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UAS 322: KNOWLEDGE, OPINIONS AND EXPERIENCES OF SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY PROGRAMS

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1 INTRODUCTION

This UAS panel survey, titled ”UAS322: Knowledge, opinions and experiences of Social Security disability programs”, asks respondents about their knowledge, opinions and experiences of Social Security disability programs. This survey is no longer in the field.
Related surveys are UAS 322 (wave 1), UAS 551 (wave 2) and UAS 710 (wave 3)

1.1 Topics

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

1.2 Experiments

This survey includes experiment(s) of the following type(s): Auxiliary Randomization, Information Experiments. Please refer to explanatory comments in the Routing section for detailed information. 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 respondents.

As such, this survey was made available to 9720 UAS participants. Of those 9720 participants, 8196 completed the survey and are counted as respondents. Of those who are not counted as respondents, 157 started the survey without completing and 1367 did not start the survey. The overall response rate was 84.32%.

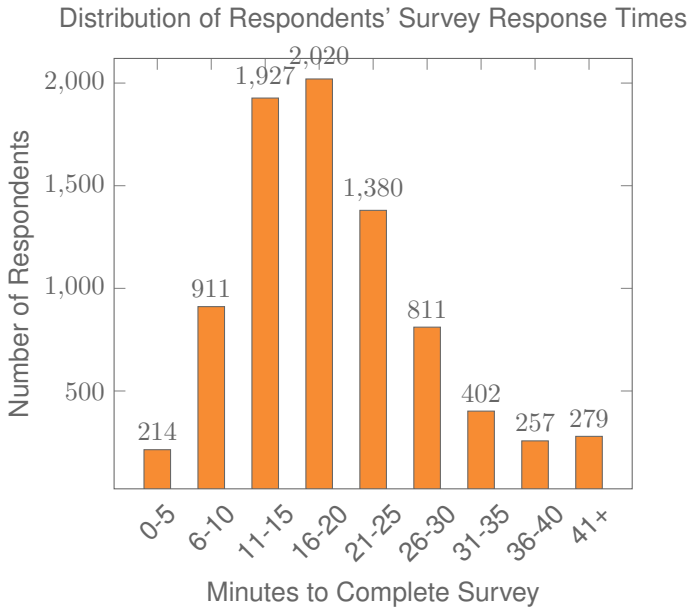
Note: We are unable to provide sample weights for a small number of UAS members (see the Sample and weighting section below for details). If they completed the survey, these members are included in the data set with a weight of zero, but accounted for in the computation of total sample size and survey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

The detailed survey response rate is as follows:

UAS322 - Response Overview	
Size of selected sample	9720
Completed the survey	8196
Started but did not complete the survey	157
Did not start the survey	1367
Response rate	84.32%

2.2 Timings

The survey took respondents an average of 20 minutes, and the full distribution of survey response times is available in the figure below. Times per question are available upon request.



2.3 Sample & Weighting

Sample weights for this survey are computed following the general UAS Weighting Procedure. Specifically, we use a two-step process where we first compute base weights, which correct for unequal probabilities of sampling UAS members, and then generate final, post-stratification weights, which align the sample to the reference population along certain socio-economic dimensions. These are gender (male/female), race and ethnicity (White/Black/Other/Hispanic/Native American), age (18-39/40-49/50/59/60+), education (High school or less/Some college/Bachelor or more), Census regions (Northeast/Midwest//West, excl. CA/CA, excl. LAC, LAC). Benchmark distributions for these variables are derived from the 6 most recent available Current Population Survey (CPS) Basic Monthly Survey with respect to the survey's completion date. The reference population considered for the weights is the U.S. population of adults age 18 and older.

This survey dataset may contain respondents with a weight of zero. These respondents belong to a small group of UAS members for whom sample weights cannot be computed due to non-probability recruitment for special projects. Hence, while they are accounted for in the total number of survey respondents, they do not contribute to any statistics using sample weights. More information is available from the UAS Weighting Procedure. Please contact UAS staff with any questions.

3 STANDARD VARIABLES

Each Understanding America Study data set 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 cleaning process (https://uasdata.usc.edu/page/Data+Cleaning+Process). 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 at the time of survey start. 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
37. MSG 2026/06

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 DEMOGRAPHICS

Every UAS survey data set also 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 demographic variables are based on the questions taken from the My Household survey after the application of the cleaning process.

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.
- **dateofbirth_year**: indicates the year of birth of the respondent.
- **age**: indicates 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’.
- **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. 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.
- **statereside**: indicates 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**: 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_identify**: 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.

- **retired**: indicates whether the respondent is retired.
- **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.
- **lf_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.
- **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.

- **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.¡/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 My Household after October 8, 2025.
- **hhcomp_other_4_12**: indicates the number of other-gendered 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_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 part-time 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.
- **parent_guardian_a**: indicates whether the respondent is the parent or guardian of one or more children ages 0 to 4 in the respondent's household. 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 in the respondent's household. 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 in the respondent's household. 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 created 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.

- **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.

Lastly, 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 variable available on request. Data sets created after February 6, 2026 contain two urbanicity variables (urbanicity2010 and urbanicity2020, based on the 2010 and 2020 RUCA codes respectively). Information regarding differences between the 2010 and 2020 codes is located here.

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

reward := 10

intro1 (intro in section Base)
Thank for your interest in this study. In this survey, we are interested in your **views** and **knowledge** about the Social Security disability program. For those of you who ever applied for benefits, this survey also asks questions about your experiences with the program.

Start of section **Demographics**

currentage := calcAge(dateofbirth_year, dateofbirth_month, dateofbirth_day)

IF currentage = EMPTY THEN

> **currentage** (current calculated age in section Demographics)
> What is your current age?
> RANGE 0..120

END OF IF

End of section **Demographics**

Start of section **Knowledge**

mod1_intro (Section Knowledge)
We now want to ask you a general question. Please use the text boxes below and write as much as you feel like. Your opinions and thoughts are important to us! There is no right or wrong answer.

open1 (goal of a good disability program in section Knowledge)
In your view, what would be a ”good” social security program for individuals with **disability**? What would be the goal of a good disability program?
STRING

/* The answer options in pur1 are presented in random order with values:

- 1 Public insurance program
- 2 Pension plan/annuity
- 3 Assistance program for individuals in need
- 4 Welfare program
- 5 Other

Note: the 'Other' option is always presented last. */

IF sizeof(pur1_order) = 0 THEN

pur1_order := shuffleArray(array(1 →1, 2 →2, 3 →3, 4 →4))
pur1_order(5) := 5

END OF IF

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

pur1 (characterize Social Security disability programs in section Knowledge)
The Social Security Administration administers programs that provide support for disabled individuals.

How would you characterize the Social Security disability programs? Please select all that apply.
1 Public insurance program
2 Pension plan/annuity
3 Assistance program for individuals in need
4 Welfare program
5 Other, please specify:

pur1_other (other characterize Social Security disability programs in section Knowledge)
STRING

END OF GROUP

pur2_questions := array(1 →"pur2a", 2 →"pur2b", 3 →"pur2c", 4 →"pur2d", 5 →"pur2e")

/* The questions pur2a to pur2e are asked in random order per variables pur2_order with values:

- 1 Social Security disability benefits are important to protect people who need it
- 2 Too many people receive Social Security disability benefits who do not need it
- 3 There are many people with disabilities in the U.S. who need Social Security disability benefits but do not currently receive them
- 4 I would definitely apply for disability benefits if I had a health problem that prevented me from working
- 5 There is a stigma attached to receiving disability benefits

*/

IF sizeof(pur2_order) = 0 THEN

pur2_order := shuffleArray(array(1 →1, 2 →2, 3 →3, 4 →4, 5 →5))

END OF IF

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

pur2_intro (Section Knowledge)
To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

SUBGROUP OF QUESTIONS

LOOP FROM 1 TO 5

/*Questions pur2a to pur2e are asked in random order per variables pur2_order. *

END OF LOOP

END OF SUBGROUP

END OF GROUP

pur3 (funds that pay for Social Security Disability benefits in section Knowledge)
To the best of your knowledge, where do the funds that pay for Social Security Disability benefits come from? Please select all that apply.
1 Income and sales taxes
2 Local and state governments
3 The disability insurance trust fund
4 National debt
5 Social security taxes paid by employers and employees

/* The answer options in sco1 are presented in random order per variables sco1_order with values:

- 1 Mental health disorders (e.g. depression)
- 2 Cancer
- 3 Musculoskeletal conditions (e.g. rheumatoid arthritis)
- 4 Neurological disorders (e.g. Alzheimer's disease; multiple sclerosis)
- 5 Non-communicable chronic diseases (e.g. diabetes, heart disease)
- 6 Short-term work-related injury or illness
- 7 Short-term non-work injury or illness
- 8 Pregnancy
- 9 Fraud (i.e. people making false claims about having a disability)

- 10 Others

Note: the 'Others' option is always presented last. */

IF sizeof(sco1_order) = 0 THEN

sco1_order := shuffleArray(array(1 →1, 2 →2, 3 →3, 4 →4, 5 →5, 6 →6, 7 →7, 8 →8, 9 →9))
sco1_order(10) := 10

END OF IF

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

sco1 (main causes of disability benefits in section Knowledge)
What do you think are some of the main causes of disability among program beneficiaries? Please select **three** that you think are the main cause of disability benefits in the United States.
1 Mental health disorders (e.g. depression)
2 Cancer
3 Musculoskeletal conditions (e.g. rheumatoid arthritis)
4 Neurological disorders (e.g. Alzheimer's disease; multiple sclerosis)
5 Non-communicable chronic diseases (e.g. diabetes, heart disease)
6 Short-term work-related injury or illness
7 Short-term non-work injury or illness
8 Pregnancy
9 Fraud (i.e. people making false claims about having a disability)
10 Others, please specify:

sco1_other (other main causes of disability benefits in section Knowledge)
STRING

END OF GROUP

IF cardinal(sco1) > 1 THEN

sco1a_order := sco1_order

LOOP FROM 1 TO 10

IF not(sco1_order(cnt) IN sco1) THEN

sco1a_order(cnt) := empty

END OF IF

END OF LOOP

sco1a (main cause of disability benefits in section Knowledge)
Among these, which would you think is the most common cause of disability?
1 Mental health disorders (e.g. depression)
2 Cancer
3 Musculoskeletal conditions (e.g. rheumatoid arthritis)
4 Neurological disorders (e.g. Alzheimer's disease; multiple sclerosis)
5 Non-communicable chronic diseases (e.g. diabetes, heart disease)
6 Short-term work-related injury or illness
7 Short-term non-work injury or illness
8 Pregnancy
9 Fraud (i.e. people making false claims about having a disability)
10 Others ((other main causes of disability benefits()))

END OF IF

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

sco2 (percentage of applicants ultimately approved for disability benefits in section Knowledge)
What percentage of applicants do you believe are ultimately approved for disability benefits? If you don't know, please give us your best estimate .
RANGE 0..100

slider_script (Section Knowledge)
Please enter a number between 0% and 100%.

END OF GROUP

/* The qustions sc03a, sc03b and sc03c are asked in random order per variable sco3_randomizer with values:

- 1 Social Security retirement, Social Security disability, SNAP/food stamp benefits
- 2 Social Security retirement, SNAP/food stamp benefits, Social Security disability
- 3 SNAP/food stamp benefits, Social Security retirement, Social Security disability
- 4 SNAP/food stamp benefits, Social Security disability, Social Security retirement
- 5 Social Security disability, Social Security retirement, SNAP/food stamp benefits
- 6 Social Security disability, SNAP/food stamp benefits, Social Security retirement

*/

IF sco3_randomizer = EMPTY THEN
sco3_randomizer := mt_rand(1,6)

END OF IF

IF sco3_randomizer = 1 THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

sco3a (percentage of adults receive Social Security retirement in section Knowledge)
What percentage of adults in the US do you think currently receive **Social Security retirement** benefits? If you don't know, please give us your best estimate.
RANGE 0..100

sco3b (percentage of adults receive Social Security disability in section Knowledge)
What percentage of adults in the US do you think currently receive **Social Security disability** benefits? If you don't know, please give us your best estimate.
RANGE 0..100

sco3c (percentage of adults receive SNAP/food stamp benefits in section Knowledge)
What percentage of adults in the US do you think currently receive **SNAP/food stamp benefits** benefits? If you don't know, please give us your best estimate.
RANGE 0..100

slider_script_group (Section Knowledge)
Please enter a number between 0% and 100% for all sliders.

END OF GROUP

ELSEIF sco3_randomizer = 2 THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

sco3a (percentage of adults receive Social Security retirement in section Knowledge)
What percentage of adults in the US do you think currently receive **Social Security retirement** benefits? If you don't know, please give us your best estimate.
RANGE 0..100

sco3c (percentage of adults receive SNAP/food stamp benefits in section Knowledge)
What percentage of adults in the US do you think currently receive **SNAP/food stamp benefits** benefits? If you don't know, please give us your best estimate.
RANGE 0..100

sco3b (percentage of adults receive Social Security disability in section Knowledge)
What percentage of adults in the US do you think currently receive **Social Security disability** benefits? If you don't know, please give us your best estimate.

RANGE 0..100

slider_script_group (Section Knowledge)
Please enter a number between 0% and 100% for all sliders.

END OF GROUP

ELSEIF sco3_randomizer = 3 THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

sco3c (percentage of adults receive SNAP/food stamp benefits in section Knowledge)
What percentage of adults in the US do you think currently receive **SNAP/food stamp benefits** benefits? If you don't know, please give us your best estimate.
RANGE 0..100

sco3a (percentage of adults receive Social Security retirement in section Knowledge)
What percentage of adults in the US do you think currently receive **Social Security retirement** benefits? If you don't know, please give us your best estimate.
RANGE 0..100

sco3b (percentage of adults receive Social Security disability in section Knowledge)
What percentage of adults in the US do you think currently receive **Social Security disability** benefits? If you don't know, please give us your best estimate.
RANGE 0..100

slider_script_group (Section Knowledge)
Please enter a number between 0% and 100% for all sliders.

END OF GROUP

ELSEIF sco3_randomizer = 4 THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

sco3c (percentage of adults receive SNAP/food stamp benefits in section Knowledge)
What percentage of adults in the US do you think currently receive **SNAP/food stamp benefits** benefits? If you don't know, please give us your best estimate.
RANGE 0..100

sco3b (percentage of adults receive Social Security disability in section Knowledge)
What percentage of adults in the US do you think currently receive **Social Security disability** benefits? If you don't know, please give us your best estimate.
RANGE 0..100

sco3a (percentage of adults receive Social Security retirement in section Knowl-

edge)
What percentage of adults in the US do you think currently receive **Social Security retirement** benefits? If you don't know, please give us your best estimate.
RANGE 0..100

slider_script_group (Section Knowledge)
Please enter a number between 0% and 100% for all sliders.

END OF GROUP

ELSEIF sco3_randomizer = 5 THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

sco3c (percentage of adults receive SNAP/food stamp benefits in section Knowledge)
What percentage of adults in the US do you think currently receive **SNAP/food stamp benefits** benefits? If you don't know, please give us your best estimate.
RANGE 0..100

sco3a (percentage of adults receive Social Security retirement in section Knowledge)
What percentage of adults in the US do you think currently receive **Social Security retirement** benefits? If you don't know, please give us your best estimate.
RANGE 0..100

sco3b (percentage of adults receive Social Security disability in section Knowledge)
What percentage of adults in the US do you think currently receive **Social Security disability** benefits? If you don't know, please give us your best estimate.
RANGE 0..100

slider_script_group (Section Knowledge)
Please enter a number between 0% and 100% for all sliders.

END OF GROUP

ELSEIF sco3_randomizer = 6 THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

sco3c (percentage of adults receive SNAP/food stamp benefits in section Knowledge)
What percentage of adults in the US do you think currently receive **SNAP/food stamp benefits** benefits? If you don't know, please give us your best estimate.
RANGE 0..100

sco3b (percentage of adults receive Social Security disability in section Knowledge)
What percentage of adults in the US do you think currently receive **Social Security disability** benefits? If you don't know, please give us your best estimate.

RANGE 0..100

sco3a (percentage of adults receive Social Security retirement in section Knowledge)
What percentage of adults in the US do you think currently receive **Social Security retirement** benefits? If you don't know, please give us your best estimate.
RANGE 0..100

slider_script_group (Section Knowledge)
Please enter a number between 0% and 100% for all sliders.

END OF GROUP
END OF IF

LOOP FROM 1 TO 10

sco5 (how much beneficiaries receive from Social Security disability in section Knowledge)
On average, how much do you think that beneficiaries receive from Social Security disability? Please give us your best guess.

RANGE 0..99999

IF sco5 = RESPONSE AND (sco5 < 100 OR sco5 > 9999) THEN

FL_sco5 := number_format(sco5, 0)

sco5_fol (confirmation average beneficiaries receive in section Knowledge)
You said that on average beneficiaries receive $(()) per month. Is that your best guess?
1 Yes
2 No, I made a mistake
3 I prefer not to answer this question

IF sco5_fol IN (1,3) THEN

I

END OF IF

ELSE

I

END OF IF

END OF LOOP

sco6 (statements correct about disability benefits in section Knowledge)
Which of the following statements do you think is correct? Please select all that apply.
1 A very small percentage of disabled worker beneficiaries are younger than 35 (less than 5 out of 100)
2 A majority (more than half) of disabled worker beneficiaries start receiving benefits when young and remain on the program for the rest of their lives
3 A majority (more than half) of disabled worker beneficiaries are older than 50.
4 A small percentage (less than 5 out of 100) of disabled worker beneficiaries have difficulty conducting an activity of daily living such as getting around inside the house or getting into or out of bed.
5 Most disabled worker beneficiaries live in households with income levels below $25,000 per year
6 None of the above

IF sco7_position = EMPTY THEN
sco7_position := mt_rand(1,2)
END OF IF

IF sco7_position = 1 THEN
sco7 (percentage of disability beneficiaries are veterans in section Knowledge)
Some of Social Security disability recipients are veterans. What percentage of disability beneficiaries do you think are veterans? If you don't know, please give us your best estimate.
RANGE 0..100
END OF IF

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

rul1_intro (Section Knowledge)
Please answer the following True/False questions about the Social Security disability programs:

SUBGROUP OF QUESTIONS

rul1a (20-year-old very unlikely to ever have disability in section Knowledge)
A 20-year-old in the United States today is very unlikely (less than a 10% chance) to ever have a disability that prevents him/her from working
1 True
2 False

rul1b (Social Security disability programs provide beneficiaries with access to Medicare or Medicaid in section Knowledge)

The Social Security disability programs provide beneficiaries with access to Medicare or Medicaid
1 True
2 False

END OF SUBGROUP

END OF GROUP

rul2 (how easy to obtain disability benefits in section Knowledge)
How easy or hard do you think it is to obtain disability benefits from Social Security?
1 Very easy
2 Easy
3 Neither easy nor hard
4 Hard
5 Very hard

rul3 (how long takes from apply to receie in section Knowledge)
On average, how long do you think it takes from the time an individual applies for disability until they start receiving benefits? Your best guess is ok.
1 Less than 1 week.
2 A few weeks
3 A couple of months
4 Several months
5 Between six months and one year
6 More than one year

End of section **Knowledge**

Start of section **Information**

/* Respondents are presented with information about Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) in a random fashion per variable is_randomizer with values:

- 1 Group 1 (1/3 probability): Receives no additional information. Respondents view screens is001 and is002.
- 2 Group 2 (2/9 probability): Receives additional information about SSDI which focuses on the type of health conditions that SSDI beneficiaries have, and the process for determining eligibility. Respondents view is001, is001a and is002.
- 3 Group 3 (2/9 probability). Receives ”inequality information” about income and poverty conditions of SSI recipients. Respondents view is001, is002 and is002a
- 4 Group 4 (2/9 probability). Receives additional information about SSDI and SSI. Respondents view is001, is001a, is002 and is002a.

*/

IF is_randomizer = EMPTY THEN
  is_random_number := mt_rand(1,9)

  IF is_random_number < 4 THEN
    is_randomizer := 1
  ELSEIF is_random_number < 6 THEN
    is_randomizer := 2
  ELSEIF is_random_number < 8 THEN
    is_randomizer := 3
  ELSEIF is_random_number < 10 THEN
    is_randomizer := 4
  END OF IF
END OF IF

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

is001 (Section Information)
Social Security Disability Insurance (or SSDI) is a federal insurance program of the United States government. It is managed by the Social Security Administration and designed to provide income support to people who have a disability that restricts their ability to be employed.

