

Topline

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Non-Employed Poll

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METHODOLOGY

The Kaiser Family Foundation/New York Times/CBS News Non-Employed Poll is based on telephone interviews conducted November 11 through November 25 with 1,002 respondents between the ages of 25 and 54 who are currently not employed either full-time or part-time. Interviews were administered in English and Spanish, combining random samples of both landline and cellular telephones.

The Foundation, The Times, and CBS News contributed financing for the survey, and teams from all three organizations worked together to develop the questionnaire and analyze the data. Each organization is solely responsible for its content.

SSRS of Media, Pennsylvania conducted sampling, interviewing, and tabulation for the survey.

Respondents were reached in one of three ways:

- 1) 350 interviews were completed with respondents reached through random-digit dialing to landline (N=151) and cell phones (N=199) specifically for the Non-Employed Poll;
- 2) 157 interviews were completed with respondents reached via landline (N=78) and cell phone (N=79) as part of the weekly SSRS omnibus poll, which also utilizes random digit dialing to reach respondents;
- 3) 495 interviews (261 landline and 199 cell phone) were completed by dialing numbers where interviews had been recently completed as part of the SSRS omnibus poll and respondents' previous answers indicated they met inclusion criteria for the survey.

For each sample, landline telephone exchanges were randomly selected from a complete list of active phone exchanges. The samples were designed so that the selected exchanges amounted to a proportional geographic representation of the U.S. (including Alaska and Hawaii). Within each exchange, random digits were added to form complete telephone numbers. Cellular telephone numbers were generated using a similar procedure to the one described for landlines. Both the landline and cell phone samples were generated by Marketing Systems Group. Within each household reached by landline, one qualifying adult was designated by a random procedure to be the respondent for the survey. Cell phone interviews were completed with the qualifying adult answering the phone.

Interviewers made multiple attempts to reach every phone number in the survey, calling back unanswered numbers on different days at different times of both day and evening, and attempting to convert initial refusals.

The combined results have been weighted to adjust for the fact that not all survey respondents were selected with the same probability, to address the implications of sample design, and to account for systematic nonresponse along known population parameters. The first weighting stage was conducted separately for each of the 3 samples, and addressed differences in probability of selection stemming from respondents' likelihood of owning multiple telephones, as well as the number of adults in each household. The callback sample was also adjusted for individual propensity to respond to a follow-up contact.

In the second weighting stage, the 3 samples were combined and adjusted to match known demographic distributions of the target population. Typically, researchers use demographic weighting parameters based on national administrative data sources such as the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey. However, the non-employed as defined for this poll are not equivalently captured

by the Census Bureau employment definitions. Thus, to generate population parameters, SSRS calculated population weights for all interviews completed to date in 2014 on its omnibus poll with respondents 25 to 54 years old (N=19,269) by matching estimates from the Census Bureau’s Current Population Survey March 2014 Supplement based on age, gender, race/ethnicity, nativity (for Hispanics), education, marital status, Census region, and phone status. These interviews were then filtered to only include those ages 25 to 54 who are non-working (N=4,574). This created population parameters unique to the target population, which were used as targets for demographic weighting of the combined sample. Self-defined employment status (homemaker, student, retired, temporarily unemployed, other) was also added as a weighting target in the final stage.

The margin of sampling error including the design effect for the full sample is plus or minus 4 percentage points. Numbers of respondents and margin of sampling error for key subgroups are shown in the table below. For results based on other subgroups, the margin of sampling error may be higher. Sample sizes and margins of sampling error for other subgroups are available by request. Note that sampling error is only one of many potential sources of error in this or any other public opinion poll.

Group	N (unweighted)	M.O.S.E.
Total Non-Employed Ages 25- 54	1,002	±4 percentage points
Disabled, unable to work	406	±6 percentage points
Able to work, unemployed	205	±8 percentage points
Able to work, homemaker	239	±8 percentage points

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NOTES FOR READING THE TOPLINE:

- Percentages may not always add up to 100 percent due to rounding
- Values less than 0.5 percent are indicated by an asterisk (*)
- "(Vol.)" indicates a response was volunteered by the respondent, not offered as an explicit choice
- Questions are presented in the order asked; question numbers may not be sequential

Sex. Record SEX of Respondent:

	Total
Male	33
Female	67

Z-7 What is your age?

Z-7a. Could you please tell me if you are ...?

	Total
18-24	--
25-29	16
30-49	63
50-54	21
55+	--
Refused	--

Age Table Based on Total

	Total
25-34	32
35-44	28
	39
25-54 (unspecified)	*
Refused	--

NE-3. Are you: (READ LIST)

	Total
Retired	8
A homemaker	30
A student	11
Temporarily unemployed	33
Disabled/handicapped (Vol.)	16
Other (Vol.)	1
Don't know	*
Refused	--

NE-4. Are you currently enrolled in school, or not?

	Total
Yes, enrolled in school	14
No, not enrolled in school	86
Don't know/Refused	*

NE-5. Are you in school full-time, or part-time?

Based on those enrolled in school (N=109)

	Total
Full-time	81
Part-time	19
Don't know/Refused	*

Combo NE-4/NE-5 Based on Total

	Total
Yes, enrolled in school	14
Full-time	11
Part-time	3
Don't know/Refused	*
No, not enrolled in school	86
Don't know/Refused	*

(IF DISABLED, READ "Does your disability prevent..."; ELSE READ "Do you have a disability that prevents...")

NE-6. (Does your disability prevent/Do you have a disability that prevents) you from doing any kind of work for at least the next 6 months, or not?

	Total
Yes	34
No	65
Don't know/Refused	1

NE-7. Have you ever had a full-time job, or not?

