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DOD FINANCIAL LITERACY SURVEY

## Questions

## Basic Household Information

Military ID [may not be necessary to ask] or MOS (military
2 occupational specialty)
Grade level
3 Gender

4 Year of Birth (four digits)

5 Race (can choose more than one)

If No , year arrived in U.S. $\qquad$

Were your parents/guardians born in the U.S.

## Responses

## SHADED AREAS ARE ONE-TIME <br> ONLY <br> QUESTIONS

Male
Female
Year:
Month (01-12)
White
Black or African American
Asian
American Indian or Alaska Native
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
Other
Yes
No
Yes / No
Both/All of them
At least one but not all of them
None of them

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Single Rand question
Married
Divorced
Separated
Widowed

8 How many children do you have:
Under age 5
\#
Ages 5 up to 18
\#
Ages 18 up to 24
\#
Age 24 and over \#

9 Including yourself, how many people:
Live in your household (includes spouse, dependents, roommates, etc.) \#
in your household are adults (age 18 and over) \#
in your household work full- or part-time
\#

10 What is your household's Zip Code?

11a Do you live on base?
11b If you live off base, do you rent or own your residence?

Deployment status

Do you have a spouse in the military?

Yes / No
Rand question
Rent / Own

Currently deployed overseas
~Rand question
Currently deployed in the U.S. but not at my usual station
Currently deployed at my usual station
Not deployed

I have no spouse Rand question
Yes
No

I have no spouse
Rand question

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job?
Yes
No

15 Do you also hold a civilian job?

16 How much total time in the past 6 months have you spent away from your dependents?

17 What is your highest level of formal education?
Yes
No

I have no dependents
Less than 1 month
More than 1 month but less than 3 months
3 months or more

High School diploma
GED
some college or any technical certification(s)
Two-year college degree
Four year college degree
Other (Fill in)
Pre-Military History

18 What was your ASVAB score or AFQT score, in \%?

19 How would you classify the saving behavior of your parents/guardians?

20 How would you classify the saving behavior of your spouse's parents/guardians?

I did not take the ASVAB
Don't remember
Percentage (for example, enter 85 for 85\%)

Above average savers
Average savers
Below average savers
Did not save

I have no spouse
Above average savers
Average savers
http://usmilitary.about.com/ library/milinfo/blafqtscore.htm

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21 While growing up:
21a My parents/guardians talked to me about their finances
21b My parents/guardians talked to me about how to manage money
21c My parents/guardians were good at managing their finances
21d I was aware of my parent's/guardian's financial situation
21e I regularly set aside money for savings
I took a class in Consumer Education or Personal Finance in High
21f School
21g I had a savings account while in high school
21h I had a checking account while in high school
21i I had a debit card while in high school
21j I had a credit card while in high school
My spouse took a class in Consumer Education or Personal
21k Finance in High School
21I My spouse had a savings account while in high school
21m My spouse had a checking account while in high school
21n My spouse had a debit card while in high school
210 My spouse had a credit card while in high school

## Financial Product Ownership and Financial Awareness

22 Do you or your spouse own or have:
22a Checking account
22b Savings account
22c Certificates of deposit (CDs)
22d Debit cards
22e Credit cards
Mutual funds, such as money market mutual funds, stock or bond mutual funds

Below average savers
Did not save

Yes / No
Yes/No
Yes / No
Yes/No
Yes / No

Yes / No
Yes/No
Yes / No
Yes/No
Yes/No
Yes / No / Don't Know / No
Spouse
Yes / No / Don't Know / No
Spouse
Yes / No / Don't Know / No
Spouse
Yes / No / Don't Know / No
Spouse
Yes / No / Don't Know / No
Spouse

