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Consumer Expenditure Surveys

Diary Survey

Information Booklet

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HISPANIC ORIGIN

- 1** – Mexican
- 2** – Mexican-American
- 3** – Chicano
- 4** – Puerto Rican
- 5** – Cuban
- 6** – Cuban-American
- 7** – Central or South American
- 8** – Other

RACE

(PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OR MORE)

1 – White

2 – Black or African American

3 – American Indian or Alaska Native

4 – Asian

5 – Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

ASIAN ORIGIN

1 – Chinese

2 – Filipino

3 – Japanese

4 – Korean

5 – Vietnamese

6 – Asian Indian

7 – Other

EDUCATION

0 – Never attended, preschool, kindergarten

1-11 – 1st grade through 11th grade

38 – 12th grade NO DIPLOMA

39 – HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE — DIPLOMA, or the equivalent

40 – Some college but no degree

41 – Associate degree in college — Occupational program

42 – Associate degree in college — Academic program

43 – Bachelor's degree (ex: BA, AB, BS)

44 – Master's degree (ex: MA, MS, MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA)

45 – Professional School Degree (ex: MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)

46 – Doctorate degree (ex: PhD, EdD)

RECALL QUESTIONS – Section 3

Examples of vending machine purchases:

- beverage from soda machine
- candy bar from a snack machine

RECALL QUESTIONS – Section 3

Examples of alcoholic beverages purchased at full-service restaurants:

- glass of wine with dinner
- beer at a pub
- cocktails at a bar

RECALL QUESTIONS – Section 3

Examples of tobacco purchases

- cigarettes
- pipes
- cigars
- chewing tobacco

OCCUPATIONS

- 1 — ADMINISTRATOR, MANAGER**
administrator manager funeral director
- 2 — TEACHER**
teacher guidance counselor
- 3 — PROFESSIONAL**
registered nurse accountant computer programmer
computer systems analyst social worker lawyer
engineer physician clergy
- 4 — ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT, INCLUDING CLERICAL**
secretary bookkeeper clerk
computer assistant receptionist typist
- 5 — SALES, RETAIL**
cashier commodity salesperson apparel salesperson
motor vehicle salesperson door to door salesperson
- 6 — SALES, BUSINESS GOODS AND SERVICES**
mining sales representative real estate salesperson
financial services wholesale sales representative
manufacturing sales representative insurance salesperson
- 7 — TECHNICIAN**
health technician practical nurse clinical laboratory technician
drafting electronic technician
- 8 — PROTECTIVE SERVICE**
private guard police officer firefighter
- 9 — PRIVATE HOUSEHOLD SERVICE**
nanny household worker
- 10 — OTHER SERVICE**
janitor cook waiter/waitress
food preparer food counter/fountain worker orderly
child care worker hairstylist maid/houseman
- 11 — MACHINE OPERATOR, ASSEMBLER, INSPECTOR**
machine operator assembler inspector
- 12 — TRANSPORTATION OPERATOR**
truck driver bus driver tractor operator
- 13 — HANDLER, HELPER, LABORER**
stock handler freight handler material handler
construction laborer packager
- 14 — MECHANIC, REPAIRER, PRECISION PRODUCTION**
automobile mechanic machine repairer machinist
sheet metal worker meat cutter tailor
- 15 — CONSTRUCTION, MINING**
carpenter electrician painter
plumber mining worker
- 16 — FARMING**
farmer farm worker
- 17 — FORESTRY, FISHING, GROUNDSKEEPING**
forestry worker fisher groundskeeper
animal caretaker
- 18 — ARMED FORCES**
armed forces

INCOME - CARD A

- 0**—Loss
- 1**—\$0—\$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

INCOME - CARD B

- 1**—Less than \$300
- 2**—\$300—\$399
- 3**—\$400—\$499
- 4**—\$500—\$599
- 5**—\$600—\$699
- 6**—\$700—\$799
- 7**—\$800—\$899
- 8**—\$900—\$999
- 9**—\$1,000—\$1,499
- 10**—\$1,500 and over

INCOME - CARD C

- 0** – Loss
- 1** – \$0 – \$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

POST-DIARY ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS – Section 5

(PLEASE SELECT ONE)

1 – Very Easy

2 – Easy

3 – Difficult

4 – Very Difficult

POST-DIARY ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS – Section 5

(PLEASE SELECT ONE)

- 1** – As soon as a purchase was made during the day
- 2** – At the end of the day when a purchase was made
- 3** – A day or so after a purchase was made
- 4** – At the end of the week

POST-DIARY ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS – Section 5

(PLEASE SELECT ONE)

1 – 30 minutes or less

2 – 31 – 60 minutes

3 – 61 – 90 minutes (1-1/2 hours)

4 – 91 minutes or more

DIARY SURVEY CHECKS

When reviewing the Diary, check each page in the form. Be sure that ALL entries have as much detail as possible. The following are EXAMPLES of information that is often omitted.

