

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 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 90 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 13 U.S.C. Sections 141, 182, and 193. Federal law requires that your answers are kept confidential (Title 13, U.S. 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 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-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, 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

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Q3. Location

In what state or district do you currently live?

State: [_____]

In what city and ZIP code do you currently live?

City: [_____]

ZIP code [_____]

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

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Q3.1 Location II

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

☐₁ A large city

☐₂ A suburb

☐₄ A small city or 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

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Q6. Race

What is your race and/or ethnicity? *Please select all that apply.*

- ☐ ₁ American Indian or Alaska Native White
- ☐ ₂ Asian
- ☐ ₃ Black or African American
- ☐ ₄ Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ ₅ Middle Eastern or North African
- ☐ ₆ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- ☐ ₇ White

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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

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Q7.2. Smartphone ownership

Do you own a smartphone (such as an iPhone or Android)?

- ☐₁ Yes
- ☐₂ No

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

In 2023, 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]

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

(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.]

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

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)]

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

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)]

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

(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 13 or younger?

- ☐ ₁ Yes
☐ ₂ No

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

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

In 2023, did you or a partner or spouse —

- ☐ ₁ give birth to any children?
☐ ₂ adopt any children?
☐ ₃ foster any children?
☐ ₄ None of the above

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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
- ☐ 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, or do you get it through someone else?

- ☐ ₁ It's in my name
- ☐ ₂ I get it through someone else
- ☐ 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 2023, 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

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(For ASEC) Q22. Employment

Were you working at any time in 2023?

- ☐ ₁ Yes
- ☐ ₂ No

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Q21. Work arrangement

[Ask if Q22=1] In 2023, did you work for an employer, were you self-employed, or did you have some other work arrangement?

- ☐ ₁ I worked for an employer
- ☐ ₂ I was self-employed
- ☐ ₃ I had another work arrangement — Please specify

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

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Q23.1. Unemployment

[Ask if Q22=1] In 2023, 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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Q24. Number of jobs

[Ask if Q22 = 1] At any point in 2023, did you work two or more jobs at the same time?

Please include any side jobs you did for pay in addition to a primary job.

- ☐1 Yes
- ☐2 No

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

[Ask if Q22=1] Did you start a job in 2023?

- ☐1 Yes
- ☐2 No

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(For ASEC) Q26 Seasonal/non-standard work (last year)

[Ask if Q22=1] In 2023 did you do any of the following types of work?

	Yes (1)	No (2)
Q26.1 Temporary or seasonal work (<i>for example, holiday sales associate, summer camp counselor, crop harvester, etc.</i>)		
Q26.2 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>)		
Q26.3 Freelancing or consulting work		
Q26.4 Other types of side jobs that provide additional income streams. <i>Do not include time spent answering online surveys</i> Please Specify:		

[PROGRAMMER: IF Q26.4 =1, DISPLAY "Please specify" TEXTBOX.]

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(For ASEC) Q30. Other income

In 2023, did you receive 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]

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Q33. Phone

What is the best telephone number to reach you? (*Numbers only, please do not include special characters*)

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

Q34. Time to call

What is the best time to reach you by phone?

- ☐ ₁ Mornings (8-10 AM)
- ☐ ₂ Midday (11 AM-1 PM)
- ☐ ₃ Afternoons (2-5 PM)
- ☐ ₄ Evenings (after 5 PM)

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

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Q35.1. Referral name

[Ask if Q35=1] What is the name of your family or friend?

Name: [_____]

Q35.2. Referral email

[Ask if Q35=1] What is the email address of your family or friend?

[_____]
[PROGRAMMER: email verification]

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Q36.1 Interview participation.

Would you be able to participate in a [90; 60] minute virtual interview at a day/time to be determined in [MONTH]? The interview will use a free software called Microsoft Teams.

- ☐₁ Yes
☐₂ No

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Q36.2 Screen sharing.

Would you be willing to share your phone or computer screen during the interview?

- ☐₁ Yes
☐₂ No

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Q36.3 Recording.

We would like to audio and video record interviews. Would you be willing to have the interview video and audio recorded?

- ☐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.