Yes/No
Yes/No
Yes / No
Yes/No
Yes/No
Yes/No
Yes / No

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| 22 g | Individual retirement accounts, that is, IRA or Keogh accounts | Yes/No |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 22h | Thrift savings account | Yes / No |
| 22i | 401 k retirement plan account | Yes/No |
| 22j | Publicly traded stock in individual companies | Yes/No |
| 22k | Bonds (corporate, municipal, government, or other type of bonds or bills) | Yes / No |
| 25 | Do you have any outstanding auto loans | Yes / No |
| 25b | If yes, how many? | \# |
| 25c | For the most recent car you bought, what is the: [Fill in 0 if you have | no car loan] |
| 25c1 | Original size of loan | \$ |
| 25c2 | Length of loan in months | \# |
| 25c3 | Approximate number of months remaining on loan | \# |
| 25c4 | Monthly payment amount | \$ |
| 25d1 | If you have a loan on another car, what is the: |  |
| 25d | Original size of loan | \$ |
| 25d2 | Length of loan in months | \# |
| 25d3 | Approximate number of months remaining on loan | \# |
| 25d4 | Monthly payment amount | \$ |
| 26 | What is the outstanding balance on your home mortgage? | I have no such loans \$ |
| 26a | What is the outstanding balance on any home equity loans on your house? | I have no such loans \$ |

## Current Financial Standing

35 Regarding you and/or your spouse:
35b How many credit cards do you use in an average month? \# I/We don't have credit cards
35c How many of your credit cards were not paid off in full after the
\#

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most recent due date?
[that is, how many carried a balance to the next month.]

23 After the last payments were made on your credit cards, roughly what was the balance still owed on these accounts?

24 Thinking only about Visa, Mastercard, Discover, Optima and store cards, do you almost always, sometimes, or hardly ever pay off the total balance owed on the account each month?

Do you know - approximately - the interest rate(s) on the credit
35d card you use
most often?

29 Approximately what is your family's monthly gross household income (before taxes) from:
I/We have no credit cards
Always or almost always
Sometimes
Hardly ever

I have no credit cards
\%
don't recall

29a Your military salary
\$
29b Your additional wage income from other jobs \$
29c Wage earned by your spouse \$
29d Interest and dividends \$
29e Rental Income \$
29 Child support and/or alimony \$
29 g Other \$
30 About how much do you spend on these items each month:
30a Rent or mortgage payment \$
30b Car loan or lease payments \$
30c Child support payments and/or alimony \$
30d Credit card payments \$
30e Savings for retirement \$
$30 f$ Other savings (for car, house, education, wedding, etc.) \$

Rand question

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| 30 g | Student loans | \$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30h | Furniture and or appliance loans | \$ |
| 30 i | Payments on other personal loans | \$ |
| 30j | Food eaten at home | \$ |
| 30k | etc.) | \$ |
| 31 | How much do you think each of the following is worth: |  |
| 31a | Your house and property (if you own it) |  |
| 31b | Your home furnishings |  |
| 31c | Your cars |  |
| 31d | financial/liquid securities (banks accounts, bonds, shares of stock, m | utual funds, etc.) |
| 31 e | Others - list |  |
| 31f | Others - list |  |
| 32 | Approximately how much do you still owe on |  |
| 32a | Your mortgage and other home loan | \$ |
| 32b | Your home furnishings |  |
| 32c | Your cars |  |
| 32d | Any credit card debt |  |
| 32e | Student loans outstanding |  |
| 32 f | Others - list 1 |  |
| 33 | What is the interest rate on your home mortgage? | I have no home loan \% |
|  |  | Don't recall |
| 34 | What is the interest rate on your most recent auto loan? | I have no auto loan \% |
|  |  | Don't recall |
| 35 | How many credit cards do you have? | \# |

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35b How many credit cards do you use in an average month?
How many of your credit cards were not paid off after the most recent due date?

5d Do you know - approximately - the interest rate(s) on your credit card(s)?

36 How much are you charged
when using an ATM machine to access your bank accounts?

## Financial Self-Assessment

27 How would you classify yourself in terms of savings habits?

28 How would you classify your spouse in terms of savings habits?

37 Did you have serious bill problems in the past 6 months?

38 How do you feel about your family's financial condition over the past 6 months?
\#

I have no credit cards
Yes
No

I don't use ATMs machines
I only use ATMs without fees
\$
Don't recall

Above average saver
Average saver
Below average saver
I have no spouse
Above average saver
Average saver
Below average saver

Yes
No

Comfortable and secure

Rand question

Rand question

Able to make ends meet
Occasional difficulties
Tough to make ends meet
In over your head

In planning your saving and spending, which of the following time
periods is mos
important to you (and your spouse)?

