Rate Social Security's Service

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Social Security would like to know how well we served you when you filed your recent application for retirement benefits. The survey asks you to rate the service you received in person, on the telephone, or on our website. This survey also asks about your expectations for good service and how you want to do business with Social Security in the future. The survey should take about 20 minutes to finish.

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•		questions as directed. You may be told to skip over some questions. When that happens, you will see vith a note telling you what question to answer next:
		Example:
		▼ No → SKIP to Question 1
•		e the space provided on the last page to explain any of your answers, especially any reasons for to offer any other comments you may have about filing for retirement benefits.
	uissatisiac	tion, or to oner any other comments you may have about ming for retirement benefits.
		INSTRUCTIONS FOR MARKING YOUR ANSWERS
•	Use a pen v	with blue or black ink or a number 2 pencil. • Make no stray marks.
•	Do not use	a pen with ink that soaks through the paper. • Keep all entries within the appropriate boxes.
		PREPARING TO FILE FOR RETIREMENT BENEFITS
1.	Before you prepare?	filed your application for retirement benefits, did you get any information from Social Security to help you
	Mark	▼ ONLY one answer.
		Yes
		No → SKIP to Question 5.
2.	How did yo	ou get that information from Social Security?
	Mark	🗷 <u>all</u> answers that apply.
		Visited Social Security's website
		Called Social Security's national toll-free number
		Called a local Social Security office
		Visited a local Social Security office
		Reviewed last Social Security Statement I received in the mail
		Some other way: Please explain:

3. Social Security has tools on its website that you can use the Retirement Benefit Estimator (www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount). Before your retirement benefit?	.gov/estimat	or) and the pe	ersonalized S	Social Security	y Statement
Mark ☒ ONLY one answer.					
☐ Yes					
No → SKIP to Question 5.					
A Llow would you get the weefulness of these tools on	Casial Casur	itula wahaita?			
How would you rate the usefulness of these tools on a second				Not at All	Na
Mark 🗷 one answer.	Very Useful	Somewhat Useful	Not Very Useful	Not at All Useful	No Opinion
I found Social Security's Retirement Benefit Estimator to be					
I found the Online Social Security Statement to be					
 Yes → Continue with Question 6. No → SKIP to Question 7 if you a → SKIP to Question 9 if you a Where did you get that information? 	_	_			
Mark 🗷 <u>all</u> answers that apply.					
Senior citizens organization, such as AAR	PP				
Accountant or financial advisor	.,				
Employer or union					
Friends or relatives					
Local seminars or meetings					
☐ Traditional media (newspaper, magazine,	TV, or radio)			
☐ Website other than Social Security's	,	,			
Social networking site such as Facebook	or Twitter				
☐ Government agency other than Social Se	curity				
Some other way: Please explain:					

7.		where you obtained information to prepare for retirement, did it change your plans about when to start your Social Security retirement benefits?
	Mark	▼ ONLY one answer.
		Yes
		No → SKIP to Question 9.
8.	How did the Did you:	e information change your plans about when to start collecting your Social Security retirement benefits?
	Mark	▼ ONLY one answer.
		Claim Social Security benefits <u>earlier</u> than planned
		Claim Social Security benefits <u>later</u> than planned
		HOW YOU FILED YOUR APPLICATION FOR RETIREMENT BENEFITS
9.	Did you file	e your application for retirement benefits:
	Mark	▼ ONLY one answer.
		In person with a Social Security employee
		Over the telephone with a Social Security employee
		On Social Security's website → <u>SKIP</u> to Question 14.
10.		curity offers an online application on its website that people can use to file for retirement benefits. At the led, were you aware of Social Security's online application?
	Mark	▼ ONLY one answer.
		Yes
		No → SKIP to Question 12.
11.	What was	the <u>main</u> reason you <u>didn't</u> <u>use</u> the online retirement application?
	Mark	▼ ONLY one answer.
		Don't use the Internet
		Easier to understand things when explained by a person
		Can get my specific questions answered right away with a person
		Concerned about security and/or privacy of my information
		Concerned online application might be too hard, complicated
		Problem with computer or Internet access
		Tried to but was not successful
		Some other reason: Please explain:

12. Did you make an appointment with Social Se	curity to file	your retire	ment appli	cation?			
Mark 🗷 ONLY one answer.							
☐ Yes							
No → SKIP to Question 1	5.						
13. Please rate the following aspects of your app	ointment wit	h Social S	ecurity.				
Mark 🗷 one answer for each item.	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	No Opinion
How soon you could get an appointment							
Convenience of the scheduled appointment							
SATISFACTION	I WITH THE	ONLINE	E APPLIC	ATION			
The next question is for people who filed th If you did NOT file your retirem						-	te.
14. Please rate the following aspects of your exp	erience usin	g Social S	ecurity's o	nline appli	cation.		
		Very	-			Very	No
Mark 🗷 one answer for each item.	Excellent	Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Poor	Opinion
Ease of finding the online application on Social Security's website							
Ease of answering the questions on the online application							
Helpfulness of the explanations in the "More Info" links on the online application							
Availability of other help from Social Security to complete the online application							
Length of time it took to complete the online application							
How well the online application explained what would happen after you submitted it							
SATISFACTION WITH S	OCIAL SEC	CURITY'S	TELEPH	IONE SE	RVICE		
15. Did you ever call Social Security about your a	application fo	or retireme	nt benefits	?			
Mark 🗵 ONLY one answer.							
☐ Yes							
No → SKIP to Question 1	8.						

Mark 🗷 ONLY one answer.							
☐ National toll-free number							
☐ Local Social Security office	е						
☐ Both							
☐ Not sure							
17. Please rate the following aspects of S	ocial Securit	ty's telepho	ne service.				
Mark 🗷 one answer for each item.	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	No Opinion
The automated system that answered your call							
How long it took you to get through to an employee							
Overall time it took the employee to handle your call							
SATISFACTION V	VITH SOCI	AL SECU	RITY'S IN-	PERSON	SERVICE		
 18. Did you ever visit a Social Security off Mark ☑ ONLY one answer. ☐ Yes ☐ No → SKIP to Quest 19. Please rate the following aspects of yes 	stion 20.				is?		
Mark 🗷 one answer for each item.	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	No Opinion
Office location							
Office hours							
Signs/instructions explaining how to check in when you got to the office							
	ii		:			<u>:</u>	<u> </u>
Office comfort (seating, temperature, etc.)							
Office comfort (seating, temperature, etc.) Office appearance (clean, pleasant, etc.)							

16. Did you call Social Security's national toll-free number, a local office, or both?

Mark 🗷 one answer for each item.	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	No Opinion
SATISFACTION	WITH SOC	IAL SECU	JRITY EMI	PLOYEE S	ERVICE		

The next question is for people who spoke to one or more Social Security employees about their application for retirement benefits.

If you did NOT speak with any Social Security employees, please SKIP TO Question 21.

20. Please rate the service you received from **all** the Social Security employees you spoke with about your application for retirement benefits.

Mark 🗷 one answer for each item.	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	No Opinion
Helpfulness of the employees							
Courtesy of the employees							
How well the employees knew their jobs							
How clearly the employees explained things to you							
Amount of time the employees spent with you							

OVERALL SATISFACTION WITH THE APPLICATION EXPERIENCE

21. Please rate the following aspects of your experience filing for retirement benefits.

Mark 🗷 one answer for each item.	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Very Poor	No Opinion
How well Social Security explained the information you needed to know about your benefits							
How quickly you received Social Security's decision on your application							
Clarity of Social Security's letter explaining the amount of your benefits and when they would be paid							
Social Security's service overall							

YOUR SERVICE PREFERENCES

22. Please tell us how you would prefer to conduct Social Security business you might have in the future, such as

	our address or out on the contract of the cont						-			t year. Mar	k L≱	one method
	An Automated Phone Service	An Ager a Natio toll-free ber	nal Num	Pho	ent on ocal one nber		sit to a Il Office	(Jse an Online Service	E-mail		Regular Mail
To change infor	mation on my S	Social Sec	curity re	ecords,	I would	prefe	•					
First choice												
Second choice												
To get informati	on from my Soc	cial Secur	ity reco	ords, I v	vould pr	efer	•		······ ·			
First choice												
Second choice												
23. Now we wo when doing reasonable	business on th	-					-					-
A reasonable tim	e for me to wait	:		than inute	1 to minu		4 to 5 minut		5 to 10 minutes	11 to 2 minut		More than 20 minutes
To speak to an ephone is	employee on the	e		_								
A reasonable tim	e for me to wait	:		than 1 our	More to the same	r but	Next d	ay	2 to 3 day	s More th		A week or more
For an employed I leave a phone		k when										
24. When doing reasonable	-	erson , pl	ease m	nark 🗵	the bo	x that	best desc	cribes	s the amou	nt of time yo	ou th	nink is
A reasonable tim	ne for me to wait	:		than nutes	5 to minu		11 to 2 minut		21 to 30 minutes	31 to 4 minut		More than 45 minutes
To be seen in an without an appo						l						
To be seen in ar with an appoint			Γ]]						