	Total
Yes	87
No	13
Don't know/Refused	--

NE-8. How long has it been since your last regular employment? Has it been less than 1 month, between 2 and 5 months, between 6 and 11 months, between 1 and 2 years, or more than 2 years?

Based on those who ever had a full-time job (N=893)

	Total
Less than 1 month	5
2-5 months	11
6-11 months	8
Between 1 and 2 years	16
More than 2 years	60
Don't know/Refused	*

NE-9. Did you leave your last job before or after the start of the recession in December, 2007?

Based on those for whom it has been more than 2 years since last regular employment (N=589)

	Total
Left before December 2007	48
Left on or after December 2007	49
Don't know/Refused	2

Combo NE-7/NE-8/NE-9 Based on Total

	Total
Ever had a full-time job	87
Last job after start of recession in December 2007 (NET)	61
Less than 1 month since last regular employment	4
2-5 months ago since last regular employment	10
6-11 months ago since last regular employment	7
Between 1 and 2 years since last regular employment	14
More than 2 years since last regular employment	26
Left last job before December 2007	25
Never had a full-time job	13

NE-10. Thinking about the most recent job you had before you stopped working, how long had you been employed at that job? Less than 12 months, between 1-4 years, between 5-9 years, between 10-19 years, or 20 years or more?

Based on those who ever had a full-time job (N=893)

	Total
Less than 12 months	22
Between 1-4 years	41
Between 5-9 years	19
Between 10-19 years	11
20 years or more	6
Don't know/Refused	1

Combo NE-7/NE-10 Based on Total

	Total
Ever had a full-time job	87
Employed at last job for less than 12 months	19
Employed at last job for between 1-4 years	35
Employed at last job for between 5-9 years	17
Employed at last job for between 10-19 years	10
Employed at last job for 20 years or more	5
Don't know/Refused how long had been employed	1
Never had a full-time job	13

NE-11. Would you say your last job was a white collar job, a blue collar job, or something else? (IF NECESSARY: White collar work is usually done in an office or other professional environment. Blue collar refers to jobs that involve manual labor.)

Based on those who ever had a full-time job (N=893)

	Total
White collar	37
Blue collar	54
Something else	4
Don't know/Refused	5

Combo NE-7/NE-11 Based on Total

	Total
Ever had a full-time job	87
Last job was a white collar job	32
Last job was a blue collar job	47
Last job was something else	3
Don't know/Refused if white/blue collar job	4
Never had a full-time job	13

NE-12 .When you were last employed, were you the highest wage earner in your household, or weren't you?

Based on those who ever had a full-time job (N=893)

	Total
Highest wage earner	45
Not highest wage earner	54
Don't know/Refused	1

Combo NE-7/NE-12 Based on Total

	Total
Ever had a full-time job	87
Highest wage earner in HH	39
Not highest wage earner in HH	47
Don't know/Refused if highest wage earner in HH	1
Never had a full-time job	13

NE-13. And what was your approximate yearly income from your most recent job, before taxes? Just stop me when I get to the right category:

Based on those who ever had a full-time job (N=893)

	Total
Under \$10,000	22
\$10,000 to under \$20,000	22
\$20,000 to under \$30,000	20
\$30,000 to under \$40,000	12
\$40,000 to under \$50,000	7
\$50,000 to under \$75,000	7
\$75,000 to under \$90,000	3
\$90,000 to under \$100,000	1
\$100,000 or more	3
Don't know/Refused	2

Combo NE-7/NE-13 Based on Total

	Total
Ever had a full-time job	87
Yearly income less than \$40,000	67
Yearly income \$40,000 or more	18
Don't know/Refused yearly income	2
Never had a full-time job	13

(ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS)

NE-14. Was the decision to leave your last job (your decision), (your employer's decision), or for some other reason? (PLEASE SPECIFY)

Based on those who ever had a full-time job (N=893)

	Total
Your decision	43
Your employer's decision	21
Some other reason (NET)	53
Became disabled/suffered injury/illness (Vol.)	19
Family reasons/responsibility (Vol.)	3
Company closure/relocation/downsizing (Vol.)	3
Job was seasonal/temporary (Vol.)	3
Doctor's decision (Vol.)	2
Relocated (Vol.)	2
Other	3
Don't know/Refused	1

Combo NE-7/NE-14 Based on Total

	Total
Ever had a full-time job	87
Your decision	37
Your employer's decision	18
Disability/became disabled/suffered injury/illness (Vol.)	17
Family reasons/responsibility (Vol.)	3
Company closure/relocation/downsizing (Vol.)	2
Job was seasonal/temporary (Vol.)	2
Doctor's decision (Vol.)	1
Relocated (Vol.)	2
Other	3
Don't know/Refused whose decision	1
Never had a full-time job	13

(IF EVER HAD A FULL-TIME JOB, INSERT "Since leaving your last job,")

NE-15.(Since leaving your last job,) Have you done any occasional, temporary or part-time work, or not? (IF NECESSARY: We're asking about work for pay, not volunteer work.)

	Total
Yes	31
No	69
Don't know/Refused	--

(ROTATE ORDER OF NE-16 and NE-17)

NE-16.Do you think the future of the next generation of Americans will be better, worse, or about the same as life today?

	Total
Better	27
Worse	39
Same	28
Don't know/Refused	5

NE-17. Do you think the future of the next generation of your family will be better, worse, or about the same as your life today?

	Total
Better	53
Worse	19
Same	24
Not applicable /No next generations in family (Vol.)	1
Don't know/Refused	3

NE-18. Which comes closest to how you feel – are you mostly happy about not working, or mostly unhappy about not working?

	Total
Mostly happy	40
Mostly unhappy	55
Don't know/Refused	4

NE-19. Is your employment situation a source of stress for you, or not? (IF YES ASK: Is it a major source of stress, or a minor source of stress in your life?)

