

# The Chapman Survey of American Fears, Wave 11

## The Complete List of Fears 2025

The following is a complete list of all fears addressed by the Chapman University Survey of American Fears Wave 11 (2025), displayed with the percentage of Americans who reported being afraid or very afraid. They have been sorted alphabetically.

Complete List of Fears	% Of Afraid or Very Afraid
Air Pollution	48.3
Artificial Intelligence (AI) Replacing People in the Workforce	49.2
Becoming Disabled	42.9
Becoming Seriously Ill	41.2
Being Unemployed	44.6
Biological Warfare	52.3
Catching Influenza (the Seasonal Flu)	19.3
Climate Change Impacting Where I Live	41.5
Collapse of the Electrical Grid	47.1
Corporate Tracking of Personal Data	50.7
Corrupt Government Officials	69.1
Credit Card Fraud	48.8
Cyber-Terrorism	55.9
Devastating Blizzard/Winter Storm	28.0
Devastating Drought	39.0
Devastating Earthquake	33.0
Devastating Flood	35.6
Devastating Hurricane	34.1
Devastating Tornado	38.5
Devastating Wildfire	40.5
Dying	28.6
Economic/Financial Collapse	58.2
Extinction of Plant and Animal Species	43.5
Flying	17.7
Global Warming and Climate Change	48.8
Government Restrictions on Firearms and Ammunition	31.7
Government Tracking of Personal Data	52.7
Government Use of Drones Within the U.S.	31.2
Heights	34.3
High Medical Bills	46.2
Homeless People	11.9
Homeless Tent Encampments	18.3

Identity Theft	50.7
Illegal Immigration	28.2
Iran Using Nuclear Weapons	48.0
Murder by a Stranger	33.5
Murder by Someone You Know	25.0
Needles	18.6
New Pandemic or a Major Epidemic	45.2
North Korea Using Nuclear Weapons	49.8
Not Being Able to Pay Off College Debt of Myself or a Family Member	43.1
Not Having Enough Money for the Future	52.4
Not Having Enough Money to Pay My Rent or Mortgage	44.9
Nuclear Accident/Meltdown	43.4
Oil Spills	38.4
People I Love Becoming Seriously Ill	58.9
People I Love Dying	55.3
Pollution of Drinking Water	54.5
Pollution of Oceans, Rivers, and Lakes	53.5
Public Speaking	33.7
Racial/Hate Crime	31.3
Random/Mass Shooting	44.3
Russia Using Nuclear Weapons	53.7
Sexual Assault by a Stranger	31.2
Sexual Assault by Someone You Know	22.4
Sharks	35.2
Small, Enclosed Spaces	25.4
Strangers	14.6
Technology That I Don't Understand	25.9
Terrorism	42.0
Terrorist Attack	49.9
Theft of Property	37.5
U.S. Becoming Involved in Another World War	55.3
Violent Overthrow of the U.S. Government	36.1
Walking Alone at Night	27.5
Whites No Longer Being the Majority in the U.S.	13.0
Widespread Civil Unrest	45.3

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