The National Household Education Survey A Survey About Homeschooling in America





Thank you for helping us with this survey. Based on the information we received from your household in your last survey, we're asking you to complete this final step.

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Instructions

In response to the survey you answered earlier, we recorded that the child/youth listed below is currently homeschooled for at least some classes. If this child attends public or private school instead of homeschooling, or is not homeschooled for kindergarten through 12th grade or equivalent, please call us at the toll-free number below so we can be sure you received the correct survey.

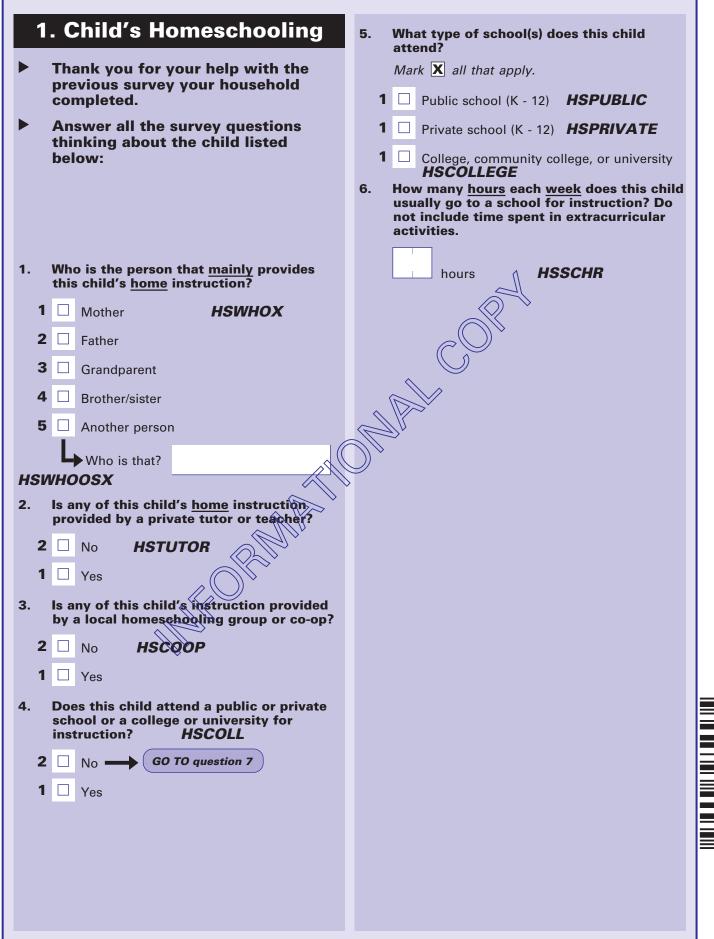
 These questions should be filled in by a parent or guardian who knows about:

Please answer all the survey questions thinking about this child or youth.

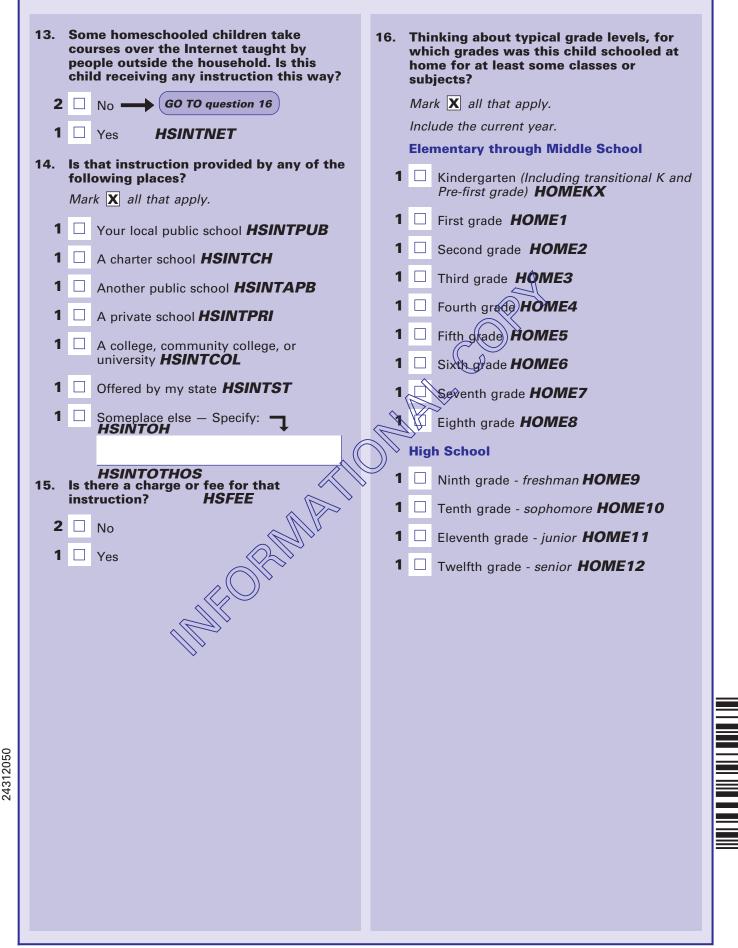
- To answer a question, simply mark X the box that best represents your answer.
- Please use a black or blue pen, if available, to complete this survey.
- If this questionnaire has been sent to the wrong household or the child/youth listed above does not live here, please call to let us know.
- Our toll-free number is 1-888-840-8353.

