Birth Cohort: The Preschool Year

Resident Father and Other Important People Self-Administered Questionnaire (English)
Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort
Preschool Round
Resident Father and
Other Important People
Self-Administered Questionnaire

An important part of this study is to learn more about the types of things fathers and other important people do with their young children and how they feel about their children.

Q1. Are you the child's...

Mark (X) one response.

☐ Birth father
☐ Adoptive father
☐ Stepfather
☐ Foster father or male guardian
☐ Do you have some other relationship to the child? Please specify

Q2. In a typical week, how often do you do the following things with your child?
Would you say not at all, once or twice, 3 to 6 times, or every day?

For each item, mark (X) one response.

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<td>a. Read books to your child.......................</td>
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<td>b. Tell stories to your child........................</td>
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<td>c. Sing songs with your child........................</td>
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Q3. In the past month, how often did you do the following things with your child? Was it more than once a day, about once a day, a few times a week, a few times a month, rarely, or not at all?

For each item, mark (X) one response. Rarely would be once a month or less.

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<td>a. Play together with toys for building things like blocks, tinkertoys, lincoln logs, or legos.</td>
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<td>b. Prepare meals for your child.</td>
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<td>c. Help child to bed.</td>
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<td>d. Help child bathe him/herself.</td>
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<td>e. Take him/her outside for a walk or to play in the yard, a park, or a playground.</td>
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<td>f. Help child dress him/herself.</td>
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<td>g. Help child brush his/her teeth.</td>
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<td>h. Take him or her with you to a religious service or religious event.</td>
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Q4. In the past month, have you visited a library with your child?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Q5. In the past month, how often have you looked after your child while your spouse/partner did other things?

Mark (X) one response.

☐ Every day or almost every day  ☐ Once or twice
☐ A few times a week  ☐ Never
☐ A few times a month
Q6. Here are some statements that parents of young children say about themselves. For each statement, please tell me if it is exactly like you, very much like you, somewhat like you, not much like you, or not at all like you.

For each item, mark (X) one response.

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<td>a. I express my affection by hugging, kissing, and holding my children........</td>
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<td>b. I am easygoing and relaxed with my children........................................</td>
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<td>c. There are times I just don't have the energy to make my children behave as they should................................</td>
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<td>d. I have little or no difficulty sticking with my rules for my children even when close relatives, including grandparents, are there..........................</td>
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Q7. Most children get angry at their parents from time to time. If your child got so angry that he/she hit you, yelled at you, or threw a temper tantrum, what would you do? Would you...

For each item, mark (X) one response.

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<td>b. Have him/her take a time out?........</td>
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<td>c. Hit him/her back?.......................</td>
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<td>d. Talk to him/her about what he/she did wrong?</td>
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<td>e. Ignore it?..................................</td>
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<td>f. Make him/her do some work around the house?</td>
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<td>g. Make fun of him/her?....................</td>
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<td>h. Make him/her apologize?................</td>
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<td>i. Take away a privilege?..................</td>
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<td>j. Give a warning?..........................</td>
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<td>k. Yell at or threaten him/her?..........</td>
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Q8. Sometimes kids mind pretty well and sometimes they don’t. About how many times, if any, have you spanked your child in the past week for not minding?

☐ NUMBER OF TIMES or check here ☐ if you do not spank.

Q9. About how many times, if any, have you used time out or sent your child to his/her room in the past week for not minding?

☐ NUMBER OF TIMES or check here ☐ if you do not use time out/send child to room.

Q10. Even though it may be a long way off, how far in school do you expect your child to go? Would you say you expect your child...

Mark (X) the one indicating the highest level of school you expect your child to complete.

☐ To receive less than a high school diploma?
☐ To graduate from high school?
☐ To attend two or more years of college?
☐ To finish a 4- or 5-year college degree?
☐ To earn a master’s degree or equivalent?
☐ To finish a Ph.D., M.D., or other advanced degree?

Q11. In a typical week, on how many days do you and your child eat the evening meal together?

☐ NUMBER OF DAYS
NOTE: The three next questions are ONLY for the child's father (i.e., biological, step, adoptive, or foster).

If you are NOT the child's father, please check here ☐ and → skip to Q15 on page 6.

Q12. Please check the ONE item that best describes how you feel about yourself as a father. Do you feel that you are...

