AARP Oklahoma Retirement Security Survey: Senate District 36

ANNOTATED QUESTIONNAIRE

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205 Oklahoma registered voters, ages 25-64, residing in Senate District 36

Margin of error:

±4.0 percentage points at the 95% confidence level among U.S. adults

NOTE: All results show percentages among all respondents, unless otherwise labeled.

Percentages may not always sum to 100%.

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Oklahoma statewide

Screening Criteria: Age 25-64, resident of Oklahoma's Senate District 36, registered voter in Oklahoma, employed in private sector or unemployed and looking for work;

20 minutes

Telephone (50% cell phone/50% landline)

n=205

All data have been weighted by age, gender, and race/ethnicity according to November 2020 Oklahoma state voter database statistics.

Hello, this is _____ calling from _____, a national opinion research firm. We are not telemarketers and are not trying to sell you anything. We are interested in your thoughts about retirement security issues in Oklahoma. Your views are important, and we would greatly appreciate your participation. Your confidential responses will be summarized and shared.

S1. [All] Our study is interested in the opinions of certain age groups. Could you please tell me your age as of your last birthday? [IN YEARS] _____ [AGE CODED]

%	n=205
0	Under 25 (TERMINATE)
24	25-34
31	35-49
22	50-55
23	56-64
0	65 or older (TERMINATE)
0	Refused (TERMINATE)

S2. [All] And just to confirm, are you a resident of Oklahoma?

%	n=205
100	Yes
0	No (TERMINATE)
0	Don't know/ refused (TERMINATE)

S3. [All] What is your 5-digit ZIP code? _____ (TERMINATE IF NO ONE IN HH IS AGE 25-64 RESIDENT OF OKLAHOMA)

S4. [All] And are you registered to vote in Oklahoma?

%	n=205
100	Yes
0	No (TERMINATE)
0	Don't know (TERMINATE)
0	Refused (TERMINATE)

S5. [All] To ensure it is recorded accurately, could you please state your gender?

%	n=205
46	Male
54	Female
1	Other (specify)
<1	Refused

S6. [All] Which of the following best describes your current employment status? Are you...? (READ LIST)

%	n=205
13	Self-employed full-time
4	Self-employed part-time
59	Employed full-time
7	Employed part-time
0	Retired and not working at all (TERMINATE)
18	Unemployed and looking for work (SKIP TO Q1)
0	Or are you not in the labor force for other reasons (TERMINATE)
0	Don't know (VOL) (TERMINATE)
0	Refused (VOL) (TERMINATE)

S7. [If S6=Employed full- or part-time] Are you currently employed in a federal, state, or local government job?

%	n=168
0	Yes (TERMINATE)
100	No
0	Don't know (TERMINATE)
0	Refused (TERMINATE)

A1. [All] In general, are you worried or not worried about the coronavirus pandemic? Is that (very or somewhat worried)/(not too or not at all worried)?

%	n=205
35	Very worried
40	Somewhat worried
15	Not too worried
9	Not at all worried
1	Not sure (VOL)
0	Refused (VOL)

A2. [All] When you think about the coronavirus pandemic, how worried are you about.....? (READ LIST) Is that (very or somewhat worried)/(not too or not at all worried)? [RANDOMIZE]

n=205	Very worried %	Somewhat worried %	Not too worried %	Not at all worried %	Don't know %	Refused %
A. Your current personal financial situation	29	32	20	17	0	1
B. Your long-term personal financial situation <i>over the next 5 years</i>	28	37	19	15	<1	<1
C. Your health or the health of others in your family	36	37	15	11	0	1
D. The security of your job or the job of someone in your family	24	32	22	20	2	0

Q1. [All] As you think about your finances in the future, how anxious do you feel about having enough money to live comfortably through your retirement years? Are you...? (READ LIST)

%	n=205
32	Very anxious
38	Somewhat anxious
15	Not very anxious
15	Not anxious at all
0	Don't know (VOL)
1	Refused (VOL)

*Q2_A. [If ages 25-34] Given the amount of money you currently have saved, do you think you'll be able to save enough money for your retirement years?