	Total
Major source of stress	30
Minor source of stress	19
Not a source of stress	50
Don't know/Refused	1

Z-6e. Are you the parent or guardian of a child under the age of 18 living in your household?

	Total
Yes	48
No	52
Don't Know	--
Refused	1

Z-2. Are you: (READ LIST)

	Total
Married	51
Single, that is never married	22
Single, living with a partner	10
Separated	5
Widowed	2
Divorced	11
Refused	*

(ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS, SCRAMBLE ITEMS A-F)

NE-20. Do you think your current employment situation is (good) or (bad) for (INSERT), or does it not have an impact one way or the other?

a. Your sleep

	Total
Good	17
Bad	30
Does not have an impact	52
Don't know/Refused	1

b. Your mental health

	Total
Good	22
Bad	34
Does not have an impact	42
Don't know/Refused	2

c. Your physical health

	Total
Good	24
Bad	31
Does not have an impact	44
Don't know/Refused	1

d. Your relationships with friends

	Total
Good	18
Bad	14
Does not have an impact	66
Don't know/Refused	1

(IF MARRIED/LIVING WITH A PARTNER, READ “Your relationship with your spouse or partner”; ELSE READ “Your romantic relationships”)

e. (Your relationship with your spouse or partner)/(Your romantic relationships)

	Total
Good	23
Bad	22
Does not have an impact	52
Don't know/Refused	2

f. Your relationship with your children

Based on those who are parents or guardians of a child under the age of 18 in the household (N=424)

	Total
Good	51
Bad	17
Does not have an impact	31
Don't know/Refused	*

NE-21. All in all, how financially secure do you feel? Very secure, somewhat secure, somewhat insecure, or very insecure?

	Total
Very secure	18
Somewhat secure	33
Somewhat insecure	23
Very insecure	25
Don't know/Refused	1

NE-22. Do you currently want a job, either full-time or part-time, or not?

	Total
Yes	57
No	34
Want a job but unable to work due to disability or other factors (Vol.)	7
Don't know/Refused	1

NE-23. Would you prefer to be working part-time or full-time?

Based on those who want a job (N=533)

	Total
Part-time	40
Full-time	60
Don't know/Refused	*

Combo NE-22/NE-23 Based on Total

	Total
Yes, want a job	57
Prefer part-time	23
Prefer full-time	34
Don't know/Refused preference	*
No, do NOT want a job	34
Want a job, unable to work (Vol.)	7
Don't know/Refused	1

(IF NEVER HAD A FULL-TIME JOB, INSERT "get a job"; ELSE INSERT "go back to work")
 NE-24. Do you think you will want to (get a job/go back to work) someday, or not?

Based on those who do not want a job (N=362)

	Total
Yes	58
No	35
Don't know/Refused	6

Combo NE-22/NE-24 Based on Total

	Total
Yes, want a job	57
No, do NOT want a job	34
Yes, will want job someday	20
No, will NOT want job someday	12
Don't know/Refused if will want job	2
Want a job, unable to work (Vol.)	7
Don't know/Refused	1

NE-25. When was the last time you contacted somebody about finding a job or applied for a job?
 Within the last 4 weeks, more than 4 weeks but less than 6 months ago, at least 6 months but less than a year ago, one year ago or more, or have you never done this?

	Total
Within the last 4 weeks	26
More than 4 weeks but less than 6 months ago	10
At least 6 months but less than a year ago	7
One year ago or more	38
Never done this	19
Don't know/Refused	*

(SCRAMBLE ITEMS A-H)

NE-26. Is each of the following a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you're currently not working? How about (INSERT ITEM)? (READ AS NECESSARY: Is that a major reason, a minor reason, or not a reason why you're currently not working?)

a. Family responsibilities

	Total
Major reason	40
Minor reason	13
Not a reason	45
Don't know/Refused	1

b. Health problems or disability

	Total
Major reason	41
Minor reason	10
Not a reason	49
Don't know/Refused	1

c. Lack of good jobs available

	Total
Major reason	33
Minor reason	15
Not a reason	50
Don't know/Refused	2

- d. Lack of education or skills necessary for the jobs available

	Total
Major reason	21
Minor reason	17
Not a reason	62
Don't know/Refused	*

- e. You don't need the income

	Total
Major reason	20
Minor reason	18
Not a reason	58
Don't know/Refused	4

- f. Discrimination

	Total
Major reason	14
Minor reason	8
Not a reason	77
Don't know/Refused	1

- g. Jobs going overseas

	Total
Major reason	17
Minor reason	9
Not a reason	71
Don't know/Refused	3

- h. Jobs being replaced by technology

	Total
Major reason	15
Minor reason	15
Not a reason	68
Don't know/Refused	2

NE-27 Is there something else I haven't mentioned that is a major reason why you're currently not working? (PLEASE SPECIFY)

	Total
Continuing education	4
Overqualified	1
Lack of transportation	1
Poor economy	1
Criminal background	1
Retired	*
Yes (unspecified/other)	6
No	86
Don't know/Refused	1

(SCRAMBLE RESPONSE OPTIONS)

NE-29. Earlier you said that discrimination is one reason why you're currently not working. Which types of discrimination would you say you have faced? Discrimination based on (age), (race), (gender), or something else? (MULTIPLE RESPONSES ACCEPTED)

Based on those for whom discrimination is a major/minor reason they are not working (N=213)

	Total
Race	33
Age	18
Illness/disability (Vol.)	15
Gender	13
Level of experience/education (Vol.)	5
Physical appearance (Vol.)	3
Language (Vol.)	3
Committed felony/incarcerated (Vol.)	1
Religion (Vol.)	1
Other (Vol.)	14
Don't know/Refused	12

Combo NE-26f/NE-29 Based on Total

	Total
Discrimination is a major or minor reason for not working	22
Based on race	7
Based on age	4
Based on illness/disability (Vol.)	3
Based on gender	3
Based on level of experience/education (Vol.)	1
Based on physical appearance (Vol.)	1
Based on language (Vol.)	1
Based on committed felony/incarcerated (Vol.)	*
Based on religion (vol.)	*
Other (Vol.)	3
Don't know/Refused types of discrimination faced	3
Discrimination is not a reason for not working	77
Don't know/Refused if discrimination is a reason	1

NE-30. Which best describes the way you and your family have been affected by your employment situation? (READ RESPONSES 1-3 IN ORDER)

Based on those who ever had a full-time job (N=893)

	Total
It has been a hardship and caused major life changes	30
It has been difficult but not caused any major life changes	35
It has not had much effect one way or the other	34
It has made things better (Vol.)	1
Don't know/Refused	1

Combo NE-7/NE-30 Based on Total

	Total
Ever had a full-time job	87
Employment situation has been a hardship/caused major life changes	26
Employment situation has been difficult/not caused any major life changes	30
Employment situation has not had much effect one way or the other	30
Employment situation has made things better (Vol.)	1
Don't know/Refused effect of employment situation	1
Never had a full-time job	13

(SCRAMBLE ITEMS A-F – E must always come before F)

NE-31 Since you stopped working, have you spent more time, less time, or about the same amount of time (INSERT)?

Items a, b, d, e, f based on those who ever had a full-time job (N=893)

a. Doing household work or chores

	Total
More time	57
Less time	13
About the same amount of time	27
Don't do this at all	2
Don't know/Refused	1

b. Volunteering

	Total
More time	29
Less time	22
About the same amount of time	33
Don't do this at all	14
Don't know/Refused	1

Item c based on those who ever had a full-time job and who are parents or guardians of a child under the age of 18 in the household (N=378)

c. Caring for your children

	Total
More time	88
Less time	2
About the same amount of time	10
Don't do this at all	*
Don't know/Refused	--

d. Caring for a parent, spouse or other family member who needs assistance

	Total
More time	45
Less time	9
About the same amount of time	29
Don't do this at all	16
Don't know/Refused	1

e. Exercising

	Total
More time	30
Less time	31
About the same amount of time	32
Don't do this at all	6
Don't know/Refused	*

f. Engaging in non-exercise leisure activities, such as reading, watching TV, or surfing the Internet

	Total
More time	57
Less time	15
About the same amount of time	26
Don't do this at all	2
Don't know/Refused	1

(SCRAMBLE ITEMS A-I)

NE-32 For each of the following, please tell me if it is something that has happened to you as a result of being out of work, or not.

(READ AT LEAST FIRST 2 TIMES, THEN AS NECESSARY: As a result of being out of work, have you: (Insert item), or not?)

Based on those who ever had a full-time job (N=893)

a. Missed a rent or mortgage payment

	Total
Yes	20
No	79
Don't know/Refused	*

b. Borrowed money from family members or friends

	Total
Yes	41
No	59
Don't know/Refused	*

- c. Changed your living situation, such as moving in with a friend or relative to save money

	Total
Yes	26
No	74
Don't know/Refused	*

- d. Increased your credit card debt to help pay bills

	Total
Yes	25
No	75
Don't know/Refused	1

- e. Taken money out of any savings account, including retirement savings, in order to make ends meet

	Total
Yes	37
No	63
Don't know/Refused	*

- f. Received food from a non-profit organization or religious institution

	Total
Yes	29
No	71
Don't know/Refused	--

- g. Been contacted by a collection agency about bills you owe

	Total
Yes	35
No	65
Don't know/Refused	--

- h. Had any of your utilities turned off

	Total
Yes	13
No	87
Don't know/Refused	--

- i. Put off or postponed getting health care you needed because of the cost

	Total
Yes	37
No	62
Don't know/Refused	*

NE-33 How likely do you think it is that you will be working (INSERT ITEMS) from now? Very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely? How about (INSERT) from now? (IF NECESSARY: Is it very likely, somewhat likely, not too likely, or not at all likely that you will be working (INSERT) from now?)

- a. 6 months

	Total
Very likely	24
Somewhat likely	21
Not too likely	14
Not at all likely	40
Don't know/Refused	1

- b. 1 year

	Total
Very likely	32
Somewhat likely	23
Not too likely	9
Not at all likely	33
Don't know/Refused	2

- c. 5 years

	Total
Very likely	46
Somewhat likely	18
Not too likely	8
Not at all likely	25
Don't know/Refused	4

NE-34 If you had your choice, would you want your next job to be in the same field as your previous job, or would you prefer to switch to a different field?

Based on those who ever had a full-time job (N=893)

	Total
Same field	36
Different field	56
Doesn't matter/no preference (Vol.)	5
Don't want/plan to get another job/Unable to work (Vol.)	2
Don't know/Refused	2

Combo NE-7/NE-34 Based on Total

	Total
Ever had a full-time job	87
Want next job to be in same field	31
Want next job to be in different field	49
Doesn't matter/no preference field of next job (Vol.)	4
Don't want/plan to get another job/Unable to work (Vol.)	2
Don't know/Refused field of next job	2
Never had a full-time job	13

NE-35 Do you think you will be able to find a job in the same field you were previously working in, or do you think you will need to switch fields in order to find a job?

