## Personal Data - Socioeconomic Status

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LAST NAME: $\square$ INITIALS: $\square$
"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?"

Where were you born?
1a. City or
Town:

$\square$

3. We would like to know about the kind of work you do. Looking at this card, [SHOW RC \#2] please tell me the letter which best describes your current job?

| Working now, full-time | A |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Working now, part-time | B | Go to Item 5 |
| Employed, but temporarily <br> laid off | C |  |
| Sick or on leave for health <br> reasons | D |  |
| Unemployed, looking <br> for work | E |  |
| Unemployed, not looking <br> for work | G |  |
| Homemaker, not working <br> outside the home | H |  |
| Retired from my usual job <br> and not working | I |  |

4. When was your last regular job for pay? [RECORD YEAR]

[ENTER ‘9999’ IF NEVER HAD A REGULAR JOB FOR PAY]
5. Are you currently working in one or more than one job? ... One

0
More than one
M

6a. What (is/was) your occupation on your main job?
(For example: registered nurse, personnel manager, auto mechanic, accountant, machine operator, etc.)
[IF MORE THAN ONE, ASK:] Which do you consider your main occupation or job?
[PROBE FOR WHAT RESPONDENT DOES,
NOT WHERE RESPONDENT WORKS, OBTAIN JOB TITLE]

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6b. (Are/were) you self-employed for this occupation?
7. 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.)

8. 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]


9a. How long (have you had/did you have) your main job?
(Number of years). $\square$

9b. (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? ...........................................


9c. Specify:



10a. 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

10b. How many times have you been unemployed for more than 6 months? [SPECIFY NUMBER OF TIMES] $\square$
11. How satisfied are you with your job? Are you satisfied, dissatisfied, or neither? Satisfied S

Dissatisfied
D
Neither N
12. 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.]

13. 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: $\qquad$

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

Specify step on ladder: $\qquad$

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

Specify step on ladder: $\square$
16. Will you please tell me the step number that best describes where you expect to be next year?

Specify step on ladder: $\square$
17. How disappointed would you be if you found out that
you could never reach (STEP \# IN Q\#15)? Would you be very disappointed, fairly disappointed, slightly disappointed, or not at all disappointed? ............... Very disappointed

V
Fairly disappointed F
Slightly disappointed S
Not at all disappointed N

18a. What is the highest degree or years of school you have 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:]
$\qquad$
$\square$
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 ( $\mathrm{BA}, \mathrm{BS}, \mathrm{AB}$ ) ..... 18
Graduate or professional schools (MA, MS, Master's Doctorate, MD, JD, DDS, DVM, etc.) ..... 19
18b. [IF LESS THAN 12, ASK:] Did you complete a GED? ..... Yes ..... Y
No ..... N

19a. Have you completed any other training or education outside of formal school programs? $\qquad$ Yes


N
19b. Specify:


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20. [DO NOT ASK; REFER TO SOCIAL SUPPORT FORM]
[HAS RESPONDENT EVER HAD SPOUSE OR CURRENTLY HAS SPOUSE/PARTNER?]

Yes
Y


N
21. [SELECT APPROPRIATE WORDING]

Is your (husband/wife/partner) presently working for pay?
OR
Did your (husband/wife/partner) ever work for pay? $\qquad$ Yes, currently Y

Yes, in the past P


22a. What (is/was) (his/her) occupation or main job?
(For example: registered nurse, personnel manager,
auto mechanic, accountant, machine operator, etc.)
[PROBE FOR WHAT SPOUSE/PARTNER DOES, NOT WHERE SPOUSE/PARTNER WORKS, OBTAIN JOB TITLE]


22b. What are/were (his/her) most important activities or duties? (For example patient care, directing hiring policies, repairing automobiles, reviewing financial records, operating machinery, etc.)


22c. 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 your (spouse/partner) (works/worked)?
[PROBE FOR NAME OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY]


23a. 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]

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23b. [IF LESS THAN 12, ASK:] Did (he/she) complete a GED? ..............Yes Y
"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."
24. Are you or your family renting, buying (paying a mortgage), or do you own (paid off) the house or apartment where you live now? $\qquad$ Pays rent P

## Buying

(paying a mortgage)
Owns
0
Neither owns nor pays rent

N
Don't know
D
25. Do you own or are buying/leasing one or more cars?

Yes, one
Yes, more than one
0

No
N
26. 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 A
\$500-999 B
\$1,000-4,999 C
\$5,000-9,999 D
\$10,000-19,999 E
\$20,000-49,999 F
\$50,000-99,999 G
\$100,000-199,999 H
$\$ 200,000$ or more I
Don't know J
Refused K
27. In the past year, did you or anyone living in your household receive any income from the following sources?

|  | YES | $\begin{gathered} \text { NO/ } \\ \text { DON'T KNOW } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | REFUSED |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 27a. Investments? | Y | N | R |
| 27b. Social Security? | Y | N | R |
| 27c. Worker's Compensation? | Y | N | R |
| 27d. Unemployment Compensation? | Y | N | R |
| 27e. ADC or AFDC? (Aid to Dependent Children) | Y | N | R |
| 27f. Food Stamps? | Y | N | R |
| 27g. Other Welfare Programs? | Y | N | R |
| 27h. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)? | Y | $N$ | R |
| 27i. Gambling? | Y | $N$ | R |

28a. 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 letter that most closely matches your total combined family income.


28b. 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


28 d. Was it $\$ 75,000$ or above? $\qquad$ Yes


28e. Was it $\$ 100,000$ or above? $\qquad$ Yes

[IF THE FAMILY DID NOT RECEIVE $\$ 35,000$ OR MORE IN (YEAR)]
28f. Was it $\$ 10,000$ or above?
Yes


28 g . Was it $\$ 25,000$ or above? $\qquad$ Yes
29. How much of that income do you contribute? Using this card tell me the letter that most closely matches your total income before taxes in (year).
[HAND RC \#5] $\qquad$ Less than \$5,000
\$5,000-7,999
\$8,000-11,999
C
\$12,000-15,999 D
\$16,000-19,999 E
\$20,000-24,999 F
$\$ 25,000-34,999 \quad G$
\$35,000-49,999 H
\$50,000-74,999 I
$\$ 75,000$ to $99,999 \mathrm{~J}$
$\$ 100,000$ or more K
Don't know L
Refused M
30. On average, how many people, including yourself does your total family income support?

Number of persons: $\qquad$
$\square$

31a. Including yourself, how many people lived in your house during the past 12 months?

Number of persons:


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

Number of persons: $\qquad$
$\square$
32. [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:


ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
33. Date of data collection:

34. Code number of person completing this form:


