

Phone: Retirement

For more information on the Retirement Attitudes Module see Appendix Q - Cor935.

OVERVIEW

All respondents were asked if they considered themselves completely, partly, or not at all retired. For those who had retired, the month and year of retirement were ascertained. Respondents who had not retired were asked when they planned on retiring and whether their spouse would retire at that time. Fifty percent of the respondents (conditioned on the RETFLAG) were asked about their current or expected post-retirement living standards, and about their post-retirement relationship with their spouse.

BRIEF VARIABLE DESCRIPTIONS

BT012RE-BT021RE Retirement experience / outlook on retirement

bt012re: We are interested in what people think about retirement, whether they themselves are retired or not. At this time do you consider yourself partly retired, completely retired, or not retired at all?

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: phone
Source variables: h_b100

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	9	5	14
-3	REFUSED	0	1	1
-1	DON'T KNOW	0	2	2
1	COMPLETELY RETIRED	446	457	903
2	PARTLY RETIRED	175	175	350
3	NOT RETIRED AT ALL	316	539	855

bt013re: At what age do you plan to stop working completely?

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: phone
Source variables: h_b130, h_b110

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	9	5	14
-3	REFUSED	2	0	2
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP/RETIRED	454	471	925
-1	DON'T KNOW	55	114	169
1	NEVER	118	117	235
45 - 62		84	179	263
63 - 65		86	145	231
66 - 70		90	118	208
71 - 96		48	30	78

bt014re: Do you expect your husband/wife to retire at about the same time that you do?

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: phone
Source variables: h_b150, h_b130, gretflag

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	9	5	14
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	253	199	452
-3	REFUSED	1	0	1
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP/RETIRED/SPOUSE RETIRED	400	553	953
-1	DON'T KNOW	12	16	28
1	YES	148	196	344
2	NO	123	210	333

bt015re: When you and your husband/wife are both retired, do you expect your living standards to increase a lot, increase somewhat, stay about the same as now, decline somewhat, or decline a lot?

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

Source variables: h_b160, h_b100, h_b130, h_emp1, gretflag, retflag

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	9	5	14
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	25	38	63
-3	REFUSED	2	4	6
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP/SAMPLING/RETIRED/NEVER RETIRE	611	772	1383
-1	DON'T KNOW	2	1	3
1	INCREASE A LOT	3	0	3
2	INCREASE SOMEWHAT	12	10	22
3	STAY ABOUT THE SAME AS NOW	188	223	411
4	DECLINE SOMEWHAT	80	116	196
5	DECLINE A LOT	14	10	24

bt016re: How much had you discussed retirement with your husband/wife? A lot, some, a little, or hardly at all?

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

Source variables: h_b170, h_b160, h_b130, retflag

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	9	5	14
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	4	1	5
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP/SAMPLING	815	1004	1819
-1	DON'T KNOW	0	1	1
1	A LOT	71	96	167
2	SOME	23	42	65
3	A LITTLE	9	12	21
4	HARDLY AT ALL	15	18	33

bt017re: In what month and year did you completely/partly retire?

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: phone
 Source variables: h_b110_a, h_b100

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	9	5	14
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	2	0	2
-3	REFUSED	3	1	4
-2	Inappropriate INAP, bt012re ne 1 and ne 2, not completely or partly retired	316	542	858
-1	DON'T KNOW	52	98	150
1	January	85	58	143
2	February	28	27	55
3	March	39	24	63
4	April	39	37	76
5	May	53	66	119
6	June	99	124	223
7	July	51	35	86
8	August	44	23	67
9	September	29	48	77
10	October	26	27	53
11	November	21	27	48
12	December	50	37	87

bt018re: Year of retirement

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: phone
 Source variables: h_b110_b, h_b100

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	9	5	14
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	2	0	2
-3	REFUSED	2	1	3
-2	Inappropriate INAP, bt012re ne 1 and ne 2, not completely or partly retired	316	542	858
-1	DON'T KNOW	9	34	43
1950 - 1993		157	118	275
1994 - 1998		143	133	276
1999 - 2001		128	134	262
2002 - 2004		125	139	264
2005 - 2006		55	73	128

bt019re: Century-month of retirement

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: phone
Source variables: h_b110_a, h_b110_b, h_b100

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	9	5	14
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	2	0	2
-3	REFUSED	2	1	3
-2	Inappropriate INAP, bt012re ne 1 and ne 2, not completely or partly retired	316	542	858
-1	DON'T KNOW	9	34	43
605 - 1117		132	109	241
1118 - 1178		133	112	245
1179 - 1211		132	113	245
1212 - 1244		108	135	243
1245 - 1284		103	128	231

bt020re: Thinking about your retirement years compared to the years just before you retired, would you say that your living standards are better, about the same, or not as good?

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: phone
Source variables: h_b190, h_b100, h_b120, h_emp1, gretflag, retflag

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	9	5	14
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	0	1	1
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP/SAMPLING	840	1046	1886
1	BETTER	19	29	48
2	ABOUT THE SAME	72	92	164
3	NOT AS GOOD	6	6	12

bt021re: Thinking about your retirement years compared to the years just before you retired, would you say that your relationship with your husband/wife has been better, about the same, or not as good?

Data source: Sibling Spouse Respondent Collected in: 2005 Mode: phone
Source variables: h_b199, h_b100, h_b120, h_emp1, gretflag, retflag

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	9	5	14
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	0	1	1
-3	REFUSED	1	0	1
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP/SAMPLING	840	1046	1886
-1	DON'T KNOW	1	1	2
1	BETTER	26	49	75
2	ABOUT THE SAME	68	69	137
3	NOT AS GOOD	1	8	9

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