

## Wave IV Section 26: Personality

Number of observations: 15,701

The next few items describe people's behaviors.

**Note: Respondent sees the following instructions for each question Q.1 through Q.36:  
'How much do you agree with each statement about you as you generally are now, not as you wish to be in the future?'**

<b>H4PE1</b>		Num	1. I am the life of the party
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
1437	9.2%	1	strongly agree
3948	25.1%	2	agree
6002	38.2%	3	neither agree nor disagree
3644	23.2%	4	disagree
643	4.1%	5	strongly disagree
13	0.1%	6	refused
13	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE2</b>		Num	2. I sympathize with others' feelings
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
5256	33.5%	1	strongly agree
8733	55.6%	2	agree
1205	7.7%	3	neither agree nor disagree
355	2.3%	4	disagree
124	0.8%	5	strongly disagree
14	0.1%	6	refused
13	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE3</b>		Num	3. I get chores done right away
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
2512	16.0%	1	strongly agree
6068	38.6%	2	agree
3710	23.6%	3	neither agree nor disagree
3008	19.2%	4	disagree
378	2.4%	5	strongly disagree
16	0.1%	6	refused
8	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE4</b>		Num	4. I have frequent mood swings
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
921	5.9%	1	strongly agree
3355	21.4%	2	agree
3502	22.3%	3	neither agree nor disagree
6168	39.3%	4	disagree
1727	11.0%	5	strongly disagree
15	0.1%	6	refused
12	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE5</b>		Num	5. I have a vivid imagination
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
3007	19.2%	1	strongly agree
6618	42.2%	2	agree
3705	23.6%	3	neither agree nor disagree

2058	13.1%	4	disagree
272	1.7%	5	strongly disagree
15	0.1%	6	refused
25	0.2%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE6</b>		Num	6. I worry about things
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
2883	18.4%	1	strongly agree
7824	49.8%	2	agree
2609	16.6%	3	neither agree nor disagree
1957	12.5%	4	disagree
403	2.6%	5	strongly disagree
17	0.1%	6	refused
7	0.0%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE7</b>		Num	7. I'm always optimistic about my future
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
2936	18.7%	1	strongly agree
8172	52.0%	2	agree
3259	20.8%	3	neither agree nor disagree
1155	7.4%	4	disagree
146	0.9%	5	strongly disagree
15	0.1%	6	refused
17	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE8</b>		Num	8. I get angry easily
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
643	4.1%	1	strongly agree
2665	17.0%	2	agree
3616	23.0%	3	neither agree nor disagree
6993	44.5%	4	disagree
1757	11.2%	5	strongly disagree
17	0.1%	6	refused
9	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE9</b>		Num	9. I don't talk a lot
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
707	4.5%	1	strongly agree
3170	20.2%	2	agree
3350	21.3%	3	neither agree nor disagree
5851	37.3%	4	disagree
2598	16.5%	5	strongly disagree
15	0.1%	6	refused
9	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE10</b>		Num	10. I am not interested in other people's problems
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
481	3.1%	1	strongly agree
1750	11.1%	2	agree
3678	23.4%	3	neither agree nor disagree
7750	49.4%	4	disagree

2015	12.8%	5	strongly disagree
16	0.1%	6	refused
10	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE11</b>		Num	11. I often forget to put things back in their proper place
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
772	4.9%	1	strongly agree
3070	19.6%	2	agree
2523	16.1%	3	neither agree nor disagree
6949	44.3%	4	disagree
2357	15.0%	5	strongly disagree
19	0.1%	6	refused
10	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE12</b>		Num	12. I am relaxed most of the time
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
1842	11.7%	1	strongly agree
8634	55.0%	2	agree
2940	18.7%	3	neither agree nor disagree
1945	12.4%	4	disagree
315	2.0%	5	strongly disagree
15	0.1%	6	refused
9	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE13</b>		Num	13. I am not interested in abstract ideas
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Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
253	1.6%	1	strongly agree
2185	13.9%	2	agree
6129	39.0%	3	neither agree nor disagree
5724	36.5%	4	disagree
1257	8.0%	5	strongly disagree
18	0.1%	6	refused
134	0.9%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE14</b>		Num	14. I am not easily bothered by things
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
960	6.1%	1	strongly agree
6362	40.5%	2	agree
3899	24.8%	3	neither agree nor disagree
4019	25.6%	4	disagree
426	2.7%	5	strongly disagree
17	0.1%	6	refused
17	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE15</b>		Num	15. I hardly ever expect things to go my way
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
331	2.1%	1	strongly agree
2316	14.8%	2	agree
4043	25.7%	3	neither agree nor disagree
7753	49.4%	4	disagree
1220	7.8%	5	strongly disagree

