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***for* ILLINOIS DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES**

**ILLINOIS TANF CLOSED-CASES LEAVER SURVEY**  
**DECEMBER 1998 CLOSURES**

**TELEPHONE INTERVIEW INSTRUMENT**  
**WITH DOCUMENTATION OF VARIABLES**  
**IN PUBLIC ACCESS FILE**

*NOTE: Many of the variable names in the data file have names that match the question “numbers” in the survey instrument (but always excluding the dash). Other variables (and associated names) included in the data file have been included in this document. The variables in the data file are ordered by their presence in this document (except where noted). In this document, VAR stands for “variable” and VN stands for “variable name.”*

**INITIAL VARIABLES IN FILE:**

**RecKey** – A master id that tracks to administrative data; (32 cases do not have an administrative data match; coded to -9).

**SROFPID** – A unique for sample members id that is meaningful only to Survey Research Office; included in case there are questions about the data; also is useful for those survey respondents for which there is no administrative data match.

**ADMATCH** – 0 or 1; 1 indicates the respondent has a match to administrative data

**SSN2ND** – 1 indicates that the match to administrative data was made through the case number and through a social security number that was a secondary number; thus, for these cases, caution must be exercised in making inferences from administrative data referring to the particular respondent (e.g., age, education level)

**SRWEIGHT** – The weight to be applied when analyzing the completed sample respondents. It adjusts for the lack of appropriate regional representation among completions (primarily because of a non-proportional sample, and secondarily because of differences in urban/rural response rates).

**RESPOND** – 0 or 1. 1 indicates completed interview. 514 are completions; 487 are not.

**RESPDATE** – Date of the completed interview. Eight digits. (Year first (four digits); followed by two-digit month; then two-digit day).

**CINTMON** – Month of completed interview: 1 = June; 2 = July; 3 = August (of 1999).

**CSINTDAT** – “Earlier” and “Later” completions. 1 = completed 6/14 – 7/3; 2 = completed 7/4 – 8/31. (Earlier respondents represent a response rate similar to one in an earlier study.)

**CDINTMO** – Categorized completion of interview periods (coinciding with “half-months”). 1 = completed 6/14 – 6/30; 2 = completed 7/1 – 7/15; 3 = completed 7/16 – 7/31; 4 = completed 8/16 – 8/31.

**INTVMODE** – All respondents are coded 1, telephone interview.

**RESPTYPE** – Sample members in the original sample were given an initial call as soon after the sample was drawn as possible in order to collect preliminary information and collateral contact information. This variable indicates whether respondents were reached on this first attempt (code 1) or not (code 2). In addition, a supplemental sample of respondents were added later (code 3). It should be noted that none of the information obtained in this preliminary interview is in this respondent data file.

**ATTEMPTS** – This was not documented for the file at this time. Thus, all sample members were coded –9.

**PRETEST** – All respondents are coded 0. While some were technically part of a pre-test, no substantial changes were made to the survey instrument. Much of the survey instrument had been used in a study of earlier Leaver cohorts

**INTQTIME** – Best estimate of time (number of minutes) to conduct the interview questions. This estimate excludes the time used to obtain the correct respondent as well as to code post interview information. A few respondents have missing data (-9) here because the interview was conducted in more than one interviewing session.

**REGION7** – The original sample was a stratified sample, by seven regions. These follow.

21 = Cook County

The rest are “downstate” regions (for this study, the Chicago metro area outside of Cook County is part of “downstate”)

22 = Collar counties (five suburban counties in the Chicago metro region)

23 = Downstate urban counties

24 = Downstate rural north counties

25 = Downstate rural north/central counties

26 = Downstate rural south/central counties

27 = Downstate southern counties

**REGION2** – A dichotomous regional variable, 1 = Cook County and 2 = rest of state (“downstate”).

**URBRURAL** – An urban/rural variable, where 1 = urban area; 2 = rural area.

**LOCATOR** -- Indicates whether: 1 = call initiated by SRO interviewing staff; 2 = sample member called in to SRO; 3 = locator called in to SRO with a sample member to be interviewed. (It should be noted that a “3” was coded only when the locator actually called in to the office and does not represent all the completions attributable to locator work.)

## **CODE BEFORE CALLING**

SAMPLE REGION FRAME: (SAMPLE REGIONAL GROUP) [VN=REGION7]

OTHER REGION VARs VN = REGION2 URBRURAL

PROJECT SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: \_\_\_\_ [VN=SROFPID; SEE ABOVE]

## **ANSWER WHEN BRING UP SURVEY INSTRUMENT – THIS IS A:**

[VN=LOCATOR; see above]

1. CALL INITIATED BY SRO INTERVIEWING STAFF
2. CALL IN TO SRO FROM SAMPLE MEMBER
3. CALL IN TO SRO FROM LOCATOR

## **INTRODUCTION**

Hello, my name is [\_\_NAME\_\_] and I'm (calling from / talking to you from) the University of Illinois. We are conducting interviews with people who left welfare last November or December. The purpose is to see what has happened to them since they left welfare at this time. We will pay you (\$25 / LATER \$35) for this interview.

### ***IF SRO-INITIATED CALL OR RESPONDENT CALL IN:***

We recently sent you a letter telling you more about the study. Did you receive it?

IF NO: I'm sorry it didn't get to you. It was a letter telling you we would be calling again and some information about the study. I'll tell you about the other things that were in the letter.

IF YES: Good. I just want to repeat some of the things we told you in the letter. This is just to be sure they are clear to you. PROCEED WITH TEXT BELOW.

### ***IF LOCATOR CALL IN:***

The locator has a letter and a question-and-answer sheet for you telling you about the study. But let me tell you what we say in this material.

### **FOR ALL RESPONDENTS:**

For this study, we selected you by chance from a list of people who left welfare last November or December. We got this list from the Illinois Department of Human Services. This list was given to us only for the purpose of choosing people for this study.

This interview should take about 20 to 30 minutes. Your answers will remain strictly confidential. This means that no one will be able to know which answers you give. I also want you to know that your participation is totally up to you. Any benefits you may be receiving will not be affected by whether or not you participate.

As I said earlier, you will get (25 dollars / LATER 35 dollars) if you complete our interview. However, if there are some questions you don't want to answer, just tell me and we will skip them.

Would you be willing to be interviewed for this study?

IF NO: TERMINATE CALL AND RECORD REFUSAL.

IF YES: Would now be a convenient time?

IF CONVENIENT TIME: PROCEED WITH INTERVIEW.

IF NOT CONVENIENT TIME: When would be a convenient time to call back?  
AND RECORD INFORMATION ON REPORT SHEET.

I really appreciate your willingness to participate. If you have any questions during the interview, do not hesitate to stop and ask me. OK?

**IF LOCATOR CALL-IN:**

To be sure that I'm talking to the right person, could you please tell me the last four digits of your social security number – and your date of birth.

**CHECK THESE AGAINST INFORMATION ON REPORT SHEET. IF EITHER MATCH, CONTINUE WITH INTERVIEW.**

**IF NEITHER MATCHES, ASK TO SPEAK TO LOCATOR AND GET SUPERVISOR.**

1. BOTH MATCH
2. ONLY SOCIAL SECURITY DIGITS MATCH
3. ONLY DATE OF BIRTH MATCHES
4. NEITHER MATCHES

**DEFINITIONS OF WELFARE AND WHEN GOT OFF WELFARE**

We'll be discussing a number of topics during the interview. I'd like to make sure we have the same things in mind when I mention things like welfare assistance and when you got off of welfare.

***DEFINITION OF WELFARE***

When I use the term welfare, I mean cash assistance received through TANF – or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families. TANF is the welfare program which replaced the Aid to Families with Dependent Children or AFDC program.

***WHEN GOT OFF WELFARE***

Next, when I talk about the time you got off welfare, I will be talking about when you got off welfare around last November or December.

If I ask you to think about when you got off welfare around these months, what month makes sense to you? In other words, what month around this time did you get off welfare?

IF MONTH IS NOT NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER 1998, ASK:

Didn't you also get off welfare closer to last November or December?

IF YES—And what month was this? CODE BELOW.

IF NO, CODE ORIGINAL MONTH GIVEN AND CONTINUE.

1. MONTH: \_\_\_\_\_ [WILL USE IN MONTH THAT FOLLOWS.]
2. DON'T KNOW MONTH
3. TERMINATE INTERVIEW (GIVE REASON ON REPORT SHEET)

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| VN = MONTHOFF |
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## QUESTIONS

### SECTION I.

#### EXPERIENCES WITH WELFARE SYSTEM

#### AND REASONS FOR GETTING OFF (AND BACK ON) WELFARE

I-1 I'd like to begin by asking why you left TANF welfare cash assistance in MONTH.  
[PROMPT: Were there any other reasons?]

IF R SAYS DON'T KNOW, SAY: Well, what happened?

ANSWER BOX OPENS:

VNs = WHYOFF1 WHYOFF2 WHYOFF3  
CWHYOFF1 CWHYOFF2 CWHYOFF3 (categorized)

I-2 Thinking about your own experiences, was there something that helped you in getting off or staying off welfare?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

**I-2A IF YES:** Could you tell me what has helped you in getting off or staying off welfare? [PROMPT: Are there any other things that have helped you in getting off or staying off welfare?]

ANSWER BOX OPENS:

VNs = HELPOFF1 HELPOFF2 HELPOFF3

I-3 Have you had problems in getting off or staying off welfare?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

**I-3A IF YES:** Could you tell me about these problems? [PROMPT: Are there any others? (Could you tell me about them?)]

ANSWER BOX OPENS:

VNs = PROBOFF1 PROBOFF2 PROBOFF3

I-4 As close as you can remember, what was the year and month that you first received welfare cash assistance as an adult – I mean, on your own case?

[INSTRUCTION: OBTAIN AT LEAST AN ESTIMATE OF THE YEAR THAT RESPONDENT FIRST RECEIVED WELFARE CASH ASSISTANCE.]

1. YEAR AND MONTH = \_\_\_\_\_
2. YEAR = \_\_\_\_\_
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

VNs for I-4 coding = YRMOONW CYRMONW CCYRMONW

I-5 How many months or years have you been on welfare cash assistance as an adult -- again, meaning on your own case? (PROMPT FOR BEST ESTIMATE.)

[IF PROBLEM WITH THIS ASK: Well, maybe it would be easier to think about the times when you have left welfare cash assistance and how long you left for. Since you first began receiving welfare cash assistance on your own case as an adult, how many months or years have you been off of welfare?]

1. TOTAL LENGTH RECEIVED / YEARS = \_\_\_\_\_
2. TOTAL LENGTH RECEIVED / MONTHS = \_\_\_\_\_
3. HOW LONG OFF / YEARS = \_\_\_\_\_
4. HOW LONG OFF MONTHS = \_\_\_\_\_
5. DON'T KNOW
6. REFUSE TO ANSWER

VNs for I-5 coding = TMONWLF CTMONW CCTMONW



I-6 People have different reasons for leaving welfare. Thinking about why you left TANF welfare cash assistance in [MONTH], please tell me whether any of the following was part of the reason for why you left welfare.

I-6A The first is: Time limits that were placed on receiving welfare. (PROMPT: Was this part of the reason for why you left welfare?)

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

I-6B What about requirements that you have to work or take training if you stay on welfare? (PROMPT: Was this part of the reason for why you left welfare?)

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

I-6C And what about no additional welfare payments if you have another child? (PROMPT: Was this part of the reason for why you left welfare?)

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

I-6D Did your caseworker encourage you to get off welfare by showing how you would be better off if you left welfare?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

***IF YES TO I-6D:***

I-6E Was this part of the reason for why you left welfare?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: I-6DE uses both I-6D and I-6E information

(1 = yes, a factor; 2 = not a reason (incl. not encouraged); 3 = dk/ref



I-6F What about having more money because you or someone else in your household had a job? Was this part of the reason for why you left welfare?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

I-7 Since you left welfare in [MONTH], have you ever started receiving welfare cash assistance again?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

**IF YES TO I-7 (HAVE STARTED RECEIVING WELFARE AGAIN):**

I-7A What were the major reasons that you began receiving welfare cash assistance again?

PROMPT: Were there are any other reasons? Could you tell me about them?

[IF BACK ON WELFARE MORE THAN ONE TIME, SAY: Well, think about the most recent time you started receiving welfare cash assistance again.]

NOTE: THIS IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT QUESTION. PROMPT FOR ADDITIONAL REASONS AND PROBE FOR AS MUCH SPECIFICITY AS POSSIBLE HERE.

