

Questions Contained in the 2007 ACS Content Test Content Followup (CFU) CATI Instrument

Locating an eligible respondent and introducing the survey:

Outgoing call:

Q. This is (your name) of the US Census Bureau. Have I reached (xxx) xxx-xxxx?

Q. May I speak to NAME¹? (If NAME is available, go to the introduction. On the first call, NAME is the original mail, CATI, or CAPI respondent, and if that person cannot be reached but will be available later, the interviewer cannot interview somebody else in the household.)

Q. May I speak to someone at least 15 years old who is knowledgeable about the household at ADDRESS and the people in that household?

Introduction once eligible respondent is located (outgoing or incoming call):

Q. [Fill 1: This call is about a Census Bureau survey you or someone in your household recently completed/Thank you for returning our call. My name is ... from the U.S. Census Bureau..] [Fill 2: First we'd like to thank you for completing the questionnaire. I'm calling today to collect some additional information./We have completed part of an interview for this household and would like to finish it now.]

My supervisor is working with me today and may listen in to evaluate my performance.

Within this interview I may be asking a few questions which sound very similar. This is necessary so we can determine which question version works the best.

(Interviewer reads this statement if this is not original mail, CATI, or CAPI respondent): I am required by law to tell you that this survey is authorized by Title 13, Sections 141, 193, and 221 of the United States Code. The average interview takes about 10 to 15 minutes. This survey is mandatory and your cooperation is very important. All the information you provide will be remain completely confidential.

[NOTE: For Fill 1, the first part of the fill (before the slash) appears on the screen. If this is an incoming call from the respondent in response to us leaving our number on their answering machine, the second part of the fill appears instead. For Fill 2, the first part appears if this is a new CFU interview; the second part if this is the resumption of a partial CFU interview.]

Housing section:

Building Type:

Q. Now I'd like to ask questions about ADDRESS. Which best describes this building? Is it a mobile home, single family house, building with two or more apartments, boat, RV or van?

1. Mobile home
2. Single-family house
3. Building with 2 or more apartments
4. Boat, RV, van, etc.

Tenure:

Q: Do you or someone in this household own this BUILDING TYPE² with a mortgage or loan including home equity loans, own it free and clear, rent it, or occupy it without having to pay rent?

¹Words shown in all caps (like NAME, ADDRESS, etc), are filled on the screen with the appropriate information.

²BUILDING TYPE is filled on the screen as "mobile home", "house", "apartment", or "place", depending on the answer to the building type question.

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1. Own with a mortgage or loan including home equity loans
2. Own free and clear
3. Rent (go to the Detailed Person Section)
4. Occupy without having to pay rent (go to the Detailed Person Section)

Q. [Fill 1: Just to be sure, is/Is] there a second or junior mortgage on this property? [NOTE: The first fill is used if the respondent said “free and clear” to the first tenure question]

1. Yes
2. No

Q. [Fill 1: Again, just to be sure, is/Is] there a home equity loan on this property? [NOTE: The first fill is used if the respondent said “free and clear” to the first tenure question]

1. Yes
2. No

Detailed Person section [NOTE: these questions are asked only of people who were reported in the original interview to have a bachelor’s degree or higher]³:

Place of Birth/Citizenship:

Q. I will now be asking a series of questions about some of the people in the household. The next few questions deal with your place of birth and citizenship...

Where were you born? (If in the US, go to the Education questions. If unknown, go to the citizenship questions.)

Q. In what country were you born? (If a US commonwealth/territory, go to the year of entry question.)

Q. Are you a citizen of the United States? (If a citizen and place of birth is unknown, skip the next question. If not a citizen, skip to the year of entry question.)

Q. Were you born abroad of an American parent or parents, or did you become a citizen by naturalization? (Go to the year of entry question.)

Q. You have indicated that you are a citizen, and that you don't know your exact place of birth, but perhaps you could give us other general information about yourself. Were you born in the U.S., born in Puerto Rico, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands or Northern Marianas, born abroad of an American parent or parents, or did you become a naturalized citizen? (If born in the US, go to the Education questions.)

1. Born in the U.S.
2. Born in Puerto Rico, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands or Northern Marianas
3. Born abroad of an American parent or parents
4. Citizen by naturalization

Q. When did you come to live in the United States?

Education section:

³Note that the questions are all asking the respondent of his or herself. When asking about somebody else in the household, on the screen, the fills like “your”, “you”, etc. are replace with words like the person’s name, “him”, “her”, etc.

