

55% of voters believe economy is getting worse

June 19, 2020: Fifty-five percent (55%) of voters nationwide believe the economy is getting worse these days. A Ballotpedia national survey found that figure is up five points from a [survey](#) conducted in late May.^[1]

Since that earlier survey, the number who believe the economy is getting better has inched up just two points to 24%.^[1]

To some, these results may be surprising. The initial survey was conducted before the most recent jobs report, at a time when many experts projected the report would show millions of jobs lost. Instead, that report showed a net gain of 2.5 million jobs.^[2] However, after an economic slump, it often takes many months of good economic news before confidence rebounds.

Additionally, the partisan dynamics are interesting. Since that earlier survey, [Republicans](#) have grown more optimistic while [Democrats](#) and [independents](#) have gone in the opposite direction.

- Fifty percent (50%) of GOP voters now believe the economy is getting better—up nine points since late May.
- Seventy-four percent (74%) of Democrats now believe the economy is getting worse—up ten points from the previous survey.
- The number of independents who believe the economy is getting worse jumped eight points to 58%.^[1]

Yesterday's [Number of the Day](#) showed that 42% of voters know someone who lost their job due to the shutdowns and have since been rehired. On that question, there was no significant partisan gap. There was, however, a generational divide.

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Footnotes:

1. [ScottRasmussen.com](#), "55% believe economy is getting worse," June 17, 2020

2. [CNBC, "May sees biggest jobs increase ever of 2.5 million as economy starts to recover from coronavirus," June 5, 2020](#)