

Pew Hispanic Center
2011 National Survey of Latinos
Final Topline
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Total N=1,220

The study was conducted for the Pew Hispanic Center via telephone by **SSRS**, an independent research company. All numbers are percentages. Percentages greater than zero but less than 0.5 are replaced by an asterisk (*). Columns/Rows may not total 100 due to rounding. NA indicates that the answer category was not an option. Unless otherwise noted, all trends reference surveys from the Pew Hispanic Center. All general population comparisons are from *People & the Press (PP)* or *Social and Demographic Trends (SDT)*. For this survey, a total of 617 were contacted via landline and a total of 603 were contacted on their cellphone; 674 interviews were conducted in Spanish and 546 in English.

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95 confidence level
Total Hispanic respondents	1,220	+/-3.59
Native born (including Puerto Rico)	492	+/-5.49
Foreign born	728	+/-4.73
Registered voters	557	+/-5.23

QUESTIONS 1-12 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED; NO QUESTION 13; QUESTION 14 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE; QUESTIONS 15-29 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED; NO QUESTIONS 30-32

ASK ALL

33. How would you rate your own personal financial situation? Would you say you are in excellent shape, good shape, only fair shape or poor shape financially?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Native born</u>	<u>Foreign born</u>	<u>Registered voters</u>
5	Excellent shape	4	5	5
19	Good shape	28	12	26
51	Only fair shape	44	56	45
25	Poor shape	22	28	23
*	Don't know (VOL.)	*	0	*
1	Refused (VOL.)	1	*	1

Hispanic Trends:

	Excellent shape	Good shape	Only fair shape	Poor shape	Don't know (VOL.)	Refused (VOL.)
Nov 2008	4	19	46	30	1	1
Jan 2004*	4	27	45	24	1	NA

* For this year "stay the same" was not coded. Also, "Don't know" and "Refused" answers are combined into one category.

General Population Comparison:

	Excellent shape	Good shape	Only fair shape	Poor shape	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
PP Dec 2011	6	32	37	24	1

ASK ALL

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

<u>Total</u>		<i>Native born</i>	<i>Foreign born</i>	<i>Registered voters</i>
67	Improve (NET)	71	63	67
11	Improve a lot	13	9	12
56	Improve some	58	54	55
7	Stay the same (VOL.)	5	8	9
21	Worsen (NET)	20	22	19
14	Get a little worse	12	15	14
8	Get a lot worse	8	7	6
4	Don't know (VOL.)	3	6	4
1	Refused (VOL.)	1	1	1

Hispanic Trends:

	Improve <u>a lot</u>	Improve <u>some</u>	Stay the same (VOL.)	Get a little <u>worse</u>	Get a lot <u>worse</u>	Don't know (VOL.)	Refused (VOL.)
Nov 2008	16	51	8	11	4	8	1
Jan 2004*	17	59	NA	10	3	11	NA

* In 2004 "stay the same" was not coded as a category. Also, "Don't know" and "Refused" answers are combined into one category.

General Population Comparison:

	Improve <u>a lot</u>	Improve <u>some</u>	Stay the same (VOL.)	Get a little <u>worse</u>	Get a lot <u>worse</u>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
PP Dec 2011	9	49	15	17	5	4

ASK ALL

35. Compared to your parents when they were the age you are now, do you think your own standard of living now is much better, somewhat better, about the same, somewhat worse, or much worse than theirs was?

<u>Total</u>		<i>Native born</i>	<i>Foreign born</i>	<i>Registered voters</i>
67	Better (NET)	62	71	64
35	Much better	34	36	37
32	Somewhat better	28	35	27
17	About the same	18	17	19
14	Worse (NET)	18	11	16
8	Somewhat worse	10	6	9
6	Much Worse	8	5	7
1	Don't know (VOL.)	1	1	1
1	Refused (VOL.)	1	*	*

General Population Comparison:

	Much <u>better</u>	Somewhat <u>better</u>	About the <u>same</u>	Somewhat <u>worse</u>	Much <u>worse</u>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
SDT Mar 2011	35	26	23	9	4	3

ASK ALL

36. When your children are at the age you are now, do you think their standard of living will be much better, somewhat better, about the same, somewhat worse, or much worse than yours is now?

