

## Mail: Marriage

Sibling Mail: Marriage Module

### OVERVIEW

This is the first round to include marriage items on the mail survey. Supplementing telephone marriage items are items asking about marital quality and satisfaction, sexual pleasure, and reasons for potential decreases in sexual activity.

### BRIEF VARIABLE DESCRIPTIONS

Ranges reference data set/codebook order, not necessarily alphabetical

DC001RER:	Is Sibling Respondent Currently Married?
DC002RER:	Time Alone with Spouse
DC003RER:	Housework/Chore Fairness
DC004RER-DC007RER:	Open Disagreement Item
DC008RER-DC013RER:	Marital Satisfaction Items
DC014RER:	Does Sibling Respondent Have a Sexual Partner?
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DC017RER:	Sexual Activity Frequency
DC018RER-DC027RER:	Reasons for Decreased/Stopped Sexual Activities

NOTE: See Cor813 in Appendix A for variable creation details

### dc001rer: Are you currently married?

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail

Source variables: q1m

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	59	72	131
1	YES	1537	1436	2973
2	NO	272	601	873

Note: See also GC001RE for Sibling's marital status.

**dc002rer: During the past month, about how often did you and your spouse spend time alone with each other, talking, or sharing an activity?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q2m

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	81	61	142
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, NOT CURRENTLY MARRIED	272	601	873
1	NEVER	21	20	41
2	ABOUT ONCE A MONTH	43	24	67
3	TWO OR THREE TIMES A MONTH	54	30	84
4	ABOUT ONCE A WEEK	101	67	168
5	TWO OR THREE TIMES A WEEK	276	147	423
6	ALMOST EVERY DAY	1020	1159	2179

**dc003rer: In terms of who does household chores, how fair would you say your relationship with your spouse is?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q3m

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	84	66	150
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, NOT CURRENTLY MARRIED	272	601	873
1	VERY UNFAIR TO ME	9	79	88
2	SOMEWHAT UNFAIR TO ME	46	284	330
3	FAIR TO BOTH	1079	1032	2111
4	SOMEWHAT UNFAIR TO SPOUSE/PARTNER	327	39	366
5	VERY UNFAIR TO SPOUSE/PARTNER	51	8	59

**dc004rer: How often, if at all, have you had open disagreements about household tasks?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q4m\_a

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	85	74	159
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, NOT CURRENTLY MARRIED	272	601	873
1	NEVER	616	654	1270
2	LESS THAN ONCE A MONTH	705	578	1283
3	SEVERAL TIMES A MONTH	116	122	238
4	ABOUT ONCE A WEEK	52	56	108
5	SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK	14	21	35
6	ALMOST EVERY DAY	8	3	11

**dc005rer: How often, if at all, have you had open disagreements about money?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q4m\_b

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	91	74	165
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, NOT CURRENTLY MARRIED	272	601	873
1	NEVER	597	585	1182
2	LESS THAN ONCE A MONTH	717	654	1371
3	SEVERAL TIMES A MONTH	137	128	265
4	ABOUT ONCE A WEEK	35	45	80
5	SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK	14	17	31
6	ALMOST EVERY DAY	5	5	10

**dc006rer: How often, if at all, have you had open disagreements about spending time together?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q4m\_c

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	87	83	170
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, NOT CURRENTLY MARRIED	272	601	873
1	NEVER	796	900	1696
2	LESS THAN ONCE A MONTH	506	367	873
3	SEVERAL TIMES A MONTH	97	70	167
4	ABOUT ONCE A WEEK	34	29	63
5	SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK	21	14	35
6	ALMOST EVERY DAY	55	45	100

**dc007rer: How often, if at all, have you had open disagreements about sex?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q4m\_d

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	117	123	240
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, NOT CURRENTLY MARRIED	272	601	873
1	NEVER	858	953	1811
2	LESS THAN ONCE A MONTH	436	324	760
3	SEVERAL TIMES A MONTH	100	64	164
4	ABOUT ONCE A WEEK	49	27	76
5	SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK	23	14	37
6	ALMOST EVERY DAY	13	3	16

**dc008rer: How satisfied are you with the day-to-day support and encouragement provided by your spouse?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q5m\_a

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	93	81	174
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, NOT CURRENTLY MARRIED	272	601	873
1	VERY DISSATISFIED	23	28	51
2	DISSATISFIED	20	44	64
3	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	51	94	145
4	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	162	214	376
5	SATISFIED	674	556	1230
6	VERY SATISFIED	573	491	1064

**dc009rer: How satisfied are you with your spouse's overall personality?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q5m\_b

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	94	83	177
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, NOT CURRENTLY MARRIED	272	601	873
1	VERY DISSATISFIED	16	17	33
2	DISSATISFIED	19	31	50
3	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	43	111	154
4	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	159	241	400
5	SATISFIED	683	638	1321
6	VERY SATISFIED	582	387	969

**dc010rer: How satisfied are you with the amount of consideration shown by your spouse?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q5m\_c

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	96	81	177
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, NOT CURRENTLY MARRIED	272	601	873
1	VERY DISSATISFIED	23	21	44
2	DISSATISFIED	18	54	72
3	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	64	129	193
4	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	162	244	406
5	SATISFIED	629	532	1161
6	VERY SATISFIED	604	447	1051

### **dc011rer: How satisfied are you with the way disagreements are settled?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail

Source variables: q5m\_d

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	100	86	186
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, NOT CURRENTLY MARRIED	272	601	873
1	VERY DISSATISFIED	26	34	60
2	DISSATISFIED	37	71	108
3	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	111	170	281
4	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	338	376	714
5	SATISFIED	690	568	1258
6	VERY SATISFIED	294	203	497

### **dc012rer: How satisfied are you with how decisions are made in your marriage?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail

Source variables: q5m\_e



Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	94	87	181
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, NOT CURRENTLY MARRIED	272	601	873
1	VERY DISSATISFIED	21	24	45
2	DISSATISFIED	23	36	59
3	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	51	96	147
4	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	195	265	460
5	SATISFIED	770	670	1440
6	VERY SATISFIED	442	330	772

**dc013rer: How satisfied are you with how well your spouse listens to you?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q5m\_f

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	95	81	176
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, NOT CURRENTLY MARRIED	272	601	873
1	VERY DISSATISFIED	26	40	66
2	DISSATISFIED	42	89	131
3	SOMEWHAT DISSATISFIED	91	193	284
4	SOMEWHAT SATISFIED	296	393	689
5	SATISFIED	696	502	1198
6	VERY SATISFIED	350	210	560

### dc014rer: Do you have a sexual partner?

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q6m

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	55	65	120
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, CURRENTLY MARRIED	1537	1436	2973
1	YES	86	110	196
2	NO	190	498	688

### dc017rer: During the past 12 months, about how often did you have sex with your husband/wife or partner?

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q8m

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	326	416	742
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, NO SEXUAL PARTNER	190	498	688
1	ONCE A DAY OR MORE	3	2	5
2	3 TO 6 TIMES A WEEK	52	66	118
3	ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK	342	283	625
4	2 TO 3 TIMES A MONTH	335	270	605
5	ONCE A MONTH OR LESS	342	301	643
6	NEVER	278	273	551

**dc015rer: In the past 12 months, how physically pleasurable did you find your sexual relationship with your spouse or partner to be?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q7m\_a

		Frequencies		
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	381	499	880
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, NO SEXUAL PARTNER	190	498	688
1	NOT AT ALL	120	131	251
2	SLIGHTLY	95	110	205
3	MODERATELY	254	311	565
4	VERY	593	418	1011
5	EXTREMELY	235	142	377

**dc016rer: In the last 12 months, how emotionally satisfying did you find your sexual relationship with your spouse or partner to be?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q7m\_b

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	387	505	892
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, NO SEXUAL PARTNER	190	498	688
1	NOT AT ALL	120	125	245
2	SLIGHTLY	97	102	199
3	MODERATELY	235	266	501
4	VERY	592	435	1027
5	EXTREMELY	247	178	425

**dc018rer: Was your illness a reason for decreasing or stopping sexual activity with your spouse or partner?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q9m\_a

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	662	706	1368
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, NO SEXUAL PARTNER	190	498	688
1	YES	271	169	440
2	NO	745	736	1481

**dc019rer: Was your spouse or partner's illness a reason for decreasing or stopping sexual activity with your spouse or partner?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q9m\_b

		Frequencies		
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	699	666	1365
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, NO SEXUAL PARTNER	190	498	688
1	YES	212	370	582
2	NO	767	575	1342

**dc020rer: Were your physical changes a reason for decreasing or stopping sexual activity with your spouse or partner?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q9m\_c

		Frequencies		
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	659	697	1356
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, NO SEXUAL PARTNER	190	498	688
1	YES	387	287	674
2	NO	632	627	1259

**dc021rer: Were your spouse's or partner's physical changes a reason for decreasing or stopping your sexual activity with your husband/wife or partner?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q9m\_d

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	703	683	1386
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, NO SEXUAL PARTNER	190	498	688
-1	DON'T KNOW	1	0	1
1	YES	315	367	682
2	NO	659	561	1220

**dc022rer: Was you losing interest a reason for decreasing or stopping sexual activity with your spouse or partner?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q9m\_e

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	707	700	1407
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, NO SEXUAL PARTNER	190	498	688
1	YES	168	314	482
2	NO	803	597	1400

**dc023rer: Was your spouse or partners losing interest a reason for decreasing or stopping sexual activity with your spouse or partner?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q9m\_f

		Frequencies		
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	707	711	1418
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, NO SEXUAL PARTNER	190	498	688
1	YES	346	213	559
2	NO	625	687	1312

**dc024rer: Was no privacy a reason for decreasing or stopping your sexual activity with your spouse or partner?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q9m\_g

		Frequencies		
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	727	736	1463
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, NO SEXUAL PARTNER	190	498	688
1	YES	50	33	83
2	NO	901	842	1743

**dc025rer: Were your emotional problems a reason for decreasing or stopping your sexual activity with your spouse or partner?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q9m\_h

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	730	739	1469
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, NO SEXUAL PARTNER	190	498	688
1	YES	43	42	85
2	NO	905	830	1735

**dc026rer: Were your husband/wife or partner's emotional problems a reason for decreasing or stopping your sexual activity with your spouse or partner?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q9m\_i

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	737	735	1472
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, NO SEXUAL PARTNER	190	498	688
-1	DON'T KNOW	1	0	1
1	YES	92	51	143
2	NO	848	825	1673

**dc027rer: Was something else a reason for decreasing or stopping sexual activity with your spouse or partner, other than your or your partner's: illness, physical changes, losing interest, emotional problems, or no privacy?**

Data source: Sibling Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: mail  
Source variables: q9m\_j



Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
.	System missing - NR	2569	2232	4801
-3	REFUSED	1291	1313	2604
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, NO SEXUAL PARTNER	190	498	688
1	YES	110	112	222
2	NO	277	186	463



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