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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted August 3-24, 2026, with a random sample of –1,200— 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 –600—national adults in Form A and the sample of –600— national adults in Form B, the margin of sampling error is ± 5 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –507—adults who are employed full- or part-time, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 6 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of –233—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 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.

Now thinking about something a little different,

12. Do you approve or disapprove of labor unions?

	<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>No opinion</u>		<u>Approve</u>	<u>Dis- approve</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2026 Aug 3-24	71	21	8	1999 Mar 5-7	66	29	5
				1997 Aug 12-13	60	31	9
2025 Aug 1-20	68	26	7	1991 Jul 18-21	60	30	10
2024 Aug 1-20	70	23	7	1986 Jul 11-14	59	30	11
2023 Aug 1-23	67	29	4	1985 Apr 12-15	58	27	15
2022 Aug 1-23	71	26	3	1981 Aug 14-17	55	35	11
2021 Aug 2-17	68	28	4	1979 May 4-7	55	33	12
2020 Jul 30-Aug 12	65	30	5	1978 Jan 6-9	59	31	10
2019 Aug 1-14	64	32	5	1972 Dec 8-11	60	25	15
2018 Aug 1-12	62	30	8	1972 Mar 24-27	60	27	13
2017 Aug 2-6	61	33	5	1967 Sep 14-19	66	23	11
2016 Aug 3-7	56	36	8	1965 May 13-18	71	19	11
2015 Aug 5-9	58	36	7	1963 Jan 11-16	68	22	10
2014 Aug 7-10	53	38	10	1962 Jun 28-Jul 3	64	24	11
2013 Aug 7-11	54	39	7	1961 Sep 21-26	69	20	11
2012 Aug 9-12	52	42	6	1961 May 4-9	63	23	14
2011 Aug 11-14	52	42	6	1961 Jan 12-17	70	18	12
2010 Aug 5-8	52	41	7	1959 Aug 20-25	73	14	12
2009 Aug 6-9	48	45	7	1959 Jan 7-12	68	19	13
2008 Aug 7-10	59	31	10	1958 Oct 15-20	64	21	15
2007 Aug 13-16	60	32	8	1957 Aug 29-Sep 4	65	18	17
2006 Aug 7-10	59	29	12	1957 Apr 6-11	74	17	9
2005 Aug 8-11	58	33	9	1957 Jan 17-22	75	14	11
2004 Aug 9-11	59	34	7	1953 Oct 9-14	75	18	7
2003 Aug 4-6	65	29	6	1948 Dec 10-15	64	21	15
2002 Aug 5-8	58	33	9	1947 Jul 4-9	64	25	11
2001 Aug 16-19	60	32	8	1941	61	30	9
1999 Aug 24-26	65	28	7	1936	72	20	8

D19. Are you, or is anyone in your household, a member of a labor union?

	Respondent in labor <u>union</u>	Other household member in <u>labor union</u>	Both in <u>labor union</u>	Not a member of <u>labor union</u>	No <u>opinion</u>	<i>Net: Union house- hold</i>
2026 Aug 3-24	7	8	2	82	1	17
2025 Aug 1-20	8	6	1	82	2	15
2024 Aug 1-20	6	7	2	85	1	15
2023 Aug 1-23	6	6	2	86	*	14
2022 Aug 1-23	6	7	3	84	*	16
2021 Aug 2-17	7	8	2	83	*	17
2020 Jul 30-Aug 12	7	6	3	83	--	16
2019 Aug 1-14	6	7	1	85	*	14
2018 Aug 1-12	6	9	3	80	1	18
2017 Aug 2-6	7	6	3	83	1	16
2016 Aug 3-7	9	9	3	79	1	21
2015 Aug 5-9	8	6	2	83	1	16
2014 Aug 7-10	7	10	3	79	1	20
2013 Aug 7-11	8	9	2	80	1	19
2012 Aug 9-12	6	7	4	82	1	17
2011 Aug 11-14	8	7	2	82	1	17
2010 Aug 5-8	8	6	2	83	1	16
2009 Aug 6-9	8	8	2	81	*	18
2008 Aug 7-10	8	8	1	82	*	17
2007 Aug 13-16	8	7	1	84	*	16
2006 Aug 7-10	9	7	1	81	2	17
2005 Aug 8-11	10	8	1	81	*	19
2004 Aug 9-11	10	7	1	82	*	18
2003 Aug 4-6	9	8	1	82	*	18
2002 Aug 5-8	6	7	1	85	1	14
2001 Aug 16-19	9	8	1	82	1	18

13. Thinking about the future, do you think labor unions in this country will become -- [ROTATED: stronger than they are today, the same as today, (or) weaker than they are today]?

