

**PEW SOCIAL & DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS
 WORK/WOODSTOCK/GENERATION GAP SURVEY
 TOPLINE FOR SELECTED QUESTIONS
 July 20-Aug. 2, 2009
 N=1,815 U.S. residents, ages 16+ (1,164 landline and 651 cell RDD)¹**

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Now I have some questions about work and family ...

Q.20 In your opinion, what is the ideal situation for young CHILDREN—mothers working full time, mothers working part time, or mothers not working at all outside the home?

12	Full time
40	Part time
42	Not at all
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

Q.21 In your opinion, what is the ideal situation for WOMEN with young children—working full time, working part time, or not working at all outside the home?

12	Full time
44	Part time
38	Not at all
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

NO QUESTIONS 22-23

E1 Are you currently retired?

20	Yes
2	Yes, semi-retired or “still do some type of work” (VOL.)
75	No
2	Disabled (VOL.)
1	Fully disabled and cannot work (VOL.) - GO TO EDUC
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF NOT RETIRED (E1=3) AND AGE 62 OR OLDER [N=429]

Q.24 Have you had to delay your retirement because of current economic conditions, or not?

38	Yes
61	No
1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

¹ The sample design included oversamples of persons ages 16-24 and working adults 65 or older as well as a dual frame sample of respondents reached via landline (1,164) or cell (651) phone. The data are weighted to produce results from a representative sample of the population.

ASK IF NOT RETIRED (E1=3) AND AGE 50-61 [N=242]

Q.24a Do you think you might have to delay your retirement because of current economic conditions, or not?

63 Yes
31 No
5 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL

E2 Are you now enrolled in school, either full or part time, or not? [PST 2-09]

12 Yes, full-time student
6 Yes, part-time
82 No
* Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL (EXCLUDING FULLY DISABLED AND CANNOT WORK E1=5) [N=1,804]

E3 (IF E1=1,2: Some people who have retired do some type of work for pay.../IF E2=1,2 & E1=3,9: Some students also do some type of work for pay/IF E1=4: Some people who are disabled do some type of work for pay...) Are you now employed full time, part time or not employed?

48 Full time
16 Part time
36 Not employed [IF E1=4 AND E3=3—GO TO EDUC]
* Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

IF WORKING PART TIME (E3=2) [N=398]

E3a. Would you prefer to be working full-time, or not? [P&P 2-09]

<u>July 2009</u>	<u>July 2009</u> <u>(ages 18+)</u>		<u>Feb 2009</u>	<u>May 2005</u>	<u>Late Feb 2004</u>	<u>Early Feb 2004</u>
35	34	Yes, prefer full time	47	45	35	29
64	64	No	51	55	64	71
1	2	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	2	*	*	*
	n=356		n=164	n=175	n=108	n=190

IF WORKING FULL TIME (E3=1) [N=742]

E3b. Would you prefer to be working part time, or not?

30 Yes, prefer part time
69 No
1 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK ALL WORKING (E3=1,2) [N=1,140]

E3c. Are you self-employed, or not? [INTERVIEWER INSTRUCTION: IF R MENTIONS MORE THAN ONE JOB/EMPLOYER ASK ABOUT THEIR "main job"]

20 Yes, self-employed (includes independent contractor, freelance worker)
80 No, not self-employed
* Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF NOT EMPLOYED (E3=3) [N=633]

Q.25 You said you are not employed. Just to be sure, in the last week did you do any work for pay?

6 Yes
94 No
0 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF NOT RETIRED (E1=3) AND NOT EMPLOYED (E3=3) [N=247]

Q.25a How long ago did you last work full time or part time for pay? [READ]

10	Within the past month
12	One to three months ago
10	Three to six months
62	Or has it been six months or longer since you last worked?
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF EMPLOYED (E3=1,2) [N=1,140]

Q.26 Overall, how satisfied are you with your job? Are you (READ):

July 2009	<u>July 2009</u> (ages 18+)		Jan 2008	June 2006	PSRA ² July 1997	Gallup July 1989
90	90	Satisfied (NET)	87	89	86	89
30	30	Completely satisfied	31	28	24	28
60	60	Mostly satisfied	56	61	62	61
9	9	Dissatisfied (NET)	12	10	13	11
7	7	Mostly dissatisfied	10	8	10	8
2	2	Completely dissatisfied	3	2	3	3
1	1	Don't know/Refused (VOL.--DO NOT READ)	*	1	1	*

ASK IF NOT EMPLOYED (E3=3) [EXCLUDING FULLY DISABLED AND CANNOT WORK E1=5], ASK: [N=633]

E4 Are you currently looking for work, or not?