Social Security Disability Insurance pays benefits to a disabled person and certain members of this person's family if the person is "insured," meaning that the person worked long enough throughout his or her life and paid Social Security taxes.

IF is_randomizer IN (2,4) THEN

  is001a (Section Information)
  Disability is something that can happen to anyone. A person is considered disabled by Social Security if they can't work due to a severe medical condition that is expected to last at least one year or result in death. Because the program defines disability so strictly, its beneficiaries are among the most severely impaired in the country. There are a range of conditions that may render a person disabled and eligible for benefits, such as disability from traumatic injuries, cancer, chronic heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), mental disorders, and others. Disability benefits provide a critical source of financial support to people when they need it the most.

  END OF IF

END OF GROUP

awa1 (aware that Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program existed in section Information)
Were you aware that the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program existed?
1 Yes
2 No

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

rul4_intro (Section Information)
Please answer the following True/False questions about the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program:

SUBGROUP OF QUESTIONS

rul4a (Anyone with a Social Security number is eligible for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits in section Information)
Anyone with a Social Security number is eligible for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits
1 True
2 False

rul4b (A person receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits will continue to receive benefits forever, even if their condition improves to the point they are no longer considered disabled in section Information)
A person receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits will continue to receive benefits forever, even if their condition improves to the point they are no longer considered disabled
1 True
2 False

rul4c (People with short-term disability (a disability that is expected to last less than 12 months) are not eligible for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) in section Information)
People with short-term disability (a disability that is expected to last less than 12 months) are **not** eligible for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
1 True
2 False

rul4d (Individuals must submit a claim for review by Social Security before they can receive SSDI benefits in section Information)
Individuals must submit a claim for review by Social Security before they can receive SSDI benefits
1 True
2 False

rul4e (Spouses and children of a person with disabilities may also receive SSDI benefits based on the person's earnings record in section Information)
Spouses and children of a person with disabilities may also receive SSDI benefits based on the person's earnings record
1 True
2 False

rul4f (Individuals need to have been employed and paid Social Security taxes for at least 60 quarters (fifteen years) in order to be eligible for SSDI benefits in section Information)
Individuals need to have been employed and paid Social Security taxes for at least 60 quarters (fifteen years) in order to be eligible for SSDI benefits
1 True
2 False

END OF SUBGROUP

END OF GROUP

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

rul4_intro (Section Information)
Please answer the following True/False questions about the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program:

SUBGROUP OF QUESTIONS

rul4g (People who receive Social Security retirement benefits may still be eligible for SSDI in section Information)
People who receive Social Security retirement benefits may still be eligible for SSDI
1 True
2 False

rul4h (If the Disability Determination Services office decides - based on the claimant's age, education, experience, and skills - that he/she can do other work, the claim will be denied in section Information)
If the Disability Determination Services office decides - based on the claimant's age, education, experience, and skills - that he/she can do other work, the claim will be denied
1 True
2 False

rul4i (Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) beneficiaries are insured by Medicare immediately after the start date for their benefit in section Information)
Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) beneficiaries are insured by Medicare

immediately after the start date for their benefit
1 True
2 False

rul4j (To qualify for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) , an individual must have worked in jobs covered by Social Security in the last ten years and have a medical condition that meets Social Security definition of disability in section Information)
To qualify for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) , an individual must have worked in jobs covered by Social Security in the last ten years and have a medical condition that meets Social Security definition of disability
1 True
2 False

rul4k (An individual who is able to perform work that she has done in the past may still be able to receive Social Security Disability Insurance benefits in section Information)
An individual who is able to perform work that she has done in the past may still be able to receive Social Security Disability Insurance benefits
1 True
2 False

rul4l (The children of an individual receiving Social Security Disability income (SSDI) can receive a benefit check themselves in section Information)
The children of an individual receiving Social Security Disability income (SSDI) can receive a benefit check themselves
1 True
2 False

END OF SUBGROUP

END OF GROUP

is002 (Section Information)
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal benefit program administered by the Social Security Administration. The program provides safety-net financial support for people in need. Someone may qualify for monthly SSI payments if they are 65 or older, blind or disabled and have very limited income and financial resources.

Supplemental Security Income benefits are paid out of general U.S. Treasury funds, not from Social Security taxes. One need not have worked a certain amount, or paid FICA taxes, to be eligible.

IF is_randomizer IN (3,4) THEN

is002a (Section Information)
SSI provides cash to disabled beneficiaries so they can meet basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter. Three quarters of SSI beneficiaries live below the federal poverty line; that is, they have an income lower than $26,500 for a family of four. SSI benefits are modest: the current benefit rate is $783 for an individual and $1,175 for a couple.

END OF IF

awa2 (aware that Supplemental Security Income program existed in section Information)
Were you aware that the Supplemental Security Income program existed for disabled individuals with low income?
1 Yes
2 No

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

rul5_intro (Section Information)
Please answer the following True/False questions about the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program:

SUBGROUP OF QUESTIONS

rul5a (Supplemental Security Income (SSI) pays benefits to aged, blind or disabled people who have little or no income in section Information)
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) pays benefits to aged, blind or disabled people who have little or no income
1 True
2 False

rul5b (Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries are eligible for Medicaid coverage in section Information)
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries are eligible for Medicaid coverage
1 True
2 False

rul5c (An individual who is able to perform work that she has done in the past may still be considered disabled and receive Supplemental Security Income benefits in section Information)
An individual who is able to perform work that she has done in the past may still be considered disabled and receive Supplemental Security Income benefits
1 True
2 False

rul5d (Only those who are blind, disabled, or over 65 are eligible for SSI in section Information)
Only those who are blind, disabled, or over 65 are eligible for SSI

1 True
2 False

END OF SUBGROUP

END OF GROUP

End of section **Information**

/* Respondent are asked a series of questions about their job and what they would do in the future if they had a disability. The positioning of these questions is randomly assigned per variable self_position with values:

- 1 After the information section
- 2 After the vignettes section

*/

IF self_position = EMPTY THEN
self_position := mt_rand(1,2)
END OF IF

IF self_position = 1 THEN
Start of section **Self**

IF currentage < 65 THEN
self0 (currently working in section Self)
Are you currently working?
1 Yes
2 No

IF self0 = 1 THEN
GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

self1 (actions if long term health care problem in section Self)
In the next 5-10 years, if you were to get a long-term health problem and not be able to do your current job, what do you think you would do? Check all that apply.
1 Apply for disability benefits in the first instance
2 Look for another job that I could do in spite of my health problem
3 I would stop working and rely on savings and/or other income
4 Not applicable / I am not eligible for disability benefits
5 Other, please specify:

self1_other (other actions if long term health care problem in section Self)

STRING

END OF GROUP

IF 2 IN self1 THEN

self2 (unable to find job would apply for disability benefits in section Self)
If you were unable to find another job you could do with your disability, would you apply for disability benefits?
1 Yes, I would apply for disability benefits
2 No, I would never apply for disability benefits

END OF IF

IF 3 IN self1 THEN

self3 (savings or income insufficient would apply for disability benefits in section Self)
If your savings or other income became insufficient, would you apply for disability benefits?
1 Yes, I would apply for disability benefits
2 No, I would never apply for disability benefits

END OF IF

END OF IF

END OF IF

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

self4 (information sources about disability benefits in section Self)
Have you ever sought information about Social Security disability benefits from the following sources? Please select all that apply.
1 Family, friends and/or colleagues
2 Healthcare provider (doctor, nurse, physical therapist, etc.)
3 Television, radio, newspaper and other media
4 Social Security Administration
5 Community organizations (such as churches, libraries and community centers)
6 Lawyers
7 Other, please specify:
8 I have never sought information about Social Security disability benefits

self4_other (other information sources about disability benefits in section Self)
STRING

END OF GROUP

IF 4 IN self4 THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

self5 (information sources from Social Security Administration in section Self)
In the previous question you said you have sought information about disability benefits from the Social Security Administration. How did you go about seeking this information? Please select all that apply.
1 Social Security Administration website
2 mySocial Security website
3 Social Security phone line
4 In person at a Social Security office;
5 Social Security social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
6 Other, please specify:

self5_other (other information sources from Social Security Administration in section Self)
STRING

END OF GROUP

END OF IF

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

self6_intro (Section Self)
Please tell us how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

SUBGROUP OF QUESTIONS

self6a (I am interested in learning more about Social Security disability benefits in section Self)
I am interested in learning more about Social Security disability benefits
1 Agree strongly
2 Agree somewhat
3 Neither agree nor disagree
4 Disagree somewhat
5 Disagree strongly

self6b (I know what the best sources of information are for learning about Social Security disability benefits in section Self)
I know what the best sources of information are for learning about Social Security disability benefits
1 Agree strongly
2 Agree somewhat
3 Neither agree nor disagree
4 Disagree somewhat

5 Disagree strongly

self6c (I can easily find the information I want/need about the Social Security disability program and benefits in section Self)
I can easily find the information I want/need about the Social Security disability program and benefits
1 Agree strongly
2 Agree somewhat
3 Neither agree nor disagree
4 Disagree somewhat
5 Disagree strongly

END OF SUBGROUP

END OF GROUP

IF currentage $<$ 65 THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

self7a (chance have disability prevent working in section Self)
What is the chance that you will, at some point, have a disability that will prevent you from working? Answer on a scale from 0 to 100, where 0 means you are sure you will never have such a disability and 100 means you are certain that you will have a disability at some point.
RANGE 0..100

self7b (chance have to rely on disability insurance in section Self)
What is the chance that you will need to rely on disability insurance in the near future? Answer on a scale from 0 to 100, where 0 means you are certain that you will never need disability benefits, and 100 means you are certain that you will need them at some point.
RANGE 0..100

slider_script_group_self (Section Knowledge)
Please enter a number between 0% and 100% for all sliders.

END OF GROUP

END OF IF

self8 (preference to change system in section Self)
Social Security retirement benefits and disability insurance programs are paid by a 6.2% tax rate on employers and employees. Of these, approximately 5.3% go to the fund that pays retirement benefits and 0.9% go to the fund that pays disability insurance.

