

National Tracking Poll

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Topline Report

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
BPC1	<i>Does your employer currently allow you to work any portion of the work week remotely?</i>		
	Yes	466	58%
	No	334	42%
BPC2	<i>Does your spouse or partner's employer currently allow them to work any portion of the work week remotely? (N=655)</i>		
	Yes	351	54%
	No	304	46%
BPC3	<i>Which of the following best describes your current work situation? (N=466)</i>		
	I work remotely full-time	179	38%
	I work onsite or in the office full-time	68	15%
	I work in a 'hybrid' environment, both remotely and on-site.	199	43%
	I am a gig worker	11	2%
	Other, please specify	9	2%
BPC4	<i>Which of the following best describes your spouse or partner's current work situation? (N=351)</i>		
	They work remotely full-time	132	38%
	They work onsite or in the office full-time	58	17%
	They work in a 'hybrid' environment, both remotely and on-site.	156	44%
	Other, please specify	5	1%
BPC5	<i>Thinking ahead, which of the following best describes your preferred work situation?</i>		
	Work remotely full-time	232	29%
	Work on-site or in the office full-time	296	37%
	Work in a 'hybrid' environment, both remotely and on-site.	247	31%
	Gig worker	17	2%
	Other, please specify	8	1%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
BPC6	<i>Thinking about your work hours, how far in advance are you aware of your work schedule, or do you have a fixed work schedule?</i>		
	Less than a week in advance	50	6%
	1 week in advance	86	11%
	2 weeks in advance	93	12%
	3 weeks in advance	60	8%
	4-7 weeks in advance	55	7%
	8-12 weeks in advance	20	2%
	I have a fixed work schedule	337	42%
	I am an 'on-call' worker	6	1%
	I make my own schedule.	92	12%
	Other, please specify	1	0%
BPC7	<i>Have you switched to a gig job over the past 12 months due to child care responsibilities? This could include needing to work different or more flexible hours to provide care for your child.</i>		
	Yes	196	24%
	No	604	76%
BPC8	<i>Has your spouse or partner switched to a gig job over the past 12 months due to child care responsibilities? This could include needing to work different or more flexible hours to provide care for your child. (N=655)</i>		
	Yes	161	25%
	No	494	75%
BPC9_1	<i>A child-care arrangement can include centers, home-based child care, pre-k, relatives, parents, etc. In a typical week, does your family need a child care arrangement for your children under 5 so that you (or both you and your spouse/partner) can work during the following hours? During traditional work hours (8am-6pm)</i>		
	Yes	595	74%
	No	205	26%
BPC9_2	<i>A child-care arrangement can include centers, home-based child care, pre-k, relatives, parents, etc. In a typical week, does your family need a child care arrangement for your children under 5 so that you (or both you and your spouse/partner) can work during the following hours? Outside of traditional work hours (6pm-8am)</i>		
	Yes	229	29%
	No	571	71%
BPC10_1NET	<i>You mentioned that in a typical week, your family needs a child care arrangement for your children under 5 outside of the traditional 8am-6pm work hours in order to work. Which of the following hours do you require a child care arrangement? Please select all that apply. 6pm to 8pm (N=229)</i>		
	Selected	113	49%
	Not Selected	116	51%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
BPC10_2NET	<i>You mentioned that in a typical week, your family needs a child care arrangement for your children under 5 outside of the traditional 8am-6pm work hours in order to work. Which of the following hours do you require a child care arrangement? Please select all that apply. 8pm to 10pm (N=229)</i>		
		Selected	89 39%
		Not Selected	140 61%
BPC10_3NET	<i>You mentioned that in a typical week, your family needs a child care arrangement for your children under 5 outside of the traditional 8am-6pm work hours in order to work. Which of the following hours do you require a child care arrangement? Please select all that apply. 10pm to 12am (N=229)</i>		
		Selected	57 25%
		Not Selected	172 75%