18	0.1%	6	refused
19	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE16</b>		Num	16. I rarely get irritated
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
619	3.9%	1	strongly agree
5236	33.3%	2	agree
3991	25.4%	3	neither agree nor disagree
5319	33.9%	4	disagree
505	3.2%	5	strongly disagree
15	0.1%	6	refused
15	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE17</b>		Num	17. I talk to a lot of different people at parties
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
2032	12.9%	1	strongly agree
6967	44.4%	2	agree
2644	16.8%	3	neither agree nor disagree
3407	21.7%	4	disagree
614	3.9%	5	strongly disagree
17	0.1%	6	refused
19	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE18</b>		Num	18. I feel others' emotions
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label

1722	11.0%	1	strongly agree
8650	55.1%	2	agree
3599	22.9%	3	neither agree nor disagree
1492	9.5%	4	disagree
203	1.3%	5	strongly disagree
16	0.1%	6	refused
18	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE19</b>		Num	19. I like order
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
3483	22.2%	1	strongly agree
8454	53.8%	2	agree
2625	16.7%	3	neither agree nor disagree
961	6.1%	4	disagree
147	0.9%	5	strongly disagree
16	0.1%	6	refused
14	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE20</b>		Num	20. I get upset easily
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
477	3.0%	1	strongly agree
2685	17.1%	2	agree
3446	21.9%	3	neither agree nor disagree
7855	50.0%	4	disagree
1212	7.7%	5	strongly disagree
16	0.1%	6	refused

9	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE21</b>		Num	21. I have difficulty understanding abstract ideas
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
193	1.2%	1	strongly agree
1493	9.5%	2	agree
4774	30.4%	3	neither agree nor disagree
7758	49.4%	4	disagree
1355	8.6%	5	strongly disagree
18	0.1%	6	refused
109	0.7%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE22</b>		Num	22. I get stressed out easily
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
769	4.9%	1	strongly agree
3704	23.6%	2	agree
3367	21.4%	3	neither agree nor disagree
6837	43.5%	4	disagree
995	6.3%	5	strongly disagree
17	0.1%	6	refused
11	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE23</b>		Num	23. Overall, I expect more good things to happen to me than bad
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
3584	22.8%	1	strongly agree

9239	58.8%	2	agree
1935	12.3%	3	neither agree nor disagree
768	4.9%	4	disagree
145	0.9%	5	strongly disagree
17	0.1%	6	refused
12	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE24</b>		Num	24. I lose my temper
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
340	2.2%	1	strongly agree
2581	16.4%	2	agree
3042	19.4%	3	neither agree nor disagree
7667	48.8%	4	disagree
2046	13.0%	5	strongly disagree
17	0.1%	6	refused
7	0.0%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE25</b>		Num	25. I keep in the background
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
422	2.7%	1	strongly agree
3443	21.9%	2	agree
4287	27.3%	3	neither agree nor disagree
6376	40.6%	4	disagree
1130	7.2%	5	strongly disagree
16	0.1%	6	refused
26	0.2%	8	don't know

1	0.0%	.	missing
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<b>H4PE26</b>		Num	26. I am not really interested in others
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
146	0.9%	1	strongly agree
939	6.0%	2	agree
2723	17.3%	3	neither agree nor disagree
9667	61.6%	4	disagree
2189	13.9%	5	strongly disagree
18	0.1%	6	refused
18	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE27</b>		Num	27. I make a mess of things
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
161	1.0%	1	strongly agree
1168	7.4%	2	agree
2494	15.9%	3	neither agree nor disagree
9337	59.5%	4	disagree
2511	16.0%	5	strongly disagree
16	0.1%	6	refused
13	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE28</b>		Num	28. I seldom feel blue
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
1058	6.7%	1	strongly agree
6660	42.4%	2	agree

