

**Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania**  
Annenberg Science Knowledge (ASK) survey, August 16-22, 2022  
N=1,621 adults

## **Survey Methodology**

The study was conducted for the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania via web and telephone by SSRS, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted among a nationally representative probability sample drawn from SSRS's Opinion Panel from August 16-22, 2022, among a representative sample of 1,621 U.S. adults aged 18 and older in English (1,590) and Spanish (31). The web total respondents were 1,574 and there were 47 telephone respondents. Data were weighted to represent the target U.S. adult population. The margin of sampling error (MOE) for total respondents is +/-**3.3** percentage points at the 95% confidence level. The margin of error for the half sample items is +/-**4.7** percentage points at the 95% confidence level. The total sample design effect for this survey is 1.87. More details about the methodology can be [found here](#). More information about SSRS can be obtained by visiting [www.ssrs.com](http://www.ssrs.com).

*Notes: Data collection was conducted via web and telephone. Verbiage in this topline reflects web wording. Telephone wording may differ slightly due to interviewer-administered data collection. This topline includes questions that were asked in Wave 8 as well as questions that were asked in previous waves but not asked in Wave 8.*

*Results are reported as percentages. Because percentages are rounded, they may not total 100%. Overall and net percentages may not exactly match sum of corresponding percentages.*

*An asterisk (\*) indicates less than 0.5%.*

## **PRIOR WAVE FIELD DATES AND SAMPLE SIZES**

07/18/22	Wave 7 fielded July 12 – July 18, 2022 ( <i>n</i> =1,580)
04/04/22	Wave 6 fielded March 29 – April 4, 2022 ( <i>n</i> =1,638)
01/17/22	Wave 5 fielded January 11 – January 17, 2022 ( <i>n</i> =1,656)
11/09/21	Wave 4 fielded November 3 – November 9, 2021 ( <i>n</i> =1,672)
09/05/21	Wave 3 fielded August 16 – September 5, 2021 ( <i>n</i> =1,669)
06/22/21	Wave 2 fielded June 9 – June 22, 2021 ( <i>n</i> =1,719)
04/19/21	Wave 1 fielded March 30 – April 19, 2021 ( <i>n</i> =1,941)

## MP1.

MP1. Have you seen, read, or heard anything about Monkeypox in the past month?

Wave	N	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
07/18/22	1580	80	20	0	0

## MP1A.

MP1A. How familiar, if at all, are you with Monkeypox?

Wave	N	NET Unfamiliar	Not at all familiar	Not too familiar	NET Familiar	Somewhat familiar	Very familiar	Don't know	Refused
08/22/22	1621	65	24	40	35	33	2	0	0

## MP2.

MP2. How worried, if at all, are you about contracting Monkeypox in the next 3 months?

Wave	N	NET Low	Not at all worried	Not too worried	NET High	Somewhat worried	Very worried	Don't know	Refused
08/22/22	1621	79	40	39	21	16	6	0	0
07/18/22	1580	81	40	41	19	14	5	0	0
Male	784	83	45	38	17	13	3	0	0
Female	829	74	35	39	26	18	8	0	0

## MP2A.

MP2A. Has anyone you personally known contracted Monkeypox?

Wave	N	No	1 person	2 or more people	Or are you not sure?	Refused
08/22/22	1621	96	1	1	2	0

## MP4.

MP4. A vaccine against Monkeypox exists. [True]

Wave	N	NET False	Definitely false	Probably false	NET True	Probably true	Definitely true	Or are you not sure?	Refused
08/22/22	1621	11	4	7	61	21	40	28	0
07/18/22	1580	15	5	10	34	18	17	51	0

## MP5.

MP5. Monkeypox is caused by exposure to a 5G signal. [Unsupported/No evidence]

Wave	N	NET False	Definitely false	Probably false	NET True	Probably true	Definitely true	Or are you not sure?	Refused
08/22/22	1621	82	69	12	1	1	0	17	0
07/18/22	1580	78	65	14	1	1	0	21	0

