

CO11 – CPS Core & ASEC Exploratory Qualitative Interviews, Cognitive and Usability Testing Recruitment Screener

Web Survey Screener Specifications

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Introduction and consent

Web intro/consent

RTI International, a nonprofit research organization, is conducting research on behalf of the U.S. Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics to improve questions in one of its national surveys.

To determine if you are eligible to participate in the research, we will ask you a few screening questions about your background and your household. Eligible participants can receive \$40 for a virtual interview, which will last 60 minutes.

If you are eligible for the study, we will call or email you to schedule a time for the interview.

Your participation in the eligibility screening is completely voluntary. You may stop at any time or skip questions that you do not want to answer.

This voluntary survey is being conducted under the authority of Title 13 U.S. Code, Sections 131 and 182. Federal law requires that your answers are kept confidential (Title 13, U.S. Code, Section 9), and protects your privacy under 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 "COMMERCE/CENSUS-5, Decennial Census Programs." The Census Bureau and BLS can use your responses only to produce statistics and is not permitted to publicly release your responses in a way that could identify you, your business, organization, or institution.

We estimate that completing these screening questions will take 15 minutes on average. This information collection has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). You can validate that this survey is a legitimate using the Office of Management and Budget's approval number 0607-0725, which expires 12/31/2025. We are required to tell you this number to conduct this survey. 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.

If you have questions about the research, you may contact RTI's project director, Patty LeBaron, at 312-777-5204 or plebaron@rti.org

Consent to Participate

Do we have your permission to ask you a few questions to find out if you are eligible for this study?

If you agree to participate, please click "Yes, I agree" below and then the "NEXT" button to continue. If you choose not to participate, please click "Exit" and then the "NEXT" button to exit the survey.

- ☐ ₁ Yes, I agree [[Skip to Q1](#)]
☐ ₂ Exit [[Skip to REFUSAL](#)]

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Module 1: Key eligibility screener

Q1. Age

How old are you?

[_____] [If Q2<18, skip to INELIGIBLE]

[PROGRAMMER: NUMERIC ENTRY ONLY; RANGE = (6-110)]

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Q2. Federal employment status

Are you employed by the Federal Government? (if federal contractor, mark NO)

☐₁ Yes [skip to INELIGIBLE]

☐₂ No

|-----NEXT SCREEN-----|

Q3. Location

In what city, state, and ZIP code do you currently live?

City: [_____]

State: [_____]

ZIP code [_____]

[PROGRAMMER: CITY – TEXTBOX with 50 characters Max.; State – TEXTBOX; ZIP code – 5 digits
NUMERIC ENTRY ONLY]

|-----NEXT SCREEN-----|

Q3.1 Location II

Which of the following best describes the place where you now live?

☐₁ A large city

☐₂ A suburb near a large city

☐₃ A small city

☐₄ A small town

☐₅ A rural area

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Module 2: Demographic characteristics

Q4.1 SOGI-1

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

- ☐ ₁ Male
- ☐ ₂ Female
- ☐ ₄ I don't want to answer

Q4.2 SOGI-2

Do you currently describe yourself as male, female, or transgender? *Please select all that apply.*

- ☐ ₁ Male
- ☐ ₂ Female
- ☐ ₃ Transgender
- ☐ ₄ I use a different term: _____
- ☐ ₅ I don't want to answer

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Q5. Hispanic/Latino ethnicity Web

Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin? *Please select all that apply.*

- ☐ ₁ No, not of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin
- ☐ ₂ Yes, Mexican, Mexican American., Chicano
- ☐ ₃ Yes, Puerto Rican
- ☐ ₄ Yes, Cuban
- ☐ ₅ Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin – *Enter origin, for example, Salvadoran, Dominican, Colombian, Guatemalan, Spaniard, Ecuadorian, and so on:*

[PROGRAMMER: WHEN 5 (“Yes, another Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin”) IS SELECTED, DISPLAY “please specify” TEXTBOX. Option 1 to be programmed as exclusive]

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Q6. Race

What is your race? *Please select all that apply.*

- ☐ ₁ White
- ☐ ₂ Black or African American
- ☐ ₃ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ ₄ Asian
- ☐ ₅ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

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Q7. Education

What is the highest grade of school you have completed, or the highest degree you have received?

