

## National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1979 Child and Young Adult: Child Report on Self

Relationship Quality

Question	Response	Respondent	Year	Area of Interest	Variable Name	Question Number	Variable Notes	Valid Cases
		Boy/Girlfriend	Relations	hips				
How frequently do you and your [boy/girl]friend have arguments about showing affection toward each other?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 and older, unmarried, not currently living with a partner, but in a monogamous relationship	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	*  *  YA DATING &  MARRIAGE	*  *  Y1001800  Y1243700  Y1476100  Y1728600  Y2009100	*  * Q3-52A Q3-52A Q3-52A Q3-52A Q3-52A		* 1,257 1,694 2,103 2,271 2,348
How frequently do you and your [boy/girl]friend have arguments about how much time you spend together?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 and older, unmarried, not currently living with a partner, but in a monogamous relationship	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	*  *  YA DATING &  MARRIAGE	*  * Y1001900 Y1243800 Y1476200 Y1728700 Y2009200	*  * Q3-53A Q3-53A Q3-53A Q3-53A		* * 1,256 1,694 2,102 2,271 2,348
How frequently do you and your [boy/girl]friend have arguments about dating other people?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 and older, unmarried, not currently living with a partner, but in a monogamous relationship	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	*  *  YA DATING &  MARRIAGE	* * Y1002000 Y1243900 Y1476300 Y1728800 Y2009300	*		* 1,258 1,695 2,104 2,272 2,350

How frequently do you and your [boy/girl]friend have arguments about friends?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 and older, unmarried, not currently living with a partner, but in a monogamous relationship	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	*  *  YA DATING &  MARRIAGE	*  *  Y1002100  Y1244000  Y1476400  Y1728900  Y2009400	* Q3-55A Q3-55A Q3-55A Q3-55A		* 1,258 1,695 2,103 2,270 2,349
How happy are you with your [boy/girl]friend, would you say	1 Very happy 2 Fairly happy 3 Not too happy 4 Very unhappy	Aged 15 and older, unmarried, not currently living with a partner, but in a monogamous relationship	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	* * * YA DATING & MARRIAGE	*  *  Y1002200  Y1244100  Y1476500  Y1729000  Y2009500	* * Q3-56A Q3-56A Q3-56A Q3-56A		* 1,257 1,694 2,099 2,267 2,344
Do you and your [boy/girl]friend have definite plans to get married?	1 Yes 0 No	Aged 15 and older, unmarried, not currently living with a partner, but in a monogamous relationship	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE  *  *  *  *  *	Y0694200 Y0404400 Y0694200 * * *	Q3-51 Q3-51 Q3-51 * * *		363 649 717 * * *
		Cohabiting R	elationshi	ps				
Would you say your current relationship is	1 Very happy 2 Fairly happy 3 Not too happy 4 Very unhappy	Aged 15 and older, unmarried, currently living with a partner	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0028400 Y0413300 Y0703400 Y1008100 Y1250300 Y1483300 Y1736000 Y2016900	Q3-63 Q3-63 Q3-63 Q3-63 Q3-63 Q3-63 Q3-63	1 1 1 1, 2 1, 2	15 57 84 238 390 516 1,450 1,772
How often do you and your partner calmly discuss something?	1 Almost every day 2 Once or twice a week 3 Once or twice a month 4 Less than once a month	Aged 15 and older, unmarried, currently living with a partner	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0028500 Y0413400 Y0703500 Y1008200 Y1250400 Y1483400 Y1736100 Y2017000	Q3-64A Q3-64A Q3-64A Q3-64A Q3-64A Q3-64~000001 Q3-64~000001	1 1 1,2 1,2	15 57 84 236 390 516 1,456

