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Survey of Low-Wage Workers

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Methodology

The Washington Post/Kaiser Family Foundation/Harvard University Survey Project is a three-way partnership and an experiment in combining survey research and reporting to better inform the public. The *Survey of Low-Wage Workers*, the 17th in this partnership series, was conducted by telephone from June 18 to July 7, 2008 among 1,350 randomly selected low-wage workers nationwide. Low-wage workers were defined as adults ages 18 to 64 working at least 30 hours per week, not self-employed, and earning \$27,000 or less in 2007 (this income cutoff was chosen as it roughly corresponds to the bottom 40 percent of the wage distribution). Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish via landline telephone (1,200) as well as via cell phone (150). Results are weighted to ensure the data are reflective of the demographics of the nation's low-wage worker population. The margin of sampling error based on the total sample is plus or minus 4 percentage points. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. Telephone interviews were carried out by Abt SRBI Inc.

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Please note: (1) Table percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding. (2) Values less than 0.5% are indicated by an asterisk (*). (3) "VOL" indicates that a response was volunteered by the respondent and not an explicitly offered choice. (4) Sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

Q1. Would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days as excellent, good, not so good, or poor?

Excellent/good (net)	10%
Excellent	1
Good	9
Not so good/poor (net)	90
Not so good	44
Poor	46
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Q2. If you had to use one word to describe your own personal financial situation these days, what would it be? (open-end)

Poor	10%
Bad	8
Good	7
Fair	6
Okay	6
Not good/not so good	6
Average	4
Stable	3
Struggling	3
Broke	2
Hard/difficult	2
Sucks	2
Comfortable/content	2
Regular/normal	2
Alright	1
Fine	1
Making it/getting by	1
Tight	1
Miscellaneous mentions	30
Don't know	2
Refused	*

Q3. All in all, how financially secure do you feel? Very secure, somewhat secure, somewhat insecure, or very insecure? (Rotate order of responses 1-4, 4-1)

Secure (net)	48%
Very secure	6
Somewhat secure	42
Insecure (net)	52
Somewhat insecure	33
Very insecure	19
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Q5. Would you say you feel (more) financially secure, (less) financially secure, or about as secure as you felt a few years ago? (Rotate items in parentheses)

More secure	26%
Less secure	50
About as secure	23
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Q7. Please tell me if each of the following does or does not describe your own feelings about your personal financial situation. The first is (insert item). Does this describe your own feelings about your personal financial situation, or not? (Randomize order)

	Does describe feelings	Does not describe feelings	Don't know
A. Afraid	43	57	1
B. Hopeful	69	30	1
C. Frustrated	64	36	*

Q8. How often would you say you find yourself thinking about money and financial issues: several times a day, at least once a day, a few times a week, a few times a month, or less often than that?

Several times a day	35%
At least once a day	25
Few times a week	22
Few times a month	11
Less often	5
Constantly/all the time (vol)	1
Don't know	*
Refused	*

Q9. Compared to your parents when they were the age you are now, do you think your own standard of living now is much better, somewhat better, about the same, somewhat worse, or much worse than theirs was?

Better (net)	49%
Much better	21
Somewhat better	28
About the same	23
Worse (net)	27
Somewhat worse	18
Much worse	8
Don't know	2
Refused	*

Q38. How many children, under age 18, are living in your household?

None	54%
At least one (net)	46
1	20
2	15
3	8
4	2
5	1
More than 5	1

Q10. When your children are the age you are now, do you think their standard of living will be much better, somewhat better, about the same, somewhat worse, or much worse than yours is now?

