Affinity Panel November 2024 Questionnaire

Introduction

Welcome! Thank you for participating in this survey. This 15-minute survey asks questions that will help the U.S. Census Bureau improve the way we conduct our surveys. The survey will also collect information about you and your household to determine your eligibility for future research studies.

The authority for the collection of this information for Opt-in Affinity Panel Web Probing Survey (0607-0978) the Census Research Panel is provided under Title 13, United States Code, Sections 141 and 182. Per the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, your data are protected from cybersecurity risks through screening of the systems that transmit your data.

The purpose of collecting this information is to help improve Census Bureau survey methods. Personally identifiable information collected includes name, address, telephone/cell phone number, date of birth or age, email address, and race or ethnicity.

Your privacy is protected by the Privacy Act (Title 5, U.S. Code, Section 552a). Access to PII/BII is restricted to authorized personnel only and with staff that have a need to know.   Routine uses of these data are limited to those identified in the Privacy Act System of Record Notice titled, 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. Furnishing this information is voluntary. Failure to do so will produce no consequences but will limit the Census Bureau's attempts to improve survey methods.

Federal law protects your privacy and keeps your answers confidential (Title 13, United States Code, Section 9). We estimate that this survey will take 15 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. This collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This eight-digit OMB approval number, 0607-0978, confirms this approval and expires on 01/31/2027. We are required to display this number to conduct this survey.

BIRTHYEAR
What year were you born? _____

EMP2
First, we are going to ask about your employment.

WORK
Are you currently working?
- Yes
- No

FT_PT – *If WORK = yes.*

Are you working full-time or part-time?

       Full-time

       Part-time

EMP3 – *If WORK = yes.*

Are you employed by the government, by a private company, a nonprofit organization or are you self-employed or working in a family business? *Select only one answer.*

       Government

       Private company

       Non-profit organization including tax exempt and charitable organizations

       Self-employed

       Working in a family business

FED_EMPLOYEE – *If EMP3 = 1.*

Are you employed by the Federal government? *If federal contractor, select NO.*

       Yes

       No

JOB_DESC

What is your current job title or job description? _____

STUD

Are you currently a student?

       Yes

       No

DEV

What device are you using to complete this survey?

       Phone

       Laptop or desktop computer

       Tablet

COMP

How often do you use a laptop or desktop computer?

       Daily

       A few times a week

       Once a week

       A few times a month

       Once a month

       A few times a year

       Never

DEMO_INTRO

Now we have a few questions about you and your household.

NAME

What is your name?

     First Name _____

     Last Name _____

EDUCATION

What is the highest degree or level of school you have completed? *Select only one answer.*

     Less than high school

     Some high school

     High school graduate or equivalent (for example GED)

     Some college, but degree not received or is in progress

     Associate's degree (for example AA, AS)

     Bachelor's degree (for example BA, BS, AB)

     Graduate degree (for example master's, professional, doctorate)

SEX

What sex were you assigned at birth, on your original birth certificate?

     Male

     Female

GENID

How do you currently describe yourself? *Select all that apply.*

     Male

     Female

     Transgender

     Nonbinary

     I use a different term – Please specify: _____

ORIENTATION

Which of the following best represents how you think of yourself?

     Gay or lesbian

     Straight, that is not gay or lesbian

     Bisexual

     I use a different term – Please specify: _____

CONFIRM – *Present this question if SEX ne GENID. Fill with responses from SEX and GENID.*

Just to confirm, you were assigned [SEX] at birth, and now you describe yourself as [GEN_ID]. Is that correct?

> Yes
>
> No

SEX_CONF – *If CONFIRM = no.*

What sex were you assigned at birth, on your original birth certificate?

> Male
>
> Female

GENID_CONF – *If CONFIRM = no.*

How do you currently describe yourself? *Select all that apply.*

> Male
>
> Female
>
> Transgender
>
> Nonbinary
>
> I use a different term – Please specify: _____

RACE

What is your race and/or ethnicity? *Select all that apply and enter additional details in the spaces below.*

> White – *Provide details below.*
>
> > English
> >
> > German
> >
> > Irish
> >
> > Italian
> >
> > Polish
> >
> > Scottish
> >
> > Enter, for example, French, Swedish, Norwegian, etc. _____
>
> Hispanic or Latino – *Provide details below.*
>
> > Mexican
> >
> > Puerto Rican
> >
> > Salvadoran
> >
> > Cuban
> >
> > Dominican
> >
> > Guatemalan
> >
> > Enter, for example, Colombian, Honduran, Spaniard, etc. _____
>
> Black or African American – *Provide details below.*
>
> > African American
> >
> > Jamaican

