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**Results are based on telephone interviews conducted October 1-19, 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 – 1,057— registered voters, the margin of sampling error is ±4 percentage points.**

**For results based on the sample of –490— Republicans and Republican leaning independents, the margin of sampling error is ±6 percentage points.**

**For results based on the sample of –621— Democrats and Democratic leaning independents, the margin of sampling error is ±5 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.**



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121. Now turning to something different, how important is it that parents get their children vaccinated -- extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important?

| | Extremely important | Very important | Somewhat important | Not very important | Not at all important | No opinion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2026 Oct 1-19 | 47 | 25 | 15 | 7 | 6 | 1 |
| 2024 Jul 1-21 | 40 | 29 | 17 | 5 | 7 | 2 |
| 2019 Dec 2-15 | 58 | 26 | 9 | 2 | 4 | * |
| 2015 Feb 28-Mar 1 | 54 | 30 | 11 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 2001 Jun 28-Jul 1 | 64 | 30 | 4 | * | 1 | 1 |

Q.122/123 SPLIT SAMPLED

122. ***(Asked of a half sample)*** How much have you, personally, heard about the advantages of vaccinations for children -- a great deal, fair amount, only a little, or nothing at all?

**BASED ON -- 600 -- NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM A**

| | A great deal | Fair amount | Only a little | Nothing at all | No opinion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2026 Oct 1-19 ^ | 56 | 29 | 11 | 4 | * |
| 2024 Jul 1-21 ^ | 53 | 35 | 8 | 4 | 1 |
| 2019 Dec 2-15 ^ | 57 | 32 | 8 | 3 | * |
| 2015 Feb 28-Mar 1 ^ | 49 | 34 | 13 | 4 | 1 |
| 2001 Jun 28-Jul 1 ^ | 37 | 36 | 17 | 9 | 1 |

^ Asked of a half sample

123. ***(Asked of a half sample)*** How much have you, personally, heard about the possible disadvantages of vaccinations for children -- a great deal, fair amount, only a little, or nothing at all?

**BASED ON -- 600 -- NATIONAL ADULTS IN FORM B**

| | A great deal | Fair amount | Only a little | Nothing at all | No opinion |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2026 Oct 1-19 ^ | 29 | 40 | 18 | 12 | 1 |
| 2024 Jul 1-21 ^ | 27 | 36 | 25 | 12 | * |
| 2019 Dec 2-15 ^ | 39 | 40 | 17 | 3 | * |
| 2015 Feb 28-Mar 1 ^ | 30 | 43 | 18 | 9 | 1 |
| 2001 Jun 28-Jul 1 ^ | 15 | 24 | 32 | 28 | 1 |

^ Asked of a half sample



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124. Do you think vaccines are more dangerous than the diseases they are designed to prevent, or not?

| | Yes, more dangerous | No, not | No opinion |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2026 Oct 1-19 | 17 | 78 | 4 |
| 2024 Jul 1-21 | 20 | 76 | 4 |
| 2019 Dec 2-15 | 11 | 86 | 2 |
| 2015 Feb 28-Mar 1 | 9 | 87 | 4 |
| 2001 Jun 28-Jul 1 | 6 | 90 | 4 |

125. From what you have read or heard, do you personally think certain vaccines do – or do not -- cause autism in children, or are you unsure?

| | Yes, a cause | No, not a cause | Unsure | No answer |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2026 Oct 1-19 | 16 | 46 | 38 | 1 |
| 2024 Jul 1-21 | 13 | 36 | 51 | -- |
| 2019 Dec 2-15 | 10 | 45 | 46 | * |
| 2015 Feb 28-Mar 1 | 6 | 41 | 52 | 1 |

126. Do you think the government should require all parents to have their children vaccinated against contagious diseases such as measles, or do you think that's something the government should stay out of?

| | Yes, require | No, stay out of | Depends (vol.) | No answer |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2026 Oct 1-19 | 56 | 40 | 1 | 2 |
| 2024 Jul 1-21 | 51 | 45 | 2 | 3 |
| 2019 Dec 2-15 | 62 | 35 | 2 | 1 |
| 1991 Feb 28-Mar 3 ^ | 81 | 14 | 3 | 2 |

^ Princeton Survey Research Poll for Troika Productions and Lifetime Television



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**QN121: Now turning to something different, how important is it that parents get their children vaccinated -- extremely important, very important, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important? BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income**

| | | Gender | | Race I | | Age | | | Education | | | Party I.D. | | | Household Income | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total | Male | Female | White | Non-white | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Grad | College | Less | Republican | Independent | Democrat | $50,000 | 100,000 | $100,000+ |
| Extremely important | 47% | 39% | 53% | 51% | 39% | 40% | 45% | 51% | 61% | 41% | 37% | 27% | 44% | 69% | 42% | 45% | 54% |
| Very important | 25% | 27% | 24% | 21% | 33% | 26% | 26% | 25% | 20% | 21% | 35% | 20% | 29% | 23% | 29% | 25% | 20% |
| Not very important | 7% | 7% | 7% | 7% | 7% | 11% | 5% | 5% | 4% | 9% | 8% | 12% | 7% | 1% | 9% | 7% | 6% |
| Not at all important | 6% | 8% | 4% | 5% | 7% | 3% | 10% | 5% | 3% | 9% | 5% | 12% | 6% | 1% | 7% | 6% | 6% |
| (DK)/(Refused) | 1% | 2% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 0% |
| Somewhat important | 15% | 18% | 12% | 15% | 14% | 19% | 14% | 12% | 12% | 18% | 15% | 29% | 14% | 5% | 13% | 17% | 15% |

