Survey of Young Americans’ Attitudes toward Politics and Public Service

N=2,089 18-29 Year Olds in English and Spanish (with Knowledge Networks\(^1\))
Margin of Error: +/- 2.1% at the 95% level

1. With regard to school, are you currently enrolled at any of the following? Please select all that apply:

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[If currently enrolled in a 4-year college, ask Q2]

2. In which year of college are you? (n=444)

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<td>Fifth year student or higher</td>
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3. We understand that plenty of young people are not registered to vote, but we are wondering if you are registered to vote?

Yes ........................................ 68%
No .......................................... 26%
Don’t know ................................ 4%
Refused .................................... 1%

[If respondent was over 18 in 2012, ask Q4-Q5]

The following are questions about voter registration and voting.

4. Which of the following statements best describes your voter registration status for the last presidential election held on November 6th, 2012?

(n=1,925)
I was registered .......................................... 67%
I thought about registering, but didn’t .......... 4%
I tried to register, but was unable to......... 2%
I was not registered to vote on Nov. 6 ........ 18%
Not sure ............................................. 6%

5. Which of the following statements best describes your voting in the last presidential election held on November 6th, 2012?

(n=1,925)
I voted at a polling place.......................... 39%
I voted early ......................................... 9%
I voted by absentee ballot ......................... 10%
I planned on voting, but wasn’t able to....... 5%
I did not vote in this election .................... 33%
I went to the polling place, but wasn’t allowed to vote ......................... 1%
[If respondent was over 18 in 2012 and “Voted” in Q5, ask Q6 and Q7]

6. For whom did you vote for president in 2012?

   \[(n=1,115)\]
   
   Barack Obama .......................................................... 55%
   Mitt Romney ............................................................. 33%
   Someone else ............................................................. 4%
   Don’t remember ......................................................... 1%
   Decline to answer ....................................................... 6%

7. If you could re-cast your 2012 vote for president today, for whom would you vote?

   \[(n=1,115)\]
   
   Barack Obama .......................................................... 46%
   Mitt Romney ............................................................. 35%
   Someone else ............................................................. 13%
   Decline to answer ....................................................... 7%

8. When it comes to voting, with which party do you consider yourself to be affiliated?

   \[\text{NET: Democrat} \] ................................................. 33%
   Strong Democrat ....................................................... 16%
   Not a very strong Democrat ........................................... 17%

   \[\text{NET: Republican} \] ............................................. 24%
   Strong Republican ..................................................... 11%
   Not a very strong Republican ........................................ 13%

   \[\text{NET: Independent} \] .......................................... 41%
   Leans Democrat ....................................................... 10%
   Leans Republican ..................................................... 8%
   Does not lean either way .............................................. 23%
   Decline to answer ...................................................... 3%
9. When it comes to most political issues, do you think of yourself as a…?

**NET: Liberal** ................................................................. 33%
Liberal ................................................................. 22%
Moderate leaning Liberal ........................................ 10%

Moderate ................................................................. 26%

**NET: Conservative** .................................................. 37%
Conservative ............................................................. 26%
Moderate leaning Conservative .............................. 11%

10. How likely is it that you will vote in the election for Congress in November 2014?

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<td>Probably won’t be voting</td>
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11. Do you consider yourself to be politically engaged or politically active?

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12. All in all, do you think things in the nation are…?

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<td>Off on the wrong track</td>
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<td>Not sure what direction country is headed in</td>
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13. Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or are you not a supporter of the Tea Party movement?

| Supporter                       | 11%        |
| Not a supporter                 | 45%        |
| Not sure                        | 41%        |
| Refused                         | 4%         |
Thinking about national issues for a moment, which issue concerns you the most? (Open-ended question)

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In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job performance of:

15. Barack Obama as president.
   
   Approve.................................................. 41%
   Disapprove ............................................ 54%
   Decline to answer................................... 5%

16. The Democrats in Congress.
   
   Approve.................................................. 35%
   Disapprove ............................................ 59%
   Decline to answer................................... 6%

