



THE TENNESSEE POLL

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About The Tennessee Poll

The Tennessee Poll is conducted by the Applied Social Research Lab (ASRL) in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at East Tennessee State University. ASRL is directed by Dr. Kelly N. Foster, Professor of Sociology.

The Tennessee Poll is an annual public opinion poll funded by East Tennessee State University. The mission of The Tennessee Poll is to provide the citizens and governance of Tennessee with neutral, unbiased information on Tennesseans' perceptions of issues that impact their health, education, and quality of life.

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		Total	Gender		Party Affiliation			Race			Age					
			Male	Female	Republican & Leaning Republican	Independents	Democrat & Leaning Democrat	White	Black	Other	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65+
<i>"The food that (I/we) bought just didn't last, and (I/we) didn't have money to get more."</i>	Often true	19%	20%	18%	19%	25%	15%	18%	22%	30%	28%	32%	30%	16%	11%	5%
	Sometimes true	29%	27%	30%	28%	37%	24%	28%	31%	32%	51%	40%	42%	28%	15%	9%
	Never true	52%	53%	52%	53%	37%	62%	54%	48%	38%	21%	29%	29%	56%	74%	85%
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			Baby Boomers	Gen X	Millennials	Gen Z	HS Diploma or less	Some College or Associates	Bachelors or Higher	LT \$50,000	\$50,000 - \$100,000	GT \$100,000	East TN	Middle TN	West TN
"The food that (I/we) bought just didn't last, and (I/we) didn't have money to get more."	Often true	19%	6%	15%	31%	30%	28%	16%	11%	31%	16%	10%	18%	20%	21%
	Sometimes true	29%	11%	23%	42%	47%	34%	28%	23%	38%	29%	16%	30%	28%	28%
	Never true	52%	83%	61%	27%	23%	38%	56%	66%	31%	54%	74%	52%	52%	52%
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(I_we) couldnt afford to eat balanced meals."	Often true	16%	16%	16%	15%	24%	12%	17%	15%	18%	21%	28%	23%	14%	7%	8%
	Sometimes true	28%	25%	30%	28%	30%	28%	27%	33%	32%	47%	36%	41%	32%	13%	11%
	Never true	56%	60%	53%	57%	46%	60%	57%	52%	50%	32%	36%	37%	55%	80%	81%
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(I_we) couldnt afford to eat balanced meals."	Often true	16%	8%	12%	26%	23%	21%	16%	10%	26%	16%	6%	18%	15%	16%
	Sometimes true	28%	10%	27%	38%	46%	34%	29%	20%	42%	24%	15%	26%	30%	29%
	Never true	56%	82%	61%	36%	31%	45%	55%	70%	31%	60%	79%	56%	55%	56%
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In the last 12 months, did you ever eat less than you felt you should because there wasnt enough money for food?	Yes	31%	28%	34%	29%	42%	26%	31%	31%	39%	51%	50%	51%	30%	13%	7%
	No	69%	72%	66%	71%	58%	74%	69%	69%	61%	49%	50%	49%	70%	87%	93%
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In the last 12 months, did you ever eat less than you felt you should because there wasnt enough money for food?	Yes	31%	9%	25%	53%	49%	38%	33%	22%	52%	31%	9%	32%	32%	29%
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How often did this happen-almost every month, some months but not every month, or in only 1 or 2 months?	Almost every month	42%	39%	43%	40%	42%	45%	43%	37%	36%	30%	44%	49%	45%	41%	26%
	Some months but not every month	47%	48%	47%	45%	50%	47%	47%	46%	58%	62%	48%	41%	41%	42%	44%
	Only 1 or 2 months	11%	13%	10%	15%	8%	8%	10%	17%	7%	8%	8%	10%	14%	17%	30%
Total	Unweighted Count	230	105	121	98	77	54	171	35	23	43	72	48	34	17	16

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	Only 1 or 2 months	11%	21%	15%	10%	7%	9%	19%	6%	11%	10%	-	14%	9%	11%
Total	Unweighted Count	230	25	48	99	58	91	84	55	151	60	9	82	97	51

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In the last 12 months, since last, did you or other adults in your household ever cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there wasnt enough money for food?	Yes	30%	28%	31%	29%	41%	23%	29%	30%	37%	48%	51%	43%	27%	15%	7%
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In the last 12 months, were you ever hungry but didnt eat because there wasnt enough money for food?	Yes	24%	21%	27%	22%	36%	20%	24%	26%	30%	45%	41%	44%	21%	4%	4%
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In the last 12 months, were you ever hungry but didnt eat because there wasnt enough money for food?	Yes	24%	4%	16%	46%	39%	31%	28%	15%	41%	25%	5%	26%	24%	23%
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