

2022 Pew Philadelphia Poll Topline February 2022

This study was conducted for The Pew Charitable Trusts via web and mail surveys by SSRS, an independent research company. The field period for this study was Jan. 3-31, 2022, and during that time, SSRS collected data from a sample of 1,541 adults age 18 or older who live in Philadelphia County (1,110 via web and 431 via mail). The margin of error for total respondents is plus or minus 3.43 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. Due to rounding and respondents selecting multiple answers, some totals may not add up to 100%. More information about SSRS is available at ssrs.com.

Q1. To begin with, for how many years have you lived in Philadelphia, or have you lived here all of your life? If you don't live in Philadelphia, please tell me.

	Jan-22	Aug-20	Total '19	ABS '19	Phone '19	Aug-16	Feb-15
Less than 1	5%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%
1 or 2	4%	6%	3%	3%	2%	3%	2%
3-5	8%	8%	5%	7%	4%	4%	3%
6-10	8%	9%	8%	12%	4%	6%	5%
11-20	11%	14%	10%	9%	11%	9%	9%
21-30	7%	7%	7%	7%	6%	6%	7%
More than 30	11%	9%	12%	12%	11%	12%	13%
All my life	45%	46%	53%	47%	60%	58%	59%
Do not live in Philadelphia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Don't know/Refused/Blank	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Note: "ABS" refers to a survey methodology of an address-based sample. In 2019, the Philadelphia Poll was split between telephone and mail surveys.

Q2. What was your age on your last birthday?

	Jan-22
18-24	10%
25-29	12%
30-35	14%
36-49	21%
50-60	18%
61-64	6%
65+	19%

Q3. How would you rate Philadelphia as a place to live?

	Jan-22	Aug-20	Total '19	ABS '19	Phone '19	Aug-16	Feb-15	Aug-13	Dec-11	Feb-11	Jan-10	Jan-09
Excellent	8%	12%	20%	17%	24%	21%	20%	17%	18%	17%	16%	18%
Good	45%	54%	46%	54%	38%	42%	43%	43%	42%	45%	47%	44%
Only fair	32%	26%	23%	22%	25%	27%	26%	29%	28%	28%	28%	28%
Poor	15%	7%	9%	6%	12%	9%	9%	11%	11%	10%	8%	9%

Don't know/Refused/Blank * * 1% 1% 1% 1% 1% 1% 1% 1% 1% 1%

Q4. Do you think things in Philadelphia are generally headed in the right direction or on the wrong track?

	Jan-22	Aug-20	Total '19	ABS '19	Phone '19	Aug-16	Feb-15	Aug-13	Dec-11	Feb-11	Jan-10	Jan-09
Right direction	36%	50%	55%	60%	49%	50%	48%	37%	39%	40%	41%	46%
Wrong track	63%	49%	38%	39%	38%	34%	33%	45%	42%	39%	34%	37%
Mixed (Vol.)	-	-	5%	-	10%	13%	14%	15%	16%	17%	18%	12%
Don't know/Refused/Blank	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	4%	3%	4%	4%	6%	5%

Note: "(Vol.*)" indicates that the "mixed" answer was a voluntary response and not provided as an option on the phone.

Q5. What do you think is the **most** important issue facing the city of Philadelphia?

