

DATA FOR PROGRESS

From March 27 to 30, 2026, Data for Progress conducted a survey of 1,228 U.S. likely voters nationally using web panel respondents. The sample was weighted to be representative of likely voters by age, gender, education, race, geography, and recalled presidential vote. The survey was conducted in English. The margin of error associated with the sample size is ± 3 percentage points. Results for subgroups of the sample are subject to increased margins of error. Partisanship reflected in tabulations is based on self-identified party affiliation, not partisan registration. For more information please visit dataforprogress.org/our-methodology.

NB: subgroups with a n-size less than 50 (<50) are not shown on these cross-tabs. We choose not to display N<50 subgroups because the sample is too small to have statistical significance. We did, however, take samples of these subgroups for representational and weighting purposes to accurately reflect the electorate makeup. Some values may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

N=1,228 unless otherwise specified.

[1] In your view, what are the primary motivations for people crossing the U.S. border illegally? **Select up to two options.**

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
They are fleeing poverty and seeking economic opportunity	50	62	55	37	50	50	45	53	48	55	43	51	59
They are fleeing violence, persecution, or war	38	53	44	22	40	36	40	38	37	40	34	38	44
They want to take advantage of services provided by the U.S. government	35	14	31	56	32	38	19	43	34	37	23	40	12
They are seeking family or connections who are already here	13	18	7	11	14	12	17	11	15	10	12	12	18
The legal immigration process is too slow or difficult to access	13	13	17	10	13	13	16	11	12	14	14	12	11
They want to undermine U.S. laws or sovereignty	11	4	10	17	9	13	12	10	10	11	8	12	8
They are brought by smuggling networks and don't have a choice	10	5	9	15	9	10	10	10	11	7	8	10	12
None of these	4	4	4	4	4	4	7	2	4	5	10	2	8
Don't know	3	3	2	3	4	2	4	2	3	2	7	3	4
Weighted N	1,228	470	250	508	653	575	400	828	791	437	133	875	152

[2] For each of the following, do you think it generally helps or generally hurts the United States?

— Legal immigration

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
Generally helps	66	71	70	59	61	71	61	68	62	71	55	67	69
Neither helps nor hurts	21	15	21	26	26	15	24	19	22	18	20	20	21
Generally hurts	9	9	3	13	10	9	10	9	10	8	16	9	5
Don't know	4	5	5	3	4	4	5	4	5	2	9	3	5
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[3] For each of the following, do you think it generally helps or generally hurts the United States?

— Illegal immigration

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Generally helps	11	17	9	7	9	14	14	10	9	14	17	9	20
Neither helps nor hurts	22	36	23	8	25	19	33	16	22	22	31	18	31
Generally hurts	62	39	63	82	61	63	46	69	63	59	43	67	45
Don't know	5	8	5	3	6	5	6	5	6	4	9	5	4
Weighted N	1,228	470	250	508	653	575	400	828	791	437	133	875	152

[4] When it comes to illegal immigration, which comes closer to your main concern? (N=757)

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White
I am mainly concerned about how people are immigrating — I want a safer, more orderly process	57	62	60	54	56	59	67	54	56	60	63	56
I am mainly concerned about how many people are immigrating — I want lower numbers overall	41	34	35	46	40	41	30	44	42	38	31	42
Don't know	2	4	5	<0.5	4	1	3	2	3	2	6	2
Weighted N	757	184	157	416	397	360	185	572	499	258	57	589

[5] If the U.S. increased **legal** immigration to the country, what effect do you think this would have on **illegal** immigration?

Response	Topline	Democrat	Independent / Third party	Republican	Female	Male	Under 45	45+	No College	College	Black or African American	White	Latino
This would cause illegal immigration to increase	13	10	12	16	10	15	16	11	15	8	14	12	14
This would make no difference to illegal immigration	50	39	48	61	48	52	41	55	50	51	42	52	43
This would cause illegal immigration to decrease	31	44	33	19	33	29	38	28	29	36	34	30	36
Don't know	6	7	7	5	8	4	5	7	7	5	9	6	7
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