

Appendix B-6

Nonresponse Followup

National Food Study Pilot

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Households who refused to complete the household screener or those who complete the Household Screener but refuse to continue with the National Food Study Pilot will be asked to complete a brief nonresponse follow-up interview. Five distinct groups will be asked to complete this interview.

1. Households who refuse to complete the Household Screener
2. Households who refuse after the Household Screener but before the Initial Interview.
3. Households who refuse after the Initial Interview but before Training.
4. Households who refuse either during or after Training. Nonresponse at this stage will include households who the interviewer certifies as not being able to continue with the NFS Pilot because they have not successfully completed the training and those who complete the training but decide not to continue further. The household is a refusal at this stage if all household members are refusals.
5. Households who refuse to complete the Food Log during their seven day data collection window. All members of the household must refuse for the household to fall in this group.

The instrument has two components:

- A. Questions on food acquisitions and food security
- B. Demographics of the primary food shopper in the household

Groups 1 and 2 above will be asked both components A and B. Groups 3, 4 and 5 will be asked only component B.

When the refusal occurs, the interviewer will:

- First attempt to convert the household.
- If not successful, the interviewer will leave before a final refusal and code the case an initial refusal at the stage where the refusal occurred.
- The interviewer will return a few weeks later to attempt to convert the refusal.
- If the conversion attempt is not successful, the interviewer will attempt to complete the nonresponse interview in-person by offering households in Groups 2 through 5 a \$5 incentive to participate.
- If the household refuses to complete the nonresponse survey in-person, a hardcopy nonresponse instrument and incentive will be mailed to the household a week later.

[Screening Nonresponse follow-up]

IF R DIDN'T COMPLETE SCREENER INSTRUMENT FOR WHATEVER REASON OR Q7=97 OR 98, GO TO R1. ELSE GO TO INSTRUCTION BEFORE MNR1_INTRO.

Can you help us by answering just 4 quick questions? We want to know if people who participate in our study are a good representation of all households in the United States.

R1. How many people are in your household?

_____ PEOPLE

R1DR

(97) DON'T KNOW

(98) REFUSED → GO TO R5 (TERMINATE AND THANK). RECORD CASE STATUS AS SCREENER REFUSAL

[IF R1DR =98, GO TO R5 (TERMINATE AND THANK). RECORD CASE STATUS AS SCREENER REFUSAL]

R2. Is your total household income greater than \$30,000 a year?

(1) YES

(0) NO

(97) DON'T KNOW

(98) REFUSED

R3. Last week, how much did your household spend on groceries? Your best guess is fine.

\$ _____

R3DR

(97) DON'T KNOW

(98) REFUSED

R4. Last week, how much did your household spend while eating out? Your best guess is fine.

\$ _____

R4DR

(97) DON'T

KNOW

(98) REFUSED

R5. Those are all the questions I have. Thank you for your time. If you change your mind about taking part in the study, please call us at the toll-free number. Have a nice day!

RECORD CASE STATUS AS SCREENER REFUSAL

(INTERVIEWER OBSERVATION:) RESPONDENT RACE/ETHNICITY: CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- [1] WHITE
- [2] BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN
- [3] HISPANIC
- [4] AMERICAN INDIAN
- [5] ASIAN
- [6] OTHER

[NONRESPONSE TO MAIN STUDY]

IF R COMPLETED THE SCREENER BUT REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MAIN STUDY, OR IF R AGREED TO PARTICPATE IN THE MAIN STUDY BUT WAS DETERMINED TO BE TECHNICALLY UNABLE TO DO THE SURVEY EITHER BY INTERVIEWER JUDGMENT OR A9E2 (OF INITIAL INTERVIEW)=NO, REFUSED, OR DON'T KNOW, ASK MNR1_INTRO.

IF R COMPLETED THE INITIAL BUT REEFUSED TO DO THE TRAINING, OR IF R COMPLETED THE INITIAL BUT REFUSED AFTER THE TRAINING, OR IF HOUSEHOLD REFUSED DURING THE REPORTING WEEK, GO TO MNR6.

MNR1_INTRO

[IF NEEDED:] We are conducting the National Food Study Pilot for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. As you may have seen, we recently sent a letter to this address and have attempted to gain your cooperation in the study. We understand that you have decided not to participate further in the study. We ask that this short survey be completed by the person who does most of the shopping for food in your household.

[IF NEEDED:] The National Food Study Pilot will help the USDA improve its programs by answering questions about where households get food and how much they pay for food. The addresses we visit are scientifically selected to represent all households in the country. Taking part is completely voluntary and any information that you provide will be kept completely confidential. We will use your information only for statistical purposes and your responses will not have any effect on services you currently receive or may apply for in the future.

Can you help us by answering just eight quick questions? We want to know if people who participate in our study are a good representation of all households in the United States. This means also knowing a little bit about households that decide not to participate in the study.

MNR1. (ASK IF NECESSARY:) Are you...?

- (1) MALE
- (2) FEMALE

MNR2. Are you...

- (1) 18-29
- (2) 30-49
- (3) 50-69
- (4) Over 70

MNR3. Are you Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino?

- (1) YES
- (0) NO

MNR4 . Please choose one or more races that you consider yourself to be... CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- [1] WHITE
- [2] BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN
- [3] HISPANIC
- [4] AMERICAN INDIAN
- [5] ASIAN
- [6] OTHER

MNR5. Last week, how much did your household spend on groceries? Your best guess is fine.

\$ __|, __|__|__|.00

MNR6DR

- (97) DON'T KNOW
- (98) REFUSED

MNR6. Last week, how much did your household spend while eating out? Your best guess is fine.

\$ __|, __|__|__|.00

MNR7DR

- (97) DON'T KNOW
- (98) REFUSED

MNR7. Which of these statements best describes the food eaten in your household in the last 30 days?

- (1) Enough of the kinds of food (I/we) want to eat
- (2) Enough, but not always the kinds of food (I/we) want to eat
- (3) Sometimes not enough to eat
- (4) Often not enough to eat
- (r) REFUSED
- (d) DON'T KNOW

MNR8a. How many people in your household are aged 5 to 9?

MNR8aDR

- (97) DON'T KNOW
- (98) REFUSED

MNR8b. How many people in your household are aged 10 to 13?

MNR8bDR

(97) DON'T KNOW

(98) REFUSED

MNR8c. How many people in your household are aged 14 to 18?

MNR8cDR

(97) DON'T KNOW

(98) REFUSED

MNR8d. How many people in your household are over 18 year old?

MNR8dDR

(97) DON'T KNOW

(98) REFUSED

Those are all the questions I have. Thank you for your time. If you change your mind about taking part in the study, please call us at the toll-free number on the letter. Have a nice day! RECORD CASE STATUS AS REFUSAL TO MAIN STUDY.