013 Apr 4-7	26	11	61	2
2012 Apr 9-12	25	10	62	3
2011 Apr 7-11	25	13	59	2
2010 Apr 8-11	26	15	55	4
2009 Apr 6-9	23	13	60	3
2008 Apr 6-9	24	9	63	4
2007 Apr 2-5	21	9	66	4
2006 Apr 10-13	21	8	67	4
2005 Apr 4-7	22	7	68	3
2004 Apr 5-8	24	9	63	4
2003 Apr 7-9	24	10	63	3
1999 Apr 6-7	19	10	66	5
1996 Apr 9-10	19	9	68	4
1994 Apr 16-18	20	10	68	2
1993 Mar 29-31	16	5	77	2
1992 Mar 26-29	16	4	77	3

D. Corporations

	<u>Fair share</u>	<u>Too much</u>	<u>Too little</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2019 Apr 1-9	23	6	69	2
2018 Apr 2-11	24	7	66	3
2017 Apr 5-9	19	9	67	4
2016 Apr 6-10	16	12	67	5
2015 Apr 9-12	16	9	69	6
2014 Apr 3-6	20	8	66	5
2013 Apr 4-7	21	8	66	5
2012 Apr 9-12	21	11	64	4
2011 Apr 7-11	20	9	67	4
2010 Apr 8-11	22	9	62	7
2009 Apr 6-9	18	8	67	6
2008 Apr 6-9	15	6	73	6
2007 Apr 2-5	19	5	71	5
2006 Apr 10-13	18	5	70	7
2005 Apr 4-7	21	4	69	6
2004 Apr 5-8	19	5	69	7

26. Do you approve or disapprove of the tax bill passed by Congress and signed into law by the president in December 2017?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2019 Apr 1-9	40	49	11
2018 Sept 24-30 ^	39	46	15
2018 Apr 2-11	39	52	8
2018 Feb 26-Mar 4 ^	39	48	13
2018 Jan 2-7	33	55	12

2018 WORDING: Do you approve or disapprove of the tax bill passed by Congress and signed into law by the president last December?

For comparison: *From what you've heard or read about them, would you say you approve or disapprove of these proposed changes to the tax code?*

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Disapprove</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2017 Dec 1-2 ^	29	56	16

^ Asked on Gallup tracking poll

27. Have the new tax laws caused your federal income taxes to go up, go down, stay the same, or are you unsure?

	<u>Go up</u>	<u>Go down</u>	<u>Stay the same</u>	<u>Unsure</u>	<u>No answer</u>
2019 Apr 1-9	21	14	21	43	2
2018 Apr 2-11	9	18	17	55	1

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QN23: Federal income tax you have to pay BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1012	553	459	754	226	183	272	541	419	369	212	308	413	267	386	348	244
	Weighted n	1012	498	513	669	318	271	338	391	324	292	388	274	447	265	357	364	246
Too high		454	208	246	273	163	85	194	169	148	137	163	125	202	113	151	176	104
		45%	42%	48%	41%	51%	31%	57%	43%	46%	47%	42%	46%	45%	43%	42%	48%	42%
About right		486	259	228	351	132	172	124	188	155	142	187	140	209	129	190	170	113
		48%	52%	44%	53%	41%	63%	37%	48%	48%	49%	48%	51%	47%	49%	53%	47%	46%
Too low		36	19	18	21	15	12	11	11	18	6	12	2	17	15	8	6	20
		4%	4%	3%	3%	5%	5%	3%	3%	5%	2%	3%	1%	4%	6%	2%	2%	8%
Don't know/Refused		36	14	22	23	8	2	9	22	3	7	25	7	20	8	8	12	9
		4%	3%	4%	3%	3%	1%	3%	6%	1%	2%	7%	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	4%

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QN24: Income tax fairness BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1012	553	459	754	226	183	272	541	419	369	212	308	413	267	386	348	244
	Weighted n	1012	498	513	669	318	271	338	391	324	292	388	274	447	265	357	364	246
Yes, fair		579	294	285	401	173	187	165	223	196	162	220	169	248	153	230	190	142
		57%	59%	55%	60%	54%	69%	49%	57%	60%	56%	57%	61%	56%	58%	64%	52%	58%
No, not fair		399	191	208	240	140	83	161	148	125	124	145	98	180	105	115	165	95
		39%	38%	41%	36%	44%	31%	48%	38%	38%	42%	37%	36%	40%	40%	32%	45%	39%
Don't know/Refused		34	13	21	28	5	1	11	20	4	6	23	8	18	7	12	8	9
		3%	3%	4%	4%	2%	0%	3%	5%	1%	2%	6%	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%	4%

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QN25A: Paying fair federal taxes - Lower-income people BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1012	553	459	754	226	183	272	541	419	369	212	308	413	267	386	348	244
	Weighted n	1012	498	513	669	318	271	338	391	324	292	388	274	447	265	357	364	246
Fair share		336	191	145	251	83	83	110	139	119	94	123	120	142	70	138	126	70
		33%	38%	28%	37%	26%	31%	32%	36%	37%	32%	32%	44%	32%	26%	39%	35%	28%
Too much		486	218	269	283	188	158	163	162	150	146	185	67	234	170	107	191	153
		48%	44%	52%	42%	59%	58%	48%	41%	46%	50%	48%	24%	52%	64%	30%	53%	62%
Too little		175	82	93	122	47	26	59	87	50	49	75	83	64	23	104	43	23
		17%	16%	18%	18%	15%	10%	17%	22%	16%	17%	19%	30%	14%	9%	29%	12%	9%
Don't know/Refused		15	8	7	13	1	4	7	4	5	3	6	4	7	2	8	3	1
		2%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	0%

