

TAS's LITC User Survey SCREENER

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THE RDD SAMPLE LISTS WILL BE DRAWN TO BE REPRESENTIVE OF POPULATION OF BOTH LAND LINE AND CELL PHONES NUMBERS. AFTER REACHING A POTENTIAL PARTICIPANT, INTRODUCE YOURSELF WITH: Hello, I'm ______ of Russell Research in New York, an independent national research firm. The Internal Revenue Service wants Taxpayers' feedback on specific IRS services, and has asked us to survey Taxpayers and get your ideas on some of these services. Your participation in this survey is entirely voluntary and your responses will be kept strictly private and never revealed to anyone – including the IRS. The survey should take about 20 minutes to complete and we'd appreciate your participation. (IF ANY HESITATION, READ...) If you have any concerns about talking to us in this survey, please log onto irs.gov and search "market research", where you'll see examples of the survey work Russell Research has conducted for the IRS over the past 15 years.

OMB REQUIRES A FOLLOW-UP SUMMARY OF THE DATA COLLECTION PROCESS, COMPLETE WITH <u>TOTAL NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS</u>
SCREENED, TOTAL NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY, TOTAL NUMBER OF RESPONDENTS WHO
AGREED TO TAKE SURVEY, FINAL RESPONSE RATES, AND BURDEN HOURS USED - SEPARATELY FOR THE SCREENING SECTION AND THE
MAIN SURVEY. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO TAS AT THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT.

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(IF AGREEABLE, CONTINUE...) We are required by law to provide you the Office Of Management and Budget Control Number for this information request. That number is 1545-1432. In addition, if you have any comments about the time estimate to complete the survey or ways to improve the survey, you can write to the IRS. Would you like the address? (IF YES, ADDRESS IS...) IRS Tax Products Coordinating Committee, SE:W:CAR:MP:T:T:SP, 1111 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20224. Are you willing to participate in the survey?

- >> IF "YES", CONTINUE w/Q1 UNLESS YOU SENSE RESPONDENT SPEAKS MAINLY SPANISH, IN WHICH CASE, ASK RESPONDENT TO HOLD WHILE YOU TRANSFER TO A SPANISH-SPEAKING INTERVIEWER, WHO WILL ASK WHICH LANGUAGE THEY PREFER TO BE INTERVIEWED IN.
- >> IF "NO"/REFUSED, THANK & RECORD AS "Ref" FOR THIS ATTEMPT IN BOX ON COVER PAGE AND THEN MOVE THIS RESPONDENT INTO THE RE-CONTACT CATEGORY FOR FOLLOWUP ON REFUSALS.

CLIENT NOTE: THE "DON'T KNOW" AND "PREFER NOT TO ANSWER" RESPONSE CATEGORIES NOT READ TO RESPONDENTS, BUT INSTEAD USED AS A PLACE TO RECORD THESE ANSWERS WHEN THEY ARE VOLUNTEERED BY THE RESPONDENT.

S1.	For the record, are you male	e or female? (RECORD ANSWER BELOW.)
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GENDER SPLITS/SKEWS WILL BE DEVELOPED BY TAS AS IT DEVELOPS DATA FOR ITS LISTS. IF NEEDED, SAMPLE CAN BE QUOTA'D.

Male...... 1 ...00 Female.....2

>> IF QUOTAS & OVER QUOTA, THANK, TERM & TALLY BELOW. OTHERWISE, CONTINUE.

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S2. And which of the following <u>age categories includes your age</u>? (READ CHOICES AS SHOWN BELOW & RECORD ANSWER.)

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF TARGET AUDIENCE WILL BE DEVELOPED BY TAS AS IT DEVELOPS LISTS. IF NEEDED, SAMPLE CAN BE QUOTA'D.

Under 181
18 to 242
25 to 343
35 to 444
45 to 545
55 to 646
65 or Older7
(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Prefer Not To Answer (TERMINATE)

>> IF QUOTAS & OVER QUOTA OR IF RESPONDENT PREFERS NOT TO ANSWER, THEN THANK, TERM & TALLY BELOW. OTHERWISE, CONTINUE WITH THE NEXT SCREENING QUESTION.

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S3. Are you the person responsible for handling Federal Income Tax matters in your household? (RECORD ONE ANSWER.)

