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The **Consumer Expenditure Surveys (CE)** program provides data on expenditures, income, and demographic characteristics of consumers in the United States.

If you have been asked to participate in either the Consumer Expenditure Quarterly Interview Survey (Quarterly Interview) or the Consumer Expenditure Diary Survey (Diary), this site will help you verify that the survey came from the Census Bureau, verify that the person who called or came to your door is a Census Bureau employee, and inform you of how we protect your data.

If you have additional concerns and wish to contact Census Bureau staff regarding the survey, please see the contact information at the bottom of this page.

Overview

The Consumer Expenditure Survey is a national survey conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau on behalf of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The survey collects the data needed for the calculation of the Consumer Price Index (CPI), our nation's most important measure of inflation. The Bureau of Labor Statistics has been conducting this survey since 1980.

[Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Expenditure Survey website](#)

There are two separate surveys in the Consumer Expenditure Survey: the Quarterly Interview survey and the Diary survey.

- The Quarterly Interview survey asks household respondents questions about the costs of large purchases like cars or appliances and regular expenditures like rent, mortgage, insurance, or utilities.
- The Diary survey asks household respondents to

keep two 1-week diaries for recording all purchases. The purpose of the Diary survey is to capture small everyday purchases like food, meals, personal care products and gasoline.

Why is this survey important?

- This survey measures how people in the United States spend their money on items such as housing, food, education, transportation, and health care. It is necessary to collect this type of information to examine what people are buying and how much they are spending on these products. Participation is essential in order for the survey to provide a complete and accurate picture of how Americans spend their money. Knowing what goods and services consumers are buying and how much they are spending is critical information in determining the strength of our nation's economy and the direction in which it is moving.
- Data from this survey is used in the calculation of the CPI, which measures inflation; that is, increases in costs for products or services. Our ability to quantify inflation allows both government and business sectors to make informed economic decisions that directly affect our nation's citizens.
- The CPI is used to provide cost-of-living adjustments to millions of American workers and retirees. The CPI is used to adjust income eligibility levels for government programs and government assistance.
- People in your community and throughout the country use the information provided in this survey for planning public services and addressing consumer needs.

What is the legal authority for conducting this survey?

The U.S. Census Bureau conducts this survey under the authority of Title 13, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section 8. Section 9 of this law requires the Census Bureau to keep all information about you and your household strictly confidential. We may use this information only for statistical purposes.

How was I selected to be in this survey?

We selected your address and not you personally. The Census Bureau scientifically selects random addresses throughout the country to be in this survey. Your address represents thousands of other households in your region.

What should you expect if your address was randomly selected to be in the survey?

- A household selected for either the Quarterly Interview survey or the Diary survey will first receive a letter from the Director of the Census Bureau notifying you that your address has been selected. The letter provides information about the survey and informs you that a representative from the Census Bureau will be contacting you in the near future.
- If selected, you will have been selected to participate in either the Quarterly Interview Survey or the Diary Survey, not both.
- Census Bureau Field staff will conduct the interview with you at a time of your convenience. Our staff have flexible hours and will be glad to accommodate your schedule. If you work, we will conduct the interview after business hours or on the weekend. If daytime is preferable, we can accommodate that time as well.

- The Quarterly Interview survey consists of four in person interviews. Each interview will take place every three months throughout the year. Each survey interview averages about an hour, but the actual time will vary depending on your household characteristics. During this interview, we will ask you a series of questions about purchases that you and other people in your household have made and bills you have paid in the past 3 months. We prefer to conduct all interviews in person, but if requested, interviews can be administered over the telephone.
- The Diary survey consists of two short in person interviews about 2-weeks a part. For the 2-week period in between, we will ask you to record all the purchases you make in diaries that we provide during the initial interview. We will want to know about your purchases and the purchases of everyone who lives in your household. In the second interview, we will review and collect the diaries from you.

How can I verify that my address was selected for this survey?

If you wish to verify that your address was selected for this survey, you can contact your Census Bureau Regional Office and they can verify for you whether your address was selected for a particular survey (see the map for contact information).

Regional Offices

The regional offices are responsible for all data collection, data dissemination, and geographic operations under a new service area boundary.

How can I verify that the person contacting me is a Census Bureau employee?

- All Census Bureau employees identify themselves by name and will show you their credentials. They will be carrying a laptop with the Census logo on it to conduct the survey.
- If you receive a call and wish to verify that the caller is a Census Bureau employee, you can call one of our regional offices or you can use the staff search on our website.

Regional Offices

Staff Search

Search the Census Bureau Staff Directory to find the contact information for our employees.

What if we have minimal expenses?

The Census Bureau depends on your responses in order to produce quality statistics - even if your household has limited or minimal expenses.

Is participation mandatory?

Participation in the Consumer Expenditure Survey is voluntary. However, when you participate, you are representing thousands of other households like yours. In order to be able to create quality statistics, we rely on the participation of those who are randomly selected. If you choose not to participate, your household and others like it will not be adequately represented.

Can I be identified by my responses?

The responses you provide for this survey are confidential. They are used to produce statistical summaries. No information about your household or you as an individual can be identified through these statistics. The law completely protects your confidential answers from disclosure.

Data Protection and Privacy Policy

The Census Bureau has several policies to ensure the data we collect are protected and your privacy is respected.



How do I know my responses are safe?

The Census Bureau encrypts all of the answers you provide whether your information is in transit or at rest on the Census Bureau's servers. These servers are part of a stand-alone network that is not accessible by the Internet. These servers are constantly monitored for any attempts at intrusion.

Where can I find the statistics produced by this survey?

Additional information about the survey as well as reports and statistics based on the information we collect are found at the website.

 [Bureau of Labor Statistics, Consumer Expenditure Survey website](#)

What if I have additional questions, recommendations, or issues that I need resolved?

If you have additional questions about the survey, or if you wish to speak to someone at the Census Bureau, you can contact the respondent advocate. The respondent advocate can address the concerns of those households that have been selected to participate in this survey, as well as share that feedback with those who manage the survey operations.

Respondent Advocate

If you are with a congressional office or have not yet found a resolution to your concern, contact the Office of the Respondent Advocate.



The Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Expenditure Survey website offers additional information for households selected to participate in the Quarterly Interview or Diary survey.

 [Consumer Expenditure Survey \(CE\) Information for Respondents](#)

The Census Bureau has a web page "Are You In A Survey" designed to answer additional questions you might have about being in a Census Bureau survey.

Are You in a Survey? Help for Survey Participants

Did the Census Bureau contact you about participating in a survey? This site provides answers about our surveys and who to contact for more information.



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Demographics

Hispanic Origin

1. Mexican
2. Mexican-American
3. Chicano
4. Puerto Rican
5. Cuban
6. Other Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin

Race

Please choose one or more

1. White
2. Black or African American
3. American Indian or Alaska Native
4. Asian
5. Native Hawaiian
6. Guamanian or Chamorro
7. Samoan
8. Other Pacific Islander

Asian Origin

1. Chinese
2. Filipino
3. Japanese
4. Korean
5. Vietnamese
6. Asian Indian
7. Other Asian origin, such as Hmong, Laotian, Thai, Pakistani, or Cambodian

Education

1. No schooling completed, or less than 1 year
2. Nursery, kindergarten, and elementary (grades 1-8)
3. High school (grades 9-12, no degree)
4. High school graduate – high school diploma or the equivalent (GED)
5. Some college but no degree
6. Associate's degree in college
7. Bachelor's degree (BA, AB, BS, etc.)
8. Master's, professional, or doctoral degree (MA, MS, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, etc.)

Active Duty

A person is considered to be on active duty if they are on full-time duty in the U.S. Armed Forces. Active duty does not include training in the Reserve or National Guard but does include activation from the Reserve or National Guard.

Armed Forces

A person is considered to be in the Armed Forces if they currently serve on Active Duty in any branch of the U.S. military. This includes the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard; their reserve components; and the Air and Army National Guard.

