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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted April 1-21, 2021 with a random sample of –961—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 –491-- adults employed full- or part-time, the margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –623-- stock owners, the margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –331-- retirees, the margin of sampling error is ± 6 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –630-- non-retirees, the margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –671-- homeowners, the margin of sampling 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 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 Dynata. 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 2019 Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the July-December 2019 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,

22. 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>
2021 Apr 1-21	50	44	4	2	1999 Apr 6-7	65	29	2	4
2020 Apr 1-14	46	48	3	2	1998 Apr 17-19	66	31	1	2
2019 Apr 1-9	45	48	4	4	1997 Mar 24-26	58	38	1	3
2018 Apr 2-11	45	48	3	3	1996 Apr 9-10	64	33	1	2
2017 Apr 5-9	51	42	4	4	1994 Dec 16-18	66	30	1	3
2016 Apr 6-10	57	37	3	3	1994 Apr 16-18	56	42	*	2
2015 Apr 9-12	51	42	3	4	1993 Mar 29-31	55	41	2	2
2014 Apr 3-6	52	42	3	4	1992 Mar 26-29	56	39	2	3
2013 Apr 4-7	50	45	2	3	1991 Mar 28-30	55	37	2	6
2012 Apr 9-12	46	47	3	4	1990 Mar 8-11	63	31	2	4
2011 Apr 7-11	50	43	4	3	1985 Jun 7-10	63	32	1	4
2010 Apr 8-11	48	45	3	4	1982 May 14-17	60	32	*	8
2009 Apr 6-9	46	48	3	2	1973 Feb 16-19	65	28	1	6
2008 Apr 6-9	52	42	2	4	1969 Mar 12-17	69	25	*	6
2007 Apr 2-5	53	41	2	3	1967 Mar 9-14	58	38	1	3
2006 Apr 10-13	48	44	2	5	1966 Feb 10-15	52	39	*	8
2005 Apr 4-7	51	44	2	3	1964 Feb 28-Mar 5	56	35	1	9
2004 Apr 5-8	50	43	3	4	1963 Jan 11-16	52	38	1	8
2003 Apr 7-9	50	46	2	2	1962 Jun 28-Jul 3	63	32	1	4
2003 Jan 10-12 ^	47	50	1	2	1962 Feb 8-13	48	45	*	7
2001 Apr 6-8	65	31	1	3	1961 Feb 10-15	46	45	1	8
2000 Apr 7-9	63	33	1	3	1959 Mar 4-9	51	40	2	7
1999 Sep 10-14	68	28	1	3	1957 Apr 6-11	61	31	*	8
1999 Jul 16-18	60	37	*	3	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

23. 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>
2021 Apr 1-21	55	43	2
2020 Apr 1-14	59	39	2
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	--

24. During the next twelve months, do you think the taxes you pay will be changed so that they are higher, or lower, or won't there be any change?

	<u>Higher</u>	<u>Lower</u>	<u>No change</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2021 Apr 1-21	57	8	33	1
2013 Apr 4-7	64	3	31	2
2012 Apr 9-12	53	3	41	3
2010 Apr 8-11	63	4	30	3
1994 Dec 16-18	35	20	41	4
1978 Jun	53	11	26	10
1978 Mar 31-Apr 3	60	7	25	8
1978 Feb	62	8	23	7
1977 Dec	67	8	18	7
1977 Nov	61	6	24	9
1977 Sep	61	5	27	7
1977 Jul	56	11	26	7
1977 Jun	59	10	23	8
1977 Apr	54	10	29	7
1977 Mar	48	14	29	9
1977 Feb	42	18	30	10
1977 Jan	40	19	32	9

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QN22: Amount Paid in Taxes 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	961	516	445	690	254	197	248	506	403	333	217	267	375	295	343	345	235
	Weighted n	961	479	483	640	309	267	292	394	340	275	341	252	383	300	319	366	236
Too high		480	237	243	317	158	136	156	184	148	133	196	159	198	108	186	188	74
		50%	50%	50%	50%	51%	51%	53%	47%	44%	48%	57%	63%	52%	36%	58%	51%	32%
About right		422	204	217	289	126	115	122	182	176	130	114	85	164	166	122	155	137
		44%	43%	45%	45%	41%	43%	42%	46%	52%	47%	34%	34%	43%	55%	38%	42%	58%
Too low		39	25	14	23	16	11	13	15	15	6	19	6	15	17	7	14	18
		4%	5%	3%	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%	2%	5%	2%	4%	6%	2%	4%	8%
Don't know/Refused		20	11	9	11	9	4	1	14	2	6	12	2	7	10	4	9	7
		2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	0%	4%	1%	2%	4%	1%	2%	3%	1%	3%	3%

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QN23: Income Taxes Fair 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	961	516	445	690	254	197	248	506	403	333	217	267	375	295	343	345	235
	Weighted n	961	479	483	640	309	267	292	394	340	275	341	252	383	300	319	366	236
Yes, fair		527	264	263	348	174	151	152	220	212	154	161	109	210	197	148	201	162
		55%	55%	54%	54%	56%	57%	52%	56%	62%	56%	47%	43%	55%	66%	47%	55%	69%
No, not fair		414	203	211	280	129	111	138	162	126	115	171	140	169	97	167	159	69
		43%	43%	44%	44%	42%	42%	47%	41%	37%	42%	50%	55%	44%	32%	52%	43%	29%
Don't know/Refused		20	11	9	11	7	5	2	12	3	6	10	4	4	6	3	7	5
		2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%

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QN24: Taxes Increase/Decrease 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	961	516	445	690	254	197	248	506	403	333	217	267	375	295	343	345	235
	Weighted n	961	479	483	640	309	267	292	394	340	275	341	252	383	300	319	366	236
Higher		552	302	250	404	140	146	190	210	167	172	210	219	236	86	256	209	62
		57%	63%	52%	63%	45%	55%	65%	53%	49%	63%	62%	87%	62%	29%	80%	57%	26%
Lower		75	34	42	36	38	21	20	34	25	17	34	5	33	35	14	28	27
		8%	7%	9%	6%	12%	8%	7%	9%	7%	6%	10%	2%	9%	12%	4%	8%	12%
No change		322	137	185	194	125	97	79	143	146	82	91	25	114	174	45	129	141
		33%	29%	38%	30%	40%	36%	27%	36%	43%	30%	27%	10%	30%	58%	14%	35%	60%
(DK)/(Refused)		12	6	7	7	5	3	3	7	3	4	5	4	1	5	4	1	5
		1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	1%	0%	2%