>> IF YES CONTINUE. OTHERWISE, THANK, TERM & TALLY BELOW. OTHERWISE, CONTINUE.

(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Prefer Not To Answer.....(TERMINATE)

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AND TO PROVIDE TAS WITH THE REPORTING DATA THAT IS REQUIRED BY OMB AT THE END OF THE PROJECT.

TABLE TO BE USED FOR QS7 - USE ANSWER FROM QS5 TO DETERMINE NUMBER IN HOUSEHOLD AND ANSWER FROM QS6 TO DETERMINE HOUSEHOLD INCOME.

Size of Family Unit	Income Ceiling (2	250% of Poverty	Guidelines)
	48 Contiguous States, Puerto Rico, and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$28,725	\$35,875	\$33,075
2	\$38,775	\$48,450	\$44,625
3	\$48,825	\$61,025	\$56,175
4	\$58,875	\$73,600	\$67,725
5	\$68,925	\$86,175	\$79,275
6	\$78,975	\$98,750	\$90,825
7	\$89,025	\$111,325	\$102,375
8	\$99,075	\$123,900	\$113,925
9	\$109,125	\$136,475	\$125,475
10	\$119,175	\$149,050	\$137,025
11	\$129,225	\$161,625	\$148,575
12	\$139,275	\$174,200	\$160,125
13	\$149,325	\$186,775	\$171,675
14	\$159,375	\$199,350	\$183,225
15	\$169,425	\$211,925	\$194,775
16	\$179,475	\$224,500	\$206,325
17	\$189,525	\$237,075	\$217,875
18	\$199,575	\$249,650	\$229,425
19	\$209,625	\$262,225	\$240,975
For each additional person, add	\$10,050	\$12,575	\$11,550

TAS's LITC User Survey MAIN QUESTIONAIRE

Q1.	Who prepared your last Federal Incorrection ONE ANSWER.)	me tax return? Did you(READ CHOICES AS SHOWN BELOW AND	
		Complete It Yourself Using Tax Software1	00
		Complete It Yourself Without Using Tax Software2	
		Pay A Tax Preparer To Complete It3	
		Have A Friend Or Family Member Complete It4	
		Have A Volunteer Or Clinic Complete It5	
		Other (SPECIFY)6	
		(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Prefer Not To Answer7	
IF "PAY	TAX PREPARER TO COMPLETE IT" TO Q1 - ASK Q	2 NEXT. OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q3.	
Q2.	Did your Preparer sign or give you a SHOWN BELOW AND RECORD ONE ANSWER.)	copy of your Federal Income tax return? (READ CHOICES AS	
		Preparer Signed It1	00
		Preparer Gave Me A Copy2	
		Preparer Signed It AND Gave Me A Copy3	
		(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Don't Know4	
		(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Prefer Not To Answer5	
	on your behalf? (RECORD ONE ANSWER.)	V.	
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		(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Prefer Not To Answer4	
payme with a	nt of your Federal taxes. Your persona	sible problems that you may be facing related to filing or I responses will remain anonymous and will not be shared ers will be analyzed ONLY in combination with those of	
Q4.	Have you <u>received a letter or notice</u> ANSWER.)	e from the IRS, within the last three years? (RECORD ONE	
		Yes1	00
		No2	
		(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Don't Know	
		(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Prefer Not To Answer4	

Q5.		g action(s) did you take first when you received your most recent DTATE AND READ BOXED ANSWER CHOICES AND RECORD ALL THAT APPLY.)	
	П	Called The IRS's Toll-Free Customer Service Line1	00
		Put The Letter/Notice Aside Or Ignored It2	
		Called The Phone Number On The Letter/Notice3	
		Contacted My Tax Preparer4	
		Contacted A Tax Professional Other Than The Tax Return Preparer 5	
		Replied To The IRS Using The Address In The Letter/Notice6	
		Contacted A Family Member/Friend7	
		Contacted A Tax Clinic8	
	_	Visited An IRS Office9	
	_	Went To The IRS Website0	
	_	(READ LAST:) Or Did You Take Some Other Action (SPECIFY)	00
		(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Prefer Not To Answer	00
Q6.	Have you <u>ever had a problem</u>	with the IRS related to filing or payment of taxes? (RECORD ANSWER.)	
		Yes1	00
		No2	
		(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Don't Know	
		(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Prefer Not To Answer4	
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Q9.	How long did it take to resolve to ONE ANSWER.)	his pro	oblem? Did it take(READ CHOICES AS SHOWN BELOW & RECORD	
	ONE AINSWER.)		Less Than One Month1	00
			1 To 3 Months	00
			4 To 6 Months	
			7 To 11 Months4	
			1 To 2 Years5	
			More Than 2 Years6	
			Still Needs To Be Resolved7	
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			(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Prefer Not To Answer9	
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Q10.	-	speci	fic organization outside of the IRS that has locations	
•		-	s with IRS problems? (RECORD ONE ANSWER BELOW.)	
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			No2	
			(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Not Sure	
			(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Prefer Not To Answer4	
	TO Q10 - ASK Q11-Q12 NEXT. OTHERWISI			
Q11.	RECORD ALL THAT APPLY.)	ganıza	tion in your area? (ROTATE AND READ BOXED ANSWER CHOICES &	
	RECORD ALL THAT APPLY.)		Legal Services1	00
			Low Income Taxpayer Clinic2	00
			Tax Resource Center3	
			(READ LAST:) Other (SPECIFY)5	
			(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Not Sure	
			(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Prefer Not To Answer7	
Q12.	How did you hear about these se	ervices	? (ROTATE AND READ BOXED ANSWER CHOICES & RECORD ALL THAT	
			IRS Office1	00
			Friends Told Me2	
			IRS Written Materials3	
			IRS Website4	
			Newspaper Article5	
			Radio6	
			(READ NEXT TO LAST:) Other (SPECIFY)	
			(READ LAST:) Or Have You NOT Heard Of These Services9	
			(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Not Sure	
			(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Prefer Not To Answer1	

ASK ALL:

(READ) The Low Income Taxpayer Clinics were established to make sure every taxpayer is treated equally and fairly. They offer free or low cost assistance for eligible individuals (250% of federal poverty level based on household size) to help resolve tax problems that have not been resolved. For example, they can help you resolve audit and collection issues and can represent you if you bring your case to tax court. Assistance in other languages is available in some locations.

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Q13.	When did you <u>last contact</u> a Low Income Taxpayer Clinic? Was it(READ CHOICES AS SHOWN BELOW & RECORD ANSWER.)	
	Within The Last 6 Months1	00
	6 - 12 Months Ago2	
	More Than A Year Ago3	
	Or Have You Never Contacted A Low Income Taxpayer Clinic4	
	(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Prefer Not To Answer5	
Q14.	Based on the description that I read to you about the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, <u>how likely</u> would you be to use it if you needed help? Would you be(READ CHOICES AS BELOW & RECORD ONE ANSWER.)	
	Very Likely1	00
	Somewhat Likely2	
	Neither Likely Nor Unlikely3	
	Not Very Likely4	
	Or, Not At All Likely To Use It5	
	(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Prefer Not To Answer6	
	□ Representation In Court	00
Q16.	In which, if any, of the following ways do you think the Low Income Taxpayer Clinics should advertise their services to Taxpayers? (ROTATE AND READ BOXED ANSWER CHOICES & RECORD ALL THAT APPLY.)	
	□ On TV1	00
	☐ On The Radio2	
	☐ On Posters In IRS Offices3	
	☐ On The Notice From The IRS Informing You That You Have A Problem4	
	☐ In The Tax Booklet5	
	On The IRS Website6	
	On A Poster In Public Buildings Such As The Post Office And Senior Citizen Centers7	
	☐ Tax Preparers Should Just Tell Taxpayers About The Low Income Tax Clinics8	
	(READ NEXT TO LAST:) They Should Advertise In Some Other Way (SPECIFY)9	
	(READ LAST:) They Should Not Advertise At All	00
	(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Prefer Not To Answer2	

Q17.		st describes how far you would be willing to travel to get help at ic locations? (READ CHOICES AS BELOW AND RECORD ONE ANSWER.)	
	15 Minut	es Or Less1	00
	16 To 30	Minutes2	
	31 To 45	Minutes3	
	46 To 60	Minutes4	
	More Tha	nn 60 Minutes5	
	Not Willin	ng To Travel At All6	
	(DON'T REA	ND, BUT RECORD IF:) Prefer Not To Answer9	
other l individ	ocations. By using two-way intera uals to discuss issues 'face to f unication gives a similar sense of c	e to communicate over the Internet, interacting with people in active audio and video communication, video conferencing allows ace' using technology, rather than traveling to a clinic. Video connection and collaboration as an in-person contact. Internet connection at home? (RECORD ONE ANSWER BELOW.)	
		Yes1	00
		No2	
		(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Not Sure3	
		(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Prefer Not To Answer4	
IF "YES" Q19.		PTO Q20. conferencing capability (that is, does it have a webcam and you is Skype or ooVoo)? (RECORD ONE ANSWER BELOW.)	
		Yes1	00
		No2	
		(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Not Sure3	
		(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Prefer Not To Answer4	
ASK ALL: Q20.	In which of the following situa	tions would you feel comfortable discussing your income tax resentative? (ROTATE AND READ BOXED ANSWER CHOICES AND RECORD ALL	
		In Clinic Office1	00
	_	From Home	
	_	From Work3	
		By Video From A Designated Location4	
		Face-To-Face At A Community Services Center5	
		(READ LAST:) Some Other Place Or Method (SPECIFY)6	

			In Person1
			By Telephone2
		_	In Writing3
			By Email4
			By Computer5
			By Video Conference6
			(READ LAST:) Some Other Way (SPECIFY)
			(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Not Sure
			(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Prefer Not To Answer9
Q22.	Which o	f the followir	ng best describes how you received your last Federal income tax refund?
~			ANSWER CHOICES AND RECORD ONE ANSWER.)
			Paper Check1
			Direct Deposit
			Debit Card
			Refund Anticipation Check From Someone Other Than IRS4
			(READ NEXT TO LAST:) Received It Some Other Way (SPECIFY)
			(READ LAST:) Or Did You Not Get A Refund?
			(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Not Sure
			(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Prefer Not To Answer
			SKIP TO Q24. OTHERWISE CONTINUE WITH Q23:
Q23.		eone else tak NLY ONE ANSWE	e all or part of your tax refund? (ROTATE AND READ BOXED ANSWER CHOICES & R.)
		Иу Preparer T	ook Part Or All Of My Refund To Cover The Cost Of Return Preparation1
	□ N	My Preparer T	ook Some/All Of My Refund Without My Approval2
			y Deposited My Refund In Someone Else's Account3
			Or All Of My Refund To Pay Other IRS Or State Tax Liabilities4
		RS Took Part (Or All Of My Refund To Pay Child Support, Student Loan,
			Social Security Overpayments Or Other Federal Debts5
			AST:) Did Someone Else Take All Or Part Of Your Tax Refund (SPECIFY)
			Did <u>No One</u> Take Your Tax Refund
			r record if:) Not Sure
	(1	DON'T READ, BU	T RECORD IF:) Prefer Not To Answer9
<mark>ASK ALL</mark> Q24.		ave a persona	al bank account? (RECORD ONE ANSWER BELOW.)
QZ4.			
Q2 4 .			Yes1
424.			Yes
424.			Yes

		□ English1
		□ Spanish2
		□ Chinese3
		□ Vietnamese4
		☐ Korean5
		French
		German
		Russian8
		(READ LAST:) Or Some Other Language (SPECIFY)9
	Which of the following best described	ribes the level of education that you have completed? (READ
	CHOICES AS BELOW AND RECORD ONE ANS	SWER.)
		Elementary School1
		Some High School2
		High School Graduate3
		Technical, Trade Or Business School4
		Some College5
		College Graduate6
		Post-Graduate Work7
		(DON'T READ, BUT RECORD IF:) Prefer Not To Answer8
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27.		owing long-term disability conditions, that is, conditions which
	nave lasted 6 months or more? (RC	DTATE AND READ BOXED ANSWER CHOICES & RECORD ALL THAT APPLY.)
	☐ Blindness	1
	☐ Deafness	2
		3
		4
		5
		ally Limits Your Physical Abilities Such As Standing Or Walking6
		rning Or Remembering7
		lave Any Long-Term Disability Condition?8
		refer Not To Answer9

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