

SPD-18008
Adolescent Self-Administered Questionnaire
Survey of Program Dynamics

Hello. This is (name) from the U.S. Bureau of the Census. Your family recently participated in the Survey of Program Dynamics. To complete the survey, I need to speak with _____ (and _____). Is he/she available now?

As part of the Survey of Program Dynamics, we are asking questions of adolescents 12-17 years old. Your parent or guardian participated in a different part of the study. The questions asked of you will be about household chores, school work, your relationship with your parents, dating, and other similar issues. Your participation is voluntary; however, it is very important that we interview as many young people as possible. This is not a test and there are no right or wrong answers. I left an answer booklet at your home when I visited. If you would like to go get it, I'll be happy to wait.

Take your time and please be sure to answer each question based on what you really think.

Your privacy is very important to us. No one except Census Bureau employees will be able to see your answers.

I will read a question followed by a series of answer choices. For each question, tell me which answer choice best applies to you.

The first questions are about family routines.

1. How many times a week do you usually eat dinner together as a family?

READ CATEGORIES

Never
Less than once a week
1 - 2 times a week
3 - 5 times a week
Everyday or almost everyday

2. During the school year, how many times a week do you usually get your home work done on time?

Never
Less than once a week
1 - 2 times a week
3 - 5 times a week
Everyday or almost everyday

Does not apply -- not in school--SKIP TO ITEM 5

3. During the school year, how often are you usually late for school?

READ CATEGORIES

Never
Once a month
Once every two weeks
Once a week
Several times a week
Everyday

4. During the school year, how often are you usually late for a class?

Never
Once a month
Once every two weeks
Once a week
Several times a week
Everyday

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5. Next, I will read a list of jobs some people do at home. After I read a job, please tell me how often you do that job. The first job is cleaning the house. How often do you clean the house: never, once a month, once every two weeks, once a week, several times a week, or everyday?

(Clean the house)

Never
Once a month
Once every two weeks
Once a week
Several times a week
Everyday

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6. How often do you wash the dishes or load and empty the dishwasher?

Never
Once a month
Once every two weeks
Once a week
Several times a week
Everyday

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7. How often do you fix family meals?

Never
Once a month
Once every two weeks
Once a week
Several times a week
Everyday

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8. How often do you do the laundry?

Never
Once a month
Once every two weeks
Once a week
Several times a week
Everyday

9. How often do you take care of brothers or sisters?

- Never
- Once a month
- Once every two weeks
- Once a week
- Several times a week
- Everyday

Does not apply - do not have any brothers or sisters

10. Now, I will read a series of statements about how you feel about your responsibilities at home. Please tell me how strongly you disagree or agree with each statement.

I feel I have too many responsibilities at home for someone my age.

READ CATEGORIES

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- I'm in the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree

11. I feel I do more than my share of chores in my family.

READ CATEGORIES

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- I'm in the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree

12. I have not been doing well in school because of my responsibilities at home.

READ CATEGORIES

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- I'm in the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree

13. Please tell me which category best describes the mother you live with. Is it

READ CATEGORIES

- Your biological mother (that is the mother you were born to) who lives with you
- Your adoptive mother who lives with you
- Your stepmother who lives with you
- Another female in the household who is like a mother to you
(please describe how she is related to you :_____)
- You don't live with a biological, adoptive, step, or other mother figure - SKIP TO
ITEM 22

14. Thinking about this woman, please indicate how strongly you disagree or agree with the following statements about her.

I think highly of her.

READ CATEGORIES

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- I'm in the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree

15. She is a person that I respect.

READ CATEGORIES

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- I'm in the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree

16. I really enjoy spending time with her.

READ CATEGORIES

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- I'm in the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree

17. I can count on her to keep her promises.

READ CATEGORIES

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- I'm in the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree

18. Thinking about the mother you live with, please tell me how often she did the following things during the past 12 months.

How often did she:

Help you with things that are important to you?

