

ADS & The Harris Poll Stormwater Survey

Exploring Public Perceptions on Water Management in the U.S.



Over half of Americans are worried about how their stormwater is managed

Devastating weather events drive concerns about infrastructure, sustainability and climate change.

In addition to infrastructure concerns, survey findings also revealed

- There is confusion among U.S. adults about how water is managed. More than half of Americans (53%) do not know where water goes after it leaves their home, which would include how it is stored and treated before being returned to back into the environment.
- When it comes to water, environmental impact is top of mind for most Americans. Fifty-eight percent of U.S. adults are concerned how stormwater is managed in their communities to ensure environmental stewardship and sustainability (i.e., transportation efficiency, energy usage, water reusage, etc.).
- Climate change is believed to be outpacing stormwater management practices. Forty-three percent of Americans feel the stormwater management in their area is not keeping up with climate changes, emphasizing the need for stronger and more sustainable water management practices.



PUT SIMPLY /// OUR PROMISE

To protect and manage water, the world's most precious resource, safeguarding our environment and communities.



Our vision is to advance quality of life through sustainable solutions to water management challenges

With the ever-increasing frequency of large-scale stormwater-related natural disasters, having a proper infrastructure in place to capture, convey, store and treat water has never been more important," said ADS President and CEO Scott Barbour. "At ADS we focus on managing the entire life cycle of a raindrop, from the time it falls from the sky and hits the ground, to the time it is filtered, treated and returned to lakes and streams. This approach delivers the health and safety necessary to keep communities thriving.

Scott Barbour President and Chief Executive Officer, ADS



Survey Results

Americans are concerned about infrastructure in their communities

How concerned are you about the infrastructure for each of the following where you live?

Roads	66% Agree
Electricity	54% Agree
Stormwater	51% Agree
Wastewater	49% Agree
Telecommunications	44% Agree

Where ADS plays a role



ADS' products and solutions are uniquely positioned to address stormwater concerns







When it comes to stormwater, environmental impact is top of mind for most Americans

How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

I am concerned about how stormwater in my area is managed to ensure environmental stewardship and sustainability.

58% Agree

I worry about flooding in/around my home.

51% Agree

The stormwater management in my area is not keeping up with climate changes.

43% Agree

There is confusion among American adults about how water is managed

Which of the following statements are true for you?

I know the source of the water that comes into	my home.		48% Agree
I know where the water goes after it leaves my l	home.		47% Agree
I know what infrastructure is in place to avoid flooding around my home.		34% Agree	
I have experienced flooding in my home.	19% Agree		
None of these.	20% Agree		

Research Method

This survey was conducted by The Harris Poll on behalf of Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc.



Sample Size: n=2,061



Mode: Online survey

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Field Dates: November 14-16, 2023



Qualification Criteria:

U.S. residents Adults, ages 18+



Weighting: Data weighted to ensure results are projectable to U.S. adults ages 18+



In tables and charts:

Percentages may not add up to 100% due to weighting, computer rounding, and/or the acceptance of multiple responses



For this study, the sample data is accurate to within +/- 2.7 percentage points using a 95% confidence level. For complete survey methodology, including weighting variables and subgroup sample sizes, please contact https://www.nc.university.org

Our reason is water.™