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Household Pulse Survey Background for Survey Respondents and Other Public-Facing Information

HOUSEHOLD PULSE SURVEY BACKGROUND FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/household-pulse-survey.html>

Household Pulse Survey: Measuring Social and Economic Impacts during the Coronavirus Pandemic

Data collection for Phase 3.4 of the Household Pulse Survey started on March 2, 2022 and is scheduled to continue until May 9, 2022. Phase 3.4 will continue with a two-weeks on, two-weeks off collection and dissemination approach.

Overview

The Household Pulse Survey is a 20-minute online survey studying how the coronavirus pandemic is impacting households across the country from a social and economic perspective. The survey asks questions about how childcare, education, employment, energy use, food security, health, housing, household spending, Child Tax Credit payments, and intention to receive a COVID-19 vaccination, have been affected by the ongoing crisis.

In order to support the nation's recovery, we need to know the ways this pandemic has affected people's lives and livelihoods. Data from this survey will show the widespread effects of the coronavirus pandemic on individuals, families, and communities across the country.

Your participation will help federal and state officials direct aid, assistance, and support to the people and places that need it most. This survey provides information that cannot be collected elsewhere. Your response is key.

Prior data collections phases

Phase 1: April 23, 2020 - July 21, 2020

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Phase 2: August 19, 2020 - October 26, 2020

Phase 3: October 28, 2020 - March 29, 2021

Phase 3.1: April 14, 2021 - July 5, 2021

Phase 3.2: July 21, 2021 - October 11, 2021

Phase 3.4: December 1, 2021 - February 7, 2022

How was I selected to be in this survey?

The Census Bureau randomly chose your address, not you personally, to participate in this survey. A limited number of addresses from across the country were scientifically selected to represent the entire population.

Your participation is important, and your response cannot be replaced by one from another household address.

How do I complete the survey?

If you have been selected to participate in the Household Pulse Survey, **you will receive an email from COVID.survey@census.gov or a text message from 39242* (message and data rates may apply)** with a link to complete the survey. If we have not received a response from you, you may receive up to 3 follow-up reminders.

Only those whose addresses have been selected to participate can complete the survey. A limited number of addresses across the country have been invited to answer the Household Pulse Survey.

All communications from the Census Bureau regarding the Household Pulse Survey, including all emails, texts, and the link to the survey, will originate from a census.gov domain or be sent via text from 39242.

Your participation in both this survey and the 2020 Census is important. Completing the Household Pulse Survey does not replace your response to the 2020 Census.

***Respondents may Reply “Stop” to opt out of receiving text messages.**

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[Encuesta del Pulso de los Hogares \(In Field Beginning March 2, 2022\) \[< 1.0 MB\]](#)

How do I know my information is safe? Can I be identified by my responses?

The U.S. Census Bureau is required by law to protect your information. The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify you. We are conducting this voluntary survey under the authority of Title 13, United States Code, Sections 8(b), 182, and 193 to study the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic in the United States. Federal law protects your privacy keeps your answers confidential (Title 13, United States Code, Section 9). Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data.

Your privacy is protected by the Privacy Act (Title 5, U.S. Code, Section 552a). Routine uses of these data are limited to those identified in the Privacy Act System of Record Notice titled, “SORN COMMERCE/Census-3, Demographic Survey Collection (Census Bureau Sampling Frame).” The Census Bureau can use your responses only to produce statistics, and is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify you.

Is this survey authorized by law?

This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This eight-digit OMB approval number, 0607-1013, confirms this approval and expires on 10/31/2023. We are required to display this number to conduct this survey.

We estimate that completing this survey will take 20 minutes on average. Send comments regarding this estimate or any other aspect of this survey,

including suggestions for reducing the time it takes to complete this survey to adrm.pra@census.gov.

Who is conducting this survey? How will my responses be used?

The Census Bureau is the designated federal statistical agency conducting this survey.