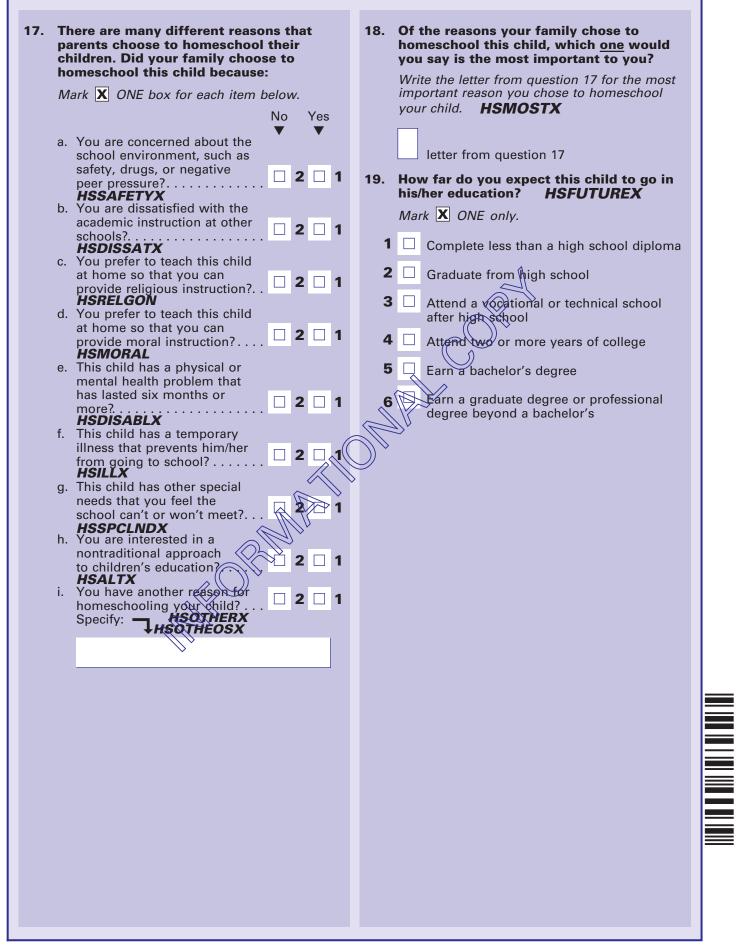
We are authorized to collect this information by Section 9543, 20 U.S. Code. You do not have to provide the information requested. However, the information you provide will help the Department of Education's ongoing efforts to learn more about the educational experiences of children and families. There are no penalties should you choose not to participate in this study. Your answers may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (Section 9573, 20 U.S. Code). Your responses will be combined with those from other participants to produce summary statistics and reports.

This survey is estimated to take an average of 20 minutes, including time for reviewing instructions and completing and reviewing the collection of information. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: Andrew Zukerberg, National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street NW, Room 9036, Washington, DC 20006-5650. Do not return the completed form to this address.