you think is reasonable to wait.								
A reasonable time for me to wait:	Less than 1 hour	More tl 1 hour same	but I	Next day	2 to 3	3 Days	More than 3 days	A week or more
To get a response when I ask a question on a website or by e-mail is					I			
PRIVA	CY OF YOU	R PERS	SONAL	INFOR	MATION	I		
26. No matter how you choose to do bu care to protect your personal inform confident are you that the information	ation. Based	on your r	recent ex	kperienc	e applyin		-	-
Mark 🗷 one answer.			Very onfident	Some		lot Very onfident	Not at All Confident	
I would rate my level of confidence in the Social Security records as	security of m	y						
	DOING	BUSINE	SS ON	LINE				
27. Do you currently use the Internet? Mark ☑ ONLY one answer. ☐ Yes ☐ No → SKIP to Qu 28. How would you rate your level of ex		g the Inte	ernet?					
Mark 🗷 one answer.		/ery erienced	Some Experie		Not Ve Experien		Not at All xperienced	No Opinion
I would rate my level of experience using Internet as	the]				
29. How do you access the Internet? D Mark Z all answers that app Personal or laptop comp Wireless handheld device	ly. outer	e, iPad, e	etc.)					

25. When doing business on a website or by e-mail, please mark 🗷 the box that best describes the amount of time

	Using a <u>personal or laptop computer</u> , I Mark one answer for each item.	Often	Sometimes	Never
	Send e-mail			
	Look for information online			
	Make purchases online			
	Bank or pay bills online			
	Use Facebook, Twitter, or other social networking site			
	Using a <u>wireless handheld device</u> , I			
	Mark 🗷 one answer for each item.	Often	Sometimes	Never
	Send e-mail			
	Look for information online			
	Make purchases online			
	Bank or pay bills online			
	Use Facebook, Twitter, or other social networking site			
create a if they re stateme	Security offers a service called <i>my</i> Social Secural secure online account with a user name and passeceive benefits people with an online account cannot of the monthly benefits they receive. Have your of the Monthly one answer. Yes SKIP to Question 37. No	sword to conduction	ct various types Idress or direct (of business. F deposit informa

30. The list below describes different activities people can do on the Internet using a personal or laptop computer $\underline{\mathbf{or}}$ a

32. To create a secure online account, Social Security must verify your identity. In addition to providing your name and Social Security number, how comfortable would you be providing each item below in order to do business online with Social Security?							
Mark 🗷 one answer for each item.	Very Comfortable	Somewhat Comfortable	Not Very Comfortable	Not at all Comfortable	No Opinion		
Your current address							
Your date of birth							
Your phone number							
Part of your credit card number							
Other personal information from your records, such as prior earnings or your Social Security payment amount.							
33. To verify your identity, Social Security would need to match the personal information you give against other records. Listed below are different kinds of records that Social Security could match with. How comfortable would you be with each?							
	at Social Secur	ity could match	with. How co	mfortable would	d you be with		
	very Comfortable	Somewhat Comfortable	Not Very Comfortable	Not at all Comfortable	No Opinion		
each?	Very	Somewhat	Not Very	Not at all	-		
each? Mark one answer for each item.	Very	Somewhat	Not Very	Not at all	-		
each? Mark one answer for each item. Checking against Social Security's own records Checking against records from a private	Very Comfortable	Somewhat Comfortable	Not Very Comfortable	Not at all Comfortable	No Opinion		
each? Mark one answer for each item. Checking against Social Security's own records Checking against records from a private company, like a credit bureau	Very Comfortable	Somewhat Comfortable	Not Very Comfortable	Not at all Comfortable	No Opinion		
each? Mark one answer for each item. Checking against Social Security's own records Checking against records from a private company, like a credit bureau 34. How likely would you be to create an online a	Very Comfortable	Somewhat Comfortable U dling future So	Not Very Comfortable Cial Security but Not Very	Not at all Comfortable Usiness? Not at	No Opinion		