How often do you and your partner laugh together?	1 Almost every day 2 Once or twice a week 3 Once or twice a month 4 Less than once a month	Aged 15 and older, unmarried, currently living with a partner	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0028600 Y0413500 Y0703600 Y1008300 Y1250500 Y1483500 Y1736101 Y2017001	Q3-64B Q3-64B Q3-64B Q3-64B Q3-64B Q3-64P Q3-64~000002	1 1 1,2 1,2	15 58 84 236 389 517 1,456 1,759
How often do you and your partner tell each other about your day?	1 Almost every day 2 Once or twice a week 3 Once or twice a month 4 Less than once a month	Aged 15 and older, unmarried, currently living with a partner	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0028700 Y0413600 Y0703700 Y1008400 Y1250600 Y1483600 Y1736102 Y2017002	Q3-64C Q3-64C Q3-64C Q3-64C Q3-64C Q3-64C Q3-64~000003	1 1 1 1, 2 1, 2	15 57 84 236 390 517 1,456 1,761
How frequently do you and your partner have arguments about chores and responsibilities?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 and older, unmarried, currently living with a partner	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0028800 Y0413700 Y0703800 Y1008500 Y1250700 Y1483700 Y1736200 Y2017100	Q3-65A Q3-65A Q3-65A Q3-65A Q3-65A Q3-65~000001 Q3-65~000001	1 1 1 1, 2 1, 2	15 56 84 236 390 519 1,456 1,759
How frequently do you and your partner have arguments about your children, if you have any?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 and older, unmarried, currently living with a partner	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0028900 Y0413800 Y0703900 Y1008600 Y1250800 Y1483800 Y1736201 Y2017101	Q3-65B Q3-65B Q3-65B Q3-65B Q3-65B Q3-65~000002 Q3-65~000002	1 1 1 1, 2 1, 2	15 55 83 231 385 499 1,456 1,696
How frequently do you and your partner have arguments about money?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 and older, unmarried, currently living with a partner	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0029000 Y0413900 Y0704000 Y1008700 Y1250900 Y1483900 Y1736202 Y2017102	Q3-65C Q3-65C Q3-65C Q3-65C Q3-65C Q3-65C Q3-65~000003	1 1 1 1, 2 1, 2	15 56 84 236 390 519 1,456 1,762

How frequently do you and your partner have arguments about showing affection toward each other?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 and older, unmarried, currently living with a partner	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0029100 Y0414000 Y0704100 Y1008800 Y1251000 Y1484000 Y1736203 Y2017103	Q3-65D Q3-65D Q3-65D Q3-65D Q3-65D Q3-65~000004 Q3-65~000004	1 1 1 1, 2 1, 2	15 56 84 236 390 519 1,455 1,759
How frequently do you and your partner have arguments about religion?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 and older, unmarried, currently living with a partner	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0029200 Y0414100 Y0704200 Y1008900 Y1251100 Y1484100 Y1736204 Y2017104	Q3-65E Q3-65E Q3-65E Q3-65E Q3-65E Q3-65E Q3-65E Q3-65C Q3-65~000005	1 1 1 1, 2 1, 2	15 56 84 236 390 519 1,455 1,761
How frequently do you and your partner have arguments about leisure or free time?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 and older, unmarried, currently living with a partner	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0029300 Y0414200 Y0704300 Y1009000 Y1251200 Y1484200 Y1736205 Y2017105	Q3-65F Q3-65F Q3-65F Q3-65F Q3-65F Q3-65~000006 Q3-65~000006	1 1 1 1, 2 1, 2	15 56 84 236 390 519 1,455
How frequently do you and your partner have arguments about drinking?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 and older, unmarried, currently living with a partner	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0029400 Y0414300 Y0704400 Y1009100 Y1251300 Y1484300 Y1736206 Y2017106	Q3-65G Q3-65G Q3-65G Q3-65G Q3-65G Q3-65~000007 Q3-65~000007	1 1 1 1, 2 1, 2	15 56 84 236 390 519 1,455 1,759
How frequently do you and your partner have arguments about affairs with other people?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 and older, unmarried, currently living with a partner	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0029500 Y0414400 Y0704500 Y1009200 Y1251400 Y1484400 Y1736207 Y2017107	Q3-65H Q3-65H Q3-65H Q3-65H Q3-65H Q3-65H Q3-65CO00008	1 1 1,2 1,2	15 56 84 235 390 519 1,455 1,756

How frequently do you and your partner have arguments about (his/her) relatives?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 and older, unmarried, currently living with a partner	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0029600 Y0414500 Y0704600 Y1009300 Y1251500 Y1484500 Y1736208 Y2017108	Q3-65I Q3-65I Q3-65I Q3-65I Q3-65I Q3-65F Q3-65~000009 Q3-65~000009	1 1 1 1, 2 1, 2	15 56 84 236 390 519 1,455 1,757
How frequently do you and your partner have arguments about your relatives?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 and older, unmarried, currently living with a partner	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0029700 Y0414600 Y0704700 Y1009400 Y1251600 Y1484600 Y1736209 Y2017109	Q3-65J Q3-65J Q3-65J Q3-65J Q3-65J Q3-65~000010 Q3-65~000010	1 1 1, 2 1, 2	15 56 84 236 390 519 1,455 1,757
How frequently do you and your partner have arguments about [his/her]friends?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 and older, unmarried, currently living with a partner	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	*  *  YA DATING &  MARRIAGE	*  Y1009500  Y1251700  Y1484700  Y1736210  Y2017110	*	1 1 1 1, 2 1, 2	*  236 390 519 1,455 1,756
How frequently do you and your partner have arguments about your friends?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 and older, unmarried, currently living with a partner	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	*  *  YA DATING &  MARRIAGE	*  *  Y1009600  Y1251800  Y1484800  Y1736211  Y2017111	*	1 1 1 1, 2 1, 2	*  *  236  390  519  1,455  1,755
Do you and your partner have definite plans to stay together?	1 Yes 2 Consider ourselves married 0 No	Aged 15 or older and currently living with a partner	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	*  *  *  *  YA DATING &  MARRIAGE	*  *  *  Y1485100  Y1736600  Y2017500	*     *     *     *     Q65-NA     Q65-NA     Q65-NA	1 1, 2 1, 2	*     *     *     *     *     498 666 807