BPC10_4NET	<i>You mentioned that in a typical week, your family needs a child care arrangement for your children under 5 outside of the traditional 8am-6pm work hours in order to work. Which of the following hours do you require a child care arrangement? Please select all that apply. 12am to 2am (N=229)</i>		
		Selected	53 23%
		Not Selected	176 77%
BPC10_5NET	<i>You mentioned that in a typical week, your family needs a child care arrangement for your children under 5 outside of the traditional 8am-6pm work hours in order to work. Which of the following hours do you require a child care arrangement? Please select all that apply. 2am to 4am (N=229)</i>		
		Selected	37 16%
		Not Selected	192 84%
BPC10_6NET	<i>You mentioned that in a typical week, your family needs a child care arrangement for your children under 5 outside of the traditional 8am-6pm work hours in order to work. Which of the following hours do you require a child care arrangement? Please select all that apply. 4am to 6am (N=229)</i>		
		Selected	41 18%
		Not Selected	188 82%
BPC10_7NET	<i>You mentioned that in a typical week, your family needs a child care arrangement for your children under 5 outside of the traditional 8am-6pm work hours in order to work. Which of the following hours do you require a child care arrangement? Please select all that apply. 6am to 8am (N=229)</i>		
		Selected	73 32%
		Not Selected	156 68%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
BPC11	<i>What has been your primary child care arrangement for your children under 5 during traditional 8am-6pm work hours? (N=595)</i>		
	Child care center	135	23%
	Family child care home (home-based provider)	73	12%
	Part-day preschool or pre-K	60	10%
	Relatives (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle)	158	27%
	I provide care for my child	47	8%
	My spouse/partner provides care for our child	48	8%
	My spouse/partner alternate providing care for our child	43	7%
	Non-relative friend or neighbor	29	5%
	Other, please specify:	2	0%
BPC12	<i>What has been your primary child care arrangement for your children under age 5 outside of traditional 8am-6pm work hours? (N=229)</i>		
	Child care center	25	11%
	Family child care home (home-based provider)	26	11%
	Part-day preschool or pre-K	19	8%
	Relatives (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle)	62	27%
	I provide care for my child	35	15%
	My spouse/partner provides care for our child	30	13%
	My spouse/partner alternate providing care for our child	22	10%
	Non-relative friend or neighbor	10	4%
BPC14	<i>In the past month, how frequently, if at all, has child care responsibilities impacted your ability to work or perform work-related tasks?</i>		
	Never	121	15%
	Rarely	203	25%
	Sometimes	279	35%
	Often	115	14%
	Always	64	8%
	Don't know/No opinion	18	2%
BPC15	<i>You have indicated that child care responsibilities have impacted your ability to work or perform work-related tasks. In the last month, how many work hours have you missed due to child care responsibilities? (N=661)</i>		
	&	542	82%
	Don't Know	119	18%
BPC16_1NET	<i>Thinking about the past month, which of the following aspects of your children's overall development has negatively changed? Please select all that apply. Daily eating habits</i>		
	Selected	193	24%
	Not Selected	607	76%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
BPC16_2NET	<i>Thinking about the past month, which of the following aspects of your children's overall development has negatively changed? Please select all that apply. Daily physical activity</i>		
	Selected	141	18%
	Not Selected	659	82%
BPC16_3NET	<i>Thinking about the past month, which of the following aspects of your children's overall development has negatively changed? Please select all that apply. Amount of sleep nightly</i>		
	Selected	187	23%
	Not Selected	613	77%
BPC16_4NET	<i>Thinking about the past month, which of the following aspects of your children's overall development has negatively changed? Please select all that apply. Daily levels of stress and anxiety</i>		
	Selected	138	17%
	Not Selected	662	83%
BPC16_5NET	<i>Thinking about the past month, which of the following aspects of your children's overall development has negatively changed? Please select all that apply. Attention span</i>		
	Selected	147	18%
	Not Selected	653	82%