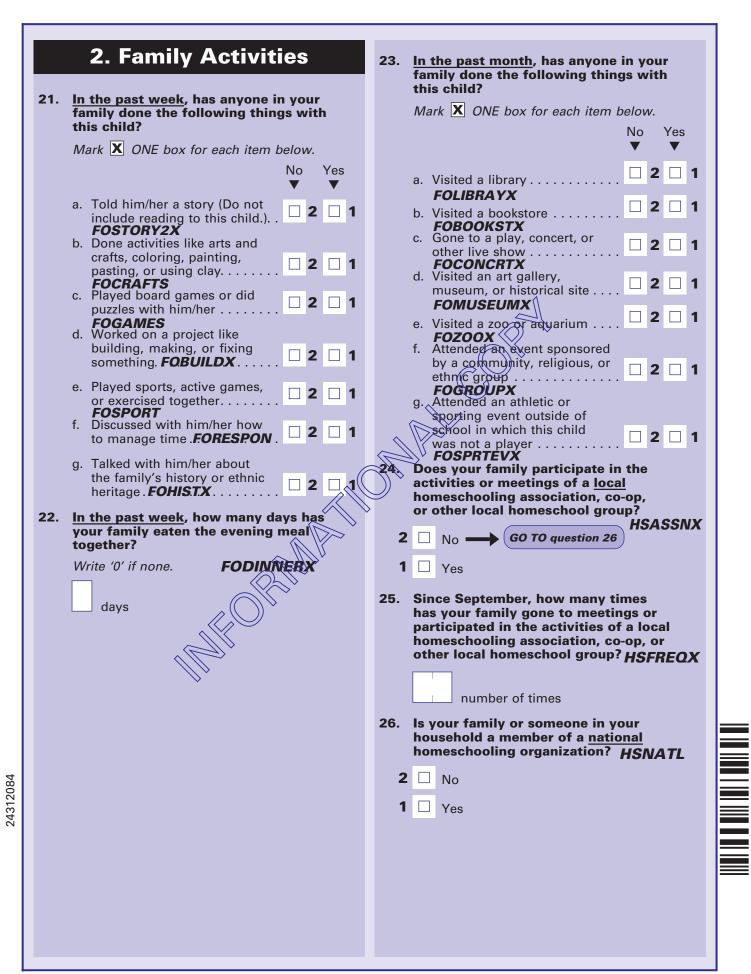


 What grade or year would this child be in if he/she was attending school? Mark X ONE only. Kindergarten GRADEEOA 	 Thinking about sources of curriculum or books you use to homeschool this child, please tell us about <u>all</u> the sources that apply to you. Since September, have you used
	materials from Mark X ONE box for each item below.
 Grade (1 through 12) GRADEEOB 8. These next questions ask you to estimate the amount of time you homeschool this 	No Yes ▼ ▼
child.	a. A public library?. HS.CLIBRX . 2 1
a. How many days each week is this child homeschooled? <i>HSDAYS</i>	 b. A homeschooling catalog, publisher, or individual who specializes in homeschooling materials? <i>HSCHSPUBX</i> 2 1
days each weekb. About how many total hours each	c. Another educational publisher?
week is he/she homeschooled? HSHOURS	d. A homeschooling organization? . HSCORGX
hours per week	e. A church, synagogue, or other religious organization?
9. Since September, has this child participated in activities with other children who are homeschooled?	A SCCHURX Four local public school or school district? HSCPUBLX .
2 No	g. A private school? <i>HSCPRIVX</i> 2 1
1 🗆 Yes	h. A bookstore or other store (including online)?. <i>HSCRELX</i> 2 1
10. Which of the following statements best describes the teaching style used to homeschool this child?	i. Websites, excluding retailers? . 2 1 HSCNETX
Mark 🗙 ONE only. HSSTYL	j. Other source — Specify:
1 We strictly follow a formal curriculum.	
2 We mostly follow a formal curriculum, but also use informal learning (i.e. child- led learning, "teaching moments").	12. In the past year, have you or another family member taken any courses, either online or in-person, to help you prepare your child's home instruction? HSCOURS
3 We mostly use informal learning, but sometimes use a formal curriculum.	your child's home instruction? HSCOURS 1
4 Ue always use informal learning, and never follow a formal curriculum.	2 Ses, both online and in-person
	3 Yes, online only
	4 🗌 Yes, in-person only