Base: Have children under 18 living in their household (n=627)

Much/somewhat better (net)	59%
Much better	33
Somewhat better	26
About the same	12
Somewhat/much worse (net)	23
Somewhat worse	13
Much worse	10
Don't know	6
Refused	*

Q11. How much blame, if any, do you think each of the following should get for the financial challenges you face? (first/next) do you blame (insert) a lot, some, only a little, or not at all for the financial challenges you face? (Rotate, always ask "d" following "c")

	A lot	Some	Only a little	Not at all	Don't know
A. Yourself, for the choices you've made in your life	30	33	18	18	1
B. Government in Washington	47	27	12	12	2
C. Employer	11	19	18	51	*
D. Corporate america in general	37	27	16	17	3
F. Discrimination	14	16	17	51	1
I. Lack of education	19	22	19	38	1
J. Fate	10	19	20	47	4

Now thinking about your work situation...

Q14. All in all, which of the following best describes how you feel about your job - you love it, you like it, you dislike it, or you hate it?

Love it/like it (net)	85%
Love it	29
Like it	56
Dislike it/hate it (net)	14
Dislike it	10
Hate it	4
Other (vol)	1
Don't know	*

Q15. I am going to ask you about several aspects of your current job. For each, please tell me if you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with this aspect of your job.

(first/next) how satisfied are you with (insert item)? (Randomize items)

	Very satisfied	Smwt satisfied	Smwt dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know
C. The flexibility of your hours	51	35	8	6	*
D. How your boss treats you	54	31	8	6	1
E. Your chances for promotion	27	34	18	17	3
F. The benefits your employer offers	31	30	17	20	2
G. The amount of money you earn	14	39	25	22	*

Q16. Do you feel your job is secure, that if you do good work you will be able to keep it as long as you want, or don't you feel this way?

Feel that job is secure	78%
Do not feel this way	20
Don't know	2
Refused	*

Q17. Do you feel like your employer values you for the work that you do, or does your employer treat you like you could easily be replaced with someone else?

Values the work you do	70%
Could easily be replaced	27
Don't know	3
Refused	*

Q19. When it comes to the availability of good jobs for American workers, some say that America's best years are behind us. Others say the best times are yet to come. What do you think? (Read in order)

America's best years are behind us	52%
Best times are yet to come	39
Don't know	9
Refused	*

Q20. Over the past few years, has your income from your job gone up, gone down, or stayed about the same?

Gone up	45%
Gone down	18
Stayed about the same	36
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Q21. Did your income go up enough to make a difference to you and your family, or did it go up, but not enough to make a difference to you and your family?

Base: income has gone up (n=604)

Made a difference	48%
Did not make a difference	51
Don't know	1

Q22. Did this cause you and your family serious financial hardship, or not?

Base: income has gone down (n=254)

Caused serious financial hardship	61%
Did not cause serious financial hardship	39
Don't know	*

Q20/Q21/Q22 Combination Table (based on total)

Income went up (net)	45%
Income went up and made a difference	21
Income went up but did not make a difference	23
Income up, dk/ref if difference	1
Income went down (net)	18
Income went down and caused serious hardship	11
Income went down but did not cause serious hardship	7
Income down, dk/ref if difference	*
Income stayed the same	36
Don't know whether income changed	1
Refused whether income changed	*

Q23. And compared with your personal financial situation when George w. Bush took office in January 2001, do you think your own situation has (improved) under Bush's presidency, (declined), or has it has stayed about the same? (Rotate items in parentheses)

Improved	11%
Declined	48
Stayed about the same	36
Don't know	4
Refused	*

Now on another topic...

Q24. If you were asked to use one of the following five names for your social class, which would you say you belong in? (Rotate 1-5, 5-1)

Lower class	9%
Working class	53
Middle class	31
Upper middle class	6
Upper class	*
Don't know	*
Refused	*

Q25. During your adult life, have you always thought of yourself as (insert class described in Q24), or was there a time when you would have described yourself as something else?

Base: said class in Q24 (n=1343)

Always thought of self as (class described in Q24)	67%
Time when you would have described yourself as something else	32
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Q26. In the past, would you have described yourself as...? (Read classes in Q24 in same order)?