The next few months
the next year
the next few years
At least 5 years from now

On a scale of 0 to 10 where 0 is very dissatisfied, 5 is neither satisfied nor dissatisfied and 10 is very satisfied, how satisfied are you with:
the amount of money you have saved $0-10$
your ability to meet short-term financial goals 0-10
your ability to meet long-term financial goals 0-10
your financial management skills 0-10
your current overall financial situation
0-10

Which of the following statements on this page comes closest to

42 Have you or anyone in your household ever filed for bankruptcy?

I don't save because I usually spend all my income
I have no regular saving plan, save whatever is left over at the end of the month
I spend my work income, save other income
I save regularly by putting money aside each month

Yes
No

Yes / No / Don't know
Yes/No
Yes / No
Yes/No
Yes / No

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43e bought credit insurance
43f bought Renters or Homeowners Insurance
43 g bought supplemental life Insurance
43h borrowed against a life insurance policy
43u been turned down for credit
43k fallen behind in rent payments
43I bounced 1 or 2 checks
43 m bounced 3 or more checks
$43 n \quad$ made 1 or 2 late payments on credit cards
430 made 3 or more late payments on credit cards
$43 p$ been called by a debt collector
43q had utilities shut off for reasons of nonpayment
$43 r$ returned from deployment for financial reasons
43s been denied or lost security clearance for financial reasons
43t filed for bankruptcy

On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being not at all stressed and 10 being
$43 z$ extremely stressed,
how would you rate your financial stress level?

## Financial Behavior

44 Do you and/or your spouse:
44a use a formal budget for spending in your household
44b use an informal budget for spending in your household
44c have a debt reduction plan
44d have a specific plan for saving for retirement
44e have a specific plan for saving for the purchase of a home
44f have a specific plan for saving for other short-term purchases understand the distinction between discretionary and non-
$44 \mathrm{~g} \quad$ discretionary spending
44h Comparison shop for credit alternatives
44i Comparison shop for investment alternatives
44j Comparison shop for major purchases (items $>\mathbf{\$ 2 5 0}$ )

Yes/No
Yes / No / Don't know
Yes/No
Yes/No
Yes/No
Yes / No
Yes/No
Yes/No
Yes/No
Yes/No
Yes/No
Yes/No
Yes/No
Yes/No
Yes/No
Yes/No

1-10

Yes/No
Yes/No
Yes / No / Have little to no debt
Yes/No
Yes/No
Yes / No
Yes / No
Never / Seldom / Moderately / A lot
Never / Seldom / Moderately / A lot
Never / Seldom / Moderately / A lot

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440 Do you or your spouse currently have a checking account?
44 If yes, for how long have you had an account?

Do you and/or your spouse:
check your checking account during the month either by phone or on-line
45c track retirement investments periodically
45d have an emergency fund (for meeting unforeseen spending needs)
45d1 If so, how large is it?

Never / Seldom / Moderately / A lot
Never / Seldom / Moderately / A lot
Never / Seldom / Moderately / A lot
Never / Seldom / Moderately / A lot
Yes / No
less than 6 months
between 6 months and 1 year
for 1 to two years
longer than 2 years

Yes / No / Not applicable
Yes / No / Not applicable
Yes / No / Not applicable
Yes / No
Actual amount
\$1 to \$1,000
\$1,001 to \$2,000
\$2,001 to \$3,000
\$3,001 to \$4,000
\$4,001 to \$5,000
\$5,001 and above

## Educational programs

Over time, you and/or your spouse might be exposed to various efforts to provide economic or
consumer education. These can be work, school, or community based. They might be formal or
informal. Examples might include work-related saving and retirement seminars, school classes in

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personal finance, church-affiliated home-buying seminars, or peer counseling sessions. We would like to
know what experience you have had with such activities in the past six months: when you might have attended,
what the topic was, and how useful the activity, and whether or not it improved your financial
behavior

Course Description Date MM/YY

|  | Better than avg / Avg / Worse than avg |
| :--- | :--- |
| Formal/ | Program |
| Informal | Ratingood of |
| Rating | Change in Behavior |

Rate the AIT Financial Management Training Course:
mm/yy
formal
???
???
Which of the following best describes your experience with the AIT course:

Through the course, I learned

Very little about the subject Something about the subject A lot about the subject

Nothing more
A little more
A lot more