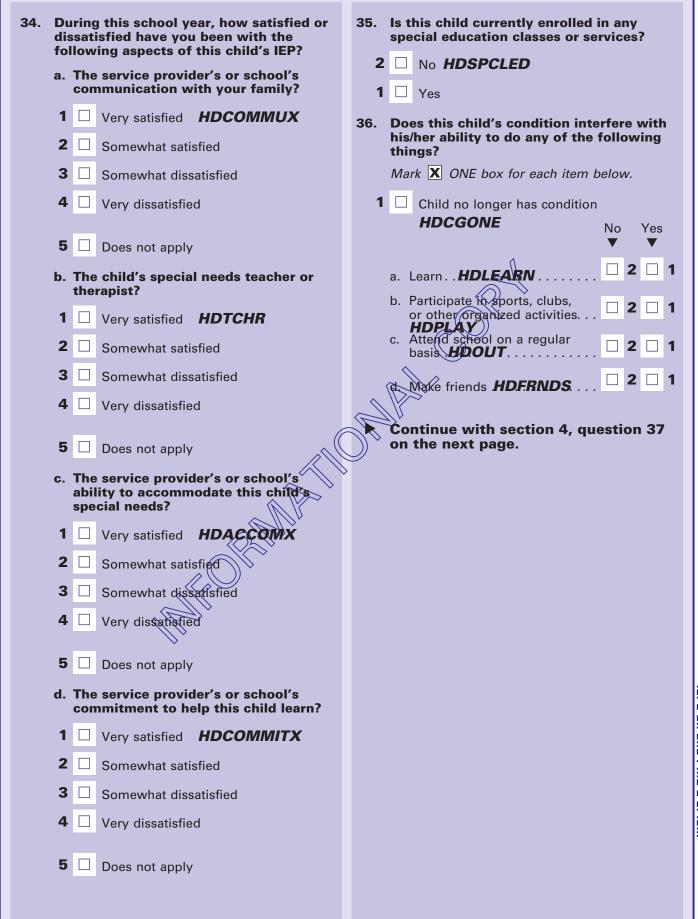


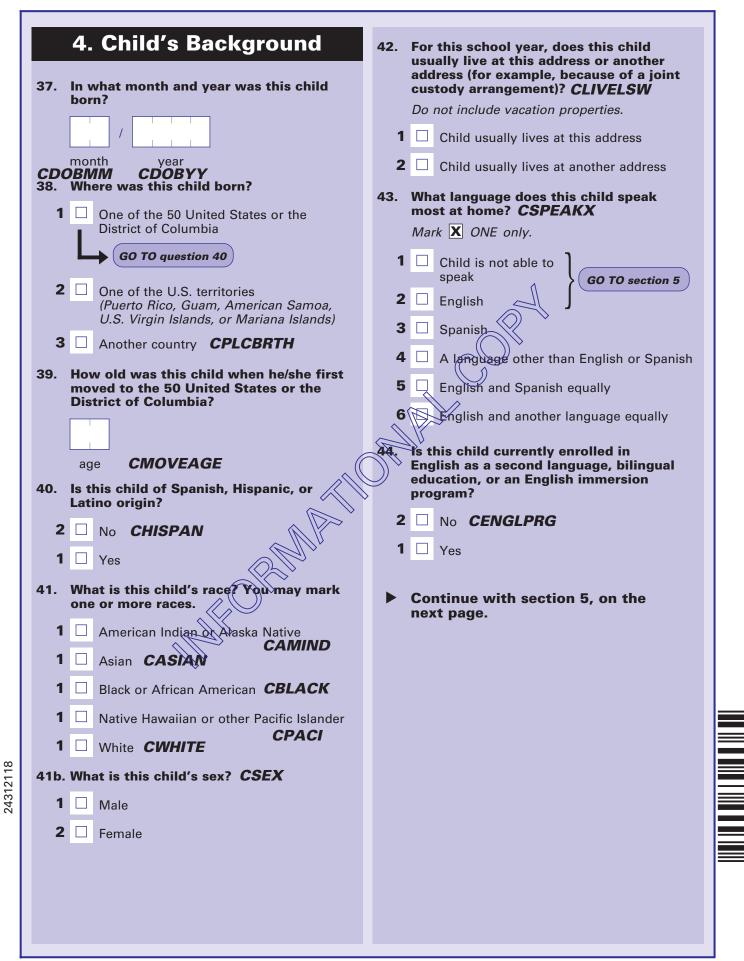


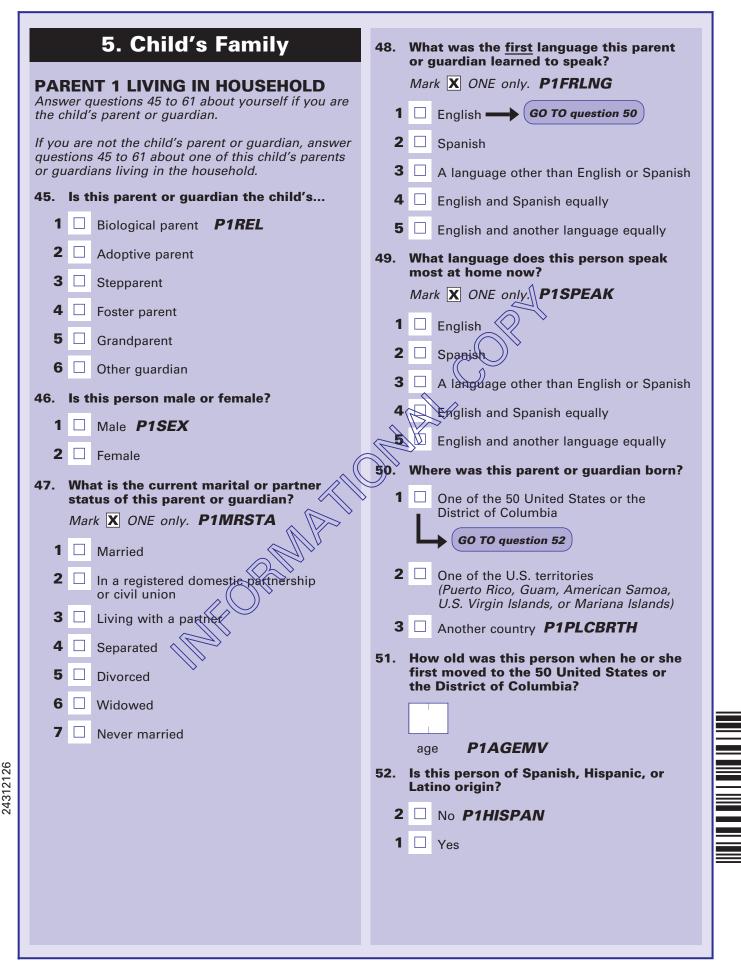
20.	bee foll bee	nking about all years this in homeschooled, which owing subject areas has in taught during his or he truction?	of the this child	
	Mark 🗴 all that apply.			
1		Art	HSART	
1		Music	HSMUSIC	
1		Basic algebra (Algebra I)	HSALG1	
1		Advanced algebra (Algebra	a II) HSALG2	
1		Geometry	HSGEOM	1
1		Calculus	HSCALC	
1		Probability	HSPROB	
1		Scientific inquiry or experi	ments	
1		Earth sciences or geology	HSGEOL	
1		Biology	HSBIOL	
1		Chemistry or physics	HSCHEM	A Mar
1		Geography	HSGEOG	
1		English or literature	HSENGL	
1		Computer science (e.g., co programming)	mputer HSCOMSCI	
1		Social science, history	al studies	
1		HSHIST Foreign language	HSFOLANG	
•	Con	ntinue with section 2, the next page.	question 21	

