

**PEW RESEARCH CENTER
TOPLINE
August 23 – September 21, 2016
N=1,507**

Note: All numbers are percentages. The percentages greater than zero but less than 0.5% are replaced by an asterisk (*). Columns may not total 100% due to rounding.

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
Total Hispanic respondents	1,507	+/-3.3% points
<i>Foreign Born (excluding Puerto Rico)</i>	818	+/-4.3% points
<i>U.S. Born (including Puerto Rico)</i>	689	+/-4.9% points
<i>2nd Generation</i>	300	+/-7.5% points
<i>3rd Generation or higher</i>	373	+/-6.7% points

SCREENING QUESTIONS NOT DISPLAYED

QUESTIONS 2-11, 13-16, 19-20, 26-29, 42 PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

QUESTION 43 AND SELECT DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS HELD FOR FUTURE RELEASE

NO QUESTIONS 12, 17-18, 21-24, 30-31

ASK ALL

25. I'm going to read you a pair of statements. Tell me whether the FIRST statement or the SECOND statement comes closer to your own views — even if neither is exactly right.

<u>Total</u>		<i>Foreign Born</i>	<i>U.S. Born</i>	---Among U.S. Born---	
				<i>2nd Gen</i>	<i>3rd Gen or Higher</i>
77	Most people who want to get ahead can make it if they're willing to work hard	82	72	74	72
21	Hard work and determination are no guarantee of success for most people	16	26	26	26
2	Neither/both equally (VOL.)	2	1	*	1
*	Don't know (VOL.)	*	*	NA	1
*	Refused (VOL.)	*	NA	NA	NA

TRENDS:

	<u>Dec 2011</u>	<u>Sep 2009¹</u>
Most people who want to get ahead can make it if they're willing to work hard	75	85
Hard work and determination are no guarantee of success for most people	21	13
Neither/both equally (VOL.)	2	2
Don't know (VOL.)	1	*
Refused (VOL.)	*	*

¹ In September 2009, the survey included some respondents under the age of 18. Results reported here, and throughout this topline, exclude respondents under age 18.

QUESTION 25 CONTINUED...**GENERAL POPULATION COMPARISON:**

	Mar <u>2016</u>
Most people who want to get ahead can make it if they're willing to work hard	62
Hard work and determination are no guarantee of success for most people	36
Both/ Neither (VOL.) / Don't know/ Refused	2

ASK ALL

32. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: In order to get ahead in life these days, it's necessary to get a college education.

<u>Total</u>		<u>Foreign Born</u>	<u>U.S. Born</u>	<i>---Among U.S. Born---</i>	
				<u>2nd Gen</u>	<u>3rd Gen or Higher</u>
76	Agree	83	68	69	68
23	Disagree	15	30	31	31
1	Don't know (VOL.)	2	1	*	*
1	Refused (VOL.)	1	*	NA	1

TRENDS:

	Sep <u>2009</u>
Agree	88
Disagree	11
Don't know (VOL.)	1
Refused (VOL.)	*

ASK ALL

33. Compared to your parents when they were the age you are now, do you think your own standard of living now is much better, somewhat better, about the same, somewhat worse, or much worse than theirs was?

<u>Total</u>		<u>Foreign Born</u>	<u>U.S. Born</u>	<i>---Among U.S. Born---</i>	
				<u>2nd Gen</u>	<u>3rd Gen or Higher</u>
75	Much/Somewhat better (NET)	80	70	75	66
53	Much better	59	46	54	42
22	Somewhat better	21	23	21	25
12	About the same	10	15	13	15
12	Much/Somewhat Worse (NET)	9	15	11	18
6	Somewhat worse	4	9	7	11
5	Much worse	5	6	5	7
1	Don't know (VOL.)	1	*	*	*
*	Refused (VOL.)	1	*	NA	*

QUESTION 33 CONTINUED...**TREND:**

	Dec <u>2011</u>
Much/Somewhat better (NET)	67
Much better	35
Somewhat better	32
About the same	17
Much/Somewhat Worse (NET)	14
Somewhat worse	8
Much worse	6
Don't know (VOL.)	1
Refused (VOL.)	1

GENERAL POPULATION COMPARISON:

	June <u>2016</u>
Much/Somewhat better (NET)	56
Much better	33
Somewhat better	23
About the same	24
Much/Somewhat Worse (NET)	17
Somewhat worse	10
Much worse	7
Don't know / Refused (VOL.)	2

ASK ALL

34. When your children are at the age you are now, do you think their standard of living will be much better, somewhat better, about the same, somewhat worse, or much worse than yours is now?

