2024 National Financial Capability Study

Data File Information: 2024 State-by-State Survey

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# Notes on Weighting

The dataset includes weights that allow researchers to match Census distributions for three levels of analysis: national, Census Division and state. Weights are based on data from the 2023 American Community Survey.

• National-level weights (wgt\_n2): The weighting variable that can be used when reporting national statistics is designed to weight the sample so that it is representative of the U.S. population age 18 and up on the following demographic characteristics:

Age by gender: Male 18-34

Male 35-54 Male 55+ Female 18-34 Female 35-54 Female 55+

Ethnicity: White non-Hispanic

Black non-Hispanic

Hispanic (alone or in combination) Asian/Pacific Islander non-Hispanic

Other non-Hispanic (American Indian, Other, 2+ ethnicities)

Education: Some college (including Associate's degree) or less

College graduate (Bachelor's degree) or more

Census division: New England

Middle Atlantic
East North Central
West North Central
South Atlantic
East South Central
West South Central

Mountain Pacific

- Census Division-level weights (wgt\_d2): The weighting variable that can be used when reporting
  Census Division statistics is designed to weight the sample so that it is representative within each
  Census Division on the following demographic characteristics:
  - Age by gender
  - Ethnicity
  - Education
  - State

- State-level weights (wgt\_s3): The weighting variable that can be used when reporting state statistics is designed to weight the sample so that is representative within each state on the following demographic characteristics:
  - Age by gender
  - Ethnicity
  - Education

Note that each weight is intended to produce a reliable representation of the population as a whole for that level of analysis (i.e., national, census division or state). However, breakdowns of sub-populations within these geographic levels will not necessarily be representative.

No additional weighting was used to account for non-response bias.

# **Data Dictionary**

Name (Position) Label

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

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NFCSID (1) Respondent ID
   Measurement Level: Nominal
    Column Width: 10 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F10
   Write Format: F10
STATEQ (2) State
   Measurement Level: Nominal
    Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
    Print Format: F2
    Write Format: F2
          Value Label
              1
                  Alabama
                 Alaska
              2
                 Arizona
              3
              4
                 Arkansas
              5
                  California
              6
                  Colorado
              7
                  Connecticut
              8
                   Delaware
                  District of Columbia
              9
             10
                 Florida
             11
                  Georgia
             12
                  Hawaii
                  Idaho
             13
             14
                   Illinois
             15
                   Indiana
             16
                  Iowa
             17
                  Kansas
             18
                   Kentucky
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List of variables on the working file

- 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: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F1
Write Format: F1

- 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: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F1
Write Format: F1

#### Value Label

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

# A50A (5) [GENDER (nonbinary randomly assigned)]

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F1
Write Format: F1

### 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+

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A50B (7) [GENDER/AGE NET (nonbinary randomly assigned)]
    Measurement Level: Nominal
    Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
    Print Format: F2
    Write Format: F2
           Value
                   Label
                    Male 18-24
                1
                2
                    Male 25-34
                3
                    Male 35-44
                4
                    Male 45-54
                5
                    Male 55-64
                6
                    Male 65+
                7
                    Female 18-24
                    Female 25-34
                8
               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: 8 Alignment: Right
    Print Format: F2
    Write Format: F2
           Value Label
                     White non-Hispanic
                2
                     Non-White
A5_2015 (9)
        What was the highest level of education that you completed? [2015 codes]
    Measurement Level: Nominal
    Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
    Print Format: F2
    Write Format: F2
           Value
                   Label
                1
                     Did not complete high school
                     High school graduate - regular high school diploma
High school graduate - GED or alternative credential
                2
                3
                4
                     Some college, no degree
                5
                     Associate's degree
                6
                     Bachelor's degree
                7
                     Post graduate degree
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99

Prefer not to say

A6 (10) What is your marital status?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 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: 8 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: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Married
- 2 Living with partner
- 3 Single

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A11 (13)
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How many children do you have who are financially dependent on you [or your spouse/partner]?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 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

### A8\_2021 (14)

What is your [household's] approximate annual income, including wages, tips, investment income, public assistance, income from retirement plans, etc.? [2021 codes]

