

Well Being 483 - Same-Sex Spousal Social Security Benefits

IF CURRENT LIVING SITUATION = EMPTY THEN

| **currentlivingsituation** CURRENT LIVING SITUATION

| Could you tell us what your current living situation is?

| 1 Married or living with a partner

| 2 Separated

| 3 Divorced

| 4 Widowed

| 5 Never married

ENDIF

IF GENDER = EMPTY THEN

| **gender** GENDER

| What is your gender?

| 1 Male

| 2 Female

ENDIF

IF sexual orientation = EMPTY THEN

| **misc_sexualorientation** sexual orientation

| We are interested in understanding how policies affect Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual populations.

| Do you consider yourself to be:

| 1 Heterosexual or straight;

| 2 Gay or lesbian; or

| 3 Bisexual

| 4 Prefer not to say

ENDIF

IF CURRENT LIVING SITUATION = Married or living with a partner THEN

| **Q1** Q1

| Our data indicates you are "married or living with a partner": Are you legally married to this person, or are you currently living together but not legally married?

| 1 Legally married

| 2 Living together without being legally married

| IF Q1 = Legally married THEN

|| **Q2_married** Q2_married

|| How long have you been legally married to this person?

|| Integer

|| **Q3_married** Q3_married

|| How long did you live with your partner before getting married to this person?

|| Integer

| ELSE

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|| Q2_living_together Q2_living_together  
|| How long have you been living together with this person?  
|| Integer  
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| ENDIF  
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ENDIF
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Q4 Q4
During the last twelve months, about how many hours per week have you worked for pay on average?
(Full time employment is about 40 hours per week; half-time employment is about 20 hours)
Integer

Q5 Q5
Which category represents your personal total combined income during the past 12 months? This includes money from jobs, net income from business, farm or rent, pensions, dividends, interest, social security payments and any other money income.

- 1 Less than \$5,000
- 2 \$5,000 to \$7,499
- 3 \$7,500 to \$9,999
- 4 \$10,000 to \$12,499
- 5 \$12,500 to \$14,999
- 6 \$15,000 to \$19,999
- 7 \$20,000 to \$24,999
- 8 \$25,000 to \$29,999
- 9 \$30,000 to \$34,999
- 10 \$35,000 to \$39,999
- 11 \$40,000 to \$49,999
- 12 \$50,000 to \$59,999
- 13 \$60,000 to \$74,999
- 14 \$75,000 or more

IF Q5 = ,000 or more THEN

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| Q5_a Q5_a  
| You told us that your personal total combined income during the past 12 months was more than  
| $75,000. Approximately how much was your personal total combined income during the past 12 months?  
| 1 $75,000-$99,999  
| 2 $100,000-$124,999  
| 3 $125,00 - $199,999  
| 4 $200,000 or more  
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ENDIF
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IF CURRENT LIVING SITUATION = Married or living with a partner THEN

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| Q6 Q6  
| During the last twelve months, about how many hours per week has your spouse or partner worked for  
| pay on average? (Full time employment is about 40 hours per week; half-time employment is about  
| 20 hours)  
| Integer  
|  
| Q7 Q7
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| Which category represents your spouse/partner's total combined income during the past 12 months?

| This includes money from jobs, net income from business, farm or rent, pensions, dividends,
| interest, social security payments and any other money income.

| 1 Less than \$5,000

| 2 \$5,000 to \$7,499

| 3 \$7,500 to \$9,999

| 4 \$10,000 to \$12,499

| 5 \$12,500 to \$14,999

| 6 \$15,000 to \$19,999

| 7 \$20,000 to \$24,999

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| 10 \$35,000 to \$39,999

| 11 \$40,000 to \$49,999

| 12 \$50,000 to \$59,999

| 13 \$60,000 to \$74,999

| 14 \$75,000 or more

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| IF Q7 = ,000 or more THEN

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| | **Q7_a** Q7_a

| | You told us that your spouse/partner's personal total combined income during the past 12 months
| | was more than \$75,000. Approximately how much was your spouse/partner's personal total combined
| | income during the past 12 months?

| | 1 \$75,000-\$99,999

| | 2 \$100,000-\$124,999

| | 3 \$125,00 - \$199,999

| | 4 \$200,000 or more

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| ENDIF

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ENDIF

Q8 Q8

Which of the following is closest to your expectations about the future employment situation when
being in a couple:

1 You work full time and your partner stays home and does the housework

2 You work full time and your partner works part time

3 You and your partner both work about the same amount of time

4 Your partner works full time and you work part time

5 Your partner works full time and you stay home and do the housework

IF GENDER = Male THEN

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| **Q9_male** Q9_male

| We are interested in understanding how policies affect gay, lesbian, and bisexual populations.

| People are different in their sexual attraction to other people. Which best describes your feelings?

| 1 I am only attracted to females

| 2 I am mostly attracted to females

| 3 I am equally attracted to females and males

| 4 I am mostly attracted to males

| 5 I am only attracted to males

| 6 I am not sure

| 99 Don't Know

| 0 Refused

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| **Q9_female** Q9_female

| We are interested in understanding how policies affect gay, lesbian, and bisexual populations.

| People are different in their sexual attraction to other people. Which best describes your feelings?

| 1 I am only attracted to males

| 2 I am mostly attracted to males

| 3 I am equally attracted to males and females

| 4 I am mostly attracted to females

| 5 I am only attracted to females

| 6 I am not sure

| 99 Don't Know

| 0 Refused

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ENDIF

Q10 Q10

During your life, with whom have you had voluntary sexual contact?

