National Financial Capability Study

Data File Information: State-by-State Survey

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[Note: To protect respondent anonymity, selected variables have been aggregated into larger groupings.]

List of variables on the working file

Name (Position) Label

respid (1) Respondent ID number
 Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 13 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F11
Write Format: F11

stateq (2) State

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Alabama
- 2 Alaska
- 3 Arizona
- 4 Arkansas
- 5 California
- 6 Colorado
- 7 Connecticut
- 8 Delaware
- 9 District of Columbia
- 10 Florida
- 11 Georgia
- 12 Hawaii
- 13 Idaho
- 14 Illinois
- 15 Indiana
- 16 Iowa
- 17 Kansas
- 18 Kentucky
- 19 Louisiana
- 20 Maine
- 21 Maryland
- 22 Massachusetts
- 23 Michigan
- 24 Minnesota
- 25 Mississippi
- 26 Missouri
- 27 Montana
- 28 Nebraska
- 29 Nevada

- 30 New Hampshire
- 31 New Jersey
- 32 New Mexico
- 33 New York
- 34 North Carolina
- 35 North Dakota
- 36 Ohio
- 37 Oklahoma
- 38 Oregon
- 39 Pennsylvania
- 40 Rhode Island
- 41 South Carolina
- 42 South Dakota
- 43 Tennessee
- 44 Texas
- 45 Utah
- 46 Vermont
- 47 Virginia
- 48 Washington
- 49 West Virginia
- 50 Wisconsin
- 51 Wyoming

censusdiv (3) Census Division

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 11 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 New England
- 2 Middle Atlantic
- 3 East North Central
- 4 West North Central
- 5 South Atlantic
- 6 East South Central
- 7 West South Central
- 8 Mountain
- 9 Pacific

censusreg (4) Census Region

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 11 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Northeast
- 2 Midwest
- 3 South
- 4 West

a3 (5) What is your gender?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

a3ar_w (6) Age group

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 18-24
- 2 25-34
- 3 35-44
- 4 45-54
- 5 55-64
- 6 65+

a3b (7) Gender/Age net:

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Male 18-24
- 2 Male 25-34
- 3 Male 35-44
- 4 Male 45-54
- 5 Male 55-64
- 6 Male 65+
- 7 Female 18-24
- 8 Female 25-34
- 9 Female 35-44
- 10 Female 45-54
- 11 Female 55-64
- 12 Female 65+

a4a_new_w (8) Ethnicity

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 9 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 White Alone NH
- 2 Non-White

a5 (9) What was the last year of education that you completed?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Did not complete high school
- 2 High school graduate
- 3 Some college
- 4 College graduate
- 5 Post graduate education
- 99 Prefer not to say
- a6 (10) What is your marital status?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Married
- 2 Single
- 3 Separated
- 4 Divorced
- 5 Widowed/widower
- 99 Prefer not to say
- a7 (11) Which of the following describes your current living arrangements?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 I am the only adult in the household
- 2 I live with my spouse/partner/significant other
- 3 I live in my parents' home
- 4 I live with other family, friends, or roommates
- 99 Prefer not to say

a7a (12) MARITAL STATUS VARIABLE:

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Married
- 2 Living with partner
- 3 Single

a8 (13)

What is your (household's) approximate annual income, including wages, tips, investment income, public assistance, income from retirement plans, etc.? Would you say it is...

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Less than \$15,000
- 2 At least \$15,000 but less than \$25,000
- 3 At least \$25,000 but less than \$35,000
- 4 At least \$35,000 but less than \$50,000
- 5 At least \$50,000 but less than \$75,000
- 6 At least \$75,000 but less than \$100,000
- 7 At least \$100,000 but less than \$150,000
- 8 \$150,000 or more
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

a9 (14)

Which of the following best describes your current employment or work status?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Self employed
- 2 Work full-time for an employer
- 3 Work part-time for an employer
- 4 Homemaker
- 5 Full-time student
- 6 Permanently sick, disabled, or unable to work
- 7 Unemployed or temporarily laid off
- 8 Retired
- 99 Prefer not to say

a10 (15) Which of the following best describes your spouse/partner's current employment or work status? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Self employed 2 Work full-time for an employer 3 Work part-time for an employer 4 Homemaker Full-time student Permanently sick, disabled, or unable to work Unemployed or temporarily laid off Retired 99 Prefer not to say al0a (16) HOUSEHOLD RETIREMENT STATUS: Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 7 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Non-retired household Retired household - Respondent retired 3 Retired household - Respondent not working and spouse retire all (17) How many children do you have who are financially dependent on you (or your spouse/partner)? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label

1 1

2 2

3 3

4 4 or more

- 5 No financially dependent children
- 6 Do not have any children
- 99 Prefer not to say

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a14 (18)
     Who in the household is most knowledgeable about saving, investing and
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
            You
         1
         2 Someone else
         3 You and someone else are equally knowledgeable
         98 Don't know
         99 Prefer not to say
a15 (19) Who in your household usually handles the chore of bill paying?
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
         1
            You
         2 Someone else
            You and someone else share the responsibility
         98 Don't know
         99 Prefer not to say
j1 (20)
     Overall, thinking of your assets, debts and savings, how satisfied are
     you with your current personal financial condition?
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 7 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
         1 1 - Not At All Satisfied
         2
            3
         3
         5
            6
         6
         7
            7
         8
         9
            10 - Extremely Satisfied
         10
            Don't know
         98
         99 Prefer not to say
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j2 (21)

When thinking of your financial investments, how willing are you to take

risks?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 7 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 1 Not At All Willing
- 2 2
- 3 3
- 4 4
- 5 !
- 6 6
- 7
- 8 8
- 9 9
- 10 10 Very Willing
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

j3 (22)

Over the past year, would you say your (household's) spending was less than, more than, or about equal to your (household's) income? Please do not include the purchase of a new house or car, or other big investments you may have made.

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Spending less than income
- 2 Spending more than income
- 3 Spending about equal to income
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

j4 (23)

In a typical month, how difficult is it for you to cover your expenses and pay all your bills?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Very difficult
- 2 Somewhat difficult
- 3 Not at all difficult
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

j5 (24)

Have you set aside emergency or rainy day funds that would cover your expenses for 3 months, in case of sickness, job loss, economic downturn, or other emergencies?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say
- j6 (25) Are you setting aside any money for your children's college education?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

j7 (26)

Are you using a 529 Plan or Coverdell Educational Savings Account to save for college?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

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j8 (27)
     Have you ever tried to figure out how much you need to save for
     retirement?
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
         1
            Yes
         2 No
         98
            Don't know
         99
            Prefer not to say
j9 (28)
     Before you (your spouse/partner) retired, did you try to figure out how
     much you needed to save for retirement?
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
            Yes
         1
         2 No
         98
            Don't know
         99
            Prefer not to say
j10 (29)
     In the past 12 months, have you (has your household) experienced a large
     drop in income which you did not expect?
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
         1
            Yes
         2 No
            Don't know
         98
            Prefer not to say
         99
j11 (30) In the past 12 months, have you obtained a copy of your credit report?
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
         1
            Yes
         98 Don't know
         99
            Prefer not to say
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Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say j13 (32) What was your credit score the last time you checked? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 620 or lower 630 - 710 2 3 720 or higher 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say k 1 (33) In the last 5 years, have you asked for any advice from a financial professional about any of the following? - DEBT COUNSELING Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't Know 99 Prefer not to Say k_2 (34) In the last 5 years, have you asked for any advice from a financial professional about any of the following? - SAVINGS OR INVESTMENTS Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't Know

99 Prefer not to Say

j12 (31) In the past 12 months, have you checked your credit score?

k_3 (35)

In the last 5 years, have you asked for any advice from a financial professional about any of the following? - TAKING OUT A MORTGAGE OR A LOAN $\,$

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

k_4 (36)

In the last 5 years, have you asked for any advice from a financial professional about any of the following? - INSURANCE OF ANY TYPE

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

k_5 (37)

In the last 5 years, have you asked for any advice from a financial professional about any of the following? - TAX PLANNING

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

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k6 (38)
     Typically, when looking for a financial professional, do you meet with
     or talk to more than one advisor before making a choice?
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
            Yes
         1
         2 No
         98 Don't know
         99 Prefer not to say
k7 (39)
     Have you ever checked with a state or federal regulator regarding the
     background, registration, or license of a financial professional?
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
            Yes
         1
         2 No
         98 Don't know
         99 Prefer not to say
k8a_1 (40)
     How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - I
     WOULD TRUST FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS AND ACCEPT WHAT THEY RECOMMEND.
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
         3
            4 - Neither Agree nor Disagree
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- 5 5
- 6 6
- 7 7 Strongly Agree
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

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k8a_2 (41)
     How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? -
     FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS ARE TOO EXPENSIVE FOR ME.
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
          1 1 - Strongly Disagree
          4 4 - Neither Agree nor Disagree
         7
             7 - Strongly Agree
         98
            Don't Know
         99 Prefer not to Say
k8a_3 (42)
     How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? -
     IT IS HARD TO FIND THE RIGHT FINANCIAL PROFESSIONAL FOR ME.
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
          1 1 - Strongly Disagree
          2
          3
          4 4 - Neither Agree nor Disagree
          6
         7
            7 - Strongly Agree
         98
            Don't Know
            Prefer not to Say
b1 (43) Do you (Does your household) have a checking account?
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
         1 Yes
          2 No
         98
            Don't know
         99 Prefer not to say
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b2 (44)
     Do you (Does your household) have a savings account, money market
     account, or CDs?
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
         1 Yes
         2 No
         98 Don't know
         99 Prefer not to say
b3 (45)
     Do you (or your spouse/partner) use a debit card tied to your bank
     account?
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
         1 Yes
         2 No
         98 Don't know
         99 Prefer not to say
b4 (46)
     Do you (or your spouse/partner) overdraw your checking account
     occasionally?
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
         1
            Yes
         2 No
         98 Don't know
         99 Prefer not to say
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b5a_1 (47)

Which of the following are reasons why you do not have a checking or savings account? - DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO MAKE IT WORTHWHILE.

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

b5a_2 (48)

Which of the following are reasons why you do not have a checking or savings account? - DO NOT LIKE DEALING WITH BANKS.

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

b5a_3 (49)

Which of the following are reasons why you do not have a checking or savings account? - BANK FEES ARE TOO HIGH.

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

b5a_4 (50)

Which of the following are reasons why you do not have a checking or savings account? - INCONVENIENT HOURS OR LOCATION.

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

b5a_5 (51)

Which of the following are reasons why you do not have a checking or savings account? - BANKS WOULD NOT LET ME OPEN AN ACCOUNT.

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

b5a_6 (52)

Which of the following are reasons why you do not have a checking or savings account? - DO NOT WANT TO SHARE MY PERSONAL INFORMATION.

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

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b11 (53)
     Do you (or your spouse/partner) sometimes go to a check cashing store to
     cash checks?
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
         1 Yes
         2 No
         98 Don't know
         99 Prefer not to say
b12 (54)
     Do you (or your spouse/partner) sometimes cash checks at a grocery store
     or supermarket?
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
         1 Yes
         2 No
         98 Don't know
         99 Prefer not to say
b13 (55)
     Do you (or your spouse/partner) sometimes pay your bills with money
     orders?
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
         1
            Yes
         2 No
         98 Don't know
         99 Prefer not to say
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b14 (56)
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Not including retirement accounts, do you (does your household) have any investments in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or other securities?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

c1 (57)

Do you (or your spouse/partner) have any retirement plans through a current or previous employer, like a pension plan or a 401(k)?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

c2 (58)

Were these plans provided by your employer or your spouse/partner's employer, or both?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Your employer
- 2 Your spouse/partner's employer
- 3 Both your employer and your spouse/partner's employer
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

c3 (59) Are any of these retirement plans the kind where you (or your spouse/partner) get to choose how the money is invested? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say c4 (60) Do you (or your spouse/partner) have any other retirement accounts NOT through an employer, like an IRA, Keogh, SEP, or any other type of retirement account that you have set up yourself? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes

c5 (61)

Do you (or your spouse/partner) regularly contribute to a retirement account like a 401(k) or IRA?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right

Don't know

Prefer not to say

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

2 No

98 99

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

c7 (62)

How much of your (household's) retirement portfolio is invested in stocks or mutual funds that contain stocks?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 More than half
- 2 Less than half
- 3 None
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

c8 (63)

Are your (household's) retirement assets primarily invested in a life-cycle or target-date fund?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

c9 (64)

How often do you (or your spouse/partner) change or rebalance the investments in your (household's) retirement account(s)?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 At least once a year
- 2 Once every few years
- 3 Rarely
- 4 Never
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

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c10 (65)
     In the last 12 months, have you (or your spouse/partner) taken a loan
     from your retirement account(s)?
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
            Yes
         1
         2 No
         98 Don't know
         99 Prefer not to say
c11 (66)
     In the last 12 months, have you (or your spouse/partner) taken a
     hardship withdrawal from your retirement account(s)?
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
            Yes
         1
         2 No
         98 Don't know
         99 Prefer not to say
c12 (67)
     In the last 12 months, have you received a statement from the Social
     Security Administration that tells you how much money you can expect to
     receive from Social Security when you retire?
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
         1 Yes
         2 No
            Don't know
         98
         99
            Prefer not to say
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c13 (68)

Have you used the information to decide or adjust your decision about when to stop working?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

c14 (69)

Have you used the information to decide or adjust your decision about when to claim your Social Security benefits?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

d2 (70)

When you (your spouse/partner) retired did you take a lump-sum payout from an employer or union-provided retirement plan or pension?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

d3a_1 (71)

Which of the following are you (and your spouse/partner) using for your living expenses? - SOCIAL SECURITY RETIREMENT PAYMENTS.

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

d3a_2 (72)

Which of the following are you (and your spouse/partner) using for your living expenses? - PENSION PLAN PAYMENTS.

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

d3a_3 (73)

Which of the following are you (and your spouse/partner) using for your living expenses? - WITHDRAWALS FROM SAVINGS, INVESTMENTS, OR RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS.

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

d3a_4 (74)

Which of the following are you (and your spouse/partner) using for your living expenses? - DIVIDENDS OR INTEREST INCOME FROM SAVINGS, INVESTMENTS, OR RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS.

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

d3a_5 (75)

Which of the following are you (and your spouse/partner) using for your living expenses? - SALARY, WAGES, OR SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME.

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

d3a_6 (76)

Which of the following are you (and your spouse/partner) using for your living expenses? - RENTAL INCOME OR PROCEEDS FROM A SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

d3a_7 (77)

Which of the following are you (and your spouse/partner) using for your living expenses? - PAYMENTS FROM A REVERSE MORTGAGE.

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

d3a_8 (78)

Which of the following are you (and your spouse/partner) using for your living expenses? - FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM FAMILY.

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

d11 (79)

Have you (or your spouse/partner) calculated how much of your savings and investments you can afford to withdraw each year?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

d12 (80)

Approximately what percent of your savings and investments did you calculate that you can withdraw each year?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 5% or less
- 2 Between 5-10%
- 3 Between 10-15%
- 4 Between 15-20%
- 5 More than 20%
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

d13 (81) Have you been able to stay within the range you calculated?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

d14 (82)

Have you changed the amount or frequency of your withdrawals from savings, investments, or retirement accounts in response to current economic conditions?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

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d15 (83) Who in your household is receiving Social Security payments?
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
         1 You
            Your spouse/partner
            Both
         3
         98 Don't know
         99 Prefer not to say
ea_1 (84)
     Do you (or your spouse/partner) currently own any of the following? -
     YOUR HOME
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 7 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
            Yes
         1
         2 No
         98
            Don't Know
         99 Prefer not to Say
ea_2 (85)
     Do you (or your spouse/partner) currently own any of the following? -
     OTHER REAL ESTATE (for example, a second home or investment property)
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 7 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
         1
            Yes
          2 No
         98
            Don't Know
         99 Prefer not to Say
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ea_3 (86) Do you (or your spouse/partner) currently own any of the following? -PART OR ALL OF A BUSINESS OR FARM Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 7 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't Know 99 Prefer not to Say e4 (87) How long ago did you buy your current home? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Within the past 2 years 2 3-5 years ago 3 6-10 years ago 4 More than 10 years ago 5 You did not purchase it 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say e7 (88) Do you currently have a mortgage on your home? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No Don't know 98 99 Prefer not to say e8 (89) Do you have a home equity loan? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

e10 (90) When you were getting your mortgage, did you compare offers from different lenders or mortgage brokers? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say e11 (91) When you were getting your mortgage, did you consider how much the monthly payments would be as a percentage of your income? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label Yes 1 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say e12 (92) Is your mortgage a fixed-rate mortgage or an adjustable-rate mortgage? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Fixed-rate mortgage 2 Adjustable rate mortgage 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say e14 (93) Is this an interest-only mortgage or a mortgage with an interest-only option, or neither of these? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label Yes - Interest only mortgage or interest-only option 2 No - Neither 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say

e15 (94) How many times have you been late with your mortgage payments in the last 2 years? (If you have more than one mortgage on your home(s), please consider them all.) Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Never 2 Once 3 More than once 98 Don't know Prefer not to say 99 e16 (95) Have you been involved in a foreclosure process on your home in the last 2 years? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say f1 (96) How many credit cards do you have? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 1 2-3 2 4-8 3 9-12

- 6 More than 20
- 7 No credit cards
- 98 Don't know

13-20

99 Prefer not to say

f2_1 (97)

In the past 12 months, which of the following describes your experience with credit cards? - I ALWAYS PAID MY CREDIT CARDS IN FULL.

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 7 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

f2_2 (98)

In the past 12 months, which of the following describes your experience with credit cards? - IN SOME MONTHS, I CARRIED OVER A BALANCE AND WAS CHARGED INTEREST.

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 7 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

f2_3 (99)

In the past 12 months, which of the following describes your experience with credit cards? - IN SOME MONTHS, I PAID THE MINIMUM PAYMENT ONLY.

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 7 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

f2_4 (100)

In the past 12 months, which of the following describes your experience with credit cards? - IN SOME MONTHS, I WAS CHARGED A LATE FEE FOR LATE PAYMENT.

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 7 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

f2_5 (101)

In the past 12 months, which of the following describes your experience with credit cards? - IN SOME MONTHS, I WAS CHARGED AN OVER THE LIMIT FEE FOR EXCEEDING MY CREDIT LINE.

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 7 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

f2_6 (102)

In the past 12 months, which of the following describes your experience with credit cards? - IN SOME MONTHS, I USED THE CARDS FOR A CASH ADVANCE.

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 7 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

f10 (103)

Thinking about when you obtained your most recent credit card, did you collect information about different cards from more than one company in order to compare them?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

g1 (104)

Do you (does your household) currently have an auto loan? (This does not refer to an auto lease.)

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

g2 (105)

Thinking about your most recent auto loan, did you compare offers from different lenders?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

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Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
         1 Yes
         2 No
         98
            Don't know
         99 Prefer not to say
g5_1 (107)
     Please indicate if you have done any of the following in the past 5
     years. - HAVE YOU TAKEN OUT AN AUTO TITLE LOAN?
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 7 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
         1
           Yes
         2 No
         98 Don't Know
         99 Prefer not to Say
g5_2 (108)
     Please indicate if you have done any of the following in the past 5
     years. - HAVE YOU TAKEN OUT A SHORT TERM 'PAYDAY' LOAN?
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 7 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
         1
            Yes
         2 No
         98 Don't Know
         99 Prefer not to Say
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g4 (106) Have you declared bankruptcy in the last two years?