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 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 At least \$150,000 but less than \$200,000
- 9 At least \$200,000 but less than \$300,000
- 10 \$300,000 or more
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

### AM21 (15)

Have you ever been a member of the U.S. Armed Services, either in the active or reserve component?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Currently a member of the U.S. Armed Services
- 2 Previously a member of the U.S. Armed Services
- 3 Never a member of the U.S. Armed Services
- 99 Prefer not to say

# X3 (16) [QUESTIONNAIRE VERSION VARIABLE] Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Core questions 2 Military A9 (17) Which of the following best describes your current employment or work Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Self-employed Work full-time for an employer [or the military] 2 3 Work part-time for an employer [or the military] 4 Homemaker 5 Full-time student б Permanently sick, disabled, or unable to work 7 Unemployed or temporarily laid off 8 Retired 99 Prefer not to say A40 (18) [In addition to your main employment, did you also do other/Did you do any] work for pay in the past 12 months? 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

# A10 (19)

Which of the following best describes your [spouse's/partner's] current employment or work status?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

#### Value Label

- 1 Self-employed
- 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

### A10A (20) [HOUSEHOLD RETIREMENT STATUS]

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

#### Value Label

- 1 Non-retired household
- 2 Retired household--Respondent retired
- 3 Retired household--Respondent not working and spouse retired

### A21\_2015 (21) Are you a part-time student taking courses for credit? [2015 base]

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

### A14 (22)

Who in the household is most knowledgeable about saving, investing and debt?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

#### Value Label

- 1 You
- 2 Someone else
- 3 You and someone else are equally knowledgeable
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

### A41 (23)

What was the highest level of education completed by the person or any of the people who raised you?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

#### Value Label

- 1 Did not complete high school
- 2 High school graduate/GED
- 3 Some college, no degree
- 4 Associate's degree
- 5 Bachelor's degree
- 6 Post graduate degree
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

### A61 (24)

Do you have parents or older relatives who are financially dependent on you [or your spouse/partner]?

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

### J1 (25)

Overall, thinking of your assets, debts and savings, how satisfied are you with your current personal financial condition?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

# Value Label

1 - Not At All Satisfied

2 2

3 3

4 4

5 5

6 6 7 7

8 8

9 9

98 Don't know

99 Prefer not to say

#### J2 (26)

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

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

# Value Label

1 - Not At All Willing

2 2

3 3

4 4

5 5

6 6

7 7

8 8

9 9

98 Don't know

99 Prefer not to say

#### J3 (27)

Over the past year, would you say your [household's] spending was less than, more than, or about equal to your [household's] income?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 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 (28)

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

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

#### Value Label

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

### J40 (29)

In the past 12 months, which one of the following best describes your [and your spouse's/partner's] income?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Roughly the same amount each month
- 2 Occasionally varies from month to month
- 3 Varies quite often from month to month
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

### J5 (30)

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: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

#### Value Label

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

### J6 (31) Are you setting aside any money for your children's college education?

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

### J8 (32)

Have you ever tried to figure out how much you need to save for retirement?

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

### J9 (33)

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: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

#### Value Label

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

### J10 (34)

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: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

#### Value Label

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

### J20 (35)

How confident are you that you could come up with \$2,000 if an unexpected need arose within the next month?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- I am certain I could come up with the full \$2,000
- 2 I could probably come up with \$2,000
- 3 I could probably not come up with \$2,000
- 4 I am certain I could not come up with \$2,000
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

# J60\_1 (36) If you had to come up with \$2,000 in the next month to cover an unexpected expense, where would you get the money from? - Take it from money I have saved Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F1 Write Format: F1 Value Label 0 NOT SELECTED: Take it from money I have saved 1 Take it from money I have saved J60\_2 (37) If you had to come up with \$2,000 in the next month to cover an unexpected expense, where would you get the money from? - Put it on a credit card Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F1 Write Format: F1 Value Label 0 NOT SELECTED: Put it on a credit card 1 Put it on a credit card J60\_3 (38) If you had to come up with \$2,000 in the next month to cover an unexpected expense, where would you get the money from? - Borrow from family/friends Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F1 Write Format: F1 Value Label 0 NOT SELECTED: Borrow from family/friends 1 Borrow from family/friends J60\_4 (39) If you had to come up with \$2,000 in the next month to cover an unexpected expense, where would you get the money from? - Take out a loan Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F1 Write Format: F1

