2015 National Financial Capability Study Data File Information: 2015 State-by-State Survey

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Notes on Weighting

The dataset includes weights that allow researchers to match Census distributions for three levels of analysis: national, Census Division and state. Weights are based on data from the 2014 American Community Survey.

• **National-level weights** (wgt_n2): The weighting variable that can be used when reporting national statistics is designed to weight the sample so that it is representative of the U.S. population age 18 and up on the following demographic characteristics:

_	Age by gender:	Male 18-34 Male 35-54 Male 55+ Female 18-34 Female 35-54 Female 55+
_	Ethnicity:	White (non-Hispanic) Black (non-Hispanic) Hispanic (any race) Asian/Pacific Islander (non-Hispanic) Other (non-Hispanic; Native American, other, 2+ races)
-	Education:	Some college (including Associate's degree) or less College graduate (Bachelor's degree) or more
_	Census division: ¹	New England Middle Atlantic East North Central West North Central South Atlantic East South Central West South Central Mountain Pacific

¹ For comparability with previous years, the four states that were oversampled in 2015 (CA, IL, NY, TX) were weighted down to their corresponding proportions in the 2012 NFCS data.

- **Census Division-level weights** (wgt_d2): The weighting variable that can be used when reporting Census Division statistics is designed to weight the sample so that it is representative within each Census Division on the following demographic characteristics:
 - Age by gender
 - Ethnicity
 - Education
 - State
- **State-level weights** (wgt_s3): The weighting variable that can be used when reporting state statistics is designed to weight the sample so that is representative within each state on the following demographic characteristics:
 - Age by gender
 - Ethnicity
 - Education

Note that each weight is intended to produce a reliable representation of the population as a whole for that level of analysis (i.e., national, census division or state). However, breakdowns of sub-populations within these geographic levels will not necessarily be representative.

No additional weighting was used to account for non-response bias.

Data Dictionary

[To protect respondent anonymity, selected variables have been aggregated into larger groupings.]

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List of variables on the working file
Name (Position) Label
NFCSID (1) Respondent ID
   Measurement Level: Scale
   Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F10
   Write Format: F10
STATEO (2) State
   Measurement Level: Nominal
   Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F2
   Write Format: F2
          Value Label
              1
                 Alabama
              2
                   Alaska
                 Arizona
              3
                 Arkansas
              4
              5
                 California
              6 Colorado
              7
                 Connecticut
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8 Delaware

- 9 District of Columbia 10 Florida Georgia 11 12 Hawaii 13 Idaho 14 Illinois 15 Indiana 16 Iowa 17 Kansas 18 Kentucky 19 Louisiana 20 Maine 21 Maryland 22 Massachusetts 23 Michigan 24 Minnesota 25 Mississippi 26 Missouri 27 Montana 28 Nebraska 29 Nevada 30 New Hampshire 31 New Jersey 32 New Mexico 33 New York 34 North Carolina North Dakota 35 36 Ohio 37 Oklahoma 38 Oregon 39 Pennsylvania 40 Rhode Island South Carolina 41 42 South Dakota 43 Tennessee 44 Texas 45 Utah 46 Vermont 47 Virginia 48 Washington 49 West Virginia
- 50 Wisconsin
- Wyoming 51

CENSUSDIV (3) Census Division Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 New England 2 Middle Atlantic 3 East North Central 4 West North Central 5 South Atlantic 6 East South Central 7 West South Central 8 Mountain 9 Pacific CENSUSREG (4) Census Region Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Northeast Midwest 2 3 South 4 West A3 (5) What is your gender? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Male 2 Female A3Ar w (6) Age group Measurement Level: Scale Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 18-24 2 25-34 3 35-44 45-54 4 5 55-64 6 65+

