



Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health (PATH)  
Study

# Wave 4 Cognitive Testing Protocol

Young Adult Demographics Module

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IF AGE 25 OR OLDER → GO TO NEXT MODULE

## Income

### RESEARCH QUESTION

Test existing W3 items to see if respondents are able to satisfactorily determine total income for their household. Are respondents interpreting the question as intended? Of particular interest is whether respondents who do not live with their parents distinguish the difference between R03\_AM0030 and R03\_AM0036, and are able to report income accordingly. (Test order of questions)

### R03\_AM0030

#### EXISTING PATH ITEM

1. Which of the following categories best describes your total household income in the past 12 months?

**This is the total income before taxes of all persons in your household combined. Please include money from jobs, relatives, pensions, dividends, interest, social security payments or retirement benefits, net income from business, farm or rent, and any other money received by household members.**

- Less than \$10,000 → GO TO Q3
- \$10,000 to \$14,999 → GO TO Q3
- \$15,000 to \$24,999 → GO TO Q3
- \$25,000 to \$34,999 → GO TO Q3
- \$35,000 to \$49,999 → GO TO Q3
- \$50,000 to \$74,999 → GO TO Q3
- \$75,000 to \$99,999 → GO TO Q3
- \$100,000 to \$149,999 → GO TO Q3
- \$150,000 to \$199,999 → GO TO Q3
- \$200,000 or more → GO TO Q3
- I don't know

### R03\_AM0031

#### EXISTING PATH ITEM

2. Is your total household income during the past 12 months above or below \$50,000?

- Above \$50,000
- Below \$50,000

### RESEARCH QUESTION

Do young adults understand this question and are the options adequately capturing different living situations commonly associated with this transitional period for young adults? Do they understand the clarification text appended to the question?

### R03\_AM0038

#### EXISTING PATH ITEM

**3. Where do you currently live? If you live in more than one place throughout the year, please answer for where you are currently staying.**

- At home with parents or guardians
- In a dorm or other campus housing
- In a fraternity or sorority house
- In an apartment, condo or house on my own (without a spouse, children or roommates)
- In an apartment, condo or house with a spouse or romantic partner
- In an apartment, condo or house with friends or other roommates
- In an apartment, condo or house with another relative or family friend
- Someplace else

**Tell me more about where you currently live.**

**IF NEEDED: Do you live there year-round? IF NO, Where else do you live? How did you decide how to answer?**

**IF RESPONDENT SELECTS MORE THAN ONE, Tell me about your answer.**

**NOTE IF RESPONDENT IS SELECTING MULTIPLE BECAUSE THEIR RESIDENCE CHANGES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, OR BECAUSE MULTIPLE OPTIONS APPLY (E.G., LIVES WITH BOYFRIEND AND OTHER ROOMMATES).**

**If you had to select only one response, how would you decide which one to pick?**

**What do you think of these answer choices? Are there any that seem out-of-place, or anything we should add?**

**IF LIVE WITH PARENTS → GO TO END OF MODULE**

**R03\_AM0036**

EXISTING PATH ITEM

4. Which of the following categories best describes your parents' total household income in the past 12 months?

**This is the total income before taxes of all persons in your parents' household combined. Please include money from jobs, relatives, pensions, dividends, interest, social security payments or retirement benefits, net income from business, farm or rent, and any other money received by household members.**

- Less than \$10,000 → **GO TO END OF MODULE**
- \$10,000 to \$14,999 → **GO TO END OF MODULE**
- \$15,000 to \$24,999 → **GO TO END OF MODULE**
- \$25,000 to \$34,999 → **GO TO END OF MODULE**
- \$35,000 to \$49,999 → **GO TO END OF MODULE**
- \$50,000 to \$74,999 → **GO TO END OF MODULE**
- \$75,000 to \$99,999 → **GO TO END OF MODULE**
- \$100,000 to \$149,999 → **GO TO END OF MODULE**
- \$150,000 to \$199,999 → **GO TO END OF MODULE**
- \$200,000 or more → **GO TO END OF MODULE**
- I don't know

**R03\_AM0037**

EXISTING PATH ITEM

5. Is your parents' total household income during the past 12 months above or below \$50,000?

- Above \$50,000
- Below \$50,000

**What reaction, if any, did you have to these questions?  
NOTE IF RESPONDENT FOUND THEM DUPLICATIVE**

**How easy or difficult was it to answer these questions?  
What made it easy or difficult?**

**How confident are you in your answers?**

**You don't have to tell me specific amounts, but can you tell me how you came up  
with your answers for each of these?  
PROBE TO DETERMINE THAT RESPONDENTS REPORTED PARENTAL INCOME IN  
THE CORRECT ITEM.**