July 2009		Feb 2009
27	Yes, looking for work	27
73	No, not looking for work	72
0	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1

ASK IF UNEMPLOYED AND NOT LOOKING FOR WORK (E4=2) [N=484]

Q.27 When the economy improves, will you start looking for work, or not?

16	Yes
81	No
3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF EMPLOYED OR LOOKING FOR WORK AND NEVER RETIRED [E1=3 AND (E3=1,2 OR E4=1 OR Q.27=1)] [N=1,173]

E5 At what age do you expect to retire and not work?

July 2009	<u>July 2009</u> (ages 18+)		<u>Feb 2009</u>
19	18	Before age 60	20
18	18	60-64	18
29	29	65-69	25
15	14	70 or older	18
9	9	Never plan to retire	11
11	11	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	8
63	63	Mean age	63

² The July 1997 PSRA question was worded "Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your current job? Are you...[READ RESPONSES]"

TREND FOR COMPARISON:³

	<i>Gallup</i>	<i>Gallup</i>	<i>Gallup</i>	<i>Gallup</i>	<i>Gallup</i>	<i>Gallup</i>	<i>Gallup</i>	<i>Gallup</i>
	<u>April</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>April</u>
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>1989</u>
Mean age	64	64	65	64	64	63	63	62

**ASK IF RETIRED AND NOT WORKING AND NOT LOOKING FOR WORK (E1=1 AND E4=2 AND Q.27=2)
[N=335]**

E6 At what age did you retire?

12	Before age 50
22	50-59
32	60-64
16	65-69
9	70 or older
9	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
59	Mean age

ASK IF RETIRED AND WORKING OR RETIRED AND LOOKING FOR WORK ((E1=1,2 AND E3=1,2) OR [E1=1,2 AND E3= 3 AND (E4=1 OR Q.27=1)]) [N=183]

E7 At what age do you expect to stop working completely?

2	Before age 50
2	50-59
4	60-64
16	65-69
31	70 or older
27	Never plan (VOL.)
20	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)
69	Mean age

ASK ALL WORKING (E3=1,2) [N=1,140]

E8 Are you currently working because you need the money or because you want to work?

47	Need the money
22	Want to work
30	Both (VOL.)
*	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF RETIRED OR SEMI-RETIRED (E1=1, 2) [N=534]

Q.28 Thinking back to the time you retired, did you WANT to retire, did your employer MAKE you retire, or did you have to retire for health or other reasons?

51	Wanted to
9	Made to do
32	Had to do for health, other reasons
2	Both/part wanted to, part had to (VOL.)
6	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

³ Trend numbers are from the Gallup Poll. The question wording was "At what age do you expect to retire?" The question was asked of all non-retired respondents through telephone interviews with a national adult sample. The 1989 Gallup Poll was based on a mail survey.

ASK IF RETIRED OR SEMI-RETIRED (E1=1,2) [N=534]

Q.29 All in all, would you say that your retirement has turned out to be very satisfying, fairly satisfying, not-too-satisfying or not at all satisfying?

- 57 Very satisfying
- 23 Fairly satisfying
- 10 Not too satisfying
- 6 Not at all satisfying
- 5 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF NOT WORKING FULL TIME OR PART TIME AND NOT RETIRED (E1=3 & E3=3) [N=247]

Q. 30 You mentioned earlier that you are not employed. Here are reasons why some people say they are not working. For each, tell me if this is a big reason, a small reason or not a reason why you are not employed. (First/Next), (INSERT - ALWAYS ASK A FIRST, RANDOMIZE B-J).

READ FOR FIRST THEN AS NECESSARY: Is this a big reason, a small reason or not a reason why you are not working?

	<u>Big reason</u>	<u>Small reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	<u>DK/Ref (VOL.)</u>
a. You were laid off or lost your job	25	6	69	1
b. You've looked and can't find a job	41	12	47	1
c. You do not want to work	13	13	73	1
d. You can afford NOT to work	17	15	66	2
e. Your spouse or family doesn't want you to work	10	8	78	4
f. You have a disability or otherwise aren't able to work	21	7	71	1
g. You want to focus on school or job training	28	15	55	2
h. You don't have the skills or training for the jobs that are available	14	15	68	3
i. You have family or child care responsibilities that keep you from working	18	11	71	1
j. The jobs available to you don't pay enough	18	13	68	1

ASK IF NOT WORKING FULL TIME OR PART TIME AND NOT RETIRED (E1=3 & E3=3) [N=247]

Q30k. Is there another big reason that you don't have a job that I haven't already mentioned? IF YES, ASK: What is that?