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A3B (7) [GENDER/AGE NET]
    Measurement Level: Nominal
    Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
    Print Format: F2
    Write Format: F2
           Value Label
                   Male 18-24
               1
               2
                    Male 25-34
               3
                   Male 35-44
               4
                   Male 45-54
               5
                   Male 55-64
               6
                   Male 65+
               7
                   Female 18-24
                   Female 25-34
               8
               9
                    Female 35-44
                  Female 45-54
              10
              11
                 Female 55-64
              12 Female 65+
A4A_new_w (8) Ethnicity
    Measurement Level: Scale
    Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
    Print Format: F2
    Write Format: F2
           Value Label
               1
                   While Alone NH
               2
                    Non-White
A5 2015 (9)
        What was the highest level of education that you completed? [2015 codes]
    Measurement Level: Nominal
    Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
    Print Format: F2
    Write Format: F2
           Value Label
               1
                    Did not complete high school
                    High school graduate - regular high school diploma
High school graduate - GED or alternative credential
               2
               3
               4
                    Some college, no degree
               5
                    Associate's degree
                   Bachelor's degree
               6
               7
                   Post graduate degree
              99 Prefer not to say
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А6	<pre>(10) What is your marital status? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2</pre>		
	Value	Label	
	1 2 3 4 5 99	Married Single Separated Divorced Widowed/widower Prefer not to say	
А7	.7 (11) Which of the following describes your current living arrangement. Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2		
	Value	Label	
	1 2 3 4 99	I am the only adult in the household I live with my spouse/partner/significant other I live in my parents' home I live with other family, friends, or roommates Prefer not to say	
A7A	A (12) [MARITAL STATUS VARIABLE] Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2		
	Value	Label	
	1	Married	

- 2 Living with partner
 3 Single
- Single

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A11 (13)
        How many children do you have who are financially dependent on you [or
        your spouse/partner]?
    Measurement Level: Nominal
    Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
    Print Format: F2
    Write Format: F2
           Value
                  Label
               1
                    1
               2
                   2
               3
                   3
               4
                   4 or more
               5
                    No financially dependent children
               6
                    Do not have any children
              99
                    Prefer not to say
A8 (14)
        What is your [household's] approximate annual income, including wages,
        tips, investment income, public assistance, income from retirement
        plans, etc.?
    Measurement Level: Nominal
    Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
    Print Format: F2
    Write Format: F2
           Value Label
                   Less than $15,000
               1
               2
                    At least $15,000 but less than $25,000
               3
                    At least $25,000 but less than $35,000
                    At least $35,000 but less than $50,000
               4
               5
                    At least $50,000 but less than $75,000
                    At least $75,000 but less than $100,000
               6
               7
                    At least $100,000 but less than $150,000
               8
                    $150,000 or more
              98
                    Don't know
              99
                    Prefer not to say
AM21 (15)
        Have you ever been a member of the U.S. Armed Services, either in the
        active or reserve component?
    Measurement Level: Nominal
    Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
    Print Format: F2
    Write Format: F2
           Value
                  Label
               1
                    Currently a member of the U.S. Armed Services
               2
                    Previously a member of the U.S. Armed Services
                    Never a member of the U.S. Armed Services
               3
              99
                   Prefer not to say
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AM30 (16) When did you complete your service in the military? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Within the past year 2 1 to 3 years ago 3 4 to 10 years ago 4 More than 10 years ago 99 Prefer not to say AM31 (17) Did you retire from the military? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know Prefer not to say 99 AM22 (18) Has your spouse ever been a member of the U.S. Armed Services, either in the active or reserve component? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Currently a member of the U.S. Armed Services Previously a member of the U.S. Armed Services 2 Never a member of the U.S. Armed Services 3 99 Prefer not to say X3 (19) [QUESTIONNAIRE VERSION VARIABLE] Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Core questions 2 Military

X4 (20) [MILITARY RESPONDENT VARIABLE] Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Respondent in service 2 Spouse in service A9 (21) Which of the following best describes your current employment or work status? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Self employed 2 Work full-time for an employer [or the military] 3 Work part-time for an employer [or the military] 4 Homemaker 5 Full-time student Permanently sick, disabled, or unable to work 6 7 Unemployed or temporarily laid off 8 Retired 99 Prefer not to say A10 (22) Which of the following best describes your [spouse's/partner's] current employment or work status? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Self employed Work full-time for an employer [or the military] 2 Work part-time for an employer [or the military] 3 4 Homemaker 5 Full-time student Permanently sick, disabled, or unable to work 6 7 Unemployed or temporarily laid off 8 Retired 99 Prefer not to say

