



Unemployment Bonus Poll

August 2020 Update

	ALL VOTERS	GOP	DEM	IND
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Earlier this year, Congress passed a bill that gives people on unemployment an extra \$600-per-week bonus, on top of regular unemployment benefits, to help during the COVID-19 pandemic. However, some argue that this is now discouraging workers from returning to their jobs as restrictions are lifted. Would you support or oppose renewing the \$600 unemployment bonus, which expired at the end of July?

Support	37%	18%	62%	28%
Oppose	51%	70%	27%	57%
Unsure	12%	12%	11%	15%

During part of the Great Recession, which began in 2007, an unemployment bonus of \$25 per week was given to individuals on unemployment. Do you support or oppose renewing the bonus at this \$25 per week level, in addition to regular unemployment benefits?

Support	36%	49%	24%	37%
Oppose	45%	38%	52%	43%
Unsure	19%	13%	24%	20%

Would you support or oppose renewing the bonus at \$500 per week, in addition to regular unemployment benefits?

Support	33%	16%	58%	23%
Oppose	54%	71%	30%	62%
Unsure	13%	13%	12%	15%

Would you support or oppose renewing the bonus at \$400 per week, in addition to regular unemployment benefits?

Support	34%	17%	56%	26%
Oppose	53%	71%	32%	58%
Unsure	14%	12%	12%	17%

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Would you support or oppose renewing the bonus at \$300 per week, in addition to regular unemployment benefits?				
Support	33%	19%	54%	24%
Oppose	53%	69%	34%	59%
Unsure	13%	12%	12%	16%

Would you support or oppose renewing the bonus at \$200 per week, in addition to regular unemployment benefits?				
Support	37%	25%	53%	30%
Oppose	51%	62%	35%	56%
Unsure	13%	12%	12%	14%

Would you support or oppose renewing the bonus at \$100 per week, in addition to regular unemployment benefits?				
Support	36%	25%	52%	31%
Oppose	51%	63%	37%	56%
Unsure	12%	12%	12%	14%

Would you be more or less likely to support renewing the \$600 unemployment bonus if you knew that states' unemployment trust funds have fallen by an average of 96 percent, and are having to take out loans to pay for the new claims?				
More Likely	26%	9%	44%	22%
Less Likely	51%	67%	32%	57%
Unsure	23%	24%	24%	22%

Would you be more or less likely to support renewing the \$600 unemployment bonus if you knew that the U-6 unemployment rate is lower today than it was in mid to late 2010, more than a year after the Great Recession ended?				
More Likely	22%	13%	35%	17%
Less Likely	48%	68%	25%	55%
Unsure	29%	19%	40%	29%

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Would you be more or less likely to support renewing the \$600 unemployment bonus if you knew that unemployment claims fell by 17 percent during the week of August 1?				
More Likely	28%	13%	44%	24%
Less Likely	51%	69%	30%	56%
Unsure	21%	17%	26%	20%

Would you be more or less likely to support renewing the \$600 unemployment bonus if you knew that online job postings are up 16 percent since April, increasing job posts to roughly where they were in 2017?				
More Likely	26%	14%	40%	22%
Less Likely	54%	70%	36%	57%
Unsure	20%	16%	23%	21%

Would you be more or less likely to support renewing the \$600 unemployment bonus if you knew that there were 518,000 more open jobs in June versus May?				
More Likely	23%	12%	40%	16%
Less Likely	58%	77%	35%	66%
Unsure	18%	11%	25%	18%

Would you be more or less likely to support renewing the \$600 unemployment bonus if you knew that there are almost 6 million open jobs?				
More Likely	23%	9%	40%	17%
Less Likely	59%	79%	37%	64%
Unsure	18%	12%	23%	19%

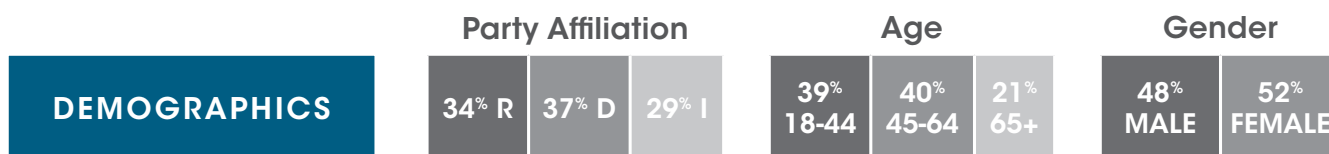
Would you be more or less likely to support renewing the \$600 unemployment bonus if you knew that employment rose by 1.8 million jobs in July and the unemployment rate dropped by almost a whole percentage point?				
More Likely	23%	10%	42%	15%
Less Likely	54%	73%	32%	60%
Unsure	22%	16%	26%	25%

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Would you be more or less likely to support renewing the \$600 unemployment bonus if you knew that during the week of August 1, more than 117,000 new businesses were formed—a 55 percent increase from the first two months of the year?				
More Likely	26%	15%	43%	18%
Less Likely	52%	74%	28%	55%
Unsure	22%	11%	29%	27%

Would you be more or less likely to support renewing the \$600 unemployment bonus if you knew that there have been more than one million new small businesses startup since June?				
More Likely	24%	11%	42%	18%
Less Likely	52%	74%	28%	56%
Unsure	24%	15%	30%	26%

Would you be more or less likely to support renewing the \$600 unemployment bonus if you knew that the estimate of GDP has more than doubled since July 31?				
More Likely	25%	10%	42%	20%
Less Likely	54%	76%	28%	60%
Unsure	21%	14%	30%	20%

Would you support or oppose the immediate passage of a \$1 trillion state and local government bailout?				
Support	33%	7%	59%	32%
Oppose	49%	73%	20%	58%
Unsure	17%	19%	21%	10%



Results for this poll are based on automated telephone interviews conducted among a nationwide sample of 506 likely voters. Data for this survey research was collected by Cor Strategies Inc.

Interviews were conducted via a computer-assisted telephone interviewing system utilizing techniques designed to achieve the highest possible respondent cooperation.

The surveys were conducted August 22-25, 2020. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 4.36 percentage points. The margin of sampling error may be higher for certain subgroups. Results presented may not always appear to total 100 percent due to rounding.

Data was sampled using weighted demographic information from the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplement and the state election authorities. Demographic information for actual voters in past elections were used to construct sample target weights.

The Foundation for Government Accountability paid for all costs associated with this survey.