

**2019 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
WAVE 56 OCTOBER
TOPLINE
OCTOBER 16-28, 2019
TOTAL N=4,860**

NOTE: ALL NUMBERS ARE PERCENTAGES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. THE PERCENTAGES LESS THAN 0.5% ARE REPLACED BY AN ASTERISK (*). ROWS/COLUMNS MAY NOT TOTAL 100% DUE TO ROUNDING.

THE QUESTIONS PRESENTED BELOW ARE PART OF A LARGER SURVEY ON VIEWS ABOUT DATING AND RELATIONSHIPS IN THE U.S. THE OTHER QUESTIONS ON THIS SURVEY HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY RELEASED.

	Sample size	Margin of error at 95% confidence level
U.S. adults	4,860	+/- 2.1 percentage points

ASK ALL:

MARITAL

Which of these best describes you?

Oct 16-28, 2019

50	Married
11	Living with a partner
11	Divorced
2	Separated
5	Widowed
20	Never been married
*	No answer

ASK IF DIVORCED, SEPARATED, WIDOWED, NEVER MARRIED OR NO ANSWER (MARITAL=3-99) [n=2,342]:

MARITAL2

Are you currently in a committed romantic relationship?

Oct 16-28, 2019

21	Yes, in a committed romantic relationship
79	No, not in a committed romantic relationship
1	No answer

ASK IF NEVER BEEN MARRIED AND NOT IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP (MARITAL=6 AND MARITAL2=2) [n=1,117]:

RELATEVER

Have you ever been in a committed romantic relationship?

Oct 16-28, 2019

65	Yes, have been in a committed romantic relationship
35	No, have never been in a committed romantic relationship
*	No answer

ASK IF NOT IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP (MARITAL2=2) [n=1,918]:

CASUAL

Are you currently casually dating anyone?

Oct 16-28, 2019

13	Yes, casually dating someone
87	No, not casually dating anyone
*	No answer

ASK IF NOT IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP (MARITAL2=2) [n=1,918]:

SEEKING Which of these best describes what you are looking for right now?

Oct 16-28, 2019

14	A committed romantic relationship only
10	Casual dates only
26	Either a committed romantic relationship or casual dates
50	Not currently looking for a relationship or dates
1	No answer

RELATIONSHIP STATUS: COMBO OF MARITAL, MARITAL2, & SEEKINGOct 16-28, 2019

69	Partnered
50	Married
11	Living with a partner
8	Committed relationship
31	Single
15	Looking
15	Not looking
*	No answer to SEEKING
*	No answer to MARITAL2

ASK IF NOT IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP AND NOT LOOKING FOR A RELATIONSHIP OR DATES (SEEKING=4) [n=787]:MOTIVNODATE Please indicate if each of the following is a reason or not a reason why you are not currently looking for a relationship or dates. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; SPLIT OVER 2 SCREENS]**

		Major <u>reason</u>	Minor <u>reason</u>	Not a <u>reason</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a.	Just like being single Oct 16-28, 2019	44	35	21	1
b.	Have more important priorities right now Oct 16-28, 2019	47	21	32	1
c.	Feel like I'm too old to date Oct 16-28, 2019	17	21	63	*
d.	Have health problems that make it difficult to date Oct 16-28, 2019	11	13	75	*
e.	Haven't had luck with dating or relationships in the past Oct 16-28, 2019	18	23	59	*
f.	Too busy Oct 16-28, 2019	20	23	57	1

MOTIVNODATE CONTINUED ...

	<u>Major reason</u>	<u>Minor reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
g. Feel like no one would be interested in dating me Oct 16-28, 2019	17	21	60	1
h. Not ready to date after [IF MARITAL= WIDOWED: losing my spouse or] ending a relationship Oct 16-28, 2019	17	17	66	1

ASK IF MARRIED, LIVING WITH PARTNER, OR IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP (MARITAL=1,2 OR MARITAL2=1) [n=2,932]:

TOTRELDUR How long have you been in your current romantic relationship [IF MARRIED (MARITAL=1): – including before you were married]?

