

The Chapman Survey of American Fears, Wave 10 The Complete List of Fears 2024

The following is a complete list of all fears addressed by the Chapman University Survey of American Fears Wave 10 (2024), displayed with the percentage of Americans who reported being afraid or very afraid. They have been sorted alphabetically.

Complete List of Fears (2024)	% Of Afraid or Very Afraid
Abduction / Kidnapping	27.3%
AI Replacing People in the Workforce	46.8%
Air Pollution	47%
Becoming Seriously Ill	42%
Being Unemployed	30.1%
Biological Warfare	52.5%
Blood	9.3%
Break-Ins	36.4%
Catching Coronavirus (COVID-19)	20.5%
Catching Influenza (the seasonal flu)	16.8%
Climate Change Impacting Where I Live	38.4%
Collapse of the Electrical Grid	48.8%
Corporate Tracking of Personal Data	48.8%
Corrupt Government Officials	65.2%
Credit Card Fraud	42.4%
Cyberterrorism	58.3%
Deep Lakes and Oceans	27.9%
Devastating Blizzard / Winter Storm	25.4%
Devastating Drought	34.5%
Devastating Earthquake	30.3%
Devastating Flood	31.7%
Devastating Hurricane	29.8%
Devastating Natural Disaster Where I Live	36.3%
Devastating Tornado	34.7%
Devastating Wildfire	33.1%
Dying	31.6%
Economic/Financial Collapse	51.4%
Extinction of Plant and Animal Species	45.6%
Financial Fraud	30.1%
Flying	15.0%
Gang Violence	32.6%
Germs	17.6%

Getting Hit by a Drunk Driver	39.5%
Ghosts	10.6%
Global Warming and Climate Change	47.7%
Government Restrictions on Firearms and Ammunition	38.3%
Government Tracking of Personal Data	47.9%
Government Use of Drones in the US	27.4%
Heights	34.7%
High Medical Bills	48.4%
Identity Theft	47.3%
Illegal Immigration	38.7%
Immigrants	12.2%
Insects/Arachnids	26.3%
Iran Using Nuclear Weapons	52.3%
Large Volcanic Eruption	19.2%
Mugging	31.3%
Murder by a Stranger	33.3%
Murder by Someone You Know	22.2%
Muslims	8.7%
Needles	14.1%
New Pandemic or Epidemic	41.2%
North Korea Using Nuclear Weapons	55.0%
Not Being Able to Pay off the College Debt of Myself or a Family Member	22.2%
Not Having Enough Money for the Future	55.7%
Not Having Enough Money to Pay My Rent or Mortgage	37.8%
Nuclear Accident/Meltdown	42.7%
Oil Spills	36.4%
People I Love Becoming Seriously Ill	58.4%
People I Love Dying	57.8%
Police Brutality	28.7%
Pollution of Drinking Water	52.4%
Pollution of Oceans, Rivers, and Lakes	52.2%
Public Speaking	29.0%
Racial / Hate Crime	30.9%
Random / Mass Shooting	45.9%
Reptiles	25.2%
Russia Using Nuclear Weapons	55.8%
Sexual Assault by a Stranger	29.5%
Sexual Assault by Someone You Know	21.4%
Sharks	34.6%
Small Enclosed Spaces	21.8%

Stalking	24.2%
Strangers	16.6%
Technology That I Don't Understand	22.2%
Terrorism	43.3%
Terrorist Attack	52.7%
The Outcome of Next Presidential Election	51.7%
Theft of Property	36.3%
US Becoming Involved in Another World War	55.0%
Violent Overthrow of US Government	39.8%
Walking Alone at Night	25.9%
Whites No Longer Being the Majority in the US	16.2%
Widespread Civil Unrest	49.2%
Widespread Voter Fraud	40.8%