

Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania

ASAPH W30 Confidence in Federal Health Officials Items

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1 Overview

These studies were conducted for the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania via web and telephone by SSRS, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted among a nationally representative probability sample drawn from SSRS's Opinion panel. Data were weighted to represent the target U.S. adult population. Summaries of the sample size, field dates, and estimated design effects (Deff) of the particular waves can be found in the table below.

ASAPH panelists are quarantined from other survey panel membership to avoid being affected by the content of other surveys. Data used in Wave 11, however, contains 19 respondents who self-reported membership in other opinion panels. Diagnostics revealed no significant differences in the responses of these 19 panelists and the results presented in this report are unaffected by their exclusion.

Wave	n	MOE	Deff	Fielded	Closed	Survey	RR	N
a-1	1941	2.9	1.76	2021-03-30	2021-04-19	ASAPH 1	56%	3480
b-2	1719	3.2	1.83	2021-06-09	2021-06-22	ASAPH 2	89%	1941
c-3	1669	3.2	1.83	2021-08-16	2021-09-05	ASAPH 3	86%	1940
d-4	1672	3.3	1.86	2021-11-03	2021-11-09	ASAPH 4	86%	1940
e-5	1656	3.3	1.86	2022-01-11	2022-01-17	ASAPH 5	85%	1937
f-6	1638	3.3	1.87	2022-03-29	2022-04-04	ASAPH 6	85%	1932
g-7	1580	3.2	1.82	2022-07-12	2022-07-18	ASAPH 7	82%	1928
h-8	1584	3.4	1.86	2022-08-02	2022-08-08	CIVICS 1	83%	1907
i-9	1621	3.3	1.87	2022-08-16	2022-08-23	ASAPH 8	85%	1907
j-10	1646	3.2	1.80	2022-10-11	2022-10-18	ASAPH 9	86%	1905
k-11	1641	3.2	1.77	2023-01-10	2023-01-16	ASAPH 10	82%	2029
l-12	1638	3.2	1.75	2023-02-22	2023-02-28	ASK 2023	81%	2025
m-13	1622	3.2	1.76	2023-03-23	2023-03-29	BINGE	80%	2024
n-14	1586	3.3	1.83	2023-05-31	2023-06-06	ASAPH 11	79%	1997
o-15	1482	3.5	1.88	2023-08-09	2023-08-15	ASAPH 12	75%	1979
p-16	1559	3.4	1.91	2023-10-05	2023-10-12	ASAPH 13	79%	1976
q-17	1538	3.3	1.73	2023-11-14	2023-11-20	CLIMATE	78%	1975
r-18	1555	3.4	1.89	2024-02-06	2024-02-12	ASK 2024	79%	1963
s-19	1522	3.5	1.89	2024-04-18	2024-04-25	ASAPH 19	78%	1962
t-20	1496	3.6	1.96	2024-07-11	2024-07-18	ASAPH 20	76%	1961
u-21	1744*	3.5	2.26	2024-09-13	2024-09-30	ASAPH 21	67%	2616
v-22	1771	3.3	2.02	2024-11-14	2024-11-24	ASAPH 22	68%	2589
w-23	1716	3.4	2.02	2025-01-30	2025-02-10	ASAPH 23	67%	2578
x-24	1653	3.4	2.04	2025-04-15	2025-04-28	ASAPH 24	64%	2568
y-25	1699	3.5	2.13	2025-08-05	2025-08-18	ASAPH 25	67%	2550
z-26	1637	3.5	2.05	2025-11-17	2025-12-01	ASAPH 26	65%	2529
A-27	1604	3.5	2.03	2025-12-08	2025-12-22	ASAPH 27	64%	2509
B-28	1650	3.5	2.05	2026-02-03	2026-02-17	ASAPH 28	66%	2498
C-29	1639	3.5	2.03	2026-04-14	2026-04-28	ASAPH 29	66%	2486
D-30	1904**	3.2	2.05	2026-08-04	2026-08-17	ASAPH 30	75%	2545

* To account for attrition, a small replenishment sample was recruited prior to W21 using a random probability sampling design. This replenishment added 360 respondents to the sample.

