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Asia Zone

► MIDDLE EAST& NORTH AFRICA; WEST ASIA; SOUTH ASIA; NORTH ASIA; EAST ASIA

► MENA

445-1 [Sauidis See Hope After Oil](#) (Click for details)

(Saudi Arabia) In Saudi Arabia, residents' ratings of their own lives climbed noticeably between 2015 and 2016. Gallup's most recent poll in the country, conducted in the spring of 2016, found that nearly half of adults (48%) rate their lives well enough to be considered "thriving," up significantly from 35% a year earlier. While more than half (51%) in 2016 give mid-level life ratings that classify them as "struggling," only 2% of respondents rate their lives poorly enough to be considered "suffering." (Gallup USA)

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3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

445-2 [The Olympic Games - the UAE's second most popular sporting event](#) (Click for details)

(UAE) As the nation takes its largest ever contingent of athletes to the prestigious event, fresh YouGov research shows that 42% UAE residents are interested in The Games, second only to the FIFA World Cup (54%). The ICC Cricket World Cup (38%) and Formula 1 (34%) are the third and fourth most popular sporting events in the UAE respectively. (YouGov)

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4.15 Society » Sports



► WEST ASIA

445-3 [As benefits from nuclear deal fall short of Iranian public's expectations, Ahmadinejad closes in on Rouhani for next presidential election](#) (Click for details)

(Iran) A year ago, when the nuclear deal was signed, 63 percent of Iranians said they expected tangible improvements in people's living conditions within a year. However a new University of Maryland poll finds that now, a year later, three quarters (74%) of Iranians say there has been no improvement at all. (Iranpoll.com)

July 13, 2016

3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being

3.10 Economy » Energy/Nuclear Issues

► SOUTHEAST ASIA

445-4 [Philippines: 15.2% families are experiencing Hunger; Moderate Hunger 13.2%, Severe Hunger 2.0%](#) (Click for details)

(Philippines) The Second Quarter 2016 Social Weather Survey, conducted from June 24-27, 2016, found 15.2% or an estimated 3.4 million families experiencing involuntary hunger at least once in the past three months. (The measure of Hunger refers to involuntary suffering because the respondents answer a survey question that specifies hunger due to lack of food



to eat.) (SWS)

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3.5 Economy » Poverty



Africa Zone

▶ WEST AFRICA; EAST AFRICA; CENTRAL AFRICA;
SOUTHERN AFRICA

▶ SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

445-5 [Youth Day: Does less engaged mean less empowered? Political engagement lags among Africa's youth](#) (Click for details)

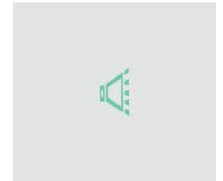
Political and civic engagement by African youth is declining and is particularly weak among young women, according to new Afrobarometer survey findings. (Afrobarometer)

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1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties

4.4 Society » Civil Society

4.5 Society » Gender Issues



Euro Americas Zone

▶ EAST EUROPE, WEST EUROPE; NORTH AMERICA; LATIN AMERICA
& AUSTRALASIA

▶ WEST EUROPE

445-6 [UK: Working families without enough money to afford food](#) (Click for details)

(UK) Frank Field MP, Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Hunger, asked Ipsos MORI to survey the public on how often they find that their household does not have enough money to buy enough food to feed themselves. The results of the survey show that every week, 3% of people in work find themselves and their household without enough money to afford food. (Ipsos Mori)

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3.3 Economy » Employment Issues

3.5 Economy » Poverty

445-7 [UK: The majority of wedding traditions are still popular, but don't ask the bride's family to pay](#) (Click for details)

(UK) Weddings are a joyous occasion, and people seem to be particularly fond of many of their traditional aspects. Of twelve wedding traditions surveyed by YouGov, seven traditions were still favoured by more than half of people. The most popular wedding traditions are the groom having a best man (78%), the bride and groom's first dance (75%) and the best man's speech (73%). (YouGov)

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4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle



445-8 [David Cameron was the best Prime Minister since Thatcher](#) (Click for details)

(UK) A third of people think that Cameron was a good or great Prime Minister, but he is still viewed negatively overall. Despite his premature exit from Downing Street following the shock result of the EU referendum, David Cameron is still seen in more favourable terms than any other Prime Minister since Margaret Thatcher. (YouGov)

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[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)

