AASM Sleep Prioritization Survey

Eliminating seasonal time changes

Survey Methodology

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine commissioned an online survey of 2,005 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 March 24-29, 2023. Atomik Research is an independent market research agency.

Question

Observing daylight saving time requires "changing the clocks" twice per year. Would you support the elimination of these seasonal time changes?

Results

Six in 10 (64%) Americans support eliminating seasonal time changes. •

Overall Results

| Total | 2005 |
|------------------|-----------|
| Strongly support | 832 (41%) |
| Somewhat support | 444 (22%) |
| Neutral | 520 (26%) |
| Somewhat oppose | 105 (5%) |
| Strongly oppose | 104 (5%) |

change.

Results by Gender

| | Male | Female |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Total | 997 | 997 |
| Strongly support | 457 (46%) | 373 (37%) |
| Somewhat support | 224 (22%) | 218 (22%) |
| Neutral | 222 (22%) | 293 (29%) |
| Somewhat oppose | 48 (5%) | 57 (6%) |
| Strongly oppose | 46 (5%) | 56 (6%) |

Men (68%) are more likely than women (59%) to support the elimination of a seasonal time change.

Most Americans (89%) report that they would support or feel neutral in eliminating a seasonal time

Results by Age Group

| | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Total | 313 | 456 | 541 | 367 | 176 | 152 |
| Strongly support | 82 (26%) | 172 (38%) | 231 (43%) | 172 (47%) | 84 (48%) | 91 (60%) |
| Somewhat | 91 (29%) | 114 (25%) | 125 (23%) | 61 (17%) | 32 (18%) | 21 (14%) |
| support | | | | | | |
| Neutral | 105 (34%) | 125 (27%) | 126 (23%) | 97 (26%) | 45 (26%) | 22 (14%) |
| Somewhat | 24 (8%) | 22 (5%) | 32 (6%) | 15 (4%) | 6 (3%) | 6 (4%) |
| oppose | | | | | | |
| Strongly oppose | 11 (4%) | 23 (5%) | 27 (5%) | 22 (6%) | 9 (5%) | 12 (8%) |

Americans over 65 (74%) are most likely to support the elimination of a seasonal time change.



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Results by Generation

| | Gen Z (18-26) | Millennial (27-42) | Gen X (43-58) | Baby Boomer (59-76) | Silent Generation (77+) |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Total | 388 | 845 | 526 | 230 | 16 |
| Strongly support | 108 (28%) | 346 (41%) | 248 (47%) | 122 (53%) | 8 (50%) |
| Somewhat | 111 (29%) | 205 (24%) | 90 (17%) | 36 (16%) | 2 (13%) |
| support | | | | | |
| Neutral | 128 (33%) | 208 (25%) | 133 (25%) | 49 (21%) | 2 (13%) |
| Somewhat | 26 (7%) | 45 (5%) | 25 (5%) | 8 (3%) | 1 (6%) |
| oppose | | | | | |
| Strongly oppose | 15 (4%) | 41 (5%) | 30 (6%) | 15 (7%) | 3 (19%) |

Over two-thirds of Baby Boomers (69%) and Millennials (65%) reported they support the elimination of a seasonal time change.

Results by Region

| | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total | 385 | 481 | 701 | 438 |
| Strongly support | 135 (35%) | 210 (44%) | 287 (41%) | 200 (46%) |
| Somewhat | 92 (24%) | 107 (22%) | 146 (21%) | 99 (23%) |
| support | | | | |
| Neutral | 119 (31%) | 115 (24%) | 198 (28%) | 88 (20%) |
| Somewhat | 24 (6%) | 20 (4%) | 32 (5%) | 29 (7%) |
| oppose | | | | |
| Strongly oppose | 15 (4%) | 29 (6%) | 38 (5%) | 22 (5%) |

69% of Americans in the West support the elimination of a seasonal time change, compared to 59% of Americans in the Northeast.

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