AASM Sleep Prioritization Survey

Election Worries

Survey Methodology

The American Academy of Sleep Medicine commissioned an online survey of 2,006 adults throughout the United States. The margin of error for the overall sample is +/- 2 percentage points with a confidence level of 95 percent. Fieldwork took place between May 16 and May 24, 2024, by Atomik Research, an independent market research agency.

American Academy of SLEEP MEDICINE Sleep Prioritization Survey 2024

Question

How often have you lost sleep at night due to worries about the presidential election?

Results

 Nearly half of people (46%) have lost sleep due to worries about the presidential election.

Overall Results

| 2,006 |
|---------------------------------------|
| 395 (20%) |
| 618 (31%) |
| 183 (9%) |
| 212 (11%) |
| 223 (11%) |
| 295 (15%) |
| 1,017 (51%) |
| 76 (4%) |
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Nearly one-third (31%) of respondents reported that they sometimes, often or always have lost sleep at night due to worries about the election.

Results by Gender

| | Male | Female | Transgender | Non-binary or gender non- conforming |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|--|
| Total | 1,002 | 1,001 | 1 | 2 |
| Often or always | 234 (23%) | 160 (16%) | 1 (100%) | 0 (0%) |
| Sometimes, often or always | 350 (35%) | 266 (27%) | 1 (100%) | 1 (50%) |
| Always | 117 (12%) | 65 (6%) | 1 (100%) | 0 (0%) |
| Often | 117 (12%) | 95 (9%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) |
| Sometimes | 116 (12%) | 106 (11%) | 0 (0%) | 1 (50%) |
| Rarely | 148 (15%) | 147 (15%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) |
| Never | 476 (48%) | 540 (54%) | 0 (0%) | 1 (50%) |
| I don't know | 28 (3%) | 48 (5%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) |

Males (35%) are 8% more likely than females (27%) to report they sometimes, often or always lose sleep at night due to worries about the election.



Results by Age Group

| | 18-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-54 | 55-64 | 65+ |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total | 234 | 382 | 360 | 360 | 351 | 319 |
| Often or always | 65 (28%) | 109 (29%) | 77 (21%) | 68 (19%) | 49 (14%) | 27 (8%) |
| Sometimes, often or always | 92 (39%) | 152 (40%) | 118 (33%) | 99 (28%) | 92 (26%) | 65 (20%) |
| Always | 27 (12%) | 62 (16%) | 40 (11%) | 23 (6%) | 18 (5%) | 13 (4%) |
| Often | 38 (16%) | 47 (12%) | 37 (10%) | 45 (13%) | 31 (9%) | 14 (4%) |
| Sometimes | 27 (12%) | 43 (11%) | 41 (11%) | 31 (9%) | 43 (12%) | 38 (12%) |
| Rarely | 25 (11%) | 45 (12%) | 48 (13%) | 59 (16%) | 58 (17%) | 60 (19%) |
| Never | 108 (46%) | 166 (43%) | 181 (50%) | 187 (52%) | 191 (54%) | 184 (58%) |
| I don't know | 9 (4%) | 19 (5%) | 13 (4%) | 15 (4%) | 10 (3%) | 10 (3%) |

Respondents 25-34 (40%) are most likely to report that they sometimes, often or always lose sleep at night due to worries about the election.

Results by Generation

| | Gen Z (18-27) | Millennial (28-43) | Gen X (44-59) | Baby Boomer (60-78) | Silent Generation (79+) |
|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Total | 313 | 637 | 572 | 452 | 32 |
| Often or always | 85 (27%) | 161 (25%) | 100 (17%) | 46 (10%) | 3 (9%) |
| Sometimes, often or always | 122 (39%) | 228 (36%) | 161 (28%) | 101 (22%) | 6 (19%) |
| Always | 36 (12%) | 92 (14%) | 32 (6%) | 21 (5%) | 2 (6%) |
| Often | 49 (16%) | 69 (11%) | 68 (12%) | 25 (6%) | 1 (3%) |
| Sometimes | 37 (12%) | 67 (11%) | 61 (11%) | 55 (12%) | 3 (9%) |
| Rarely | 32 (10%) | 85 (13%) | 85 (15%) | 88 (19%) | 5 (16%) |
| Never | 143 (46%) | 301 (47%) | 303 (53%) | 250 (55%) | 20 (63%) |
| I don't know | 16 (5%) | 23 (4%) | 23 (4%) | 13 (3%) | 1 (3%) |

Gen Z (39%) are most likely to report that they sometimes, often or always lose sleep at night due to worries about the election.

Results by Region

| | Northeast | Midwest | South | West |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total | 348 | 427 | 776 | 455 |
| Often or always | 85 (24%) | 69 (16%) | 138 (18%) | 103 (23%) |
| Sometimes, often or always | 119 (34%) | 120 (28%) | 215 (28%) | 164 (36%) |
| Always | 36 (10%) | 31 (7%) | 61 (8%) | 55 (12%) |
| Often | 49 (14%) | 38 (9%) | 77 (10%) | 48 (11%) |
| Sometimes | 34 (10%) | 51 (12%) | 77 (10%) | 61 (13%) |
| Rarely | 48 (14%) | 61 (14%) | 111 (14%) | 75 (16%) |
| Never | 170 (49%) | 227 (53%) | 415 (53%) | 205 (45%) |
| I don't know | 11 (3%) | 19 (4%) | 35 (5%) | 11 (2%) |

Respondents in the West (36%) are most likely to report that they sometimes, often or always lose sleep at night due to worries about the election.

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