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2 Topline

The remaining portion of this document provides the topline results reported in the release. All figures are rounded to the nearest whole number and may not add to 100%. Combined subcategories may not add to totals in topline and text due to rounding. A lowercase e stands in for values that round to 0, but are not exactly 0. Aggregated NET categories are highlighted in grey. Superscript letters indicate statistically significant differences with the corresponding wave.

AA5.

AA5. In general, how confident, if at all, are you that the following provided [before Aug 2025: are providing] the public with trustworthy information about matters concerning public health? – Dr. Anthony Fauci, former director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

Wave	N	NET Unconfident	Not at all confident	Not too confident	NET Confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Not sure	Refused
(D) 08/17/26	1904	50 ^{pxyzAC}	30 ^{pxyzAC}	20	50 ^{pxyzAC}	26 ^{pyzA}	24 ^{px}	0 ^p	e
(C) 04/28/26	1639	45 ^{pD}	25 ^{pD}	20	55 ^{pD}	29	26	0	e
(B) 02/17/26	1650	46 ^p	26 ^p	20	54 ^p	29	25 ^x	0	0
(A) 12/22/25	1604	42 ^D	23 ^D	19	58 ^D	32 ^{wxD}	26	0	0
(z) 12/01/25	1637	42 ^D	23 ^D	19	57 ^D	32 ^{wxD}	25 ^x	0	e
(y) 08/18/25	1699	43 ^D	23 ^D	20	57 ^D	31 ^D	26	0	e
(x) 04/28/25	1653	43 ^D	23 ^D	20	57 ^D	27 ^{pzA}	30 ^{zBD}	e	0
(w) 02/10/25	1716	45 ^p	25 ^{pD}	20	55 ^p	27 ^{pzA}	27	e	e
(p) 10/12/23	1559	39 ^{wBCD}	20 ^{wBCD}	20	60 ^{wBCD}	32 ^{wxD}	28 ^D	e ^D	0

A3.

A3. In general, how confident, if at all, are you that the following are providing the public with trustworthy information about means of preventing and treating COVID-19? / Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Wave	N	NET Unconfident	Not at all confident	Not too confident	NET Confident	Somewhat confident	Very confident	Not sure	Refused
(k) 01/16/23	1641	37 ^{abc}	18 ^a	18	63 ^{abc}	27 ^g	36 ^{ag}	0	0
(j) 10/18/22	1646	36 ^a	18 ^a	18	64 ^a	28	36 ^{ag}	e	e
(g) 07/18/22	1580	37 ^{abc}	16 ^a	21 ^{abcd}	63 ^{abc}	32 ^k	31 ^{abcdjk}	e	0
(f) 04/04/22	1638	36 ^a	16 ^a	20	64 ^a	30	34 ^a	0	0
(e) 01/17/22	1656	35 ^a	17 ^a	18	65 ^a	31	34 ^a	0	0
(d) 11/09/21	1672	33	16 ^a	17 ^g	67	31	36 ^{ag}	0	e
(c) 09/05/21	1669	32 ^{gk}	15	17 ^g	68 ^{gk}	30	38 ^g	0	0
(b) 06/22/21	1719	32 ^{gk}	15	17 ^g	68 ^{gk}	30	38 ^g	0	0
(a) 04/19/21	1941	29 ^{efgjk}	12 ^{defgjk}	17 ^g	71 ^{efgjk}	29	41 ^{defgjk}	0	e

AA8ALL.

AA8A/AA8. In general, how confident, if at all, are you that the following are providing the public with trustworthy information about matters concerning public health? – Robert F. Kennedy Jr. [added Aug 2025.; Secretary of Health and Human Services; collapsed across half-samples in Aug 2025]

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(D) 08/17/26	1904	62	40	22	38	30	8	e	0
(C) 04/28/26	1639	63	40	24	37	28	9	0	0
(B) 02/17/26	1650	62	38	24	38	29	9	e	e
(A) 12/22/25	1604	63	43 ^y	20	37	29	8	0	e
(z) 12/01/25	1637	62	41	21	38	29	9	0	e
(y) 08/18/25	1699	60	37 ^A	23	39	30	10	0	e
(w) 02/10/25	1716	62	38	23	38	27	11	e	e