Value

0

1

Label

Take out a loan

NOT SELECTED: Take out a loan

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# J60\_5 (40) If you had to come up with \$2,000 in the next month to cover an unexpected expense, where would you get the money from? - Withdraw from a retirement account Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F1 Write Format: F1 Value Label O NOT SELECTED: Withdraw from a retirement account 1 Withdraw from a retirement account J60\_6 (41) If you had to come up with \$2,000 in the next month to cover an unexpected expense, where would you get the money from? - Work more to get more income Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F1 Write Format: F1 Value Label 0 NOT SELECTED: Work more to get more income 1 Work more to get more income J60\_7 (42) If you had to come up with \$2,000 in the next month to cover an unexpected expense, where would you get the money from? - Sell something I own (e.g., jewelry, car, etc.) to get the money Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F1 Write Format: F1 Value Label NOT SELECTED: Sell something I own (e.g., jewelry, car, etc.) to get the money 1 Sell something I own (e.g., jewelry, car, etc.) to get the money J60\_90 (43) If you had to come up with \$2,000 in the next month to cover an unexpected expense, where would you get the money from? - Other Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F1 Write Format: F1 Value Label 0 NOT SELECTED: Other

1

Other

# J60\_98 (44)

If you had to come up with \$2,000 in the next month to cover an unexpected expense, where would you get the money from? - Don't know

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F1
Write Format: F1

Value Label

0 NOT SELECTED: Don't know

1 Don't know

### J60\_99 (45)

If you had to come up with \$2,000 in the next month to cover an unexpected expense, where would you get the money from? - Prefer not to say

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F1
Write Format: F1

Value Label

0 NOT SELECTED: Prefer not to say

1 Prefer not to say

#### J61 (46)

In the past 5 years, have increased food costs caused you [your household] to cut back on other spending?

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

### J62 (47) In the past 5 years, have you experienced any severe weather events (e.g., hurricanes, wildfires, tornadoes, etc.) that affected your personal finances? 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 J32 (48) How would you rate your current credit record? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Very bad 2 Bad 3 About average 4 Good Very good 5 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say J33\_40 (49) How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement? -Thinking about my personal finances can make me feel anxious Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 1 - Strongly Disagree 2 3 3 4 4 - Neither Agree nor Disagree 5

6 7

98

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7 - Strongly Agree

Prefer not to say

Don't know

# J63 (50)

How much time do you typically spend thinking about and dealing with issues and problems related to your personal finances?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

### Value Label

- 1 0 hours per week
- 2 1 hour
- 3 2 hours
- 4 3 to 4 hours
- 5 5 to 9 hours
- 6 10 to 19 hours
- 7 20+ hours per week
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

#### J64 (51) How many of these hours occur at work?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

#### Value Label

- 1 0 hours per week
- 2 1 hour
- 3 2 hours
- 4 3 to 4 hours
- 5 5 to 9 hours
- 6 10 to 19 hours
- 7 20+ hours per week
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

### J41\_1 (52)

How well do these statements describe you or your situation? - Because of my money situation, I feel like I will never have the things I want in life

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- Does not describe me at all
- 2 Describes me very little
- 3 Describes me somewhat
- 4 Describes me very well
- 5 Describes me completely
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

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J41_2 (53)
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How well do these statements describe you or your situation? - I am just

getting by financially Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

#### Value Label

- 1 Does not describe me at all
- 2 Describes me very little
- 3 Describes me somewhat
- 4 Describes me very well
- 5 Describes me completely
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

### J41\_3 (54)

How well do these statements describe you or your situation? - I am concerned that the money I have or will save won't last

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

#### Value Label

- 1 Does not describe me at all
- 2 Describes me very little
- 3 Describes me somewhat
- 4 Describes me very well
- 5 Describes me completely
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

#### J42\_1 (55)

How often do these statements apply to you? - I have money left over at the end of the month

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Never
- 2 Rarely
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Often
- 5 Always
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

### J42\_2 (56)

How often do these statements apply to you? - My finances control my life

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

#### Value Label

- 1 Never
- 2 Rarely
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Often
- 5 Always
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

### J43 (57)

If you were to set a financial goal for yourself today, how confident are you in your ability to achieve it?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

#### Value Label

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

### J65 (58)

Do you believe you were targeted in a financial fraud or scam in the past year?

