

Appendix C: Recruitment protocol

Thanks for reaching out about participating in the research study. This is a study for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Our goal with the study is to collect feedback from the public to help improve a national survey of household spending. Any time we make a change to one of our surveys, we like to test the questions out to make sure that they are easy to understand and easy to answer. We'll use your feedback to improve the survey.

Let's go through the eligibility questions to see if you'd be a good fit for this study.

1. What state do you live in?

**\*If Q1 = outside of the US, the participant is not eligible.**

2. Do you agree to use Microsoft Teams for the video interview and have your camera on? We recommend using a laptop or tablet with a large screen, because there will be some typing during the interview. If you will be using a smartphone or tablet, you will need to download the Microsoft Teams app before the interview.

Yes

No

**\*If Q2 = No, the participant is not eligible.**

3. Next are three questions about the way your household usually prepares meals and snacks. In a typical week, how often do you ... [insert category] – would you say [read response scale]?

	Prepare meals and snacks at home?	Order carry-out or delivery?	Dine out?
6 or more times per week			
3-5 times per week			
1-2 times per week			
Never or almost never			

**\*If Q3 Order carry-out or delivery = Seldom or Never, the participant is not eligible**

4. How many people are in your household, including yourself?
5. In what year were you born?
6. What is the highest level of school you have completed or the highest degree you have received?

Less than a high school diploma  
 High school graduate, no college  
 Some college or associate degree  
 Bachelor's degree or higher

7. What is your race or ethnicity? Select all that apply. *(Read aloud full list of categories)*  
 You selected [FILL]. Please provide additional detail. You may report more than one group. *(Read aloud the full list of sub-groups for each selected category, ending with "or something else?")*

White

German            Irish            English  
 Italian            Polish            French  
 Text entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Hispanic or Latino

Mexican or Mexican American            Puerto Rican    Cuban  
 Salvadoran            Dominican    Columbian  
 Text entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Black or African American

African American            Jamaican            Haitian  
 Nigerian            Ethiopian            Somali  
 Text entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Asian

Chinese	Filipino	Asian Indian
Vietnamese	Korean	Japanese

Text entry: \_\_\_\_\_

American Indian or Alaska Native

Text entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Middle Eastern or North African

Lebanese	Iranian	Egyptian
Syrian	Moroccan	Israeli

Text entry: \_\_\_\_\_

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

Native Hawaiian	Samoan	Chamorro
Tongan	Fijian	Marshallese

Text entry: \_\_\_\_\_

8. What is your gender?

Male

Female

Transgender, non-binary, or another gender identity