

Social Support Form Instructions
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I. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The Social Support (SOC) form is included as part of the Home Induction Interview to collect data about the extent of support from close personal relationships. Marital status is also ascertained in this form. The interviewer must be certified and should have a working knowledge of the document titled "General Instructions for Completing Paper Forms" prior to completing this form. ID number, contact year, and name should be completed as described in that document. ID, Contact Year and Name are completed as described in that document. Initiate the form by reading the script at the beginning of the form as printed.

II. SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

1. The purpose of this question is to determine the respondent's marital status. Some respondents may want to give multiple responses e.g. "I am now widowed for the past 5 years, but I was married for 50 years." For this response, Record "WIDOWED" and enter the number 05. Probe for current status. Circle the respondent's current marital status. For the response selected, record the number of years.
2. Record YES or NO to identify current live-in intimate relationship. If NO, SKIP to Item 5. An intimate relationship refers to any relationship the respondent considers as "intimate", "close", or "married-like." The interviewer may refer to this relationship as a "life partner" if needed.
3. The purpose of this item is to determine the extent of positive social support received from the respondent's partner. Pay close attention to the verb tense and parenthetical statements to select the appropriate relationship for this respondent. Hand the respondent the Response Card #1 and request them to tell you the letter corresponding to their experience. Read the rating descriptors to the respondent. Using the Response Card #1 circle the letter from A to E corresponding to the degree to which the respondent feels loved and cared for by their partner.
4. The purpose of this item is to determine the extent of negative social support received from the respondent's partner. Pay close attention to the verb tense and parenthetical statements to select the appropriate relationship for this respondent. Read the rating descriptors to the respondent. Using the Response Card #1 circle the letter from A to E corresponding to the degree to which the respondent feels excessive demands are made by their partner.

5. The purpose of this item is to determine the number of close friends, those the respondent feels at ease with, can talk with and call on for help. Read as written but do not read response categories to respondent. Give respondent Response Card #2. Circle the response A to E provided by the respondent.
6. The purpose of this question is to determine the number of close relatives, as above. Do not read response categories to respondent. Using Response Card #2 circle the response A to E provided by the respondent.
7. The purpose of this question is to determine frequency of contact with close friends or relatives. Do not read response categories to respondent. Using Response Card #2 circle the response A to E provided by the respondent.
8. The purpose of this item is to determine the respondent's community involvement. Record YES or NO. If YES, record the total number of organizations, clubs, social or professional associations, and so forth, to which the participant belongs.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

9. Enter date of data collection using leading zeroes as needed.
10. Enter the 3-digit JHS interviewer code of the person completing the form.