The HPS continues to be a collaborative undertaking and is fielded in partnership with the following federal agencies:

- [Bureau of Labor Statistics \(BLS\)](#)
- [Bureau of Transportation Statistics \(BTS\)](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau \(CFPB\)](#)
- [Department of Defense \(DOD\)](#)
- [Energy Information Administration \(EIA\)](#)
- [Department of Health and Human Services \(HHS/ASPE\)](#)
- [Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#)
- [Maternal and Child Health Bureau \(MCHB\)](#)
- [National Center for Education Statistics \(NCES\)](#)
- [National Center for Health Statistics \(NCHS\)](#)
- [National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health \(NIOSH\)](#)
- [USDA Economic Research Service \(ERS\)](#)

All information that you provide is used only to create accurate, relevant statistics about the nation's people, places, and economy. These statistics help inform officials and policymakers about communities and individuals across the United States impacted by the pandemic.

HOUSEHOLD PULSE SURVEY – VERIFYING SURVEY LEGITIMACY

<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/surveyhelp/verify-a-survey.html>

How to verify an email or text message is from the Census Bureau

Some surveys such as the [Household Pulse Survey](#) may contact you via text message. The Household Pulse Survey uses the number **39242** (message and data rates may apply*) to send a link to complete the survey online.

Emails from the Census Bureau are sent from the official **@census.gov** domain.

Any links included in a Census Bureau email will direct you to an official federal government website ending in **.gov**.

Emails from the Census Bureau will have instructions or information to complete a survey online, by phone with a Census Bureau representative, or by paper. The Census Bureau will not ask you to provide your personal information via email.

The Census Bureau will never ask for your full Social Security number, bank account number, or passwords.

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CENSUS BUREAU EXPERIMENTAL DATA SERIES

<https://www.census.gov/data/experimental-data-products.html>

What are Experimental Data Products?

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Experimental data products are innovative statistical products created using new data sources or methodologies that benefit data users in the absence of other relevant products. We are seeking feedback from data users and stakeholders on the quality and usefulness of these new products.

The development of experimental data is one important path towards the creation of new, regularly occurring statistical products. Experimental data products that meet our quality standards and demonstrate sufficient user demand may enter regular production if resources permit.

Census Bureau experimental data may not meet all of our quality standards. Because of this, we clearly identify experimental data products and include methodology and supporting research with their release.

EXPERIMENTAL DATA SERIES: HOUSEHOLD PULSE SURVEY

<https://www.census.gov/householdpulsedata>

Measuring Household Experiences during the Coronavirus Pandemic

March 23, 2022

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What is the Household Pulse Survey?

The U.S. Census Bureau, in collaboration with multiple federal agencies, is in a unique position to produce data on the social and economic effects of coronavirus on American households. The Household Pulse Survey is designed to deploy quickly and efficiently, collecting data to measure household experiences during the coronavirus pandemic. Data will be disseminated in near real-time to inform federal and state response and recovery planning.

The Interactive Tool Application is not supported in Internet Explorer 11 and older.

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Note: The COVID-19 Vaccination Tracker, which focused on the number of Americans receiving at least one-dose of a COVID-vaccine, has been discontinued following phase 3.2 of the HPS. Data users can continue to access an archived version from the [HPS Research and Presentations](#) webpage.

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If you have been invited to participate in the survey, [find more information here](#).

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What information does the Household Pulse Survey collect?

The Household Pulse Survey continues measuring how the coronavirus pandemic is impacting households across the country from a social and economic perspective.

For Phase 3.4 previous questions about Child Tax Credit payments have been replaced with questions about households claiming and receiving Child Tax Credits on their 2021 federal tax filings. A series of education questions about learning formats and live contact with teachers have also been returned to the survey.

The HPS continues measuring core demographic household characteristics, as well as continuing to ask questions about COVID-19 vaccinations, education, employment, food sufficiency, household spending, household energy expenditures and consumption, housing security, physical and mental health, rental assistance from state and local governments, sexual orientation and gender identity, and transportation.

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- [USDA Economic Research Service \(ERS\)](#)
- [The White House Council of Economic Advisers \(CEA\)](#)
- [The White House Domestic Policy Council \(DPC\)](#)

The data collected will enable the Census Bureau to produce statistics at the national and state levels and for the 15 largest Metropolitan Statistical Areas (metro areas).

When will Data be Made Available from the Household Pulse Survey?

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How is the Household Pulse Survey Different from Other Surveys Conducted by the Census Bureau?

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The Census Bureau and its federal statistical partners are considered the preeminent source of the nation's most important benchmark surveys. Many of these surveys have been ongoing for more than 80 years and provide valuable insight on social and economic trends.

The production of these benchmark surveys is by nature a highly deliberative process. While efforts are underway to introduce COVID-19 questions into some of these surveys, that process can take months, sometimes years, before data are made publicly available.

The approach for the Household Pulse Survey is different: it is designed to be a short-turnaround instrument that provides valuable data to aid in the pandemic recovery. The Census Bureau is fielding the Household Pulse Survey as a part of the agency's Experimental Data Series; as such, data products may not meet some of the Census Bureau's statistical quality standards. Data are subject to suppression based on overall response and disclosure avoidance thresholds.

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EXAMPLES OF HOUSEHOLD PULSE SURVEY DATA TOOL AND TABLES

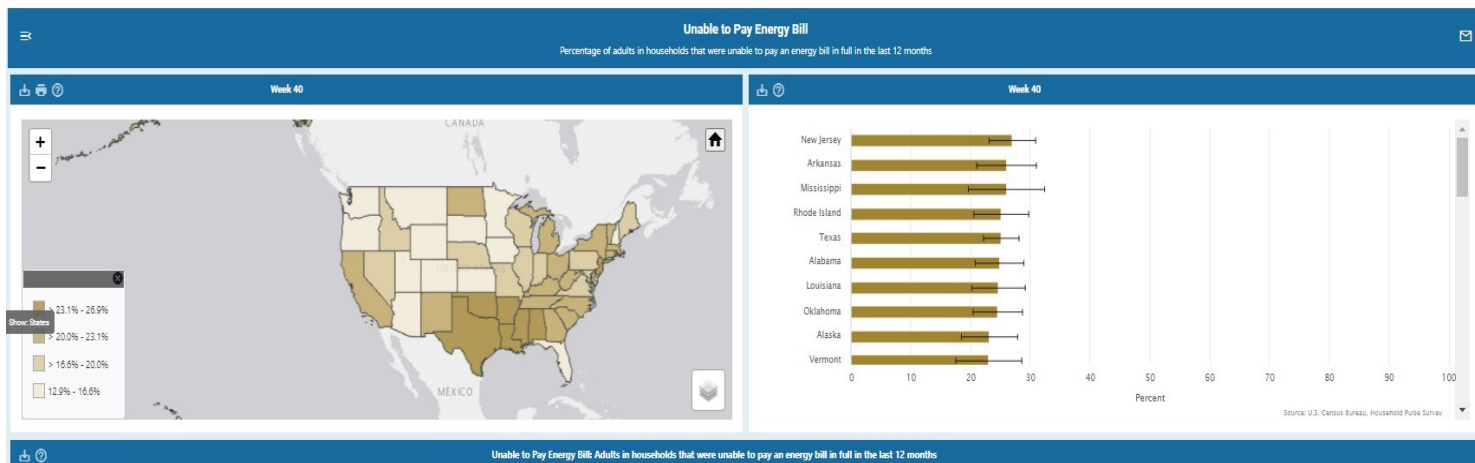
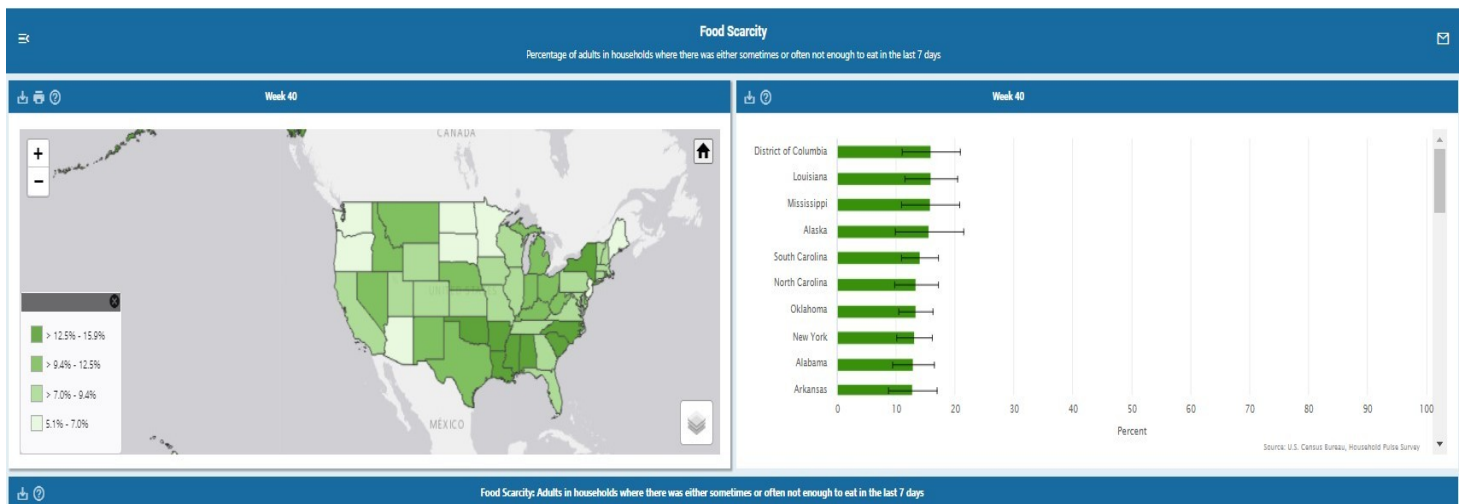
Data Tool: <https://www.census.gov/data-tools/demo/hhp/#/>

