Retirement and Health Poll: Topline

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The interviews were conducted for the Harvard School of Public Health via telephone by SSRS, an independent research company. Interviews were conducted from July 25, 2011 to August 18, 2011 among a nationally representative sample of 1254 respondents age 50 and older.

08/18/11	Total Interviews	Margin of Error
Total	1254	+/- 3.32%
Retired	755	+/- 4.29%
Pre-Retired	409	+/- 5.74%

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I. RETIREMENT STATUS AND PLANNING

Q1. Now I'm going to ask you some questions about your current employment situation. Are you (READ LIST), or what? (Base is total sample; n= 1254)

08/18/11	Total	Retired	Pre-Retired
Working (Net)	39	9	87
Working full-time for pay	30	2	74
Working part-time for pay	9	6	13
Working unspecified	1	*	1
Not working (Net)	62	92	14
Retired	43	74	*
Volunteering full or part-time	3	3	3
Unemployed and looking for work	3	2	5
Temporarily laid off, on sick or other leave	1	1	1
Disabled	9	13	2
Homemaker	5	4	3
Student	*		*
Other	*	*	
Don't Know	*	*	
Refused	*	*	*

Q2. We are interested in what people think about retirement, whether they themselves are retired or not. At this time do you consider yourself partly retired, completely retired, or not retired at all? (Base is total sample; n= 1254)

08/18/11	Total	Retired	Pre-Retired
Retired (Net)	56	100	NA
Partly retired	13	23	NA
Completely retired	44	77	NA
Not retired at all	39	NA	100
Question not relevant to respondent,	4	NA	NA
doesn't work for pay or is homemaker, etc.			
Don't Know	1		
Refused	*		

(Asked of non-retired respondents; n=447)

Q3-NR. Regardless of how far down the road it might be, how much thought, if any, have you given to your retirement years—for example, what you will do, what you will live on....?

		A gr	eat deal/q bit	uite a	Only a little/not at all				
			A great			Only a	Not at	Don't	
		NET	deal	Some	NET	little	all	know	Refused
(08/18/11	78	52	25	22	15	7	1	*

DA-DM/DAa-DM/Cell2. What is your age? (Base is total sample; n= 1254)

08/18/11			<65				65+	
	50-59	60-64	(Net)	65-69	70-79	80+	(Net)	Refused
Total	43	17	60	12	17	11	40	*
Retired	19	18	37	17	27	18	62	*
Pre-Retired	78	15	93	4	2	*	7	

(Asked of retired respondents; n=755)

Q4-R. At what age did you (partly / completely) retire?

	Less than 50	50-59	60-64	65-69	70-79	80+	Don't Know	Refused
08/18/11	10	29	31	16	8	2	3	1

(Asked of non-retired respondents; n=447)

Q4-NR. At what age do you expect to retire?

	50-59	60-64	65-69	70-79	80+	Never	Don't Know	Refused
08/18/11	5	17	35	12	2	15	13	*

(Asked of respondents never planning to retire; n=67)

Q4A-NR. Do you think you will ever partly retire, that is, reduce your working hours or change the type of job you have with the idea of reducing your workload as you get older?

	Yes	No	Don't know	Refused
08/18/11	42	54	3	

(Asked of respondents planning to partly retire; n=29)

Q4B. At what age do you expect to partly retire?

Q4-R/Q4-NR/Q4A-NR/Q4B Combo Table

(Base total of retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1202; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

08/18/11	Total	Retired	Pre-Retired
Less than 50	6	10	
50-59	19	29	6
60-64	25	31	19
65-69	25	16	42
70-79	11	8	15
80+	2	2	3
Never Expect to retire	3		
Don't know	8	3	16
Refused	*	1	*

(Asked of respondents planning to partly retire/all pre-retired; n=29)

Q4C. What is the primary reason you do not plan ever to fully retire?

(Asked of respondents planning to never retire; n=35)

Q4D. What is the primary reason you do not plan ever to retire at all?

Q4C/Q4D Combo Table

(Base total respondents who expect to partially or never retire; n=64)

08/18/11	Total
You enjoy working	14
You do not feel you can afford to retire financially	51
You want to get the health benefits that come with a job	4
You do not want to be bored	6
You want to make a difference	6
Some other reason	20
Don't know	
Refused	

(Asked of total retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired =755; pre-retired =409)

Q5_RNR. When you were in your 40's, at what age did you think you would retire then?

08/18/11	40-49	50-59	60-64	65-69	70-79	80+	Don't Know	Refused
Total	1	13	21	33	6	1	25	1
Retired	1	11	21	33	5	1	28	*
Pre-Retired		17	21	32	6	*	22	1

(Asked of total retired/pre-retired respondents who retired/think they'll retire later than expected; n=257; retired=100; pre-retired=157)

Q5A-R. What is the primary reason you retired later than you used to think you would? Q5A-NR. What is the primary reason you think you will retire later than you used to think you would?

	Total	Retired	Pre-Retired
You enjoy working	22	29	17
You do not feel you can afford to retire financially	41	17	54
You want to get the health benefits that come with a job	8	9	8
You do not want to be bored	5	3	7
You want to make a difference	4	8	2
Some other reason	19	33	12
Don't Know	*	1	*
Refused			

II. LIFE IN RETIREMENT

(Asked of total retireed/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired=755; pre-retired=409)

- Q7-R. All in all, how satisfied are you with life in retirement? Would you say very, somewhat, not very, or not at all satisfied?
- Q7-NR. All in all, how satisfied do you think you will be with life in retirement? Would you say very, somewhat, not very, or not at all satisfied?

		Satisfic	ed		Not satisf	ied		
		Very Somewhat			Not very	Not at all	Don't	
08/18/11	NET	satisfied	satisfied	NET	satisfied	satisfied	know	Refused
Total	83	50	33	13	6	7	3	1
Retired	83	52	31	15	6	8	2	1
Pre-retired	84	48	36	9	5	4	6	*

(Asked of total retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired=755; pre-retired=409)

- Q8-R. All in all, would you say your life since retirement is better, worse or about the same as your life in the 5 years before you retired?
- Q8-NR. All in all, would you say your life after retirement will be better, worse or about the same as your life now?