- ☐ 1 Less than high school diploma or equivalent
- ☐ 2 High school diploma (including GED or ABE certificate)
- ☐ 3 Some college, no degree
- ☐ 4 Associate's degree (AA, AS, or equivalent)
- ☐ 5 Bachelor's degree (BA, BS, or equivalent)
- ☐ 6 Post Bachelor's degree (MA, MS, PhD, JD, MD, etc.)
- ☐ 7 I have not completed any formal education

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Q7.1. Internet use frequency

How frequently do you use the Internet? *This includes accessing the Internet through a cell phone, computer, or tablet.*

- ☐ 1 Daily
- ☐ 2 At least once a week
- ☐ 3 At least once a month
- ☐ 4 Less than once a month
- ☐ 5 Rarely
- ☐ 6 Never [PROGRAMMER: CATI mode only]

Q7.2. Smartphone ownership

Do you own a smartphone (such as an iPhone or Android) or a tablet (such as iPad, Galaxy, etc.)?

- ☐ 1 Yes, smartphone
- ☐ 2 Yes, tablet
- ☐ 3 Yes, smartphone and tablet
- ☐ 4 No, neither

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(For ASEC) Q8. Marital status

What is your current marital status?

- ☐ 1 Married
- ☐ 2 Living with an unmarried partner
- ☐ 3 Widowed
- ☐ 4 Separated
- ☐ 5 Divorced
- ☐ 6 Never married

|-----NEXT SCREEN-----|

(For ASEC) Q8.1. Marital event in the past year

[Ask if Q8 = 1,3,4,5] In the past 12 months, did you become— *Please select all that apply.*

- ☐ ₁ Married?
- ☐ ₂ Widowed?
- ☐ ₃ Separated?
- ☐ ₄ Divorced?
- ☐ ₅ None of the above

[PROGRAMMER: Make 5 (“None of the above”) as an exclusive option.]

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Module 3: Household characteristics

Q9. Cohabitation status

Does anyone live or stay with you at your current address? Also include people who only sometimes live or stay with you.

- ☐ ₁ Yes [ask Q10]
- ☐ ₂ No [skip to Q14]

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(For ASEC) Q10. Cohabitation status II

[Ask if Q9 = Yes] Who lives or stays with you? *Please select all that apply.*

- ☐ ₁ Parent(s)
- ☐ ₂ Grandparent(s)
- ☐ ₃ Husband/wife/spouse
- ☐ ₄ Unmarried partner
- ☐ ₅ Children
- ☐ ₆ Grandchildren
- ☐ ₇ Other relatives(s)
- ☐ ₈ Roommates
- ☐ ₉ Friends
- ☐ ₁₀ Other – please specify

[PROGRAMMER: WHEN 10 (“Other”) IS SELECTED, DISPLAY “please specify” TEXTBOX.]

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Q11. Number of adults

[If Q9=1] How many people age 18 or older currently live or stay at your address, INCLUDING yourself?

[_____] adult/adults

[PROGRAMMER: NUMERIC ENTRY ONLY; RANGE = (1-19)]

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Q12. Number of children in household

[If Q9=1] How many people younger than 18 currently live or stay at your address?

[] child/children

[PROGRAMMER: NUMERIC ENTRY ONLY; RANGE = (0-19)]

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(For ASEC) Q12.1. Young child (age 13 or younger) in household

[Ask if Q12>=1] Is any child living or staying at your address less than 5 years old?

- ☐₁ Yes
☐₂ No

(For ASEC) Q12.2. Young child (age between 5 and 13) in household

[Ask if Q12>=1] Is any child living or staying at your address between 5 and 13 years of age?

- ☐₁ Yes
☐₂ No

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(For ASEC) Q13. Children event in the past year

[Ask if Q10 =5] In the past 12 months, did you or a partner or spouse —

- ☐₁ give birth to any children?
☐₂ adopt any children?
☐₃ foster any children?

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Module 4: Health Insurance and social programs

(For ASEC) Q14. Health insurance coverage

Do you currently have health insurance?