BPC16_6NET	<i>Thinking about the past month, which of the following aspects of your children's overall development has negatively changed? Please select all that apply. Communication skills</i>		
	Selected	115	14%
	Not Selected	685	86%
BPC16_7NET	<i>Thinking about the past month, which of the following aspects of your children's overall development has negatively changed? Please select all that apply. Ability to follow rules</i>		
	Selected	196	24%
	Not Selected	604	76%
BPC16_8NET	<i>Thinking about the past month, which of the following aspects of your children's overall development has negatively changed? Please select all that apply. Ability to regulate emotions</i>		
	Selected	143	18%
	Not Selected	657	82%
BPC16_9NET	<i>Thinking about the past month, which of the following aspects of your children's overall development has negatively changed? Please select all that apply. None of the above</i>		
	Selected	271	34%
	Not Selected	529	66%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
BPC17	<i>Has your child under age 5 ever been suspended or expelled from child care because of behavioral or disciplinary issues?</i>		
	Yes	63	8%
	No	733	92%
	Prefer not to answer	4	0%
BPC18	<i>How interested, if at all, would you be in a social and emotional health consultation if it was made available to you by your primary child care arrangement?</i>		
	Very interested	305	38%
	Somewhat interested	307	38%
	Not too interested	81	10%
	Not interested at all	65	8%
	Don't know/No opinion	42	5%
BPC19	<i>Have you received help paying for child care from grandparents or other family members?</i>		
	Yes	159	20%
	No	641	80%
BPC20	<i>Have you ever received a federal tax credit for your child care expenses?</i>		
	Yes	337	42%
	No	407	51%
	Don't know	56	7%
BPC21	<i>You mentioned that you have not received federal credit for your child care expenses. Which of the following best describes why? (N=407)</i>		
	I was not aware that I could	96	24%
	I did not have child care expenses	71	17%
	I did not need federal credit support	63	15%
	I did not think I would receive any benefit from reporting my expenses	41	10%
	It was too complicated	27	7%
	My child care expenses did not qualify for the credit	43	11%
	I did not qualify based on my income	46	11%
	Don't know/No opinion	20	5%
BPC22	<i>Are you aware that you can claim more of your child care expenses on your 2021 taxes?</i>		
	Yes	414	52%
	No	386	48%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
BPC23	<i>Which of the following ways would you most prefer to receive financial support for your child care expenses?</i>		
	Government subsidy (sometimes called voucher or certificate)	83	10%
	Tax refund	309	39%
	Both government subsidy and tax refund	314	39%
	I do not want/need to receive support for child care	94	12%
BPC24	<i>And, which of the following types of child care reimbursement would best enable you to pay for the child care you need throughout the year? (N=706)</i>		
	Periodic reimbursement (monthly) throughout the year	467	66%
	Reimbursement at the end of the year	217	31%
	I do not want/need to receive support for child care	22	3%
BPC25	<i>Which of the following best describe the primary child care arrangement you used prior to the pandemic for your youngest child?</i>		
	Child Care Center	226	28%
	Family Child Care Home	76	10%
	Part-day Pre-K Program	63	8%
	Head Start Program	21	3%
	Relative (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle)	149	19%
	I provided care for my child	88	11%
	My spouse/partner provided care for our child	66	8%
	My spouse/partner and I alternated providing care for our child	54	7%
	Non-relative friend or neighbor	32	4%
	Non-live-in nanny or nanny share	13	2%
	Other, please specify	12	2%
BPC26	<i>Thinking about the primary child care arrangement for your youngest child prior to the pandemic, what best describes their current operating status? (N=386)</i>		
	Child care provider has closed permanently	38	10%
	Child care provider closed temporarily with plans to re-open	57	15%
	Child care provider is open with limited hours	74	19%
	Child care provider is open but has limited spaces	62	16%
	Child care provider is open but only has spaces reserved for children of essential workers	21	5%
	Child care provider is open without any changes to hours or capacity	113	29%
	Unsure	21	5%

