

## Wave IV Section 12: Economics

Number of observations: 15,701

**These next questions are about your income and the income of everyone who lives in your household and contributes to the household budget.**

H4EC1		Num	1. Thinking about your income and the income of everyone who lives in your household and contributes to the household budget, what was the total household income before taxes and deductions in {2006/2007/2008}? Include all sources of income, including non-legal sources. (Income data are important in analyzing the health information we collect. For example, the information helps us to learn whether persons in one income group use certain types of medical care services or have conditions more or less often than those in another group.)
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
430	2.7%	1	less than \$5,000
348	2.2%	2	\$5,000 to \$9,999
477	3.0%	3	\$10,000 to \$14,999
501	3.2%	4	\$15,000 to \$19,999
699	4.5%	5	\$20,000 to \$24,999
747	4.8%	6	\$25,000 to \$29,999
1588	10.1%	7	\$30,000 to \$39,999
1767	11.3%	8	\$40,000 to \$49,999
3567	22.7%	9	\$50,000 to \$74,999
2219	14.1%	10	\$75,000 to \$99,999
1563	10.0%	11	\$100,000 to \$149,999
756	4.8%	12	\$150,000 or more
138	0.9%	96	refused
901	5.7%	98	don't know

H4EC2		Num	2. Now think about your personal earnings. In {2006/2007/2008}, how much income did you receive from personal earnings before
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Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
			taxes, that is, wages or salaries, including tips, bonuses, and overtime pay, and income from self-employment? NOTE: Smallest 5 and largest 5 values are displayed.
1069	6.8%	0	\$0
2	0.0%	1	\$1
1	0.0%	2	\$2
1	0.0%	3	\$3
3	0.0%	4	\$4
13836	88.1%	5-870000	NOTE: Range of values omitted from display
1	0.0%	900000	\$900,000
1	0.0%	920000	\$920,000
9	0.1%	999995	\$999,995
192	1.2%	999996	refused
586	3.7%	999998	don't know

***If Q.2 = 999998, ask Q.3; else skip to Q.4.***

Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
<b>H4EC3</b>		Num	3. What is your best guess of your personal earnings before taxes? (Income data are important in analyzing the health information we collect. For example, the information helps us to learn whether persons in one income group use certain types of medical care services or have conditions more or less often than those in another group.)
114	0.7%	1	less than \$5,000
62	0.4%	2	\$5,000 to \$9,999
55	0.4%	3	\$10,000 to \$14,999
41	0.3%	4	\$15,000 to \$19,999
37	0.2%	5	\$20,000 to \$24,999
30	0.2%	6	\$25,000 to \$29,999
37	0.2%	7	\$30,000 to \$39,999

19	0.1%	8	\$40,000 to \$49,999
17	0.1%	9	\$50,000 to \$74,999
6	0.0%	10	\$75,000 to \$99,999
1	0.0%	11	\$100,000 to \$149,999
2	0.0%	12	\$150,000 or more
6	0.0%	96	refused
15115	96.3%	97	legitimate skip
159	1.0%	98	don't know

<b>H4EC4</b>		Num	4. Is your house, apartment, or residence owned or being bought by {YOU AND/OR YOUR SPOUSE/PARTNER}?
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
9395	59.8%	0	no
6278	40.0%	1	yes
13	0.1%	6	refused
15	0.1%	8	don't know

***If Q.4 = 1, ask Q.5, else skip to Q.6.***

<b>H4EC5</b>		Num	5. About how much do {YOU AND/OR YOUR SPOUSE/PARTNER} you owe on the mortgage for your house, apartment, or residence? NOTE: Smallest 5 and largest 5 values are displayed.
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
566	3.6%	0	\$0
2	0.0%	3	\$3
1	0.0%	20	\$20
1	0.0%	22	\$22
1	0.0%	72	\$72
5234	33.3%	92-925000	NOTE: Range of values omitted from display
1	0.0%	950000	\$950,000

11	0.1%	999995	\$999,995
66	0.4%	999996	refused
9423	60.0%	999997	legitimate skip
395	2.5%	999998	don't know

<b>H4EC6</b>		Num	6. Have {YOU/YOUR SPOUSE/PARTNER} ever received any financial gifts or loans from your parents, in-laws, or relatives to help you buy, remodel, build or furnish a home or condominium?
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
12792	81.5%	0	no
2874	18.3%	1	yes
17	0.1%	6	refused
18	0.1%	8	don't know

<b>H4EC7</b>		Num	7. What is your best estimate of the total value of your assets and the assets of everyone who lives in your household and contributes to the household budget? Include all assets, such as bank accounts, retirement plans and stocks. Do not include equity in your home. (Income data are important in analyzing the health information we collect. For example, the information helps us to learn whether persons in one income group use certain types of medical care services or have conditions more or less often than those in another group.)
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
2610	16.6%	1	less than \$5,000
1644	10.5%	2	\$5,000 to \$9,999
2514	16.0%	3	\$10,000 to \$24,999
2404	15.3%	4	\$25,000 to \$49,999
2187	13.9%	5	\$50,000 to \$99,999
1589	10.1%	6	\$100,000 to \$249,999
686	4.4%	7	\$250,000 to \$499,999
319	2.0%	8	\$500,000 to \$999,999
128	0.8%	9	\$1,000,000 or more

