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1 INTRODUCTION

This UAS panel survey, titled "UAS 734: Monthly Panel Survey August 2025", is the next in a series of full-panel monthly surveys covering topics in several domains: life satisfaction, pain and mental health (loneliness, PHQ4 depression and anxiety, PSS4 Stress, PROMIS measures of cognitive functioning). Also tracked are employment and financial shocks. In addition, the survey asks about emotional or mental health support and chat bots. This survey is no longer in the field. Respondents were paid \$3 to complete the survey.

1.1 Topics

This survey contains questions (among others) on the following topics: Employment And Labor Market, Health, Income, Subjective Well-being. 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. 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 13452 UAS participants. Of those 13452 participants, 9393 completed the survey and are counted as respondents. Of those who are not counted as respondents, 74 started the survey without completing and 3985 did not start the survey. The overall response rate was 69.83%.

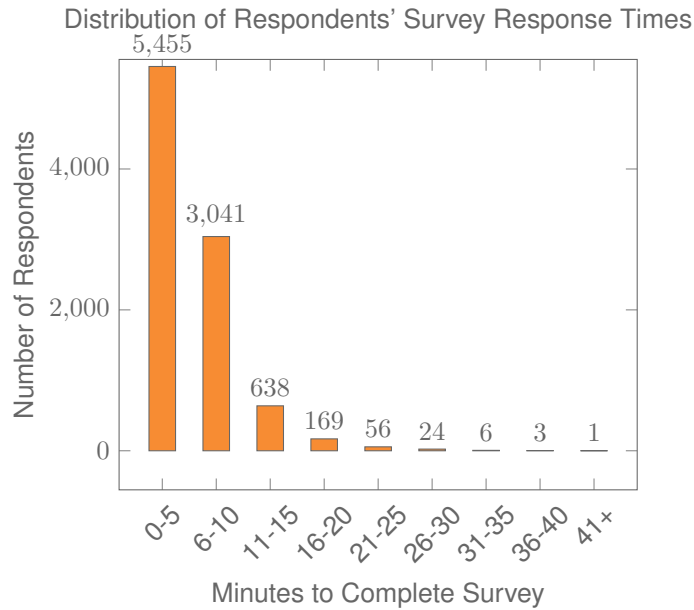
Note: We are unable to provide sample weights for a small number of UAS members (see the Sample and weighting section below for details). If they completed the survey, these members are included in the data set with a weight of zero, but accounted for in the computation of total sample size and survey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

The detailed survey response rate is as follows:

UAS734 - Response Overview	
Size of selected sample	13452
Completed the survey	9393
Started but did not complete the survey	74
Did not start the survey	3985
Response rate	69.83%

2.2 Timings

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



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 $\text{jem}_{\text{uashhid}}/\text{em}_{\text{uashhid}}$. 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 if 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 samplotype and had the following value labels for the above list in UAS data sets:

1. Nationally Representative Sample: recruited through ABS within the entire U.S.
2. Native Americans: recruited through ABS in areas with a high concentration of Native Americans. Within these batches, individuals who are not Native Americans are not invited to join the UAS.
3. LA County: recruited through ABS within Los Angeles County.
4. California: recruited through ABS within California.

- **batch**: indicates the batch from which the respondent was recruited. Currently, this variable takes the following values (in future data sets the number of batches may increase as new recruitment batches are added to the UAS):

1. ASDE 2014/01
2. ASDE 2014/01
3. ASDE 2014/01
4. Public records 2015/05
5. MSG 2015/07
6. MSG 2016/01
7. MSG 2016/01
8. MSG 2016/01
9. MSG 2016/02
10. MSG 2016/03

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

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

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

7. MSG 2016/01 Nat.Rep. Batch 3
8. MSG 2016/01 Nat.Rep. Batch 4
9. MSG 2016/02 Nat.Rep. Batch 5
10. MSG 2016/03 Nat.Rep. Batch 6
11. MSG 2016/04 Nat.Rep. Batch 7
12. MSG 2016/05 Nat.Rep. Batch 8
13. MSG 2016/08 LA County Batch 2
14. MSG 2017/03 LA County Batch 3
15. MSG 2017/11 California Batch 1
16. MSG 2018/02 California Batch 2
17. MSG 2018/08 Nat.Rep. Batch 9
18. MSG 2019/04 LA County Batch 4
19. MSG 2019/05 LA County Batch 5
20. MSG 2019/11 Nat. Rep. Batch 10
21. MSG 2020/08 Nat. Rep. Batch 11
22. MSG 2020/10 Nat. Rep. Batch 12
23. MSG 2021/02 Nat. Rep. Batch 13
24. MSG 2021/08 Nat. Rep. Batch 15
25. MSG 2021/08 Nat. Rep. Batch 16
26. MSG 2022/02 Nat. Rep. Batch 17 (priority)
27. MSG 2022/02 Nat. Rep. Batch 17 (regular)
28. MSG 2022/08 Nat. Rep. Batch 18
29. MSG 2022/11 LA County Batch 6
30. MSG 2022/11 Nat. Rep. Batch 20
31. MSG 2023/01 Nat. Rep. Batch 21
32. MSG 2023/06 Nat. Rep. Batch 22
33. MSG 2023-09 Native Am. Batch 3
34. MSG 2023-10 Nat. Rep. Batch 23

- **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 hisplatinio, 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.
- **hisplatinio**: 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.
- **If_other**: indicates whether the respondent has another labor force status.
- **laborstatus**: indicates the labor force status of the respondent as singular (e.g., '1 Working for pay' or '2 On sick or other leave') or as mixed (in case the respondent selects two or more labor statuses). The value '8 Mixed' indicates that the respondent answered 'Yes' to at least two of the single labor force status variables. This variable is generated based on the values of the different labor status variables (working, sick.leave, unempl.layoff, unempl.look, retired, disabled, If_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.
- **hhmembervar**: 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 'hhmembnumber' 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.
- **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. Is set to missing (".a") if hhcomp_total_children is not greater than 0. Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- **parent_guardian_b**: indicates whether the respondent is the parent or guardian of one or more children ages 5 to 12. Is set to missing (".a") if hhcomp_total_children is not greater than 0. Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.
- **parent_guardian_c**: indicates whether the respondent is the parent or guardian of one or more children ages 13 to 17. Is set to missing (".a") if hhcomp_total_children is not greater than 0. Is set to missing (".v") if the respondent has not filled out My Household after October 8, 2025.

The following variables were provided up until October 8, 2025. Several remain available in data sets 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 Micropolitan level corresponds to RUCA codes 4-6, and the Small/Rural UAS classification corresponds to RUCA codes 7-10.

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

Start of section **Preload**

Fill code of question FLIntro executed

maintro (Section Base)

This short survey asks some questions about emotional or mental health support, weight loss medications, and chat bots. It also includes a series of questions we are asking every month. Some of the questions in the survey may seem similar to other questions. Thank you for your patience in answering them to the best of your ability.

