



This Washington Post-Ipsos poll was conducted online April 28-May 4, 2020, among a random national sample of 8,086 U.S. adults age 18 and over. The sample was drawn through the Ipsos KnowledgePanel, an ongoing survey panel recruited through random sampling of U.S. households. Overall results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus one percentage point. The error margin is 3.5 among the sample of 928 people who were laid off. Sampling, field work and data processing by Ipsos of Washington, D.C.

(Full methodological details at the end of this document.)

*= less than 0.5 percent

"Laid-off" includes adults who report being laid off or furloughed since the coronavirus outbreak

S1. Since the coronavirus outbreak began in the U.S, has any of the following happened to you?

5/4/20 - Summary table

	Yes, has happened	No, has not happened	No opinion
Being laid off	7	92	1
Being furloughed	9	90	1
Laid-off OR furloughed	13	86	1

Questions 1-7 held for release.

8. Would you describe the coronavirus outbreak as a...

	----- Source of stress -----				
	NET	Serious source of stress in your life	Source of stress, but not serious	Not a source of stress	No op.
5/4/20 All	86	31	55	14	1
5/4/20 Laid-off	89	43	46	10	*

Questions 9-18 held for release.

19. (IF LAID-OFF) Have you applied for unemployment benefits since March 1, 2020?

	I tried to apply but was unsuccessful		No opinion
	Yes	No	
5/4/20 Laid-off	50	40	10

20. (IF APPLIED FOR UNEMPLOYMENT) Have you received unemployment benefits since March 1, 2020?

		No opinion
Yes	No	

5/4/20 Laid-off 60 40 0

Q19/Q20 Net table among laid-off workers

	----- Applied/Tried to apply -----					
	NET	Received benefits	Did not receive	Tried, but unsuccessful	Did not apply	No opin.
5/4/20	60	28	18	10	40	*

21. (IF DID NOT APPLY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT) Do you plan to apply for unemployment benefits in the next two weeks?

	Yes	No	No opinion
5/4/20 Laid-off	14	84	1

22. (IF TRIED TO APPLY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BUT HAS NOT RECEIVED BENEFITS) Did any of the following happen to you when applying for unemployment benefits? I did not qualify for benefits, I could not complete my application because phone lines were busy, I kept getting disconnected without talking to anyone or the website didn't work, I was unable to apply in person

Note: Respondents could select as many options as applied

	I did not qualify for benefits	Didn't complete app. because phone lines were busy/kept getting disconnected /website didn't work	I was unable to apply in person
5/4/20	27	40	25

23a. (IF LAID-OFF OR LEAVING HOME TO GO TO WORK) For each of the following, please select if it is something that you or someone in your household has received since the coronavirus outbreak began:

5/4/20 -- Summary table among laid-off workers

	Yes, has received	No, has not received	No opinion
a. A financial relief payment or check from the federal government	61	38	1
b. Food from a food bank or food pantry	12	87	1
c. Unemployment assistance	23	76	1
d. Food stamps/WIC	14	85	1
e. food from your local school system	11	88	1
f. Help from a neighbour	9	90	1
g. Help from a charity or religious group	6	93	1
h. Help from family	26	73	1

23b. (IF RECEIVED FINANCIAL RELIEF PAYMENT OR UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE) How much has the following helped your family's financial situation?

5/4/20 -- Summary table among laid-off workers

- Great deal/Some -- - Little/Not at all -

	NET	A great deal	Some	NET	Just a little	Not at all	No op.
a. (IF RECEIVED FINANCIAL RELIEF PAYMENT) A financial relief payment or check from the federal government	72	37	35	28	23	5	0
b. (IF RECEIVED UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE) Unemployment assistance	85	57	29	15	12	3	0

Questions 24-26 held for release.

27. (IF LAID-OFF) If your family's job and income situation did not change from what it is today, about how long could you and your family get by before being in real financial trouble?

	Less than a week	1-2 weeks	3-4 weeks	1-2 months	3-5 months	6 months or more	No opinion
5/4/20 Laid-off	4	8	14	19	20	33	2

Questions 28-51 held for release.

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METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was jointly sponsored and funded by The Washington Post and Ipsos. The poll is a random sample of adults in the United States. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish.

This questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as they appear in this document. Demographic questions are not shown. If a question was asked of a reduced base of the sample, a parenthetical preceding the question identifies the group asked. Phrases surrounded by parentheticals within questions indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents.

Ipsos conducted sampling, interviewing, and tabulation for the survey using the KnowledgePanel, a representative panel of adults age 18 and over living in the United States. KnowledgePanel members are recruited through probability sampling methods using address-based sampling. Panel members who do not have internet access are provided with a netbook and internet service.

This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for deviations in the survey sample from known population characteristics, which helps correct for differential survey participation and random variation in samples. The overall sample was weighted to match the demographic makeup of the general population of adults age 18 or older by sex, region, age, race/ethnicity, education, household income and language proficiency according to the Census Bureau's American Community Survey, and to residence in a metropolitan area according to the Current Population Survey.

The margin of sampling error including the design effect for the full sample is plus or minus one percentage point. The error margin is 3.5 among the sample of 928 people who were laid off. For results based on other subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 1.2 for this survey. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's deviation from a simple random sample and takes into account decreases in precision due to sample design and weighting procedures. Surveys that do not incorporate a design effect overstate their precision.

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