Base: would have described as a different class in the past (n=452)

Lower class	26%
Working class	18
Middle class	36
Upper middle class	16
Upper class	5

Q24/Q25/Q26 Combination Table (based on total)

Did not change class	67%
Moved ahead	14
Slipped behind	18
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Q27. What do you think is more likely over the next few years in terms of your social class...? (Read list; rotate items 1 and 2)

You will move up	58%
You will slip backwards	14
Neither/will stay the same	24
Don't know	4

Q29. I'd like to talk to you now about a term with which you probably are familiar - the American dream. How close are you to achieving the American dream - are you...? (Rotate 1-4, 4-1)

Very/somewhat close (net)	43%
Very close	8
Somewhat close	35
Somewhat/very far (net)	49
Somewhat far	27
Very far	23
Already achieved it (vol)	4
Don't know what that is (vol)	1
Don't know	2
Refused	*

Q30. Do think you will achieve it in your lifetime, or not?
Base: far from achieving the American dream (n=722)

Yes	56%
No	39
Don't know	5

Q29/Q30 Combination Table (based on total)

Very/somewhat close	43%
Very/somewhat far (net)	49
Very/somewhat far but will achieve in lifetime	28
Very/somewhat far and will not ever achieve	19
Very/somewhat far and dk/ref if ever will achieve	3
Already achieved (vol)	4
Don't know what that is (vol)	1
Don't know	2
Refused	*

Q32. Thinking about the past few years, would you say it has become easier or harder for people like you to (insert item) or hasn't that changed much? (Randomize; always read "a" first) How about (read next item), over the past few years has it become easier or harder for people like you to (item), or hasn't that changed?

	Easier	Harder	Hasn't changed	Don't know
A. Get ahead financially	10	72	17	2
B. Find good jobs	8	75	16	1
C. Find decent, affordable housing	14	68	13	4
D. Afford health care	8	74	15	4
E. Pay for college	8	74	10	8

Q31. Which of these statements do you agree with more...? (Read list)

Most people who want to get ahead Can make it if they're willing to work hard	63%
Hard work and determination are no Guarantee of success for most people	34
Neither (vol)	2
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Q33. Do you think government programs that try to improve the condition of working families in this country are generally making things better, are making things worse, or aren't having much impact one way or another?

Making things better	22%
Making things worse	20
Aren't having much impact	53
Don't know	6

Q35. I'm going to read you a list of things the government might do to try to improve people's financial situation. For each, please tell me if the item should be a top priority for government, an important but lower priority, not too important, or not a priority? (first/next) should (insert item) be a top priority for government, an important but lower priority, not too important, or not a priority? (Randomize order)

	Top priority	Lower priority	Not too important	Not a priority	Don't know
A. Providing financial assistance for people like yourself to afford college or technical school	58	32	5	4	1
B. Helping people like yourself get more affordable health insurance	72	19	5	3	1
E. Taking some short-term emergency measures to lower gas prices in your community	71	16	5	7	1
G. Cutting your taxes	48	31	12	7	1
H. Creating new jobs in your community by spending more to fix schools, highways, and government buildings	52	33	8	5	2

Now, on another topic...

Q39. In general, how easy or difficult is it for you to afford (insert item)?

Very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult?

(Rotate 1-4, 4-1; randomize items)

	Very easy	Smwt easy	Smwt diff.	Very diff.	N/a (vol)	Don't know
B. Food	17	36	34	13	*	*
C. Health care and health insurance	12	21	29	33	4	1
D. Gasoline or other transportation costs	4	14	37	44	1	*
E. To save money for retirement	6	11	28	52	2	1
F. Your rent or mortgage	12	27	35	19	7	*
G. Your credit card bills	12	16	22	20	29	1
H. Childcare for your children (<i>Base: children under 18 in household, n=627</i>)	11	13	25	22	27	1
I. Your monthly utilities, like electricity, heat, and phone bills	12	28	38	19	3	*
J. To save money for college or other education costs for your children (<i>Base: children under 18 in household, n=627</i>)	3	8	24	60	4	*

Q39 Combination Table.