- ☐₁ Yes
☐₂ No, I don't have any health insurance
☐₃ Don't know

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(For ASEC) Q15. Type of health insurance

[Ask if Q14=1] What type of health insurance? *Please select all that apply.*

- ☐ ₁ Insurance coverage through an employer, school, or other group-based program (through you or another family member)
- ☐ ₂ Medicare for people 65 and over
- ☐ ₃ Medicaid or other type of government-assistance plan for people with low incomes or disabilities
- ☐ ₄ Coverage purchased through healthcare.gov or other state-led marketplace associated with the Affordable Care Act (also known as Obamacare)
- ☐ ₅ TRICARE, VA healthcare, or other military health care
- ☐ ₆ Other type of insurance – please specify

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(For ASEC) Q16. Health insurance policy holder

[Ask if Q15=1 or Q15=4 or Q15=5] Is this health insurance in your own name?

- ☐ ₁ Yes
- ☐ ₂ No
- ☐ ₃ Don't know

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(For ASEC) Q17. Lack of access to regular healthcare

If you are sick or need to see a medical professional, where do you go? *Please select all that apply.*

- ☐ ₁ Doctor's office
- ☐ ₂ Hospital
- ☐ ₃ Walk-in health clinic (e.g., MinuteClinic, Patient First, Urgent Care)
- ☐ ₄ Pharmacy
- ☐ ₅ Other places, please specify:
- ☐ ₆ None of the above

[PROGRAMMER: Make 6 ("None of the above") as an exclusive option.]

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(For ASEC) Q18. Social Assistance programs

In [FILL PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR], did you or someone in your household receive benefits from any of the following programs? *Please select all that apply.*

- ☐ ₁ Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), sometimes referred to as food stamps
- ☐ ₂ Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- ☐ ₃ School Lunch Program
- ☐ ₄ Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- ☐ ₅ Energy assistance (heating/cooling)
- ☐ ₆ Housing or rent assistance
- ☐ ₇ Broadband or internet assistance
- ☐ ₈ Other public assistance – please specify
- ☐ ₉ Did not receive any of the benefits above

[PROGRAMMER: IF 8 ("Other") IS SELECTED, DISPLAY "Please specify" TEXTBOX.]

[PROGRAMMER: Make 9 (“Did not receive any of the benefits above”) as an exclusive option.]

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Module 5: Employment and Income

Q19. Current employment status

Are you currently working? *Do not include time spent answering online surveys.*

- ☐₁ Yes, 35 or more hours per week
- ☐₂ Yes, fewer than 35 hours per week
- ☐₃ No

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Q20. Current unemployment status

[Ask if Q19=3] Which of the following best describes you?

- ☐₁ Retired
- ☐₂ Unemployed or out of work
- ☐₃ Unable to work due to disability
- I do not want to work right now
- ☐₄ Other (please specify)

[PROGRAMMER: IF 4 (“Other”) IS SELECTED, DISPLAY “Please specify” TEXTBOX.]

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Q21. Work arrangement

[Ask if Q19=1 or 2] Do you currently work for an employer, are you self-employed, or do you have some other work arrangement?

- ☐₁ I work for an employer
- ☐₂ I am self-employed
- ☐₃ I have another work arrangement — Please specify

[PROGRAMMER: IF 3 (“Other”) IS SELECTED, DISPLAY “Please specify” TEXTBOX.]

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Q22. Employment

Were you working at any time in [FILL PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR]?

- ☐₁ Yes
- ☐₂ No

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Q23.1. Unemployment

[Ask if Q19=3] In [FILL PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR], did you have any periods where you were not working?

- ☐ 1 Yes - I was retired for some time
- ☐ 2 Yes, I was unemployed or out of work for some time
- ☐ 3 Yes, I was unable to work due to disability for some time
- ☐ 4 Yes, I was not working for some other reason (please specify)
- ☐ 5 No

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Q23.2. Unemployment duration

[Ask if (Q19= 1 or 2) AND (Q22=2)] How long were you not working in [FILL PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR]?

[] months

[] weeks

[PROGRAMMER: NUMERIC ENTRY ONLY; RANGE = (0-30)]

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Q24. Number of jobs

[Ask if Q19 = 1 or 2] Do you work at one job, or more than one job?

- ☐ 1 I work at one job
- ☐ 2 I work at more than one job

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Q25. New job in the past year (life event)

[Ask if Q19=1 or 2] Did you start your current job within the past 12 months?

- ☐ 1 Yes
- ☐ 2 No

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Q26 Seasonal/non-standard work (last year)

[Ask if Q19=1 or 2] In [FILL PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR], did you do any of the following types of work?