Haitian

Nigerian

Ethiopian

Somali

Enter, for example, Trinidadian and Tobagonian, Ghanaian, Congolese, etc. _____

Asian – *Provide details below.*

Chinese

Asian Indian

Filipino

Vietnamese

Korean

Japanese

Enter, for example, Pakistani, Hmong, Afghan, etc. _____

American Indian or Alaska Native – Enter, for example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation of Montana, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, Aztec, Maya, etc. _____

Middle Eastern or North African – *Provide details below.*

Lebanese

Iranian

Egyptian

Syrian

Iraqi

Israeli

Enter, for example, Moroccan, Yemeni, Kurdish, etc. _____

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander – Provide details below.

Native Hawaiian

Samoan

Chamorro

Tongan

Fijian

Marshallese

Enter, for example, Chuukese, Palauan, Tahitian, etc.

ZIPCODE

What is your ZIP code? _____

HHINTRO

Next, we would like to learn more about your household.

HHSIZE_TOTAL
How many total people – adults and children – currently live in your household, including yourself?
_____

LIVE_STAY
Who lives or stays with you? *Please select all that apply.*
> No one - I live alone
> Parent(s) or Parent(s)-in-law
> Grandparent(s)
> Husband/wife/spouse
> Unmarried partner
> Adult children, son-in-law, daughter-in-law
> Children under age 18
> Grandchildren
> Other relative(s)
> Roommates
> Friends
> Other: Please specify – _____

HHSIZE_CHILDREN – *If LIVE_STAY "children under 18" was selected.*
How many children under 18 years-old currently live in your household? _____

OTHR_CHILD
Do you have any children under 18 who live **outside** of your household?
> Yes
> No

NICK – *If HHSIZE_CHILDREN =/> 1, or LIVEWITH_CHLU18 > 0. Provide number of fields based on HHSIZE_CHILDREN.*
Please provide a nickname or initials for each child under 18 living in your household so that we can refer to them in the next few questions.
> First child: _____
> Second child: _____
> Etc.

Age in Months experiment – *If HHSIZE_CHILDREN = >1, or LIVEWITH_CHLU18 > 0. Provide a question for each child reported in NICK. Randomly assign AIM1 / AIM2, and use the same version for each child reported in NICK.*

AIM1
What is [NICK first child]'s age and date of birth? To report a baby's age in months, print "M" after age; for example: for 1 month old, print "1M."
      Print numbers in boxes.
      Age   Month Day Year of birth

      _ _ _   _ _   _ _   _ _ _ _

AIM2
What is [NICK first child]'s age and date of birth?
      Print numbers in boxes.
      Age   Month Day Year of birth
      _ _ _ ↘   _ _   _ _   _ _ _ _
      __ Check this box if age is in months.

School Lunch experiment – *If HHSIZE_CHILDREN = >1 or LIVEWITH_CHLU18 > 0. Randomly assign to two treatment groups: C-L and D-L.*

<u>Group C-L</u> – *LNCH_C*

LNCH_C
Do any of these children usually eat a complete breakfast and/or lunch prepared by the school?

	Yes- Breakfast	Yes- Lunch	No- no school meals
[NICK-1]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
[NICK-2]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Etc.			

<u>Group D-L</u> – *LNCH_D1 – LNCH_D2*

LNCH_D1
Which of these children usually eats a complete breakfast and/or lunch prepared by the school?

      [NICK-1]
      [NICK-2]
      Etc.

      [ ] None of these children

LNCH_D2 – *If Group D-L and LNCH_D1 >= 1 but ne "none of these"*
Which meals prepared by the school do these children usually eat?

	Breakfast	Lunch
[Child from LNCH_D1]	[ ]	[ ]
[Child from LNCH_D1]	[ ]	[ ]
Etc.		

Incentives questions – *Randomize order of REST, CONV, and GROC.*

INC_INTRO
Next we'd like to ask you some questions about how you pay for things.

REST
When eating out at a restaurant, how do you usually pay?

