Many Americans See Cars, Other Large Purchases in Their Future

RESONATE RECENT EVENTS REPORT
WAVE 36 - 2301
AMERICANS EYEING LARGE PURCHASES, MORE ARE READY TO SPEND

Concerns about inflation have eased for many Americans, and they are ready to spend. Even though a good half of Americans report just getting by, more report they can pay for necessities and set money aside. That is leading the way for plans for larger purchases, such as home improvements, new homes and cars.

They also have travel in mind and no longer fear public spaces or COVID variants. Agencies and brands in lodging, destinations, transportation solutions or other travel-related projects should keep an eye on this trend!

Read on to learn more about where consumer sentiment lies across finances, health and the political climate through February 6, as part of Resonate’s ongoing research about how consumers are reacting to recent market events. Resonate clients will find these attributes in our user-friendly Resonate Ignite Platform, ready for analysis and activation. This market research, combined with the broader Resonate data set, reveals critical insights into consumer behavior, sentiment and intent to help your team make the best data-driven decisions.

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FEATURED INSIGHTS
MORE AMERICANS LIVING COMFORTABLY WHILE 49% CONTINUE TO "GET BY"

Which of the following statements best describes your personal financial situation?

- "Living comfortably:" more than able to pay for necessities, with a cushion of money in reserve
- "Getting by:" able to pay for necessities, with maybe a little money left over
- "Times are hard:" struggling to pay for necessities

![Bar chart showing percentages]

- 28.3%
- 49.1%
- 24.5%
LOOKING FORWARD: AMERICANS TOP CONCERNS ARE MAINLY ECONOMIC

There are many issues facing Americans today, but not all of them may be a concern to you personally. Which of the following are you personally very concerned about happening in the next 6 months? Please select all that apply.

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<th>Issue</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<td>US economic slowdown or recession</td>
<td>43.3%</td>
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<td>Stock market crash</td>
<td>19.5%</td>
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<td>Not being able to afford housing, or a housing market crash</td>
<td>20.6%</td>
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<td>Rising fuel/oil/energy prices</td>
<td>46.6%</td>
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<td>Losing a job (either yourself or someone in your household)</td>
<td>13.5%</td>
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<td>Taxes increasing</td>
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<td>Healthcare costs or debt</td>
<td>35.9%</td>
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<td>Coronavirus or other diseases</td>
<td>23.8%</td>
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<td>Drug addiction seriously impacting yourself or a loved one</td>
<td>7.3%</td>
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<td>Crime, violence, or mass shootings</td>
<td>42.5%</td>
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<td>Loss of online privacy</td>
<td>16.4%</td>
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<td>Loss of abortion rights</td>
<td>20.5%</td>
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<td>An unfair criminal justice system</td>
<td>20.4%</td>
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<td>Being discriminated against because of race, religion, age, health condition or for reasons related to sex.</td>
<td>15.0%</td>
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<td>Poor leadership in the US government</td>
<td>38.6%</td>
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<td>Worsening education for grades K-12</td>
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<td>Illegal immigration</td>
<td>21.8%</td>
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<td>Geopolitical concerns (e.g., terrorism, Russia/Ukraine conflict, nuclear threats, etc.)</td>
<td>22.2%</td>
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<td>Environment/climate change</td>
<td>26.3%</td>
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<td>Something else</td>
<td>3.7%</td>
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<td>Do not have any worries about the next 6 months</td>
<td>6.8%</td>
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CURRENT FINANCIAL OUTLOOK
AMERICANS ARE BACK TO SAVING AGAIN

There are many ways that an individual can save – in a traditional savings account, a pension account, investment fund or a CD. Compared to this time 6 months ago, how have your saving habits changed?
From the rent/mortgage to gas, food, healthcare and a "splurge" or two, we all have ways we spend our money. That spending goes up or down based on the price of products/services or the frequency that those products/services are purchased. Compared to 6 months ago, how have your spending habits changed?

AMERICANS ARE ALSO BACK TO SPENDING AGAIN

[Graph showing percentage of people spending less, about the same, or more than 6 months ago over different time periods, with percentages for each period given.]
Which of the following actions has your household taken in the last 6 months due to changes in the price of goods/services? Please select all that apply.
AMERICANS NO LONGER POSTPONING TRAVEL, CAR PURCHASES

Which of the following actions has your household taken in the last 6 months due to changes in the price of goods/services? Please select all that apply.

- Postponed/cancelled a planned vacation
- Postponed/cancelled buying a new/used vehicle

![Graph showing percentage changes over time](image)

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FEWER AMERICANS EXPERIENCING HIGHER PRICES

Which of the following actions has your household taken in the last 6 months due to changes in the price of goods/services? Please select all that apply.
AMERICANS SPENDING ON HEALTHCARE AGAIN

Which of the following actions has your household taken in the last 6 months due to changes in the price of goods/services? Please select all that apply.

- Postponed/cancelled appointments with doctors, surgeons or therapists
- Stopped taking or lowered dosage of prescription medicine

Oct 31-Nov 21: 12.8%
Nov 21-Dec 8: 7.9%
Jan 25-Feb 6: 6.6%
FEWER REPORT BEING SIGNIFICANTLY OR SOMEWHAT ‘WORSE OFF’ FINANCIALLY

Compared to how you were 6 months ago, how do you feel about your personal finances?

- Significantly worse off
- Somewhat worse off
- About the same
- Somewhat better off
- Significantly better off

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DESPITE SPENDING PLANS, CONSUMER FINANCIAL OUTLOOK IS JADED

In the next 6 months, do you expect to be financially better or worse off than you are today?

