## SECTION C: INCOME AND WELFARE

C1. Now I have some questions about the various sources of income your household now receives. Again, I want to assure you that none of your answers will be discussed with anyone.

Please remind me, in (prior month), did you have a job or do any work for pay?

1. YES

5. NO → NEXT PAGE, C3

C2. Last month, how much did you earn in total from all your jobs, before taxes and other deductions were taken out?

$_____

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C2a. Would you say it was:

1. Less than $200
2. $200 - $399
3. $400 - $599
4. $600 - $799
5. $800 - $999
6. $1000 or more

C3. Did anyone else living here have a job or work for pay last month?

1. YES

5. NO → NEXT PAGE, C5

C4. Thinking of everyone besides yourself who worked last month, how much money did they earn altogether last month?

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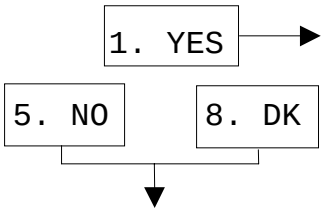
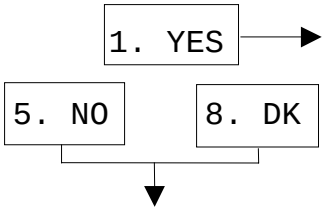
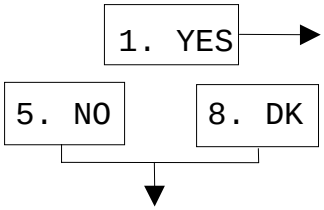
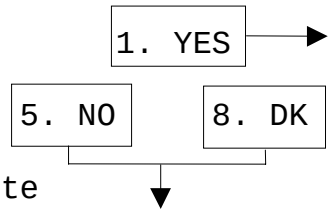
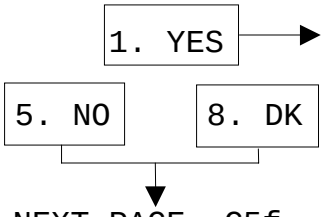
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C4a. Would you say it was:

1. Less than $400
2. $400 - $799
3. $800 - $1199
4. $1200 - $1599
5. $1600 - $1999
6. $2000 or more

C5. In (prior month), did you or anyone else living here receive money from any of the following sources? If you did receive any money, please tell me how much you received in (prior month).

| | C6. How much did you receive in (prior month)? |
|---|---|
| a. Food Stamps or Food Stamp cashout?   | $ _____ |
| b. ADC or FIP?   | $ _____ |
| c. Child support - including any child support that you, your child, or other household members received directly from the father or from the welfare or child support agency?   | $ _____ |
| d. Aid for the disabled, such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or Social Security (SSA) or any other kind of private or government pension?   | $ _____ |
| e. Unemployment Insurance or Worker's Compensation?   NEXT PAGE, C5f | $ _____ |

| | C6. How much did you receive in (prior month)? |
|---|---|
| f. Any money from other members of your household to help pay for living expenses? 1. YES → 5. NO 8. DK | $ _____ |
| g. Any money from family or friends outside the household to help pay for living expenses? 1. YES → 5. NO 8. DK | $ _____ |
| h. Any other sources of income you haven't already mentioned? 1. YES → 5. NO 8. DK | $ _____ |
| GO TO C7 | |

C7. Are you yourself covered by Medicaid, Medicare or any other government health insurance?

1. YES 5. NO

C8. Do you yourself have any private or employer provided health insurance?

1. YES 5. NO

C9. Are your children covered by Medicaid, Medicare, or MIchild?

1. YES 5. NO

C9a. Are your children covered by any other health insurance?

1. YES 5. NO

C10. Did you receive any benefits last month from WIC - the Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program?

| 1. YES | 5. NO |
|---|---|

C11. Please remind me, did you do any work for pay in 1998?

| 1. YES | 5. NO → NEXT PAGE, C12 |
|---|---|

C11a. Including paid vacation, how many weeks did you work in 1998?

_____ # OF WEEKS

| 52. ALL YEAR | 98. DK |
|---|---|

C11b. How much in total did you yourself earn before taxes, from all jobs in 1998? (PROBE ONLY IF NECESSARY, BUT MARK BOX: Is that...)

