UnderStandingAmericaStudy

UAS 594: UNDERSTANDING PROBABILITIES; NUMERACY; WELL-BEING; GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE; NEIGHBORHOOD



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1 INTRODUCTION

This UAS panel survey, titled "UAS594: Understanding Probabilities; Numeracy; Well-Being; Government Assistance; Neighborhood" asks respondents questions related to their understanding of probabilities and numeracy, well-being, government assistance and local area. This survey is currently in the field. Respondents were paid \$4 to complete the survey.

This survey, UAS594, is partially based on UAS458, UAS237, UAS121, and UAS1 and UAS2 combined. It includes a series of numeracy questions. Scores are included in the data and scoring information is provided in a document on the survey's data page. UAS 593 and UAS594 replaced the single first survey UAS458.

1.1 Topics

This survey contains questions (among others) on the following topics: Cognitive Abilities, Environment, Social Attitudes And Values, Subjective Well-being. 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:

Everyone.

As such, this survey has so far been made available to 9646 UAS participants. Of those 9646 participants, 8606 completed the survey and are counted as respondents. Of those who are not counted as respondents, 59 started the survey without completing and 981 did not start the survey. The preliminary overall response rate is 89.22%.

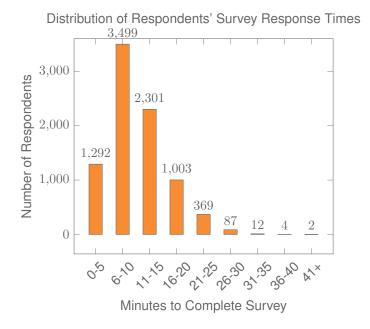
Note: We are unable to provide sample weights for a small number of UAS members (see the Sample and weighting section below for details). If they completed the survey, these members are included in the data set with a weight of zero, but accounted for in the computation of total sample size and survey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

The detailed survey response rate is as follows:

UAS594 - Response Overview			
Size of selected sample	9646		
Completed the survey	8606		
Started but did not complete the survey	59		
Did not start the survey	981		
Response rate	89.22%		

2.2 Timings

All reported timings and response rate statistics are as of October 26, 2025. The survey took respondents an average of 11 minutes, and the full distribution of survey response times is in the figure below. Times per question are available upon request.



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. These variables are based on the questions asked quarterly in the My Household survey after the application of a ¡a href="https://uasdata.usc.edu/page/Data+Cleaning+Process"¿cleaning process¡/a¿. They are the following:

- 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 ¡em¿uashhid¡/em¿. For the primary respondent this identifier is 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 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).
- uashhid_current: the current household identifier of the respondent. Uniquely identifies the household a UAS panel member belongs to in a given survey INDEPENDENT of the exact composition of the household in terms of who else in the household are UAS members. Missing (.n) for respondents who are in a single-UAS member household. Available on request in data sets prior to September 3, 2025.
- **survhhid**: uniquely identifies the household a UAS panel member belongs to in a given survey DEPENDENT on the exact composition of the household in terms of who else in the household are UAS members. Is set to missing (.n) if no other household members are UAS panel members at the time of the survey. 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.
- 2. 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
- 36. MSG 2025/09

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
- o **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.
- o 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 their 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 survey data sets after October 8, 2025:

- sex: indicates the sex of the respondent as assigned at birth. Is set to gender if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- genderid: indicates the current gender of the respondent. Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025. Available in data sets after October 8, 2025.
- o dateofbirth_year: indicates the year of birth of the respondent.
- o age: indicates the age of the respondent at the start of the survey.
- o **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.
- o bornus: indicates whether the respondent was born in the U.S.
- **stateborn**: indicates the state in which the respondent was born. Is set to missing (.) if the respondent was not born in the U.S.
- **countryborn**: indicates the country in which the respondent was born. Is set to missing (.) if the respondent was born in the U.S.
- o statereside: indicates the state in which the respondent is living.
- o **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.
- o maritalstatus: indicates the marital status of the respondent.