Based on those who ever had a full-time job and want to work in the same field as their previous job (N=338)

	Total
Will be able to find job in same field	71
Need to switch fields	22
Don't know/Refused	7

Combo NE-34/NE-35 Based on those who ever had a full-time job (n=893)

	Total
Want next job to be in same field	36
Will be able to find job in same field	25
Need to switch fields	8
Don't know/Refused if able to find job	3
Want next job to be in different field	56
Doesn't matter/no preference field of next job (Vol.)	5
Don't want/plan to get another job/Unable to work (Vol.)	2
Don't know/Refused	2

(SCRAMBLE ITEMS BUT ALWAYS ASK ITEMS A, B, and C in ORDER)

NE-36. In order to find a new job, would you be willing to (INSERT ITEM), or not? How about (INSERT ITEM)?(IF NECESSARY: Would you be willing to do this in order to find a new job, or not?)

Items a, d, e, f, g, h based on those who have looked for a job in the past year (N=389)

- a. Take a job that pays minimum wage

	Total
Willing	61
Not willing	39
Don't know/Refused	1

Item b based on those who have looked for a job in the past year and who ever had a full-time job (N=352)

- b. Take a job that pays 10 percent less than your last job

	Total
Willing	64
Not willing	35
Don't know/Refused	1

Item c based on those who have looked for a job in the past year and who ever had a full-time job and willing to take a job that pays 10 percent less than your last job (N=235)

- c. Take a job that pays 25 percent less than your last job

	Total
Willing	49
Not willing	50
Don't know/Refused	1

d. Move to a different city

	Total
Willing	49
Not willing	48
Don't know/Refused	3

e. Take an entry-level job in a different field than you've worked in previously

	Total
Willing	86
Not willing	13
Don't know/Refused	1

f. Take a job that requires you to commute more than an hour away from your home each way

	Total
Willing	42
Not willing	57
Don't know/Refused	1

g. Work non-traditional hours, such as nights or weekend shifts

	Total
Willing	75
Not willing	24
Don't know/Refused	1

h. Return to school or a job training program

	Total
Willing	81
Not willing	19
Don't know/Refused	*

Combo NE-7/NE-36b/NE-36c Based on those who have looked for a job in the past year year and who ever had a full-time job (N=352)

	Total
Willing to take a job that pays 10 percent less	64
Willing to take a job that pays 25 percent less	31
Not willing to take a job that pays 25 percent less	32
Don't know/Refused to say if would take a job that pays 25 percent less	1
Not willing to take a job that pays 10 percent less	35
Don't know/Refused to say if would take a job that pays 10 percent less	1

NE-37. Would you be willing and able to take a job that pays 10 percent more than your last job?

Based on those who ever had a full time job and haven't looked for work in over 1 year or never looked for work (N=541)

	Total
Yes	79
No	13
Disabled/Not able to work (Vol.)	7
Don't know/Refused	1

NE-38. Would you be willing and able to take a job that pays 25 percent more than your last job?

Sample size insufficient to report

Combo NE-37/NE-38 Based on those who ever had a full time job and haven't looked for work in over 1 year or never looked for work (N=541)

	Total
Would be willing and able to take a job that pays 10% more	79
Would not be willing and able to take a job that pays 10% more	11
Yes, would be willing to take a job that pays 25% more	3
No, would not be willing to take a job that pays 25% more	8
Don't know/Refused to say if willing to take a job for 25% more	*
Disabled/Not able to work (Vol.)	8
Don't know/Refused	1

(IF EVER HAD A FULL-TIME JOB INSERT "BACK"; SCRAMBLE ITEMS A-E)

NE-39.If you were offered a job that (INSERT ITEM), would you be more likely to consider going (back) to work, or not? (IF YES: Would that be much more likely or just somewhat more likely?)

Items a, b, d, e based on those who haven't looked for work in over 1 year or never looked for work (N=613)

a. Has flexible hours

	Total
Much more likely	38
Somewhat more likely	29
Not more likely	31
Don't know/Refused	2

b. Allows you to work from your home

	Total
Much more likely	43
Somewhat more likely	26
Not more likely	28
Don't know/Refused	3

Item c based on those who haven't looked for work in over 1 year or never looked for work and are parents or guardians of a child under the age of 18 in the household (N=256)

c. Provides childcare

	Total
Much more likely	29
Somewhat more likely	15
Not more likely	55
Don't know/Refused	1

d. Provides significant opportunities for advancement

	Total
Much more likely	32
Somewhat more likely	25
Not more likely	41
Don't know/Refused	2

e. Is in an area or field you find interesting

	Total
Much more likely	36
Somewhat more likely	30
Not more likely	32
Don't know/Refused	2

(IF EVER HAD A FULL-TIME JOB INSERT "go back to")

NE-39a. Are there any accommodations a potential employer could make that would make it possible for you to (go back to) work, or does your disability prevent you from working under any circumstances?

Based on those who say they are disabled or have a disability that prevents them from working for at least the next 6 months (N=422)

	Total
Yes, there are accommodations employer could make to make it possible for you to work	28
No, disability prevents you from working under any circumstances	67
Don't know/Refused	5

NE-39b. Can you briefly describe what those accommodations would be?

Based on those who are disabled and believe there are accommodations employers could make to make it possible for them to work (N=116)

	Total
Less physically demanding/desk job	19
Flexible hours/shorter hours/evening work/day job	18
Allow for rest periods/breaks	10
Work from home	9
Office modifications to accommodate disability	7
Transportation	6
Sitting/less standing/less use of legs	6
Training	4
Adequate pay	4
Handicap/wheelchair accessible	3
Less pressure/time to get work done	2
Good healthcare package/keep disability insurance	1
Other	20
No	7
Don't know/Refused	5

NE-40. Do you think there are available jobs in the area where you live that you could get if you applied for, but that you are not willing to take?

	Total
Yes	47
No	46
Don't know/Refused	7

NE-41 Since you stopped working, has your household been able to replace at least some of the income you were earning by getting income, money, or benefits from other sources, or not? (IF YES ASK: Has your household been able to replace all, most, some, or just a little of the income you were earning?)