A10A (23) [HOUSEHOLD RETIREMENT STATUS] Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Non-retired household 2 Retired household--Respondent retired 3 Retired household -- Respondent not working and spouse retired A21 2015 (24) Are you a part-time student taking courses for credit? [2015 base] Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say A22 2015 (25) Which of the following best describes the school you are attending? [2015 base] Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label Four-year college or university 1 2 Two-year community college 3 Vocational, technical, or trade school 4 Other 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say A14 (26) Who in the household is most knowledgeable about saving, investing and debt? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 You 2 Someone else 3 You and someone else are equally knowledgeable 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say

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J1 (27)
       Overall, thinking of your assets, debts and savings, how satisfied are
       you with your current personal financial condition?
   Measurement Level: Nominal
   Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F2
   Write Format: F2
          Value Label
              1
                  1 - Not At All Satisfied
              2
                  2
              3
                  3
              4
                  4
              5
                  5
              6
                  6
              7
                   7
              8
                   8
              9
                  9
             10 10 - Extremely Satisfied
             98 Don't know
             99 Prefer not to say
J2 (28)
       When thinking of your financial investments, how willing are you to take
       risks?
   Measurement Level: Nominal
   Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F2
   Write Format: F2
          Value Label
                 1 - Not At All Willing
              1
              2
                  2
              3
                  3
              4
                  4
              5
                  5
              6
                  6
              7
                  7
              8
                  8
              9
                  9
             10
                  10 - Very Willing
                  Don't know
             98
             99
                  Prefer not to say
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J3 (29) Over the past year, would you say your [household's] spending was less than, more than, or about equal to your [household's] income? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Spending less than income 2 Spending more than income 3 Spending about equal to income 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say J4 (30) In a typical month, how difficult is it for you to cover your expenses and pay all your bills? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label Very difficult 1 Somewhat difficult 2 3 Not at all difficult 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say J5 (31) Have you set aside emergency or rainy day funds that would cover your expenses for 3 months, in case of sickness, job loss, economic downturn, or other emergencies? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say

J6 (32) Are you setting aside any money for your children's college education? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label Yes 1 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say J8 (33) Have you ever tried to figure out how much you need to save for retirement? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say J9 (34) Before you [your spouse/partner] retired, did you try to figure out how much you needed to save for retirement? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say J10 (35) In the past 12 months, have you [has your household] experienced a large drop in income which you did not expect? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say

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J20 (36)
       How confident are you that you could come up with $2,000 if an
       unexpected need arose within the next month?
   Measurement Level: Nominal
   Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F2
   Write Format: F2
          Value
                  Label
               1
                   I am certain I could come up with the full $2,000
               2
                   I could probably come up with $2,000
               3
                    I could probably not come up with $2,000
               4
                    I am certain I could not come up with $2,000
              98
                   Don't know
              99
                   Prefer not to say
J30 (37)
       In planning or budgeting your [household's] saving and spending, which
       of the following time periods is most important to you [and your
       household]?
   Measurement Level: Nominal
   Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F2
   Write Format: F2
          Value
                  Label
               1
                   The next few months
               2
                   The next year
               3
                   The next few years
               4
                   The next 5 to 10 years
               5
                   Longer than 10 years
              98
                   Don't know
              99
                   Prefer not to say
J31 (38)
       Does your household have a budget? A household budget is used to decide
       what share of your household income will be used for spending, saving or
       paying bills.
   Measurement Level: Nominal
   Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F2
   Write Format: F2
          Value
                 Label
               1
                   Yes
               2
                   NΟ
              98
                   Don't know
              99
                   Prefer not to say
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J32 (39) How would you rate your current credit record?
    Measurement Level: Nominal
    Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
    Print Format: F2
    Write Format: F2
           Value
                 Label
               1
                  Very bad
               2
                   Bad
               3
                   About average
               4
                   Good
               5
                   Very good
              98
                   Don't know
              99
                   Prefer not to say
J33 1 (40)
        How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements - I
        worry about running out of money in retirement
    Measurement Level: Nominal
    Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
    Print Format: F2
    Write Format: F2
           Value Label
               1
                  1 - Strongly Disagree
               2
                   2
               3
                   3
                   4 - Neither Agree nor Disagree
               4
               5
                   5
               6
                   6
              7
                   7 - Strongly Agree
              98
                   Don't know
              99
                   Prefer not to say
J33 2 (41)
        How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements - I
        set long term financial goals and strive to achieve them
    Measurement Level: Nominal
    Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
    Print Format: F2
    Write Format: F2
           Value Label
                  1 - Strongly Disagree
               1
               2
                   2
               3
                   3
               4
                   4 - Neither Agree nor Disagree
               5
                   5
               6
                   6
               7
                   7 - Strongly Agree
              98
                   Don't know
              99
                   Prefer not to say
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B1 (42) Do you [Does your household] have a checking account? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say B2 (43) Do you [Does your household] have a savings account, money market account, or CDs? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say B4 (44) Do you [or your spouse/partner] overdraw your checking account occasionally? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say