    Cash
    Credit card
    Debit card
    Phone (e.g., Apple Pay, Google Wallet)
    Check
    SNAP EBT card

CONV
When buying a couple of inexpensive items at a convenience store or grocery store, how do you usually pay?

    Cash
    Credit card
    Debit card
    Phone (e.g., Apple Pay, Google Wallet)
    Check
    SNAP EBT card

GROC
When buying a large amount of groceries, how do you usually pay?

    Cash
    Credit card
    Debit card
    Phone (e.g., Apple Pay, Google Wallet)
    Check
    SNAP EBT card

SNAP – *If R selected SNAP for REST, CONV, or GROC.*
How do you pay for food or other items when you do not use a SNAP EBT card? *Select all that apply.*

    Cash
    Credit card
    Debit card
    Phone (e.g., Apple Pay, Google Wallet)
    Check

OWE
If a friend owes you $40, how do you prefer that they pay you back?

    Cash
    Payment app (e.g., Venmo, Zelle, Paypal)
    Check
    Gift card

VIN1 – *Randomize the fill for 5 or 40.*
Imagine that you just completed a survey online that took an hour. The last question of the survey asks how you would like to receive your $[5/40] payment. Which method would you choose?

    Cash, mailed to your house
    Digital gift card, emailed
    Physical gift card, mailed to your house
    Check, mailed to your house
    Electronic transfer to your bank account
    I wouldn't take the payment

VIN2 – *Fill with the filled value that was NOT used in VIN1.*
Would your answer change if the payment was $[5/40]?

    Yes
    No

VIN2a – *If VIN2 = yes. Fill with same value used in VIN2.*
If you completed a survey online that took an hour, how would you want to receive the $[5/40] payment?

    Cash, mailed to your home
    Digital gift card, emailed
    Physical gift card, mailed to your home
    Check, mailed to your home
    Electronic transfer to your bank account

    I wouldn't take the payment

INCIMP1 – *If VIN1 = 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5. First fill, use response for VIN1. Second fill, use value filled in VIN1.*
Randomize order of response options.
When you selected "[response for VIN1]" for your $[5/40] payment, which was more important?

      Received quickly

      Payment easy to use

      Payment is secure

INCIMP2 – *If VIN2a = 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5. First fill, use response for VIN2a. Second fill, use value filled in VIN2a.*
Randomize order of response options.
When you selected "[response for Vin2a]" for your $[filled amount in Vin2a] payment, which was more important?

      Received quickly

      Payment easy to use

      Payment is secure

CHK. When you receive a check in the mail, how do you usually cash or deposit the check?

      ATM

      In-person at the bank

      Bank's app on my phone

      Payment app (e.g., Venmo)

      Store that cashes checks

      Sign it over to someone else

APBA
Do you ever use an app to do your banking?

      Yes

      No

APPA
Do you ever use an app to pay people?

      Yes

      No

CAHAV
How often do you have cash?

      Always

      Most of the time

      Sometimes

      Rarely

      Never

      I only have cash for emergencies

CAUSE

How often do you use cash to pay for things?

    Always

    Most of the time

    Sometimes

    Rarely

    Never

CASPND – *If CAUSE ne "Never" or if R skipped CAUSE.*

If you use cash, of any amount, which of these things do you use it for?

    (select all that apply; do not randomize)

    Tips

    Groceries

    Gas

    Purchases under $20

    Parking or Public Transportation

    Dining out or Take out

    Market or vendor stalls (e.g., farmers market, concession stand)

    Businesses that have credit card fees or minimums

    Children's activities

    Personal care services (e.g., haircut)

    Freelance services (e.g., dog walker, fitness trainer)

CASPEND – *If CAUSE ne "Never" or if R skipped CAUSE.*

When you spend cash, how much do you spend in a single transaction? *Select all that apply.*

    Less than $5

    $5 to $20

    $21 - $50

    $51 -$100

    More than $100

Utilities test questions – *Randomly assign to three treatment groups: C1, C2, and D.*

TEN

Is your house or apartment...? *Select only one answer.*

    Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear?

    Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan (including home equity loans)?

    Rented?

    Occupied without payment of rent?

SEP_UTL – *If TEN = "Rented".*

Do you pay for any utilities separately from your rent?

> Yes
>
> No

Group C1 – *UTL1 – UTL1_D3c*

UTL1 – *If SEP_UTL = Yes or TEN = 1,2,3*

How much did this household pay for electricity, gas, basic telephone service, and other utilities in October?