[1.5 Domestic Politics » National Image/ Trust](#)

445-9 [UK: Majority of voters think UKIP is on the way out](#) (Click for details)

(UK) Despite the runaway success of the UK Independence Party – with 4 million votes at the 2015 general election and a Brexit vote at the EU referendum – the majority of voters don't believe that the party will spend much longer as a force in British politics. (YouGov)

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[1.4 Domestic Politics » Political Parties](#)

► **NORTH AMERICA**445-10 [Michelle Obama More Popular Than Bill Clinton, Melania Trump](#) (Click for details)

(USA) While first lady Michelle Obama is not as popular as some of her predecessors, the American public views her far more favorably than either of the potential first spouses in the 2016 election. In contrast to Michelle Obama's 64% favorable and 32% unfavorable scores, Americans are about as likely to view Bill Clinton and Melania Trump positively as they are to view them negatively. (Gallup USA)

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[1.2 Domestic Politics » Performance Ratings](#)

445-11 [Americans' Satisfaction Recovers in August, Though Still Low](#) (Click for details)

(USA) Americans' satisfaction with the way things are going in the U.S. rebounded this month, as national news coverage shifted away from several race-related controversies that occurred in early July. Twenty-seven percent of Americans are now satisfied with the state of affairs in the U.S., up sharply from 17% in July but similar to the level from February through June. (Gallup USA)

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[3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being](#)

445-12 [Trump, Clinton Favorability Back to Pre-Convention Levels](#) (Click for details)

(USA) Americans' views of Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton are almost exactly the same now as they were in early July before their party's convention. Both of their favorable ratings improved after their party's convention, but those higher ratings did not persist. (Gallup USA)

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445-13 [In U.S., Obama Effect on Racial Matters Falls Short of Hopes](#) (Click for details)

(USA)-- Americans are far less positive today about what Barack Obama's presidency means for the advancement of blacks in the U.S. than they were shortly after his historic election. Currently, 32% say Obama's presidency is one of the most important advances for blacks in the past 100 years, down from 71% immediately after he was elected and 58% nine months into his first term. Today, nearly as many describe it as "not that important" as say it is one of the most important advances for blacks. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[4.3 Society » Ethnicity](#)

445-14 [Views of U.S. Political Parties Unchanged After Conventions](#) ([Click for details](#))

(USA) Americans' perceptions of the Republican and Democratic parties at the conclusion of this summer's presidential nominating season are little changed from what they were before the conventions began. Overall, 44% of Americans hold a favorable view of the Democratic Party -- similar to the 43% in mid-July. Meanwhile, just over a third (36%) of Americans have a favorable view of the Republican Party, compared with 37% before the conventions. ([Gallup USA](#))

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445-15 [Mike Pence Shows Greater Gains in Favorability Than Tim Kaine](#) ([Click for details](#))

(USA) Since their respective selections as vice presidential candidates, both Mike Pence and Tim Kaine have become much better known nationwide, but Pence's image has grown significantly more positive over this time than has been the case for Kaine. As of now, Republicans are embracing Pence more than Democrats are embracing Kaine. ([Gallup USA](#))



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[1.1 Domestic Politics » Elections](#)

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445-16 [Percentage of Pack-a-Day Smokers Hits Record Low in U.S.](#) ([Click for details](#))

(USA) The percentage of smokers in the U.S. who light up a pack or more of cigarettes a day has fallen sharply over the past decade and is now at an all-time low of 26% in Gallup's seven-decade trend. The figure topped 30% as recently as 2012 and routinely exceeded 50% until the late 1990s. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle](#)

445-17 [One in Eight U.S. Adults Say They Smoke Marijuana](#) ([Click for details](#))

(USA) Thirteen percent of U.S. adults tell Gallup they currently smoke marijuana, nearly double the percentage who reported smoking marijuana only three years ago. ([Gallup USA](#))

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[4.7 Society » Morality, Values & Customs / Lifestyle](#)

445-18 [Many Americans Hear Politics From the Pulpit](#) ([Click for details](#))

(USA) As the calendar turned from spring to summer and the political season transitioned from the primaries to the general election campaign, many American churchgoers were hearing at least some discussion of social and political issues from the pulpits at their houses of worship, a new Pew Research Center survey finds. Religious liberty and homosexuality were chief among the



issues they were hearing about. ([Pew Research Center](#))