- **livewithpartner**: indicates whether the respondent lives with a partner.
- education: indicates the highest level of education attained by the respondent.
- 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.
- race: indicates the race the respondent identifies with most (if mixed). Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- **hisplatino**: indicates whether the respondent identifies him or herself as being Hispanic or Latino. This variable is asked separately from race.
- mena: indicates whether the respondent identifies as being of Middle Eastern or North African ancestry. Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- 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.
- o retired: indicates whether the respondent is retired.
- o disabled: indicates whether the respondent has a disability.
- workemployer: indicates whether the respondent works for an employer. Is set to missing (".e") if no answer for laborstatus was given by the respondent. Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.

- workself: indicates whether the respondent is self-employed. Is set to missing (".e") if no answer for laborstatus was given by the respondent. Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- **homemaker**: indicates whether the respondent is a homemaker. Is set to missing (".e") if no answer for laborstatus was given by the respondent. Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- **student**: indicates whether the respondent is a student. Is set to missing (".e") if no answer for laborstatus was given by the respondent. Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- notworking: indicates whether the respondent is not working and not looking for work. Is set to missing (".e") if no answer for laborstatus was given by the respondent. Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- If_other: indicates whether the respondent has another labor force status.
- laborstatus: 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).
- hourswork: indicates the number of hours the respondent works per week. Is set to missing (.) if the respondent is not currently working or currently on sick or other leave.
- **hhincome**: indicates the total combined income of all members of the respondent's household (living in their household) during the past 12 months.
- o **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. Based on the hhmemberin variables if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025. Based on hhcomp_total if the respondent has filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- 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. Based on the hhmemberin variables if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025. Based on hhcomp_total if the respondent has filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.

- o hhcomp_male_0_3: indicates the number of male children ages 0 through 4 who are living in the respondent's household right now (even if they only live with the respondent part-time or temporarily). Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- hhcomp_female_0_3: indicates the number of female children ages 0 through 4 who
 are living in the respondent's household right now (even if they only live with the
 respondent part-time or temporarily). Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not
 filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- hhcomp_other_0_3: indicates the number of other-gendered children ages 0 through 4 who are living in the respondent's household right now (even if they only live with the respondent part-time or temporarily). Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.j/li¿
- hhcomp_male_4_12: indicates the number of male children ages 5 through 12 who
 are living in the respondent's household right now (even if they only live with the
 respondent part-time or temporarily). Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not
 filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- hhcomp_female_4_12: indicates the number of female children ages 5 through 12 who are living in the respondent's household right now (even if they only live with the respondent part-time or temporarily). Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out Mv Household after October 8, 2025.
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- hhcomp_male_13_17: indicates the number of male children ages 13 through 17 who are living in the respondent's household right now (even if they only live with the respondent part-time or temporarily). Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- hhcomp_female_13_17: indicates the number of female children ages 13 through 17 who are living in the respondent's household right now (even if they only live with the respondent part-time or temporarily). Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- hhcomp_other_13_17: indicates the number of other-gendered children ages 13 through 17 who are living in the respondent's household right now (even if they only live with the respondent part-time or temporarily). Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- hhcomp_male_18_64: indicates the number of male adults ages 18 through 64 who
 are living in the respondent's household right now (even if they only live with the
 respondent part-time or temporarily). Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not
 filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.

- hhcomp_female_18_64: indicates the number of female adults ages 18 through 64 who are living in the respondent's household right now (even if they only live with the respondent part-time or temporarily). Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- hhcomp_other_18_64: indicates the number of other-gendered adults ages 18 through 64 who are living in the respondent's household right now (even if they only live with the respondent part-time or temporarily). Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- hhcomp_male_65plus: indicates the number of male adults ages 65 or older who
 are living in the respondent's household right now (even if they only live with the
 respondent part-time or temporarily). Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not
 filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- hhcomp_female_65plus: indicates the number of female adults ages 65 or older who are living in the respondent's household right now (even if they only live with the respondent part-time or temporarily). Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- hhcomp_other_65plus: indicates the number of other-gendered adults ages 65 or older who are living in the respondent's household right now (even if they only live with the respondent part-time or temporarily). Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- **hhcomp_total_18_64**: indicates the total number of adults 18 through 64 who are living in the respondent's household right now (even if they only live with the respondent part-time or temporarily). Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- hhcomp_total_65plus: indicates the total number of adults 65 or older who are living
 in the respondent's household right now (even if they only live with the respondent
 part-time or temporarily). Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out
 My Household after October 8, 2025.
- hhcomp_total_adults: indicates the total number of adults who are living in the respondent's household right now (even if they only live with the respondent part-time or temporarily). Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- hhcomp_total_children: indicates the total number of children who are living in the respondent's household right now (even if they only live with the respondent parttime or temporarily). Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- hhcomp_total: indicates the total number of people who are living in the respondent's household right now (even if they only live with the respondent part-time or temporarily). Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.