%	
	Yes
	No
	Don't know
	Refused

*Data suppressed due to small base.

Q2_B. [If ages 35-64] Given the amount of money you currently have saved, do you wish you had more money saved for your retirement years?

%	n=157
94	Yes
4	No
1	Don't know
1	Refused

Q3. [All] How confident are you that you will have enough money to take care of your healthcare expenses during your retirement years? These expenses include things such as co-payments, deductibles, out-of-pocket drug costs, expenses that Medicare doesn't cover, such as hearing aids and eyeglasses, and possibly nursing home or long-term care. Are you...? (READ LIST)

%	n=205
11	Very confident
33	Somewhat confident
30	Not very confident
24	Not confident at all
2	Don't know (VOL)
<1	Refused (VOL)

Q4. [All] How concerned are you that cost-of-living increases (over which you have no control) may reduce your standard of living? Are you...? (READ LIST)

%	n=205
39	Very concerned
43	Somewhat concerned
12	Not very concerned
4	Not concerned at all
2	Don't know (VOL)
0	Refused (VOL)

Q5. [All] How important is it for people to be able to save money for their retirement years while they are working? (READ LIST)

%	n=205
83	Very important
15	Somewhat important
1	Not very important
0	Not important at all
2	Don't know (VOL)
<1	Refused (VOL)

Q6. [All] When it comes to planning and saving for retirement, would you say that you are ahead of schedule, on track, or behind schedule?

%	n=205
5	Ahead of schedule
26	On track
64	Behind schedule
4	Don't know
0	Refused

Q7. [If S6=Employed full- or part-time] Which of the following ways to save for retirement does your current employer provide? Do they provide...? (READ LIST) [ROTATE A-B/B-A]

%	n=134
14	A. A traditional pension plan or a defined benefit plan? [IF ASKED: "A <i>defined benefit plan</i> supplies retirees with a monthly income, typically based on a formula of salary and years of service. It is not a 401(k) plan."]]
75	B. An IRA, 401(k) or 403(b) defined contribution plan? [IF ASKED: "A <i>defined contribution plan</i> allows you to make contributions from your salary to an individual account set up in your name."]
17	C. (If neither above=yes, confirm:) Your employer does NOT offer a way to save for retirement.
5	Don't know (VOL)
1	Refused (VOL)

*Q7_A. [If Q7=Your employer does NOT offer a way to save for retirement, don't know, or refused] If your employer offered a way to save for retirement at work, how likely would you be to take advantage of it? (READ LIST)

%	
	Very likely
	Somewhat likely
	Not very likely
	Not at all likely
	Don't know (VOL)
	Refused (VOL)

*Data suppressed due to small base.

Q8. Are you making regular contributions to any of the following savings tools...? (READ LIST) [ROTATE A-B/B-A, READ C LAST]

n=205	Yes %	No %	Not sure %	Refused %
A. [If Q7=An IRA, 401(k) or 403(b) defined contribution plan] A workplace retirement saving plan such as a 401(k) or 403(b) offered by your employer (n=100)	82	16	2	0
B. [All] A personal retirement savings plan such as an IRA or thrift savings plan	32	66	1	1
C. [All] Something else to help you save for retirement	33	62	5	1

Q9. [All] How concerned are you as a taxpayer that some Oklahoma workers have not saved enough money for retirement and could end up being reliant on public assistance programs? Are you...? (READ LIST)

%	n=205
41	Very concerned
39	Somewhat concerned
10	Not very concerned
8	Not concerned at all
2	Don't know (VOL)
0	Refused (VOL)

Q10. [All] Many in Oklahoma, especially those who work for small businesses, do not have a way to save for retirement at work. One way to help more workers save would be for Oklahoma to set up a retirement savings program. The program offers retirement savings workers control by allowing them to choose whether or not to participate, decide how much to contribute, and let them take their account with them if they change jobs. Workers save for retirement using money automatically taken out of their regular paycheck. The program would be managed as a public-private partnership. Do you support or oppose this program? Is that strongly or somewhat?