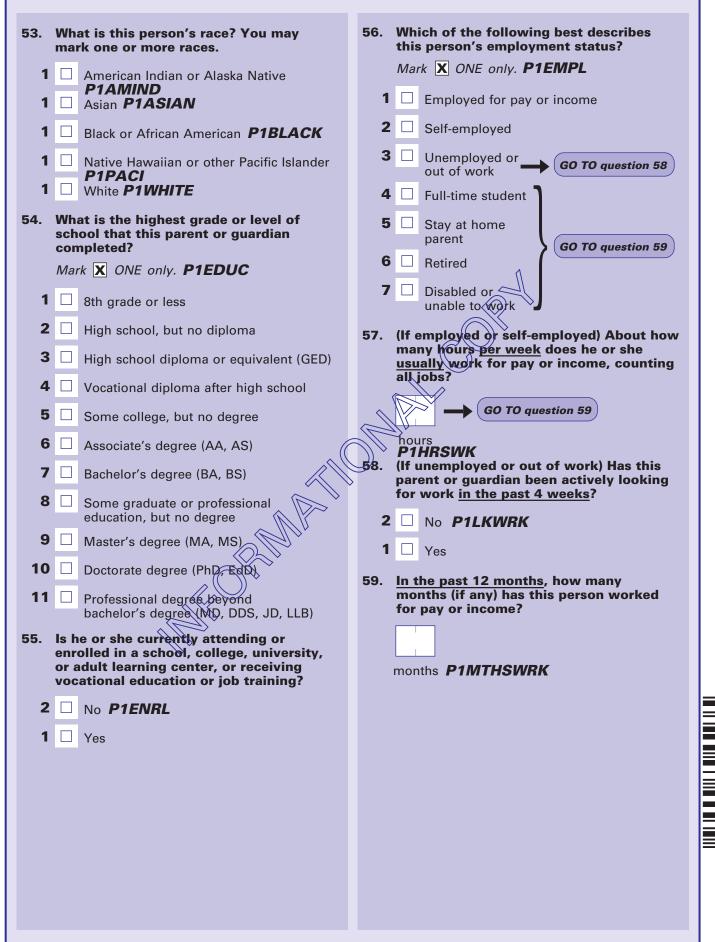


3. Child's Health	29. Did you mark yes to any condition in
	question 28?
27. In general, how would you describe this child's health?	□ No → GO TO question 37
1 Excellent HDHEALTH	↓ Yes HDANYCON*
2 🗆 Very good	 30. Is this child receiving services for his/her condition?
3 Good	2 No GO TO question 35
4 🗆 Fair	■ 1 □ Yes HDRECSER
5 Door	
28. Has a health or education professional told you that this child has any of the following conditions?	31. Are these services provided by any of the following sources?
Mark \mathbf{X} ONE box for each item below.	Mark 🗶 ONE box for each item below. No Yes
No Yes	
$\square 2 \square 1$	a. Your local school district 2 1 HDSCHLX
HDLEARNX	b. A state or local health or social service agency
(mental retardation)	A doctor, clinic, or other health care provider
c. A speech or language impairment	HDDOCTORX
HDSPEECHX d. A serious emotional disturbance	32. Are any of these services provided through an Individualized Education Program (IEP)?
e. Deafness or another hearing impairment 1	2 No
HDDEAFIMX f. Blindness or another visua	
impairment not corrected 2 1 with glasses	★33. Did any adult in your household work
HDBLINDX g. An orthopedic impairment 2 1	with the service provider or school to develop or change this child's IEP?
<i>HDORTHOX</i> h. Autism	2 🗆 No HDDEVIEPX
HDAUTISMX i. Pervasive Developmental	1 🗆 Yes
HDPDDX	
j. Attention Deficit Disorder, ADD or ADHD 2 1 HDADDX	
k. A developmental delay 2 1	
HDDELAYX I. Traumatic brain injury	
HDTRBRAIN m. Another health impairment lasting 6 months or more 2 1 HDOTHERX	
	* An asterisk indicates that the variable does not appear on the data file





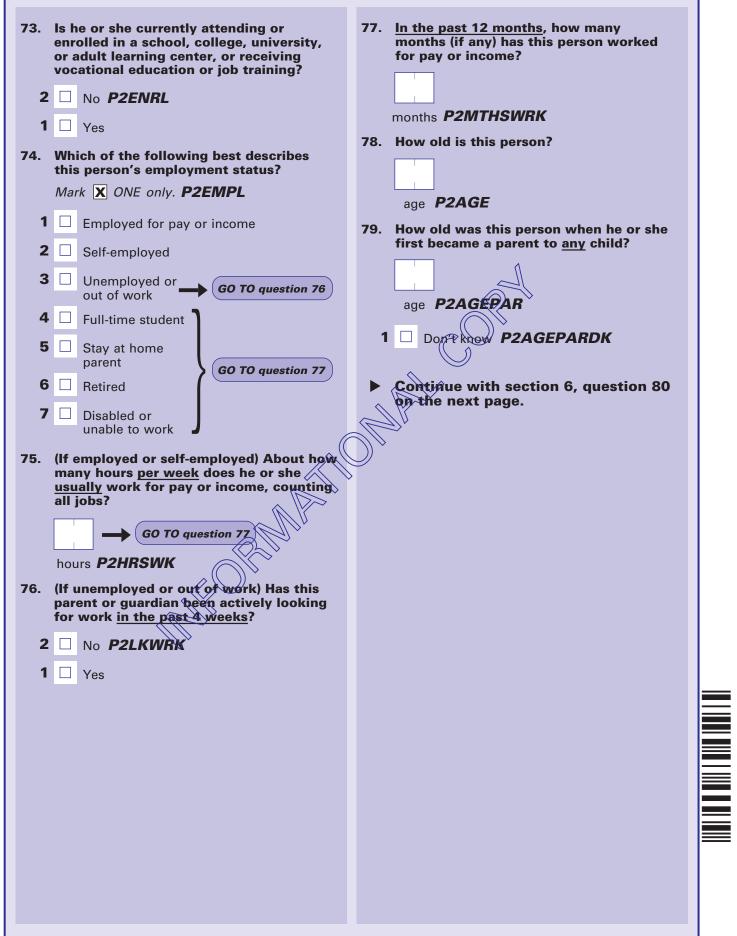


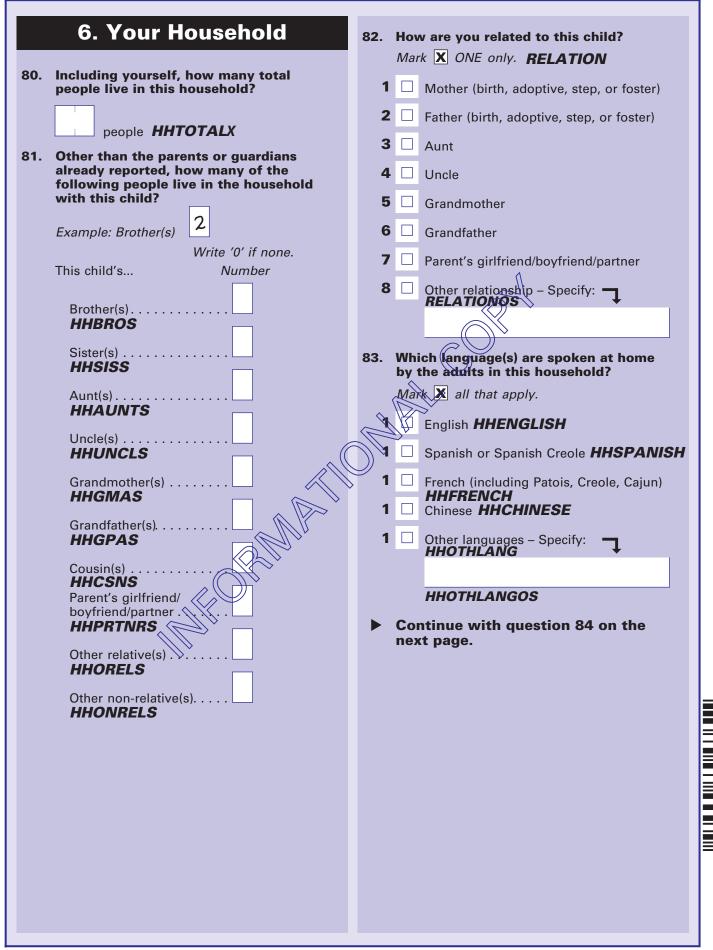


60. How old is this person?	PARENT 2 LIVING IN HOUSEHOLD Answer questions 62 to 79 about a second parent or guardian living in the household.	
age P1AGE	62. Is there a second parent or guardian living in this household?	
61. How old was this person when he or she first became a parent to <u>any</u> child?	2 No GO TO question 80	
	Г ^{1 □} Yes <i>P2GUARD</i>	
age P1AGEPAR	♦63. Is this person the child's	
1 Don't know P1AGEPARDK	1 Diological parent P2REL	
	2 Adoptive parent	
	3 Stepparent	
	4 Foster parent	
	 Grandparent Other guardian 	
	64. (s this person male or female?	
	Male P2SEX	
	2 G Female	
	65. What is the current marital or partner status of this parent or guardian?	
	Mark X ONE only.	
	1 Married	
	2 In a registered domestic partnership or civil union	
iller, and its	3 Living with a partner	
	4 Separated	
	5 Divorced	
	6 Uidowed	
	7 D Never married	
	7 Never married	

66. What was the <u>first</u> language this parent or guardian learned to speak?	70. Is this person of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino origin?
Mark 🗙 ONE only. P2FRLNG	2 🗆 No P2HISPAN
1 English	1 🗆 Yes
2 🗆 Spanish	71. What is this person's race? You may
3 A language other than English or Spanish	mark one or more races.
4 English and Spanish equally	1 American Indian or Alaska Native
5 English and another language equally	1 Asian <i>P2ASIAN</i>
67. What language does this person speak most at home now? P2SPEAK	1 Black or African American P2BLACK
Mark X ONE only.	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
1 🗆 English	1 White P2WHITE
2 Spanish	72. What is the highest grade or level of school that this parent or guardian
3 A language other than English or Spanish	completed? Mark X ONE only. P2EDUC
4 English and Spanish equally	1 sth grade or less
5 English and another language equally	High school, but no diploma
68. Where was this parent or guardian born?	3 High school diploma or equivalent (GED)
1 One of the 50 United States or the	4 Vocational diploma after high school
District of Columbia	 5 Some college, but no degree
GO TO question 70	 6 Associate's degree (AA, AS)
2 One of the U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa,	 7 Bachelor's degree (BA, BS)
U.S. Virgin Islands, or Mariana Islands)	 8 Some graduate or professional
3 Another country P2PLCBRTH	education, but no degree
69. How old was this person when he or she first moved to the 50 United States or	9 🗌 Master's degree (MA, MS)
the District of Columbia?	10 Doctorate degree (PhD, EdD)
	11 Professional degree beyond bachelor's degree (MD, DDS, JD, LLB)
age P2AGEMV	
	bachelor's degree (MD, DDS, JD, LLB)