08/18/11	Better	Worse	About the same	Don't Know	Refused
Total	28	21	49	3	*
Retired	29	25	44	2	*
Pre-retired	26	14	55	4	*

- Q9-R. All in all, how would you say each of the following things is in retirement as compared to the 5 years before you retired? Is it better, worse or about the same?
- Q9-NR. All in all, how do you think each of the following things will be in retirement as compared to now? Will it be better, worse or about the same?
- a. Your overall happiness and well-being

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=557 retired =377; pre-retired =180)

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	08/18/11	Better	Worse	About the same	Don't Know	Refused
	Total	35	13	51	1	*
	Retired	32	17	48	1	1
	Pre-retired	39	5	55	1	

b. Your stress in life

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=555; retired =346; pre-retired =209)

08/18/11	Better	Worse	About the same	Don't Know	Refused
Total	45	18	35	2	1
Retired	39	24	35	1	1
Pre-retired	54	9	34	3	*

c. Your health

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=586; retired =392; pre-retired =194)

08/18/11	Better	Worse	About the same	Don't Know	Refused
Total	17	30	52	1	*
Retired	17	39	43	*	*
Pre-retired	17	13	69	1	

d. The healthfulness of your diet

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=552; retired =370; pre-retired =182)

08/18/11	Better	Worse	About the same	Don't Know	Refused
Total	34	8	57	1	*
Retired	34	12	52	2	1
Pre-retired	34	1	65		

e. The overall exercise that you get

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=536; retired =355; pre-retired =181)

08/18/11	Better	Worse	About the same	Don't Know	Refused
Total	33	21	44	*	1
Retired	24	34	41	*	1
Pre-retired	48	1	50	*	1

g. Your relationship with your family

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=547; retired =363; pre-retired =184)

08/18/11	Better	Worse	About the same	Don't Know	Refused
Total	37	2	60	1	*
Retired	35	3	61	*	*
Pre-retired	40	1	58	1	

h. Your relationship with your friends

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=544; retired =328; pre-retired =216)

08/18/11	Better	Worse	About the same	Don't Know	Refused
Total	29	8	62	*	1
Retired	26	13	61	1	*
Pre-retired	32	1	64	*	2

i. Your relationship with your (spouse / partner)

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees married or living with a partner; n=308; retired =179; pre-retired =129)

08/18/11	Better	Worse	About the same	Don't Know	Refused
Total	39	3	58	*	*
Retired	34	3	62	1	*
Pre-retired	45	2	52		1

j. The amount of time you spend doing the activities you like to do, such as sports, hobbies, or volunteering

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=534; retired =361; pre-retired =173)

08/18/11	Better	Worse	About the same	Don't Know	Refused
Total	46	15	38	1	*
Retired	34	20	43	2	1
Pre-retired	68	5	27		

k. The amount of time you spend traveling to places you want to go
(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=560; retired = 362; pre-retired = 198)

08/18/11	Better	Worse	About the same	Don't Know	Refused
Total	39	25	33	3	*
Retired	26	34	35	5	*
Pre-retired	59	11	29	1	*

The amount of time you spend bored
 (Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=568; retired =369; pre-retired =199)

08/18/11	Better	Worse	About the same	Don't Know	Refused
Total	25	12	60	3	1
Retired	22	15	59	3	1
Pre-retired	29	7	61	3	

m. The amount of time you spend participating in religious activities that are important to you (Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=584; retired =366; pre-retired =218)

08/18/11	Better	Worse	About the same	Don't Know	Refused
Total	29	6	62	2	1
Retired	25	9	62	2	2
Pre-retired	35	2	61	2	

n. Your ability to live where you want to live (Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n= 560; retired =371; pre-retired =189)

08/18/11	Better	Worse	About the same	Don't Know	Refused
Total	22	13	64	1	*
Retired	23	11	64	1	1
Pre-retired	21	15	64	1	

o. The amount of time you spend taking classes you want to take, such as cooking, a language or business classes (Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=574 retired = 373; pre-retired = 201)

08/18/11	Better	Worse	About the same	Don't Know	Refused
Total	20	14	53	11	2
Retired	11	18	53	17	2
Pre-retired	34	9	52	3	1

p. Your feeling of physical safety

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=576; retired = 373; pre-retired = 203)

08/18/11	Better	Worse	About the same	Don't Know	Refused
Total	14	17	67	2	1
Retired	16	16	66	1	1
Pre-retired	9	18	70	3	*

(Asked of total retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired=755; pre-retired=409)

Q10-R. How likely is it that you will move to a different residence or location during your retirement? If this has already happened, please tell me

Q10-NR. How likely is it that you will move to a different residence or location during your retirement? Would you say it is...

	Very/Some what	hat Very/Somewhat likely				Not	Not Very/Not at All Likely			
08/18/11	likely/Has already happened NET	NET	Very likely	Somew hat likely	Has already happened	NET	Not very likely	Not at all likely	Don't Know	Refused
Total	49	40	21	19	8	49	19	31	2	*
Retired	41	27	14	13	14	58	20	38	1	*
Pre-retired	62	62	33	28	NA	36	17	20	2	*

III. HEALTHY COMMUNITIES FOR RETIREMENT

Q12-RNR. Retired people in some communities are healthier than others. How important do you think each of the following things is in helping retired people stay healthy?

a. Availability of public transportation

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n= 540; retired = 363; pre-retired = 177)

		Importar	nt		Not import	ant		
08/18/11		Very	Somewhat		Not very	Not at all	Don't	
00/10/11	NET	important	important	NET	important	important	Know	Refused
Total	72	47	25	26	12	15	1	*
Retired	66	44	22	31	14	17	2	1
Pre-retired	81	51	30	19	7	11	*	

b. Access to affordable fresh fruits and vegetables

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=534; retired = 350; pre-retired = 184)

		Importan	nt		Not import	ant		
08/18/11		Very	Somewhat		Not very	Not at all	Don't	
06/16/11	NET	important	important	NET	important	important	Know	Refused
Total	94	81	13	5	3	2	1	*
Retired	95	79	15	4	1	2	1	*
Pre-retired	93	83	9	7	5	2		1

c. Access to pharmacies or drug stores

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=545; retired = 348; pre-retired = 197)

		Importan	nt		Not import	ant		
08/18/11		Very	Somewhat		Not very	Not at all	Don't	
06/16/11	NET	important	important	NET	important	important	Know	Refused
Total	93	72	21	6	4	2	*	
Retired	94	77	17	5	3	3	1	
Pre-retired	92	65	27	7	6	2	*	

d. Access to high quality doctors and hospitals

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=551; retired = 350; pre-retired = 201)

