

2026 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 194: Habits Around Cash
May 26-June 1, 2026

Topline
N=9,750

Note: All numbers are percentages unless otherwise noted. Percentages less than 0.5% are replaced by an asterisk (*). 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	9,750	+/- 1.4 percentage points

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS HELD

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ASK ALL:

Thinking about ALL of the purchases you make in a typical week (including things like groceries, gas, services, or meals) how many do you pay for using cash?

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12	All or almost all	14	18	24
46	Some	44	52	51
42	None	41	29	24
*	No answer	*	1	1

CASHFREQ**ASK ALL:****[PN: ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1]**

How often do you carry physical cash with you?

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25	Always
21	Most of the time
22	Sometimes
26	Rarely
6	Never
*	No answer

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