Oct 16-28, 2019

5	Less than 1 year
9	1 year to less than 3 years
9	3 years to less than 5 years
15	5 years to less than 10 years
21	10 years to less than 20 years
40	20 years or more
1	No answer

ASK IF MARRIED, LIVING WITH PARTNER, OR IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP (MARITAL=1,2 OR MARITAL2=1) [n=2,932]:

FAMSURV19_RELAT Overall, would you say that things in your relationship are going...

Oct 16-28, 2019

59	Very well
34	Fairly well
6	Not too well
1	Not at all well
*	No answer

ASK IF NOT IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP BUT CASUALLY DATING OR LOOKING FOR A RELATIONSHIP AND/OR DATES (CASUAL=1 OR SEEKING=1-3) [n=1,140]:

FAMSURV19_DATING Overall, would you say that things in your dating life are going...

Oct 16-28, 2019

3	Very well
31	Fairly well
43	Not too well
23	Not at all well
1	No answer

BASED ON LOOKING FOR A RELATIONSHIP AND/OR DATES (SEEKING=1-3) [n=1,123]:Oct 16-28, 2019

3	Very well
30	Fairly well
44	Not too well
23	Not at all well
1	No answer

ASK IF INTERNET USER (F_TABLETHH=0) [n=4,741]:

ONLINEDATE Have you ever used an online dating site or dating app?

Oct 16-28, 2019

31	Yes, have done this
68	No, have not done this
*	No answer

ASK IF EVER USED AN ONLINE DATING SITE OR APP (ONLINEDATE=1) [n=2,094]:

ONLINEDATE2 Are you currently using an online dating site or dating app?

Oct 16-28, 2019

18	Yes, I am currently using an online dating site or dating app
17	No, but I have used one within the past year
26	No, but I used one 1 to 5 years ago
38	No, but I used one more than 5 years ago
*	No answer

ONLINE DATING STATUS: COMBO OF ONLINEDATE & ONLINEDATE2Oct 16-28, 2019

30	Ever online dated
11	Have online dated within the last year
19	Have online dated more than a year ago
*	No answer for ONLINEDATE2
65	Never online dated
*	No answer
4	Does not use internet

ASK IF MARRIED, LIVING WITH PARTNER, OR IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP (MARITAL=1,2 OR MARITAL2=1) [n=2,932]:PARTNERMEET How did you first meet your spouse or partner? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-6, KEEPING 7 LAST]**Oct 16-28, 2019

32	Through friends or family
12	Online
18	Through work
17	Through school
5	At a place of worship
8	At a bar or restaurant
8	Somewhere else (specify: _____)
*	No answer

ASK IF MET CURRENT PARTNER ONLINE (PARTNERMEET=2) [n=506]:

ONMEET Where online did you first meet your spouse or partner? [RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-6, KEEPING 7 LAST]

Oct 16-28, 2019

61	A dating site or app
21	A social media site or app
3	Online gaming
10	An online discussion forum
3	A texting or messaging app
*	Email
1	Somewhere else (specify:_____)
*	No answer

ASK ALL:

DATE10YR Compared to 10 years ago, for most people, do you think dating is...
[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1 AND 2, WITH OPTION 3 ALWAYS LAST]

Oct 16-28, 2019

47	Harder today
19	Easier today
33	About the same
1	No answer

ASK IF SAYS DATING IS HARDER THAN 10 YEARS AGO (DATE10YR=1) [n=2,310]:

WHYDATE10YRHARD Why do you think dating is harder today than it was 10 years ago for most people? [OPEN-END RESPONSE, CODED ANSWERS SHOWN BELOW]

Oct 16-28, 2019

21	There's more risk/People are less trusting
12	Technology (general)
10	Dating has become more impersonal
10	Harder to meet people now
9	Dating has become more casual
8	Societal expectations/Morals/Gender roles have changed
5	People are busier
3	There are more options of people to date
2	Political correctness/MeToo culture
2	Dating has become more about looks
14	Other
14	No answer

ASK IF SAYS DATING IS EASIER THAN 10 YEARS AGO (DATE10YR=2) [n=882]:

WHYDATE10YREASY Why do you think dating is easier today than it was 10 years ago for most people? [OPEN-END RESPONSE, CODED ANSWERS SHOWN BELOW]

Oct 16-28, 2019

41	Technology (general)
29	Easier to meet people now
10	Societal expectations/Morals/Gender roles have changed
4	Dating has become more casual
3	Dating has become safer/Better able to screen people
7	Other
11	No answer

ASK ALL:
FIRSTDATE

Here is a list of things that some people may find acceptable ON A FIRST DATE and some may not. Regardless of whether you would do it yourself, please indicate if you, personally, think each is acceptable on a first date.

