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Start Fieldwork: TBD End Fieldwork: TBD

## **SAMPLE VARIABLES**

- KP standard demographics
- xppfs0596: 1=Under \$50,000; 2=\$50,000 \$99,999; 3=\$100,000 \$249,999; 4=\$250,000 \$499,999; 5=\$500,000 \$999,999;
   6=\$1,000,000 or more; 7=Not sure; 8=Not asked; 9=Refused; 10=missing
- XSPANISH: 1=English, 2=Spanish
- Xzip
- XACSLANG: 1 = English Proficient; 2 = Bilingual; 3=Spanish Proficient; 4 = Hispanics who have missing data; re-ask in field; 5 = Non-Hispanics, not asked
- Xppracem: 1=White; 2=Black or African American; 3=American Indian or Alaska Native; 4=Asian; 5=Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; 6=2+ races
- Xmortgage: 1=main; 2=AA augment; 3=Hispanic augment; 4=Asian augment
- Xhispan: 1=No; 2 = Mexican/Mexican-American/Chicano; 3=Puerto Rican; 4=Cuban, Cuban American; 8=Other Spanish/Hispanic/Latino

#### Screening

Offpanel [s]: 1=offpanel 0=KP

#### BASE: offpanel=1

[SP]

## [PROMPT]

Prefer LangC.

¿Prefiere llenar sus encuestas en español o en inglés? Do you prefer to do surveys in Spanish or English?

Español	1
Fnalish	2

## [If Prefer LangC="Espanol, switch to spanish version of the survey]

#### **BASE: all respondents**

#### Introduction [Display]

Thank you for participating in this study. We are conducting a national survey and we would like to include your opinions. Please be assured that we are not selling anything and that your answers will be held in the strictest confidence. This survey is for research purposes only and your individual responses will not be shared with anyone.

# [ACSLANG/XACSLANG - ASKED OF HISPANICS ONLY; PROMPT ONCE terminate if still refuse

#### **BASE: XACSLANG=4 OR NULL**

# QACSLAN1 [SP]

Do you speak a language other than English at home?

#### BASE: (XACSLANG=4 OR NULL) AND QACSLAN1 = 1

#### **QACSLAN2 [M]**

What language do you speak at home other than English?

- 1 Spanish
- 2 Chinese (any dialect)
- 3 Tagalog
- 4 Vietnamese
- 5 French
- 6 German
- 7 Another language

#### BASE: (XACSLANG=4 OR NULL) AND QACSLAN1 = 1

#### QACSLAN3 [SP]

How well do you speak English?

- 1 Very well
- 2 Well
- 3 Not well
- 4 Not at all

Create Data-only variable QACSLANG by using the below logic involving responses to QACSLAN1-QACSLAN3

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create numeric variable, qacslang, range [1,3] if qacslan1 = 2 qacslang = 1. if qacslan1 = REFUSED and (respondent is taking survey in English) qacslang = 1. if qacslan1 = REFUSED and (respondent is taking survey in Spanish) qacslang = 3. if qacslan2 = 2-7, REFUSED and (respondent is taking survey in English) qacslang = 1. if qacslan2 = 2-7, REFUSED and (respondent is taking survey in Spanish) qacslang = 3. if qacslan2 = 1 and (qacslan3 = 1 or qacslan3 = 2) qacslang = 2. if qacslan2 = 1 and (qacslan3 = REFUSED) and (respondent is taking survey in English) qacslang = 2. if qacslan2 = 1 and (qacslan3 = REFUSED) and (respondent is taking survey in Spanish) qacslang = 3.
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#### **DATA ONLY [SINGLE PUNCH]**

DOV\_ACSLANG - LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY - AGGREGATE OF XACSLANG AND QACSLANG (QACSLAN1-QACSLAN4) INSTRUCTIONS: IF XACSLANG=1-3 THEN DOV\_ACSLANG=XACSLANG. IF XACSLANG=4 OR NULL THEN DOV\_ACSLANG=QACSLANG. IF XACSLANG=5 THEN DOV\_ACSLANG=5.

