



Please return your completed Life History Survey in the pre-addressed postage paid envelope to University of Michigan.

If you have any questions about the survey, please feel free to call us at 866-611-6476

### **THANK YOU!**

Conducted by:

The Survey Research Center The University of Michigan

Sponsored by:

The National Institute on Aging with co-funding

by the Social Security Administration



## **Life History Survey 2019**

## **Supplemental Questionnaire**

It is very important that the questions in this survey be answered by the person to whom the survey is addressed.

If the addressee is unable to complete the survey alone:

It can be filled out by someone who knows this person well enough to answer the questions.

If neither the addressee nor another person is able to complete the survey:

Please return the survey, with a short note of explanation, in the enclosed, prepaid envelope.

{First Name} – FPO 123456A (barcode)

<M. ID>





# SEE FRONT COVER LAYOUT ON SEPARATE PDF

### **ABOUT THIS SURVEY**

This Life History Survey covers different topics than the one you completed in 2015. Together the 2015 and this survey will provide information about important things that happened earlier in your life and help us to understand better how you are doing now.

This survey is not meant to be a test of your memory.

However, we would like you to try to be as accurate as possible.

You may find it useful to consult your spouse, another family member, or some personal files, photos, or notes as you go through the questions.

We hope that you will find this survey interesting to complete. As always, your answers are extremely important to us. Please remember that your participation is voluntary and that you may skip over any questions that you would prefer not to answer.

Please return your completed Life History Survey in the pre-addressed postage paid envelope. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 1-866-611-6476.

HOW TO FILL IN THIS SURVEY				
Please answer the questions by:				
Marking a box like this:				
Or writing in a box like this:	25 Answer			
Please use a #2 pencil or a blue	ue/black ink ballpoint pen. DO NOT use a felt tip pen.			
Sometimes you may find instru	uctions telling you which questions to answer like this:			
	─────────────────────────────────────			
□ No → (Go to Question Q10 on page 5)				
Q5				

### Some of the questions spread across two facing pages like this.

#	Type of employer or business	Job Title	Start Year	End Year
1	Office Furniture Ltd	QC Inspector	1985	1999
2	Auto Parts Factory	Production Manager	2000	2008
3				
4				

Did you work full-time or part-time?	What did you do after leaving this job? [Check all that apply]			
X Full-time	Started next job	Worked short-term job(s)	Cared for/started a family	
Part-time	Unemployed	Medical leave/disability	Other	
Full-time	X Started next job	Worked short-term job(s)	Cared for/started a family	
X Part-time	Unemployed	Medical leave/disability	Other	
☐ Full-time	Started next job	Worked short-term job(s)	Cared for/started a family	
Part-time	Unemployed	Medical leave/disability	Other	
☐ Full-time	Started next job	Worked short-term job(s)	Cared for/started a family	
Part-time	Unemployed	Medical leave/disability	Other	

Please complete one row across both pages before moving to the next row.



### Before you begin, please take a few minutes to think back over your life.

Please write a few notes for yourself in the table below. They will be helpful in filling out the survey. Each row is for a different 10-year period of your life. You do not need to write something in each line for all of the questions. This table is meant to outline just a few things in your life. We will ask for more details later.

Age	Where did you live? (e.g., Ann Arbor, MI)	What were you doing? (e.g., in school, work)	What important things happened? (e.g., births, deaths, marriages)
0-9			
10-19			
20-29			
30-39			
40-49			
50-59			
60-69			
70-79			



3

### **Partnership History**

In this section, we would like to find out more about all of your long-term partners (e.g., lasting for at least one year). This includes spouses, as well as girlfriends/boyfriends, fiancés, or partners with whom you lived for a year or more.

(	Have you ever been married?					
	Yes  No  Go to Q2 on page 5  In the table below, please fill out the information for each of your marriages. If you have been married more than five times, please list the first five, beginning with your first marriage.					
#	Initials of Spouse	Gender of Spouse	Did you live together before marriage?	Year Married	Are you still together? If not, how did this marriage end?	Year Marriage Ended (If applies)
1		☐ Male ☐ Female	☐ Yes ☐ No		Still together Widowed Divorced/Separated	
2		☐ Male ☐ Female	☐ Yes ☐ No		Still together Widowed Divorced/Separated	
3		☐ Male ☐ Female	☐ Yes ☐ No		Still together Widowed Divorced/Separated	
4		Male Female	☐ Yes ☐ No		Still together Widowed Divorced/Separated	
5		☐ Male ☐ Female	☐ Yes ☐ No		Still together Widowed Divorced/Separated	
,						

# Initials Gender of Of Partner Partner Year Began Living Together		Are you still together? If not, how did this relationship end?	Year Relationship Ended (If applies)		
	Q2a	your spous	e below, please fill ou se(s), with whom you	Go to Q3 on page 6  t the information for the partner lived together as a couple for partners, please list the first fir	at least a year or
	coupl	e for at least a	a year or more?		
				ever lived together with someo	ne else as a

#	of Partner	of Partner	Year Began Living Together	If not, how did this relationship end?	Ended (If applies)
1		☐ Male ☐ Female		☐ Split up ☐ Partner died ☐ Still together	
2		☐ Male ☐ Female		Split up Partner died Still together	
3		☐ Male ☐ Female		Split up Partner died Still together	
4		☐ Male ☐ Female		Split up Partner died Still together	
5		☐ Male ☐ Female		Split up Partner died Still together	

### **Your Work History**

The next section asks about work you may have done during your life. This may include paid work for an employer or unpaid care for others.

Q3	Since you left full-time education, have you ever done any paid work which lasted for a period of one year or more? (Paid work includes both full-time and part-time work)
	Yes — Go to Q4 on the next page
	No (Continue to Q3a)
	What was the reason(s) you <b>never</b> worked for pay for one year or more? [Check all that apply]
	Stayed at home to raise children or care for family
	Physical disability or injury
	Mental or emotional disability
	Could not find work
	Was not interested in working
	Other (please specify):
	Go to O5 on page 7

6

Q4		d you ever neck one box for each line]				
	a.	stop working at a job to stay home and care for your children?		Yes	☐ No	Does not apply
	b.	cut back on the number of hours worked at a job to care for your children?		Yes	☐ No	Does not apply
	C.	work longer hours to meet the added expenses of having children?		Yes	☐ No	Does not apply
	d.	switch to a different job that was less demanding or more flexible to be more available to your children?		Yes	☐ No	Does not apply
Q5		d your spouse or partner ever neck one box for each line]				
	a.	stop working at a job to stay home and care for your children?		Yes	No	Does not apply
	b.	cut back on the number of hours worked at a job to care for your children?		Yes	☐ No	Does not apply
	C.	work longer hours to meet the added expenses of having children?		Yes	☐ No	Does not apply
	d.	switch to a different job that was less demanding or more flexible to be more available to your children?		Yes	No	Does not apply
O6 thr	المام	n <b>Q15</b> ask about paid work.				
	Ŭ	ER worked for pay for one year or	r mor	e, <b>go to</b>	Q16 on page	12.
,				, 3	1 3	

Q6

In the table below, please fill out the information for all the places you have **worked for one year or more after you finished full-time education.** If you worked at more than ten places, fill out the information for the first ten places you worked. If you are still working for an employer, write the current year in the END YEAR column. If you changed jobs (or job title) but stayed with the same employer, please list the first and last title you held with that employer in the same line.

### TABLE COLUMNS SPAN ACROSS BOTH PAGES. ▶

#	Type of employer or business	Job Title	Start Year	End Year
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				

TABLE COLUMNS SPAN ACROSS BOTH PAGES. ▶



8

### **◀ TABLE COLUMNS SPAN ACROSS BOTH PAGES.**

Did you work full-time or part-time?	What did you do after leaving this job? [Check all that apply]				
☐ Full-time	☐ Started next job	■ Worked short-term job(s)	☐ Cared for/started a family		
☐ Part-time	☐ Unemployed	☐ Medical leave/disability	Other		
☐ Full-time	☐ Started next job	■ Worked short-term job(s)	☐ Cared for/started a family		
☐ Part-time	☐ Unemployed	☐ Medical leave/disability	☐ Other		
☐ Full-time	☐ Started next job	■ Worked short-term job(s)	☐ Cared for/started a family		
☐ Part-time	☐ Unemployed	☐ Medical leave/disability	☐ Other		
☐ Full-time	☐ Started next job	■ Worked short-term job(s)	Cared for/started a family		
☐ Part-time	☐ Unemployed	☐ Medical leave/disability	☐ Other		
☐ Full-time	☐ Started next job	■ Worked short-term job(s)	☐ Cared for/started a family		
Part-time	☐ Unemployed	☐ Medical leave/disability	Other		
☐ Full-time	Started next job	■ Worked short-term job(s)	Cared for/started a family		
☐ Part-time	☐ Unemployed	☐ Medical leave/disability	Other		
☐ Full-time	Started next job	■ Worked short-term job(s)	☐ Cared for/started a family		
☐ Part-time	☐ Unemployed	☐ Medical leave/disability	Other		
☐ Full-time	Started next job	■ Worked short-term job(s)	Cared for/started a family		
Part-time	☐ Unemployed	☐ Medical leave/disability	Other		
☐ Full-time	Started next job	☐ Worked short-term job(s)	Cared for/started a family		
Part-time	☐ Unemployed	☐ Medical leave/disability	Other		
☐ Full-time	Started next job	■ Worked short-term job(s)	Cared for/started a family		
Part-time	☐ Unemployed	☐ Medical leave/disability	Other		

**◀ TABLE COLUMNS SPAN ACROSS BOTH PAGES.** 



			held <b>between the ages of 30</b> ., longest duration, best paying,
Q7	Which employer or business	was that?	Not relevant/did not work for pay between the ages of 30 and 40
			Go to Q16 on page 12
Q8	Did you work for someone els business?	e on that job, or were you	u self-employed or a partner in a
	Someone else	Self-employed	Partner in business
Q9	In what city and state or count	ry did you work for this e	mployer or business?
	City	State (or Country)	
Q10	What was your job title? What	were your most importa	nt activities or duties?
Q11	What kind of business or indu the place where you worked?	stry did you work in – tha	t is, what did they make or do at
Q12	How much did you earn before	e taxes and other deduct	<del>-</del> ·
Q13	Were you covered on that job  Yes	by a union or employee-	association contract?



Q14 Do you still work for this employer or business?					
Yes — Go to Q15 below					
□ No ──					
Q14a Why did you leave or sto	p working 1	or this emplo	yer? [Chec	k all that app	oly]
Moved to a higher paying job Moved to a job with a better Moved to a more satisfying job Moved to a job that better ma Moved or relocated To take care of or start a fam To continue education	future ob atched my	skills	I was laid I retired	r health/a dis	r replaced
Please say how much you agree			of the follo	wing statem	ients
Please say how much you agree regarding this job. [Check one bo			of the follo	wing statem Strongly Agree	Does not apply
	x for each Strongly	line]		Strongly	Does not
regarding this job. [Check one bo	Strongly Disagree	line]		Strongly	Does not
<ul> <li>a. The job was physically demanding.</li> <li>b. I had very little freedom to decide how</li> </ul>	Strongly Disagree	line]		Strongly	Does not
<ul> <li>a. The job was physically demanding.</li> <li>b. I had very little freedom to decide how I did my work.</li> <li>c. At work, I felt I had control over what</li> </ul>	Strongly Disagree	line]		Strongly	Does not
<ul> <li>a. The job was physically demanding.</li> <li>b. I had very little freedom to decide how I did my work.</li> <li>c. At work, I felt I had control over what happened in most situations.</li> <li>d. I had a lot to say about what happened</li> </ul>	Strongly Disagree	line]		Strongly	Does not
<ul> <li>a. The job was physically demanding.</li> <li>b. I had very little freedom to decide how I did my work.</li> <li>c. At work, I felt I had control over what happened in most situations.</li> <li>d. I had a lot to say about what happened on my job.</li> <li>e. The people I worked with could be</li> </ul>	Strongly Disagree	line]		Strongly	Does not
<ul> <li>a. The job was physically demanding.</li> <li>b. I had very little freedom to decide how I did my work.</li> <li>c. At work, I felt I had control over what happened in most situations.</li> <li>d. I had a lot to say about what happened on my job.</li> <li>e. The people I worked with could be relied on when I needed help.</li> </ul>	Strongly Disagree	line]		Strongly	Does not

Have you ever provided **unpaid** care to a relative or friend with some sort of special need to help them take care of themselves for a **period of 6 months or more**? **NOTE:** Raising children without special needs does not apply here.

A special need could be an illness, disability, or mental health problem.

Helping them take care of themselves may include personal needs or household chores, managing a person's finances, arranging for outside services, or visiting regularly to see how they are doing. This person need not live with you.

	Yes (Continue to Q16a)	□ No →	Go to Q17 on the next page
T			

Q16a

In the table below, **please list the people for whom you have provided unpaid care**. If you have provided unpaid care for more than five people, please list the five that you consider to be the most important. If you are currently caring for someone, please write the current year in the END YEAR column.

#	Initial of Person	Relationship to the Person	Start Year	End Year
1		<ul><li>□ Parent / Parent-in-law</li><li>□ Spouse or partner</li><li>□ Biological, adopted, or step child</li><li>□ Other (please specify):</li></ul>		
2		☐ Parent / Parent-in-law ☐ Spouse or partner ☐ Biological, adopted, or step child ☐ Other (please specify):		
3		<ul><li>□ Parent / Parent-in-law</li><li>□ Spouse or partner</li><li>□ Biological, adopted, or step child</li><li>□ Other (please specify):</li></ul>		
4		<ul><li>□ Parent / Parent-in-law</li><li>□ Spouse or partner</li><li>□ Biological, adopted, or step child</li><li>□ Other (please specify):</li></ul>		
5		<ul><li>□ Parent / Parent-in-law</li><li>□ Spouse or partner</li><li>□ Biological, adopted, or step child</li><li>□ Other (please specify):</li></ul>		



12

### **Your Health History**

The following questions ask about your health including medically diagnosed conditions, exercise, and health habits throughout your life.

Q17 Have you <b>ever</b> had any of the following serious conditions	or diseases?
a. Chronic breathing problems/asthma	Yes No
b. Chronic hepatitis or other liver disease	Yes No
c. HIV or AIDS	Yes No
d. Inflammatory bowel disease (e.g., Crohn's disease)	Yes No
e. Kidney disease or failure	Yes No
f. Meningitis or encephalitis	Yes No
g. Mononucleosis (commonly referred to as mono)	Yes No
h. Multiple sclerosis (commonly referred to as MS)	Yes No
<ul> <li>i. Neurological disorders (e.g., seizure, brain, or spinal cord disorders)</li> </ul>	Yes No
j. Thyroid disease	Yes No
k. Rheumatoid arthritis	Yes No
<ol> <li>Gynecological issues [Females only] (e.g., fibroids or other problems with uterus or ovaries)</li> </ol>	Yes No
Have you ever had a pregnancy (or experienced a partner in a miscarriage, an induced abortion, or a stillbirth?  Yes No	ner's pregnancy) that ended
Have you ever had a major surgery or operation? (e.g., surgery, hysterectomy, joint replacement, organ transplation.)  Yes   If yes, please specify the surgery or surgery or surgery.	ant, tumor removal, etc.)



		you ever receiv use of alcohol or		nal counseling, treatment, or therapy because of
		Yes	☐ No	
		you ever been ted in serious ir		ajor car or vehicle crash or other accident that
		Yes → If y	es, in what year	did this accident occur?
				Il health or disability (physical or mental) have year that kept you from doing usual activities?
		None	Go to Q23 on the	e next page
		One		
		Two		
	Three			
		More than three		
	<u> </u>	Have been ill or	had a disability fo	or all or most of my life
C		nue to Q22a		
_	Ψ			
	Q22			nealth or disability, write the year the period began, and the condition which accounted for the period
		of ill health o	r disability. If you	marked "More than three" in Q22, refer to the
		ongoing, plea	ase write the curr	th or disability. If this period of ill health is still rent year in the END YEAR column.
	#	Start Year	End Year	Health condition(s)
	1			
	2			
	3			

	THANK YOU
Q26	If there is anything else you would like to tell us, please write in the space below. We appreciate your feedback.
	number of minutes
Q25	Approximately, how long did it take you to complete this questionnaire?
	NO, the person whose name is on the front cover did not answer/complete the questionnaire.
	YES, the person whose name is on the front cover answered the questions, but someone else assisted by writing in the answers for that person.
	YES, the person whose name is on the front cover completed the questionnaire by him/herself.
Q24	Were the questions in this booklet answered by the person whose first name is written on the front cover? [Check one box]
	or the things that you are most proud of. We are very interested to read what you write.
Q23	Please use the space below to tell us about your most important accomplishments
there m	ay be something especially important that we have missed.

We have asked about many things in your life from the time you were born up to now, but

# SEE BACK COVER LAYOUT ON SEPARATE PDF