(This table is re-percentage to include ONLY respondents for whom the item applied. Note the base sizes in parentheses after each item.)

In general, how easy or difficult is it for you to afford (insert item)? (Where applicable*) Very easy, somewhat easy, somewhat difficult, or very difficult? (Rotate 1-4, 4-1; randomize items)

	Very easy	Smwt easy	Smwt difficult	Very difficult	Don't know
B. Food (n=1345)	17	36	34	13	*
C. Health care and health insurance (n=1290)	13	22	31	34	1
D. Gasoline or other transportation costs (n=1343)	4	14	37	45	*
E. To save money for retirement (n=1317)	6	11	29	53	1
F. Your rent or mortgage (n=1258)	13	29	37	20	*
G. Your credit card bills (n=963)	17	23	31	28	1
H. Childcare for your children (n=460)	15	18	35	31	1
I. Your monthly utilities, like electricity, heat, and phone bills (n=1310)	12	29	39	19	1
J. To save money for college or other education costs for your children (n=599)	4	8	25	62	*

* Responses based only on those for whom the question applied

Q44. If you suddenly stopped getting your paychecks for some reason, about how long could you and your family get by before being in real financial trouble? Would you say (read)?

Less than a week	14%
One to two weeks	21
Three to four weeks	16
One to two months	25
Three to six months	11
Six months or more	11
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Q46. Which, if any, of the following have you or someone in your family done in the past year to make ends meet? Have you (insert item) in the past year to make ends meet, or not? (Randomize; always ask "j" last)

	Yes, have	No, have not	Don't know
A. Increased your credit card debt	26	70	3
B. Taken on an extra job or worked extra hours	62	38	*
C. Changed your housing situation	27	73	*
E. Minimized use of electricity, heat or other utilities	70	30	1
F. Postponed medical or dental care	51	48	1
G. Borrowed money from friends or relatives	41	59	--
I. Taken money out of your savings or retirement fund	50	50	*
J. Done something else I haven't mentioned	19	80	1

Q48. How important a role does religion or faith in god play in helping you get through tough financial times - very important, somewhat important, not too important or not at all important?

Very/somewhat important (net)	78%
Very important	57
Somewhat important	21
Not too/not at all important (net)	21
Not too important	8
Not at all important	13
Don't believe in god (vol)	*
Don't know	1

Q49. In the past year, have you and your family received the earned income tax credit, or not?

Yes	48%
No	47
Don't know	5

Q50. During the past year, have you or has someone in your family (insert item), or not?

	Yes	No	Don't know
A. Been laid off or lost your job	31	69	--
B. Had your overtime or regular hours cut back at work	39	61	*

Now on another topic...

Q54. If the 2008 presidential election were being held today, would you vote for (John McCain, the Republican) or (Barack Obama, the Democrat)? (Rotate candidates)

John McCain, the Republican	22%
Barack Obama, the Democrat	53
Ralph Nader (vol)	*
Bob Barr (vol)	*
Other candidate (vol)	1
Would not vote (vol)	3
Neither (vol)	6
Don't know	14
Refused	1

Q54b. Which candidate are you leaning toward, (John McCain, the Republican) or (Barack Obama, the Democrat)? (Read candidates in same order as Q54)

Base: "neither", "don't know", or "refused" in Q54 (n=289)

John McCain, the Republican	20%
Barack Obama, the Democrat	17
Other candidate (vol)	2
Would not vote (vol)	*
Neither (vol)	19
Don't know	36
Refused	6

Q54/Q54b Combination Table (based on total)

Barack Obama	56%
John McCain	27
Other candidate (vol)	1
Would not vote (vol)	3
Neither (vol)	4
Don't know	8
Refused	1

Q54c. Regardless of your local contest, which party would you like to see in control of Congress after the next congressional elections, the (Democrats) or (Republicans)? (Rotate items)