[RANDOMIZE ITEMS BUT ITEM c SHOULD ALWAYS BE LAST]

		<u>Always acceptable</u>	<u>Sometimes acceptable</u>	<u>Rarely acceptable</u>	<u>Never acceptable</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Giving a hug Oct 16-28, 2019	56	39	3	2	*
b.	Kissing Oct 16-28, 2019	15	58	18	9	*
c.	Having sex Oct 16-28, 2019	5	25	27	42	1

ASK ALL:
DATEACCEPT

Here is a list of things that some people may find acceptable and some may not. Regardless of whether you would do it yourself, please indicate if you, personally, think each is acceptable. **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		<u>Always acceptable</u>	<u>Sometimes acceptable</u>	<u>Rarely acceptable</u>	<u>Never acceptable</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Sex between unmarried adults who are in a committed relationship Oct 16-28, 2019	43	22	9	25	1
b.	Having an open relationship – that is, a committed relationship where both people agree that it is acceptable to date or have sex with other people Oct 16-28, 2019	14	18	20	48	*
c.	Casual sex between consenting adults who are not in a committed romantic relationship Oct 16-28, 2019	29	32	14	24	*
d.	Two consenting adults exchanging sexually explicit images of themselves Oct 16-28, 2019	24	25	17	33	1
e.	Kissing someone on a date without asking for permission first Oct 16-28, 2019	3	36	24	36	*

ASK IF INTERNET USER (F_TABLETHH=0) [n=4,741]:

ONCHECK Have you ever searched for information online about someone you were romantically interested in?

Oct 16-28, 2019

40	Yes, have done this
60	No, have not done this
*	No answer

BASED ON ALL RESPONDENTS:

Oct 16-28, 2019

38	Yes, have done this
57	No, have not done this
4	Does not use internet
*	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK IF NOT IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP BUT LOOKING FOR A RELATIONSHIP AND/OR DATES (SEEKING=1-3) [n=1,123]:**

BREAKUP If you decided after a first date that you didn't want to go out with that person again, what is the most likely way you would let them know?

Oct 16-28, 2019

40	Contact them and let them know
52	Not contact them, but would let them know if they contacted you
8	Not contact them, and would not respond if they contacted you
1	No answer

ASK FORM 1 (FORM=1) [n=2,437]:

BREAKUPACCEPTF1 Whether or not you would personally do this, do you think it's acceptable for a person to break up with someone they are casually dating in the following ways?
[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

		<u>Always acceptable</u>	<u>Sometimes acceptable</u>	<u>Rarely acceptable</u>	<u>Never acceptable</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	In person					
	Oct 16-28, 2019	87	10	1	2	*
b.	Through a phone call					
	Oct 16-28, 2019	17	47	19	17	*
c.	Through email					
	Oct 16-28, 2019	4	17	28	51	*
d.	Through a private message on a social media site					
	Oct 16-28, 2019	4	16	25	55	*
e.	Through a text message					
	Oct 16-28, 2019	4	18	29	48	*

ASK FORM 2 (FORM=2) [n=2,423]:

BREAKUPACCEPTF2 Whether or not you would personally do this, do you think it's acceptable for a person to break up with someone they are in a committed relationship with in the following ways? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		<u>Always acceptable</u>	<u>Sometimes acceptable</u>	<u>Rarely acceptable</u>	<u>Never acceptable</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	In person Oct 16-28, 2019	88	9	1	2	*
b.	Through a phone call Oct 16-28, 2019	10	41	22	26	1
c.	Through email Oct 16-28, 2019	2	11	25	61	*
d.	Through a private message on a social media site Oct 16-28, 2019	2	10	22	66	1
e.	Through a text message Oct 16-28, 2019	2	11	26	60	1

RANDOMIZE DATEHARASS_M AND DATEHARASS_W**ASK ALL:**

DATEHARASS_M Do you think the increased focus on sexual harassment and assault over the last few years has made it easier or harder for MEN to know how to interact with someone they're on a date with?

Oct 16-28, 2019

9	Has made it easier for men
65	Has made it harder for men
24	Hasn't made much difference
2	No answer

ASK ALL:

DATEHARASS_W Do you think the increased focus on sexual harassment and assault over the last few years has made it easier or harder for WOMEN to know how to interact with someone they're on a date with?

Oct 16-28, 2019

17	Has made it easier for women
43	Has made it harder for women
38	Hasn't made much difference
2	No answer

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

RANDOMIZE POTENTIALDATE1, POTENTIALDATE2 AND POTENTIALDATE3**ASK IF NOT IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP BUT LOOKING FOR A RELATIONSHIP OR
LOOKING FOR EITHER A RELATIONSHIP OR DATES (SEEKING=1,3) [n=956]:**

POTENTIALDATE1 Would you ever consider being in a committed relationship with someone who...
[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

		Definitely would <u>consider</u>	Probably would <u>consider</u>	Probably would NOT <u>consider</u>	Definitely would NOT <u>consider</u>	Have already <u>done this</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a.	Is of a different religion than you Oct 16-28, 2019	22	38	14	9	17	*
b.	Is of a different race or ethnicity than you Oct 16-28, 2019	39	32	9	6	15	*
c.	Has a significant amount of debt Oct 16-28, 2019	6	35	31	18	9	1
d.	Is raising children from another relationship Oct 16-28, 2019	15	33	22	14	16	*
e.	Lives far away from you Oct 16-28, 2019	6	29	37	14	14	*

RANDOMIZE POTENTIALDATE1, POTENTIALDATE2 AND POTENTIALDATE3**ASK IF NOT IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP BUT LOOKING FOR A RELATIONSHIP OR
LOOKING FOR EITHER A RELATIONSHIP OR DATES (SEEKING=1,3) [n=956]:**

POTENTIALDATE2 Would you ever consider being in a committed relationship with someone who...
[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; KEEPING ITEMS a AND b, AND c AND d ADJACENT TO EACH OTHER]

		Definitely would <u>consider</u>	Probably would <u>consider</u>	Probably would NOT <u>consider</u>	Definitely would NOT <u>consider</u>	Have already <u>done this</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a.	Is a Republican Oct 16-28, 2019	28	31	15	11	14	1
b.	Is a Democrat Oct 16-28, 2019	41	30	5	5	17	1

POTENTIALDATE2 CONTINUED ...

		Definitely would <u>consider</u>	Probably would <u>consider</u>	Probably would NOT <u>consider</u>	Definitely would NOT <u>consider</u>	Have already <u>done this</u>	No <u>answer</u>
c.	Makes significantly more money than you						
	Oct 16-28, 2019	55	30	2	*	13	*
d.	Makes significantly less money than you						
	Oct 16-28, 2019	27	38	10	4	21	0

RANDOMIZE POTENTIALDATE1, POTENTIALDATE2 AND POTENTIALDATE3**ASK IF NOT IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP BUT LOOKING FOR A RELATIONSHIP OR
LOOKING FOR EITHER A RELATIONSHIP OR DATES (SEEKING=1,3) [n=956]:**

POTENTIALDATE3 Would you ever consider being in a committed relationship with someone who...
**[RANDOMIZE ITEMS; KEEPING ITEMS a AND b, AND c AND d ADJACENT
TO EACH OTHER]**

		Definitely would <u>consider</u>	Probably would <u>consider</u>	Probably would NOT <u>consider</u>	Definitely would NOT <u>consider</u>	Have already <u>done this</u>	No <u>answer</u>
a.	Voted for Donald Trump						
	Oct 16-28, 2019	23	22	18	28	8	1
b.	Voted for Hillary Clinton						
	Oct 16-28, 2019	32	33	16	10	7	1
c.	Is 10 years older than you						
	Oct 16-28, 2019	18	31	25	13	12	*
ASK IF F_AGE=28-98 [n=780]:							
d.	Is 10 years younger than you						
	Oct 16-28, 2019	26	31	18	10	15	*