Mark (X) one response.

☐ Not very good at being a father?
☐ A person who has some trouble being a father?
☐ An average father?
☐ A better than average father?
☐ A very good father?
Q14. How much influence do you feel that you have in making major decisions about things such as discipline, nutrition, health care, child care, and education? Would you say no influence, some influence or a great deal of influence?

For each item, mark (X) one response.

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The next set of questions asks about your relationship with your spouse/partner.

Q15. Would you say that your marriage/relationship is...

Mark (X) one.

☐ Very happy?

☐ Fairly happy?

☐ Not too happy?
Q16. Do you and your spouse/partner have arguments about the following? Would you say often, sometimes, hardly ever, or never?

For each item, mark (X) one response.

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<td>c. Money</td>
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<td>d. Not showing love and affection</td>
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<td>e. Sex</td>
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<td>g. Leisure time</td>
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<td>i. Other women or men</td>
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<td>j. In-laws</td>
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Q17. Couples deal with serious disagreements in different ways. When you have a serious disagreement with your spouse/partner, how often do you do the following? Would you say often, sometimes, hardly ever, or never?

For each item, mark (X) one response.

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<td>b. Discuss your disagreements calmly</td>
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<td>c. Argue heatedly or shout at each other</td>
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<td>d. End up hitting or throwing things at</td>
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<td>e. Reach a compromise</td>
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<td>f. Criticize each other</td>
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The next questions are about your health and health-related behaviors.

Q19. How would you rate your health in general?

   Mark (X) one.
   □ Excellent  □ Fair
   □ Very good  □ Poor
   □ Good

Q20. Do you have a physical or mental health problem now that keeps you from working at a job or business or attending school or limits the kind or amount of work you can do?

   □ Yes
   □ No

Q21. Do you smoke cigarettes now?

   □ Yes
   □ No → Skip to Q23

Q22. How many cigarettes or packs of cigarettes do you smoke on an average day now?

   □■■■■ CIGARETTES PER DAY  OR  □■■■■ PACKS PER DAY
Q23. Do you currently drink any alcoholic beverages?

☐ Yes
☐ No → Skip to statement before Q27

Q24. How many alcoholic drinks do you have in an average week now?

Mark (X) one.

☐ Less than 1 drink  ☐ 7 to 13 drinks
☐ 1 to 3 drinks  ☐ 14 to 19 drinks
☐ 4 to 6 drinks  ☐ 20 or more drinks

Q25. In the past month, how many times did you drink five or more alcoholic drinks at one sitting?

☐ TIMES

Q26. During the past 12 months, what was the largest number of drinks that you drank in one day?

☐ NUMBER OF DRINKS

The next questions are about your involvement in the community and religion.

Q27. Do you participate in any ongoing community service activity, for example, volunteering at a school, coaching a sports team, or working with a church or neighborhood association?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Q28. How important are your religious beliefs in influencing how you raise your child? Would you say...

Mark (X) one.

☐ Very important?  ☐ Not at all important?
☐ Important?  ☐ Do you have no religion or religious belief system?
☐ Somewhat important?
The next questions are about you - your background and jobs.

Q29. **About how many total hours per week do you usually work for pay, counting all jobs?**

If you do not usually work for pay, enter zero (0).

☐ ☐ HOURS PER WEEK

Q30. **Which of the following best describes the hours you usually work at your main job?**

☐ A regular daytime shift - any time between 6 A.M. and 6 P.M.
☐ A regular evening shift - any time between 2 P.M. and midnight
☐ A regular night shift - any time between 9 P.M. and 8 A.M.
☐ A rotating shift - one that changes periodically from days to evenings or nights
☐ A split shift - one consisting of two distinct periods of each day
☐ Some other schedule *(PLEASE SPECIFY)*

**NOTE: The next few questions are ONLY for fathers who are NEW to the study.**

*If you filled out a father questionnaire when your child was about 9 months, or 2 years old, please check here ☐ and  → skip to Q42 on page 13.*

We would like to ask a few more questions about your background.

Q31. **What is your birth date?**

☐ ☐ ☐ MONTH ☐ ☐ ☐ DAY ☐ ☐ ☐ YEAR
Q32  In what country were you born?

Mark (X) one.

