

Summary of Selected Findings: Illinois

		State	Nation	Region	
Making Ends Meet					
Difficulty covering expenses and paying bills					
Very difficult		10%	10%	10%	
Somewhat difficult		29%	33%	32%	
Not at all difficult		58%	54%	56%	
Spending vs. saving					
Spending less than income		43%	43%	42%	
Spending about equal to income		36%	34%	37%	
Spending more than income		17%	19%	18%	
Overdraw checking account occasionally		19%	21%	19%	Respondents with checking accounts
Have unpaid medical bills		23%	22%	21%	
Number of times mortgage payments have been late					
Once		9%	8%	8%	Respondents with mortgages
More than once		5%	9%	7%	
Have taken a loan from retirement account in past year		17%	14%	15%	Respondents with defined contribution retirement accounts
Have taken a hardship withdrawal from retirement account in past year		18%	14%	16%	
Have experienced large unexpected drop in income in past year		23%	26%	24%	
Planning Ahead					
Have emergency funds		54%	53%	52%	
Do not have emergency funds		39%	43%	42%	
Have tried to figure out retirement savings needs		39%	39%	38%	Non-retired respondents
Have not tried to figure out retirement savings needs		54%	55%	56%	
Have set aside money for children's college education		44%	40%	41%	Respondents with financially dependent children
Have not set aside money for children's college education		47%	54%	53%	
Retirement Accounts					
Have employer-provided retirement plan (e.g., pension, 401(k))		48%	49%	50%	Non-retired respondents
Have non-employer retirement plan (e.g., IRA, Keogh, SEP, etc.)		27%	26%	26%	
Regularly contribute to retirement account		75%	79%	79%	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	36%	35%	33%
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Managing Financial Products

Banking

Have checking account	93%	91%	91%
Have savings account, money market account, or CDs	74%	72%	73%

Credit Cards

Credit card behaviors in past year			
Always paid credit cards in full	64%	59%	60%
Carried over a balance and was charged interest	39%	43%	41%
Paid the minimum payment only	32%	35%	34%
Charged a late fee for late payment	15%	17%	16%
Charged an over the limit fee for exceeding credit line	12%	11%	11%
Used the cards for a cash advance	14%	15%	14%

Respondents with credit cards

Mobile Payment Methods

Use mobile phone to pay at point of sale	43%	43%	39%
Use mobile phone to transfer money to another person	52%	53%	49%

Mortgages

Have mortgage	46%	51%	49%
Have home equity loan	10%	12%	12%

Homeowners

Home “underwater” (negative equity)	6%	7%	6%
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Other Debt

Have student loan	23%	23%	22%
Have auto loan	28%	29%	29%

Non-Bank Borrowing

Non-bank borrowing methods used in past 5 years			
Auto title loan	12%	12%	11%
Short term “payday” loan	14%	15%	15%
Tax refund advance	11%	11%	11%
Pawn shop	18%	21%	18%
Rent-to-own store	11%	14%	13%
Used one or more non-bank borrowing methods in past 5 years	29%	32%	29%

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)	69%	69%	69%
Exactly \$102	10%	9%	9%
Less than \$102	5%	6%	4%
Don't know	16%	15%	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	11%	12%	12%
Exactly the same	13%	11%	11%
<u>Less than today</u> (correct answer)	53%	53%	53%
Don't know	21%	23%	22%

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

They will rise	19%	20%	19%
<u>They will fall</u> (correct answer)	26%	25%	23%
They will stay the same	5%	6%	6%
There is no relationship between bond prices and the interest rate	12%	9%	10%
Don't know	36%	39%	41%

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	5%	5%	5%
<u>At least 2 years but less than 5 years</u> (correct answer)	28%	30%	27%
At least 5 years but less than 10 years	28%	28%	28%
At least 10 years	10%	7%	9%
Don't know	27%	28%	30%

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)	31%	36%	34%
2% of the population will get the disease	16%	13%	13%
25 out of every 1,000 people will get the disease	18%	17%	17%
Don't know	34%	33%	35%

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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)	70%	69%	69%
False	8%	9%	9%
Don't know	20%	22%	21%
Buying a single company's stock usually provides a safer return than a stock mutual fund.			
True	14%	12%	13%
<u>False</u> (correct answer)	40%	42%	41%
Don't know	46%	45%	46%
Mean number of correct quiz answers	3.17	3.23	3.18
Mean number of incorrect quiz answers	1.73	1.63	1.65
Mean number of "don't know" quiz answers	2.00	2.06	2.11

Notes:

Region = East North Central Census Division (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin).

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

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

Census Division figures are weighted by age x 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 2021.

Additional findings and details are available for download at www.FINRAFoundation.org/NFCS.