	<u>Stronger</u>	<u>Same</u>	<u>Weaker</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2026 Aug 3-24	27	29	39	5
2023 Aug 1-23	34	27	36	3
2018 Aug 1-12	19	24	51	5
2017 Aug 2-6	22	27	46	5
2016 Aug 3-7	22	25	46	7
2015 Aug 5-9	21	23	53	4
2014 Aug 7-10	21	25	49	6
2013 Aug 7-11	22	21	52	5
2012 Aug 9-12	21	22	52	4
2011 Aug 11-14	20	22	55	3
2010 Aug 5-8	25	25	46	5
2009 Aug 6-9	24	24	48	4
2008 Aug 7-10	22	30	41	7
2007 Aug 13-16	19	31	45	5
2005 Aug 8-11	19	25	53	3
2004 Aug 9-11	21	34	41	4
2002 Aug 5-8	23	35	36	6
2001 Aug 16-19	24	30	40	6
1999 Aug 24-26	25	28	44	3

14. Would you, personally, like to see labor unions in the United States have -- [ROTATED: more influence than they have today, the same amount as today, (or) less influence than they have today]?

	<u>More influence</u>	<u>Same amount</u>	<u>Less influence</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2026 Aug 3-24	47	26	23	4
2023 Aug 1-23	43	30	26	2
2018 Aug 1-12	39	26	29	6
2017 Aug 2-6	39	30	28	3
2016 Aug 3-7	36	26	34	4
2015 Aug 5-9	37	24	35	4
2014 Aug 7-10	35	23	37	5
2013 Aug 7-11	33	25	38	4
2012 Aug 9-12	29	25	41	4
2011 Aug 11-14	30	25	42	3
2010 Aug 5-8	29	27	40	4
2009 Aug 6-9	25	28	42	5
2008 Aug 7-10	35	28	32	5
2007 Aug 13-16	35	33	28	4
2005 Aug 8-11	38	29	30	3
2004 Aug 9-11	29	36	32	3
2002 Aug 5-8	27	36	31	6
2001 Aug 16-19	30	35	31	4
1999 Aug 24-26	30	36	32	2

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QN12: Labor Union Approval 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+
Approve	71%	68%	74%	69%	76%	77%	74%	67%	75%	74%	66%	52%	70%	89%	68%	75%	73%
Disapprove	21%	23%	19%	25%	14%	14%	17%	28%	21%	21%	22%	43%	20%	5%	22%	19%	23%
DONT KNOW/REFUSED	8%	9%	7%	6%	10%	9%	9%	5%	4%	5%	12%	6%	10%	6%	10%	6%	4%

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D19: Member of Labor Union + Union Member (Net) + Union Household (Net) 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+
Total	1200	582	589	746	425	306	395	468	416	343	429	298	519	369	392	316	375
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Yes, self	87	53	33	63	22	13	26	43	31	32	24	14	38	32	11	31	32
	7%	9%	6%	8%	5%	4%	7%	9%	7%	9%	6%	5%	7%	9%	3%	10%	8%
Yes, other household member	96	41	55	55	41	34	26	34	29	31	35	18	44	33	28	21	34
	8%	7%	9%	7%	10%	11%	7%	7%	7%	9%	8%	6%	8%	9%	7%	7%	9%
Yes, both self and other household member	22	14	8	13	10	6	8	9	9	9	4	2	7	13	4	5	13
	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	4%	1%	2%	4%
No/Neither/None	979	464	487	610	344	252	327	375	341	267	363	262	421	287	346	254	295
	82%	80%	83%	82%	81%	82%	83%	80%	82%	78%	85%	88%	81%	78%	88%	80%	79%
DONT KNOW/REFUSED	16	10	6	7	8	1	7	5	5	3	3	2	10	4	3	4	1
	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%
Union Member (Net)	1200	582	589	746	425	306	395	468	416	343	429	298	519	369	392	316	375
	9%	12%	7%	10%	7%	6%	9%	11%	10%	12%	6%	5%	9%	12%	4%	12%	12%
Union Household (Net)	1200	582	589	746	425	306	395	468	416	343	429	298	519	369	392	316	375
	17%	19%	16%	17%	17%	17%	15%	19%	17%	21%	15%	11%	17%	21%	11%	18%	21%

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QN13: Labor Union Strength 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+
Stronger than they are today,	27%	25%	29%	24%	34%	37%	25%	23%	27%	23%	31%	21%	28%	31%	30%	29%	21%
The same as today, or	29%	30%	30%	32%	24%	28%	26%	32%	31%	30%	28%	34%	32%	23%	24%	30%	32%
Weaker than they are today?	39%	40%	36%	40%	36%	30%	43%	40%	39%	44%	33%	40%	35%	42%	39%	36%	45%
DONT KNOW/REFUSED	5%	5%	5%	4%	6%	5%	6%	4%	3%	3%	7%	5%	5%	4%	6%	5%	2%

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QN14: Labor Union Preference 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+
More influence than they have today,	47%	44%	48%	43%	53%	52%	52%	40%	46%	47%	47%	19%	45%	73%	44%	58%	44%
The same amount as today, or	26%	25%	29%	27%	26%	30%	21%	29%	28%	26%	25%	28%	30%	20%	28%	20%	29%
Less influence than they have today?	23%	27%	19%	27%	16%	13%	23%	29%	23%	23%	22%	49%	19%	6%	24%	19%	27%
DONT KNOW/REFUSED	4%	4%	4%	3%	5%	4%	4%	2%	3%	4%	5%	4%	6%	1%	3%	4%	0%

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