2015 National Financial Capability Study

Data File Information: 2015 State-by-State Tracking Dataset

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Variables Included

This dataset provides respondent-level data for 2015, 2012, and 2009 for only the **subset of variables that can be directly compared** from 2015 to 2012 (and 2009 where applicable). This dataset does not include new survey questions or modified questions for which direct comparisons to previous NFCS waves are not possible. ¹

As with the individual datasets for each wave, this dataset includes weights that allow researchers to match Census distributions for three levels of analysis: national (wgt_n2), Census Division (wgt_d2) and state (wgt_s3). For additional detail on the weights, please refer to the documentation provided with each individual 2015, 2012, and 2009 dataset.

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
TRACK (1) NFCS year
   Measurement Level: Nominal
   Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F4
   Write Format: F4
          Value Label
           2009
                2009
                 2012
           2012
           2015
                 2015
NFCSID (2) Respondent ID
   Measurement Level: Nominal
   Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F10
   Write Format: F10
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¹ Questions for which approximate tracking comparisons could be made with certain assumptions are also not included in this dataset, as different researchers may prefer different assumptions.

STATEQ (3) State

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Alabama
- 2 Alaska
- 3 Arizona
- 4 Arkansas
- 5 California
- 6 Colorado
- 7 Connecticut
- 8 Delaware
- 9 District of Columbia
- 10 Florida
- 11 Georgia
- 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
- 35 North Dakota
- 36 Ohio
- 37 Oklahoma
- 38 Oregon
- 39 Pennsylvania
- 40 Rhode Island
- 41 South Carolina
- 42 South Dakota
- 43 Tennessee
- 44 Texas
- 45 Utah
- 46 Vermont
- 47 Virginia
- 48 Washington

- 49 West Virginia
- 50 Wisconsin
- 51 Wyoming

CENSUSDIV (4) 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 (5) Census Region

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Northeast
- 2 Midwest
- 3 South
- 4 West

A3 (6) What is your gender?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

A3Ar w (7) Age group

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2

/alue	Label
1 2	18-24 25-34
3	35-44
4	45-54
5	55-64
6	65+

A3B (8) [GENDER/AGE NET]

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2

Value	Label
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	Male 18-24 Male 25-34 Male 35-44 Male 45-54 Male 55-64 Male 65+ Female 18-24 Female 25-34 Female 35-44 Female 45-54 Female 55-64
12	Female 65+

A4A new w (9) Ethnicity

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2 Write Format: F2

Value Label

1 While Alone NH
2 Non-White

A6 (10) What is your marital status?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- 1 Married
- 2 Single
- 3 Separated
- 4 Divorced
- 5 Widowed/widower
- 99 Prefer not to say
- A7 (11) Which of the following describes your current living arrangements?

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

Value Label

- I am the only adult in the household
- 2 I live with my spouse/partner/significant other
- 3 I live in my parents' home
- 4 I live with other family, friends, or roommates
- 99 Prefer not to say

A7A (12) [MARITAL STATUS VARIABLE]

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Married
- 2 Living with partner
- 3 Single

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

- 1 Less than \$15,000
- 2 At least \$15,000 but less than \$25,000
- 3 At least \$25,000 but less than \$35,000
- 4 At least \$35,000 but less than \$50,000
- 5 At least \$50,000 but less than \$75,000
- 6 At least \$75,000 but less than \$100,000 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

- 1 Currently a member of the U.S. Armed Services
- 2 Previously a member of the U.S. Armed Services
- 3 Never a member of the U.S. Armed Services
- 99 Prefer not to say

AM22 (16)

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
- 2 Previously a member of the U.S. Armed Services
- 3 Never a member of the U.S. Armed Services
- 99 Prefer not to say

X3 (17) [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 (18) [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 (19)

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

- 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
- 6 Permanently sick, disabled, or unable to work
- 7 Unemployed or temporarily laid off
- 8 Retired
- 99 Prefer not to say

A10 (20)

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
- 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
- 6 Permanently sick, disabled, or unable to work
- 7 Unemployed or temporarily laid off
- 8 Retired
- 99 Prefer not to say

A10A (21) [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

A14 (22)

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

- 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 (23)
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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

- 2 2
- 3 3
- 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 (24)

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

- 1 1 Not At All Willing
- 2 2
- 3 3
- 4 4
- 5 5
- 6 6
- 7 7
- 8 8
- 9 9
- 10 10 Very Willing
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

