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-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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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.

18. *(Asked of adults who are employed full or part-time)* Next, please indicate whether you are worried or not worried about each of the following happening to you, personally, in the near future. How about – [ITEMS A-D ROTATED, THEN ITEMS E-F ROTATED]?

BASED ON --507-- ADULTS EMPLOYED FULL OR PART-TIME

2026 Aug 3-24

(sorted by "worried")

	<u>Worried</u>	<u>Not worried</u>
That your benefits will be reduced	33	66
That your job will become obsolete because of technology	27	72
That you will be laid off	24	75
That your wages will be reduced	21	79
That your hours at work will be cut back	21	79

FULL TRENDS: EMPLOYMENT CONCERNS

A. That you will be laid off

	<u>Worried</u>	<u>Not worried</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2026 Aug 3-24	24	75	*
2025 Aug 1-20	25	74	1
2023 Aug 1-23	20	80	*
2021 Aug 2-17	18	82	*
2020 Jul 30-Aug 12	27	72	*
2019 Aug 1-14	15	84	*
2018 Aug 1-12	18	80	2
2017 Aug 2-6	19	81	*
2016 Aug 3-7	19	80	1
2015 Aug 5-9	22	78	1
2014 Aug 7-10	19	80	1
2013 Aug 7-11	29	71	1
2012 Aug 9-12	28	71	1
2011 Aug 11-14	30	70	*
2010 Aug 5-8	26	73	1
2009 Aug 6-9	31	68	1
2008 Aug 7-10	15	85	*
2007 Aug 13-16	14	85	1
2006 Aug 7-10	17	82	1
2005 Aug 8-11	15	84	1
2004 Aug 9-11	20	79	1
2003 Aug 4-6	19	81	*
1997 Aug 22-24	20	80	--

Q.18 (EMPLOYMENT CONCERNS) CONTINUED**B. That your hours at work will be cut back**

	<u>Worried</u>	<u>Not worried</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2026 Aug 3-24	21	79	--
2025 Aug 1-20	20	80	--
2023 Aug 1-23	19	81	--
2021 Aug 2-17	20	80	*
2020 Jul 30-Aug 12	27	72	*
2019 Aug 1-14	15	85	*
2018 Aug 1-12	17	81	2
2017 Aug 2-6	16	84	*
2016 Aug 3-7	17	82	1
2015 Aug 5-9	19	80	1
2014 Aug 7-10	23	76	1
2013 Aug 7-11	25	75	*
2012 Aug 9-12	26	73	1
2011 Aug 11-14	30	69	1
2010 Aug 5-8	25	73	1
2009 Aug 6-9	27	72	1
2008 Aug 7-10	14	85	1
2007 Aug 13-16	12	87	1
2006 Aug 7-10	16	83	1
2005 Aug 8-11	13	87	*
2004 Aug 9-11	14	86	--
2003 Aug 4-6	15	84	1
1997 Aug 22-24	15	85	--

Q.18 (EMPLOYMENT CONCERNS) CONTINUED**C. That your wages will be reduced**

	<u>Worried</u>	<u>Not worried</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2026 Aug 3-24	21	79	*
2025 Aug 1-20	20	79	1
2023 Aug 1-23	24	76	--
2021 Aug 2-17	23	77	*
2020 Jul 30-Aug 12	28	72	--
2019 Aug 1-14	16	84	*
2018 Aug 1-12	22	77	1
2017 Aug 2-6	19	81	*
2016 Aug 3-7	20	80	*
2015 Aug 5-9	20	79	1
2014 Aug 7-10	24	76	*
2013 Aug 7-11	31	69	*
2012 Aug 9-12	28	71	1
2011 Aug 11-14	33	66	*
2010 Aug 5-8	26	74	1
2009 Aug 6-9	32	67	1
2008 Aug 7-10	16	83	1
2007 Aug 13-16	14	86	*
2006 Aug 7-10	19	80	1
2005 Aug 8-11	14	86	--
2004 Aug 9-11	17	83	--
2003 Aug 4-6	17	82	1
1997 Aug 22-24	17	83	--