Democrats	57%
Republicans	24
Neither (vol)	5
Don't know	12
Refused	1

Q55. Regardless of whom you may support, which candidate for president, (Obama) or (McCain), do you think (insert item)? (Rotate names in parentheses in same order as Q54; randomize)

	McCain	Obama	Both (vol)	Neither (vol)	Don't know	Refused
B. Better represents your personal values	23	56	1	7	13	1
C. Is more concerned with the needs of people like you	21	59	2	5	12	1

Q56. Regardless of whom you may support, do you think (insert item) would be better off if (McCain) became president, better if (Obama) became president, or wouldn't it make much difference either way? (Rotate names in parentheses in same order as Q54; randomize)

	Better if McCain wins	Better if Obama wins	No difference	Don't know	Refused
A. Your own personal financial situation	12	35	41	11	1
B. The national economy	15	41	32	12	1
C. The country's health care system	11	41	33	14	1

Changing topics...

Rotate Q57/Q57a/Q58/Q58a with Q59

Q57. Do you think illegal immigrants generally take jobs away from legal residents, or not?

Take jobs away from legal residents	49%
Don't take jobs from legal residents	47
Don't know	3
Refused	1

Q57a. Do you think the jobs that illegal immigrants take are generally jobs that legal residents want, or are they jobs that legal residents don't want?

Base: think illegal immigrants take jobs away from legal residents (n=721)

Take jobs legal residents want	47%
Take jobs legal residents don't want	46
Don't know	7
Refused	*

Q57/Q57a Combination Table (based on total)

Yes, illegal immigrants take jobs away from legal residents (net)	49%
Yes, and they are jobs legal residents want	23
Yes, but they are jobs legal residents don't want	23
Yes, but dk/ref whether legal residents want these jobs	3
No, they do not take jobs away from legal residents	47
Don't know	3
Refused	1

Q58. Have you and your family been personally affected in a negative way by the number of illegal immigrants taking jobs in your community, or not?

Yes	19%
No	79
Don't know	1
Refused	1

Q58a. And has this had a very negative effect, or just somewhat of a negative effect?

Base: you/your family negatively affected by illegal immigrants taking jobs (n=252)

Very negative effect	39%
Somewhat negative effect	59
Don't know	2

Q58/Q58a Combination Table (based on total)

Yes, family affected (net)	19%
Yes, very negatively	7
Yes, somewhat negatively	11
Yes, but dk/ref how much	*
No, have not been affected	79
Don't know	1
Refused	1

Q59. As you may know, international trade has increased a great deal in recent years. Do you think that the growth in international trade has made things better or made things worse for (insert item), or hasn't it made much difference?

	Better	Worse	Hasn't made much difference	Don't know
A. The country as a whole	18	50	20	11
B. You personally	13	28	52	7

Demographics

Read: finally, I have just a few more questions to help classify your answers...

Q60. Do you currently work in one job, or do you have more than one job for different employers?

One job	83%
More than one job	16
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Q60a. How many jobs do you currently have?

Base: have more than one job currently (n=232)

2	85%
3	11
4	3
5	*
More than 5	*

Q60/Q60a Combination Table (based on total)

One job	83%
More than one job (net)	16
2 jobs	13
3 or more jobs	2
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Q61. Does your employer offer you (insert item), or not? (Randomize; always ask "d" last)

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
A. Paid sick leave	54	44	1	1
B. Paid vacation	68	30	1	1
C. A retirement plan, whether or not you personally use it	55	42	2	1
D. Health insurance, whether or not you personally use it	69	30	1	1

Q62. Do you currently participate in your employer's health insurance program, or not?

Base: employer offers health insurance (n=948)

Yes	60%
No	40
Don't know	*

Q61d/Q62 Combination Table (based on total)

Yes, employer offers health insurance (net)	69%
Yes, and I participate	41
Yes, and I do not participate	27
Yes, and dk/ref participation	*
No, my employer does not offer health insurance	30
Don't know	1
Refused	1

Q63. Which of the following is the main reason why you don't participate in this health plan through your employer? Is it because... (Read list)?

Base: do not participate in employer's health insurance (n=337)

You already have insurance from some other source	49%
The amount you would still have to pay is too much	28
You don't think you need insurance	1
Some other reason	18
Don't know	4
Refused	1

Q61d/Q63 Combination Table (based on total)

Yes, employer offers health insurance (net)	69%
Participate	41
Do not participate (subnet)	27
Because I already have insurance	13
Because I would have to pay too much	8
Because I don't think I need insurance	*
Some other reason	5
Don't know/Refused	1
No, my employer does not offer health insurance	30
Don't know	1
Refused	1

Q64. Are you now covered by any form of health insurance or health plan, or do you not have health insurance at this time? This would include any private insurance plan through your spouse's employer or that you purchase yourself, as well as a government program like Medicare or Medicaid.

Base: not covered by employer health insurance (n=740)

Yes, covered	53%
No, do not have health insurance at this time	46
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Q62/Q63/Q64 Combination Table (based on total)

Insured (net)	72%
Insured by employer	41
Insured, other than employer	31
Uninsured	27
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Q65. If you had to choose between a job with better pay but no health insurance, or a job with health insurance but lower pay, which would you choose?

Job with better pay but no health insurance	39%
Job with health insurance but lower pay	56
Don't know	4
Refused	1

Q65a. Does any child in your household currently have health insurance through Medicaid or your state's children's health insurance program, or not?

Base: Have children under 18 living in their household (n=627)

Yes, any child has health insurance through Medicaid/SCHIP	49%
No child has health insurance through Medicaid/SCHIP	49
Don't know	1
Refused	1

Q65a Combination Table (based on total)

Kids in household (net)	46%
Yes, child has health insurance through Medicaid or SCHIP	23
No child has health insurance through Medicaid or SCHIP	23
Don't know	1
Refused	*
No kids in household	54

Q66. Which of the following best describes the place where you work? (Read list in order)

An office	20%
A factory or manufacturing facility	15
A store, restaurant, or other retail outlet	20
A construction site or other outdoor work site	11
A school	7
A hospital, clinic, or medical facility	11
Somewhere else	15
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Q67. Including all its locations and worksites, not just your own, about how many people are employed by the company or organization you work for? Just stop me when I get to the right category. Are there... fewer than 25 employees, 25 to under 100 employees, 100 to under 1,000 employees, or 1,000 or more employees? If necessary: just your best guess.

Fewer than 25 employees	23%
25 to under 100 employees	23
100 to under 1,000 employees	22
1,000 or more employees	27
Don't know	3
Refused	1

Q68. Which of the following best describes how you get paid at work - you are paid an hourly rate, you are paid a salary, or you are paid by the job?

Hourly rate	78%
Salary	15
By the job	5
Other (vol)	1
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Q69. Do you ever work overtime at your job?

Yes	63%
No	36
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Q70. Do you get paid for working those extra hours, or not?

Base: work overtime (n=844)

Yes	83%
No	16
Don't know	1

Q71. Do you get paid a higher rate for those hours, or your normal rate?

Base: get paid for working extra hours (n=709)

Higher rate	80%
Normal rate	19
Don't know	1

Q69/Q70/Q71 Combination Table (based on total)

I work overtime (net)	63%
I am paid for overtime (subnet)	52
I work overtime and get paid at a higher rate for it	42
I work overtime and am paid a normal rate for it	10
I work overtime and am paid but dk/ref rate	1
I work overtime and am not paid for it	10
I work overtime and dk/ref if paid at all	*
I do not work overtime	36
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Q74. Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you currently registered to vote at your present address?

