

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), ranked by the percentage of Americans who reported being afraid or very afraid. They have been sorted by percentage, from highest to lowest.

Complete List of Fears (2024)	% Of Afraid or Very Afraid
Corrupt Government Officials	65.2%
People I Love Becoming Seriously Ill	58.4%
Cyberterrorism	58.3%
People I Love Dying	57.8%
Russia Using Nuclear Weapons	55.8%
Not Having Enough Money for the Future	55.7%
US Becoming Involved in Another World War	55.0%
North Korea Using Nuclear Weapons	55.0%
Terrorist Attack	52.7%
Biological Warfare	52.5%
Pollution of Drinking Water	52.4%
Iran Using Nuclear Weapons	52.3%
Pollution of Oceans, Rivers, and Lakes	52.2%
The Outcome of Next Presidential Election	51.7%
Economic/Financial Collapse	51.4%
Widespread Civil Unrest	49.2%
Collapse of the Electrical Grid	48.8%
Corporate Tracking of Personal Data	48.8%
High Medical Bills	48.4%
Government Tracking of Personal Data	47.9%
Global Warming and Climate Change	47.7%
Identity Theft	47.3%
Air Pollution	47.0%
AI Replacing People in the Workforce	46.8%
Random / Mass Shooting	45.9%
Extinction of Plant and Animal Species	45.6%
Terrorism	43.3%
Nuclear Accident/Meltdown	42.7%
Credit Card Fraud	42.4%
Becoming Seriously Ill	42.0%
New Pandemic or Epidemic	41.2%

Widespread Voter Fraud	40.8%
Violent Overthrow of US Government	39.8%
Getting Hit by a Drunk Driver	39.5%
Illegal Immigration	38.7%
Climate Change Impacting Where I Live	38.4%
Government Restrictions on Firearms and Ammunition	38.3%
Not Having Enough Money to Pay My Rent or Mortgage	37.8%
Oil Spills	36.4%
Break-Ins	36.4%
Devastating Natural Disaster Where I Live	36.3%
Theft of Property	36.3%
Heights	34.7%
Devastating Tornado	34.7%
Sharks	34.6%
Devastating Drought	34.5%
Murder by a Stranger	33.3%
Devastating Wildfire	33.1%
Gang Violence	32.6%
Devastating Flood	31.7%
Dying	31.6%
Mugging	31.3%
Racial / Hate Crime	30.9%
Devastating Earthquake	30.3%
Being Unemployed	30.1%
Financial Fraud	30.1%
Devastating Hurricane	29.8%
Sexual Assault by a Stranger	29.5%
Public Speaking	29.0%
Police Brutality	28.7%
Deep Lakes and Oceans	27.9%
Government Use of Drones in the US	27.4%
Abduction / Kidnapping	27.3%
Insects/Arachnids	26.3%
Walking Alone at Night	25.9%
Devastating Blizzard / Winter Storm	25.4%
Reptiles	25.2%
Stalking	24.2%
Not Being Able to Pay off the College Debt of Myself or a Family Member	22.2%
Murder by Someone You Know	22.2%

Technology That I Don't Understand	22.2%
Small Enclosed Spaces	21.8%
Sexual Assault by Someone You Know	21.4%
Catching Coronavirus (COVID-19)	20.5%
Large Volcanic Eruption	19.2%
Germs	17.6%
Catching Influenza (the seasonal flu)	16.8%
Strangers	16.6%
Whites No Longer Being the Majority in the US	16.2%
Flying	15.0%
Needles	14.1%
Immigrants	12.2%
Ghosts	10.6%
Blood	9.3%
Muslims	8.7%