		Importan	nt		Not import	ant		
08/18/11	NEE	Very	Somewhat	NEE	Not very	Not at all	Don't	D.C. I
	NET	important	important	NET	important	important	Know	Refused
Total	97	83	14	3	1	2		*
Retired	95	84	11	4	2	3		1
Pre-retired	100	82	18	*	*			

e. Access to cultural resources like libraries, theater, etc.
 (Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=545; retired = 338; pre-retired = 207)

		Importan	ıt		Not import	ant		
08/18/11		Very	Somewhat		Not very	Not at all	Don't	
00/10/11	NET	important	important	NET	important	important	Know	Refused
Total	85	54	31	13	7	6	1	1
Retired	82	52	31	15	9	6	2	1
Pre-retired	89	58	31	11	5	5	*	

f. Being near children or other relatives

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=555; retired = 349; pre-retired = 206)

		Importan	nt		Not import	ant		
08/18/11		Very	Somewhat		Not very	Not at all	Don't	
00/10/11	NET	important	important	NET	important	important	Know	Refused
Total	93	72	21	7	4	3	*	
Retired	92	73	20	7	5	3	*	
Pre-retired	94	71	23	6	2	4	*	

g. Access to outdoor space for walking, jogging and sports

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=538; retired = 347; pre-retired = 191)

		Importan	nt		Not import			
08/18/11		Very	Somewhat		Not very	Not at all	Don't	
06/16/11	NET	important	important	NET	important	important	Know	Refused
Total	93	73	20	6	3	3		1
Retired	92	68	24	7	4	3		1
Pre-retired	95	80	15	5	3	2		

h. Access to a university or other institute for taking classes

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=515; retired = 345; pre-retired = 170)

		Importar	nt		Not import	ant		
08/18/11		Very	Somewhat		Not very	Not at all	Don't	
06/16/11	NET	important	important	NET	important	important	Know	Refused
Total	58	23	35	40	21	19	1	1
Retired	53	21	32	45	21	23	1	1
Pre-retired	67	26	40	33	22	11		1

i. Opportunities to make friends in their age group
 (Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=543; retired = 344; pre-retired = 199)

		Importan	nt		Not import	ant		
08/18/11	NET	Very Somewhat important N		NET	Not very important	Not at all important	Don't Know	Refused
Total	87	56	31	12	8	4	*	1
Retired	84	52	32	15	10	5	*	1
Pre-retired	93	62	31	7	4	4		

j. Opportunities for paid work

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n= 542; retired = 342; pre-retired = 200)

		Importan	ıt		Not import	ant		
08/18/11	NET	Very important	Very Somewhat important important		Not very important	Not at all important	Don't Know	Refused
Total	76	39	37	23	11	12	1	*
Retired	69	39	30	30	13	17	2	
Pre-retired	87	39	48	13	9	4	*	*

k. Opportunities for volunteering in charitable organizations like churches, schools or civic organizations (Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=552; retired = 364; pre-retired = 188)

		Importan	nt		Not import	ant		
08/18/11		Very	Somewhat		Not very	Not at all	Don't	
00/10/11	NET	important	important	NET	important	important	Know	Refused
Total	84	51	33	15	9	6	1	*
Retired	79	46	33	20	11	9	1	1
Pre-retired	92	60	32	8	7	1	*	

1. Good schools

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=516; retired = 340; pre-retired = 176)

		Importan	nt		Not import	ant		
08/18/11		Very	Somewhat		Not very	Not at all	Don't	
00/10/11	NET	important	important	NET	important	important	Know	Refused
Total	66	44	21	33	18	15	1	*
Retired	70	53	17	27	14	13	2	
Pre-retired	57	28	29	42	26	17		1

m. Good local government

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=558; retired = 370; pre-retired = 188)

		Importan	nt		Not import	ant		
08/18/11	NET	Very Somewhat important N		NET	Not very important	Not at all important	Don't Know	Refused
Total	88	65	23	10	6	4	1	1
Retired	88	65	24	10	6	3	2	*
Pre-retired	88	66	22	11	6	4		1

p. Low crime rate

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n= 538; retired = 360; pre-retired = 178)

		Importan	nt		Not import	ant		
08/18/11	08/18/11 Ve		Somewhat	NIE	Not very	Not at all	Don't	D.C. I
	NET	important	important	NET	important	important	Know	Refused
Total	93	82	11	5	3	3	2	*
Retired	91	80	11	6	3	3	3	
Pre-retired	96	86	10	4	1	2		*

q. Clean air and water

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n= 569; retired = 375; pre-retired = 194)

		Importan	ıt		Not import	ant		
08/18/11		Very	Somewhat		Not very	Not at all	Don't	
00/10/11	NET	important	important	NET	important	important	Know	Refused
Total	98	89	9	2	2	1	*	
Retired	97	90	7	3	2	1	*	
Pre-retired	99	88	11	1	1			

IV. FINANCES DURING RETIREMENT

(Asked of total retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

- Q13-R. All in all, how would you say your financial ability to live comfortably is in retirement as compared to the 5 years before you retired? Is it better, worse or about the same?
- Q13-NR. All in all, how do you think your financial ability to live comfortably will be in retirement as compared to now? Will it be better, worse or about the same?

08/18/11	Better	Worse	About the same	Don't Know	Refused
Total	15	30	54	1	*
Retired	15	35	49	*	*
Pre-retired	14	22	62	2	*

(Asked of total retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

Q14-RNR. What annual income do you think you need for you and your family to live comfortably in retirement?

08/18/11	Total	Retired	Pre-Retired
Less than \$35K	25	31	14
Less than \$20,000	4	6	1
\$20,000 to less than \$35,000	20	25	13
\$35,000 to less than \$50,000	29	27	31
\$50,000 to less than \$75,000	23	21	27
\$75,000 or more	18	15	23
Don't Know	3	4	2
Refused	2	2	2

(Asked of total respondents reporting necessary income: retired = 709; pre-retired = 393)

Q14A-R. Do you and your family currently have this annual income?

Q14A-NR. Do you think you and your family will have this annual income?

(Base total retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

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			Don't know/Refused if	Don't know/Refused
08/18/11	Yes	No	have necessary income	prior income question
Total	58	32	5	5
Retired	56	35	3	6
Pre-retired	61	27	8	4

Q14-RNR/Q14A-R/Q14A-NR. Combo Table (Base total retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

08/18/11	Total	Retired	Pre-Retired
Need Less than \$35k	25	31	14
Have necessary income	13	16	8
Do not have necessary income	10	14	4
Don't know/Refused	1	1	2
Need \$35-50K	29	27	31
Have necessary income	17	15	19
Do not have necessary income	10	12	8
Don't know/Refused	2	1	4
Need \$50-75k	23	21	27
Have necessary income	16	14	18
Do not have necessary income	7	6	8
Don't know/Refused	1	1	1
Need \$75k+	18	15	23
Have necessary income	13	11	16
Do not have necessary income	5	3	6
Don't know/Refused	1	*	1
Don't Know	3	4	2
Refused	2	2	2

(Asked of total retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409) Q15-RNR. Are you (or your spouse / or your partner) currently receiving retirement benefits from Social Security?

