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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted May 1-17, 2026, with a random sample of –1,001—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 80% cell phone respondents and 20% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cell phone telephone numbers are selected using random digit dial methods. 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, party identification, and phone status (cell phone-only/landline only/both and cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the most recent Current Population Survey figures for the aged 18 and older U.S. population. Phone status targets are based on the most recent National Health Interview Survey. Party identification targets are based on the average of the three most recent Gallup polls. Population density targets are based on the 2020 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.

Next, we have some questions about marriage.

Q.49-50 ROTATED

49. When a couple plans to spend the rest of their lives together, how important is it to you that they legally marry – very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not important at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2026 May 1-17	37	22	16	24	1
2020 May 1-13	38	26	15	21	*

For comparison: *When a man and woman plan to spend the rest of their lives together as a couple, how important is it to you that they legally marry – very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?*

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not important at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Jun 20-24	43	21	16	19	1
2006 Jun 8-25	54	19	13	12	1

50. When a couple has a child together, how important is it to you that they legally marry – very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not important at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2026 May 1-17	39	24	17	19	1
2020 May 1-13	29	31	18	22	*

For comparison: *When an unmarried man and woman have a child together, how important is it to you that they legally marry – very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?*

	<u>Very important</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not too important</u>	<u>Not important at all</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2013 Jun 20-24	38	26	15	20	1
2006 Jun 8-25	49	27	12	11	1

51. Now, thinking back to when you were born, were your parents married, or were they not married at that time?

	<u>Yes, married</u>	<u>No, not married</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2026 May 1-17	82	16	2
2013 Jun 20-24	89	11	1
2006 Jun 8-25	92	8	*

52. When you were a child, were you raised by both of your parents in the same household, by both parents about equally but in different households, raised mainly by your mother, raised mainly by your father, or were you raised by someone else?

	<u>2026 May 1-17</u>	<u>2013 Jun 20-24</u>	<u>2006 Jun 8-25</u>
Both parents in same household	67	73	75
Raised mainly by mother	20	18	17
Both parents equally, different households	5	3	1
Raised mainly by father	2	2	2
Grandmother/great grandmother	1	1	2
Grandparents	1	1	1
Aunt/Aunt and uncle/Great aunt	1	1	--
Foster care	1	*	--
Someone else	1	1	1
No opinion	1	1	*

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QN49: When a couple plans to spend the rest of their lives together, how important is it to you that they legally marry - very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all? BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Very important	37%	36%	39%	35%	40%	28%	28%	50%	32%	40%	39%	56%	36%	22%	44%	33%	30%
Somewhat important	22%	25%	18%	24%	20%	20%	19%	26%	19%	22%	26%	25%	22%	21%	25%	24%	21%
Not too important	16%	16%	16%	15%	18%	20%	20%	11%	20%	13%	15%	8%	16%	23%	14%	18%	17%
Not important at all	24%	21%	25%	25%	22%	32%	31%	12%	28%	25%	19%	11%	25%	32%	16%	25%	32%
(DK)/(Refused)	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%

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QN50: When a couple has a child together, how important is it to you that they legally marry - very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all? BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Very important	39%	40%	39%	38%	39%	28%	31%	53%	32%	43%	41%	58%	40%	21%	47%	36%	32%
Somewhat important	24%	26%	21%	25%	23%	29%	20%	25%	25%	23%	26%	28%	20%	28%	20%	29%	25%
Not too important	17%	18%	17%	17%	17%	18%	22%	11%	19%	12%	19%	9%	19%	21%	15%	17%	20%
Not important at all	19%	16%	21%	19%	20%	25%	25%	11%	23%	21%	14%	5%	20%	30%	16%	18%	24%
(DK)/(Refused)	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%	-	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	-

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QN51: Now, thinking back to when you were born, were your parents married, or were they not married at that time? BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Yes, married	82%	80%	84%	91%	68%	69%	78%	93%	89%	80%	77%	93%	76%	84%	78%	87%	82%
No, not married at that time	16%	18%	14%	8%	30%	29%	20%	6%	10%	18%	21%	7%	22%	14%	22%	13%	14%
(DK)/(Refused)	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	3%	2%	0%	1%	2%	2%	0%	2%	2%	0%	-	3%

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QN52M1: When you were a child, were you raised by both of your parents in the same household, by both parents about equally but in different households, raised mainly by your mother, raised mainly by your father, or were you raised by someone else? BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
		Male	Female	White	Non-white	18-34	35-54	55+	College Grad	Some College	HS Grad or Less	Republican	Independent	Democrat	Less than \$50,000	\$50,000-100,000	\$100,000+
Someone else/other (list)	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%	-	2%	2%	1%	-	2%	1%	-
(DK)/(Refused)	1%	-	2%	1%	1%	-	2%	0%	0%	1%	-	-	1%	1%	1%	1%	-
Both parents in the same household	67%	67%	68%	73%	56%	56%	59%	80%	76%	65%	61%	78%	62%	66%	60%	67%	73%
Both parents equally, but in different households	5%	6%	4%	5%	6%	8%	6%	3%	3%	7%	5%	4%	5%	6%	5%	9%	3%
Raised mainly by mother	20%	18%	22%	16%	26%	24%	25%	13%	14%	23%	24%	11%	22%	21%	25%	18%	17%
Raised mainly by father	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	4%	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	3%	2%
Grandmother/Great Grandmother	1%	1%	0%	0%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	0%	2%	0%	1%
Grand Parents	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%
Adopted	0%	0%	-	0%	1%	1%	-	-	-	-	1%	-	1%	-	-	-	1%
Aunt and Uncle	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	-	0%	1%	1%	-	-	0%	2%	0%	-	2%
Foster care	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	-	1%	1%	-	0%	2%	0%	1%	-	2%	-	-
Sister	0%	0%	-	-	0%	-	0%	-	0%	-	-	-	0%	-	-	0%	-
Someone else	0%	1%	-	0%	1%	1%	-	-	0%	-	1%	-	1%	0%	0%	-	1%
One parent and a step parent	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	-	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%

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