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BPC27	<i>To the best of your knowledge, how will public schools in your region open in the fall?</i>		
	Entirely online learning	71	9%
	A hybrid of online and in-person	262	33%
	Entirely in-person learning	300	38%
	Decision has not been made yet	84	10%
	Don't know/Not sure	83	10%
BPC28	<i>If finances were not a concern to your household, would you prefer to stay home to care for your child?</i>		
	Yes	571	71%
	No	181	23%
	Don't know/No opinion	48	6%
BPC29	<i>If you were to stay home to care for your child instead of working, how much additional monthly financial support would your household need to afford your expenses? (N=571)</i>		
	&	422	74%
	Don't Know	149	26%
BPC30	<i>If child care were free for your family, what type of child care arrangement would you most prefer?</i>		
	Child Care Center	242	30%
	Family Child Care Home	88	11%
	Part-day Pre-K Program	113	14%
	Head Start Program	74	9%
	Relative (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle)	83	10%
	I provided care for my child	81	10%
	My spouse/partner provided care for our child	36	4%
	My spouse/partner and I alternated providing care for our child	54	7%
	Non-relative friend or neighbor	7	1%
	Non-live-in nanny or nanny share	18	2%
	Other, please specify	4	0%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
BPC31	<i>If child care costs were less than \$100 per week, what type of child care arrangement would you most prefer?</i>		
	Child Care Center	254	32%
	Family Child Care Home	91	11%
	Part-day Pre-K Program	116	14%
	Head Start Program	72	9%
	Relative (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle)	90	11%
	I provided care for my child	62	8%
	My spouse/partner provided care for our child	39	5%
	My spouse/partner and I alternated providing care for our child	39	5%
	Non-relative friend or neighbor	8	1%
	Non-live-in nanny or nanny share	28	4%
	Other, please specify	1	0%
BPC32	<i>Many public pre-k programs operate at times aligned to a K-12 school day, which is shorter than a typical work day for most parents. If free pre-k were available to your family during these times, would you choose to send your child?</i>		
	Yes	565	71%
	No	108	14%
	Don't know/Unsure	127	16%
BPC33	<i>If free public pre-k were co-located in a child care program that offered longer hours of care, would this be a better option for your family?</i>		
	Yes	582	73%
	No	107	13%
	Don't know/Unsure	111	14%
BPC34_1	<i>Do you agree or disagree with the following statements: Expanding government support to make quality child care affordable for low- and middle-income working families would be beneficial for both parents and their children.</i>		
	Strongly agree	468	58%
	Somewhat agree	243	30%
	Somewhat disagree	42	5%
	Strongly disagree	23	3%
	Don't know/No opinion	24	3%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
BPC34_2	<i>Do you agree or disagree with the following statements: Although parents may prefer to stay home with their young children, many do not have that option as they must work to support their family. These working parents deserve access to high-quality child care</i>		
	Strongly agree	519	65%
	Somewhat agree	216	27%
	Somewhat disagree	30	4%
	Strongly disagree	11	1%
	Don't know/No opinion	24	3%
BPCdem1	<i>How many children under the age of 18 do you have?</i>		
	1	208	26%
	2	355	44%
	3	178	22%
	4	47	6%
	5 or more	12	2%
BPCdem2_1	<i>What are the ages of your children at home? Child 1</i>		
	Under 1 year	32	4%
	1	118	15%
	2	123	15%
	3	144	18%
	4	95	12%
	5	32	4%
	6	37	5%
	7	24	3%
	8	31	4%
	9	21	3%
	10	24	3%
	11	13	2%
	12	18	2%
	13	27	3%
	14	23	3%
	15	17	2%
	16	11	1%
	17	10	1%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
BPCdem2_2	<i>What are the ages of your children at home? Child 2 (N=592)</i>		
	Under 1 year	26	4%
	1	57	10%
	2	76	13%
	3	83	14%
	4	75	13%
	5	40	7%
	6	56	9%
	7	32	5%
	8	53	9%
	9	25	4%
	10	10	2%
	11	13	2%
	12	10	2%
	13	12	2%
	14	13	2%
	15	7	1%
	16	1	0%
	17	3	1%
BPCdem2_3	<i>What are the ages of your children at home? Child 3 (N=237)</i>		
	Under 1 year	13	5%
	1	29	12%
	2	31	13%
	3	27	11%
	4	18	8%
	5	8	3%
	6	12	5%
	7	10	4%
	8	14	6%
	9	5	2%
	10	12	5%
	11	6	3%
	12	10	4%
	13	15	6%
	14	11	5%
	15	8	3%
	16	5	2%
	17	3	1%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
BPCdem2_4	<i>What are the ages of your children at home? Child 4 (N=59)</i>		
	Under 1 year	5	8%
	1	4	7%
	2	9	15%
	3	8	14%
	4	6	10%
	5	1	2%
	6	1	2%
	7	1	2%
	8	2	3%
	10	7	12%
	11	2	3%
	12	3	5%
	13	3	5%
	15	1	2%
	16	3	5%
	17	3	5%
BPCdem2_6	<i>What are the ages of your children at home? Child 5 (N=12)</i>		
	Under 1 year	2	17%
	1	2	17%
	3	3	25%
	5	1	8%
	11	1	8%
	13	1	8%
	16	1	8%
	17	1	8%
BPCdem3	<i>How would you describe your present employment situation?</i>		
	Employed and salaried	439	55%
	Employed and paid hourly (including gig work)	305	38%
	Self-Employed	56	7%
BPCdem5	<i>Previously you indicated that you were either married or living with your partner. Which of the following best represents you spouse's or partner's present employment situation? (N=655)</i>		
	Employed and salaried	383	58%
	Employed and paid hourly (including gig work)	209	32%
	Self-Employed	63	10%
BPCdem6	<i>And, would you consider your spouse's or partner's present job full-time or part-time? (N=655)</i>		
	Full-time	562	86%
	Part-time	93	14%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
BPCdem7	<i>Which of the following categories best describes your current job?</i>		
	Service Worker, Retail Sales, Laborers and Helpers: Jobs include hotel and restaurant workers and managers; retail workers and managers; bankers; cooks; bakers; bartenders; hairdressers; nail technicians; janitors; freight movers; butchers; bus drivers; painters; and roofers.	147	18%
	Trade and Skilled Workers: Jobs include construction workers; welder; home inspector; factory workers; auto mechanics; farmers; and plumbers.	60	8%
	Administrative Workers, Office Professionals, and Executive/Senior Level Managers: Jobs include administrative assistants; secretaries; paralegals; general office clerks; accountants; insurance and real-estate agents; lawyers; and financial service professionals.	340	42%
	Health Care and Medical Professionals, Lab Technicians, and Pharmacists: Jobs include doctors; surgeons; physician assistants; nurses and nurse practitioners; dentists and dental hygienists; emergency medical technicians; lab technicians; and pharmacists.	85	11%
	Other Professionals: Jobs include teachers and substitute teachers; principals; child care workers and directors; university/college professors; and pilots and airline workers.	168	21%