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84. <u>In the past 12 months</u> , did your family ever receive benefits from any of the	86. How many years have you lived at this address? YRSADDR
following programs?	
Mark 🗴 ONE box for each item below.	Write '0' if less than 1 year.
No Yes ▼ ▼	years at this address
a. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF 2 1 <i>HWELFTAN</i>	87. Is this house Mark X ONE only. OWNRNTHB
b. Your state welfare or family assistance program 2 1 <i>HWELFST</i>	1 Owned or being bought by someone in this household,
c. Women, Infants, and Children, or WIC . <i>HWIC</i> 2 1	2 Rented by someone in this household, or
d. Food Stamps . <i>HFOODST</i> 2 🛛 1	
e. Medicaid . <i>HMEDICAID</i>	88. Other than this address, does anyone in this household currently receive mail at another address including P.O. Boxes?
Program (CHIP). HCHIP 2 1	
g. Section 8 housing assistance 2 1 <i>HSECN8</i> 35. Which category best fits the total	1 🗆 Yes
income of all persons in your household over the past 12 months?	89. Do you have access to the Internet at this address?
Include your own income. TTLHHINC	
Include money from jobs or other earnings, pensions, interest, rent, Social Security payments, and so on.	Yes
1 \$ 0 to \$10,000	90. Is there at least one telephone inside this home that is currently working and not a cell phone?
2 1 \$10,001 to \$20,000	2 🗌 No <i>LANDLINE</i> *
3 □ \$20,001 to \$30,000 4 □ \$30,001 to \$40,000	1 🗆 Yes
5 4 \$40,001 to \$50,000	91. Do you have a working cell phone?2 <a>No
6 (\$50,001 to \$60,000	1 S Yes HVCELLPH*
7 (a) \$60,001 to \$75,000	
 8 \$75,001 to \$100,000 9 \$100,001 to \$150,000 	
10 \$150,001 or more	
	* An asterisk indicates that the variable does not appear on the
	data file

Thank you.

Please return this questionnaire in the postage-paid envelope provided. If you have lost the envelope, mail the completed questionnaire to:

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U.S. Census Bureau ATTN: DCB 60-A (7198) 1201 E. 10th Street Jeffersonville, IN 47132-0001

Commonly Asked Questions

Q: How did you get my address?

A: Your address was randomly selected from among all of the home addresses in the nation. It was selected using scientific sampling methods to represent other households in the United States.

Q: How did you get my child's name and age?

A: When you returned the initial National Household Education Survey to us, we randomly chose one child to ask additional questions about. We are interested in understanding your child's experiences with homeschooling.

Q: Why should I take part in this study? Do I have to do this?

A: You represent thousands of other households like yours, and you cannot be replaced. Your answers and opinions are very important to the success of this study. You may choose not to answer any or all questions in this survey. In order for the survey to be representative, it is important that you complete and return this questionnaire. Those who do not return the survey will not be represented in key statistics used by policymakers and researchers.

<u>Q:</u> How will the information I provide be used? Will my privacy be protected?

A: Your responses will be combined with those of others to produce statistical summaries and reports. Your individual data will not be reported. Your answers may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law (Section 9573, 20 U.S. Code).

<u>Q: I have more than one child in my household. Will I receive additional surveys for the other children in my household?</u>

A: No, each household will receive a survey for only one child, even if there are multiple children living in the household. In households with multiple children, one child was randomly selected to be included in the study.

<u>Q:</u> How will my response help the Department of Education?

A: The Department of Education wants to understand the condition of education in the United States. This survey is the only way that the Department of Education can learn about homeschooling from your perspective. It is the Department of Education's primary source of information on homeschooling in America. Your responses will be combined with those from other households to inform educators, policymakers, schools, and universities about changes in the condition of education in the United States. Reports from past surveys can be found at www.nces.ed.gov/nhes.

<u>Q</u>: Who is sponsoring the study? Is this study conducted by the Federal Government?

A: The National Center for Education Statistics, within the Department of Education, is authorized to conduct this study (Section 9543, 20 U.S. Code). This study has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget, the office that reviews all federally sponsored surveys. The approval number assigned to this study is 1850-0768. You may send any comments about this survey, including its length, to the Federal Government. Write to: Andrew Zukerberg, National Center for Education Statistics, U.S. Department of Education, 1990 K Street NW, Room 9036, Washington, DC 20006-5650. You may send email to NHES@census.gov. If you have any questions about the study, contact us toll-free at 1-888-840-8353.

