

Rising Living Costs Lead Household Financial Stress

In your opinion, which of the following contributes most to financial stress for U.S. households today? Please select one option. (N = 1,200)

Cost of everyday living (e.g., groceries, utilities, insurance, transportation)

39%

A horizontal bar chart with teal bars representing the percentage of households that select each option. The bars are ordered from highest to lowest percentage. The first bar for 'Cost of everyday living' is 39%, followed by 'Housing costs' at 27%, 'Credit card or other debt' at 10%, 'Healthcare costs' at 8%, 'Employment or income instability' at 7%, 'Taxes' at 5%, 'Childcare expenses' at 2%, and 'Other' at 2%. The bars are set against a light gray background with horizontal dashed grid lines.

Housing costs (e.g., rent, mortgage payments, home prices, utilities, insurance, maintenance)

27%

Credit card or other debt (student loans, auto loans, personal loans, etc.)

10%

Healthcare costs

8%

Employment or income instability

7%

Taxes

5%

Childcare expenses

2%

Other

2%