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<th>Month</th>
<th>Significantly worse off</th>
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<th>About the same</th>
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<td>July 28-Aug 15</td>
<td>14.7%</td>
<td>12.7%</td>
<td>15.6%</td>
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<td>Aug 15-Sept 5</td>
<td>13.8%</td>
<td>10.7%</td>
<td>13.1%</td>
<td>9.7%</td>
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<td>Sept 21-Oct 4</td>
<td>15.6%</td>
<td>13.8%</td>
<td>10.7%</td>
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<td>Oct 6-19</td>
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WAYS TO SAVE: FEWER PEOPLE CHOOSING STORE BRANDS, MORE BUYING IN BULK

What changes, if any, have you made to accommodate higher prices for your regular purchases? Please select all that apply.

- Buying in bulk
- Buying cheaper/store or alternative brands
- Buying same products from different stores or online
- Using coupons more
AMERICANS GOING OUT MORE, PLANNING LARGE PURCHASES

What changes, if any, have you made to accommodate higher prices for your regular purchases? Please select all that apply.
POLITICAL OUTLOOK
AMERICAN OPINION ABOUT ROE V. WADE DECISION SHIFT SLIGHTLY

To what extent do you support or oppose the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade?

- Strongly oppose: 46.0%, 45.9%, 46.3%, 47.6%, 45.9%, 44.8%, 43.0%
- Somewhat oppose: 17.6%, 17.4%, 16.9%, 15.4%, 16.1%, 15.4%, 16.3%
- Neither support nor oppose: 10.1%, 9.1%, 9.2%, 8.1%, 8.9%, 8.4%, 10.5%
- Somewhat support: 18.1%, 19.1%, 19.0%, 20.1%, 20.2%, 21.9%, 21.1%
- Strongly support: 8.2%, 8.5%, 8.7%, 8.7%, 9.0%, 9.4%, 9.1%
AMERICANS SLIGHTLY MORE CONCERNED ABOUT NUCLEAR WAR

To what extent are you concerned about the imminent threat of nuclear war given the recent events in Russia, Ukraine and North Korea?

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<td>Not at all concerned</td>
<td>8.1%</td>
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<td>Not that concerned</td>
<td>16.5%</td>
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<td>Somewhat concerned</td>
<td>43.0%</td>
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<td>Very concerned</td>
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MORE AMERICANS BELIEVE TRUMP LIKELY GUILTY OF CRIMES

How likely do you think it is that former President Trump committed crimes, either before, during or after his presidency?

- Very unlikely: 16.8% (Oct 31-Nov 21), 14.6% (Nov 21-Dec 8), 15.7% (Jan 25-Feb 6)
- Somewhat unlikely: 8.3% (Oct 31-Nov 21), 8.0% (Nov 21-Dec 8), 8.0% (Jan 25-Feb 6)
- Neither likely nor unlikely: 17.7% (Oct 31-Nov 21), 18.0% (Nov 21-Dec 8), 18.0% (Jan 25-Feb 6)
- Somewhat likely: 15.1% (Oct 31-Nov 21), 16.6% (Nov 21-Dec 8), 16.3% (Jan 25-Feb 6)
- Very likely: 42.1% (Oct 31-Nov 21), 41.7% (Nov 21-Dec 8), 43.0% (Jan 25-Feb 6)

Oct 31-Nov 21  Nov 21-Dec 8  Jan 25-Feb 6

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CURRENT SENTIMENT ON HEALTHCARE ACCESS, VIRUSES AND SAFETY
AMERICANS REMAIN WORRIED ABOUT ACCESS TO TELEHEALTH

How concerned are you about telehealth options becoming more limited due to states rolling back policies that made using telehealth easier during the pandemic?

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<th>Concern Level</th>
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<td>Extremely concerned</td>
<td>9.4%</td>
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<td>Very concerned</td>
<td>11.8%</td>
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<td>Have never used or considered using telehealth</td>
<td>17.8%</td>
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60% OF AMERICANS ARE STILL VERY CONCERNED ABOUT GUN VIOLENCE

How concerned are you about gun violence in America right now?

- 6.9% Not at all concerned
- 9.5% Not that concerned
- 23.4% Somewhat concerned
- 27.3% Very concerned
- 32.9% Extremely concerned
58% of Americans okay being in public spaces despite being more concerned about COVID than the flu

How concerned are you about being in public spaces right now?

- Not at all concerned: 28.1%
- Not that concerned: 27.0%
- Somewhat concerned: 28.9%
- Very concerned: 9.6%
- Extremely concerned: 6.4%

How concerned are you about the spread of seasonal flu in America right now?

- Not at all concerned: 18.4%
- Not that concerned: 25.3%
- Somewhat concerned: 34.6%
- Very concerned: 13.6%
- Extremely concerned: 8.0%

How concerned are you about the spread of COVID-19 in America right now?

- Not at all concerned: 18.0%
- Not that concerned: 23.6%
- Somewhat concerned: 33.4%
- Very concerned: 14.3%
- Extremely concerned: 10.7%
When thinking about the COVID-19 pandemic, which of the following statements do you agree with the most?

- COVID-19 was never really a pandemic
- COVID-19 was initially a pandemic, but the pandemic has ended
- COVID-19 is still currently a pandemic, and it is still possible that we could take measures to end it
- COVID-19 was a pandemic, but has evolved into a disease more similar to the seasonal flu that we are just going to have to get used to dealing with

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IS SUCCESS IN YOUR FUTURE?
ALL SIGNS POINT TO YES.

Financial optimism seems to be on the rise, so the time is now to get a better understanding of the American consumer. Aligning with how they feel today and how they view the future requires insight into their sentiment, motivations and intent. You can’t get that insight from traditional data companies or your 1st-party demographics.

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