

How Couples Meet Survey Wave 4
February 2013
- Questionnaire -

Note to HCMST data users: Open-ended questions (with text responses) are not included in the public HCMST data wave 4 supplement. In the future, redacted versions of the text variables will be made available as restricted data available from ICPSR.

[MARRIED RESPONDENT SECTION]
[PLEASE INSERT STANFORD LOGO CENTER]
[DISPLAY]
[INSERT TITLE CENTER: "The Stanford Couples Study"]

[IF XMARRY=1]
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Hello. We are doing a very brief follow-up survey about couples, and we really appreciate your participation. We are interested in changes in your marital status since **[IF xlast=1: last year / IF wxlast=2: two years ago / IF xlast=3: three years ago / IF xlast=4: four years ago]**. **[IF xlast=1: Last year, / IF xlast=2: Two years ago, / IF xlast=3: Three years ago, / IF xlast=4: Four years ago,]** you told us you were married to **[xnamep]**.

[IF XMARRY =1]
[SP]
[PROMPT ONCE]
w4_q1. Are you still married to **[w4_xnamep]**?

1 yes
2 no

[TERMINATE IF w4_q1 IS REFUSED]

[IF w4_q1=1]
[SP]
[PROMPT ONCE]
w4_q2. Are you currently living with **[xnamep]**?

1 yes
2 no

[IF w4_q1=1]
[SP]
w4_quality. In general, how would you describe the quality of your relationship with **[xnamep]**?

Excellent..... 1
Good..... 2

Fair 3
Poor 4
Very Poor..... 5

[IF w4_q1=1]
[LARGE TEXTBOX]
[PROMPT ONCE]

w4_quality_text. In your own words, explain why your relationship with [xnamep] is [ENTER
SELECTED RESPONSE FROM W4_QUALITY]:

[IF w4_q1=1]
[SP]

w4_attractive. The next two questions are about how you perceive yourself and your spouse.

[SPACE]

How attractive are you?

very attractive..... 1
moderately attractive..... 2
slightly attractive..... 3
not at all attractive..... 4

[IF w4_q1=1]

w4_attractive_partner. How attractive is [xnamep]?

very attractive..... 1
moderately attractive..... 2
slightly attractive..... 3
not at all attractive..... 4

[SKIP TO KN CLOSE]

[IF w4_q1=2]

[SP]

w4_q3. How did your marriage to [xnamep] end?

- 1 divorce
- 2 separation with no divorce
- 3 [xnamep] passed away, is deceased

[IF w4_q3=3, SKIP TO KN CLOSE]

[IF w4_q3=1,2]

[SP]

w4_q4. Between you and [xnamep], who wanted the [IF w4_q3=1: divorce / IF w4_q3=2: separation] more?

- 1 I wanted the [IF w4_q3=1: divorce / IF w4_q3=2: separation] more.
- 2 [xnamep] wanted the [IF w4_q3=1: divorce / IF w4_q3=2: separation] more.
- 3 We both equally wanted the [IF w4_q3=1: divorce / IF w4_q3=2: separation].

[IF w4_q1=2 and w4_q3 ≠ 3]

[LARGE TEXTBOX]

[PROMPT ONCE]

w4_why_broke_up. In your own words, explain why your relationship with [xnamep] ended:

[IF w4_xmarry=1 and w4_q3=1,2]

PROMPT ONCE IS MISSING; THEN CUSTOM PROMPT: " PLEASE SELECT [if missing xyear insert = A YEAR / if missing xmonth insert = A MONTH].

[DROP-DOWN; FOR YEAR, PLEASE USE xYEAR AS STARTING POINT, AND INCLUDE ONLY FOLLOWING YEARS IN THE RANGE. FOR MONTH RANGE, PLEASE HAVE THIS DYNAMICALLY LINKED TO YEAR SO THAT RESPONDENTS CAN ONLY SELECT YEAR AND MONTH THAT IS EQUAL TO OR AFTER xYEAR/xMONTH COMBINATION DO NOT ALLOW RESPONDENT TO SELECT A DATE PAST THE CURRENT xMOTH/xYEAR].

[IF EITHER/BOTH MONTH AND YEAR REFUSED, INSERT FOLLOWING PROMPT: Please enter both year and month below.]

w4_mbtiming. When did you get [IF w4_q3=1: divorced / IF w4_q3=2: separated] from [xnamep]? You last told us you were married with [xnamep] in [xmonth], [xyear].