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B30 (45)
        How often do you make payments (e.g., for shopping, for paying bills, or
        for any other purposes) using a reloadable prepaid debit card?
    Measurement Level: Nominal
    Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
    Print Format: F2
    Write Format: F2
           Value
                  Label
               1
                  Frequently
               2
                   Sometimes
               3
                  Never
              98
                  Don't know
              99
                   Prefer not to say
B31 (46)
        How often do you use your mobile phone to pay for a product or service
        in person at a store, gas station, or restaurant (e.g., by
        waving/tapping your mobile phone over a sensor at checkout, scanning a
        barcode or QR code using your mobile phone, or using so
    Measurement Level: Nominal
    Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
    Print Format: F2
    Write Format: F2
          Value Label
               1
                  Frequently
               2
                   Sometimes
               3
                   Never
              98
                  Don't know
              99 Prefer not to say
C1 2012 (47)
        Do you [or your spouse/partner] have any retirement plans through a
        current or previous employer, like a pension plan, [a Thrift Savings
        Plan (TSP),] or a 401(k)? [2012 base]
    Measurement Level: Nominal
    Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
    Print Format: F2
    Write Format: F2
           Value
                 Label
               1
                   Yes
               2
                   No
              98
                  Don't know
              99
                  Prefer not to say
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C2 2012 (48) Were these plans provided by your employer or your [spouse's/partner's] employer, or both? [2012 base] Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Your employer 2 Your [spouse's/partner's] employer 3 Both your employer and your [spouse's/partner's] employer 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say C3 2012 (49) Are any of these retirement plans the kind where you [or your spouse/partner] get to choose how the money is invested? [2012 base] Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say C4 2012 (50) Do you [or your spouse/partner] have any other retirement accounts NOT through an employer, like an IRA, Keogh, SEP, myRA, or any other type of retirement account that you have set up yourself? [2012 base] Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say

C5 2012 (51) Do you [or your spouse/partner] regularly contribute to a retirement account like a [Thrift Savings Plan (TSP),] 401(k) or IRA? [2012 base] Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say C10 2012 (52) In the last 12 months, have you [or your spouse/partner] taken a loan from your retirement account(s)? [2012 base] Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say C11 2012 (53) In the last 12 months, have you [or your spouse/partner] taken a hardship withdrawal from your retirement account(s)? [2012 base] Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes No 2 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say

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B14 (54)
        Not including retirement accounts, do you [does your household] have any
        investments in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or other securities?
    Measurement Level: Nominal
    Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
    Print Format: F2
    Write Format: F2
          Value Label
               1
                   Yes
               2
                   No
              98
                  Don't know
              99
                  Prefer not to say
D20 1 (55)
        Over the past 12 months, did you [your household] receive any of the
        following types of income? - Salaries [Military pay, salaries], wages,
        freelance pay or tips
    Measurement Level: Nominal
    Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
    Print Format: F2
    Write Format: F2
           Value Label
               1
                  Yes
               2
                  No
              98
                   Don't know
              99
                   Prefer not to say
D20 2 (56)
        Over the past 12 months, did you [your household] receive any of the
        following types of income? - Payments from a pension plan
    Measurement Level: Nominal
    Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
    Print Format: F2
    Write Format: F2
          Value Label
               1
                  Yes
               2
                   No
                   Don't know
              98
              99
                   Prefer not to say
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D20 3 (57) Over the past 12 months, did you [your household] receive any of the following types of income? - Withdrawals from retirement accounts (e.g., [TSP,] 401(k), IRA, Keogh) Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say D20 4 (58) Over the past 12 months, did you [your household] receive any of the following types of income? - Social Security retirement benefits Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say D20 5 (59) Over the past 12 months, did you [your household] receive any of the following types of income? - Other federal or state benefits (e.g., unemployment, disability, SSI, TANF) Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say

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D20 6 (60)
       Over the past 12 months, did you [your household] receive any of the
        following types of income? - Income from a business
   Measurement Level: Nominal
   Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F2
   Write Format: F2
          Value Label
              1
                   Yes
              2
                   No
              98
                  Don't know
              99
                  Prefer not to say
D20 7 (61)
       Over the past 12 months, did you [your household] receive any of the
       following types of income? - Money from family members who do not live
       in your household
   Measurement Level: Nominal
   Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F2
   Write Format: F2
          Value Label
              1
                  Yes
              2
                  No
              98
                   Don't know
              99
                   Prefer not to say
EA_1 (62) Do you [or your spouse/partner] currently own your home?
   Measurement Level: Nominal
   Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F2
   Write Format: F2
          Value Label
              1
                   Yes
              2
                  No
              98
                  Don't know
              99
                   Prefer not to say
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E4A_2015 (63) Approximately when did you buy your current home? [2015 codes] Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2

Value Label

E5 2015 (64)

Approximately what percentage of the purchase price was your downpayment? [2015 base] Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F4 Write Format: F4

Value Label

E7 (65) Do you currently have any mortgages on your home? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label Yes 1 2 No 98 Don't know Prefer not to say 99 E8 (66) Do you have any home equity loans? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say E20 (67) Do you currently owe more on your home than you think you could sell it for today? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes, owe more 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say E15 2015 (68) How many times have you been late with your mortgage payments in the past 12 months? [2015 time frame] Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label Never 1 Once 2 3 More than once 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say

F1 (69) How many credit cards do you have? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 1 2 2-3 3 4-8 4 9-12 13-20 5 6 More than 20 7 No credit cards 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say F2 1 (70) In the past 12 months, which of the following describes your experience with credit cards? - I always paid my credit cards in full Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say F2 2 (71) In the past 12 months, which of the following describes your experience with credit cards? - In some months, I carried over a balance and was charged interest Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say

F2 3 (72) In the past 12 months, which of the following describes your experience with credit cards? - In some months, I paid the minimum payment only Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say F2 4 (73) In the past 12 months, which of the following describes your experience with credit cards? - In some months, I was charged a late fee for late payment Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say F2_5 (74) In the past 12 months, which of the following describes your experience with credit cards? - In some months, I was charged an over the limit fee for exceeding my credit line Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say

F2 6 (75) In the past 12 months, which of the following describes your experience with credit cards? - In some months, I used the cards for a cash advance Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say F10 (76) Thinking about when you obtained your most recent credit card, did you collect information about different cards from more than one company in order to compare them? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say G1 (77) Do you [Does your household] currently have an auto loan? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say

G20 (78) Do you currently have any unpaid bills from a health care or medical service provider (e.g., a hospital, a doctor's office, or a testing lab) that are past due? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say G30 1 (79) Do you currently have any student loans? If so, for whose education was this/were these loan(s) taken out? - Yourself Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F1 Write Format: F1 Value Label 1 Yourself G30 2 (80) Do you currently have any student loans? If so, for whose education was this/were these loan(s) taken out? - Your spouse/partner Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F1 Write Format: F1 Value Label 1 Your spouse/partner G30 3 (81) Do you currently have any student loans? If so, for whose education was this/were these loan(s) taken out? - Your child(ren) Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F1 Write Format: F1 Value Label 1 Your child(ren)

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G30 4 (82)
       Do you currently have any student loans? If so, for whose education was
       this/were these loan(s) taken out? - Your grandchild(ren)
   Measurement Level: Nominal
   Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F1
   Write Format: F1
          Value Label
               1
                  Your grandchild(ren)
G30 5 (83)
       Do you currently have any student loans? If so, for whose education was
       this/were these loan(s) taken out? - Other person
   Measurement Level: Nominal
   Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F1
   Write Format: F1
          Value Label
               1
                   Other person
G30 97 (84)
       Do you currently have any student loans? If so, for whose education was
       this/were these loan(s) taken out? - No, do not currently have any
       student loans
   Measurement Level: Nominal
   Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F1
   Write Format: F1
          Value Label
                   No, do not currently have any student loans
               1
G30 98 (85)
       Do you currently have any student loans? If so, for whose education was
       this/were these loan(s) taken out? - Don't know
   Measurement Level: Nominal
   Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F1
   Write Format: F1
          Value Label
               1 Don't know
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G30 99 (86) Do you currently have any student loans? If so, for whose education was this/were these loan(s) taken out? - Prefer not to say Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F1 Write Format: F1 Value Label 1 Prefer not to say G31 (87) Do you currently have... Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label Only federal student loans (e.g., Stafford, PLUS, Perkins) 1 Only private student loans 2 3 Both federal and private student loans 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say G32 (88) For any of these loans, is the amount you owe each month determined by your income (e.g., Income-Based Repayment Plan, Pay As You Earn Plan, or Income-Contingent Repayment Plan)? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say G33 (89) Before you got your most recent student loan, did you try to figure out how much your monthly payments would be? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say