	Yes	No
Temporary or seasonal work (<i>for example, tour guide, summer camp counselor, crop harvester, etc.</i>)		
In-person jobs or tasks through companies that connect you directly with customers using a website or mobile app (<i>for example, delivering food or groceries or driving for a rideshare service</i>)		

Freelancing or consulting work		
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Q27.1 Seasonal/non-standard work (current)

[Ask if Q19=1 or 2] Are you CURRENTLY doing any of the following types of work?

	Yes	No
Temporary or seasonal work (<i>for example, tour guide, summer camp counselor, crop harvester, etc.</i>)		
In-person jobs or tasks through companies that connect you directly with customers using a website or mobile app (<i>for example, delivering food or groceries or driving for a rideshare service</i>)		
Freelancing or consulting work		

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(FOR CPS CORE) Q28. Work Deviation

[Ask if Q19=1 or 2] From [Date 1] to [Date 2], were you on vacation, temporarily ill, on maternity/paternity leave, on jury duty, or off of work for family/personal reasons?

- ☐₁ Yes
☐₂ No

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(FOR CPS CORE) Q29.1 Job seeking

[Ask if Q19=2 OR Q22=2] Are you currently looking for work?

- ☐₁ Yes
☐₂ No

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(FOR CPS CORE) Q29.2 Job seeking II

[Ask if Q29.1=2] Did you look for work **within the past 12 months?**

- ☐₁ Yes
☐₂ No

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(FOR CPS CORE) Q29.3 Job seeking III

[Ask if Q29.2=2] Did you look for work **within the past four weeks**?

- ☐₁ Yes
☐₂ No

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(FOR CPS CORE) Q29.4 Job seeking activities

[Ask if Q29.3=1] During the **LAST four weeks**, have you been ACTIVELY looking for work? *For example, had a job interview or filled out an application for a job.*

- ☐₁ Yes
☐₂ No

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(For ASEC) Q30. Other income

In [FILL PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR], have you received income from any of the following sources?
Please select all that apply.

- ☐₁ Interest and dividends earned from savings or investments
☐₂ Retirement or pension income, including regular payments from estates, trusts, or annuities
☐₃ Rental income
☐₄ Commission
☐₅ Bonus
☐₆ Tips
☐₇ Unemployment benefits
☐₈ Worker compensation
☐₉ Social Security or supplemental security income
☐₁₀ TANF or other public assistance benefits
☐₁₁ None of the above

[PROGRAMMER: Option 11 to be programmed as exclusive]

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Module 6: Contact info

Finally, we just have a few more questions about your contact information. If you are eligible and selected to participate in the study, we will use the information to contact you to schedule the interview.

Q31. Name

What is your name?

Name: [_____]

Q32. Email

What is your email address?

[_____]

[PROGRAMMER: email verification]

|-----NEXT SCREEN-----|

Q33. Phone

What is the best telephone number to reach you?

Phone ([____]) [____] - [_____]

Q34. Time to call

What is the best time to reach you by phone?

[_____]

[PROGRAMMER: textbox character limit: 50, place on the same page with Q22]

Q35. Referral

Could you think of any family or friends who may be interested in participating in our interview? Please provide their name and email address for us to reach out to them in the next screen.

☐₁ Yes

☐₂ No

|-----NEXT SCREEN-----|

Q35.1. Referral name

What is the name of your family or friend?

Name: [_____]

Q35.2. Referral email

What is the email address of your family or friend?

[_____]
[PROGRAMMER: email verification]

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Q36. Interview participation.

Would you be able to participate in a [90; 60] minute virtual interview at a day/time to be determined in [MONTH]?

- ☐₁ Yes
☐₂ No

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Q37. Advertisement source

How did you hear about this study?

- ☐₁ Community publication (for example, local paper)
☐₂ Flyer
☐₃ Friends or family
☐₄ RTI or Census Bureau employee
☐₅ Craigslist
☐₆ Facebook
☐₇ Reddit
☐₈ Other – specify: _____

|-----NEXT SCREEN-----|

Exit/Completion

Thank you for taking the time to answer our questions today. We will get back to you soon if you are eligible for an interview.

Refusal/Screened out

Based on your responses, you are not eligible to participate in this study. Thank you for taking the time to answer our questions today.