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Ipsos Air Travel Poll

Conducted by Ipsos using KnowledgePanel®
A survey of the American general population (ages 18+)
Interview dates: March 27-29, 2026
Number of interviews: 1,021
Number of past 2-month flyer interviews: 163
Number of total flyer interviews: 865

Margin of error: +/- 3.1 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for all respondents
Margin of error: +/- 7.8 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for past 2-month flyer respondents
Margin of error: +/- 3.4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level for total flyer respondents

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled. Reduced bases are unweighted values.

*NOTE: * = less than 0.5%, - = no respondents, N/A = not applicable*

Annotated Questionnaire

1. How recently, if ever, have you flown in or out of a U.S. airport?

	Total (N=1,021)	P2M Flyers (N=163)	Total Flyers (N=865)
In the past two months	15%	100%	18%
In the past 3 – 6 months	11%	-	14%
In the past 7 – 12 months	14%	-	16%
More than a year ago	43%	-	52%
I have never flown in or out of a U.S. airport	15%	-	-
Skipped	1%	-	-

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2. In the past two months, have you done any of the following?

   Base: Has flown in or out of a U.S. airport before

   Yes Summary

	P2M Flyers (N=163)	Total Flyers (N=865)
Experienced travel delays due to airlines	51%	19%
Experienced travel delays due to airport security	20%	8%
Had to cancel a trip by plane	10%	5%
Had to postpone a trip by plane	8%	6%

   a. Experienced travel delays due to airlines

	P2M Flyers	Total Flyers
Yes	51%	19%
No	49%	81%
Skipped	-	*

   b. Experienced travel delays due to airport security

	P2M Flyers	Total Flyers
Yes	20%	8%
No	80%	92%
Skipped	-	*

   c. Had to postpone a trip by plane

	P2M Flyers	Total Flyers
Yes	8%	6%
No	92%	94%
Skipped	-	*

   d. Had to cancel a trip by plane

	P2M Flyers	Total Flyers
Yes	10%	5%
No	90%	94%
Skipped	-	*

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3. Compared to a year ago, do you believe the current experience at U.S. airports is better, worse, or about the same?

	Total	P2M Flyers	Total Flyers
Better	2%	2%	2%
About the same	28%	33%	26%
Worse	67%	65%	70%
Skipped	3%	-	1%

4. How familiar, if at all, are you with the following?

Total Familiar Summary

	Total	P2M Flyers	Total Flyers
Travel delays at airports across the United States	68%	88%	75%
Transportation Security Administration (TSA) staffing shortages at airports around the country	66%	86%	74%
President Trump deploying Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents to some U.S. airports to assist TSA officers	66%	84%	72%

    a. Travel delays at airports across the United States

	Total	P2M Flyers	Total Flyers
Very familiar	39%	58%	44%
Somewhat familiar	29%	30%	31%
Have heard of, but that's it	24%	11%	21%
Have not heard of	7%	2%	3%
Skipped	2%	-	*
Familiar (Net)	*68%*	*88%*	*75%*
Not Familiar (Net)	*31%*	*13%*	*25%*

    b. Transportation Security Administration (TSA) staffing shortages at airports around the country

	Total	P2M Flyers	Total Flyers
Very familiar	38%	60%	43%
Somewhat familiar	28%	26%	31%
Have heard of, but that's it	25%	12%	22%
Have not heard of	7%	2%	4%
Skipped	2%	-	*
Familiar (Net)	*66%*	*86%*	*74%*
Not Familiar (Net)	*32%*	*14%*	*26%*

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4. How familiar, if at all, are you with the following? *(Continued)*

    c. President Trump deploying Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents to some U.S. airports to assist TSA officers

	Total	P2M Flyers	Total Flyers
Very familiar	40%	57%	44%
Somewhat familiar	26%	27%	28%
Have heard of, but that's it	22%	14%	20%
Have not heard of	10%	2%	7%
Skipped	1%	-	*
Familiar (Net)	*66%*	*84%*	*72%*
Not Familiar (Net)	*32%*	*16%*	*28%*

5. To what extent do you support or oppose the deployment of ICE agents to some U.S. airports?

	Total	P2M Flyers	Total Flyers
Strongly support	20%	26%	21%
Somewhat support	19%	13%	19%
Somewhat oppose	16%	11%	15%
Strongly oppose	42%	49%	42%
Skipped	4%	1%	2%
Support (Net)	*39%*	*39%*	*41%*
Oppose (Net)	*58%*	*60%*	*57%*

6. Based on what you have seen, read, or heard about the current situation at U.S. airports, how likely are you to do the following in the next six months?