$ _____ **per**

| 1. WEEK | 2. BIWEEKLY | 3. MONTH | 4. YEAR |
|---|---|---|---|

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C11c. Would you say it was:

| 1. $1 - $4,999 | 2. $5,000 - $7,499 | 3. $7,500 - $9,999 |
|---|---|---|
| 4. $10,000 - $12,499 | 5. $12,500 - $14,999 | 6. $15,000 - $19,999 |
| 7. $20,000 or more | | |

C12. What was the total income in 1998 for all people living here from all sources, including food stamp payments and child support, before taxes?

$ _____

GO TO C13

DK/REFUSED

C12a. Would you say it was:

1. $1 - $4,999
2. $5,000 - $7,499
3. $7,500 - $9,999
4. $10,000 - $12,499
5. $12,500 - $14,999
6. $15,000 - $19,999
7. $20,000 or more

C13. Did you receive a federal tax refund for 1998?

1. YES
5. NO
6. [IF VOL:] DID NOT FILE RETURN

GO TO C14

C13a. Did you receive the Earned Income Tax Credit?

1. YES
5. NO
8. DK

GO TO C14

C13b. What was the total amount of your federal refund?

$ _____

C14. Now I have some questions about credit cards and charge cards. Do you have any credit cards or charge cards? Please do not include debit cards.

1. YES
5. NO → TURN TO PAGE 46, C17

C15. On your last bills, after the last payments were made, roughly what was the balance still owed on all your credit cards and charge accounts?

$_____

GO TO C16

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C15a. Would you say it was:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. $0 - $100 | 2. $101 - $250 | 3. $251 - $500 |
| 4. $501 - $1000 | 5. $1001 - $2000 | 6. More Than $2000 |

C16. What is the maximum amount that you could borrow on <u>all</u> your credit cards and charge cards; that is, what is your total credit limit?

$_____

NEXT PAGE, C17

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C16a. Would you say it is:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1. $0 - $1000 | 2. $1,001 - $2,500 | 3. $2,501 - $5000 |
| 4. $5,001 - $10,000 | 5. More Than $10,000 | |

C17. (RB, P. 3) I'm going to read you a list of things that people might do when times are hard to make extra money or to get things they need.

How often have you done the following things in the last six months--often, sometimes, or never?

| | OFTEN (1) | SOMETIMES (2) | NEVER (3) |
|---|---|---|---|
| a. Baby-sat for pay - often, sometimes, or never? | | | |
| b. Did housekeeping for other people? | | | |
| c. Styled hair or did nails for pay? | | | |
| d. Sold things such as crafts or cosmetics out of your house, or did odd jobs, like yard work or painting? (often, sometimes, or never)? | | | |
| e. Pawned or sold personal possessions? | | | |
| f. Provided plasma or blood for cash? | | | |
| g. Engaged in any illegal activity? | | | |
| h. Sold food stamps or traded them for something else? | | | |

C18. (RB, P. 4) How difficult is it for you to live on your total household income right now - not at all difficult, a little difficult, somewhat difficult, very difficult, or extremely difficult?

| 1.NOT AT ALL DIFFICULT | 2. A LITTLE DIFFICULT | 3. SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT | 4. VERY DIFFICULT | 5.EXTREMELY DIFFICULT |
|---|---|---|---|---|

C19. (RB, P. 5) In the next two months, how much do you anticipate that you and your family will experience actual hardships such as inadequate housing, food, or medical care - not at all, a little, some, pretty much, or a great deal?

| 1. NOT AT ALL | 2. A LITTLE | 3. SOME | 4. PRETTY MUCH | 5. A GREAT DEAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|

C20. Has your gas or electricity been turned off since (W2 IW DATE) because you couldn't afford to pay the bill?

| 1. YES | 5. NO |
|---|---|

C21. Was there any time since (W2 IW DATE) that you needed to see a doctor or dentist but could not afford to go?

| 1. YES | 5. NO |
|---|---|

C22. Has your phone been disconnected, or have you gone without a phone at any time since (W2 IW DATE) because you could not afford to pay the bill?

| 1. YES | 5. NO |
|---|---|

C23. Did you or your children go without proper winter clothing at any time since (W2 IW DATE) because you could not afford it?

| 1. YES | 5. NO |
|---|---|

C24. Have you moved in with anyone since (W2 IW DATE) to share household expenses?

| 1. YES | 5. NO |
|---|---|

C25. Have you been evicted since (W2 IW DATE)?

| 1. YES | 5. NO |
|---|---|

C26. Have you ever been homeless since (W2 IW DATE)?

| 1. YES | 5. NO → NEXT PAGE, C27 |
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C26a. How many days or weeks were you homeless?

_____ DAYS OR _____WEEKS

C27. Many people need some kind of help for food or shelter from private charities, community groups like churches, soup kitchens, or places like that. Since (W2 IW DATE) how often have you sought or received help from any of these groups or places - once a week or more, a few times a month, a few times a year, or never?

| 1. ONCE A WEEK OR MORE | 2. FEW TIMES A MONTH | 3. FEW TIMES A YEAR | 4. NEVER |
|---|---|---|---|

C28. Which of these statements best describes the food eaten in your household in the last 12 months: enough to eat, sometimes not enough to eat, or often not enough to eat?

| 1. ENOUGH TO EAT | 2. SOMETIMES NOT ENOUGH TO EAT | 3. OFTEN NOT ENOUGH TO EAT |
|---|---|---|

C29. (RB, P. 6) Now I'm going to read you several statements that people have made about their food situation. For these statements, please tell me whether the statement was often, sometimes, or never true for your household in the last 12 months.

| | OFTEN TRUE (1) | SOMETIMES TRUE (2) | NEVER TRUE (3) |
|---|---|---|---|
| a. I worried whether food would run out before I got money to buy more – was that often true, sometimes true, or never true? | | | |
| b. The food that I bought just didn't last, and I didn't have money to get more. | | | |
| c. I couldn't afford to eat balanced meals. | | | |
| d. INTERVIEWER CHECKPOINT<br>☐ 1. CHILDREN UNDER 18 IN HH<br>☐ 2. ALL OTHERS → GO TO C30 | | | |
| e. I relied on only a few kinds of low-cost food to feed my (child/ children) because I was running out of money to buy food. | | | |
| f. I couldn't feed my (child/ children) a balanced meal, because I couldn't afford that. | | | |
| g. My (child was/children were) not eating enough because I just couldn't afford enough. | | | |

C30. INTERVIEWER CHECKPOINT

☐ 1. ANY ITEM MARKED 'OFTEN' OR 'SOMETIMES' IN C29a-c, e-g

☐ 2. ALL OTHERS → TURN TO P. 54, SECTION D

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C31. In the last 12 months, did you or other adults in your household ever cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food?

| 1. YES | 5. NO → GO TO C32 |
|---|---|

C31a. How often did this happen? Almost every month, some months but not every month, or in only 1 or 2 months.

| 1. ALMOST EVERY MONTH | 2. SOME MONTHS BUT NOT EVERY MONTH | 3. ONLY 1 OR 2 MONTHS |
|---|---|---|

C32. In the last 12 months, did you ever eat less than you felt you should because there wasn't enough money to buy food?

| 1. YES | 5. NO |
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C33. In the last 12 months were you ever hungry but didn't eat because you couldn't afford enough food?

| 1. YES | 5. NO |
|---|---|

C34. In the last 12 months, did you lose weight because you didn’t have enough money for food?

| 1. YES | 5. NO |
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C35. In the last 12 months did you or other adults in your household ever not eat for a whole day because there wasn't enough money for food?

| 1. YES | 5. NO → GO TO C36 |
|---|---|

C35a. How often did this happen? Almost every month, some months but not every month, or in only 1 or 2 months.

| 1. ALMOST EVERY MONTH | 2. SOME MONTHS BUT NOT EVERY MONTH | 3. ONLY 1 OR 2 MONTHS |
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C36. INTERVIEWER CHECKPOINT

**SEE COVERSHEET**

☐ 1. CHILDREN UNDER 18 LIVING IN HOUSEHOLD

☐ 2. ALL OTHERS → TURN TO P.54, SECTION D

C37. The next questions are about children living in the household who are under 18 years old. In the last 12 months, did you ever cut the size of your (child's/children's) meals because there wasn't enough money for food?

| 1. YES | 5. NO |
|---|---|

C38. In the last 12 months, did your (child/any of your children) ever skip a meal because there was not enough money for food?

| 1. YES | 5. NO → GO TO C39 |
|---|---|

C38a. How often did this happen--almost every month, some months but not every month, or in only 1 or 2 months.

| 1. ALMOST EVERY MONTH | 2. SOME MONTHS BUT NOT EVERY MONTH | 3. ONLY 1 OR 2 MONTHS |
|---|---|---|

C39. In the last 12 months, (was your child/ were your children) ever hungry but you just couldn't afford more food?

| 1. YES | 5. NO |
|---|---|

C40. In the last 12 months, did (your child /any of your children) ever not eat for a whole day because there wasn't enough money for food?

| 1. YES | 5. NO |
|---|---|