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About this Survey

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Knowing what goods and services consumers are buying and how much they are spending is critical information in determining the strength of our Nation's economy and the direction in which it is moving.

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The Consumer Expenditure Survey is conducted in two parts, a quarterly interview survey and a diary survey. The interview survey asks about large expenditures and regular purchases. For the diary survey, respondents are asked to keep two 1-week diaries for recording all purchases. The purpose of the diary survey is to capture small everyday purchases like food, meals, personal care products and gasoline.

For more information please visit the [Bureau of Labor Statistics \(BLS\) Consumer Expenditure respondent](#) site.

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Examples and brand names used in the Consumer Expenditure Survey questionnaire and materials are solely based on publicly available sources.

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TYPE OF STRUCTURE

1. Single family detached

A detached structure with only one primary residence; however, the structure could include a rental unit(s) in the basement, attic, etc.

2. Row or townhouse

An inner unit (two-, three-, or four-story structure) with two walls in common with other units and a private ground level entrance; it may have a rental unit as part of the structure.

3. End row or end townhouse

Shares only one common wall with other units.

4. Duplex

A detached two-unit structure with all units occupying the same level or levels.

5. 3-plex or 4-plex

Three- or four-unit structure with all units occupying the same level or levels.

6. Garden

A multi-unit structure, usually wider than it is high, having two, three, or possibly four floors; characteristically the units not only have common walls but are also stacked on top of one another.

7. High rise

A multi-unit structure which has 4 or more floors.

8. Apartment or flat

A unit not described above; it could be located in the basement, attic, second floor, or over the garage of one of the units described above.

9. Mobile home or trailer

10. College dormitory

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Section 3 - Owned Living Quarters and Other Owned Real Estate

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Types of Owned Real Estate

- Commercial real estate or farmland
- Properties rented out or owned only for investment purposes
- Other homes, vacation homes, or recreational properties including timeshares
- Land with no buildings on it

Closing Costs

- advertising costs
- deed preparation
- escrow payment
- lawyer's fees
- points paid by buyer
- property survey changes
- real estate listing fees
- recording fees
- title search
- transfer taxes

Costs for Selling a Property

- advertising costs
- closing costs
- commission to realtor
- deferred mortgage interest payment
- lawyer's fees
- mortgage penalties
- points for financing
- property inspection
- real estate listing fees

Mortgage Payment Items

1. Principal
2. Interest
3. Escrow or anything else (including property taxes and insurance)

Fees for Homeowner's Associations, Condominiums, and Cooperatives

1. Repayment of loans owed by cooperative (Coop only)
2. Property taxes (Coop only)
3. Property insurance (Coop only)
4. Management
5. Repairs or maintenance, including lawn care or snow removal
6. Improvements
7. Utilities, such as gas, electricity, water, heat
8. Parking (HOA/Condo only)
9. Recreational facilities, including swimming, golf, or tennis
10. Security, including guards or alarm systems
11. Maid services (HOA/Condo only)
12. Medical services (HOA/Condo only)
13. Trash collection
14. Other (specify)

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Part A - Telephone, Internet, and Cable/Satellite TV Expenses

1. Cellular service for mobile phones and devices, including data plans and prepaid plans
2. Residential phone service including landlines and Voice over IP (VoIP)
3. Internet service at home
4. Cable or satellite TV service, such as -
 - DirecTV
 - Dish
 - DVR service
 - On demand/pay-per-view

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Part B - Other Telephones or Internet Expenses

Pre-paid cellular cards/minutes

Internet or wireless internet access away from home, at places such as cafe's, hotels, or airplanes

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Section 4C - Utilities and Fuels

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Part C - Utilities, Fuels, and Services

1. Electricity
2. Natural or utility gas
3. Fuel oil
4. Bottled or tank gas such as -
 - kerosene
 - propane
5. Other fuels including wood
6. Piped-in water and sewerage maintenance
7. Garbage and recycling collection or disposal, such as -
 - compost pickup
 - garbage pickup
 - hazardous disposal
 - junk disposal
 - large/bulky item pickup
 - recycling pickup
 - 1-800-GOT-JUNK

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Section 5A-1 - Home Improvement, Repairs, and Home Services

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Part A - Job Types

1. Homes under construction, including a vacation home or second home

2. Building an addition to the house or a new structure, such as a porch, garage, or new rooms, including –

- attached garages, carports, breezeways, greenhouses, and sheds
- detached garages or carports added or improved
- kitchen, bedrooms, family rooms, general purpose rooms, basement, etc.
- other detached outside buildings added or improved (sheds, greenhouses, storm cellars)
- other outside additions or alterations (boat docks, decks, terracing, grading and filling, retaining walls)

3. Finishing a basement or an attic or enclosing a porch

4. Remodeling one or more rooms in the house, such as -

- bathroom or kitchen remodeling
- creation of new rooms within the structure
- demolition of part of the structure
- interior restructuring or other areas
- removing or adding walls

5. Landscaping the grounds or planting new shrubs or trees

Do not include landscaping maintenance or routine lawn care.

- edging garden beds
- laying sod

6. Building outdoor patios, walks, fences, or other enclosures, driveways, permanent swimming pools, or hot tubs, such as -

- driveways and walkways, added or improved
- patios and terraces
- tennis/basketball courts

7. Repairing outdoor patios, walks, fences, driveways, or permanent swimming pools (including permanent above-ground swimming pools), such as -

- fences
- patios and terraces
- recreational facilities

8. Painting, either interior or exterior, or wallpapering, such as -

- combination of painting and wallpapering
- varnish, sealant, lacquer, and waterproofing

9. Plastering or paneling, such as -

- crown molding installation
- drywall patching
- paneling installation

10. Plumbing or water heating installations or repairs, such as -

- all interior water pipes
- dishwasher or laundry tub
- external sprinkler systems
- garbage disposal
- plumbing fixtures
- septic tanks
- toilets
- water heater
- wells

11. Electrical work, such as -

- light fixture installation
- solar panel installation
- wiring

12. Heating or air conditioning jobs, excluding maintenance service contracts

13. Flooring installation, repair, or replacement, such as -

- carpet
- luxury vinyl plank
- stained concrete
- tile or linoleum
- wood, slate, or marble

14. Insulation

15. Roofing, gutters, or downspouts, such as -

- combined maintenance and repairs including roofing
- combined replacements including reroofing
- complete re-roofing
- repair of shingles, gutters, downspouts, etc.

16. Siding

17. Installation, repair, or replacement of window panes, screens, storm doors, awnings, and the like, such as -

- doors (interior or exterior)
- windows (interior or exterior)

18. Masonry, brick, or stucco work

19. Other improvements or repairs (include security systems that are hard-wired into the home)

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Section 5A-2 - Home Improvement, Repairs, and Home Services

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Part A - Appliances

1. **Cooking stove, range, or oven**
2. **Microwave oven**
3. **Refrigerator or home freezer, such as -**
 - mini refrigerator
 - wine refrigerator
4. **Built-in dishwasher**
5. **Portable dishwasher**
6. **Garbage disposal**
7. **Clothes washer or dryer**
8. **Range hood**
9. **Smoke alarms and detectors, such as -**
 - burglar alarm
 - carbon monoxide detector
 - home security device
 - smoke detector
 - water leak alarm
10. **Window air conditioner**
11. **Portable cooling and heating equipment such as -**
 - fans
 - humidifiers
 - portable dehumidifiers
 - space heaters
12. **Lamps, lighting fixtures, or ceiling fans**
13. **Other major home appliances and equipment such as -**
 - central air conditioner
 - furnace
 - heat pump
 - trash compactor
 - water softener

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Section 5C - Home Improvement, Repairs, and Home Services

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Part C - Household Services

1. Termite or pest control services

2. Gardening or lawn care maintenance services, such as -

Include any services provided under service contracts. Do not include services covered by property management or maintenance fees.