08/18/11	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
Total	55	45		*
Retired	81	19		*
Pre-retired	13	87		*

(Asked of total retired/pre-retired respondents who receive Social Security; n=689; retired = 630; pre-retired = 59)

Q15A-RNR. How much of your current household income do you get from Social Security?

	A	ll/Mos	t		Some/N	ot Much			
08/18/11	NET	All	Most	NET	Some	Not very much	None	Don't Know	Refused
Total	30	17	13	67	43	24	1	1	1
Retired	31	18	14	65	42	23	*	1	1
Pre-retired	12	5	7	86	51	35	3		

Q15-RNR/Q15A-RNR. Combo Table

(Base total retired/pre-retired respondents; n= 1164; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

08/18/11	Total	Retired	Pre-Retired
Receive Social Security	55	81	13
Get all/most income from SS	16	25	1
Get some/not much income from SS	37	53	11
Do not get income from SS	*	*	*
Don't know/Refuse	1	2	
Do not Receive Social Security	45	19	87
Don't know if receiving SS			
Refused	*	*	*

(Asked of total retired/pre-retired respondents NOT receiving Social Security; n=471; retired = 123; pre-retired = 348)

Q15Aa-RNR. Once you receive retirement benefits, how much of your household income do you expect to get from Social Security

	All/Most		Some/Not Much							
						Not very		Do not plan	Don't	
08/18/11	NET	All	Most	NET	Some	much	None	to enroll	Know	Refused
Total	14	6	8	74	48	26	8	1	4	1
Retired	14	8	6	68	34	34	11	2	4	1
Pre-retired	14	5	9	76	53	23	6		4	*

Q15-RNR/Q15Aa-RNR. Combo Table

(Base total retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

08/18/11	Total	Retired	Pre-Retired
Receive Social Security	55	81	13
Do not Receive Social Security	45	19	87
Expect all/most income from SS	6	3	12
Expect some/not much income from SS	33	13	66
Do not expect income from SS	3	2	5
Do not plan to enroll	*	*	
Don't know how much to expect/Refuse	2	1	4
Don't know			
Refused	*	*	*

(Asked of total retired/pre-retired respondents receiving or planning to receive Social Security; n=1157; retired = 750; pre-retired = 407)

Q36-B. If you (had been/were) asked to wait two years longer before receiving Social Security benefits, would that (have been/be) a major problem, a minor problem or not a problem at all for you and your family?

Q15-RNR/Q15AA-RNR/Q36-B. Combo Table

(Base total retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

	Problem				Never plan	Refused if plan	
		Major	Minor	Not a problem	Don't Know/ Refused	to receive	to receive
08/18/11	NET	problem	problem	at all	if wait is problem		Social Security
Total	61	31	30	35	4	*	*
Retired	59	33	26	37	4	*	*
Pre-retired	65	28	37	31	5		*

(Asked of total retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

Q16-RNR. To the best of your knowledge, what is the approximate amount of money that a retired worker gets each month in benefits from Social Security on average?

08/18/11	\$600	\$1200	\$2400	\$3600	More than \$3600	Don't Know	Refused
Total	17	56	12	1	1	13	1
Retired	17	55	9	2	1	15	1
Pre-retired	16	58	16	*	1	9	*

V. HEALTH DURING RETIREMENT

(Asked of total retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

Q19-RNR. Do you expect your overall health during your retirement to be better, worse or about the same as compared to the overall health of people of your parents' generation during their retirement?

08/18/11	Better	Worse	About the same	Don't Know	Refused
Total	55	12	30	2	*
Retired	53	14	29	4	
Pre-retired	58	8	33	*	*

(Asked of total retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

Q20-RNR. Compared to other people your age now, would you say your health is better, worse or about the same?

08/18/11	Better	Worse	About the same	Don't Know	Refused
Total	41	14	43	1	*
Retired	35	20	45	1	
Pre-retired	51	6	41	1	*

$(Asked\ of\ total\ retired/pre-retired\ respondents;\ n=1164;\ retired=755;\ pre-retired=409)$

Q21-RNR/ Q21-DM. How long do you expect to live, (to what age)?

08/18/11	Total	Retired	Pre-Retired
Sometime in 50s	1	1	
Sometime in 60s	4	4	3
Sometime in 70s	13	12	15
Sometime in 80s	43	40	49
Sometime in 90s	20	22	18
At least 100	10	10	11
Don't Know	8	11	4
Refused	1	1	1

Q22-R. Have any of the following problems related to your health care occurred since you retired?

You have had trouble finding high quality care
 (Asked of Random selection of retired respondents; n= 421)

	Yes No		Don't Know	Refused	
08/18/11	13	86	1	*	

b. You have had trouble paying health care insurance premiums (Asked of Random selection of retired respondents; n= 449)

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused	
08/18/11	21	77	1	1	

c. You have had trouble paying overall medical bills for you (or your spouse / or your partner) (Asked of Random selection of retired respondents; n= 432)

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
08/18/11	21	79	*	

d. You have had trouble affording the preventive services you (or your spouse / or your partner) need (Asked of Random selection of retired respondents; n= 406)

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
08/18/11	18	82	*	

e. You have had trouble seeing the doctor of your choice (Asked of Random selection of retired respondents; n= 439)

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
08/18/11	13	86	1	*

f. You have had trouble paying for the drugs you (or your spouse / or your partner) need (Asked of Random selection of retired respondents; n= 439)

	Yes No		Don't Know	Refused	
08/18/11	22	78	*	-	

g. You have had trouble paying for long-term care, such as care in a nursing home, assisted living, or home care, if you (or your spouse / or your partner) need it

(Asked of Random selection of retired respondents; n= 434)

	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused	
08/18/11	19	75	5	1	

Q22-NR. How likely is it that each of these problems related to your health care will happen during retirement?

a. You will have trouble finding high quality care (Asked of Random selection of pre-retired respondents; n= 234)

