

Afghanistan Flash Survey on Peace, Covid-19, and the Economy

Wave 3 Findings

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the Flash Survey of Afghanistan?

The Asia Foundation's *Afghanistan Flash Survey on Peace, Covid-19, and the Economy: Wave 3 Findings* is a mobile-only TAPI (Tablet-Assisted Phone Interviewing)-based survey of the mobile phone-using public of Afghanistan. The survey was fielded using Research Control Solutions (RCS) software.

2. How does this survey differ from The Asia Foundation's annual survey?

Distinct from [A Survey of the Afghan People](#), The Asia Foundation's annual barometer of Afghan perception of more than 129,800 Afghans gleaned from in-person interviews since 2004, the Afghanistan Flash Surveys were conducted by telephone and with a smaller sample size in three waves due to Covid-19 restrictions. The Flash Surveys provide data based on over 12,000 interviews from all 34 provinces in a multi-wave format tracked over six months from September 2020 to February 2021. Unique from other surveys, a subset of the over 12,000 *Afghanistan Flash Survey* interviews are with the same respondents across all three waves, denoted as panel data.

2. How many Afghan citizens were surveyed?

The Flash Survey sample included 4,059 men and women 18 years and older representing all major and most minor ethnic groups from all 34 provinces in the country. The sample consisted of 78% men and 22% women and 62% urban households and 38% rural households, weighted to be gender balanced (50:50) and nationally representative (74% rural, 26% urban) using the most recent population data released by the National Statistics and Information Authority.

3. What topics are covered in the report?

The Flash Survey covers peace, including priorities for a peace deal, Covid-19, vaccine, economy, women's rights, crime, and security.

4. What is the Survey's margin of error?

The margin of error with 95% confidence at $p=.5$ is $\pm 1.54\%$. Considering the survey design including weighting, the estimated design effect was 2.6. Information about the sample design, field implementation, quality control, questionnaire design, and overall field experience are available in the *Survey's* Appendix 1: Methodology.

5. When was the fieldwork conducted?

Fieldwork for Wave 3 was conducted from February 9, 2021 through February 23, 2021.

6. Who conducted the fieldwork?

Phone interviews were conducted by 70 native Dari and Pashto speaking interviewers matched with respondents by gender (i.e., men interviewed men, and women interviewed women). Fieldwork was led by the Afghan Center for Socio-Economic and Opinion Research (ACSOR), while third-party field verification was led by Sayara Research.

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7. How was the data collected?

This survey targets a representative sample of mobile-using Afghans (age 18+) totaling n = 4,059. The sample was generated via random digit dialing (RDD), so any existing mobile phone number in Afghanistan had a theoretical probability of selection.

8. How many questions are included in the *Survey* questionnaire?

The *Survey* questionnaire prepared based on feedback from key stakeholders and users of the *Survey* which had 16 management questions, 17 demographic and over 40 substantive questions.

9. Does the *Survey* account for quality control?

Quality controls were implemented at each step of the process by both The Asia Foundation and its partners. Sayara Research was contracted by the Asia Foundation to serve as a third-party validator. Every 5th, 10th, or 15th completed interview was monitored by Sayara for audio audit at the end of each day of fieldwork. And all cases that were recorded were processed through Acsor/D3's audio analysis program.

10. Who funded the *Survey*?

The *Survey* is a product of The Asia Foundation with support provided by the United States Agency for International Development, the Australian Department for Foreign Affairs and Trade, the United Kingdom Department for International Development, and the German government's Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit.

11. What is The Asia Foundation?

The Asia Foundation is a nonprofit international development organization committed to improving lives across a dynamic and developing Asia. Informed by six decades of experience and deep local expertise, our work across the region addresses five overarching goals—strengthen governance, empower women, expand economic opportunity, increase environmental resilience, and promote regional cooperation.

12. What does The Asia Foundation do in Afghanistan?

The Asia Foundation began working in Afghanistan in 1954 and re-opened its Kabul office in 2002. Programs focus on governance and law, women's empowerment, education, regional cooperation, and the annual *Survey of the Afghan People*.

13. Why did The Asia Foundation conduct the *Flash Survey of the Afghan People*?

The Asia Foundation's goal is to provide timely data and analysis to support the Afghan government and citizens' efforts in building a stable, peaceful society.

14. Where can I read or download the survey report? Are complete data sets available?

The report and data sets are available at <https://asiafoundation.org/where-we-work/afghanistan/survey>. A summary of key findings is available in English.

