2025 PEW RESEARCH CENTER'S AMERICAN TRENDS PANEL
Wave 178: Survey on Aging (Social and Demographic Trends)
September 2-8, 2025

QUESTIONNAIRE

Note: The questions presented below are part of a larger survey conducted on the American Trends Panel. For all questions, the 98 ("don't know" in phone mode) and 99 (refusal in phone mode and no answer in web mode) codes are combined in the data for analytical purposes.

PN = Programming note

CODEBOOK FOR ATP SAMPLE VARIABLES TO BE USED IN SURVEY PROGRAMMING LOGIC

X_MARITAL
1   Married
2   Living with a partner
3   Divorced
4   Separated
5   Widowed
6   Never been married
99   Refused
Note: Flag to identify respondents who are married or living with a partner.
Source: Frame file variable F_MARITAL. Same codes as F_MARITAL.

X_ADULTCHILD
1   Yes
2   No
99   Refused
Note: Flag to identify respondents who have adult children (18 years or older).
Source: Frame file variable F_ADULTCHILD. Same codes as F_ADULTCHILD.

CODEBOOK FOR GENERIC ROTATION VARIABLE TO BE USED IN SURVEY PROGRAMMING LOGIC

ROTATION_GEN
1   Scale in ascending order (1-5)
2   Scale in descending order (5-1)
Note: Flag created by programmers to assign panelists' rotation orders for the following questions:
AGEWELL1, THINKOLD, OLDFEEL1, OLDFEEL2, AGEWELL3, FEELMOD, MEMORYLOSS, EXERCISE,
FAMCONTACT, AGEACTIV, LEARNNEW, SAVENOUGH, FUTURECARE2
Source: Created by programmers and randomly assigned to all sampled panelists.

-------------------------------**MAIN QUESTIONNAIRE BEGINS HERE**-------------------------------
----

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

BAT: AGINGPAR
[PN: DO NOT RANDOMIZE ITEMS]
ASK ALL:

[PN: IF WEB:] Do you have a living parent in any of the following age ranges?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] Do you have a living parent in any of the following age ranges? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(PROBE IF YES: "**Do you have one or more than one living parent in this age range?**")**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] What about **(INSERT ITEM)**?
(PROBE IF YES: "Do you have one or more than one living parent in this age range?**")**

BATTERY ITEMS:
a   Age 64 or younger
b   Age 65 to 74
c   Age 75 or older

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:
1   Yes, one
2   Yes, more than one
3   No
98   **[PN: IF CATI:]** **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:]** **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

----

QUE: SPOUSEAGE
ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH A PARTNER (X_MARITAL=1,2):

Is your spouse or partner...

[PN: IF CATI:] **(READ LIST)**

1   Age 18 to 49
2   Age 50 to 64
3   Age 65 to 74
4   Age 75 or older
98   **[PN: IF CATI:]** **(DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:]** **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

----

TXT:
[PN: SHOW CAREGIVER_P AND CAREGIVER_S ON SAME SCREEN; DO NOT RANDOMIZE]

TXT:
DISPLAY IF HAVE A LIVING PARENT 65 OR OLDER OR A SPOUSE OR PARTNER 65 OR OLDER (AGINGPAR_b=1,2 OR AGINGPAR_c=1,2 OR SPOUSEAGE=3,4):

Caregiving comes in many different forms, from assisting with personal needs like bathing and dressing to helping with household chores or managing finances or medical care. Thinking about your current situation...

QUE: CAREGIVER_P
ASK IF HAVE A LIVING PARENT 65 OR OLDER (AGINGPAR_b=1,2 OR AGINGPAR_c=1,2):

Do you consider yourself to be a caregiver for a <u>parent age 65 or older</u>?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

1   Yes
2   No
98   **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: CAREGIVER_S
ASK IF HAVE A SPOUSE OR PARTNER 65 OR OLDER (SPOUSEAGE=3,4):

Do you consider yourself to be a caregiver for <u>your spouse or partner</u>?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

1   Yes
2   No
98   **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

----

TXT:
[PN: SHOW AGINGPARFIN AND ADCHILDFIN ON SAME SCREEN; DO NOT RANDOMIZE]

QUE: AGINGPARFIN
ASK IF HAVE A LIVING PARENT 65 OR OLDER (AGINGPAR_b=1,2 OR AGINGPAR_c=1,2):

During the past 12 months, have you given any financial support to a parent age 65 or older?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

1   Yes
2   No
98   **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

QUE: ADCHILDFIN
ASK IF PARENT OF CHILD 18+ (X_ADULTCHILD=1):

During the past 12 months, have you given any financial support to any of your adult children ages 18 and older?