		Likely				Not likely			
		NET	Very likely	Somewhat likely	NET	Not very likely	Not at all likely	Don't Know	Refused
08/	18/11	58	24	33	41	24	16	1	

b. You will have trouble paying health care insurance premiums (Asked of Random selection of pre-retired respondents; n= 227)

	Likely				Not likely			
						Not at		
		Very	Somewhat		Not very	all	Don't	
	NET	likely	likely	NET	likely	likely	Know	Refused
08/18/11	65	31	34	32	19	13	2	1

c. You will have trouble paying overall medical bills for you (or your spouse / or your partner) (Asked of Random selection of pre-retired respondents; n=228)

	Likely				Not likely			
		Very	Somewhat		Not very	Not at all	Don't	
	NET	likely	likely	NET	likely	likely	Know	Refused
08/18/11	60	27	34	36	21	15	4	*

d. You will have trouble affording the preventive services you (or your spouse / or your partner) need (Asked of Random selection of pre-retired respondents; n= 222)

		Likely			Not likely			
	NET	Very	Somewhat	NET	Not very	Not at all	Don't Know	Refused
	NEI	likely	likely	NEI	likely	likely	MIIIM	Refused
08/18/11	59	21	37	38	28	10	3	

e. You will have trouble seeing the doctor of your choice (Asked of Random selection of pre-retired respondents; n= 234)

	Likely				Not likely			
		Very	Somewhat		Not work	Not at	Don?t	
	NET	likely	likely	NET	Not very likely	all likely	Don't Know	Refused
08/18/11	57	23	34	42	27	15	2	

f. You will have trouble paying for the drugs you (or your spouse / or your partner) need (Asked of Random selection of pre-retired respondents; n= 235)

		Likely			Not likely			
	NET	Very likely	Somewhat likely	NET	Not very likely	Not at all likely	Don't Know	Refused
08/18/1	1 60	24	36	39	21	18	1	

g. You will have trouble paying for long-term care, such as care in a nursing home, assisted living, or home care, if you (or your spouse / or your partner) need it (Asked of Random selection of pre-retired respondents; n= 252)

	Likely			Not likely				
						Not at		
		Very	Somewhat		Not very	all	Don't	
	NET	likely	likely	NET	likely	likely	Know	Refused
08/18/11	68	30	38	31	20	11	*	1

Q23-R. Which of the following have you already done in order to stay healthy during your retirement?

Q23-NR. Which of the following have you done in order to stay healthy when you retire?

a. Changed your diet or the food you eat

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=612; retired = 397; pre-retired = 215)

08/18/11	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
Total	62	38		
Retired	58	42		
Pre-retired	68	32		

b. Watched your weight

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=582; retired = 377; pre-retired = 205)

08/18/11	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
Total	79	21	*	*
Retired	76	24	*	*
Pre-retired	83	17		

c. Increased the amount of physical activity or exercise you get

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=608; retired = 405; pre-retired = 203)

08/18/11	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
Total	54	46	*	*
Retired	44	56	*	
Pre-retired	72	27		1

d. Quit smoking

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=579; retired = 373; pre-retired = 206)

08/18/11	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
Total	33	62	4	1
Retired	34	62	2	2
Pre-retired	30	62	7	1

e. Changed the amount of alcohol you drink

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=568; retired = 362; pre-retired = 206)

08/18/11	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
Total	24	73	2	1
Retired	20	75	3	2
Pre-retired	30	69	1	

f. Seen a doctor regularly

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=571; retired = 360; pre-retired = 211)

08/18/11	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
Total	85	15	*	-
Retired	88	12	*	
Pre-retired	80	20		

g. Changed doctors or hospitals in order to improve the quality of medical care you receive (Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=564; retired = 359; pre-retired = 205)

08/18/11	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
Total	23	76	1	*
Retired	21	79		
Pre-retired	26	72	2	*

h. Changed your sleeping patterns

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=567; retired = 369; pre-retired = 198)

08/18/11	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
Total	36	63	*	
Retired	41	59	*	
Pre-retired	29	70	1	

. Maintained good relationships you have with friends and family (Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=566; retired = 377; pre-retired = 189)

08/18/11	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
Total	94	6	*	
Retired	94	6		
Pre-retired	95	4	*	

j. Led a more religious life

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=596; retired = 368; pre-retired = 228)

08/18/11	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
Total	43	56	1	*
Retired	45	54	1	*
Pre-retired	40	59	2	

k. Moved to a new community where there are better services for seniors (Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=592; retired = 402; pre-retired = 190)

08/18/11	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
Total	13	85	2	
Retired	11	87	2	
Pre-retired	16	81	2	

1. Moved to a new neighborhood where the crime rate is lower (Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=571; retired = 373; pre-retired = 198)

08/18/11	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
Total	22	77	1	-
Retired	20	78	1	
Pre-retired	24	75	1	

m. Made changes to your home that would make it easier to get around as you get older, like installing railings on stairs

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=571; retired = 365; pre-retired = 206)

08/18/11	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
Total	32	68	*	
Retired	32	67	*	
Pre-retired	30	70		

o. Gone back to school

(Asked of random selection of retirees and pre-retirees; n=594; retired = 398; pre-retired = 196)

08/18/11	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
Total	12	87	*	
Retired	7	93	*	
Pre-retired	22	77	*	

VI. LONG-TERM CARE (INCLUDING NURSING HOME CARE)

(Asked of total retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

Q24-RNR. The following question is about long-term care. By long-term care, I mean help for people who are ill or disabled and need help for an extended period of time. This care could range from getting help from a nurse or physical therapist to getting help with everyday activities such as getting dressed, going shopping, or eating. People may get this help in their own home, in a community setting such as an adult day care center, or in a nursing home, for example.

How likely do you think it is that you personally will need some type of long-term care during your retirement? If you are already receiving some kind of long-term care, please tell me. Would you say it is...?

		Likely			Not likely		Already		
08/18/11	NET	Very likely	Somewhat likely	NET	Not very likely	Not at all likely	receiving some kind of long-term care	Don't Know	Refused
Total	50	14	35	45	28	17	2	3	*
Retired	46	13	33	46	27	19	3	5	*
Pre-retired	55	17	39	43	30	13	NA	1	*

(Asked of total retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

Q25-RNR. And how likely do you think it is that, during your retirement, you will be admitted to a nursing home in particular?