G34 (90) Did you complete the most recent educational program for which you borrowed money? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 3 Still enrolled in the program 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say G35 (91) How many times have you been late with a student loan payment in the past 12 months? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label Never, payments are not due on my loans at this time 1 2 Never, I have been repaying on time each month 3 Once 4 More than once 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say G22 2015 (92) Are you concerned that you might not be able to pay off your student loans? [2015 base] Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say

G36 (93) If you could go through the process of taking out loans to pay for your education all over again, would you take the same actions or make a change? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Take the same actions 2 Make a change 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say G25 1 (94) In the past 5 years, how many times have you ... - Taken out an auto title loan? Auto title loans are loans where a car title is used to borrow money for a short period of time. They are NOT loans used to purchase an automobile. Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Never 2 1 time 3 2 times 4 3 times 5 4 or more times 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say G25 2 (95) In the past 5 years, how many times have you ... - Taken out a short term 'payday' loan? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Never 2 1 time 3 2 times 4 3 times 5 4 or more times 98 Don't know Prefer not to say 99

G25 4 (96) In the past 5 years, how many times have you ... - Used a pawn shop? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Never 2 1 time 3 2 times 4 3 times 5 4 or more times 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say G25 5 (97) In the past 5 years, how many times have you ... - Used a rent-to-own store? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Never 1 time 2 3 2 times 3 times 4 5 4 or more times 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say G37 1 (98) Which of the following have you done at a pawn shop in the past 5 years? - Bought an item Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F1 Write Format: F1 Value Label 1 Bought an item G37 2 (99) Which of the following have you done at a pawn shop in the past 5 years? - Sold an item Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F1 Write Format: F1 Value Label 1 Sold an item

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G37 3 (100)
       Which of the following have you done at a pawn shop in the past 5 years?
       - Pawned an item
   Measurement Level: Nominal
   Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F1
   Write Format: F1
          Value Label
              1
                  Pawned an item
G37 98 (101)
       Which of the following have you done at a pawn shop in the past 5 years?
       - Don't know
   Measurement Level: Nominal
   Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F1
   Write Format: F1
          Value Label
              1
                  Don't know
G37 99 (102)
       Which of the following have you done at a pawn shop in the past 5 years?
       - Prefer not to say
   Measurement Level: Nominal
   Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F1
   Write Format: F1
          Value Label
                  Prefer not to say
              1
G38 (103)
       Have you been contacted by a debt collection agency in the past 12
       months?
   Measurement Level: Nominal
   Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F2
   Write Format: F2
          Value Label
              1
                  Yes
              2
                  No
             98
                  Don't know
             99
                  Prefer not to say
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G23 (104)
       How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statement? - I
       have too much debt right now
   Measurement Level: Nominal
   Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F2
   Write Format: F2
          Value
                  Label
               1
                  1 - Strongly Disagree
               2
                   2
               3
                   3
               4
                  4 - Neither Agree nor Disagree
               5
                   5
              6
                   6
              7
                   7 - Strongly Agree
              98
                   Don't know
                  Prefer not to say
              99
H1 (105) Are you covered by health insurance?
   Measurement Level: Nominal
   Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F2
   Write Format: F2
          Value Label
              1
                  Yes
              2
                   No
              98
                   Don't know
              99
                   Prefer not to say
H30 1 (106)
       In the last 12 months, was there any time when you ... - Did NOT fill a
       prescription for medicine because of the cost
   Measurement Level: Nominal
   Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F2
   Write Format: F2
          Value
                 Label
              1
                  Yes
              2
                   No
              98
                  Don't know
              99
                 Prefer not to say
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H30 2 (107) In the last 12 months, was there any time when you ... - SKIPPED a medical test, treatment or follow-up recommended by a doctor because of the cost Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say H30 3 (108) In the last 12 months, was there any time when you ... - Had a medical problem but DID NOT go to a doctor or clinic because of the cost Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say M1 1 (109) How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - I am good at dealing with day-to-day financial matters, such as checking accounts, credit and debit cards, and tracking expenses Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 1 - Strongly Disagree 2 2 3 3 4 4 - Neither Agree nor Disagree 5 5 6 6 7 7 - Strongly Agree 98 Don't know Prefer not to say 99

