

Diet/Gambling/Movies

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Origins

This data was collected by the Pew Research center as part of the Pew Social Trends Survey. The data was conducted by telephone from February 8th through March 7th 2006 and can be accessed at the Pew Social Trends website (<http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/2007/11/09/diet-gambling-movies-data/>).

The Data

There were 2,250 interviews of a nationally representative sample of adults 18 years and older, living continental U.S. telephone households. Demographic data was collected as well as information of their behaviours and attitudes . There were 443 variables, and over a hundred questions. The following is a sampling of the questions that were asked:

- When children today in the U.S. grow up, do you think they will be better off or worse off than people are now? (Q.2)
- What would you say is the largest amount of money you EVER lost in a single day? (Q.14)
- Right now, do you feel that you are overweight, underweight, or just about the right weight for you? (Q. 42)
- Are you currently following any particular weight-loss diet plan, or not? IF YES: Which one? (Q.53)
- About how often in an average week do you eat a meal from a fast-food restaurant like McDonald's or Burger King? (Q.59)
- How often if ever do you go out to the movies? (Q.79)
- In last year's presidential election between George W. Bush and John Kerry, did things come up that kept you from voting? (PVOTE04A)