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

J66 (59) Did you lose any money as a result of the fraud or scam? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label Yes 1 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say B1 (60) Do you [Does your household] have a checking 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 B2 (61) Do you [Does your household] have a savings account, money market account, or CDs? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say B4 (62) Do you [or your spouse/partner] overdraw your checking account occasionally? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know

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Prefer not to say

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B41_1 (63)
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How often do you access your checking or savings account in the following ways? - Online banking with a laptop or desktop computer

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

### Value Label

- 1 Never
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Frequently
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

### B41\_2 (64)

How often do you access your checking or savings account in the following ways? - Mobile banking with text messaging, mobile app, or Internet browser or email on a mobile phone

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

#### Value Label

- 1 Never
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Frequently
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

### B60 (65)

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement? - I trust that banks will treat me fairly

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 1 Strongly Disagree
- 2 2
- 3 3
- 4 4 Neither Agree nor Disagree
  - 5 5
  - 6 6
- 7 7 Strongly Agree
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

### B31 (66)

How often do you use your mobile device to pay for a product or service in person at a store, gas station, or restaurant (e.g., by waving/tapping your mobile device over a sensor at checkout, scanning a barcode or QR code using your mobile device, or using

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

#### Value Label

- 1 Frequently
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Never
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

### B42 (67)

How often do you use your mobile device to transfer money to another person?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

#### Value Label

- 1 Frequently
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Never
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

### B43 (68)

How often do you use websites or apps to help with financial tasks such as budgeting, saving, or credit management (e.g., GoodBudget, Mint, Credit Karma, etc.)? Please do not include websites or apps for making payments or money transfers.

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Frequently
- 2 Sometimes
- 3 Never
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

### B61 (69)

Would you be interested in getting financial advice from AI (artificial intelligence)?

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

### C1\_2012 (70)

Do you [or your spouse/partner] have any retirement plans through a current or previous employer, like a pension plan, [a Thrift Savings Plan (TSP),] or a 401(k)? [2012 base: retired households included]

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

# C2\_2012 (71)

Were these plans provided by your employer or your [spouse's/partner's] employer, or both? [2012 base: retired households included]

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

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

### C3\_2012 (72)

Are any of these retirement plans the kind where you [or your spouse/partner] get to choose how the money is invested? [2012 base: retired households included]

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

### C4\_2012 (73)

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? [2012 base: retired households included]

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

### C5\_2012 (74)

Do you [or your spouse/partner] regularly contribute to a retirement account like a [Thrift Savings Plan (TSP),] 401(k) or IRA? [2012 base: retired households included]

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

### C10\_2012 (75)

In the last 12 months, have you [or your spouse/partner] taken a loan from your retirement account(s)? [2012 base: retired households included]

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

### C11\_2012 (76)

In the last 12 months, have you [or your spouse/partner] taken a hardship withdrawal from your retirement account(s)? [2012 base: retired households included]

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

### B14A\_1 (77)

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: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

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

# B14A\_60 (78) Not including retirement accounts, do you [does your household] have any investments in... - Crypto 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 EA\_1 (79) Do you [or your spouse/partner] currently own your home? 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 E7 (80) Do you currently have any mortgages on your home? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say E8 (81) Do you have any home equity loans? 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

### E20 (82)

Do you currently owe more on your home than you think you could sell it for today?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

#### Value Label

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

### E15\_2015 (83)

How many times have you been late with your mortgage payments in the past 12 months? [2015 time frame]

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

#### Value Label

- 1 Never
- 2 Once
- 3 More than once
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

### E60 (84)

In the past 5 years, have increased housing costs (e.g., rent, mortgage) caused you [your household] to cut back on other spending?

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

### P60 (85)

At any time in your adult life (18 and older), did your parents or grandparents pay for a major expense of yours (e.g., college, wedding, downpayment for a home, etc.)?

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

### P51 (86)

Have you ever received a gift (not an inheritance) from your parents or grandparents that was worth \$10,000 or more?

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

P61 (87) Have you ever received an inheritance that was worth \$10,000 or more?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Yes
- No, but I expect to in the future
- 3 No, and I do not expect to
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

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F1 (88) How many credit cards do you have?
   Measurement Level: Nominal
    Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
    Print Format: F2
    Write Format: F2
          Value
                  Label
               1
                   1
               2
                   2 to 3
               3
                   4 to 8
                   9 to 12
               4
               5
                   13 to 20
               6
                   More than 20
               7
                   No credit cards
              98
                   Don't know
              99
                   Prefer not to say
F2_1 (89)
        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: 8 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 (90)
        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: 8 Alignment: Right
    Print Format: F2
    Write Format: F2
                  Label
          Value
               1
                   Yes
               2
                   No
              98
                  Don't know
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99

Prefer not to say

### F2\_3 (91)

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: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

#### Value Label

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

### F2\_4 (92)

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: 8 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 (93)

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: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

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

### F2\_6 (94) 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: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say G1 (95) Do you [Does your household] currently have an auto loan? 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 G20 (96) Do you currently have any unpaid bills from a health care or medical service provider (e.g., a hospital, a doctor's office, or a testing lab) that are past due? 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 G30\_1 (97) Do you currently have any student loans? If so, for whose education was this/were these loan(s) taken out? - Yourself Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F1 Write Format: F1

Value

1

Label

Yourself

NOT SELECTED: Yourself

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# G30\_2 (98) Do you currently have any student loans? If so, for whose education was this/were these loan(s) taken out? - Your spouse/partner Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F1 Write Format: F1 Value Label NOT SELECTED: Your spouse/partner 1 Your spouse/partner G30\_3 (99) Do you currently have any student loans? If so, for whose education was this/were these loan(s) taken out? - Your child(ren) Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F1 Write Format: F1 Value Label 0 NOT SELECTED: Your child(ren) Your child(ren) 1 G30 4 (100) Do you currently have any student loans? If so, for whose education was this/were these loan(s) taken out? - Your grandchild(ren) Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F1 Write Format: F1 Value Label NOT SELECTED: Your grandchild(ren) Your grandchild(ren) G30\_5 (101) Do you currently have any student loans? If so, for whose education was this/were these loan(s) taken out? - Other person Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F1 Write Format: F1 Value Label

0

1

NOT SELECTED: Other person

Other person

### G30\_97 (102)

Do you currently have any student loans? If so, for whose education was this/were these loan(s) taken out? - No, do not currently have any student loans

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F1
Write Format: F1

Value Label

0 NOT SELECTED: No, do not currently have any student loans

1 No, do not currently have any student loans

### G30\_98 (103)

Do you currently have any student loans? If so, for whose education was this/were these loan(s) taken out? - Don't know

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F1
Write Format: F1

Value Label

0 NOT SELECTED: Don't know

1 Don't know

### G30\_99 (104)

Do you currently have any student loans? If so, for whose education was this/were these loan(s) taken out? - Prefer not to say

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F1
Write Format: F1

Value Label

0 NOT SELECTED: Prefer not to say

1 Prefer not to say

#### G35 (105)

How many times have you been late with a student loan payment in the past 12 months?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Never, payments are not due on my loans at this time
- 2 Never, I have been repaying on time each month
- 3 Once
- 4 More than once
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

### G22\_2015 (106)

Are you concerned that you might not be able to pay off your student loans? [2015 base]

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

### G25\_1 (107)

In the past 5 years, how many times have you... - Taken out an auto title loan? Auto title loans are loans where a car title is used to borrow money for a short period of time. They are NOT loans used to purchase an automobile.

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

#### Value Label

- 1 Never
- 2 1 time
- 3 2 times
- 4 3 times
- 5 4 or more times
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

### G25 2 (108)

In the past 5 years, how many times have you... - Taken out a short term 'payday' loan?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Never
- 2 1 time
- 3 2 times
- 4 3 times
- 5 4 or more times
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

### G25\_3 (109)

In the past 5 years, how many times have you... - Gotten an advance on your tax refund? This is sometimes called a 'refund anticipation check' or 'Rapid Refund' (Not the same as e-filing).

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

#### Value Label

- 1 Never
- 2 1 time
- 3 2 times
- 4 3 times
- 5 4 or more times
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

### G25\_4 (110) In the past 5 years, how many times have you... - Used a pawn shop?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

#### Value Label

- 1 Never
- 2 1 time
- 3 2 times
- 4 3 times
- 5 4 or more times
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

### G25\_5 (111)

In the past 5 years, how many times have you... - Used a rent-to-own store?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Never
- 2 1 time
- 3 2 times
- 4 3 times
- 5 4 or more times
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

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In the last 12 months, have you used 'Buy Now Pay Later' when making a
       purchase?
   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
G38 (113)
       Have you been contacted by a debt collection agency in the past 12
       months?
   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
G23 (114)
       How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement? - I
       have too much debt right now
   Measurement Level: Nominal
   Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F2
   Write Format: F2
          Value Label
                  1 - Strongly Disagree
               2
               3
               4
                   4 - Neither Agree nor Disagree
               5
              6
              7
                   7 - Strongly Agree
              98
                  Don't know
              99
                   Prefer not to say
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G60 (112)

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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
H30_3 (116)
        In the last 12 months, was there any time when you... - Had a medical
        problem but DID NOT go to a doctor or clinic because of the cost
    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
M1_1 (117)
        How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement? - 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: 8 Alignment: Right
    Print Format: F2
    Write Format: F2
           Value
                   Label
               1
                  1 - Strongly Disagree
               2
               3
               4
                   4 - Neither Agree nor Disagree
               5
               6
                    6
               7
                    7 - Strongly Agree
              98
                    Don't know
              99
                    Prefer not to say
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H1 (115) Are you covered by health insurance?

### M4 (118)

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: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

### Value Label

- 1 1 Very Low
- 2 2
- 3 3
- 4 4
- 5 5
- 6 6
- 7 7 Very High
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

#### M20 (119)

Was financial education offered by a school or college you attended, or a workplace where you were employed?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

#### Value Label

- Yes, but I did not participate in the financial education offered
- Yes, and I did participate in the financial education
- 3 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

# M21\_1 (120) When did you receive that financial education? - In high school 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

### M21\_2\_2015 (121)

When did you receive that financial education? - In college [2015 base]

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

 $M21_3$  (122) When did you receive that financial education? - From an employer

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

M21\_4 (123) When did you receive that financial education? - From the military

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

#### M6 (124)

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: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 More than \$102
- 2 Exactly \$102
- 3 Less than \$102
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

### M7 (125)

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: 8 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 (126) If interest rates rise, what will typically happen to bond prices?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 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 interest rate
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

### M31 (127)

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?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Less than 2 years
- 2 At least 2 years but less than 5 years
- 3 At least 5 years but less than 10 years
- 4 At least 10 years
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

#### M50 (128)

Which of the following indicates the highest probability of getting a particular disease?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

#### Value Label

- 1 There is a one-in-twenty chance of getting the disease
- 2 2% of the population will get the disease
- 3 25 out of every 1,000 people will get the disease
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

#### M9 (129)

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: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

### Value Label

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

### M10 (130)

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

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

## Value Label

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

### wgt\_n2 (131)

For NATIONAL totals: weight within nation by age/gender, ethnicity, education, Census Division

Measurement Level: Scale

Column Width: 11 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F11.8
Write Format: F11.8

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wgt_d2 (132)
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For DIVISIONAL totals: weight within each Census Division by age/gender,

ethnicity, education, state

Measurement Level: Scale

Column Width: 11 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F11.8
Write Format: F11.8

### wgt\_s3 (133)

For STATE totals: weight within each state by age/gender, ethnicity,

education

Measurement Level: Scale

Column Width: 11 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F11.8
Write Format: F11.8