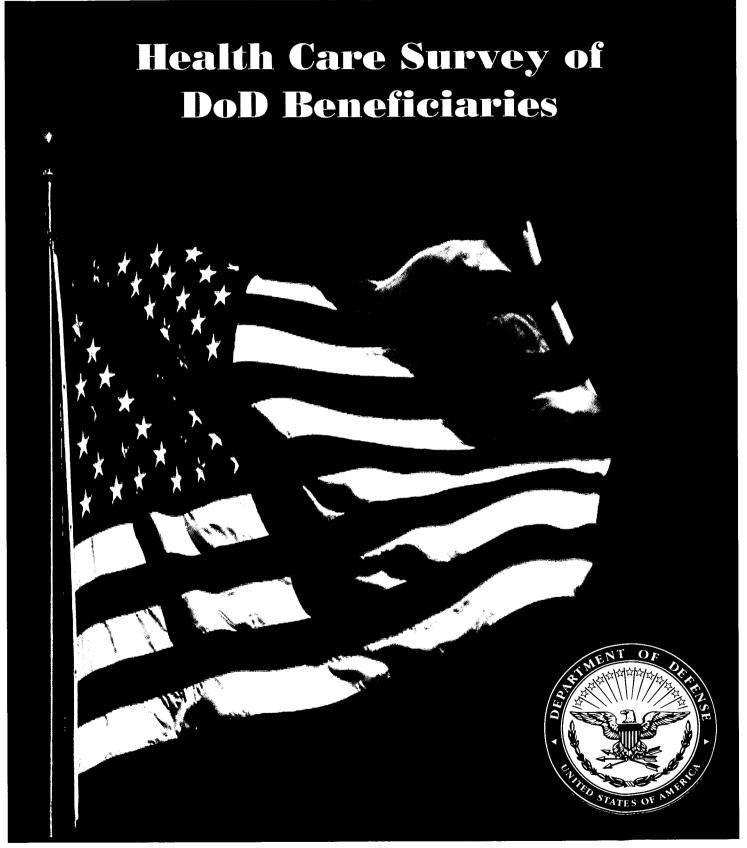
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SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS

Answer <u>all</u> the questions by checking the circle to the left of your answer. You are sometimes told to skip over some questions in this survey. When this happens you will see a note that tells you what question to answer next, like this:

○ Yes Go to Question 1
 ○ No

Please return the completed questionnaire in the enclosed postage-paid envelope within **seven days**. If you have misplaced the envelope, our address is:

Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)

c/o Survey Processing Center PO Box 82660 Lincoln, NE 68501-2660

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Authority: 10 U.S.C., Chapter 55, Section 572, Public Law 102-484, E.O. 9397.

Purpose: This survey helps health policy makers gauge beneficiary satisfaction with the current military healthcare system and provides valuable input from beneficiaries that will be used to improve the Military Health System.

Routine Uses: None

Disclosure: Voluntary. Failure to respond will not result in any penalty to the respondent. However, maximum participation is encouraged so that data will be as complete and representative as possible.





----- SURVEY STARTS HERE ------

This survey is about the health care of the person addressed in the cover letter. The questionnaire should be completed by that person. If you are not the addressee, please give this survey to the person named in the cover letter.

- 1. Are you the person whose name appears on the mailing label of this envelope?
 - Yes Go to Question 2
 - No Please give this questionnaire to the person addressed on the envelope.
- 2. By which of the following health plans are you currently covered? MARK ALL THAT APPLY.
 - a. Military Health Plans
 - TRICARE Prime
 - TRICARE Extra or Standard (CHAMPUS)
 - TRICARE Plus
 - TRICARE for Life
 - b. Other Health Plans
 - Medicare
 - Federal Employees Health Benefit Program (FEHBP)
 - Medicaid
 - A civilian HMO (such as Kaiser)
 - Other civilian health insurance (such as Blue Cross)
 - Uniformed Services Family Health Plan (USFHP)
 - The Veterans Administration (VA)
 - Not Sure
- Currently, are you covered by Medicare Part A?
 Medicare is the federal health insurance program for people aged 65 or older and for certain disabled people. Medicare Part A helps pay for inpatient hospital care.
 - Yes, I am now covered by Medicare Part A
 - No. I am not covered by Medicare Part A