Q.18 (EMPLOYMENT CONCERNS) CONTINUED**D. That your benefits will be reduced**

	<u>Worried</u>	<u>Not worried</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2026 Aug 3-24	33	66	1
2025 Aug 1-20	30	69	1
2023 Aug 1-24	31	68	1
2021 Aug 2-17	27	72	1
2020 Jul 30-Aug 12	30	68	2
2019 Aug 1-14	23	76	1
2018 Aug 1-12	30	67	3
2017 Aug 2-6	32	68	1
2016 Aug 3-7	30	69	1
2015 Aug 5-9	34	64	3
2014 Aug 7-10	34	63	2
2013 Aug 7-11	43	54	2
2012 Aug 9-12	40	58	2
2011 Aug 11-14	44	54	3
2010 Aug 5-8	39	58	3
2009 Aug 6-9	46	52	2
2008 Aug 7-10	27	70	3
2007 Aug 13-16	29	68	3
2006 Aug 7-10	30	67	3
2005 Aug 8-11	28	69	3
2004 Aug 9-11	28	69	3
2003 Aug 4-6	31	67	2
1997 Aug 22-24	34	66	--

E. NOT ASKED**F. That your job will become obsolete because of technology**

	<u>Worried</u>	<u>Not worried</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2026 Aug 3-24	27	72	*
2025 Aug 1-20	20	79	1
2023 Aug 1-23	22	77	*
2021 Aug 2-17	15	85	--
2019 Aug 1-14	17	83	--
2018 Aug 1-12	15	84	1
2017 Aug 2-6 ^	13	87	*

^ WORDING: That your job will become obsolete or unnecessary because of technology

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QN18A: Worry: Laid off 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+
Worried	24%	24%	23%	16%	38%	26%	31%	11%	21%	26%	28%	16%	27%	26%	33%	21%	22%
Not worried	75%	75%	77%	83%	62%	74%	68%	89%	78%	74%	72%	84%	72%	74%	66%	79%	77%
DONT KNOW/REFUSED	0%	1%	0%	0% -	-	-	1%	0%	1% -	-	-	-	1% -	-	0% -	-	1%

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QN18B: Worry: Hours Reduced 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+
Worried	21%	16%	24%	14%	33%	25%	25%	8%	13%	22%	30%	7%	23%	26%	42%	17%	11%
Not worried	79%	84%	76%	86%	67%	75%	75%	92%	87%	78%	70%	93%	77%	74%	58%	83%	89%

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QN18C: Worry: Wages Reduced 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+
Worried	21%	21%	19%	15%	31%	26%	22%	12%	17%	18%	29%	13%	22%	26%	32%	22%	14%
Not worried	79%	78%	81%	85%	69%	74%	77%	88%	83%	82%	71%	87%	78%	74%	68%	78%	86%
DONT KNOW/REFUSED	0%	0%	0%	0% -	-	-	0%	0%	0%	0% -	-	-	0% -	-	0% -	-	0%

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QN18D: Worry: Benefits Cut 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+
Worried	33%	28%	39%	28%	41%	27%	42%	26%	31%	36%	33%	17%	34%	43%	38%	34%	31%
Not worried	66%	71%	59%	71%	57%	71%	57%	73%	66%	64%	66%	82%	65%	55%	59%	66%	68%
DONT KNOW/REFUSED	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	3%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	3% -	-	1%

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QN18F: Worry: Job Obsolete 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+
Worried	27%	24%	30%	20%	40%	27%	36%	13%	25%	28%	30%	20%	26%	35%	30%	32%	24%
Not worried	72%	75%	70%	80%	60%	71%	64%	87%	75%	72%	69%	80%	73%	64%	69%	68%	76%
DONT KNOW/REFUSED	0%	1%	-	0%	1%	1%	-	-	0%	-	1%	-	1%	0%	1%	0%	-

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QN18: Worried About the Future

	Total	Gender		Race I		Age			Education			Party I.D.			Household Income		
	Total	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+
That your benefits will be reduced	33%	28%	39%	28%	41%	27%	42%	26%	31%	36%	33%	17%	34%	43%	38%	34%	31%
That your job will become obsolete because of technology	27%	24%	30%	20%	40%	27%	36%	13%	25%	28%	30%	20%	26%	35%	30%	32%	24%
That you will be laid off	24%	24%	23%	16%	38%	26%	31%	11%	21%	26%	28%	16%	27%	26%	33%	21%	22%
That your wages will be reduced	21%	21%	19%	15%	31%	26%	22%	12%	17%	18%	29%	13%	22%	26%	32%	22%	14%
That your hours at work will be cut back	21%	16%	24%	14%	33%	25%	25%	8%	13%	22%	30%	7%	23%	26%	42%	17%	11%

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