If you were given a choice, would you rather:
1 Reduce the Social Security tax rate paid and lose your disability insurance
2 Keep the system as it is currently
3 Increase the total Social Security tax and increase the benefit amount you would receive should you become disabled

IF currentage = EMPTY THEN

currentage (current calculated age in section Demographics)
What is your current age?
RANGE 0..120

END OF IF

IF currentage < 65 THEN

self9 (enough credits to quality for Social Security Disability Insurance in section Self)
Do you have enough work credits to qualify for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)? (That is, have you worked enough quarters in a covered job to be eligible for benefits)
1 Yes
2 No
3 I do not know
4 Not applicable

IF self9 = 1 THEN

self10 (know monthly payment amount entitled to in section Self)
Do you know (approximately) the monthly payment amount you would be entitled to if you were to become disabled?
1 Yes
2 No

IF self10 = 1 THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

self11 (monthly payment amount entitled to in section Self)
About how much would that be?
RANGE 0..9999

self11_rf (refuse monthly payment amount entitled to in section Self)
1 I prefer not to answer

END OF GROUP

END OF IF

END OF IF

END OF IF

self12 (ever checked Social Security statement in section Self)
Have you ever checked your Social Security statement?
1 Yes
2 No

self13 (know can check Social Security statement through MySocialSecurity in section Self)
Did you know you can check your Social Security statement through MySocialSecurity (an online tool on the Social Security website that provides you with all your Social Security information)?
1 Yes
2 No

End of section **Self**
END OF IF

Start of section **Vignettes**

vg_intro (Section Vignettes)
We will now show you a number of short stories of fictional people with varying health and work conditions and different hypothetical scenarios. Then we will ask for your opinion of these people's situations. There are no right or wrong answers.

/* Respondents are asked about several hypothetical scenarios. The exact scenarios are randomized per variable vignette_group with values:

- 1 Mixed range: asks vignette1, vignette3, vignette6, vignette7, vignette10
- 2 Mild range: asks vignette2, vignette3, vignette4, vignette5, vignette10 (Note: vignette10 is not asked for this group if vignette_name equals 3, see below)
- 3 Severe range: asks vignette1, vignette6, vignette7, vignette8, vignette9

The names in the scenarios are randomized per variable vignette_name with values:

- 1 Names A: mixed names
- 2 Names B: all minority names
- 3 Names C: all white names
- 4 Names D: mixed with a different gender compared to Names A (with the exception of vignette1 and vignette6)

The two randomization variables combined lead to the following name usage:

- Mixed range (listed in vignette order as outlined above):
  - Names A: Michael, Diane, Darnell, Jane, Juan

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        - Names B: Carlos, Latoya, Darnell, Tamika, Juan
        - Names C: Michael, Diane, Bill, Jane, John
        - Names D: Michael, David, Octavia, Robert, Rocio
    - Mild range (listed in vignette order as outlined above):
        - Names A: Mary, Diane, Jose, Max, Juan
        - Names B: Rosa, Latoya, Jose, Jermaine, Juan
        - Names C: Mary, Diane, Michael, Max
        - Names D: Mary, Diane, Jose, Max, Juan
    - Severe range (listed in vignette order as outlined above):
        - Names A: Sam, Darnell, Jane, Joe, Susan
        - Names B: Carlos, Darnell, Tamika, Willie, Guadalupe
        - Names C: Sam, Bill, Jane, Joe, Susan
        - Names D: Sam, Octavia, Robert, Jennifer, Mark
*/

IF vignette_group = EMPTY THEN
  vignette_group_number := mt_rand(1,4)

  IF vignette_group_number IN (1,2) THEN
    vignette_group := 1
  ELSEIF vignette_group_number = 3 THEN
    vignette_group := 2
  ELSEIF vignette_group_number = 4 THEN
    vignette_group := 3
  END OF IF

  vignette_name := mt_rand(1,4)
END OF IF

vignette_order := array()

IF vignette_group = 1 THEN
  vignette_order(1) := 1
  vignette_order(3) := 3
  vignette_order(6) := 6
  vignette_order(7) := 7
  vignette_order(10) := 10
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ELSEIF vignette_group = 2 THEN
    vignette_order(2) := 2
    vignette_order(3) := 3
    vignette_order(4) := 4
    vignette_order(5) := 5

    IF vignette_name != 3 THEN
        vignette_order(10) := 10
    END OF IF
ELSEIF vignette_group = 3 THEN
    vignette_order(1) := 1
    vignette_order(6) := 6
    vignette_order(7) := 7
    vignette_order(8) := 8
    vignette_order(9) := 9
END OF IF

Fill code of question FLName executed
Fill code of question FLHeShe executed

LOOP FROM 1 TO 10

    IF vignette_order(cnt) = RESPONSE THEN

        IF vignette_order(cnt) = 1 THEN

            vignette1 (Section Vignettes)
            (Michael) is a 48-year-old life-long construction worker who has recently developed
            pain in his back and legs. The pain is present almost all the time, but it gets worse
            while he is working. Although medication helps, he has a difficult time moving around,
            holding and lifting things at work.

        ELSEIF vignette_order(cnt) = 2 THEN

            vignette2 (Section Vignettes)
            (Diane) is a 57-year-old bilingual customer service worker with a modest cognitive
            impairment caused by a recent stroke. She is still five years away from the earliest
            eligibility age for retirement and is struggling to make ends meet.

        ELSEIF vignette_order(cnt) = 3 THEN

            IF vignette_group = 1 AND vignette_name = 4 THEN
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vignette3_male (male version in section Vignettes)
(Darnell) is an attorney and competitive cyclist. Last summer, he was hit by a car while biking and severely broke his leg. He is expected to be off work recovering from the injury for 9 months.

ELSE

vignette3_female (Section Vignettes)
(Darnell) is an attorney and competitive cyclist. Last summer, she was hit by a car while biking and severely broke her leg. She is expected to be off work recovering from the injury for 9 months.

END OF IF

ELSEIF vignette_order(cnt) = 4 THEN

vignette4 (Section Vignettes)
(Jane) has used a wheelchair since he was a child, due to a muscle disorder in his legs. He has a college degree and works in an office, but last year he was laid off when the company downsized.

ELSEIF vignette_order(cnt) = 5 THEN

vignette5 (Section Vignettes)
(Juan) has worked various jobs for most of his adult life, but he was laid off 8 years ago and hasn't been able to find a job since then. To make matters worse, he recently developed a mild form of multiple sclerosis.

ELSEIF vignette_order(cnt) = 6 THEN

IF vignette_name = 4 THEN

vignette6_female (female version in section Vignettes)
(Carlos) is a 58-year-old female who has developed severe arthritis as a result of working most of her life at an auto manufacturing plant. Six months ago, she was laid off when her plant was relocated overseas and has developed clinical depression. With only a high school diploma, she has been unable to secure another manufacturing position within her rural, tri-county area.

ELSE

vignette6_male (Section Vignettes)
(Carlos) is a 58-year-old male who has developed severe arthritis as a result of working most of his life at an auto manufacturing plant. Six months ago, he was laid off

when his plant was relocated overseas and has developed clinical depression. With only a high school diploma, he has been unable to secure another manufacturing position within his rural, tri-county area.

END OF IF

ELSEIF vignette_order(cnt) = 7 THEN

IF vignette_name = 4 THEN

vignette7_male (male version in section Vignettes)
(Latoya) is a grandfather who supplemented his wife's farm income earning cash as a housekeeper. During recent years, (Latoya)'s diabetes has become unmanageable and has led him to develop severe foot ulcers. Last month, (Latoya) had to have his right foot amputated and can no longer work or complete most activities of daily living.

ELSE

vignette7_female (Section Vignettes)
(Latoya) is a grandmother who supplemented her husband's farm income earning cash as a housekeeper. During recent years, (Latoya)'s diabetes has become unmanageable and has led her to develop severe foot ulcers. Last month, (Latoya) had to have her right foot amputated and can no longer work or complete most activities of daily living.

END OF IF

ELSEIF vignette_order(cnt) = 8 THEN

IF vignette_name = 4 THEN

vignette8_female (Section Vignettes)
(Darnell) is a 20-year old community college student who has had cerebral palsy since birth. Her father earns a modest income as a city policeman while her mother is a homemaker and looks after her and her other teenage siblings. (Darnell) excels academically but, struggles socially because her mobility issues limit her ability to spend time with her peers. She spends most of her time at home reading books and playing with her computer.

ELSE

vignette8_male (Section Vignettes)
(Darnell) is a 20-year old community college student who has had cerebral palsy since birth. His father earns a modest income as a city policeman while his mother is a homemaker and looks after him and his other teenage siblings. (Darnell) excels academically but, struggles socially because his mobility issues limit his ability to spend time with his peers. He spends most of his time at home reading books and playing with his computer.

END OF IF

ELSEIF vignette_order(cnt) = 9 THEN

IF vignette_name = 4 THEN

vignette9_male (Section Vignettes)
(Tamika) is a 35 year-old man with bi-polar schizophrenia who lives with his parents. Although he appears 'normal' most of the time, his episodes are quite severe when they happen which makes it really hard for him to function like her peers. While these symptoms are episodic, they are permanent.

ELSE

vignette9_female (Section Vignettes)
(Tamika) is a 35 year-old woman with bi-polar schizophrenia who lives with her parents. Although she appears 'normal' most of the time, her episodes are quite severe when they happen which makes it really hard for her to function like her peers. While these symptoms are episodic, they are permanent.

END OF IF

ELSEIF vignette_order(cnt) = 10 THEN

IF vignette_group = 1 AND vignette_name = 4 THEN

vignette10_female (female version in section Vignettes)
(Juan) is a 55 year-old female with only a high school education. She has lived in Puerto Rico all her life and only speaks Spanish. She has trouble finding and keeping jobs and it is not clear if that is due to minor health problems or other factors.

ELSE

vignette10_male (Section Vignettes)
(Juan) is a 55 year-old male with only a high school education. He has lived in Puerto Rico all his life and only speaks Spanish. He has trouble finding and keeping jobs and it is not clear if that is due to minor health problems or other factors.