- fertilizing
- hedge trimming
- lawn cutting
- planting flowers
- plowing
- tilling
- tree pruning
- tree removal
- weed control

3. Water softening services

4. Septic tank cleaning

5. Housekeeping services, such as -

- cleaning
- cooking
- dusting

6. Home security system service fees

Do not include expenses for security cameras and equipment

7. Moving, storage, or freight services, such as -

Do not include expenses reimbursed by employers or other persons outside of the household.

- cargo shipping
- moving companies
- self-storage units

8. Heating or air conditioning service contracts, such as -

Do not include repair.

- central air conditioner
- central cooler
- furnace
- heat pump

9. Home warranties, maintenance, repairs, or service contracts on household appliances, such as -

- dehumidifier
- dishwasher
- home warranty
- portable fan
- portable heating equipment
- range hood
- range/oven
- refrigerator
- sewing machine
- stove
- vacuum cleaner
- washer or dryer
- window or portable air conditioner

10. Other home services or repair jobs in or around the home, not already reported, such as -

- diaper service
- pool maintenance
- snow removal

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Section 6A - Appliances, Household Equipment, and Other Selected Items

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Part A - Major Household Appliances

1. Microwave oven
2. Cooking stove, range, or oven
3. Range hood
4. Refrigerator or home freezer, such as -
 - mini refrigerator
 - wine refrigerator
5. Built-in dishwasher
6. Portable dishwasher
7. Garbage disposal
8. Clothes washer or dryer

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Section 6B – Appliances, Household Equipment, and Other Selected Items

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Part B - Household Appliances and Other Selected Items

SMALL HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES

1. Small electrical kitchen appliances like blenders, air fryers, or toasters, such as -

- air fryer
- blender
- bread maker
- coffee grinder
- coffee maker
- deep fryer
- electric can opener
- electric griddle
- electric kettle
- food processor
- hot plate
- Instant Pot
- juicer
- hand or stand mixer
- rice cooker
- rotisserie
- slow cooker
- toaster
- toaster oven
- vacuum sealer
- waffle iron

2. Electrical personal care appliances items, such as hair dryers or electric razors, including -

- curling iron
- denture cleaner
- digital scale
- electric hair trimmer
- electric razor
- electric toothbrush
- facial sauna
- flat iron
- foot bath
- hair dryer
- lighted make-up mirror
- massager
- Waterpik

3. Electrical floor cleaning equipment, such as -

- floor polisher/buffer
- hand vacuum
- Roomba
- rug shampooer
- Shop-Vac
- steam cleaner
- vacuum cleaner

4. Other household appliances not for cooking, such as -

- air purifier
- burglar alarm
- carbon monoxide detector
- home security device
- smoke detector
- trash compactor
- water filters
- water leak alarm

5. Sewing machines (with or without cabinet), such as -

- knitting machine
- quilting machine
- serger

6. GPS devices, calculators, and fax machines, such as -

- copy machines
- Garmin
- graphing calculator
- paper shredder
- typewriters

7. Digital book readers or tablets, such as -

- iPad
- Kindle
- Nook
- tablets

8. Computers, computer systems, or related hardware, such as -

- cables
- CD/DVD drive
- computer printers
- external hard drive
- keyboards
- laptops
- memory
- modems
- monitors
- mouse
- netbooks
- scanner

9. Computer software, including computer games

10. Computer accessories, such as -

- mouse pads
- printer cartridges
- tablet cases

11. Portable memory, such as flash drives, memory cards, recordable discs, and tapes, including -

- blank CDs/DVDs
- memory stick
- SD card
- USB flash drive

12. Gaming consoles or accessories, such as -

Do not include video games.

- carrying case
- game controllers
- gaming headsets
- Nintendo Switch
- PlayStation
- Steam Deck
- Xbox

13. Telephones or accessories, such as -

- AirTags
- Apple Watches
- Bluetooth accessories
- cell phone cases
- chargers
- charger cables
- cordless telephones
- decorative phone attachments
- mobile phones
- phone headsets
- power banks
- satellite phones
- screen protectors
- selfie stick
- smartphones
- smartwatch
- Tile tracker

14. Photographic equipment, such as -

Do not include film, film processing, or other photographic supplies.

- battery pack
- camera bag
- camera or lens cases
- digital camera
- enlarger
- filter
- film camera
- flashes
- lens
- motor driven film advancer
- projection screen
- projector
- strobe light (for photographs)
- tripod
- winder

15. Musical instruments, supplies, or accessories, such as -

Do not include repairs, music lessons, or band uniforms.

- brass instruments
- carrying case
- clarinet
- drums
- guitar
- keyboards
- music books
- music stand
- piano
- picks
- reeds
- rosin
- saxophone
- sheet music
- stringed instruments
- strings for musical instruments
- trombone
- trumpet
- valve oil
- woodwinds
- any other musical accessories

16. Lawn mowing machinery or other yard equipment, such as -

- edger
- garden hose
- hedge trimmer
- lawn mower
- pressure washer
- rake
- shovel
- snow blower
- spreader
- tiller
- tractor
- weed digger
- wheelbarrow

TOOLS FOR HOME USE

17. Power tools, such as -

- air compressor
- cordless circular saw
- cordless drill
- electric drill
- electric plane
- electric polisher
- electric saw
- electric pool cleaning equipment
- lathe
- router
- sander
- trouble light

18. Non-power tools, such as -

- axe
- caulking gun
- hammer
- hand tools
- level
- paint roller or brush
- plane
- pliers
- saw
- screwdriver
- sockets
- wrench

HEATING AND COOLING EQUIPMENT

19. Window air conditioners

20. Portable cooling or heating equipment, such as -

- dehumidifier
- fan
- humidifier
- space heater

TVs, RADIOS, VIDEO, AND SOUND EQUIPMENT INCLUDING IN VEHICLES

21. Televisions, all types including those installed in vehicles, such as -

- TV
- TVs in cars

22. DVD players, VCRs, DVRs, or video cameras, such as -

- Apple TV device
- digital TV converter box
- Firestick
- GoPro
- Projector
- Roku stick

23. Satellite dishes, receivers, or accessories

24. Handheld personal music players, such as -

- personal mp3 players

25. Stereos, radios, speakers, and sound components, including those installed in vehicles, such as -

- Amazon Echo
- amplifier
- Apple HomePod
- AV receiver
- car stereo
- CB radio
- CD players
- clock radio
- equalizer
- mixer
- satellite radio device
- short-wave radio
- speakers
- stereo system
- turntable
- walkie talkie

26. Other sound or video equipment, including accessories, such as -

- adapter for sound equipment
- antenna (TV, radio, etc.)
- base station CB antenna
- battery packs
- earphones/ headphones
- headset
- microphone
- power booster
- power converter

27. General sports equipment, such as -

Do not include any shoes for sports.

Do not include any equipment for water sports.

- badminton set
- baseball glove
- basketball hoop
- bowling ball
- boxing equipment
- football
- Frisbee
- golf bag/clubs
- helmets
- hover-board
- karate equipment
- lawn games
- pads
- racquetball racket
- roller blades
- skateboard
- soccer ball
- sports protective equipment
- sports uniform
- table tennis equipment
- tennis balls/rackets
- volleyball

28. Health and exercise equipment for the home, such as -

- exercise bike
- exercise mat
- Fitbit
- home gym
- pedometer
- rowing machine
- trampoline
- treadmill
- weight bench
- weights

29. Camping equipment, such as -

Do not include campers, trailers, or RVs.

- air mattress
- camping cookware
- camping stove
- canteen
- frame packs and other camping packs
- kerosene lantern
- portable heater
- screenhouse
- sleeping bag
- sleeping pad
- tent

30. Hunting and fishing equipment, including all guns, such as -

- ammunition
- BB/pellet gun
- bow and arrow
- crossbow
- fishing lures
- fishing rod and tackle
- handgun
- knife
- rifle
- scopes
- shotgun

31. Winter sports equipment, such as -

- ice boat
- ice skates
- ski boots
- ski poles
- sled/toboggan
- sledding equipment
- snow skis
- snowboard
- snowboard equipment

32. Water sports equipment, such as -

Do not include canoes, kayaks, sail boats, or jet skis.

