

## General Social Survey 2018

Variables in the **GSS2018** data set. The name in parentheses denotes the variable name in the original General Social Survey data set. This is followed by the exact question and responses.

All responses had “Do not know/Cannot choose” or “No answer” as options. In the **GSS2018** data set, the “Do not know/Cannot choose” and “No answer” responses have been coded as NA (“Not available”, missing value).

**Region** (region) Region of interview

New england; Middle atlantic; East north central; West north central; South atlantic; East south atlantic; West south atlantic; West south central; Mountain; Pacific.

The regions were combined as follows:

Northeast = New England; Middle atlantic.

Midwest = East north central; West north central.

South = South atlantic; East south atlantic; West south central.

West = Mountain; Pacific

**GenderNow** (sexnow) What is your current gender?

Male; Female; Transgender; A gender not listed here.

**Age** (age) Age of respondent

Numeric 18-88, 89 = 89+

**Marital** (marital) Are you currently—married, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never been married?

**Degree** (degree) Respondent’s highest degree.

Less than high school; High School; Associate/junior college; Bachelor’s, Graduate.

**Employed** (wrkstat) Last week were you working full time, part time, going to school, keeping house, or what?

Working full time; Working part time; With a job, but not at work because of temporary illness, vacation, strike; Unemployed, laid off, looking for work; Retired; In school; Keeping house; Other

The responses were combined:

Yes = Working full time; Working part time; With a job, but not at work because of temporary illness, vacation, strike;

No = Unemployed, laid off, looking for work; Retired; In school; Keeping house; Other

**Income** (income16) In which of these groups did your total family income, from all sources, fall last year – 2015 – before taxes, that is. Just tell me the letter. Total

income includes interest or dividends, rent, Social Security, other pensions, alimony or child support, unemployment compensation, public aid (welfare), armed forces or veteran's allotment.

Under \$1,000; \$1000 to \$2999; \$3000 to \$3999; \$4000 to \$4999; \$5000 to \$5999; \$6000 to \$6999; \$7000 to \$7999; \$8000 to \$9999; \$10000 to \$12999; \$12500 to \$14999; \$15000 to \$17499; \$17500 to \$19999; \$20000 to \$22499; \$22500 to \$24999; \$25000 to \$29999; \$30000 to \$34999; \$35000 to \$39999; \$40000 to \$49000; \$50000-\$59999; \$60000 to \$74999; \$75000 to \$89999; \$90000 to \$109999; \$110000 to \$129999; \$130000 to \$149999; \$150000 to \$169999; \$170000+; Refused, Don't know

The income levels were combined to the following groups:

\$0 to \$24999, \$25000 to \$49999, \$50000 to \$74999, \$75000 to \$129999, \$130000+,

**Polviews** (polviews) We hear a lot of talk these days about liberals and conservatives. I'm going to show you a seven-point scale on which the political views that people might hold are arranged from extremely liberal—point 1—to extremely conservative—point 7. Where would you place yourself on this scale?

Extremely liberal; Liberal; Slightly liberal; Moderate middle of the road; Slightly conservative; Conservative; Extremely conservative.

**Pres16** (pres16) Did you vote for Clinton or Trump?

Clinton; Trump; Other candidate (specify); Didn't vote for president; No answer; Do not know/Cannot answer.

Didn't vote for president was combined with No answer, Do not know/Cannot answer to NA.

**DeathPenalty** (cappun) Do you favor or oppose the death penalty for persons convicted of murder?

Favor; Oppose.

**Courts** (courts) In general, do you think the courts in this area deal too harshly or not harshly enough with criminals? Too harshly, Not harshly enough, About right, No answer, Do not know/Cannot choose

**Attend** How often do you attend religious services?

Never; Less than once a year; About once or twice a year; Several times a year; About once a month; 2-3 times a month; Nearly every week; Every week; Several times a week.

The responses were combined to

Occasionally = Less than once a year, About once or twice a year, Several time a year

Monthly = About once a month, 2-3 times a month

Weekly = Nearly every week, Every week, Several times a week.

**Postlife** (postlife) Do you believe there is a life after death?

Yes; No.

**Happy** Taken all together, how would you say things are these days—would you say that you are very happy, pretty happy, or not too happy?

**Satfin**(satfin) We are interested in how people are getting along financially these days. So far as you and your family are concerned, would you say that you are pretty well satisfied with your present financial situation, more or less satisfied, or not satisfied at all?

Pretty well satisfied; More or less satisfied; Not satisfied at all.

**Energy** (natenrgy) We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to name some of these problems, and for each one I'd like you to tell me whether you think we're spending too much money on it, too little money, or about the right amount. Item: Developing alternative energy sources.

Too little; About right; Too much.