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**QN122: How much have you, personally, heard about the advantages of vaccinations for children -- a great deal, a fair amount, only a little, or nothing at all? BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income**

| | | Gender | | Race I | | Age | | | Education | | | Party I.D. | | | Household Income | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total | Male | Female | White | Non-white | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Grad | College | Less | Republican | Independent | Democrat | $50,000 | 100,000 | $100,000+ |
| A great deal | 56% | 56% | 55% | 63% | 44% | 43% | 63% | 58% | 74% | 48% | 44% | 48% | 56% | 61% | 42% | 54% | 74% |
| A fair amount | 29% | 28% | 31% | 28% | 31% | 29% | 28% | 30% | 19% | 39% | 31% | 40% | 24% | 28% | 35% | 36% | 19% |
| Only a little | 11% | 9% | 12% | 7% | 18% | 21% | 5% | 9% | 5% | 9% | 19% | 8% | 15% | 8% | 16% | 7% | 5% |
| Nothing at all | 4% | 6% | 2% | 3% | 6% | 6% | 4% | 3% | 2% | 3% | 6% | 4% | 5% | 3% | 6% | 3% | 2% |
| (DK)/(Refused) | 0% | 1% | - | 0% | 1% | - | 1% | 1% | - | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | - | 0% | - | - |

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**QN123: How much have you, personally, heard about the possible disadvantages of vaccinations for children -- a great deal, a fair amount, only a little, or nothing at all? BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income**

| | | Gender | | Race I | | Age | | | Education | | | Party I.D. | | | Household Income | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total | Male | Female | White | Non-white | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Grad | College | Less | Republican | Independent | Democrat | $50,000 | 100,000 | $100,000+ |
| A great deal | 29% | 23% | 37% | 31% | 25% | 18% | 31% | 34% | 33% | 29% | 25% | 32% | 27% | 29% | 27% | 30% | 34% |
| A fair amount | 40% | 41% | 39% | 42% | 37% | 40% | 36% | 43% | 44% | 46% | 31% | 37% | 42% | 40% | 30% | 39% | 50% |
| Only a little | 18% | 21% | 14% | 17% | 19% | 17% | 18% | 19% | 14% | 19% | 20% | 19% | 18% | 15% | 25% | 17% | 11% |
| Nothing at all | 12% | 13% | 10% | 9% | 18% | 24% | 13% | 4% | 7% | 5% | 23% | 10% | 13% | 14% | 18% | 14% | 5% |
| (DK)/(Refused) | 1% | 2% | - | 1% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% |

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**QN124: Are Vaccines More Dangerous Than Diseases Designed to Prevent? BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income**

| | | Gender | | Race I | | Age | | | Education | | | Party I.D. | | | Household Income | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total | Male | Female | White | Non-white | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Grad | College | Less | Republican | Independent | Democrat | $50,000 | 100,000 | $100,000+ |
| Yes, more dangerous | 17% | 18% | 16% | 16% | 18% | 14% | 20% | 16% | 11% | 24% | 18% | 32% | 17% | 5% | 22% | 16% | 13% |
| No, not more dangerous | 78% | 76% | 81% | 80% | 77% | 83% | 77% | 78% | 87% | 71% | 76% | 62% | 80% | 92% | 74% | 79% | 83% |
| (DK)/(Refused) | 4% | 6% | 3% | 4% | 5% | 3% | 3% | 7% | 2% | 5% | 6% | 6% | 3% | 2% | 4% | 5% | 4% |

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**QN125: Do Vaccines Cause Autism? BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income**

| | | Gender | | Race I | | Age | | | Education | | | Party I.D. | | | Household Income | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total | Male | Female | White | Non-white | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Grad | College | Less | Republican | Independent | Democrat | $50,000 | 100,000 | $100,000+ |
| Yes, vaccines do cause autism | 16% | 17% | 15% | 15% | 17% | 18% | 15% | 15% | 10% | 19% | 18% | 31% | 14% | 4% | 18% | 15% | 16% |
| No, vaccines do not cause autism | 46% | 40% | 50% | 52% | 34% | 47% | 48% | 43% | 65% | 39% | 32% | 16% | 47% | 71% | 36% | 47% | 56% |
| Unsure | 38% | 42% | 35% | 33% | 47% | 35% | 37% | 41% | 25% | 41% | 48% | 53% | 39% | 24% | 45% | 39% | 29% |
| (Refused) | 1% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 1% | - | - | 1% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 0% | - | 0% |

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**QN126: Do you think the government should require all parents to have their children vaccinated against contagious diseases such as measles, or do you think that's something the government should stay out of? BY Total + Gender + Race I + Age + Education + Party I.D. + Household Income**

| | | Gender | | Race I | | Age | | | Education | | | Party I.D. | | | Household Income | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total | Male | Female | White | Non-white | 18-34 | 35-54 | 55+ | Grad | College | Less | Republican | Independent | Democrat | $50,000 | 100,000 | $100,000+ |
| Yes, government should require | 56% | 55% | 57% | 54% | 61% | 56% | 53% | 59% | 61% | 47% | 59% | 39% | 57% | 70% | 61% | 51% | 56% |
| No, government should stay out of | 40% | 41% | 40% | 42% | 36% | 41% | 44% | 38% | 35% | 47% | 39% | 58% | 40% | 27% | 36% | 46% | 40% |
| DEPENDS (VOL) | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% |
| (DK)/(Refused) | 2% | 3% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 3% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 2% | 3% |

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