

Health and Retirement Study: 2001 Mail Survey



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ABOUT THIS QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire is a part of the Health and Retirement Study. We greatly value your past participation in the HRS, and we hope that you will find this questionnaire interesting to complete. As always, your answers are extremely important to us. Please remember that your participation is *voluntary* and that you may skip over any questions that you would prefer not to answer.

A Department of Health and Human Services Certificate of Confidentiality covers this research in order to help ensure your privacy. This certificate can help protect the investigators from being forced to release any research information that identifies you. Please note that we must report credible evidence of serious harm or abuse to any person to the authorities, but this questionnaire does not ask any questions about such topics.

The questions are about expenses for your children's schooling. How many children and step-children do you have, including any children who died after age 18? _____.
If this number is **1 or more**, please continue; **if 0**, please return this questionnaire to us.

For those of you with one or more children who lived to at least age 18, we suggest that the member(s) of the household most knowledgeable about the topics be involved in completing the questionnaire. At the end of the questionnaire, there is a place where you can tell us who actually answered the questions.

If you have any questions about the questionnaire, please feel free to call us at 1-800-759-7947.

THANK YOU!

On the following pages, we ask you to answer a few questions about each of your children. The first name of each child that you have told us about in a previous interview is printed at the top of the page. If the name of a living child is missing, write his or her name below the tear-off strip in one of the blank columns. Please also add the names of any deceased children who lived to age 18. Note that we are asking people to answer the questions for ten children at the most, so there is no need to add children if ten are already listed.

Answer the questions for the first child by filling out the first column before continuing on to the next child in the second column. The instructions in parentheses will help guide you through the questionnaire.

An example of a completed questionnaire is provided on the following page.

When a question asks for an amount, such as a percentage or age, please write down the number that is your best estimate, or a range of numbers. Do not use words, like “many,” “most,” or “all.”

When a question uses the word “you,” we mean your spouse at the time, as well. You may wish to consult your spouse or look at financial records as you answer the questions.

Question H7 asks for the name of the college from which the child graduated. If the child did not graduate, you should write the name of the college he or she attended the longest. If the longest period is the same for more than one college, name the most recent of these.

When you are thinking about payments you made for a child’s education, please do not include any money that you lent to your child that was later repaid to you.

After you have answered the questions for all of your children, please tear off the perforated strip at the top of the form to remove their names before returning the questionnaire.

CHILD'S NAME	JILL
High School	
H1. Did this child attend a private high school?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (How many years? _____) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
H2. Did this child receive a high school diploma or equivalent? (If you check "no," go to next child.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Go to next child)
H3. Did this child attend any two- or four-year undergraduate college? (If you check "no," go to next child.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Go to next child)
Undergraduate College	
H4. <u>How many</u> different undergraduate colleges did s/he attend (include both two-year and four-year colleges)?	1
H5. What is the <u>total number of years</u> that this child attended college (both two- and four-year colleges)?	4
H6. About how old was this child when s/he last attended an undergraduate college?	23
H7. What were the name and location (city and state) of the college the child graduated from? (If s/he didn't graduate, which college was attended longest?)	Reed College Portland, Oregon
H8. If the college named in H7 was a public college, did the child attend as an in-state or an out-of-state student? (Check the "private" box if child attended private college.)	<input type="checkbox"/> In-state <input type="checkbox"/> Out-of-state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private college
H9. Considering all the tuition costs for this child to attend all two- or four-year undergraduate colleges, about what percentage of tuition did you pay? (Include loans taken out by the child that <u>you</u> agreed to pay back).	50%
H10. How many years did this child live away from home while attending a two- or four-year undergraduate college?	4
H11. Considering all the time this child was living away from home while attending a two- or four-year undergraduate college, about what percentage of his/her food and housing costs did you pay? (Include loans taken out by the child that <u>you</u> agreed to pay back).	25% or <input type="checkbox"/> Child did not live away from home
H12. Did this child graduate from college with a bachelor's degree? (If you check "no," go to next child.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Go to next child)
H13. After receiving an undergraduate degree, did this child receive a graduate or professional degree?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

CHILD'S NAME	
High School	
H1. Did this child attend a private high school?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes (How many years? _____) <input type="checkbox"/> No
H2. Did this child receive a high school diploma or equivalent degree (GED)? (If you check "no," go to next child.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Go to next child)
H3. Did this child attend any two- or four-year undergraduate college? (If you check "no," go to next child.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No (Go to next child)
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9	_____ %	_____ %	_____ %	_____ %
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11	___ % or ___ Child did not live away from home	___ % or ___ Child did not live away from home	___ % or ___ Child did not live away from home	___ % or ___ Child did not live away from home
12	___ Yes ___ No (Go to next child)	___ Yes ___ No (Go to next child)	___ Yes ___ No (Go to next child)	___ Yes ___ No (Go to next child)
13	___ Yes ___ No	___ Yes ___ No	___ Yes ___ No	___ Yes ___ No

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2	___ Yes ___ No (Go to next child)	___ Yes ___ No (Go to next child)	___ Yes ___ No (Go to next child)	___ Yes ___ No (Go to next child)
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11	___ % or ___ Child did not live away from home	___ % or ___ Child did not live away from home	___ % or ___ Child did not live away from home	___ % or ___ Child did not live away from home
12	___ Yes ___ No (Go to next child)	___ Yes ___ No (Go to next child)	___ Yes ___ No (Go to next child)	___ Yes ___ No
13	___ Yes ___ No	___ Yes ___ No	___ Yes ___ No	___ Yes ___ No

H14. Please add any comments that you wish in the space below:

H15. Were the questions in this questionnaire answered by the person to whom it was addressed, or did someone else answer for that person?

- Yes, the questions were answered by the person to whom the questionnaire was addressed.
- The questions were answered by that person's spouse or partner.
- The questions were answered by that person's son or daughter.
- The questions were answered by someone else: Please say if you are a relative, A friend, a care provider, or what: _____.

H16. Approximately, how long did it take you to complete this questionnaire?

_____ minutes

Thank you for your participation in this important survey!