<u>Total</u>		<i>Foreign Born</i>	<i>U.S. Born</i>	<i>---Among U.S. Born---</i>	
				<i>2nd Gen</i>	<i>3rd Gen or higher</i>
72	Much/Somewhat Better (NET)	79	64	71	60
49	Much better	56	42	47	38
23	Somewhat better	23	23	23	22
10	About the same	8	13	12	13
13	Much/Somewhat Worse (NET)	9	18	14	21
7	Somewhat worse	5	10	7	12
6	Much Worse	4	7	6	9
2	No children (VOL.)	2	3	*	5
2	Don't know (VOL.)	2	2	3	1
*	Refused (VOL.)	*	*	NA	*

QUESTION 34 CONTINUED...**TREND:**

	Dec <u>2011</u>
Much/Somewhat Better (NET)	66
Much better	40
Somewhat better	26
About the same	12
Much/Somewhat Worse (NET)	17
Somewhat worse	10
Much worse	7
No children (VOL.)	1
Don't know (VOL.)	3
Refused (VOL.)	1

GENERAL POPULATION COMPARISON:

	June <u>2016</u>
Much/Somewhat better (NET)	46
Much better	27
Somewhat better	20
About the same	19
Much/Somewhat Worse (NET)	24
Somewhat worse	13
Much worse	10
Don't know / Refused (VOL.)	10

ASK ALL

35. Here are some goals that people value in their lives. Please tell me how important each is to you personally. First (INSERT FIRST ITEM), is that extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not important in your life?
How about (INSERT NEXT ITEM)?

[REPEAT AS NECESSARY "Is that extremely important, very important, somewhat important, or not important?"]

[IF RESPONDENT SAYS "IMPORTANT" PROBE: "To clarify, would that be extremely important OR very important OR somewhat important, OR not important."]

- a. Being successful in a high-paying career or profession

<u>Total</u>		<i>Foreign Born</i>	<i>U.S. Born</i>	<i>---Among U.S. Born---</i>	
				<i>2nd Gen</i>	<i>3rd Gen or Higher</i>
22	Extremely important	22	22	24	21
50	Very important	59	41	42	38
22	Somewhat important	16	29	27	31
5	Not important	2	7	7	8
*	Don't know (VOL.)	1	NA	NA	NA
*	Refused (VOL.)	*	1	NA	1

QUESTION 35 CONTINUED...

b. Having a successful marriage

<u>Total</u>		<i>Foreign Born</i>	<i>U.S. Born</i>	<i>---Among U.S. Born---</i>	
				<i>2nd Gen</i>	<i>3rd Gen or Higher</i>
30	Extremely important	25	37	39	36
50	Very important	59	41	42	39
11	Somewhat important	11	12	11	13
7	Not important	5	9	8	10
*	Don't know (VOL.)	*	1	*	1
1	Refused (VOL.)	1	1	NA	1

c. Living a very religious life

<u>Total</u>		<i>Foreign Born</i>	<i>U.S. Born</i>	<i>---Among U.S. Born---</i>	
				<i>2nd Gen</i>	<i>3rd Gen or Higher</i>
13	Extremely important	11	14	11	17
39	Very important	47	30	29	31
30	Somewhat important	30	29	33	27
19	Not important	11	26	27	25
*	Don't know (VOL.)	*	*	*	*
*	Refused (VOL.)	*	*	NA	*

d. Being a good parent

<u>Total</u>		<i>Foreign Born</i>	<i>U.S. Born</i>	<i>---Among U.S. Born---</i>	
				<i>2nd Gen</i>	<i>3rd Gen or Higher</i>
51	Extremely important	45	58	61	56
45	Very important	53	37	34	38
2	Somewhat important	1	2	2	2
1	Not important	1	2	2	2
1	Don't know (VOL.)	*	1	1	1
*	Refused (VOL.)	*	*	NA	1

e. Owning your own home

<u>Total</u>		<i>Foreign Born</i>	<i>U.S. Born</i>	<i>---Among U.S. Born---</i>	
				<i>2nd Gen</i>	<i>3rd Gen or Higher</i>
33	Extremely important	30	36	39	35
48	Very important	57	38	35	39
15	Somewhat important	9	20	22	20
4	Not important	3	5	4	6
*	Don't know (VOL.)	*	*	NA	*
*	Refused (VOL.)	*	*	NA	1

QUESTION 35 CONTINUED...