- boogie board
- diving equipment
- life jacket
- raft
- skim board
- snorkel
- surf board
- swim cap
- wake board

- water ski vest
- water skis
- wind/paddleboard

33. Outboard motors

Do not include boats.

34. Bicycles or bicycle equipment, such as -

- bicycle parts
- bike pump
- electric bicycle
- helmet
- lock
- rack
- stand
- supplies
- tires
- tubes

35. Tricycles or battery powered riders

- Big Wheels

36. Children's outdoor or water play structures, such as -

- jungle gym set
- portable swimming pool
- sand box
- splash pad
- swing set
- water table

37. Other sports or recreation equipment, such as -

- metal detector
- paintball equipment
- telescope

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Section 7 - Household Item Repairs, Service Contracts, and Extended Warranties

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1. Televisions, radios, video and sound equipment, including those installed in automobiles or other vehicles

2. Computers, computer systems, or related equipment for non-business use, such as -

- accidental damage
- AppleCare
- Geek Squad
- smartphone repair
- tablet repair
- technical support

3. Lawn and garden equipment, such as -

Do not include lawn care service.

- lawn mower repair
- snow blower repair

4. Musical instruments or accessories, such as -

- professional tuning
- ultrasonic cleaning

5. Hand or power tools

6. Photographic equipment

7. Sport or recreational equipment, such as -

- bicycle repair
- exercise equipment repair
- golf club repair
- gun repair
- outdoor sports equipment repair
- tennis racket repair/re-stringing

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Section 8A - Home Furnishings and Related Household Items

Within Interview Survey Information Booklet

Part A – Purchases

LIVING, FAMILY, OR RECREATION ROOM FURNITURE

1. Sofas, such as -

- futon
- loveseats
- sectionals
- sofa bed

2. Living room chairs, such as -

- bean bag chairs
- convertible chairs
- recliners
- rockers

3. Living room tables, such as -

- coffee tables
- end tables
- TV tables

4. Ping-pong tables, pool tables, or other similar recreation room items, such as -

- air hockey table
- foosball table
- shuffleboard table

5. Other living, family, or recreation room furniture, such as -

- bar stools
- bookcase
- card table/chairs
- coat rack
- curio cabinet
- desk
- entertainment center
- foot stool/ottoman
- gun cabinet
- portable bar or cart
- room divider
- shelving
- wall units

6. Living room furniture combinations, such as -

- sofa, chair, and table combinations or suites

DINING ROOM OR KITCHEN FURNITURE

7. Dining room or kitchen furniture, such as -

- buffet/hutch
- china cabinet
- dinette set
- dining table and chairs
- kitchen chairs
- serving table or cart

BEDROOM FURNITURE

8. Mattresses or box springs, including roll-aways

Do not include air mattresses.

9. Bedroom furniture other than mattresses or box springs, such as -

- armoire/wardrobe
- bed frames
- bunk bed
- chest
- dresser
- headboard/ footboard
- mattress topper
- mirrors
- nightstand
- vanity
- waterbed

INFANTS' FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

10. Infants' furniture, such as -

- bassinet
- changing table
- crib/portable crib
- crib mattress
- dresser
- high chair
- playpen
- toy chest

11. Infants' equipment, such as -

- baby carrier/backpack
- baby gate
- baby monitor
- bed rails
- bottle sterilizer
- bouncer/exerciser
- car seat
- stroller/carriage
- swing

OUTDOOR FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT

12. Patio, or outdoor furniture, such as -

- beach chair/umbrella
- bench
- canopy
- chaise lounge
- hammock
- patio set
- patio umbrella
- picnic table
- porch swing

13. Barbecue grills or outdoor decorative items, such as -

- backyard grill
- bird bath
- bird houses
- deck storage
- flower box
- fountain
- garden statue
- lawn decorations
- outdoor flag
- patio lantern
- planter
- portable firepit
- ready-made shed
- smoker
- tiki torches
- wind chimes

OFFICE FURNITURE FOR HOME USE

14. Office furniture for home use, such as -

Do not include any furniture used exclusively for business.

- computer furniture
- desk
- drafting table
- file cabinet
- office chairs
- safe
- shelving

HOUSEHOLD DECORATIVE ITEMS

15. Lighting fixtures, lamps, or ceiling fans, such as -

- ceiling fans
- chandeliers
- desk lamps
- floor lamps
- recessed lighting
- sconces
- table lamps
- track lights

16. Other household decorative items, such as -

- art
- artificial flowers
- baskets
- clocks
- fireplace accessories/ equipment
- holiday lights
- mirrors
- picture frames
- plant stands
- seasonal decorations
- vases
- wall hangings
- wreaths

CLOSET, STORAGE, AND TRAVEL ITEMS

17. Closet or storage items, such as shoe bins or garment bags, including -

- craft storage
- drawer organizers
- garment bags
- garment racks
- hampers
- hangers
- hanging shelves
- shelf organizers
- shoe bags
- shoe racks
- storage bins
- underbed storage

18. Travel items or luggage, such as -

- backpack
- briefcase
- messenger bag
- money belt
- passport holder
- suitcase
- toiletry bag
- travel garment bags
- travel pillow

DISHES, DINNERWARE, FLATWARE, GLASSWARE, AND COOKWARE

19. Stainless, silver, or other flatware (except disposable), such as -

- carving utensils
- cooking utensils
- eating utensils
- fork
- knife
- serving spoon
- spoon

20. Non-electric cookware, such as -

- baking pans
- baking sheets
- casserole dishes
- pizza stone
- pots and pans
- roasting pan
- skillet
- stovetop kettle
- stovetop pressure cooker
- wok

21. Dishes, glasses, or serving pieces, such as -

- beverage dispenser
- bowls
- butter dish
- china
- crystal
- cups/glasses
- mugs
- pitchers
- plates
- platters
- salt and pepper shakers
- stemware
- trays
- Tupperware
- tureen

HOUSEHOLD LINENS

22. Bedroom linens, such as -

- baby blanket
- bedspread
- blanket
- comforter
- duvet
- electric blanket
- mattress pad
- pillowcases
- pillows
- quilt
- sheets

23. Bathroom linens, such as -

- bathmat
- face cloths
- hand towels
- shower curtain
- toilet cover
- towels
- tub mat
- wash cloths

24. Kitchen, dining room, or other linens, such as -

- chair pads
- cloth napkins
- covers for living room tables
- dish cloths
- dish towels
- doilies
- furniture protectors
- placemats
- small appliance covers
- table pads
- tablecloths

25. Slipcovers, decorative pillows, or cushions

Include custom and ready-made items.

FLOOR AND WINDOW COVERINGS

26. Rugs

27. Curtains or drapes

Include custom and ready-made items.

28. Blinds, shades, or other window coverings

Include custom and ready-made items.

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Part B - Rental, Leasing, or Repair of Furniture

Rental or leasing of furniture

Repairing, refinishing, or reupholstering furniture, including the cost for fabric

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1. Automobiles, trucks, minivans, vans, or SUVs

Include fees for car sharing services such as Zipcar with rented vehicles.

2. Campers, motor homes, or RVs, such as -

- bumper pull RV
- fifth wheel RV
- pop-up camper
- toy hauler RV
- travel trailer

3. Motorcycles

Do not include mopeds and motor scooters.

4. Boats, including kayaks or jet-skis, such as -

- boat with outboard motor
- cabin cruiser
- canoe
- launch
- pontoon boat
- power boat
- rowboat
- rowing shell
- sailboat
- yacht

5. Trailers, to tow boats or other cargo, such as -

- ATV trailer
- boat trailer
- cargo trailer
- horse trailer
- motorcycle trailer
- utility trailer

6. Aircraft, such as -

- glider
- helicopter
- plane

7. Other vehicles, such as -

- ATV
- dune buggy
- moped (purchased)
- motor scooter (purchased)
- quad
- riding golf cart (except if rental included in golfing fees)
- Segway
- side-by-side
- snowmobile

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Section 11A - Transportation

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Part A - Gas and Electric Charging Away from Home

Average monthly expense for gasoline and other fuels for all vehicles

Electric vehicle charging away from home

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Section 11B - Transportation

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Part B - Vehicle Operating Expenses

1. Driver's licenses

Do not include other forms of identification such as passports.

2. State or local vehicle inspection, including emissions tests, such as -

- emissions inspection
- RV/trailer inspection
- safety inspection

3. Vehicle registration or personal property taxes, such as -

- license plate
- registration renewal
- tag
- wheel tax

4. Auto repair service policies, such as extended warranties, not already reported

Do not include service policies for vehicles used entirely for business.

5. Automobile service clubs, such as AAA or services such as OnStar or LoJack

6. Towing charges

7. Vehicle cleaning services, including detailing or car washes, such as -

- boat cleaning
- vacuuming
- waxing and polishing

8. Tire purchases or mounting

9. Vehicle maintenance, parts, or services, including oil changes and other filter and fluid replacements, such as -

- air conditioning
- air or fuel filter
- alternator
- battery
- brakes
- brake fluid
- carburetor
- car computer
- charcoal canister filters
- clutch
- computer sensor
- engine repair
- electrical system
- exhaust system fan switch or belt
- front end alignment
- lights
- motor tune-up
- muffler
- radiator
- shock absorbers
- spark plugs
- suspension
- tire repair
- tire rotation
- timing belt
- transmission
- transmission fluid
- wheel balancing
- windshield wipers

10. Vehicle accident or damage repair, including any service by an auto mechanic, such as -

- dent removal
- fender/bumper repair
- glass/windshield repair
- hail damage repair
- painting
- sanding/polishing

11. Vehicle customization, including performance or exterior modifications, such as -

Do not include car stereos.

- alarm system
- back-up camera
- convertible top
- exterior modification
- fender skirt
- floor mat
- GPS navigation system
- paint/vinyl wrap
- performance modifications
- remote start installation
- running boards
- spoiler
- window tinting

12. Vehicle accessories, such as for recreation or safety, including -

- bumper guard
- bike/luggage/ski rack
- cargo roof box
- dash cam
- seat covers
- steering wheel cover

13. Tolls or electronic toll passes

14. Parking, such as parking garages, parking lot fees, or parking meters. Do not include expenses that are part of your property ownership or rental costs.

15. Docking or landing fees for boats and planes

16. Propane, kerosene, and other liquid fuels for recreational vehicles, including vans, campers, and boats, such as -

- bottled gas
- liquid propane
- tank gas

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Section 11C - Transportation

Part C - Taxis, Rideshare, and Bikeshare

1. Taxis, limousine service, or car rides booked through an app, such as -

Do not include expenses that have been or will be reimbursed

- Lyft
- SuperShuttle
- Uber

2. Fees for bike, electric scooter, or moped sharing or rental, such as -

- annual membership fees
- commuting trips
- sightseeing trips
- single trips or passes

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Section 11D - Transportation

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Part D - Public Transportation

Public transportation, such as -

- bus
- commuter train
- passenger ferry
- subway

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Section 12 - Health Insurance

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1. Private health insurance, including employer and healthcare exchange plans

Health insurance provided in part or full by an employer (excluding military) or union or purchased directly by the household, such as -

- COBRA/Temporary Continuation of Coverage
- Fee for service plans
- HMOs (Health Maintenance Organizations)
- Individual Practice Association (IPAs)
- Point of Service Plans (POS)
- PPO (Preferred Provider Organizations)

2. Medicare

Federal health insurance coverage for persons 65+ years of age and certain disabled persons under 65, such as -

- Medicare Advantage (Part C)
- Medicare HMOs
- Medicare Part C
- Medicare Part D
- Medicare Plus Choice
- Medicare prescription drug plans

3. Medicare Supplemental Insurance (Medi-Gap)

- Private health insurance purchased to supplement Medicare.

4. Medicaid

- Medical assistance program that provides health care coverage to low-income and disabled persons. Medicaid is run by the states and is often called different names in different states.

5. Children-s Health Insurance Program (CHIP/SCHIP)

- Health care coverage for low-income, uninsured children under age 19 who are not currently eligible for Medicaid or covered by private health insurance. This program is run by the states and is often called different names in different states.

6. Military health care, such as -

- CHAMP-VA
- Tricare
- VA (Veterans Affairs)

7. Indian Health Service (IHS)

- Federal health care program for Native Americans and Alaska Natives.

8. Single service plans

Do not include Medicare Part D prescription drug plans.

- Health insurance coverage that provides for only one type of service, such as dental care, vision care, prescriptions, and long-term care.

9. No coverage of any type

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Section 13 - Medical and Health Expenses

Within Interview Survey Information Booklet

MEDICINES AND SUPPLIES

1. Prescription drugs, such as -

- asthma inhalers
- birth control
- insulin
- medical marijuana

2. Medical supplies or equipment for home use, either purchased or rented, such as -

Do not include items such as Band-Aids, gauze, cotton roll, and cotton balls.

- blood glucose monitor
- blood pressure monitor
- canes
- cervical collars
- heating pads
- home defibrillator
- hot water bottles
- ice packs
- insulin needles
- masks
- orthotics
- ostomy items
- oxygen
- prosthetics
- slings
- splints
- vaporizers
- walkers
- wheelchairs
- whirlpools

VISION AND HEARING CARE

3. Eye exams, treatment, or eye surgery, such as -

- cataract surgery
- glaucoma screenings
- LASIK
- retina imaging
- routine eye exams

4. Purchase of eye glasses or contact lenses, including -

- fittings
- kits and equipment
- prescription sunglasses

5. Purchases of hearing aids

DENTAL CARE

6. Dental care, such as -

- braces/Invisalign
- bridges
- caps or crowns
- cleanings
- cosmetic dentistry
- dentures
- extractions
- fillings
- implants
- mouth guard
- orthodontics
- root canals
- teeth whitening in a dental office
- x-rays in a dental office

7. Inpatient or outpatient care at hospitals, including scheduled procedures and emergency care, such as -

- anesthetics
- blood transfusions
- CAT scan
- drugs and medicine
- examinations
- injections
- intensive care unit
- laboratory tests
- MRI
- nursing services
- operating room
- oxygen
- recovery room
- therapy
- treatment rooms
- x-rays

From facilities, such as -

- birthing centers
- general care hospitals
- psychiatric hospitals
- substance abuse hospitals

8. Services at urgent care or other medical facilities, such as -

Exclude services at a doctor or specialist's office.

- allergy shots
- blood pressure check
- broken bones/sprains
- cardiology test
- dialysis services
- electrocardiogram
- hearing test
- immunizations
- injections
- oxygen services
- rescue services
- skin treatment

9. Care in convalescent or nursing homes

Include all services provided and billed by a convalescent or nursing home.

MEDICAL PROVIDERS

10. Services by doctors and specialists, including general check-ups, such as -

- dermatologist
- general practitioner
- gynecologist
- internist
- osteopath
- pediatrician
- plastic surgeon
- primary care physician
- psychiatrist
- surgeon
- urologist

11. Services by mental health professionals and counselors, such as -

- clinical psychologist
- counselor
- social worker
- therapist

12. Services by any other health professionals inside or outside the home, such as -

- acupuncturist
- chiropractor
- homeopath
- medical massage therapist
- midwife
- nurse practitioner
- physical therapist
- physician assistant
- podiatrist
- speech therapist
- substance abuse professional

LAB TESTS AND IMAGING

13. Lab tests or imaging, not already reported, such as -

Exclude care at hospitals or services for eye or dental care.

- blood tests
- CAT scan
- MRI
- x-rays

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Section 14 - Insurance other than Health

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1. Life insurance or other policies which provide benefits in case of death or disability, such as -

- annuities
- burial insurance
- cash benefits
- flight insurance
- group-life insurance
- income or disability insurance
- life endowments
- straight-life insurance
- term insurance
- veterans' insurance
- whole-life insurance

2. Homeowners' insurance, which protects your home, furniture, personal effects, or other property against fire, flood, theft, loss, or damage, such as -

- fire and extended coverage
- flood insurance

3. Renters' insurance, which protects your furniture, personal effects, or other property against fire, flood, theft, loss, or damage

4. Automobile or other vehicle insurance, such as -

- airplane insurance
- boat insurance
- bodily injury insurance
- camper/RV insurance
- collision insurance
- comprehensive insurance
- liability insurance
- motorcycle insurance
- no-fault insurance
- property damage insurance
- trailer insurance

5. Other types of non-health insurance, such as -

Do not include malpractice or other professional liability insurance.

- ambulance insurance
- credit card insurance
- mortgage guarantee insurance
- personal liability insurance
- pet insurance
- private mortgage insurance (PMI)
- umbrella liability insurance

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Section 15 - Family Care and Education

Within Interview Survey Information Booklet

1. Education savings plans, including 529s, such as

- Coverdell ESA
- education savings accounts
- prepaid tuition plans

2. Daycare, nursery, or preschool tuition or fees

3. Babysitting, nanny services, or other childcare inside or outside your home

Do not include daycare already reported.

4. Elementary through high school tuition or fees, such as -

Include only expenses paid directly to the school.

- elementary school
- high school
- junior high
- middle school
- parochial school
- preparatory school

5. Vocational or technical program tuition or fees, such as -

Include only expenses paid directly to the school.

- technical program
- trade school
- vocational school

6. College or university tuition or fees, such as -

Include only expenses paid directly to the school or other educational facility.

Do not report student loan payments.

- business school
- continuing education

7. Housing while attending school, such as -

Include only expenses paid directly to the school or other educational facility.

- fraternity
- housing for married students
- sorority
- student dormitory

8. School meals for preschool through college, including meal plans, such as -

Include only expenses paid directly to the school or other educational facility.

- school breakfast/lunch
- school cafeteria accounts
- school flex dollars

9. Private school bus service

10. Purchase or rental of any school books, supplies, or equipment which has not already been reported, such as -

- art supplies
- cap and gown
- drafting equipment
- laboratory equipment
- laboratory fees
- microscopes
- SAT, ACT, GRE test fees
- technical books
- textbooks

11. Tutoring or test prep

12. Adult day care centers

13. In-home care for convalescing, disabled, or elderly persons, excluding medical care

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Section 16 - Subscriptions, Memberships, Books, and Entertainment Expenses

Within Interview Survey Information Booklet

1. Instructional lessons for sports, music, art, or other recreation, such as -

Do not include fees for participating in sports, recreational organizations, or overnight camps.

- cooking
- dancing
- driving
- golf
- gymnastics class
- instructional day camps
- music
- online art classes
- painting
- photography
- self-defense
- sewing
- sports lessons
- tennis

2. Golf courses or country clubs

3. Health clubs, fitness centers, swimming pools, weight loss centers, or other sports or recreational organizations

4. Fees to participate in sports such as golf, bowling, biking, hockey, football, or swimming, including -

- billiards
- club sports
- driving range
- fishing or hunting licenses
- martial arts competition
- personal trainers
- rec league
- running races
- tennis
- tournament fees

5. Vacation clubs, such as -

- Disney Vacation Club
- Hilton Grand Vacations
- RCI Points Program

6. Civic, service, fraternal, or social organizations, such as -

Do not include contributions to or membership in religious, professional, business, or other tax-deductible organizations.

- chess association membership fees
- cub scouts' membership fees
- lodge dues
- PTA membership dues
- sorority dues

7. Credit card annual membership fees

8. Shopping membership fees such as for Amazon Prime and Sam's Club, including -

- Amazon Prime
- Barnes & Noble Premium
- BJ's Wholesale Club
- Costco
- GameStop Pro
- Instacart
- REI Co-op
- Wal-Mart+

9. Dating or matchmaking services, such as -

- Bumble Premium
- eHarmony
- It's Just Lunch
- Match.com
- OurTime
- Tinder

10. Single or season tickets to spectator sporting events such as football, baseball, hockey, racing, or track events, including -

- boxing
- college sports
- esports (in-person)
- golf
- high school sports
- horse racing
- INDYCAR
- minor leagues
- MLB
- MMA
- NASCAR
- NBA
- NHL
- rodeo
- soccer
- tennis
- volleyball
- WNBA

11. Single or season tickets to plays, concerts, comedy shows, or other live in-person events, such as -

Do not include competitive sporting events.

- Broadway show
- children's play
- circus
- community theater
- Harlem Globetrotters
- Las Vegas show
- lecture/speaker
- live music
- monster truck show
- opera
- WWE wrestling

12. Movie theater tickets or memberships

13. Tickets or passes to parks, amusement parks, or museums, such as -

- amusement parks
- art museums
- Disney World
- historic sites
- national/state parks
- water parks
- zoos

14. Single copies of newspapers, magazines, or periodicals including digital

15. Subscriptions to newspapers, magazines, or periodicals including digital, such as -

- Apple News
- Consumer Reports
- NYT Cooking app
- Reader's Digest
- si.com
- Substack
- USA Today
- Washington Post
- wsj.com

16. Books, audio books, or subscriptions, not already reported, such as -

Do not include schoolbooks or reference books.

- Audible.com
- audio books
- digital books
- hardcovers
- Kindle Unlimited
- paperbacks

17. Photo services including printing, processing, or digital conversions, such as-

Do not include home printing supplies.

Do not include professional photography fees.

- digital photo processing
- holiday photo cards
- photo books
- Shutterfly photo mug
- video film processing

18. Photographic film or disposable cameras, such as -

- 8 mm film
- 35 mm film
- single-use cameras

19. Purchased music files, CDs, or records, such as -

- Bandcamp
- Google Play
- iTunes song purchase
- vinyl

20. Sirius or XM satellite radio service

21. Subscription music services such as Spotify or Pandora, including -

- Apple Music Unlimited
- Apple One
- SoundCloud
- Spotify
- YouTube Music

22. Purchased video files, Blu-Ray discs, or DVDs, such as -

- Amazon video purchase
- digital video purchase
- Google Play
- iTunes
- YouTube

23. Streaming video subscriptions, video or DVD rentals, such as -

Do not include on-demand movies or pay-per-view paid through your TV service.

- Apple TV+
- Disney+
- HBO Max
- Hulu
- MLB.TV
- Netflix
- Sling TV
- YouTube TV

24. Purchased video games, not including computer games, such as -

Do not report gaming subscription services.

- Nintendo games
- PlayStation games
- Xbox games

25. Rented video games, such as -

- GameFly

26. Applications, games, or ringtones for a cellphone or mobile device, not already reported, such as -

- Amazon App Store
- Apple/Samsung App Store
- Google Play

27. Online games or other internet entertainment sites, such as -

- Massively Multiplayer Online Role-playing Games (MMORPG)
- Nintendo Switch Online
- PlayStation Plus
- Xbox Game Pass

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Section 17 - Trips and Vacations

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Types of Trips

1. Business trips

2. Recreational trips, such as -

- club or organizational meetings
- outdoor recreation
- overnight camps
- sightseeing
- sports events
- vacation

3. Any other trips that occur overnight or longer

4. Any day trips to a place at least 75 miles away

Types of Transportation

COMMERCIAL

1. Local, such as -

- city bus
- ferry
- local rail
- Lyft
- metro
- subway
- SuperShuttle
- taxi
- Uber

2. Airplane

3. Train

4. Bus, such as -

- Flixbus
- Greyhound
- Hampton Jitney
- Megabus
- Trailways

5. Ship, such as -

- cruise ship
- long-distance ferry
- river cruise

RENTED

6. Automobile, truck, minivans, vans or SUVs

7. Motorcycles

8. Private aircraft

9. Trailers and boats, including kayaks or jet-skis

10. Campers, motor homes, or RVs

11. Other vehicles

PRIVATE

12. Automobiles or other vehicles privately owned or leased by household

13. Vehicle owned by someone else

14. Other transport

Fees to Play Sports, Exercise, or Rent Sports Equipment

- Bike-sharing
- Boating
- Bowling
- Exercise classes
- Fishing
- Golf
- Scuba/snorkeling
- Skiing/snowboarding
- Swimming
- Tennis

Entertainment or Admissions

- Concerts
- Excursions
- Movies
- Museums
- Sports events
- Tickets
- Theater
- Tours

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Section 18A - Clothing items and Clothing Services

Within Interview Survey Information Booklet

Part A - Select Clothing items and Clothing Services

1. Purchase of any suits or tuxedos for men, 16 or older, such as -

Do not include tuxedo rentals.