FLMonth := getLastMonth()

Fill code of question FLLastMonthText executed

last_completed_monthly := getLastCompletedSurvey(array(580,590,592,598,599,615,618,622,625,636,641,654,663,670,681,685,701,706,711,718,728))

IF last_completed_monthly = RESPONSE THEN

last_completed_monthly_endtime := getUASMonthlyPreload(last_completed_monthly, "endtime")

last_completed_empl1 := getUASMonthlyPreload(last_completed_monthly, "empl1")

last_completed_monthly_lastendtime := getDateString(last_completed_monthly_endtime)

last_completed_monthly_lastdate := getDateStringLastDate(getUASMonthlyPreload(last_completed_monthly, "FLLastDate"))

END OF IF

Fill code of question FLLastDate executed

Fill code of question FLLastDateLower executed

Fill code of question FLLastDateOnly executed

last_completed_climate := getLastCompletedSurvey(array(618,636,641,654,663,670,681,685,701,706,711,718,728))

IF last_completed_climate = RESPONSE THEN

last_completed_climate_endtime := getUASMonthlyPreload(last_completed_climate, "endtime")

END OF IF

Fill code of question FLLastDateClimate executed

Fill code of question FLLastDateClimateLower executed

Fill code of question FLLastDateClimateOnly executed

last_completed_death := getLastCompletedSurvey(array(663,670,681,685,701,706,711,718,728))

IF last_completed_death = RESPONSE THEN

last_completed_death_endtime := getUASMonthlyPreload(last_completed_death, "end-time")

END OF IF

Fill code of question FLLastDateDeath executed

Fill code of question FLLastDateDeathLower executed

Fill code of question FLLastDateDeathOnly executed

last_completed_health := getLastCompletedSurvey(array(701,706,711,718,728))

IF last_completed_health = RESPONSE THEN

last_completed_health_endtime := getUASMonthlyPreload(last_completed_health, "end-time")

END OF IF

Fill code of question FLLastDateHealth executed

Fill code of question FLLastDateHealthPrior executed

End of section **Preload**

Start of section **Satisfaction**

Is_intro (Section Satisfaction)

First, we have some questions about your life and your health.

LE_HRS_s1 (overall life satisfaction in section Satisfaction)

Please think about your life-as-a-whole. How satisfied are you with it? Are you completely satisfied, very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not very satisfied, or not at all satisfied?

- 1 Completely satisfied
- 2 Very satisfied
- 3 Somewhat satisfied
- 4 Not very satisfied
- 5 Not at all satisfied

LE_HRS_srh1 (overall health in section Satisfaction)

Would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Very good
- 3 Good
- 4 Fair
- 5 Poor

brfss_lonely (how often feel lonely in section Satisfaction)

How often do you feel lonely? Would you say...

- 1 Always
- 2 Usually
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Rarely
- 5 Never

End of section **Satisfaction**

Start of section **Phq4**

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

phq_intro2 (Section Phq4)

Over the **past fourteen days**, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?

SUBGROUP OF QUESTIONS

phq4a (Feeling nervous, anxious, or on edge in section Phq4)

Feeling nervous, anxious, or on edge

- 1 Not at all
- 2 Several days
- 3 More than half the days
- 4 Nearly every day

phq4b (Not being able to stop or control worrying in section Phq4)

Not being able to stop or control worrying

- 1 Not at all
- 2 Several days
- 3 More than half the days
- 4 Nearly every day

phq4c (Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless in section Phq4)

Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless

- 1 Not at all
- 2 Several days
- 3 More than half the days
- 4 Nearly every day

phq4d (Little interest or pleasure in doing things in section Phq4)

Little interest or pleasure in doing things

- 1 Not at all
- 2 Several days
- 3 More than half the days

| 4 Nearly every day

END OF SUBGROUP

END OF GROUP

LE_HRS_p1 (often troubled by pain in section Phq4)

Last month, in (()), were you often troubled by pain?

1 Yes

2 No

IF LE_HRS_p1 = 1 THEN

LE_HRS_p2 (how bad was pain most of time in section Phq4)

How bad was the pain most of the time?

1 Mild

2 Moderate

3 Severe

END OF IF

End of section **Phq4**

Start of section **Stress**

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

pss.intro (Section Stress)

For the next questions, please now think about your feelings and thoughts during the **last month (over the last 4 weeks)**.

SUBGROUP OF QUESTIONS

pss4.1 (unable to control important things in section Stress)

In the last month, how often have you felt that you were unable to control the important things in your life?

1 Never

2 Almost never

3 Sometimes

4 Fairly often

5 Very often

pss4.2 (confident handling personal problems in section Stress)

In the last month, how often have you felt confident about your ability to handle your personal problems?

1 Never

2 Almost never

- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Fairly often
- 5 Very often

pss4.3 (felt things going your way in section Stress)

In the last month, how often have you felt that things were going your way?

- 1 Never
- 2 Almost never
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Fairly often
- 5 Very often

pss4.4 (difficulties piling up in section Stress)

In the last month, how often have you felt difficulties were piling up so high that you could not overcome them?

- 1 Never
- 2 Almost never
- 3 Sometimes
- 4 Fairly often
- 5 Very often

END OF SUBGROUP

END OF GROUP

End of section **Stress**

/* The NIH Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System (PROMIS) initiative has developed publicly available self-report instruments for various health-related constructs, including mental health domains (see <https://www.healthmeasures.net/explore-measurement-systems/promis>). PROMIS instruments were developed using item response theory (IRT) methods and are organized as item banks. An item bank is a repository of items that all measure the same construct and that were all calibrated on the same metric, which enables item administration using computer adaptive testing (CAT). Rather than administering the same fixed set of items to each respondent, CAT uses a respondent's prior item responses to determine which item from the larger item bank to administer next, which helps improve measurement precision.

The PROMIS item bank for the domain administered in this survey, perceived cognitive functioning, consist of 32 (perceived cognitive functioning) items. The item bank has been calibrated to a normative sample representing the general US population with a 2-parameter logistic (2-PL) model for ordered categorical data (a graded response model). Scores are given as "theta" and "T-score" values. Theta values have an approximate mean of 0 and SD of 1 in the general population. T-scores have an approximate mean of 50 and

SD of 10 in the general population.

For each respondent and domain, the CAT was initialized (i.e., the first item selected) using a starting theta value of 0. Following the respondents' answer to the first item, the theta value was updated (estimated using expected a posteriori [EAP] scoring) and subsequent items were adaptively selected using the maximum posterior weighted information (MPWI) criterion. CAT item administration stopped after 3 items were administered per domain and respondent.

For the perceived cognitive functioning domain there are 4 theta values and 4 T-scores per respondent (note: some respondents are asked only 3 items if the resulting score meets the precision threshold). The final scores resulting from the CAT administration are `cognitivethetas_final` and `cognitivethetas_tscore_final`. Like for the other domains, higher scores on these variables represent higher levels of perceived cognitive functioning. Variables representing the standard errors of the estimated theta values and T-scores (`cognitivethetas_se_final` and `cognitivethetas_se_tscore_final`) are provided as well.

