**Appendix A: Current Information Booklet excerpts**

**Small electrical kitchen appliances, including –**

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| blender  bread maker  coffee grinder  coffee maker  crockpot  deep fryer  electric barbecue  electric can opener  electric fondue set  electric frying pan | electric grill  electric iron  electric knife  electric timer  electric wine chiller  electric wok  food processor  hot plate  ice cream maker  juicer | mixer  pizza oven  popcorn maker  rice cooker  sandwich grill  slow cooker  smoothie maker  toaster  toaster oven  waffle iron |

**Electrical personal care appliances, including –**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| curling iron  denture cleaner  digital scale  electric hair trimmer  electric razor | electric toothbrush  facial sauna  flat iron  foot bath  hair dryer | heating pad  make-up mirror  massager  Waterpik |

**Computers, computer systems, or related hardware, including**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| cables  CD/DVD drive  computer printers  external hard drive  keyboards  laptops | memory  modems  monitors  mouse  netbooks  scanner |

**Musical instruments, supplies, or accessories, including –**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| brass instruments  carrying case  clarinet  drums  guitar  keyboards  music books  music stand  piano picks  reeds | rosin  saxophone  sheet music  stringed instruments  strings for musical instruments  trombone  trumpet  valve oil  woodwinds  any other musical accessories |
| *Do not include repairs, music lessons, or band uniforms.* | |

**Lawn mowing machinery or other yard equipment, including –**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| edger  electric lawn trimmer  garden hose  lawn mower  rake  shovel | snow blower  spreader  tiller  tractor (farm, garden, etc.)  weed digger  wheelbarrow |

**General sports equipment, including –**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| badminton set  baseball bat  baseball glove  basketball  basketball hoop  bowling ball  boxing equipment  football  Frisbee  golf bag  golf clubs  helmets  karate equipment | lawn games  pads  racquetball  racquetball racket  roller blades  skateboard  soccer ball  sports protective equipment  sports uniform  table tennis equipment  tennis racket  volleyball |
| *Do not include any shoes for sports.*  *Do not include any equipment for water sports.* | |

**Closet and storage items, including –**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| drawer organizers  drawers  garment bag  garment racks | hampers  hangers  hanging bags  shelf organizers | shoe bag  shoe rack  storage bins  underbed storage |

**Recreational lessons or other instructions, including –**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| cooking  dancing  driving  golf  horseback riding  instructional day camps | music  needlepoint  painting  photography  sailing  self defense | sewing  skiing  skydiving  swimming  tennis |

**Appendix A: Protocol**

Welcome! Thanks for your interest in our survey. You’re here because we have asked you to participate in our research to improve survey questions. We are asking you and hundreds of other people to tell us about what they think.

Unlike some surveys or online tasks you may be familiar with, we ask that you complete this survey all at one time and that you only start once you are in a quiet place where you won't be disturbed. The survey takes about 10 minutes, on average. Only share information you're comfortable with - nothing too personal - but please be honest and follow the instructions.

 Please do not use your browser's back button.

This voluntary study is being collected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics under OMB No. 1220-0141 (Expiration Date: April 30, 2018). You are not required to respond to this collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.We will use the information you provide for statistical purposes only. Your participation is voluntary, and you have the right to stop at any time. This survey is being administered by Qualtrics 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. By proceeding, you give your consent to participate in this study.

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We are asking for your help to improve our survey questions. We are considering changing one of our surveys and we need to learn whether the new version will make sense to respondents.

On the following pages, you’ll be asked to answer questions about expenditures your household may or may not have had over the last three months. We will then ask you some additional questions to better understand your answers.

Let’s get started!

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We’ll start by asking a few questions about you.

**What is your age in years?**

**What is your gender?**

* Male
* Female
* Prefer not to say

**What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?**

* Grades 1-12/No Diploma
* High School Diploma or Equivalent
* Some College
* Associate’s Degree
* Bachelor’s Degree
* Master’s Degree
* Doctorate or Professional Degree

**Are you Hispanic or Latino?**

* Yes
* No

**What is your race? (you may select more than one)**

* American Indian or Alaska Native
* Asian
* Black or African-American
* Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
* White

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Now we’ll ask you about your recent expenses:

Since the first of April, have you or any members of your household had any expenses for [FILL]?

[Here are some examples of the kinds of expenses that would fit in this category:]

[Item Item Item Item]

[Item Item Item Item]

[Item Item Item Item]

[Item Item Item Item]

*[Do not include XX]*

Yes

No

*---page break---*

*If Yes to the expense question:*

What was the total expense?

[numeric text entry]

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*If Yes to the expense question:*

Please tell us what individual expenses went into that total expense that you just reported.

[table with 5 rows and columns for Item and Amount Paid]

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*If Yes to the expense question:*

Were there any items or services that your household had expenses for that you considered might fit into this category (FILL), but that you decided to exclude from your initial response?

[5 text-entry boxes]

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We are trying to understand what kinds of expenses the phrase “(FILL)” makes people think of. What are the FIRST five expenses that would fit into this category that come to mind? Even if you have never had that expense yourself, please include it.

[5 text-entry boxes]

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Please look through the items listed below and mark whether you would consider the item as part of “(FILL)”. If you are not sure, mark “not sure”.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Definitely  YES | Definitely  NO | Not sure |
| [Item] |  |  |  |
| [Item] |  |  |  |
| [Item] |  |  |  |

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*If saw any Information Booklet examples:*

At the beginning of this survey, we showed you a list of examples of items that were included in the category “FILL”. We want to learn if the examples we showed are “typical” of this category – by typical, we mean common or usual.

Here’s an example of what we mean:

*How typical is each of these items of the category “Fruit”?*

*Apple = Very typical*

*Pomelo = Not at all typical*

Please tell us below your opinion about how typical of the category “FILL” each item is.

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Very typical | Somewhat typical | Not at all typical |
| [Item] |  |  |  |
| [Item] |  |  |  |
| [Item] |  |  |  |

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Thanks so much for your participation! Your unique completion code for mTurk is: [FILL].