- 4. Currently, are you covered by Medicare Part B? Medicare is the federal health insurance program for people aged 65 or older and for certain disabled people. Medicare Part B helps pay for doctor's services, outpatient hospital services, and certain other services.
 - Yes, I am now covered by Medicare Part B
 - No, I am not covered by Medicare Part B
- 5. Currently, are you covered by Medicare supplemental insurance? Medicare supplemental insurance, also called Medigap or MediSup, is usually obtained from private insurance companies and covers some of the costs not paid for by Medicare.
 - Yes, I am now covered by Medicare supplemental insurance
 - No, I am not covered by Medicare supplemental insurance
- 6. Which health plan did you use for all or most of your health care in the last 12 months? MARK ONLY ONE.
 - TRICARE Prime
 - TRICARE Extra or Standard (CHAMPUS)
 - TRICARE Plus
 - Medicare
 - Federal Employees Health Benefit Program (FEHBP)
 - Medicaid
 - A civilian HMO (such as Kaiser)
 - Other civilian health insurance (such as Blue Cross)
 - Uniformed Services Family Health Plans (USFHP)
 - The Veterans Administration (VA)
 - Not sure
 - O Did not use any health plan in the last 12 months
 - → Go to Question 8

For the remainder of this question 6.	estionnaire, the term n you indicated in	 10. Did you have the same personal doctor or nurse before you joined this health plan? Yes → Go to Question 12 		
7. How many months or yethis health plan? Less than 6 months 6 up to 12 months 12 up to 24 months 2 up to 5 years 5 up to 10 years 10 or more years	ears in a row have you been in	 No 11. Since you joined your health plan, how much of a problem, if any, was it to get a personal doctor or nurse you are happy with? A big problem A small problem Not a problem 		
The next questions ask about <u>your own</u> health care. <u>Do not</u> include care you got when you stayed overnight in a hospital. <u>Do not</u> include the times you went for dental care visits.		GETTING HEALTH CARE FROM A SPECIALIST When you answer the next questions, <u>do not</u> include dental visits. 12. <u>Specialists</u> are doctors like surgeons, heart doctors		
knows you best. This case specialist doctor, a nurs		allergy doctors, skin doctors, and others who specialize in one area of health care. In the last 12 months, did you or a doctor or nurse think you needed to see a specialist?		
personal doctor or nurs	etor or nurse possible	 13. In the last 12 months, how much of a problem, if any, was it to see a specialist that you needed to see? A big problem A small problem Not a problem I didn't need to see a specialist in the last 12 months. 14. In the last 12 months, did you see a specialist? Yes No → Go to Question 17 		



 15. We want to know your rating of the specialist you saw most often in the last 12 months. Using any number from 0 to 10 where 0 is the worst specialist possible, and 10 is the best specialist possible, what number would you use to rate the specialist? 0 Worst specialist possible 	 YOUR HEALTHCARE IN THE LAST 12 MONTHS - 19. In the last 12 months, did you have an illness, injury, or condition that needed care right away in a clinic, emergency room, or doctor's office? 			
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Best specialist possible I didn't see a specialist in the last 12 months. 16. In the last 12 months, was the specialist you saw most often the same doctor as your personal doctor?	 Yes No → Go to Question 22 20. In the last 12 months, when you needed care right away for an illness, injury, or condition, how often did you get care as soon as you wanted? Never Sometimes Usually Always I didn't need care right away for an illness, injury or condition in the last 12 months. 			
 Yes No I don't have a personal doctor or I didn't see a specialist in the last 12 months. 	21. In the last 12 months, when you needed care right away for an illness, injury, or condition, how long did you usually have to wait between trying to get care and actually seeing a provider? Same day			
CALLING DOCTORS' OFFICES 17. In the last 12 months, did you call a doctor's office or clinic during regular office hours to get help or advice for yourself? Yes No → Go to Question 19	 ○ 1 day ○ 2 days ○ 3 days ○ 4-7 days 			
 18. In the last 12 months, when you called during regular office hours, how often did you get the help or advice you needed? Never Sometimes Usually Always I didn't call for help or advice during regular office hours in the last 12 months. 	specialist doctor, a nurse practitioner, a physician			

23. In the last 12 months, not counting times you needed health care right away, how often did you get an appointment for health care as soon as you wanted?	28. In the last 12 months, how much of a problem, if any, was it to get the care, tests or treatment you or a doctor believed necessary?
 Never Sometimes Usually Always I had no appointments in the last 12 months 24. In the last 12 months, not counting the times you needed health care right away, how many days did you usually have to wait between making an appointment and actually seeing a provider? Same day 1 day 	 A big problem A small problem Not a problem I had no visits in the last 12 months. 29. In the last 12 months, did you need approval from your health plan for any care, tests or treatment? Yes No → Go to Question 31 30. In the last 12 months, how much of a problem, if any, were delays in health care while you waited for
2-3 days 4-7 days 8-14 days 15-30 days 15-30 days 1 had no appointments in the last 12 months 25. In the last 12 months, how many times did you go to	 A big problem A small problem Not a problem I had no visits in the last 12 months. 31. In the last 12 months, how often were you taken to the
an emergency room to get care for yourself? None 1 2 3 4 5 to 9 10 or more	exam room within 15 minutes of your appointment? Never Sometimes Usually Always I had no visits in the last 12 months. 32. In the last 12 months, how often did office staff at a
26. In the last 12 months (not counting times you went to an emergency room), how many times did you go to a doctor's office or clinic to get care for yourself? One → Go to Question 39 1 2 3 4 5 to 9 10 or more	doctor's office or clinic treat you with courtesy and respect? Never Sometimes Usually Always I had no visits in the last 12 months. 33. In the last 12 months, how often were office staff at a doctor's office or clinic as helpful as you thought the should be?
 27. In the last 12 months, did you or a doctor believe you needed any care, tests or treatment? Yes No → Go to Question 29 	 Never Sometimes Usually Always I had no visits in the last 12 months.





34.	In the last 12 months, how often did doctors or other health providers <u>listen carefully to you</u> ?	38. Using <u>any number from 0 to 10</u> where 0 is the worst health care possible, and 10 is the best health care
	○ Never	possible, what number would you use to rate all your health care in the last 12 months?
	○ Sometimes	
	○ Usually	0 Worst healthcare possible
	○ Always	○ 1
	○ I had no visits in the last 12 months.	\circ 2
		\circ 3
35.	In the last 12 months, how often did doctors or other	\circ 4
	health providers <u>explain things</u> in a way you could	5
	understand?	\circ 6
	○ Never	○ 7 ○ 8
	Sometimes	○ 6 ○ 9
	Usually	10 Best healthcare possible
	Always	I had no visits in the last 12 months.
	○ I had no visits in the last 12 months.	That he visits in the last 12 months.
		39. In the last 12 months, where did you go most often for
36.	In the last 12 months, how often did doctors or other health providers show respect for what you had to	your health care? MARK ONLY ONE ANSWER.
	say?	 A military facility - This includes: Military
		clinic, Military hospital, PRIMUS clinic,
	O Never	NAVCARE clinic
	Sometimes	A civilian facility - This includes: Doctor's
	Usually	office, Clinic, Hospital, Civilian TRICARE
	AlwaysI had no visits in the last 12 months.	contractor
	Tildu ilu visits ili ule idat 12 filoliula.	 Uniformed Services Family Health Plan facility
37 .	In the last 12 months, how often did doctors or other	(USFHP) ○ Veterans Affairs (VA) clinic or hospital
•	health providers spend enough time with you?	I went to none of the listed types of facilities
	•	in the last 12 months.
	○ Never	
	Sometimes	REFERRALS TO SPECIALISTS
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	○ Always	The following questions ask about your experiences
	I had no visits in the last 12 months.	with getting referrals to specialists through TRICARE
		Prime. Specialists are doctors like surgeons, heart
		doctors, allergy doctors, skin doctors and others who
		specialize in one area of health care. Beneficiaries
		enrolled in TRICARE Prime must get a referral from
		their primary care manager (PCM) before seeing a
		specialist.
		40. Are you enrolled in TRICARE Prime?
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		○ Yes
		○ No → Go to Question 55

 1. Are you enrolled to a military PCM or civilian PCM? ○ Military ○ Civilian ○ I don't have a PCM → Go to Question 55 ○ Don't Know → Go to Question 55 	48. In the past 12 months, how did your PCM most often learn about the care you get from civilian specialists? From my medical record From me My PCM calls or writes the specialist
2. In the last 12 months, have you been referred to a specialist by your PCM? — Yes	 The specialist calls or writes my PCM My PCM does not keep track of my care from civilian specialists Don't Know
 No → Go to Question 55 In the last 12 months, when you needed to see a specialist, how did you make an appointment? MARK ALL THAT APPLY Called the appointment center Called an MTF Called the doctor's office Asked my PCM to make the appointment Other 	 49. In the past 12 months, how often did your PCM seem to know enough about the care you get from civilian specialists? Always Usually Sometimes Never 50. In the last 12 months, were you referred to a specialist at an MTF?
4. In the last 12 months, how much of a problem was it to make an appointment to see a specialist?	YesNo → Go to Question 55
 Not a problem A small problem A big problem In the last 12 months, were you referred to any civilian specialists? 	 51. In the last 12 months, what is the longest you waited for an appointment to see a specialist at an MTF? 1 week or less More than 1 week but not more than 2 weeks More than 2 weeks but not more than 4 weeks More than 4 weeks
 Yes No → Go to Question 50 In the last 12 months, what is the longest you waited for an appointment to see a civilian specialist? 	52. In the last 12 months, what is the longest time you spent traveling (round-trip) to see a specialist at an MTF?
 1 week or less More than 1 week but not more than 2 weeks More than 2 weeks but not more than 4 weeks More than 4 weeks 	 1 hour or less More than 1 hour but not more than 2 hours More than 2 hours but not more than 4 hours More than 4 hours but not more than 8 hours More than 8 hours
7. In the last 12 months, what is the longest time you spent traveling (round-trip) to see a civilian specialist?	
 1 hour or less More than 1 hour but not more than 2 hours More than 2 hours but not more than 4 hours More than 4 hours but not more than 8 hours More than 8 hours 	





53. In the past 12 months, how did your PCM most often learn about the care you get from specialists at MTFs?	56. In the past 12 months, how much of a problem was it to get the health care you wanted from the TRICARE civilian provider network?
 From my medical records From me My PCM calls or writes the specialist The specialist calls or writes my PCM My PCM does not keep track of my care from specialists at MTFs Don't know 54. In the past 12 months, how often did your PCM seem to know enough about the care you get from specialists at MTFs?	 A big problem A small problem Not a problem I did not try to get healthcare from the civilian network 57. A personal doctor or nurse is the health provider who knows you best. This can be a general doctor, a specialist doctor, a nurse practitioner, or a physician assistant.
AlwaysUsuallySometimesNever	In the past 12 months, how much of a problem was it to find a conveniently located personal doctor or nurse from the TRICARE civilian provider network?
The following questions ask about your experiences with the TRICARE civilian provider network. TRICARE, including TRICARE Prime and Extra, is the	 A big problem A small problem Not a problem I did not try to find a personal doctor from the civilian network 58. In the past 12 months, how much of a problem was it
health care system of the Department of Defense that provides care for active duty and retired military personnel and their dependents. TRICARE includes the hospitals, clinics and pharmacies of the three services, supplemented by a civilian network.	to find a conveniently located lab or x-ray facility in the TRICARE civilian provider network? A big problem A small problem Not a problem
The TRICARE civilian provider network is made up of the doctors, clinics, hospitals and other health care providers who are part of DoD's preferred provider pool. The next six questions refer to health services you received from the civilian network.	 I did not try to find a lab or x-ray facility in the civilian network 59. Specialists are doctors like surgeons, heart doctors, allergy doctors, skin doctors, and others who specialize in one area of health care.
55. In the past 12 months, how much of your health care did you receive from the TRICARE civilian provider network?	In the past 12 months, how much of a problem was it to find a conveniently located specialist from the TRICARE civilian provider network?
 All of my healthcare Most of my healthcare Some of my healthcare None of my healthcare I did not need healthcare in the past 12 months → Go to Question 61 	 A big problem A small problem Not a problem I did not try to find a specialist in the civilian network.

i0. In the past 12 months, did you learn tha whom you wanted to see had left the TF provider network?	
YesNoI did not want to see any network doct	O Always Don't know
The next questions ask about your experies our health plan. By your health plan, we n lealth plan you marked in Question 6.	
1. Claims are sent to a health plan for paymay send in the claims yourself, or doc hospitals, or others may do this for you months, did you or anyone else send in to your health plan?	iors,
 Yes No → Go to Question 65 Don't know → Go to Question 65 In the last 12 months, how often did you handle your claims in a reasonable time 	
 Never Sometimes Usually Always Don't know No claims were sent for me in the last months. 3. In the last 12 months, how often did you handle your claims correctly? Never Sometimes Usually Always Don't know No claims were sent for me in the last months. 	67. In the last 12 months, did you call your health plan's customer service to get information or help? Yes No → Go to Question 69 68. In the last 12 months, how much of a problem, if any, was it to get the help you needed when you called your health plan's customer service? A big problem A small problem Not a problem I didn't call my health plan's customer service in the last 12 months. 69. In the last 12 months, have you called or written your health plan with a complaint or problem?





71	Notes that the formulation of the health plan to resolve your complaint? Same day 2-7 days 8-14 days 15-21 days More than 21 days I am still waiting for it to be settled. → Go to Question 72 I haven't called or written with a complaint or problem in the last 12 months. Was your complaint or problem settled to your satisfaction? Yes → Go to Question 73 No → Go to Question 72 I haven't called or written with a complaint or problem in the last 12 months. How long have you been waiting for your health plan to resolve your complaint? 1-7 days 8-14 days 15-21 days More than 21 days I haven't called or written with a complaint or problem in the last 12 months. In the last 12 months, did you have to fill out any paperwork for your health plan? Yes No → Go to Question 75 In the last 12 months, how much of a problem, if any, did you have with paperwork for your health plan? A big problem A small problem Not a problem I didn't have any experiences with paperwork for my health plan in the last 12 months.	75. Using any number from 0 to 10 where 0 is the wors health plan possible, and 10 is the best health plan possible, what number would you use to rate your health plan? 0 Worst health plan possible 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Best health plan possible 76. If you are currently enrolled in TRICARE Prime, hor likely are you to disenroll from TRICARE Prime for different type of health plan in the next 12 months? Very unlikely Unlikely Neither likely nor unlikely Likely Very likely Not sure I am not currently enrolled in TRICARE Prime
	A small problemNot a problem	○ More than 2 years ago

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79.	When did you last have a cholesterol screening, that is, a test to determine the level of cholesterol in your blood?	85.	On how many visits was medication recommended or discussed to assist you with quitting smoking (for example: nicotine gum, patch, nasal spray, inhaler, prescription medication)?
	 Less than 12 months ago 1 to 2 years ago More than 2 but less than 5 years ago 5 or more years ago Never had a cholesterol screening 		None 1 visit 2 to 4 visits 5 to 9 visits 10 or more visits
BO.	When did you last have a flu shot?		○ I had no visits in the last 12 months.
	 Less than 12 months ago 1 - 2 years ago More than 2 years ago Never had a flu shot 	86.	On how many visits did your doctor or health provider recommend or discuss methods and strategies (other than medication) to assist you with quitting smoking?
B1.	Have you ever <u>smoked</u> at least 100 cigarettes in your entire life?		 None 1 visit 2 to 4 visits 5 to 9 visits
	 Yes No → Go to Question 87 Don't know → Go to Question 87 	27	10 or more visitsI had no visits in the last 12 months. Are you male or female?
82.	Do you now smoke everyday, some days or not at all?	07.	•
	 ○ Every day → Go to Question 84 ○ Some days → Go to Question 84 ○ Not at all → Go to Question 83 ○ Don't know → Go to Question 87 	88.	 Male → Go to Question 88 Female → Go to Question 89 When was the last time you had a prostate gland examination or blood test for prostate disease?
83.	How long has it been since you <u>quit smoking</u> cigarettes? ○ Less than 12 months → Go to Question 84 ○ 12 months or more → Go to Question 87 ○ Don't know → Go to Question 87		 Within the last 12 months 1 to 2 years ago More than 2 but less than 5 years ago 5 or more years ago Never had a prostate gland examination
84.	In the last 12 months, on how many visits were you advised to quit smoking by a doctor or other health provider in your plan?	Go	to Question 96
	 None 1 visit 2 to 4 visits 5 to 9 visits 10 or more visits I had no visits in the last 12 months. 	89.	When did you last have a Pap smear test? Within the last 12 months 1 to 3 years ago More than 3 but less than 5 years ago 5 or more years ago Never had a Pap smear test

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90. Are you under age 40?	
Yes → Go to Question 93No	ABOUT YOU
91. When was the last time your breasts were checked by mammography? Output Within the last 12 months 1 to 2 years ago More than 2 years ago but less than 5 years ago 5 or more years ago Never had a mammogram	96. In general, how would you rate your overall health now? Excellent Very Good Good Fair Poor 97. How tall are you without your shoes on? Write the number on the line and then fill in the bubble below.
92. When was the last time you had a breast exam by a health care professional?	a. Feet
 Within the last 12 months 1 to 2 years ago More than 2 but less than 5 years ago 5 or more years ago Never had a breast exam 	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 b. Inches 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
93. Have you been pregnant in the last 12 months or are you pregnant now?	00000000000
 Yes, I am currently pregnant → Go to Question 94 No, I am not currently pregnant, but have been pregnant in the past 12 months → Go to Question 95 No, I am not currently pregnant, and have not been pregnant in the past 12 months → Go to Question 96 	 98. How much do you weigh without your shoes on? Please write the number of pounds on the line below. ———— pounds 99. Are you limited in any way in any activities because of any impairment or health problem? Yes No
94. In what trimester is your pregnancy?	100. Thinking about your physical health, which includes physical illness and injury, for how many days during
First trimesterSecond trimesterThird trimester	the past 30 days was your physical health not good?
95. In which trimester did you first receive prenatal care? Second trimester Third trimester Did not receive prenatal care	○ 1 ○ 8 ○ 15 ○ 22 ○ 29 ○ 2 ○ 9 ○ 16 ○ 23 ○ 30 ○ 3 ○ 10 ○ 17 ○ 24 ○ 4 ○ 11 ○ 18 ○ 25 ○ 5 ○ 12 ○ 19 ○ 26 ○ 6 ○ 13 ○ 20 ○ 27

101. Thinking about your mental health, which includes stress, depression, and problems with emotions, for how many days during the past 30 days was your		105. During the past 30 days, for about how many days have you felt worried, tense or anxious?							
	mental ○ 0 ○ 1 ○ 2 ○ 3 ○ 4	7 8 9 10 11	900d? 14 15 16 17 18	 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 	○ 28○ 29○ 30	0 0 7 0 1 0 8 0 2 0 9 0 3 0 10 0 4 0 11 0 5 0 12 0 6 0 13	15 16 17 1 18 2 19 3 20 at 30 days, fo		
102.	poor pl	nysical or i	mental hea	alth keep y	w many days did ou from doing	have you felt y	14	21	28
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	0 3 0 4 0 5	1011	171819	2425	- ••	108. What is the hig have complete		or level of s	school that you
104. During the past 30 days, for about how many days have you felt sad, blue, or depressed?		8th grade oSome highHigh schooSome colle4-year colle	school, but di I graduate or ge or 2-year (GED	aate				
	0 0 0 1	○ 7○ 8○ 0	141516		282930		1-year college	•	ur descent?
	\bigcirc 3 \bigcirc 4	910111213	1718	2425	 	(Mark "NO" if r No, not Spa Yes, Mexica Yes, Puerto Yes, Cubar Yes, other S	not Spanish/l anish, Hispani an, Mexican / o Rican n	Hispanic/Latino American, C	atino.) Chicano





110. What is your race? (Mark ONE OR MORE races to indicate what you consider yourself to be.) White Black or African American American Indian or Alaska Native

 Asian (e.g., Asian Indian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese)

 Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander (e.g., Samoan, Guamanian, or Chamorro)

111. What is your age now?

\bigcirc 18	to	24
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○ 25 to 34

○ 35 to 44

○ 45 to 54

○ 55 to 64

O 65 to 74

○ 75 or older

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