		Likely			Not likely		Already		
08/18/11	NET	Very likely	Somewhat likely	NET	Not very likely	Not at all likely	living in a nursing home	Don't Know	Refused
Total	34	10	24	62	33	28	*	3	*
Retired	34	9	25	61	30	31	1	5	*
Pre-retired	35	11	24	63	39	24		2	*

(Asked of total retired/pre-retired respondents NOT living in nursing home; n=1160; retired = 751; pre-retired = 409)

Q26-RNR. In general, do you have a favorable or unfavorable impression of the nursing homes in the community where you (have retired/expect to retire)?

08/18/11	Favorable	Unfavorable	Don't know	Refused
Total	47	33	18	1
Retired	49	31	18	2
Pre-retired	44	37	18	1

Q28-RNR. If you did get admitted to a nursing home during your retirement, how worried would you be about each of the following?

a. The quality of health care provided

(Asked of random selection of total retired/pre-retired respondents NOT living in nursing home; n=632; retired = 420; pre-retired = 212)

		Worried	l		Not Worried	d		
08/18/11		Very	Somewhat		Not very	Not at all	Don't	
	NET	worried	worried	NET	worried	worried	Know	Refused
Total	72	36	35	25	13	12	3	1
Retired	69	35	34	26	11	15	4	1
Pre-retired	76	38	37	22	16	7	1	1

b. Being isolated from friends and family

(Asked of random selection of total retired/pre-retired respondents NOT living in nursing home; n=671; retired = 428; pre-retired = 243)

		Worried	l		Not Worried	i		
08/18/11	NET	Very worried	Somewhat worried	NET	Not very worried	Not at all worried	Don't Know	Refused
Total	63	38	25	35	16	19	1	1
Retired	60	37	23	38	16	22	1	1
Pre-retired	69	40	29	31	16	15		1

c. Having too few nurses to provide the care you needed

(Asked of random selection of total retired/pre-retired respondents NOT living in nursing home; n=628; retired = 420; pre-retired = 208)

		Worried	l		Not Worried	d		
08/18/11	NET	Very worried	Somewhat worried	NET	Not very worried	Not at all worried	Don't Know	Refused
Total	72	35	37	24	14	11	3	1
Retired	69	33	36	26	14	12	3	1
Pre-retired	77	39	38	20	13	7	2	*

d. Being vulnerable to physical or verbal abuse by the staff
 (Asked of random selection of total retired/pre-retired respondents NOT living in nursing home; n=605; retired = 393; pre-retired = 212)

		Worried	l		Not Worried	d		
08/18/11	NET	Very worried	Somewhat worried	NET	Not very worried	Not at all worried	Don't Know	Refused
Total	59	35	24	38	19	19	2	1
Retired	58	34	24	39	15	24	2	1
Pre-retired	61	37	24	37	26	11	1	1

e. Being in an institutional environment that is not as comfortable as a home (Asked of random selection of total retired/pre-retired respondents NOT living in nursing home; n=635; retired = 412; pre-retired = 223)

	Worried				Not Worried	i		
08/18/11		Very	Somewhat		Not very	Not at all	Don't	
	NET	worried	worried	NET	worried	worried	Know	Refused
Total	80	48	32	19	8	10	1	1
Retired	78	45	33	19	9	10	2	1
Pre-retired	82	52	29	18	7	11	*	

f. The cleanliness of the facility
(Asked of random selection of total retired/pre-retired respondents NOT living in nursing home; n=676; retired = 439; pre-retired = 237)

		Worried	i		Not Worried			
08/18/11	NET	Very worried	Somewhat worried	NET	Not very worried	Not at all worried	Don't Know	Refused
Total	75	47	28	23	11	11	1	1
Retired	74	46	27	24	10	14	2	1
Pre-retired	78	49	29	21	14	7		1

g. Getting all your food delivered on a tray or in an institutional cafeteria (Asked of random selection of total retired/pre-retired respondents NOT living in nursing home; n=613; retired = 389; pre-retired = 224)

		Worried	1	Not Worried				
08/18/11	NET	Very worried	Somewhat worried	NET	Not very worried	Not at all worried	Don't Know	Refused
Total	46	20	26	51	24	28	2	1
Retired	41	18	23	55	21	35	3	1
Pre-retired	53	24	29	45	28	18	1	1

h. Fraud and waste by managers of nursing homes
(Asked of random selection of total retired/pre-retired respondents NOT living in nursing home; n=617; retired = 410; pre-retired = 207)

		Worried	i		Not Worried			
08/18/11	NET	Very worried	Somewhat worried	NET	Not very worried	Not at all worried	Don't Know	Refused
Total	67	35	32	28	15	13	4	*
Retired	64	34	29	30	16	15	5	1
Pre-retired	73	36	37	25	14	11	2	

i. Having the nursing home staff ignore requests from your family who are trying to help you

(Asked of random selection of total retired/pre-retired respondents NOT living in nursing home; n=615; retired = 383; pre-retired = 232)

		Worried	l	Not Worried				
08/18/11	NET	Very worried	Somewhat worried	NET	Not very worried	Not at all worried	Don't Know	Refused
Total	66	37	29	31	17	15	1	1
Retired	63	35	28	33	16	17	2	2
Pre-retired	71	40	30	28	17	11	1	

j. Spending all your time around people who are very sick
 (Asked of random selection of total retired/pre-retired respondents NOT living in nursing home; n=604; retired = 391; pre-retired = 213)

		Worried	l	Not Worried				
08/18/11		Very	Somewhat		Not very	Not at all	Don't	
	NET	worried	worried	NET	worried	worried	Know	Refused
Total	67	35	32	29	16	14	2	1
Retired	64	34	30	32	15	17	2	2
Pre-retired	73	37	36	25	16	8	2	1

k. Having limited privacy

(Asked of random selection of total retired/pre-retired respondents NOT living in nursing home; n=658; retired = 421; pre-retired = 237)

		Worried	l	Not Worried				
08/18/11		Very	Somewhat		Not very	Not at all	Don't	
	NET	worried	worried	NET	worried	worried	Know	Refused
Total	68	37	32	29	12	17	2	1
Retired	65	35	30	32	12	20	3	1
Pre-retired	74	40	34	25	12	13	1	1

Q29-RNR. How concerned are you about being able to afford nursing home care during your retirement if you (or your spouse /or your partner) need it?

Q29-RNR/Q25RNR. Combo Table

(Base total retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

08/18/11	Total	Retired	Pre-Retired
Concerned	67	65	71
Very Concerned	34	33	35
Somewhat Concerned	34	32	35
Not Concerned	31	32	29
Not Very Concerned	14	13	16
Not at All Concerned	16	19	13
Already in Nursing Home	*	1	
Don't Know	1	2	*
Refused	*	1	*

Q30-RNR. If you (or your spouse / or your partner) were to need care in a nursing home for three months (100 days) or more, how would the majority of the costs be paid?