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445-19 [Basic Income? Basically unaffordable, say most Canadians](#) ([Click for details](#))

(Canada) As governments across the country and around the world mull the concept of a basic income for all their citizens, a new poll from the Angus Reid Institute finds Canadians broadly supportive of the idea, and receptive to the two most-commonly cited arguments in favour of basic income programs: that they would streamline welfare systems, and provide greater security for workers whose jobs are threatened by improvements in robotics and artificial intelligence. ([Angus Reid](#))



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[3.3 Economy » Employment Issues](#)

► AUSTRALASIA

445-20 [Business Confidence lower in July – down 2.8% to 116.1 during month of political uncertainty](#) ([Click for details](#))

(Australia) Roy Morgan Research's Business Confidence fell 2.8% to 116.1 in July following the inconclusive Australian Federal Election at the start of July. The fall in Business Confidence comes despite an upward trend on the Australian share-market in July – the All Ordinaries closed the end of July at 5,644 (up 6.3% (or 334pts) from June 30, 2016, 5310). This was the highest close for exactly a year since July 31, 2015 (5,681). ([Roy Morgan](#))

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[3.2 Economy » Consumer Confidence/Protection](#)

► MULTI-COUNTRY STUDIES

445-21 [Global study shows many around the world uncomfortable with levels of immigration](#) ([Click for details](#))

A major new Ipsos survey across 22 countries worldwide provides an insight into attitudes to immigration and the refugee crisis. The survey, among online adults aged under 65 in Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, Britain, Germany, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, South Korea Spain, Sweden, Turkey and the United States finds attitudes to immigration throughout the world are often negative – and a significant minority want to close borders to refugees, with many concerned about terrorists disguising themselves as refugees. ([Ipsos Global](#))

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[4.8 Society » Immigration/Refugees](#)

445-22 [Views on National Economies Mixed as Many Countries Continue to Struggle](#) ([Click for details](#))

Almost a decade after the global financial crisis rattled national economies, many in the world feel their respective countries' economies remain weak. A new Pew Research Center survey reveals a bleak picture in parts of Europe, with more than eight-in-ten in Greece, France and Spain describing their country's economic situation as bad. This gloom is not shared by all in the European Union, however – most Swedes, Germans and Dutch say their economy is doing well. And in China, India and Australia, views are mostly positive. ([Pew Research Center](#))



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3.1 Economy » Perceptions on Performance/ Well-Being
 3.9 Economy » Financial systems & Institutions

► **CYBER WORLD**

445-23 [Online Control in the era of Ad Blocking](#) (Click for details)

Ad blocking has become one of the challenges of the day for online publishers with their ease of access and growth in popularity. The discussion around how best to deal with the challenges publishers face remains an ongoing one. Additionally, consumers can be driven to use ad blockers in an attempt to improve their online ad experience. (Ipsos Mori)



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3.12 Economy » IT & Telecom

Topic of the week:

Percentage of Pack-a-Day Smokers Hits Record Low in U.S.

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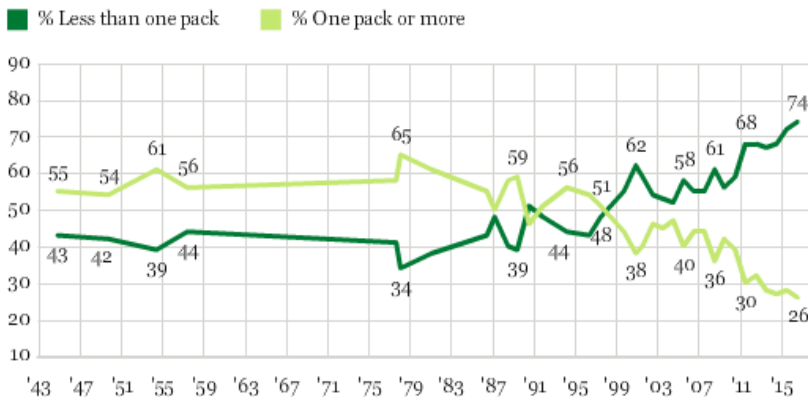


WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The percentage of smokers in the U.S. who light up a pack or more of cigarettes a day has fallen sharply over the past decade and is now at an all-time low of 26% in Gallup's seven-decade trend. The figure topped 30% as recently as 2012 and routinely exceeded 50% until the late 1990s.



