

## Questions in Social Capital Community Benchmark Survey short form

Notes:

This is a modified version of the 2001 short form produced by the Saguaro Seminar for Civic Engagement. It has been modified to be delivered as a face-to-face interview in Lewiston, Maine. Our estimate is that this is about 20 minutes of questions (including 2.5 minutes of demographics)

Proposed questions:

Hello, I'm \_\_\_\_\_ working on behalf of the Maine Community Foundation in collaboration with researchers from Harvard University. We are conducting an important survey about life in communities across America including yours. We are particularly interested in the experience of new residents in this community. We hope to use this information to better understand connections among different groups and to identify opportunities to enhance prospects for all residents of this community.

[GENDER: INTERVIEWER: RECORD R's GENDER  
(IF NECESSARY SAY: I am recording that you are a male/female.)

<GENDER>

- 1 Male
- 2 Female

\*1 We'd like to ask you some questions about how you view other people, groups and institutions.

Generally speaking, would you say that most people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?

<TRUST>

- 1 People can be trusted
- 2 You can't be too careful
- 3 (VOLUNTEERED) Depends
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

\*2 Next, we'd like to know how much you trust different groups of people. First, think about (GROUP). Generally speaking, would you say that you can trust them a lot, some, only a little, or not at all?

**\*2A People in your neighborhood**

(CLARIFY IF NECESSARY: How about in general?)

<TRNEI>

- 1 Trust them a lot
- 2 Trust them some
- 3 Trust them only a little
- 4 Trust them not at all
- 5 (VOLUNTEERED) Does not apply
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

2B (How about) **The police in your local community** (would you say that you can trust them a lot, some, only a little, or not at all?)

<TRCOP>

- 1 Trust them a lot
- 2 Trust them some
- 3 Trust them only a little
- 4 Trust them not at all
- 5 (VOLUNTEERED) Does not apply
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

\*2C (How about) **White people?**

<TRWHT>

- 1 Trust them a lot
- 2 Trust them some
- 3 Trust them only a little
- 4 Trust them not at all
- 5 (VOLUNTEERED) Does not apply
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

\*2D (How about) **African Americans or Blacks?**

<TRBLK>

- 1 Trust them a lot
- 2 Trust them some
- 3 Trust them only a little
- 4 Trust them not at all
- 5 (VOLUNTEERED) Does not apply
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

\*2E (How about) **Somalis?**

<TRSOM>

- 1 Trust them a lot
- 2 Trust them some
- 3 Trust them only a little
- 4 Trust them not at all
- 5 (VOLUNTEERED) Does not apply
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

\*2F (How about) **Others including Hispanics or Latinos?**

<TRHISP>

- 1 Trust them a lot
- 2 Trust them some
- 3 Trust them only a little
- 4 Trust them not at all
- 5 (VOLUNTEERED) Does not apply
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

3A If you lost a wallet or a purse that contained two hundred dollars, and it was found by a neighbor, how likely is it to be returned with the money in it? Would you say very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely or not at all likely?

<WALLTNEI>

- 1 very likely
- 2 somewhat likely
- 3 somewhat unlikely
- 4 not at all likely
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

3B And if it was found by a complete stranger, how likely is it to be returned with the money in it? Would you say that was very likely, somewhat likely, somewhat unlikely or not at all likely?

<WALLTSTR>

- 1 very likely
- 2 somewhat likely
- 3 somewhat unlikely
- 4 not at all likely
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

4 All things considered, would you say you are very happy, happy, not very happy, or not happy at all?

<HAPPY>

- 1 Very happy
- 2 Happy
- 3 Not very Happy
- 4 Not happy at all
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

- 5 And how satisfied are you with the current financial situation of you and your family? Would you say that you are very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, or not at all satisfied with your present financial situation?

<ECONSAT>

- 1 Very satisfied
- 2 Somewhat satisfied
- 3 Not at all satisfied
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

- 6 And how would you describe your overall state of health these days? Would you say it is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?

<HEALTH>

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Very Good
- 3 Good
- 4 Fair
- 5 Poor
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

- 7 How many years have you lived in the United States?

<YRSINUS>

VALID RANGE 0 to 90

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- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

- 8 In which community do you currently reside?

<CITY>

- 1 Lewiston

- 2 Auburn
- 3 Other
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

9 How many years have you lived in your current community? (IF NECESSARY, PROMPT WITH CATEGORIES)

<LIVCOM>

- 1 Less than one year
- 2 One to two years
- 3 Three to four years
- 4 Five to ten years
- 5 More than ten years
- 6 All my life
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

10 Do you expect to be living in your community five years from now?

<STAY>

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

11 Overall, how would you rate your community as a place to live — excellent, good, only fair, or poor?

<QOL>

- 1 Excellent
- 2 Good
- 3 Only Fair
- 4 Poor
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

12 Would you move away from this community if you could?

<WANTMOVE>

- 1 Yes
  - 2 No
  - 8 Don't know
  - 9 Refused
- SKIP to 13A

13 Why? Please explain (note reasons for wanting to move)

<MOVEEXPL>

Record response and SKIP to 14

13A Why? Please explain (note reasons for not wanting to move)  
<STAYEXPL>

14 Overall, how much impact do you think PEOPLE LIKE YOU can have in making your community a better place to live — no impact at all, a small impact, a moderate impact, or a big impact?

<EFFCOM>

- 1 No impact at all
- 2 A small impact
- 3 A moderate impact
- 4 A big impact
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

15 Please tell me for the following statement whether you agree strongly, agree somewhat, disagree somewhat, or disagree strongly. Television is my primary form of entertainment

<TVONE>

- 1 Agree strongly
- 2 Agree somewhat
- 3 (VOLUNTEERED) Neither/depends
- 4 Disagree somewhat
- 5 Disagree strongly
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

16 My next questions are about public affairs. How interested are you in politics and national affairs? Are you very interested, somewhat interested, only slightly interested, or not at all interested?

<POLINT>

- 1 Very interested
- 2 Somewhat interested
- 3 Only slightly interested
- 4 Not at all interested
- 8 Don't know

9 Refused

16A How much of the time do you think you can trust the NATIONAL government to do what is right ( just about always, most of the time, only some of the time, or hardly ever?)

<TGNAT>

- 1 Just about always
- 2 Most of the time
- 3 Some of the time
- 4 Hardly ever
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

16B How about your LOCAL government? How much of the time do you think you can trust the LOCAL government to do what is right? (Would you say just about always, most of the time, only some of the time, or hardly ever?)

<TGLOC>

- 1 Just about always
- 2 Most of the time
- 3 Some of the time
- 4 Hardly ever
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

16C Thinking POLITICALLY AND SOCIALLY, how would you describe your own general outlook--as being very conservative, moderately conservative, middle-of-the-road, moderately liberal or very liberal?

<IDEO>

- 1 Very conservative
- 2 Moderately conservative
- 3 Middle-of-the-road
- 4 Moderately liberal
- 5 Very Liberal
- 6 (VOLUNTEERED) Something else
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

17 Now I'm going to ask you how many times you've done certain things in the past 12 months, if at all. For all of these, I want you just to give me your best guess, and don't worry that you might be off a little. About how many times in the past 12 months have you (ACTIVITY):

Note: for all questions 17A-17M, interviewer probes for an actual number and if respondent can not provide an actual number, the interviewer follows up with:

Would you say you never did this, did it once, a few times, about once a month on average, twice a month, about once a week on average, or more often than that? (IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "A FEW TIMES", PROBE WITH:) Would that be closer to 2-4 times or 5-9 times?

17A (How many times in the past twelve months have you) **Worked on a community project?**

<CPROJECT>  
VALID RANGE 0 to 53

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98 Don't Know  
99 Refused

(IF RESPONDENT IS UNABLE TO ANSWER, PROBE:) Would you say you never did this, did it once, a few times, about once a month on average, twice a month, about once a week on average, or more often than that?

(IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "A FEW TIMES", PROBE WITH:) Would that be closer to 2-4 times or 5-9 times?

< PROJECT >  
1 never did this  
2 once  
3 a few times (ENTER ONLY IF FIGURE CANNOT BE CLARIFIED)  
4 2-4 times  
5 5-9 times  
6 about once a month on average  
7 twice a month  
8 about once a week on average  
9 more than once a week  
98 Don't Know  
99 Refused

17B (How many times in the past twelve months have you) **Donated blood?**

<CBLOOD>  
VALID RANGE 0 to 53

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98 Don't Know  
99 Refused

(IF RESPONDENT IS UNABLE TO ANSWER, PROBE:) Would you say you never did this, did it once, a few times, about once a month on average, twice a month, about once a week on average, or more often than that?

(IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "A FEW TIMES", PROBE WITH:) Would that be closer to 2-4 times or 5-9 times?