Question	Response	Frequency	Percentage
BPCdem8	<i>Which of the following categories best describes your spouse's or partner's current job? (N=655)</i>		
	Service Worker, Retail Sales, Laborers and Helpers: Jobs include hotel and restaurant workers and managers; retail workers and managers; bankers; cooks; bakers; bartenders; hairdressers; nail technicians; janitors; freight movers; butchers; bus drivers; painters; and roofers.	130	20%
	Trade and Skilled Workers: Jobs include construction workers; welder; home inspector; factory workers; auto mechanics; farmers; and plumbers.	109	17%
	Administrative Workers, Office Professionals, and Executive/Senior Level Managers: Jobs include administrative assistants; secretaries; paralegals; general office clerks; accountants; insurance and real-estate agents; lawyers; and financial service professionals.	215	33%
	Health Care and Medical Professionals, Lab Technicians, and Pharmacists: Jobs include doctors; surgeons; physician assistants; nurses and nurse practitioners; dentists and dental hygienists; emergency medical technicians; lab technicians; and pharmacists.	54	8%
	Other Professionals: Jobs include teachers and substitute teachers; principals; child care workers and directors; university/college professors; and pilots and airline workers.	147	22%

Note: Group proportions may total to larger than one-hundred percent due to rounding. All statistics are calculated for registered voters with demographic post-stratification weights applied.