Yes, registered to vote at the present address	70%
No, not registered to vote at the present address	28
Don't know	1
Refused	1

Q75. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as: (a Democrat), (a Republican), an independent or what? (Rotate Democrat/Republican)

A Democrat	40%
A Republican	17
Independent	29
Something else	7
Don't know	5
Refused	2

Q76. Do you lean more towards (the Republican Party) or (the Democratic Party)? (Rotate party in the same order as in Q75)

Base: did not identify with either party (n=537)

Democratic Party	41%
Republican Party	20
Neither (vol)	24
Don't know	12
Refused	3

Q75/Q76 Combination Table (based on total)

Democrat/lean dem (net)	58%
Democrat	40
Democrat leaning	18
Republican/lean rep (net)	25
Republican	17
Republican leaning	8
Don't lean towards either	10
Don't know	5
Refused	1

Q77. Would you say your views on most political matters are liberal, moderate, or conservative?

Liberal	25%
Moderate	37
Conservative	28
Don't think in those terms (vol)	3
Don't know	6
Refused	1

Q78. Are you currently married, living with a partner, widowed, divorced, separated, or have you never married?

Married/partner (net)	53%
Married	42
Living with a partner	11
Widowed	2
Divorced	9
Separated	5
Never married	29
Don't know	1
Refused	1

Q79. Is your (spouse/partner) currently employed, or not?

Base: married/living with partner (n=761)

Employed	71
Not employed	29
Don't know	*

Q79b. Is your (spouse/partner) employed full time or part time?

Base: spouse/partner employed (n=550)

Full time	84%
Part time	15
Don't know	1
Refused	1

Q78/Q79/Q79b Combination Table (based on total)

Married or living with partner (net)	53%
Partner/spouse employed (subnet)	38
Partner employed full time	32
Partner employed part time	6
Partner employed dk/ref hours	1
Partner not employed	15
Dk/ref if partner employed	*
Not married or living with partner	45%
Don't know	1
Refused	1

Q80. Including yourself, how many adults currently live in your household?

1	16%
2	48
3	22
4	9
5	4
6	1
7	1
8	*
More than 8	*
Refused	*

Q80a. Not counting yourself, how many other adults age 18 to 64 in this household are employed full time, not self-employed, and have an annual personal income of \$27,000 or less from their job?

Base: more than one person age 18-64 in household (n=1051)

None	49%
At least one (net)	47
1	28
2	14
3	3
4	1
5	1
More than 8	*
Don't know	2
Refused	1

Q82. What is the last grade of school you completed?

Q83. Was that an associate's degree, a bachelor's degree, or what?

Base: college graduate (n=203)

Q82/Q83. Combination Table (based on total)

Less than high school (net)	18%
8th grade or less	5
Some high school	13
High school graduate	38
Some college (net)	31
Some college	26
Associate's degree	4
Other two year degree	*
Don't know/Refused	*
College graduate (net)	12
Bachelor's degree	8
Postgraduate study/law or med school	4
Don't know	*
Refused	2

Q84. Do you own or rent your home?

Own	53%
Rent	41
Don't know	3
Refused	2

Q85. Are you currently making payments on a mortgage, or is your home entirely paid for?

Base: own home (n=745)

Currently making payments	75%
Home is entirely paid home	24
Don't know	1
Refused	*

Q84/Q85 Combination Table (based on total)

Own (net)	53%
Own and making payments	40
Own and fully paid for	13
Own and dk/ref payment status	*
Rent	41
Don't know	3
Refused	2

Q86. Aside from weddings and funerals how often do you attend religious services - more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, seldom or never?

More than once a week	12%
Once a week to few times a year (net)	58
Once a week	22
Once or twice a month	17
Few times a year	18
Seldom/never (net)	29
Seldom	17
Never	12
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Q89. Are you, or is any other adult in your household a member of a labor union, or not?

Yes	11%
No	87
Don't know	1
Refused	1

Q90. Is that you, or someone in your household?

