

AARP Jefferson County, KY Survey



Annotated Questionnaire

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Screening criteria: Age 50+, lives in Jefferson County, KY

n=1,000

40% cell, 60% landline

Bid at 10 minutes

Hello, this is _____ calling from Alan Newman Research, a national opinion research firm. We are not telemarketers and are not trying to sell you anything. We are calling to ask for your help in improving our understanding of how you are dealing with the Coronavirus, COVID-19, both personally and professionally. The best way we know how to do this is by asking people throughout the county to share their thoughts and opinions with us.

Screener

S1. Our study is interested in the opinions of certain age groups. Could you please tell me your age as of your last birthday? [RECORD AGE IN YEARS; TERMINATE IF UNDER AGE 50 OR REFUSED]

%	n=1,008
16	50-54
16	55-59
21	60-64
11	65-69
12	70-74
9	75-79
8	80-84
7	85+

S2. What is your 5-digit zip code? [TERMINATE IF NOT IN JEFFERSON COUNTY; TERMINATE IF REFUSED]

S3. Are you a resident of Jefferson County? That is, do you live within the county limits?

%	n=1,008
100	Yes
0	No [TERMINATE]
0	Don't know [TERMINATE]
0	Refused [TERMINATE]

Questionnaire

Q1. What is your current employment status? [READ LIST]

%	n=1,008
29	Employed full-time or part-time
5	Self-employed
4	Unemployed but looking for work
61	Not working and not looking for work
1	Refused [DO NOT READ]

PROGRAMMER: Create a variable - "Employment Category" - with categories:

%	n=1,008
38	Employed [IF Q1=1, 2, OR 3]
61	Retired [IF Q1=4]
1	Refused [IF Q1=9]

I would like to ask you some questions about how you are handling the coronavirus pandemic.

Q2. How concerned are you about the coronavirus? [READ LIST]

%	n=1,008
60	Very concerned
26	Somewhat concerned
9	Not too concerned
5	Not at all concerned
0	Refused [DO NOT READ]

Q3. Next, I'm going to read a list of issues related to the coronavirus pandemic, and I'd like you to please tell me how worried you are about each one. [READ LIST]

	% Very worried	% Somewhat worried	% Not too worried	% Not at all worried	% Refused [DO NOT READ]
n=1,008					
You or someone in your family will get sick from the coronavirus	38	35	13	14	1
You or someone in your family will die from the coronavirus	32	31	16	20	1

n=1,008	% Very worried	% Somewhat worried	% Not too worried	% Not at all worried	% Refused [DO NOT READ]
Your investments such as retirement or college savings will be negatively impacted by coronavirus	19	30	17	34	1
You will not be able to afford testing or treatment for coronavirus if you need it	15	14	22	49	<1
You will not be able to care for a family member or friend	24	24	19	33	1
Your existing health conditions will put you at greater risk of contracting the coronavirus	29	30	16	26	<1
You will be the victim of a scam about the coronavirus	13	17	22	47	<1
You will feel more isolated or lonely	18	24	19	37	1
[IF EMPLOYED] You will have to postpone your retirement plans (n=383)	13	19	22	46	<1
You will have to help neighbors or family financially	12	22	25	41	1
You will not be able to get the groceries or medications you need	13	18	24	44	<1
You will not be able to vote in the Presidential election in November	16	11	16	57	1
Your Social Security benefits could be reduced	32	23	14	30	2
You will lose savings or investments	22	26	19	33	1
You will have to delay bill payments	13	16	22	50	<1
You might have to use retirement savings to pay for necessary expenses	18	21	23	37	<1
A coronavirus vaccine will not be found in the next year	25	31	19	25	1
The coronavirus vaccine will not be safe	30	31	17	20	2
[IF EMPLOYED] You will lose your job, be furloughed, or have your work suspended (n=383)	15	19	23	42	1

Q4. Excluding yourself, how many people do you personally know who have been infected by the coronavirus? [WHOLE NUMBER; NONE=0; Excludes “Don’t know” responses]

%	n=1,008
44	0 (none)
28	1-2
13	3-4
9	5-9
4	10-19
3	20+
3.14	Mean
0.98	Median

Q5. [IF Q4>0] What was the outcome for the [IF Q4=1: “person”; IF Q4>1: “people”] you personally know who [IF Q4=1: “was”; IF Q4>1: “were”] infected with the coronavirus? Are they...? [READ LIST; ACCEPT ONE RESPONSE IF Q4=1; ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES IF Q4>1]

%	n=566
71	Recovered from the infection
29	Still sick or recovering
27	Died from the infection
3	Not sure [DO NOT READ]

Q6. Do you consider yourself at risk of contracting the coronavirus?

%	n=1,008
57	Yes
39	No
3	Don’t know
0	Refused

Q7. Have you been tested for the coronavirus?

%	n=1,008
32	Yes
67	No
<1	Don’t know
<1	Refused

Q8. [IF Q7=1] Was your test result positive or negative?

%	n=324
5	Positive
94	Negative
1	Tested multiple times with different results
1	Refused

Q9. [IF Q8=1 or 3] Have you been treated by a physician or hospitalized due to the coronavirus?

%	n=17
22	Yes
78	No
0	Don't know
0	Refused

Q10. Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the last 90 days?

n=1,008	% Yes	% No	% Refused
Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath	10	90	<1
Persistent pain or pressure in the chest	2	98	<1
New confusion or inability to arouse or waken	3	97	1
Bluish lips or face	1	99	<1
Feeling of loneliness or isolation	26	74	<1
Feelings of depression	24	76	<1

Q11. Have you or anyone in your household been affected by the coronavirus in any of the following ways?

n=1,008	% Yes	% No	% Don't know	% Refused
Sheltering at home to avoid contact with others	73	26	<1	<1
Washing your hands often	92	8	<1	<1
Canceled travel plans	53	46	<1	<1
[IF EMPLOYED] Working from home (n=383)	53	47	0	0
Having a difficult time dealing with worries about the coronavirus	23	76	1	0
Having a difficult time getting essentials such as food and medicine (not including soap, hand sanitizer, or toilet paper)	11	88	<1	0

n=1,008	% Yes	% No	% Don't know	% Refused
Canceled plans to attend large gatherings such as concerts or sporting events	54	46	<1	<1
Stocked up on items such as food, household supplies, or prescription medications	50	50	<1	<1
Moved to a new location	2	98	<1	0
Canceled plans to volunteer	29	70	1	<1
Canceled a doctor or other health care appointment	35	65	<1	0
Had a video call with a medical professional for diagnosis or treatment of a health issue	30	70	<1	<1
Worn a face mask	96	4	<1	0
Increased prayer or other religious practices	43	56	<1	<1

Q12. [IF EMPLOYED] How many more years do you plan to work before retiring? [RECORD WHOLE NUMBER OF YEARS; Code <1 year as 1, 98=Don't know, 99=Refused]

%	n=383
23	<4
24	5-9
22	10-14
11	15-19
4	20+
15	Don't know
2	Refused

Q13. [IF EMPLOYED] Has the coronavirus pandemic caused you to consider...?

n=383	% Yes	% No	% Don't know	% Refused
Retiring earlier than planned	13	84	3	<1
Retiring later than planned	20	76	4	<1

Q14. [IF EMPLOYED] Has the coronavirus pandemic caused you to...?

n=383	% Yes	% No	% Don't know	% Refused
Change your work arrangements in order to provide care for someone	14	85	<1	<1
Change your work arrangements because your children are attending school virtually	10	89	1	1
Change your work arrangements in order to avoid possibly being exposed to the coronavirus	52	48	<1	<1
Change your work arrangements because your job has changed	37	62	1	<1

Q15. [IF RETIRED] How many years have you been out of the workforce? [RECORD WHOLE NUMBER OF YEARS; Code <1 year as 1, 98=Don't know, 99=Refused]

PROGRAMMER: Create a variable - "Years since retirement" - with categories:

%	n=613
25	<4
17	5-9
19	10-14
10	15-19
26	20+
3	Don't know
<1	Refused

Q16. [IF EMPLOYED] Which of the following, if any, best represents what you plan to do during your retirement? [READ LIST; ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

%	n=383
15	Work full-time for pay
49	Work part-time for pay
16	You do not plan to retire
10	Start a business
21	Not work for pay at all
61	Engage in hobbies or travel
48	Volunteer
2	None of the above [DO NOT READ; MUTUALLY EXCLUSIVE]
6	Don't know/Refused [DO NOT READ]

Q17. [IF Q16=1-4] Please rate each of the following items in terms of their importance in your plan to work during retirement. [READ FIRST ITEM] Would you say this is...? [READ LIST]

n=246	% Very important	% Somewhat important	% Not too important	% Not at all important	% Refused [DO NOT READ]
You enjoy working	66	23	5	5	1
Social connection	45	39	11	5	1
Financial support for yourself or your family	68	23	4	5	1
Medical benefits, like health or dental insurance, for yourself or your family	62	18	8	10	2
Extra money to buy the things you want, such as travel, a new car, etc.	40	39	13	7	2
Stay physically active	75	19	2	3	1
Stay mentally active	77	19	2	1	1
Have something interesting to do	63	28	4	4	1
Avoid draining your retirement accounts too quickly	61	19	9	10	1
Work until a coronavirus vaccine is widely available	31	19	15	31	4

The next set of questions is about caregiving.

Q18. At any time in the past 12 months, have you provided **unpaid** care or assistance to a friend or family member who needs assistance due to aging, a disability, or a chronic health-related issue? By care or assistance, we are referring to providing help with activities (like bathing/dressing, grocery shopping, housekeeping, meal preparation, providing transportation to medical appointments, managing medications, help with bill-paying or managing their finances, arranging for outside services, etc.) for someone who needs assistance due to aging, a chronic condition, or other health issues.

%	n=1,008
36	Yes
64	No
<1	Refused

Q19. [IF Q18=1] For whom did you care for or are caring for now? [READ LIST; ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

%	n=362
6	Child with disabilities or special needs (17 years or younger)
13	Adult with disabilities or special needs
7	Adult child
23	Spouse/partner
43	Aging parent or parent-in-law
3	Grandparent or grandparent-in-law
18	Other relative
16	Non-relative (such as a friend or neighbor)
0	Someone else (specify)
1	Refused [DO NOT READ]

Q20. Have you had to provide unpaid care for anyone because of the coronavirus? [IF NEEDED: By unpaid care, we are referring to providing help with activities (like bathing/dressing, grocery shopping, housekeeping, meal preparation, providing transportation to medical appointments, managing medications, help with bill-paying or managing their finances, arranging for outside services, etc.) for someone who needs assistance due to aging, a chronic condition, or other health issues.]

%	n=1,008
11	Yes
89	No
<1	Refused

Q21. [IF Q20=1] What type of care have you provided? [OPEN-END]

Q22. [IF Q20=1] Have you had difficulty getting personal protective equipment (also known as PPE) to help you care for this person?

%	n=106
21	Yes
79	No
0	Refused

Q23. Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic in February, which of the following are you doing or have you done to help your family, friends, or your community respond to the coronavirus pandemic and social distancing rules? Have you...?

%	n=1,008
42	Gotten food or medicine for someone
6	Volunteered at a food distribution site
3	Donated blood
68	Contacted friends or family more frequently to keep in touch
20	Provided childcare for someone
35	Helped someone financially
16	None of the above [DO NOT READ]
1	Refused [DO NOT READ]

Q24. Compared to the months before the coronavirus outbreak began, how has the frequency of your communication with close friends and family changed overall? Do you communicate with them...? [READ LIST]

%	n=1,008
37	More often than before
48	About the same as before
15	Less often than before
1	Don't know [DO NOT READ]
<1	Refused [DO NOT READ]

Q25. For you personally, what have you found to be good ways to continue staying in touch with others during the coronavirus pandemic? [READ LIST; ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES] [READ EACH AND WAIT FOR A RESPONSE]

%	n=1,008
38	Speaking in-person
90	Phone calls
39	Video chat through services like Skype, Zoom, or Facetime
39	Social media
58	Texting
38	Email
2	Other (specify)
2	None of the above [DO NOT READ]
<1	Refused [DO NOT READ]

Q26. Overall, how often are you communicating with people outside of your family members? [READ LIST]

%	n=1,008
28	Daily
35	Several times per week
17	Once per week
12	1 to 2 times per month
6	Rarely
2	Never
1	Refused [DO NOT READ]

Q27. Who is providing you with social support during the coronavirus outbreak? This could include things like offering you words of encouragement, listening to you, offering advice, going shopping or sending supplies to you, helping you use technology, etc. [READ LIST; ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

%	n=1,008
45	Spouse, partner, or significant other
49	Children or grandchildren
38	Friend or family member who comes by your place
61	Friend or family member who you talk with on the phone, text, or video chat
14	Someone else
11	None of the above [DO NOT READ]
1	Refused [DO NOT READ]

Q28. How much difficulty have you had [INSERT ITEM] because of the coronavirus pandemic or social distancing rules? Would you say...? [READ LIST]: (A lot, some, not too much, none at all)

	% A lot	% Some	% Not too much	% None at all	% Refused [DO NOT READ]
n=1,008					
Obtaining the food that you need	2	12	18	68	<1
Obtaining the medicine that you need	2	4	11	83	<1
Obtaining personal protective equipment (also known as PPE) such as masks or hand sanitizer	7	17	19	58	<1
Obtaining household items such as toilet paper, tissues, or paper towels	8	26	21	45	<1

Q29. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, how often do you feel [INSERT ITEM]? Would you say...?
[READ LIST]

n=1,008	% Always	% Often	% Some- times	% Rarely	% Never	% Refused [DO NOT READ]
You lack companionship	4	8	19	20	50	1
You are more isolated	8	14	29	16	33	1
You are more depressed	3	7	22	21	46	1

Q30. Since the start of the coronavirus pandemic, have you...?

n=1,008	% Yes	% No	% Refused
Attended a gathering of more than 10 people	23	76	<1
Traveled by airplane	6	94	<1
Traveled on a cruise ship	1	99	1
Practiced 6-foot social distancing from everyone outside those who live with you	91	9	<1
Watched more TV than usual	65	35	<1
Listened to the radio more than usual	21	79	<1
Started a new hobby/craft	16	84	<1
Stayed at home more than usual	83	16	<1
Received a pneumonia shot	19	81	<1
Ordered groceries online or through an app and had them delivered	22	78	<1
Experienced difficulty caring for your home, apartment, or living area	13	87	<1
Increased your use of your cell phone	53	47	<1
Purchased an iPad or other tablet	8	92	<1

Demographics

Now, just a few questions to describe the people who took part in our survey.

D1. How do you identify your gender? [READ TO CLARIFY IF NEEDED]

%	n=1,008
44	Male
56	Female
<1	Non-binary or other
1	Refused

D2. What is your race? [READ LIST; ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES]

%	n=1,008
2	American Indian or Alaska Native
1	Asian
15	Black or African American
<1	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
81	White
1	Some other race
3	Refused [DO NOT READ]

D3. Are you Hispanic, Latino or of Spanish Origin?

%	n=1,008
2	Yes
96	No
1	Don't know
2	Refused

D4. What is the highest level of education you have completed? [READ LIST]

%	n=1,008
4	0-12th grade (no diploma)
20	High school graduate (or equivalent)
19	Some college (no degree)
3	Trade/Technical/Vocational training
12	2-year college degree
20	4-year college degree
5	Post-graduate study (no degree)
15	Graduate or professional degree
2	Refused [DO NOT READ]

D5. What is your current marital status? [READ LIST]

%	n=1,008
15	Single/Never married
16	Widowed
1	Separated
12	Divorced
55	Married/Living with a partner
1	Refused [DO NOT READ]

D6. Which of the following categories best describes your total annual household income before taxes in 2019? [READ LIST]

%	n=1,008
5	Less than \$10,000
12	\$10,000 to less than \$25,000
18	\$25,000 to less than \$50,000
18	\$50,000 to less than \$75,000
12	\$75,000 to less than \$100,000
11	\$100,000 to less than \$150,000
4	\$150,000 to less than \$200,000
3	\$200,000 or more
19	Refused [DO NOT READ]

