# **AASM Sleep Prioritization Survey**

Sleeping with a Pet

## Survey Methodology

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine commissioned an online survey of 2,010 adults in the U.S. The overall margin of error fell within +/-2 percentage points with a confidence interval of 95 percent. Fieldwork took place between Feb. 17-24, 2022. Atomik Research is an independent market research agency



#### **Question**

Do you sleep in the same bed with a pet?

### **Results**

- Nearly half of Americans (46%) sleep in the same bed with a pet.
  - o Note: This reflects those answering ("always or almost always" and "sometimes")

#### **Overall Results**

Total	2,010
Yes, always or almost	
always	466 (23%)
Yes, sometimes	453 (23%)
No, never	1,091 (54%)

54% of Americans have never shared a bed with their pet.

Results by Gender

	Male	Female
Total	1,002	1,008
Yes, always or almost always	209 (21%)	257 (25%)
Yes, sometimes	227 (23%)	226 (22%)
No, never	566 (56%)	525 (52%)

47% of females sleep in the same bed with a pet, compared to 44% of males

**Results by Age Group** 

	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Total	302	401	461	341	242	263
Yes, always or almost always	62 (21%)	108 (27%)	108 (23%)	95 (28%)	51 (21%)	42 (16%)
Yes, sometimes	97 (32%)	93 (23%)	111 (24%)	70 (21%)	40 (17%)	42 (16%)
No, never	143 (47%)	200 (50%)	242 (52%)	176 (52%)	151 (62%)	179 (68%)

Nearly 70% of Americans, over the age of 65, do not sleep in the same bed with a pet.

**Results by Generation** 

	Gen Z (18-25)	Millennial (26-41)	Gen X (42-57)	Baby Boomer (58-75)	Silent Generation (76+)
Total	347	702	539	364	58
Yes, always or almost always	72 (21%)	177 (25%)	139 (26%)	70 (19%)	8 (14%)
Yes, sometimes	113 (33%)	165 (24%)	109 (20%)	61 (17%)	5 (9%)
No, never	162 (47%)	360 (51%)	291 (54%)	233 (64%)	45 (78%)

54% of Gen Z adults sleep with a pet, which is 8% higher than the national average.



Results by Region

1 -1	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total	382	481	703	444
Yes, always or almost always	85 (22%)	100 (21%)	168 (24%)	113 (25%)
Yes, sometimes	78 (20%)	128 (27%)	143 (20%)	104 (23%)
No, never	219 (57%)	253 (53%)	392 (56%)	227 (51%)

In the Northeast, 57% of adults reported that they never sleep with a pet.

# Question

If always/almost always or sometimes, how does sleeping with your pet impact your quality of sleep?

#### **Results**

• Out of those who sleep with a pet, nearly one-fifth of Americans sleep worse, nearly half (46%) sleep better.

**Overall Results** 

Total	919
I sleep better with my pet	420 (46%)
I sleep worse with my pet	178 (19%)
I sleep the same with or	321 (35%)
without my pet	

35% of adults who sleep with pets, don't notice a difference when sleeping with or without a pet.

Results by Gender

	Male	Female
Total	436	483
I sleep better with my pet	195 (45%)	225 (47%)
I sleep worse with my pet	98 (22%)	80 (17%)
I sleep the same with or without my pet	143 (33%)	178 (37%)

Compared to females, males are 5% more likely to sleep worse when sharing a bed with a pet.

**Results by Age Group** 

	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
Total	159	201	219	165	91	84
I sleep better with my pet	72 (45%)	97 (48%)	94 (43%)	84 (51%)	43 (47%)	30 (36%)
I sleep worse with my pet	33 (21%)	41 (20%)	54 (25%)	28 (17%)	13 (14%)	9 (11%)
I sleep the same with or without my pet	54 (34%)	63 (31%)	71 (32%)	53 (32%)	35 (38%)	45 (54%)

More than half (51%) of those ages 45-54 sleep better with a pet.

**Results by Generation** 

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	Gen Z (18-25)	Millennial (26-41)	Gen X (42-57)	Baby Boomer (58-75)	Silent Generation (76+)	
Total	185	342	248	131	13	
I sleep better with my pet	86 (46%)	155 (45%)	121 (49%)	55 (42%)	3 (23%)	
I sleep worse with my pet	40 (22%)	78 (23%)	45 (18%)	15 (11%)	0 (0%)	
I sleep the same with or without my pet	59 (32%)	109 (32%)	82 (33%)	61 (47%)	10 (77%)	

Nearly half of Gen X (49%) sleep better while sharing a bed with a pet.



**Results by Region** 

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	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total	163	228	311	217
I sleep better with my pet	71 (44%)	101 (44%)	141 (45%)	107 (49%)
I sleep worse with my pet	29 (18%)	55 (24%)	58 (19%)	36 (17%)
I sleep the same with or without my pet	63 (39%)	72 (32%)	112 (36%)	74 (34%)

Almost 50% of adults in the West sleep better with a pet, while 24% of those in the Midwest sleep worse.

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