

Questionnaire on Computer and Internet Experience and Demographics

1. Do you use a computer at home or at work or both?

(Check all that apply.)

- Home
- Work
- Somewhere else, such as school, library, etc.

2. If you have a computer at home,

a. What kind of modem do you use at home?

- Dial up
- Cable
- DSL
- Wireless (Wi-Fi)
- Other _____
- Don't know

b. Which browser do you typically use at home? Please indicate the version if you can recall it.

- Firefox
- Internet Explorer
- Netscape
- Other _____
- Don't know

c. What operating system does your home computer run in?

- MAC OS
- Windows 95
- Windows 2000
- Windows XP
- Windows Vista
- Other _____
- Don't know

3. On average, about how many hours do you spend on the Internet per day?

0 hours 1-3 hours 4-6 hours 7 or more hours

4. On average, about how many hours do you use the Internet per week?

0 hours 1-3 hours 4-6 hours 7 or more hours

5. What do you use the Internet for **more**:

Searching / Surfing the web **or** Answering / Sending e-mail

6. Have you ever done research on historical topics, including on genealogy?

Yes No

a. If yes, about how many times have you researched historical topics? _____

b. If yes, have you researched historical topics on the Internet in the last two months?

Yes No

7. How often do you use different media (i.e., photos, audio, video streams) on the Internet?

8. Please rate your overall experience with the following:
Circle one number.

| | No experience | | | | | Very experienced | | | |
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| Computers | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Internet | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |

9. What computer applications do you use?
Mark (X) for all that apply

- E-mail
- Internet
- Word processing (MS-Word, WordPerfect, etc.)
- Spreadsheets (Excel, Lotus, Quattro, etc.)
- Databases (MS-Access, etc.)
- Accounting or tax software
- Engineering, scientific, or statistical software
- Other applications, please specify _____

Circle one number for each question below.

- | | Not Comfortable | | | Comfortable | |
|---|---------------------|---|---|----------------------|---|
| 10. How <i>comfortable</i> are you in learning to navigate new Web sites? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 11. Computer windows can minimize, resize, and scroll through. How <i>comfortable</i> are you in manipulating a window? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 12. How <i>comfortable</i> are you using and navigating through the Internet? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | Never | | | Very Often | |
| 13. How <i>often</i> do you work with any type of data through a computer? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 14. How <i>often</i> do you perform complex analyses of data through a computer? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 15. How <i>often</i> do you use the Internet or Web sites to find information? (e.g., printed reports, news articles, data tables, blogs, etc.) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| | Not familiar | | | Very familiar | |
| 16. How <i>familiar</i> are you with the Census (terms, data, etc)? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 17. How <i>familiar</i> are you with the current Census History Web site? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

18. What is your date of birth? _____
month year

19. What is the highest grade of school you have completed, or the highest degree you have received?

- a) Completed ninth grade or below
- b) Some high school, but no diploma
- c) Completed high school with diploma or received a GED
- d) Vocational training beyond high school
- e) Some college credit
- f) Associates degree (AA/AS)
- g) Bachelor's Degree (BA/BS)
- h) Master's, Professional, or Doctoral degree

20. What is your gender?

_____ Male _____ Female

21. Do you consider yourself to be of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

_____ Yes _____ No

22. What is your race? Choose **one or more** races.

(Optional. We ask this question to ensure a diverse sample of people is in each study.)

- _____ White
- _____ Black or African American
- _____ Asian
- _____ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- _____ American Indian or Alaska Native