Thank you for participating in the Study of People and Communities.

What is the Study of People and Communities?
The Study of People and Communities is a survey that collects information about how a neighborhood or community affects a person’s life.

Who is the sponsor of this study?
This study is sponsored jointly by The Pew Research Center and WESTAT. The Pew Research Center is a nonpartisan organization that provides information to the public on important events and trends in both America and the world. Pew Research does not take policy positions. WESTAT is a nonpartisan survey research firm that conducts statistical research for government and other organizations.

How long will it take to complete this survey?
Most individuals will be able to complete the survey in about 5-8 minutes.

Who will use this information?
Results from this study will be used by researchers and made available to policy makers at all levels of government and private industry. In particular, this survey will describe how individuals are affected by the communities and neighborhoods they live in. This helps policy makers understand how to best serve these individuals, areas, and communities.

How do I know you’ll keep my information confidential?
We are required by law to keep your information confidential to the full extent protected by law. After the study is completed, all information used to contact you will be destroyed.
**ASK ALL:**
Q0001 What do you think is the most important problem facing the country today?

**PROGRAMMING NOTE: OPEN-END TEXT BOX**

**ASK ALL:**
Q0002 During a typical month in the past year, how often did you talk with any of your neighbors?

1. Basically every day
2. A few times a week
3. A few times a month
4. Once a month
5. Not at all

**ASK ALL:**
Q0003 In the past year have you worked with other people from your neighborhood to fix a problem or improve a condition in your community or elsewhere?

1. Yes
2. No

**ASK ALL:**
Q0004 How much do you trust the people in your neighborhood? In general, do you trust...

1. All of the people in your neighborhood
2. Most of the people in your neighborhood
3. Some of the people in your neighborhood
4. None of the people in your neighborhood

**ASK ALL:**
Q0005 In general, how safe would you say you are from crime when walking in your neighborhood after dark?

1. Very safe
2. Somewhat safe
3. Not too safe
4. Not at all safe

**ASK ALL:**
Q0006 How much do you worry that computers and technology are being used to invade your privacy?

1. A lot
2. Some
3. Not much
4. Not at all
ASK ALL:
Q0007 Below is a list of things that some people are interested in, and others are not. Which of the following are you interested in?

[Check all that apply]

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE A-K WITH L AMLAYS LAST]

a. Country music
b. Reading the Bible
c. Hunting or fishing
d. Working out (e.g. yoga, cycling, hiking)
e. Hip hop
f. Art and theater
g. Celebrity news and gossip
h. Gardening
i. International travel
j. NASCAR
k. NBA basketball
l. None of the above [EXCLUSIVE PUNCH]

ASK ALL:
Q0008 Where would you rate yourself on the following scale?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: REVERSE RESPONSE OPTION SCALE FOR RANDOM HALF OF RESPONDENTS]

1 1 I prefer simple problems rather than those that require a lot of thought
2 2
3 3
4 4
5 5 I prefer complicated problems that require new solutions and a lot of thought

ASK ALL:
Below is a list of types of groups or organizations in which people sometimes participate. Have you participated in any of these groups during the last 12 months, that is since February 2014?

Q0009 A school group, neighborhood, or community association such as PTA or neighborhood watch group?

1 Yes
2 No

Q0010 A service or civic organization such as American Legion or Lions Club?

1 Yes
2 No

Q0011 A sports or recreation organization such as a soccer club or tennis club?

1 Yes
2 No
ASK ALL:
Q0012  We are interested in volunteer activities for which people are not paid, except perhaps expenses. We only want you to include volunteer activities that you did through or for an organization, even if you only did them once in a while. In the last 12 months that is since July of last year, have you done any volunteer activities through or for an organization?

1  Yes  
2  No

ASK IF HAVE NOT VOLUNTEERED (Q0012=2, MISSING):
Q0013  Sometimes people don’t think of activities they do infrequently or activities they do for children’s schools or youth organizations as volunteer activities. Since July of last year, have you done any of these types of volunteer activities?

1  Yes  
2  No

ASK ALL:
Q0014  Next we’d like to ask about computers and the Internet. For the following questions, consider time spent on the Internet from a computer or mobile device at home, work, or any other locations.

How often did you USUALLY access the Internet over the last year?

