

Attitudes on Retirement Security: National Voter Survey



Methodology

- These findings are derived from a nationally representative survey of N=2,007 registered voters nationwide. The survey was conducted via online interviews, sampled from the voter-file matched panel hosted by Dynata, a leading global survey partner.
- This survey was fielded February 12-18, 2022, and the data was weighted to known demographic and voter turnout characteristics of the registered voter population derived from U.S. Census Bureau estimates and the voter file. Due to rounding, the percentages presented may not always appear to add up to 100 percent.
- Research was conducted by Echelon Insights on behalf of the Economic Innovation Group.







Key Findings

- Less than half of voters are confident that the next generation will be better off financially, although a majority have confidence in their own financial future.
- Economic confidence has declined over the past year; fewer voters are confident in their own or the next generation's ability to improve their financial standing.
- The vast majority (81%) of voters are at least somewhat concerned about retirement security; retirement concerns are shared by majorities of both Republicans and Democrats.





Most Voters are Confident in Their Own Financial Future, but Less Confident About the Next Generation

Q. How confident are you that ...?





■Very/Somewhat ■Unsure ■Not that/Not at all confident

73%	6%	21%

%	6%	28%
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6	7%	28%
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Rural Voters are Less Financially Confident than Urban Voters

Q. How confident are you that ...? [% Answering Very/Somewhat Confident]



■ Urban ■ Rural

You will be able to improve your financial standing over your lifetime

You will have enough savings to live comfortably when you retire

You will be financially better off than your parents

The next generation will be financially better off than your generation

Financial Confidence has Declined Since 2021

Q. How confident are you that ...? [% Answering Very/Somewhat Confident]







Only About Half of Voters Report Having an IRA or 401(k)

Q. Do you have any of the following? Select all that apply.







Just over Half of Voters with a Retirement Plan Have an Employer Match

Q. Does your employer currently offer to match your contributions to your retirement savings fund like an IRA or 401(k)?





55%

40%

A Lack of Access, Incentives, and Financial **Resources Hamper Retirement Savings**

Q. What are some reasons you currently do not have a retirement savings account, like a 401(k) or IRA?

• 45 percent cite reasons related to information, access, and incentives.

- employer does not offer a retirement savings plan. ■ 12 percent =
- employer does not offer a match on retirement contributions. 12 percent =
- do not think they are eligible to have one. 12 percent =
- do not know how to set up an account. 9 percent =

• 29 percent do not have money to save for retirement after expenses.



Note: This question was posed to respondents that indicated that they do not hold an IRA or 401k.



The Vast Majority of Voters Are Concerned About Retirement Security

Q. How concerned are you, if at all, that the following are a problem for the country?



Extremely/Very/Somewhat concerned



■ Not Very/Not at all concerned □ Unsure

14%	5%

13%	5%

	16%	5%
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Retirement Concerns Transcend Party Lines

Q. How concerned are you, if at all, that the following are a problem for the country? [% Answering Extremely/Very/Somewhat Concerned]









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