END OF IF

END OF IF

FLQuestionName := FLName(cnt)
FLQuestionHeShe := FLHeShe(cnt)

sco_v1 (should apply for disability benefits in section Vignettes)
Do you think (()) should apply for disability benefits?
1 Yes
2 No

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

sco_v2 (chance approved for benefits in section Vignettes)
What is the chance that (()) would be approved for disability benefits if (()) were to apply?
RANGE 0..100

slider_script (Section Knowledge)
Please enter a number between 0% and 100%.

END OF GROUP

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

sco_v3 (chance working if not getting benefits in section Vignettes)
What is the chance that (()) would be working 5 years from now if (()) did **not** get disability benefits?
RANGE 0..100

slider_script (Section Knowledge)
Please enter a number between 0% and 100%.

END OF GROUP

END OF IF

END OF LOOP

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

val1_intro (Section Vignettes)
Do you agree with the following statements?

SUBGROUP OF QUESTIONS

val1a (The amount that disabled workers get from Social Security should be increased (even if that means raising taxes) in section Vignettes)
The amount that disabled workers get from Social Security should be increased (even if that means raising taxes)
1 Strongly disagree
2 Disagree
3 Neither disagree or agree
4 Agree
5 Strongly agree

val1b (It should be easier for disabled individuals to get benefits from Social Security (even if that means raising the taxes) in section Vignettes)
It should be easier for disabled individuals to get benefits from Social Security (even if that means raising the taxes)
1 Strongly disagree
2 Disagree
3 Neither disagree or agree
4 Agree
5 Strongly agree

val1c (The work requirements for Social Security disability insurance should be reduced (even if that means raising the taxes) in section Vignettes)
The work requirements for Social Security disability insurance should be reduced (even if that means raising the taxes)
1 Strongly disagree
2 Disagree
3 Neither disagree or agree
4 Agree
5 Strongly agree

val1d (The amount that disabled individuals living in low-income households receive from Social Security should be increased (even if that means raising taxes) in section Vignettes)
The amount that disabled individuals living in low-income households receive from Social Security should be increased (even if that means raising taxes)
1 Strongly disagree
2 Disagree
3 Neither disagree or agree

4 Agree
5 Strongly agree

END OF SUBGROUP

END OF GROUP

val2 (which part of disability insurance is more important in section Vignettes)
The SSDI program provides health coverage through Medicare to beneficiaries after a 24-month waiting period. Which part of disability insurance is more important to you: the monthly benefit payment or access to Medicare?
1 The monthly payment is much more important than access to Medicare
2 The monthly payment is somewhat more important than access to Medicare
3 Both the monthly payment and access to Medicare are equally important
4 Access to Medicare is more important than the monthly payment
5 Access to Medicare is much more important than the monthly payment

IF sco7_position = 2 THEN

sco7 (percentage of disability beneficiaries are veterans in section Knowledge)
Some of Social Security disability recipients are veterans. What percentage of disability beneficiaries do you think are veterans? If you don't know, please give us your best estimate.
RANGE 0..100

END OF IF

End of section **Vignettes**

IF self_position = 2 THEN

Start of section **Self**

IF currentage $<$ 65 THEN

self0 (currently working in section Self)
Are you currently working?
1 Yes
2 No

IF self0 = 1 THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

self1 (actions if long term health care problem in section Self)
In the next 5-10 years, if you were to get a long-term health problem and not be able to do your current job, what do you think you would do? Check all that apply.
1 Apply for disability benefits in the first instance
2 Look for another job that I could do in spite of my health problem

3 I would stop working and rely on savings and/or other income
4 Not applicable / I am not eligible for disability benefits
5 Other, please specify:

self1_other (other actions if long term health care problem in section Self)
STRING

END OF GROUP

IF 2 IN self1 THEN
self2 (unable to find job would apply for disability benefits in section Self)
If you were unable to find another job you could do with your disability, would you apply for disability benefits?
1 Yes, I would apply for disability benefits
2 No, I would never apply for disability benefits
END OF IF

IF 3 IN self1 THEN
self3 (savings or income insufficient would apply for disability benefits in section Self)
If your savings or other income became insufficient, would you apply for disability benefits?
1 Yes, I would apply for disability benefits
2 No, I would never apply for disability benefits
END OF IF
END OF IF
END OF IF

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

self4 (information sources about disability benefits in section Self)
Have you ever sought information about Social Security disability benefits from the following sources? Please select all that apply.
1 Family, friends and/or colleagues
2 Healthcare provider (doctor, nurse, physical therapist, etc.)
3 Television, radio, newspaper and other media
4 Social Security Administration
5 Community organizations (such as churches, libraries and community centers)
6 Lawyers
7 Other, please specify:
8 I have never sought information about Social Security disability benefits

self4_other (other information sources about disability benefits in section Self)

STRING

END OF GROUP

IF 4 IN self4 THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

self5 (information sources from Social Security Administration in section Self)
In the previous question you said you have sought information about disability benefits from the Social Security Administration. How did you go about seeking this information? Please select all that apply.
1 Social Security Administration website
2 mySocial Security website
3 Social Security phone line
4 In person at a Social Security office;
5 Social Security social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
6 Other, please specify:

self5_other (other information sources from Social Security Administration in section Self)
STRING

END OF GROUP

END OF IF

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

self6_intro (Section Self)
Please tell us how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements:

SUBGROUP OF QUESTIONS

self6a (I am interested in learning more about Social Security disability benefits in section Self)
I am interested in learning more about Social Security disability benefits
1 Agree strongly
2 Agree somewhat
3 Neither agree nor disagree
4 Disagree somewhat
5 Disagree strongly

self6b (I know what the best sources of information are for learning about Social Security disability benefits in section Self)
I know what the best sources of information are for learning about Social Security disability benefits

1 Agree strongly
2 Agree somewhat
3 Neither agree nor disagree
4 Disagree somewhat
5 Disagree strongly

self6c (I can easily find the information I want/need about the Social Security disability program and benefits in section Self)
I can easily find the information I want/need about the Social Security disability program and benefits
1 Agree strongly
2 Agree somewhat
3 Neither agree nor disagree
4 Disagree somewhat
5 Disagree strongly

END OF SUBGROUP

END OF GROUP

IF currentage $<$ 65 THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

self7a (chance have disability prevent working in section Self)
What is the chance that you will, at some point, have a disability that will prevent you from working? Answer on a scale from 0 to 100, where 0 means you are sure you will never have such a disability and 100 means you are certain that you will have a disability at some point.
RANGE 0..100

self7b (chance have to rely on disability insurance in section Self)
What is the chance that you will need to rely on disability insurance in the near future? Answer on a scale from 0 to 100, where 0 means you are certain that you will never need disability benefits, and 100 means you are certain that you will need them at some point.
RANGE 0..100

slider_script_group_self (Section Knowledge)
Please enter a number between 0% and 100% for all sliders.

END OF GROUP

END OF IF

self8 (preference to change system in section Self)

Social Security retirement benefits and disability insurance programs are paid by a 6.2% tax rate on employers and employees. Of these, approximately 5.3% go to the fund that pays retirement benefits and 0.9% go to the fund that pays disability insurance.

If you were given a choice, would you rather:
1 Reduce the Social Security tax rate paid and lose your disability insurance
2 Keep the system as it is currently
3 Increase the total Social Security tax and increase the benefit amount you would receive should you become disabled

IF currentage = EMPTY THEN

currentage (current calculated age in section Demographics)
What is your current age?
RANGE 0..120

END OF IF

IF currentage < 65 THEN

self9 (enough credits to quality for Social Security Disability Insurance in section Self)
Do you have enough work credits to qualify for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)? (That is, have you worked enough quarters in a covered job to be eligible for benefits)
1 Yes
2 No
3 I do not know
4 Not applicable

IF self9 = 1 THEN

self10 (know monthly payment amount entitled to in section Self)
Do you know (approximately) the monthly payment amount you would be entitled to if you were to become disabled?
1 Yes
2 No

IF self10 = 1 THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

self11 (monthly payment amount entitled to in section Self)
About how much would that be?
RANGE 0..9999

self11_rf (refuse monthly payment amount entitled to in section Self)
1 I prefer not to answer

END OF GROUP

| | END OF IF
| END OF IF
END OF IF

self12 (ever checked Social Security statement in section Self)
Have you ever checked your Social Security statement?
1 Yes
2 No

self13 (know can check Social Security statement through MySocialSecurity in section Self)
Did you know you can check your Social Security statement through MySocialSecurity (an online tool on the Social Security website that provides you with all your Social Security information)?
1 Yes
2 No

End of section **Self**
END OF IF

Start of section **Introductionsection**

Fill code of question FLSSDI executed
Fill code of question FLSSI executed
Fill code of question FLSSDI2 executed
Fill code of question FLSSI2 executed

intro1a (currently receive SSDI or SSI in section Introductionsection)
Do you currently receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Popup text: Social Security Disability Insurance (or SSDI) is a federal insurance program of the United States government. It is managed by the Social Security Administration and designed to provide income support to people who have a disability that restricts their ability to be employed.

Social Security Disability Insurance pays benefits to a disabled person and certain members of this person's family if the person is "insured," meaning that the person worked long enough throughout his or her life and paid Social Security taxes or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Popup text: Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal benefit program administered by the Social Security Administration. The program provides safety-net financial support for people in need. Someone may qualify for monthly SSI payments if they are 65 or older, blind or disabled and have very limited income and financial resources.

Supplemental Security Income benefits are paid out of general U.S. Treasury funds, not from Social Security taxes. One need not have worked a certain amount, or paid FICA taxes, to be eligible.?

1 Yes
2 No

ask_application := 2

IF intro1a = 1 THEN
ask_application := 1

intro1a_2 (what receive SSDI or SSI in section Introductionsection)
Do you receive Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Popup text: Social Security Disability Insurance (or SSDI) is a federal insurance program of the United States government. It is managed by the Social Security Administration and designed to provide income support to people who have a disability that restricts their ability to be employed.

Social Security Disability Insurance pays benefits to a disabled person and certain members of this person's family if the person is "insured," meaning that the person worked long enough throughout his or her life and paid Social Security taxes or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Popup text: Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal benefit program administered by the Social Security Administration. The program provides safety-net financial support for people in need. Someone may qualify for monthly SSI payments if they are 65 or older, blind or disabled and have very limited income and financial resources.

