

Attachment D: Self-administered Web Survey

Design Notes:

- Pilot test will be used to test timing, the number of global categories will be reduced if current plan takes more than 20 minutes

Screening Questions (to appear on TryMyUI screening screen to determine participant eligibility). Only participants who respond yes to each question will be eligible to participate.

1. In the past few months have you purchased any appliances?
2. In the past few months have you purchased any furniture?
3. In the past few months have you purchased any household decorative items or linens?

Welcome!

Unlike some other TryMyUI studies, you will not be using a website to complete a task for this study. Instead you'll be answering survey questions.

You'll only be asked to talk aloud as you complete some of the sections, but feel free to do so at any point. The instructions will tell you when you need to talk aloud.

This voluntary study is being collected under OMB No. 1220-0141 and it is estimated it will take you no longer than 20 minutes to complete.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics is exploring ways to better measure how Americans spend their money. We will be asking you about recent purchases. Please read instructions for each question carefully, explaining your answer when instructed to.

Note: This survey is being administered by surveymonkey.com and resides on a server outside of the BLS Domain. The BLS cannot guarantee the protection of survey responses and advises against the inclusion of sensitive personal information in any response.

CEQ Questions with Global Categories. The below questions will be listed on the survey screen and each “yes” reply will be followed by ‘how much was the expense?’ and ‘in what month was the expense?’ questions)

1. Have there been any expenses that deal with the upkeep or improvement of your home, or any other unit you’ve owned or rented since the first of [reference month]:

- Repairing outdoor patios, walls, fences, driveways or swimming pools
- Inside painting or papering
- Outside painting
- Plastering or painting
- Plumbing or water heating installation or repair
- Electrical work
- Heating or air conditioning jobs

1. Now I am going to ask about the purchase or rental of major household appliances. Since the first of [reference month] have you or any members of your household purchased or rented any:

- Major kitchen appliances
- Minor kitchen appliances
- Washers or dryers
- Air conditioners or heating and cooling equipment
- Smoke alarms
- Other household appliances

2. Now I am going to ask you about expenses for the purchase or rental of other household items. Since the first of [reference month] have you or any members of your household purchased or rented any of the following items?

1. Computers, computer systems or related hardware
2. Computer software or accessories
3. Telephones or accessories
4. Photography equipment, supplies or fees
1. Musical instruments, supplies and accessories
2. Sports or exercise equipment
3. Camping, hunting or fishing equipment

4. Bicycles
 5. Playground equipment
 6. Other recreation equipment
3. Now I am going to ask you about expenses for home furnishing and related household items. Since the first of [reference period] have you or any members of your household purchased any:
1. Furniture for living, family or recreation rooms
 2. Dining room or kitchen furniture
 3. Bedroom furniture
 4. Infant furniture
 5. Outdoor furniture
4. Have you purchased any:
1. Household linens
 2. Window coverings
 3. Area rugs
 4. Slipcovers

Debriefing Questions

Thanks for your answers so far! Now please answer some questions about your thought processes during the previous set of questions about things you've purchased.

Please answer a few follow-up questions about **Major Appliances**

1. *If =0*, You said that you haven't spent any money on Major Appliances. Please explain out loud what types of things you thought about when answering this question. *Skip to next expenditure section.*
2. *If >0*, You said that you had spent \$___ on Major Appliances. Please explain out loud how you arrived at that answer.
3. Please list the Major Appliances purchases you've made in the past three months and how much it cost

Description	Cost
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4. What comes to mind when you hear the term Major Appliances?
5. Please list as many examples of Major Appliances expenses as you can think of
6. Are there any expenses that you think might be included in Major Appliances but aren't sure about?

Please answer a few follow-up questions about **Minor Appliances**

1. *If =0*, You said that you haven't spent any money on Minor Appliances. Please explain out loud what types of things you thought about when answering this question. *Skip to next expenditure section.*
2. *If >0*, You said that you had spent \$___ on Minor Appliances. Please explain out loud how you arrived at that answer.
3. Please list the Minor Appliances purchases you've made in the past three months and how much it cost

Description	Cost

4. What comes to mind when you hear the term Minor Appliances?
5. Please list as many examples of Minor Appliances expenses as you can think of
6. Are there any expenses that you think might be included in Minor Appliances but aren't sure about?