READ CATEGORIES

Never
Rarely
Sometimes
Usually
Always

19. Blame you for her problems?

READ CATEGORIES

Never
Rarely
Sometimes
Usually
Always

20. Spend time just talking with you?

READ CATEGORIES

Never
Rarely
Sometimes
Usually
Always

21. Show that she really cares about you?

READ CATEGORIES

Never
Rarely
Sometimes
Usually
Always

22. Please tell me which category best describes the father you live with. Is it

READ CATEGORIES

- Your biological father (that is, the father you were born to) who lives with you
- Your adoptive father who lives with you
- Your stepfather who lives with you
- Another male in the household who is like a father to you
(please describe how he is related to you : _____)
- You don't live with a biological, adoptive, step, or other father figure --- SKIP TO
ITEM 31

23. Thinking about this man, please indicate how strongly you disagree or agree with the following statements about him.

I think highly of him.

READ CATEGORIES

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- I'm in the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree

24. He is a person that I respect.

READ CATEGORIES

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- I'm in the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree

25. I really enjoy spending time with him.

READ CATEGORIES

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- I'm in the middle
- Agree
- Strongly agree

26. I can count on him to keep his promises.

READ CATEGORIES

Strongly disagree
Disagree
I'm in the middle
Agree
Strongly agree

27. Thinking about the father you live with, please indicate how often he did the following things during the past 12 months.

How often did he:

Help you with things that are important to you?

READ CATEGORIES

Never
Rarely
Sometimes
Usually
Always

28. Blame you for his problems?

READ CATEGORIES

Never
Rarely
Sometimes
Usually
Always

29. Spend time just talking with you?

READ CATEGORIES

Never
Rarely
Sometimes
Usually
Always

30. Show that he really cares about you?

READ CATEGORIES

Never
Rarely
Sometimes
Usually
Always

31. Now we have a few questions about your parents or parent that you live with. How much do your parents/parent know about your close friends? Do they...

READ CATEGORIES

Know nothing
Know a little
Know some things
Know most things
Know everything

32. How much do your parents or parent know about your close friends' parents?

READ CATEGORIES

Know nothing
Know a little
Know some things
Know most things
Know everything

33. How much do your parents or parent know about WHERE you are when YOU are not home?

READ CATEGORIES

Know nothing
Know a little
Know some things
Know most things
Know everything

34. How much do your parents or parent know about WHO you are with when YOU are not at home?

READ CATEGORIES

Know nothing
Know a little
Know some things
Know most things
Know everything

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35. How much do your parents or parent know about WHAT you are doing when THEY are not at home?

READ CATEGORIES

Know nothing
Know a little
Know some things
Know most things
Know everything

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36. During the school year, how much do your parents or parent know about who your teachers are?

READ CATEGORIES

Know nothing
Know a little
Know some things
Know most things
Know everything
Does not apply -- not in school--SKIP TO ITEM 38

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37. During the school year, how much do your parents or parent know about what you are doing in school?

READ CATEGORIES

Know nothing
Know a little
Know some things
Know most things
Know everything

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38. Now we are going to name some things parents often set limits about. Thinking only about the parents or parent that you live with, who sets the limits on how late you stay out at night?

READ CATEGORIES

You decide
Parent or parents set limits
Parent or parents and you decide jointly

Does not apply -- don't go out at night --- SKIP TO ITEM 40
Does not apply -- don't have limits --- SKIP TO ITEM 40

39. How often have you broken the limits about how late you stay out at night?

READ CATEGORIES

- Never in the past month
- One or two times in the past month
- Once a week
- Several times a week
- Everyday or almost everyday in the past month
- Does not apply - I set my own limits

40. Who sets the limits on what kinds of TV shows and movies you watch?

READ CATEGORIES

- You decide
- Parent or parents set limits
- Parent or parents and you decide jointly

- Does not apply -- don't watch TV shows or movies --- SKIP TO ITEM 42
- Does not apply -- don't have limits --- SKIP TO ITEM 42

41. How often have you broken the limits about what kinds of TV shows and movies you watch?

READ CATEGORIES

- Never in the past month
- One or two times in the past month
- Once a week
- Several times a week
- Everyday or almost everyday in the past month
- Does not apply - I set my own limits

42. Who sets the limits on who you can hang out with?

READ CATEGORIES

- You decide
- Parent or parents set limits
- Parent or parents and you decide jointly

- Does not apply -- don't hang out --- SKIP TO ITEM 44
- Does not apply -- don't have limits --- SKIP TO ITEM 44

43. How often have you broken the limits about who you can hang out with?

READ CATEGORIES

- Never in the past month
- One or two times in the past month
- Once a week
- Several times a week
- Everyday or almost everyday in the past month
- Does not apply - I set my own limits

44. Next, I will read some sentences about school. After I read a sentence please tell me whether the statement is not at all true, not very true, sort of true, or very true for you during the last school year.

