

Chapman Survey of American Fears 2022 and 2023 Compared

2022 Fears	% Afraid or Very Afraid	2023 Fears	% Afraid or Very Afraid	% Difference
Abduction/Kidnapping	30.2	Abduction/kidnapping	21.5	-8.7
Air pollution	47.3	Air pollution	40.9	-6.4
Animals (dogs, rats, etc.)	6.5	Animals (dogs, rats, etc.)	6	-0.5
Antifa	27.1	Antifa	20.3	-6.8
Becoming seriously ill	41.7	Becoming seriously ill	35	-6.7
Being hit by a drunk driver	39.1	Being hit by a drunk driver	36.8	-2.3
Being unemployed	43.9	Being unemployed	24.9	-19
Biological warfare	51.5	Biological warfare	49.5	-2.0
Black Lives Matter (BLM)	16.4	Black Lives Matter (BLM)	13.4	-3.0
Blood	5.8	Blood	7.7	+1.9
Break-ins	35.9	Break-ins	30.4	-5.5
Catching influenza (the seasonal flu)	13.3	Catching influenza (the seasonal fluid)	12.1	-1.2
Catching the coronavirus (COVID-19)	22.9	Catching the coronavirus (COVID-19)	16.5	-6.4
		China spying on the US	45.7	
		China stealing US technology	44.1	
		China's economy overtaking the US economy	40	
		China's influence abroad reducing US power in the world	40.7	
Climate change impacting where I live	39.1	Climate change impacting where I live	32.8	-6.3
Computers replacing people in the workforce	27.6	Computers replacing people in the workforce	31.6	+4.0
Corporate tracking of personal data	47.6	Corporate tracking of personal data	45.1	-2.5
Corrupt government officials	62.1	Corrupt government officials	60.1	-2.0

Credit card fraud	39.9	Credit card fraud	35	-4.9
Cyber-terrorism	49.3	Cyber-terrorism	49.3	0
Deep lakes and oceans	28.7	Deep lakes and oceans	26.6	-2.1
Devastating blizzard/Winter storm	26.1	Devastating blizzard/Winter storm	25.6	-0.5
Devastating drought	35.1	Devastating drought	32.8	-2.3
Devastating earthquake	31.1	Devastating earthquaking	27.9	-3.2
Devastating flood	31.0	Devastating flood	27.3	-3.7
Devastating hurricane	31.1	Devastating hurricane	26.5	-4.6
Devastating natural disaster where I live	37.5	Devastating natural disaster where I live	32.3	-5.2
Devastating tornado	32.7	Devastating tornado	30.1	-2.6
Devastating wildfire	30.9	Devastating wildfire	28.2	-2.7
Dying	29.0	Dying	26.2	-2.8
Economic/financial collapse	53.7	Economic/financial collapse	54.7	+1.0
Extinction of plant and animal species	47.2	Extinction of plant and animal species	43.3	-3.9
Financial fraud (such as a Ponzi Scheme, embezzlement, etc.)	24.3	Financial fraud (such as a Ponzi scheme, embezzlement, etc.)	24.9	+0.6
Flying	12.4	Flying	16.2	+3.8
Gang violence	30.2	Gang violence	26.5	-3.7
Germs	14.5	Germs	15.1	+0.6
Ghosts	8.1	Ghosts	10.3	+2.2
Global warming and climate change	47.4	Global warming and climate change	43.6	-3.8
Government restrictions on firearms and ammunition	35.0	Government restrictions on firearms and ammunition	33.5	-1.5
Government tracking of personal data	45.2	Government tracking of personal data	43.6	-1.6
Government use of drones within the U.S.	26.2	Government use of drones within the U.S.	27.1	+0.9
Heights	30.6	Heights	33.2	+2.6
High medical bills	44.1	High medical bills	42.2	-1.9
Identity theft	45.1	Identity theft	38.9	-6.2
Illegal immigration	28.4	Illegal immigration	30.1	+1.7
Immigrants	6.5	Immigrants	8.9	+2.4

