

Household Pulse Survey User Notes

Phase 4.2

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Release Note on Phase 4.2 Collection of the Household Pulse Survey

Phase 4.2 will continue to use the cycle-based approach for data collection and dissemination introduced with the start of Phase 4.0. Phase 4.2 is currently scheduled to collect data from July 23 to September 16, 2024. Unlike previous phases, the contact frame in Phase 4.2 includes prepaid wireless numbers. This may affect response rates and sample composition, potentially impacting comparability with previous cycles.

This phase is structured around four distinct collection cycles, each followed by a scheduled data release:

Cycle 8: Data collection from July 23 to August 19, 2024, with data release on September 12, 2024.

Cycle 9: Data collection from August 20 to September 16, 2024, with data release on October 3, 2024.

Users can access the Phase 4.2 questionnaire on the main Household Pulse Survey [website](#), and all previous questionnaires from the survey are available on the Technical Documentation [webpage](#).

In response to the changes in content for Phase 4.2, modifications have been made to the Household Pulse Survey data products. These include the interactive data tool and the detailed table package, which have been updated to reflect the new and revised content.

New Content for Phase 4.2

SHORTAGE1: This returning checkbox question from Phase 3.10 asks respondents to indicate which shortages of medical products their household has been affected by, if at all.

SHORTAGE2A: This returning checkbox question from Phase 3.10 asks respondents who were affected by the medical product shortage to indicate how their household responded to the shortages.

TRANS1: This checkbox question asks respondents to select transportation options to which they have access.

TRANS2: This checkbox question asks respondents to rate the sufficiency of access to transportation during the past 30 days.

TRANS3: This checkbox question asks respondents to select reasons their transportation needs have not been met.

INT1, INT2: These questions ask respondents whether respondents access internet from home (INT1) or mobile device (INT2).

INT3: This is a checkbox question that asks respondents, if applicable, to indicate which programs they received free or reduced-price internet in 2024.

INT4: For respondents whose free or reduced-price internet has ended, this question asks them to indicate if they cancelled or will cancel their internet service.

Note: Phase 4.2 also includes some experimental questions at the end of the survey that are for internal research purposes to improve data collection in our current surveys program.

Updated Content for Phase 4.2

D7_alt: This question is a checkbox question that replaces the previous single-choice D7 question. This new checkbox alternative also adds the options of 'Nonbinary' and 'I use a different term.'

D9: The response options for this question were updated in which 'Something else' and 'I don't know' were replaced with 'I use a different term.'

D12: The response options for this question were modified to allow respondents indicate "Children under 1 year old" and 'Children 1 through 4 years old'.

SOCInd4: The text of the response options have remained the same but the value range was changed from a range of 0-4 to a range of 1-5.

Removed Content for Phase 4.2

INF1: Are there any babies or infants under the age of 12 months (one year) old in your household?

SOC1_second: How often do you get the social and emotional support you need?

SOC2_second: How often do you feel lonely?

SOCInd1EXP: In a typical week, how often do you text or message with family, friends, or neighbors?

EMPUI1: Since **January 1, 2024**, have you applied for Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits? Select only one answer.

EMPUI2: Since **January 1, 2024**, have you received Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits? Select only one answer.

EMPUI3: Have you received Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits in the **last 7 days**? Select only one answer.