Do you and your partner have definite plans to get married?	1 Yes 0 No	Aged 15 and older, unmarried, currently living with a partner	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0029800 Y0414700 Y0704800 Y1009900 Y1252100 Y1485200 Y1736700	Q3-66 Q3-66 Q3-66 Q3-66 Q3-66 Q3-66		16 57 83 220 377 490 646
Do you think you will eventually marry [him/her]?	1 Yes 0 No	Aged 15 and older, unmarried, currently living with a partner	2008 1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y2017600 Y0029900 Y0414800 Y0704900 Y1010000 Y1252200 Y1485300 Y1736800 Y2017700	Q3-66 Q3-67 Q3-67 Q3-67 Q3-67 Q3-67 Q3-67 Q3-67 Q3-67		776 8 21 22 68 99 109 141 211
		Same-Sex Cohabit	ing Relatio	onships				
[flag indicating R has indicated a same-sex partner on the household roster]	1 Condition applies 0 Condition does not apply	Aged 15 or older and currently living with a same-sex partner	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	*  *  YA DATING &  MARRIAGE	* * Y1009700 Y1251900 Y1484900 Y1736400 Y2017300	*	3 3 3 3	*
Do you and your partner have definite plans to stay together?	1 Yes 2 Consider ourselves married (if volunteered) 3 Have had commitment ceremony (if volunteered) 0 No	Aged 15 or older and currently living with a same-sex partner	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	* * YA DATING & MARRIAGE	*  *  Y1009800  Y1252000  Y1485000  Y1736500  Y2017400	*		*     *     5     9     8     19 21

		Marital Rela	ationships	5				
Would you say that your marriage is	1 Very happy 2 Fairly happy 3 Not too happy	Aged 15 or older and married	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0030300 Y0415200 Y0705300 Y1010400 Y1252600 Y1485700 Y1736000 Y2016900	Q3-72 Q3-72 Q3-72 Q3-72 Q3-72 Q3-72 Q3-63 Q3-63	1 1	8 34 35 201 362 512 1,456 1,772
How often do you and your (husband/wife) calmly discuss something?	1 Almost every day 2 Once or twice a week 3 Once or twice a month 4 Less than once a month	Aged 15 or older and married	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0030400 Y0415300 Y0705400 Y1010500 Y1252700 Y1485800 Y1736100 Y2017000	Q3-73A Q3-73A Q3-73A Q3-73A Q3-73A Q3-64~000001 Q3-64~000001	1 1	8 34 35 200 363 511 1,456 1,760
How often do you and your (husband/wife) laugh together?	1 Almost every day 2 Once or twice a week 3 Once or twice a month 4 Less than once a month	Aged 15 or older and married	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0030500 Y0415400 Y0705500 Y1010600 Y1252800 Y1485900 Y1736101 Y2017001	Q3-73B Q3-73B Q3-73B Q3-73B Q3-73B Q3-64~000002 Q3-64~000002	1 1	8 34 35 200 363 511 1,456 1,759
How often do you and your (husband/wife) tell each other about your day?	1 Almost every day 2 Once or twice a week 3 Once or twice a month 4 Less than once a month	Aged 15 or older and married	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0030600 Y0415500 Y0705600 Y1010700 Y1252900 Y1486000 Y1736102	Q3-73C Q3-73C Q3-73C Q3-73C Q3-73C Q3-73C Q3-64~000003	1	8 34 35 200 363 510 1,456