READ CATEGORIES

“I work very hard on my schoolwork.” Is that:

- Not at all true
- Not very true
- Sort of true
- Very true

Does not apply -- not in school SKIP to Item 49

45. “I don’t try very hard in school.”

READ CATEGORIES

- Not at all true
- Not very true
- Sort of true
- Very true

Does not apply -- not in school

46. “I pay attention in class.”

READ CATEGORIES

- Not at all true
- Not very true
- Sort of true
- Very true

Does not apply -- not in school

47. "I come to class unprepared."

READ CATEGORIES

Not at all true

Not very true

Sort of true

Very true

Does not apply -- not in school

48. How important is it to you to do the best you can in school?

READ CATEGORIES

Not important at all

Somewhat important

Very important

Extremely important

Does not apply -- not in school

49. The next few questions are about things young people sometimes do.

In the past year, how many times did you run away from home for at least one night?

READ CATEGORIES

Never in the past year

1 time

2 - 3 times

4 - 5 times

6 or more times in the past year

50. How many times in the past year have you purposely damaged or destroyed property that did not belong to you?

Never in the past year

1 time

2 - 3 times

4 - 5 times

6 or more times in the past year

51. How many times in the past year have you stolen something that was worth less than 50 dollars?

- Never in the past year
- 1 time
- 2 - 3 times
- 4 - 5 times
- 6 or more times in the past year

52. How many times in the past year have you gotten into a physical fight with someone, other than a brother or sister, either started by you or by someone else?

- Never in the past year
- 1 time
- 2 - 3 times
- 4 - 5 times
- 6 or more times in the past year

53. The next few questions ask about cigarette smoking and the use of tobacco.

Have you ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs?

- Yes
- No --- SKIP TO ITEM 57

54. How old were you when you smoked a whole cigarette for the first time?

- Less than 9 years old
- 9 or 10 years old
- 11 or 12 years old
- 13 or 14 years old
- 15 or 16 years old
- 17 years old or older
- I have never smoked a whole cigarette] Skip to Item 57

55. Have you ever smoked cigarettes regularly, that is, at least one cigarette a day for 30 days?

- Yes
- No

56. During the past 30 days, how many days did you smoke cigarettes?

READ CATEGORIES

- Never in the past 30 days
- 1 or 2 days
- 3 to 5 days
- 6 to 9 days
- 10 to 19 days
- 20 or more days in the past 30 days

57. The next few questions ask about drinking alcohol.

Have you ever had a drink of alcohol including beer, wine or hard liquor, other than just a few sips?

- Yes
- No — SKIP TO ITEM 61

58. How old were you when you had your first drink of alcohol other than just a few sips?

- Less than 9 years old
- 9 or 10 years old
- 11 or 12 years old
- 13 or 14 years old
- 15 or 16 years old
- 17 years old or older

59. During the past 30 days, how many days did you have at least one drink of alcohol?

- Never in the past 30 days--SKIP TO ITEM 61
- 1 or 2 days
- 3 to 5 days
- 6 to 9 days
- 10 to 19 days
- 20 or more days in the past 30 days

60. During the past 30 days, how many days did you have at least 5 drinks of alcohol?

- Never in the past 30 days
- 1 or 2 days
- 3 to 5 days
- 6 to 9 days
- 10 to 19 days
- 20 or more days in the past 30 days

61. The next few questions ask about the use of marijuana and other drugs.

Have you ever tried marijuana?

Yes

No --- SKIP TO ITEM 64

62. How old were you when you tried marijuana for the first time?

Less than 9 years old

9 or 10 years old

11 or 12 years old

13 or 14 years old

15 or 16 years old

17 years old or older

63. During the past 30 days, how many days did you use marijuana?

Never in the past 30 days

1 or 2 days

3 to 5 days

6 to 9 days

10 to 19 days

20 or more days in the past 30 days

64. Have you ever tried any other type of illegal drug, such as cocaine, crack, LSD, PCP, ecstasy, mushrooms, speed, crystal meth, ice, heroin, or pills without a doctor's prescription?

