

**Introduction**

The Cornell National Social Survey (CNSS) is a phone survey of adults, age 18 and over, who are residents of the continental United States. The survey is managed and administered by the Survey Research Institute (SRI) at Cornell University and is sponsored by the Office of the Senior Vice Provost.

The content of the CNSS is based on a core of social and demographic questions (presented here) together with additional items contributed by faculty and researchers from Cornell University.
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[cyan]Now I am going to ask you some basic questions about your employment just to make sure we have opinions and views from all different sorts of people. Last week, did you do any work for either pay or profit? [yellow]Include any job[cyan] from which you were [yellow]temporarily absent or "on layoff."[white]

<1> Yes
<2> No [goto lkwork]
<3> Retired [goto lkwork]
<4> Disabled [goto lkwork]
<5> Unable to work [goto intro4]
   [green](e.g. student, no working papers, etc.)
<r> Refused [goto lkwork]

VALUE LABEL
1 Yes
2 No
3 Retired
4 Disabled
5 Unable to work

PROPERTIES
Item type: Single input item
Content type: numeric
Input codes: 1,2,3,4,5,r
Missing-data codes: 9,8,9,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
Based on the value of this item:
   Go to lkwork if this item = 2
   Go to lkwork if this item = 3
   Go to lkwork if this item = 4
   Go to intro4 if this item = 5
   Go to lkwork if this item = r
Otherwise go to the next item: jbtype
**jbtype: Main job type**

[cyan]Which of the following best describes your main job? By main job we mean the one at which you usually work the most hours.[white]

<1> Full-time, all year round
<2> Part-time, all year round
<3> Temporary
<4> Seasonal or part year
<5> Contract or on call [green]
<d> Do not know
<r> Refused

**VALUE LABEL**

1  Full-time, all year round
2  Part-time, all year round
3  Temporary
4  Seasonal or part year
5  Contract or on call

**PROPERTIES**

Item type: Single input item
Content type: numeric
Input codes: 1,2,3,4,5,d,r
Missing-data codes: 8,9,9,8,d,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
Go to the next item: hrswrk

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**hrs wrk: Hours usually worked/week**

[cyan]How many hours did you work last week, at all jobs?[white]

<0-100> Hours/week [green]
<d> Do not know
<r> Refused

**VALUE LABEL**

0  Hours/week
100 Hours/week

**PROPERTIES**

Item type: Single input item
Content type: numeric
Input codes: 0-100,d,r
Missing-data codes: 888,999,999,888,d,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
Go to the next item: selfempl
**selfempl: Self-employed**

[cyan]Are you self-employed without employees (i.e. consultant, freelancer) on your main job?[white]

<1> Yes
<0> No [green]
<r> Refused

VALUE LABEL
0  No
1  Yes

PROPERTIES
Item type: Single input item
Content type: numeric
Input codes: 1,0,r
Missing-data codes: 9,9,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
Go to the next item: lkwork

**lkwork: Looking for new work**

[cyan]In the last four weeks have you looked for new work or a new job?[white]

<1> Yes
<0> No [green]
<r> Refused

VALUE LABEL
0  No
1  Yes

PROPERTIES
Item type: Single input item
Content type: numeric
Input codes: 1,0,r
Missing-data codes: 9,9,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
Go to the next item: JDq1a
And finally, just a few more questions about you. Again, this is to make sure we have opinions and views from all different sorts of people.

How long have you lived at your current residence?

- [0] Less than 1 year
- [1-95] Years
- [d] Do not know
- [r] Refused

### lvdres: Years in current residence

VALUE  LABEL
0  Less than 1 year
1  Years
95  Years

PROPERTIES
Item type: Single input item
Content type: numeric
Input codes: 0,1-95,d,r
Missing-data codes: 888,999,888,999,d,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
Go to the next item: mvres

How likely is that you will be living in your current residence five years from now?