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Enrollment:

Q. The next questions are about schooling and education. At any time IN THE LAST 3 MONTHS, have you attended school or college? Include only nursery or preschool, kindergarten, elementary school, home school, and schooling that leads to a high school diploma or college degree. (If no, go to the attainment question.)

1. Yes
2. No

Q. Was that a public school or college, a private school or college, or home school?

1. Public school or college
2. Private school or college or home school

Q. What grade or level were you attending?

31. Nursery school or preschool
32. Kindergarten
33. Grade 1
34. Grade 2
35. Grade 3
36. Grade 4
37. Grade 5
38. Grade 6
39. Grade 7
40. Grade 8
41. Grade 9
42. Grade 10
43. Grade 11
44. Grade 12
45. College undergraduate years, that is a college freshman to senior
46. Graduate or professional school beyond a bachelor's degree, for example a Master's or PhD program or medical or law school

Attainment:

Q. What is the highest degree or level of school you have COMPLETED? (If the respondent says bachelor's degree or higher, go to the field of degree questions. If (unprompted) the respondent says vocational or technical license, go to the next question. Otherwise, the interview is complete for that person.)

51. No schooling completed
52. Nursery school
53. Kindergarten
54. Grade 1
55. Grade 2
56. Grade 3
57. Grade 4
58. Grade 5
59. Grade 6
60. Grade 7

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61. Grade 8
62. Grade 9
63. Grade 10
64. Grade 11
65. Grade 12, no diploma
66. Regular high school diploma
67. GED or alternative credential
68. Some college, no degree
69. Associate's degree (for example: AA, AS)
70. Bachelor's degree (for example: BA, BS)
71. Master's degree (for example: MA, MS, MENG, MEd, MSW, MBA)
72. Professional degree beyond a bachelor's degree (for example: MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)
73. Doctorate degree (for example: PhD, EdD)
74. Vocational or technical license <DO NOT READ>

Q. Other than the vocational or technical license, what is the highest degree or level of school you have COMPLETED? (The answer categories are the same as the ones for the previous question, except there is no "Vocational or technical license" option.)

Field of degree, received CATEGORICAL questions during the original interview:

Q. This question focuses on your BACHELOR'S DEGREE. In which of the following major fields did you receive your BACHELOR'S DEGREE or DEGREES? Please answer "Yes" or "No" for each category.

Biological, Agricultural, Physical, Earth or Other Natural Sciences?

Q. Health, Nursing, or Medical Fields? (NOTE: The introduction in the previous question is on the screen and will be read by the interviewer if he/she feels it is necessary. This is also true for all of the following categorical questions.)

Q. Engineering, Computer Sciences, or Mathematical Sciences?

Q. History, Arts, or Humanities?

Q. Psychology, Economics, or Other Social Sciences?

Q. Business or Management?

Q. Education or Education Administration?

Q. Some other major field? (If "no", skip the next question.)

Q. What was your major field? (open-ended)

Q. This question also focuses on your BACHELOR'S DEGREE. What was the specific major or majors of any BACHELOR'S DEGREES you have received? For example, chemical engineering, elementary teacher education, organizational psychology. (NOTE: This is an open-ended question, not a yes/no question.)

Field of degree, received OPEN-ENDED question during the original interview:

Q. This question focuses on your BACHELOR'S DEGREE. What was the specific major or majors of any BACHELOR'S DEGREES you have received? For example, chemical engineering, elementary

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Q. Psychology, Economics, or Other Social Sciences?

Q. Business or Management?

Q. Education or Education Administration?

Q. Some other major field? (If "no", skip the next question.)

Q. What was your major field? (open-ended)

Conclusion of the survey after a complete interview:

Thank you very much for your participation in this important survey. Your cooperation has made it possible for us to collect better data in the American Community Survey. You've been very helpful.

Conclusion of the survey if the survey is not complete (a partial interview or an eligible respondent is not available:

Thank you for your assistance. [Fill 1: My interviewing rules require that I speak to NAME.] [NOTE: Fill 1 appears on the screen if this is the first call to the household and the original mail, CATI, or CAPI respondent will be available during the interviewing period.]

[After this, the interviewer schedules a call back time and date.]