The specific questions that are asked of each respondent are captured in the `cognitiveorder_1_` to `cognitiveorder_4_` variables. These take the following values:

- Cognitive functioning:
 - 1 In the past 7 days: I have had trouble forming thoughts. Answers to this question are stored in variable `cognitivequestion_1_`.
 - 3 In the past 7 days: My thinking has been foggy. Answers to this question are stored in variable `cognitivequestion_2_`.
 - 4 In the past 7 days: I have had trouble adding or subtracting numbers in my head. Answers to this question are stored in variable `cognitivequestion_3_`.
 - 5 In the past 7 days: I have made mistakes when writing down phone numbers. Answers to this question are stored in variable `cognitivequestion_4_`.
 - 6 In the past 7 days: I have had trouble concentrating. Answers to this question are stored in variable `cognitivequestion_5_`.
 - 7 In the past 7 days: I have had trouble finding my way to a familiar place. Answers to this question are stored in variable `cognitivequestion_6_`.
 - 8 In the past 7 days: I have had trouble remembering where I put things, like my keys or my wallet. Answers to this question are stored in variable `cognitivequestion_7_`.
 - 9 In the past 7 days: I have had trouble remembering whether I did things I was supposed to do, like taking a medicine or buying something I needed. Answers to this question are stored in variable `cognitivequestion_8_`.
 - 10 In the past 7 days: I have had trouble remembering new information, like phone numbers or simple instructions. Answers to this question are stored in variable `cognitivequestion_9_`.

- 11 In the past 7 days: I have had trouble recalling the name of an object while talking to someone. Answers to this question are stored in variable cognitivequestion_10_.
- 12 In the past 7 days: I have had trouble speaking fluently. Answers to this question are stored in variable cognitivequestion_11_.
- 13 In the past 7 days: I have walked into a room and forgotten what I meant to get or do there. Answers to this question are stored in variable cognitivequestion_12_.
- 14 In the past 7 days: I have needed medical instructions repeated because I could not keep them straight. Answers to this question are stored in variable cognitivequestion_13_.
- 15 In the past 7 days: I have had to work really hard to pay attention or I would make a mistake. Answers to this question are stored in variable cognitivequestion_14_.
- 16 In the past 7 days: I have forgotten names of people soon after being introduced. Answers to this question are stored in variable cognitivequestion_15_.
- 17 In the past 7 days: My reactions in everyday situations have been slow. Answers to this question are stored in variable cognitivequestion_16_.
- 18 In the past 7 days: Other people have told me I seemed to have trouble remembering information. Answers to this question are stored in variable cognitivequestion_17_.
- 19 In the past 7 days: It has seemed like my brain was not working as well as usual. Answers to this question are stored in variable cognitivequestion_18_.
- 20 In the past 7 days: I have had to work harder than usual to keep track of what I was doing. Answers to this question are stored in variable cognitivequestion_19_.
- 21 In the past 7 days: My thinking has been slower than usual. Answers to this question are stored in variable cognitivequestion_20_.
- 22 In the past 7 days: I have had to work harder than usual to express myself clearly. Answers to this question are stored in variable cognitivequestion_21_.
- 23 In the past 7 days: I have had to use written lists more often than usual so I would not forget things. Answers to this question are stored in variable cognitivequestion_22_.
- 24 In the past 7 days: I have had trouble keeping track of what I was doing when interrupted. Answers to this question are stored in variable cognitivequestion_23_.
- 25 In the past 7 days: I have had trouble shifting back and forth between different activities that require thinking. Answers to this question are stored in variable cognitivequestion_24_.
- 26 In the past 7 days: I have hidden my problems with memory, concentration, or making mental mistakes so that others would not notice. Answers to this question are stored in variable cognitivequestion_25_.

- 27 In the past 7 days: I have been upset about my problems with memory, concentration, or making mental mistakes. Answers to this question are stored in variable cognitivequestion_26..
- 30 In the past 7 days: My problems with memory, concentration, or making mental mistakes have interfered with the quality of my life. Answers to this question are stored in variable cognitivequestion_27..
- 31 In the past 7 days: I have had difficulty multi-tasking. Answers to this question are stored in variable cognitivequestion_28..

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Start of section **Cognitive**

positive_intro (Section Positive)

The next few questions ask how you have been feeling or responding lately.

Note: For technical reasons, there will be no "Back" button. Please just select your answer and click "Next" to continue.

End of section **Cognitive**

Start of section **Shocks**

IF last_completed_monthly = RESPONSE THEN

IF last_completed_monthly > 580 AND last_completed_empl1 = RESPONSE AND last_completed_empl1 < 8 THEN

empl0 (Section Shocks)

Last time you completed this survey, you answered that you **had (last completed survey change in employment status())** between (last completed monthly survey last date()) and (last completed monthly survey last endtime string()).

The following question will ask about **additional changes** that may have happened since then.

END OF IF

END OF IF

empl1 (change in employment status in section Shocks)

(Since ^FLLastMonthText 1, 2025/Since), has there been a change in your employment situation?

8 There was no change in my employment situation (since ^FLLastMonthText 1, 2025/since)

1 I retired

- 2 I changed jobs
- 3 I was working, but now I am not working
- 4 I was not working, now I am working
- 5 I moved from full-time to part-time employment
- 6 I moved from part-time to full-time employment
- 7 There was some other change in my employment situation

IF empl1 = 7 THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

empl2 (what change in employment situation in section Shocks)

Which of the following describe your change in employment situation. Select all that apply.

- 1 I started a business
- 2 I got promoted
- 3 I got a raise
- 6 I started an additional job
- 9 I quit one of my jobs
- 7 I am now on leave from work
- 8 Other, please specify:

empl2_other (other what change in employment situation in section Shocks)

STRING

END OF GROUP

ELSEIF empl1 IN (2,3,5) THEN

IF empl1 = 2 THEN

empl.f2 (what best describes change in employment situation in section Shocks)

Which of the following describe your change in jobs?

- 1 I changed jobs with the same employer
- 2 I changed jobs to a different employer

END OF IF

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

empl3 (main reasons change in employment situation in section Shocks)

What were the main reasons for this change? Select all that apply.

- 1 Business closed
- 2 I got fired /I was laid off
- 3 Have more time for family /caregiving obligations
- 4 Moved (to a different city, region, etc.)
- 5 Found a job where I could work from home more days per week
- 6 Found job with better pay / benefits.
- 7 Find a better job (other reasons)

- 8 Retired from prior job
- 9 Couldn't do prior job due to health reasons
- 10 Needed a change
- 11 Other, please specify:

empl3_other (other main reasons change in employment situation in section Shocks)
STRING

END OF GROUP

END OF IF

IF empl1 < 8 THEN

IF empl_when_year = EMPTY THEN

empl_when_year := 2025

END OF IF

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

empl_when_month (date of employment change in section Shocks)

When did this change occur? If you aren't sure of the exact date, just your best guess will do.

- 1 January
- 2 February
- 3 March
- 4 April
- 5 May
- 6 June
- 7 July
- 8 August
- 9 September
- 10 October
- 11 November
- 12 December

empl_when_day (day of employment change in section Shocks)

- 1 1
- 2 2
- 3 3
- 4 4
- 5 5
- 6 6
- 7 7
- 8 8
- 9 9

10 10
11 11
12 12
13 13
14 14
15 15
16 16
17 17
18 18
19 19
20 20
21 21
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23 23
24 24
25 25
26 26
27 27
28 28
29 29
30 30
31 31

empl_when_year (year of employment change in section Shocks)

2023 2023
2024 2024
2025 2025

empl_when_before (employment change before last date in section Shocks)

OR

1 This change happened **before** (^FLLastMonthText 1, 2025/). There has been no change in my employment situation (since ^FLLastMonthText 1, 2025/since)

empl_when_script (Section Shocks)

Please select the year and month (and optionally the day) or check the "This change happened before..." box Or click "Next" to continue.