- [1] Very unlikely (specify why ...) [specify]
- [2] Somewhat unlikely (specify why ...) [specify]
- [3] Somewhat likely
- [4] Very likely
- [d] Do not know
- [r] Refused

### mvres: Likelihood of keeping residence 5yrs

VALUE  LABEL
1  Very unlikely (specify why ...) [specify]
2  Somewhat unlikely (specify why ...) [specify]
3  Somewhat likely
4  Very likely

PROPERTIES
Item type: Single input item
Content type: numeric
Input codes: 1,2,3,4,d,r
Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
Go to the next item: yob
**yob: Year born**

What year were you born?

- @

**PROPERTIES**

- Item type: Single input item
- Content type: numeric
- Input codes: 1910-1991,r
- Missing-data codes: 9999,8888,9999,r

**WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM**

- Go to the next item: borninus

**borninus: Born in US**

Were you born in the United States?

- @
- @

**VALUE  LABEL**

| 0  | No |
| 1  | Yes |

**PROPERTIES**

- Item type: Single input item
- Content type: numeric
- Input codes: 0,1,d,r
- Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

**WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM**

- Go to the next item: DGq1
uscitizn: US citizen

[cyan]Are you a United States citizen? [white]
<1> Yes
<0> No [green]
<d> Do not know
<r> Refused

VALUE LABEL
  0  No
  1  Yes

PROPERTIES
  Item type: Single input item
  Content type: numeric
  Input codes: 1,0,d,r
  Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
  Go to the next item: married

married: Marital status

[cyan]Are you married, divorced, separated, widowed, or single? [white]
<1> Married
<2> Divorced
<3> Separated
<4> Widowed
<5> Single [green]
<6> Other (specify ...) [specify]
<r> Refused

VALUE LABEL
  1  Married
  2  Divorced
  3  Separated
  4  Widowed
  5  Single
  6  Other (specify ...)

PROPERTIES
  Item type: Single input item
  Content type: numeric
  Input codes: 1,2,3,4,5,6,r
  Missing-data codes: 9,9,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
  Go to the next item: ideo
ideo: Social ideology

[cyan]When it comes to social issues, do you usually think of yourself as extremely liberal, liberal, slightly liberal, moderate or middle of the road, slightly conservative, conservative, or extremely conservative?[white]
<1> Extremely liberal
<2> Liberal
<3> Slightly liberal
<4> Moderate or middle of the road
<5> Slightly conservative
<6> Conservative
<7> Extremely conservative [green]
<d> Do not know
<r> Refused

VALUE LABEL
1 Extremely liberal
2 Liberal
3 Slightly liberal
4 Moderate or middle of the road
5 Slightly conservative
6 Conservative
7 Extremely conservative

PROPERTIES
Item type: Single input item
Content type: numeric
Input codes: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,d,r
Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
Go to the next item: party
party: Political party

[cyan]Generally speaking, when it comes to political parties in the United States, how would you best describe yourself?[green]

Interviewer: If Democrat or Republican, probe on whether strong, not very strong. If Independent, probe if closer to Democrat or Republican, or closer to neither.[white]

<1> Strong Democrat
<2> Not very strong Democrat
<3> Independent, close to Democrat
<4> Independent (close to Neither)
<5> Independent, close to Republican
<6> Not very strong Republican
<7> Strong Republican
<8> Other party affiliation (specify ...)[green] [specify]
<d> Do not know
<r> Refused

VALUE LABEL
1 Strong Democrat
2 Not very strong Democrat
3 Independent, close to Democrat
4 Independent (close to Neither)
5 Independent, close to Republican
6 Not very strong Republican
7 Strong Republican
8 Other party affiliation (specify ...)

PROPERTIES
Item type: Single input item
Content type: numeric
Input codes: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,d,r
Missing-data codes: 88,99,88,99,d,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
Go to the next item: MJCq1
**educ: Education level**

What is the last grade or class that you completed in school?

1. None or grades 1-8
2. High school incomplete (grades 9-11)
3. High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)
4. Technical, trade, or vocational school (e.g., after Associate Degree)
5. Some college, no 4-year degree (including 2 year Associate Degree)
6. College graduate (BS, BA, or other 4-year degree)
7. Post-graduate training or professional schooling after college (e.g., toward a Master's Degree, PhD or law/medical degree)
8. Refused

**Value Label**
1. None or grades 1-8
2. High school incomplete (grades 9-11)
3. High school graduate (grade 12 or GED certificate)
4. Technical, trade, or vocational school
5. Some college, no 4-year degree (including 2 year Associate Degree)
6. College graduate (BS, BA, or other 4-year degree)
7. Post-graduate training or professional schooling after college

**Properties**
- Item type: Single input item
- Content type: numeric
- Input codes: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,r
- Missing-data codes: 9,8,9,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
Go to the next item: hisp

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**hisp: Hispanic or Latino**

Are you, yourself, of Hispanic origin or descent, such as Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, or some other Spanish background?

