Absorptive Capacity

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**The following questions ask about your household's expenses and help you may receive.**

**AB1.** How many adults in your household received income last month that was used for household expenses?  
(Count any income such as from a job, assistance program, retirement program, or any other income that came to the household)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ adults in your household received income last month

**AB2.** In the past 12 months, how many adults in your household lost their job, lost a source of income, or had their hours cut?   
(Count any income such as from a job, assistance program, retirement program, or any other income that came to the household)

\_\_\_\_\_\_ adults in your household lost their job, lost a source of income, or had their hours cut.

**AB5.** Where does your household live?

* Housing that I/we own outright
* Housing that I/we pay to stay (e.g., rent, mortgage, or room fee)
* In friend’s or family’s housing, spare room, or couch (do not pay rent)
* In a shelter, safe haven, or transitional housing
* In a car, van, or camper/RV on the street or parking lot
* Unsheltered on the street, a hallway or stairwell, or under a bridge, etc.
* Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**AB6.** In the past 12 months, has your household had to move due to foreclosure, eviction, or being forced to leave?

* No
* Yes
* Don't know

**AB7a.** **Part A:** Last month, which bills or expenses were hard to afford?

(**Select all that apply**)

* Housing payment (rent, mortgage, etc.)
* Rental insurance or homeowner’s insurance
* Utilities like electricity, gas, water or other utilities
* Internet, phone, and/or cable bills
* Car payment, insurance, gas, car repair, or other transportation (Fees for the bus, subway, taxi/Uber)
* Payments for credit card, student loans, or other loans and debt
* None of the above

**AB7b. Part B:** Last month, which bills or expenses were hard to afford?   
(**Select all that apply**)

* Groceries, or store-bought food
* Meals from restaurants
* Pet expenses
* Toiletries (such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste, other hygiene products)
* Purchased clothing
* Sending money to support family/friends
* None of the above

**AB7c. Part C:** Last month, which bills or expenses were hard to afford?   
(**Select all that apply**)

* Monthly insurance payments for health, dental, and/or vision care
* Other medical costs like fees or co-pays, medicine, medical equipment, etc.
* Cost of child’s activities (e.g., sports, dance, tutoring, etc.)
* Childcare, or children’s school fees
* Costs for care for an adult or child with disabilities or an elderly adult
* Child support or spousal support payments
* Other:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* None of the above

**AB8.** How often in the past 12 months was your household able to put money into savings?

* Never
* Only 1 or 2 months
* Some months but not every month
* Almost every month
* Don't know

**AB9.** Which best describes how well your household is doing with finances?

* Not getting by
* Just barely getting by
* Doing okay
* Living comfortably
* Don't know