- o parent_guardian_a: indicates whether the respondent is the parent or guardian of one or more children ages 0 to 4. Is set to missing (".a") if hhcomp_total_children is not greater than 0. Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- parent_guardian_b: indicates whether the respondent is the parent or guardian of one or more children ages 5 to 12. Is set to missing (".a") if hhcomp_total_children is not greater than 0. Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- parent_guardian_c: indicates whether the respondent is the parent or guardian of one or more children ages 13 to 17. Is set to missing (".a") if hhcomp_total_children is not greater than 0. Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.

The following variables were provided up until October 8, 2025. Several remain available in data sets after October 8, 2025 on request.

- gender: indicates the gender of the respondent. Available in data sets before October 9, 2025.
- **countryborn_other**: indicates the country of birth if that country is not on the drop down list of countries shown to the respondent'.
- hisplatinogroup: indicates which Hispanic or Latino group a respondent identifies him or herself with. Is set to missing (.) if the respondent does not identify him or herself as being Hispanic or Latino. Available in data sets after October 8, 2025 on request.
- employmenttype: indicates the employment type of the respondent (employed by the government, by a private company, a nonprofit organization, or self-employed).
 Is set to missing (.) if the respondent is not currently working or currently on sick or other leave. Available in data sets before October 9, 2025.
- workfullpart: indicates whether the respondent works full or part-time. Is set to missing (.) if the respondent is not currently working or currently on sick or other leave. Available in data sets before October 9, 2025.
- 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. Available in data sets before October 9, 2025. Available in data sets after October 8, 2025 on request.

- hhmembergen_#: indicates the gender of the household member as reported by the respondent. Available in data sets before October 9, 2025. Available in data sets after October 8, 2025 on request.
- hhmemberage_#: indicates the age of the household member. The age is derived from the month and year of birth of the household member as reported by the respondent. Available in data sets before October 9, 2025. Available in data sets after October 8, 2025 on request.
- hhmemberrel_#: indicates the relationship of the respondent to the household member as reported by the respondent. Available in data sets before October 9, 2025.
 Available in data sets after October 8, 2025 on request.
- o hhmemberuasid_#: indicates the 'uasid' of the 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'. Available in data sets before October 9, 2025. Available in data sets after October 8, 2025 on request.

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 Micropolitian 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 single-response 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

intro1 (intro in section Base)

Thank you for taking the time to participate in the Understanding America Study. This survey has sections on various topics. To start with...

Start of section Wellbeing

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

OS_intro (INTRO ONS in section Wellbeing)

...This section focuses on how you feel about certain aspects of your life. There are no right or wrong answers. To answer, choose a number on a scale from 0 to 10, where 0 means "not at all satisfied" and 10 means "completely satisfied".

OS001 (HOW SATISFIED WITH LIFE in section Wellbeing)

Overall, how satisfied are you with your life?

0 Not at all 0

1 1

22

3344

55

66

77

88

99

10 Completely 10

END OF GROUP

OS002 (HOW HAPPY ARE YOU in section Wellbeing) Overall, how **happy** are you?

0 Not at all 0

11

22

3 3

4 4

5 5

66

7 7

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88
99
10 Completely 10
OS003 (HOW SATISFIED WITH INCOME in section Wellbeing)
Overall, how satisfied are you with your income?
0 Not at all 0
11
22
33
44
5 5
66
7 7
88
99
10 Completely 10
OS004 (HOW SATISFIED WITH HEALTH in section Wellbeing)
Overall, how satisfied are you with your health?
0 Not at all 0
11
22
3 3
44
55
66
7 7
88
99
10 Completely 10
OS005 (HOW SATISFIED WITH HEALTH in section Wellbeing)
Overall, how satisfied are you with your job or daily activities?
0 Not at all 0
11
22
33
44
55
66
7 7
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8 8
9 9
10 Completely 10
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OS006 (HOW SATISFIED WITH FAMILY LIFE in section Wellbeing)

Overall, how satisfied are you with your family life?