END OF GROUP

END OF IF

LE_HRS001a (suffered serious illness in section Shocks)

(Since ^FLLastMonthText 1, 2025/Since), did you suffer the ONSET of a serious illness, were injured, or were diagnosed with a new disease? Select all that apply.

- 1 I fell down or was injured in an accident
- 2 I was assaulted

- 3 I experienced a heart-related event: suffered a heart attack, or was diagnosed with heart disease, angina, congestive heart failure, or other heart problems
- 4 I was diagnosed with cancer or a malignant tumor
- 5 I was diagnosed with dementia, senility or another serious memory impairment
- 6 I was diagnosed with diabetes
- 7 I contracted influenza
- 8 I contracted pneumonia
- 9 I contracted COVID-19
- 10 I was diagnosed with kidney disease
- 11 I was diagnosed with a chronic lung disease, such as chronic bronchitis or emphysema
- 12 I was diagnosed with arthritis, rheumatism
- 13 I was diagnosed with osteoporosis
- 14 I underwent surgery or joint replacement because of arthritis
- 15 A doctor told me that I have high blood pressure or hypertension
- 16 I contracted shingles
- 17 A doctor told me that I have an emotional, nervous, or psychiatric problem
- 18 A doctor or other health professional informed me of a sleep disorder
- 19 I contracted or was diagnosed with an illness not listed above
- 20 I did not suffer the ONSET of a serious illness or injury (since ^FLLastMonthText 1, 2025/since)

IF 19 IN LE_HRS001a THEN

LE_HRS001a_other (other which illnesses in section Shocks)

Please describe this illness.

STRING

END OF IF

IF LE_HRS001a < 20 THEN

IF LE_HRS001_when_year = EMPTY THEN

LE_HRS001_when_year := 2025

END OF IF

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

LE_HRS001_when_month (month of illness in section Shocks)

When did this illness, injury or diagnosis happened? If you aren't sure of the exact date, just your best guess will do.

- 1 January
- 2 February
- 3 March
- 4 April
- 5 May
- 6 June
- 7 July

8 August
9 September
10 October
11 November
12 December

LE_HRS001_when_day (day of illness in section Shocks)

1 1
2 2
3 3
4 4
5 5
6 6
7 7
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10 10
11 11
12 12
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14 14
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21 21
22 22
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25 25
26 26
27 27
28 28
29 29
30 30
31 31

LE_HRS001_when_year (year of illness in section Shocks)

2023 2023
2024 2024
2025 2025

LE_HRS001_when_before (illness before last date in section Shocks)

OR

1 This illness, injury, or diagnosis happened **before** (^FLLastMonthText 1, 2025/). There has been no new illness, injury or diagnosis (since ^FLLastMonthText 1, 2025/since)

LE_HRS001_when_script (Section Shocks)

Please select the year and month (and optionally the day) or check the "This illness, injury, or diagnosis happened before..." box Or click "Next" to continue.

END OF GROUP

END OF IF

fin1 (experienced a major change in financial situation in section Shocks)

Have you experienced a major change in your financial situation (since ^FLLastMonthText 1, 2025/since)?

1 Yes

2 No

IF fin1 = 1 THEN

fin2 (positive change or a negative change in section Shocks)

Was this a positive change or a negative change?

1 Positive

2 Negative

IF fin2 = 1 THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

fin4 (primary reasons for positive change in section Shocks)

What were the primary reasons for this change? Select all that apply.

1 I started working, increased my work hours, or received a raise

2 A spouse, partner, or some other family member started working, increased their work hours, or received a raise

3 Higher than usual earnings from business or self-employment

4 Started receiving payments from a pension, Social Security benefits, or other government program

5 Increase in benefits from Social Security or other government program

6 Finished paying off a debt (e.g., car loan, mortgage)

7 Student or other loan payments got reduced significantly, or debt was forgiven.

8 Reduction in expenses (medical, rent, child-related expenses, etc.)

9 Sold or rented-out property

10 Received financial assistance from friends, family, or someone else outside the household

11 Was repaid a loan I had provided

12 Something else, please specify:

fin4_other (other primary reasons for positive change in section Shocks)
STRING

END OF GROUP

ELSEIF fin2 = 2 THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

fin3 (primary reasons for negative change in section Shocks)

What were the primary reasons for this change? Select all that apply.

- 1 I lost a job, or faced a reduction in work hours/income
- 2 A spouse, partner or other family member lost a job or faced reduction in work hours/income
- 3 Losses in financial investment(s) or business
- 4 Significant medical or dental care expenses for me or a family member
- 5 Home or automobile accident or repair
- 6 Big rent or mortgage payment increase
- 7 Unpaid taxes or problem with the IRS
- 8 Victim of financial fraud, or some other major financial transaction that was not completely understood
- 9 Penalties and/or higher-than-expected interest from a loan
- 10 Gambling losses
- 11 Other increases in expenditures, such as in child or adult care,
- 12 New education expenditures (for instance, I or a family member started college)
- 13 Provided assistance to family members or friends outside the household
- 14 General increases in prices of goods and services
- 15 Other, please specify:

fin3_other (other primary reasons for negative change in section Shocks)
STRING

END OF GROUP

END OF IF

IF fin1_when_year = EMPTY THEN

fin1_when_year := 2025

END OF IF

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

fin1_when_month (date of financial change in section Shocks)

When did this major change in your financial situation happen? If you aren't sure of the exact date, just your best guess will do.

- 1 January
- 2 February

3 March
4 April
5 May
6 June
7 July
8 August
9 September
10 October
11 November
12 December

fin1_when_day (day of financial change in section Shocks)

1 1
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fin1_when_year (year of financial change in section Shocks)

2023 2023
2024 2024
2025 2025

fin1_when_before (financial change before last date in section Shocks)

OR

1 This change in my financial situation happened **before** (^FLLastMonthText 1, 2025/).
There has been no major change in my financial situation (since ^FLLastMonthText 1,
2025/since)

fin1_when_script (Section Shocks)

Please select the year and month (and optionally the day) or check the "This financial
change happened before..." box Or click "Next" to continue.

END OF GROUP

END OF IF

death (death experience in section Shocks)

Have you experienced the death of a close family member or friend (since ^FLLastMonth-
Text 1, 2025/since)?

1 Yes
2 No

IF death = 1 THEN

IF death_when_year = EMPTY THEN

death_when_year := 2025

END OF IF

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

death_when_month (date of death in section Shocks)

When did this person pass away? If you aren't sure of the exact date, just your best
guess will do.

1 January
2 February
3 March
4 April
5 May
6 June
7 July
8 August
9 September
10 October
11 November

12 December

death_when_day (day of death in section Shocks)

1 1
2 2
3 3
4 4
5 5
6 6
7 7
8 8
9 9
10 10
11 11
12 12
13 13
14 14
15 15
16 16
17 17
18 18
19 19
20 20
21 21
22 22
23 23
24 24
25 25
26 26
27 27
28 28
29 29
30 30
31 31

death_when_year (year of death in section Shocks)

2023 2023
2024 2024
2025 2025

death_when_before (death before last date in section Shocks)

OR

1 This person died **before** (^FLLastMonthText 1, 2025)

death_when_script (Section Shocks)

Please select the year and month (and optionally the day) or check the "This person died before..." box Or click "Next" to continue.