Based on those who ever had a full-time job (N=893)

	Total
Yes, have been able to replace income	45
Replaced all	11
Replaced most	6
Replaced some	17
Replaced just a little	12
No, household has not been able to replace income	52
Don't know/Refused	3

Combo NE-7/NE-41 Based on Total

	Total
Ever had a full-time job	87
Replaced all income	9
Replaced most income	5
Replaced some income	15
Replaced just a little income	10
Household has not been able to replace income	45
Don't know/Refused if replaced income	2
Never had a full-time job	13
Don't know/Refused	--

(RANDOMIZE ITEMS a-h, ALWAYS READ i LAST)

(FOR ITEM A – INSERT “your spouse or another” IF MARRIED; IF NOT MARRIED INSERT “an”)

NE-42. Thinking about your current sources of income, do you get income, money, or benefits from any of the following sources, or not? READ AS NECESSARY: Do you get (ITEM), or not?

- a. Income from (your spouse or another/an) employed person in your household

	Total
Yes	42
No	58
Don't know/Refused	1

- b. Income from temporary work or odd jobs

	Total
Yes	19
No	81
Don't know/Refused	*

- c. Food Stamps

	Total
Yes	30
No	69
Don't know/Refused	*

- d. Money from family and friends

	Total
Yes	26
No	73
Don't know/Refused	1

- e. Money you have taken out of savings or retirement

	Total
Yes	17
No	83
Don't know/Refused	*

- f. Unemployment benefits

	Total
Yes	3
No	96
Don't know/Refused	1

g. Disability benefits, SSI, or SSDI

	Total
Yes	28
No	71
Don't know/Refused	*

h. Spousal support or child support

	Total
Yes	11
No	89
Don't know/Refused	*

i. Some other source of income, money, or benefits I haven't mentioned (SPECIFY)

	Total
Some other source of income, money, or benefits	5
Veteran benefits	2
Government programs	2
Investments	1
Grants/loans/scholarship	1
Other money making opportunities	1
Workman's compensation	*
Survivor benefits	*
No	88
Don't know/Refused	1

NE-42A. Is that a new or increased source of income since you stopped working, or were you already getting the same amount of (INSERT) before leaving your last job?

Based on those who ever had a full-time job and get income, money, or benefits from this source

a. Income from (your spouse or another/an) employed person in your household (N=355)

	Total
New or increased source since stopped working	38
Already getting the same amount before leaving last job	59
Don't know/Refused	2

b. Income from temporary work or odd jobs (N=152)

	Total
New or increased source since stopped working	64
Already getting the same amount before leaving last job	31
Don't know/Refused	5

c. Food Stamps (N=258)

	Total
New or increased source since stopped working	63
Already getting the same amount before leaving last job	33
Don't know/Refused	4

d. Money from family and friends (N=209)

	Total
New or increased source since stopped working	77
Already getting the same amount before leaving last job	20
Don't know/Refused	3

e. Money from savings or retirement (N=172)

	Total
New or increased source since stopped working	59
Already getting the same amount before leaving last job	32
Don't know/Refused	9

f. Unemployment benefits (*sample size insufficient to report*)

g. Disability benefits, SSI, or SSDI (N=307)

	Total
New or increased source since stopped working	76
Already getting the same amount before leaving last job	19
Don't know/Refused	6

h. Spousal support or child support (*sample size insufficient to report*)

i. This other source of income, money, or benefits (N=105)

	Total
New or increased source since stopped working	71
Already getting the same amount before leaving last job	26
Don't know/Refused	3

Combo Table NE-42a/NE-7/NE-42Aa Based on Total

	Total
Yes, get income from another employed person in household	42
New or increased source of income since stopped working	14
Already getting the same amount before stopped working	22
Don't know/Refused if new or increased source	1
Never had a full-time job	4
No, do not get income from another employed person in household	58
Don't know/Refused if get income from another employed person in household	1

Combo Table NE-42b/NE-7/NE-42Ab Based on Total

	Total
Yes, get income from temporary work or odd jobs	19
New or increased source of income since stopped working	11
Already getting the same amount before stopped working	5
Don't know/Refused if new or increased source	1
Never had a full-time job	2
No, do not get income from temporary work or odd jobs	81
Don't know/Refused if get income from temporary work or odd jobs	*

Combo Table NE-42c/NE-7/NE-42Ac Based on Total

	Total
Yes, get income from Food Stamps	30
New or increased source of income since stopped working	16
Already getting the same amount before stopped working	8
Don't know/Refused if new or increased source	1
Never had a full-time job	5
No, do not get income from Food Stamps	69
Don't know/Refused if get income Food Stamps	*

Combo Table NE-42d/NE-7/NE-42Ad Based on Total

	Total
Yes, get income from family and friends	26
New or increased source of income since stopped working	18
Already getting the same amount before stopped working	5
Don't know/Refused if new or increased source	1
Never had a full-time job	3
No, do not get income from family and friends	73
Don't know/Refused if get income from family and friends	1

Combo Table NE-42e/NE-7/NE-42Ae Based on Total

	Total
Yes, get income from money out of savings or retirement	17
New or increased source of income since stopped working	10
Already getting the same amount before stopped working	5
Don't know/Refused if new or increased source	1
Never had a full-time job	*
No, do not get income from money out of savings or retirement	83
Don't know/Refused if get income from money out of savings or retirement	*

Combo Table NE-42f/NE-7/NE-42Af Based on Total

	Total
Yes, get income from Unemployment benefits	3
New or increased source of income since stopped working	2
Already getting the same amount before stopped working	*
Don't know/Refused if new or increased source	*
Never had a full-time job	*
No, do not get income from Unemployment benefits	96
Don't know/Refused if get income Unemployment benefits	1