1 I have never had sexual contact

2 Females

3 Males

4 Females and males

IF (CURRENT LIVING SITUATION > Married or living with a partner) OR (CURRENT LIVING SITUATION

=

Married or living with a partner AND Q1 = Living together without being legally married) THEN

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| [The following questions are displayed as a table]

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| **UM1_intro** UM1

| What are the chances that you will get married in the future?

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| **UM1** UM1

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| Range: 0..100

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| [End of table display]

| [The following questions are displayed as a table]

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| **UM2_intro** UM2_intro

| What are the chances that you will get married in the next five years?

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| **UM2** UM2

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| Range: 0..100

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| [End of table display]

| IF (sexual orientation > Heterosexual or straight;) or (Q9_male = I am equally attracted to
| females and males OR Q9_male= I am mostly attracted to males OR Q9_male= I am only attracted to
| males OR Q9_female = I am equally attracted to males and females OR Q9_female= I am mostly
| attracted to females OR Q9_female= I am only attracted to females) THEN

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[The following questions are displayed as a table]

UM3_intro UM3_intro

What are the chances that you will decide to marry because of the federal legalization of same-sex marriage enacted in June 2015?

UM3 UM3

Range: 0..100

[End of table display]

ENDIF

[The following questions are displayed as a table]

UM4_intro UM4_intro

If you do get married in the future, what are the chances that you will decide to stop working or move to a more flexible job after getting married?

UM4 UM4

Range: 0..100

[End of table display]

[The following questions are displayed as a table]

UM5_intro UM5_intro

What are the chances that you will decide to start claiming retirement benefits by the time you are:

UM5_a UM5_a

Between 55 and 61 years old?

Range: 0..100

UM5_b UM5_b

Between 62 and 65 years old?

Range: 0..100

UM5_c UM5_c

Between 66 and 70 years old?

Range: 0..100

UM5_d UM5_d

Older than 70?

Range: 0..100

[End of table display]

UM6 UM6

According to current Social Security regulations: A married spouse may be entitled to social security retirement benefits of up to half of their retired partner's social security benefit (if it is more than their personal social security benefit); If a couple is divorced after ten or more years of marriage, a former spouse may still be entitled to social security retirement benefits of up to half of their former spouse's social security benefit (if it is more than their personal social security benefit); and Widows/Widowers can claim the full amount of their deceased spouse's benefit (if they have not remarried). How would you rate your knowledge of

| Social Security Spousal Benefits after retirement?

- | 1 No knowledge
- | 2 A little knowledge
- | 3 Some knowledge
- | 4 A lot of knowledge
- | 99 I don't know

| **UM7** UM7

| Would a better knowledge of Social Security Spousal Benefits change your intentions to marry in the future?

- | 1 Yes
- | 2 No
- | 99 I don't know

| [The following questions are displayed as a table]

| **UM8_intro** UM8_intro

| What are the chances that, if you ever get married, you will claim spousal benefits by the time of retirement?

| **UM8** UM8

| Range: 0..100

| [End of table display]

ENDIF

IF CURRENT LIVING SITUATION = Married or living with a partner AND Q1 = Legally married THEN

| [The following questions are displayed as a table]

| **MLG1_intro** MLG1_intro

| What are the chances that you will continue to be married to the same person until the age of retirement?

| **MLG1** MLG1

| Range: 0..100

| [End of table display]

| [The following questions are displayed as a table]

| **MLG2_intro** MLG2_intro

| What are the chances that you will decide to stop working or move to a more flexible job before you actually retire?

| **MLG2** MLG2

| Range: 0..100

| [End of table display]

| [The following questions are displayed as a table]

| **MLG3_intro** MLG3_intro

| What are the chances that you will start claiming retirement benefits by the time you are:

| **MLG3_a** MLG3_a

| Between 55 and 61 years old?

| Range: 0..100

| **MLG3_b** MLG3_b

| Between 62 and 65 years old?

| Integer

| **MLG3_c** MLG3_c

| Between 66 and 70 years old?

| Range: 0..100

| **MLG3_d** MLG3_d

| Older than 70?

| Range: 0..100

| [End of table display]

| **MLG4** MLG4

| According to current Social Security regulations: A married spouse may be entitled to social security retirement benefits of up to half of their retired partner's social security benefit (if it is more than their personal social security benefit); If a couple is divorced after ten or more years of marriage, a former spouse may still be entitled to social security retirement benefits of up to half of their former spouse's social security benefit (if it is more than their personal social security benefit); and Widows/Widowers can claim the full amount of their deceased spouse's benefit (if they have not remarried). How would you rate your knowledge of Social Security Spousal Benefits after retirement?

| 1 No knowledge

| 2 A little knowledge

| 3 Some knowledge

| 4 A lot of knowledge

| 99 I don't know

| **MLG5** MLG5

| Would a better knowledge of Social Security Spousal Benefits have changed your decision to marry earlier in the past?

| 1 Yes

| 2 No

| 99 I don't know

| [The following questions are displayed as a table]

| **MLG6_intro** MLG6_intro

| What are the chances that you will claim spousal social security benefits by the time of retirement?

| **MLG6** MLG6

| Range: 0..100

| [End of table display]

ENDIF

IF (CURRENT LIVING SITUATION = Married or living with a partner) THEN

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| **Q11** Q11

| How likely is it that your relationship with your current partner will be permanent?

| 1 Almost certain

| 2 A good chance

| 3 A 50-50 chance

| 4 Some chance, but probably not

| 5 Almost no chance

| 9 Don't know

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ENDIF

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Could you tell us how interesting or uninteresting you found the questions in this interview?

1 Very interesting

2 Interesting

3 Neither interesting nor uninteresting

4 Uninteresting

5 Very uninteresting