[Prompt Once]

Year: 2009

2010
2011
2012
2013

[Prompt Once]

Month: January
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[IF w4_xmarry=2 and w4_q3=1,2]

[SP]

w4_attractive. How attractive are you?

very attractive.....1
moderately attractive.....2
slightly attractive.....3
not at all attractive.....4

[IF xmarry=1 SKIP TO KN CLOSE]

[UNMARRIED RESPONDENT SECTION]

[PLEASE INSERT STANFORD LOGO CENTER]
[DISPLAY]

[INSERT TITLE CENTER: "The Stanford Couples Study"]

[IF xmarry =2]

[DISPLAY: image and title on same page]

Hello. We are doing a very brief follow-up survey about couples, and we really appreciate your participation. We are interested in changes in your relationship status since **[IF xlast=1: last year / IF xlast=2: two years ago / IF xlast=3: three years ago / if xlast=4: four years ago]**. **[IF xlast=1: Last year, / IF xlast=2: Two years ago, / IF xlast=3: Three years ago, / IF xlast=4: Four years ago,]** you told us you were in a romantic relationship with **[xnamep]**.

[IF xmarry =2]

[SP; PROMPT ONCE]

w4_q5. Are you still in a romantic relationship with **[xnamep]**?

- 1 yes
- 2 no

[TERMINATE IF w4_q5 IS REFUSED]

[IF w4_q5=1]

[SP; PROMPT ONCE]

w4_q6. Are you currently living with **[xnamep]**?

- 1 yes
- 2 no

[IF w4_q5=1]

[SP]

w4_quality. In general, how would you describe the quality of your relationship with **[xnamep]**?

- Excellent..... 1
- Good..... 2
- Fair 3
- Poor..... 4
- Very Poor..... 5

[IF w4_q5=1]

[LARGE TEXTBOX]

[PROMPT ONCE]

w4_quality_text. In your own words, explain why your relationship with **[xnamep]** is **[ENTER SELECTED RESPONSE FROM W4_QUALITY]**:

[PROGRAMMER NOTE: QUESTIONS W4_ATTRACTIVE AND W4_ATTRACTIVE_PARTNER WERE NOT DELETED JUST MOVED AFTER W4_CIVTIMING ITEM.]

[IF xmarry=2 and w4_q5=1]

[SP; PROMPT ONCE]

w4_q7. In the past **[IF xlast=1: year / IF xlast=2: two years / IF xlast=3: three years / IF xlast=4: four years]**, have you and **[xnamep]** gotten married?

- 1 yes, married **[xnamep]**
- 2 no, did not marry **[xnamep]**

[IF xmarry =2 AND w4_q7=1]

[MEDIUM TEXT BOX]

w4_xssmar_where. Where (what city and state) did you marry **[xnamep]** (include country if outside the US)?

[IF w4_q7=1]

PROMPT ONCE IS MISSING; THEN CUSTOM PROMPT: " Please select [IF MISSING XYEAR INSERT = a year / IF MISSING XMONTH INSERT = a month].

[DROP-DOWN; FOR YEAR, PLEASE USE xYEAR AS STARTING POINT, AND INCLUDE ONLY FOLLOWING YEARS IN THE RANGE. FOR MONTH RANGE, PLEASE HAVE THIS DYNAMICALLY LINKED TO YEAR SO THAT RESPONDENTS CAN ONLY SELECT YEAR AND MONTH THAT IS EQUAL TO OR AFTER XYEAR/XMONTH COMBINATION DO NOT ALLOW RESPONDENT TO SELECT A DATE PAST THE CURRENT XMOTH/XYEAR].

[IF EITHER/BOTH MONTH AND YEAR REFUSED, INSERT FOLLOWING PROMPT: Please enter both year and month below.]

w4_martiming. When did you get married with [xnamep]? We last contacted you in [xmonth], [xyear].

[Prompt Once]

Year: 2009
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2011
2012
2013

[Prompt Once]

Month: January
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April
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[IF xmarry=2 AND xcivil=0 AND w4_q7=2 AND xtype=1]

[SP]

[PROMPT ONCE]

w4_q8. In the past [IF xlast=1: year / IF xlast=2: two years / IF xlast=3: three years / IF xlast=4: four years], have you and [xnamep] gotten a formal domestic partnership or civil union?

- 1 No, we have not gotten a domestic partnership or civil union agreement
- 2 Yes, we have gotten a domestic partnership or civil union agreement

[IF xmarry=2 AND xcivil=0 AND w4_q7=2 AND xtype=2]

[SP]

[PROMPT ONCE]

w4_q8. In the past **four years**, have you and **[xnamep]** gotten a formal domestic partnership or civil union?

- 1 No, we have not gotten a domestic partnership or civil union agreement
- 2 Yes, we have gotten a domestic partnership or civil union agreement

[IF w4_q8=2]
[MEDIUMTEXT BOX]

w4_xssdp_where. Where (what city and state) does your civil union or domestic partnership with **[xnamep]** come from (include country if outside the US)?