Yes

No --- SKIP TO ITEM 67

65. What was the youngest age at which you tried any of these for the first time?

Less than 9 years old

9 or 10 years old

11 or 12 years old

13 or 14 years old

15 or 16 years old

17 years old or older

66. During the past 30 days, how many days did you use one or more of these drugs?

- Never in the past 30 days
- 1 or 2 days
- 3 to 5 days
- 6 to 9 days
- 10 to 19 days
- 20 or more days in the past 30 days

67. The next two questions are about welfare rules in your State for teenagers who are age 17 or younger. Can a teenager who has had a baby get her own apartment without any adult supervision and still receive welfare benefits?

READ CATEGORIES

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

68. In order to receive welfare, is there a rule requiring a teenager who has had a baby to attend school?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

The next few questions are about dating.

69. At what age, if at all, did you have your first date or begin going out?

_____ Age

Does not apply -- never dated --- SKIP to CHECK ITEM 75

70. About how often do you go out with someone or date?

READ CATEGORIES

- Never --- SKIP to CHECK ITEM 75
- Less than once a month
- Once or twice a month
- Once or twice a week
- Three or more times a week

71. Are you now going out with one particular person, going out with mainly one person but others as well, or going out with several people?

Not dating now --- SKIP to CHECK ITEM 75
One particular person
Mainly one person, but others as well
Several people

72. How old is the person you are currently going out with or mainly going out with?

Less than 11 years old
11 - 13
14 - 15
16 - 17
18 - 19
20 - 21
22 - 24
25 or older

Does not apply -- dating several people or is married

73. How many years of school has this person completed?

6th grade or less
7 - 8th grade
9th grade
10th grade
11th grade
12th grade
Some college
College graduate

Does not apply - dating several people or is married
Don't know

74. During the past school year, was the person you are going out with or mainly going out with, a full-time student, a part-time student, or not in school?

Full-time student
Part-time student
Not in school
Don't know

75. During the past school year, was the person you are going out with or mainly going out with, working full time, working part time, or not working at all?

- Working full time
- Working part time
- Not working at all
- Don't know

CHECK ITEM 75

What is your age?

12 or 13.....1 --- **SKIP TO ITEM 94**

14 to 17.....2 --- **Continue**

The next few questions ask about sexual relations you may have had.

76. Have you ever had sexual intercourse, that is, made love, had sex, or gone all the way?

- Yes --- **SKIP TO ITEM 78**
- No

77. What are your reasons for not having sex at this time? You can choose more than one answer.

READ CATEGORIES

- 1 You think you're too young
- 2 You think sex before marriage is wrong
- 3 You don't want to get pregnant/get someone pregnant
- 4 You don't want to get a sexually transmitted disease
- 5 You're afraid parent(s) would find out
- 6 You don't have a boyfriend/girlfriend
- 7 You're waiting for the right person
- 8 You're not interested
- 9 You have some other reason. Please describe:_____

This question does not apply

SKIP TO ITEM 94

78. How old were you when you had sexual intercourse for the first time?

- 11 or younger
- 12
- 13
- 14
- 15
- 16
- 17 or older

79. How old was your first sexual partner at that time?

- 11 or younger
- 12 - 13
- 14 - 15
- 16 - 17
- 18 - 19
- 20 - 21
- 22 - 24
- 25 or older

- Don't know

80. At the time you first had sexual intercourse, how would you describe your relationship with your partner?

READ CATEGORIES

- 1 Just met
- 2 Just friends
- 3 Went out once in a while
- 4 Going together, going steady
- 5 Engaged
- 6 Married
- 7 Something else (please describe _____)

81. About how much education did your first sexual partner have at that time?

- 6th grade or less
- 7 - 8th grade
- 9th grade
- 10th grade
- 11th grade
- 12th grade
- Some college
- College graduate

- Don't know

82. At that time, was your first sexual partner a full-time student, a part-time student, or not

in school?

Full-time student
Part-time student
Not in school

Don't know

83. At that time, was your first sexual partner working full time, working part time, or not working at all?

Working full time
Working part time
Not working at all
Don't know

84. During your life, with how many people have you had sexual intercourse?

1 person
2 people
3 people
4 people
5 people
6 or more people

85. During the past 3 months, with how many people did you have sexual intercourse?

None in the past 3 months
1 person
2 people
3 people
4 people
5 people
6 or more people in the past 3 months

The next few questions ask about the last time you had sexual intercourse.

