

## Summary of Selected Findings: Minnesota

		State	Nation	Region	
Making Ends Meet					
Difficulty covering expenses and paying bills					
Very difficult		13%	14%	14%	
Somewhat difficult		37%	40%	40%	
Not at all difficult		49%	44%	44%	
Spending vs. saving					
Spending less than income		36%	38%	38%	
Spending about equal to income		39%	33%	34%	
Spending more than income		23%	26%	25%	
Overdraw checking account occasionally		22%	24%	24%	Respondents with checking accounts
Have unpaid medical bills		21%	22%	26%	
Number of times mortgage payments have been late					
Once		5%	8%	6%	Respondents with mortgages
More than once		10%	8%	10%	
Have taken a loan from retirement account in past year		14%	12%	13%	Respondents with defined contribution retirement accounts
Have taken a hardship withdrawal from retirement account in past year		10%	11%	10%	
Have experienced large unexpected drop in income in past year		18%	25%	23%	
Planning Ahead					
Have emergency funds		52%	46%	45%	
Do not have emergency funds		45%	50%	52%	
Have tried to figure out retirement savings needs		44%	39%	39%	Non-retired respondents
Have not tried to figure out retirement savings needs		54%	57%	57%	
Have set aside money for children’s college education		39%	36%	34%	Respondents with financially dependent children
Have not set aside money for children’s college education		57%	61%	62%	
Retirement Accounts					
Have employer-provided retirement plan (e.g., pension, 401(k))		63%	52%	56%	Non-retired respondents
Have non-employer retirement plan (e.g., IRA, Keogh, SEP, etc.)		34%	25%	28%	
Regularly contribute to retirement account		87%	80%	82%	Respondents with defined contribution retirement accounts

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Stocks, Bonds, and Mutual Funds				
Invest in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or other securities outside of retirement account	38%	34%	34%	
Managing Financial Products				
Banking				
Have checking account	95%	92%	92%	
Have savings account, money market account, or CDs	77%	72%	71%	
Credit Cards				
Credit card behaviors in past year				
Always paid credit cards in full	55%	53%	52%	Respondents with credit cards
Carried over a balance and was charged interest	45%	48%	47%	
Paid the minimum payment only	32%	41%	39%	
Charged a late fee for late payment	17%	21%	20%	
Charged an over the limit fee for exceeding credit line	10%	13%	11%	
Used the cards for a cash advance	13%	15%	12%	
Mobile Payment Methods				
Use mobile device to pay at point of sale	49%	53%	48%	
Use mobile device to transfer money to another person	63%	65%	62%	
Mortgages				
Have mortgage	62%	53%	56%	Homeowners
Have home equity loan	13%	12%	12%	
Home “underwater” (negative equity)	6%	5%	4%	Homeowners
Other Debt				
Have student loan	28%	22%	26%	
Have auto loan	31%	27%	31%	
Non-Bank Borrowing				
Non-bank borrowing methods used in past 5 years				
Auto title loan	10%	10%	10%	
Short term “payday” loan	12%	15%	15%	
Tax refund advance	6%	10%	8%	
Pawn shop	16%	19%	18%	
Rent-to-own store	6%	11%	10%	
Used one or more non-bank borrowing methods in past 5 years	27%	31%	31%	

## Financial Knowledge

Suppose you had \$100 in a savings account and the interest rate was 2% per year. After 5 years, how much do you think you would have in the account if you left the money to grow?

<u>More than \$102</u> (correct answer)	72%	69%	70%
Exactly \$102	8%	8%	9%
Less than \$102	6%	5%	5%
Don't know	15%	16%	16%

Imagine that the interest rate on your savings account was 1% per year and inflation was 2% per year. After 1 year, how much would you be able to buy with the money in this account?

More than today	7%	8%	7%
Exactly the same	8%	10%	8%
<u>Less than today</u> (correct answer)	66%	58%	63%
Don't know	18%	23%	21%

If interest rates rise, what will typically happen to bond prices?

They will rise	19%	20%	21%
<u>They will fall</u> (correct answer)	27%	25%	25%
They will stay the same	4%	5%	4%
There is no relationship between bond prices and the interest rate	7%	8%	8%
Don't know	42%	42%	42%

Suppose you owe \$1,000 on a loan and the interest rate you are charged is 20% per year compounded annually. If you didn't pay anything off, at this interest rate, how many years would it take for the amount you owe to double?

Less than 2 years	3%	5%	5%
<u>At least 2 years but less than 5 years</u> (correct answer)	33%	29%	29%
At least 5 years but less than 10 years	30%	27%	29%
At least 10 years	8%	8%	8%
Don't know	25%	30%	28%

Which of the following indicates the highest probability of getting a particular disease?

<u>There is a one-in-twenty chance of getting the disease</u> (correct answer)	40%	35%	38%
2% of the population will get the disease	11%	12%	11%
25 out of every 1,000 people will get the disease	16%	16%	15%
Don't know	33%	36%	34%

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A 15-year mortgage typically requires higher monthly payments than a 30-year mortgage, but the total interest paid over the life of the loan will be less.			
<u>True</u> (correct answer)	75%	69%	73%
False	8%	9%	8%
Don't know	16%	22%	19%
Buying a single company's stock usually provides a safer return than a stock mutual fund.			
True	7%	11%	8%
<u>False</u> (correct answer)	46%	41%	44%
Don't know	47%	47%	48%
Mean number of correct quiz answers	3.59	3.26	3.41
Mean number of incorrect quiz answers	1.41	1.53	1.45
Mean number of "don't know" quiz answers	1.96	2.16	2.09

#### Notes:

Region = West North Central Census Division (Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota).

State figures are weighted by age × gender, ethnicity and education.

National figures are weighted by age × gender, ethnicity, education and Census Division.

Census Division figures are weighted by age × gender, ethnicity, education and state.

Differences between groups may or may not be statistically significant.

Percentages may not add up to 100 because of missing or "don't know" responses.

Survey was conducted June – October 2024.

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