Q30-RNR/Q25RNR. Combo Table

(Base total retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

08/18/11	Total	Retired	Pre-Retired
Personal/Family Income/Savings/etc	20	17	23
Private LT Care Ins	17	16	18
Medicare	39	43	32
Medicaid	8	7	10
Other Source	8	7	9
Already in Nursing Home	*	1	
Don't Know	7	6	8
Refused	2	2	*

VII. MEDICAID AND MEDICARE

(Asked of retired respondents; n=755)

Q32-R. Medicaid is a government health insurance program for the poor, disabled and those who need long-term care. How important is Medicaid for you personally during your retirement?

(Asked of pre-retired respondents; n=409)

Q32-NR. Medicaid is a government health insurance program for the poor, disabled and those who need long-term care. How important do you expect Medicaid to be for you personally during your retirement?

Q32-R/Q32-NR Combo Table

(Base total retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

08/18/11	Total	Retired	Pre-Retired
Important	60	58	63
Very Important	38	38	38
Somewhat Important	21	19	24
Not Important	37	39	35
Not Very Important	16	14	18
Not at all Important	22	24	17
Don't Know	2	3	1
Refused	1	1	1

(Asked of total retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

Q34-RNR. Medicare is a government health insurance program for the elderly. (Are you currently enrolled in Medicare /Do you plan to be enrolled in Medicare once you turn 65)?

(Asked of 65+respondents not enrolled in Medicare; n=40; retired = 31; pre-retired = 9)

Q34A. Do you plan to enroll in Medicare in the future?

Q34-RNR/Q34A. Combo Table

(Base total retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

08/18/11	Total	Retired	Pre-Retired
Enrolled Medicare	41	64	6
Not Enrolled in Medicare	58	36	94
Plan to enroll in Medicare	51	30	84
Do not plan to enroll in Medicare	5	4	6
Don't know if will enroll	2	2	3
Refused if will enroll	*	*	1
Don't know if enrolled	*	*	*
Refused if enrolled	*	*	*
Balance: Refused Age	*	*	

(Asked of retired respondents who are on Medicare; n=707)

Q31-R. How important is Medicare for you personally during your retirement?

(Asked of retired respondents 65+ who are not on Medicare and plan to enroll; n=9)

Q31a-R. How important do you expect Medicare to be for you personally during your retirement?

(Asked of pre-retired respondents planning to enroll in Medicare; n=371)

Q31-NR. How important do you expect Medicare to be for you personally during your retirement?

Q31-R/Q31a-R/Q31-NR. Combo Table

(Base total retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

08/18/11	Total	Retired	Pre-Retired
Important to Retirement	88	88	88
Very Important	70	74	65
Somewhat Important	18	15	23
Not Important to Retirement	3	3	2
Not Very Important	2	2	1
Not at all Important	1	1	1
Don't know	*	*	
Refused	1	2	
Do not plan to enroll in Medicare	5	4	6
Don't know/Refused if enrolled in Medicare	3	2	3

(Asked of total retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

Q33-RNR. How confident are you that Medicare will continue to provide benefits of at least equal value to benefits received by retirees today through the end of your retirement?

		Confider	nt	Not Confident				
08/18/11	NET	Very confident	Somewhat confident	NET	Not very confident	Not at all confident	Don't Know	Refused
Total	47	16	31	51	31	20	2	1
Retired	52	20	32	44	27	17	3	1
Pre-retired	38	10	28	62	37	25	*	*

(Asked of 65+ respondents on Medicare who are retired or pre-retired; n=529; retired = 497; pre-retired = 32) Q34Aa-RNR. How much of your medical bills does Medicare cover?

(Asked of under 65 respondents on Medicare who are retired or pre-retired; n=30; retired = 29; pre-retired = 1)
Q34B-RNR. How much of your medical bills do you expect Medicare to cover once you turn 65?

(Asked of total retired/pre-retired respondents who expect to enroll in Medicare; n=528; retired = 190; pre-retired = 338)

Q34A-RNR. How much of your medical bills do you expect Medicare to cover once you enroll?

	A	All/Mo	st	Some/Not Much					
08/18/11	NET	All	Most	NET	Some	Not very much	None	Don't Know	Refused
Total	48	13	35	48	40	8	1	3	*
Retired	49	15	34	45	40	5	2	4	1
Pre-retired	47	12	35	49	40	9	*	3	*

Q34-RNR/Q34A/Q34A-RNR/Q34Aa-RNR/Q34B-RNR. Combo Table (Base total retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

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(Asked of total retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

Q35-RNR. Do you think the government should completely overhaul Medicare to control the cost of the program, make major changes to Medicare but not completely overhaul it, make minor changes to Medicare, or should the government not try to control the costs of Medicare?

08/18/11	Total	Retired	Pre-Retired
Completely overhaul Medicare to control the cost of the program	15	12	21
Change	52	50	56
Make major changes to Medicare but not completely overhaul it	22	20	26
Make minor changes to Medicare	30	30	30
Not try to control the costs of Medicare	22	27	13
Don't Know	10	11	9
Refused	1	1	1

(Asked of total retired/pre-retired respondents receiving or planning to receive Medicare; n=1087; retired =716; pre-retired = 371)

Q36-A. (I'd like to ask you about additional Medicare benefits you may be eligible for when you turn 65.) If you (had been/were) asked to wait two years longer before receiving Medicare benefits, would that (have been/be) a major problem, a minor problem or not a problem at all for you and your family?

Q34-RNR/Q34A/Q36-A. Combo Table (Base total retired/pre-retired respondents; n=1164; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

		Problem					Do not plan	Don't
08/18/11		Major	Minor	Not a problem	Don't		to enroll at age 65 to get	know/Refused if enrolled in
	NET	problem	problem	at all	know	Refused	those benefits	Medicare
Total	63	34	29	27	2	1	5	3
Retired	60	36	25	31	2	1	4	2
Pre-retired	67	33	35	21	1	*	6	3

VIII. DEMOGRAPHICS

(Note: Base for all demographic questions is total sample; n=1254, except where specified)

Gender of Respondent

08/18/11	Male	Female
Total	46	54
Retired	46	54
Pre-Retired	48	52

Q6-DM. Are you...? [Asked earlier in survey]

08/18/11	Single, that is never married	Single, living with a partner	Married	Separated	Widowed	Divorced	Refused
Total	5	3	63	2	14	13	*
Retired	4	2	58	2	22	12	
Pre-retired	5	4	72	1	3	15	

D1-DM. Currently, do you consider yourself to be:

08/18/11	Wealthy	Upper middle income	Lower middle income	Lower income	Don't Know	Refused
Total	2	31	37	26	2	2
Retired	2	26	36	32	3	1
Pre-retired	1	42	42	11	1	2

D2-DM. In general, would you say your health is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?

