

## **Study Highlights for the AMERICAN PUBLIC**

## **Who Practices Yoga Today**

- ❖ In the U.S. today, there are 36.7M yoga practitioners, up from 20.4M in 2012
- Practitioners spend \$16B on classes, gear and accessories the most on classes and instruction
- ❖ 72% are women (26.4M), 28% are men (10.3M)
- 74% have been practicing for five or fewer years
- ❖ 34% of Americans, or 80M people say they are likely to try yoga over the next 12 months
- Populations that are growing include men and older Americans

## **About Yoga Practitioners**

- Yoga students are more likely to say they have good mental clarity, are strong, have good balance and dexterity, give back to the community and live and eat sustainably
- 79% of practitioners also run, cycle, lift weights or participate in at least one other athletic activity
- Flexibility, stress reduction and overall fitness are top reasons to start and keep practicing yoga
- 81% of students have practiced outside of the yoga studio in the past year
- 37% of those who practice have children under 18 who also do yoga

## **About Yoga Teachers and Studios**

- Nearly all yoga teachers and trainees are interested in training courses that strengthen their skills and practices
- More than half of teachers and trainees report posting a yoga selfie and making and distributing instructional videos
- 91% of studio owners recognize Yoga Alliance's credential as important for their teachers
- More than half of yoga studios generate revenue from offering other types of fitness classes, wellness services and accessories