END OF GROUP

IF death_when_before = EMPTY THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

death_who (relationship with the deceased in section Shocks)

What was your relationship with the person who passed away? Were they your:

- 1 Spouse
- 2 Parent
- 3 Child
- 4 Sibling
- 5 Best friend
- 6 Other relative
- 7 Other close friend
- 8 Other, please specify:

death_who_other (other relationship with the deceased in section Shocks)

STRING

END OF GROUP

END OF IF

END OF IF

End of section **Shocks**

Start of section **Mentalhealth**

```
FLMentalDate := getLastYear()  
mhld_begintime := date("Y-m-d H:i:s")
```

mhld_intro (Section Mentalhealth)

Next, we have a few questions about any emotional or mental health support you received - or needed - over the past 12 months, and any reasons you may not have received the care you needed.

mhld_001 (past 12 months talk to medical doctor or professional in section Mentalhealth)

Here is a list of professionals some people talk to about emotions, nerves, or mental health: General practitioner or family doctor Other medical doctor like a cardiologist, gynecologist, urologist Psychologist Psychiatrist or psychotherapist Social Worker Counselor Disaster or crisis response personnel Other mental health professional, like a mental health nurse A nurse, occupational therapist, or other health professional Staff at an employment or workforce center (e.g., job counselor, employment specialist) Staff at a community orga-

nization (e.g., food bank, housing support, or family resource center)A religious or spiritual advisor like a minister, priest, or rabbiA healer, like an herbalist, chiropractor, acupuncturist, or massage therapistAt any time in the past 12 months, (since ()), did you see or talk to a medical doctor or other professional listed above about your emotions, nerves, or mental health?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Do not know/Not sure
- 4 Prefer not to answer

IF mhld_001 = 1 THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

mhld_002 (past 12 months which medical doctor or professional talked to in section Mentalhealth)

During the past 12 months, (since ()), which professionals did you see or talk to about your emotions, nerves, or mental health? Select all that apply.

- 1 General practitioner or family doctor
- 2 Other medical doctor like a cardiologist, gynecologist, urologist
- 3 Psychologist
- 4 Psychiatrist or psychotherapist
- 5 Social Worker
- 6 Counselor
- 7 Disaster or crisis response personnel
- 8 Other mental health professional, like a mental health nurse
- 9 A nurse, occupational therapist, or other health professional
- 10 Staff at an employment or workforce center (e.g., job counselor, employment specialist)
- 11 Staff at a community organization (e.g., food bank, housing support, or family resource center)
- 12 A religious or spiritual advisor like a minister, priest, or rabbi
- 13 A healer, like an herbalist, chiropractor, acupuncturist, or massage therapist
- 14 Other, please specify:

mhld_002_other (past 12 months other medical doctor or professional talked to in section Mentalhealth)

STRING

END OF GROUP

END OF IF

mhld_003 (past 12 months take prescription medication to help with emotions, nerves, or mental health in section Mentalhealth)

During the past 12 months, (since ()), did you take prescription medication to help you with your emotions, nerves, or mental health?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Do not know/Not sure
- 4 Prefer not to answer

mhld_004 (past 12 months mental health need unmet in section Mentalhealth)

During the past 12 months, (since ()), was there any time when you needed counseling or other mental health services for yourself but didn't get it?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 3 Do not know/Not sure
- 4 Prefer not to answer

IF mhld_004 = 1 THEN

/* The question series mhld_005a to mhld_005_r is presented across two screens in random order per variables mhld_005_order with values:

- o 1 I thought it would cost too much
- o 2 My health insurance would not pay enough of the costs for it
- o 3 I did not have health insurance coverage for the services I needed
- o 4 I did not know how or where to get services
- o 5 I could not find a program or health care professional I wanted to go to
- o 6 There were no openings in the program or with the health care professional I wanted to go to
- o 7 I didn't have enough time for it
- o 8 I had problems with things like transportation, childcare, or getting appointments at times that worked for me
- o 9 I was worried that my information would not be kept private
- o 10 I was worried about what people would think or say if I got mental health services
- o 11 I thought that if people knew I was getting mental health services, bad things would happen, like losing my job, home, or children
- o 12 My family, friends, or religious group wouldn't like it if I went for the services.
- o 13 I was not ready to start mental health services
- o 14 I thought I should have been able to handle my problems on my own
- o 15 I relied on support from family, friends, or others in my community instead of

seeking professional help

- o 16 I thought no one would care if I got better
- o 17 I didn't think the services would help me
- o 18 Other

*/

IF sizeof(mhld_005_order) = 0 THEN

```
mhld_005_order := shuffleArray(array(1 →1, 2 →2, 3 →3, 4 →4, 5 →5, 6 →6, 7 →7, 8  
→8, 9 →9, 10 →10, 11 →11, 12 →12, 13 →13, 14 →14, 15 →15, 16 →16, 17 →17))  
mhld_005_order(18) := 18
```

END OF IF

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

mhld_005_intro (past 12 months reasons did not get mental health services in section Mentalhealth)

There may be many reasons you did not get counseling or other mental health services during the past 12 months (since (())). Below is a list of potential reasons, please select any reason(s) that apply to why you did not get professional counseling or other mental health services when you needed it.

SUBGROUP OF QUESTIONS

LOOP FROM 1 TO 9

IF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 1 THEN

mhld_005a (I thought it would cost too much in section Mentalhealth)

I thought it would cost too much

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 2 THEN

mhld_005b (My health insurance would not pay enough of the costs for it in section Mentalhealth)

My health insurance would not pay enough of the costs for it

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 3 THEN

mhld_005c (I did not have health insurance coverage for the services I needed in section Mentalhealth)

I did not have health insurance coverage for the services I needed

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 4 THEN

mhld_005d (I did not know how or where to get services in section Mentalhealth)

I did not know how or where to get services

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 5 THEN

mhld_005e (I could not find a program or health care professional I wanted to go to in section Mentalhealth)

I could not find a program or health care professional I wanted to go to

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 6 THEN

mhld_005f (There were no openings in the program or with the health care professional I wanted to go to in section Mentalhealth)

There were no openings in the program or with the health care professional I wanted to go to

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 7 THEN

mhld_005g (I didn't have enough time for it in section Mentalhealth)

I didn't have enough time for it

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 8 THEN

mhld_005h (I had problems with things like transportation, childcare, or getting appointments at times that worked for me in section Mentalhealth)

I had problems with things like transportation, childcare, or getting appointments at times that worked for me

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

| 2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 9 THEN

| **mhld_005i** (I was worried that my information would not be kept private in section Mentalhealth)

I was worried that my information would not be kept private

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 10 THEN

| **mhld_005j** (I was worried about what people would think or say if I got mental health services in section Mentalhealth)

I was worried about what people would think or say if I got mental health services

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 11 THEN

| **mhld_005k** (I thought that if people knew I was getting mental health services, bad things would happen, like losing my job, home, or children in section Mentalhealth)

I thought that if people knew I was getting mental health services, bad things would happen, like losing my job, home, or children

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 12 THEN

| **mhld_005l** (My family, friends, or religious group wouldn't like it if I went for the services in section Mentalhealth)

My family, friends, or religious group wouldn't like it if I went for the services

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 13 THEN

| **mhld_005m** (I was not ready to start mental health services in section Mentalhealth)

I was not ready to start mental health services

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 14 THEN

mhld_005n (I thought I should have been able to handle my problems on my own in section Mentalhealth)

I thought I should have been able to handle my problems on my own

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 15 THEN

mhld_005o (I relied on support from family, friends, or others in my community instead of seeking professional help in section Mentalhealth)

I relied on support from family, friends, or others in my community instead of seeking professional help

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 16 THEN

mhld_005p (I thought no one would care if I got better in section Mentalhealth)

I thought no one would care if I got better

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 17 THEN

mhld_005q (I didn't think the services would help me in section Mentalhealth)

I didn't think the services would help me

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 18 THEN

mhld_005r (other reasons did not get mental health services in section Mentalhealth)

Other, please specify:

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

END OF IF

END OF LOOP

END OF SUBGROUP

END OF GROUP

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

mhid_005_intro2 (past 12 months reasons did not get mental health services in section Mentalhealth)

Below is another list of potential reasons, please select any reason(s) that apply to why you did not get professional counseling or other mental health services when you needed it.