Base: adult in household member of a labor union (n=178)

Me	51%
Someone else	47
Don't know	2

Q89/Q90 Combination Table (based on total)

Yes, adult in house is in a union (net)	11%
I am in labor union	6
Someone else in household is in labor union	5
Dk/ref who is in labor union	*
Nobody in house in labor union	87
Don't know	1
Refused	1

Q91. Were you born in the United States, or not?

Yes, born in the United States	83%
No, not born in the United States	16
Refused	1

Q92. Are you a United States citizen, or not?

Base: not born in the us (n=185)

Yes	30%
No	62
Refused	7

Q91/Q92 Combination Table (based on total)

Born in the US	83%
Born outside the US (net)	16
Born outside US and a US citizen	5
Born outside US and not a US citizen	11
Born outside US and refused immigration status	*
Refused	1

Q93. Are you of Hispanic origin or background?

Yes	21%
No	77
Don't know	*
Refused	1

Q94. Are you white Hispanic or black Hispanic?

Base: Hispanic (n=212)

White Hispanic	81%
Black Hispanic	4
Don't know	14
Refused	*

Q95. Are you white, black, or some other race?

Base: not Hispanic (n=1138)

White	72%
Black	18
Some other race	8
Don't know	*
Refused	2

Q93/Q94/Q95 Combination Table (based on total)

White non-Hispanic	57%
Black non-Hispanic	14
Hispanic (net)	21
Hispanic-white	17
Hispanic-black	1
Hispanic-other	3
Other	6
Don't know	*
Refused	2

Q96. Total household size

1	34%
2	31
3	15
4	13
5	5
6 or more	3

D15. Is your total annual family income from all sources, and before taxes, less than 200% the federal poverty level (FPL) or more than 200% FPL?

Less than 200% FPL	49%
More than 200% FPL	45
Exactly 200% FPL	1
Don't know	2
Refused	2

D15a. Is that...?

Base: total annual family income is less than 200% FPL (n=634)

Less than 50% FPL	10%
50% to under 100% FPL	20
100% to under 150% FPL	29
150% to under 200% FPL	38
Don't know	2
Refused	*

D15b. Is that...?

Base: total annual family income is more than 200% FPL (n=649)

More than 200% to under 250% FPL	29%
250% to under 300% FPL	22
300% to under 400% FPL	18
400% to under 500% FPL	9
500% to under 600% FPL	8
600% or over FPL	11
Don't know	1
Refused	1

Q15/Q15a/Q15b Combination Table (based on total)

<200% FPL	49%
<50% FPL	5
50% to <100% FPL	10
100% to <150% FPL	14
150% to <200% FPL	19
<200% FPL but dk/ref specific level	1
200%+ FPL	47
200% to <250% FPL	15
250% to <300% FPL	10
300% to <400% FPL	8
400% to <500% FPL	4
500% to <600% FPL	4
600% FPL or greater	5
>200% FPL but dk/ref specific level	1
Don't know	2
Refused	2

S1/s1a. Age

18-29	40%
30-39	21
40-49	20
50-64	19

S2. Are you currently...

Employed (net)	100%
Employed full time	83
Employed part time	17

S3. How many hours do you work in an average week?

30-39 hours	25%
40 hours	49
41-50 hours	17
More than 50 hours per week	9
Don't know, but more than 30 hours per week	*

S4. Are you self-employed, or do you work for someone else?

Work for someone else	100%
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S5. Thinking about your own personal income from your job, not including income from your spouse or other sources of income... Last year, that is in 2007, was your own personal income from work...

\$27,000 or less	100%
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Record landline/cell phone

Landline	73%
Cell phone	27

Record gender

Male	46%
Female	54

Cell12. Do you also have a landline telephone in your home that is used to make and receive calls?

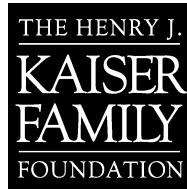
Base: asked in cell phone version (n=150)

Yes	19%
No	81
Refused	*

Cell13. Do you have a cell phone for personal use?

Base: asked in landline version (n=1200)

Yes	59%
No	39
Don't know	*
Refused	2



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