



**Interviews with 1,021 adult Americans, including 955 registered voters, conducted by telephone by Opinion Research Corporation on January 8-10, 2010. The margin of sampling error for results based on the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points and for registered voters is plus or minus 3 percentage points.**

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14. Thinking specifically about the economy, which of the following is the most important economic issue facing the country today?

	Jan. 8-10 <u>2010</u>	Jan. 12-15 <u>2009</u>
Unemployment	56%	52%
The federal budget deficit	22%	15%
Mortgages and housing costs	7%	12%
Inflation	7%	7%
Taxes	6%	7%
The stock market	2%	6%
Other (vol.)	*	2%
No opinion (vol.)	*	*

21. How would you rate the economic conditions in the country today -- as very good, somewhat good, somewhat poor, or very poor?

	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Somewhat good</u>	<u>Somewhat poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Jan. 8-10, 2010	2%	18%	42%	38%	*
Dec. 16-20, 2009	1%	19%	38%	42%	*
Nov. 13-15, 2009	1%	17%	39%	43%	*
Oct. 16-18, 2009	2%	14%	42%	42%	*
July 31-Aug. 3, 2009	2%	19%	44%	35%	*
June 26-28, 2009	2%	18%	39%	41%	*
Apr. 23-26, 2009	1%	16%	46%	37%	*
Mar. 12-15, 2009	1%	10%	41%	48%	*
Jan. 12-15, 2009	2%	11%	36%	50%	*
Dec. 19-21, 2008	2%	6%	27%	66%	*
Oct. 30-Nov. 1, 2008	3%	13%	29%	54%	2%
Oct. 3-5, 2008	2%	14%	31%	53%	*
Sept. 19-21, 2008	1%	18%	34%	47%	*
Aug. 23-24, 2008	4%	21%	32%	43%	*
June 4-5, 2008	3%	19%	39%	39%	*
Mar. 14-16, 2008	4%	22%	35%	40%	*
Jan. 14-17, 2008	4%	36%	40%	19%	*
Dec. 6-9, 2007	6%	40%	33%	21%	1%
Sept. 7-9, 2007	9%	45%	28%	17%	*
Aug. 6-8, 2007	11%	45%	26%	17%	1%
May 4-6, 2007	18%	43%	25%	14%	1%
Mar. 9-11, 2007	10%	42%	31%	15%	1%
Jan. 19-21, 2007	15%	48%	23%	13%	1%
Nov. 3-5, 2006	8%	41%	32%	18%	1%
Oct. 27-29, 2006	13%	49%	24%	13%	1%
Sept. 23-24, 2006	12%	47%	26%	15%	*
Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2006	9%	35%	34%	22%	*
June 14-15, 2006	9%	42%	31%	16%	2%
May 7-9, 2006	10%	42%	26%	21%	1%

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	<u>Very good</u>	<u>Some- what good</u>	<u>Some- what poor</u>	<u>Very poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>	<u>Total good</u>	<u>Total poor</u>
2006 Mar 10-12	13	46	26	15	*	59	41
2005 Sep 8-11*	7	46	34	13	*	53	47
2005 Apr 29-May 1	5	45	33	16	1	50	49
2004 Dec 17-19	8	45	28	19	*	53	47
2004 Jan 29-Feb 1	5	47	28	19	1	52	47
2003 Dec 5-7	7	50	30	12	1	57	42
2003 Oct 10-12	4	40	37	19	*	44	56
2003 Mar 14-15	2	33	39	25	1	35	64
2003 Feb 24-26	3	31	43	22	1	34	65
2002 Dec 9-10	3	41	41	14	1	44	55
2002 Oct 21-22	3	38	42	16	1	41	58
2002 Sep 20-22	5	49	35	11	*	54	46
2002 Jul 26-28	5	46	37	12	*	51	49
2002 Jun 28-30	5	53	33	9	*	58	42
2002 Apr 5-7	6	55	30	9	*	61	39
2002 Jan 11-14	7	50	32	10	1	57	42
2001 Dec 14-16	5	45	37	12	1	50	49
2001 Sep 21-22	7	50	34	8	1	57	42
2001 Apr 20-22	10	57	25	7	1	67	32
2001 Feb 9-11	16	64	16	3	1	80	19
2001 Jan 15-16	24	58	14	4	*	82	18
2000 Jun 6-7	39	46	9	5	1	85	14
2000 Mar 10-12	42	44	10	3	1	86	13
1999 Jun 25-27	34	50	10	6	*	84	16
1999 Jan 8-10	41	48	8	3	*	89	11
1998 Jul 7-8	29	50	15	5	1	79	20
1998 Jan 25-26	24	57	14	4	1	81	18
1998 Jan 24-25	24	57	13	5	1	81	19
1998 Jan 23-24	24	57	15	4	*	81	19
1997 Oct 27-29	24	55	15	4	2	79	19
1997 Aug 22-25	17	52	21	9	1	69	30

\*Asked of a half sample.

22. How long do you think it will take for the economy to recover from its current problems -- within the next six months, six months to a year, one to two years, two to three years, three to four years, or longer than four years?

	Jan. 8-10 <u>2010</u>	Mar. 12-15 <u>2009</u>	Jan. 12-15 <u>2009</u>
Within the next six months	1%	1%	1%
Six months to a year	7%	9%	12%
One to two years	29%	32%	27%
Two to three years	19%	24%	23%
Three to four years	11%	12%	12%
Longer than four years	31%	22%	24%
No opinion	*	*	*

23. Do you think the Democrats or the Republicans are more responsible for the country's current economic problems?

	Jan. 8-10 <u>2010</u>	Nov. 13-15 <u>2009*</u>	Aug. 28-31 <u>2009</u>	July 31-Aug. 3 <u>2009</u>	May 14-17 <u>2009</u>	Jan. 12-15 <u>2009</u>
Democrats	32%	27%	27%	23%	21%	22%
Republican	39%	38%	41%	44%	53%	50%
Both equally (vol.)	25%	27%	26%	24%	22%	20%
Neither (vol.)	2%	6%	4%	7%	4%	6%
No opinion	2%	2%	1%	3%	1%	1%

\*Asked of a half sample.

24. Has the economic news you have read or heard about recently been mostly good or mostly bad?

Jan. 8-10  
2010

Mostly good news	21%
Mostly bad news	70%
Mixed (vol.)	8%
No opinion	1%

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	<u>Mostly good</u>	<u>Mostly bad</u>	<u>Mixed (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2005 Apr 29-May 1	25	68	4	3
2004 Apr 5-8	40	53	5	2
2001 Aug 16-19	22	66	7	5
2001 Apr 6-8	16	75	6	3
2000 Apr 7-9	71	19	5	5
1997 Dec 18-21	51	37	7	5
1997 Jan 31-Feb 2	50	35	9	6
1996 Mar 15-17	37	50	9	4
1994 May 20-22	42	46	6	6
1993 Dec 4-6	39	48	9	4

24. Has the economic news you have read or heard about recently been mostly good or mostly bad?

25. (IF MOSTLY BAD) Have you read or heard any good news about the economy recently, or has all the economic news you have read or heard recently been bad news?

QUESTIONS 24 AND 25 COMBINED

Jan. 8-10  
2010

Mostly good news (from Question 24)	21%
Mostly bad news, but some good news	37%
All bad news	33%
Mixed (from Question 24)	8%
No opinion	1%