Please answer a few follow-up questions about **Photography equipment, supplies or fees**

1. *If =0*, You said that you haven't spent any money on Photography equipment, supplies or fees. Please explain out loud what types of things you thought about when answering this question. *Skip to next expenditure section.*
2. *If >0*, You said that you had spent \$___ on Photography equipment, supplies or fees. Please explain out loud how you arrived at that answer.
3. Please list the Photography equipment, supplies or fees purchases you've made in the past three months and how much it cost

Description	Cost

4. What comes to mind when you hear the term Photography equipment, supplies or fees?
5. Please list as many examples of Photography equipment, supplies or fees expenses as you can think of
6. Are there any expenses that you think might be included in Photography equipment, supplies or fees but aren't sure about?

Please answer a few follow-up questions about **Sports or exercise equipment**

1. *If =0*, You said that you haven't spent any money on Sports or exercise equipment. Please explain out loud what types of things you thought about when answering this question. *Skip to next expenditure section.*
2. *If >0*, You said that you had spent \$___ on Sports or exercise equipment. Please explain out loud how you arrived at that answer.
3. Please list the Sports or exercise equipment purchases you've made in the past three months and how much it cost

Description	Cost

4. What comes to mind when you hear the term Sports or exercise equipment?
5. Please list as many examples of Sports or exercise equipment expenses as you can think of
6. Are there any expenses that you think might be included in Sports or exercise equipment but aren't sure about?

Please answer a few follow-up questions about **Camping, hunting or fishing equipment**

1. *If =0*, You said that you haven't spent any money on Camping, hunting or fishing equipment. Please explain out loud what types of things you thought about when answering this question. *Skip to next expenditure section.*
2. *If >0*, You said that you had spent \$___ on Camping, hunting or fishing equipment. Please explain out loud how you arrived at that answer.
3. Please list the Camping, hunting or fishing equipment purchases you've made in the past three months and how much it cost

Description	Cost

4. What comes to mind when you hear the term Camping, hunting or fishing equipment?
5. Please list as many examples of Camping, hunting or fishing equipment expenses as you can think of
6. Are there any expenses that you think might be included in Camping, hunting or fishing equipment but aren't sure about?

Please answer a few follow-up questions about **Furniture for living, family or recreation rooms**

1. *If =0*, You said that you haven't spent any money on Furniture for living, family or recreation rooms. Please explain out loud what types of things you thought about when answering this question. *Skip to next expenditure section.*
2. *If >0*, You said that you had spent \$___ on Furniture for living, family or recreation rooms. Please explain out loud how you arrived at that answer.
3. Please list the Furniture for living, family or recreation rooms purchases you've made in the past three months and how much it cost

Description	Cost

4. What comes to mind when you hear the term Furniture for living, family or recreation rooms?
5. Please list as many examples of Furniture for living, family or recreation rooms expenses as you can think of
6. Are there any expenses that you think might be included in Furniture for living, family or recreation rooms but aren't sure about?

Please answer a few follow-up questions about **Infant furniture**

1. *If =0*, You said that you haven't spent any money on Infant furniture. Please explain out loud what types of things you thought about when answering this question. *Skip to next expenditure section.*
2. *If >0*, You said that you had spent \$___ on Infant furniture. Please explain out loud how you arrived at that answer.
3. Please list the Infant furniture purchases you've made in the past three months and how much it cost

Description	Cost

4. What comes to mind when you hear the term Infant furniture?
5. Please list as many examples of Infant furniture expenses as you can think of
6. Are there any expenses that you think might be included in Infant furniture but aren't sure about?

Please answer a few follow-up questions about **Household linens**

1. *If =0*, You said that you haven't spent any money on Household linens. Please explain out loud what types of things you thought about when answering this question. *Skip to next expenditure section.*
2. *If >0*, You said that you had spent \$___ on Household linens. Please explain out loud how you arrived at that answer.

3. Please list the Household linens purchases you've made in the past three months and how much it cost

Description	Cost

4. What comes to mind when you hear the term Household linens?
5. Please list as many examples of Household linens expenses as you can think of
6. Are there any expenses that you think might be included in Household linens but aren't sure about?

Please answer a few follow-up questions about **Window coverings**

1. *If =0*, You said that you haven't spent any money on Window coverings. Please explain out loud what types of things you thought about when answering this question. *Skip to next expenditure section.*
2. *If >0*, You said that you had spent \$___ on Window coverings. Please explain out loud how you arrived at that answer.
3. Please list the Window coverings purchases you've made in the past three months and how much it cost

Description	Cost

4. What comes to mind when you hear the term Window coverings?
5. Please list as many examples of Window coverings expenses as you can think of
6. Are there any expenses that you think might be included in Window coverings but aren't sure about?