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Public Use File:

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Data Tool Snapshots (examples):



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Education Table 4. Impact of Coronavirus Pandemic on Post-Secondary Educational Plans, by Reasons for Changes: United States

Source: U.S. Census Bureau Household Pulse Survey, Week 39.

Note: These data are experimental. Users should take caution using estimates based on subpopulations of the data – sample sizes may be small and the standard errors may be large.**

Total Population 18 Years and Older in Households Where at Least One Adult is Taking or Was Planning On Taking Classes This Term From a Post High School Institution and Indicated Their Plans Had Changed

Reason for changing educational plans	Total*	All plans to take classes this term have been canceled	Classes are in different formats this term	Fewer classes are being taken this term	More classes are being taken this term	Classes are being taken from a different institution	Classes are being taken for a different kind of certificate or degree	Did not report
Total	47,686,901	7,135,203	13,630,450	5,488,494	971,371	1,642,684	2,398,915	23,216,686
Had coronavirus or had concerns about contracting coronavirus	6,855,212	2,487,436	4,003,391	1,634,932	298,099	619,547	663,919	-
Caring for someone with coronavirus	1,255,738	564,167	534,578	493,557	180,045	203,722	250,590	-
Caring for others whose care arrangements are disrupted	2,034,117	1,092,076	765,280	621,715	157,980	234,405	328,535	-
Institution changed content or format of classes	10,721,480	1,290,777	9,078,651	2,537,742	512,259	877,343	787,364	-
Changes to financial aid	3,211,449	1,268,067	1,376,802	1,253,037	298,095	543,000	546,582	-
Changes to campus life	3,473,622	599,964	2,644,411	1,097,412	333,151	632,641	463,746	-
Uncertainty about how classes/program might change	4,988,310	1,819,105	2,507,608	1,603,956	342,888	733,185	875,830	-
Not able to pay for classes/educational expenses because of changes to income from the pandemic	6,080,425	3,448,976	1,934,987	1,827,572	263,932	619,561	776,819	-
Some other reason related to the pandemic	3,056,169	1,469,659	1,132,332	808,416	237,918	301,138	454,259	-
Did not report	24,115,245	358,654	229,892	111,761	41,655	47,903	157,398	23,216,686

* Totals may not sum to 100% as the question allowed for multiple categories to be marked.