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| 1. REASONS: VN <sub>s</sub> = WHYBK1 WHYBK2 WHYBK3<br>CWHYBK1 CWHYBK2 (categorized) |
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2. DON'T KNOW
3. REFUSE TO ANSWER

I-7B Altogether, during the time after you left welfare in [MONTH], how many weeks or months have you been on welfare cash assistance?

1. WEEKS: \_\_\_\_\_
2. MONTHS: \_\_\_\_\_
3. OTHER TIME UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

VN<sub>s</sub> fir I-7B = MONWAFT CMONWAFT

I-7C Are you currently receiving TANF welfare cash assistance?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

**NOTE:**

**WELFSTAT** variable inserted here

(1 = off welfare since left; 2 = previously on welfare since left; 3 = currently on welfare)

**WLFANYON**

(1 = off since left; 2 = previously or currently on welfare since left)

**WELFCRON**

(1 = currently off welfare; 3 = currently on welfare)

**SECTION II.**

**SELECTED HARDSHIP EXPERIENCES BEFORE AND AFTER LEAVING WELFARE**

PREFACE: Now I'm going to ask you about some things that may or may not have happened to you.

II-1 First, I'd like you to think about the last six months you were on welfare just before you got off of it in MONTH.

II-1A During this time, did you ever get behind in rent or other payment for housing?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

II-1B During the last six months you were on welfare before [MONTH], did you ever have to move out of a house or apartment because you could not pay for housing?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

***IF YES, HAD TO MOVE:***

II-1B1 During this time period, did you ever have to stay with friends or relatives for a period of time because you could not afford housing?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

***IF YES, HAD TO MOVE:***

II-1B2 During this time period, did you ever have to go to a homeless shelter?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

II-1B3 During this time period, did you ever have to live in a car or on the streets?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: HERE INCLUDED: VNs = II-1B1TB II-1B2TB II-1B3TB  
(these use above results but based on total sample – i.e., uses ii-1b info)

II-1C (During the last six months you were on welfare before [MONTH]),  
did you ever have to go without electricity, heat, or water service because you could  
not afford them?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

II-1E (During the last six months you were on welfare before [MONTH],)  
did your children ever have to live APART FROM YOU with someone else because  
you could not afford to take care of them?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

II-1F (During this time period,) was there ever a time when somebody in your home –  
including yourself -- did not get the medical treatment they needed because you  
could not afford it?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

II-1G (During this time period,) was there ever a time when anyone in your family ever cut the size of meals or skipped meals because there wasn't enough money for food?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

II-1H (During this time period,) was there ever a time when the food you bought just didn't last, and you didn't have enough money to get any more?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

II-2 Now, I'm going to ask whether these same things have happened to you during the times when you have been OFF OF WELFARE since [MONTH].

II-2AA After you left welfare in [MONTH], did you ever have to move out of your house or apartment because you were no longer eligible for public housing or other housing where you got lower rent or subsidies from the government?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

II-2A When you have been off welfare since [MONTH], did you ever get behind in rent or other payment for housing?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

II-2B When you have been off welfare since [MONTH], did you ever have to move out of a house or apartment because you could not pay for housing?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

***IF YES TO II-2B, HAD TO MOVE:***

II-2B1 When you have been off welfare since [MONTH], did you ever have to stay with friends or relatives for a period of time because you could not afford housing?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

II-2B2 When you have been off welfare since [MONTH], did you ever have to go to a homeless shelter?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

II-2B3 During this time period, did you ever have to live in a car or on the streets?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: HERE INCLUDED: VNs = II-2B1TB II-2B2TB II-2B3TB  
(these use above results but based on total sample – i.e., uses ii-1b info)

II-2C (When you have been off welfare since [MONTH],) did you ever have to go without electricity, heat, or water service because you could not afford them?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

II-2E (When you have been off welfare since [MONTH],) did your children ever have to live apart from you with someone else because you could not afford to take care of them?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

II-2F (When you have been off welfare since [MONTH],) was there ever a time somebody in your home – INCLUDING YOURSELF -- did not get the medical treatment they needed because you could not afford it?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

II-2G (During this time period), was there ever a time when anyone in your family ever cut the size of meals or skipped meals because there wasn't enough money for food?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

II-2H (During this time period), was there ever a time when the food you bought just didn't last, and you didn't have enough money to get any more?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

### **SECTION III.**

#### **MARITAL STATUS AND HOUSEHOLD COMPOSITION: WHEN LEFT WELFARE AND CURRENT**

PREFACE: Now I have some questions about your household.

III-1 At the time you left welfare in [MONTH], what was your marital status? Were you ...

1. Married and living with a spouse
2. Living with a partner
3. Separated
4. Divorced
5. Widowed
6. Or, never married
7. OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_
8. REFUSE TO ANSWER

III-2 And what is your current marital status? Are you now ...

1. Married and living with a spouse
2. Living with a partner
3. Separated
4. Divorced
5. Widowed
6. Or, never married
7. OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_
8. REFUSE TO ANSWER

***IF III-1 AND III-2 ARE BOTH = 1 (MARRIED AND LIVING WITH A SPOUSE)  
OR III-1 AND III-2 ARE BOTH = 2 (LIVING WITH A PARTNER):***

III-2B Is your current (spouse / partner) the same one who lived with you when you left welfare in [MONTH]?

1. YES
2. NO
3. OTHER – EXPLAIN: \_\_\_\_\_
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE

NOTE: USED INFO FROM III-1 THROUGH III-2B TO CREATE FOLLOWING VARS

MSTATWL = Marital status when left

MSTATCUR = Current marital status

MSTATCH = Change in marital status

MSTATWLD = one or two adults when left

MSTATCD = one or two adults currently

III-3 Counting yourself, how many people currently live in your home or in your apartment?

1. NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_
2. DON'T KNOW
3. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Number in VN = III3A

III-4A What are the ages of your children who are living with you in your home or apartment?

DIRECTION: SPECIFY IF GRANDCHILDREN

1. AGES OF CHILDREN—LIST IN WINDOW: \_\_\_\_\_
2. NO CHILDREN CURRENTLY LIVING WITH RESPONDENT
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Used this information to create the following variables

NMBRCH = number of respondent's children living in household

NTOTRCH = number of respondent's children in household who are < 18 yrs.

NCHLT6 = number of respondent's children less than 6 years

NCH612 = number of respondent's children 6 to 12 years

NCHMT12 = number of respondent's children more than 12 years

CHYAGEC = age of youngest respondent child at home

CHYAGEC2 = categorized age of youngest respondent child at home

CHILDLT3 = does respondent have child less than 3 years at home

CHAGE1 through CHAGE7 = ages of children, youngest to oldest

NOTHCH = number of other children living in respondent's household

OCAGE1 through OCAGE5 = ages of other children, youngest to oldest

III-4B How many children under 18 years of age do you have who don't live with you?

1. NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_
2. DON'T KNOW
3. REFUSE TO ANSWER

USED ABOVE RESPONSE TO CREATE FOLLOWING VARS:

III4BA = actual number given

ANYCHOUT = any children under 18 who don't live with you? (dichotomous)

IF ANY OF CHILDREN ARE LIVING APART FROM RESPONDENT:

III-4B1: Where – or with whom – do these children now live?

ANSWER BOX

VNs = WHOCHLW1 WHOCHLW2



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III-5 Are you – or your spouse or partner – currently pregnant or given birth to any children since you left welfare in [MONTH]?

- 1 YES
- 2 NO
- 3 DON'T KNOW
- 4 REFUSE TO ANSWER

**SECTION IV.**  
**HOUSEHOLD EMPLOYMENT WHEN LAST ON WELFARE**  
**AND WHEN LEFT WELFARE**

PREFACE: In the next questions, I'd like to ask you about recent work you might have had.

**LAST SIX MONTHS WHEN ON WELFARE**

IV-P1 During the six months you were on welfare before you got off in MONTH, did you ever have a job which paid you money?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

IF YES:

IV-P1A For how much of this six months did you have a job which paid you money?  
(PROBE: That is, for how many months or weeks during this time did you have a job?)

1. ALL THE 6-MONTH TIME PERIOD
2. NUMBER OF MONTHS:
3. NUMBER OF WEEKS:
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

## AT TIME WHEN LEFT WELFARE IN [MONTH]

IV-1 At the time when you left welfare in [MONTH], did you have a job or jobs which paid you money? (IF YES: How many jobs did you have?)

1. YES, ONE JOB
2. YES, MORE THAN ONE JOB & SPECIFY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_
3. NO → SKIP TO NEXT RELEVANT SECTION
4. DON'T KNOW → SKIP TO NEXT RELEVANT SECTION
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER → SKIP TO NEXT RELEVANT SECTION

NOTE: WLEMPD = dichotomous employment status when left

IV-2 What was the total number of hours that you were working per week? (PROMPT WITH: Well, on the average OR in general, what was the total number of hours you worked per week?)

1. TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS PER WEEK: \_\_\_\_\_
2. TOTAL NUMBER & OTHER UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Used info to create the following variables:

RJWLTHR = total hours respondent worked on job(s) when left welfare

CRWLTHR = same information, categorized

NOTE: Information on total take-home pay (regardless of number of jobs; created from relevant information in following sections)

RJWLTHP = respondent's total take-home pay when left welfare (all jobs)

CRWLTHP = categorized total take-home pay when left (all jobs)

NOTE: Information on hourly pay on only or main job (created from relevant information in following sections)

ROMJWLHP – respondent's hourly pay

CROMWLHP – categorized hourly pay

***IF ONE JOB WHEN LEFT WELFARE, ASK IV-3 SERIES:***

IV-3A What was your pay on this job? For instance, how much did you make an hour or per day? [TAKE OTHER UNITS IF OFFERED; IF PER WEEK, CHECK TO SEE IF THIS IS TAKE-HOME PAY OR PAY BEFORE TAXES.]

1. PAY PER HOUR: \_\_\_\_\_
2. PAY PER DAY: \_\_\_\_\_
3. OTHER WAY OF ANSWERING: \_\_\_\_\_
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Information from responses used to create: VN = RJWLHPAY

IV-3AA What was your take-home pay in a typical week? [TAKE OTHER UNITS IF OFFERED.]

1. TAKE-HOME PAY PER WEEK: \_\_\_\_\_
2. OTHER UNIT FOR TAKE-HOME PAY: \_\_\_\_\_
3. OTHER UNIT FOR PAY BEFORE TAXES: \_\_\_\_\_
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Information from responses used to create: VN = RJWLTHP

IV-3B What kind of company did you work for? (PROBE: That is, what does this company do or what does it make? ADDITIONAL PROBE: Well, what company did you work for?)

1. KIND OF COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_
2. DON'T REMEMBER
3. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Information from responses was used to help code kind of work if needed; kind of company was not coded

IV-3C What kind of work did you do there? That is, what did you do on your job? [PROMPT TO BE SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE, WITH FOR INSTANCE: Could you tell me some more about what you did on this job?]

1. KIND OF WORK: \_\_\_\_\_
2. DON'T REMEMBER
3. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Information from responses used to create:

VNs = RJOBWL1 RJOBWL2 RJOBWL3

VNs = CRJWL1 CRJWL2 (categorized variables)

IV-3D Do you still have this job?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

IF NO: IV-3DA: What month did you leave this job?

1. MONTH: \_\_\_\_\_
2. DON'T KNOW
3. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Dichotomous IV3D was used; month was not coded

***IF MORE THAN ONE JOB WHEN LEFT WELFARE, ASK IV-4 SERIES FOR MAIN JOB:***

IV-4A Thinking about your main job, what was your pay? For instance, how much did you make per hour or per day? [TAKE OTHER UNITS IF OFFERED; IF PER WEEK, CHECK TO SEE IF THIS IS TAKE-HOME PAY OR PAY BEFORE TAXES.]

IF RESPONDENT SAYS NO MAIN JOB OR EQUAL: Well, tell me how much you make on your best paying job?

IF EQUAL, NEXT: ... how much you make on the job you spend the most time on?

IF EQUAL, NEXT: ... how much you make on your favorite job?

1. PAY PER HOUR: \_\_\_\_\_
2. PAY PER DAY: \_\_\_\_\_
3. OTHER WAY OF ANSWERING: \_\_\_\_\_
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Information from responses used to create: RMJWLHPY

IV-4B What kind of company did you work for? (PROBE: That is, what does this company do or what does it make? ADDITIONAL PROBE: Well, what company did you work for?)

1. KIND OF COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_
2. DON'T REMEMBER
3. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Information from responses was used to help code kind of work if needed; kind of company was not coded

IV-4C What kind of work did you do there? That is, what did you do on your job? [PROMPT TO BE SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE, WITH FOR INSTANCE: Could you tell me some more about what you (do / did) on this job?]

1. KIND OF WORK: \_\_\_\_\_
2. DON'T REMEMBER
3. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Information from responses used to create:

VNs = RMJWL1 RMJWL2

VNs = CRMJWL1 CRMJWL2 (categorized)

IV-4D Thinking about all your jobs at this time, about how much was your take-home pay in a typical week? [IF R SAYS DON'T KNOW, PROMPT FOR TOTAL FOR OTHER TIME UNIT; TAKE OTHER TIME UNIT PAY IF OFFERED; IF UNCLEAR, ASK R IF THIS IS TAKE-HOME PAY OR IF BEFORE TAXES.]

1. TAKE-HOME PAY PER WEEK: \_\_\_\_\_
2. OTHER WAY OF ANSWERING: \_\_\_\_\_
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Information from responses used to create: RMJWLTHP

IV-4D2 Do you still have this main job you've been telling me about?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

***IF NO, DO NOT HAVE THIS MAIN JOB:***

IV-4D2A: What month did you leave this job?

1. MONTH: \_\_\_\_\_
2. DON'T KNOW
3. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Dichotomous IV-4DF2 was used; month was not coded

IV-4E Do you still have any of the other jobs you had when you left welfare in MONTH?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**IF MARRIED OR PARTNER AT TIME LEFT WELFARE, ASK IV-5 SERIES  
IF NOT, SKIP TO IV-6**

**EMPLOYMENT OF SPOUSE/PARTNER PRIOR TO LEAVING WELFARE  
AND WHEN LEFT WELFARE**

**LAST SIX MONTHS WHEN ON WELFARE**

IV-PP1 During the six months you were on welfare before you got off in MONTH, did your spouse or partner who lived with you ever have a job which paid money?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

**IF YES:**

IV-PP1A For how much of this six months did your spouse or partner have a job which paid money? (PROBE: That is, for how many months or weeks during this time did they have a job?)

1. ALL THE 6-MONTH TIME PERIOD
2. NUMBER OF MONTHS:
3. NUMBER OF WEEKS:
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Didn't create one variable here; yet note that:

IV-PP1A2 = number of months given

IV-PP1A3 = number of weeks given

**JOB OF SPOUSE/PARTNER  
AT TIME WHEN LEFT WELFARE IN [MONTH]**

IV-5A At the time you left welfare in [MONTH], did your spouse or partner who lived with you have a job or jobs which paid money? [IF YES: How many jobs did they have?]

1. YES, ONE JOB
2. YES, MORE THAN ONE JOB; SPECIFY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_
3. NO → SKIP TO Q-6
4. DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER → SKIP TO Q-6
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER → SKIP TO Q-6

**IF YES TO ABOVE:**

IV-5B What was the total number of hours that your spouse or partner was working per week at this time? (PROMPT WITH: Well, what is your best guess for an average week?)

1. TOTAL HOURS WORKED IN WEEK: \_\_\_\_\_
2. TOTAL USING OTHER UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Created variable = SPJWLHPW – total hrs spouse worked in week

IV-5C Thinking about all the jobs your spouse or partner had, about how much was their take-home pay in a typical a week at this time? [IF R SAYS DON'T KNOW, PROMPT FOR OTHER TIME UNIT – FOR INSTANCE, PER DAY. TAKE TOTAL FOR OTHER TIME UNIT IF OFFERED; IF UNCLEAR, ASK IF THIS IS TAKE-HOME PAY OR PAY BEFORE TAXES.]

1. TAKE-HOME PAY IN WEEK: \_\_\_\_\_
2. TAKE-HOME PAY USING OTHER UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_
3. PAY BEFORE TAXES – SPECIFY TIME UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_
4. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Created variable = SPJWLTHP – total weekly pay of spouse

**IF SPOUSE HAD ONE JOB:**

IV-5D Does your spouse or partner still have this job?

1. NO
2. YES
3. NOT APPLICABLE – NOT WITH THIS SPOUSE/PARTNER
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

**IF NO:** IV-5DA: What month did they leave this job?

1. MONTH: \_\_\_\_\_
2. DON'T KNOW
3. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: IV-5D info was used; month was not coded

**NO VARIABLES FOR FOLLOWING SECTION (SPOUSE MT 1 JOB);  
NO RESPONDENTS MET CRITERIA**

**IF SPOUSE HAD MORE THAN ONE JOB:**

IV-5E1 Does your spouse or partner still have the main – or best paying job – they had when you left welfare in [MONTH]?

1. NO
2. YES
3. NOT APPLICABLE – NOT WITH THIS SPOUSE/PARTNER
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

**IF NO:** IV-5E1A: What month did they leave this job?

1. MONTH: \_\_\_\_\_
2. DON'T KNOW
3. REFUSE TO ANSWER

IV-5E2 Does your spouse or partner still have any of the other jobs they had when you left welfare in [MONTH]?

1. NO
2. YES
3. NOT APPLICABLE – NOT WITH THIS SPOUSE/PARTNER
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

**EMPLOYMENT WHEN LEFT WELFARE – OTHER HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS**

**ASK IV-6 OF ALL RESPONDENTS:**

IV-6 Not counting yourself – and not counting any spouse or partner, did any other adult 18 years or over in your household have a job for pay when you left welfare in [MONTH]?

[IF NEEDED FOR THOSE WITH NO SPOUSE/PARTNER: That's in the question for those who did have a spouse or partner.]

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER



## **SECTION V. PART ONE.**

### **RESPONDENT'S EMPLOYMENT SINCE LEFT WELFARE**

PREFACE: Now, let's turn to some questions about jobs you might have had since you left welfare in MONTH.

#### **IF EMPLOYED AT TIME LEFT WELFARE:**

V-PP1 Since you left welfare in MONTH, has there ever been a time when you did not have a job for pay?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

#### **IF UNEMPLOYED AT TIME LEFT WELFARE:**

V-P1 Have you ever worked either part-time or full-time for pay since you left welfare in MONTH?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

#### **CURRENT EMPLOYMENT:**

V-1A2 Are you currently working either part-time or full-time for pay? [IF YES: How many jobs do you currently have?]

1. YES, ONE JOB
2. YES, MORE THAN JOB – SPECIFY NUMBER:
3. NO CURRENT JOBS
4. DON'T KNOW → SKIP TO UNEMPLOYED Qs
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER → SKIP TO UNEMPLOYED Qs

NOTE: Number if more than one in variable = V-1A2A

#### **IF HAVE HAD ANY UNEMPLOYMENT SINCE LEFT WELFARE:**

V-1A3 Thinking about the current time – or the most recent time when you did not have a job for pay, could you tell me – what are the main reasons why you don't or didn't have one. (PROMPT WITH: Are there any other main reasons? What are they? PROBE FOR AS MUCH SPECIFICITY AS POSSIBLE.)

ANSWER BOX

VNs = WHYRNOJ1 WHYRNOJ2 WHYRNOJ3

**IF EMPLOYED AT TIME LEFT WELFARE (EARLIER)  
OR EMPLOYED SINCE LEFT WELFARE (V-P1 = 1 ABOVE):**

**SERIES ABOUT CHANGING JOBS**

V-P2 Have you ever changed jobs since you left welfare in MONTH?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

***IF YES, HAVE CHANGED JOBS:***

V-P2A How many times have you changed jobs during this time?

1. ONE
2. MORE THAN ONE: \_\_\_\_\_ [VN = VP2A2]
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

V-P2B I'd like you to think about the most recent time you changed jobs since you left welfare in MONTH. Why did you change jobs? Any other reasons?

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. REASONS: VNs = WHYCHJ1 WHYCHJ2 WHYCHJ3</li><li>2. DON'T KNOW</li><li>3. REFUSE TO ANSWER</li></ol> |
|---|

V-P2C Was the hourly wage of your new job more, less, or about the same as that of your old job?

1. MORE
2. LESS
3. ABOUT THE SAME
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

V-P2D And, was the number of hours you worked in a week on your new job more, less, or about the same as that for your old job?

1. MORE
2. LESS
3. ABOUT THE SAME
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

**IF HAVE HAD PERIODS OF BOTH EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT  
SINCE LEFT WELFARE:**  
[V-PP1 = 1 OR V-P1 = 1]

**SERIES ON LEAVING JOB WITHOUT HAVING ANOTHER ONE**

V-P3 Have you ever left a job without having another one to go to since you left welfare in MONTH?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

***IF YES, HAVE LEFT A JOB WITHOUT ANOTHER:***

V-P3A I'd like you to think about the most recent time you left a job without having another one. Why did you leave this job? Any other reasons?

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. REASONS: VNs = WHYLV1 WHYLV2</li><li>2. DON'T KNOW</li><li>3. REFUSE TO ANSWER</li></ol> |
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| <p><b>INSTRUCTION: ASK V-3 SERIES<br/>FOR ALL CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED RESPONDENTS:</b></p> |
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V-3C How long has it been since you worked at a part-time or full-time job for pay?  
[PROMPT ALTERNATIVE: Or, about what month was it when you left your last job?]

1. NUMBER OF WEEKS: \_\_\_\_\_ [VN = V3C1]
2. NUMBER OF MONTHS: \_\_\_\_\_ [VN = V3C2]
3. MONTH/DATE LEFT LAST JOB: \_\_\_\_\_ [not coded; 27 cases]
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

V-3E Are you currently looking for a job?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

**IF YES:**

V-3E1 About how many employers have you contacted in the past month?

1. NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS: \_\_\_\_\_ [VN = V3E1A]
2. DON'T KNOW
3. REFUSE

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| <b>SECTION V-4 SERIES:<br/>NATURE OF CLIENT'S EMPLOYMENT AFTER WELFARE</b> |
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ASK FOLLOWING QUESTIONS (SECTION V-4 SERIES) FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE HAD ANY EMPLOYMENT SINCE LEAVING WELFARE. ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE NOT HAD ANY JOB SINCE LEAVING WELFARE WILL SKIP THIS SERIES.

**IF CURRENTLY HAVE MORE THAN ONE JOB,  
ASK V-4PP1 AND V-4PP2:**

V-4PP1 – (OLD V-2B): Altogether, how many hours a week do you work on these jobs?

1. TOTAL HOURS A WEEK: \_\_\_\_\_
2. DON'T KNOW
3. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Created variable = RCJM1HPW

V-4PP2 – (OLD V-2C): About how much is your total take-home pay in a typical week for all your jobs? (ASK FOR TOTAL FOR OTHER TIME UNIT IF R SAYS DON'T KNOW; IF UNCLEAR, ASK R IF TAKE-HOME PAY OR PAY BEFORE TAXES.)

1. TOTAL EARNINGS IN WEEK: \_\_\_\_\_
2. OTHER TOTAL AND UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Created variable = RCJM1THP

**NOTE: CREATED VARIABLES INSERTED HERE**

**For all those with current employment, variables estimating the total hours per week and total take-home pay per week for all jobs worked were created. These were created from the above responses and relevant responses that are found later in this section.**

**These variables are:**

RCURHPW = All current jobs – hours per week work

CRCJSHR = All current jobs – hours per week work (categorized)

RCURTHP = All current jobs – total weekly take-home pay

CRCJSTHP = All current jobs – total weekly take-home pay (categorized)

## QUESTIONS ABOUT ONLY JOB, BEST JOB, OR MOST RECENT JOB

**PREFACE IF CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:** Now I'd like to ask you some questions about your current job. If you have more than one job, we'd like to know about the best job you currently have. [IF NEEDED, DEFINE BEST JOB AS: the job where you generally make the most per week; IF EQUAL, THEN: the job you like the most.]

**PREFACE IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED:** Now I'd like to ask you some questions about the most recent job you have had since leaving welfare in [MONTH].

V-4A What kind of company (do / did) you work for? [PROBE: That is, what does this company do or what does it make? ADDITIONAL PROBE: Well, what company (do / did) you work for?]

1. KIND OF COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_
2. SAME COMPANY TOLD YOU ABOUT WHEN LEFT WELFARE
3. DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Did not code kind of company; used only to help code kind of work.

V-4B What kind of work (do / did) you do there? That is, what (do / did) you do on your job? [PROMPT TO BE SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE, WITH FOR INSTANCE: Could you tell me some more about what you (do / did) on this job?]

1. KIND OF WORK: \_\_\_\_\_
2. SAME JOB TOLD YOU ABOUT WHEN LEFT WELFARE
3. DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: CODING FOR KIND OF WORK – variables:

*NOTE THAT THE FOLLOWING VARS DO NOT INCLUDE "SAME JOB" RESPONSES:*

VNs = RCRJOB1 RCRJOB2 RCRJOB3

VNs = CRCCRJ1 CRCCRJ2 (categorized)

V-4C How satisfied or dissatisfied (are / were) you with this job? Would you say ...

1. very satisfied
2. somewhat satisfied
3. neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
4. somewhat dissatisfied
5. or, very dissatisfied
6. DON'T KNOW
7. REFUSE TO ANSWER

**NOTE: THE ACTUAL ORDER OF THE VARIABLES IN THE DATA FILE IS:  
ALL LIKJOB VARIABLES FIRST  
ALL DLJOB VARIABLES NEXT**

**IF SATISFIED (1 OR 2):**

V-4D1 What things (do/did) you like most about your job? (PROMPT: Any other things?)

ANSWER BOX OPENS:

VNs = LIKJOB11 LIKJOB12 LIKJOB13

V-4D2 And, what – if anything -- (do/did) you dislike about your job? (PROMPT: Any other things?)

ANSWER BOX OPENS:

VNs = DLJOB21 DLJOB22 DLJOB23

**IF NEITHER SATISFIED NOR DISSATISFIED, DON'T KNOW, OR REFUSE:**

V-4D3 What – if anything -- (do/did) you like about your job? (PROMPT: Any other things?)

ANSWER BOX OPENS:

VNs = LIKJOB31 LIKJOB32

V-4D4 And, what – if anything -- (do/did) you dislike about your job? (PROMPT: Any other things?)

ANSWER BOX OPENS:

VNs = DLJOB41 DLJOB42

***IF DISSATISFIED (4 OR 5):***

V-4D5 What things (do/did) you dislike most about your job? (PROMPT: Any other things?)

ANSWER BOX OPENS:

VNs = DLJOB51 DLJOB52 DLJOB53

V-4D6 And, what – if anything -- (do/did) you like about your job? (PROMPT: Any other things?)

ANSWER BOX OPENS:

VNs = LIKJOB61 LIKJOB62 LIKJOB63

**BACK TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE CURRENT OR HAD MOST RECENT JOB SINCE LEFT WELFARE:**

V-4E How long (have you worked / did you work) in this job? (PROMPT: That is, how many months, weeks, or days?)

1. NUMBER OF MONTHS: \_\_\_\_\_
2. NUMBER OF WEEKS: \_\_\_\_\_
3. NUMBER OF DAYS: \_\_\_\_\_
4. DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Created variable = TIMCRJOB (time on current/most recent job)

V-4F How many hours a week (do / did) you normally work in this job?

1. HOURS PER WEEK: \_\_\_\_\_
2. OTHER ANSWER: \_\_\_\_\_
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Created variable = RCJHPWK (hrs/wk on current/most recent job)  
Also variable = CRCMJHR (categorized)

V-4G What (is / was) your hourly pay on this job? [IF R SAYS DON'T KNOW, ASK FOR OTHER WAY R CAN GIVE THIS AND RECORD UNDER OTHER; IF UNCLEAR, CHECK TO SEE IF BEFORE OR AFTER TAXES.]

1. HOURLY PAY: \_\_\_\_\_
2. OTHER PAY AND TIME UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_
3. DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Created variable = RCJHPY (hourly pay on current/most recent job)  
Also variable = CRCMJHPY (categorized)

V-4G1 And, about how much (is/was) your take-home pay in a typical week for this job? [IF R SAYS DON'T KNOW, ASK FOR OTHER WAY R CAN GIVE THIS AND RECORD UNDER OTHER; IF UNCLEAR, CHECK TO SEE IF BEFORE OR AFTER TAXES.]

1. TAKE-HOME PAY PER WEEK: \_\_\_\_\_
2. OTHER PAY AND TIME UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_
3. DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Created variable = RCJTHP (weekly take-home pay on current/most recent job); also variable = CRCMJTHP (categorized)

V-4H About how long (does / did) it usually take you to get to work for this job? (INSTRUCTION: WE WANT ONE-WAY ESTIMATE.)

1. MINUTES: \_\_\_\_\_
2. HOURS: \_\_\_\_\_
3. DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Created variable = MINTOWRK (minutes to work)

V-4H1 How (do/did) you get to work? That is, do you drive; do you get a ride from someone else; do you take mass transit; do you walk, or what?

1. RESPONDENT DRIVES
2. RESPONDENT GETS RIDE FROM SOMEONE ELSE
3. MASS TRANSIT
4. TAXI
5. WALK
6. OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_
7. DON'T KNOW
8. REFUSE

NOTE: Created variable = TRMODE (mode of transportation used to get to work on current/most recent job)



**WITH REGARD TO TRANSPORTATION, ALSO NOTE:** IN DEMOGRAPHIC SECTION AT END OF INSTRUMENT, ALL RESPONDENTS ARE ASKED WHETHER THEY HAVE: CAR, LICENSE, AUTO INSURANCE.]

## **SECTION V. PART TWO.**

### **EMPLOYMENT OF OTHER ADULTS IN FAMILY SINCE RESPONDENT LEFT WELFARE**

#### **INSTRUCTION: ASK V-5 IF RESPONDENT CURRENTLY HAS SPOUSE OR PARTNER LIVING WITH HIM/HER**

V-5 Is your spouse or partner currently working either part-time or full-time for pay? [IF YES: How many jobs do they currently have?]

1. YES, ONE JOB
2. YES, MORE THAN JOB – SPECIFY NUMBER:
3. NO CURRENT JOBS
4. DON'T KNOW → SKIP TO UNEMPLOYED Qs
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER → SKIP TO UNEMPLOYED Qs

**[NOTE: NO RESPONDENTS RELEVANT FOR FOLLOWING Qs]  
IF MORE THAN ONE JOB, ASK V-6B AND V-6C:**

V-6B Altogether, how many hours a week do they work on these jobs?

1. TOTAL HOURS A WEEK: \_\_\_\_\_
2. DON'T KNOW
3. REFUSE TO ANSWER

V-6C About how much is their total take-home pay in a typical week for all their jobs? (ASK FOR TOTAL FOR OTHER TIME UNIT IF R SAYS DON'T KNOW; IF UNCLEAR, ASK R IF TAKE-HOME PAY OR PAY BEFORE TAXES.)

1. TOTAL EARNINGS IN WEEK: \_\_\_\_\_
2. OTHER TOTAL AND UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

**IF SPOUSE/PARTNER CURRENTLY WORKING:**

PREFACE: Now, I'd like to ask you questions about the job your spouse or partner currently has – or what they consider to be their main job.

V-7A What kind of company do they work for? [PROBE: That is, what does this company do or what does it make? ADDITIONAL PROBE: Well, what company do they work for?]

1. KIND OF COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_
2. SAME COMPANY TOLD YOU ABOUT WHEN LEFT WELFARE
3. DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOT CODED: Used only for helping to code kind of work variable.

V-7B What kind of work do they do there? That is, what do they do on their job? [PROMPT TO BE SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE, WITH FOR INSTANCE: Could you tell me some more about what they do on this job?]

1. KIND OF WORK: \_\_\_\_\_
2. SAME JOB TOLD YOU ABOUT WHEN LEFT WELFARE
3. DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Created variables are:

SPCJOB1 SPCJOB2  
CSPCJ1 CSPCJ2 (categorized)

V-7C How many hours a week do they normally work in this job?

1. HOURS PER WEEK: \_\_\_\_\_
2. OTHER ANSWER: \_\_\_\_\_
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Created variable is = SPCMJHPW

V-7D What is their hourly pay on this job? [IF R SAYS DON'T KNOW, ASK FOR OTHER WAY R CAN GIVE THIS AND RECORD UNDER OTHER; IF UNCLEAR, CHECK TO SEE IF BEFORE OR AFTER TAXES.]

1. HOURLY PAY: \_\_\_\_\_
2. OTHER PAY AND TIME UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_
3. DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Created variable is = SPCMJHPW

V-7E And, about how much is their take-home pay in a typical week for this job? [IF R SAYS

DON'T KNOW, ASK FOR OTHER WAY R CAN GIVE THIS AND RECORD UNDER OTHER; IF UNCLEAR, CHECK TO SEE IF BEFORE OR AFTER TAXES.]

1. TAKE-HOME PAY PER WEEK: \_\_\_\_\_
2. OTHER PAY AND TIME UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_
3. DON'T KNOW/DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Created variable is = SPCMJTHP

V-7F Since you left welfare in [MONTH], has there ever been a time when your spouse or partner did not have a job for pay?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

***IF YES, HAS BEEN A TIME:***

V-7F1 (PART OF OLD V-6D) Thinking of the most recent time when they did not have a job, could you tell me – what are the main reasons why they didn't have one? (PROMPT WITH: Are there any other main reasons? What are they? PROBE FOR AS MUCH SPECIFICITY AS POSSIBLE.)

ANSWER BOX OPENS

VNs = WHYSNRJ1 WHYSNRJ2 WHYSNRJ3

**IF SPOUSE/PARTNER NOT CURRENTLY WORKING:**

V-8 What are the main reasons why your spouse or partner does not currently have a job? (PROMPT WITH: Are there any other main reasons? What are they? PROBE FOR AS MUCH SPECIFICITY AS POSSIBLE.)

ANSWER BOX OPENS

VNs = WHYSNOJ1 WHYSNOJ2 WHYSNOJ3

V-8A Is your (spouse/partner) currently looking for a job?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

**ASK V-9 OF ALL RESPONDENTS:**

V-9 Not counting yourself – and not counting any spouse or partner, does anyone else in your family 18 or over who lives with you currently work for pay?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

## **SECTION VI.**

### **POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT BARRIERS**

#### **PREFACE:**

FOR RESPONDENTS WITHOUT CURRENT SPOUSE/PARTNER: I'd like to ask you about some possible problems you might have had in your attempts to get or keep a job since you left welfare in [MONTH].

FOR RESPONDENTS WITH CURRENT SPOUSE/PARTNER: I'd like to ask you about some possible problems you and your spouse or partner might have had in your attempts to get or keep a job since you left welfare in [MONTH].

VI-1 WITHOUT CURRENT SPOUSE/PARTNER: First, has your PHYSICAL health been a problem for you in getting or keeping a job since [MONTH]?

WITH CURRENT SPOUSE/PARTNER: First, has the PHYSICAL health of either yourself or your (spouse/partner) been a problem for getting or keeping a job since [MONTH]?

IF SAYS IS NOT LOOKING / HAVE NOT LOOKED, PROMPT: Would this be a problem?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: VI-1WO = responses for those without spouse  
VI-1WITH = responses for those with spouse  
VI-1NV = both combined

VI-1A WITHOUT CURRENT SPOUSE/PARTNER: Has dealing with mental health or emotional problems been a problem for you in getting or keeping a job since [MONTH]?

WITH CURRENT SPOUSE/PARTNER: Has dealing with mental health or emotional problems been a problem for getting or keeping a job for either yourself or your spouse or partner since [MONTH]?

IF SAYS IS NOT LOOKING / HAVE NOT LOOKED, PROMPT: Would this be a problem?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: VI-1AWO = responses for those without spouse

VI-1AWITH = responses for those with spouse

VI-1ANV = both combined

VI-2 Has paying for child care been a problem for you in getting or keeping a job since [MONTH]?

IF SAYS IS NOT LOOKING / HAVE NOT LOOKED, PROMPT: Would this be a problem?

1. YES
2. NO
3. NOT APPLICABLE
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

VI-3 Has finding someone to take care of your children been a problem for you in getting or keeping a job since [MONTH]?

IF SAYS IS NOT LOOKING / HAVE NOT LOOKED, PROMPT: Would this be a problem?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

- VI-4 Since [MONTH], has finding child care for the hours you needed to work been a problem for you in getting or keeping a job?  
IF SAYS IS NOT LOOKING / HAVE NOT LOOKED, PROMPT: Would this be a problem?
1. YES
  2. NO
  3. DON'T KNOW
  4. REFUSE TO ANSWER
- VI-5 During this time period, has getting your children to and from child care been a problem for you in getting or keeping a job?  
IF SAYS IS NOT LOOKING / HAVE NOT LOOKED, PROMPT: Would this be a problem?
1. YES
  2. NO
  3. DON'T KNOW
  4. REFUSE TO ANSWER
- VI-6 Since [MONTH], has caring for an elderly or disabled relative been a problem for you in getting or keeping a job?  
IF SAYS IS NOT LOOKING / HAVE NOT LOOKED, PROMPT: Would this be a problem?
1. YES
  2. NO
  3. DON'T KNOW
  4. REFUSE TO ANSWER
- VI-7 Has HAVING OR PAYING FOR transportation to and from work been a problem for you in getting or keeping a job since [MONTH]?  
IF SAYS IS NOT LOOKING / HAVE NOT LOOKED, PROMPT: Would this be a problem?
1. YES
  2. NO
  3. DON'T KNOW
  4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

VI-8 Have additional expenses relating to work -- such as expenses for uniforms, work clothes, tools, and these sorts of things -- been a problem for you in getting or keeping a job since [MONTH]?

IF SAYS IS NOT LOOKING / HAVE NOT LOOKED, PROMPT: Would this be a problem?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

VI-9 Has inadequate education or training been a problem for you in getting or keeping a job since [MONTH]?

IF SAYS IS NOT LOOKING / HAVE NOT LOOKED, PROMPT: Would this be a problem?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

VI-10 Has a language barrier been a problem for you in getting or keeping a job since [MONTH]?

IF SAYS IS NOT LOOKING / HAVE NOT LOOKED, PROMPT: Would this be a problem?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

VI-11 Has the lack of jobs close to where you live been a problem for you in getting or keeping a job since [MONTH]?

IF SAYS IS NOT LOOKING / HAVE NOT LOOKED, PROMPT: Would this be a problem?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

VI-12           Has dealing with stress from problems in your personal and family life been a problem for either you or your spouse or partner in getting or keeping a job since [MONTH]?

IF SAYS IS NOT LOOKING / HAVE NOT LOOKED, PROMPT: Would this be a problem?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

VI-13           Has dealing with drug and alcohol issues either in your personal or family life been a problem for either you or your spouse or partner in getting or keeping a job since [MONTH]?

IF SAYS IS NOT LOOKING / HAVE NOT LOOKED, PROMPT: Would this be a problem?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

#### **OTHER PROBLEMS**

VI-14           WITHOUT CURRENT SPOUSE/PARTNER: Have you had any other problems getting or keeping a job since [MONTH]?

WITH CURRENT SPOUSE/PARTNER: Have you or your (spouse/partner) had any other problems getting or keeping a job since [MONTH]?

IF YES: Could you tell me about these problems?

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. OTHER PROBLEMS<br/>(SEE BELOW)</li></ol> |
|---|

2. NO PROBLEMS
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: VI-14WITH = responses for those without spouse

VI-14WO = responses for those with spouse

VI-14NV = both combined (2 = no / dk / ref)

NOTE: PROBLEM VARS = OTHPJ11 OTHPJ21 OTHPJ22



## **SECTION VII.**

### **RECENT EDUCATION AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES**

VII-1           **PREFACE:** In the last two years, did you complete any of the following kinds of training or education?

VII-1A: In the last two years, did you complete any courses to improve your reading, writing, or math skills?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

VII-1B: In the last two years, did you complete any courses which count toward getting a high school diploma or GED?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

IF YES:

VII-1B1: In the past two years, did you obtain a high school diploma or GED?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

NOTE: VAR = VII-1B1TB for results based on total sample

VII-1C: In the last two years, did you complete any courses which count toward getting a degree or certificate past high school?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

IF YES:

VII-1C1: Did you obtain a degree or certificate beyond high school?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

NOTE: VAR = VII-1C1TB for results based on total sample

IF YES, OBTAINED DEGREE OR CERTIF BEYOND HS:

VII-IC2: What kind of degree or certificate did you receive?

1. DEGREE/CERTIFICATE: \_\_\_\_\_
2. DON'T KNOW
3. REFUSE

NOTE: VARS ABSENT; NOT CODED

VII-1D: In the last two years, did you complete any vocational education classes – that is, classes where you learned a particular job or specific skills for a job?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

VII-1E: Did you have any job where your employer was given money by a program or by the government to pay part of your wages for you to learn job skills?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

VII-1F: Did you have any (other) jobs where part of the time was spent learning how to do a particular job or learning specific skills for a job?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

VII-1G: In the last two years, did you have any training which taught you how to look for a job, how to interview, how to put together a resume, and things like that?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

VII-1H: Did you have any training where you actually looked for a job as part of the training?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

VII-1I: Did you have any training which talked about the importance of getting to work on time, having a good attitude on the job, and things like this?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

**IF YES TO ANY OF THE ABOVE TRAINING AND EDUCATION ACTIVITIES:**

VII-2 Did any of this education and training help you get a job? IF YES: Which kinds of education and training helped you get a job? PROMPT FOR AS MUCH SPECIFICITY AS POSSIBLE.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. KINDS THAT HELPED TO GET A JOB:</li><li>2. NONE OF THEM DID</li><li>3. DON'T KNOW</li><li>4. REFUSE</li></ol> |
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NOTE: Coded responses are in: VNs = EDTGJ1 EDTGJ2 EDTGJ3

VII-3 Did any of this education and training help you keep a job? IF YES: Which kinds of education and training helped you keep a job? PROMPT FOR AS MUCH SPECIFICITY AS POSSIBLE.

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|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. KINDS THAT HELPED TO KEEP A JOB:</li><li>2. NONE OF THEM DID</li><li>3. DON'T KNOW</li><li>4. REFUSE</li></ol> |
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NOTE: Coded responses are in: VNs = EDTKJ1 EDTKJ2 EDTKJ3

## EDUCATION/TRAINING ACTIVITIES

- VII-4 Did any of this education and training help you get a pay raise or get a better-paying job?  
IF YES: Which kinds of education and training helped you get a pay raise or get a better-paying job? PROMPT FOR AS MUCH SPECIFICITY AS POSSIBLE.

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|---|
| 1. KINDS THAT HELPED GET RAISE / BETTER PAYING JOB: |
|---|
- 2. NONE OF THEM DID
  - 3. DON'T KNOW
  - 4. REFUSE

NOTE: Coded responses are in: VNs = EDTPAY1 EDTPAY2 EDTPAY3

- VII-5 And, do you think any of this education and training will help you get a job in the future?  
IF YES: Which kinds of education and training do you think will help you get a job in the future? PROMPT FOR AS MUCH SPECIFICITY AS POSSIBLE.

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|---|
| 1. KINDS THAT WILL HELP TO GET A JOB IN FUTURE: |
|---|
- 2. NONE OF THEM WILL
  - 3. DON'T KNOW
  - 4. REFUSE

NOTE: Coded responses are in: VNs = EDTWGJ1 EDTWGJ2 EDTWGJ3

**SECTION VIII.**  
**SELECTED COSTS, BENEFITS, AND SUPPORTS**  
**AFTER LEAVING WELFARE**

PREFACE: In the next section, I'll be asking about various areas of your family's life since you left TANF welfare cash assistance in [MONTH].

**FOOD STAMPS**

VIII-1 First, let's talk about Food Stamps. Since you left welfare, have you ever received food stamps?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

**IF YES, HAVE RECEIVED FOOD STAMPS AFTER LEFT WELFARE:**

VIII-1A Do you get food stamps now?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

NOTE: VAR = **FOOTSTC** (same info, total sample is base for %'s)

***IF NO, DON'T GET FOOD STAMPS NOW BUT HAVE SINCE LEFT:***

VIII-1A1 Why don't you get food stamps now?

ANSWER BOX

VNs = FSWNN1 FSWNN2 FSWNN3

***IF NO, HAVE NOT RECEIVED FOOD STAMPS SINCE LEFT WELFARE:***

VIII-1B Did you think you would be eligible to receive food stamps after you left welfare cash assistance?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE

VIII-1C Did your case worker or someone else from the welfare office tell you that you might be eligible for food stamps after you left welfare cash assistance?

1. YES, SOMEONE TOLD
2. NO, SOMEONE DID NOT TELL
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE

VIII-1D Have you applied for food stamps since you left welfare in [MONTH]?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

***IF NO, HAVE NOT APPLIED:***

VIII-1D1 Why haven't you applied for food stamps?

1. REASON: [SEE BELOW]
2. DON'T KNOW
3. REFUSE

VNs = FSWNA1 FSWNA2 FSWNA3

## MEDICAID FOR SELF

VIII-2 Now, let's talk about Medicaid. Since you left welfare, have you ever received a Medicaid card for yourself?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

### **IF YES, HAVE RECEIVED MEDICAID CARD FOR SELF:**

VIII-2A Do you have a Medicaid card for yourself now?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

NOTE: VN = **RMCDNOW** (same info with total sample base)

### ***IF NO, DON'T HAVE MEDICAID CARD FOR SELF NOW BUT HAVE SINCE LEFT:***

VIII-2A1 Why don't you have a Medicaid card for yourself?

#### ANSWER BOX

VNs = MCARDR1 MCARDR2 MCARDR3

Also note: MCRDRNN MCRDREL

(combines selected reasons regarding perceived need and eligibility)

### **IF NO, HAVE NOT RECEIVED MEDICAID CARD FOR SELF SINCE LEFT WELFARE:**

VIII-2B Did you think you would be eligible to get a Medicaid card for yourself after you left welfare cash assistance?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE

VIII-2C Did your case worker or someone else from the welfare office tell you that you might be eligible to get a Medicaid card for yourself after you left welfare cash assistance?

1. YES, SOMEONE TOLD
2. NO, SOMEONE DID NOT TELL
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE

## MEDICAID CARD FOR SELF (CONTINUED)

VIII-2D Have you applied for a Medicaid card for yourself since you left welfare in [MONTH]?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

***IF NO, HAVE NOT APPLIED:***

VIII-2D2 Why haven't you applied for a Medicaid card for yourself?

1. REASON: \_\_\_\_\_
2. DON'T KNOW
3. REFUSE

**VNs for reasons: MCARDRA1 MCARDC2**

**Also note: MCRDRANN MCRDRAEL**

(combines selected reasons regarding perceived need and eligibility)

## MEDICAID FOR CHILDREN

VIII-3 Since you left welfare, have you ever received a Medicaid or KidCare card for your children?

1. YES
2. NO
3. NOT APPLICABLE
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE

**IF YES, HAVE RECEIVED MEDICAID OR KIDCARE CARD FOR CHILDREN:**

VIII-3A Do you have a Medicaid or KidCare card for your children now?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

NOTE: VN = **CHMCDNOW** (same info with total sample base)



***IF NO, DON'T HAVE MEDICAID OR KIDCARE CARD FOR CHILDREN  
NOW BUT HAVE SINCE LEFT:***

VIII-3A1 Why don't you have a Medicaid or KidCare card for your children now?

**ANSWER BOX**

VNs = MCARDC1 MCARDC2 MCARDC3

also note: MCRDCNN (combines perceived need-related reasons)

***IF NO, HAVE NOT RECEIVED MEDICAID/KIDCARE CARD FOR CHILDREN  
SINCE LEFT WELFARE:***

VIII-3B Did you think you would be eligible to get a Medicaid or KidCare card for your children after you left welfare cash assistance?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE

VIII-3C Did your case worker or someone else from the welfare office tell you that you might be eligible to get a Medicaid or KidCare card for your children after you left welfare cash assistance?

1. YES, SOMEONE TOLD
2. NO, SOMEONE DID NOT TELL
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE

VIII-3D Have you applied for a Medicaid or KidCare card for your children since you left welfare in [MONTH]?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

***IF NO, HAVE NOT APPLIED:***

VIII-3D1 Why haven't you applied for a Medicaid or KidCare card for your children?

1. REASON: [VNs = MCARDCA1 ...CA2 ...CA3]
2. DON'T KNOW
3. REFUSE

**VNs for reasons: MCARDRA1 MCARDC2**

**Also note: MCRDCANN MCRDCAEL**

(combines reasons regarding perceived need and eligibility)

## OTHER HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

VIII-4 Not counting Medicaid, do you have health insurance coverage for yourself?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

***IF YES:***

VIII-4A Do you have this health insurance coverage through your employer or your spouse's employer? IF NO: What kind of program covers you?

1. YES
2. NOT THROUGH EMPLOYER – OTHER IS: [not coded]
3. NOT THROUGH EMPLOYER; DON'T KNOW OTHER
4. DON'T KNOW WHETHER THROUGH EMPLOYER OR NOT
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

**INSERT CREATED VAR = RHINSUR** (whether or not respondent has any health insurance, through Medicaid or other)

VIII-5 Not counting Medicaid or KidCare, do your children have any health insurance coverage?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

***IF YES:***

VIII-5A Do you have this health insurance coverage through your employer or the employer of your spouse or partner? IF NO: What kind of program covers them?