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g5_3 (109)
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Please indicate if you have done any of the following in the past 5 years. - HAVE YOU GOTTEN AN ADVANCE ON YOUR TAX REFUND? This is sometimes called a 'refund anticipation loan' or 'Rapid Refund' (Not the same as e-filing)

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 7 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

g5_4 (110)

Please indicate if you have done any of the following in the past 5 years. - HAVE YOU USED A PAWN SHOP?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 7 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

g5_5 (111)

Please indicate if you have done any of the following in the past 5 years. - HAVE YOU USED A RENT-TO-OWN STORE?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 7 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Prefer not to Say

Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say h2 (113) Do you have homeowner's or renter's insurance? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say h3 (114) Do you have a life insurance policy? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No Don't know 98 99 Prefer not to say h4 (115) Do you have auto insurance? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No Don't know 98 99 Prefer not to say

h1 (112) Are you covered by health insurance?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right

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h7 (116) How often do you review your insurance coverage?
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
          1 At least once a year
            Once every few years
          3
            Rarely
          4
            Never
         98
            Don't know
            Prefer not to say
m1_1 (117)
     How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - I
     AM GOOD AT DEALING WITH DAY-TO-DAY FINANCIAL MATTERS, SUCH AS CHECKING
     ACCOUNTS, CREDIT AND DEBIT CARDS, AND TRACKING EXPENSES.
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 7 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
          1 1 - Strongly Disagree
            4 - Neither Agree nor Disagree
         7
            7 - Strongly Agree
         98 Don't Know
         99 Prefer not to Say
m1 2 (118)
     How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - I
     AM PRETTY GOOD AT MATH.
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 7 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
          1 1 - Strongly Disagree
          3
            4 - Neither Agree nor Disagree
          6
         7
            7 - Strongly Agree
         98 Don't Know
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Prefer not to Say

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m1_3 (119)
     How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - I
     REGULARLY KEEP UP WITH ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL NEWS.
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 7 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
          1 1 - Strongly Disagree
          4 4 - Neither Agree nor Disagree
         7
             7 - Strongly Agree
         98
            Don't Know
         99 Prefer not to Say
m4 (120)
     On a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 means very low and 7 means very high,
     how would you assess your overall financial knowledge?
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 7 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
          1 1 - Very Low
          2
            3
          3
          5
          6
            7 - Very High
         7
            Don't know
         98
         99 Prefer not to say
m6 (121)
     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?
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
          1 More than $102
            Exactly $102
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98

99

Less than \$102

Prefer not to say

Don't know

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m7 (122)

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?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 More than today
- 2 Exactly the same
- 3 Less than today
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

m8 (123) If interest rates rise, what will typically happen to bond prices?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 They will rise
- 2 They will fall
- 3 They will stay the same
- 4 There is no relationship between bond prices and the interes
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

m9 (124)

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.

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 5 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 True
- 2 False
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

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m10 (125)
     Buying a single company's stock usually provides a safer return than a
     stock mutual fund.
  Measurement Level: Nominal
  Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F2
  Write Format: F2
       Value Label
          1
            True
          2 False
         98 Don't know
         99 Prefer not to say
wgt_s3 (126)
     For STATE totals: weight within each state by age/gender, ethnicity,
     education
  Measurement Level: Scale
  Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F8.5
  Write Format: F8.5
wqt n2 (127)
     For NATIONAL totals: weight within nation by age/gender, ethnicity,
     education, Census Division
  Measurement Level: Scale
  Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F8.5
  Write Format: F8.5
wgt_d2 (128)
     For DIVISIONAL totals: weight within each Census Division by
     age/gender, ethnicity, education, state
  Measurement Level: Scale
  Column Width: 6 Alignment: Right
  Print Format: F8.5
  Write Format: F8.5
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