Respondent Demographics Summary

Summary Statistics of Survey Respondent Demographics

Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemAll	Adults	800	100%
xdemGender	Gender: Male	316	40%
	Gender: Female	484	60%
	N	800	
age	Age: 18-34	396	50%
	Age: 35-44	351	44%
	Age: 45-64	51	6%
	Age: 65+	2	0%
	N	800	
demAgeGeneration	GenZers: 1997-2012	57	7%
	Millennials: 1981-1996	625	78%
	GenXers: 1965-1980	109	14%
	Baby Boomers: 1946-1964	9	1%
	N	800	
xpid3	PID: Dem (no lean)	362	45%
	PID: Ind (no lean)	213	27%
	PID: Rep (no lean)	225	28%
	N	800	
xpidGender	PID/Gender: Dem Men	161	20%
	PID/Gender: Dem Women	201	25%
	PID/Gender: Ind Men	68	8%
	PID/Gender: Ind Women	145	18%
	PID/Gender: Rep Men	87	11%
	PID/Gender: Rep Women	138	17%
	N	800	
xdemIdeo3	Ideo: Liberal (1-3)	284	36%
	Ideo: Moderate (4)	244	30%
	Ideo: Conservative (5-7)	227	28%
	N	755	
xeduc3	Educ: < College	302	38%
	Educ: Bachelors degree	284	36%
	Educ: Post-grad	214	27%
	N	800	

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
xdemInc3	Income: Under 50k	189	24%
	Income: 50k-100k	327	41%
	Income: 100k+	284	36%
	N	800	
xdemWhite	Ethnicity: White	657	82%
xdemHispBin	Ethnicity: Hispanic	84	10%
demBlackBin	Ethnicity: Black	68	8%
demRaceOther	Ethnicity: Other	75	9%
xdemReligion	All Christian	393	49%
	All Non-Christian	44	6%
	Atheist	36	4%
	Agnostic/Nothing in particular	217	27%
	Something Else	110	14%
	N	800	
xdemReligOther	Religious Non-Protestant/Catholic	54	7%
xdemEvang	Evangelical	212	26%
	Non-Evangelical	263	33%
	N	475	
xdemUsr	Community: Urban	284	36%
	Community: Suburban	371	46%
	Community: Rural	145	18%
	N	800	
xdemMilHH1	Military HH: Yes	72	9%
	Military HH: No	728	91%
	N	800	
xreg4	4-Region: Northeast	175	22%
	4-Region: Midwest	189	24%
	4-Region: South	300	38%
	4-Region: West	136	17%
	N	800	
BPCxdem1	Employed + Salaried	439	55%
	Employed+ Hourly	305	38%
	N	744	
BPCxdem2	All Adults in HH Employed	799	100%
BPCxdem3	All Adults in HH Employed Full Time	413	52%

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Demographic	Group	Frequency	Percentage
BPCxdem4	Service Worker, Retail Sales, Laborers and Helpers	147	18%
	Trade and Skilled Workers	60	8%
	Administrative Workers, Office Professionals, and Executive/Senior Level Managers	340	42%
	Health Care and Medical Professionals, Lab Technicians, and Pharmacists	85	11%
	Other Professionals	168	21%
	N	800	
BPCxdem5	Work Remotely Full Time	179	22%
	In Office Full Time	68	8%
	Hybrid	199	25%
	Gig Worker	11	1%
	N	457	
BPCxdem6	Both Adults in HH Work in Office	27	3%
BPCxdem7	Need Care During Traditional Hours	595	74%
BPCxdem8	Need Care During Non Traditional Hours	229	29%
BPCxdem9	Youngest Child Age: Under 1 year	78	10%
	Youngest Child Age: 1	198	25%
	Youngest Child Age: 2	204	26%
	Youngest Child Age: 3	197	25%
	Youngest Child Age: 4	123	15%
	N	800	

Note: Group proportions may total to larger than one-hundred percent due to rounding. All statistics are calculated with demographic post-stratification weights applied.

