

NSHAP Questionnaire

This questionnaire is part of the National Social Life, Health and Aging Project (NSHAP) which is sponsored by the National Institute on Aging. Please complete it after your in-person interview. This questionnaire will take approximately 25 to 35 minutes to complete. Some of these questions will seem similar to those asked during your interview. This questionnaire is designed to obtain more detail in these important areas. Please answer all items as best you can, from your point of view.

As always, your individual responses and your name will be kept completely confidential. Taking part in the survey is voluntary. You may elect to skip any questions in this questionnaire.

Please return your completed questionnaire in the preaddressed, postage-paid envelope given to you by your field interviewer. If you have any questions about the questionnaire or NSHAP, please contact us, toll-free, at 1-866-309-0540. You can also learn more online at www.norc.uchicago.edu/nshap.

Thank you again for participating in the National Social Life, Health and Aging Project.

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INSTRUCTIONS

In answering these questions, please be as honest and accurate as possible. Most questions will ask you to choose from a list of options. Choose the response that most closely matches your answer, and put a check mark \checkmark or * in the box provided on the left. Other questions will not include a list of choices and you should enter your response in the space provided.

Some questions may not apply to you, and you will be asked to skip over them. When this happens you will see an arrow or a note that tells you what question to answer next, like this:

If no special instructions are given for your response choice, please continue with the next question.

Childhood Background	6. What is the highest grade of school your mother completed?
 Were you born in the US? ¹□No → If No, Go to Question 3 ²□Yes 	¹☐No formal education 2☐1-11 Grades 3☐12 High school graduate
2. In what state were you born? Write state: → Go to Question 4	4 13-15 Some college 5 16 College graduate 6 17 or more – post college 7 Other 8 □ Don't know
3. In what country were you born? Write country:	For the next set of questions, we would like you to think about your
4. How much do you agree with the statement: "When I was growing up, my family life was always happy."	childhood just during the time from about age 6 to age 16. 7. During the time from about age 6 to
I disagree very much I disagree pretty much I disagree a little I agree a little I agree pretty much I agree very much	age 16, would you say your family was very well off financially, fairly well off, about average, not so well off, or not well off at all? 1 Very well off 2 Fairly well off 3 About average
5. What is the highest grade of school your father completed?	□ Not so well off □ Not well off at all
No formal education 1 □ No formal education 1 □ 1-11 Grades 1 □ 12 High school graduate 1 □ 13-15 Some college 1 □ 16 College graduate 1 □ 17 or more – post college 1 □ Other Don't know	8. During this time, did you live with both of your parents? 1 No 2 Yes

9.	Consider your health while you were growing up, from around age 6 to age 16. Would you say that your health during that time was excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?	13.	In the past 12 months, how often did you attend meetings of any organized group? (Examples include, a choir, a committee or board, a support group, a sports or exercise group, a hobby group, or a professional society.)
	Excellent Very good Good Fair Poor		Several times a week Every week About once a month Everal times a year About once or twice a year Less than once a year
10.	From about age 6 to age 16, were you beaten, assaulted, shot, raped or did you experience any other violent event?	14.	n the past 12 months, how often did you get together socially with
	1 □ No 2 □ Yes		friends or relatives?
11.	From about age 6 to 16, did you witness any violent events, such as a beating, assault, shooting, murder or rape?		Every week About once a month Every week About once a month All Several times a year About once or twice a year
	1 □ No 2 □ Yes		6☐ Less than once a year 7☐ Never
12.	In the past 12 months, how often did you do volunteer work for religious, charitable, political, health-related, or other organizations?	abo tov Sp you	r this next section, please think out ways that people behave vards you that bother you. ecifically, think of people and ur relationships with them over e past 12 months. How often does your partner get on
	□ Several times a week □ Every week □ About once a month □ Several times a year □ About once or twice a year □ Less than once a year □ Never		your nerves? Would you say never, hardly ever or rarely, some of the time or often? 1 Never 2 Hardly ever or rarely 3 Some of the time 4 Often

16.	How often do your <u>family members</u> get on your nerves? Would you say	Bereavement
	never, hardly ever or rarely, some of the time or often?	20. In the past five years, has anyone close to you died, such as a
	₁□Never	spouse, a close family member, or a close friend?
	2☐ Hardly ever or rarely3☐ Some of the time4☐ Often	¹☐No → If No, Go to Question 24 ²☐Yes
17.	How often do your <u>friends</u> get on your nerves? Would you say never, hardly ever or rarely, some of the time or often?	People who have experienced a death have many different thoughts and feelings. For the next few questions, please indicate how often
	₁□Never	you feel the following.
	 2☐ Hardly ever or rarely 3☐ Some of the time 4☐ Often 	21. I feel stunned or dazed over what happened.
	_	¹□Never 2□Rarely
18.	How often have you felt threatened or frightened by your <u>partner</u> ?	₃☐Sometimes
	Would you say never, hardly ever or rarely, some of the time or often?	4 □ Often
	₁ Never	₅⊒Always
	2☐Hardly ever or rarely 3☐Some of the time 4☐Often	22. I think about this person so much that it's hard for me to do the things I normally do.
	4 Citeri	₁☑Never
19.	How often have you felt threatened or frightened by another family	2☐Rarely
	member or one of your friends? Would you say never, hardly ever or	₃□Sometimes ₄□Often
	rarely, some of the time or often?	₅□Always
	1 ☐ Never 2 ☐ Hardly ever or rarely	23. I feel angry or bitter over this person's death.
	₃□Some of the time ₄□Often	₁☑Never
		₂☐Rarely ₃☐Sometimes
		4☐ Often
		₅⊒Always

Neighborhood

The following questions ask about your local area – that is, everywhere within a 20-minute walk or within about a mile of your home.

24.	About how many years have you
	lived in this area?

- 2 □ 1 5 years
- 3**□**6 10 years
- 4 ☐ 11 15 years
- 5 16 − 20 years
- 6 21 25 years
- ₇**□**26 50 years
- 25. How often do you and people in this area visit in each other's homes or when you meet on the street?
 - □Often
 - 2☐Sometimes
 - ₃ □ Rarely
 - 4**□** Never
- 26. How often do you and other people in this area do favors for each other?
 - □Often
 - 2☐Sometimes
 - ₃ □ Rarely
 - $_4$ Never

- 27. How often do you and other people in this area ask each other for advice about personal things?
 - 1 ☐ Often
 - 2☐Sometimes
 - ₃ □ Rarely
 - 4 ☐ Never

Next, please indicate your agreement or disagreement with the following statements about your local area – that is, everywhere within a 20-minute walk or within about a mile of your home.

- 28. This is a close-knit area.

 - 2 Agree
 - 3 ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
 - 4☐ Disagree
- 29. People around here are willing to help their neighbors.
 - Strongly agree
 Stro
 - 2 Agree
 - 3 Neither agree nor disagree
 - 4☐ Disagree
- 30. People in this area generally don't get along with each other.
 - □ Strongly agree
 - 2
 ☐ Agree
 - ₃ Neither agree nor disagree
 - 4☐Disagree

31.	People in this area don't share the same values.		Caregiving
	¹☐Strongly agree 2☐Agree 3☐Neither agree nor disagree	36.	Are you currently assisting an adult who needs help with day to day activities because of age or disability?
	⁴ Disagree ⁵ Strongly disagree		¹ No → If No, Go to Question 46 2 Yes
32.	People in this area can be trusted.	37.	What is this person's relationship to
	Strongly agree		you? Is this person your spouse, your parent, your child, or other?
	2 ☐ Agree 3 ☐ Neither agree nor disagree 4 ☐ Disagree 5 ☐ Strongly disagree		¹□Spouse 2□Parent 3□Child 4□Grandchild
33.	Many people in this area are afraid to go out at night.		₅ Other, please describe:
	¹□Strongly agree 2□Agree		How old is this person? Write # of years old:
	3 ■ Neither agree nor disagree 4 ■ Disagree		Why does this person require care?
34.	There are places in this area where everyone knows "trouble" is expected.		 □ Alzheimer's Disease or another form of dementia □ Other, please describe:
	□Strongly agree		
	² □Agree ³ □Neither agree nor disagree	40.	Do you consider yourself the primary caregiver?
	⁴ ☐Disagree ⁵ ☐Strongly disagree		1 □ No 2 □ Yes
35.	You're taking a big chance if you walk in this area alone after dark.	41.	Are you the person who provides the most help or care for this
	¹□Strongly agree ²□Agree		person?
	Paragree 3 ■ Neither agree nor disagree 4 ■ Disagree 5 ■ Strongly disagree		1 ☐ No 2 ☐ Yes