17. The Republicans in Congress.
   
   Approve.................................................. 19%
   Disapprove ............................................ 75%
   Decline to answer................................... 6%
Now thinking specifically about Barack Obama, do you approve or disapprove of the way he is handling:


Approve.............................................. 33%
Disapprove ......................................... 60%
Decline to answer...............................  7%

19. The economy.

Approve.............................................. 33%
Disapprove ......................................... 61%
Decline to answer...............................  6%

20. Iran.

Approve.............................................. 37%
Disapprove ......................................... 56%
Decline to answer...............................  7%


Approve.............................................. 34%
Disapprove ......................................... 61%
Decline to answer...............................  5%

22. Federal budget deficit.

Approve.............................................. 28%
Disapprove ......................................... 66%
Decline to answer...............................  6%
[SPLIT SAMPLE. N=1,042 answered q23-27 about “The Affordable Care Act.” N=1,047 answered q23-27 about “Obamacare.”]

23. Do you approve or disapprove of [The Affordable Care Act/Obamacare], the comprehensive health reform package that President Obama signed into law in 2010?

A. The Affordable Care Act.

\[(n=1,042)\]

Approve.................................................. 39%
Disapprove ........................................... 56%
Refused .................................................. 5%

B. Obamacare

\[(n=1,047)\]

Approve.................................................. 38%
Disapprove ........................................... 57%
Refused .................................................. 5%

24. Do you believe that your quality of care will get better, get worse or stay about the same under [The Affordable Care Act/Obamacare]?

A. The Affordable Care Act.

\[(n=1,042)\]

Get better.................................................. 17%
Get worse ............................................... 44%
Stay about the same .............................. 34%

B. Obamacare

\[(n=1,047)\]

Get better.................................................. 18%
Get worse ............................................... 40%
Stay about the same .............................. 37%
25. Do you believe that your amount you pay for care will increase, decrease or stay about the same under [The Affordable Care Act/Obamacare]?

A. The Affordable Care Act.

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26. After implementation of [The Affordable Care Act/Obamacare], many Americans will be eligible to purchase private health insurance plans through government run insurance exchanges. If you are eligible, how likely are you to enroll in insurance through an exchange? [NOTE: If 18 to 25 include the clause “after you are no longer eligible to stay on your parents plan”]

A. The Affordable Care Act

(n=1,042)

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27. How have you heard about [The Affordable Care Act/Obamacare]? Check all that apply:

A. The Affordable Care Act.

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Methods for Reducing the Deficit

In order to measure the relative preferences for a set of 12 potential ways of reducing the national deficit, two sets of six issues were paired against each other and the following question was asked:

As the president and Congress work to reduce the national deficit they will be faced with a series of tradeoffs. The two options in each pair would reduce the budget deficit by similar amounts, either by reducing spending or increasing revenue. For each pair, please select the option that you most prefer.

Each respondent was shown each individual method for reducing the deficit one time, matched up against another method for reducing the deficit chosen at random, for a total of six rated match-ups per respondent. The 12 methods were split into “Group A,” six methods which policy experts believe would reduce the deficit by approximately $160 to $190 Billion by 2020 if enacted today, and “Group B,” six methods that could reduce the deficit by $70 to $90 Billion by 2020 if enacted today. There were a total of 60 potential match ups (30 in each group). On average, each of the 60 potential methods for reducing the deficit match ups was shown to n=213 respondents. After weighting procedures were performed, each method for reducing the deficit was matched against each other issue a minimum of 374 times and a maximum of 476 times, though an analysis of the impacts of weighting procedure showed no significant impact due to weighting procedures on the relative strength of the match ups.

The six methods for reducing the deficit tested in “Group A” were to:

A. Raise the retirement age for Social Security from 65 to 68.
B. Increase the gas tax by 15 cents per gallon.
C. Reduce food stamp levels to 2008 levels and limit growth in spending on food stamps to the rate of inflation.
D. Reduce U.S. Navy fleet to 230 ships (from a projected 320 ships).
E. Enact the “Buffet Rule,” a requirement that people making over $1 million a year pay at least 30% of their income in taxes.
F. Raise Medicare premiums to 35% of costs.

The six methods for reducing the deficit tested in “Group B” were to:

A. Cut federal K-12 funding by 25%.
B. Cut foreign economic aid in half.
C. Increase the gas tax by 6 cents per gallon.
D. Reduce social security benefits, except for workers who earn below the 30th percentile of earnings.
E. Significantly reduce the Earned Income Tax Credit, and offset to payroll taxes for low-income workers with children, and the Child Tax Credit.
F. Reduce spending related to the nuclear arsenal by reducing U.S. nuclear warheads from approximately 2,000 to approximately 1,550.

Q28-Q39 show the aggregate results of these match-ups, with the percentage shown representing the aggregate percentage of times that an issue was rated as more important than the issue it was matched up against. They are displayed in rank order.

A full table of the results of each individual match-up is available.
Group A

28. Raise the retirement age for Social Security from 65 to 68.

**NET: Prefer this option** ......................... 41%
Strongly prefer this option ....................... 11%
Somewhat prefer this option ....................... 30%

**NET: Prefer other option** ....................... 52%
Strongly prefer other option ..................... 22%
Somewhat prefer other option ..................... 30%

Refused .................................................. 7%

29. Increase gas tax by 15 cents per gallon.

**NET: Prefer this option** ......................... 32%
Strongly prefer this option ....................... 9%
Somewhat prefer this option ....................... 23%

**NET: Prefer other option** ....................... 61%
Strongly prefer other option ..................... 27%
Somewhat prefer other option ..................... 34%

Refused .................................................. 7%

30. Reduce food stamp levels to 2008 levels and limit growth in spending on food stamps to the rate of inflation.

**NET: Prefer this option** ......................... 58%
Strongly prefer this option ....................... 28%
Somewhat prefer this option ....................... 29%

**NET: Prefer other option** ....................... 36%
Strongly prefer other option ..................... 15%
Somewhat prefer other option ..................... 21%

Refused .................................................. 6%
31. Reduce U.S. Navy fleet to 230 ships (from a projected 320 ships).

**NET: Prefer this option** ............................................. 51%
Strongly prefer this option ........................................... 19%
Somewhat prefer this option ....................................... 33%

**NET: Prefer other option** .......................................... 41%
Strongly prefer other option ......................................... 24%
Somewhat prefer other option .................................... 17%

Refused ................................................................. 7%

32. Enact the “Buffet Rule,” a requirement that people making over $1 million a year pay at least 30% of their income in taxes.

**NET: Prefer this option** ............................................. 69%
Strongly prefer this option ........................................... 41%
Somewhat prefer this option ....................................... 28%

**NET: Prefer other option** .......................................... 24%
Strongly prefer other option ......................................... 9%
Somewhat prefer other option .................................... 15%

Refused ................................................................. 7%

33. Raise Medicare premiums to 35% of costs.

**NET: Prefer this option** ............................................. 28%
Strongly prefer this option ........................................... 7%
Somewhat prefer this option ....................................... 22%

**NET: Prefer other option** .......................................... 64%
Strongly prefer other option ......................................... 24%
Somewhat prefer other option .................................... 40%

Refused ................................................................. 7%
Group B

34. Cut federal K-12 funding by 25%.

   **NET: Prefer this option** .................. 22%
   Strongly prefer this option ................ 6%
   Somewhat prefer this option .............. 15%

   **NET: Prefer other option** ................ 71%
   Strongly prefer other option .............. 31%
   Somewhat prefer other option ............. 40%

   Refused ........................................ 8%

35. Cut foreign economic aid in half.

   **NET: Prefer this option** .................. 71%
   Strongly prefer this option ................ 40%
   Somewhat prefer this option .............. 31%

   **NET: Prefer other option** ................ 22%
   Strongly prefer other option .............. 8%
   Somewhat prefer other option ............. 14%

   Refused ........................................ 7%

36. Increase the gas tax by 6 cents per gallon.

   **NET: Prefer this option** .................. 44%
   Strongly prefer this option ................ 14%
   Somewhat prefer this option .............. 30%

   **NET: Prefer other option** ................ 49%
   Strongly prefer other option .............. 22%
   Somewhat prefer other option ............. 27%

   Refused ........................................ 7%
37. Reduce Social Security benefits, except for workers who earn below the 30th percentile of earnings.

**NET: Prefer this option** .................. 33%
Strongly prefer this option .................. 7%
Somewhat prefer this option .................. 26%

**NET: Prefer other option** .................. 60%
Strongly prefer other option .................. 26%
Somewhat prefer other option .................. 33%

Refused ........................................... 7%

38. Significantly reduce the Earned Income Tax Credit, and offset to payroll taxes for low-income workers with children, and the Child Tax Credit.

**NET: Prefer this option** .................. 38%
Strongly prefer this option .................. 10%
Somewhat prefer this option .................. 28%

**NET: Prefer other option** .................. 54%
Strongly prefer other option .................. 22%
Somewhat prefer other option .................. 32%

Refused ........................................... 8%

39. Reduce spending related to the nuclear arsenal by reducing U.S. nuclear warheads from approximately 2,000 to approximately 1,550

**NET: Prefer this option** .................. 70%
Strongly prefer this option .................. 39%
Somewhat prefer this option .................. 31%

**NET: Prefer other option** .................. 23%
Strongly prefer other option .................. 8%
Somewhat prefer other option .................. 15%

Refused ........................................... 7%
40. In May 2013, Edward Snowden, a contractor for the National Security Agency, started releasing classified documents to the media that demonstrated what he believed was an unethical collection of private data from US citizens by the US intelligence community. Based on what you know at this time, which of the following words best describes your view of Edward Snowden?

A patriot ........................................ 22%
A traitor ........................................ 22%
Not sure ........................................ 52%
Refused ........................................ 4%

41. If you found yourself in a position similar to that of Edward Snowden, would you release the classified documents to the media, or would you not release the documents?

Release ........................................ 15%
Would not release ............................ 31%
Not sure ........................................ 50%
Refused ........................................ 4%
[SPLIT SAMPLE. n=1,103 were asked this question about collecting data “from you.” n=986 were asked about collection of data in general]

42. (A) In the ongoing debate about privacy, what personal information, if any, do you approve of the U.S. government collecting from you to aid national security efforts?

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(B) In the ongoing debate about privacy, what personal information, if any, do you approve of the U.S. government collecting to aid national security efforts?

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43. Do you, or someone in your household, currently have student loan debt?

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44. Do you personally view the issue of student debt for young people in the United States to be…

- A major problem ........................................... 57%
- A minor problem............................................ 22%
- Not a problem ............................................. 4%
- Don’t know .................................................. 14%
- Refused ...................................................... 3%

45. How important a role did (or does) your financial circumstances play in your decision whether or not to pursue a college education?

- **Net: Important** ............................................ 70%
  - Very important ........................................... 41%
  - Somewhat important ................................. 29%

- **Net: Not important** ................................. 25%
  - Not very important ................................. 12%
  - Not at all important ................................. 13%

- Refused ...................................................... 4%

46. Who do you think is most responsible for the rising amount of student debt in the U.S.?

- Colleges and universities ............................... 42%
- Federal government ........................................ 30%
- Students...................................................... 11%
- State governments ........................................ 8%
- Other .......................................................... 4%
- Refused ...................................................... 5%
47. Has the recent government shutdown made you more likely to vote, less likely to vote, or made no difference in your likelihood to vote in the 2014 elections for Congress?

More likely to vote ........................................ 30%
Less likely to vote ........................................ 9%
No difference .............................................. 57%
Refused ..................................................... 4%

If you could choose to recall and replace various elected officials today, would you recall:

48. Your member of Congress.

Yes ............................................................ 45%
No ............................................................. 45%
Refused ..................................................... 9%

49. All members of Congress.

Yes ............................................................ 52%
No ............................................................. 40%
Refuse ....................................................... 8%

50. Barack Obama.

Yes ............................................................ 47%
No ............................................................. 46%
Refused ..................................................... 7%
51. Some people say that since college football and basketball is a multi-billion dollar industry in America today, NCAA athletes should be paid for their efforts:

Other people say that the opportunity to receive an education and get the exposure to win a major professional contract is compensation enough and NCAA athletes should not be paid. Which statement comes closest to your own view?

Student athletes should not be paid ................ 65%
Student athletes should be paid .................. 30%
Refused ............................................. 5%

52. I have control over my personal technology privacy.

   **NET: Agree** ........................................ 32%
   Strongly agree .................................... 9%
   Somewhat agree ................................... 23%

   Neither agree nor disagree ..................... 29%

   **NET: Disagree** .................................... 34%
   Strongly disagree ................................. 12%
   Somewhat disagree ............................... 23%

   Decline to answer ................................. 5%

53. I am willing to give up some personal freedom and privacy for the sake of national security.

   **NET: Agree** ........................................ 30%
   Strongly agree .................................... 7%
   Somewhat agree ................................... 24%

   Neither agree nor disagree ..................... 26%

   **NET: Disagree** .................................... 39%
   Strongly disagree ................................. 21%
   Somewhat disagree ............................... 18%

   Decline to answer ................................. 5%
54. Compared to your parents, would you say that:

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56. In general, which do you think is the better way to solve important issues facing the country – through political engagement or through community volunteerism?

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57. Do you have health insurance?

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<td>No, I am not enrolled in health insurance</td>
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On which of the following platforms do you have an account?

58. Facebook.
   
   Yes .................................................. 79%
   No.................................................. 21%

59. Twitter.
   
   Yes .................................................. 35%
   No.................................................. 65%

60. Instagram.
   
   Yes .................................................. 30%
   No.................................................. 70%

61. Pinterest.
   
   Yes .................................................. 25%
   No.................................................. 75%

62. Google+.
   
   Yes .................................................. 37%
   No.................................................. 63%
63. Snapchat.

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64. Tumblr.

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65. Foursquare.

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66. Which one of these best describes your religious preference?

- Catholic .............................................. 19%
- Protestant ........................................ 13%
- Fundamentalist/Evangelical Christian ........ 14%
- LDS/Mormon ..................................... 3%
- Jewish .............................................. 1%
- Muslim .............................................. *
- No religious preference ....................... 23%
- Another religion ................................ 10%
- Decline to answer ................................ 13%
- Not sure .......................................... 4%

[If NOT “No Religious Preference” in 66, ask Q67]

67. How important is religion in your own life?

\( n=1,344 \)

- Very important .................................. 45%
- Somewhat important ................................ 36%
- Not very important ................................ 15%
- Not sure .......................................... 4%

[If “Catholic, Fundamentalist/Evangelical, LDS/Mormon, Protestant, or another religion, or not sure” in Q66 ask Q68]

68. Do you consider yourself a born-again Christian?

\( n=1,309 \)

- Yes .................................................. 37%
- No .................................................... 48%
- Not sure .......................................... 9%
- Decline to answer ................................ 1%
69. Switching topics, which of these best describes your phone service at this time?

- Cell phone ........................................ 85%
- Landline phone service ....................... 19%
- VOIP phone service .............................. 3%
- None of these ...................................... 5%

[If currently enrolled in a 4-year college, ask Q69-Q74]

70. Is your college/university...?

(n=444)
- Public ................................................. 67%
- Private .................................................. 28%
- Refused .................................................. 5%

71. Is the college/university that you currently attend...?

(n=444)
- In an urban or city area .......................... 50%
- In a suburban area next to a city ............ 24%
- In small town or rural area ..................... 21%
- Refused .................................................. 5%

72. How many undergraduate students are enrolled in your college/university? Your best estimate is fine.

(n=444)
- Less than 1,000 ................................... 6%
- 1,000 - 4,999 ....................................... 27%
- 5,000 - 9,999 ....................................... 24%
- 10,000 - 19,999 .................................... 19%
- 20,000 or more .................................... 18%
- Decline to answer .................................. 5%
73. Where do you live while attending college?