1. YES
2. NOT THROUGH EMPLOYER – OTHER IS: [not coded]
3. NOT THROUGH EMPLOYER; DON'T KNOW OTHER
4. DON'T KNOW WHETHER THROUGH EMPLOYER OR NOT
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

**INSERT CREATED VAR = CHHINSUR** (whether or not respondent has any health insurance for children, through Medicaid or other)

## EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

VIII-6 Now let's turn to a different topic. Have you heard of the earned income tax credit?

1. YES
2. YES, BUT DO NOT KNOW WHAT IT IS
2. NO, HAVE NOT HEARD
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

***IF YES TO VIII-6, HAVE HEARD OF (VIII-6=1):***

VIII-6A Do you know what it is?

1. YES; THINK SO
2. KIND OF; VAGUE NOTION
3. NO
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

VIII-6B Have you received this earned income tax credit?

1. YES
2. THINK SO; MIGHT HAVE
3. NO
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

**INSERT CREATED VARIABLE = EINCCRED**

*Values:*

- 1 Yes, received EITC
- 2 Think received it; maybe
- 3 No, did not receive it
- 4 Don't know / ref

***IF NO TO VIII-6B, HAVE NOT RECEIVED IT:***

VIII-6C Why haven't you received it?

1. DIDN'T APPLY FOR IT
2. OTHER REASON: \_\_\_\_\_
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

VNs for reasons: WHYNEIC1 WHYNEIC2

## CHILD CARE SECTION

VIII-7AAA Now I'd like to ask about child care for people who are working, looking for work or taking classes or training. You might have already told me some of this – but since you left welfare in [MONTH], have you been working, looking for work, or taken any classes or training?

1. YES HAVE BEEN DOING ONE OF THESE
2. NO – SKIP TO CHILD SUPPORT SECTION
3. DON'T KNOW; REFUSE – SKIP TO CHILD SUPPORT SECTION

NOTE: ALSO INCLUDED -- **VAR = CHCARINT**

[Further coding of responses to VIII-7AAA]

Some respondents were inadvertently not asked VIII-7AAA. Further analysis of these respondents indicates that this has little substantive difference (i.e., nearly all of these respondents have been employed since they left welfare). The CHCARINT variable includes such relevant coding:

- 1 Doing activities
- 2 Not doing activities
- 3 Not asked question – but employed
- 4 Not asked question – but educ/training in past 2 years
- 6 not asked - bad skip (7 cases)
- 9 Not asked – no children at home

**NOTE: It should be noted that percentage findings in this section may differ slightly from one researcher to the next, depending what checks are conducted with other data (such as whether the respondent earlier reported having children in the respective age group). In the public access file, we present the responses as given by respondents.**

## **CHILD CARE FOR CHILDREN 6 TO 12 YEARS OLD**

VIII-7 You already told me this – but remind me again – do you currently have children who are 6 to 12 years old who are living with you?

1. YES
2. NO – SKIP TO NEXT SUB-SECTION
3. REFUSE TO ANSWER

### **IF HAVE CHILDREN 6 TO 12 YEARS OLD:**

VIII-7A For the next few questions, I'd like you to think about your children who are 6 to 12 years old.

When these children are not in school – AND when you are working, looking for work, or at classes or training – who usually takes care of these children? [IF SAYS DEPENDS, ASK: Well, who takes care of them most of the time when they are not in school?]

1. SPOUSE/PARTNER
2. OTHER CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD: And, what is the age of the oldest child who is taking care of your children? \_\_\_\_\_
3. OTHER CHILDREN OUTSIDE HOUSEHOLD: And, what is the age of the oldest child who is taking care of your children? \_\_\_\_\_
4. STAY AT SCHOOL; SCHOOL PROGRAM
5. FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS
6. RELATIVE
7. BABYSITTER
8. SPOUSE/PARTNER NOT LIVING WITH CLIENT
9. CHURCH
10. CHILD CARE CENTER
11. OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_
12. DON'T WORK AT THESE TIMES; NO CARE NEEDED
13. NO ONE TAKES CARE OF CHILDREN
14. DON'T KNOW
15. REFUSE TO ANSWER

ALSO:

VIII-7A2 -- ages of other children in household taking care

VIII-7A3 -- ages of children outside of household taking care

VIII-7AE1 -- other child care arrangements

***IF PREVIOUS QUESTION RESPONSE IS < 12:***

VIII-7B Do you pay for this type of child care?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

VIII-7C How dependable is this type of child care for you? That is, when your children 6 to 12 are not in school -- AND you are at work, looking for work or taking classes or training -- can you always count on getting this child care; usually count on getting this child care; or can you count on it only some of the time?

1. ALWAYS COUNT ON
2. USUALLY COUNT ON
3. ONLY SOME OF THE TIME (OR LESS)
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE

VIII-7D When this type of child care is not available for your children who are 6 to 12 years old, what do you do? That is, who takes care of your children when this happens?

1. SEE RESPONSE LIST – INCLUDING R STAYS HOME

ALSO:

VIII-7D3 -- ages of other children in household taking care

VIII-7D4 -- ages of children outside of household taking care

VIII-7DB1 -- other back-up child care arrangements

VIII-7DB2 -- other back-up child care arrangements

VIII-7DB3 -- other back-up child care arrangements

## **CHILD CARE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS OLD**

VIII-8 The next set of questions is for those who have children under 6 years old? Do you currently have any children under 6 years old who are living with you?

1. YES
2. NO – SKIP TO NEXT SUB-SECTION
3. REFUSE TO ANSWER

### **IF HAVE CHILDREN UNDER 6 YEARS OLD:**

VIII-8AA Are any of these children in school, pre-school, or Headstart programs?

1. YES
2. NO
3. REFUSE TO ANSWER

VIII-8A Not counting the time when your children under 6 are in school, pre-school, or Headstart – (PAUSE) – who usually takes care of your children under 6 years old when you are working, looking for work, or at classes or training? [IF SAYS DEPENDS, ASK: Well, who takes care of them most of the time when they are not in school, pre-school, or Headstart?]

1. SPOUSE/PARTNER
2. OTHER CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD: And, what is the age of the oldest child who is taking care of your children? \_\_\_\_\_
3. OTHER CHILDREN OUTSIDE HOUSEHOLD: And, what is the age of the oldest child who is taking care of your children? \_\_\_\_\_
4. STAY AT SCHOOL; SCHOOL PROGRAM
5. FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS
6. RELATIVE
7. BABYSITTER
8. SPOUSE/PARTNER NOT LIVING WITH CLIENT
9. CHURCH
10. CHILD CARE CENTER
11. OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_
12. ONLY WORK WHEN CHILDREN IN PRE-SCHOOL/SCHOOL
13. NO ONE
14. DON'T KNOW
15. REFUSE TO ANSWER

ALSO:

VIII-8A2 -- ages of other children in household taking care

VIII-8AE1 -- other child care arrangements

VIII-8AE2 – other child care arrangements

***IF VIII-8A QUESTION RESPONSE IS < 12:***

VIII-8B Do you pay for this type of child care?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

VIII-8C How dependable is this type of child care for you? That is, when your children under 6 are not in school or pre-school -- AND you are at work, looking for work or taking classes or training -- can you always count on getting this child care; usually count on getting this child care; or can you count on it only some of the time?

1. ALWAYS COUNT ON
2. USUALLY COUNT ON
3. ONLY SOME OF THE TIME (OR LESS)
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE

VIII-8D When this type of child care is not available for your children who are under 6 years old, what do you do? That is, who takes care of your children when this happens?

SEE RESPONSE LIST – INCLUDING R STAYS HOME

ALSO:

VIII-8D3 -- ages of other children in household taking care

VIII-8DB1 -- other back-up child care arrangements

VIII-8DB2 -- other back-up child care arrangements



## **CHILD CARE FOR CHILDREN OVER 12 YEARS OLD**

VIII-9 The next questions are for those who have children over 12 years of age? Do you have any children who are over 12 years of age who live with you?

1. YES
2. NO – SKIP TO NEXT SUB-SECTION
3. REFUSE TO ANSWER

### **IF HAVE CHILDREN OVER 12 YEARS OLD:**

VIII-9A For the next few questions, I'd like you to think about your children who are over 12 years old.

When these children are not in school – AND when you are working, looking for work, or at classes or training – who usually takes care of these children? [IF SAYS DEPENDS, ASK: Well, who takes care of them most of the time when they are not in school?]

1. SPOUSE/PARTNER
2. OTHER CHILDREN IN HOUSEHOLD: And, what is the age of the oldest child who is taking care of your children? \_\_\_\_\_
3. OTHER CHILDREN OUTSIDE HOUSEHOLD: And, what is the age of the oldest child who is taking care of your children? \_\_\_\_\_
4. STAY AT SCHOOL; SCHOOL PROGRAM
5. FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS
6. RELATIVE
7. BABYSITTER
8. SPOUSE/PARTNER NOT LIVING WITH CLIENT
9. CHURCH
10. CHILD CARE CENTER
11. OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_
12. ONLY WORK WHEN IN SCHOOL
13. NO ONE; THEY ARE OLD ENOUGH TO STAY ON OWN
14. DON'T KNOW
15. REFUSE TO ANSWER

ALSO:

VIII-9A2 -- ages of other children in household taking care

VIII-9AE1 -- other child care arrangements

### ***IF ABOVE QUESTION RESPONSE IS < 12:***

VIII-9B Do you pay for this type of child care?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

VIII-9C How dependable is this type of child care for you? That is, when your children over 12 are not in school -- AND you are at work, looking for work or taking classes or training -- can you always count on getting this child care; usually count on getting this child care; or can you count on it only some of the time?

1. ALWAYS COUNT ON
2. USUALLY COUNT ON
3. ONLY SOME OF THE TIME (OR LESS)
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE

VIII-9D When this type of child care is not available for your children who are over 12 years old, what do you do? That is, who takes care of your children when this happens?

SEE RESPONSE LIST – INCLUDING R STAYS HOME

ALSO:

VIII-9D3 -- ages of other children in household taking care

VIII-9DB1 -- other back-up child care arrangements

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**ASK VIII-10, -10A, -10B, AND -10C FOR ALL THOSE WHO INDICATE THEY PAY FOR CHILD CARE:  
[YES TO VIII-7B, VIII-8B, OR VIII-9B]**

VIII-10 Do you currently get any help paying for your child care from the government or from a social service agency – or a better rate on what child care costs you?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. NOT APPLICABLE; NOT CURRENTLY NEED CHILD CARE
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

**IF YES, CURRENTLY GET HELP:**

VIII-10A Who helps you pay for child care – or, as far as you know, why do you get the better rate on child care?

1. WHO HELPS PAY: VN<sub>s</sub> = HPAYCC1 HPAYCC2
2. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
3. REFUSE TO ANSWER

***IF NO, DON'T CURRENTLY GET HELP:***

VIII-10B Do you know of any programs that help people pay for child care?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW / DON'T REMEMBER
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

***IF YES, KNOW OF PROGRAMS:***

VIII-10BB Why don't you receive any help paying for child care from these programs?

1. REASON: VNs = WNCHCAR1 WNCHCAR2
2. DON'T KNOW
3. REFUSE TO ANSWER

VIII-10C In a typical week during the school year, how much do you currently pay out of pocket for child care expenses for all your children – including those getting after-school care? [IF R SAYS DON'T KNOW, ASK IF CAN REPORT FOR OTHER TIME PERIOD – SUCH AS TYPICAL DAY OR MONTH.]

1. OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES PER WEEK: \_\_\_\_\_
2. OUT OF POCKET PER MONTH: \_\_\_\_\_
3. OUT OF POCKET PER DAY: \_\_\_\_\_
4. OUT OF POCKET-OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_
5. DON'T KNOW
6. NOT APPLICABLE; NOT CURRENTLY NEED CHILD CARE
7. REFUSE TO ANSWER

Created VAR = PAYCHCAR

***ASK VIII-10D THROUGH -10F IF HAVE SOMEONE/SERVICE TAKING CARE OF ANY CHILDREN:***

VIII-10D Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the current arrangements you have for taking care of your children while you are at work, looking for work, or taking classes or training?

1. Very satisfied
2. Somewhat satisfied
3. Somewhat dissatisfied
4. Or, very dissatisfied
5. DON'T KNOW
6. REFUSE

VIII-10E How would you rate the quality of the child care your children get? Would you rate this ...

1. Excellent
2. Good
3. Pretty good
4. Only fair
5. Or, poor
6. DON'T KNOW
7. REFUSE

VIII-10F How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the cost of your current child care arrangements?

NOTE: Most of the code 6s are “not applicable” responses.

1. Very satisfied
2. Somewhat satisfied
3. Somewhat dissatisfied
4. Or, very dissatisfied
5. DON'T KNOW
6. REFUSE / NOT APPLICABLE

***VIII-10G AND VIII-10H ASKED OF EVERYONE WHO GETS QUESTIONS  
IN THIS CHILD CARE SECTION:***

VIII-10G How difficult is it to find people or services to take care of your children that you feel comfortable with while you are at work, looking for work, or taking classes or training? Would you say this is ...

1. Very difficult
2. somewhat difficult
3. not very difficult
4. or, not at all difficult
5. DON'T KNOW
6. REFUSE

VIII-10H Do you have needs for child care which are not currently being met? IF SO: so, what are these unmet needs? THEN PROMPT WITH: Do you have any other unmet child care needs?

1. NO UNMET CHILD CARE NEEDS

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| RESPONSES – VN <sub>s</sub> = <b>CHCARN1 CHCARN2</b> |
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## CHILD SUPPORT

VIII-11P Now, let's talk about child support. Are there any parents of your children who do not live with you?

1. YES → CONTINUE BELOW
2. NO → SKIP TO NEXT SECTION
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

**NOTE:** *Given the percent of single parent families among the respondents, a surprisingly high number responded "no" to this question (116 respondents).*

### IF YES TO ABOVE:

VIII-11 Thinking of these parents of your children who do not live with you, do any of them pay money to help support your children, either through the child support system or directly to you?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

### NEXT QUESTION IS NOW ASKED OF ALL WHO SAID "YES" TO VIII-11P

VIII-11A: Are you supposed to be receiving child support because the courts have ordered a parent to pay?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

### IF YES TO ABOVE:

**IMPORTANT NOTE: SKIP PROBLEM: 101 OF THE ABOVE 184 "YES" RESPONDENTS NOT ASKED THIS QUESTION; VIII-11B1 IS THUS MORE USEFUL TO GET AT PAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT THAN IS VIII-11A1**

VIII-11A1: Are you receiving the full amount of child support payments that the Court has ordered you to receive?

1. YES
2. YES BUT PASS THROUGH
3. NO
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

CHILD SUPPORT QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

**IF YES TO VIII-11 ABOVE (PARENTS ARE PAYING – THROUGH SYSTEM OR DIRECTLY TO RESPONDENT):**

VIII-11B1: Now, I'd you to think about the payments you should be receiving either through the child support system or through money given directly to you by the parent. Generally, can you count on getting the full amount every month, most of the time, some of the time, hardly ever, or never?

1. EVERY MONTH
2. MOST OF THE TIME
3. SOME OF THE TIME
4. HARDLY EVER
5. NEVER
6. OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_
7. DON'T KNOW
8. REFUSE TO ANSWER

VIII-11B2: And, either through the child support system or through payments made directly to you by the parent, how much child support did you receive last month?

1. AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_
2. OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE TO ANSWER

Created VAR = **CHSUPMO**

Estimated child support receive per month

Note: 9900 coded for those who said "depends (on need)"

## **OTHER AID, SERVICES, AND BENEFITS**

VIII-12 Next, I'm going to read you a list of different types of benefit programs and supports. For each, I'd first like you to tell me whether you or someone in your household got the benefit or service during the last six months you were on welfare before [MONTH]. For each, you can just tell me yes or no.

READ EACH, AND SELECT IF RESPONDENT SAYS YES. [THOSE NOT SELECTED ARE THOSE FOR WHICH THE RESPONDENT SAYS NO, DOES NOT KNOW, OR REFUSES TO ANSWER]

AS YOU PROCEED THROUGH THE LIST, YOU MAY HAVE TO REMIND RESPONDENT ABOUT THE RELEVANT TIME PERIOD. [IN ACTUAL CATI VERSION, ITEMS COME UP ON CONSECUTIVE SCREENS, WITH EACH SCREEN HAVING YES, NO, DON'T KNOW, AND REFUSE CATEGORIES.]

**NOTE: VNs = VIII1201 through VIII1218**

1. SSI, or Supplemental Security Income
2. Social Security
3. Money from any retirement or pension fund
4. Township general assistance
5. WIC Supplemental Nutrition benefits (PROMPT: that is – Women Infants and Children supplemental nutrition benefits)
6. School lunch program
7. Payments for doing foster care
8. Military veterans' medical benefits
9. Workers' Compensation
10. Unemployment benefits
11. Home heating assistance
12. Rent subsidy or public housing
13. Free housing from a parent or other relative
14. Help in paying bills from family or friends who live with you
15. Gifts of money or food from family or friends
16. Gifts of money or food from your church
17. Meals or food from shelters, food kitchens or food pantries
18. Did you receive benefits or supports from any other places? (IF YES: Could you tell me about these?): [Note: exact "other" places not coded.]

VIII-13 [We're getting close to the end.] And now, I'd like you to tell me whether you or someone in your household has gotten these benefits or services during the times you have been OFF welfare since [MONTH]? Again, you can just tell me yes or no.

READ EACH, AND SELECT IF RESPONDENT SAYS YES. [THOSE NOT SELECTED ARE THOSE FOR WHICH THE RESPONDENT SAYS NO, DOES NOT KNOW, OR REFUSES TO ANSWER]

AGAIN, AS YOU PROCEED THROUGH THE LIST, YOU MAY HAVE TO REMIND THE RESPONDENT ABOUT THE RELEVANT TIME PERIOD. [IN ACTUAL CATI VERSION, ITEMS COME UP ON CONSECUTIVE SCREENS, WITH EACH SCREEN HAVING YES, NO, DON'T KNOW, AND REFUSE CATEGORIES.]

**NOTE: VNs = VIII1301 through VIII1318**

1. SSI, or Supplemental Security Income
2. Social Security
3. Money from any retirement or pension fund
4. Township general assistance
5. WIC Supplemental Nutrition benefits [WIC = Women Infant and Children]
6. School lunch program
7. Payments for doing foster care
8. Military veterans' medical benefits
9. Workers' Compensation
10. Unemployment benefits
11. Home heating assistance
12. Rent subsidy or public housing
13. Free housing from a parent or other relative
14. Help in paying bills from family or friends who live with you
15. Gifts of money or food from family or friends
16. Gifts of money or food from your church
17. Meals or food from shelters, food kitchens or food pantries
18. Have you received benefits or supports from any other places? (IF YES: Could you tell me about these?): [Note: exact "other" places not coded.]



## INFORMAL / FAMILY SUPPORT SYSTEMS

VIII-14 Next, I have several questions which ask how often you have someone who can do several kinds of things when you need them.

**NOTE: VNs = VIII-14A through VIII-14E**

- A. First, how often do you have someone you can count on to run errands if you need them to? Would you say ...
1. always
  2. almost always
  3. most of the time
  4. some of the time
  5. hardly ever
  6. or, never
  7. DON'T KNOW
  8. REFUSE
- B. How often do you have someone you can count on to lend you some money if you really needed it in a time of financial crisis, like at the end of the month?
1. always
  2. almost always
  3. most of the time
  4. some of the time
  5. hardly ever
  6. or, never
  7. DON'T KNOW
  8. REFUSE
- C. How often do you have someone you can count on to give you encouragement and reassurance if you really needed it?
1. always
  2. almost always
  3. most of the time
  4. some of the time
  5. hardly ever
  6. or, never
  7. DON'T KNOW
  8. REFUSE

## INFORMAL SUPPORTS (CONTINUED)

D. How often do you have someone you can count on to watch your kids for you if you needed them to?

1. always
2. almost always
3. most of the time
4. some of the time
5. hardly ever
6. or, never
7. DON'T KNOW
8. REFUSE

E. (And,) how often do you have someone you can count on to lend you a car or give you a ride if you need them to?

1. always
2. almost always
3. most of the time
4. some of the time
5. hardly ever
6. or, never
7. DON'T KNOW
8. REFUSE

## SECTION IX. WELL-BEING SECTION

IX-1 If you were to consider your life in general these days, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you? Would you say you are ...

- 1 very satisfied
- 2 somewhat satisfied
- 3 somewhat dissatisfied
- 4 or very dissatisfied
- 5 DON'T KNOW; CAN'T CHOOSE
- 6 REFUSE

IX-2 And, we'd also like to know how satisfied or dissatisfied you are with the following aspects of your life. [IN ACTUAL CATI VERSION, QUESTIONS COME UP ON CONSECUTIVE SCREENS – AND DON'T KNOW AND REFUSAL ARE ADDED.]

NOTE: FOR FOLLOWING, VNs = IX2A through IX2J

CODING SCHEME FOR MOST OF THESE VARIABLES IS:

- 1 very satisfied
- 2 somewhat satisfied
- 3 somewhat dissatisfied
- 4 or very dissatisfied
- 5 DON'T KNOW; CAN'T CHOOSE
- 6 REFUSE

CODING SCHEMES FOR THE EXCEPTIONS ARE PRESENTED.

A. What about your ***household's current financial situation***? Would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?

B. What about your ***housing conditions***? [Would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?]

C. What about your ***neighborhood as a place for your children to grow up***? [Would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?] [CODE 5 RECODED TO -9.]

- 1 very satisfied
- 2 somewhat satisfied
- 3 somewhat dissatisfied
- 4 or very dissatisfied
- 5 OTHER (equivalent to not applicable)
- 6 DON'T KNOW; CAN'T CHOOSE
- 7 REFUSE

D. What about ***the quality of your relationship with your child or children***? [Would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?] [CODE 5 RECODED TO -9.]

- 1 very satisfied
- 2 somewhat satisfied
- 3 somewhat dissatisfied
- 4 or very dissatisfied
- 5 OTHER (equivalent to not applicable)
- 6 DON'T KNOW; CAN'T CHOOSE
- 7 REFUSE

E. What about ***the quality of your relationship with your spouse or partner***, if you have one? [Would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied? THE NO SPOUSE / PARTNERS ARE CODED AS -9.]

F. What about ***your personal health and physical condition***? [Would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?]

G. What about ***the health and physical condition of your child or children***? [Would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?] [NOTES CODE 5 RECODED TO -9.]

- 1 very satisfied
- 2 somewhat satisfied
- 3 somewhat dissatisfied
- 4 or very dissatisfied
- 5 OTHER (equivalent to not applicable)
- 6 DON'T KNOW; CAN'T CHOOSE
- 7 REFUSE

H. What about ***the quality of the health care that you and your family can afford***? [Would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?]

I. What about ***how your child or children are doing in school***? [Would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied? NOTE THAT CODES 5 AND 6 RECODED TO -9.]

- 1 very satisfied
- 2 somewhat satisfied
- 3 somewhat dissatisfied
- 4 or very dissatisfied
- 5 NOT APPLICABLE; NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL
- 6 OTHER (also equivalent to not applicable)
- 7 DON'T KNOW; CAN'T CHOOSE
- 8 REFUSE

J. And how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with ***your friendships***? [PROMPT: that is, the friendships you have with others?] [Would you say you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied?]

## SECTION X: RELATIONSHIPS

X-1 Right now, I have some questions about your relationships. As I ask them, just tell me if you can't answer them right now.

First, now or in the past, have you been in a relationship where you were physically, emotionally, or sexually abused? By abused, I mean not only physical or sexual violence – but also threats, intimidation, or attempts to control your behavior.

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. CAN'T ANSWER RIGHT NOW
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

IF YES:

X-1A Are you currently in such a relationship?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. CAN'T ANSWER RIGHT NOW
5. REFUSE

X-1B Has dealing with an abusive relationship been a problem to you in getting or keeping a job?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. CAN'T ANSWER RIGHT NOW
5. REFUSE

X-1C Since you left welfare in [MONTH], would you say the abuse has increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?