86. The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use a condom?

Yes
No

87. The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you or your partner use any other method to prevent pregnancy?

Yes

No --- SKIP TO ITEM 89

88. What method did you or your partner use? Please choose all that apply.

READ CATEGORIES

- 1 Birth control pills
- 2 Condom
- 3 Diaphragm
- 4 Foam, jelly or cream
- 5 Cervical cap
- 6 Suppository or Insert
- 7 Female condom, vaginal pouch
- 8 IUD, coil, loop
- 9 Norplant
- 10 Dep-Provera, Injectables
- 11 "Morning after" pills
- 12 Rhythm or safe period
- 13 Withdrawal, pulling out
- 14 Other method
- 15 Not sure

89. The last time you had sexual intercourse, did you drink alcohol or use drugs beforehand?

Yes

No

90. The last time you had sexual intercourse, would you say that you wanted to become pregnant or get the other person pregnant?

READ CATEGORIES

Yes

No

Didn't care

Didn't think about it

91. How many times have you been pregnant or gotten someone pregnant?

_____ times

Don't know

92. Are you pregnant now, or is someone pregnant with your child now?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

93. How many children have you ever given birth to or fathered? Please count only live births and do not count current pregnancy.

- _____ Number
- Don't know

94. Do either of your biological parents, or adoptive parents live outside of your home?

- Yes
- No --- END INTERVIEW
- Biological parent or parents not living --- END INTERVIEW

95. In what month and year did you last have contact of any kind including letters, phone calls, or face to face contact with your outside parent?

- _____ Month 19____ Year
- Never had contact -- **End Interview**

96. How often do you talk to your parent who lives outside your home on the phone?

READ CATEGORIES

- Never
- Once or twice a year
- Several times a year, but less than once a month
- Once or twice a month
- Once a week
- Several times a week
- Everyday or almost everyday

97. How often do you get a card or letter from your outside parent?

READ CATEGORIES

- Never
- Once or twice a year
- Several times a year, but less than once a month
- Once or twice a month
- Once a week
- Several times a week
- Everyday or almost everyday

98. How often do you see your outside parent?

READ CATEGORIES

Never

Once or twice a year

==> _____ About how many days per year?

Several times a year, but less than once a month

==> _____ About how many days per year?

Once or twice a month

Once a week

Several times a week

Everyday or almost everyday

99. How often do you stay overnight with your outside parent?

READ CATEGORIES

Never

Once or twice a year

==> _____ About how many days per year?

Several times a year, but less than once a month

==> _____ About how many days per year?

Once or twice a month

Once a week

Several times a week

Everyday or almost everyday

100. Thinking about your outside parent, please indicate how strongly you disagree or agree with the following statements.

I think highly of my outside parent.

READ CATEGORIES

Strongly disagree 1

Disagree 2

I'm in the middle 3

Agree 4

Strongly agree 5

101. My outside parent is a person that I respect.

READ CATEGORIES

Strongly disagree 1

Disagree 2

I'm in the middle 3

Agree 4

Strongly agree 5

102. I really enjoy spending time with my outside parent.

READ CATEGORIES

- Strongly disagree 1
- Disagree 2
- I'm in the middle 3
- Agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

103. I can count on my outside parent to keep promises.

READ CATEGORIES

- Strongly disagree 1
- Disagree 2
- I'm in the middle 3
- Agree 4
- Strongly agree 5

104. Thinking about your outside parent, please tell me how often your outside parent did the following things during the past 12 months.

How often did your outside parent:

Help you with things that are important to you?

READ CATEGORIES

- Never.....1
- Rarely.....2
- Sometimes.....3
- Usually.....4
- Always.....5

105. Blame you for his or her problems?

READ CATEGORIES

- Never.....1
- Rarely.....2
- Sometimes.....3
- Usually.....4
- Always.....5

106. Spend time just talking with you?

READ CATEGORIES

- Never.....1
- Rarely.....2
- Sometimes.....3
- Usually.....4
- Always.....5

107. Show that he or she really cares about you?

READ CATEGORIES

- Never.....1
 - Rarely2
 - Sometimes.....3
 - Usually.....4
 - Always.....5
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THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SURVEY.