	Jan-22	Aug-20	Phone '19	Aug-16	Feb-15
Crime/drugs/safety	70%	41%	41%	44%	23%
Poor/poverty/homelessness	14%	18%	12%	10%	5%
Affordable housing/cost of living	6%	7%	N/A	N/A	N/A
COVID-19 impact	6%	10%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Education/schools	6%	14%	17%	20%	32%
Jobs/economy/economic development/lack of economic opportunities	5%	13%	11%	14%	22%
Government functioning/corruption	5%	7%	5%	6%	8%
Sanitation/trash removal/cleanliness	5%	8%	N/A	2%	N/A
Police reform/brutality/defunding	3%	8%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Infrastructure/roads/transportation	3%	4%	3%	N/A	N/A
Public services/resources	2%	4%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Neighborhood revitalization/poor people being pushed out/gentrification/other neighborhood answers	2%	4%	12%	4%	5%
Taxes/lower taxes/pensions/spending	1%	3%	9%	6%	7%
Race relations/racism	1%	9%	2%	3%	3%
Opioids mentioned	1%	1%	1%	N/A	N/A
Equality (unspecified)	1%	1%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Parks/green space/recreational opportunities	1%	*	2%	2%	1%
Climate change/environment/pollution	1%	1%	1%	N/A	N/A
Immigration/sanctuary city	*	1%	2%	N/A	N/A
Entertainment and nightlife/restaurants	-	*	-	*	1%
Other (specify)	14%	12%	2%	6%	7%
Don't know/Refused/Blank	2%	4%	7%	4%	10%

Note: Asked differently in Aug-20: V6. What do you think is the most important issue facing the city and the next mayor?

Q6. Thinking about how your own life might unfold over the next five to 10 years, how likely are you to be living in Philadelphia?

	Jan-22	Aug-20	Total '19	ABS '19	Phone '19	Aug-16	Feb-15
Definitely will	21%	26%	30%	29%	31%	31%	30%
Probably will	37%	40%	42%	45%	36%	34%	37%
Probably will not	30%	25%	20%	20%	18%	20%	17%
Definitely will not be living in Philadelphia	11%	8%	8%	6%	15%	13%	13%
Don't know/Refused/Blank	1%	1%	*	*	1%	2%	3%

These next questions are about the COVID-19 pandemic.

Q7. Is the pandemic something that currently causes you anxiety or nervousness?

	Jan-22
It makes me very anxious or nervous	28%
It makes me somewhat anxious or nervous	30%
It makes me a little anxious or nervous	26%
It doesn't make me anxious or nervous	16%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q8. Since the pandemic began, how has Philadelphia changed as a place to live?

	Jan-22
It has gotten better	3%
It has gotten a little worse	37%
It has gotten a lot worse	42%
It has stayed the same	17%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q9. Do you personally know anybody who has been hospitalized for the coronavirus/COVID-19?

	Jan-22
Yes	63%
No	37%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q10. Do you personally know anybody who has died from the coronavirus/COVID-19?

	Jan-22
Yes	47%
No	53%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q11. Have you personally received the COVID-19 vaccine, or not?

	Jan-22
Yes, got a one-dose vaccine (e.g., Johnson & Johnson)	4%
Yes, got first dose of a two-dose vaccine (e.g., Pfizer or Moderna)	6%
Yes, got both doses of a two-dose vaccine	24%
Yes, got fully vaccinated plus a booster shot/additional dose	52%
No, have not gotten the vaccine	12%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q12. Which of the following was a **major** reason why you got vaccinated?

Base: Total respondents who have received at least one dose of a two-dose vaccine or one-dose vaccine for COVID-19 (N=1,402)

	Jan-22
Protect your health	73%
Protect health of family/friends	71%
To resume social activities	36%
To be able to travel	31%
To get back to work/school	29%
Other	6%
Blank/Refused	-

Q13. What is the **most** important reason why you are not vaccinated?

Base: Total respondents who have not received at least one dose of a two-dose vaccine or one-dose vaccine for COVID-19 (N=118)

	Jan-22
Don't trust the government	22%
Concerned about side effects	19%
Don't think the vaccine is safe	17%
Religious reasons/against vaccines	8%
Don't think the vaccine will be effective	5%
Have a medical reason why I can't get vaccinated	5%
Don't trust the companies making vaccines	3%
The risk of getting COVID-19 is too small	1%
It is too difficult to get a vaccine—transportation, knowledge, work requirements	*
Other	13%
Blank/Refused	7%

Q14. When, if at all, are you likely to get a vaccine?

Base: Total respondents who have not received any COVID-19 vaccinations (N=118)

	Jan-22
Sometime in the next three months	12%
Within the next six months	9%
Over six months	9%
Don't expect to get a vaccine	68%
Blank/Refused	3%

Q15. How long do you think it will be until you and your family will be able to get your lives back to the way they were before the pandemic began?

	Jan-22	Aug-20*
In the next month	N/A	2%
Sometime in the next three months	2%	4%
In the next six months	3%	11%
In the next year	12%	31%
Over a year	14%	26%
Things will never get back to the way they were	37%	24%
Nothing has changed for me	4%	N/A
My life is already back to the way it was before the pandemic began	5%	N/A
Unsure	22%	N/A
Blank/Refused	1%	2%

** Asked of respondents whose daily lives have been impacted by coronavirus in Aug-20 (N=945)*

Q16. Thinking about your personal financial situation, compared to when the economy shut down in March 2020, are you:

	Jan-22
Better off	15%
Worse off	32%
About the same	51%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q17. Have you had any difficulty paying your mortgage or rent any time since the COVID-19 outbreak?

	Jan-22
A lot of difficulty	16%
A little difficulty	28%
No difficulty	39%
Not applicable	17%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q18. Over the course of the next year, do you think the financial situation of you and your family will improve a lot, improve some, stay the same, get a little worse, or get a lot worse?

	Jan-22
Improve a lot	7%
Improve some	30%
Stay the same	38%
Get a little worse	18%
Get a lot worse	6%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q19. Were you employed on March 1, 2020?

	Jan-22	Aug-20
Yes, I was employed full time	46%	50%
Yes, I was employed part time	11%	12%
No	39%	37%
Blank/Refused	3%	1%

Q20. How, if at all, did your employment status change during the pandemic?

Base: Total respondents who were employed before March 1, 2020

	Jan-22	Aug-20
I was laid off/fired from my job and do not expect to go back	N/A	11%
I was laid off from my job/furloughed and expect to go back	N/A	12%
I am working in a new place	20%	N/A
I was laid off/fired from my job	16%	N/A
The business I own closed, either temporarily or permanently	16%	8%
My hours were cut	13%	11%
My pay was reduced	6%	8%
My job did not change/nor back working where I was*	46%	46%
Other	N/A	17%
Blank/Refused	*	2%
N=	(929)	(610)

* In Aug-20 asked as "My job did not change"

Q21. Overall, in terms of pay, benefits, and overall satisfaction, would you describe your work situation as better, worse, or about the same since March 1, 2020?

Base: Total respondents who were employed before March 1, 2020 (N=929)

	Jan-22
Better	22%
Worse	31%
About the same	46%
Blank/Refused	2%

Q22. Are you currently employed either full or part time?

	Jan-22
Yes	54%
No	42%
Blank/Refused	4%

Q23. Which of these options best describes your current work situation?

Base: Total respondents who are currently employed, at least part time (N=867)

	Jan-22
I work entirely or mostly from home	22%
I go into work some days and work from home some	21%
I am in the workplace most or every day	56%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q24. When you are in the workplace, do you feel:

Base: Respondents who are employed and go to a workplace at least sometimes (N=622)

	Jan-22
Very nervous	13%
Somewhat nervous	43%
Not nervous	43%
Won't have to return to office	*
Blank/Refused	2%

Q25. Which of the following statements do you agree with more, even if neither is exactly right?

	Jan-22
Philadelphia's best days are behind it	45%
Philadelphia's best days are ahead of it	53%
Blank/Refused	2%

Q27. Which of the following statements do you agree with more, even if neither is exactly right?

	Jan-22
I would prefer more government services and higher taxes	45%
I would prefer fewer government services and lower taxes	53%
Blank/Refused	2%

Q28. Which of the following statements do you agree with more, even if neither is exactly right?

	Jan-22
The city's priority should be spurring economic growth that creates jobs	49%
The city's priority should be helping low-income people directly	49%
Blank/Refused	2%

Q29. Thinking about the amount of taxes you pay for the services you get in Philadelphia, do you think you get:

	Jan-22
More than you pay for	5%
Less than you pay for	66%
About right—you get what you pay for	28%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q30. Do you think the wealthy in Philadelphia:

	Jan-22
Pay more than their fair share of local taxes	10%
Pay less than they should	68%
Pay about what is right	21%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q31. Which of these two statements comes closest to your view, even if neither is exactly right?

	Jan-22
Reducing the city tax on businesses will help create jobs	44%
Reducing the city business taxes will only help businesses to make more profit	55%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q32. If wage and business taxes were cut, it might be necessary to raise other taxes to make up the difference to maintain city services. If so, would you:

	Jan-22	2013
Favor raising property taxes	23%	33%
Oppose raising property taxes	76%	59%
Depends	N/A	3%
Blank/Refused	2%	4%

Note: Asked differently in 2013: If wage and business taxes were cut, it might be necessary to raise other taxes to help fund city services. If so, would you favor or oppose raising property taxes on real estate?

Q33. There are many taxes in Philadelphia; we want to ask about four.

Please rank how fair each of the following taxes are in regard to people paying their fair share. By fair, we mean everyone in the city paying their fair share. To rank each tax, drag each item to the open box you see on the screen in your preferred order from “1” (most fair) to “4” (least fair).

A) Philadelphia wage tax

	Jan-22
1 – Most fair	29%
2	20%
3	18%
4 – Least fair	23%
Blank/Refused	11%

B) Local sales tax

	Jan-22
1 – Most fair	28%
2	27%
3	21%
4 – Least fair	11%
Blank/Refused	13%

C) Philadelphia property tax

	Jan-22
1 – Most fair	19%
2	20%
3	24%
4 – Least fair	25%
Blank/Refused	13%

D) Philadelphia beverage tax

	Jan-22
1 – Most fair	20%
2	15%
3	15%
4 – Least fair	38%
Blank/Refused	12%

These last few questions are about how things are in your neighborhood.

Q34. What geographic section of the city do you live in?

	Jan-22	Aug-20	Total '19	ABS '19	Phone '19	Aug-16	Feb-15	Aug-13	Jan-12	Feb-11
Center City	7%	7%	7%	6%	7%	7%	7%	5%	5%	5%
South Philadelphia	10%	9%	9%	10%	9%	11%	9%	10%	12%	11%
West Philadelphia	13%	13%	14%	11%	18%	15%	12%	13%	12%	13%
Southwest Philadelphia	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%	7%	7%	6%	6%	6%
North Philadelphia—upper and lower	17%	17%	18%	17%	19%	20%	20%	19%	20%	20%
River Wards	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Northwest Philadelphia/Mt. Airy	14%	14%	12%	11%	11%	9%	11%	11%	10%	12%
Northeast Philadelphia	25%	26%	27%	29%	26%	24%	31%	32%	31%	29%
Other (specify)	7%	7%	5%	7%	3%	5%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Don't know/Refused/Blank	2%	1%	1%	*	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%

Q35. How would you rate the neighborhood as a place to live?

	Jan-22
Excellent	12%
Good	44%
Only fair	31%
Poor	13%
Blank/Refused	*

Q36. How safe do you feel when you are out in your neighborhood at night?

	Jan-22
Completely safe	5%
Pretty safe	39%
A little unsafe	36%
Not safe at all	19%
Blank/Refused	*

Q37. In your neighborhood, has opioid use had an impact on your quality of life?

	Jan-22	Total '19	ABS '19	Phone '19
Major negative impact	18%	19%	20%	17%
Minor negative impact	35%	22%	27%	16%
Made no difference	46%	57%	51%	63%
Don't know (Vol.)	-	2%	-	4%
Refused/Blank	1%	1%	1%	*

Note: "(Vol.)" indicates that the "don't know" answer was a voluntary response and not provided as an option on the phone.

Q38. And has gun violence had an impact on your quality of life in your neighborhood?

	Jan-22
A major negative impact	42%
A minor negative impact	37%
Has had no impact	20%
Blank/Refused	*

Q39. Have you heard gunshots in your neighborhood in the last 12 months?

	Jan-22
Yes	65%
No	20%
Not sure	15%
Blank/Refused	*

Q40. In the last three years, have you been the victim of a violent crime in Philadelphia like an assault, robbery, or gun violence?

	Jan-22
Yes—in the last three years	11%
Yes—but more than three years ago	9%
No	79%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q41. In the last three years, has someone in your immediate family or a close friend been the victim of a violent crime in Philadelphia like an assault, robbery, or gun violence in the last three years?

	Jan-22
Yes—in the last three years	33%
Yes—but more than three years ago	12%
No	54%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q42. Do you think the problem of gun violence in Philadelphia over the last three years has been:

	Jan-22
Getting better	2%
Getting worse	85%
Hasn't changed	6%
Not sure	6%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q43. Why do you think there is so much gun violence in Philadelphia?

Please check off no more than **two** from the list of reasons below:

	Jan-22
Too easy to get guns	51%
Drug dealers and criminal gangs	48%
Poverty	33%
Lack of jobs and opportunity	23%
Drug users	12%
Police don't care	10%
Hopelessness	10%
Domestic violence	6%
Other	9%
Blank/Refused	-

Q44. Overall, how much respect do you have for the police in Philadelphia?

	Jan-22	Aug-20	Feb-15
Great deal	24%	27%	33%
Good amount	35%	36%	34%
Just some	26%	23%	22%
Not much	14%	14%	11%
Don't know/Blank/Refused	1%	1%	1%

Q45. How much confidence do you have in police officers in your community to treat Blacks and Whites equally?

	Jan-22	Aug-20	Feb-15
A great deal	15%	18%	25%
A fair amount	27%	30%	30%
Just some	27%	21%	20%
Very little	29%	31%	22%
Blank/Refused	1%	1%	3%

Q46. How much confidence do you have in police officers in your community to treat Hispanics and Whites equally?

	Jan-22
A great deal	14%
A fair amount	28%
Just some	31%
Very little	25%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q47. We want to ask you about the number of police in Philadelphia. Would you say that the city:

	Jan-22	Aug-20
Doesn't have enough police	61%	45%
Has about the right number of police	31%	39%
Has too many police	8%	14%
Blank/Refused	1%	3%

Q48. Including yourself, how many adults over 18 are there currently living in your household?

	Jan-22
1	23%
2	44%
3	18%
4+	11%
Blank/Refused	5%

Q49. Are there any children under the age of 18 living in your household?

	Jan-22
Yes, one child	20%
Yes, two or more children	13%
No	65%
Blank/Refused	2%

Q50. How would you say your child's emotional health has been compared to BEFORE the coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak?

Base: Total respondents who have any children under the age of 18 (N=390)

	Jan-22
Better than before	5%
Worse than before	34%
About the same as before	54%
Two or more children with different effects on their health	4%
Blank/Refused	3%

Q51. Do you own or rent your apartment or home?

	Jan-22
Own	47%
Rent	48%
Live rent-free with friends or family	4%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q52. What was the last grade of school you completed?

	Jan-22
Grade school or less	2%
Some high school	8%
High school	32%
Some college (1-3 years)	24%
College graduate (4 years)	15%
Post-graduate (beyond 4 years)	18%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q53. Are you of Latino or Hispanic origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish-speaking background?

	Jan-22
Yes	14%
No	85%
Blank/Refused	1%

Q54. Are you...?

	Jan-22
Black	39%
White	40%
Asian	5%
Native American	*
Mixed race	5%
Something else	8%
Blank/Refused	2%

Q55. Last year, that is in 2021, what was your total family household income from all sources, before taxes?

	Jan-22
Less than \$10,000	14%
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	16%
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	10%
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	10%
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	10%
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	12%
\$75,000 to under \$100,000	8%
\$100,000 to under \$125,000	5%
\$125,000 to under \$150,000	4%
\$150,000 or more	8%
Blank/Refused	2%

Q56. What is your gender?

	Jan-22
Male	46%
Female	53%
Other	1%
Blank/Refused	*