# **AASM Sleep Prioritization Survey Elimination of Seasonal Time Changes**

## **Survey Methodology**

American Academy of Sleep Medicine (AASM) commissioned an online survey of 2,007 adults in the U.S. The margin of error for the sample fell within +/- 2 percentage points with a confidence interval of 95%. The fieldwork took place between July 17-20, 2020. Atomik Research is an independent market research agency.



#### **Question**

Observing daylight saving time requires "changing the clocks" twice per year. Would you support the elimination of seasonal time changes in favor of a national, fixed, year-round time?

### **Results**

- 63% of Americans say that they support the elimination of seasonal time changes (e.g. daylight saving time) in favor of a national, fixed, year-round time.
  - This includes 38% that "strongly support" and 26% that "somewhat support" eliminating seasonal time changes.

#### **Overall Results**

Total	2,007
Strongly support	757 (38%)
Somewhat support	516 (26%)
Neutral	511 (25%)
Somewhat oppose	103 (5%)
Strongly oppose	120 (6%)

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General Population (Non-Parents) vs. Parents

Total	No Children /	Parents
0.007	Gen. Pop	4.005
2,007	1,002	1,005
Support (NET)	531 (53%)	742 (74%)
Strongly support	311 (31%)	446 (44%)
Somewhat support	220 (22%)	296 (29%)
Neutral	316 (32%)	195 (19%)
Somewhat oppose	67 (7%)	36 (4%)
Strongly oppose	88 (9%)	32 (3%)
Oppose (NET)	155 (15%)	68 (7%)

Nearly three in four parents with children between the ages of five and 18 (74%) support of the idea of eliminating seasonal time changes in favor of a national, fixed, year-round time.

Results by Gender

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	Male	Female			
Total	1,099	908			
Support (NET)	759 (69%)	514 (57%)			
Strongly support	475 (43%)	282 (31%)			
Somewhat support	284 (26%)	232 (26%)			
Neutral	230 (21%)	281 (31%)			
Somewhat oppose	48 (4%)	55 (6%)			
Strongly oppose	62 (6%)	58 (6%)			
Oppose (NET)	110 (10%)	113 (12%)			

Nearly seven in 10 males (69%) and six in 10 females (57%) support eliminating seasonal time changes in favor of a national, fixed, year-round time.

**Results by Age Group** 

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Total	560	421	617	226	128	55
Support (NET)	284 (51%)	274 (65%)	451 (73%)	157 (69%)	77 (60%)	30 (55%)
Strongly support	127 (23%)	163 (39%)	289 (47%)	101 (45%)	52 (41%)	25 (45%)
Somewhat						
support	157 (28%)	111 (26%)	162 (26%)	56 (25%)	25 (20%)	5 (9%)
Neutral	195 (35%)	100 (24%)	124 (20%)	47 (21%)	28 (22%)	17 (31%)
Somewhat						
oppose	38 (7%)	26 (6%)	22 (4%)	7 (3%)	8 (6%)	2 (4%)
Strongly oppose	43 (8%)	21 (5%)	20 (3%)	15 (7%)	15 (12%)	6 (11%)
Oppose (NET)	81 (14%)	47 (11%)	42 (7%)	22 (10%)	23 (18%)	8 (15%)

Support of the elimination of seasonal time changes in favor of a national, fixed, year-round time is lowest among younger Americans between the ages of 18 and 24 (51%).

**Results by Generation** 

	Gen Z (18-22)	Millennial (23-38)	Gen X (39-54)	Baby Boomer (55-73)	Silent Generation (74+)
Total	450	754	620	178	5
Support (NET)	225 (50%)	489 (65%)	452 (73%)	105 (59%)	2 (40%)
Strongly support	99 (22%)	284 (38%)	297 (48%)	75 (42%)	2 (40%)
Somewhat					
support	126 (28%)	205 (27%)	155 (25%)	30 (17%)	0 (0%)
Neutral	159 (35%)	187 (25%)	120 (19%)	43 (24%)	2 (40%)
Somewhat					
oppose	28 (6%)	45 (6%)	20 (3%)	10 (6%)	0 (0%)
Strongly oppose	38 (8%)	33 (4%)	28 (5%)	20 (11%)	1 (20%)
Oppose (NET)	66 (15%)	78 (10%)	48 (8%)	30 (17%)	1 (20%)

Results by Region

	Northeast	Midwest	South	West
Total	566	422	710	309
Support (NET)	370 (65%)	261 (62%)	446 (63%)	196 (63%)
Strongly support	202 (36%)	149 (35%)	282 (40%)	124 (40%)
Somewhat				
support	168 (30%)	112 (27%)	164 (23%)	72 (23%)
Neutral	144 (25%)	112 (27%)	180 (25%)	75 (24%)
Somewhat				
oppose	20 (4%)	26 (6%)	45 (6%)	12 (4%)
Strongly oppose	32 (6%)	23 (5%)	39 (5%)	26 (8%)
Oppose (NET)	52 (9%)	49 (12%)	84 (12%)	38 (12%)

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