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0 Not at all 0
1 1
2 2
3 3
4 4
5 5
6 6
7 7
8 8
9 9
10 Completely 10
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OS007 (HOW SATISFIED WITH NUMBER OF FRIENDS in section Wellbeing) Overall, how **satisfied** are you with **the number of friends** you have?

End of section Wellbeing

Start of section Lipkus

lipkus_intro (Section Lipkus)

In the next section, you will answer a few math questions. Answer to the best of your own ability without referring to the internet, or asking others for help. If you aren't sure, just your best guess will do.

lip001 (number of times dice even in section Lipkus)

Imagine that we roll a fair, six-sided die 1,000 times. Out of 1,000 rolls, how many times do

you think the die would come up as an even number? RANGE 0..1000

lip002 (number of people winning lottery in section Lipkus)

In the BIG BUCKS LOTTERY, the chances of winning a \$10.00 prize are 1%. What is your best guess about how many people would win a \$10.00 prize if 1,000 people each buy a single ticket from BIG BUCKS?

RANGE 0..1000

lip003 (percent of tickets win car in section Lipkus)

In the ACME PUBLISHING SWEEPSTAKES, the chance of winning a car is 1 in 1,000. What percent of tickets of ACME PUBLISHING SWEEPSTAKES win a car?

RANGE 0.0..100.0

lip008 (how many people disease chance 10% in section Lipkus)

If the chance of getting a disease is 10%, how many people would be expected to get the disease out of 1000?

RANGE 0..1000

lip009 (chance of getting disease in section Lipkus)

If the chance of getting a disease is 20 out of 100, this would be the same as having how much of a percent chance of getting the disease?

RANGE 0..9223372036854775807

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

lip012 (likelihood of tumor in section Lipkus)

Suppose you have a close friend who has a lump in her breast and must have a mammogram. Of 100 women like her, 10 of them actually have a malignant tumor and 90 of them do not. Of the 10 women who actually have a tumor, the mammogram indicates correctly that 9 of them have a tumor and indicates incorrectly that 1 of them does not have a tumor. Of the 90 women who do not have a tumor, the mammogram indicates correctly that 80 of them do not have a tumor and indicates incorrectly that 10 of them do have a tumor. The table below summarizes all of this information.

Tested positiveTested negativeTotalsActually has a tumor9 110Does not have a tumor108090Totals1981100

Imagine that your friend tests positive (as if she had a tumor), what is the likelihood that she actually has a tumor?

SUBGROUP OF QUESTIONS

lip012a (amount in section Lipkus) NUMBER (DECIMALS ALLOWED)

lip012b (total in section Lipkus) **out of** NUMBER (DECIMALS ALLOWED)

END OF SUBGROUP

END OF GROUP

lip015 (cost of ball in section Lipkus)

A bat and a ball cost \$1.10 in total. The bat costs \$1.00 more than the ball. How much does the ball cost?

NUMBER (DECIMALS ALLOWED)

lip017 (how long to cover half of lake in section Lipkus)

In a lake, there is a patch of lily pads. Every day, the patch doubles in size. If it takes 48 days for the patch to cover the entire lake, how long would it take for the patch to cover half of the lake?

NUMBER (DECIMALS ALLOWED)

lip005 (how many students in class in section Lipkus)

Jerry received both the 15th highest and the 15th lowest mark in the class. How many students are in the class?

NUMBER (NO DECIMALS ALLOWED)

lip006 (how much made in section Lipkus)

A man buys a pig for \$60, sells it for \$70, buys it back for \$80, and sells it finally for \$90. How much has he made?