[PN: IF CATI:] (READ LIST IF NECESSARY)

1   Yes
2   No
98   **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

----

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

BAT: CAREPOLICY
ASK ALL:
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1, HOLDING 6 AND 99 LAST;
INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] Would you favor or oppose the federal government doing each of the following for people who are providing care for an aging family member?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] Would you favor or oppose the federal government doing each of the following for people who are providing care for an aging family member? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Would you... **(READ LIST)**?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] What about **(INSERT ITEM)**?
(READ AS NECESSARY: Would you favor or oppose the federal government **(INSERT ITEM)** for people who are providing care for an aging family member? Would you... **(READ LIST)**?**)**

BATTERY ITEMS:
a   Providing tax credits to offset the cost of caregiving
b   Providing direct payments to offset the cost of caregiving
c   Requiring employers to provide paid family leave
d   Paying for short-term care for aging adults to provide temporary relief for family caregivers

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:
1   Strongly favor
2   Somewhat favor
3   Neither favor nor oppose
4   Somewhat oppose
5   Strongly oppose
[PN: INSERT A LINE OF SPACE]
6   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Not sure **[PN: IF CATI:]** Or are you not sure?
99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:]** **(DO NOT READ)** Refused

----

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

PN: CREATE DOV_PARSP FOR MODULE ASSIGNMENT WHERE 1 = "PARENT", 2 = "SPOUSE" AND 3 = "DON'T HAVE SPOUSE/PARTNER OR PARENT 65 AND OLDER

DOV_PARSP=1 WHEN (AGINGPAR_b=1,2 OR AGINGPAR_c=1,2) AND (SPOUSEAGE=1,2,98,99 OR X_MARITAL=3,4,5,6,99)

DOV_PARSP=2 WHEN (AGINGPAR_b=3,98,99 AND AGINGPAR_c=3,98,99) AND SPOUSEAGE=3,4

RANDOMLY ASSIGN VALUES 1-2 TO DOV_PARSP WHEN (AGINGPAR_b=1,2 OR AGINGPAR_c=1,2) AND SPOUSEAGE=3,4

DOV_PARSP=3 WHEN (AGINGPAR_b=3,98,99 AND AGINGPAR_c=3,98,99) AND (SPOUSEAGE=1,2,98,99 OR X_MARITAL=3,4,5,6,99)

RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE PARENT(S) 65 AND OLDER BUT DO NOT HAVE SPOUSE OR PARTNER 65 AND OLDER SHOULD RECEIVE THE AGING PARENTS MODULE; RESPONDENTS WHO HAVE SPOUSE OR PARTNER 65 AND OLDER BUT DO NOT HAVE PARENTS(S) 65 AND OLDER SHOULD RECEIVE THE AGING SPOUSE MODULE; RESPONDENTS WITH BOTH PARENT(S) 65 AND OLDER AND SPOUSE OR PARTNER 65 AND OLDER SHOULD BE RANDOMLY ASSIGNED TO EITHER THE AGING PARENT MODULE OR THE AGING SPOUSE MODULE. RESPONDENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE PARENT(S) 65 AND OLDER OR HAVE A SPOUSE OR PARTNER 65 AND OLDER SHOULD NOT RECEIVE EITHER MODULE.

----------------------------AGING PARENTS MODULE BEGINS HERE----------------------------
----

TXT:
DISPLAY IF HAVE PARENT(S) 65 AND OLDER AND SELECTED TO RECEIVE AGING PARENTS
MODULE (DOV_PARSP=1):
[PN: IF WEB:] Now thinking about your parent(s) ages 65 and older...
[PN: IF CATI:] Now thinking about your parent or parents ages 65 and older...

BAT: PARNEED
ASK IF HAVE PARENT(S) 65 AND OLDER AND SELECTED TO RECEIVE AGING PARENTS MODULE
(DOV_PARSP=1):
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

> **[PN: IF WEB:]** Do any of your parents ages 65 and older need help with each of the following?
>
> **[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:]** Do any of your parents ages 65 and older need help with each of the following? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**
>
> **[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:]** What about **(INSERT ITEM)**?
> **(READ AS NECESSARY:** Do any of your parents ages 65 and older need help with **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

BATTERY ITEMS:
a   Errands, housework or home repairs
b   Personal care, such as bathing or dressing
c   Managing their finances, such as budgeting or paying bills on time
d   Managing their health care, such as medical appointments or medication

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:
1   Yes
2   No
98   **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

----

BAT: PARHELP
ASK IF THEIR PARENTS NEED ANY HELP WITH ANY TASK (PARNEED_a-d=1):
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS PARNEED; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-3/3-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] How often do you help any of your parents ages 65 and older with each of the following?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] How often do you help any of your parents ages 65 and older with each of the following? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Do you help... **(READ LIST)**?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] What about **(INSERT ITEM)**?
(READ AS NECESSARY: How often do you help any of your parents ages 65 and older with **(INSERT ITEM)**? Do you help **(READ LIST)**?**)**

BATTERY ITEMS:
a   **[PN: ASK IF THEIR PARENT(S) NEED HELP WITH ERRANDS (PARNEED_a=1):]**
       Errands, housework or home repairs
b   **[PN: ASK IF THEIR PARENT(S) NEED HELP WITH PERSONAL CARE**
       (PARNEED_b=1):] Personal care, such as bathing or dressing
c   **[PN: ASK IF THEIR PARENT(S) NEED HELP WITH FINANCES (PARNEED_c=1):]**
       Managing their finances, such as budgeting or paying bills on time
d   **[PN: ASK IF THEIR PARENT(S) NEED HELP WITH HEALTH CARE**
       (PARNEED_d=1):] Managing their health care, such as medical appointments or
       medication

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:
1   On a regular basis
2   From time to time
3   Hardly ever or never
98   **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

----

BAT: CAREPARIMP
ASK IF PROVIDING HELP TO PARENTS AT LEAST FROM TIME TO TIME WITH ANY TYPE OF HELP (PARHELP_a-d=1,2):
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS FEWERKIDS, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

> **[PN: IF WEB:]** In general, what kind of impact has providing help to your parent(s) had on each of the following?
>
> **[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:]** In general, what kind of impact has providing help to your parent or parents had on each of the following? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ LIST)**
>
> **[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:]** What about **(INSERT ITEM)**?
> **(READ AS NECESSARY:** In general, what kind of impact has providing help to your parent or parents had on **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST)**

BATTERY ITEMS:
a   Your physical health
b   Your emotional well-being
c   Your social life
d   Your financial situation
e   **[PN: ASK IF EMPLOYED (EMPLSIT=1-2):]** Your job or career
f   **[PN: ASK IF MARRIED OR LIVING WITH PARTNER (X_MARITAL=1-2):]** Your relationship with your spouse or partner
g   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Your relationship with your parent(s) **[PN: IF CATI:]** Your relationship with your parent or parents

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:
1   Very positive
2   Somewhat positive
3   Neither positive nor negative
4   Somewhat negative
5   Very negative
98   **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

[PN: AGING PARENT MODULE ENDS HERE]

------------------------------AGING SPOUSE MODULE BEGINS HERE---------------------------------
----

TXT:
DISPLAY IF HAVE SPOUSE OR PARTNER 65 AND OLDER AND SELECTED TO RECEIVE AGING SPOUSE MODULE (DOV_PARSP=2):
Now thinking about your spouse or partner...