SUBGROUP OF QUESTIONS

LOOP FROM 10 TO 18

IF mhid_005_order(cnt) = 1 THEN

mhid_005a (I thought it would cost too much in section Mentalhealth)

I thought it would cost too much

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhid_005_order(cnt) = 2 THEN

mhid_005b (My health insurance would not pay enough of the costs for it in section Mentalhealth)

My health insurance would not pay enough of the costs for it

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhid_005_order(cnt) = 3 THEN

mhid_005c (I did not have health insurance coverage for the services I needed in section Mentalhealth)

I did not have health insurance coverage for the services I needed

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhid_005_order(cnt) = 4 THEN

mhid_005d (I did not know how or where to get services in section Mentalhealth)

I did not know how or where to get services

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhid_005_order(cnt) = 5 THEN

mhld_005e (I could not find a program or health care professional I wanted to go to in section Mentalhealth)

I could not find a program or health care professional I wanted to go to

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 6 THEN

mhld_005f (There were no openings in the program or with the health care professional I wanted to go to in section Mentalhealth)

There were no openings in the program or with the health care professional I wanted to go to

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 7 THEN

mhld_005g (I didn't have enough time for it in section Mentalhealth)

I didn't have enough time for it

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 8 THEN

mhld_005h (I had problems with things like transportation, childcare, or getting appointments at times that worked for me in section Mentalhealth)

I had problems with things like transportation, childcare, or getting appointments at times that worked for me

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 9 THEN

mhld_005i (I was worried that my information would not be kept private in section Mentalhealth)

I was worried that my information would not be kept private

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 10 THEN

mhld_005j (I was worried about what people would think or say if I got mental health services in section Mentalhealth)

I was worried about what people would think or say if I got mental health services

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 11 THEN

mhld_005k (I thought that if people knew I was getting mental health services, bad things would happen, like losing my job, home, or children in section Mentalhealth)
I thought that if people knew I was getting mental health services, bad things would happen, like losing my job, home, or children

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 12 THEN

mhld_005l (My family, friends, or religious group wouldn't like it if I went for the services in section Mentalhealth)

My family, friends, or religious group wouldn't like it if I went for the services

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 13 THEN

mhld_005m (I was not ready to start mental health services in section Mentalhealth)

I was not ready to start mental health services

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 14 THEN

mhld_005n (I thought I should have been able to handle my problems on my own in section Mentalhealth)

I thought I should have been able to handle my problems on my own

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 15 THEN

mhld_005o (I relied on support from family, friends, or others in my community instead of seeking professional help in section Mentalhealth)

I relied on support from family, friends, or others in my community instead of seeking professional help

1 Yes, it was one of the reasons

2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 16 THEN

mhld_005p (I thought no one would care if I got better in section Mentalhealth)
I thought no one would care if I got better
1 Yes, it was one of the reasons
2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 17 THEN

mhld_005q (I didn't think the services would help me in section Mentalhealth)
I didn't think the services would help me
1 Yes, it was one of the reasons
2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

ELSEIF mhld_005_order(cnt) = 18 THEN

mhld_005r (other reasons did not get mental health services in section Mentalhealth)
Other, please specify:
1 Yes, it was one of the reasons
2 No, it was NOT one of the reasons

END OF IF

END OF LOOP

END OF SUBGROUP

mhld_005r_other (past 12 months other reasons did not get mental health services in section Mentalhealth)
STRING

END OF GROUP

END OF IF

mhld_endtime := date("Y-m-d H:i:s")

mhld_time := strtotime(mhld_endtime) - strtotime(mhld_begintime)

End of section **Mentalhealth**

Start of section **Parentscreener**

uas728_childscreener_completed := getUASMonthlyPreload("728", "childscreener_completed")

uas728_endtime := getUASMonthlyPreload("728", "endtime")

uas718_childscreener_completed := getUASMonthlyPreload("718", "childscreener_completed")

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uas718_endtime := getUASMonthlyPreload("718", "endtime")
uas711_endtime := getUASMonthlyPreload("711", "endtime")
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```
IF uas728_endtime = RESPONSE AND uas728_childscreeener_completed IN (1,3) THEN
| previous_childscreeener_completed := '1'
ELSEIF uas718_endtime = RESPONSE AND uas718_childscreeener_completed IN (1,3)
THEN
| previous_childscreeener_completed := '1'
ELSEIF uas711_endtime = RESPONSE THEN
| previous_childscreeener_completed := '1'
ELSE
| previous_childscreeener_completed := '2'
END OF IF
```

```
IF previous_childscreeener_completed = 2 THEN
| childscreeener_completed := '2'
```

pa_intro (Section Parentscreener)

The next questions ask about your family composition. At various times in UAS surveys we have asked questions about parents and children. Thank you for your patience in answering questions that may seem similar to ones you have answered before.

parent (parent and / or guardian of children in section Parentscreener)

Are you currently the parent and/or guardian of any children ages 5 to 17?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

