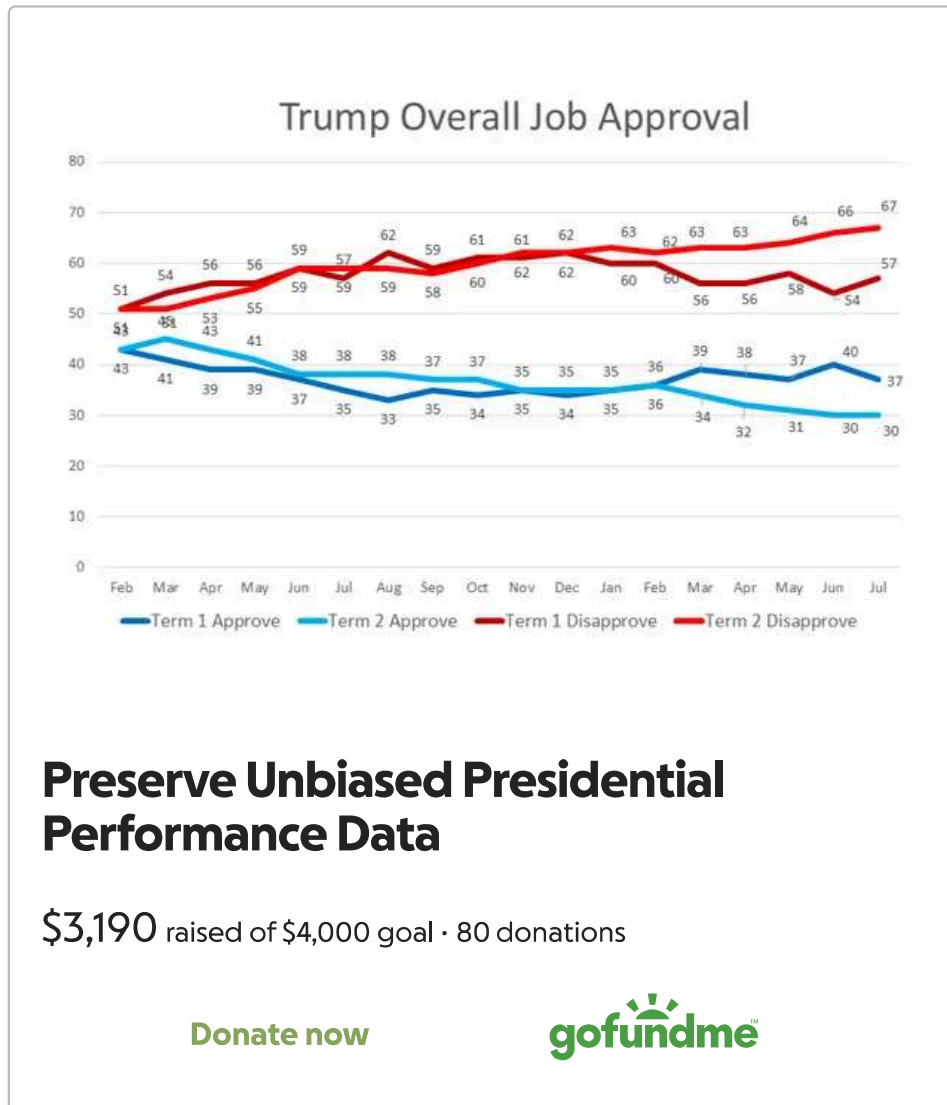




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Trump Overall Job Disapproval at 67%
Trump Disapproval on Handling the Economy at 70%

A total of 30% of Americans say they approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president and 67% say they disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job according to the

latest survey from the American Research Group. In June, 30% of Americans approved of the way Trump was handling his job and 66% disapproved.

In July 2018, 37% approved of the way Trump was handling his job as president and 57% disapproved.

When it comes to Trump's handling of the economy, 28% of Americans approve and 70% disapprove. In June, 26% of Americans approved of the way Trump was handling the economy and 70% disapproved.

In July 2018, 42% approved of the way Trump was handling the economy and 52% disapproved.

Among Americans registered to vote, 31% approve of the way Trump is handling his job as president and 67% disapprove. On Trump's handling of the economy, 28% of registered voters approve and 70% disapprove.

Of the 30% of Americans saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job as president in the current survey, 14% say they expect the national economy will be better a year from now, 20% say the national economy will be the same, and 61% 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 67% saying they disapprove of the way Trump his handling his job as president in the current survey, 78% say they expect the national economy will be worse a year from now.

Of the 30% of Americans saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job as president in the current survey, 14% say they expect the financial situations in their households will be better a year from now, 32% say they expect the financial situations in their households will be the same a year from now, 41% say they expect the financial situations in their households will be worse a year from now, and 13% are undecided. 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 67% saying they disapprove of the way Trump his handling his job as president in the current survey, 5% say they expect the financial situations in their households will be better a year from now, 14% say they expect the financial situations in their households will be the same a year from now, and 75% 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 July 16 through 20, 2026. 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, 30% of Americans say that they approve of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president, 67% disapprove, and 3% are undecided.

Trump job approval	Approve	Disapprove	Undecided
Jul 2026	30%	67%	3%
Jun 2026	30%	66%	4%
May 2026	31%	64%	5%
Apr 2026	32%	63%	5%
Mar 2026	34%	63%	3%
Feb 2026	36%	62%	2%
Jan 2026	35%	63%	2%
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%

Among Republicans (32% of adults registered to vote in the survey and 29% of all adults in the survey), 67% approve of the way Trump is handling his job and 31% disapprove. Among Democrats (33% 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 (35% of adults registered to vote in the survey and 33% of all adults in the survey), 25% approve and 70% disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job as president.

Overall, 28% of Americans say that they approve of the way Donald Trump is handling the economy, 70% disapprove, and 2% are undecided. Among registered voters, 28% approve and 70% disapprove of the way Trump is handling the economy.

Trump handling the economy

	Approve	Disapprove	Undecided
Jul 2026	28%	70%	2%
Jun 2026	26%	70%	4%
May 2026	29%	67%	4%
Apr 2026	31%	65%	4%
Mar 2026	33%	64%	3%
Feb 2026	35%	62%	3%
Jan 2026	32%	64%	4%
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%

Among Republicans, 63% approve of the way Trump is handling the economy and 36% disapprove. Among Democrats, 1% approve of the way Trump is handling the economy and 98% disapprove. Among independents, 22% approve and 74% disapprove of the way Trump is handling the economy.

A total of 7% of Americans say that the national economy is getting better, 16% 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
Jul 2026	7%	16%	71%	6%
Jun 2026	6%	16%	73%	5%
May 2026	8%	17%	70%	5%
Apr 2026	9%	18%	67%	6%
Mar 2026	10%	20%	64%	6%
Feb 2026	9%	20%	69%	2%
Jan 2026	8%	19%	68%	5%
Dec 2025	8%	17%	71%	4%
Nov 2025	8%	16%	72%	4%
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%

Among those saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job, 14% say getting better, 24% say staying the same, and 55% say getting worse. Of those saying they disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job, 4% say getting better, 13% say staying the same, and 78% say getting worse.

A total of 8% of Americans say they believe the national economy will be better a year from now, 14% say it will be the same, and 73% say it will be worse.

National economy a year from now	Better than today	The same as today	Worse than today	Undecided
Jul 2026	8%	14%	73%	5%
Jun 2026	7%	12%	75%	6%
May 2026	9%	15%	69%	7%
Apr 2026	10%	15%	67%	8%
Mar 2026	10%	14%	70%	6%
Feb 2026	12%	18%	65%	5%
Jan 2026	10%	14%	69%	7%
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%

Among those saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job, 14% say better, 20% say the same as today, 61% say worse than today, and 8% are undecided. Among those saying they disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job as president, 6% say better, 12% say the same, and 78% say worse.

Overall, 66% of Americans say they believe that the national economy is in a recession, 19% say they do not believe the economy is in a recession, and 15% are undecided.

National economy in a recession	Yes	No	Undecided
Jul 2026	66%	19%	15%
Jun 2026	65%	19%	16%
May 2026	60%	22%	18%
Apr 2026	60%	22%	18%
Mar 2026	62%	24%	14%
Feb 2026	58%	27%	15%
Jan 2026	61%	27%	12%
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%

Among those saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job, 44% say the national economy is in a recession, 34% say the national economy is not in a recession, and 22% are undecided. Of those saying they disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job, 76% say the

national economy is in a recession, 13% say the national economy is not in a recession, and 11% are undecided.

A total of 13% of Americans rate the national economy as excellent, very good, or good and 81% rate it as bad, very bad, or terrible.

National economy	Excellent	Very good	Good	Bad	Very bad	Terrible	Undecided
Jul 2026	4%	3%	6%	15%	7%	59%	6%
Jun 2026	3%	3%	4%	17%	8%	57%	8%
May 2026	4%	4%	6%	17%	10%	52%	5%
Apr 2026	5%	6%	6%	21%	8%	50%	4%
Mar 2026	4%	7%	6%	23%	6%	49%	5%
Feb 2026	3%	5%	7%	29%	3%	48%	5%
Jan 2026	3%	5%	7%	30%	3%	47%	5%
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%

Among those saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job, 21% 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, 9% say very good, or good and 84% say bad, very bad, or terrible.

When it comes to rating their household financial situations, 25% of Americans give an excellent, very good, or good rating and 67% give a bad, very bad, or terrible rating.

Household financial situation	Excellent	Very good	Good	Bad	Very bad	Terrible	Undecided
Jul 2026	9%	3%	13%	11%	4%	52%	8%
Jun 2026	8%	4%	12%	12%	5%	52%	7%
May 2026	9%	4%	17%	12%	7%	42%	9%
Apr 2026	9%	4%	19%	14%	9%	37%	8%
Mar 2026	6%	6%	23%	15%	7%	34%	9%
Feb 2026	8%	5%	24%	17%	3%	37%	6%
Jan 2026	8%	5%	21%	22%	3%	35%	6%
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%

Among those saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job, 39% say excellent, very good, or good and 54% say bad, very bad, or terrible. Among those saying they disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job, 19% say very good, or good and 72% say bad, very bad, or terrible.

A total of 4% of Americans say they think the financial situations in their households are getting better, 19% say staying the same, and 72% say getting worse.

Household financial situation	Getting better	Staying the same	Getting worse	Undecided
Jul 2026	4%	19%	72%	5%
Jun 2026	3%	18%	73%	6%
May 2026	4%	23%	66%	7%
Apr 2026	5%	25%	63%	7%
Mar 2026	7%	24%	62%	7%
Feb 2026	7%	26%	62%	5%
Jan 2026	6%	23%	68%	3%
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%

Among those saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job, 6% say getting better, 35% say staying the same, and 54% say getting worse. Among those saying they disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job, 4% say getting better, 12% say staying the same, and 80% say getting worse.

Looking to a year from now, 8% of Americans say that they think their household financial situations will be better than today, 19% say the same as today, and 65% say worse than today.

Household financial situation a year from now	Better than today	The same as today	Worse than today	Undecided
Jul 2026	8%	19%	65%	8%
Jun 2026	6%	19%	68%	7%
May 2026	8%	22%	63%	7%
Apr 2026	10%	24%	59%	7%
Mar 2026	11%	22%	59%	8%
Feb 2026	10%	24%	61%	5%
Jan 2026	10%	24%	60%	6%
Dec 2025	10%	24%	60%	6%
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Aug 2025	16%	31%	48%	5%
Jul 2025	17%	31%	44%	8%

Among those saying they approve of the way Trump is handling his job, 14% say better than today, 32% say the same as today, and 41% say worse than today. Among those saying they disapprove of the way Trump is handling his job, 5% say better than today, 14% say the same as today, and 75% 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 317 Republicans, 328 Democrats, 359 independents, and 96 non-voters in the sample.

Sample Dates: July 16-20, 2026

Margin of Error: ± 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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