3292	21.0%	3	neither agree nor disagree
4010	25.5%	4	disagree
643	4.1%	5	strongly disagree
16	0.1%	6	refused
21	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE29</b>		Num	29. I do not have a good imagination
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
127	0.8%	1	strongly agree
971	6.2%	2	agree
1989	12.7%	3	neither agree nor disagree
9133	58.2%	4	disagree
3447	22.0%	5	strongly disagree
15	0.1%	6	refused
18	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE30</b>		Num	30. I don't worry about things that have already happened
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
878	5.6%	1	strongly agree
4549	29.0%	2	agree
3568	22.7%	3	neither agree nor disagree
5896	37.6%	4	disagree
783	5.0%	5	strongly disagree
15	0.1%	6	refused
11	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE31</b>		Num	31. I rarely count on good things happening to me
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
356	2.3%	1	strongly agree
2014	12.8%	2	agree
2493	15.9%	3	neither agree nor disagree
8890	56.6%	4	disagree
1917	12.2%	5	strongly disagree
17	0.1%	6	refused
13	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE32</b>		Num	32. I keep my cool
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
2030	12.9%	1	strongly agree
10021	63.8%	2	agree
2691	17.1%	3	neither agree nor disagree
844	5.4%	4	disagree
91	0.6%	5	strongly disagree
15	0.1%	6	refused
8	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE33</b>		Num	33. I go out of my way to avoid having to deal with problems in my life
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
487	3.1%	1	strongly agree
2609	16.6%	2	agree
3304	21.0%	3	neither agree nor disagree

7927	50.5%	4	disagree
1342	8.5%	5	strongly disagree
16	0.1%	6	refused
15	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE34</b>		Num	34. When making a decision, I go with my 'gut feeling' and don't think much about the consequences of each alternative
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
654	4.2%	1	strongly agree
2953	18.8%	2	agree
2895	18.4%	3	neither agree nor disagree
7466	47.6%	4	disagree
1690	10.8%	5	strongly disagree
19	0.1%	6	refused
23	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE35</b>		Num	35. I like to take risks
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
751	4.8%	1	strongly agree
4870	31.0%	2	agree
4482	28.5%	3	neither agree nor disagree
4839	30.8%	4	disagree
727	4.6%	5	strongly disagree
16	0.1%	6	refused
15	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE36</b>		Num	36. I live my life without much thought for the future
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
194	1.2%	1	strongly agree
937	6.0%	2	agree
1616	10.3%	3	neither agree nor disagree
9489	60.4%	4	disagree
3435	21.9%	5	strongly disagree
15	0.1%	6	refused
14	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

**Note: Respondent sees the following instructions for each question Q.37 through Q.41:  
'How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?'**

<b>H4PE37</b>		Num	37. There is little I can do to change the important things in my life.
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
151	1.0%	1	strongly agree
866	5.5%	2	agree
1675	10.7%	3	neither agree nor disagree
9697	61.8%	4	disagree
3270	20.8%	5	strongly disagree
16	0.1%	6	refused
25	0.2%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE38</b>		Num	38. Other people determine most of what I can and cannot do.
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
121	0.8%	1	strongly agree
633	4.0%	2	agree

1271	8.1%	3	neither agree nor disagree
8769	55.8%	4	disagree
4876	31.1%	5	strongly disagree
17	0.1%	6	refused
13	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE39</b>		Num	39. There are many things that interfere with what I want to do.
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
411	2.6%	1	strongly agree
3403	21.7%	2	agree
3401	21.7%	3	neither agree nor disagree
7069	45.0%	4	disagree
1382	8.8%	5	strongly disagree
18	0.1%	6	refused
16	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

<b>H4PE40</b>		Num	40. I have little control over the things that happen to me.
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
135	0.9%	1	strongly agree
917	5.8%	2	agree
2027	12.9%	3	neither agree nor disagree
9774	62.3%	4	disagree
2809	17.9%	5	strongly disagree
20	0.1%	6	refused
18	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

H4PE41		Num	41. There is really no way I can solve the problems I have.
Frequency	Percent	Value	Label
76	0.5%	1	strongly agree
373	2.4%	2	agree
1081	6.9%	3	neither agree nor disagree
10086	64.2%	4	disagree
4054	25.8%	5	strongly disagree
19	0.1%	6	refused
11	0.1%	8	don't know
1	0.0%	.	missing

**General Note**

One case with final disposition code 490 (break-off/partial interview) had all missing data for this section.