1  Every day  
2  More than once a week but not every day  
3  Once a week  
4  Once a month  
5  Less than once a month  
6  Never

ASK IF “EVERY DAY” (Q0014=1):
Q0015  How many hours per day do you USUALLY use the Internet, including time spent at work?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: OPEN-END TEXT BOX]

ASK IF “MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK”, OR “ONCE A WEEK” (Q0014=2-3):
Q0016  How many hours per week do you USUALLY use the Internet, including time spent at work?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: OPEN-END TEXT BOX]
**ASK IF “ONCE A MONTH”, OR “LESS THAN ONCE A MONTH” (Q0014=4-5):**

Q0017  How many hours per month do you USUALLY use the Internet, including time spent at work?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: OPEN-END TEXT BOX]

**ASK ALL:**

Q0018  Do you access the Internet on a cell phone, tablet or other mobile handheld device, at least occasionally?

1  Yes

2  No

**ASK ALL:**

Moving onto another topic...

Q0019  Would you say that in general your health is...

1  Excellent

2  Very Good

3  Good

4  Fair

5  Poor

**ASK ALL:**

Q0020  Was there a time in the past 12 months when you needed to see a doctor but could not because of the cost?

1  Yes

2  No

**ASK ALL:**

Q0021  During the past 12 months, how many times have you seen a doctor or other health care professional about your own health at a doctor’s office, a clinic, or some other place? Do not include times you were hospitalized overnight, visits to hospital emergency rooms, home visits, dental visits, or telephone calls.

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: OPEN-END TEXT BOX; ALLOW ANSWER RANGE OF 0-500 visits]

**SOFT PROMPT TEXT:** "Please enter number of visits in the box. If you would like to skip this question, click Next."

**ASK ALL:**

Q0022  During the past 30 days, how many days did you have at least one drink of any alcoholic beverages such as beer, wine, a malt beverage, or liquor?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: OPEN END SHORT NUMERIC TEXT FIELD; INTEGERS 0-30. NUMERIC FIELD ONLY, DO NOT ALLOW TEXT.]

*Error message if outside range: “Please enter a number between 0 and 30”*
ASK ALL: Q0023 During the past 30 days, what is the largest number of drinks you had on any occasion?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: OPEN END SHORT NUMERIC TEXT FIELD; RANGE 1-30. NUMERIC FIELD ONLY, DO NOT ALLOW TEXT.]

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: PROMPT TO DISPLAY THIS IF ENTRY IS GREATER THAN 30 AND ALLOW TO CONTINUE]
Please confirm your entry. We are interested in the largest number of drinks on any one occasion. Click Next to continue.

ASK ALL: Q0024 Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your entire life?
1 Yes
2 No

ASK IF HAS SMOKED 100 CIGARETTES (Q0024=1): Q0025 Do you NOW smoke cigarettes...
1 Every day
2 Some days
3 Not at all

ASK ALL: We have a few questions about elections and politics.

ASK ALL: Q0026 What ONE WORD best describes your impression of politics today?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: OPEN-END TEXT BOX]

ASK ALL: Q0027 Which statement comes closer to your views, even if neither is exactly right?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]
1 Government should do more to solve problems
2 Government is doing too many things better left to businesses and individuals
ASK ALL:
Q0028  Thinking about Congress, do Republicans currently have a majority in the House of Representatives, the Senate, both the House and Senate, or neither the House nor the Senate?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]

1  The House of Representatives
2  The Senate
3  Both the House and Senate
4  Neither the House nor Senate
5

ASK ALL:
Q0029  The next question is about LOCAL elections, such as for mayor or a school board. Do you...

1  Always vote in local elections
2  Sometimes vote in local elections
3  Rarely vote in local elections
4  Never vote in local elections

ASK ALL:
Q0030  In the past 12 months, have you contacted or visited a public official—at any level of government—to express your opinion?

1  Yes
2  No

ASK ALL:
Q0031  Are you registered to vote at your current address?

1  Yes, I am absolutely certain I am registered to vote at my current address
2  Maybe, I probably am registered to vote at my current address, but there is a chance that registration has lapsed
3  No, I am not registered to vote at my current address

ASK ALL:
Q0032  In politics today, do you consider yourself a:

1  Republican
2  Democrat
3  Independent
4  Something else, please specify [OPEN-END; TEXT BOX]:

ASK IF INDEP/SOMETHING ELSE (Q0031=3 or 4) OR MISSING:
Q0033  As of today do you lean more to...

1  The Republican Party
2  The Democratic Party
ASK ALL:
Q0034  In general, would you describe your political views as...