```
IF parent = 1 THEN
```

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

parent_age_intro (Section Parentscreener)

How many of your children fall into each of the following age groups?

Important! Only count children for whom: You are their parent and/or guardian AND The child/children live(s) with you for at least a total of 3 months out of a year

parent_age_5_12 (Number of children ages 5 to 12 in section Parentscreener)

Number of children ages 5 to 12 who live with you at least three months out of a year. Enter "0" if none.

RANGE 0..4

parent_age_13_17 (Number of your children ages 13 to 17 in section Parentscreener)

Number of children ages 13-17 who live with you at least three months out of a year.
Enter "0" if none.
RANGE 0..4

END OF GROUP

child_total := '0'

IF parent_age_5_12 = RESPONSE AND parent_age_5_12 > 0 THEN

| child_total := child_total + parent_age_5_12

END OF IF

IF parent_age_13_17 = RESPONSE AND parent_age_13_17 > 0 THEN

| child_total := child_total + parent_age_13_17

END OF IF

IF child_total > 0 THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

parent_age_check (Section Parentscreener)

PLEASE VERIFY:

You live with (total of children()) child(ren) ages 5-17, at least part time.

Is this correct? If not, please go back and correct your entr(ies) as needed.

1 This is correct

2 This is not correct

parent_age_check_script (Section Parentscreener)

Please go back and correct your entr(ies) as needed. Please indicate if the number of children you live with is correct.

END OF GROUP

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

child_intro (Section Parentscreener)

To help us understand and keep track of which UAS households include children in the various age and school categories, please fill out the grid below for each of your child(ren) currently ages 5 to 17.

SUBGROUP OF QUESTIONS

IF parent_age_5_12 > 0 THEN

LOOP FROM 1 TO PARENT_AGE_5_12

child_firstname_5_12 (Child First name in section Parentscreener)
Child #childnumber# age 5-12
STRING

child_birthyear (child birth year in section Parentscreener)

2025 2025
2024 2024
2023 2023
2022 2022
2021 2021
2020 2020
2019 2019
2018 2018
2017 2017
2016 2016
2015 2015
2014 2014
2013 2013
2012 2012
2011 2011
2010 2010
2009 2009
2008 2008
2007 2007
2006 2006
2005 2005

child_birthmonth (child birth month in section Parentscreener)

1 January
2 February
3 March
4 April
5 May
6 June
7 July
8 August
9 September
10 October
11 November
12 December

child_gender (child gender in section Parentscreener)

1 Male
2 Female
3 Other

childtype(childcnt) := 1

END OF LOOP

END OF IF

IF parent_age_13_17 > 0 THEN

IF parent_age_5_12 > 0 THEN

loopstart := parent_age_5_12 + 1
child_max := parent_age_5_12 + parent_age_13_17

ELSE

loopstart := '1'
child_max := parent_age_13_17

END OF IF

LOOP FROM LOOPSTART TO CHILD.MAX

child_firstname_13_17 (Child First name in section Parentscreener)

Child #childnumber# age 13-17
STRING

child_birthyear (child birth year in section Parentscreener)

2025 2025
2024 2024
2023 2023
2022 2022
2021 2021
2020 2020
2019 2019
2018 2018
2017 2017
2016 2016
2015 2015
2014 2014
2013 2013

2012 2012
2011 2011
2010 2010
2009 2009
2008 2008
2007 2007
2006 2006
2005 2005

child_birthmonth (child birth month in section Parentscreener)

1 January
2 February
3 March
4 April
5 May
6 June
7 July
8 August
9 September
10 October
11 November
12 December

child_gender (child gender in section Parentscreener)

1 Male
2 Female
3 Other

childtype(childcnt2) := 2

END OF LOOP

END OF IF

END OF SUBGROUP

childempty_script (Section Parentscreener)

Please provide a name or nickname, year of birth and gender for each child. We use this information only to help us keep track of which UAS households qualify for questions about school age children, over time. If you are happy with your responses, click "Next" to continue.

END OF GROUP

Fill code of question FLchildwarningfuture executed

IF FLchildwarningfuture = RESPONSE THEN

childwarningfuture (Section Parentscreener)

One or more errors were found:

(The month and year of birth you entered for **^child_firstname_5_12(childcheck2)** is in the future./The month and year of birth you entered for **^child_firstname_13_17(childcheck2)** is in the future.) Please go back and correct your response(s).

END OF IF

Fill code of question FLChildwarningage executed

IF FLchildwarningage = RESPONSE THEN

childwarningage (Section Parentscreener)

One more potential errors were found:

(The month and year of birth you entered for **^child_firstname_5_12(childcheck)** suggests that they are younger than 5 or older than 17./The month and year of birth you entered for **^child_firstname_13_17(childcheck)** suggests that they are younger than 5 or older than 17.)If this is not correct, go back to edit your response(s). Otherwise, click "Next" to continue;

END OF IF

child_firstname := empty

LOOP FROM 1 TO CHILD_TOTAL

IF child_firstname_5_12(childcnt_assign) = RESPONSE THEN

child_firstname(childcnt_assign) := child_firstname_5_12(childcnt_assign)

ELSEIF child_firstname_13_17(childcnt_assign) = RESPONSE THEN

child_firstname(childcnt_assign) := child_firstname_13_17(childcnt_assign)

ELSE

child_firstname(childcnt_assign) := empty

END OF IF

```

END OF LOOP

LOOP FROM 1 TO CHILD_TOTAL

  IF child_birthday(childcnt) = RESPONSE THEN
    child_age(childcnt) := calcage(child_birthday(childcnt), child_birthdaymonth(childcnt),
    15)
  ELSE
    child_age(childcnt) := empty
  END OF IF
END OF LOOP
END OF IF
END OF IF

childscreeener_completed := '1'

childend (Section Parentscreener)
Thank you for providing us with that information!
ELSE
  childscreeener_completed := '3'
END OF IF

```

End of section **Parentscreener**

Start of section **Background**

/ Questions qb09, qb10 and qb11 are preloaded from previous surveys, and only asked if no earlier answer was found. */*

```

uas728_qb10 := /* qb10 preload from UAS728 */
uas728_qb10_other := /* qb10_other preload from UAS728 */
uas718_qb10 := /* qb10 preload from UAS718 */
uas718_qb10_other := /* qb10_other preload from UAS718 */
uas711_qb10 := /* qb10 preload from UAS711 */
uas711_qb10_other := /* qb10_other preload from UAS711 */
uas613_qb10 := /* qb10 preload from UAS613 */
uas613_qb10_other := /* qb10_other preload from UAS613 */
uas543_qb10 := /* qb10 preload from UAS543 */
uas543_qb10_other := /* qb10_other preload from UAS543 */

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```
ask_qb10 := '2'
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IF uas728_qb10 = RESPONSE THEN  
| qb10 := uas728_qb10  
| qb10_other := uas728_qb10_other  
ELSEIF uas718_qb10 = RESPONSE THEN  
| qb10 := uas718_qb10  
| qb10_other := uas718_qb10_other  
ELSEIF uas711_qb10 = RESPONSE THEN  
| qb10 := uas711_qb10  
| qb10_other := uas711_qb10_other  
ELSEIF uas613_qb10 = RESPONSE THEN  
| qb10 := uas613_qb10  
| qb10_other := uas613_qb10_other  
ELSEIF uas543_qb10 = RESPONSE THEN  
| qb10 := uas543_qb10  
| qb10_other := uas543_qb10_other  
ELSE  
| ask_qb10 := '1'  
END OF IF
```

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uas728_qb11 := /* qb11 preload from UAS728 */  
uas718_qb11 := /* qb11 preload from UAS718 */  
uas711_qb11 := /* qb11 preload from UAS711 */  
uas615_qb11 := /* qb11 preload from UAS615 */  
uas581_qb11 := /* qb11 preload from UAS581 */  
ask_qb11 := '2'
```

```
IF uas728_qb11 = RESPONSE THEN  
| qb11 := uas728_qb11  
ELSEIF uas718_qb11 = RESPONSE THEN  
| qb11 := uas718_qb11  
ELSEIF uas711_qb11 = RESPONSE THEN  
| qb11 := uas711_qb11  
ELSEIF uas615_qb11 = RESPONSE THEN  
| qb11 := uas615_qb11  
ELSEIF uas581_qb11 = RESPONSE THEN  
| qb11 := uas581_qb11  
ELSE
```

```
| ask_qb11 := '1'
```

```
END OF IF
```

```
uas728_qb09 := /* qb09 preload from UAS728 */  
uas728_qb09_other := /* qb09_other preload from UAS728 */  
uas718_qb09 := /* qb09 preload from UAS718 */  
uas718_qb09_other := /* qb09_other preload from UAS718 */  
uas711_qb09 := /* qb09 preload from UAS711 */  
uas711_qb09_other := /* qb09_other preload from UAS711 */  
uas615_qb09 := /* qb09 preload from UAS615 */  
uas615_qb09_other := /* qb09_other preload from UAS615 */  
uas581_qb09 := /* qb09 preload from UAS581 */  
uas581_qb09_other := /* qb09_other preload from UAS581 */  
ask_qb09 := '2'
```

```
IF uas728_qb09 = RESPONSE THEN
```

```
| qb09 := uas728_qb09  
| qb09_other := uas728_qb09_other
```

```
ELSEIF uas718_qb09 = RESPONSE THEN
```

```
| qb09 := uas718_qb09  
| qb09_other := uas718_qb09_other
```

```
ELSEIF uas711_qb09 = RESPONSE THEN
```

```
| qb09 := uas711_qb09  
| qb09_other := uas711_qb09_other
```

```
ELSEIF uas615_qb09 = RESPONSE THEN
```

```
| qb09 := uas615_qb09  
| qb09_other := uas615_qb09_other
```

```
ELSEIF uas581_qb09 = RESPONSE THEN
```

```
| qb09 := uas581_qb09  
| qb09_other := uas581_qb09_other
```

```
ELSE
```

```
| ask_qb09 := '1'
```

```
END OF IF
```

```
IF uas711_endtime = EMPTY AND uas718_endtime = EMPTY AND uas728_endtime =  
EMPTY THEN
```

```
| IF ask_qb09 = 1 OR ask_qb10 = 1 OR ask_qb11 = 1 THEN
```

```
| | Fill code of question FLListAsk executed
```

```
| | back_intro (Section Background)
```

```
| | (gender/gender identity/and/sexual orientation/The next questions ask about/The next  
| | question asks about). We understand and respect that people have different views. We
```