1. Yes
0. No [green]
2. Do not know
3. Refused

**Value Label**
0. No
1. Yes

**Properties**
- Item type: Single input item
- Content type: numeric
- Input codes: 1,0,d,r
- Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
Go to the next item: race_err
race@a: White - Race

[cyan]What best describes your race? Please tell me yes or no for each of the following: [white]

White or Caucasian .......... @a

VALUE  LABEL
0  No
1  Yes

PROPERTIES
  Item type: Input item on a form
  Content type: numeric
  Input codes: 0,1,d,r
  Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
  Go to the next item: race@b

race@b: African-American - Race

[cyan]What best describes your race? Please tell me yes or no for each of the following: [white]

Black or African-American .... @b

VALUE  LABEL
0  No
1  Yes

PROPERTIES
  Item type: Input item on a form
  Content type: numeric
  Input codes: 0,1,d,r
  Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
  Go to the next item: race@c
**race@c: Native American - Race**

[cyan]What best describes your race? Please tell me yes or no for each of the following: [white]

American Indian, Aleut, Eskimo @c

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<td>Yes</td>
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**PROPERTIES**
- Item type: Input item on a form
- Content type: numeric
- Input codes: 0,1,d,r
- Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

**WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM**
Go to the next item: race@d

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**race@d: Asian - Race**

[cyan]What best describes your race? Please tell me yes or no for each of the following: [white]

Asian or Pacific Islander .... @d

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<td>1</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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**PROPERTIES**
- Item type: Input item on a form
- Content type: numeric
- Input codes: 0,1,d,r
- Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

**WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM**
Go to the next item: race@e
**race@e: Other - Race**

What best describes your race? Please tell me yes or no for each of the following: [white]

Other race (specify ...) ..... @

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<tr>
<td>0</td>
<td>No</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Yes (specify ...)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**PROPERTIES**
- Item type: Input item on a form
- Content type: numeric
- Input codes: 0,1,d,r
- Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
- Go to the next item: race_chk

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**relig: Religious affiliation**

What is your religious preference? Is it Protestant, Catholic, Christian Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, some other religion or no religion?[white]

<1> Protestant  
  (green)This includes: Baptist, Episcopal, Jehovah's Witness, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, Pentecostal, Church of Christ[white]

<2> Catholic  
  (green)This includes: Roman Catholic[white]

<3> Christian Orthodox  
  (green)This includes: Greek Orthodox, Russian Orthodox[white]

<4> Jewish

<5> Muslim  
  (green)This includes: Islam / Islamic[white]

<6> Other [yellow]non-Christian[white] religion (specify ...) [specify]

<7> No religion / Atheist / Agnostic [green]

<d> Do not know

<r> Refused

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<td>2</td>
<td>Catholic</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Christian Orthodox</td>
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<tr>
<td>4</td>
<td>Jewish</td>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Muslim</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Other</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7</td>
<td>No religion / Atheist / Agnostic</td>
</tr>
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</table>

**PROPERTIES**
- Item type: Single input item
- Content type: numeric
- Input codes: 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,d,r
- Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
- Go to the next item: church
chuch: How often attend religious services

[cyan]Aside from weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services:
more than once a week, once a week, once or twice a month, a few times a year,
seldom or never?[white]
<1> More than once a week
<2> Once a week
<3> Once or twice a month
<4> A few times a year
<5> Seldom
<6> Never [green]
<d> Do not know
<r> Refused

VALUE  LABEL
1  More than once a week
2  Once a week
3  Once or twice a month
4  A few times a year
5  Seldom
6  Never