Supplemental Security Income benefits are paid out of general U.S. Treasury funds, not from Social Security taxes. One need not have worked a certain amount, or paid FICA taxes, to be eligible.?
1 I receive SSDI
2 I receive SSI
3 I receive benefits from one of the programs but I am not sure which one.
4 I receive benefits from both SSDI and SSI
ELSE
intro1b (received SSDI or SSI in section Introductionsection)
Have you received Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Popup text: Social Security Disability Insurance (or SSDI) is a federal insurance program of the United States government. It is managed by the Social Security Administration and designed to provide income support to people who have a disability that restricts their ability to be employed.

Social Security Disability Insurance pays benefits to a disabled person and certain members of this person's family if the person is "insured," meaning that the person worked long enough throughout his or her life and paid Social Security taxes or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Popup text: Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal benefit program administered by the Social Security Administration. The program provides safety-net financial support for people in need. Someone may qualify for monthly SSI payments if they are 65 or older, blind or disabled and have very limited

income and financial resources.

Supplemental Security Income benefits are paid out of general U.S. Treasury funds, not from Social Security taxes. One need not have worked a certain amount, or paid FICA taxes, to be eligible. in the past?
1 Yes
2 No

IF intro1b = 1 THEN
ask_application := 1
ELSE
intro3 (ever applied for SSID or SSI in section Introductionsection)
Have you ever applied for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) in the past?
1 Yes
2 No

IF intro3 = 1 THEN
ask_application := 1
END OF IF
END OF IF
END OF IF

intro2a (married or partner in section Introductionsection)
Are you married, or do you have a partner who you live with?
1 Yes
2 No

IF intro2a = 1 THEN
intro2b (spouse receiving or received SSDI or SSI in section Introductionsection)
Is your spouse/domestic partner currently receiving, or has ever received in the past, Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Popup text: Social Security Disability Insurance (or SSDI) is a federal insurance program of the United States government. It is managed by the Social Security Administration and designed to provide income support to people who have a disability that restricts their ability to be employed.

Social Security Disability Insurance pays benefits to a disabled person and certain members of this person's family if the person is "insured," meaning that the person worked long enough throughout his or her life and paid Social Security taxes or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Popup text: Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal benefit program administered by the Social Security Administration. The program provides safety-net financial support for people in need. Someone may qualify for monthly SSI payments if they are 65 or older, blind or disabled and have very limited

income and financial resources.

Supplemental Security Income benefits are paid out of general U.S. Treasury funds, not from Social Security taxes. One need not have worked a certain amount, or paid FICA taxes, to be eligible.?
1 Yes, he/she is currently receiving SSDI
2 Yes he/she is currently receiving SSI
3 He/she has received SSDI or SSI in the past but is no longer receiving benefits
4 No, he/she is not receiving disability benefits.

END OF IF

intro4a (ever had health condition prevented from working or reduced work in section Introductionsection)
Have you ever had a health condition that prevented you from working or that reduced the amount of work you could do?
1 Yes
2 No

IF intro4a = 1 THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

intro4b (what health condition prevented from working or reduced work in section Introductionsection)
What was the condition you had that prevented you from working/reduced how much you could work?
1 Musculoskeletal problems, such as back injuries
2 Cardiovascular conditions, such as heart failure
3 Respiratory illnesses, such as COPD
4 Senses and speech issues, such as vision and hearing loss
5 Neurological disorders, such as multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's Disease or epilepsy
6 Mental health disorders, such as depression
7 Cancer
8 Other, please specify:

intro4b_other (other what health condition prevented from working or reduced work in section Introductionsection)
STRING

END OF GROUP

intro4c (how long ago first affected by condition in section Introductionsection)
How long ago were you first affected by this condition?
1 Less than a year
2 One to two years
3 Two to five years

4 Five to ten years
5 More than ten years

END OF IF

intro5a (any friends or family members who have health problem in section Introductionsection)
Do you have any friends or family members who have a health problem that negatively affects whether and how much they can work?
1 Yes
2 No

IF intro5a = 1 THEN
GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

intro5b (who know has health problem in section Introductionsection)
Who do you know that has a health problem that prevents her/him from working? Please select all that apply.
1 Spouse
2 Parent
3 Child
4 Other family member
5 Friend
6 Co-worker or former co-worker
7 Neighbor
8 Other, please specify:

intro5b_other (other who know has health problem in section Introductionsection)
STRING

END OF GROUP
END OF IF

intro6a (any friends or family members who receive SSID or SSI in section Introductionsection)
Do you have any friends or family members who receive Social Security disability benefits (SSDI Popup text: Social Security Disability Insurance (or SSDI) is a federal insurance program of the United States government. It is managed by the Social Security Administration and designed to provide income support to people who have a disability that restricts their ability to be employed.

Social Security Disability Insurance pays benefits to a disabled person and certain members of this person's family if the person is "insured," meaning that the person worked long enough throughout his or her life and paid Social Security taxes or SSI Popup text: Sup-

plemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal benefit program administered by the Social Security Administration. The program provides safety-net financial support for people in need. Someone may qualify for monthly SSI payments if they are 65 or older, blind or disabled and have very limited income and financial resources.

Supplemental Security Income benefits are paid out of general U.S. Treasury funds, not from Social Security taxes. One need not have worked a certain amount, or paid FICA taxes, to be eligible.)?
1 Yes
2 No

IF intro6a = 1 THEN
GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

intro6b (who know receives SSI or SSDI in section Introductionsection)
Who do you know that receives Social Security disability benefits (SSI or SSDI)? Please select all that apply.
1 Spouse
2 Parent
3 Child
4 Other family member
5 Friend
6 Co-worker or former co-worker
7 Neighbor
8 Other, please specify:

intro6b_other (other any friends or family members who receive SSID or SSI in section Introductionsection)
STRING

END OF GROUP
END OF IF

End of section **Introductionsection**

Start of section **Application**

FLCurrentYear := date("Y")

IF ask_application = 1 THEN
reward := 16
application_status := empty

IF intro1a = 1 OR (intro1a != 1 AND intro1b = 1) THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

serv1a (which programs receive benefits in section Application)
You told us in a previous question that you receive or have received Social Security Disability Insurance ((SSDI/Social Security Disability Insurance (or SSDI) is a federal insurance program of the United States government. It is managed by the Social Security Administration and designed to provide income support to people who have a disability that restricts their ability to be employed.

Social Security Disability Insurance pays benefits to a disabled person and certain members of this person's family if the person is "insured," meaning that the person worked long enough throughout his or her life and paid Social Security taxes./)) and/or Supplemental Security Income ((SSI/Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal benefit program administered by the Social Security Administration. The program provides safety-net financial support for people in need. Someone may qualify for monthly SSI payments if they are 65 or older, blind or disabled and have very limited income and financial resources.

Supplemental Security Income benefits are paid out of general U.S. Treasury funds, not from Social Security taxes. One need not have worked a certain amount, or paid FICA taxes, to be eligible.//)). From which programs do you receive or have received benefits?
1 Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) only
2 Supplemental Security Income (SSI) only
3 Both Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
4 At least one of these programs but I am not sure which one
5 Other, please explain:

serv1a_other (other which programs receive benefits in section Application)
STRING

END OF GROUP

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

serv1b_years (years ago started receiving beneifts in section Application)
How long ago did you first start receiving these benefits? (Your best guess is ok)
RANGE 0..120

serv1b_months (months ago started receiving beneifts in section Application)
RANGE 0..12

END OF GROUP

IF serv1b_years = EMPTY AND serv1b_months = EMPTY THEN

serv1b_fwp (follow up how long ago received benefits in section Application)
Approximately how long ago did you first receive benefits?
1 Less than one year
2 Between one and three years ago
3 Between three and five years ago
4 Between five and ten years ago
5 Between ten and twenty years ago
6 More than twenty years ago
7 I prefer not to answer this question

END OF IF

END OF IF

IF intro1a != 1 AND intro1b != 1 AND intro3 = 1 THEN

application_status := 1

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

serv1c (which programs applied benefits in section Application)
You told us in a previous question that you applied for Social Security Disability Insurance ((SSDI/Social Security Disability Insurance (or SSDI) is a federal insurance program of the United States government. It is managed by the Social Security Administration and designed to provide income support to people who have a disability that restricts their ability to be employed.

Social Security Disability Insurance pays benefits to a disabled person and certain members of this person's family if the person is "insured," meaning that the person worked long enough throughout his or her life and paid Social Security taxes./)) or Supplemental Security Income ((SSI/Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal benefit program administered by the Social Security Administration. The program provides safety-net financial support for people in need. Someone may qualify for monthly SSI payments if they are 65 or older, blind or disabled and have very limited income and financial resources.

Supplemental Security Income benefits are paid out of general U.S. Treasury funds, not from Social Security taxes. One need not have worked a certain amount, or paid FICA taxes, to be eligible.//)) in the past. Which program/s did you apply for?
1 Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) only
2 Supplemental Security Income (SSI) only
3 Both Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
4 At least one of these programs but I am not sure which one
5 Other, please explain:

serv1c_other (other which programs applied benefits in section Application)
STRING

END OF GROUP

END OF IF

IF intro1a = 1 OR (intro1a != 1 AND intro1b = 1) = 1 OR (intro1a != 1 AND intro1b != 1 AND intro3 = 1) THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

serv2 (how decided to apply for benefits in section Application)
How did you first decide to apply for benefits?
1 I knew I was eligible for benefits
2 I decided to apply on the advice of my healthcare provider
3 I decided to apply on the advice of family/friends/colleagues
4 I decided to apply on the advice of my former employer / medical insurance company
5 Other, please specify:

serv2_other (other how decided to apply for benefits in section Application)
STRING

END OF GROUP

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

serv3 (what condition first applied for in section Application)
What is the condition for which you **FIRST** applied? Please select all that apply.
1 Musculoskeletal problems, such as back injuries
2 Cardiovascular conditions, such as heart failure
3 Respiratory illnesses, such as COPD
4 Senses and speech issues, such as vision and hearing loss
5 Neurological disorders, such as multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's Disease or epilepsy
6 Mental health disorders, such as depression
7 Cancer
8 Other, please specify:

serv3_other (other what condition first applied for in section Application)
STRING

END OF GROUP

serv3a (how long after onset disability applied in section Application)
How long after the onset of your disability did you did you apply for Social Security disability?