☐ United States (50 states or DC)
☐ U.S. territories: Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, U.S. Virgin Islands, Mariana Islands, or Solomon Islands
☐ Some other country Please specify

Skip to statement before Q34

Q33. Are you a citizen of the United States?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Now we have a few questions about any marriages or children you have had.

Q34. How many times, if ever, have you been married?

☐ NUMBER OF TIMES MARRIED (including current marriage)

Q35. Altogether, how many biological or natural children do you have?

Please include the subject child - that is the child selected for this survey.

☐ NUMBER OF CHILDREN

Q36. How old were you when your first child was born?

☐ AGE WHEN FIRST CHILD WAS BORN
Q37. Do you have any biological or natural children who live outside your household?

☐ Yes
☐ No → Skip to Q40

Q38. How many of your biological or natural children live outside your household?

☐ NUMBER OF CHILDREN LIVING OUTSIDE YOUR HOUSEHOLD

Q39. Do you pay child support for any of these children?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Q40. Did any of the people you lived with during your school years - about age 5 to age 16 - ever receive Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or welfare?

☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't know → Skip to Q42

Q41. Between the ages of 5 and 16, was welfare assistance received during all, most, half, or just some of those years?

Mark (X) one.

☐ All
☐ Most
☐ Half
☐ Some
☐ Don't know
Q42. What is the highest grade or year of school that you have completed?

☐ No schooling completed

☐ Nursery school to 4th grade

☐ 5th grade or 6th grade

☐ 7th grade or 8th grade

☐ 9th grade

☐ 10th grade

☐ 11th grade

☐ 12th grade, NO DIPLOMA

☐ HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE- high school DIPLOMA or the equivalent (for example: GED)

☐ Voc/tech program after high school, but no voc/tech diploma

☐ Voc/tech diploma after high school

☐ Some college, but no degree

☐ Associate's degree

☐ Bachelor's degree

☐ Graduate or professional school, but no degree

☐ Master's degree

☐ Doctorate degree (PH.D., Ed.D.)

☐ Professional degree after Bachelor's degree (Medicine/MD; Dentistry/DDS; Law/JD/LLB; etc.)

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Q43. Do you have a high school diploma or its equivalent, such as a GED?

☐ Yes

☐ No
The next few questions are about the time before your child was born and the birth of your child. We would like to learn more about how fathers feel and the things they do during their spouse/partner's pregnancy and at child birth.

Q44. At the time your spouse/partner became pregnant with the child, did you want her to have another baby at some time?

Mark (X) one.

☐ Yes

☐ No → Skip to Q46

Q45. Did she become pregnant sooner than you wanted, later than you wanted, or at about the right time?

Mark (X) one.

☐ Sooner

☐ Later

☐ At about the right time

Q46. When did you first hold your child?

Mark (X) one.

☐ Within an hour after delivery

☐ The day of birth, but more than an hour after delivery

☐ 1 day after birth

☐ 2-3 days after birth

☐ 4-7 days after birth

☐ 8-14 days after birth

☐ 15 or more days after birth

☐ Couldn't hold child because child was in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU)
Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. We may want to interview you again when your child is older. Just to make sure we can reach you in the future, we’d like to ask a few questions about how to find you.

Think of a relative or friend, who does not live in this household, who will always know how to get in touch with you. What is the name, address, and telephone number of that person? We will only contact this person if we cannot find you.

**FIRST NAME:** ___________________________  **LAST NAME:** ___________________________

**ADDRESS:** __________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________

**CITY:** ___________________________  **STATE:** ______  **ZIP CODE:** ________________

**TELEPHONE:** ____________________  __________________

Relationship to you: __________________________________________

Aside from the person named above, is there another relative or friend, who does not live in this household, who will always know how to get in touch with you? What is the name, address, and telephone number of that person? We will only contact this person if we cannot find you.

**FIRST NAME:** ___________________________  **LAST NAME:** ___________________________

**ADDRESS:** __________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________

**CITY:** ___________________________  **STATE:** ______  **ZIP CODE:** ________________

**TELEPHONE:** ____________________  __________________

Relationship to you: __________________________________________
Thank you again for taking the time to complete this questionnaire.

Please return your completed questionnaire in the envelope provided to:

Research Triangle Institute
P.O. Box 12194
Research Triangle Park, NC  27709-9779

Do Not Write Below This Line

Interviewers Only:  Check here ☐  if interview was completed over the telephone.