

AARP

Providing Support to Parents Survey

Questionnaire Annotation

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Providing Financial Support to Parents
Final Survey

National
n=1,500
Adults aged 40-64
RDD landline/37.5% cell phone
All data are unweighted

Intro: 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 get your opinions on some important issues facing many residents. Your views are important, and we would greatly appreciate your participation. This survey should take about five minutes of your time and your responses will be kept entirely confidential.

S1. What is your age? (Record 2-digit numeric response; code into a variable using categories below)

%	n=1,508
0	18-39 (Terminate)
58	40-54
42	55-64
0	65+ (Terminate)
0	Refused (Terminate)

1. How would you describe your household's financial situation? Would you say you...? (Read list; Accept 1 response)

%	n=1,508
35	Live comfortably
29	Meet your basic expenses with a little left over for extras
22	Just meet your basic expenses
11	Don't even have enough to meet basic expenses
4	Don't know/refused

2. Do you have any living parents, step-parents, or parents-in-law? (Accept multiple responses)

%	n=1,508
52	Yes, parents
8	Yes, step-parents
26	Yes, parents-in-law
61%	Yes, ANY (parents, in-laws, step)
37	No (Skip to Q13)
2	Don't know/refused

3. Have you GIVEN any financial support to your (Insert: parents/step-parent/parent-in-law) in the past 12 months, or not?

%	n=944 (those with any living parents)
32	Yes
65	No (Skip to Q11)
2	Don't know/refused (Skip to Q11)

4. Was the financial support for help with ONGOING expenses, or because of a one-time situation? (Accept 1 response)

%	n=306
43	Ongoing expenses
31	One-time situation
24	Both
2	Don't know/refused

5. When thinking about the financial support you provide to your (Insert: parents/step-parent/parent-in-law), what types of things were the funds used for? (Read list; Check all that apply; Randomize order)

%	n=306
35	Medical expenses
25	Transportation costs (such as car purchases, maintenance, public transportation, etc.)
40	Housing costs (such as mortgage/rent payments, house repairs/maintenance, etc.)
32	Utility costs such as electricity, oil, or gas
28	Phone, internet, television costs
12	Vacations or leisure activities
55	Groceries or other household items (such as toilet paper, paper towels, etc.)
19	General debts (including credit cards but NOT medical, transportation or housing debt)
34	Personal items (clothing, toiletries)
2	Other (specify)
3	Don't know/refused

6. To what extent do/does your (Insert: parents/step-parent/parent-in-law) rely on this financial support to meet their expenses?

%	n=306
27	To a great extent
28	To some extent
29	To a little extent
13	To no extent
4	Don't know/refused

7. How often do you provide financial support to your (Insert: parents/step-parent/parent-in-law)?

%	n=306
19	Weekly
40	Monthly
27	Several times per year
13	Once a year or less
2	Don't know/refused

8. How much of a strain would you say providing financial support to your (Insert: parents/step-parent/parent-in-law) has on your family? Please answer on a scale of "1" to "5" with "1" being not a strain at all and "5" being very much a strain.

%	n=306
30	1 Not a strain at all
13	2
28	3
14	4
14	5 Very much a strain
1	Don't know/refused

9. Approximately how long have you been providing financial support to your (Insert: parents/step-parent/parent-in-law)?

%	n=306
11	Less than a year
25	1-2 years
27	3-5 years
36	More than 5 years
2	Don't know/refused

10. Over the last twelve months, approximately how much money, total, have you provided to your (Insert: parents/step-parent/parent-in-law)?

%	n=306
7	Less than \$200 dollars
12	\$200-\$399
20	\$400-\$999
34	\$1,000-\$4,999
13	\$5,000-\$10,000
7	More than \$10,000
7	Don't know/refused

11. Thinking about your (parents/parents-in-law/step-parents), do you expect to provide any financial support to them in the future?

%	n=944
42	Yes
51	No
7	Don't know/refused

(If Q11=Yes) 11A. Approximately how long do you expect to provide financial support to them?

%	n=400
9	Less than a year
12	1-2 years
22	3-5 years
47	More than 5 years
11	Don't know/refused

12. How concerned are you about being able to provide any financial support they may need in the future?

%	n=944
19	Very concerned
28	Somewhat concerned
22	Not very concerned
28	Not at all concerned
3	Don't know/refused

13. Do you have any adult children age 25 or older?

%	n=1,508
44	Yes
55	No (Skip to Q22)
1	Don't know/refused (Skip to Q22)

14. Have you GIVEN any financial support to any of your adult children in the past 12 months, or not?

%	n=666
51	Yes
48	No (Skip to Q22)
1	Don't know/refused (Skip to Q22)

15. Was the financial support for help with ONGOING expenses, or because of a one-time situation?
(Accept 1 response)

%	n=337
45	Ongoing expenses
32	One-time situation
23	Both
<1	Don't know/refused

16. When thinking about the financial support you provide to your adult children, what types of things were the funds used for? (Read list; Check all that apply; Randomize order)

%	n=337
25	Medical expenses
44	Transportation costs (such as car purchases, maintenance, public transportation, etc.)
44	Housing costs (such as mortgage/rent payments, house repairs/maintenance, etc.)
35	Utility costs such as electricity, oil, or gas
37	Phone, internet, television costs
16	Vacations or leisure activities
50	Groceries or other household items (such as toilet paper, paper towels, etc.)
24	General debts (including credit cards but NOT medical, transportation or housing debt)
37	Personal items (clothing, toiletries)
2	Other (specify)
2	Don't know/refused (exclusive)

17. To what extent do/does your adult children rely on this financial support to meet their expenses?

%	n=337
23	To a great extent
27	To some extent
30	To a little extent
18	To no extent
2	Don't know/refused

18. How often do you provide financial support to your adult children?

%	n=337
15	Weekly
28	Monthly
29	Several times per year
27	Once a year or less
2	Don't know/refused

19. Approximately how long have you been providing financial support to your adult children?

%	n=337
15	Less than a year
16	1-2 years
21	3-5 years
46	More than 5 years
2	Don't know/refused

20. How much of a strain would you say providing financial support to your adult children has on your family? Please answer on a scale of "1" to "5" with "1" being not a strain at all and "5" being very much a strain.

%	n=337
26	1 Not a strain at all
21	2
22	3
16	4
13	5 Very much a strain
2	Don't know/refused

21. Over the last twelve months, approximately how much money, total, have you provided to your adult children?

%	n=337
9	Less than \$200 dollars
13	\$200-\$399
16	\$400-\$999
31	\$1,000-\$4,999
14	\$5,000-\$10,000
11	More than \$10,000
7	Don't know/refused

22. A family caregiver is someone who provides UNPAID care for an adult loved one who is ill, frail, elderly, or has a physical, mental, or emotional disability. This unpaid care may include assisting with personal needs like bathing and dressing, household chores, meals, shopping, transportation, or managing finances or medical care.

Are you currently a family caregiver providing UNPAID care to an adult loved one who is age 65 or older?

%	n=1,508
18	Yes, I am currently providing care to an adult loved one age 65 or older
81	No
1	Don't know/refused

Q22A. (Ask if Q22 is 'yes') Is this loved one your parent/parent-in-law/step parent?

%	n=278
81	Yes
18	No
1	Don't know/refused

Demographic Characteristics

D2. Record gender by observation

%	n=1,508
49	Male
51	Female
<1	Don't know/refused

D3. What is your current marital status? (Accept 1 response)

%	n=1,508
58	Married
7	Not married, living with your partner or significant other
3	Separated
12	Divorced
4	Widowed
16	Currently single and never married
1	Don't know/refused

D5. In general, when compared to most people your age, how would you rate your health? (Read list; Accept 1 response)

%	n=1,508
16	Excellent
29	Very good
33	Good
15	Fair
6	Poor
1	Don't know/refused

D6. Are you of Hispanic, Spanish, or Latino origin or descent?

%	n=1,508
15	Yes
84	No
1	Don't know/refused

D7. What is your race? You may select more than one. (Read list; Accept multiple responses)

%	n=1,508
77	White or Caucasian
11	Black or African American
3	American Indian or Alaska Native
7	Asian or Pacific Islander
4	Other (do not read)
3	Don't know/refused

D8. Which one of the following best describes your employment status? (Read list; Accept 1 response)

%	n=1,508
55	Employed full-time
10	Employed part-time
13	Retired and not working at all
7	Unemployed, and looking for work
14	Not in the labor force for other reasons
1	Don't know/refused

D9. Which best describes the highest level of education you have completed or the highest degree you have received? (Read list; Accept 1 response)

%	n=1,508
5	0-12 years, but with no diploma
21	High school graduate or equivalent (e.g., GED)
17	Post high school education, but with no degree
16	Two-year college degree (e.g. associate's degree)
21	Four-year college degree (e.g., B.A., B.S.)
3	Post graduate study, but with no degree
15	Graduate or professional degree (e.g., M.S., M.D., Ph.D.)
1	Don't know/refused

D10. Finally, just for statistical purposes, please tell me is your current annual HOUSEHOLD income, before taxes? (Read list; Accept 1 response)

%	n=1,508
8	Less than \$10,000
16	\$10,000 to \$29,999
15	\$30,000 to \$49,999
16	\$50,000 to \$74,999
12	\$75,000 to \$99,999
8	\$100,000 to \$124,999
7	\$125,000 to \$149,999
9	\$150,000 or more
9	Don't know/refused

Thank you very much for your time.