- 1. English Proficient
- 2. Bilingual
- 3. Spanish Proficient
- 4. Hispanics who have missing data; re-ask in field
- 5. Non-Hispanics, not asked

#### **SAMVAR Definition**

Variable name: XACSLANG

Type: SP

Variable Text: Primary Language

Response list:

- -1 Refused
- 1. English Proficient
- 2. Bilingual
- 3. Spanish Proficient
- 4. Hispanics who have missing data; re-ask in field
- Non-Hispanics, not asked

## **Base: All respondents**

#### Scripter: Prompt

#### Q1 [S]

Which of the following best describes how financial decisions (e.g., opening and closing bank accounts, applying for loans, and handling savings and investments) are made in your household?

- 1. You make all or almost all financial decisions yourself
- 2. You share financial decisions with your spouse, partner, or someone else in your household
- 3. Your spouse, partner, or someone else in your household makes all or almost all financial decisions **TERMINATE**
- 4. Don't know TERMINATE

Programmer: If Q1=3, 4 or -1 please terminate and insert standard closing.

# Base: All respondents Scripter: Prompt

#### Q2 [S]

How involved are you in gathering information to make financial decisions (e.g., on loans, credit cards, mortgages, lines of credit)?

- 1. Very involved
- 2. Involved
- 3. Somewhat involved
- 4. Not very involved
- 5. Not at all involved

Programmer: If Q2= refused please terminate and insert standard closing.

# Base: All respondents Scripter: Prompt

## Q3 [m]

Sometimes the type of work a person does affects the products and services they buy. Are you or any member of your household employed in any of the following types of businesses?

- 1. An advertising agency **TERMINATE**
- 2. A market research company or public-opinion research company or a market research department of any company **TERMINATE**
- 3. A bank or financial institution
- 4. Retail/fashion
- 5. Telecommunications
- 6. Hospitality, such as hotels and restaurants
- 7. Health care
- 8. None of these

Programmer: If Q3=1 or 2 or refused terminate and insert standard closing.

## Main questionnaire

# Base: All respondents

#### Q4 [S]

A credit score is a number lenders use to help them decide how likely it is that they will be repaid on time if they give a borrower a loan or a credit card. Your personal credit score is based on your credit history.

As far as you are aware, using a scale of 1 to 5 where 1 is "Very Poor" and 5 is "Excellent", where do you think your credit score falls?

1. Very poor

- 2. Poor
- 3. Fair
- 4. Good
- 5. Excellent
- 6. Don't know
- 7. Didn't know I had a score

## Scripter: Randomize and record order

## Q5 [M]

Which of the following financial products do you <u>currently</u> own in your name or jointly with another person? Please select all that apply.

- 1. Mortgage
- 2. Checking account
- 3. Auto loan
- 4. Home-equity loan/home-equity line of credit
- 5. Credit card
- 6. Student loan
- 7. None of the above [S] [anchor]

#### BASE: offpanel=1 OR xppfs0596=7-10

#### ppfs0596 [s]

What is the approximate total amount of your household's savings and investable assets?

#### [SPACE]

This would include CDs, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, cash, savings, and IRAs. It would not include any investment in real estate, primary and secondary residences, business ventures, or assets in an employer-sponsored retirement plan or other profit-sharing.

- 1. Under \$50,000
- 2. \$50.000 \$99.999
- 3. \$100,000 \$249,999
- 4. \$250.000 \$499.999
- 5. \$500,000 \$999,999
- 6. \$1,000,000 or more
- 7. Not sure

## Base: IF xppfs0596=1 or ppfs0596=1 (assets <\$50K)

## QE [S]

What is the approximate total amount of your household's savings and investable assets?

- 1. Under \$10,000
- 2. \$10,000-19,999
- 3. \$20,000-\$29,999
- 4. \$30,000-\$39,999
- 5. \$40,000-\$49,999

## **Base: All respondents**

#### Q6 [S]

Which best describes how you currently live in your primary residence?