<u>Total</u>		<i>Native born</i>	<i>Foreign born</i>	<i>Registered voters</i>
66	Better (NET)	59	72	59
40	Much better	36	43	37
26	Somewhat better	23	29	23
12	About the same	14	10	14
17	Worse (NET)	23	13	23
10	Somewhat worse	13	8	13
7	Much Worse	10	5	9
1	No children (VOL.)	2	1	1
3	Don't know (VOL.)	2	4	3
1	Refused (VOL.)	*	1	*

General Population Comparison:

	Much <u>better</u>	Somewhat <u>better</u>	About the <u>same</u>	Somewhat <u>worse</u>	Much <u>worse</u>	No children (VOL.)	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
SDT Mar 2011	26	22	19	12	9	6	5

NO QUESTION 37-39

ASK ALL

[ROTATE ITEMS IN PARENTHESES AND CODES MORE/LESS]

40. Now, thinking about how people have been affected by the economy in the last 4 years. Do you think (HISPANICS/LATINOS) have been (hurt more/hurt less), (hurt less/hurt more) or hurt about the same as other groups?

<u>Total</u>		<i>Native born</i>	<i>Foreign born</i>	<i>Registered voters</i>
54	More	45	62	49
38	The same	47	30	44
5	Less	5	5	5
2	Don't know (VOL.)	2	3	2
*	Refused (VOL.)	*	*	*

ASK ALL

[SCRAMBLE ITEMS A AND B AS A BLOCK]

41. As a result of what's been happening with the economy in the last year, have you done any of the following? Have you (INSERT)?

a. Delayed or canceled plans to buy a home or make major home improvements

<u>Total</u>		<i>Native born</i>	<i>Foreign born</i>	<i>Registered voters</i>
45	Yes	41	48	43
54	No	58	51	56
1	Don't know (VOL.)	1	1	1
*	Refused (VOL.)	*	*	*

Hispanic Trends:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	Don't know <u>(VOL.)</u>	Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
Nov 2008*	44	55	1	*

* In 2008 the question read 'As a result of what's been happening with the economy lately...'

General Population Comparison:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	Don't know/ Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
PP Dec 2009*	38	62	1

*In 2009 the question was part of a list of items: "Thinking about your personal finances have you ... delayed or canceled plans to buy a new home or make major home improvements, or not?".

b. Delayed or canceled plans to buy a car or make some other major purchase

<u>Total</u>		<i>Native born</i>	<i>Foreign born</i>	<i>Registered voters</i>
49	Yes	48	49	47
51	No	51	51	53
*	Don't know (VOL.)	*	*	*
*	Refused (VOL.)	*	*	0

Hispanic Trend:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	Don't know <u>(VOL.)</u>	Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
Nov 2008*	47	52	*	*

* In 2008 the question read: "As a result of what's been happening with the economy lately ...".

General Population Comparison:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	Don't know/ Refused <u>(VOL.)</u>
PP Dec 2009*	36	63	1

*In 2009 the question was part of a list of items: "Thinking about your personal finances have you ... delayed or canceled plans to buy a new car, or not?".

QUESTION 41 CONTINUED

c. Cut the size of your meals or skipped meals because there wasn't enough money for food

<u>Total</u>		<i>Native born</i>	<i>Foreign born</i>	<i>Registered voters</i>
38	Yes	33	43	30
62	No	67	57	70
*	Don't know (VOL.)	0	*	0
*	Refused (VOL.)	*	*	0

d. Had trouble getting or paying for medical care for your family

<u>Total</u>		<i>Native born</i>	<i>Foreign born</i>	<i>Registered voters</i>
37	Yes	35	38	29
63	No	65	61	71
*	Don't know (VOL.)	*	1	0
*	Refused (VOL.)	*	*	0

General Population Comparison:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
PP Jun 2011*	29	70	1

*In June 2011 the question was part of a list of items: " For each of the following, please tell me whether or not it is something that happened to you in the past year. Have you ... had trouble getting or paying for medical care for yourself or your family?".