J3 (25)

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 (26)

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

- 1 Very difficult
- 2 Somewhat difficult
- 3 Not at all difficult
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

J5 (27)

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

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

J6 (28) 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 (29) 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 (30) 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 (31) 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 98 Don't know

99

Prefer not to say

J20 (32)

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

- 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

B1 (33) 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 (34)

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

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

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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
C1 2012 (36)
       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
C2 2012 (37)
       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
                   Your [spouse's/partner's] employer
              3
                   Both your employer and your [spouse's/partner's] employer
             98
                   Don't know
                  Prefer not to say
             99
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B4 (35)

C3 2012 (38)

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 (39)

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 (40)

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

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

C10 2012 (41)

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 (42)

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
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

C1 2009 (43)

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)? [2009 base]

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

C2 2009 (44)

Were these plans provided by your employer or your [spouse's/partner's] employer, or both? [2009 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 2009 (45)

Are any of these retirement plans the kind where you [or your spouse/partner] get to choose how the money is invested? [2009 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 2009 (46)

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? [2009 base]

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

C5 2009 (47)

Do you [or your spouse/partner] regularly contribute to a retirement account like a [Thrift Savings Plan (TSP,] 401(k) or IRA? [2009 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 2009 (48)

In the last 12 months, have you [or your spouse/partner] taken a loan from your retirement account(s)? [2009 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 2009 (49)

In the last 12 months, have you [or your spouse/partner] taken a hardship withdrawal from your retirement account(s)? [2009 base]

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

B14 (50)

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 (51)

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 (52)

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

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

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D20 3 (53)
       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 (54)
       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 (55)
       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
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- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

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D20 6 (56)
        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 (57)
        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 (58) 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
E7 (59) 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
               1
                   Yes
               2
                   No
              98
                   Don't know
              99
                   Prefer not to say
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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
E20 (61)
       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
F1 (62) 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
                  2-3
              2
              3
                   4-8
              4
                   9-12
              5
                   13-20
                  More than 20
              6
              7
                  No credit cards
             98
                   Don't know
             99
                   Prefer not to say
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E8 (60) Do you have any home equity loans?

F2 1 (63)

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 (64)

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 (65)

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

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

F2 4 (66)

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 (67)

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 (68)

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

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

F10 (69)

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 (70) 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 (71)

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

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

G25 1 (72)

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 (73)

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
- 99 Prefer not to say

G25 4 (74) 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

- 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

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G25 5 (75)
       In the past 5 years, how many times have you... - Used a rent-to-own
   Measurement Level: Nominal
   Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right
   Print Format: F2
   Write Format: F2
          Value Label
               1
                  Never
               2
                   1 time
              3
                  2 times
                   3 times
              5
                   4 or more times
              98
                  Don't know
              99
                   Prefer not to say
G23 (76)
       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 - Strongly Disagree
               1
               2
               3
               4
                  4 - Neither Agree nor Disagree
               5
              7
                   7 - Strongly Agree
                   Don't know
              98
              99
                   Prefer not to say
H1 (77) 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
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M1 1 (78)
        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
               3
               4
                  4 - Neither Agree nor Disagree
               5
               6
              7
                   7 - Strongly Agree
              98
                  Don't know
              99 Prefer not to say
M1 2 (79)
        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
               3
               4
                   4 - Neither Agree nor Disagree
               5
               6
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7

98

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7 - Strongly Agree

Prefer not to say

Don't know

M4 (80)

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
- 5 5
- 6 6
- 7 7 Very High
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

M20 (81)

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
- 2 Yes, and I did participate in the financial education
- 3 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

M21 1 (82) When did you receive that financial education? - In high school

Measurement Level: Nominal

Column Width: 8 Alignment: Right

Print Format: F2
Write Format: F2

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

M21 3 (83) 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 Yes 1 2 No 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say $M21_4$ (84) 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 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say

M6 (85)

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 1 More than \$102 2 Exactly \$102 Less than \$102 3 98 Don't know 99 Prefer not to say

M7 (86)

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
- 2 Exactly the same
- 3 Less than today
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

M8 (87) 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

M9 (88)

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

- 1 True
- 2 False
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Prefer not to say

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M10 (89)
        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 (90)
        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 (91)
        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 (92)
        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
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