1. INCREASED
2. DECREASED
3. STAYED ABOUT THE SAME
4. DON'T KNOW
5. CAN'T ANSWER RIGHT NOW
6. REFUSE

## **SECTION X: RELATIONSHIPS (CONTINUED)**

X-2 In the past 12 months, did a spouse, ex-spouse, boyfriend or girlfriend – or ex-boyfriend or girlfriend – ever:

NOTE: VNs for below = X2A through X2J

CATEGORIES FOR ALL ARE: 1 = YES; 2 = NO; 3 = DON'T KNOW; 4 = REFUSE

- A. Prevent you from finding a job or going to work or school?  
[HERE INCLUDE A "NOT APPLICABLE" RESPONSE WHICH SENDS QUESTIONNAIRE TO NEXT SECTION; THIS IS FOR RESPONDENTS WHO INDICATE THEY HAVE NOT HAD SUCH RELATIONSHIPS IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS.] [CATI VERSION HAS CONSECUTIVE SCREENS, WITH YES, DON'T KNOW, AND REFUSAL CATEGORIES.]
- B. Try to discourage you from finding a job or going to work?
- C. Make you feel guilty about working?
- D. Refuse to help you, or went back on promises to help you, with child care, transportation, or housework?
- E. Make it difficult for you to attend or complete programs or classes that would help you get a good job?
- F. Harass you with telephone calls at your job?
- G. Injure you?
- H. Cause you to go to a shelter?
- I. Cause you to lose or quit your job?
- J. Not show up, or else show up under the influence of alcohol or drugs for child sitting?

**SECTION XI.**  
**SELECTED DEMOGRAPHICS, OVERALL ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS,**  
**AND CLOSING SECTION**

XI-1 Next, I'd like to know -- what is your highest grade or level of school? Would you say this is ...

1. less than eighth grade
2. less than a high school diploma
3. a high school diploma or GED
4. trade or technical school beyond high school
5. some junior college education
6. an associates degree from a junior college
7. some education at a four-year college
8. a 4-year college or university degree or more
9. OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_
10. REFUSE TO ANSWER

ALSO CREATED:

VN = REDUC and REDUC2 (dichotomous var)

XI-2 Do you have a driver's license?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

***IF YES:***

XI-2A: Does your household have a car which you usually use?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

***IF HOUSEHOLD HAS CAR:***

XI-2B: Do you have automobile insurance for this car?

1. YES
2. NO
3. DON'T KNOW
4. REFUSE

**NOTE:** From XI2 variables, created **AUTOTR variable.**

CODES: 0 = no license; 1 = license only; 2 = license & auto;  
3 = license / auto / insurance

XI-3 Now, I'd like you to think about last month. Adding together all of the money you and others in your household received from ANY source in the last month, about how much total money did your household receive after taxes? Again, we're interested in your best guess for last month.

1. TOTAL AMOUNT: \_\_\_\_\_
2. DON'T KNOW
3. REFUSE TO ANSWER

NOTE: Variables created:

USESTINC = best estimate of total income last month

CESTINCM = best estimate of total income (categorized)

### OVERALL ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

XI-4 Now I would like to talk with you about how your life today compares with your life when you left welfare around [MONTH].

XI-4A First, how about the amount of money you have? Compared to when you left welfare in MONTH, are you now better off, worse off, or about the same?

1. BETTER
2. WORSE
3. SAME
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

XI-4B How about your ability to provide for your family? [IF NEEDED: Are you now better off, worse off, or about the same?]

[PROMPT: compared to when you left welfare in MONTH]

1. BETTER
2. WORSE
3. SAME
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

XI-4C In terms of medical care for your children, do you think you now are better off, worse off, or about the same as you were when you left welfare in MONTH?

1. BETTER
2. WORSE
3. SAME
4. OTHER (basically "not applicable" – 6 cases)
5. DON'T KNOW
6. REFUSE TO ANSWER



XI-4D            How about medical care for yourself? Are you now better off, worse off, or about the same? [PROMPT: compared to when you left welfare in MONTH]

1. BETTER
2. WORSE
3. SAME
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

XI-4E            How about your health? [IF NEEDED: Do you now feel better, worse, or about the same?]

[PROMPT: compared to when you left welfare in MONTH]

1. BETTER
2. WORSE
3. SAME
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

XI-4F            How about your housing? [IF NEEDED: Are you now better off, worse off, or about the same?]

[PROMPT: compared to when you left welfare in MONTH]

1. BETTER
2. WORSE
3. SAME
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

XI-4G            How about your feeling of self-esteem or self-worth? Do you now feel better, worse, or about the same as you did when you left welfare in [MONTH]?

1. BETTER
2. WORSE
3. SAME
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

XI-4H            How about your feelings about working? [IF NEEDED: Have your feelings about working gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?]

[PROMPT: compared to when you left welfare in MONTH]

1. BETTER
2. WORSE
3. SAME
4. DON'T KNOW
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

XI-4I            And, what about how your child or children feel about you? [IF NEEDED: Are these feelings better, worse, or about the same as when you left welfare in MONTH?]

1. BETTER
2. WORSE
3. SAME
4. OTHER (basically “not applicable” – 7 cases)
5. DON’T KNOW
6. REFUSE TO ANSWER

XI-4J            And -- overall, do you think that your family is now better off, worse off, or about the same as it was when you left welfare in MONTH?

1. BETTER
2. WORSE
3. SAME
4. DON’T KNOW
5. REFUSE TO ANSWER

## **CLOSING QUESTIONS**

XI-5    And finally, for one last question: At the present time, what are the most important things you need in order to get a job or keep your job? [PROMPT: Are there any other important things you need? PROBE FOR AS MUCH SPECIFICITY AS POSSIBLE.]

ANSWER BOX OPENS:

VNs = MIMPTH1   MIMPTH2   MIMPTH3

- XI-6 Before we finish, I need to check the correct spelling of your name and your correct address in order for you to receive the 25 dollars we will be sending you for your participation in our study. GET THIS AND THEN: I also need to get your social security number.

NOTE: MOST RESPONDENTS WILL RECEIVE A CHECK FOR (\$25 / LATER \$35) WITHIN THREE WEEKS AFTER THEY COMPLETE THE INTERVIEW. THE ONLY EXCEPTION MIGHT BE THOSE CONTACTED BY COOK COUNTY LOCATORS – AND THE LOCATORS WILL PROVIDE PAYMENT INFORMATION TO THE RESPONDENT AT THE END OF THEIR INTERVIEW.

IF RESPONDENT WILL NOT GIVE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, ASK FOR LAST 4 DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AND DATE OF BIRTH. PUT THESE ON THE INTERVIEW REPORT SHEET. TELL RESPONDENT THAT WE NEED THIS IN ORDER TO VERIFY CHECK WILL BE WRITTEN TO CORRECT PERSON.

PUT THIS INFORMATION ON REPORT SHEET.

CODE ZIP CODE BELOW (AND CHECK TO SEE IF THIS DESCRIBES RESPONDENT'S RESIDENCE.)

**1. RESIDENTIAL ZIP CODE: [VN = XI-6]**

- XI-7 CLOSING COMMENT: Thank you very much for your time and the information you have provided. Have a good (day / evening). You have contributed a great deal to our study of the welfare changes in Illinois.

RECORD ANY CLOSING COMMENTS BY RESPONDENT.

1. CLOSING COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_
2. NO CLOSING COMMENTS

NOTE: COMMENTS NOT SYSTEMATICALLY CODED

**SECTION XII.**  
**QUESTIONS AFTER INTERVIEW IS ENDED**

- XII-1 RESPONDENT'S GENDER: [ VN = GNDRSRVY]

1. MALE
2. FEMALE
3. UNCERTAIN

NOTE: For one case (SROFPID = 271002), a gender code earlier in the interview differed from that coded here. This case was coded as 2, consistent with the earlier code and with administrative data.

XII-2 RATE RESPONDENT'S OVERALL UNDERSTANDING OF THE QUESTIONS. THINK IN TERMS OF THE NUMBER OF QUESTIONS UNDERSTOOD AND THE DEGREE TO WHICH EACH WAS UNDERSTOOD.

1. EXCELLENT UNDERSTANDING
2. GOOD UNDERSTANDING
3. ADEQUATE UNDERSTANDING
4. POOR UNDERSTANDING
5. VERY POOR UNDERSTANDING

XII-3 RATE RESPONDENT'S OVERALL COOPERATIVENESS.

1. ENTHUSIASTIC
2. COOPERATIVE
3. HESITANT
4. HOSTILE

**CREATED EMPLOYMENT – RELATED VARIABLES INCLUDED HERE:**

*NOTE the three variables below ending with 2 and denoted by an “\*”. Each of these codes one “inconsistent” case as being currently employed. For this case, the respondent indicated being currently unemployed but later indicated she/he had the same job as when she/he left welfare. Further analysis indicated that this respondent was in an educational job, was unemployed over the summer when the interview was conducted (and was receiving minimal income at the time), but was returning to work for the Fall semester ( in the near-future). The variables ending with a 2 and marked by an “\*” code this person as currently employed.*

EMPP6BL – Employment in 6 months before left welfare in December 1998.

- 1 = employed all this time
- 2 = employed some of this time
- 3 = unemployed entire time

CUREMPL – Current employment status (at time of interview).

- 1 = one job
- 2 = more than one job
- 3 = not employed

CUREMPLD – Dichotomous current employment status.

- 1 = employed
- 3 = not employed

CEMPLD2\* -- Dichotomous current employment status (updated – see above)

- 1 = employed
- 3 = not employed

EVUNEMPL – Ever unemployed after left welfare (for those employed when left welfare)

- 1 = yes / have been unemployed at some time after left welfare
- 2 = have not been unemployed since left
- 9 = valid missing ; unemployed when left welfare

STINJOB – Still in job that had when left welfare? (among those employed when left welfare)

- 1 = yes / still in job had when left welfare
- 2 = not in job had when left welfare
- 9 = valid missing ; unemployed when left welfare

EMPTHNW – Combined employment status / when left welfare and currently

- 1 = employed both time periods
- 2 = currently employed / not employed when left welfare
- 3 = employed when left welfare / currently unemployed
- 4 = unemployed both time periods

EMPCONS – Employment consistency since welfare

- 1 = employed consistently since left welfare
- 2 = inconsistent employment since left welfare
- 3 = unemployed consistently since left welfare

EMPCONS2\* -- Employment consistency since left welfare (updated; see above)

- 1 = employed consistently since left welfare
- 2 = inconsistent employment since left welfare
- 3 = unemployed consistently since left welfare

EMPCON6 – Employment consistency, from 6 months prior to leaving welfare until time of interview

- 1 = employed consistently since left welfare
- 2 = inconsistent employment since left welfare
- 3 = unemployed consistently since left welfare

MRECEMPL – Most recent time employed

- 1 = at time of interview (currently / now)
- 2 = at/since left
- 3 = in time period 6 months prior to leaving welfare
- 4 = not employed during entire time period covered

SPEMP6 – Spouse employment during 6 months before left welfare

- 1 = employed all the time
- 2 = employed some of the time
- 3 = unemployed all the time

SPEMPWLD – Spouse employment status when left welfare (dichotomous)

- 1 = employed
- 3 = unemployed

SPEMPCD – Spouse current employment status (dichotomous)

- 1 = employed
- 3 = unemployed

SPEMPTN – Spouse combined employment status / when left and current

- 1 = employed both time periods
- 2 = currently employed / not employed when left welfare
- 3 = employed when left welfare / currently unemployed
- 4 = unemployed both time periods

SPEMPCON – Employment consistency at two points in time (when left and current);

technically this is not “consistency” across the entire time period because this was not asked about

- 1 = employed at both time points
- 2 = “inconsistent” employment status
- 3 = unemployed at both time points

NWORKWL – Number in household working when left welfare

NWORKCUR – Number in household working when interview conducted

NWRKCUR2\* -- Number in household working when interview conducted (updated; see above)

## **SELECTED DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES**

The following are from administrative-related data provided both at the time of the initial sample and then later when matching was conducted, the following demographic variables are included.

(For those with no later matches, the earlier provided administrative data was used.) Note that for those respondents with variable SSN2ND marked as “1”, the administrative data match should be used with caution. It is likely that this data refers to the primary person on the case and not the “secondary” person talked to.

These are provided with this survey data because they are basic demographic characteristics.

CMBGENDR – gender from administrative data (1 = male; 2 = female)

GNDRDIF – 1 indicates where administrative data for gender differs from survey info

CMBRACE – race from administrative data; 1 = white; 2 = black; 3 = Native American; 6 = Hispanic; 7 = Asian-Pacific

CMBRACE4 – four-category race variable from administrative data; 1 = White; 2 = Black; 6 = Hispanic; 8 = Other

CMBRACE2 – dichotomous race variable from administrative data; 1 = White; 2 = Non-white

CYRBIRTH – year of birth