ASK ALL

42. Over the past 12 months, has there been a time when you or someone in your household has been without a job and looking for work, or not?

<u>Total</u>		<i>Native born</i>	<i>Foreign born</i>	<i>Registered voters</i>
59	Yes	57	60	53
41	No	43	40	47
*	Don't know (VOL.)	*	0	*
*	Refused (VOL.)	*	*	*

General Population Comparison:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
PP Mar 2011	51	48	*

ASK ALL

43. Do you own or rent your home?

<u>Total</u>		<i>Native <u>born</u></i>	<i>Foreign <u>born</u></i>	<i>Registered <u>voters</u></i>
40	Own	48	33	55
57	Rent	49	64	43
2	Other arrangement (VOL.)	2	2	1
1	Don't know (VOL.)	1	*	1
1	Refused (VOL.)	1	*	1

General Population Comparison:

	<u>Own</u>	<u>Rent</u>	Other arrangement (VOL.)	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
PP Jun 2011	64	29	5	1

ASK IF NOT HOMEOWNER

44. In the past year did you have a home that went into foreclosure?

<u>Total</u>		<i>Native <u>born</u></i>	<i>Foreign <u>born</u></i>	<i>Registered <u>voters</u></i>
7	Yes	7	6	5
93	No	92	93	94
*	Don't know (VOL.)	0	*	*
*	Refused (VOL.)	1	0	0
(n=726)		(n=251)	(n=475)	(n=249)

Hispanic Trend:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	Don't know (VOL.)	Refused (VOL.)
Nov 2008*	5	95	*	*

* In 2008 the question was part of a list of items and was asked of all respondents.

QUESTION 44 CONTINUED

General Population Comparison:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	Does not apply (VOL.)	Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)
SDT May 2010*	2	95	3	*

*In May 2010 the question read: "For each of the following, please tell me whether or not it is something that has happened to you during the recession (which began December 2007). Have you ... lost your house to foreclosure?". It was part of a list of items and was asked of all respondents regardless of homeownership.

ASK IF HOMEOWNER

45. What year did you buy your current home?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Native born</u>	<u>Foreign born</u>	<u>Registered voters</u>
52	2000-2011	50	54	49
20	1990-1999	19	20	20
9	1980-1989	10	8	12
4	1970-1979	4	4	5
4	Before 1970	4	3	4
9	Don't Know (VOL.)	10	8	7
3	Refused (VOL.)	3	2	3
(n=494)		(n=241)	(n=253)	(n=308)

ASK ALL

46. Some people say that buying a home is the best long-term investment in the United States. Do you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Native born</u>	<u>Foreign born</u>	<u>Registered voters</u>
75	Agree (NET)	76	74	77
38	Strongly agree	38	38	43
37	Somewhat agree	39	36	34
21	Disagree (NET)	21	21	20
12	Somewhat disagree	13	12	10
9	Strongly disagree	9	9	9
3	Don't know (VOL.)	2	5	2
1	Refused (VOL.)	1	*	1

General Population Comparison:

	<u>Strongly agree</u>	<u>Somewhat agree</u>	<u>Somewhat disagree</u>	<u>Strongly disagree</u>	<u>Don't know/Refused (VOL.)</u>
SDT Mar 2011	37	44	12	5	2

NO QUESTION 47

ASK IF HOMEOWNER

48. Now I'd like you to think about how much you could sell your home for today and how much you still owe on your home. Do you currently owe more on your home than you could sell it for today, or not?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Native born</u>	<u>Foreign born</u>	<u>Registered voters</u>
28	Yes, owe more	26	30	26
56	No, do not owe more	60	51	62
9	No mortgage/Already paid it off (VOL.)	7	11	7
7	Don't know (VOL.)	6	7	5
1	Refused (VOL.)	1	1	1
(n=494)		(n=241)	(n=253)	(n=308)

General Population Comparison:

<u>SDT</u>	
<u>Mar 2011</u>	
14	Yes, owe more
67	No, do not owe more
15	No mortgage/Already paid it off (VOL.)
4	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 49-50; QUESTIONS 51-54 AND 59-80 HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE; QUESTIONS 55-58 AND 81-97 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED