

## Phone: Internet

### UINET Internet Module

#### OVERVIEW

The Internet module of the telephone interview includes items regarding the use of personal computers and the Internet by the respondent and members of the respondent's household. Information about current or past household computer ownership and current or past household Internet access is included in this module. Main topics of interest for respondents who have access to the Internet from home include how long ago his or her household first got Internet access, how much time he or she spends using the Internet from home, and whether or not the respondent's spouse connects to the Internet from home. To gain a better understanding of why some respondents do not have a personal computer or access to the Internet from home, some items within the module ask the main reason why the respondent's household does not have these things.

Previous waves of the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study did not include an Internet module. Although computer networks similar to the Internet existed much earlier, the public version of the Internet became available in the 1990's. At the time of the 1992 WLS study, very few households had Internet access, and an Internet module would have been impractical at that time. As the Internet continues to become a more popular tool for communication, entertainment, financial management, and learning, understanding our respondents' computer and Internet use trends can provide important insights about computer and Internet use among the aging population.

In addition to obtaining information about computer and Internet use, the Internet module will also be used as an experiment to test different wordings of the same questions. Five questions in this module have alternate wordings and response choice orders.

NOTE: Since the graduate spouse internet instrument is identical to the sibling spouse's please see cor902 in Appendix V for variable creation details.

#### BRIEF VARIABLE DESCRIPTIONS

BM001HE:	Is there currently a computer in the respondent's household?
BM002HE:	Was there a computer in the respondent's household in the past five years?
BM003HE-BM004HE:	Main reason that the respondent's household does not have a computer.
BM005HE:	Did anyone in the respondent's household use the computer to connect to the Internet?
BM006RE:	Did the respondent use the computer to connect to the Internet?
BM007RE:	Did the respondent use the computer to do anything besides use the Internet?

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BM008HE-BM009HE:	Main reason that the respondent's household no longer has a computer.
BM010HE:	Does anyone in the respondent's household use the Internet from home?
BM011HE:	Does the respondent use the computer for anything besides the Internet?
BM012HE:	Did the respondent's household ever have access to the Internet from home?
BM013HE-BM014HE:	Main reason that the respondent's household does not have Internet access.
BM015HE-BM016HE:	Main reason that the respondent's household no longer has Internet access.
BM017HE:	Century month when respondent's household first obtained Internet access.
BM020RE:	Does the respondent ever use the Internet from home?
BM021RE:	Does the respondent ever use the computer from home?
BM022RE:	Estimated time per week that the respondent spends connected to the Internet.
BM023SP:	Does the respondent's spouse use the Internet from home?
BM024SP:	Does the respondent's spouse ever use the computer from home?

### SUMMARY VARIABLES

BMS01RE:	Fluflag - sampled at 50%.
BMS02RE:	Dichotomous variable - the respondent has ever had a computer.
BMS04HE:	Dichotomous variable - the respondent has ever had access to the Internet.
BMS06HE:	Dichotomous variable - Form of the question.
BMS07HE:	Dichotomous variable - Form of responses.

## **bm001he: SSR-Is there a computer, desktop or laptop, in the your household that someone uses?**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: phone  
Source variables: h\_z100

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	15	10	25
-3	REFUSED	0	1	1
1	YES	769	1002	1771
2	NO	162	166	328

**bm002he: If you do not currently have a computer or laptop, has there been a computer in the your household in the last five years that someone used?**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: phone  
Source variables: h\_z110

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	15	10	25
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, BMS01RE=0, BM001HE=1	850	1089	1939
1	YES	12	17	29
2	NO	69	63	132

**bm003he: What is the main reason your household does not have a computer?**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: phone  
Source variables: h\_z130, h\_z140

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	15	10	25
-3	REFUSED	0	1	1
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, BMS01RE=0 OR BM002HE=1	862	1106	1968
1	WOULD NOT FIND IT USEFUL	23	18	41
2	IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE	9	6	15
3	WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO USE IT	21	19	40
4	CAN USE IT SOMEWHERE ELSE	5	11	16
5	OTHER (SPECIFY)	11	8	19

Note: This variable combines responses from both h\_z130 and h\_z140. Respondents were randomly assigned to one of the two wordings and order responses of the questions. See also am004he.

**bm004he: Other specified reason why Sibling Spouse Respondent's household does not have a computer.**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: phone

Source variables: c\_h\_z130, c\_h\_z140

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Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	15	10	25
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	0	1	1
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, BMS01RE=0, BM003HE NE 5	920	1161	2081
1	PLAN TO GET ONE/HAVE NOT YET	1	0	1
2	NO INTEREST/DON'T WANT	3	3	6
4	TIME CONSTRAINTS	2	1	3
5	SECURITY RISK	1	0	1
6	SOME OTHER REASON	3	3	6
16	DISSATISFACTION WITH COMPUTER/INTERNET WHEN PREVIOUSLY HAD IT	1	0	1

**bm005he: Did anyone in the household use the computer to connect to the Internet from home?**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: phone  
Source variables: h\_z150

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	15	10	25
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, BMS01RE=0, BM002HE NE 1	919	1152	2071
-1	DON'T KNOW	1	1	2
1	YES	8	10	18
2	NO	3	6	9

**bm006re: Did you use this computer to connect to the Internet from home?**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: phone  
Source variables: h\_z160

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	15	10	25
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, BMS01RE=0, BM002HE NE 1	919	1152	2071
1	YES	5	10	15
2	NO	7	7	14

**bm007re: If you did not use the computer at home to connect to the Internet, did you use the computer to do anything else?**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: phone  
Source variables: h\_z170

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	15	10	25
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, BMS01RE=0, BM002HE NE 1, BM009RE=1	924	1162	2086
1	YES	1	4	5
2	NO	6	3	9

**bm008he: What is the main reason your household does not have a computer anymore?**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: phone  
Source variables: h\_z190, h\_z200

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	15	10	25
-3	REFUSED	1	0	1
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, BMS01RE=0, BM002HE NE 1	919	1152	2071
1	WOULD NOT FIND IT USEFUL	3	4	7
2	IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE	1	1	2
3	WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO USE IT	2	4	6
4	CAN USE IT SOMEWHERE ELSE	1	5	6
5	OTHER (SPECIFY)	4	3	7

Note: This variable combines responses from both h\_z190 and h\_z200. Respondents were randomly assigned to one of the two wordings and order responses of the questions. See also am009he,

**bm009he: Other specified reason why sibling spouse's household does not have a computer anymore.**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: phone

Source variables: c\_h\_z190, c\_h\_z200

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Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	15	10	25
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, BMS01RE=0, BM008HE NE 5	927	1166	2093
1	PLAN TO GET ONE/HAVE NOT YET	0	1	1
4	TIME CONSTRAINTS	1	0	1
6	SOME OTHER REASON	2	1	3
14	TEMPORARILY DISCONNECTED	1	1	2

**bm010he: Do you or anyone else in the household connect to the Internet from home?**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: phone  
Source variables: h\_z210

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	15	10	25
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, BM001HE NE 1	162	167	329
-1	DON'T KNOW	0	1	1
1	YES	725	950	1675
2	NO	44	51	95

**bm011re: If no one uses the computer in your home to connect to the Internet, do you ever use the computer for anything else?**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: phone  
Source variables: h\_z220

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	15	10	25
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, BM016HE=1	887	1117	2004
-1	DON'T KNOW	0	1	1
1	YES	16	32	48
2	NO	28	19	47

**bm012he: If no one uses the computer in your home to connect to the Internet, has your household ever had access to the Internet from home?**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: phone  
Source variables: h\_z230

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	15	10	25
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, BMS01RE=0, BM010HE=1	909	1139	2048
-1	DON'T KNOW	0	1	1
1	YES	7	9	16
2	NO	15	20	35

**bm013he: What is the main reason your household does not have access to the Internet?**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: phone  
Source variables: h\_z250, h\_z260

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	15	10	25
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, BMS01RE=0, BM012HE=1	916	1148	2064
-1	DON'T KNOW	0	2	2
1	WOULD NOT FIND IT USEFUL	4	1	5
2	IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE	4	2	6
3	WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO USE IT	4	0	4
4	CAN USE IT SOMEWHERE ELSE	0	9	9
5	OTHER (SPECIFY)	3	7	10

Note: This variable combines responses from both h\_z250 and h\_z260. Respondents were randomly assigned to one of the two wordings and order responses of the questions. See also am014he.

**bm014he: Other specified reason why sibling spouse's household does not have access to the Internet.**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: phone

Source variables: c\_h\_z250, c\_h\_z260

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Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	15	10	25
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, BMS01RE=0, BM013HE NE 5	928	1162	2090
2	NO INTEREST/DON'T WANT	1	2	3
5	SECURITY RISK	1	2	3
6	SOME OTHER REASON	0	1	1
13	INTERNET - DON'T THINK THAT THE COMPUTER/EQUIPMENT WOULD SUPPORT IT	0	1	1
15	SPOUSE OR OTHER HH MEMBER CITED AS REASON	1	1	2

**bm015he: What is the main reason your household does not have access to the Internet anymore?**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: phone

Source variables: h\_z280, h\_z290

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	15	10	25
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, BMS01RE=0, BM012HE NE 1	924	1160	2084
1	WOULD NOT FIND IT USEFUL	3	0	3
2	IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE	1	4	5
3	WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO USE IT	0	1	1
4	CAN USE IT SOMEWHERE ELSE	0	2	2
5	OTHER (SPECIFY)	3	2	5

Note: This variable combines responses from both h\_z280 and h\_z290. Respondents were randomly assigned to one of the two wordings and order responses of the questions. See also am016he.

