

The Complete List of Fears, 2018

The following is a complete, list of all fears addressed by the Chapman University Survey of American Fears Wave 5 (2018), ranked by the percent of Americans who reported being afraid or very afraid.

Sorted by Percent Afraid/Very Afraid

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1. Corrupt government officials	73.6
2. Pollution of oceans, rivers and lakes	61.6
3. Pollution of drinking water	60.7
4. Not having enough money for the future	57
5. People I love becoming seriously ill	56.5
6. People I love dying	56.4
7. Air Pollution	55.1
8. Extinction of plant and animal species	54.1
9. Global Warming and Climate Change	53.2
10. High Medical Bills	52.9
11. Cyber-Terrorism	52.5
12. The U.S. will be involved in another world war	51.6
13. Islamic Extremists	49.3
14. White Supremacists	49.3
15. Economic/financial collapse	49.2
16. Identity theft	46.6
17. Corporate Tracking of Personal Data	46.3
18. Government Tracking of Personal Data	46
19. Being hit by a drunk driver	45.3
20. Biological warfare	44.7
21. Becoming Seriously ill	44.1
22. Oil Spills	44
23. Terrorist attack	43.8
24. Widespread civil unrest	43
25. Nuclear weapons attack	42.9
26. Credit card fraud	42.6
27. Extreme Anti-Immigration Groups	41.6
28. Random Mass shooting	41.5
29. Terrorism	39.8
30. North Korea using nuclear weapons	39.2

31.	The collapse of the electrical grid	39
32.	Pandemic or a major epidemic	38.6
33.	Government restrictions on firearms and ammunition	37.8
34.	Devastating drought	37.7
35.	Iran using nuclear weapons	36.4
36.	Losing my data, photos or other important documents in a disaster	36.3
37.	Nuclear accident/meltdown	36
38.	Break-ins	35.1
39.	Devastating tornado	34.7
40.	Being unemployed	34.4
41.	Heights	33.6
42.	Theft of property	33.3
43.	Devastating Hurricane	32.8
44.	Government Use of Drones Within the US	32.3
45.	Militia/Patriot Movement	31.3
46.	Devastating Flood	31.1
47.	Devastating Earthquake	30.9
48.	Computers replacing people in the workforce	30.7
49.	Devastating Wildfire	30.7
50.	Murder by a stranger	29.7
51.	Sharks	29.2
52.	Mugging	28.6
53.	Racial/Hate crime	28.6
54.	Dying	27.9
55.	Gang Violence	27.8
56.	Financial fraud (such as a Ponzi scheme, embezzlement, etc.)	27.2
57.	Sexual assault by a stranger	27.1
58.	Devastating blizzard/ winter storm	27
59.	Police brutality	26.6
60.	Public speaking	26.2
61.	Deep lakes and oceans	25.7
62.	Abduction/kidnapping	25.1
63.	Reptiles (snakes, lizards, etc.)	24.1
64.	Stalking	23.7
65.	Hell	23.7
66.	Walking alone at night	23.5
67.	The Devil/Satan	23.1

68.	Insects/Arachnids (spiders, bees, etc.)	22.6
69.	Illegal immigration	21.5
70.	Murder by someone you know	21
71.	Demons	20.8
72.	Antifa	20.7
73.	Small enclosed spaces	19.8
74.	Sexual assault by someone you know	19.2
75.	Large volcanic eruption	18.6
76.	Technology I don't understand	17.8
77.	Being fooled by 'fake' news	17.5
78.	Extreme Environmentalists	16.4
79.	Apocalypse/Armageddon	16.4
80.	God	14.2
81.	Germs	13.2
82.	Needles	12.9
83.	Flying	12.7
84.	Significant other cheating on you	12.1
85.	Extreme Animal Rightists	11.3
86.	Sharing a restroom with a transgender person	9.5
87.	Whites no longer being the majority in the U.S.	9.4
88.	Zombies	8.4
89.	Ghosts	8.3
90.	Sexual Harassment in the workplace	7.5
91.	Clowns	7.1
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