42.	How many <u>days per week</u> do you typically spend caring for this person?		titudes		
	Write # of days:	you feel about y	ons are about how ourself, others some attitudes you		
43.	How many hours per day do you typically spend caring for this person?	may have about	life in general.		
	¹☐Less than 2 hours 2☐2 hours or more, but		ow often do you think etween you and your oing well?		
	less than 4 hours 3 □ 4 to 8 hours 4 □ More than 8 hours 5 □ All of the time	a All the time a Most of the a More ofter a Occasiona	e time n than not		
44.	How much of a financial strain is it on you to provide help?	₅ □ Rarely ₅ □ Never			
	¹☐No strain 2☐Some strain 3☐A lot of strain	touched by peop while others do or pleasant do y			
45.	How much of a mental or emotional strain is it on you to provide help?	following ways of being touched?			
	¹□No strain 2□Some strain	47. Being touched lightly, such as someone putting a hand on you arm			
	₃ A lot of strain	¹ Uery appe 2 Somewha 3 Not appea 4 Not at all a	t appealing Iling		
		8. Hugging			
		¹ □ Very appe ² □ Somewha ³ □ Not appea 4 □ Not at all a	t appealing Iling		

49. Cuddling 1 Very appealing 2 Somewhat appealing 3 Not appealing 4 Not at all appealing	52. Other than your partner, how often have you and a person, such as a friend, grandchild or another adult, shared caring touch, such as a greeting hug, a touch on the arm, or a neck rub?
50. Sexual Touching 1 Very appealing 2 Somewhat appealing 3 Not appealing 4 Not at all appealing In the last 12 months, how often have you engaged in the following activities?	 1 Many times a day 2 A few times a day 3 About once a day 4 Several times a week 5 About once a week 6 About once a month or less 7 Never 53. How often have you pet, stroked, touched or slept next to a cat, dog, or other pet?
51. How often have you and your partner shared caring touch, such as a hug, sitting or lying cuddled up, a neck rub or holding hands? 1 Many times a day 2 A few times a day 3 About once a day 4 Several times a week	1 Many times a day 2 A few times a day 3 About once a day 4 Several times a week 5 About once a week 6 About once a month or less 7 Never
5 □ About once a week 6 □ About once a month or less 7 □ Never	54. In the past month, how much effort have you made to make yourself look attractive for your partner? 1 A great deal of effort 2 A lot of effort 3 A moderate amount of effort 4 Some effort 5 No effort

55.	For some people sex is a very important part of their lives and for others it is not very important at all. How important a part of your life would you say that sex is?	57.	For some people, their sexual enjoyment is affected by non-sexual things that their partner does before having sex, such as helping out, compliments or sharing
	Extremely important Very important Moderately important Somewhat important		activities. For others it is not important at all. Given how important such things are for your enjoyment of sex, how often did they happen during the past 12 months?
56 .	5 ■ Not at all importantDuring the past 12 months, would		Much more often than you would like ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■
	you say that you had sex: 1 Much more often than you would like 2 Somewhat more often than you would like 3 About as often as you would like 4 Somewhat less often than you would like 5 Much less often than you would like would like	58.	2 Somewhat more often than you would like 3 About as often as you would like 4 Somewhat less often than you would like 5 Much less often than you would like During the past 12 months, when you had sex, was the amount of time you and your partner spent kissing, hugging, and touching before having vaginal intercourse: 1 Much more often than you would like 2 Somewhat more often than you would like 3 About as often as you would like 4 Somewhat less often than you would like 5 Much less often than you would like 6 I have not had vaginal intercourse in the past 12 months

59.	In the past 12 months, how often did you have sex primarily because you felt obligated or that it was your	60.	To what extent do you feel your sex life is lacking in quality?
	duty? 1 All the time 2 Most of the time 3 More often than not 4 Occasionally 5 Rarely 6 Never	61.	□ Extremely lacking in quality □ Moderately lacking in quality □ Slightly lacking in quality □ Not at all lacking in quality □ In the last month, how often did you sleep in the same bed with your spouse or romantic partner?
	Thave not had sex in the past 12 months		1 □ All the time 2 □ Most of the time 3 □ Some of the time 5 □ Rarely 6 □ Never

Thoughts and Feelings

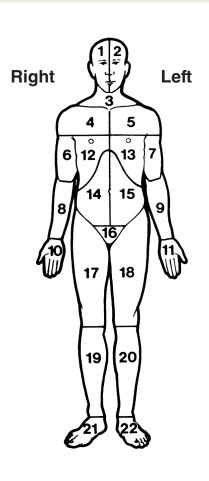
This section lists a number of characteristics that may or may not apply to you. Please read the words below and indicate how well each of the following DESCRIBES YOU.

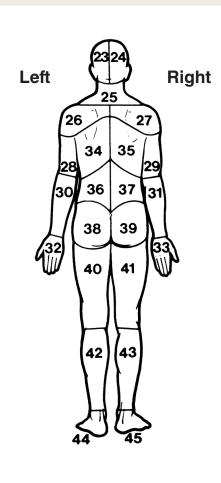
	A lot	Some	A little	Not at all
62a.	Outgoing	2 🔲	3	4 🔲
b.	Moody 1 🔲	2 🔲	3	4
c.	Organized 1	2 🔲	3 🔲	4
d.	Friendly	2 🔲	3	4 🔲
e.	Warm1	2 🔲	3	4 🔲
f.	Worrying 1	2 🔲	3	4
g.	Responsible	2 🔲	3	4
h.	Lively	2 🔲	3	4
i.	Caring	2 🔲	3	4
j.	Nervous	2 🔲	3	4 🔲
k.	Creative	2 🔲	3 🔲	4
I.	Hardworking1	2 🔲	3	4 🔲
m.	Imaginative 1	2 🔲	3	4
n.	Softhearted	2 🔲	3	4 🔲
Ο.	Calm1	2 🔲	3	4
p.	Curious	2 🔲	3	4 🔲
q.	Active	2 🔲	3	4
r.	Sympathetic	2 🔲	3	4 🔲
s.	Talkative	2 🔲	3	4
t.	Adventurous	2 🔲	3	4
u.	Thorough1	2 🔲	3 🔲	4

63.	How often do you feel that you lack companionship?	65. How oft others?	_	feel isolated	l from
	 Never Hardly ever Some of the time Often 	ı □ Neve 2 □ Haro 3 □ Som 4 □ Oftei	lly ever e of the tir	ne	
64.	How often do you feel left out?				
	 Never Hardly ever Some of the time Often 				
pa: the lor	w we will ask you about thoughts are week. How often during the past we time, some of the time, occasionally gover your replies; your immediate accurate than a long thought out	week you felt I y, or most of t reaction to ea	ike this; ı he time?	rarely or nor Don't take	ne of too
Du	ring the past week	Rarely or none of the time	Some of the time	Occasionally	Most of
6a.	I felt tense or "wound up."	1	2 🔲	3 🔲	4 🔲
b.	I got a frightened feeling as if something awful was about to happen	n 1 🔲	2 🗖		
c.	Worrying thoughts went through my i		-	3	4
	won ying thoughts went through my i	mind 1	2 🔲	3 🔲	4 4
d.	I could sit at ease and feel relaxed		_	_	4 4 4
d. e.	I could sit at ease and feel relaxed	1	2 🔲	3 🔲	
	I could sit at ease and feel relaxed I got a frightened feeling like	1	2 🔲	3 🔲	4 🔲
e.	I could sit at ease and feel relaxed I got a frightened feeling like butterflies in my stomach I felt restless as if I had to be on the relationship.	nove1	2	3 🔲	4 4
e. f.	I could sit at ease and feel relaxed I got a frightened feeling like butterflies in my stomach I felt restless as if I had to be on the related to be a sudden feeling of panic	nove 1	2	3	4 4 4
f.	I could sit at ease and feel relaxed I got a frightened feeling like butterflies in my stomach I felt restless as if I had to be on the related a sudden feeling of panic I was unable to control important	nove 1	2	3	4 4 4 4 4
f. g. h.	I could sit at ease and feel relaxed I got a frightened feeling like butterflies in my stomach I felt restless as if I had to be on the related to the story of panic I was unable to control important things in my life	nove 1	2	3	4 4 4 4 4

Health

- 67. In the past four weeks, have you had any pain?
 - 1 No → If No, Go to Question 70
 - 2☐Yes:
- 68. On the diagram below, please circle the area where you have felt the <u>most</u> pain in the past four weeks.





- 69. Please check the box next to the phrase that best describes the level of pain in the past four weeks.
 - ¹☐The most intense pain imaginable
 - 2☐Extreme pain
 - 3☐Severe pain
 - ⁴☐Moderate pain
 - 5☐Mild pain
 - 6☐Slight pain
 - 7
 ☐
 No pain

70.	In the past <u>12 months</u> , how many times have you fallen?	75.	Many people have puffy, reddish or sore gums, and may even bleed a	
	1 ☐ None 2 ☐ One 3 ☐ Two or more		bit after eating, cleaning their teeth, or using dentures. In the past month, where have you had such symptoms?	
71.	In the past 5 years, have you had a fracture or broken bone?	¹ □ Around natural permanent teeth ² □ Near crowns or implants		
	¹☐No → If No, Go to Question 73 2☐Yes		 ₃ Under partial dentures ₄ Under full dentures ₅ Gums without teeth or dentures 	
72 .	Which bone was it?		₆ □I don't have these symptoms	
	 1 ☐ Hip 2 ☐ Leg (other than hip) 3 ☐ Wrist 4 ☐ Backbone (Vertebrae) or spinal column compression fracture 5 ☐ Nose 6 ☐ Skull fracture 7 ☐ Other, please describe: ————————————————————————————————————	Next, we will ask you some questions about your sleeping habits.		
		76.	During the past week, on how many days did you nap for 5 minutes or more?	
			Never2 □ 1 or 2 days3 □ 3 or 4 days	
73.			4☐5 or more days	
	1 ☐ No 2 ☐ Yes	77.	During the past week, on how many days did you nap for an hour or two?	
74.	Has a doctor or other health care professional ever told you that you have a skin disease, such as psoriasis, eczema or occupational eczema?		 Never 1 or 2 days 3 or 4 days 4 5 or more days 	
	1 □ No 2 □ Yes			

Fertility

Researchers have found many ways that people's health and social life are affected by biological children, grandchildren, pregnancies and other issues of fertility. We want to make sure we accurately capture your experience – whether or not you have had any children.

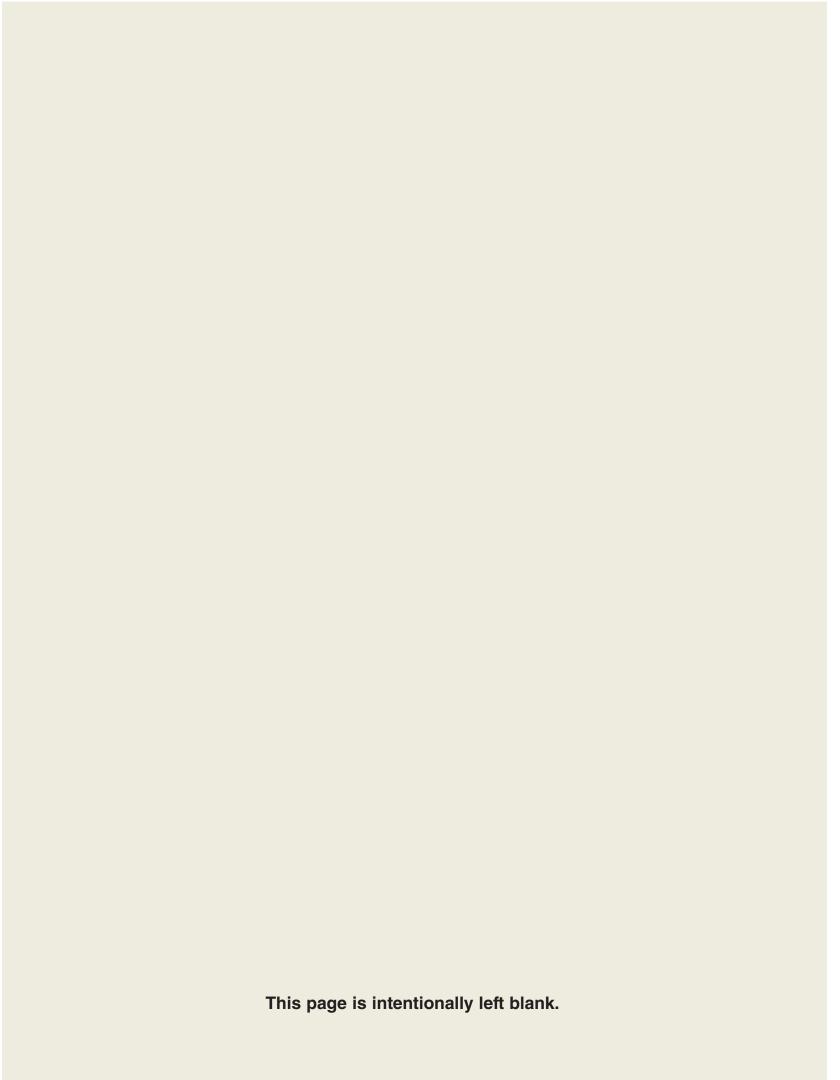
78.	How many children have you given birth to or fathered throughout you life?
79.	How many of your children were intended?
80.	How many biologically-related grandchildren do you have?
81.	How old were you at the time of your first pregnancy or when you first fathered a child?

Background

82.	Are you currently covered by Medicare?
	1 No 2 Yes
83.	Are you currently covered by Medicaid (Medi-Cal in California)?
	1 ☐ No 2 ☐ Yes
84.	Are you currently covered by CHAMPUS, CHAMP-VA or any other military health care plan?
	1 No 2 Yes
85.	Not including Medicare, Medicaid, or military health care plans, are you currently covered under any private insurance plans such as insurance through an employer or business, coverage for retirees, or insurance you buy for yourself? Do not include long-term care insurance.
	1 ☐ No 2 ☐ Yes
86.	How much do you agree with this statement: "I try hard to carry my religious beliefs over into all my other dealings in life."
	Strongly agree Agree Disagree Strongly disagree

87.	Have you ever served in the active military of the United States? 1 No 2 Yes	90.	90. Sometimes at work, men and women find themselves the object of unwanted sexual advances, propositions, or sexual discussions from co-workers or supervisors. The advances sometimes involve	
88.	Compared with most of the people you know personally, like your friends, family, neighbors, and work associates, would you say that your household income is far below average, below average, average, above average, or far above average?		physical contact and sometimes just involve sexual conversations. Thinking about your entire life so far, has this ever happened to you?	
			1 ☐ No 2 ☐ Yes	
	¹☐Far below average 2☐Below average 3☐Average	91.	In the past two years, have you been a victim of a violent crime, such as burglary, larceny, theft, robbery, or battery?	
	4 ☐ Above average5 ☐ Far above average		1 ☐ No 2 ☐ Yes	
89.	Compared with American families in general, would you say that your household income is far below average, below average, average, above average, or far above average?			
	Far below average Below average Average Above average Far above average			

Thank you!
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