ask about this important topic because our research includes people of all kinds from across the country. As always, you can choose to skip questions if you'd rather not answer. Your answer - whatever it is - will help us understand your experiences better.

IF ask.qb10 = 1 THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

qb10 (gender identity in section Background)

How do you define your gender or gender identity?

- 1 Man
- 2 Woman
- 3 Non-binary, gender non-conforming, or genderqueer
- 4 Other (please specify):

qb10_other (other gender identity in section Background)

STRING

END OF GROUP

END OF IF

IF ask.qb11 = 1 THEN

qb11 (identify as transgender in section Background)

Do you identify as transgender?

- 1 Yes
- 2 No

END OF IF

IF ask.qb09 = 1 THEN

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

qb09 (sexual orientation in section Background)

How would you describe your sexual orientation?

- 1 Homosexual, gay or lesbian
- 2 Bisexual, pansexual or queer
- 3 Heterosexual or straight
- 4 Asexual
- 5 Some other description (please specify):

qb09_other (other sexual orientation in section Background)

STRING

END OF GROUP

END OF IF

END OF IF

END OF IF

End of section **Background**

Start of section **Ssa**

```
ssa_begintime := date("Y-m-d H:i:s")
```

ssa_intro (Section Ssa)

Chatbots are computer programs that can engage in conversations with people, typically through text or voice.

Thanks to recent advances in Artificial Intelligence (AI), chatbots are becoming more common in everyday life.

Both private companies and government agencies are using chatbots to answer questions, provide services, and communicate with the public in a faster and more accessible way.

For example, in interactions with government agencies, such as the Social Security Administration or the IRS, chatbots can assist individuals in checking their benefits, asking questions about taxes, or addressing other practical matters without requiring direct contact with a human representative.

In the following questions, we'd like to learn more about your preferences, comfort, and concerns regarding the use of chatbots for government services and programs.

ssa001 (how willing to use chatbot to get help with matters related to government services and programs in section Ssa)

How **willing** would you be to use a chatbot to get help with matters related to government services and programs, such as checking the status of an SSA benefit application, inquiring about your taxes, or getting general assistance?

- 1 Very unwilling
- 2 Somewhat unwilling
- 3 Unsure
- 4 Somewhat willing
- 5 Very willing

ssa002 (how comfortable communicating with chatbot instead of human to take care of matters related to government services and programs in section Ssa)

How **comfortable** would you feel communicating with a chatbot instead of a human representative to take care of matters related to government services and programs?

- 1 Very uncomfortable
- 2 Somewhat uncomfortable
- 3 Neither comfortable nor uncomfortable
- 4 Somewhat comfortable

5 Very comfortable

ssa003 (chatbot able to help how likely to use instead of calling or visiting office in section Ssa)

If an official chatbot were available to help with what you need, how likely would you be to use it instead of calling or visiting an office?

- 1 Very unlikely
- 2 Somewhat unlikely
- 3 Neither likely nor unlikely
- 4 Somewhat likely
- 5 Very likely

ssa004 (how much trust chatbot to provide accurate information or support with needs in section Ssa)

How much would you trust a chatbot to **provide accurate information or support with your needs?**

- 1 Less than a human representative
- 2 As much as a human representative
- 3 More than a human representative
- 4 Not sure

ssa005 (how much trust chatbot to protect personal information when dealing with it in section Ssa)

How much would you trust a chatbot to **protect your personal information when dealing with it?**

- 1 Less than a human representative
- 2 As much as a human representative
- 3 More than a human representative
- 4 Not sure

GROUP OF QUESTIONS PRESENTED ON THE SAME SCREEN

ssa006.intro (Section Ssa)

Imagine you are using a chatbot to ask questions about government services and programs. Would any of the following issues be a concern for you, and if so, how much of a concern?

SUBGROUP OF QUESTIONS

ssa006a (Not understanding how to interact with the chatbot in section Ssa)

Not understanding how to interact with the chatbot

- 1 A major concern
- 2 A moderate concern
- 3 A minor concern

4 Not a concern at all

ssa006b (Not being able to clearly explain my issue or question to the chatbot in section Ssa)

Not being able to clearly explain my issue or question to the chatbot

- 1 A major concern
- 2 A moderate concern
- 3 A minor concern
- 4 Not a concern at all

ssa006c (Not feeling heard or understood by the chatbot in section Ssa)

Not feeling heard or understood by the chatbot

- 1 A major concern
- 2 A moderate concern
- 3 A minor concern
- 4 Not a concern at all

END OF SUBGROUP

END OF GROUP

ssa007 (preferred chatbot format in section Ssa)

If government agencies were to offer different types of chatbot formats, which one would you prefer?

- 1 A text-based chatbot that can be accessed and used through a computer or phone
- 2 A voice-based chatbot you can talk to by phone
- 3 A visual chatbot that shows a virtual character on your screen who talks and acts like a real person, with facial expressions and movements like in a human conversation
- 4 None of the above. I would not want to use a chatbot

```
ssa_endtime := date("Y-m-d H:i:s")
```

```
ssa_time := strtotime(ssa_endtime) - strtotime(ssa_begintime)
```

End of section **Ssa**

Start of section **Closing**

CS_001 (HOW PLEASANT INTERVIEW in section Closing)

Could you tell us how interesting or uninteresting you found the questions in this survey?

- 1 Very interesting
- 2 Interesting
- 3 Neither interesting nor uninteresting
- 4 Uninteresting
- 5 Very uninteresting

CS_003 (comments in section Closing)

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

STRING

End of section **Closing**

/* 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. */