Other common example of utilities include water, heating oil and wood, trash or recycling, and mobile telephone service (excluding data plans, applications, games, and ringtones.) Do not include cable TV or internet.

> $_____.00

UTL1_D1 – *If SEP_UTL=Yes or TEN=1,2,3) AND UTIL not empty*

Which of the following types of utilities did you include in your response of {fill}?

> Electricity
>
> Natural gas
>
> Water and sewer
>
> Basic or mobile telephone service
>
> Heating oil or wood
>
> Trash and recycling
>
> Internet
>
> Cable or Satellite TV
>
> Other, specify – _____

UTL1_D2 – *If SEP_UTL=Yes or or TEN=1,2,3) AND UTIL not empty*

Which of the following types of utilities do you have in your home?

> Electricity
>
> Natural gas
>
> Water and sewer
>
> Basic or mobile telephone service
>
> Heating oil or wood
>
> Trash and recycling
>
> Internet
>
> Cable or Satellite TV
>
> Other, specify – _____

UTL1_D3a

Which utilities do you pay on a monthly basis? Select all that apply.

      Electricity

      Natural gas

      Water and sewer

      Basic or mobile telephone service

      Heating oil or wood

      Trash and recycling

      Internet

      Cable or Satellite TV

      Other, specify – _____

UTL1_D3b

Which utilities do you pay on a quarterly or annual basis? Select all that apply.

      Electricity

      Natural gas

      Water and sewer

      Basic or mobile telephone service

      Heating oil or wood

      Trash and recycling

      Internet

      Cable or Satellite TV

      Other, specify – _____

      None of these

UTL1_D3c – *If UTL1_D3b = 1 to 9. Fill with response(s) from UTL_D3b.*

Did you calculate estimated amounts for any of the utilities you pay on a quarterly or annual basis in your response of "[Fill]"?

      Yes

      No

Group C2 – *UTL2 – UTL2_D3c*

UTL2 – (IF GROUP C2 AND (SEP_UTL=Yes or TEN=1,2,3))

Which of the following types of utilities does your household pay {if rent: separately from rent}? *Select all that apply.*

      Electricity

      Natural gas

      Water and sewer

      Basic or mobile telephone service

      Heating oil or wood

Trash and recycling

UTL2a – UTL2f – *If SEP_UTL = Yes or TEN = 1,2,3. Present questions based on responses selected in UTL2. Present all on the same screen.*

UTL2a
How much did this household pay for electricity in October?
$_____.00

UTL2b
How much did this household pay for natural gas in October?
$_____.00

UTL2c
How much did this household pay for water and sewer in October?
$_____.00

UTL2d
How much did this household pay for basic or mobile telephone service in October? Exclude amounts for data plans, applications, and ringtones.
$_____.00

UTL2e
How much did this household pay for heating oil or wood in October?
$_____.00

UTL2f
How much did this household pay for trash and recycling in October?
$_____.00

UTL2_D3a
Which utilities do you pay on a monthly basis?
Electricity
Natural gas
Water and sewer
Basic or mobile telephone service
Heating oil or wood
Trash and recycling

UTL2_D3b

Which utilities do you pay on a quarterly or annual basis?

       Electricity

       Natural gas

       Water and sewer

       Basic or mobile telephone service

       Heating oil or wood

       Trash and recycling

       None of these

UTL2_D3c. – *If UTL2_D3b =1 to 6.*

Did you calculate estimated amounts for any of the utilities you pay on a quarterly or annual basis?

       Yes

       No

Group D – *UTL3 – UTL3_D3c*

UTL3 – *If SEP_UTL = Yes or TEN = 1,2,3.*

Which of the following types of utilities does your household pay {if rent: separately from rent}? Select all that apply.

       Electricity

       Natural gas

       Water and sewer

       Basic or mobile telephone service

       Heating oil or wood

       Trash and recycling

UTL3a – *If SEP_UTL=Yes or TEN=1,2,3. Present only items selected in UTL3.*

Please enter how much this household paid for each of the following types of utilities in October.

       Electricity $_____.00

       Natural gas $_____.00

       Water and sewer $_____.00

       Basic or mobile telephone service. *Exclude amounts for data plans, applications, and ringtones.*

       $_____.00

       Heating oil or wood $_____.00

       Trash and recycling $_____.00

UTL3_D3a. Which utilities do you pay on a monthly basis?