U.S. Smokers' Reported Quantity of Cigarette Consumption, 1944-2016

About how many cigarettes do you smoke each day?
 (Asked of U.S. smokers)



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The latest findings are from Gallup's annual Consumption Habits poll, conducted July 13-17. The trend shows a continuous decline in the percentage of heavy smokers over the years -- with a particularly sharp drop since the late 1990s, when public smoking bans were implemented in many states and municipalities.

The decline in the percentage of heavy smokers somewhat mirrors a long-term decline in the overall percentage of Americans who smoke. Gallup's data show that 19% of Americans report having smoked cigarettes in the past week, similar to recent years and well below the levels of 40% or higher in the [1940s to early 1970s](#).

Most Cigarette Smokers Have Tried to Quit

The percentage of current smokers would be even lower if smokers had their wish, as most (74%) say they would like to give up smoking, and the vast majority have made some attempt at kicking the habit. Smokers surveyed in 2013 and 2016 who have tried to quit are split between those who have tried once or twice (39%) and those who have made even more attempts (43%).

Number of Times Smokers Say They've Tried to Quit

How many different times in your life, if any, have you made serious attempts to quit smoking? [Open-ended]

	Never	Once or twice	Three to 10 times	More than 10 times
	%	%	%	%
2013, 2016	17	39	38	5

AVERAGES OF POLLING FROM JULY 10-14, 2013, AND JULY 13-17, 2016; GALLUP

Six in 10 Former Smokers Kicked the Habit in One or Two Tries

Twenty-five percent of those interviewed in Gallup's 2013 and 2016 surveys say they are former smokers. The majority of this group, 60%, report that they were able to do away with their smoking habit in one or two attempts, with the rest saying it took more tries.

Number of Attempts It Took Former Smokers to Quit

How many different times in your life did you make serious attempts to quit smoking? [Open-ended]

	Once or twice	Three to 10 times	More than 10 times
	%	%	%
2013, 2016	60	31	5

AVERAGES OF POLLING FROM JULY 10-14, 2013, AND JULY 13-17, 2016; GALLUP

The fact that so many former smokers were able to quit in only one or two attempts, while current smokers have tried and failed multiple times, underscores the dilemma public health officials face when trying to further reduce the smoking rate. Those who continue to smoke apparently have an addiction to nicotine that is particularly acute.

Bottom Line

The laws and attitudes surrounding smoking in the U.S. have changed over the past several decades, and so have smoking habits. Public health officials have reason to be encouraged by record lows in both the percentage of Americans who smoke and the percentage of heavy smokers.

Though a strong majority of Americans who used to smoke were successful at quitting in their first or second attempt, four in 10 current smokers have tried to quit more than twice and still have not been able to. While tobacco may be a substance that is easy for many Americans to stop using, it's a heavier lift for the majority who still use it.

Historical data are available in Gallup Analytics.

Survey Methods

Results for this Gallup poll are based on telephone interviews conducted July 13-17, 2016, on the Gallup U.S. Daily survey, with a random sample of 1,023 adults, aged 18 and older, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia. For results based on the total sample of national adults, the margin of sampling error is ± 4 percentage points at the 95% confidence level. All reported margins of sampling error include computed design effects for weighting.

Each sample of national adults includes a minimum quota of 60% cellphone respondents and 40% landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas by time zone within region. Landline and cellular telephone numbers are selected using random-digit-dial methods.

Source: http://www.gallup.com/poll/194216/cigarette-smokers-lighting-less-often.aspx?g_source=Well-Being&g_medium=newsfeed&g_campaign=tiles

Gilani's Gallopedia (2007-2016)

A Quantitative Analysis

A quantitative analysis of global polls monitored during the 8 year period January 2007 – January 2014

KEY STATISTICS

- 1- Number of Surveys (*a selection on key political and social issues*): \simeq 6,805 polls during the period 2007-2014
- 2- Subjects of Interest (*we have made a list of 125 subjects, further grouped into 9 broad categories, namely: **Governance**, **Globalization** (inclusive of global economic issues) **Global Conflicts** (conflict zones), **Global leaders** (USA and Emerging powers), **Global Environment**, **Family**, **Religion**, and **other miscellaneous***)
- 3- Number of **countries** covered by one or more surveys: \simeq 178 during the period 2007-2014
- 4- Number **polling organizations** whose polls have been cited: \simeq 358 during the period 2007-2014