	Ex	cellent/Very	Good/G	ood	Fair/Poor				
08/18/11			Very					Don't	
00/10/11	NET	Excellent	Good	Good	NET	Fair	Poor	Know	Refused
Total	70	15	28	28	29	18	11	*	1
Retired	65	12	26	28	34	19	15	1	*
Pre-retired	84	20	34	29	16	13	3		*

D3-DM. Are you currently registered to vote?

		Registere				
08/18/11	NET	Yes, I am registered to vote at my present address	Yes, I am registered to vote at a different address	No, I am not registered to vote	Not sure	Refused
Total	90	87	3	9	*	*
Retired	90	87	3	9	*	*
Pre-retired	92	90	2	7		1

D4-DM. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as a (Republican), a (Democrat), an Independent, or what?

08/18/11	Republican	Democrat	Independent	Other	No opinion	Refused
Total	28	34	25	3	4	6
Retired	29	34	24	3	5	6
Pre-retired	27	37	26	3	2	4

D4-DM/D5. Combo Table (Base total respondents; n=1254; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

08/18/11	Total	Retired	Pre-Retired
Democrat/lean Democrat	45	43	51
Republican/lean Republican	38	39	36
Independent	9	8	7
Other	1	1	1
Don't know	3	4	1
Refused	5	5	4

D6-DM. Generally speaking, do you consider yourself a (liberal), moderate, or (conservative)?

08/18/11	Liberal	Moderate	Conservative	Don't Know	Refused
Total	19	32	39	7	4
Retired	18	30	42	7	4
Pre-retired	21	37	34	5	3

D6-DM/D6a-DM/D6b-DM. Combo Table

(Base total respondents; n=1254; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

08/18/11	Total	Retired	Pre-Retired
Liberal	19	18	21
Strongly	8	7	11
Somewhat	10	10	10
Don't know	*	*	*
Refused			
Conservative	39	42	34
Strongly	17	19	15
Somewhat	21	22	19
Don't know	1	1	*
Refused	*	*	*
Moderate	32	30	37
Don't know	7	7	5
Refused	4	4	3

D7-DM. Do you consider yourself to be a supporter of the Tea Party movement, or not?

08/18/11	Yes	No	Don't Know	Refused
Total	24	62	12	3
Retired	26	59	12	3
Pre-retired	20	71	7	3

D8-DM. What is your present religion, if any?

Religion Summary Table

(Base total respondents; n=1254; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

08/18/11	Total	Retired	Pre-Retired
Christian	86	90	81
Protestant	48	54	40
Evangelical	27	33	20
Non-Evangelical	19	19	20
Catholic	24	23	25
Evangelical	4	4	4
Non-Evangelical	20	19	21
Other Christian	14	13	16
Evangelical	5	5	6
Non-Evangelical	7	6	9
Jewish	2	2	3
Muslim	1		1
Buddhist	*		1
Hindu			
Atheist	1	1	1
Agnostic	2	2	2
Unitarian	*	*	*
Other non-Christian	1	*	1
Nothing in particular	5	3	7
Don't know	*		*
Refused	2	2	4

D11-DM. Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services? Would you say more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year, less often than a few times a year, or never?

08/18/11	Total	Retired	Pre-Retired
More than once a week	14	14	13
Once a week	28	33	22
Once or twice a month	14	12	15
A few times a year	18	16	23
Less often than a few times a year	8	7	9
Never	16	16	14
Don't know	*	*	*
Refused	2	1	4

D12-DM. What is the last grade or class that you completed in school?

08/18/11	Total	Retired	Pre-Retired
HS or Less	44	49	30
None, or grade 1-8	3	4	1
High school incomplete (Grades 9-11)	10	13	4
High school graduate (Grade 12 or GED certificate)	30	33	25
Technical, trade, or vocational school AFTER high	3	2	4
school			
Some college, no 4-year degree (including associate	24	25	27
degree)			
College +	28	22	39
College graduate (B.S., B.A., or other 4-year	16	12	23
degree)			
Post-graduate training or professional schooling	12	10	16
after college (e.g., toward a Master's Degree or			
Ph.D.; law or medical school)			
Don't know			
Refused	1	1	*

D13-DM. Last year, that is in 2010, what was your total family income from all sources, before taxes?

08/18/11	Total	Retired	Pre-Retired
Less than \$10,000	5	7	1
10 to under \$20,000	11	16	2
20 to under \$30,000	10	13	6
30 to under \$40,000	9	10	6
40 to under \$50,000	9	9	10
50 to under \$75,000	15	12	22
75 to under \$100,000	10	7	14
100 to under \$150,000	8	5	14
\$150,000 or more	6	5	10
Don't know	5	5	2
Refused	12	12	11

RACE SUMMARY TABLE

(Base total respondents; n=1254; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

08/18/11	Total	Retired	Pre-Retired
Hispanic	8	6	9
White Hispanic	4	3	4
Black Hispanic	1	1	1
Hispanic Other/Unspecified	3	2	4
White (non-Hispanic)	75	78	74
Black (non-Hispanic)	10	10	9
Asian (non-Hispanic)	1	*	3
Native American (non-Hispanic)	2	2	2
Some other race (non-Hispanic)	1	1	1
Don't Know	*	*	*
Refused	3	2	3

D16-DM. Can you please tell me: How many children of any age do you have?

08/18/11	Total	Retired	Pre-Retired
0	10	10	10
1	13	13	15
2	33	29	39
3	20	21	20
4	12	13	8
5	5	5	5
6	2	3	*
7	1	1	*
8+	3	4	1
Don't know			
Refused	2	2	1

REGION FROM SAMPLE.

(Base total respondents; n=1254; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

08/18/11	Total	Retired	Pre-Retired
NE	19	19	19
NC	23	22	24
S	37	40	31
W	21	19	25

METRO STATUS FROM SAMPLE

(Base total respondents; n=1254; retired = 755; pre-retired = 409)

08/18/11	Total	Retired	Pre-Retired
Urban	39	39	39
Suburban	43	41	46
Rural	18	20	15