       Electricity

       Natural gas

       Water and sewer

       Basic or mobile telephone service

       Heating oil or wood

       Trash and recycling

UTL3_D3b

Which utilities do you pay on a quarterly or annual basis?

       Electricity

       Natural gas

       Water and sewer

       Basic or mobile telephone service

       Heating oil or wood

       Trash and recycling

       None of these

UTL3_D3c. – *If UTL3_D3b = 1 to 6.*

Did you calculate estimated amounts for any of the utilities you pay on a quarterly or annual basis?

       Yes

       No

Rental Income test questions – *Randomly assign cases to three treatment groups: C1-RR, C2-RR, D-RR*

<u>Group C1-RR</u> – *RRR_C1a – RRR_C1DB*

RRR_C1a

At any time during 2024, did you receive income from rent, roomers or boarders, estates, trusts, or royalties?

       Yes

       No

RRR_C1b – *If RRR_C1a = Y.*

How much did you receive in income from rent, roomers or boarders, estates, trusts, or royalties after expenses this year?

If you broke even or lost money, enter 0.

       $_____

RRR_C1DB – *If RRR_C1b not blank*
Which of these types of income did you include in your response to the previous question? *Select all that apply.*

 Royalties
 Rented property
 Roomers/ Boarders
 Estates or Trusts
 None of the above

Group C2-RR – *RRR_C2a – RRR_C2b*

RRR_C2a
Which of the types of income did you received in 2024? *Select all that apply.*

 Royalties
 Rented property
 Roomers/ Boarders
 Estates or Trusts
 None of the above

RRR_C2b – *If RRR_C2a = 1,2,3, or 4. Fill with responses selected in RRR_C2a.*
Enter the amount of income and expenses for 2024.

	Income	per	Expenses	per
[RRR_C2a_1]	$_____	[dropdown: month, quarter, year]	$_____	[dropdown: month, quarter, year]
[RRR_C2a_2]	$_____	[dropdown: month, quarter, year]	$_____	[dropdown: month, quarter, year]
Etc.				

Group D-RR – *RRR_Da – RRR_Dc*

RRR_Da
Did you receive income from any of these sources in 2024?

        Yes No
 Royalties
 Rented property
 Roomers/ Boarders
 Estates or Trusts

RRR_Db – *If RRR_Da 1,2,3, or 4 = Y. Fill with responses selected in RRR_Da.*
Enter the amount of income you received for 2024, before expenses.

	Income
[RRR_DA_1]	$_____
[RRR_DA_2]	$_____
Etc.	

RRR_Dc – *If RRR_Da 1,2,3, or 4 = Y, even if skip RRR _Db. Fill with responses selected in RRR_Da and values reported in RRR_Db.*
Enter your expenses for 2024.

	Income	Expenses
[RRR_DA_1]	$[RRRE_DB_1]	$____
[RRR_DA_2]	$[RRRE_DB_2]	$____
Etc.		

HHINCOME
In 2023, what was your total household income before taxes?

Less than $25,000
$25,000 to $34,999
$35,000 to $49,999
$50,000 to $74,999
$75,000 to $99,999
$100,000 to $149,999
$150,000 to $199,999
$200,000 and above

Contact info/future research

CON3B
We usually send updates, notifications, and survey links via text message. Would you like us to contact you by text message?
Message and data rates may apply, depending on your mobile phone service plan. Message frequency varies. You can opt out of these messages at any time by replying STOP or reply HELP for more assistance.
Yes
No

CON4 – *If CON3B = yes.*
What is the best cell phone number for us to reach you?
Cell phone _____

PROMOTE_2020

Did you help promote the 2020 Census?

Yes

No

ENUMERATOR

Have you ever been a Census enumerator?

Yes

No

INPERSON_RESEARCH

Thank you for opting in to participate in online Census Bureau research studies. Sometimes, the Census Bureau conducts one-on-one studies or focus groups where you would work directly with a researcher.

Some of our studies are conducted in person. Would you be willing to participate in an in-person research study if the location was convenient for you?

Yes

No

REMOTE_RESEARCH

Some of our one-on-one studies are conducted remotely with a researcher. Would you be willing to use your computer, tablet, or phone to participate in a research study?

Yes

No