(n=444)
In an on-campus dormitory .................................. 25%
In fraternity/sorority housing ............................... 1%
In a campus-owned apartment ................................. 7%
In an apartment/house that is not campus-owned (not with parents) .................. 34%
At home, with my parents ................................. 23%
Somewhere else ............................................. 5%
Refused ........................................................... 4%

74. Are you a…?

(n=444)
Full-time student .................................................. 83%
Part-time student .................................................. 13%
Refused ........................................................... 4%

75. What is your gender?

Male ................................................................. 50%
Female ............................................................... 50%

76. What is your race and ethnicity?

White, Non-Hispanic ............................................. 59%
Black, Non-Hispanic ............................................. 13%
Hispanic ............................................................ 20%
Other, Non-Hispanic ........................................... 7%
Two or more races, Non-Hispanic ....................... 2%
77. What is your current education level?

- Less than high school: 11%
- High school: 30%
- Some college: 38%
- Bachelor or higher: 20%

78. What is your household income?

- Less than $5,000: 5%
- $5,000 - $7,499: 2%
- $7,500 - $9,999: 2%
- $10,000 - $12,499: 2%
- $12,500 - $14,999: 3%
- $15,000 - $19,999: 2%
- $20,000 - $24,999: 4%
- $25,000 - $29,999: 6%
- $30,000 - $34,999: 4%
- $35,000 - $39,999: 5%
- $40,000 - $49,999: 8%
- $50,000 - $59,999: 10%
- $60,000 - $74,999: 9%
- $75,000 - $84,999: 7%
- $85,000 - $99,999: 9%
- $100,000 - $124,999: 10%
- $125,000 - $149,000: 5%
- $150,000 - $174,999: 2%
- $175,000 or more: 5%

79. Are you now married, widowed, divorced, separated, never married, or living with a partner?

- Married: 20%
- Widowed: *
- Divorced: 2%
- Separated: 1%
- Never married: 64%
- Living with partner: 12%
80. Age:

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81. Are you the head of your household?

Yes .............................................. 43%
No ............................................... 56%

82. Including yourself, how many people currently live in your household at least 50% of the time? Please remember to include babies, or small children, include unrelated individuals (such as roommates), and also include those now away traveling or in a hospital.

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83. How many members are there in each age group in your household? (Average number)

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84. Which statement best describes your current employment status?

**NET: Working** ........................................ 61%
- As a paid employee ................................ 56%
- Self-employed ..................................... 4%

**NET: Not Working** ......................... 39%
- On temporary layoff from a job ........... 2%
- Looking for work ................................ 19%
- Disabled .......................................... 1%
- Other ................................................ 18%

85. Are your living quarters…?

- Owned or being bought by you or someone in your household .......... 59%
- Rented for cash .................................. 36%
- Occupied without payment of cash rent ...... 5%

86. Which best describes the building where you live?

- A one-family house detached from any other house ..................... 64%
- A one-family house attached to one or more houses .................. 8%
- A building with two or more apartments ...... 24%
- A mobile home ...................................... 4%
- Boat, RV, van, etc. .................................. *

87. Do you have Internet access in your home?

- Yes .................................................. 95%
- No ................................................... 5%
88. What region do you live in?

Northeast ........................................ 18%
Midwest ............................................. 21%
South ................................................ 36%
West .................................................. 25%

89. Do you live in a metro or non-metro area?

Non-metro (rural)................................. 14%
Metro.................................................. 86%

90. What region do you live in? (Based on state of residence)

New England ..................................... 5%
Mid-Atlantic ...................................... 13%
East-North Central ............................... 15%
West-North Central .............................. 7%
South Atlantic .................................... 21%
East-South Central .............................. 6%
West-South Central ............................. 9%
Mountain .......................................... 7%
Pacific ............................................. 17%

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