35.	What is th	e <u>main</u> reason why you <u>might be likely</u> to create an online account with Social Security?
	Mark	☒ ONLY one answer.
		Can take care of my business any time of day
		Don't have to wait to speak to someone, either on the phone or in person
		Don't have to travel to the office
		Can have all my records at hand or can look something up if I need to
		Some other reason you might use it Please explain:
		Can't think of any reason why I would use it
36.		e <u>main</u> reason why you <u>might not be likely</u> to create an online account with Social Security?
	Mark	ONLY one answer.
		Prefer to speak to a person
		Concerned about security and/or privacy of my information
		Problem with computer or Internet access Conserved completing online business might be too bard, complicated
		Concerned completing online business might be too hard, complicated Some other reason you might not use it Please explain:
		• • •
	ш	Can't think of any reason why I wouldn't use it
		A LITTLE MORE ABOUT YOU
37.	Because of business.	·
37.	Because of business. provide sp	A LITTLE MORE ABOUT YOU of a medical condition, people sometimes need special accommodations to handle their Social Security When you do business with Social Security in person, on the telephone, or online, do you need them to
37.	Because of business. provide sp	A LITTLE MORE ABOUT YOU of a medical condition, people sometimes need special accommodations to handle their Social Security When you do business with Social Security in person, on the telephone, or online, do you need them to ecial accommodations because of a medical condition? IN ONLY one answer. Yes
37.	Because of business. provide sp	A LITTLE MORE ABOUT YOU of a medical condition, people sometimes need special accommodations to handle their Social Security When you do business with Social Security in person, on the telephone, or online, do you need them to ecial accommodations because of a medical condition? IN ONLY one answer.
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	Because of business. provide sp Mark	A LITTLE MORE ABOUT YOU If a medical condition, people sometimes need special accommodations to handle their Social Security When you do business with Social Security in person, on the telephone, or online, do you need them to ecial accommodations because of a medical condition? If ONLY one answer. Yes No SKIP to Question 39. ed special accommodations because of a: If all answers that apply.
	Because of business. provide sp Mark	A LITTLE MORE ABOUT YOU If a medical condition, people sometimes need special accommodations to handle their Social Security When you do business with Social Security in person, on the telephone, or online, do you need them to ecial accommodations because of a medical condition? If ONLY one answer. Yes No SKIP to Question 39. Ed all answers that apply. Physical limitation (for example, wheelchair access)
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	Because of business. provide sp Mark	A LITTLE MORE ABOUT YOU If a medical condition, people sometimes need special accommodations to handle their Social Security When you do business with Social Security in person, on the telephone, or online, do you need them to ecial accommodations because of a medical condition? I ONLY one answer. Yes No SKIP to Question 39. Ed special accommodations because of a: I all answers that apply. Physical limitation (for example, wheelchair access) Visual limitation (for example, large print or Braille documents) Deafness or difficulty hearing (for example, sign language interpreter or video relay)
	Because of business. provide sp Mark	A LITTLE MORE ABOUT YOU If a medical condition, people sometimes need special accommodations to handle their Social Security When you do business with Social Security in person, on the telephone, or online, do you need them to ecial accommodations because of a medical condition? If ONLY one answer. Yes No SKIP to Question 39. ed special accommodations because of a: If all answers that apply. Physical limitation (for example, wheelchair access) Visual limitation (for example, large print or Braille documents)

39.	And for the	final question, what is the highest level of education you have completed?				
Mark ☑ ONLY one answer.						
		Not a high school graduate				
		High school graduate or GED				
		Trade/technical/vocational school graduate				
		Some college				
		Undergraduate degree				
		Graduate degree or postgraduate training				
40.	40. If you have any comments about the service you received from Social Security for your application for retirement benefits, please provide them here:					
Thank you for your time and attention with this survey. Please return the completed questionnaire in the enclosed postage-paid envelope as soon as possible to:						
		Social Security Survey				
ICF International						
980 Beaver Creek Drive, Martinsville VA, 24112						

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

The Social Security Administration is authorized to collect the information for this survey under Executive Order 12862, "Setting Customer Service Standards." Your response to these questions is strictly voluntary. The information you provide will be used to help us improve the service that we give you. Your response will not be disclosed to any other government or private agency.

OMB CONTROL NO: 0960-0526 EXPIRATION DATE: TBD

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