# UnderStandingAmericaStudy

UAS 158: EXPERIMENT ON THE EFFECTS OF INFORMATION ABOUT MEDICARE ELIGIBILITY ON MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBJECTIVE WELL BEING - SURVEY 1



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# **1 INTRODUCTION**

This UAS panel survey, titled "UAS 158: Experiment on the effects of information about Medicare eligibility on mental health and Subjective Well Being - Survey 1" asks about respondents' health, healthcare, and feelings. This survey is no longer in the field. Respondents were paid \$3 to complete the survey.

This survey is part of an experiment on the effects of information about Medicare eligibility on mental health and subjective well being. Related surveys are UAS159 (survey 2), UAS163 (survey 3) and UAS160 (survey 4).

# 1.1 Topics

This survey contains questions (among others) on the following topics: Health, Health Insurance. A complete survey topic categorization for the UAS can be found here.

## **1.2 Experiments**

This survey did not include any experiments. A complete survey experiment categorization for the UAS can be found here.

# 1.3 Citation

Each publication, press release or other document that cites results from this survey must include an acknowledgment of UAS as the data source and a disclaimer such as, 'The project described in this paper relies on data from survey(s) administered by the Understanding America Study, which is maintained by the Center for Economic and Social Research (CESR) at the University of Southern California. The content of this paper is solely the responsibility of the authors and does not necessarily represent the official views of USC or UAS.' For any questions or more information about the UAS, contact Tania Gutsche, Project and Panel Manager, Center for Economic and Social Research, University of Southern California, at tgutsche@usc.edu.

# 2 SURVEY RESPONSE AND DATA

### 2.1 Sample selection and response rate

The sample selection for this survey was:

All active English speaking respondents whose date of birth falls between January 15th 1954 and June 15th 1955.

As such, this survey was made available to 187 UAS participants. Of those 187 participants, 152 completed the survey and are counted as respondents. Of those who are not counted as respondents, 0 started the survey without completing and 35 did not start the survey. The overall response rate was 81.28%.

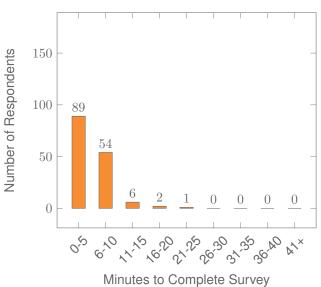
Note: We are unable to provide sample weights for a small number of UAS members (see the Sample and weighting section below for details). If they completed the survey, these members are included in the data set with a weight of zero, but accounted for in the computation of total sample size and survey response rate.%.

The detailed survey response rate is as follows:

UAS158 - Response Overview		
Size of selected sample	187	
Completed the survey	152	
Started but did not complete the survey	0	
Did not start the survey	35	
Response rate	81.28%	

### 2.2 Timings

The survey took respondents an average of 6 minutes, and the full distribution of survey response times is available in the figure below. Times per question are available upon request.



### Distribution of Respondents' Survey Response Times

# 2.3 Weighting

Weights are not (yet) available for this survey. Please contact UAS staff with any questions.

# **3 STANDARD VARIABLES**

Each Understanding America Study data contains a series of standard variables, consisting of individual, household and sample identifiers, language indicator, time stamps and a rating by the respondent of how much he or she liked the survey:

- **uasid**: the identifier of the respondent. This identifier is assigned to a respondent at recruitment and stays with the respondent throughout each and every survey he/she participates in. When analyzing data from multiple surveys, the 'uasid' can be used to merge data sets.
- **uashhid**: the household identifier of the respondent. Every member is assigned a household identifier, stored in the variable 'uashhid'. For the primary respondent this identifier equals his or her 'uasid'. All other eligible members of the primary respondent's household (everyone who is 18 or older in the household) who become UAS respondents receive the 'uasid' of the primary respondent as their household identifier. The identifier 'uashhid' remains constant over time for all respondents. Thus it is always possible to find the original UAS household of an UAS panel member (even after they, for example, have moved out to form another household).
- survhhid: uniquely identifies the household a UAS panel member belongs to in a given survey. For instance, if the primary respondent and his/her spouse are both UAS members at the time of a given survey, they both receive the same 'survhhid' identifier for that survey. If they subsequently split, they receive two different 'survhhid' in subsequent surveys. They, however, always share the same 'uashhid'. The identifier 'survhhid' is set to missing (.) if no other household members are UAS panel members at the time of the survey. Since individuals can answer the same survey at different points in time (which can be relatively far apart if the survey is kept in the field for a prolonged time), it may be possible that, within the same data set, household members have different 'survhhid' reflecting different household compositions at the time they answered the survey. For instance, suppose that the primary respondent and his/her spouse are both UAS members. If the primary respondent answers the survey when he/she is living with the spouse, but the spouse answers the survey when the couple has split, they receive different 'survhhid'. Hence, the variable 'survhhid' identifies household membership of UAS panel members, at the time the respondent answers the survey. Note: in the My Household survey 'survhhid' is set to unknown (.u) for respondents who last participated in the My Household survey prior to January 21, 2015.
- **uasmembers**: is the number of other household members who are also UAS panel members at the time of the survey. Since individuals can answer the same survey at different points in time (which can be relatively far apart is the survey is kept in the field for a prolonged time), it may be possible that, within the same data set, the primary respondent of a household has a value of '0', whereas the second UAS household respondent has a value of '1'. Therefore 'uasmembers' should be interpreted as the

number of household and UAS panel members at the time the respondent answers the survey. Note: in the My Household survey 'uasmembers' is set to unknown (.u) for respondents who last participated in the My Household survey prior to January 21, 2015.

- sampleframe: indicates the sampling frame from which the household of the respondent was recruited. All UAS recruitment is done through address based sampling (ABS) in which samples are acquired based on postal records. Currently, the variable 'sampleframe' takes on four values reflecting four distinct sample frames used by the UAS over the year (in future data sets the number of sample frames used for recruitment may increase if additional specific populations are targeted in future recruitment batches):
  - 1. U.S. National Territory: recruited through ABS within the entire U.S.
  - 2. Areas high concentration Nat Ame: recruited through ABS in areas with a high concentration of Native Americans in the zip-code. Within these batches, individuals who are not Native Americans are not invited to join the UAS.
  - 3. Los Angeles County: recruited through ABS within Los Angeles County.
  - 4. California: recruited through ABS within California.

Note: prior to March 6, 2024 this variable was called sampletype and had the following value labels for the above list in UAS data sets:

- 1. Nationally Representative Sample: recruited through ABS within the entire U.S.
- Native Americans: recruited through ABS in areas with a high concentration of Native Americans. Within these batches, individuals who are not Native Americans are not invited to join the UAS.
- 3. LA County: recruited through ABS within Los Angeles County.
- 4. California: recruited through ABS within California.
- **batch**: indicates the batch from which the respondent was recruited. Currently, this variable takes the following values (in future data sets the number of batches may increase as new recruitment batches are added to the UAS):
  - 1. ASDE 2014/01
  - 2. ASDE 2014/01
  - 3. ASDE 2014/01
  - 4. Public records 2015/05
  - 5. MSG 2015/07
  - 6. MSG 2016/01
  - 7. MSG 2016/01
  - 8. MSG 2016/01
  - 9. MSG 2016/02

- 10. MSG 2016/03
- 11. MSG 2016/04
- 12. MSG 2016/05
- 13. MSG 2016/08
- 14. MSG 2017/03
- 15. MSG 2017/11
- 16. MSG 2018/02
- 17. MSG 2018/08
- 18. MSG 2019/04
- 19. MSG 2019/05
- 20. MSG 2019/11
- 21. MSG 2020/08
- 22. MSG 2020/10
- 23. MSG 2021/02
- 24. MSG 2021/08
- 25. MSG 2021/08
- 26. MSG 2022/02
- 27. MSG 2022/02
- 28. MSG 2022/08
- 29. MSG 2022/11
- 30. MSG 2022/11
- 31. MSG 2023/01
- 32. MSG 2023/06
- 33. MSG 2023/09
- 34. MSG 2023/10
- 35. MSG 2025/02

Note: prior to March 6, 2024 this variable had the following value labels for the above list in UAS data sets:

- 1. ASDE 2014/01 Nat.Rep.
- 2. ASDE 2014/01 Native Am.
- 3. ASDE 2014/11 Native Am.
- 4. LA County 2015/05 List Sample
- 5. MSG 2015/07 Nat.Rep.
- 6. MSG 2016/01 Nat.Rep. Batch 2

- 7. MSG 2016/01 Nat.Rep. Batch 3
- 8. MSG 2016/01 Nat.Rep. Batch 4
- 9. MSG 2016/02 Nat.Rep. Batch 5
- 10. MSG 2016/03 Nat.Rep. Batch 6
- 11. MSG 2016/04 Nat.Rep. Batch 7
- 12. MSG 2016/05 Nat.Rep. Batch 8
- 13. MSG 2016/08 LA County Batch 2
- 14. MSG 2017/03 LA County Batch 3
- 15. MSG 2017/11 California Batch 1
- 16. MSG 2018/02 California Batch 2
- 17. MSG 2018/08 Nat.Rep. Batch 9
- 18. MSG 2019/04 LA County Batch 4
- 19. MSG 2019/05 LA County Batch 5
- 20. MSG 2019/11 Nat. Rep. Batch 10
- 21. MSG 2020/08 Nat. Rep. Batch 11
- 22. MSG 2020/10 Nat. Rep. Batch 12
- 23. MSG 2021/02 Nat. Rep. Batch 13
- 24. MSG 2021/08 Nat. Rep. Batch 15
- 25. MSG 2021/08 Nat. Rep. Batch 16
- 26. MSG 2022/02 Nat. Rep. Batch 17 (priority)
- 27. MSG 2022/02 Nat. Rep. Batch 17 (regular)
- 28. MSG 2022/08 Nat. Rep. Batch 18
- 29. MSG 2022/11 LA County Batch 6
- 30. MSG 2022/11 Nat. Rep. Batch 20
- 31. MSG 2023/01 Nat. Rep. Batch 21
- 32. MSG 2023/06 Nat. Rep. Batch 22
- 33. MSG 2023-09 Native Am. Batch 3
- 34. MSG 2023-10 Nat. Rep. Batch 23
- primary\_respondent: indicates if the respondent was the first person within the household (i.e. to become a member or whether s/he was added as a subsequent member. A household in this regard is broadly defined as anyone living together with the primary respondent. That is, a household comprises individuals who live together, e.g. as part of a family relationship (like a spouse/child/parent) or in context of some other relationship (like a roommate or tenant).

- **hardware**: indicates whether the respondent ever received hardware or not. Note: this variable should not be used to determine whether a respondent received hardware at a given point in time and/or whether s/he used the hardware to participate in a survey. Rather, it indicates whether hardware was ever provided:
  - 1. None
  - 2. Tablet (includes Internet)
- **language**: the language in which the survey was conducted. This variable takes a value of 1 for English and a value of 2 for Spanish.
- **start\_date (start\_year, start\_month, start\_day, start\_hour, start\_min, start\_sec)**: indicates the time at which the respondent started the survey.
- end\_date (end\_year, end\_month, end\_day, end\_hour, end\_min, end\_sec): indicates the time at which the respondent completed the survey.
- **cs\_001**: indicates how interesting the respondent found the survey.

# 4 BACKGROUND DEMOGRAPHICS

Every UAS survey data set includes demographic variables, which provide background information about the respondent and his/her household. Demographic information such as age, ethnicity, education, marital status, work status, state of residence, family structure is elicited every quarter through the "My Household" survey. The demographic variables provided with each survey are taken from the most recent 'MyHousehold' survey answered by the respondent. If at the time of a survey, the information in "My Household" is more than three months old, a respondent is required to check and update his or her information before being able to take the survey.

The following variables are available in each survey data set:

- gender: the gender of the respondent.
- **dateofbirth\_year**: the year of birth of the respondent.
- age: the age of the respondent at the start of the survey.
- **agerange**: if the respondent's age cannot be calculate due to missing information, 'agerange' indicates the approximate age. Should a value for both the 'age' and 'agerange' be present, then 'age' takes precedence over 'agerange'.
- o citizenus: indicates whether the respondent is a U.S. citizen.
- **bornus**: indicates whether the respondent was born in the U.S.
- **stateborn**: indicates the state in which the respondent was born. This is set to missing (.) if the respondent was not born in the U.S.
- **countryborn**: indicates the country in which the respondent was born. This is set to missing (.) if the respondent was born in the U.S.
- countryborn\_other: indicates the country of birth if that country is not on the drop down list of countries shown to the respondent'.
- **statereside**: the state in which the respondent is living.
- immigration\_status: indicates whether the respondent is an immigrant. It takes one of the following values: 0 Non-immigrant, 1 First generation immigrant (immigrant who migrated to the U.S), 2 Second generation immigrant (U.S.-born children of at least one foreign-born parent), 3 Third generation immigrant (U.S.-born children of at least one U.S.-born parent, where at least one grandparent is foreign-born), or 4 Unknown immigrant status.
- maritalstatus: the marital status of the respondent.
- livewithpartner: indicates whether the respondent lives with a partner.

- education: the highest level of education attained by the respondent.
- hisplatino: indicates whether the respondent identifies him or herself as being Hispanic or Latino. This variable is asked separately from race.
- hisplatinogroup: indicates which Hispanic or Latino group a respondent identifies him or herself with. This is set to missing (.) if the respondent does not identify him or herself as being Hispanic or Latino.
- white: indicates whether the respondent identifies him or herself as white (Caucasian).
- **black**: indicates whether the respondent identifies him or herself as black (African-American).
- **nativeamer**: indicates whether the respondent identifies him or herself as Native American (American Indian or Alaska Native).
- **asian**: indicates whether the respondent identifies him or herself as Asian (Asian-American).
- pacific: indicates whether the respondent identifies him or herself as Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander.
- **race**: indicates the race of the respondent as singular (e.g., '1 White' or '2 Black') or as mixed (in case the respondent identifies with two or more races). The value '6 Mixed' that the respondent answered 'Yes' to at least two of the single race categories. This variable is generated based on the values of the different race variables (white, black, nativeamer, asian, pacific). This composite measure is not conditional on hisplatino, so an individual may identify as Hispanic or Latino, and also as a member of one or more racial groups.
- working: indicates whether the respondent is working for pay.
- **sick\_leave**: indicates whether the respondent is not working because sick or on leave.
- **unemp\_layoff**: indicates whether the respondent is unemployed or on lay off.
- unemp\_look: indicates whether the respondent is unemployed and looking for a job.
- retired: indicates whether the respondent is retired.
- o disabled: indicates whether the respondent has a disability.
- If\_other: specifies other labor force status.
- Iaborstatus: indicates the labor force status of the respondent as singular (e.g., '1 Working for pay' or '2 On sick or other leave') or as mixed (in case the respondent selects two or more labor statuses). The value '8 Mixed' indicates that the respondent answered 'Yes' to at least two of the single labor force status variables. This variable is generated based on the values of the different labor status variables (working, sick\_leave, unempl\_layoff, unempl\_look, retired, disabled, lf\_other).

- **employmenttype**: indicates the employment type of the respondent (employed by the government, by a private company, a nonprofit organization, or self-employed). This is set to missing (.) if the respondent is not currently working or currently on sick or other leave.
- **workfullpart**: indicates whether the respondent works full or part-time. This is set to missing (.) if the respondent is not currently working or currently on sick or other leave.
- **hourswork**: indicates the number of hours the respondent works per week. This is set to missing (.) if the respondent is not currently working or currently on sick or other leave.
- hhincome: is the total combined income of all members of the respondent's household (living in their household) during the past 12 months.
- **anyhhmember**: indicates whether there were any members in the respondent's household at the time he/she answered the survey as reported by the respondent.
- **hhmembernumber**: indicates the number of household members in the respondent's household at the time of the survey as reported by the respondent. It may be that 'anyhhmember' is 'Yes', but 'hhmembernumber' is missing if the respondent did not provide the number of household members at the time of the survey.
- hhmemberin\_#: indicates whether a household member is currently in the household as reported by the respondent. Household members are never removed from the stored household roster and their information is always included in survey data sets. The order of the roster is the same order in which household members were specified by the respondent in the 'MyHousehold' survey. The order is identified by the suffix \_# (e.g., \_1 indicates the first household member, \_2 the second household member, etc.).