f. Having the resources to provide for your family

<u>Total</u>		<i>Foreign Born</i>	<i>U.S. Born</i>	---Among U.S. Born---	
				<i>2nd Gen</i>	<i>3rd Gen or Higher</i>
49	Extremely important	42	56	63	52
47	Very important	54	40	35	43
3	Somewhat important	2	3	2	3
1	Not important	1	1	NA	1
*	Don't know (VOL.)	*	NA	NA	NA
*	Refused (VOL.)	1	*	NA	1

TRENDS FOR COMPARISON:²

	<u>One of the most important things</u>	<u>Very important but not one of the most important things</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>Don't know (VOL.)</u>	<u>Refused (VOL.)</u>
a. Being successful in a high-paying career or profession Oct 2012	32	46	17	4	1	*
b. Having a successful marriage Oct 2012	39	43	10	7	1	*
c. Living a very religious life Oct 2012	23	37	27	12	*	*
d. Being a good parent Oct 2012	58	36	3	2	*	*
g. Owning your own home ³ Oct 2012	33	48	13	5	*	*

GENERAL POPULATION COMPARISON:⁴

	<u>One of the most important things</u>	<u>Very important but not one of the most important things</u>	<u>Somewhat important</u>	<u>Not important</u>	<u>Don't know/ Refused (VOL.)</u>
a. Being successful in a high-paying career or profession June 2017	17	34	29	17	2
c. Living a very religious life June 2017	27	26	20	25	2
d. Being a good parent June 2017	66	23	2	6	3

² In October 2012, question wording was: "Here are some goals that people value in their lives. Please tell me how important each is to you personally. First (INSERT FIRST ITEM; RANDOMIZE), is that one of the most important things in your life, or very important but not one of the most important things, or somewhat important, or not important?"

³ In 2012, no questions asked about "Having resources to provide for your family".

⁴ In 2017, no questions asked about "Having a successful marriage" and "Owning your own home".

ASK ALL

36. How much, if at all, do you worry about (INSERT FIRST)? Would you say that you worry a lot, some, not much, or not at all? How about (INSERT NEXT)?
(READ IF NECESSARY: would you say you worry [READ RESPONSE OPTIONS])

a. Your finances

		---Among U.S. Born---			
<u>Total</u>		<u>Foreign Born</u>	<u>U.S. Born</u>	<u>2nd Gen</u>	<u>3rd Gen or Higher</u>
84	A lot/Some (NET)	86	82	87	78
60	A lot	67	52	59	47
25	Some	20	30	28	31
15	Not much/ Not	13	17	12	21
10	Not much	10	11	7	14
5	Not at all	3	6	6	7
*	Doesn't apply (VOL.)	NA	*	NA	*
*	Don't know (VOL.)	*	*	NA	*
1	Refused (VOL.)	1	1	1	1

NO ITEM B

c. Providing for your family

		---Among U.S. Born---			
<u>Total</u>		<u>Foreign Born</u>	<u>U.S. Born</u>	<u>2nd Gen</u>	<u>3rd Gen or Higher</u>
87	A lot/Some (NET)	92	81	84	79
74	A lot	85	63	67	59
12	Some	7	18	17	20
11	Not much/ Not at all (NET)	6	17	16	18
6	Not much	3	9	10	10
5	Not at all	3	7	6	8
2	Doesn't apply (VOL.)	2	1	*	3
0	Don't know (VOL.)	0	0	0	0
*	Refused (VOL.)	*	*	*	1

d. Fulfilling the goals your parents have for you

		---Among U.S. Born---			
<u>Total</u>		<u>Foreign Born</u>	<u>U.S. Born</u>	<u>2nd Gen</u>	<u>3rd Gen or Higher</u>
63	A lot/Some (NET)	74	52	59	48
44	A lot	55	33	41	27
19	Some	19	20	18	21
31	Not Much/ Not at all (NET)	19	44	39	47
13	Not much	8	18	19	15
18	Not at all	11	26	20	32
3	Doesn't apply (VOL.)	4	2	1	3
1	Don't know (VOL.)	2	*	*	1
1	Refused (VOL.)	1	1	NA	1

ASK ALL

37. In your opinion, would you say that you have achieved the American Dream, or not?

Total		---Among U.S. Born---			
		Foreign Born	U.S. Born	2nd Gen	3rd Gen or Higher
51	Yes, achieved American Dream	52	49	54	46
46	No, have not achieved American Dream	44	47	43	50
3	Don't know (VOL.)	3	2	2	3
1	Refused (VOL.)	*	1	1	1

ASK IF ACHIEVED THE AMERICAN DREAM (Q.37=1)⁵

37a. In your own words, could you tell me ... how have you achieved the American Dream?

Us born ==1

[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE; ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS]

Total		---Among U.S. Born---			
		Foreign Born	U.S. Born	2nd Gen	3rd Gen or Higher
26	Homeownership/Financial Stability (NET)	23	30	23	36
16	Homeownership	15	17	17	16
4	Having a car	3	4	3	5
11	Having money/Providing for family	9	13	7	18
2	Savings/Pensions/Retirement	2	3	1	4
25	Work/Career (NET)	20	30	27	34
20	Working	18	22	17	26
3	Having a career	1	6	6	5
2	Owning a business	1	4	5	3
17	Family/Marriage (NET)	11	23	19	25
4	Having children	2	6	5	7
5	Being married	2	9	9	8
11	Other family reasons	8	13	10	16
22	Coming to the U.S./Living in the U.S..	32	10	10	9
18	Coming to the U.S./Benefits of living in U.S.	26	9	9	8
4	Obtaining legal status	6	1	1	*
1	Learning English	2	*	0	1
24	Hard work/other personal qualities	27	20	22	19
16	Education	10	23	22	24
7	College education	3	11	9	13
9	Other education	7	12	12	11
34	Other (NET)	30	39	40	41
6	Children having successful life	7	4	2	7
5	Meeting goals/being successful	5	5	8	4
2	Religion/God/Miracles/Strike of good luck	1	3	2	4
9	Living well or happy/living better	9	9	12	7
0	Economic or political change	0	0	0	0
0	Can't achieve anymore/No time	0	0	0	0
13	Other	9	18	15	20
2	Don't know (VOL.)	2	3	3	2
2	Refused (VOL.)	2	3	5	1
n=853		n=395	n=458	n=172	n=213

⁵ Multiple responses were allowed. As a result, the subtotals may not add and column total may exceed 100%.

ASK IF NOT ACHIEVED THE AMERICAN DREAM (Q.37=2)⁶

37b. In your own words, could you tell me ... what would it take for you to achieve the American Dream?

[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE; ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS]

<u>Total</u>		<i>Foreign Born</i>	<i>U.S. Born</i>	<i>---Among U.S. Born---</i>	
				<i>2nd Gen</i>	<i>3rd Gen or Higher</i>
31	Homeownership Financial Stability (NET)	27	35	31	39
10	Homeownership	11	9	11	9
*	Having a car	1	0	0	0
20	Having money/Providing for family	15	26	19	31
3	Savings/Pensions/Retirement	4	3	5	1
25	Work/Career (NET)	26	23	25	22
12	Working	12	11	13	10
4	Having a career	5	2	2	2
3	Owning a business	4	1	1	2
5	Family/ Marriage (NET)	5	5	7	4
0	Having children	0	0	0	0
2	Being married	2	2	1	2
3	Other family reasons	3	4	6	2
11	Coming to the U.S./Living in the U.S. (NET)	21	1	*	1
1	Coming to the U.S./Benefits of living in U.S.	3	0	0	0
6	Obtaining legal status	12	*	*	0
4	Learning English	1	7	0	1
8	Hard work/other personal qualities	7	9	17	4
14	Education (NET)	11	17	15	17
5	College education	2	8	6	8
9	Other education	8	9	10	9
32	Other (NET)	29	34	28	37
4	Children success	6	1	2	1
4	Meeting goals/being successful	4	3	4	3
2	Religion/God/Miracles	3	2	3	1
2	Living well or happy/living better	1	3	1	5
6	Economic or political change	5	7	2	10
3	Can't achieve anymore/No time	3	3	4	2
12	Other	9	15	13	15
7	Don't know (VOL.)	7	7	6	7
4	Refused (VOL.)	3	5	4	6
n=591		n=261	n=330	n=117	n=138

ASK ALL

38. In your opinion, how easy is it to achieve the American Dream for people like you today? Do you think it is very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat hard or very hard?

<u>Total</u>		<i>Foreign Born</i>	<i>U.S. Born</i>	<i>---Among U.S. Born---</i>	
				<i>2nd Gen</i>	<i>3rd Gen or Higher</i>
24	Very/Somewhat easy (NET)	22	26	25	27
7	Very easy	7	8	7	9
16	Somewhat easy	15	18	18	19
74	Very/Somewhat hard (NET)	75	72	73	71
46	Somewhat hard	46	46	43	49
28	Very hard	29	26	30	22
2	Don't know (VOL.)	3	1	2	1
1	Refused (VOL.)	1	1	1	1

⁶ Multiple responses were allowed. As a result, the subtotals may not add and column total may exceed 100%.

QUESTION 38 CONTINUED...**TRENDS:**

	Jan <u>2017</u>
Very/Somewhat easy (NET)	25
Very easy	7
Somewhat easy	18
Very/Somewhat hard (NET)	73
Somewhat hard	40
Very hard	33
Don't know (VOL.)	1
Refused (VOL.)	1

ASK ALL

39. Compared to your parents, do you think it is easier or harder for you to achieve the American Dream?

[INTERVIEWER: Probe, Is that much or somewhat easier/harder?]

<u>Total</u>		<i>Foreign Born</i>	<i>U.S. Born</i>	---Among U.S. Born---	
				<i>2nd Gen</i>	<i>3rd Gen or Higher</i>
57	Much/Somewhat easier	57	58	64	55
25	Much easier	25	26	34	20
32	Somewhat easier	32	32	30	35
37	Much/Somewhat harder	35	39	34	40
20	Somewhat harder	19	22	20	22
17	Much harder	16	17	14	18
2	About the same	2	1	*	2
3	Don't know (VOL.)	4	1	1	1
2	Refused (VOL.)	2	1	1	1

ASK IF IT IS HARDER TO ACHIEVE AMERICAN DREAM (Q.39=3,4)

39a. Why would you say it is harder for you to achieve the American Dream? Is it because life is harder these days or because your goals are harder to attain than those of your parents?

<u>Total</u>		<i>Foreign Born</i>	<i>U.S. Born</i>	---Among U.S. Born---	
				<i>2nd Gen</i>	<i>3rd Gen or Higher</i>
47	Life is harder these days	51	43	44	44
37	Goals are harder to attain	37	37	35	38
11	Another reason	7	14	16	14
4	Don't know (VOL.)	4	4	4	4
1	Refused (VOL.)	*	2	2	NA
n=545		n=286	n=259	n=98	n=151

ASK ALL

40. Would you say that your parents achieved the American Dream, or not?

<u>Total</u>		<i>Foreign Born</i>	<i>U.S. Born</i>	<i>---Among U.S. born---</i>	
				<i>2nd Gen</i>	<i>3rd Gen or Higher</i>
40	Yes, achieved American Dream	25	57	67	50
49	No, did not achieve American dream	60	37	28	43
8	Parents not in the U.S. / Does not apply (VOL.)	13	1	1	2
2	Don't know (VOL.)	1	3	2	4
1	Refused (VOL.)	1	2	2	1

ASK IF PARENTS ACHIEVED AMERICAN DREAM (Q.40=1)⁷

41. In your own words, could you tell me ... how did your parents achieve the American Dream?

[INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: RECORD VERBATIM RESPONSE; ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES, BUT DO NOT PROBE FOR ADDITIONAL MENTIONS]

<u>Total</u>		<i>Foreign Born</i>	<i>U.S. Born</i>	<i>---Among U.S. Born---</i>	
				<i>2nd Gen</i>	<i>3rd Gen or Higher</i>
38	Homeownership /Financial Stability (NET)	32	41	35	46
23	Homeownership	21	24	20	27
3	Having a car	4	2	*	4
18	Having money/Providing for family	13	21	20	21
5	Savings/Pensions/Retirement	4	6	2	9
27	WorkCareer (NET)	25	27	24	29
16	Working	15	17	15	18
7	Having a career	7	7	8	7
4	Owning a business	4	4	3	5
15	Family/ Marriage (NET)	10	17	18	17
1	Having children	*	1	1	1
7	Being married	4	8	9	8
8	Other family reasons	8	9	9	8
17	Coming to the U.S./living in the U.S.	24	13	19	8
14	Coming to the U.S./benefits of living in U.S. (NET)	18	11	16	7
4	Obtaining legal status	8	2	4	1
*	Learning English	0	*	0	*
27	Hard work/other personal qualities (NET)	26	28	32	24
7	Education	4	8	6	10
3	College education	1	4	2	6
4	Other education	2	5	4	5
21	Other (NET)	22	20	19	21
4	Children success	5	4	4	3
6	Meeting goals/being successful	6	6	5	6
1	Religion/ God/Miracles	1	1	1	*
6	Living well or happy/living better	8	5	6	4
0	Economic or political change	0	0	0	0
0	Can't achieve anymore/No time	0	0	0	0
4	Other	3	5	3	7
4	Don't know (VOL.)	5	4	3	6
3	Refused (VOL.)	2	4	3	2
n=590		n=188	n=402	n=190	n=205

⁷ Multiple responses were allowed. As a result, the subtotals may not add and column total may exceed 100%.

