



**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL  
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***NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.***

**FOOD SAFETY STUDY**

***NOTE: Results represent all adults unless otherwise indicated.***

1. Overall, how confident are you that the food you buy is safe to eat?

<u>ALL ADULTS</u>	<u>7/10- 14/08</u>
Very confident.....	30
Somewhat confident.....	45
Not too confident .....	15
Not at all confident	9
Don't Know	1
<b>Summary</b>	
Total confident	76
Total not confident	23

2. How confident are you in the federal government's ability to keep the food supply safe?

<u>ALL ADULTS</u>	<u>7/10- 14/08</u>
Very confident.....	18
Somewhat confident.....	51
Not too confident .....	19
Not at all confident .....	11
Don't Know .....	1
<b>Summary</b>	
Total confident	69
Total not confident	30

3. In the past six months, have you done any of the following things because you heard warnings about the safety of particular types of food, or not? How about...(READ ITEMS)

**ALL ADULTS**

	<u>7/10-14/08</u>		
	<u>Yes, in last six months</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't Know</u>
Worried you might get sick from eating contaminated food .....	46	54	-
Avoided buying foods you would normally buy .....	46	53	1
Thrown out food earlier than usual .	29	70	1
Returned food to the store .....	14	86	-

4. How worried are you that you or a member of your family might get sick from eating fresh tomatoes or other produce?

<b><u>ALL ADULTS</u></b>	<u>7/10-14/08</u>
Very worried .....	16
Somewhat worried .....	30
Not too worried .....	22
Not at all worried.....	31
Don't Know .....	1
<b>Summary</b>	
Total worried.....	46
Total not worried.....	53

5. As a result of recent cases of food borne illness, are you less likely to eat fresh tomatoes or other produce, or not?

<b><u>ALL ADULTS</u></b>	<u>7/10-14/08</u>
Yes, LESS likely .....	45
No, NOT .....	55
Don't Know .....	-

6. As you may know, there are stricter federal safety standards for meat but not for fresh produce. Do you support or oppose establishing stricter federal safety standards for fresh produce? **(PROBE: Is that strongly (support/oppose) or somewhat (support/oppose)?)**

<u>ALL ADULTS</u>	<u>7/10-14/08</u>
Strongly support .....	51
Somewhat support.....	29
Somewhat oppose.....	11
Strongly oppose.....	6
Don't Know .....	3
<b>Summary</b>	
Total support .....	80
Total oppose .....	17

7. Do you support or oppose labeling produce so its origin can be tracked should there be an outbreak of illness caused by produce? **(PROBE: Is that strongly (support/oppose) or somewhat (support/oppose)?)**

<u>ALL ADULTS</u>	<u>7/10-14/08</u>
Strongly support .....	64
Somewhat support .....	22
Somewhat oppose.....	6
Strongly oppose .....	5
Don't Know .....	3
<b>Summary</b>	
Total support .....	86
Total oppose .....	12

8. How confident are you that the U.S. government has an adequate number of inspectors to check the safety of food being imported into the United States?

<u>ALL ADULTS</u>	<u>7/10-14/08</u>
Very confident.....	8
Somewhat confident .....	33
Not too confident .....	30
Not at all confident .....	26
Don't Know .....	3
<b>Summary</b>	
Total confident .....	41
Total not confident .....	56

9. How confident are you that the U.S. government has an adequate number of inspectors to check the safety of food being grown and packed in U.S. facilities?

<b><u>ALL ADULTS</u></b>	<b><u>7/10- 14/08</u></b>
Very confident.....	9
Somewhat confident.....	40
Not too confident .....	28
Not at all confident .....	20
Don't Know .....	3
<b>Summary</b>	
Total confident .....	49
Total not confident .....	48

10. If it is decided that additional food safety inspectors are needed to check the safety of fresh produce, who should be responsible for paying for the additional inspectors?

<b><u>ALL ADULTS</u></b>	<b><u>7/10- 14/08</u></b>
The growing and packing industry, including importers .....	70
Taxpayers .....	23
Don't Know .....	7

**DEMOGRAPHICS**

**NOTE: Results for demographic questions represent all adults unless otherwise indicated.**

D1a. In what year were you born?

D1b. Have you already had a birthday this year?

**(IF RESPONDENT REFUSES Q.D1a OR Q.D1b, Q.D1c ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)**

D1c. Are you:

18-34	28
35-49	25
50-64	27
65+	18
(DK/NS)	2

D2. Are you employed:

TOTAL EMPLOYED	58
Full time	47
Part time	11
Not employed	17
Retired	24
(DK/NS)	1

D3. What is the last year of school you completed?

Grade school or some high school	11
Completed high school	38
Some community college or university, did not finish	16
Completed technical school or a community college	8
Completed a university or Bachelor's degree	15
Completed a post-graduate degree such as a Master's or Ph.D.	11
(DK/NS)	1

D4. Are you currently married?

Yes	59
No	40
(DK/NS)	1

D5. Including yourself and any children, how many people are currently living in your household?

1	14
2	29
3	20
4	20
5	10
6+	6
(DK/NS)	1

**(Q.D6a-c ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY MORE THAN ONE PERSON IN HOUSEHOLD IN Q.D5.)**

D6a. How many children under 6 years are currently living in your household?

D6b. How many children ages 6 to 12 are currently living in your household?

D6c. How many children ages 13 to 17 are currently living in your household?

ANY CHILDREN (NET)	38
Under 6	22
6-12	16
13-17	14
NO CHILDREN	60
(DK/NS)	2
Summary	
<b>Any children 12 or younger</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>Any children 6 to 17</b>	<b>25</b>

D8. Would you describe yourself as a born-again or evangelical Christian, or not?

Yes	44
No	53
(DK/NS)	3

D9. What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Mormon, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion, or don't you belong to any religious denomination? **(IF "SOME OTHER RELIGION, ASK) Is that a Christian denomination, or not? (IF YES, CODED AS "PROTESTANT".)**

Protestant	46
Catholic	24
Mormon	2
Jewish	1
Some other religion	4
None	20
(DK/NS)	3

Zz5b. How often do you attend religious services?

At least once a week (Net)	42
More than once a week	12
Once a week	30
Less than once a week (Net)	35
A few times a month	15
A few times a year	20
Never	21
(DK/NS)	2

D10. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

**(Q.D11 ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D12a.)**

D11. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

**(RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)**

White	76
Hispanic	13
Black	12
Asian	3
(NOT READ) American Indian	2
(NOT READ) Other	1
(DK/NS)	3

D12. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2007?

Under \$15,000	10
\$15,000 to less than \$20,000	4
\$20,000 to less than \$25,000	6
\$25,000 to less than \$30,000	5
\$30,000 to less than \$40,000	7
\$40,000 to less than \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	15
\$75,000 to less than \$100,000	11
\$100,000 or more	19
(DK/NS)	16

**REGION:**

Northeast	19
Midwest	22
South	37
West	22

**METROPOLITAN STATUS:**

Urban	27
Suburban	53
Rural	20

**GENDER:**

Male	47
Female	53