

2018 National Financial Capability Study
Data File Information: 2018 State-by-State Tracking Dataset
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Variables Included

This dataset provides respondent-level data for 2018, 2015, 2012, and 2009 for only the **subset of variables that can be directly compared** from 2018 to at least one of the previous waves. This dataset does not include new survey questions or modified questions for which direct comparisons to previous NFCS waves are not possible.¹

As with the individual datasets for each wave, this dataset includes weights that allow researchers to match Census distributions for three levels of analysis: national (wgt_n2), Census Division (wgt_d2) and state (wgt_s3). For additional detail on the weights, please refer to the documentation provided with each individual 2018, 2015, 2012, and 2009 dataset.

Data Dictionary

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

List of variables on the working file

Name (Position) Label

TRACK (1) NFCS year

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F4

Write Format: F4

| Value | Label |
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| | |
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| 2009 | 2009 |
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| 2012 | 2012 |
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| 2015 | 2015 |
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| 2018 | 2018 |
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NFCSID (2) Respondent ID

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 10 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F10

Write Format: F10

¹ Questions for which approximate tracking comparisons could be made with certain assumptions are also not included in this dataset, as different researchers may prefer different assumptions.

STATEQ (3) State

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2

Write Format: F2

| Value | Label |
|-------|----------------------|
| 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 |

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|----|---------------|
| 49 | West Virginia |
| 50 | Wisconsin |
| 51 | Wyoming |

CENSUSDIV (4) Census Division
Measurement Level: Nominal
Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
Print Format: F1
Write Format: F1

| 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 (5) 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 |

A3 (6) What is your gender?
Measurement Level: Nominal
Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

| Value | Label |
|-------|--------|
| 1 | Male |
| 2 | Female |

A3Ar_w (7) 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 (8) [GENDER/AGE NET]
 Measurement Level: Nominal
 Column Width: 8 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 (9) Ethnicity
 Measurement Level: Nominal
 Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
 Print Format: F2
 Write Format: F2

| Value | Label |
|-------|----------------|
| 1 | While Alone NH |
| 2 | Non-White |

A5_2015 (10)

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 |
| 2 | High school graduate - regular high school diploma |
| 3 | High school graduate - GED or alternative credential |
| 4 | Some college, no degree |
| 5 | Associate's degree |
| 6 | Bachelor's degree |
| 7 | Post graduate degree |
| 99 | Prefer not to say |

A6 (11) 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 (12) 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 (13) [MARITAL STATUS VARIABLE]

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2

Write Format: F2

| Value | Label |
|-------|---------------------|
| 1 | Married |
| 2 | Living with partner |
| 3 | Single |

A11 (14)

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 (15)

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

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 | \$150,000 or more |
| 98 | Don't know |
| 99 | Prefer not to say |

AM21 (16)

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

| Value | Label |
|-------|--|
| 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 |

AM30 (17) When did you complete your service in the military?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2

Write Format: F2

| Value | Label |
|-------|------------------------|
| 1 | Within the past year |
| 2 | 1 to 3 years ago |
| 3 | 4 to 10 years ago |
| 4 | More than 10 years ago |
| 99 | Prefer not to say |

AM31 (18) Did you retire 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 |

AM22 (19)

Has your spouse 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

| Value | Label |
|-------|--|
| 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 (20) [QUESTIONNAIRE VERSION VARIABLE]

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2

Write Format: F2

| Value | Label |
|-------|----------------|
| 1 | Core questions |
| 2 | Military |

X4 (21) [MILITARY RESPONDENT VARIABLE]

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2

Write Format: F2

| Value | Label |
|-------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Respondent in service |
| 2 | Spouse in service |

A9 (22)

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

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2

Write Format: F2

| Value | Label |
|-------|--|
| 1 | Self-employed |
| 2 | Work full-time for an employer [or the military] |
| 3 | Work part-time for an employer [or the military] |
| 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 (23)

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 |
| 2 | Work full-time for an employer [or the military] |
| 3 | Work part-time for an employer [or the military] |
| 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 (24) [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 (25) 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

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

A22_2015 (26)

Which of the following best describes the school you are attending?
[2015 base]

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2

Write Format: F2

| Value | Label |
|-------|--|
| 1 | Four-year college or university |
| 2 | Two-year community college |
| 3 | Vocational, technical, or trade school |
| 4 | Other |
| 98 | Don't know |
| 99 | Prefer not to say |

A14 (27)

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 |

J1 (28)

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

J2 (29)

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

J3 (30)

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 (31)

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 |

J5 (32)

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 (33) 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 (34)

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

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

J9 (35)

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 (36)

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 (37)

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

| Value | Label |
|-------|--|
| 1 | 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 |

J32 (38) 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 |
| 5 | Very good |
| 98 | Don't know |
| 99 | Prefer not to say |

J33_1 (39)

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - I worry about running out of money in retirement

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2

Write Format: F2

| Value | Label |
|-------|--------------------------------|
| 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 |

B1 (40) 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 (41)

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 |
| 2 | No |
| 98 | Don't know |
| 99 | Prefer not to say |

B4 (42)

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 |
| 99 | Prefer not to say |

B31 (43)

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

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 |

C1_2012 (44)

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]

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 (45)

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

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2

Write Format: F2

| Value | Label |
|-------|---|
| 1 | Your employer |
| 2 | 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 (46)

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

C4_2012 (47)

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]

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 (48)

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

C10_2012 (49)

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

C11_2012 (50)

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

C1_2009 (51)

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)? [2009 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 |

C2_2009 (52)

Were these plans provided by your employer or your [spouse's/partner's] employer, or both? [2009 base]

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2

Write Format: F2

| Value | Label |
|-------|---|
| 1 | Your employer |
| 2 | 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_2009 (53)

Are any of these retirement plans the kind where you [or your spouse/partner] get to choose how the money is invested? [2009 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 |

C4_2009 (54)

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? [2009 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 |

C5_2009 (55)

Do you [or your spouse/partner] regularly contribute to a retirement account like a [Thrift Savings Plan (TSP,) 401(k) or IRA? [2009 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 |

C10_2009 (56)

In the last 12 months, have you [or your spouse/partner] taken a loan from your retirement account(s)? [2009 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 |

C11_2009 (57)

In the last 12 months, have you [or your spouse/partner] taken a hardship withdrawal from your retirement account(s)? [2009 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 |

B14 (58)

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

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

EA_1 (59) 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 (60) 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 |
| 2 | No |
| 98 | Don't know |
| 99 | Prefer not to say |

E8 (61) 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 (62)

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 (63)

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 |

F1 (64) 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 |
| 4 | 9 to 12 |
| 5 | 13 to 20 |
| 6 | More than 20 |
| 7 | No credit cards |
| 98 | Don't know |
| 99 | Prefer not to say |

F2_1 (65)

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 (66)

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

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

F2_3 (67)

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 (68)

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 (69)

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

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

F2_6 (70)

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 |

F10 (71)

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: 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 (72) 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 (73)

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 (74)

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 | Label |
|-------|----------|
| 1 | Yourself |

G30_2 (75)

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 |
|-------|---------------------|
| 1 | Your spouse/partner |

G30_3 (76)

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 |
|-------|-----------------|
| 1 | Your child(ren) |

G30_4 (77)

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 |
|-------|-------|
|-------|-------|

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| 1 | Your grandchild(ren) |
|---|----------------------|

G30_5 (78)

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 |
|-------|-------|
|-------|-------|

| | |
|---|--------------|
| 1 | Other person |
|---|--------------|

G30_97 (79)

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 |
|-------|-------|
|-------|-------|

| | |
|---|---|
| 1 | No, do not currently have any student loans |
|---|---|

G30_98 (80)

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 |
|-------|-------|
|-------|-------|

| | |
|---|------------|
| 1 | Don't know |
|---|------------|

G30_99 (81)

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 |
|-------|-------------------|
| 1 | Prefer not to say |

G33 (82)

Before you got your most recent student loan, did you try to figure out how much your monthly payments would be?

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 |

G35 (83)

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

| Value | Label |
|-------|--|
| 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 (84)

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 (85)

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 (86)

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

| 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_3 (87)

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 (88) 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 (89)

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

| 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 |

G38 (90)

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 (91)

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 | 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 |

H1 (92) Are you covered by health insurance?

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_1 (93)

In the last 12 months, was there any time when you... - Did NOT fill a prescription for medicine 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 |

H30_2 (94)

In the last 12 months, was there any time when you... - SKIPPED a medical test, treatment or follow-up recommended by a doctor 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 |

H30_3 (95)

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 (96)

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: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2

Write Format: F2

| Value | Label |
|-------|--------------------------------|
| 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 |

M1_2 (97)

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - I
am pretty good at math

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2

Write Format: F2

| Value | Label |
|-------|--------------------------------|
| 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 |

M4 (98)

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 (99)

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 |
|-------|--|
| 1 | Yes, but I did not participate in the financial education of |
| 2 | Yes, and I did participate in the financial education |
| 3 | No |
| 98 | Don't know |
| 99 | Prefer not to say |

M21_1 (100) When did you receive that financial education? - In high school

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_2_2015 (101)

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 (102) 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 (103) 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 (104)

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

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

M7 (105)

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 (106) 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 rates |
| 98 | Don't know |
| 99 | Prefer not to say |

M31 (107)

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

| Value | Label |
|-------|---|
| 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 |

M9 (108)

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 (109)

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 (110)

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

wgt_d2 (111)

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 (112)

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