[IF w4_q8=2 AND xtype=1]
[PROMPT ONCE IF MISSING; THEN CUSTOM PROMPT: " Please select [IF MISSING XYEAR INSERT = a year / IF MISSING XMONTH INSERT = a month].

[DROP-DOWN; FOR YEAR, PLEASE USE xYEAR AS STARTING POINT, AND INCLUDE ONLY FOLLOWING YEARS IN THE RANGE. FOR MONTH RANGE, PLEASE HAVE THIS DYNAMICALLY LINKED TO YEAR SO THAT RESPONDENTS CAN ONLY SELECT YEAR AND MONTH THAT IS EQUAL TO OR AFTER XYEAR/XMONTH COMBINATION DO NOT ALLOW RESPONDENT TO SELECT A DATE PAST THE CURRENT XMOTH/XYEAR].

[IF EITHER/BOTH MONTH AND YEAR REFUSED, INSERT FOLLOWING PROMPT: Please enter both year and month below.]

w4_civtiming. When did you get a domestic partnership or civil union agreement with **[xnamep]**? We last contacted you in **[xmonth]**, **[xyear]**.

[Prompt Once]

Year: 2009
2010
2011
2012
2013

[Prompt Once]

Month: January
February
March
April
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[IF w4_q8=2 AND xtype=2]

[PROMPT ONCE IF MISSING: CUSTOM PROMPT: " Please select [IF MISSING XYEAR INSERT = a year / IF MISSING XMONTH INSERT = a month].

[DROP-DOWN; FOR (XYEAR) PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT RESPONDENTS CAN SELECT ALL YEARS STARTING FROM XYEAR 2009. FOR THE YEAR 2009 APPLY FILTER FOR MONTHS BASED ON (XWAVE1MO) ONLY THE MONTHS EQUAL TO OR AFTER (/XMONTH1MO) WILL BE DISPLAYEDFOR THE YEARS 2010,2011,2012 DISPLAY ALL MONTHS.DO NOT ALLOW RESPONDENT TO SELECT A DATE PAST THE CURRENT XMOTH/XYEAR].

[CLIENT NOTE: THE HETEROSEXUAL RESPONDENTS HAVE NOT BEEN ASKED ABOUT CIVIL UNIONS SINCE WAVE 1 IN 2009].

[IF EITHER/BOTH MONTH AND YEAR REFUSED, INSERT FOLLOWING PROMPT: Please enter both year and month below.]

w4_civtiming. When did you get a domestic partnership or civil union agreement with [xnamep]? We last asked you about civil unions and domestic partnerships in [xwave1mo] 2009.

[Prompt Once]

Year: 2009
2010
2011
2012
2013

[Prompt Once]

Month: January
February
March
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[IF w4_q5=1]

[SP]

w4_attractive. The next two questions are about how you perceive yourself and your partner.

[SPACE]

How attractive are you?

- very attractive.....1
- moderately attractive.....2
- slightly attractive......3
- not at all attractive.....4

[IF w4_q5=1]

[SP]

w4_attractive_partner

How attractive is **[xnamep]**?

- very attractive.....1
- moderately attractive.....2
- slightly attractive......3
- not at all attractive.....4

[IF w4_q5=1, SKIP TO KN CLOSE]

[IF xmarry=2 AND w4_q5=2]

[SP]

w4_q9. How did your relationship with **[xnamep]** end?

- 1 We broke up
- 2 **[xnamep]** passed away, is deceased

[IF w4_q9=2, SKIP TO KN CLOSE]

[IF xmarry=2 AND w4_q9 ≠ 2]

[SP]

w4_q10. Between you and **[xnamep]**, who wanted more to break up?

- 1 I wanted to break up more
- 2 **[xnamep]** wanted to break up more
- 3 We both equally wanted to break up

[IF w4_q5=2 and w4_q9 ≠ 2]

[LARGE TEXTBOX]

[PROMPT ONCE]

w4_why_broke_up. In your own words, explain why your relationship with **[xnamep]** ended:

[If xmarry=2 AND w4_q9≠2]

[PROMPT ONCE IF MISSING; THEN CUSTOM PROMPT" Please select [IF MISSING XYEAR INSERT = a year / IF MISSING XMONTH INSERT = a month].

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[IF EITHER/BOTH MONTH AND YEAR REFUSED, INSERT FOLLOWING PROMPT: Please enter both year and month below.]

w4_nonmbtiming. When did you break up with [xnamep]? You last told us you were in a relationship with [xnamep] in [xmonth], [xyear].

[Prompt Once]

Year: 2009
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[Prompt Once]

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[IF xmarry=2 and w4_q5=2]

[SP]

w4_attractive. How attractive are you?

very attractive.....1
moderately attractive.....2
slightly attractive..... .3
not at all attractive.....4

[INSERT KN CLOSE]