206	1.3%	96	refused
1414	9.0%	98	don't know

<b>H4EC8</b>		Num	8. Now, think about your debts besides any mortgage on your home. How much do you and others in your household owe altogether? Include all debts, including all types of loans, credit card debt, medical or legal bills, etc. (Income data are important in analyzing the health information we collect. For example, the information helps us to learn whether persons in one income group use certain types of medical care services or have conditions more or less often than those in another group.)
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
1830	11.7%	1	less than \$1,000
2158	13.7%	2	\$1,000 to \$4,999
2178	13.9%	3	\$5,000 to \$9,999
3603	22.9%	4	\$10,000 to \$24,999
2578	16.4%	5	\$25,000 to \$49,999
1386	8.8%	6	\$50,000 to \$99,999
614	3.9%	7	\$100,000 to \$249,999
209	1.3%	8	\$250,000 or more
162	1.0%	96	refused
983	6.3%	98	don't know

<b>H4EC9</b>		Num	9. Suppose you and others in your household were to sell all of your major possessions (including your home), turn all of your investments and other assets into cash, and pay off all of your debts. Would you have something left over, break even, or be in debt?
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
9118	58.1%	1	have something left over
2787	17.8%	2	break even
3197	20.4%	3	be in debt
78	0.5%	6	refused

521	3.3%	8	don't know
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<b>H4EC10</b>		Num	10. In the past 12 months, was there a time when {YOU/YOUR HOUSEHOLD} was without phone service because you didn't have enough money?
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
14198	90.4%	0	no
1485	9.5%	1	yes
7	0.0%	6	refused
11	0.1%	8	don't know

<b>H4EC11</b>		Num	11. In the past 12 months, was there a time when {YOU/YOUR HOUSEHOLD} didn't pay the full amount of the rent or mortgage because you didn't have enough money?
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
14182	90.3%	0	no
1492	9.5%	1	yes
5	0.0%	6	refused
22	0.1%	8	don't know

<b>H4EC12</b>		Num	12. In the past 12 months, was there a time when {YOU/YOUR HOUSEHOLD} were evicted from your house or apartment for not paying the rent or mortgage?
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
15522	98.9%	0	no
165	1.1%	1	yes
5	0.0%	6	refused
9	0.1%	8	don't know

<b>H4EC13</b>		Num	13. In the past 12 months, was there a time when {YOU/YOUR HOUSEHOLD} didn't pay the full amount of a gas, electricity, or oil bill because you didn't have enough money?
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label

13353	85.0%	0	no
2323	14.8%	1	yes
4	0.0%	6	refused
21	0.1%	8	don't know

<b>H4EC14</b>		Num	14. In the past 12 months, was there a time when {YOU/YOUR HOUSEHOLD} had the service turned off by the gas or electric company, or the oil company wouldn't deliver, because payments were not made?
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
14843	94.5%	0	no
844	5.4%	1	yes
5	0.0%	6	refused
9	0.1%	8	don't know

<b>H4EC15</b>		Num	15. In the past 12 months, was there a time when {YOU/YOUR HOUSEHOLD WERE/WAS} worried whether food would run out before you would get money to buy more?
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
13913	88.6%	0	no
1774	11.3%	1	yes
5	0.0%	6	refused
9	0.1%	8	don't know

***If year of last interview = 1995/1996, ask Q.16; if year of last interview = 2001/2002, skip to Q.18.***

<b>H4EC16</b>		Num	16. Before you were 18 years old, did anyone in your household ever receive public assistance, welfare payments, or food stamps?*
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
1810	11.5%	0	no
818	5.2%	1	yes
1	0.0%	6	refused

13035	83.0%	7	legitimate skip
34	0.2%	8	don't know
3	0.0%	.	missing

***If Q.16 = 1, ask Q.17; else skip to Q.18.***

<b>H4EC17</b>		Num	17. During how much of the time before you were 18 years old did anyone in your household receive this kind of help?*
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
283	1.8%	1	only a very short time
123	0.8%	2	less than half the time
136	0.9%	3	about half the time
142	0.9%	4	most of the time
107	0.7%	5	practically all of the time
1	0.0%	96	refused
14880	94.8%	97	legitimate skip
26	0.2%	98	don't know
3	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4EC18</b>		Num	18. Between {1995/2002} and {2006/2007/2008}, did you or others in your household receive any public assistance, welfare payments, or food stamps?
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
11952	76.1%	0	no
3716	23.7%	1	yes
5	0.0%	6	refused
28	0.2%	8	don't know

<b>H4EC19</b>		Num	19. Think of this ladder as representing where people stand in the United States. At the top of the ladder (step 10) are the people who have the most money and education, and the most respected jobs. At the bottom of the ladder (step 1) are the people who have the least money and education, and the least respected jobs or no job.
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Where would you place yourself on this ladder? Pick the number for the step that shows where you think you stand at this time in your life, relative to other people in the United States.

Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
368	2.3%	1	step 1
679	4.3%	2	step 2
1877	12.0%	3	step 3
2777	17.7%	4	step 4
4259	27.1%	5	step 5
2627	16.7%	6	step 6
1935	12.3%	7	step 7
761	4.8%	8	step 8
195	1.2%	9	step 9
180	1.1%	10	step 10
18	0.1%	96	refused
25	0.2%	98	don't know

**\*H4EC16 and H4EC17**

There are three missing cases for H4EC16 and H4EC17 due to incorrect preload data for year of last interview. For these three cases, questions H4EC16 and H4EC17 were incorrectly skipped but would have been asked if the correct year of last interview had been used. As a result, these questions are coded as "missing".