## MP7.

MP7. Monkeypox usually spreads by close contact with an infected person. [True]

Wave	N	NET False	Definitely false	Probably false	NET True	Probably true	Definitely true	Or are you not sure?	Refused
08/22/22	1621	4	2	2	84	31	53	11	0
07/18/22	1580	6	2	4	69	39	29	26	0

## MP8.

MP8. Monkeypox was bioengineered in a lab. [Unsupported/No evidence]

Wave	N	NET False	Definitely false	Probably false	NET True	Probably true	Definitely true	Or are you not sure?	Refused
08/22/22	1621	57	34	23	15	12	3	28	0
07/18/22	1580	54	30	24	12	10	1	34	0

## MP9H1.

MP9H1. Monkeypox was intentionally released.\* [Unsupported/No evidence]

Wave	N	NET False	Definitely false	Probably false	NET True	Probably true	Definitely true	Or are you not sure?	Refused
08/22/22	811	60	34	26	16	12	4	24	0
07/18/22	790	56	34	22	14	12	2	30	0

\* Asked of a half-sample.

## MP10H2.

MP10H2. Monkeypox was intentionally released by scientists to deflect attention from the failures of the Biden administration.\* [Unsupported/No evidence]

Wave	N	NET False	Definitely false	Probably false	NET True	Probably true	Definitely true	Or are you not sure?	Refused
08/22/22	810	70	53	18	12	8	3	18	0
07/18/22	790	71	50	21	10	8	2	19	0

\* Asked of a half-sample.

## MP11.

MP11. Getting the COVID-19 vaccine increases a recipient's chances of getting Monkeypox. [Unsupported/No evidence]

Wave	N	NET False	Definitely false	Probably false	NET True	Probably true	Definitely true	Or are you not sure?	Refused
08/22/22	1621	71	48	23	6	5	2	22	0
07/18/22	1580	67	44	24	5	4	1	28	0

## MP11A.

MP11A. People with Monkeypox should isolate at home until the rash gone. [True]

Wave	N	NET False	Definitely false	Probably false	NET True	Probably true	Definitely true	Or are you not sure?	Refused
08/22/22	1621	5	1	3	77	33	44	18	0

## MP12.

MP12. As far as you know: [Correct: Less contagious]

Wave	N	Monkeypox is just about as contagious as COVID-19	Monkeypox is less contagious than COVID-19	Monkeypox is more contagious than COVID-19	Or are you not sure?	Refused
08/22/22	1621	17	41	5	37	0
07/18/22	1580	14	36	2	48	0

## MP13B.

MP13B. As far as you know, are people at a higher risk of infection with Monkeypox if they – have had COVID-19 [False]

Wave	N	Yes	No	Or are you not sure?	Refused
08/22/22	1621	5	49	47	0
07/18/22	1580	4	33	63	0

### MP13D.

MP13D. As far as you know, are people at a higher risk of infection with Monkeypox if they – are men who have sex with men [True]

Wave	N	Yes	No	Or are you not sure?	Refused
08/22/22	1621	63	15	21	0
07/18/22	1580	33	25	41	0

### MP13E.

MP13E. As far as you know, are people at a higher risk of infection with Monkeypox if they – share bedding, clothing, or towels used by someone infected with Monkeypox [True]

Wave	N	Yes	No	Or are you not sure?	Refused
08/22/22	1621	68	6	26	0

### MP13F.

MP13F. As far as you know, are people at a higher risk of infection with Monkeypox if they – have close face to face contact with someone who is infected [True]

Wave	N	Yes	No	Or are you not sure?	Refused
08/22/22	1621	67	9	24	0

### VX4MP.

VX4MP. If you were exposed to Monkeypox, how likely, if at all, would you be to take the Monkeypox vaccine?

Wave	N	NET Unlikely	Not at all likely to get vaccinated	Not too likely	NET Likely	Somewhat likely	Very likely to get vaccinated	Don't know	Refuse
08/22/22	1621	27	12	15	73	24	48	0	0