1 Immediately after the onset of my disability
2 Within a year of the onset of my disability
3 One to three years after the onset of my disability
4 Four or more years after the onset of my disability

serv4 (year impairment or health problem begin to interfere with work in section Application)
In what year did the impairment or health problem begin to interfere with your work?
RANGE 1950..(())

appl_2_minimum := serv4

IF appl_2_minimum = EMPTY THEN
  appl_2_minimum := 1950
END OF IF

appl2 (first apply for disability benefits in section Application)
When did you first apply for disability benefits?
RANGE (minimum year for when first applied benefits())..(())

IF appl2 > 2020 THEN
  appl2_followup1 (no of months first apply for disability benefits in section Application)
  About how many months ago did you submit your application?
  1 1
  2 2
  3 3
  4 4
  5 5
  6 6
  7 7
  8 8
  9 9
  10 10
  11 11
  12 12
ELSEIF appl2 = EMPTY THEN
  appl2_followup2 (nonresponse first apply for disability benefits in section Application)
  Approximately how long ago did you first apply for benefits?
  1 Less than one year
  2 Between one and three years ago
  3 Between three and five years ago
  4 Between five and ten years ago
  5 Between ten and twenty years ago
  6 More than twenty years ago

7 I prefer not to answer this question
END OF IF

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

appl3 (receive assistance with claim in section Application)
Did you receive any assistance in preparing and submitting your claim?
1 I did not receive any assistance
2 I received assistance from a lawyer
3 I received assistance from family/friends
4 I received assistance from a social worker/insurance company/employer
5 I received assistance from someone else, please specify:

appl3_other (other receive assistance with claim in section Application)
STRING

END OF GROUP

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

appl4 (how submitted application in section Application)
How was the application submitted?
1 Online
2 Application form sent by mail
3 Application filled out in the SSA office
4 Other, please specify:
5 Do not know

appl4_other (other how submitted application in section Application)
STRING

END OF GROUP

appl5 (rate process of making claim in section Application)
How would you rate the process of preparing and submitting your claim?
1 Very easy
2 Easy
3 Neither easy nor difficult
4 Difficult
5 Very difficult
6 I don't remember

appl6 (provide medical records in section Application)
For this application, did you provide medical records (such as notes from doctors)?
1 Yes

2 No

appl7 (asked by SSA to visit doctor in section Application)
For this application, were you asked by SSA/the office of Disability Determination Services to visit a doctor?
1 Yes
2 No

appl8 (outcome first application in section Application)
What was the outcome of the first application?
1 It was approved
2 It was rejected
3 It is currently under review

IF appl8 IN (1,2) THEN

application_status := 2

appl9 (how long to hear back from application in section Application)
How long did it take to hear back on your application?
RANGE 1..99

END OF IF

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

appl9b (how support while waiting for disability decision in section Application)
How did you support yourself while you waited for your disability decision? Please select all that apply.
1 Worked full-time
2 Worked part-time
3 Government assistance (e.g. Food Stamps, workers' compensation, unemployment insurance)
4 Spouse's earnings
5 Borrowed from credit cards or other commercial sources
6 Changed living arrangements (e.g., moved in with family members, moved into lower cost housing)
7 Sold assets (e.g. home, car, investments)
8 Assistance from friends and/or family (other than spouse)
9 Other, please specify:

appl9b_other (other how support while waiting for disability decision in section Application)
STRING

END OF GROUP

IF appl8 = 2 THEN

application_status := 2

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

appl10 (why application rejected in section Application)
Why was it rejected?
1 I did not have enough work credits
2 I provided insufficient medical evidence
3 I provided insufficient non-medical documentation
4 There were errors in my application
5 I did not follow prescribed medical treatment
6 I did not attend necessary medical exams
7 I was deemed to be able to work
8 My income was too high
9 Other, please specify:
10 I don't know

appl10_other (other why application rejected in section Application)
STRING

END OF GROUP

appl11 (action after application was rejected in section Application)
What did you do after your disability application was rejected?
1 I appealed the decision
2 I submitted a new application
3 Neither

IF appl11 = 1 THEN

application_status := 1

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

appl12 (any assistance with appeal in section Application)
Did you receive any assistance in preparing the appeal?
1 I did not receive any assistance
2 I received assistance from a lawyer
3 I received assistance from family/friends
4 I received assistance from a social worker/insurance company/employer
5 I received assistance from someone else, please specify:

appl12_other (other any assistance with appeal in section Application)
STRING

END OF GROUP

appl13 (final outcome of appeal in section Application)
What was the final outcome for this application?
1 It was approved
2 It was rejected
3 It is currently under review

IF appl13 IN (1,2) THEN
application_status := 2

appl14 (how long to hear back between first appeal and final decision in section Application)
How long did it take between the first appeal and the final decision on your application?
RANGE 1..99
END OF IF

IF appl13 = 2 THEN
appl15 (submit new application in section Application)
Did you submit a new application?
1 Yes
2 No

IF appl15 = 1 THEN
application_status := 1
END OF IF
END OF IF
ELSEIF appl11 = 2 THEN
application_status := 1
END OF IF

IF appl11 = 2 OR (appl11 = 1 AND appl13 = 2 AND appl15 = 1) THEN
application_status := 1

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

appl_b1_year (year how long waited after first application apply again in section Application)
The following questions are about the **second time** you applied for disability benefits.

How long did you wait after your first application was rejected before you applied again?
RANGE 0..120

appl_b1_month (month how long waited after first application apply again in section Application)
RANGE 0..12

END OF GROUP

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

appl_b2_year (year how long ago second application in section Application)
About how long ago was this?
RANGE 0..120

appl_b2_month (month how long ago second application in section Application)
RANGE 0..12

END OF GROUP

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

appl_b3 (receive assistance with second application in section Application)
Did you receive any assistance in preparing and submitting your claim?
1 I did not receive any assistance
2 I received assistance from a lawyer
3 I received assistance from family/friends
4 I received assistance from a social worker/insurance company/employer
5 I received assistance from someone else, please specify:

appl_b3_other (other receive assistance with second application in section Application)
STRING

END OF GROUP

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

appl_b4 (how submitted second application in section Application)
How was the second application submitted?
1 Online
2 Application form sent by mail
3 Application filled out in the SSA office

4 Other, please specify:
5 Do not know

appl_b4_other (other how submitted second application in section Application)
STRING

END OF GROUP

appl_b5 (rate process of making second application in section Application)
How would you rate the process of preparing and submitting your claim?
1 Very easy
2 Easy
3 Neither easy nor difficult
4 Difficult
5 Very difficult
6 I don't remember

appl_b6 (provide medical records second application in section Application)
For this application, did you provide medical records (such as notes from doctors)?
1 Yes
2 No

appl_b7 (asked by SSA to visit doctor second application in section Application)
For this application, were you asked by SSA/the office of Disability Determination Services to visit a doctor?
1 Yes
2 No

appl_b8 (outcome second application in section Application)
What was the outcome of the second application?
1 It was approved
2 It was rejected
3 It is currently under review

IF appl_b8 IN (1,2) THEN
application_status := 2

appl_b9 (how long to hear back from second application in section Application)
How long did it take to hear back on your application?
RANGE 1..99

END OF IF

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

appl_b9b (how support while waiting for disability decision second application in section Application)
How did you support yourself while you waited for your disability decision? Please select all that apply.
1 Worked full-time
2 Worked part-time
3 Government assistance (e.g. Food Stamps, workers' compensation, unemployment insurance)
4 Spouse's earnings
5 Borrowed from credit cards or other commercial sources
6 Changed living arrangements (e.g., moved in with family members, moved into lower cost housing)
7 Sold assets (e.g. home, car, investments)
8 Assistance from friends and/or family (other than spouse)
9 Other, please specify:

appl_b9b_other (other how support while waiting for disability decision second application in section Application)
STRING

END OF GROUP

IF appl_b8 = 2 THEN

application_status := 2

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

appl_b10 (why application rejected second application in section Application)
Why was it rejected?
1 I did not have enough work credits
2 I provided insufficient medical evidence
3 I provided insufficient non-medical documentation
4 There were errors in my application
5 I did not follow prescribed medical treatment
6 I did not attend necessary medical exams
7 I was deemed to be able to work
8 My income was too high
9 Other, please specify:
10 I don't know

appl_b10_other (other why application rejected second application in sec-

tion Application)
STRING

END OF GROUP

appl_b11 (action after second application was rejected in section Application)
What did you do after your disability application was rejected?
1 I appealed the decision
2 I submitted a new application
3 Neither

IF appl_b11 = 1 THEN
application_status := 1

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

appl_b12 (any assistance with appeal second application in section Application)
Did you receive any assistance in preparing the appeal?
1 I did not receive any assistance
2 I received assistance from a lawyer
3 I received assistance from family/friends
4 I received assistance from a social worker/insurance company/employer
5 I received assistance from someone else, please specify:

appl_b12_other (other any assistance with appeal second application in section Application)
STRING

END OF GROUP

appl_b13 (final outcome of appeal second application in section Application)
What was the final outcome for this application?
1 It was approved
2 It was rejected
3 It is currently under review

IF appl_b13 IN (1,2) THEN
application_status := 2

appl_b14 (how long to hear back between first appeal and final decision second application in section Application)
How long did it take between the first appeal and the final decision on your

application?
RANGE 1..99
END OF IF

IF appl_b13 = 2 THEN
appl_b15 (submit new application in section Application)
Did you submit a new application?
1 Yes
2 No

IF appl_b15 = 1 THEN
application_status := 1
END OF IF
END OF IF
ELSEIF appl11 = 2 THEN
application_status := 1
END OF IF

IF appl_b11 = 2 OR (appl_b11 = 1 AND appl_b13 = 2 AND appl_b15 = 1) THEN
application_status := 1

appl_c1 (how many applications in total in section Application)
In total, how many times have you applied for disability benefits?
1 3
2 4
3 5 or more

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

appl_c2_year (year how long ago most recent application in section Application)
The following questions are about your **most recent** application.