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M1 2 (110)
        How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? - I
        am pretty good at math
    Measurement Level: Nominal
    Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
    Print Format: F2
    Write Format: F2
           Value
                  Label
               1
                   1 - Strongly Disagree
               2
                    2
               3
                   3
               4
                   4 - Neither Agree nor Disagree
               5
                   5
               6
                    6
               7
                    7 - Strongly Agree
              98
                    Don't know
              99
                    Prefer not to say
M4 (111)
        On a scale from 1 to 7, where 1 means very low and 7 means very high,
        how would you assess your overall financial knowledge?
    Measurement Level: Nominal
    Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
    Print Format: F2
    Write Format: F2
           Value Label
               1
                  1 - Very Low
               2
                    2
               3
                   3
               4
                   4
               5
                   5
               6
                   6
               7
                    7 - Very High
                   Don't know
              98
              99
                   Prefer not to say
M20 (112)
        Was financial education offered by a school or college you attended, or
        a workplace where you were employed?
    Measurement Level: Nominal
    Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
    Print Format: F2
    Write Format: F2
           Value
                  Label
               1
                    Yes, but I did not participate in the financial education of
                    Yes, and I did participate in the financial education
               2
               3
                    No
              98
                   Don't know
              99
                   Prefer not to say
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M21 1 (113) When did you receive that financial education? - In high school Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label Yes 1 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say M21 2 2015 (114) When did you receive that financial education? - In college [2015 base] Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know Prefer not to say 99 M21 3 (115) When did you receive that financial education? - From an employer Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say M21 4 (116) When did you receive that financial education? - From the military Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Yes 2 No Don't know 98 99 Prefer not to say

M30 (117) Did your parents or guardians teach you how to manage your finances? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label Yes 1 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say M6 (118) Suppose you had \$100 in a savings account and the interest rate was 2%per year. After 5 years, how much do you think you would have in the account if you left the money to grow? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label More than \$102 1 Exactly \$102 2 Less than \$102 3 98 Don't know Prefer not to say 99 M7 (119) Imagine that the interest rate on your savings account was 1% per year and inflation was 2% per year. After 1 year, how much would you be able to buy with the money in this account? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 More than today Exactly the same 2 3 Less than today 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say

M8 (120) If interest rates rise, what will typically happen to bond prices? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 They will rise 2 They will fall 3 They will stay the same 4 There is no relationship between bond prices and the interes 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say M31 (121) Suppose you owe \$1,000 on a loan and the interest rate you are charged is 20% per year compounded annually. If you didn't pay anything off, at this interest rate, how many years would it take for the amount you owe to double? Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 Less than 2 years 2 At least 2 years but less than 5 years 3 At least 5 years but less than 10 years 4 At least 10 years 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say M9 (122) A 15-year mortgage typically requires higher monthly payments than a 30-year mortgage, but the total interest paid over the life of the loan will be less. Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 True 2 False 98 Don't know Prefer not to say 99

M10 (123) Buying a single company's stock usually provides a safer return than a stock mutual fund. Measurement Level: Nominal Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2 Value Label 1 True 2 False 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say wgt n2 (124) For NATIONAL totals: weight within nation by age/gender, ethnicity, education, Census Division Measurement Level: Scale Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F11.8 Write Format: F11.8 wgt d2 (125) For DIVISIONAL totals: weight within each Census Division by age/gender, ethnicity, education, state Measurement Level: Scale Column Width: 11 Alignment: Right Print Format: F11.8 Write Format: F11.8 wgt s3 (126) For STATE totals: weight within each state by age/gender, ethnicity, education Measurement Level: Scale Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right Print Format: F11.8 Write Format: F11.8