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QN25B: Paying fair federal taxes - Middle-income people BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1012	553	459	754	226	183	272	541	419	369	212	308	413	267	386	348	244
	Weighted n	1012	498	513	669	318	271	338	391	324	292	388	274	447	265	357	364	246
Fair share		490	268	222	360	120	145	140	199	147	145	196	159	219	108	206	180	95
		48%	54%	43%	54%	38%	54%	42%	51%	45%	50%	51%	58%	49%	41%	58%	49%	39%
Too much		434	195	239	269	153	97	166	166	152	123	156	100	189	131	125	156	129
		43%	39%	46%	40%	48%	36%	49%	42%	47%	42%	40%	37%	42%	50%	35%	43%	52%
Too little		73	32	41	31	40	27	23	20	21	22	28	13	32	22	21	26	17
		7%	6%	8%	5%	13%	10%	7%	5%	6%	7%	7%	5%	7%	8%	6%	7%	7%
Don't know/Refused		15	4	12	10	4	2	8	6	4	2	8	2	7	4	4	2	5
		2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	2%

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QN25C: Paying fair federal taxes - Upper-income people BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1012	553	459	754	226	183	272	541	419	369	212	308	413	267	386	348	244
	Weighted n	1012	498	513	669	318	271	338	391	324	292	388	274	447	265	357	364	246
Fair share		274	148	126	206	65	67	98	107	80	84	110	131	104	38	147	95	30
		27%	30%	25%	31%	21%	25%	29%	27%	25%	29%	28%	48%	23%	14%	41%	26%	12%
Too much		95	52	44	53	39	41	30	21	30	26	37	41	38	14	48	26	19
		9%	10%	8%	8%	12%	15%	9%	5%	9%	9%	10%	15%	8%	5%	13%	7%	8%
Too little		623	292	331	402	204	159	202	257	212	178	229	98	295	210	152	239	197
		62%	58%	65%	60%	64%	59%	60%	66%	65%	61%	59%	36%	66%	79%	43%	66%	80%
Don't know/Refused		19	7	12	8	9	5	8	7	2	4	12	4	10	3	10	3	1
		2%	1%	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	0%

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QN25D: Paying fair federal taxes - Corporations BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender			Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology		
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1012	553	459	754	226	183	272	541	419	369	212	308	413	267	386	348	244
	Weighted n	1012	498	513	669	318	271	338	391	324	292	388	274	447	265	357	364	246
Fair share		238	142	96	171	63	51	91	94	73	63	102	119	85	31	142	63	27
		23%	28%	19%	26%	20%	19%	27%	24%	22%	21%	26%	44%	19%	12%	40%	17%	11%
Too much		65	46	20	37	25	30	16	20	17	15	33	26	27	9	28	23	12
		6%	9%	4%	6%	8%	11%	5%	5%	5%	5%	8%	9%	6%	4%	8%	6%	5%
Too little		694	308	386	453	223	189	226	269	232	212	246	125	328	223	179	276	205
		69%	62%	75%	68%	70%	70%	67%	69%	71%	73%	63%	46%	73%	84%	50%	76%	83%
Don't know/Refused		15	4	12	7	6	2	6	8	3	3	8	4	7	2	8	1	2
		2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%

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QN26: Approval of tax bill BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1012	553	459	754	226	183	272	541	419	369	212	308	413	267	386	348	244
	Weighted n	1012	498	513	669	318	271	338	391	324	292	388	274	447	265	357	364	246
Approve		404	224	179	318	75	102	127	171	114	115	173	214	141	41	243	116	38
		40%	45%	35%	48%	24%	38%	38%	44%	35%	39%	45%	78%	32%	16%	68%	32%	15%
Disapprove		498	229	269	283	203	138	167	187	193	136	165	35	250	203	83	207	190
		49%	46%	52%	42%	64%	51%	49%	48%	59%	47%	43%	13%	56%	77%	23%	57%	77%
(DK)/(Refused)		110	45	65	68	40	31	44	33	18	41	50	25	56	21	31	41	19
		11%	9%	13%	10%	12%	11%	13%	9%	5%	14%	13%	9%	13%	8%	9%	11%	8%

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QN27: New tax law effects BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Ideology

		Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Ideology			
		Total	Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Conservative	Moderate	Liberal
Total	Unweighted n	1012	553	459	754	226	183	272	541	419	369	212	308	413	267	386	348	244
	Weighted n	1012	498	513	669	318	271	338	391	324	292	388	274	447	265	357	364	246
Go up		212	93	119	135	74	39	84	85	96	64	52	36	98	74	50	91	62
		21%	19%	23%	20%	23%	14%	25%	22%	29%	22%	14%	13%	22%	28%	14%	25%	25%
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Don't know/Refused		16	5	11	12	4	3	6	6	1	5	10	1	11	4	4	6	2
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