



# Personal Data – Socioeconomic Status

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ID NUMBER:  CONTACT YEAR:

LAST NAME:  INITIALS:

“Now I would like to ask you a few questions about yourself. In studies like this we often compare the ideas of men and women, young and old persons, and people of different economic backgrounds. The following questions are designed to assess some of your current and early life experiences. We realize that many of these refer to events that happened a long time ago. Please try to remember and answer as best you can. We will start our questions by gathering information about your current occupation, education and so forth. These questions are very important to this study. Can you agree to give us this information?”

1a. Think of this ladder with ten steps as representing where people stand in their communities. People define community in different ways. Please define it in whatever way is meaningful to you. At **step 10** are people who have the highest standing in their community. At **step 1** are people who have the lowest standing in their community. Tell me a number that represents where you think you stand at this time in your life, relative to other people in your community.

[SHOW RC #1]

Specify step on ladder: .....

1b. People think of their communities in different ways. When you answered the last question, what did you think of as your community?



6. Tell me a little more about your main job. What are your most important activities or duties? For example patient care, directing hiring policies, repairing automobiles, reviewing financial records, operating machinery, etc.)

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7. What kind of business or industry (is/was) that? (For example, hospital newspaper publishing, auto repair shop, bank, etc.)

**[IF UNSURE, ASK:]** What do they make or do where you (work/worked)?

**[PROBE FOR NAME OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY]**

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8a. How long (have you had/did you have) your main job? (Number of years).....

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8b. (Is/was) your job one that (provides/provided) regular steady work throughout the year, (is/was) it seasonal, (are/were) there frequent layoffs, or what? .....

Regular, steady work

1

Seasonal

2

Frequent layoffs

3

Don't know

4

Other

5

Go to Item 9a

8c. Specify:

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9a. Thinking over your entire work life, have you ever been unemployed (that is looking for a job but unable to find one) for 6 months or longer? .....

Yes

1

Go to Item 10

No

2

9b. How many times have you been unemployed for more than 6 months? [SPECIFY NUMBER OF TIMES] .....

10. How satisfied are you with your job? Are you satisfied, dissatisfied, or neither? ..... Satisfied 1  
 Dissatisfied 2  
 Neither 3

11. Now I would like you to think about the kind of jobs you had when you were younger. Please tell me what your first full-time occupation or job was.

[PROBE FOR WHAT RESPONDENT DID, NOT WHERE RESPONDENT WORKED. OBTAIN JOB TITLE.]


12. Pretend that the steps on this ladder stand for 10 possible steps in your life. The tenth step stands for the best possible way of life for you and the first step stands for the worst possible way of life for you. Keeping in mind that **step 10** represents your best way of life and **step 1** represents your worst way of life, will you tell me the step number that best describes where you are now?

[SHOW RC #3]

Specify step on ladder: .....

13. Would you please tell me the step number that best describes where you were ten years ago?

Specify step on ladder: .....

14. Will you please tell me the step number that best describes where you would like to be next year?

Specify step on ladder: .....

15. Will you please tell me the step number that best describes where you expect to be next year?

Specify step on ladder:.....





22a. What is the highest degree or years of school your (husband/wife/partner) ever completed, including trade or vocational school or college?

**[IF CURRENTLY ENROLLED, MARK HIGHEST GRADE COMPLETED OR HIGHEST DEGREE RECEIVED]**

RECORD NUMBER OF YEARS FOR GRADES 1-12 .....	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Some vocational or trade school, but no certificates		14
Vocational or trade certificate		15
Some college, but no degree		16
Associate degree, (junior college) (AA or AS)		17
Bachelor's degree (BA, BS, AB)		18
Graduate or professional school (MA, MS, Master's Doctorate, MD, JD, DDS, DVM, etc)		19

22b. [IF LESS THAN 12, ASK:] Did (he/she) complete a GED? .....	Yes	1
	No	2

"The following questions have to do with family finances. We know from other research that financial strain is common and very important to consider in understanding people's health. These questions will help give a picture of the various financial situations experienced by persons in the Jackson Heart Study. I want to remind you that key information you provide is strictly confidential and will never be identified with you as an individual."

23. Are you or your family renting, buying (paying a mortgage), or do you own (paid off) the house or apartment where you live now? .....	Pays rent	1
	Buying (paying a mortgage)	2
	Owns	3
	Neither owns nor pays rent	4
	Don't know	5

24. Do you own or are buying/leasing one or more cars? .....	Yes, one	1
	Yes, more than one	2
	No	3

25. Suppose you needed money quickly and you cashed in all of your (and your spouse's/ partner's) checking and savings accounts, cars, jewelry, or other possessions and any stocks, bonds, or real estate (other than your principal home). If you added up what you get, about how much would it amount to? Just give me your best estimate from the list.