- 24 Yes (SPECIFY)
- 76 No
- 1 Don't know/Refused [VOL.]

ASK IF RETIRED AND NOT WORKING FULL TIME OR PART TIME (E1=1 & E3=3) [N=370]

Q. 31 You mentioned earlier that you are retired and not employed full or part time. Are you not working because (of your age or are physically unable to work), because (you prefer not to work), because (you cannot find a job), or for some other reason? [RANDOMIZE RESPONSES IN PARENS]

- 38 Because of age or physically unable to work
- 46 Prefer not to work
- 4 Cannot find a job
- 10 Other reason (SPECIFY)
- 2 Don't know/Refused [VOL.]

ASK IF WORKING FULL OR PART TIME (E3=1,2) [N=1,140]

Q.32 I am going to read reasons why some people work. For each, tell me if it is a big reason, a small reason or not a reason why you personally work. (First/Next)... (INSERT AND RANDOMIZE).

READ FOR FIRST ITEM THEN AS NECESSARY: Is this a big reason, a small reason or not a reason why you work?

	<u>Big reason</u>	<u>Small reason</u>	<u>Not a reason</u>	<u>DK/Ref (VOL.)</u>
a. To support myself and my family	87	7	6	*
b. To feel like a useful and productive person	69	17	13	1
c. To receive health care benefits	56	13	31	1
d. To save for my retirement or qualify for a pension or Social Security	64	17	19	*
e. To be with other people	36	34	30	*
f. To give myself something to do	41	33	25	*
g. To help improve society	48	26	26	*
h. To live independently	77	9	12	1

ASK IF WORKING FULL OR PART-TIME (E3=1,2) [N=1,140]

Q.32i Is there another big reason why you work that I haven't already mentioned? IF YES, ASK: What is that?

25 Yes (SPECIFY)

75 No

* Don't know/Refused [VOL.]

ASK ALL

EDUC What is the last grade or class that you completed in school? [DO NOT READ]

- 4 None, or grade 1-8
- 12 High school incomplete (Grades 9-11)
- 30 High school graduate (Grade 12 or GED certificate)
- 4 Technical, trade, or vocational school AFTER high school
- 23 Some college, no 4-year degree (including associate degree)
- 16 College graduate (B.S., B.A., or other 4-year degree)
- 11 Postgraduate training or professional schooling after college (e.g., toward a master's degree or Ph.D.; law or medical school)
- * Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF CONTINUED EDUCATION PAST HIGH SCHOOL (EDUC = 4-7) [N=1,052]

Q.33 Now I'd like you to think about what you did immediately after you graduated from high school. Did you work at a job for at least a year, did you go on to college or into a training program, or did you do both at the same time?

- 23 Worked (includes armed forces/military service)
- 40 Went to college or got additional training
- 33 Did both at the same time
- 3 Did something else (VOL.)
- 1 Obtained GED/did not graduate from high school—GO TO Q.37
- * Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF WORKED (Q.33=1) [N=238]

Q.34 Was this job in the armed forces, or not?

- 18 Yes
- 82 No

1 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF CONTINUED SCHOOLING/TRAINING (Q.33=2) [N=441]

Q.35 Is that because you wanted to immediately continue your education or training, or was it because you could not find a job?

93 Wanted to continue education or training
1 Couldn't find a job
* Both [VOL.]
5 Neither [VOL.]
1 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

ASK IF DID SOMETHING ELSE (Q.33=4) [N=40; SAMPLE SIZE TOO SMALL TO REPORT RESULTS]

Q.36 Were you looking for a job during that time, or not?

Q.37 Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: In order to get ahead in life these days, it's necessary to get a college education.

74 Agree
24 Disagree
2 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)

<u>July 2009</u>	<u>July 2009</u> (ages 18+)		<i>CBS News</i> <u>Aug 1997</u>	<i>CBS News/New York Times</i> <u>April 1978</u>
74	73	Agree	75	49
24	25	Disagree	24	47
2	3	Don't know/Refused (VOL.)	1	4

Q.38 All other things being equal, which would you prefer: a higher-paying job, or a job that offers better job security? INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY ARE RETIRED/DISABLED AND QUESTION DOES NOT APPLY, PROMPT WITH "Generally speaking, which do you think is more important?"

33 High-paying job
59 Job security
5 Both equally (VOL.)
4 Don't know/Refused (VOL.)