

**2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
W169 - SCIENCE TOPLINE
APR 28-MAY 4, 2025
N=5,085**

Note: All numbers are percentages unless otherwise noted. Rows/columns may not total 100% due to rounding. The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel.

"No answer" includes web respondents who do not answer the question as well as telephone respondents who refuse to answer or who say they don't know how to answer. In cases where "Not sure" was offered as an explicit option to web and telephone respondents, the "No answer" category includes only web skips and telephone refusals.

This survey was conducted primarily online, with some interviews conducted by live telephone. This topline shows the programming language for online administration. For details on how questions were slightly modified for phone administration, visit the questionnaire.

American Trends Panel surveys conducted between October 2016 and June 2024 were conducted fully online (with tablets and data plans provided to adults without home internet). American Trends Panel surveys conducted prior to October 2016 were conducted primarily online, with some respondents completing by mail. For additional details, visit the methodology.

PN = Programming note

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	5,085	+/- 1.6 percentage points

OTHER QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ENVRMPCT****ASK ALL:****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS.]**

In the past 12 months, has your local community experienced the following?

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Droughts or water shortages			
Apr 28-May 4, 2025	36	64	<1
May 13-19, 2024	27	72	1
May 30-Jun 4, 2023	33	67	<1
May 2-8, 2022	31	69	1
b. Long periods of unusually hot weather			
Apr 28-May 4, 2025	48	51	1
May 13-19, 2024	46	53	1
May 30-Jun 4, 2023	45	55	<1
May 2-8, 2022	42	57	1
ASK FORM 1 [N=2,538]:			
c. Severe weather, like floods or intense storms			
Apr 28-May 4, 2025	49	51	<1
May 13-19, 2024	51	49	1
May 30-Jun 4, 2023	44	56	<1
May 2-8, 2022	43	57	<1
d. Rising sea levels that erode beaches and shorelines			
Apr 28-May 4, 2025	16	83	1
May 13-19, 2024	17	82	1
May 30-Jun 4, 2023	16	83	1
May 2-8, 2022	16	83	1
e. Major wildfires			
Apr 28-May 4, 2025	26	74	<1
May 13-19, 2024	17	82	1
May 30-Jun 4, 2023	18	82	<1
May 2-8, 2022	21	78	<1
ASK FORM 2 [N=2,547]:			
f. Unusually intense storms			
Apr 28-May 4, 2025	46	54	<1

CCXTRW1**ASK IF EXPERIENCED EVENT IN ENVRMPCT (ENVRMPCT_a-f=1):****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS ENVRMPCT.]**

In the past 12 months, how much do you think climate change contributed to the following in your local community?

	<u>A lot</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
ASK IF EXPERIENCED (ENVRMPCT_a=1) [N=1,851]:				
a. Droughts or water shortages				
Apr 28-May 4, 2025	55	32	12	<1
May 13-19, 2024	53	32	15	<1
May 30-Jun 4, 2023	53	31	16	<1
May 2-8, 2022	54	32	13	<1
ASK IF EXPERIENCED (ENVRMPCT_b=1) [N=2,490]:				
b. Long periods of unusually hot weather				
Apr 28-May 4, 2025	64	27	8	<1
May 13-19, 2024	61	28	11	<1
May 30-Jun 4, 2023	60	30	10	<1
May 2-8, 2022	61	30	8	<1
ASK IF EXPERIENCED AND FORM 1 (ENVRMPCT_c=1 AND X_FORM=1) [N=1,239]:				
c. Severe weather, like floods or intense storms				
Apr 28-May 4, 2025	50	32	17	<1
May 13-19, 2024	47	34	18	1
May 30-Jun 4, 2023	50	34	15	<1
May 2-8, 2022	49	35	15	<1
ASK IF EXPERIENCED (ENVRMPCT_d=1) [N=811]:				
d. Rising sea levels that erode beaches and shorelines				
Apr 28-May 4, 2025	63	30	7	<1
May 13-19, 2024	57	34	9	<1
May 30-Jun 4, 2023	56	36	8	<1
May 2-8, 2022	58	36	6	<1
ASK IF EXPERIENCED (ENVRMPCT_e=1) [N=1,286]:				
e. Major wildfires				
Apr 28-May 4, 2025	58	28	14	<1
May 13-19, 2024	54	31	15	<1
May 30-Jun 4, 2023	56	29	14	<1
May 2-8, 2022	58	28	13	<1

CCXTRW1 CONTINUED...

		<u>A lot</u>	<u>A little</u>	<u>Not at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
ASK IF EXPERIENCED AND FORM 2 (ENVRMPCT_f=1 AND X_FORM=2) [N=1,159]:					
f.	Unusually intense storms				
	Apr 28-May 4, 2025	58	31	10	<1

EWGOVT**ASK ALL:****[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS.]**

For communities in places at high risk of extreme weather, do you think it is a good or bad idea for government to do each of the following?

		<u>Good idea</u>	<u>Bad idea</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>No answer</u>
BUYOUT	Purchase people's homes in these communities so they can buy other homes in lower-risk areas				
	Apr 28-May 4, 2025	28	36	36	<1
	May 13-19, 2024	25	38	36	1
REQUIRE	Require people to move out of these communities				
	Apr 28-May 4, 2025	14	49	36	<1
	May 13-19, 2024	13	51	35	1
REBUILD	ASK FORM 1 [N=2,538] Provide financial assistance for people in these communities to rebuild after extreme weather events				
	Apr 28-May 4, 2025	64	15	21	<1
	May 13-19, 2024	57	20	23	<1
INSUR	ASK FORM 2 [N=2,547] Help cover the rising cost of homeowners' insurance for people in these communities				
	Apr 28-May 4, 2025	41	34	25	<1
	May 13-19, 2024	40	34	25	1
BAN	ASK FORM 2 [N=2,547] Ban new construction in these communities				
	Apr 28-May 4, 2025	39	28	32	1
	May 13-19, 2024	37	29	33	1
STDS	ASK FORM 1 [N=2,538] Set stricter building standards for new construction in these communities				
	Apr 28-May 4, 2025	77	8	15	<1
	May 13-19, 2024	73	10	17	<1

TREND FOR COMPARISON:**ASK ALL:**

EWRESPONSE Do you think it is a good or bad idea for the federal government to do each of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		<u>Good idea</u>	<u>Bad idea</u>	<u>Not sure</u>	<u>No answer</u>
	ASK FORM 1 ONLY				
	[N=5,148]:				
HELP	Provide financial assistance for communities to relocate from areas at high risk of extreme weather				
	May 30-Jun 4, 2023	47	24	29	<1
	ASK FORM 2 ONLY				
	[N=5,181]:				
REQUIRE	Require communities to relocate from areas at high risk of extreme weather				
	May 30-Jun 4, 2023	29	33	38	<1
REBUILD	Provide financial assistance for communities in high risk areas to rebuild after extreme weather events				
	May 30-Jun 4, 2023	53	24	23	<1
LIMIT	Limit new construction in communities at high risk of extreme weather				
	May 30-Jun 4, 2023	54	19	27	<1

OTHER QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4) OR MISSING:

PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...¹

<u>Republican</u>	<u>Democrat</u>	<u>Independent</u>	<u>Something else</u>	<u>No answer</u>	<u>Lean Rep</u>	<u>Lean Dem</u>
28	28	28	14	2	18	20

¹ PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.