- 1. I rent it
- 2. I don't pay for housing
- 3. I own it with a mortgage, such as a first mortgage, second mortgage, or Home Equity Line of Credit (HELOC) or Home Equity Loan

- 4. I own it outright and do not have any debt on it (without a mortgage or HELOC)
- 5. Other (specify) [O]

## Base: IF Q6=3 OR 4

#### Q7 [S]

Is this the first home you have owned?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

## Base: IF Q6=1, 2, or 5

#### Q8 [S]

Do you own a home or have you ever owned a home in the past?

- 1. Yes currently own
- 2. Yes owned in past but not currently
- 3. No never owned a home

# Base: All respondents

### **QA.** [S]

Which of the following describes the type of home you currently live in?

- 1. Mobile Home
- 2. Single family house unit that is detached from any other house
- 3. Single family house unit that is attached to one or more houses (e.g., townhomes)
- 4. Apartments/Condos
- 5. Others
- 6. Don't know

# Base: QA=4

## QB [S]

You mentioned that you currently live in an apartment or a condo, how many units are there in the building you live in?

- 1. Building with 4 or fewer apartments/condos
- 2. Building with 5 to 49 apartments/condos
- 3. Building with 50 or more apartments/condos
- 4. Don't know

## **Base: All respondents**

## QQ [Q, range 1900-2018]

What year did you move into your current home?

# Base: Q6=3

#### QR. [S]

Have you ever refinanced the mortgage on your current home?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

#### Base: QR=1

# QS [Q, range 1900-2018]

What year was your most recent refinance?

#### Base: (Q6=3 or 4) or Q8=1

#### QW. [Q, range 0-999,999,999]

Approximately how much equity do you have in your home?

#### \$ [number box]

Base: IF Q6=1

Scripter: Rotate 1-9 and record

## Q9 [S]

What is your primary reason for renting now?

- 1. Renting is a more affordable option
- 2. Renting allows you to live in a better neighborhood
- 3. Renting is less hassle and stress
- 4. You don't think you would be qualified to obtain a mortgage
- 5. You are making yourself financially ready to own
- 6. Renting gives you more flexibility in your future choices
- 7. Renting protects against declines in home prices
- 8. Renting provides a more convenient location
- 9. You cannot find a home you want to buy
- 10. Other (specify) [O] [anchor]

## **CFPB Financial Well-Being Scale**

**Base: All respondents** 

Scripter: Randomize and record

## Q10 [Banked Grid, S]

How well does this statement describe you or your situation?

[RAN	IDOMIZE]	Complet ely	Very Well	Somewhat	Very Little	Not at all
1	I could handle a major unexpected expense	0	0	0	0	0
2	I am securing my financial future	0	0	0	0	0
3	Because of my money situation, I feel like I will never have the things I want in life	0	0	0	0	0
4	I can enjoy life because of the way I'm managing my money	0	0	0	0	0
5	I am just getting by financially	0	0	0	0	0
6	I am concerned that the money I have or will save won't last					

**Base: All respondents** 

Scripter: Randomize and record

## Q11\_NEW [Banked grid, S]

How often does this statement apply to you?

[RAI	NDOMIZE]	Alway s	Often	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
1	Giving a gift for a wedding, birthday or other occasion would put a strain on my finances for the month	0	0	0	0	0
2	I have money left over at the end of the month	0	0	0	0	0
3	I am behind with my finances	0	0	0	0	0
4	My finances control my life	0	0	0	0	0

## **Homeownership Views**

## Base: All respondents

## [DISPLAY TEXT]

The next set of questions is about your views about housing. There is no right or wrong answer to any question – we only want to hear your thoughts.

## Base: All respondents

#### QP. [S]

Assuming you could afford either, do you prefer to live in...

- 1. A home you own
- 2. A home you rent

# Base: All respondents

Scripter: Rotate order of responses 1-4 or 4-1 and record order. Show question text in same order

#### Q11 [S]

In general, do you think this is a [ROTATE (good time or a bad time)] to buy a house?

- 1. Very good time
- 2. Somewhat good time
- 3. Somewhat bad time
- 4. Very bad time

## Base: IF Q11=1 OR 2

Scripter: Randomize and record

## Q12 [S]

Please tell me the <u>primary</u> reason why you think this is a good time to buy a house.

- 1. Home prices are low
- 2. Mortgage rates are favorable
- 3. There are many homes available on the market
- 4. It is easy to qualify for a mortgage
- 5. Economic conditions overall are favorable
- 6. Other (specify) [O]

## Base: IF Q11=3 OR 4

Scripter: Randomize and record order

#### 013 [S]

Please tell me the primary reason why you think this is a bad time to buy a house.

- 1. Home prices are high
- 2. Mortgage rates are not favorable
- 3. There are not many homes available on the market
- 4. It is difficult to qualify for a mortgage
- 5. Economic conditions overall are not favorable
- 6. Other (specify) [O]

## Q14 [S]

When do you expect to move next?

- 1. Never
- 2. Less than 1 year from now
- 3. Over 1 but less than 3 years from now
- 4. Over 3 but less than 5 years from now
- 5. 5 years or more from now

## Base: All respondents

#### Q15 [S]

On your next move, would you be more likely to:

- 1. Rent
- 2. Buy

# Base: All respondents

#### Q16 [S]

Are you actively planning to buy a home?

- 1. Within a year
- 2. Within two years
- 3. Within three years
- 4. Not actively planning to buy a home

# Base: All respondents

#### QC [S]

When, if ever, was the last time you seriously considered buying a home?

- 1. Within the past year
- 2. Within the past two years
- 3. Within the past five years
- 4. More than five years ago
- 5. Never

# Base: Q6=3

#### QD. [S]

When, if ever, was the last time you seriously considered refinancing your mortgage?

- 1. Within the past year
- 2. Within the past two years
- 3. Within the past five years
- 4. More than five years ago

#### 5. Never

## **Base: All respondents**

### QT. [S]

Suppose you had \$100 in a savings account and the interest rate was 2% per year. After 5 years, how much do you think you would have in the account if you left the money to grow?

- 1. More than \$102
- 2. Exactly \$102
- 3. Less than \$102

#### **Base: All respondents**

## **QU.** [S]

Imagine that the interest rate on your savings account was 1% per year and inflation was 2% per year. After 1 year, how much would you be able to buy with the money in this account?

- 1. More than today
- 2. Exactly the same
- 3. Less than today

#### **Base: All respondents**

#### **QV.** [S

Do you believe this to be true or false. "Buying a single company's stock usually provides a safer return than a stock mutual fund."

- 1. True
- 2. False

#### Understanding of Mortgage Qualification

#### Base: All respondents

[DISPLAY TEXT]: The next set of questions is about your views about getting a mortgage to purchase or refinance a home today. When answering these questions, please focus on the primary mortgage for home purchase or refinance, not second mortgage, Home Equity Loan or Home Equity Line of Credit. Please remember that there is no right or wrong answer to any question – we only want to hear your thoughts.

#### **Base: All respondents**

Scripter: Rotate and record order (1-4 or 4-1). Show question text in same order

#### Q17 [S]

How [ROTATE (easy or difficult)] do you think it would be <u>for you</u> to get a mortgage to purchase or refinance a home today? [ROTATE 1-4, 4-1]

- 1. Very difficult
- 2. Somewhat difficult
- 3. Somewhat easy
- 4. Very easy

#### **Base: All respondents**

Q19 [S]

In general, how confident would <u>you</u> feel if you were going through the <u>process</u> of getting a mortgage today to purchase or refinance a home?

- 1. Extremely confident
- 2. Very confident
- 3. Somewhat confident
- 4. Not very confident
- 5. Not at all confident

# Base: IF Q17=1 OR 2 (VERY/SOMEWHAT DIFFICULT)

Scripter: Randomize items and record

## Q21\_1st [S]

Earlier you mentioned that you think it would be [PIPE IN RESPONSE FROM Q17: very difficult, somewhat difficult] for you to get a mortgage today to purchase or refinance a home. Listed below are some common reasons. Which of the following is the MOST important reason?

- 1. Affording the down payment or closing costs
- 2. Insufficient credit score or credit history
- 3. Too much existing debt (e.g., auto loans, student loans, credit card payments)
- 4. Insufficient income to afford monthly mortgage payments
- 5. Lack of job security or stability
- 6. Mortgage application process is too complicated
- 7. Documentation of income or down payment sources
- 8. Lack of trusted sources of information to help you make the right decisions
- 9. Income fluctuates too much
- 10. Other (specify) [O] [anchor]

**Base: All respondents** 

Scripter: Randomize and record items

Scripter: Split over 2 screens

## Q22 [Banked Grid, S]

How important do you think the following are to lenders for making a decision about a loan application? [RANDOMIZE 1-11, ANCHOR 12. ALLOW ONE SELECTION PER ROW]

_	NDOMIZE. SPLIT OVER TWO SCREENS PREVENT SPEEDING.]	Extremely important	,	Somewhat important	Not important	Don't know
1	Borrower's credit score	0	0	0	0	0
2	Borrower's monthly total debt payment obligations (e.g., existing or expected mortgage payment, student loan, auto loan, credit card payment) compared to monthly household income	0	0	0	0	0
3	The mortgage loan amount compared to the sale price or the appraised value of the home	0	0	0	0	0
4	How much savings a borrower has left after paying the down payment	0	0	0	0	0

5	If a borrower has been pre-qualified or pre-approved for a mortgage loan	0	0	0	0	0
6	Income stability from month to month or year to year	0	0	0	0	0
7	How long a borrower has been with their current employer	0	0	0	0	0
8	Whether or not a borrower has owned a property previously	0	0	0	0	0
9	Adverse events (e.g., collection, bankruptcy, foreclosure, short sale)	0	0	0	0	0
10	Complete financial documentation (e.g., pay stubs, tax returns, bank accounts)	0	0	0	0	0
11	Job status (e.g., unemployed, self- employed, employed)	0	0	0	0	0
12	Other (specify) [O] [anchor]	0	0	0	0	0

Scripter: Randomize and record items

# Q23\_1st [S]

Which of these factors do you think are most common for lenders <u>denying</u> a borrower's application for a mortgage or refinance?

- 1. Borrower's credit score
- 2. Borrower's monthly total debt payment obligations (e.g., existing or expected mortgage payment, student loan, auto loan, credit card payment) compared to monthly household income
- 3. The mortgage loan amount compared to the sale price or the appraised value of the home
- 4. How much savings a borrower has left after paying the down payment
- 5. If a borrower has not gone through the process of getting pre-qualified or pre-approved for a mortgage loan
- 6. Income stability from month to month or year to year
- 7. How long a borrower has been with their current employer
- 8. Whether or not a borrower has owned a property previously
- 9. Adverse events (e.g., collection, bankruptcy, foreclosure, short sale)
- 10. Complete financial documentation (e.g., pay stubs, tax returns, bank accounts)
- 11. Job status (e.g., unemployed, self-employed, employed)
- 12. [pipe in answer from Q22] [anchor]

#### **Base: All respondents**

#### Q24 [S]

Have you ever seen your credit score?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

# Base: IF Q24=1, ASK

## Q25 [S]

Approximately how long ago did you last see your credit score? Your best guess is fine.

- 1. Within the last 6 months
- 2. Over 6 months but less than 1 year ago
- 3. Over 1 but less than 2 years ago

- 4. Over 2 but less than 3 years ago
- 5. 3 or more years ago

#### Base: If Q24=1

#### Q26 [S]

How did you learn about your credit score the last time that you saw it?

- 1. From your bank
- 2. From your credit card statements
- 3. From a credit report you requested
- 4. From a credit report requested by a lender or company with whom you did business (e.g., credit card company, phone company)
- 5. From a credit monitoring service you use
- 6. Other (specify) [O]

## Base: All respondents

## Q27 [S]

If you wanted to improve your credit score, how confident are you that would be able to do so?

- 1. Very confident
- 2. Somewhat confident
- 3. Not very confident
- 4. Not at all confident

# Base: All respondents

#### Q28 [S]

How familiar are you with the term "FICO® score"?

- 1. Very familiar
- 2. Somewhat familiar
- 3. Not too familiar
- 4. Not at all familiar

#### **Base: All respondents**

[DISPLAY TEXT] As you may know, credit score is a number that is used to predict how likely you are to pay back a loan on time. Lenders use credit scores that are produced by many different scoring models. The most widely used scores are the "FICO® scores".

## Base: All respondents

## Q29 [Q, range=0-1000]

In order for borrowers to get a mortgage today, what do you think is the minimum FICO® score lenders would require? [ENTER NUMBER SET RANGE 0-1,000 – NOTE THAT RESPONDENTS WILL NOT SEE THIS AND WE RECOGNIZE THIS IS LARGER THAN THE ACTUAL CREDIT SCORE RANGE. ALLOW DON'T KNOW OPTION]

## **Base: All respondents**

Q30 [Q, range 0-1000]

To your best knowledge, what do you think <u>your FICO</u>® score is? **[ENTER NUMBER SET RANGE 0-1,000 –NOTE THAT RESPONDENTS WILL NOT SEE THIS AND WE RECOGNIZE THIS IS LARGER THAN THE ACTUAL CREDIT SCORE RANGE. ALLOW DON'T KNOW OPTION]** 

# Base: All respondents

[DISPLAY TEXT] The next few questions are about making down payments.

#### Base: All respondents

## Q31 [Q, range 0-100. Allow don't know SP option]

Imagine that you are planning to purchase a home. What is the <u>minimum</u> percentage of the home's sale price or appraised value that you would feel comfortable paying as a down payment in order to proceed with applying for a mortgage loan?

[ENTER NUMERIC 0-100. ALLOW DON'T KNOW OPTION] % down payment.

## **Base: All respondents**

#### Q32 [Q, range 0-100. Allow don't know SP option]

Based on what you have heard, what is the percentage of a home's sale price or appraised value that <u>lenders expect</u> borrowers pay as a down payment for a typical mortgage today?

[ENTER NUMERIC 0-100. ALLOW DON'T KNOW OPTION] % down payment.

## Base: All respondents

## Q33 [Q, range 0-100. Allow don't know SP option]

Regardless of what lenders expect, what do you think is the minimum down payment that lenders actually require?

[ENTER NUMERIC 0-100. ALLOW DON'T KNOW OPTION] % down payment.

## **Base: All respondents**

#### [DISPLAY]

The next two questions are about the percentage of your household monthly income that goes toward paying off different types of monthly debt payments.

## **Base: All respondents**

#### Q34 [Q, range 0-100. Allow don't know SP option]

In general, lenders do not want borrowers paying more than a certain percentage of their monthly household income to pay a monthly home mortgage payment. As far as you know, what is the percentage of monthly household income that <u>lenders do not want borrowers to exceed</u> when paying a monthly <u>home mortgage payment</u>?

[ENTER NUMERIC 0-100. ALLOW DON'T KNOW OPTION] % of income.

## **Base: All respondents**

## Q35 [Q, range 0-100. Allow don't know SP option]

And what is the percentage of a borrower's monthly household income that lenders do not want <u>a borrower's recurring</u> <u>monthly debt payments to exceed?</u> (Include expected housing costs such as mortgage, homeowner's insurance and property taxes and other payments such as credit cards and auto loans)

[ENTER NUMERIC 0-100. ALLOW DON'T KNOW OPTION] % of income.

## **Base: All respondents**

## Q38 [S]

As you may know, there are programs that allow some people to get a mortgage with a down payment as low as 3% to 5% of the sale price or the appraised value of the home. Generally speaking, how familiar are you with these programs?

- 1. Very familiar
- 2. Somewhat familiar
- 3. Not too familiar
- 4. Not at all familiar

## **Energy Efficiency**

## **Base: All respondents**

#### QK1. [S]

If you were looking for a home today, would you, be willing pay more for a home that was more energy efficient?

- 1. I would pay a lot more
- 2. I would pay a little more
- 3. I would pay about the same
- 4. I would pay a little less
- 5. I would pay a lot less

## Base: Q6=3 or 4

## QL. [S]

Are you satisfied or unsatisfied with your home's current energy efficiency?

- 1. Very satisfied
- 2. Somewhat satisfied
- 3. Somewhat unsatisfied
- 4. Very unsatisfied

#### Base: QL>1 (Not very satisfied)

#### QM. [S]

Have you looked into making upgrades to your home's energy efficiency?

- 1. Yes, I have looked into energy efficiency upgrades costing \$3,000 or more
- 2. Yes, I have looked into energy efficiency upgrades costing less than \$3,000
- 2. No, I have not looked into making energy efficiency upgrades

# Base: QL=3 or 4

#### **QN.** [S]

Are you aware of any types of loans that are specifically designed to pay for home energy efficiency upgrades?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

# Base: All respondents

## QO. [S]

In general, do you think that home energy efficiency upgrades are...

- 1. Usually worth the investment
- 2. Sometimes worth the investment and sometimes not worth the investment
- 3. Usually not worth the investment

## Base: All respondents

## QY. [Q, Range, 0-9999]

About how much per month do you spend on each of the following utility costs? Even if you don't know, your best guess is fine.

- 1. Gas and/or oil \$[Q, Range, 0-9999] per month
- 2. Electricity \$[Q, Range, 0-9999] per month
- 3. Water \$[Q, Range, 0-9999] per month
- 4. Any other monthly heating or cooling costs not included in the previous categories \$[Q, Range, 0-9999] per month

## Where People Get Information/Information Penetration

## **Base: All respondents**

Scripter: Randomize and record order.

## Q40 [M, up to 3]

From which THREE of the following information sources do you read, see, or hear the most often about getting mortgages for home purchase or refinance? Please select up to three sources.

- 1. Family and friends
- 2. Realtors/real estate agents
- 3. Lenders (e.g., banks or non-bank mortgage companies)
- 4. Financial planners and financial advisors
- 5. Non-profit housing counselors
- 6. Government agencies
- 7. Mass media (e.g., TV, radio, and magazines)
- 8. Social media/online forums or blogs
- 9. Online websites (e.g., Bankrate.com, Zillow, or Realtor.com)
- 10. Other (specify) [o] [anchor]

## Scripter: Randomize and record items

## Q41\_1st [S]

Generally speaking, which of the following is the most influential to you personally when it comes to getting advice about getting a mortgage for home purchase or refinance?

- 1. Family and friends
- Realtors/real estate agents
- 3. Lenders (e.g., banks or non-bank mortgage companies)
- 4. Financial planners and financial advisors
- 5. Non-profit housing counselors
- 6. Government agencies
- 7. Mass media (e.g., TV, radio, and magazines)
- 8. Social media/online forums or blogs
- 9. Online websites (e.g., Bankrate.com, Zillow, or Realtor.com)
- 10. [Pipe in from "other" in Q40] [anchor]

#### Past Mortgage Experience and Current Situation

## **Base: All respondents**

### Q44 [S]

Have you tried to get a mortgage or tried to get pre-qualification for a mortgage over the past 3 years in an attempt to buy a home?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

#### Base: IF Q44=1

#### Q45 [S]

What was the outcome?

- 1. You were approved
- 2. You delayed or stopped the process
- 3. You were not approved

#### Base: Q6=3 or 4

#### QF. [Range, 0-3,000,000]

If you were selling your home now, what do you think the selling price would be?

## Base: (Q6=3) and Q5=1 and Q5=4

### QG. [Q, range 0-3,000,000]

You mentioned earlier that you have a mortgage. To the best of your knowledge, what is the remaining balance on your mortgage? (Please do not include your home-equity loan/home-equity line of credit balance in your answer)

#### Base: (Q6=3) and Q5=1 and Q5 NE 4

## QH. [Q, range 0-999,999]

You mentioned earlier that you have a mortgage. To the best of your knowledge, what is the remaining balance on your mortgage?

# Base: (Q6=3) and Q5 NE 1 and Q5=4

#### QI. [Q, range 0-999,999]

You mentioned earlier that you have a home-equity loan and/or home-equity line of credit. To the best of your knowledge, what is the remaining balance on your home-equity loan and/or home equity line of credit?