As an example, if the first household member is in the household at the time of the survey, 'hhmemberin\_1' is set to '1 HH Member 1 is in the HH'; if he/she has moved out, 'hhmemberin\_1' is set to '0 HH member 1 is no longer in the HH'. Since information of other household members (stored in the variables listed below) is always included in survey data sets, information about 'hhmemberin\_1' is available whether this person is still in the household or has moved out.

- hhmembergen\_#: indicates the gender of another household member as reported by the respondent.
- **hhmemberage**\_#: indicates the age of another household member. The age is derived from the month and year of birth of the household member as reported by the respondent.
- hhmemberrel\_#: indicates the relationship of the respondent to the other household member as reported by the respondent.

- hhmemberuasid\_#: is the 'uasid' of the other household member if this person is also a UAS panel member. It is set to missing (.) if this person is not a UAS panel member at the time of the survey. Since this identifier is directly reported by the respondent (chosen from a preloaded list), it may differ from the actual (correct) 'uasid' of the UAS member it refers to because of reporting error. Also, this variable should not be used to identify UAS members in a given household at the time of the survey. This is because the variables 'hhmemberuasid\_#' are taken from the most recent 'My Household' and changes in household composition involving UAS members may have occurred between the time of the respondent answered 'My Household' and the time the respondent answers the survey. To follow UAS members of a given household, it is advised to use the identifiers 'uashhid' and 'survhhid'.
- **lastmyhh\_date**: the date on which the demographics variables were collected through the 'My Household' survey.

In addition, data sets created after May 8, 2025 include an urbanicity variable. It is based on panel members' current census tract of residence and the 2010 Rural-Urban Commuting Area (RUCA) codes released by the US Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service. To preserve confidentiality, the UAS collapses the 10 primary RUCA codes to 4 levels: Metropolitan, Micropolitan, Small/Rural, and Unknown. The Metropolitan level corresponds to primary RUCA codes 1-3, the Micropolitan level corresponds to RUCA codes 4-6, and the Small/Rural UAS classification corresponds to RUCA codes 7-10.

For detailed information and definitions of the 10 primary RUCA codes, please visit the USDA ERS Rural-Urban Commuting Area Codes site. Surveys conducted completely prior to May 8, 2025 will have an urbanicity data set available on request.

# **5 MISSING DATA CONVENTIONS**

Data files provide so-called clean data, that is, answers given to questions that are not applicable anymore at survey completion (for example because a respondent went back in the survey and skipped over a previously answered question) are treated as if the questions were never asked. In the data files all questions that were asked, but not answered by the respondent are marked with (.e). All questions never seen by the respondent (or any dirty data) are marked with (.a). The latter may mean that a respondent did not view the question because s/he skipped over it; or alternatively that s/he never reached that question due to a break off. If a respondent did not complete a survey, the variables representing survey end date and time are marked with (.c). Household member variables are marked with (.m) if the respondent has less household members (e.g. if the number of household members is 2, any variables for household member 3 and up are marked with (.m).

UAS provides data in STATA and CSV format. Stata data sets come with include variable labels that are not available in the CSV files. Value labels are provided for singleresponse answer option. In STATA these labels will include the labels 'Not asked' and 'Not answered' for (.a) and (.e), and will show in tabulations such as 'tab q1, missing'. For multiple-response questions a binary variable is created for each answer option indicating whether the option was selected or not. A summary variable is also provided in string format reflecting which options were selected and in which order. For example, if a question asked about favorite animals with options cat, dog, and horse, then if a respondent selected horse and then cat, the binary variables for horse and cat will be set to yes, while the overall variable would have a string value of '3-1'. If no answer was given, all binary variables and the summary variable will be marked with '.e'.

Questions that are asked multiple times are often implemented as so-called array questions. Supposing the name of such question was Q1 and it was asked in 6 different instances, your data set would contain the variables  $Q1_1_$  to  $Q1_6_$ . To illustrate, if a survey asked the names of all children, then child\_1\_ would contain the name of the first child the respondent named and so on.

More information about the UAS data in general can be found on the UAS Data Pages web site.

# 6 ROUTING SYNTAX

The survey with routing presented in the next section includes all of the questions that make up this survey, the question answers when choices were provided, and the question routing. The routing includes descriptions of when questions are grouped, conditional logic that determines when questions are presented to the respondent, randomization of questions and answers, and fills of answers from one question to another.

If you are unfamiliar with conditional logic statements, they are typically formatted so that *if* the respondent fulfills some condition (e.g. they have a cellphone or a checking account), *then* they are presented with some other question or the value of some variable is changed. If the respondent does not fulfill the condition (e.g. they are not a cellphone adopter or they do not have a checking account), something *else* happens such as skipping the next question or changing the variable to some other value. Some of the logic involved in the randomization of questions or answers being presented to the respondent is quite complex, and in these instances there is documentation to clarify the process being represented by the routing.

Because logic syntax standards vary, here is a brief introduction to our syntax standards. The syntax used in the conditional statements is as follows: '=' is equal to, '<' is less than, '>' is greater than, and '!=' is used for does not equal. When a variable is set to some number N, the statement looks like 'variable := N'.

The formatting of the questions and routing are designed to make it easier to interpret what is occurring at any given point in the survey. Question ID is the bold text at the top of a question block, followed by the question text and the answer selections. When a question or variable has associated data, the name links to the appropriate data page, so you can easily get directly to the data. Text color is used to indicate the routing: red is conditional logic, gold is question grouping, green is looping, and orange is used to document randomization and other complex conditional logic processes. The routing is written for a computer to parse rather than a human to read, so when the routing diverges significantly from what is displayed to the respondent, a screenshot of what the respondent saw is included.

The name of the randomization variables are defined in proximity to where they are put into play, and like the question ID the names of the randomization variables can be used to link directly to the associated data page.

# **7 SURVEY WITH ROUTING**

#### Start of section Feeling

#### intro2 (Section Feeling)

This survey will ask you questions about your physical and emotional health. Some of these questions may look familiar to you, but we are interested in your response to them today.

#### GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

**date\_intro** (Section Feeling) What is your date of birth?

dateofbirth\_month (R DATE OF BIRTH MONTH in section Demographics) Month 1 January 2 February 3 March 4 April 5 May 6 June 7 July 8 August 9 September 10 October 11 November 12 December dateofbirth\_day (R DATE OF BIRTH DAY in section Demographics)

dateofbirth\_day (R DATE OF BIRTH DAY in section Demographics Day

RANGE 0..9223372036854775807

dateofbirth\_year (R DATE OF BIRTH YEAR in section Demographics) Year RANGE 0..9223372036854775807

#### END OF GROUP

/\* Only respondents born between January 15, 1954 and June 15, 1955 are eligible for this survey. Any other respondents are thanked for their interest and the survey ends. \*/

minage := strtotime("1954-01-15 00:00:01")

maxage := strtotime("1955-06-15 23:59:59")

#### IF dateofbirth\_month = EMPTY OR dateofbirth\_year = EMPTY THEN

**notfull** (Section Feeling) Thank you for your interest, but we could not determine your eligibility for this study. Please click "Next" to return your panel member page.

reason\_exit := 1 Exit the survey

#### ELSEIF dateofbirth\_month = RESPONSE AND dateofbirth\_day = EMPTY AND dateofbirth\_year = RESPONSE THEN

IF strtotime(dateofbirth\_year . "-" . dateofbirth\_month . "-15 00:00:01") < minage THEN

noteligible (Section Feeling)

Thank you for your interest, but right now we are not interviewing people in your age range.

reason\_exit := 2 Exit the survey

# ELSEIF strtotime(dateofbirth\_year . "-" . dateofbirth\_month . "-15 00:00:01") > maxage THEN

**noteligible** (Section Feeling)

Thank you for your interest, but right now we are not interviewing people in your age range.

reason\_exit := 2 Exit the survey

#### END OF IF

ELSEIF strtotime(dateofbirth\_year . "-" . dateofbirth\_month . "-" . dateofbirth\_day . " 00:00:01") < minage THEN

**noteligible** (Section Feeling)

Thank you for your interest, but right now we are not interviewing people in your age range.

reason\_exit := 2 Exit the survey

ELSEIF strtotime(dateofbirth\_year . "-" . dateofbirth\_month . "-" . dateofbirth\_day . " 00:00:01") > maxage THEN

**noteligible** (Section Feeling)

Thank you for your interest, but right now we are not interviewing people in your age range.

reason\_exit := 2

Exit the survey

reason\_exit := 3

**q004** (overall health in section Feeling)

In general, would you say your health is:

1 Excellent

2 Very good

3 Good

4 Fair

5 Poor

**q005** (mental health in section Feeling) In general, would you say your **mental** health is: 1 Excellent 2 Very good 3 Good 4 Fair 5 Poor

#### q006 (cantril ladder in section Feeling)

Please imagine a ladder with steps numbered from zero at the bottom to ten at the top. The top of the ladder represents the best possible life for you and the bottom of the ladder represents the worst possible life for you. On which step of the ladder would you say you personally feel you stand at this time?

10 10 Best possible

99

88

77

66

55

44

33

22

0 0 Worst possible

q007 (how satisfied with life you lead in section Feeling)

On the whole are you very satisfied, fairly satisfied, not very satisfied, or not at all satisfied with the life you lead?

1 Very satisfied

2 Fairly satisfied

3 Not very satisfied

4 Not at all satisfied

 $\begin{array}{l} q008\_questions := array(1 \rightarrow "q008\_a", 2 \rightarrow "q008\_b", 3 \rightarrow "q008\_c", 4 \rightarrow "q008\_d", 5 \rightarrow "q008\_e", 6 \rightarrow "q008\_f", 7 \rightarrow "q008\_g") \end{array}$ 

#### IF sizeof(q008\_order) = 0 THEN

q008\_order := shuffleArray(array(1  $\rightarrow$ 1, 2  $\rightarrow$ 2, 3  $\rightarrow$ 3, 4  $\rightarrow$ 4, 5  $\rightarrow$ 5, 6  $\rightarrow$ 6, 7  $\rightarrow$ 7)) END OF IF

#### LOOP FROM 1 TO 7

Value of question q008\_questions(q008\_order(cnt)) asked as question

#### END OF LOOP

#### GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

q002\_intro (Section Feeling)

The following two questions ask about how you have been feeling in the **past 2 weeks**.

Over the **last 2 weeks**, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?

#### SUBGROUP OF QUESTIONS

q002\_a (little interest or pleasure in doing things in section Feeling)
Little interest or pleasure in doing things
1 Nearly every day
2 More than half the days
3 Several days
4 Not at all
q002\_b (feeling down, depressed, or hopeless in section Feeling)
Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless
1 Nearly every day
2 More than half the days
3 Several days

4 Not at all

END OF SUBGROUP

**END OF GROUP** 

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

#### **q003\_intro** (Section Feeling)

The following questions ask about how you have been feeling during the **past 30 days**. For each questions, please check the box that best describes how often you had this feeling.

During the past 30 days, about how often did you feel...

#### SUBGROUP OF QUESTIONS

q003\_a (feeling nervous in section Feeling)

...Nervous 1 All of the time

2 Most of the time

3 Some of the time

4 A little of the time

5 None of the time

#### q003\_b (feeling hopeless in section Feeling)

...Hopeless

1 All of the time

2 Most of the time

3 Some of the time

4 A little of the time

5 None of the time

q003\_c (feeling restless or fidgety in section Feeling)

...Restless or fidgety

1 All of the time

2 Most of the time

3 Some of the time

4 A little of the time

5 None of the time

**q003**\_**d** (feeling so sad that nothing could cheer you up in section Feeling)

...So sad that nothing could cheer you up

1 All of the time

2 Most of the time

3 Some of the time

4 A little of the time

5 None of the time

**q003**\_e (feeling that everything was an effort in section Feeling)

...That everything was an effort

1 All of the time

2 Most of the time

3 Some of the time 4 A little of the time 5 None of the time

**q003**\_f (feeling worthless in section Feeling)

...Worthless

1 All of the time

2 Most of the time

3 Some of the time

4 A little of the time

5 None of the time

#### END OF SUBGROUP

#### **END OF GROUP**

**q009** (worry about money in section Feeling) Did you worry about money yesterday? 1 Yes 2 No

#### IF q009 = 1 THEN

**q009\_2** (how worried in section Feeling) Were you very worried or just somewhat worried? 1 Very worried 2 Just somewhat worried

### END OF IF

q010 (confident card in section Feeling)In the next month, are you confident you will have access to quality medical care?1 Yes2 No

**q011a** (have health insurance coverage in section Feeling) Do you have health insurance coverage? 1 Yes 2 No

### IF q011a = 1 THEN GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

**q011b** (type of coverage in section Feeling) Which of the following best describes your current health insurance or health coverage plan? Please check all that apply. 1 Insurance through my or my spouse's/partner's employer/union

- I insurance through my or my spouse s/partner's employer/union
- 2 Retiree Insurance through my or my spouse's/partner's former employer/union
- 3 Private insurance purchased directly from an insurance company or through a state
- or federal exchange marketplace

4 Medicare

5 Medicaid, Medical Assistance or any kind of government assistance plan for those with low incomes or a disability

- 6 Tricare or other military health care
- 7 VA, including CHAMPVA or VA Care

8 Other program:

**q011b\_other** (other type of coverage in section Feeling) STRING

# END OF GROUP

### END OF IF

### GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

q015 (chronic diseases in section Feeling)
Has a doctor ever told you that you had (check all that apply)?
1 Diabetes
2 Heart disease
3 Arthritis
4 Asthma
5 Cancer
6 Other, please specify:
7 None of the above
q015\_other (other chronic disease in section Feeling)
STRING

### END OF GROUP

**q013\_a** (past 12 months received any social security income in section Feeling) In the past 12 months, have you received any social security income? 1 Yes 2 No

**q013\_b** (past 12 months received any disability benefits in section Feeling) In the past 12 months, have you received any disability benefits? 1 Yes 2 No q014\_intro (Section Feeling)

Now we will present you with several statements. Please indicate for each statement whether you think it is true or false.

**q014**\_**a** (Most working age individuals in the US receive health insurance through their or their spouse's employer in section Feeling)

Most working age individuals in the US receive health insurance through their or their spouse's employer.

1 True

2 False

**q014\_b** (Medicare is a health insurance program for those ages 65 and older or with certain disabilities in section Feeling)

Medicare is a health insurance program for those ages 65 and older or with certain disabilities.

1 True

2 False

**q014\_c** (Medicare is only available to those individuals who are receiving social security retirement benefits in section Feeling)

Medicare is only available to those individuals who are receiving social security retirement benefits.

1 True

2 False

**q014**\_**d** (The share of individuals with any health insurance coverage in the US has decreased since 2010 in section Feeling)

The share of individuals with any health insurance coverage in the US has decreased since 2010.

1 True

2 False

**q014\_e** (Medicaid is a health insurance program for certain individuals with low income in section Feeling)

Medicaid is a health insurance program for certain individuals with low income.

1 True

2 False

q012\_b := spanish q012\_a := race

#### IF q012\_a = EMPTY OR q012\_b = EMPTY THEN

**q012\_intro** (Section Feeling) Before we finish, we have just a few more questions.

#### END OF IF

#### IF $q012_b = EMPTY THEN$

**q012\_b** (R SPANISH HISPANIC LATINO in section Feeling) Are you Spanish, Hispanic or Latino? 1 Yes 2 No **END OF IF** 

#### IF q012\_a = EMPTY THEN

#### GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

q012\_a (R RACE in section Feeling)
What is your race? Please check all that apply.
1 White
2 Black or African American
3 American Indian or Alaska Native
4 Asian
5 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
6 Other, please specify:

**q012\_a\_other** (other race in section Feeling) STRING

# END OF GROUP

# END OF IF

dummy := doPayout(3)

End of section Feeling

#### Start of section **Closing**

CS\_001 (HOW PLEASANT INTERVIEW in section Closing)
Could you tell us how interesting or uninteresting you found the questions in this interview?
1 Very interesting
2 Interesting
3 Neither interesting nor uninteresting
4 Uninteresting
5 Very uninteresting

#### CS\_003 (comments in section Closing)

Do you have any other comments on the interview? Please type these in the box below.(If you have no comments, please click next to complete this survey.)

#### STRING

### End of section **Closing**

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