%	n=205
33	Strongly support
42	Somewhat support
10	Neither support nor oppose
3	Somewhat oppose
5	Strongly oppose
7	Don't know
0	Refused

Q11. [All] Now I'm going to read a list of some features of a Oklahoma retirement savings program being considered and I'd like you to tell me how important each would be to you. After I finish reading each statement, tell me if that feature is very important to you, somewhat important, not very important, or not at all important to you. How important is it to you that a state savings program be...? (READ LIST)

n=205	Very important %	Somewhat important %	Not very important %	Not important at all %	Don't know (VOL) %	Refused (VOL) %
A. Portable, so if you leave one job, you can take the money and account with you to your next job	81	13	3	2	2	0
B. Set up such that contributions are automatically taken from each paycheck before taxes	54	33	7	4	2	1
C. Voluntary, so participants are not required to make contributions	56	29	9	3	3	0
D. Available to all employees who do not have a way to save for retirement at work, including those who work for small businesses	69	23	4	3	2	0

Q12. [All] Americans are more likely to save for retirement when they can do so out of their regular paycheck at work. Yet many workers do not have access to a workplace retirement savings plan, especially those that work at small businesses. Thinking about this, do you agree or disagree with the following statement: “Oklahoma elected officials should support legislation that makes it easier for all workers to save for retirement out of their regular paycheck.” Do you agree or disagree with this statement? And is that strongly or somewhat?

%	n=205
58	Strongly agree
30	Somewhat agree
4	Neither agree nor disagree
3	Somewhat disagree
3	Strongly disagree
2	Don't know
0	Refused

Q13. [All] Thinking about the many concerns and issues that workers and employers are facing today related to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, do you agree or disagree that access to a workplace savings program is important for employees of small businesses and sole business owners in Oklahoma? (Is that strongly or somewhat?)

%	n=205
55	Strongly agree
30	Somewhat agree
5	Neither agree nor disagree
6	Somewhat disagree
1	Strongly disagree
3	Don't know
<1	Refused

Thank you. Now, I just have a few more questions about how the Coronavirus pandemic has impacted your finances.

Q14. [All] Has your household income declined since the coronavirus outbreak?

%	n=205
47	Yes
53	No
0	Don't know
0	Refused

Q15. [All] At any time since March of this year, were you or anyone in your household laid off or furloughed from a job because of the coronavirus outbreak?

%	n=205
37	Yes
60	No
3	Don't know
0	Refused

Q16. [All] And at any time since March of this year, have you or anyone in your household had to take a cut in pay at work due to reduced hours?

%	n=205
42	Yes
57	No
1	Don't know
0	Refused

Q17. [If any of Q8=Yes] Prior to the coronavirus outbreak, approximately what percent of your total income were you saving on average each month in retirement plans, such as a 401k, IRA, or another retirement plan? [READ LIST]

%	n=139
3	0%
28	1% to 5%
35	6% to 10%
19	11% to 15%
5	16% to 20%
4	More than 20%
5	Don't know (VOL)
1	Refused (VOL)

Q18. [If any of Q8=Yes] Since the coronavirus outbreak, approximately what percent of your total income are you saving now in retirement plans, such as a 401k, IRA, or another retirement plan? [READ LIST]

%	n=139
17	0%
26	1% to 5%
26	6% to 10%
16	11% to 15%
4	16% to 20%
5	More than 20%
5	Don't know (VOL)
1	Refused (VOL)

Q19. [All] Have your attitudes about saving for your retirement changed since the coronavirus outbreak in the U.S.?

%	n=205
35	Yes
59	No
6	Don't know
0	Refused

Q20. [If any of Q8=Yes] What actions have you taken since the coronavirus outbreak in the U.S. in regard to your savings in retirement plan(s)? [READ LIST; ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES EXCEPT FOR 1-2 (MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE) AND 8] [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1-6]

%	n=139
16	Reduced the amount you are contributing
9	Re-allocated money to different investment(s) within your plan
12	Are no longer contributing
9	Withdrew <i>some</i> money early
9	Took a loan against your 401(k) or other retirement savings account
5	Withdrew <i>all</i> money early
1	Other (specify)
50	You have not taken any action with your retirement savings
5	Don't know or refused (VOL)

Q21. What financial steps, if any, are you taking as a result of the coronavirus outbreak? [READ LIST, ALLOW MULTIPLE RESPONSES FOR 1-8; RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1-7]

%	n=205
57	Reducing nonessential spending
40	Postponing large financial decisions (e.g. buying a house, furniture, car)
32	Finding more affordable options (e.g. health, car, or life insurance)
30	Building up an emergency savings fund
22	Postponing payments to companies or lenders who are offering a grace period or relief
11	Buying more items on credit
12	Reallocating what would have been savings for retirement to an emergency fund
1	Other (specify)
20	None of the above
3	Don't know or refused (VOL)

The following questions are for classification purposes only and will be kept entirely confidential.

D1. [All] Do you do something to earn extra money that is not your main source of income?

%	n=205
33	Yes
66	No
1	Don't know
0	Refused

D2. [All] What is the highest level of education that you completed? (READ LIST)

%	n=205
1	0-12th grade (no diploma)
18	High school graduate (or equivalent)
21	Post-high school education (no degree)
20	2-year college degree
27	4-year college degree
1	Post-graduate study (no degree)
11	Graduate or professional degree
0	Don't know (VOL)
1	Refused (VOL)

D3. [All] What is your current marital status? Are you currently...? (READ LIST)

%	n=205
58	Married
12	Not married, living with your partner
2	Separated
8	Divorced
4	Widowed
16	Single and never been married
0	Don't know (VOL)
1	Refused (VOL)

D4. [If D3=Married or not married living with your partner and ages 40-64] Are you or your (spouse/partner) currently a member of A-A-R-P? [If D3=Separated, divorced, widowed, single and never been married, don't know, or refused and ages 50-64] Are you currently a member of A-A-R-P?

%	n=121
18	Yes
79	No
3	Don't know
0	Refused

D5. [All] Are you of Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino origin or descent?

%	n=205
5	Yes
93	No
1	Don't know
1	Refused

D6. [All] What is your race? Are you...? (READ LIST)

%	n=205
79	White or Caucasian
14	American Indian or Alaska Native
2	Black or African American
2	Asian
0	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
2	Other (specify)
1	Don't know (VOL)
1	Refused (VOL)

D7. [All] Do you consider yourself to be a....? (READ LIST) [RANDOMIZE ORDER OF 1-3; READ 4 ('Something else') LAST]

%	n=205
27	Democrat
46	Republican
24	Independent
1	Something else (specify)
1	Don't know (VOL)
2	Refused (VOL)

D8. [All] How would you characterize your political views? (READ LIST)

%	n=205
14	Very conservative
27	Somewhat conservative
28	Moderate
17	Somewhat liberal
6	Very liberal
3	None of the above/ something else (VOL)
4	Don't know (VOL)
2	Refused (VOL)

D9. [All] Do you own or rent your primary residence?

%	n=205
65	Own
31	Rent
3	Live with family
<1	Live with friends
0	Something else (specify)
0	Don't know
1	Refused

D10. [All] We realize income is a private matter and so rather than ask you anything specific about your income, I'd like to ask you to please stop me when I get to the category that includes your household's income before taxes in 2019. Was it...? (READ LIST)

%	n=205
6	Less than \$10,000
8	\$10,000 to less than \$20,000
10	\$20,000 to less than \$30,000
11	\$30,000 to less than \$40,000
5	\$40,000 to less than \$50,000
12	\$50,000 to less than \$60,000
6	\$60,000 to less than \$75,000
17	\$75,000 to less than \$100,000
11	\$100,000 to less than \$125,000
4	\$125,000 to less than \$150,000
4	\$150,000 to less than \$200,000
3	\$200,000 or more
1	Don't know (VOL)
4	Refused (VOL)

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