About how long ago did you submit your most recent application?
RANGE 0..120

appl_c2_month (month how long ago most recent application in section Application)
RANGE 0..12

END OF GROUP

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

appl_c3 (receive assistance with most recent application in section Application)
Did you receive any assistance in preparing and submitting your claim?
1 I did not receive any assistance
2 I received assistance from a lawyer
3 I received assistance from family/friends
4 I received assistance from a social worker/insurance company/employer
5 I received assistance from someone else, please specify:

appl_c3_other (other receive assistance with most recent application in section Application)
STRING

END OF GROUP

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

appl_c4 (how submitted most recent application in section Application)
How was the most recent application submitted?
1 Online
2 Application form sent by mail
3 Application filled out in the SSA office
4 Other, please specify:
5 Do not know

appl_c4_other (other how submitted most recent application in section Application)
STRING

END OF GROUP

appl_c5 (rate process of making most recent application in section Application)
How would you rate the process of preparing and submitting your claim?
1 Very easy
2 Easy
3 Neither easy nor difficult
4 Difficult
5 Very difficult
6 I don't remember

appl_c6 (provide medical records most recent application in section Application)

For this application, did you provide medical records (such as notes from doctors)?
1 Yes
2 No

appl_c7 (asked by SSA to visit doctor most recent application in section Application)
For this application, were you asked by SSA/the office of Disability Determination Services to visit a doctor?
1 Yes
2 No

appl_c8 (outcome most recent application in section Application)
What was the outcome of the most recent application?
1 It was approved
2 It was rejected
3 It is currently under review

IF appl_c8 IN (1,2) THEN

application_status := 2

appl_c9 (how long to hear back from most recent application in section Application)
How long did it take to hear back on your application?
RANGE 1..99

END OF IF

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

appl_c9b (how support while waiting for disability decision most recent application in section Application)
How did you support yourself while you waited for your disability decision? Please select all that apply.
1 Worked full-time
2 Worked part-time
3 Government assistance (e.g. Food Stamps, workers' compensation, unemployment insurance)
4 Spouse's earnings
5 Borrowed from credit cards or other commercial sources
6 Changed living arrangements (e.g., moved in with family members, moved into lower cost housing)
7 Sold assets (e.g. home, car, investments)
8 Assistance from friends and/or family (other than spouse)
9 Other, please specify:

appl_c9b_other (other how support while waiting for disability decision most recent application in section Application)
STRING

END OF GROUP

IF appl_c8 = 2 THEN

application_status := 2

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

appl_c10 (why application rejected most recent application in section Application)
Why was it rejected?
1 I did not have enough work credits
2 I provided insufficient medical evidence
3 I provided insufficient non-medical documentation
4 There were errors in my application
5 I did not follow prescribed medical treatment
6 I did not attend necessary medical exams
7 I was deemed to be able to work
8 My income was too high
9 Other, please specify:
10 I don't know

appl_c10_other (other why application rejected most recent application in section Application)
STRING

END OF GROUP

appl_c11 (action after most recent application was rejected in section Application)
What did you do after your disability application was rejected?
1 I appealed the decision
2 I submitted a new application
3 Neither

IF appl_c11 = 1 THEN

application_status := 1

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

appl_c12 (any assistance with appeal most recent application in section Application)
Did you receive any assistance in preparing the appeal?
1 I did not receive any assistance
2 I received assistance from a lawyer
3 I received assistance from family/friends
4 I received assistance from a social worker/insurance company/employer
5 I received assistance from someone else, please specify:

appl_c12_other (other any assistance with appeal most recent application in section Application)
STRING

END OF GROUP

appl_c13 (final outcome of appeal most recent application in section Application)
What was the final outcome for this application?
1 It was approved
2 It was rejected
3 It is currently under review

IF appl_c13 IN (1,2) THEN
application_status := 2

appl_c14 (how long to hear back between first appeal and final decision most recent application in section Application)
How long did it take between the first appeal and the final decision on your application?
RANGE 1..99

END OF IF
END OF IF
END OF IF
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END OF IF
END OF IF
END OF IF

IF intro1a != 1 AND intro1b != 1 AND intro3 = 1 AND application_status = 2 THEN
appl_d1 (plan to submit application for disability in section Application)
Do you intend to submit a new application for disability benefits in the future?
1 Yes

2 No

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

appl_d2 (how support after application rejected in section Application)
How have you supported yourself since your last application was rejected or your benefits ended?
1 Worked full-time
2 Worked part-time
3 Government assistance (e.g. Food Stamps, workers' compensation, unemployment insurance)
4 Spouse's earnings
5 Borrowed from credit cards or other commercial sources
6 Changed living arrangements (e.g., moved in with family members, moved into lower cost housing)
7 Sold assets (e.g. home, car, investments)
8 Assistance from friends and/or family (other than spouse)
9 Other, please specify:

appl_d2_other (other how support after application rejected in section Application)
STRING

END OF GROUP

END OF IF

serv7b (most important part disability insurance in section Application)
Health care coverage through Medicare or Medicaid is provided by SSDI/SSI to beneficiaries after a 24-month waiting period. Which part of disability insurance is more important to you: the monthly benefit payment or the healthcare coverage?
1 The monthly payment is much more important than the health coverage
2 The monthly payment is somewhat more important than the health coverage
3 Both the monthly payment and the health coverage are equally important
4 The health coverage is more important than the monthly payment
5 The health coverage is much more important than the monthly payment

END OF IF

IF ask_application = 1 THEN

IF intro1a = 1 THEN

serv8 (how satisfied with benefits in section Application)
How satisfied are you with the amount of your disability benefit?
1 Very satisfied
2 Satisfied
3 Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

4 Dissatisfied
5 Very dissatisfied

serv9 (how satisfied with benefits in section Application)
How much do you rely on your (SSDI/Social Security Disability Insurance (or SSDI) is a federal insurance program of the United States government. It is managed by the Social Security Administration and designed to provide income support to people who have a disability that restricts their ability to be employed.

Social Security Disability Insurance pays benefits to a disabled person and certain members of this person's family if the person is "insured," meaning that the person worked long enough throughout his or her life and paid Social Security taxes./)/(SSI/Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal benefit program administered by the Social Security Administration. The program provides safety-net financial support for people in need. Someone may qualify for monthly SSI payments if they are 65 or older, blind or disabled and have very limited income and financial resources.

Supplemental Security Income benefits are paid out of general U.S. Treasury funds, not from Social Security taxes. One need not have worked a certain amount, or paid FICA taxes, to be eligible.//) benefit today. Is it a major source of income, a minor source of income or not a source at all?
1 Major source
2 Minor source
3 Not a source
4 No opinion

END OF IF

IF intro1a = 1 OR (intro1a != 1 AND intro1b = 1) OR (intro1a != 1 AND intro1b != 1 AND intro3 = 1) THEN

serv10 (how health compared to when first applied for benefits in section Application)
Compared to when you first applied for (SSDI/Social Security Disability Insurance (or SSDI) is a federal insurance program of the United States government. It is managed by the Social Security Administration and designed to provide income support to people who have a disability that restricts their ability to be employed.

Social Security Disability Insurance pays benefits to a disabled person and certain members of this person's family if the person is "insured," meaning that the person worked long enough throughout his or her life and paid Social Security taxes./)/(SSI/Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal benefit program administered by the Social Security Administration. The program provides safety-net financial support for people in need. Someone may qualify for monthly SSI payments if they are 65 or older, blind or disabled and have very limited income and financial resources.

Supplemental Security Income benefits are paid out of general U.S. Treasury

funds, not from Social Security taxes. One need not have worked a certain amount, or paid FICA taxes, to be eligible.//) benefits, how would you rate your health in general now?
1 Much better now
2 Somewhat better now
3 About the same
4 Somewhat worse now
5 Much worse now

serv11 (how happy compared to when first applied for benefits in section Application)
Compared to when you first applied for (SSDI/Social Security Disability Insurance (or SSDI) is a federal insurance program of the United States government. It is managed by the Social Security Administration and designed to provide income support to people who have a disability that restricts their ability to be employed.

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Supplemental Security Income benefits are paid out of general U.S. Treasury funds, not from Social Security taxes. One need not have worked a certain amount, or paid FICA taxes, to be eligible.//) benefits, would you say you are:
1 Much happier now
2 Somewhat happier now
3 About the same
4 Somewhat less happy now
5 Much less happy now

serv12 (how life compared to when first applied for benefits in section Application)
Compared to when you first applied for (SSDI/Social Security Disability Insurance (or SSDI) is a federal insurance program of the United States government. It is managed by the Social Security Administration and designed to provide income support to people who have a disability that restricts their ability to be employed.

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support for people in need. Someone may qualify for monthly SSI payments if they are 65 or older, blind or disabled and have very limited income and financial resources.

Supplemental Security Income benefits are paid out of general U.S. Treasury funds, not from Social Security taxes. One need not have worked a certain amount, or paid FICA taxes, to be eligible.//) benefits, would you say your life:
1 Much better now
2 Somewhat better now
3 About the same
4 Somewhat worse now
5 Much worse now

END OF IF

IF intro1a = 1 THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

serv13 (how likely go back to work in section Application)
How likely do you think it is that you will ever go back to work? Enter 0 if you are sure that you will never go back work, and 100 if you are sure you will go back to work at some point.
RANGE 0..100

slider_script (Section Knowledge)
Please enter a number between 0% and 100%.

END OF GROUP

ELSE

serv13_b1 (currently working in section Application)
Are you currently working?
1 Yes
2 No

IF serv13_b1 = 2 THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

serv13_b2 (how likely go back to work in section Application)
How likely do you think it is that you will ever go back to work?
RANGE 0..100

slider_script (Section Knowledge)
Please enter a number between 0% and 100%.

END OF GROUP

END OF IF

END OF IF

serv14 (aware of SS rule in section Application)
Were you aware of the Social Security rule that states that an individual who files for disability benefit may be working as long as their income is below an amount set by the Social Security (the Substantial Gainful Activity amount)?
1 Yes
2 No

IF serv14 = 1 THEN
serv14b (if not for Substantial Gainful Activity rule working more in section Application)
If it was not for the Substantial Gainful Activity rule, would you be working more?
1 Yes
2 No
END OF IF
END OF IF

End of section **Application**

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

IF reward $>$ 0 THEN
dummy := doPayout(reward)
END OF IF

End of section **Closing**

/* 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. */