#### Base: (Q6=3) and Q5=1 and Q5=4

**QJ. [Q, range 0-999,999]** You also mentioned earlier that you have a home-equity loan and/or home-equity line of credit. To the best of your knowledge, what is the remaining balance on your home-equity loan and/or home equity line of credit? (Please do not include your mortgage balance in your answer)

#### Mobile Technology Usage

**Base: All respondents** 

Scripter: Randomize and record

#### Q53 [M]

Do you own or use any of the following devices? Please select all that apply. [RANDOMIZE 1-3, ANCHOR 5 AND MAKE EXCLUSIVE]

- 1. Smartphone
- 2. Basic mobile phone (i.e., not a smartphone)
- 3. Tablet computer (e.g., iPad, Windows Surface 3, or similar device)
- 4. Personal computer (i.e., desktop or laptop)
- 5. None of the above [S] [anchor]

**Base: All respondents** 

Scripter: Randomize and record

#### Q54 [Grid, M]

Have you done the following on a mobile device (such as a smartphone or tablet), done this some other way, or not done this? [RANDOMIZE 1-10. ALLOW UP TO TWO SELECTIONS PER ROW, EXCLUDING "NOT DONE THIS", WHICH CANNOT BE COMBINED WITH ANY OTHER SELECTION IN A ROW]

[RAN	IDOMIZE]	Did this on mobile device	Did this some other way	Not done this [S]
1	Manage my finances (e.g., banking, investments, budgeting)	0	0	0
2	Research and compare credit card offers	0	0	0
3	Apply for a credit card	0	0	0
4	Research homes	0	0	0
5	Use a mortgage calculator	0	0	0
6	Get homebuyer guides/education materials	0	0	0
7	Obtain and compare mortgage quotes	0	0	0
8	Fill out a mortgage application	0	0	0
9	Submit documents such as bank statements and pay stubs to your mortgage lenders	0	0	0
10	Check current interest rates	0	0	0

**Base: All respondents** 

# Scripter: Randomize

# Q55 [Grid, S]

Now, for the same list of tasks, please indicate whether you would like to do this on a mobile device in the future? **[RANDOMIZE 1-10. ALLOW ONE SELECTION PER ROW]** 

[ONL	Y ASK ITEMS "NOT DONE" OR "DONE ANOTHER WAY"]	Yes	No
1	Manage my finances (e.g., banking, investments, budgeting)	0	0
2	Research and compare credit card offers	0	0
3	Apply for a credit card	0	0
4	Research homes	0	0
5	Use a mortgage calculator	0	0
6	Get homebuyer guides/education materials	0	0
7	Obtain and compare mortgage quotes	0	0
8	Fill out a mortgage application	0	0
9	Submit documents such as bank statements and pay stubs to your mortgage lenders	0	0
10	Check current interest rates	0	0

## Base: offpanel=0

# [Consent] [S]

This survey is being conducted on behalf of Fannie Mae, which was chartered by Congress to support liquidity and stability in the nation's mortgage market, increasing the availability and affordability of mortgages to low, moderate, and middle-income American individuals and families. Your participation in this survey is critical to deepen understanding of attitudes and beliefs of homeowners and renters across the country and help improve the mortgage lending process for everyone in the future.

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If you give consent for us to do so, your name, address and date of birth will be provided to a credit bureau in order to pull credit score data. All personally-identifiable information will be eliminated from the data file prior to its return to GfK. Again, no personally-identifiable information will be provided to us – only your credit score and related information from your credit file.

Please select "Yes" here to provide your consent for GfK to pull your credit score and related information from your credit file, subject to the Terms and Conditions below:

- 1. Yes
- 2. No

#### Base: offpanel=0

# **Terms & Conditions [S]**

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## **Base: All respondents**

#### [DISPLAY TEXT]

This now completes the survey. We really appreciate you taking the time to contribute to this important research.

# $\textbf{Demographics}-\textbf{From KnowledgePanel} \\ \\ \mathbb{R}$

- Gender
- Age
- Region
- Race/ethnicity
- Educational attainment
- Employment status
- Marital status
- Household size and composition (including children and ages)
- Household income
  - o Share of Area Median Income (AMI) by zip code or CBSA
- Investable assets