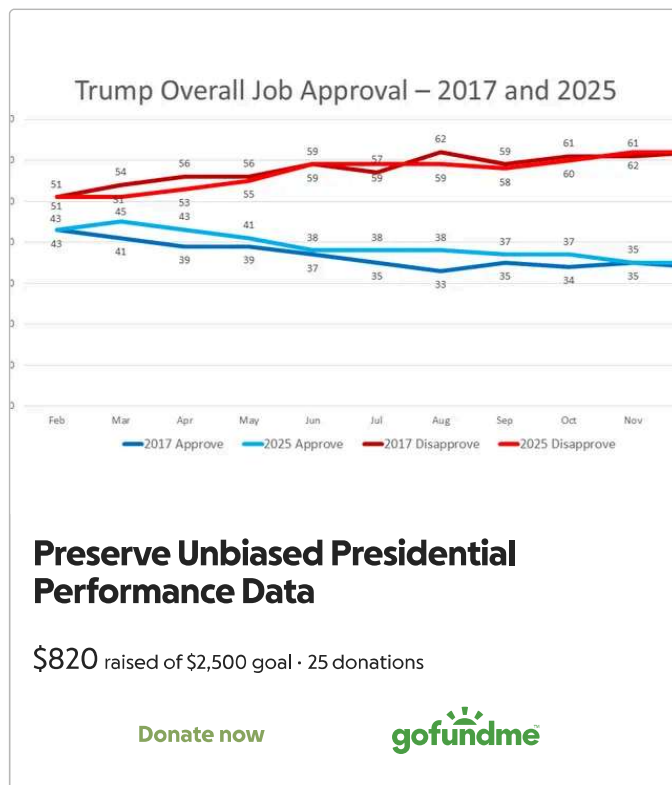




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December 22, 2025

Trump Overall Approval Unchanged from November

A total of 35% of Americans say they approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president and 62% say they disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job according to the latest survey from the American Research Group. In November, 35% of Americans approved of the way Trump was handling his job and 62% disapproved.

In December 2017, 34% approved of the way Trump was handling his job as president and 62% disapproved.

When it comes to Trump's handling of the economy, 33% of Americans approve and 64% disapprove. In November, 32% of Americans approved of the way Trump was handling the economy and 64% disapproved.

In December 2017, 34% approved of the way Trump was handling the economy and 60% disapproved.

Among Americans registered to vote, 35% approve of the way Trump is handling his job as president and 62% disapprove. On Trump's handling of the economy, 33% of registered voters approve and 64% disapprove.

Of the 35% of Americans saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job as president in the current survey, 19% say they expect the national economy will be better a year from now, 22% say the national economy will be the same, and 53% say they expect the national economy will be worse a year from now. In February 2025 among the 43% then saying they approved of the way Trump was handling his job, 46% said they expected the national economy to be better in a year, 11% said they expected the national economy to be the same in a year, and 30% said they expected the national economy to be worse in a year.

Of the 62% saying they disapprove of the way Trump his handling his job as president in the current survey, 74% say they expect the national economy will be worse a year from now.

Of the 35% of Americans saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job as president in the current survey, 12% say they expect the financial situations in their households will be better a year from now, 31% say they expect the financial situations in their households will be the same a year from now, and 53% say they expect the financial situations in their households will be worse a year from now. In February 2025 among the 43% then saying they approved of the way Trump was handling his job, 43% said they expected the financial situations in their households would be better in a year, 39% said they expected the financial situations in their households would be the same in a year, and 11% said they expected the financial situations in their households would be worse in a year.

Of the 62% saying they disapprove of the way Trump his handling his job as president in the current survey, 4% say they expect the financial situations in their households will be better a year from now, 18% say they expect the financial situations in their households will be the same a year from now, and 72% say they expect the financial situations in their households will be worse a year from now.

The results presented here are based on 1,100 completed interviews conducted among a nationwide random sample of adults December 17 through 20, 2025. The theoretical margin of error for the total sample is plus or minus 3 percentage points, 95% of the time, on questions where opinion is evenly split.

Overall, 35% of Americans say that they approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president, 62% disapprove, and 3% are undecided.

| Trump job approval | Approve | Disapprove | Undecided |
|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Dec 2025 | 35% | 62% | 3% |
| Nov 2025 | 35% | 62% | 3% |
| Oct 2025 | 37% | 60% | 3% |
| Sep 2025 | 37% | 58% | 5% |
| Aug 2025 | 38% | 59% | 3% |
| Jul 2025 | 38% | 59% | 3% |
| Jun 2025 | 38% | 59% | 3% |
| May 2025 | 41% | 55% | 4% |
| Apr 2025 | 43% | 53% | 4% |
| Mar 2025 | 45% | 51% | 4% |
| Feb 2025 | 43% | 51% | 6% |
| Joe Biden: | | | |
| Jan 2025 | 37% | 58% | 5% |
| Dec 2024 | 37% | 56% | 7% |

Among Republicans (32% of adults registered to vote in the survey and 29% of all adults in the survey), 74% approve of the way Trump is handling his job and 22% disapprove. Among Democrats (32% of adults registered to vote in the survey and 30% of all adults in the survey), 1% approve and 98% disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job. Among independents (36% of adults registered to vote in the survey and 32% of all adults in the survey), 31% approve and 65% disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job as president.

Overall, 33% of Americans say that they approve of the way Donald Trump is handling the economy, 64% disapprove, and 3% are undecided. Among registered voters, 33% approve and 64% disapprove of the way Trump is handling the economy.

| Trump handling the economy | Approve | Disapprove | Undecided |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Dec 2025 | 33% | 64% | 3% |
| Nov 2025 | 32% | 64% | 4% |
| Oct 2025 | 34% | 63% | 3% |
| Sep 2025 | 34% | 63% | 3% |
| Aug 2025 | 34% | 63% | 3% |
| Jul 2025 | 35% | 62% | 3% |
| Jun 2025 | 35% | 61% | 4% |
| May 2025 | 37% | 60% | 3% |
| Apr 2025 | 39% | 57% | 4% |
| Mar 2025 | 40% | 55% | 5% |
| Feb 2025 | 38% | 56% | 6% |
| Joe Biden: | | | |
| Jan 2025 | 35% | 61% | 4% |
| Dec 2024 | 36% | 58% | 6% |

Among Republicans, 70% approve of the way Trump is handling the economy and 28% disapprove. Among Democrats, 1% approve of the way Trump is handling the economy and 98% disapprove. Among independents, 29% approve and 65% disapprove of the way Trump is handling the economy.

A total of 8% of Americans say that the national economy is getting better, 17% say it is staying the same, and 71% say the national economy is getting worse.

| National economy | Getting better | Staying the same | Getting worse | Undecided |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Dec 2025 | 8% | 17% | 71% | 4% |
| Nov 2025 | 8% | 16% | 72% | 4% |

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| Oct 2025 | 10% | 15% | 69% | 6% |
| Sep 2025 | 10% | 20% | 65% | 5% |
| Aug 2025 | 11% | 21% | 64% | 4% |
| Jul 2025 | 11% | 20% | 64% | 5% |
| Jun 2025 | 12% | 19% | 66% | 3% |
| May 2025 | 13% | 16% | 66% | 5% |
| Apr 2025 | 15% | 22% | 60% | 3% |
| Mar 2025 | 21% | 20% | 56% | 3% |
| Feb 2025 | 20% | 26% | 50% | 4% |
| Jan 2025 | 27% | 9% | 60% | 4% |
| Dec 2024 | 28% | 9% | 58% | 5% |

Among those saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job, 19% say getting better, 30% say staying the same, and 48% say getting worse. Of those saying they disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job, 3% say getting better, 10% say staying the same, and 84% say getting worse.

A total of 11% of Americans say they believe the national economy will be better a year from now, 15% say it will be the same, and 66% say it will be worse.

| National economy a year from now | Better than today | The same as today | Worse than today | Undecided |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Dec 2025 | 11% | 15% | 66% | 8% |
| Nov 2025 | 11% | 17% | 66% | 6% |
| Oct 2025 | 12% | 17% | 63% | 8% |
| Sep 2025 | 14% | 18% | 61% | 7% |
| Aug 2025 | 16% | 17% | 61% | 6% |
| Jul 2025 | 16% | 15% | 60% | 9% |
| Jun 2025 | 20% | 15% | 58% | 7% |
| May 2025 | 23% | 15% | 56% | 6% |
| Apr 2025 | 26% | 17% | 51% | 6% |
| Mar 2025 | 30% | 19% | 44% | 7% |
| Feb 2025 | 34% | 19% | 36% | 11% |
| Jan 2025 | 33% | 25% | 26% | 16% |
| Dec 2024 | 34% | 26% | 25% | 15% |

Among those saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job, 19% say better, 22% say the same as today, 53% say worse than today, and 5% are undecided. Among those saying they disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job as president, 6% say better, 11% say the same, and 74% say worse.

Overall, 58% of Americans say they believe that the national economy is in a recession, 28% say they do not believe the economy is in a recession, and 14% are undecided.

| National economy in a recession | Yes | No | Undecided |
|--|------------|-----------|------------------|
| Dec 2025 | 58% | 28% | 14% |
| Nov 2025 | 56% | 27% | 17% |
| Oct 2025 | 56% | 29% | 15% |
| Sep 2025 | 54% | 30% | 16% |
| Aug 2025 | 52% | 32% | 16% |
| Jul 2025 | 52% | 30% | 18% |
| Jun 2025 | 50% | 33% | 17% |
| May 2025 | 50% | 29% | 21% |
| Apr 2025 | 46% | 33% | 21% |
| Mar 2025 | 47% | 33% | 20% |
| Feb 2025 | 46% | 35% | 19% |
| Jan 2025 | 42% | 44% | 14% |
| Dec 2024 | 41% | 45% | 14% |

Among those saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job, 35% say the national economy is in a recession, 47% say the national economy is not in a recession, and 18% are undecided. Of those saying they disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job, 70% say the national economy is in a recession, 17% say the national economy is not in a recession, and 13% are undecided.

A total of 11% of Americans rate the national economy as excellent, very good, or good and 84% rate it as bad, very bad, or terrible.

| National economy | Excellent | Very good | Good | Bad | Very bad | Terrible | Undecided |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Dec 2025 | 1% | 4% | 6% | 34% | 2% | 48% | 5% |
| Nov 2025 | 2% | 4% | 6% | 38% | 3% | 43% | 4% |
| Oct 2025 | 2% | 5% | 7% | 35% | 4% | 43% | 4% |
| Sep 2025 | 2% | 6% | 9% | 40% | 5% | 34% | 4% |
| Aug 2025 | 2% | 7% | 10% | 42% | 4% | 30% | 5% |
| Jul 2025 | 2% | 10% | 10% | 44% | 4% | 25% | 5% |

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| Jun 2025 | 2% | 10% | 10% | 48% | 5% | 20% | 5% |
| May 2025 | 2% | 12% | 13% | 46% | 5% | 17% | 5% |
| Apr 2025 | 2% | 14% | 12% | 50% | 4% | 13% | 5% |
| Mar 2025 | 2% | 17% | 15% | 48% | 6% | 8% | 4% |
| Feb 2025 | 2% | 14% | 14% | 49% | 9% | 8% | 4% |
| Jan 2025 | 15% | 16% | 12% | 8% | 18% | 30% | 1% |
| Dec 2024 | 15% | 15% | 14% | 8% | 17% | 30% | 1% |

Among those saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job, 25% say very good, or good and 73% say bad, very bad, or terrible. Among those saying they disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job, 4% say very good, or good and 92% say bad, very bad, or terrible.

When it comes to rating their household financial situations, 34% of Americans give an excellent, very good, or good rating and 60% give a bad, very bad, or terrible rating.

| Household financial situation | Excellent | Very good | Good | Bad | Very bad | Terrible | Undecided |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Dec 2025 | 6% | 5% | 23% | 19% | 3% | 38% | 6% |
| Nov 2025 | 7% | 5% | 23% | 19% | 2% | 38% | 6% |
| Oct 2025 | 7% | 7% | 24% | 22% | 3% | 32% | 5% |
| Sep 2025 | 5% | 9% | 27% | 21% | 4% | 30% | 4% |
| Aug 2025 | 6% | 10% | 29% | 21% | 3% | 28% | 3% |
| Jul 2025 | 8% | 11% | 28% | 21% | 3% | 23% | 6% |
| Jun 2025 | 6% | 10% | 29% | 23% | 3% | 24% | 5% |
| May 2025 | 7% | 11% | 29% | 24% | 5% | 18% | 6% |
| Apr 2025 | 8% | 14% | 29% | 21% | 6% | 18% | 4% |
| Mar 2025 | 11% | 18% | 33% | 12% | 8% | 14% | 4% |
| Feb 2025 | 12% | 22% | 31% | 12% | 5% | 12% | 6% |
| Jan 2025 | 10% | 22% | 28% | 23% | 8% | 3% | 6% |
| Dec 2024 | 12% | 19% | 29% | 22% | 8% | 3% | 7% |

Among those saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job, 44% say excellent, very good, or good and 52% say bad, very bad, or terrible. Among those saying they disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job, 29% say very good, or good and 67% say bad, very bad, or terrible.

A total of 7% of Americans say they think the financial situations in their households are getting better, 23% say staying the same, and 65% say getting worse.

| Household financial situation | Getting better | Staying the same | Getting worse | Undecided |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Dec 2025 | 7% | 23% | 65% | 5% |
| Nov 2025 | 4% | 21% | 68% | 7% |
| Oct 2025 | 4% | 25% | 66% | 5% |
| Sep 2025 | 5% | 30% | 60% | 5% |
| Aug 2025 | 6% | 33% | 56% | 5% |
| Jul 2025 | 6% | 33% | 57% | 4% |
| Jun 2025 | 5% | 36% | 55% | 4% |
| May 2025 | 5% | 37% | 53% | 5% |
| Apr 2025 | 6% | 41% | 48% | 5% |
| Mar 2025 | 7% | 47% | 39% | 7% |
| Feb 2025 | 8% | 51% | 30% | 11% |
| Jan 2025 | 10% | 42% | 47% | 1% |
| Dec 2024 | 12% | 43% | 44% | 1% |

Among those saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job, 12% say getting better, 31% say staying the same, and 53% say getting worse. Among those saying they disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job, 4% say getting better, 18% say staying the same, and 72% say getting worse.

Looking to a year from now, 10% of Americans say that they think their household financial situations will be better than today, 24% say the same as today, and 60% say worse than today.

| Household financial situation a year from now | Better than today | The same as today | Worse than today | Undecided |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Dec 2025 | 10% | 24% | 60% | 6% |
| Nov 2025 | 10% | 26% | 58% | 6% |
| Oct 2025 | 10% | 28% | 56% | 6% |
| Sep 2025 | 13% | 29% | 52% | 6% |
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| Feb 2025 | 32% | 41% | 18% | 9% |
| Jan 2025 | 23% | 43% | 29% | 5% |
| Dec 2024 | 24% | 43% | 28% | 5% |

Among those saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job, 15% say better than today, 36% say the same as today, and 43% say worse than today. Among those saying they disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job, 7% say better than today, 17% say the same as today, and 70% say worse than today.

About this Survey -

Survey Sponsor: American Research Group, Inc.

The American Research Group has been conducting national surveys of consumers since 1985.

Sample Size: 1,100 completed interviews among a random sample of all adults age 18 and older living in households in the continental United States (see [methodology](#) for details). There were 321 Republicans, 322 Democrats, 356 independents, and 101 non-voters in the sample.

Sample Dates: December 17-20, 2025

Margin of Error: \pm 3 percentage points, 95% of the time, on questions where opinion is evenly split.

Question Wording and Order:

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president?

Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling the economy?

How do you rate the condition of the national economy these days - would you say it is excellent, very good, good, bad, very bad, or terrible?

Do you think the national economy is getting better, staying the same, or getting worse?

Would you say that the national economy is in a recession, or not?

A year from now, do you expect the national economy to be better than it is today, the same as it is today, or worse than it is today?

How do you rate the condition of the financial situation in your household - would you say it is excellent, very good, good, bad, very bad, or terrible?

Do you think the financial situation in your household is getting better, staying the same, or getting worse?

A year from now, do you expect the financial situation in your household to be better than it is today, the same as it is today, or worse than it is today?

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