AASM Sleep Prioritization Survey Adult Sleep Duration

Survey Methodology

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) commissioned an online survey of 2,007 adults in the U.S. The margin of error for the sample fell within +/- 2 percentage points with a confidence interval of 95%. The fieldwork took place between July 17-20, 2020. Atomik Research is an independent market research agency.



Question

During an average week, how often do you get seven (7) or more hours of sleep?

Results

• 85% of Americans do not get the recommended 7 hours or more of sleep every night.

Overall Results

Total	2,007
2 times or less per week	675 (34%)
Never (0 times per week)	158 (8%)
1-2 times per week	517 (26%)
3-4 times per week	586 (29%)
5-6 times per week	352 (18%)
Always (7 times per week)	307 (15%)
I don't know	87 (4%)

Slightly more than a third of Americans (34%) are sleeping 7 or more hours two nights or less each week.

Results by Gender

	Male	Female
Total	1,099	908
2 times or less per week	372 (34%)	303 (33%)
Never (0 times per week)	78 (8%)	80 (9%)
1-2 times per week	294 (26%)	223 (25%)
3-4 times per week	311 (29%)	275 (30%)
5-6 times per week	204 (18%)	148 (16%)
Always (7 times per week)	173 (15%)	134 (15%)
I don't know	39 (4%)	48 (5%)

Results by Age Group

	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Total	560	421	617	226	128	55
2 times or less per week	187 (33%)	144 (34%)	200 (32%)	81 (36%)	45 (35%)	18 (33%)
Never (0 times per week)	48 (9%)	37 (9%)	24 (4%)	21 (9%)	19 (15%)	9 (16%)
1-2 times per week	139 (25%)	107 (25%)	176 (29%)	60 (27%)	26 (20%)	9 (16%)
3-4 times per week	172 (31%)	125 (30%)	181 (29%)	70 (31%)	25 (20%)	13 (24%)
5-6 times per week	76 (14%)	81 (19%)	117 (19%)	32 (14%)	31 (24%)	15 (27%)
Always (7 times per week)	74 (13%)	59 (14%)	107 (17%)	36 (16%)	24 (19%)	7 (13%)
I don't know	51 (9%)	12 (3%)	12 (2%)	7 (3%)	3 (2%)	2 (4%)

Results by Generation



	Gen Z (18-22)	Millennial (23-38)	Gen X (39-54)	Baby Boomer (55-73)	Silent Generation (74+)
Total	450	754	620	178	5
2 times or less per week	145 (32%)	258 (34%)	209 (34%)	61 (34%)	2 (40%)
Never (0 times per week)	39 (9%)	55 (7%)	36 (6%)	27 (15%)	1 (20%)
1-2 times per week	106 (24%)	203 (27%)	173 (28%)	34 (19%)	1 (20%)
3-4 times per week	138 (31%)	235 (31%)	175 (28%)	36 (20%)	2 (40%)
5-6 times per week	63 (14%)	130 (17%)	113 (18%)	45 (25%)	1 (20%)
Always (7 times per week)	60 (13%)	106 (14%)	110 (18%)	31 (17%)	0 (0%)
I don't know	44 (10%)	25 (3%)	13 (2%)	5 (3%)	0 (0%)

One-quarter of Baby Boomers (25%) obtain 7 hours or more of sleep 5 to 6 times per week.

Results by Region

	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total	566	422	710	309
2 times or less per week	203 (36%)	131 (31%)	248 (35%)	93 (30%)
Never (0 times per week)	36 (6%)	30 (7%)	60 (8%)	32 (10%)
1-2 times per week	167 (30%)	101 (24%)	188 (26%)	61 (20%)
3-4 times per week	160 (28%)	133 (32%)	202 (28%)	91 (29%)
5-6 times per week	89 (16%)	81 (19%)	124 (17%)	58 (19%)
Always (7 times per week)	92 (16%)	60 (14%)	111 (16%)	44 (14%)
I don't know	22 (4%)	17 (4%)	25 (4%)	23 (7%)

General Population (Non-Parents) vs Parent

	Non-Parents	Parents
Total	1,002	1,005
2 times or less per week	355 (35%)	320 (32%)
Never (0 times per week)	118 (12%)	40 (4%)
1-2 times per week	237 (24%)	280 (28%)
3-4 times per week	264 (26%)	322 (32%)
5-6 times per week	167 (17%)	185 (18%)
Always (7 times per week)	145 (14%)	162 (16%)
I don't know	71 (7%)	16 (2%)

Nearly a third of parents (32%) obtain 7 or more hours of sleep 3 to 4 times per week.

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