

Health Status and Behavior in PSID Main Interview: 1968-2023

Domain	Question	Family member and waves available: RP=Reference Person*, SP=Spouse/Partner*, FUM=Family members, R=Respondent
General Health Status	General health status (5-point scale)	RP, SP:1984-2023
	General health status when < 18 years old	RP, SP:1999-2003, 2013-2023
	Miss one month or more of school due to health problem from birth to age 18?	RP, SP:2005-2023
	Health better/worse than people your own age?	RP, SP: 1986
	Health better/worse than 2 years ago?	RP, SP:1984-1987, 2005-2023
	Expect health to be better/worse 2 years from now?	RP, SP: 1986
	Percent chance you will live to 75? 85? 95?	RP, SP: 1994
	Height & weight	RP, SP:1986, 1999-2023
	Birthweight	RP, SP: 1968-2023
	Cognition/vocabulary tests: 14 questions	RP: 1972
ADL/IADL-Measures	Difficulty doing each of the following by self, without equipment?...	RP, SP 55+: 1992-1996, 1999-2001; All FUM 55+: 1992-1996; RP, SP: 2003-2023
	Bathing or showering	
	Dressing	
	Eating	
	In or out of bed or chair	
	Walking	
	Getting outside	
	Using the toilet	
	If yes to any of the above, anyone help you/him/her do these activities?	
	If yes to any of the above, do you/he/she usually use special equipment to do these activities?	RP, SP: 2005-2023
	Any difficulty doing the following by yourself?...	All FUM 55+: 1992-1996; RP, SP: 2003-2023
	Preparing meals	
	Shopping for personal toilet items or medicine	
	Managing own money	
	Using the telephone	
	Doing heavy housework	
	Doing light housework	
Trouble walking several blocks or climbing stairs?	RP, SP:1986	
Trouble bending/lifting/stooping?	RP, SP:1986	
Health keep you from driving?	RP, SP:1986	
Receive assistance when travel in community?	RP, SP:1986	
Have to stay indoors most/all of the time because of health?	RP, SP:1986	

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Specific Health Conditions	Confined to bed or chair most of day because of health?	RP, SP:1986
	Doctor ever told you that you have...	
	Stroke	RP, SP: 1999-2023
	High blood pressure	RP, SP: 1999-2023
	Diabetes	RP, SP: 1999-2023
	Cancer or malignant tumor, excluding skin cancer	RP, SP:1999-2003
	Cancer or malignant tumor (including skin cancer)	RP, SP: 2005-2023
	If yes, whether in treatment, remission, or cured; what type	RP, SP: 2005-2023
	Chronic lung disease	RP, SP: 1999-2023
	Heart attack	RP, SP: 1999-2023
	Coronary heart disease, angina, congestive heart failure	RP, SP: 1999-2023
	Emotional, nervous, psychiatric problem	RP, SP: 1999-2023
	If yes, specify diagnosis	RP, SP: 2005-2023
	Arthritis	RP, SP: 1999-2023
	Asthma	RP, SP: 1999-2023
	Permanent loss of memory or mental ability	RP, SP: 1999-2023
	How long had each condition?	RP, SP:1999-2003
	Did condition get much worse since diagnosis?	RP, SP:2003-2009
	How old when first diagnosed with condition?	RP, SP: 2005-2023
	How much does each condition limit normal daily activities?	RP, SP: 1999-2023
Taking medication or using other interventions to control condition?	RP, SP: 2013-2023	
Problems with eyesight that cannot be corrected with glasses?	RP, SP:1986	
Dementia Screener (Age 65 or Older)	In the last several years, has there been a change in....	
	judgment, for example, problems making decisions, making bad financial decisions, or with thinking?	RP, SP: 2017-2023
	amount of interest in hobbies or activities?	RP, SP: 2017-2023
	repeating the same things over and over, such as questions, stories, or statements?	RP, SP: 2017-2023
	learning how to use a tool, appliance or gadget like a TV remote?	RP, SP: 2017-2023
	forgetting the correct month or year?	RP, SP: 2017-2023
	handling complicated money matters, like balancing a checkbook or paying bills?	RP, SP: 2017-2023
	remembering appointments?	RP, SP: 2017-2023
	Daily problems with thinking and/or memory?	RP, SP: 2017-2023

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Childhood Health (before age 17)	Whether had, and if yes, start age and end age (or still ongoing):...	RP, SP: 2007-2023
	Measles	
	Mumps	
	Chicken pox	
	Difficulty seeing even with glass or prescription lenses	
	Asthma	
	Diabetes	
	Respiratory disorder	
	Speech impairment	
	Allergic condition	
	Heart trouble	
	Chronic ear problems or infections	
	Epilepsy or seizures	
	Severe headaches or migraines	
	Stomach problems	
High blood pressure		
Depression		
Drug or alcohol problems		
Other emotional or psychological problem		
	Whether one or both parents smoked	RP, SP: 2007-2023
Emotional Well-being and Mental Health	Overall life satisfaction	R: 2009-2023
	30-day depression/anxiety (K-6 short screening scale)	R: 2001-2003, 2007-2023
	12-month major depression screener (from the Composite International Diagnostic Interview)	R: 2003
Work/Activity Limitations	Physical or nervous condition that limits work?	RP: 1968-2023 (1973-1975, new RPs); SP: 1978, 1981-2023; All FUM 1978
	Severity of limitation	RP: 1976-2023; SP: 1978, 1981-2023; All FUM 1978
	How long had condition?	RP: 1969-1975, 1978 (1973-1975 new RPS); SP: 1978; All FUM 1978
	Is your health getting better?	RP: 1969-1975 (1973-1975, new RPS)
	Do you require a lot of extra care by someone?	All FUM: 1978
	Does this mean extra costs?	All FUM: 1978
	Do you expect to get better?	All FUM: 78
	Does your health limit the work you can do around the house?	RP: 1969-1971

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Work/Activity Limitations	Not working or not going to school because of poor health?	All FUM: 1969-1972
	Health condition limits kind of demanding physical activities?	RP, SP:1986
	Anyone else in family who requires a lot of extra care? Who is that?	ALL FUM (including SP) 1969-1972, 1976-1977
	Anyone else in the family not in good health? Who is that?	FUM: 1990-1991, 1996; FUM 55+ 1992-1995
	Permanently (or temporarily, starting in 1993) disabled	RP: 1976-2011; SP: 1979-2011
	Ever had illness or accident that laid you up for month or more?	RP: 1968
	Miss work last year because family member sick? Who was it? How many days?	RP: 1976-2023; W/SP 1977-2023
Miss worked because you were sick? How much?	RP: 1976-2023; W/SP 1977-2023	
Work Missed	How many days work missed on main job in last year because sick or otherwise unable to work	RP: 1968
	Miss any work last year because you or someone in family sick? How much?	RP employed: 1968-1975
	Number of weeks sick last year	RP employed: 1968-1975 RP unemployed: 1968-1975
Health Behaviors	Currently smoke? How many packs/cigarettes?	RP, SP: 1986, 1999-2023
	Ever smoked? How much?	RP, SP: 1986, 1999-2023
	How old when first started?	RP, SP: 1986, 1999-2023
	How old when last stopped?	RP, SP: 1986, 1999-2023
	Anyone in family smoke? How many packs family smoke?	RP, SP, ALL FUM: 1968-1969
	Currently vape?	RP, SP: 2021-2023
	How old when first started vaping?	RP, SP: 2021-2023
	How often?	RP, SP: 2021-2023
	How often participate in light physical activity	RP, SP: 1999-2023
	How often participate in heavy physical activity?	RP, SP: 1999-2023
	How often participate in muscle strengthening activity?	RP, SP: 2005-2023
	Ever drink alcohol? How much?	RP, SP: 1999-2023
	Binge drinking (gender-specific)	RP, SP: 2005-2023
Exercise regularly? How often?	RP, SP:1986	
Hospital, Nursing Care	Patient in hospital last year? Number of nights?	RP, SP: 1981, 1983-1987, 1999-2023
	Any illness or injury keep you in bed for all or most of a day last year? Number of days?	RP, SP:1981 RP, SP:1981
	Paid nurse come to home this year?	All FUM 55+: 1992-1996, 2003
	Resident in nursing home past year?	All FUM 55+: 1992-1996, 2003-2023
	Ever been resident in nursing home?	All FUM 55+: 1992-1996, 2003-2023

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Participation in Health-Related Transfer Programs	Workers' Compensation	Each FUM (best for RP): 1977-2023
	Social Security/Disability Insurance	Each FUM (best for RP): 1984-2023
Parents' Health Status	Parents alive? Date of death?	RP, SP:1988
	General health status of mother/father relative to people their age	RP, SP:1988
	Does your father/mother require a lot of extra care because of health condition?	RP, SP:1988
	Are your mother/father living in a nursing home?	RP, SP:1988

*Prior to 2017, Reference Person was referred to as Head and prior to 2015 Spouse or Partner was referred to as Wife or "Wife"