Insects/arachnids (spiders, bees. etc.)	23.8	Insects/arachnids (spiders, bees, etc.)	25.3	+1.5
Iran using nuclear weapons	47.0	Iran using nuclear weapons	45.3	-1.7
Large volcanic eruption	17.5	Large volcanic eruption	15.7	-1.8
Left wing extremists	30.8	Left wing extremists	27.6	-3.2
		Military conflict between the United States and China	45.3	
Mugging	30.3	Mugging	25.1	-5.2
Murder by a stranger	30.9	Murder by a stranger	25.8	-5.1
Murder by someone you know	21.6	Murder by someone you know	17.9	-3.7
Muslims	6.6	Muslims	7.5	+0.9
Needles	12.3	Needles	12.7	+0.4
New pandemic or a major epidemic	42.4	New pandemic or a major epidemic	33.1	-9.3
North Korea using nuclear weapons	50.6	North Korea using nuclear weapons	47.6	-3.0
Not being able to pay off college debt of myself or a family member	43.0	Not being able to pay off the college debt of myself or a family member	15.8	-27.2
Not having enough money for the future	53.7	Not having enough money for the future	48	-5.7
Not having enough money to pay my rent or mortgage	43.4	Not having enough money to pay my rent or mortgage	33.6	-9.8
Nuclear accident/meltdown	44.3	Nuclear accident/meltdown	40	-4.3
Oil spills	39.2	Oil spills	35.7	-3.5
People I love becoming seriously ill	60.2	People I love becoming seriously ill	50.6	-9.6
People I love dying	58.1	People I love dying	50.4	-7.7
Police brutality	28.4	Police brutality	28.1	-0.3
Pollution of drinking water	54.5	Pollution of drinking water	50	-4.5
Pollution of oceans, rivers, and lakes	52.5	Pollution of oceans, rivers, and lakes	47.8	-4.7
Public Speaking	34.0	Public Speaking	28.7	-5.3
Racial/hate crime	29.9	Racial/hate crime	27.2	-2.7

Random/mass shooting	39.8	Random/mass shooting	42.9	+3.1
Reptiles (snakes, lizards, etc.)	27.2	Reptiles (snakes, lizards, etc.)	25.9	-1.3
Right wing extremists	35.8	Right wing extremists	31.6	-4.2
Russia using nuclear weapons	59.6	Russia using nuclear weapons	52.5	-7.1
Sexual assault by a stranger	30.0	Sexual assault by a stranger	26	-4.0
Sexual assault by someone you know	22.2	Sexual assault by someone you know	19.8	-2.4
Sharks	29.6	Sharks	30.1	+0.5
Small, enclosed spaces	21.7	Small, enclosed spaces	20.8	-0.9
Stalking	23.0	Stalking	20.2	-2.8
Strangers	14.0	Strangers	13.6	-0.4
Technology that I don't understand	18.7	Technology that I don't understand	16.5	-2.2
Terrorism	41.4	Terrorism	36.6	-4.8
Terrorist attack	49.1	Terrorist attack	45.2	-3.9
The collapse of the electrical grid	44.0	The collapse of the electric grid	44.1	+0.1
Theft of property	34.5	Theft of property	28.5	-6.0
		The outcome of the next presidential election	43.1	
The Proud Boys	34.0	The Proud Boys	27.1	-6.9
The U.S. becoming involved in another world war	56.0	The US becoming involved in another world war	52.3	-3.7
Violent overthrow of the U.S. government	35.6	Violent overthrow of the U.S. government	31.9	-3.7
Walking alone at night	23.1	Walking alone at night	25.4	+2.3
Whites no longer being the majority in the U.S.	10.0	Whites no longer being the majority in the US	12.1	+2.1
White supremacists	38.2	White supremacists	36.5	-1.7
Widespread civil unrest	45.3	Widespread civil unrest	40.6	-4.7
Widespread voter fraud	36.3	Widespread voter fraud	30.3	-6.0
Zombies	10.6			