**bm016he: Other specified reason sibling spouse's household does not have access to the Internet anymore.**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: phone

Source variables: c\_h\_z280, c\_h\_z290

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Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	15	10	25
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	1	0	1
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, BMS01RE=0, BM015HE NE 5	928	1167	2095
4	TIME CONSTRAINTS	1	0	1
13	INTERNET - DON'T THINK THAT THE COMPUTER/EQUIPMENT WOULD SUPPORT IT	0	1	1
14	TEMPORARILY DISCONNECTED	1	0	1
16	DISSATISFACTION WITH COMPUTER/INTERNET WHEN PREVIOUSLY HAD IT	0	1	1

**bm017he: Century month sibling spouse's household first got Internet access.**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: phone

Source variables: h\_z310\_a, h\_z320\_a, h\_z310\_b, h\_z320\_b, h\_z330\_a, h\_z340\_a, h\_z330\_b, h\_z340\_b, adate

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	15	10	25
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	1	3	4
-2	Inappropriate INAP, BM010HE NE 1, adate MISSING	272	303	575
-1	DON'T KNOW	13	43	56
904 - 1149		143	163	306
1150 - 1175		129	164	293
1176 - 1205		131	165	296
1206 - 1228		136	170	306
1229 - 1284		106	158	264

Note: This variable is reported in century months since January 1, 1900. See Appendix O - COR607 Century Months for more information.

Year on public release.

Note: Top and bottom-coded on public release.

**bm020re: Do you, yourself, ever use the Internet from home?**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: phone

Source variables: h\_z350

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	15	10	25
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, BM010HE NE 1	206	219	425
-1	DON'T KNOW	1	0	1
1	YES	590	816	1406
2	NO	134	134	268

**bm021re: If you do not use the computer at home to connect to the Internet, do you ever use the computer for anything else?**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: phone  
Source variables: h\_z360

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	15	10	25
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	1	0	1
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, BM020RE=1	796	1035	1831
1	YES	26	43	69
2	NO	108	91	199

**bm022re: Number of minutes sibling spouse spends per week using the Internet from home, including using e-mail, the web, chat rooms, and any instant messaging.**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: phone  
Source variables: h\_z370\_a, h\_z370\_b

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	15	10	25
-3	REFUSED	1	0	1
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, BM020RE NE 1	341	353	694
-1	DON'T KNOW	3	8	11
0 - 60		172	241	413
70 - 180		111	198	309
210 - 420		118	195	313
480 - 1200		153	150	303
1260 - 4200		32	24	56

Note: Top and bottom-coded on public release.

Note: All responses that were reported in hours have been recoded to minutes.

### **bm023sp: Does your spouse ever use the Internet from home?**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: phone

Source variables: h\_z390

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	15	10	25
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	0	2	2
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, BMS01RE=0, BM010HE NE 1, NO SPOUSE	576	670	1246
1	YES	317	379	696
2	NO	38	118	156

**bm024sp: If your spouse does not use the computer at home to connect to the Internet, does your spouse ever use the computer?**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: phone  
Source variables: h\_z400

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	15	10	25
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, BMS01RE=0, BM023SP=1, NO SPOUSE	893	1051	1944
1	YES	10	21	31
2	NO	28	97	125

**bms01re: Is the sibling spouse in the 50% subsample for computer and Internet usage details?**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: phone  
Source variables: fluflag

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
0	NOT IN SAMPLE, FLUFLAG=0	482	567	1049
1	IN SAMPLE, FLUFLAG=1	464	612	1076

**bms02he: Summary: has the sibling spouse had a computer in his/her household within the past 5 years?**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: phone  
Source variables: BM001HE, BM002HE, BMS01RE

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, SEE CODEBOOK	96	97	193
0	R has NEVER had a computer	69	63	132
1	R has had a computer in household	781	1019	1800

**bms04he: Summary: has the sibling spouse had Internet access in his/her household within the past 5 years?**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: phone  
Source variables: BM005HE, BM010HE, BM012HE

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, SEE CODEBOOK	188	184	372
0	R NEVER had access to the internet	18	26	44
1	R HAS had access to the internet	740	969	1709

**bms06he: Did the sibling spouse answer a question about computer or Internet use stoppage that contained the word 'would'?**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: phone  
Source variables: h\_z130 if h\_z140 h\_z190 h\_z200 h\_z250 h\_z260 h\_z280 h\_z290 h\_z310\_a h\_z330\_a

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, SEE CODEBOOK	112	116	228
0	WOULD does not appear in the question	383	514	897
1	WOULD does appear in the question	451	549	1000

Note: This variable summarizes an experimental condition that was tested on five questions administered in the survey. Two different wordings of the same question were tested, one containing the word "would", and the other not containing "would".

For example h\_z130: What would you say is the main reason that your household does not have a computer?; h\_z140: What is the main reason that your household does not have a computer?

## **bms07he: Which order of responses did sibling spouse receive in his or her questions?**

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent    Collected in: 2005    Mode: phone  
Source variables: h\_z130 h\_z140 h\_z190 h\_z200 h\_z250 h\_z260 h\_z280 h\_z290

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP, SEE CODEBOOK	837	1066	1903
0	NOT the original order of responses	48	47	95
1	The original order of responses	61	66	127

Note: This variable summarizes an experimental condition that was tested on four questions administered in the survey. Two different orders of the same responses were tested

For ams07he=0 the response order is: you don't think you would find it useful, you think that it's too expensive, you don't think you would know how to use it, you can use it somewhere else, other

For ams07he=1 the response order is: you don't think you would know how to use it, you can use it somewhere else, you don't think you would find it useful, you think that it's too expensive, othe



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