< BLOOD >

- 1 never did this
- 2 once
- 3 a few times (ENTER ONLY IF FIGURE CANNOT BE CLARIFIED)
- 4 2-4 times
- 5 5-9 times
- 6 about once a month on average
- 7 twice a month
- 8 about once a week on average
- 9 more than once a week
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

\*17C (How many times in the past twelve months have you) **Attended any public meeting in which there was discussion of town or school affairs?**

<CPUBMEET>

VALID RANGE 0 to 53

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- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

(IF RESPONDENT IS UNABLE TO ANSWER, PROBE:) Would you say you never did this, did it once, a few times, about once a month on average, twice a month, about once a week on average, or more often than that?

(IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "A FEW TIMES", PROBE WITH:) Would that be closer to 2-4 times or 5-9 times?

< PUBMEET >

- 1 never did this
- 2 once
- 3 a few times (ENTER ONLY IF FIGURE CANNOT BE CLARIFIED)
- 4 2-4 times
- 5 5-9 times
- 6 about once a month on average
- 7 twice a month
- 8 about once a week on average
- 9 more than once a week
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

17D (How many times in the past twelve months have you) **Attended a community meeting?**

<CRALLY>  
VALID RANGE 0 to 53

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98 Don't Know  
99 Refused

(IF RESPONDENT IS UNABLE TO ANSWER, PROBE:) Would you say you never did this, did it once, a few times, about once a month on average, twice a month, about once a week on average, or more often than that?

(IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "A FEW TIMES", PROBE WITH:) Would that be closer to 2-4 times or 5-9 times?

< RALLY >  
1 never did this  
2 once  
3 a few times (ENTER ONLY IF FIGURE CANNOT BE CLARIFIED)  
4 2-4 times  
5 5-9 times  
6 about once a month on average  
7 twice a month  
8 about once a week on average  
9 more than once a week  
98 Don't Know  
99 Refused

\*17F (How many times in the past twelve months have you) **had friends over to your home?**

<CFRDVIS>  
VALID RANGE 0 to 53

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98 Don't Know  
99 Refused

(IF RESPONDENT IS UNABLE TO ANSWER, PROBE:) Would you say you never did this, did it once, a few times, about once a month on average, twice a month, about once a week on average, or more often than that?

(IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "A FEW TIMES", PROBE WITH:) Would that be closer to 2-4 times or 5-9 times?

< FRDVIS >

- 1 never did this
- 2 once
- 3 a few times (ENTER ONLY IF FIGURE CANNOT BE CLARIFIED)
- 4 2-4 times
- 5 5-9 times
- 6 about once a month on average
- 7 twice a month
- 8 about once a week on average
- 9 more than once a week
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

\*17G (How many times in the past twelve months have you) **been in the home of a friend of a different race or had them in your home?**

<CFRDRAC>

VALID RANGE 0 to 53

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- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

(IF RESPONDENT IS UNABLE TO ANSWER, PROBE:) Would you say you never did this, did it once, a few times, about once a month on average, twice a month, about once a week on average, or more often than that?

(IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "A FEW TIMES", PROBE WITH:) Would that be closer to 2-4 times or 5-9 times?

< FRDRAC >

- 1 never did this
- 2 once
- 3 a few times (ENTER ONLY IF FIGURE CANNOT BE CLARIFIED)
- 4 2-4 times
- 5 5-9 times
- 6 about once a month on average
- 7 twice a month
- 8 about once a week on average
- 9 more than once a week
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

**\*17H (How many times in the past twelve months have you) been in the home of someone of a different neighborhood or had them in your home?**

<CFRDXNEI>  
VALID RANGE 0 to 53

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98 Don't Know  
99 Refused

(IF RESPONDENT IS UNABLE TO ANSWER, PROBE:) Would you say you never did this, did it once, a few times, about once a month on average, twice a month, about once a week on average, or more often than that?

(IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "A FEW TIMES", PROBE WITH:) Would that be closer to 2-4 times or 5-9 times?

<FRDXNEI>  
1 never did this  
2 once  
3 a few times (ENTER ONLY IF FIGURE CANNOT BE CLARIFIED)  
4 2-4 times  
5 5-9 times  
6 about once a month on average  
7 twice a month  
8 about once a week on average  
9 more than once a week  
98 Don't Know  
99 Refused

**\*17I (How many times in the past twelve months have you) been in the home of someone you consider to be a community leader or had one in your home?**

<CLDRHOM>  
VALID RANGE 0 to 53

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98 Don't Know  
99 Refused

(IF RESPONDENT IS UNABLE TO ANSWER, PROBE:) Would you say you never did this, did it once, a few times, about once a month on average, twice a month, about once a week on average, or more often than that?

(IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "A FEW TIMES", PROBE WITH:) Would that be closer to 2-4 times or 5-9 times?

< LDRHOM>

- 1 never did this
- 2 once
- 3 a few times (ENTER ONLY IF FIGURE CANNOT BE CLARIFIED)
- 4 2-4 times
- 5 5-9 times
- 6 about once a month on average
- 7 twice a month
- 8 about once a week on average
- 9 more than once a week
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

**\*17J (How many times in the past twelve months have you) volunteered at a local school or with an organization providing educational assistance?**

<CVOLTED>

VALID RANGE 0 to 53

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- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

(IF RESPONDENT IS UNABLE TO ANSWER, PROBE:) Would you say you never did this, did it once, a few times, about once a month on average, twice a month, about once a week on average, or more often than that?

(IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "A FEW TIMES", PROBE WITH:) Would that be closer to 2-4 times or 5-9 times?

< VOLTED>

- 1 never did this
- 2 once
- 3 a few times (ENTER ONLY IF FIGURE CANNOT BE CLARIFIED)
- 4 2-4 times
- 5 5-9 times
- 6 about once a month on average
- 7 twice a month
- 8 about once a week on average
- 9 more than once a week
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

**\*17K (How many times in the past twelve months have you) volunteered with a charity or social welfare organization that provides services in such fields as health or service to the needy?**

<CVOLTSW>  
VALID RANGE 0 to 53

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98 Don't Know  
99 Refused

(IF RESPONDENT IS UNABLE TO ANSWER, PROBE:) Would you say you never did this, did it once, a few times, about once a month on average, twice a month, about once a week on average, or more often than that?

(IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "A FEW TIMES", PROBE WITH:) Would that be closer to 2-4 times or 5-9 times?

< VOLTISW>  
1 never did this  
2 once  
3 a few times (ENTER ONLY IF FIGURE CANNOT BE CLARIFIED)  
4 2-4 times  
5 5-9 times  
6 about once a month on average  
7 twice a month  
8 about once a week on average  
9 more than once a week  
98 Don't Know  
99 Refused

**\*17L (How many times in the past twelve months have you) volunteered with a support group or self-help program for people with specific illnesses, disabilities, problems, or addictions, or for their families?**

<CVOLTSG>  
VALID RANGE 0 to 53

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98 Don't Know  
99 Refused

(IF RESPONDENT IS UNABLE TO ANSWER, PROBE:) Would you say you never did this, did it once, a few times, about once a month on average, twice a month, about once a week on average, or more often than that?

(IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "A FEW TIMES", PROBE WITH:) Would that be closer to 2-4 times or 5-9 times?

< VOLTISG>

- 1 never did this
- 2 once
- 3 a few times (ENTER ONLY IF FIGURE CANNOT BE CLARIFIED)
- 4 2-4 times
- 5 5-9 times
- 6 about once a month on average
- 7 twice a month
- 8 about once a week on average
- 9 more than once a week
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

\*17M (How many times in the past twelve months have you) **volunteered with any other type of organization or service provider?**

<CVOLTOT>

VALID RANGE 0 to 53

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- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

(IF RESPONDENT IS UNABLE TO ANSWER, PROBE:) Would you say you never did this, did it once, a few times, about once a month on average, twice a month, about once a week on average, or more often than that?

(IF RESPONDENT ANSWERS "A FEW TIMES", PROBE WITH:) Would that be closer to 2-4 times or 5-9 times?

< VOLTLOT>

- 1 never did this
- 2 once
- 3 a few times (ENTER ONLY IF FIGURE CANNOT BE CLARIFIED)
- 4 2-4 times
- 5 5-9 times
- 6 about once a month on average
- 7 twice a month
- 8 about once a week on average
- 9 more than once a week
- 98 Don't Know
- 99 Refused

18 In the past twelve months, have you served as an officer or served on a committee of any local club or organization?

<OFFICER>

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

\*19 Not including weddings and funerals, how often do you attend religious services? (IF NECESSARY PROBE WITH CATEGORIES) (Every week (or more often)/Almost every week/Once or twice a month/A few times per year/Less often than that/Don't know/Refused)

<RELATEND>

- 1 Every week (or more often)
- 2 Almost every week
- 3 Once or twice a month
- 4 A few times per year
- 5 Less often than that
- 6 Never
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

20 People and families contribute money, property or other assets for a wide variety of charitable purposes. During the past 12 months, approximately how much money did you and the other family members in your household contribute to all secular causes and all religious causes, including your local religious congregation

(IF NECESSARY: By contribution, I mean a voluntary contribution with no intention of making a profit or obtaining goods or services for yourself.)