I. CONTENT CHECKS

- 1.** All entries should be clearly readable. If there is an entry which is not, rewrite it. Entries that contain brand names, local names or acronyms should be clarified and rewritten.
- 2.** If the respondent reports no expenditures for a day, mark the NONE box at the bottom of the page.
- 3.** Be sure there is an amount entered in the total cost column for every item entry in the diary and that the amount entered is reasonable. If an amount is unusually high or low, confirm it with the respondent. Whenever possible, a single cost for each item is required. Investigate any combined expense to determine if individual costs can be identified.
- 4.** In Part 1, Food and Drinks Away From Home, be sure that all the checkboxes are appropriately marked. If an alcohol checkbox is marked, indicating that alcoholic beverages were purchased, there should also be an amount entered in the last column. There should always be an amount entered in the total cost column.
- 5.** In Part 2, Food and Drinks for Home Consumption, be sure a checkbox indicating whether the food is fresh, frozen, etc. is marked.
- 6.** In Part 3, Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories, be sure the checkboxes for gender and age are marked.
- 7.** In Part 4, All Other Products, Services, and Expenses, be sure there is an entry in the last column to indicate if the item was purchased for someone not on your list.

II. EXPENDITURE DETAIL CHECKS

FOOD AND DRINKS AWAY FROM HOME

MEALS – Check the type of meal (lunch, breakfast, dinner, snack/other) and the type of vendor. If alcohol is included, make sure the type is specified in the checkboxes and the cost is recorded.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – If the purchase is exclusively alcohol, make sure the type is specified and that the total cost and the alcohol cost are the same. Both cost entries must be recorded.

DIARY SURVEY CHECKS

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FOOD AND DRINKS FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

- BREAD – Specify if white, whole wheat, rye, pumpernickel, etc.
- BAKERY PRODUCTS – Specify type such as cupcakes, apple pie, etc.
- BEEF – Specify the cut of beef and describe, such as ground beef, prime rib, etc.
- PORK – Specify the cut and describe, such as pork loin roast, whole ham, etc.
- POULTRY – Specify whether it is chicken, turkey, or other
- CHICKEN – Specify if whole or parts, such as chicken legs, chicken wings, etc.
- JUICE, BEVERAGE – Specify type such as orange juice, fruit punch, etc.
- SOFT DRINKS – Specify if cola or other type; if not cola, specify if carbonated or noncarbonated
- COFFEE – Specify if instant or ground
- OTHER FOOD – Give a complete description, such as boxed scalloped potatoes

CLOTHING, SHOES, JEWELRY, AND ACCESSORIES

- CLOTHING – Specify the type of clothing and give a description of the item
- SHOES – If sport shoes, specify sport such as football cleats, ice skates, etc.
- JEWELRY – Specify the type of jewelry, such as watches, etc.

ALL OTHER PRODUCTS, SERVICES, AND EXPENSES

- MEDICINE – Specify if prescription or nonprescription
- DOCTOR BILLS – Specify type of doctor, such as dentist, internist, etc.
- SOAP – Specify hand soap or laundry soap
- LAUNDRY/DRY CLEANING – Specify if coin operated or not coin operated; specify whether household item (such as drapes) or apparel
- TABLEWARE – Specify type, such as china, flatware, silver service pieces, etc.
- DISHWASHER – Specify whether it is portable or built-in
- FURNITURE – Specify type such as kitchen chair, living room chair, etc.
- TOOLS – Specify if power or hand tool, such as power saw, etc.
- ALBUM – Specify photo album or record album
- GAS – Specify if gasoline or household fuel. If household fuel, indicate whether piped or bottled
- VEHICLE – Specify new or used and type of vehicle purchased
- VEHICLE REGISTRATION – Specify state or local
- VEHICLE REPAIR – Specify type of repair done such as brake work other than brake adjustment, exhaust system repair
- VEHICLE SERVICE – Specify the type of service such as oil change, brake adjustment, etc.
- BUS, TRAIN – Specify intercity or intracity fare
- TUITION – Specify high school, college, etc.
- BOOKS – Specify whether it was part of a book club, a school book, or a non-school book. If the purchase was for school, then specify whether it was college, high school, or other.

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PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the Consumer Expenditure Surveys for the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor under title 29, United States Code. The surveys' purpose is to obtain information on what Americans are purchasing in order to update the Consumer Price Index (CPI). All survey information will be used for statistical purposes only.

Any information you provide for this survey is confidential, by law, under title 13, United States Code. Participation in this survey is voluntary and there are no penalties for refusing to answer any question(s). However, your cooperation is extremely important to help insure the completeness and accuracy of these data.

INTRODUCTION

"Good morning. I am (your name) from the U.S. Census Bureau. Here is my identification card. We are conducting a Consumer Expenditure Survey for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. I have some questions I would like to ask you. Did you receive a letter saying someone would call on you?"