Total Likely Summary

	Total	P2M Flyers	Total Flyers
Avoid booking trips by plane	54%	34%	53%
Choose an alternative mode of transportation (e.g., car, train, bus) to flying for a trip	53%	34%	52%
Postpone or cancel a trip that you have already booked a flight for	33%	17%	31%

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6. Based on what you have seen, read, or heard about the current situation at U.S. airports, how likely are you to do the following in the next six months? *(Continued)*

a. Avoid booking trips by plane

	Total	P2M Flyers	Total Flyers
Very likely	35%	12%	32%
Somewhat likely	19%	22%	21%
Not too likely	20%	29%	22%
Not at all likely	23%	37%	24%
Skipped	2%	-	1%
Likely (Net)	*54%*	*34%*	*53%*
Not Likely (Net)	*44%*	*66%*	*46%*

b. Postpone or cancel a trip that you have already booked a flight for

	Total	P2M Flyers	Total Flyers
Very likely	19%	8%	18%
Somewhat likely	13%	9%	13%
Not too likely	24%	27%	25%
Not at all likely	40%	56%	42%
Skipped	3%	-	2%
Likely (Net)	*33%*	*17%*	*31%*
Not Likely (Net)	*65%*	*83%*	*68%*

c. Choose an alternative mode of transportation (e.g., car, train, bus) to flying for a trip

	Total	P2M Flyers	Total Flyers
Very likely	31%	9%	29%
Somewhat likely	22%	25%	23%
Not too likely	19%	28%	21%
Not at all likely	25%	38%	26%
Skipped	3%	-	1%
Likely (Net)	*53%*	*34%*	*52%*
Not Likely (Net)	*44%*	*66%*	*46%*

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About the Study

This Ipsos poll was conducted March 27-29, 2026, by Ipsos using the probability-based KnowledgePanel®. This poll is based on a nationally representative probability sample of 1,021 general population adults aged 18 or older. The sample includes 163 Americans who have flown in or out of a U.S. airport in the past two months, and 865 adults who have flown in or out of a U.S. airport in their life.

The study was conducted in English. The data were weighted to adjust for gender by age, race and ethnicity, census region, metropolitan status, education, household income, and political party identification. Political party identification benchmarks are from the 2025 NPORS annual survey, with a midyear adjustment estimated across aggregated KnowledgePanel surveys accounting for changes in panelists' party identification over time. The demographic benchmarks came from the 2025 March supplement of the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey (CPS).

- Gender (Male, Female) by Age (18–29, 30–44, 45-59 and 60+)
- Race/Hispanic Ethnicity (White Non-Hispanic, Black Non-Hispanic, Other, Non-Hispanic, Hispanic, 2+ Races, Non-Hispanic)
- Education (Less than High School, High School, Some College, Bachelor's degree, Master's degree or higher)
- Census Region (Northeast, Midwest, South, West)
- Metropolitan status (Metro, non-Metro)
- Household Income (Under $25,000, $25,000-$49,999, $50,000-$74,999, $75,000-$99,999, $100,000-$149,999, $150,000+)
- Political Party ID (Democrat, Lean Democrat, Republican, Lean Republican, Independent/Something else)

The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 3.1 percentage points at the 95% confidence level, for results based on the entire sample of adults. The margin of sampling error takes into account the design effect, which was 1.05. The margin of sampling error is higher and varies for results based on sub-samples. In our reporting of the findings, percentage points are rounded off to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages in a given table column may total slightly higher or lower than 100%. In questions that permit multiple responses, columns may total substantially more than 100%, depending on the number of different responses offered by each respondent.

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