ASK IF NOT IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP (MARITAL2=2) [n=1,918]:

DATEPRESSURE How much pressure, if any, do you feel from each of the following to be in a committed relationship? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		<u>A lot of pressure</u>	<u>Some pressure</u>	<u>Not too much pressure</u>	<u>No pressure at all</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Family members Oct 16-28, 2019	10	22	22	46	1
b.	Your friends Oct 16-28, 2019	4	18	29	49	*
c.	Society Oct 16-28, 2019	11	26	24	38	*

ASK IF NOT IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP BUT LOOKING FOR A RELATIONSHIP AND/OR DATES (SEEKING=1-3) [n=1,123]:

DATEDIFF In the past year, how easy or difficult has it been for you to find people to date?

Oct 16-28, 2019

5	Very easy
20	Somewhat easy
37	Somewhat difficult
38	Very difficult
1	No answer

ASK IF HAS FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO FIND PEOPLE TO DATE (DATEDIFF=3,4) [n=876]:

WHYDATEDIFF Why do you think it has been difficult for you to find people to date? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

		<u>Major reason</u>	<u>Minor reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	There is a limited number of people in my area for me to date Oct 16-28, 2019	37	31	31	*
b.	Hard for me to find someone who meets my expectations Oct 16-28, 2019	43	41	15	*
c.	Hard to find someone who's looking for the same type of relationship as me Oct 16-28, 2019	53	30	16	*
d.	Hard for me to approach people Oct 16-28, 2019	46	32	22	*
e.	People aren't interested in dating me Oct 16-28, 2019	30	42	28	*
f.	Too busy Oct 16-28, 2019	34	34	31	*

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**

DATEVOCAB

Have you ever heard of the following terms associated with dating?
[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

		<u>Yes, have heard of this</u>	<u>No, have not heard of this</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Ghosting Oct 16-28, 2019	62	38	*
b.	Breadcrumbing Oct 16-28, 2019	9	91	*
c.	Phubbing Oct 16-28, 2019	5	94	1
d.	Catfishing Oct 16-28, 2019	63	36	1
e.	Friends with benefits Oct 16-28, 2019	89	10	1

ASK ALL:

DATEGHOST

Have you ever had someone you've gone out with suddenly stop answering your phone calls or messages without explanation (sometimes called "ghosting")?

Oct 16-28, 2019

29	Yes, this has happened to me
70	No, this has not happened to me
1	No answer

RANDOMIZE HARASSEXP1 AND HARASSEXP2**ASK ALL:**

HARASSEXP1

Has someone you were dating or on a date with ever done any of the following?
[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]

		<u>Yes, this has happened to me</u>	<u>No, this has not happened to me</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a.	Pressured you for sex Oct 16-28, 2019	31	69	1
b.	Touched you in a way that made you feel uncomfortable Oct 16-28, 2019	23	77	1
c.	Sent you sexually explicit images that you didn't ask for Oct 16-28, 2019	22	78	1

RANDOMIZE HARASSEXP1 AND HARASSEXP2**ASK ALL:**

HARASSEXP2

As far as you know, has someone you were dating or been on a date with ever done any of the following? **[RANDOMIZE ITEMS]**

	<u>Yes, this has happened to me</u>	<u>No, this has not happened to me</u>	<u>No answer</u>
a. Spread rumors about your sexual history Oct 16-28, 2019	14	86	*
b. Shared a sexually explicit image of you without your consent Oct 16-28, 2019	5	94	1
c. Publicly shared your contact information or address without your permission Oct 16-28, 2019	6	94	1

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED**ASK ALL:**

PARTY In politics today, do you consider yourself a...

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (PARTY=3 or 4 or REFUSED):PARTYLN As of today do you lean more to...¹Oct 16-28, 2019

27	Republican
31	Democrat
29	Independent
12	Something else
2	No answer to PARTY
17	Lean Rep
21	Lean Dem
4	No answer to PARTYLN

¹ PARTY and PARTYLN asked in a prior survey.