1  Very conservative  
2  Conservative       
3  Moderate           
4  Liberal            
5  Very liberal

ASK ALL:
Moving onto other topics...

Q0035  Denver, CO is a higher altitude than is Los Angeles, CA. Which of these statements is correct? (We'd like your best guess)

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]

1  Water boils at a lower temperature in Denver than Los Angeles  
2  Water boils at a higher temperature in Denver than Los Angeles  
3  Water boils at the same temperature in both Denver and Los Angeles

ASK ALL:
Q0036  Please indicate if the following statement is true or false: Antibiotics will kill viruses as well as bacteria.

1  True       
2  False      
3  Don’t know

ASK ALL:
We are interested in how people have been doing financially during the past year.
Q0037  Have there been times during the last year when you did not have enough money to buy food your family needed?

1  Yes       
2  No

ASK ALL:
Q0038  At any time in the last year did you or anyone in your household receive any State or Federal unemployment compensation?

1  Yes       
2  No

ASK ALL:
Q0039  Is there at least one telephone INSIDE your home that is currently working and is not a cell phone?

1  Yes       
2  No

ASK ALL:
Q0040  Do you or anyone in your family have a working cell phone?

1  Yes       
2  No
ASK ALL:  
Q0041  Do you currently have a valid driver’s license, or not?  
   1  Yes  
   2  No

ASK ALL:  
And finally, a few questions about yourself and your household.  
Q0042  What is your gender?  
   1  Female  
   2  Male

ASK ALL:  
Q0043  What is your age?  
[PROGRAMMING NOTE: Numeric text box, 5 characters wide, range 18-120]  
   _______ years

ASK ALL:  
Q0044  Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican or Cuban?  
   1  Yes, Hispanic or Latino  
   2  No, not Hispanic or Latino

ASK ALL:  
Q0045  Which of the following describes your race?  
[You can select as many as apply]  
   1  White  
   2  Black of African-American  
   3  Asian  
   4  American Indian or Alaska Native  
   5  Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islanders  
   6  Some other race, specify:___________

ASK ALL:  
Q0046  Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services?  
   1  More than once a week  
   2  Once a week  
   3  Once or twice a month  
   4  A few times a year  
   5  Seldom  
   6  Never
ASK ALL: Q0047 Do you have any kind of health care coverage, including health insurance, prepaid plans such as HMOs, or government plans such as Medicare or Indian Health Service?

1 Yes, I have health care coverage
2 No, I do not have health care coverage

ASK ALL: Q0048 Are you currently...

1 Married
2 Divorced
3 Separated
4 Widowed
5 Never Married
6 Living with a Partner

ASK ALL: Q0049 Are you currently...

[Please select all that apply]

1 Employed for wages
2 Self-employed
3 Out of work for less than 1 year
4 Out of work for more than 1 year
5 A stay-at-home parent or spouse
6 A student
7 Retired
8 Unable to work

ASK ALL: Q0050 What is the highest grade or year of school you completed?

1 Never attended school or only attended kindergarten
2 Grades 1 through 8 (Elementary School)
3 Grades 9 through 11 (Some High School)
4 Grade 12 or GED (High School Graduate)
5 Completed some college
6 Completed technical school
7 Associate degree
8 Bachelor's degree
9 Completed some postgraduate
10 Master's degree
11 Ph.D., law, or medical degree
12 Other advanced degree beyond a Master's degree

ASK ALL: Q0051 How many adults, ages 18 and older, including yourself, live in your household?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: Numeric text box, 5 characters wide, range 0-20]

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ASK ALL:
Q0052  And how many children younger than 18 years of age live in your household? (Please fill in zero "0" if no children)

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: Numeric text box, 5 characters wide, range 0-20]

ASK ALL:
Q0053  Do you own or rent the place where you are living?

1  Own
2  Rent
3  Other, describe below: [OPEN-END; TEXT BOX]

ASK ALL:
Q0054  How long have you lived at this address?

1  1 year or less
2  Less than 5 years, but more than 1 year
3  5 years or more

ASK ALL:
Q0055  What is your zip code?

[PROGRAMMING NOTE: Numeric text box, 5 characters wide, range 0-99999]

ASK ALL:
Q0056  What is your household’s combined annual income?

1  Less than $10,000
2  $10,000 to $19,999
3  $20,000 to $39,999
4  $40,000 to $59,999
5  $60,000 to $79,999
6  $80,000 to $99,999
7  $100,000 to $149,999
8  $150,000 to $249,999
9  $250,000 or more