** The Census Bureau considers estimated coefficients of variation (standard error divided by the estimate times 100) over 30 percent to indicate potentially serious data quality issues related to sampling error.

Food Table 1. Food Sufficiency for Households, in the Last 7 Days, by Select Characteristics: United States

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Total Population 18 Years and Older

Select characteristics	Total	Food sufficiency in the last 7 days				
		Enough of the kinds of food wanted	Enough food, but not always the kinds wanted	Sometimes not enough to eat	Often not enough to eat	Did not report
Total	250,265,449	148,354,077	43,998,516	15,048,822	4,810,187	38,053,848
Age						
18 - 24	21,921,839	9,771,974	3,573,807	1,520,547	497,614	6,557,897
25 - 39	65,698,374	36,936,029	11,971,444	4,646,107	1,441,709	10,703,085
40 - 54	63,662,756	35,170,672	11,985,214	4,828,572	1,499,236	10,179,062
55 - 64	43,114,175	27,164,868	7,991,654	2,197,497	667,167	5,092,988
65 and above	55,868,306	39,310,533	8,476,397	1,856,099	704,461	5,520,816
Sex at birth						
Male	121,078,275	73,772,161	18,774,410	6,834,409	2,312,514	19,384,781
Female	129,187,174	74,581,916	25,224,105	8,214,413	2,497,673	18,669,067
Gender						
Cisgender male	115,333,917	71,873,022	18,084,545	6,334,913	1,867,011	17,174,425
Cisgender female	123,853,582	72,825,434	24,301,885	7,932,928	2,203,925	16,589,410
Transgender	1,932,092	731,193	536,085	114,330	154,976	395,508
None of these	4,353,342	1,485,886	690,847	547,240	498,739	1,130,630
Did not report	4,792,516	1,438,542	385,152	119,411	85,535	2,763,875
Sexual orientation						
Gay or lesbian	7,932,312	4,606,241	1,487,109	694,171	195,546	949,244
Straight	215,372,262	132,404,254	37,460,399	12,514,676	3,385,519	29,607,414
Bisexual	10,269,853	5,207,969	2,392,247	755,886	251,263	1,662,488
Something else	5,376,946	1,881,860	1,039,332	646,579	467,123	1,342,053
I don't know	5,290,257	2,212,795	1,005,721	272,109	463,012	1,336,621
Did not report	6,023,819	2,040,957	613,708	165,401	47,725	3,156,028
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender						
Yes	19,248,399	10,188,570	4,189,703	1,494,066	542,492	2,833,567
No	211,995,040	130,934,616	36,827,899	12,233,011	3,251,504	28,748,011
Other	11,158,552	4,329,114	2,127,861	1,064,071	887,190	2,750,316
Did not report	7,863,458	2,901,776	853,052	257,674	129,001	3,721,955
Hispanic origin and Race						
Hispanic or Latino (may be of any race)	43,319,476	20,176,426	9,420,728	4,140,571	1,309,424	8,272,328
White alone, not Hispanic	155,965,080	102,388,752	24,797,529	6,540,934	2,010,420	20,227,445

Public Use Files

Household Pulse Survey Public Use File (PUF)

Microdata files contain individual responses to survey questions. They can be used to create custom tabulations and allow users to delve further into the rich detail collected in the Household Pulse Survey (HPS). All weekly HPS microdata files are released two weeks after the [Household Pulse Survey Data Tables](#).

Each of the weekly releases include a Public Use Data File (PUF), a replicate weight data file, and a data dictionary.

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Phase 3.4 PUF Releases

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