BAT: SPOUSENEED
ASK IF HAVE SPOUSE OR PARTNER 65 AND OLDER AND SELECTED TO RECEIVE AGING SPOUSE MODULE (DOV_PARSP=2):
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] Thinking about your spouse's or partner's ability to do a number of household and personal tasks, do they need help doing each of the following?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] Thinking about your spouse's or partner's ability to do a number of household and personal tasks, do they need help doing each of the following? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY)**

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] What about **(INSERT ITEM)**?
(READ AS NECESSARY: Does your spouse or partner need help with **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST IF NECESSARY))**

BATTERY ITEMS:
a   Errands, housework or home repairs
b   Personal care, such as bathing or dressing
c   Managing their finances, such as budgeting or paying bills on time
d   Managing their health care, such as medical appointments or medication

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:
1   Yes
2   No
98   **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

----

BAT: SPOUSEHELP
ASK IF SPOUSE OR PARTNER NEEDS ANY HELP (SPOUSENEED_a-d=1):
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS IN SAME ORDER AS SPOUSENEED; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-3/3-1, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

[PN: IF WEB:] How often do you help your spouse or partner with each of the following?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:] How often do you help your spouse or partner with each of the following? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. Do you help... **(READ LIST)**?

[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:] What about **(INSERT ITEM)**?
(READ AS NECESSARY: How often do you help your spouse or partner with **(INSERT ITEM)**?
Do you help... **(READ LIST)**?**)**

BATTERY ITEMS:
a   **[PN: ASK IF SPOUSE OR PARTNER NEEDS HELP WITH ERRANDS (SPOUSENEED_a=1):]** Errands, housework or home repairs
b   **[PN: ASK IF SPOUSE OR PARTNER NEEDS HELP WITH PERSONAL CARE (SPOUSENEED_b=1):]** Personal care, such as bathing or dressing
c   **[PN: ASK IF SPOUSE OR PARTNER NEEDS HELP WITH FINANCES (SPOUSENEED_c=1):]** Managing their finances, such as budgeting or paying bills on time
d   **[PN: ASK IF SPOUSE OR PARTNER NEEDS HELP WITH HEALTH CARE (SPOUSENEED_d=1):]** Managing their health care, such as medical appointments or medication

RESPONSE CATEGORIES:
1   On a regular basis
2   From time to time
3   Hardly ever or never
98   **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

----

BAT: CARESPIMP
ASK IF PROVIDING HELP TO SPOUSE OR PARTNER AT LEAST FROM TIME TO TIME WITH ANY TYPE OF HELP (SPOUSEHELP_a-d=1,2):
[PN: RANDOMIZE ITEMS; ROTATE RESPONSE OPTIONS 1-5/5-1 IN SAME ORDER AS FEWERKIDS, HOLDING 98 AND 99 LAST; INCLUDE RANDOMIZATION AND ROTATION IN DATA FILE]

> **[PN: IF WEB:]** In general, what kind of impact has providing help to your spouse or partner had on each of the following?
>
> **[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR FIRST ITEM:]** In general, what kind of impact has providing help to your spouse or partner had on each of the following? First, **(INSERT ITEM)**. **(READ LIST)**
>
> **[PN: IF CATI: READ FOR SUBSEQUENT ITEMS:]** What about **(INSERT ITEM)**?
> **(READ AS NECESSARY:** What kind of impact has providing help to your spouse or partner had on **(INSERT ITEM)**? **(READ LIST))**
>
> **BATTERY ITEMS:**
> a   Your physical health
> b   Your emotional well-being
> c   Your social life
> d   Your financial situation
> e   **[PN: ASK IF EMPLOYED (EMPLSIT=1,2):]** Your job or career
> f   Your relationship with your spouse or partner
>
> **RESPONSE CATEGORIES:**
> 1   Very positive
> 2   Somewhat positive
> 3   Neither positive nor negative
> 4   Somewhat negative
> 5   Very negative
> 98   **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Don't know
> 99   **[PN: IF WEB:]** Web blank / **[PN: IF CATI:] (DO NOT READ)** Refused

[PN: AGING SPOUSE MODULE ENDS HERE]

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED