

Summary of Selected Findings: Delaware

	State	Nation	Region	
Making Ends Meet				
Difficulty covering expenses and paying bills				
Very difficult	12%	12%	12%	
Somewhat difficult	36%	35%	36%	
Not at all difficult	50%	50%	49%	
Spending vs. saving				
Spending less than income	43%	41%	41%	
Spending about equal to income	32%	36%	37%	
Spending more than income	21%	19%	18%	
Overdraw checking account occasionally	22%	19%	19%	Respondents with checking accounts
Have unpaid medical bills	28%	23%	24%	
Number of times mortgage payments have been late				
Once	8%	9%	12%	Respondents with mortgages
More than once	8%	9%	9%	
Have taken a loan from retirement account in past year	17%	16%	20%	Respondents with self-directed employer plan or non-employer plan
Have taken a hardship withdrawal from retirement account in past year	10%	13%	15%	
Have experienced large unexpected drop in income in past year	20%	20%	20%	
Planning Ahead				
Have emergency funds	48%	49%	49%	
Do not have emergency funds	48%	46%	47%	
Have tried to figure out retirement savings needs	42%	41%	41%	Non-retired respondents
Have not tried to figure out retirement savings needs	54%	54%	54%	
Have set aside money for children’s college education	45%	38%	40%	Respondents with financially dependent children
Have not set aside money for children’s college education	52%	57%	56%	
Retirement Accounts				
Have employer-provided retirement plan (e.g., pension, 401(k))	54%	54%	50%	Non-retired respondents
Have non-employer retirement plan (e.g., IRA, Keogh, SEP, etc.)	25%	29%	28%	
Regularly contribute to self-directed retirement account	79%	79%	76%	Respondents with self-directed employer plan or non-employer plan

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Stocks, Bonds, and Mutual Funds

Invest in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or other securities outside of retirement account

34%	32%	30%
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Managing Financial Products

Banking

Have checking account

90%	89%	89%
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Have savings account, money market account, or CDs

77%	71%	71%
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Credit Cards

Credit card behaviors in past year

Always paid credit cards in full

51%	54%	52%
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Carried over a balance and was charged interest

48%	46%	49%
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Paid the minimum payment only

31%	35%	36%
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Charged a late fee for late payment

15%	16%	18%
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Charged an over the limit fee for exceeding credit line

11%	10%	11%
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Used the cards for a cash advance

10%	13%	13%
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Respondents with credit cards

Mobile Payment Methods

Use mobile phone to pay at point of sale

35%	35%	36%
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Use mobile phone to transfer money to another person

37%	37%	38%
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Mortgages

Have mortgage

62%	56%	55%
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Have home equity loan

15%	16%	16%
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Homeowners

Home "underwater" (negative equity)

8%	9%	10%
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Homeowners

Other Debt

Have student loan

27%	26%	24%
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Have auto loan

39%	33%	32%
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Non-Bank Borrowing

Non-bank borrowing methods used in past 5 years

Auto title loan

10%	11%	13%
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Short term "payday" loan

13%	14%	14%
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Tax refund advance

8%	10%	11%
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Pawn shop

17%	18%	20%
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Rent-to-own store

10%	12%	14%
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Used one or more non-bank borrowing methods in past 5 years

27%	29%	30%
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Financial Knowledge & Decision-Making

Financial Literacy

Suppose you had \$100 in a savings account and the interest rate was 2% per year. After 5 years, how much do you think you would have in the account if you left the money to grow?

<u>More than \$102</u> (correct answer)	74%	72%	71%
Exactly \$102	11%	7%	9%
Less than \$102	5%	6%	6%
Don't know	9%	13%	13%

Imagine that the interest rate on your savings account was 1% per year and inflation was 2% per year. After 1 year, how much would you be able to buy with the money in this account?

More than today	12%	12%	12%
Exactly the same	11%	10%	12%
<u>Less than today</u> (correct answer)	55%	55%	52%
Don't know	20%	21%	23%

If interest rates rise, what will typically happen to bond prices?

They will rise	21%	22%	21%
<u>They will fall</u> (correct answer)	26%	26%	25%
They will stay the same	5%	6%	6%
There is no relationship between bond prices and the interest rate	13%	10%	11%
Don't know	34%	36%	35%

Suppose you owe \$1,000 on a loan and the interest rate you are charged is 20% per year compounded annually. If you didn't pay anything off, at this interest rate, how many years would it take for the amount you owe to double?

Less than 2 years	4%	5%	5%
<u>At least 2 years but less than 5 years</u> (correct answer)	32%	30%	27%
At least 5 years but less than 10 years	26%	29%	29%
At least 10 years	10%	8%	9%
Don't know	27%	26%	27%

A 15-year mortgage typically requires higher monthly payments than a 30-year mortgage, but the total interest paid over the life of the loan will be less.

<u>True</u> (correct answer)	73%	73%	71%
False	10%	9%	9%
Don't know	17%	17%	19%

Buying a single company's stock usually provides a safer return than a stock mutual fund.

True	12%	11%	12%
<u>False</u> (correct answer)	44%	43%	42%
Don't know	44%	45%	45%

Mean number of correct quiz answers	3.04	3.00	2.88
Mean number of incorrect quiz answers	1.39	1.35	1.42
Mean number of "don't know" quiz answers	1.51	1.58	1.63

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<i>Comparison Shopping</i>				
Compared credit cards	38%	38%	37%	<i>Respondents with credit cards</i>
Did not compare credit cards	58%	56%	56%	

Notes:

Region = South Atlantic Census Division (Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia).

State figures are weighted by age x gender, ethnicity and education.

National figures are weighted by age x gender, ethnicity, education and Census Division.

Census Division figures are weighted by age x gender, ethnicity, education and state.

Differences between groups may or may not be statistically significant.

Percentages may not add up to 100 because of missing or “don’t know” responses.

Survey was conducted June - October 2018.

For additional findings and details, full survey results are available for download at http://usfinancialcapability.org/downloads/NFCS_2018_Full_Data_Tables.xlsx