

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

AT012RE-AT021RE Retirement experience / outlook on retirement

at012re: 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: Graduate Spouse Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: phone
Source variables: h_b100

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	14	6	20
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	8	24	32
-3	REFUSED	1	2	3
-1	DON'T KNOW	2	4	6
1	COMPLETELY RETIRED	1047	888	1935
2	PARTLY RETIRED	448	339	787
3	NOT RETIRED AT ALL	288	819	1107

at013re: At what age do you plan to stop working completely?

Data source: Graduate Spouse Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: phone
Source variables: h_b130, h_b110

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	14	6	20
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	9	25	34
-3	REFUSED	1	2	3
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP/RETIRED	1056	916	1972
-1	DON'T KNOW	169	252	421
1	NEVER	249	185	434
50 - 62		19	197	216
63 - 65		36	282	318
66 - 69		80	126	206
70 - 75		151	80	231
77 - 97		24	11	35

at014re: Do you expect your husband/wife to retire at about the same time that you do?

Data source: Graduate Spouse Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: phone
 Source variables: h_b150, h_b130, gretflag

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	14	6	20
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	39	49	88
-3	REFUSED	2	1	3
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP/RETIRED/SPOUSE RETIRED	1307	1448	2755
-1	DON'T KNOW	34	24	58
1	YES	187	189	376
2	NO	225	365	590

at015re: 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: Graduate Spouse Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: phone

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

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	14	6	20
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	14	19	33
-3	REFUSED	2	2	4
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP/SAMPLING/RETIRED/NEVER RETIRE	1418	1463	2881
-1	DON'T KNOW	2	4	6
1	INCREASE A LOT	6	1	7
2	INCREASE SOMEWHAT	21	17	38
3	STAY ABOUT THE SAME AS NOW	242	363	605
4	DECLINE SOMEWHAT	78	174	252
5	DECLINE A LOT	11	33	44

at016re: How much had you discussed retirement with your husband/wife? A lot, some, a little, or hardly at all?

Data source: Graduate Spouse Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: phone

Source variables: h_b170, h_b160, h_b130, retflag

Frequencies				
Value	Label	Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	14	6	20
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	9	14	23
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP/SAMPLING	1395	1715	3110
-1	DON'T KNOW	1	2	3
1	A LOT	241	207	448
2	SOME	84	80	164
3	A LITTLE	30	24	54
4	HARDLY AT ALL	34	34	68

at017re: In what month and year did you completely/partly retire?

Data source: Graduate Spouse Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: phone
 Source variables: h_b110_a, h_b100

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	14	6	20
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	9	25	34
-3	REFUSED	1	6	7
-2	Inappropriate INAP, at012re ne 1 and ne 2, not completely or partly retired	291	825	1116
-1	DON'T KNOW	135	196	331
1	January	195	119	314
2	February	85	59	144
3	March	89	63	152
4	April	107	60	167
5	May	112	97	209
6	June	196	200	396
7	July	142	84	226
8	August	77	73	150
9	September	86	87	173
10	October	89	55	144
11	November	66	51	117
12	December	114	76	190

at018re: Year of retirement

Data source: Graduate Spouse Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: phone
 Source variables: h_b110_b, h_b100

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	14	6	20
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	9	24	33
-3	REFUSED	0	6	6
-2	Inappropriate INAP, at012re ne 1 and ne 2, not completely or partly retired	291	825	1116
-1	DON'T KNOW	12	63	75
1958 - 1994		332	200	532
1995 - 1998		417	226	643
1999 - 2000		315	241	556
2001 - 2002		255	284	539
2003 - 2005		163	207	370

at019re: Century-month of retirement

Data source: Graduate Spouse Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: phone
 Source variables: h_b110_a, h_b110_b, h_b100

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	14	6	20
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	1	1	2
-3	REFUSED	0	6	6
-2	Inappropriate INAP, at012re ne 1 and ne 2, not completely or partly retired	299	849	1148
-1	DON'T KNOW	12	63	75
704 - 1140		332	199	531
1141 - 1182		348	199	547
1183 - 1206		330	225	555
1207 - 1231		279	273	552
1232 - 1266		193	261	454

at020re: 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: Graduate Spouse Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: phone
Source variables: h_b190, h_b100, h_b120, h_emp1, gretflag, retflag

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	14	6	20
-4	NOT ASCERTAINED	0	1	1
-3	REFUSED	0	1	1
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP/SAMPLING	1427	1762	3189
-1	DON'T KNOW	0	1	1
1	BETTER	95	64	159
2	ABOUT THE SAME	237	226	463
3	NOT AS GOOD	35	21	56

at021re: 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: Graduate Spouse Respondent Collected in: 2004 Mode: phone
Source variables: h_b199, h_b100, h_b120, h_emp1, gretflag, retflag

Value	Label	Frequencies		
		Male	Female	Total
-5	PARTIAL INTERVIEW	14	6	20
-3	REFUSED	1	2	3
-2	INAPPROPRIATE INAP/SAMPLING	1427	1762	3189
-1	DON'T KNOW	8	4	12
1	BETTER	112	100	212
2	ABOUT THE SAME	237	198	435
3	NOT AS GOOD	9	10	19

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