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How frequently do you and your spouse have arguments about chores and responsibilities?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 or older and married	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0030700 Y0415600 Y0705700 Y1010800 Y1253000 Y1486100 Y1736200 Y2017100	Q3-74A Q3-74A Q3-74A Q3-74A Q3-74A Q3-65~000001 Q3-65~000001	1 1	8 34 35 200 363 509 1,456 1,759
How frequently do you and your spouse have arguments about your children, if you have any?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 or older and married	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0030800 Y0415700 Y0705800 Y1010900 Y1253100 Y1486200 Y1736201 Y2017101	Q3-74B Q3-74B Q3-74B Q3-74B Q3-74B Q3-74B Q3-65~000002 Q3-65~000002	1 1	7 34 35 195 360 502 1,456 1,696
How frequently do you and your spouse have arguments about money?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 or older and married	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0030900 Y0415800 Y0705900 Y1011000 Y1253200 Y1486300 Y1736202 Y2017102	Q3-74C Q3-74C Q3-74C Q3-74C Q3-74C Q3-74C Q3-65~000003 Q3-65~000003	1 1	8 34 35 200 363 509 1,456 1,762
How frequently do you and your spouse have arguments about showing affection toward each other?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 or older and married	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0031000 Y0415900 Y0706000 Y1011100 Y1253300 Y1486400 Y1736203 Y2017103	Q3-74D Q3-74D Q3-74D Q3-74D Q3-74D Q3-74D Q3-65~000004 Q3-65~000004	1 1	8 34 35 201 363 508 1,455 1,759

How frequently do you and your spouse have arguments about religion?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 or older and married	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0031100 Y0416000 Y0706100 Y1011200 Y1253400 Y1486500 Y1736204 Y2017104	Q3-74E Q3-74E Q3-74E Q3-74E Q3-74E Q3-74E Q3-65~000005 Q3-65~000005	1 1	8 34 35 201 363 509 1,455 1,761
How frequently do you and your spouse have arguments about leisure or free time?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 or older and married	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0031200 Y0416100 Y0706200 Y1011300 Y1253500 Y1486600 Y1736205 Y2017105	Q3-74F Q3-74F Q3-74F Q3-74F Q3-74F Q3-65~000006 Q3-65~000006	1 1	8 34 35 201 363 509 1,544 1,761
How frequently do you and your spouse have arguments about drinking?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 or older and married	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0031300 Y0416200 Y0706300 Y1011400 Y1253600 Y1486700 Y1736206 Y2017106	Q3-74G Q3-74G Q3-74G Q3-74G Q3-74G Q3-74G Q3-65~000007	1 1	8 34 35 201 363 509 1,455 1,759
How frequently do you and your spouse have arguments about affairs with other people?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 or older and married	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0031400 Y0416300 Y0706400 Y1011500 Y1253700 Y1486800 Y1736207 Y2017107	Q3-74H Q3-74H Q3-74H Q3-74H Q3-74H Q3-74H Q3-65~000008 Q3-65~000008	1 1	8 34 35 201 363 509 1,455 1,756

How frequently do you and your spouse have arguments about (his/her) relatives?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 or older and married	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0031500 Y0416400 Y0706500 Y1011600 Y1253800 Y1486900 Y1736208 Y2017108	Q3-74I Q3-74I Q3-74I Q3-74I Q3-74I Q3-74I Q3-65~000009 Q3-65~000009	1 1	8 34 35 201 363 509 1,455 1,757
How frequently do you and your spouse have arguments about your relatives?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 or older and married	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE	Y0031600 Y0416500 Y0706600 Y1011700 Y1253900 Y1487000 Y1736209 Y2017109	Q3-74J Q3-74J Q3-74J Q3-74J Q3-74J Q3-65~000010 Q3-65~000010	1 1	8 34 35 201 363 509 1,455 1,757
How frequently do you and your spouse have arguments about (his/her)friends?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 or older and married	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	*  *  YA DATING &  MARRIAGE	*  Y1011800 Y1254000 Y1487100 Y1736210 Y2017110	* Q3-74K Q3-74K Q3-74K Q3-65~000011 Q3-65~000011	1 1	* 201 363 510 1,455 1,756
How frequently do you and your spouse have arguments about your friends?	1 Often 2 Sometimes 3 Hardly ever 4 Never	Aged 15 or older and married	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	*  *  YA DATING &  MARRIAGE	*  *  Y1011900  Y1254100  Y1487200  Y1736211  Y2017111	*	1 1	* 201 363 510 1,455 1,755

How likely is it that you and your spouse will separate?	1 Very likely 2 Likely 3 Unlikely 4 Very unlikely	Aged 15 or older and married	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE   *  *  *  *  *	Y0031700 Y0416600 Y0706700 * * * *	Q3-75 Q3-75 Q3-75 * * * *	8 34 35 * * * *
How likely is it that you and your spouse will divorce?	1 Very likely 2 Likely 3 Unlikely 4 Very unlikely	Aged 15 or older and married	1994 1996 1998 2000 2002 2004 2006 2008	YA DATING & MARRIAGE  *  *  *  *  *	Y0031800 Y0416700 Y0706800 * * *	Q3-76 Q3-76 Q3-76 * * *	8 34 35 * * * *

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