PROPERTIES
Item type: Single input item
Content type: numeric
Input codes: 1,2,3,4,5,6,d,r
Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
Go to the next item: hhsize_err

hhsize@a: # adults 65+ in household

[cyan]How many total people, [yellow]including yourself[cyan], in your household are:
Adults 65 and older @a

PROPERTIES
Item type: Input item on a form
Content type: numeric
Input codes: 0-10,r
Missing-data codes: 99,99,88,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
Go to the next item: hhsize@b
hhsize@b: # adults 18-64 in household

[cyan] How many total people, [yellow]including yourself[cyan], in your household are:
Adults 18-64 ...... @b

PROPERTIES
Item type: Input item on a form
Content type: numeric
Input codes: 0-10,r
Missing-data codes: 99,99,88,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
Go to the next item: hhsize@c

hhsize@c: # children in household

[cyan] How many total people, [yellow]including yourself[cyan], in your household are:
Children (under 18) @c

PROPERTIES
Item type: Input item on a form
Content type: numeric
Input codes: 0-10,r
Missing-data codes: 99,99,88,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
Go to the next item: hhsize_chk

hhince: Exact household income

[cyan] Finally, for statistical purposes, last year (that is in 2008) what was your total household income from all sources, before taxes?[green]

Interviewer: The the maximum is $1,000,000. If the R's income is greater, just enter it as $1,000,000.[green]

<0-1000000> dollars
<d> Do not know [goto hhinc50k]
<r> Refused [goto hhinc50k]
@g

VALUE LABEL
0 dollars
1000000 dollars

PROPERTIES
Item type: Single input item
Content type: numeric
Input codes: 0-1000000,d,r
Missing-data codes: 8888888,9999999,8888888,9999999,d,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
Based on the value of this item:
  Go to hhinc50k if this item = d
  Go to hhinc50k if this item = r
Otherwise go to the next item: hhinc
Instead of a specific number, please tell me if your total household income in 2008 was under or over $50,000. [white]

<1> Under $50,000 [goto hhincu]
<2> $50,000 or over [green] [goto hhinco]
<d> Do not know [goto hhinc]
<r> Refused [goto hhinc]

VALUE LABEL
1 Under $50,000
2 $50,000 or over

PROPERTIES
Item type: Single input item
Content type: numeric
Input codes: 1,2,d,r
Missing-data codes: 88,99,88,99,d,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
Based on the value of this item:
Go to hhincu if this item = 1
Go to hhinco if this item = 2
Go to hhinc if this item = d
Go to hhinc if this item = r
Otherwise go to the next item: hhincu

And was it:[white]

<1> Less than $10,000
<2> 10 to under $20,000
<3> 20 to under $30,000
<4> 30 to under $40,000
<5> 40 to under $50,000 [green]
<d> Do not know
<r> Refused

VALUE LABEL
1 Less than $10,000
2 10 to under $20,000
3 20 to under $30,000
4 30 to under $40,000
5 40 to under $50,000

PROPERTIES
Item type: Single input item
Content type: numeric
Input codes: 1,2,3,4,5,d,r
Missing-data codes: 88,99,88,99,d,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
Go to the next item: hhinco
hhinco: Range over $50k - Household income

[cyan]And was it:[white]
<6> 50 to under $75,000
<7> 75 to under $100,000
<8> 100 to under $150,000
<9> $150,000 or more [green]
<d> Do not know
<r> Refused

VALUE LABEL
6  50 to under $75,000
7  75 to under $100,000
8  100 to under $150,000
9  $150,000 or more

PROPERTIES
Item type: Single input item
Content type: numeric
Input codes: 6,7,8,9,d,r
Missing-data codes: 88,99,88,99,d,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
Go to the next item: hhinc

hhinc: Household income - Coded value

PROPERTIES
Item type: Single non-input item -- commands only
Content type: numeric

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
Go to the next item: gender

gender: Gender

[interviewer: Record the respondent's gender but don't read this statement or the options.

<1> Male
<2> Female
<d> Do not know
<r> Refused

VALUE LABEL
1  Male
2  Female

PROPERTIES
Item type: Single input item
Content type: numeric
Input codes: 1,2,d,r
Missing-data codes: 8,9,8,9,d,r

WHERE YOU CAN GO FROM THIS ITEM
Go to the next item: contact