[HAND RC #4] .....	\$0 – 499	1
	\$500 – 999	2
	\$1,000 – 4,999	3
	\$5,000 – 9,999	4
	\$10,000 – 19,999	5
	\$20,000 – 49,999	6
	\$50,000 – 99,999	7
	\$100,000 – 199,999	8
	\$200,000 or more	9
	Don't know	10
	Refused	11

26. In the past year, did you or anyone living in your household receive any income from the following sources?

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO/ DON'T KNOW</u>	<u>REFUSED</u>
26a. Investments?	1	2	3
26b. Social Security?	1	2	3
26c. Worker's Compensation?	1	2	3
26d. Unemployment Compensation?	1	2	3
26e. ADC or AFDC? (Aid to Dependent Children)	1	2	3
26f. Food Stamps?	1	2	3
26g. Other Welfare Programs?	1	2	3
26h. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)?	1	2	3
26i. Gambling?	1	2	3

27a. Now, thinking of all these sources as well as money from jobs, income from a business, or farm, rent from property, social security or retirement benefits, help from friends or family, or any other income not reported, what was your total combined family income before taxes in (YEAR)? Using this card [RC #5] tell me the number that most closely matches your total combined family income.

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|-------------------|----|-------|---------------|
| Less than \$5,000 | 1  | _____ |               |
| \$5,000 – 7,999   | 2  | _____ |               |
| \$8,000 – 11,999  | 3  | _____ |               |
| \$12,000 – 15,999 | 4  | _____ |               |
| \$16,000 – 19,999 | 5  | _____ |               |
| \$20,000 – 24,999 | 6  | _____ | Go to Item 28 |
| \$25,000 – 34,999 | 7  | _____ |               |
| \$35,000 – 49,999 | 8  | _____ |               |
| \$50,000 – 74,999 | 9  | _____ |               |
| \$75,000 – 99,999 | 10 | _____ |               |
| \$100,000 or more | 11 | _____ |               |
| Don't Know        | 12 |       |               |
| Refused           | 13 |       |               |

- 27b. You may not be able to give me an exact range for your family income, but can you tell me if your family received \$35,000 or more? ..... Yes 1
- Go to Item 27f — No 2
- Go to Item 28 — Don't know 3
- Refused 4

- 27c. Was it \$50,000 or above? ..... Yes 1
- Go to Item 28 — No 2
- Don't know 3
- Refused 4

27d. Was it \$75,000 or above? ..... Yes 1

No 2

Don't know 3

Refused 4

Go to Item 28

27e. Was it \$100,000 or above? ..... Yes 1

No 2

Don't know 3

Refused 4

Go to Item 28

**[IF THE FAMILY DID NOT RECEIVE \$35,000 OR MORE IN (YEAR)]**

27f. Was it \$10,000 or above? ..... Yes 1

No 2

Don't know 3

Refused 4

Go to Item 28

27g. Was it \$25,000 or above? ..... Yes 1

No 2

Don't know 3

Refused 4

28. How much of that income do you contribute? Using this card tell me the number that most closely matches your total income before taxes in (year).

[HAND RC #5] .....	Less than \$5,000	1
	\$5,000 – 7,999	2
	\$8,000 – 11,999	3
	\$12,000 – 15,999	4
	\$16,000 – 19,999	5
	\$20,000 – 24,999	6
	\$25,000 – 34,999	7
	\$35,000 – 49,999	8
	\$50,000 – 74,999	9
	\$75,000 to 99,999	10
	\$100,000 or more	11
	Don't know	12
	Refused	13

29. On average, how many people, including yourself does your total family income support?

Number of persons: .....

30a. Including yourself, how many people lived in your house during the past 12 months?

Number of persons: .....

30b. Of these, how many are under the age of 18?

Number of persons: .....

31. [SHOW RC #6] Now, think of a ladder with 10 steps representing where people stand in the United States. At **step 10** are the people who are the best off—those who have the most money, the most education and the most respected jobs. At **step 1** are the people who are the worst off—who have the least money, least education, and the worst jobs or no job. The higher up you are on this ladder, the closer you are to the people at the very top, and the lower you are, the closer you are to the people at the very bottom. Where would you place yourself on this ladder? Tell me a number that represents where you think you stand at this point in time relative to other people in the United States.

Specify number of step: ..... 

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**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

32. Date of data collection:..... 

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33. Code number of person completing this form: ..... 

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34. Method of data collection ..... Computer 1  
Paper Form 2

35. Data collection ..... In Clinic 1  
Off Site 2