Combo Table NE-42g/NE-7/NE-42Ag Based on Total

	Total
Yes, get income from Disability benefits, SSI, or SSDI	28
New or increased source of income since stopped working	19
Already getting the same amount before stopped working	5
Don't know/Refused if new or increased source	1
Never had a full-time job	4
No, do not get income from Disability benefits, SSI, or SSDI	71
Don't know/Refused to say if get income Disability benefits, SSI, or SSDI	*

Combo Table NE-42h/NE-7/NE-42Ah Based on Total

	Total
Yes, get income from spousal support or child support	11
New or increased source of income since stopped working	3
Already getting the same amount before stopped working	7
Don't know/Refused if new or increased source	*
Never had a full-time job	2
No, do not get income from spousal support or child support	89
Don't know/Refused to say if get income from Spousal support or child support	*

Combo Table NE-42i/NE-7/NE-42Ai Based on Total

	Total
Yes, get income from some other source	12
New or increased source of income since stopped working	8
Already getting the same amount before stopped working	3
Don't know/Refused if new or increased source	*
Never had a full-time job	1
No, do not get income from some other source	88
Don't know/Refused to say if get income from some other source of income	1

HE-1. Do you have health insurance?

	Total
Yes	74
No	25
Don't know	*
Refused	--

HE-2. How do you obtain your health insurance? Is it...? (READ LIST; ACCEPT ONE ONLY)

Based on those who have health insurance (N=799)

	Total
Through your or your spouse's employer	36
Directly from a health plan or insurance company or a state or federal marketplace	15
Through public programs, such as Medicare or Medicaid	44
Through parents (Vol.)	1
Through military/Veterans Administration (Vol.)	1
Other (Vol.)	1
Don't know	*
Refused	*

HE-2a. Is that through Medicaid or (INSERT MEDICAID STATE NAME), or Medicare?

Based on those who say they have health insurance through public programs, such as Medicare or Medicaid (N=367)

	Total
Medicaid	58
Medicare	27
Both (Vol.)	9
Obamacare/ Healthcare.gov/Marketplace (Vol.)	1
Other (Vol.)	1
Don't know	3
Refused	1

HE-2k. Was that from a health plan or insurance company, or through a state or federal marketplace?

Based on those who say they have health insurance purchased directly from a health plan or insurance company or a state or federal marketplace (N=117)

	Total
Health plan or insurance company	40
Through a state or federal marketplace	54
Don't know	4
Refused	2

Combo HE-1/HE-2/HE-2a/HE-2k Based on Total

	Total
Have health insurance	74
Through your or your spouse's employer	27
Directly from a health plan/insurance company/marketplace	12
Health plan or insurance company	5
Through a state or federal marketplace	6
Don't know/Refused if company/marketplace	1
Through public programs, such as Medicare or Medicaid	32
Medicaid	19
Medicare	9
Both	3
Don't know/Refused if through Medicare/Medicaid	1
Obtained some other way	3
Don't know/Refused how health insurance was obtained	*
Do not have health insurance	25
Don't know/Refused if have health insurance	*

NE-43. How long have you been uninsured – less than three months, three months to less than a year, one year to less than two years, or 2 years or more?

Based on those who are uninsured (N=201)

	Total
Less than 3 months	11
3 months to less than a year	14
1 year to less than 2 years	12
2 years or more	59
Don't know/Refused	3

Combo HE-1/NE-43 Based on Total

	Total
Have health insurance	74
Do not have health insurance	25
Uninsured less than 3 months	3
3 months to less than a year	4
1 year to less than 2 years	3
2 years or more	15
Don't know/Refused how long been uninsured	1
Don't know/Refused if have health insurance	*

NE-44. Did you become uninsured as a result of losing your last job, or were you already uninsured before that time?

Based on those who are uninsured and ever had a full-time job (N=168)

	Total
As a result of losing last job	35
Already uninsured	57
Don't know/Refused	8

Combo Table HE-1/NE-7/NE-44 Based on Total

	Total
Have health insurance	74
Do not have health insurance	25
Uninsured as a result of losing job	7
Already uninsured before losing job	12
Don't know/Refused	2
Never had a full-time job	4
Don't know/Refused if had health insurance	*

DEMOGRAPHICS

READ: Finally, I have just a few questions we will use to describe the people who took part in our survey...

Z-11a Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as: (READ LIST)

NOTE: If respondent gives answer such as: "conservative, liberal, vote for best man"

Probe: Would that be Republican, Democrat, or independent?

	Total
A Republican	20
A Democrat	30
An independent	41
Other	1
Don't know	4
Refused	5

Lean Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican party or to the Democratic party?

Based on those who are independent, other, don't know or refused (N=480)

	Total
Republican	23
Democrat	31
Don't know/No answer	46

Combo Table Z11a/Lean Based on Total

	Total
Republican + Lean	31
Democrat + Lean	45
Independent (non-lean)	16
Other	*
Don't Know/Refused	7

Combo Table Z11a/Lean2 Based on Total

	Total
Republican	20
Democrat	30
Independent/Other/DK/R	51
Republican	12
Democrat	16
Don't know/No answer	24

(ROTATE 1-5/5-1)

D3. Generally speaking, would you describe your political views as...?
(READ LIST. ENTER ONE ONLY)

	Total
Conservative	35
Very conservative	14
Somewhat conservative	21
Moderate	27
Liberal	28
Somewhat liberal	16
Very liberal	12
Don't know	7
Refused	3

Z-8 What is the last grade of school you completed?(DO NOT READ LIST)

	Total
College graduate	20
Post grad work or degree	5
College grad	15
Less than college graduate	80
Some College	26
H.S. or less	54
High School grad	33
Technical school/Other	2
Not a High School grad	18
Refused	*

Military. Have you or has anyone in your household ever served in the U.S. military, the National Guard or the military reserves? [IF YES] Was that you, or someone else in your household?

	Total
Yes	24
Yes, respondent is a veteran or active	9
Yes, other household member is veteran or active	14
Yes, both respondent and other household member	2
No veterans or active in household	75
Don't know/ Refused	1

Crime. Have you, personally, ever been convicted of a crime, including a misdemeanor or felony, or not?

	Total
Yes	20
No	80
Don't know/ No answer	*

reg Some people are registered to vote and others are not. Are you registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you now live, or aren't you?

	Total
Yes	62
No	37
Don't know/ No answer	1

Z-10 Are you of Hispanic origin or background?

	Total
Yes	20
No	80
Don't know	*
Refused	*

Z-11 Would you consider yourself to be White, Black or of some other race?
 (IF "OTHER" SAY: "I'M NOT REFERRING TO YOUR NATIONALITY. I JUST WANT TO KNOW IF YOU
 CONSIDER YOURSELF WHITE OR BLACK.". IF RESPONDENT WON'T PICK ONE, THEN ENTER
 CODE FOR "OTHER")

	Total
White	68
Black or African American	17
Asian/Chinese/Japanese	2
Native American/American Indian/Alaska Native	2
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	*
Mixed	5
Other	4
Refused	2

Hispanic/Race Combo Table Based on Total

	Total
White non-Hispanic	57
Black non-Hispanic	14
Hispanic	20
Other/ Mixed, non-Hispanic	7
Don't know/Refused	2

CO-1 Were you born in the United States, the island of Puerto Rico, or in another country?

Based on those who are of Hispanic origin or background (N=125)

	Total
US/Puerto Rico	46
United States	42
Puerto Rico	4
Another Country	54
Don't know	--
Refused	--

Physhealth In general, would you say your physical health is excellent, very good, good, only fair, or poor?

	Total
Excellent	13
Very good	21
Good	28
Only fair	22
Poor	15
Don't know/No Answer	*

Menthealth In general, would you say your mental health is excellent, very good, good, only fair, or poor?

	Total
Excellent	23
Very good	21
Good	29
Only fair	17
Poor	9
Don't know/No Answer	1

- Z-9 Is your total annual household income from all sources, and before taxes:(READ LIST)
 Z-9a Is your total annual household income from all sources and before taxes is less than \$50,000, \$50,000 but less than \$100,000, or over \$100,000?
 Z-9b Is that 100 to under 150,000, \$150,000 under \$200,000, \$200,000 to under \$250, 000, or \$250,000 or more?

	Total
Less than \$50,000	71
Less than \$15,000	34
\$15,000 but less than \$25,000	14
\$25,000 but less than \$30,000	8
\$30,000 but less than \$40,000	5
\$40,000 but less than \$50,000	9
Less than \$50,000 (unspecified)	1
\$50,000 but less than \$100,000	15
50,000 but less than \$100,000 (unspecified)	1
\$50,000 but less than \$75,000	9
\$75,000 but less than \$100,000	6
\$100,000 and over	8
\$100,000 and over (unspecified)	*
\$100,000 but less than \$150,000	4
\$150,000 but less than \$200,000	2
\$200,000 but less than \$250,000	1
\$250,000 and over	2
Don't know	3
Refused	2

(ASK IF LANDLINE SAMPLE)

L-1 Now thinking about your telephone use. . . Does anyone in your household including yourself, have a working cell phone?

Based on those who are landline respondents (N=490)

	Total
Yes respondent or someone else has cell phone in household	79
No	20
Refused	*

(ASK IF DUAL REACHED ON LANDLINE PHONE (L1=1))

L2. Of all the telephone calls that you and the other people in your household receive, are [READ 1-3 IN ORDER]?

Based on those who are landline respondents who have a cell phone or someone else has a cellphone in household (N=392)

	Total
All or almost all calls received on a cell phone	23
Some received on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone	48
Or Very few or none received on a cell phone	28
Don't know/Refused	1

(IF CELL PHONE SAMPLE)

C1 Now thinking about your telephone use, is there at least one telephone INSIDE your home that is currently working and is not a cell phone?

Based on those who are cell phone respondents (N=512)

	Total
Yes, has a home telephone	24
No, no home telephone	76
Refused	*

(ASK IF DUAL REACHED ON CELL PHONE (C1=1))

C2. Of all the telephone calls that you and the other people in your household receive, are...

Based on those who are cell phone respondents and have a home telephone (N=179)

	Total
All or almost all calls received on a cell phone	37
Some received on a cell phone and some on a regular home phone	48
Or Very few or none received on a cell phone	13
Don't know/Refused	2

(ASK IF CELL PHONE SAMPLE OR HH HAS A CELL PHONE (L1=1))

C1a How many different cell phone numbers do you personally answer calls on?

Based on those who are cell phone respondents or landline respondents with a cellphone (N=904)

	Total
None	3
1	83
2	10
3	2
4+	2
Don't know	1
Refused	1

Z-12. How many telephone numbers, if any, does your household have that I could have reached you on? Not extensions, but different telephone numbers, excluding wireless or cellular phones? (RECORD SINGLE DIGIT NUMBER)

	Total
1	57
2	8
3	3
4 or more	1
Cell phone household only	30
Refused	1

Z-6. Including yourself, how many people are there living in your household?

	Total
1	13
2	21
3	22
4+	42
Refused	1

Z-6a How many of these are adults, 18 or older? (RECORD SINGLE-DIGIT NUMBER)

	Total
1	20
2	49
3	21
4+	9
Refused	1



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