

Myanmar 2025 Methodology

Sampling

A telephone (mobile phone only) sample design was used to complete 1,003 telephone surveys.

Target Population/Coverage:

Adult population (15 years of age or older) who live in households with mobile phones. It excludes business phone numbers. The coverage error (percentage of target population not accessible for sampling) is expected to be approximately 20%.

Stratification: The mobile sampling frame was explicitly stratified by the four mobile service providers in the market. The sample allocation across the strata was proportional to their market shares.

Sample Selection: A sample of specified size was drawn using pure Random Digit Dial (RDD) procedures independently within each explicit stratum. All sampled mobile phone numbers were pre-screened for working status. A respondent was randomly selected among all the household members aged 15 and older, by asking for the person who will have the next birthday. Selection of adults in households reached via mobile was primarily to increase coverage and representation of those hard to access via mobile.

For the purpose of data collection, the total initial sample was split into random subsamples (replicate samples) and released sequentially based on the progress of interviewing in different strata. The goal was to release an optimum amount of sample each time to achieve a high response rate while completing the targeted number of interviews within the field period.

Data Collection: September 1, 2025 – October 26, 2025

Weighting: The sample data were weighted to minimize bias in survey-based estimates. The weighting procedure was formulated based on the sample design and was carried out in multiple stages. A probability weight factor (base weight) was constructed to correct for unequal selection probabilities. At the next step, the base weights were post-stratified to adjust for non-response and to match the weighted sample totals to known target population totals obtained from country-level census data. The standard demographic variables used for post-stratification are: age, gender, education, region.

As the realized sample skewed towards more employed individuals, in addition to standard demographic adjustments, employment status (whether employed for an employer/self or not-employed) was used in the post-stratification stage. As there are no consistent population target information available for employment status, the average weighted estimate over the last 5 waves of World Poll data collection efforts was used as the target.

Margin of error (including design effect due to weighting): $\pm 4.1\%$ (95% confidence level)

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.