Q2 What's more important to you, better health benefits or higher wages?

Answered: 34,668  Skipped: 754

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<td>Better health benefits</td>
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<td>Higher wages</td>
<td>60.03%</td>
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Q3 How difficult would it be to meet your current financial obligations if your next paycheck were delayed for a week?

- Very difficult: 34.19% (11,745 responses)
- Somewhat difficult: 34.51% (11,855 responses)
- Not very difficult: 17.07% (5,884 responses)
- Not at all difficult: 12.94% (4,445 responses)
- Don’t know: 1.29% (444 responses)

Total respondents: 34,353
Q4 Is your paycheck delivered on time?

Answered: 34,172  Skipped: 1,250

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<td>Yes, it is always on time</td>
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<td>Yes, but occasionally it is late</td>
<td>4.74%</td>
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<td>No, it is often late</td>
<td>0.90%</td>
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<td>Don't know</td>
<td>1.42%</td>
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Q5 How do you currently receive your pay?

Answered: 33,855  Skipped: 1,567

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<td>93.87%</td>
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<td>Payroll card</td>
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<td>Prepaid reloadable card</td>
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<td>Paper paycheck</td>
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<td>Online payment system, like PayPal or Venmo</td>
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Q6 Did you switch to an electronic wage payment method in 2020 in order to receive your wages more efficiently during the COVID-19 pandemic?

Answered: 32,160   Skipped: 3,262

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<td>No</td>
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<td>3.38%</td>
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Q7 How certain are you that your payroll withholding and the net amount of your paycheck are correct each payday?

Answered: 33,468  Skipped: 1,954

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<td>3.18%</td>
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Q8 Did you complete a new Form W-4 at any point in 2020?

Answered: 33,355  Skipped: 2,057

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<td>No</td>
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<td>5.12%</td>
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### Q9 Why did you complete a new Form W-4?

**Answered:** 8,011  **Skipped:** 27,411

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<td>My financial situation changed</td>
<td>10.71% 858</td>
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<td>I wanted to adjust my withholding to have less federal tax taken out</td>
<td>15.82% 1,267</td>
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<td>I wanted to adjust my withholding to have more federal tax taken out</td>
<td>30.58% 2,450</td>
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<td>11.31% 906</td>
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Q10 Did you find the 2020 Form W-4 to be easier to understand and complete than the last time you completed the form?

**Answer Choices**

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<td>No, it was more difficult</td>
<td>42.89%</td>
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<td>It was about the same</td>
<td>32.76%</td>
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<td>Don't know</td>
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Q11 Does your employer provide an employee self-service portal, where you can access your pay and benefits information online?

Answered: 33,056    Skipped: 2,366

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<td>4.19%</td>
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Q12 Would you be interested in having access to your wages on-demand as you earn them rather than receiving them all at once on a standard payday?

Answered: 32,911  Skipped: 2,511

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<td>I currently receive early access to my pay</td>
<td>5.46%</td>
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<td>14.92%</td>
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Q13 Would you be willing to pay a fee to have your wages available on-demand as you earn them?

Answered: 12,217  Skipped: 23,205

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Q14 How do you currently receive early access to your wages?

**Answered:** 1,804  **Skipped:** 33,618

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<td>Through a program offered by my employer</td>
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<td>Through an on-demand service provider</td>
<td>8.76%</td>
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<td>Through an app</td>
<td>25.44%</td>
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<td>13.80%</td>
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Q15 Do you prefer receiving a large tax refund after filing your tax return or would you rather have the extra cash in each paycheck throughout the year?

Answered: 32,770   Skipped: 2,652

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<td>Large tax refund</td>
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<td>More money each paycheck</td>
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<td>Didn’t know I had an option</td>
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