NUMBER (DECIMALS ALLOWED)

lip007 (stocks ahead in section Lipkus)

Simon decided to invest \$8,000 in the stock market one day early in 2008. Six months after he invested, on July 17, the stocks he had purchased were down 50%. Fortunately for Simon, from July 17 to October 17, the stocks he had purchased went up 75%. At this point, Simon has:

- 1 Broken even in the stock market
- 2 Is ahead of where he began

3 Has lost money

lip004 (time to drink one barrel in section Lipkus)

If John can drink one barrel of water in 6 days, and Mary can drink one barrel of water in 12 days, how long would it take them to drink one barrel of water together?

NUMBER (DECIMALS ALLOWED)

End of section Lipkus

Start of section Assistance

transition (Section Assistance)

Thank you. That is all of the math questions. The next question asks about government assistance.

p005 (Level of government assistance in section Assistance)

Thinking about assistance the government provides to people in need, do you think the government:

- 1 Should provide more assistance
- 2 Should provide less assistance
- 3 Is providing about the right amount of assistance

End of section Assistance

Start of section Neighborhood

nbd_intro (Section Neighborhood)

The following section asks you about the kind of area where you live, and then to rate your satisfaction with several aspects of your local area.

sr_urban (Self-rated urbanicity in section Neighborhood)

Which of the following comes closest to describing the area where you now live?

(If you live in more than one location, please choose the description that best describes the location of your main residence.)

- 1 Large city
- 2 Small city
- 3 Suburb near a city
- 4 Small town or village
- 5 Rural Agricultural / Ranch/ Farm area
- 6 Rural but not farm/agricultural/ranching
- 7 Reservation / Native land
- 8 Other

nbd_intro_2 (Section Neighborhood)

For the next few questions, by "local area" we mean your neighborhood, if that is meaningful to you in the place where you live, or if not, the town or place(s) you most often go.

nbd_01 (Overall satisfaction with local area as place to live in section Neighborhood)

How satisfied are you in general with your local area as a place to live?

- 1 Strongly dissatisfied
- 2 Dissatisfied
- 3 Somewhat dissatisfied
- 4 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- 5 Somewhat satisfied
- 6 Satisfied
- 7 Strongly satisfied

nbd_02a (how satisfied quality of roads and highways in section Neighborhood)

How satisfied are you with the quality of roads and highways in your local area?

- 1 Strongly dissatisfied
- 2 Dissatisfied
- 3 Somewhat dissatisfied
- 4 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- 5 Somewhat satisfied
- 6 Satisfied
- 7 Strongly satisfied

nbd_02b (how satisfied access to healthcare in section Neighborhood)

How satisfied are you with the access to healthcare in your local area?

- 1 Strongly dissatisfied
- 2 Dissatisfied
- 3 Somewhat dissatisfied
- 4 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- 5 Somewhat satisfied
- 6 Satisfied
- 7 Strongly satisfied

nbd_02c (how satisfied availability of businesses and services (grocery stores, restaurants, theaters, etc.) in section Neighborhood)

How satisfied are you with the availability of businesses and services (grocery stores, restaurants, theaters, etc.) in your local area?

- 1 Strongly dissatisfied
- 2 Dissatisfied
- 3 Somewhat dissatisfied
- 4 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- 5 Somewhat satisfied
- 6 Satisfied
- 7 Strongly satisfied

nbd_02d (how satisfied availability of parks or access to nature in section Neighborhood) How satisfied are you with **the availability of parks or access to nature** in your local area?

- 1 Strongly dissatisfied
- 2 Dissatisfied
- 3 Somewhat dissatisfied
- 4 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- 5 Somewhat satisfied
- 6 Satisfied
- 7 Strongly satisfied

nbd_02e (how satisfied how safe you feel in section Neighborhood)

How satisfied are you with how safe you feel in your local area?

- 1 Strongly dissatisfied
- 2 Dissatisfied
- 3 Somewhat dissatisfied
- 4 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- 5 Somewhat satisfied
- 6 Satisfied
- 7 Strongly satisfied

End of section Neighborhood

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 survey?

- 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 survey? Please type these in the box below. (If you have no comments, please click next to complete this survey.) STRING

End of section Closing

 $/^{\star}$ Please note that although question CS_003 is listed in the routing, the answers are not included in the microdata in the event identifiable information is captured. Cleaned responses are available by request. $^{\star}/$