- formal suit
- man's suit (of two or more pieces)

2. Purchase of any watches, such as -

Do not include GPS or heartrate watches or smartwatches such as Apple Watch.

- pocket watches
- wristwatches

3. Purchase of any jewelry, such as -

- bracelets
- costume jewelry
- cufflinks
- earrings
- infants' jewelry
- necklaces
- rings

4. Shoe repair or other shoe services, such as -

- dyeing
- inserting lifts
- new soles
- orthopedic modifications
- re-stitching
- replace heel
- stretching
- waterproofing

5. Watch or jewelry repair, such as -

- cleaning
- replace battery
- replace setting
- replace/add stones
- ring sizing

6. Repairs, alterations, or tailoring for clothing or accessories, such as -

- dress alterations
- handbag repair
- hemming
- sew buttons
- wallet repair
- zipper replacement

7. Rentals of any clothing or accessories, such as -

- handbag rental
- dress rental
- shoe rental
- tuxedo rental

8. Storage outside the home, just for clothing, such as -

- cold storage for furs

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Section 18B - Clothing items and Clothing Services

Within Interview Survey Information Booklet

Part B - Global Clothing, Footwear, and Accessories

Clothing, footwear, and accessories for adults, 18 and over, inside the household

Clothing, footwear, and accessories for children, 17 and under, inside the household

Clothing, footwear, and accessories for anyone outside the household

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Section 19A - Miscellaneous Expenses

Within Interview Survey Information Booklet

Part A - Miscellaneous Expenses

1. Fresh flowers or potted plants, such as -

Do not include outdoor plants or gardening.

- bouquets
- corsages
- funeral flowers
- wedding flowers

2. Professional event or portrait photography

3. Services of lawyers or other legal professionals, such as -

Do not include legal fees for business purposes or for real estate closing costs.

Do not include parking or traffic tickets.

- arbitration services
- bankruptcies
- civil litigation
- criminal litigation
- divorce attorney fees
- estate settlement
- lawsuits
- mediation
- wills

4. Accounting services, including tax preparation, such as -

Do not include fees for business purposes.

- estate management
- income tax preparation
- trust management

5. Union dues or professional licenses

6. Collectibles including trading cards, coins, and stamps, such as -

Do not include postage.

- coin albums
- stamp albums
- trading cards

7. Lotteries, gambling, or sports betting

8. Toys or games, such as -

- action figures
- board games
- darts
- dolls
- infant toys
- stuffed animals
- trains
- trucks

9. Arts or crafts supplies, such as -

- art/craft paint sets
- easel
- model kits
- needlepoint kits
- rug kits
- scrapbook supplies

10. Sewing, knitting, or quilting materials and items, such as -

- beads
- buttons
- crochet hooks
- embroidery hoops
- fabric
- felt
- knitting equipment
- measuring tape
- needles
- patterns
- quilt pad
- seam binding
- sequins
- sewing kit
- stuffing
- thread/yarn
- zipper

11. Pets, pet supplies, including medicine and toys but pet food, such as -

- aquarium
- bird
- bird cage
- cat
- collars
- dog
- gerbil
- hamster cage
- pet medication
- pet toys
- tropical fish

12. Pet services, including grooming, such as -

- dog walking
- grooming
- license
- pet boarding
- pet cremation
- pet daycare
- pet sitting
- training

13. Veterinarian expenses for pets, such as -

- surgery
- vaccinations
- vet visits
- veterinary treatment

14. Catering, such as for -

- anniversaries
- Bar/Bat Mitzvahs
- bridal showers
- confirmations
- family reunions
- graduations
- parties
- quinceañeras
- weddings

15. Arrangement of live entertainment for special occasions, such as -

- DJ
- face painter
- kid's entertainer
- magician
- music band

16. Rental of party supplies, such as -

- AV equipment
- bounce house
- dance floor
- photo booth
- snow cone machine
- tables/chairs

17. Purchase or upkeep of cemetery lots or vaults

18. Funerals, burials, or cremation, such as -

- burial fees
- burial plans
- clergy
- cremation fees
- headstones
- limousines (used during funeral)
- musician honoraria
- urns

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Section 19B - Miscellaneous Expenses

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Part B - Contributions

GIVEN ANY MONEY BY CASH, CHECKS, OR ANY GIVEN GIFTS CARDS TO -

1. College students living away from home

- Money to pay for tuition, room, board, books, fees, transportation, clothing, or entertainment expenses

2. Any other people not in your household, such as -

- birthday money
- cash gifts at the office
- co-workers
- friends
- homeless persons
- money to assist others
- street musicians
- wedding money

PAID ANY OF THE FOLLOWING -

3. Child support

4. Alimony

GIVEN ANY MONEY BY CASH, CHECKS, MONEY ORDERS, OR CREDIT CARDS TO BENEFIT -

5. Educational institutions, such as -

- alumni funds
- educational endowments
- parochial schools
- scholarship funds
- school fundraisers

6. Political organizations, such as -

- political action committees (PACs)
- political candidates
- political parties

7. Religious organizations, including churches, temples, and mosques, such as -

- building funds
- religious fund raisers
- religious television/radio ministries
- tithes and offerings

8. Charities or other organizations, such as -

- ACLU
- American Cancer Society
- American Heart Association
- civic organizations
- fine arts and literary
- Humane Society
- Red Cross
- Salvation Army
- United Way

GIVEN ANY STOCKS, BONDS, OR MUTUAL FUNDS

9. Stocks, bonds, mutual funds

Include only securities given to persons or organizations outside of your household.

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Section 20 - Expense Patterns for Selected Services and Goods

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Food and drinks from places like restaurants, bars, and fast food places, such as-

Include alcoholic beverages.

- cafeterias
- carry-out
- concession stands
- delivery
- food trucks
- vending machines

Alcohol to be served at home, such as -

- beer
- liquor
- wine

Groceries, including food and non-food items, such as -

Include purchases made with government benefits such as SNAP EBT cards.

Do not include prescription drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, or other tobacco products.

- cleaning supplies
- diapers
- drinking water delivey fees
- grocery home delivery fees
- health and wellness items
- online grocery shopping
- pet food
- prepared meal kits

Purchases of foods and beverages for people who do not live in your household, such as -

- hosting a party or event
- sending a food gift basket
- treating others to a meal

Cigarettes

Do not include e-cigarettes.

Other tobacco products, such as -

Do not include marijuana products.

- cigars
- chewing tobacco
- e-cigarettes
- pipe tobacco
- vaping products

Self-service laundry machines, such as -

- app/card/coin-operated washer or dryer
- laundromat
- washateria

Dry cleaning or laundry service, such as -

- laundry and dry cleaning pickup and delivery
- laundryheap.com
- rinse.com

Hair, nail, or skincare services, including massages or tanning, such as -

- beard trimming
- facials
- hair weaves
- haircuts/coloring
- pedicures
- sports massages
- tanning
- waxing

Removable hairpieces, wigs, or toupees, such as -

- temporary hair extensions

Safe deposit box rental in a bank or similar financial institution

Charges or fees for bank services such as ATM or overdraft fees or account service charges from a bank or similar financial institution, such as -

- certified check fee
- check order fee
- check cashing fee
- expedited bill payment fee
- management fees for trust, custodial, or escrow accounts
- minimum balance fee
- money order fee
- personal loan fees
- regular service charges

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Section 21 - Occupations

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1. Administrator, Manager

2. Teacher

- guidance counselor

3. Professional

- accountant
- clergy
- engineer
- IT analyst
- lawyer
- photographer
- physician
- registered nurse
- social worker

4. Administrative Support, including Clerical

- assistant
- bookkeeper
- clerk
- receptionist
- secretary

5. Sales, Retail

- apparel salesperson
- cashier
- commodity salesperson
- door-to-door salesperson
- motor vehicle salesperson

6. Sales, Business Goods and Services

- financial services
- insurance sales rep
- manufacturing sales rep
- mining sales rep
- real estate agent
- wholesale sales rep

7. Technician

- clinical laboratory technician
- drafter
- electronic technician
- health technician
- practical nurse

8. Protective Service

- firefighter
- police officer
- private guard

9. Private Household Service

- household worker
- nanny

10. Other Service (except private household)

- bartender
- childcare worker
- cook
- food preparer
- hairstylist
- janitor
- maid/housekeeper
- nail stylist
- orderly
- personal trainer
- waiter/waitress

11. Machine or Transportation Operator, Laborer

- assembler
- bus driver
- construction laborer
- freight handler
- inspector
- machine operator
- material handler
- packager
- stock handler
- taxi driver
- tractor operator
- truck driver

12. Construction Workers, Mechanics

- automobile mechanic
- carpenter
- electrician
- machine repairer
- machinist
- meat cutter
- mining worker
- painter
- plumber
- pipefitter
- sheet metal worker
- welder

13. Farming

14. Forestry, Fishing, Groundskeeping

15. Armed Forces

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Section 21 - Work Experience and Income

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CARD A

0. Loss

1. \$1 - \$4,999
2. \$ 5,000 – \$ 9,999
3. \$ 10,000 – \$ 14,999
4. \$ 15,000 – \$ 19,999
5. \$ 20,000 – \$ 29,999
6. \$ 30,000 – \$ 39,999
7. \$ 40,000 – \$ 49,999
8. \$ 50,000 – \$ 69,999
9. \$ 70,000 – \$ 89,999
10. \$ 90,000 – \$ 119,999
11. \$ 120,000 and over

CARD B

1. Less than \$500
2. \$ 500 – \$ 699
3. \$ 700 – \$ 999
4. \$ 1,000 – \$ 1,299
5. \$ 1,300 – \$ 1,699
6. \$ 1,700 and over

CARD C

0. Loss

1. \$ 1 – \$ 999
2. \$ 1,000 – \$ 1,999
3. \$ 2,000 – \$ 2,999
4. \$ 3,000 – \$ 3,999
5. \$ 4,000 – \$ 4,999
6. \$ 5,000 – \$ 9,999
7. \$ 10,000 – \$ 14,999
8. \$ 15,000 – \$ 19,999
9. \$ 20,000 – \$ 29,999
10. \$ 30,000 – \$ 39,999
11. \$ 40,000 – \$ 49,999
12. \$ 50,000 and over

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Section 22 - Assets and Liabilities

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CARD D

1. \$ 1 – \$ 9,999
2. \$ 10,000 – \$ 39,999
3. \$ 40,000 – \$ 99,999
4. \$ 100,000 – \$ 199,999
5. \$ 200,000 – \$ 449,999
6. \$ 450,000 and over

CARD E

1. \$ 1 – \$ 4,999
2. \$ 5,000 – \$ 19,999
3. \$ 20,000 – \$ 74,999
4. \$ 75,000 – \$ 199,999
4. \$ 200,000 – \$ 449,999
6. \$ 450,000 and over

CARD F

1. \$ 1 – \$ 749
2. \$ 750 – \$ 1,999
3. \$ 2,000 – \$ 3,999
4. \$ 4,000 – \$ 9,999
5. \$ 10,000 – \$ 19,999
6. \$ 20,000 and over

CARD G

1. \$ 1 – \$ 4,999
2. \$ 5,000 – \$ 9,999
3. \$ 10,000 – \$ 19,999
4. \$ 20,000 – \$ 39,999
5. \$ 40,000 – \$ 79,999
6. \$ 80,000 and over

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Fractions to Percentages

Fraction	%	Fraction	%	Fraction	%
1/2	50.00	1/7	14.29	3/9	33.33
1/3	33.33	2/7	28.57	4/9	44.44
2/3	66.67	3/7	42.86	5/9	55.55
1/4	25.00	4/7	57.14	6/9	66.67
2/4	50.00	5/7	71.42	7/9	77.78
3/4	75.00	6/7	85.71	8/9	88.89
1/5	20.00	1/8	12.50	1/10	10.00
2/5	40.00	2/8	25.00	2/10	20.00
3/5	60.00	3/8	37.50	3/10	30.00
4/5	80.00	4/8	50.00	4/10	40.00
1/6	16.67	5/8	62.50	5/10	50.00
2/6	33.33	6/8	75.00	6/10	60.00
3/6	50.00	7/8	87.50	7/10	70.00
4/6	66.67	1/9	11.11	8/10	80.00
5/6	83.33	2/9	22.22	9/10	90.00

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1. English
Hello, I'm from the U.S. Census Bureau. Is someone here now who speaks English and can help us? If not, please give me your phone number and someone may contact you in English.

2. Español/Spanish
Buenos días (Buenas tardes), soy de la Oficina del Censo de los Estados Unidos. ¿Se encuentra alguien que hable inglés y pueda ayudarnos? Si no, por favor, dígame su número de teléfono; es posible que alguien se comuniqué con usted en español.

3. العربية/Arabic
مرحباً، أنا من مكتب الإحصاء الأمريكي. هل يوجد هنا الآن شخص يتحدث الإنجليزية ويملك مساعداً؟ إذا كان لا يوجد، فارجاء إعطائي رقم هاتفكم وربما يتصل بكم أحد الأشخاص باللغة العربية.

4. 广东话 (繁体字) /Cantonese-Simplified
您好，我是美国人口普查局工作人员。请问您现在有没有认识英文的人可以帮到我呢？如果有，请留低您电话号码，之后可能会有人用中文与您联络。

5. 普通话 (简体字) /Mandarin-Simplified
您好，我是美国人口普查局的工作人员。请问您这里有没有人说英语并且可以帮到我们？如果没有，请给我您的电话号码，之后可能会有人用中文与您联系。

6. 한국어/Korean
안녕하세요. 저는 미국 인구조사국에서 근무합니다. 영어를 사용하시는 분 중이 저희를 도와주실 수 있는 분이 여기 계십니까? 없으신 경우, 전화번호를 알려 주시면 한국어를 할 수 있는 직원이 연락드릴 수 있습니다.

7. Polski/Polish
Dzień dobry. Jestem z Amerykańskiego Biura Spisu Ludności. Czy ktoś tutaj mówi po angielsku i czy mógłby nam pomóc? Jeżeli nie, proszę podać mi swój numer telefonu, pod którym można skontaktować się z Państwem po polsku.

8. Русский/Russian
Здравствуйте! Я представляю Бюро переписи населения Соединенных Штатов. Присутствует ли здесь кто-нибудь, кто говорит по-английски и мог бы нам помочь? Если нет, то, пожалуйста, дайте нам свой номер телефона, чтобы при необходимости наш сотрудник мог с вами поговорить по-русски.

9. Tiếng Việt / Vietnamese
Xin chào, tôi là nhân viên của Cục Thống Kê Dân Số Hoa Kỳ. Ở đây hiện có ai biết nói tiếng Anh và có thể giúp chúng tôi không? Nếu không xin vui lòng cho biết số điện thoại của quý vị. Chúng tôi có thể liên lạc với quý vị bằng tiếng Việt.

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