(IF NECESSARY: REPEAT ASSURANCES OF CONFIDENTIALITY)

<GIVE>

- 1 None
- 2 Less than \$100
- 3 \$100 to less than \$500
- 4 \$500 to less than \$1000
- 5 \$1000 to less than \$5000
- 6 More than \$5000
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

21 If a problem arose within your neighborhood that you could not solve yourself, can you name three community leaders in Lewiston-Auburn that you might turn to for help?

[Record first three names mentioned. If respondent cannot think of three names record those names provided]

<LEADER1>

<LEADER2>

<LEADER3>

22 Right now, how many people do you have in your life with whom you can share confidences or discuss a difficult decision – nobody, one, two, or three or more? (INTERVIEWER NOTE: INCLUDES FAMILY)

<CONFIDE>

1	Nobody	SKIP TO 23
2	One	SKIP TO 23
3	Two	SKIP TO 23
4	Three or more	SKIP TO 22A
8	Don't Know	SKIP TO 23
9	Refused	SKIP TO 23

22A How many would that be?

<CONFIDEHI>

[record number]

23 Thinking now about everyone that you would count as a PERSONAL FRIEND, not just your closest friends—do you have a personal friend who...

23A IF <RELIG>=3) (Do you have a personal friend who) Has a different religion than you?

<BREL>

1	Yes
2	No
8	Don't know
9	Refused

23B (Do you have a personal friend who) Is White?

<BWHT>

1	Yes	
2	No	SKIP to 23C
8	Don't know	SKIP to 23C
9	Refused	SKIP to 23C

How many personal WHITE friends would that be? <BWHT4>

\_\_\_\_ (record number)

8888 Don't know

9999 Refused

23C (Do you have a personal friend who) Is Black or African American?

<BBLK>

1 Yes

2 No SKIP 23D

8 Don't know SKIP 23D

9 Refused SKIP 23D

How many personal BLACK friends would that be? < BBLK4>

\_\_\_\_ (record number) SKIP to 23D

8888 Don't know SKIP to 23D

9999 Refused SKIP to 23D

23D (Do you have a personal friend who) Is Somali and comes from a different clan or ethnic group?

<BSOM>

1 Yes

2 No SKIP 23E

8 Don't know SKIP 23E

9 Refused SKIP 23E

How many personal SOMALI friends would that be? < BSOM4>

\_\_\_\_ (record number) SKIP to 23E

8888 Don't know SKIP to 23E

9999 Refused SKIP to 23E

23E (Do you have a personal friend who) Is of a different race or ethnicity from those mentioned above?

<BOTHR>

1 Yes

2 No SKIP 24

8 Don't know SKIP 24

9 Refused SKIP 24

How many personal friends would that be? < BOTH4>

\_\_\_\_ (record number)

8888 Don't know

9999 Refused

24 These next questions relate to your utilization of services within the community. Within the past year have you or a member of your family applied for or utilized any of the following services:

(IF NECESSARY: REPEAT ASSURANCES OF CONFIDENTIALITY)

24A (Within the past year have you or a member of your family applied for or utilized)  
**Assistance with locating and/or paying for housing**

<SVHOUSE>

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

24B (Within the past year have you or a member of your family applied for or utilized)  
**Assistance with paying electric, heating, or fuel bills**

<SVHEAT>

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

24C (Within the past year have you or a member of your family applied for or utilized)  
**Support for purchasing food**

<SVFOOD>

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

24D (Within the past year have you or a member of your family applied for or utilized)  
**Unemployment insurance or other income assistance**

<SVINCOME>

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

24E (Within the past year have you or a member of your family applied for or utilized)  
**Assistance with paying medical bills or obtaining publicly supported health insurance**

<SVBILLS>

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

24F (Within the past year have you or a member of your family applied for or utilized)  
**Mental health services**

<SVMENTAL>

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

24G (Within the past year have you or a member of your family applied for or utilized)  
**Assistance with finding and paying for child care**

<SVCHILD>

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

24H (Within the past year have you or a member of your family applied for or utilized)  
**Assistance with identifying or obtaining a job**

<SVJOB>

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

24I (Within the past year have you or a member of your family applied for or utilized)  
**Translation services or language training**

<SVLANG>

- 1 Yes
- 2 No
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

24J (Within the past year have you or a member of your family applied for or utilized)  
**Pro bono or reduced rate legal assistance**

<SVLEGAL>

- 1 Yes

- 2 No
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

24K (Within the past year have you or a member of your family applied for or utilized)  
**Public transportation**

- <SVTRANS>
- 1 Yes
  - 2 No
  - 8 Don't know
  - 9 Refused

24L (Within the past year have you or a member of your family applied for or utilized)  
**Other, please specify**

<SVOTH> [RECORD RESPONSE IN SPACE BELOW]

- <SVOTHER>
- 1 Yes
  - 2 No
  - 8 Don't know
  - 9 Refused

25 Of the services listed above, please rate in order of importance, 1 being most important, the three that have been most important to you and your family during your time in this community. If you have never used any of the services listed above please indicate by responding not applicable. If you have used fewer than three, please rank the services with which you have some familiarity.

[RECORD RANK IN SPACE AT LEFT OF EACH ITEM. LIMIT RANKING TO THREE ITEMS WITH 1 BEING THE MOST IMPORTANT. IF NECESSARY PROMPT RESPONDENT BASED ON ANSWERS TO QUESTION 21 ABOVE]

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| <p>_____ Assistance with locating and/or paying for housing</p> <p>_____ Assistance with finding and paying for child care</p> <p>_____ Assistance with paying electric, heating, or fuel bills</p> <p>_____ Assistance with identifying or obtaining a job</p> | <p>_____ Unemployment insurance or other income assistance</p> <p>_____ Probono Legal Assistance</p> <p>_____ Assistance with paying medical bills or obtaining publicly supported health insurance</p> <p>_____ Public Transportation</p> |
|---|--|

\_\_\_\_\_ Support for purchasing food  
\_\_\_\_\_ Translation services or  
\_\_\_\_\_ language training

\_\_\_\_\_ Mental health services  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other

26 Are there specific organizations that have been particularly helpful in your efforts to make a home in this community?

<ORGHELP>

1 Yes

2 No

8 Don't know

9 Refused

SKIP TO 28

SKIP TO 28

SKIP TO 28

27 Please provide the names of these organizations. Please limit your response to no more than three. [RECORD RESPONSE TO RIGHT, DO NOT PROMPT FOR SPECIFIC NAMES]

<ORGHELP1>

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<ORGHELP2>

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<ORGHELP3>

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28 When you think about your life today, what is the single greatest challenge or issue you or your community faces that you wish local leaders would do more to address? [RECORD RESPONSE IN SPACE BELOW, SUMMARIZE AS NEEDED BUT VERIFY WITH RESPONDENT BY SAYING "WOULD THAT BE (insert summary here)"]

<ISSUE1>

29 When you think about the lives of young people (children aged 17 or less), what is the single greatest challenge or issue you feel young people in your community face that you wish local leaders or school officials would do more to address? [RECORD RESPONSE IN SPACE BELOW, SUMMARIZE AS NEEDED BUT VERIFY WITH RESPONDENT BY SAYING "WOULD THAT BE (insert summary here)"]

<ISSUE2>

30 Now I'm going to read a list of needs facing the Somali community. Please rank the four needs that you are most pressing for the community as a whole.

[Read list and ask at end, "Is there any other need not on this list that should be?" and record in space provided. Write numeric ranking next to item with 1 being the greatest need, 2 being the next greatest need and so on. Reread list as necessary.]

_____	Need to build Somali community leadership	_____	Need to strengthen Somali community organizations
_____	Need to improve access and availability of English as a Second Language (ESL) classes	_____	Need to improve communication with City Hall
_____	Need to improve access to social services	_____	Need to reduce the cultural gap between Somali and non-Somali residents
_____	Need to improve educational opportunities for Somali children	_____	Need to improve access to employment and working conditions
_____	Need to improve access to transportation services	_____	Other

\*31 Our last questions are used to ensure that our sample for this survey accurately reflects the population as a whole. First, we'd like to know if you are working now, temporarily laid off, or if you are unemployed, retired, permanently disabled, a homemaker, a student, or what? (INTERVIEWER: IF MULTIPLE RESPONSES ARE GIVEN, ENTER THE ONE WITH THE LOWEST CODE NUMBER.)

<LABOR>

1	Working	SKIP TO 33
2	Temporarily laid off	
3	Unemployed	
4	Retired	SKIP TO 35
5	Permanently Disabled	SKIP TO 35
6	Homemaker	SKIP TO 35
7	Student	SKIP TO 35
8	Don't Know	SKIP TO 35
9	Refused	SKIP TO 35

32 Are you currently looking for work?

<JOBSRCH1>

1	Yes	
2	No	SKIP TO 33
8	Don't know	SKIP TO 33

9 Refused

SKIP TO 33

32A Approximately how many weeks have you been looking for work?

<JOBSRCH>

- 1 One week or less
- 3 Two to three weeks
- 4 Four to five weeks
- 5 Six to seven weeks
- 6 Eight weeks or more
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

33 Now I am going to read a list of potential obstacles to finding and maintaining work, for each one please indicate if this is a significant obstacle, somewhat significant obstacle, or not at all a significant obstacle in your efforts to find and maintain work?

33A (In your efforts to find or maintain work, how significant an obstacle has) **Lack of information about job availability and/or employer needs** (been)

<JOBINFO>

- 1 Significant obstacle
- 2 Somewhat significant obstacle
- 3 Not at all significant
- 4 Not an obstacle
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

33B (In your efforts to find or maintain work, how significant an obstacle has) **Lack of jobs** (been)

<JOBVAIL>

- 1 Significant obstacle
- 2 Somewhat significant obstacle
- 3 Not at all significant
- 4 Not an obstacle
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

33C (In your efforts to find or maintain work, how significant an obstacle has) **Language barriers** (been)

<JOBLANG>

- 1 Significant obstacle
- 2 Somewhat significant obstacle
- 3 Not at all significant

- 4 Not an obstacle
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

33D (In your efforts to find or maintain work, how significant an obstacle has) **Transportation** (been)

<JOBTRANS>

- 1 Significant obstacle
- 2 Somewhat significant obstacle
- 3 Not at all significant
- 4 Not an obstacle
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

33E (In your efforts to find or maintain work, how significant an obstacle has) **Insufficient documentation** (been)

<JOBDOC>

- 1 Significant obstacle
- 2 Somewhat significant obstacle
- 3 Not at all significant
- 4 Not an obstacle
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

33F (In your efforts to find or maintain work, how significant an obstacle has) **Lack of relevant skills or work experience** (been)

<JOBSKILLS>

- 1 Significant obstacle
- 2 Somewhat significant obstacle
- 3 Not at all significant
- 4 Not an obstacle
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

33G (In your efforts to find or maintain work, how significant an obstacle has) **Lack of child care** (been)

<JOBCHILD>

- 1 Significant obstacle
- 2 Somewhat significant obstacle
- 3 Not at all significant
- 4 Not an obstacle
- 8 Don't Know

9 Refused

33H (In your efforts to find or maintain work, how significant an obstacle has)  
**Unwillingness of employers to hire applicants like me** (been)

<JOBCHAR>

- 1 Significant obstacle
- 2 Somewhat significant obstacle
- 3 Not at all significant
- 4 Not an obstacle
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

33I (In your efforts to find or maintain work, how significant an obstacle has) **Other**  
(been)

Please explain [RECORD THE RESPONSE]:

<JOBOTHR1>

<JOBOTHER>

- 1 Significant obstacle
- 2 Somewhat significant obstacle
- 3 Not at all significant
- 4 Not an obstacle
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

34 Of the obstacles mentioned above, which one has been the most significant in your efforts to find and maintain a job?

- 1 Lack of information about job availability and/or employer needs
- 2 Lack of jobs
- 3 Language barriers
- 4 Transportation
- 5 Insufficient documentation
- 6 Lack of relevant skills or work experience
- 7 Lack of child care
- 8 Unwillingness of employers to hire applicants like me
- 9 Other
- 98 Don't know
- 99 Refusal

35 On average, how many times a week do you go outside the home to do errands?

<ERRAND>

- 1 One
- 3 Two to three
- 4 Four to five
- 5 Six to seven
- 6 Eight or more
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

36 On average, how many times a week do you go outside the home to socialize with others?

<SOCIAL>

- 1 One
- 3 Two to three
- 4 Four to five
- 5 Six to seven
- 6 Eight or more
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

37 On average, how many times a week do you go outside the home to attend meetings?

<MEETING>

- 1 One
- 3 Two to three
- 4 Four to five
- 5 Six to seven
- 6 Eight or more
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

\*38 Next, in what year were you born?

<BYEAR>

VALID RANGE 1880-1982

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\*39 What is the highest grade of school or year of college you have completed?

<EDUC>

- 1 Less than high school (Grade 11 or less)
- 2 High school diploma (including GED) SKIP TO 40
- 3 Some college SKIP TO 40
- 4 Assoc. degree (2 year) or specialized technical training SKIP TO 40
- 5 Bachelor's degree SKIP TO 40
- 6 Some graduate training SKIP TO 40

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|---|---------------------------------|------------|
| 7 | Graduate or professional degree | SKIP TO 40 |
| 8 | Don't know                      | SKIP TO 40 |
| 9 | Refused                         | SKIP TO 40 |

\*39A Do you have a GED or high school equivalency?

<EDUC2>

- |   |            |
|---|------------|
| 1 | Yes        |
| 2 | No         |
| 8 | Don't know |
| 9 | Refused    |

\*40 Do you consider yourself to be White, Black or African American, Asian or Pacific Islander, Native American, or some other race such as African or African Somali?

<RACE>

- |   |                                |            |
|---|--------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | White                          | SKIP TO 41 |
| 2 | African American or Black      | SKIP TO 41 |
| 3 | Asian or Pacific Islander      | SKIP TO 41 |
| 4 | Alaskan Native/Native American | SKIP TO 41 |
| 5 | Other                          |            |
| 8 | Don't know                     | SKIP TO 41 |
| 9 | Refused                        | SKIP TO 41 |

\*40A Specify:

<RACEO> [STRING]

\*41 Are you an American citizen?

<CITIZ>

- |   |            |
|---|------------|
| 1 | Yes        |
| 2 | No         |
| 8 | Don't know |
| 9 | Refused    |

42 Is English your native language?

<ENGNAT>

- |   |            |
|---|------------|
| 1 | Yes        |
| 2 | No         |
| 8 | Don't know |
| 9 | Refused    |

43 How comfortable do you feel participating in conversations where English is the only language being spoken?

<ENGCOMF>

- 1 Very comfortable
- 2 Somewhat comfortable
- 3 Not at all comfortable
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

44 If this survey were conducted in English, how easy would it be for you to complete it?

<ENGCOMF>

- 1 Very easy
- 2 Some translation assistance needed
- 3 Could not complete in English
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

\*45A If you added together the yearly incomes, before taxes, of all the members of your household for last year, 2005, would the total be: (READ LIST)

<YP\_1>

- 1 Less than \$30,000 or
- 2 \$30,000 or more
- DO NOT READ BELOW---
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

IF <YP\_1> = 2, SKIP TO 45C.

IF <YP\_1> = 8 or 9, REPEAT ASSURANCES OF CONFIDENTIALITY

\*45B Would that be: (READ LIST)

<YP\_2>

- 1 \$20,000 or less SKIP TO 46
- 2 Over \$20,000 but less than \$30,000 SKIP TO 46
- DO NOT READ BELOW---
- 8 Don't Know SKIP TO 46
- 9 Refused SKIP TO 46

\*45C Would that be: (READ LIST)

<YP\_3>

- 1 \$30,000 but less than \$50,000
- 2 \$50,000 but less than \$75,000
- 3 \$75,000 but less than \$100,000

- 4 \$100,000 or more
- DO NOT READ BELOW---
- 8 Don't Know
- 9 Refused

46 Are you currently married, separated, divorced, widowed, or have you never married?

<MARITAL>

- 1 Currently married
- 2 Separated
- 3 Divorced
- 4 Widowed
- 5 Never Married
- 9 Refused

47 How many children, aged 17 or younger, live in your household?

<KIDS>

VALID RANGE 0-20

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- 98 Don't know
- 99 Refused

\*48 Do you or your family own the place where you are living now, or do you rent?

<OWN>

- 1 Own
- 2 Rent
- 8 Don't know
- 9 Refused

49 Including yourself, how many adults live in your household?  
(INTERVIEWER NOTE: IF RESPONSE IS 10 OR GREATER, ENTER 10)

<SKID>

VALID RANGE 1-10

- 98 Don't know
- 99 Refused