

National Survey of Families and Households

Relationship Quality

Question	Response	Respondents	Wave	Codebook Location	Variable Name	Variable Notes	Valid Cases ^a
Taking all things together, how would you describe your marriage/relationship?	1 Very unhappy . . . 7 Very happy	Married-Primary Respondent (PR)	1	PR Self-Enumerated (SE)	E701		6,542
			2	PR SE	MT601		5,257
			3	Main Interview	RT601	3	2,749
		Spouse Respondent	1	Secondary Respondent SE	S67		5,521
			2	Current/Ex- Spouse/Partner SE	CT601 XT601	1	4,754 / 155
			3	Main Interview	ST601	3	2,164
		Cohabiting- PR	1	PR Self-Enumerated (SE)	E606		620
			2	PR SE	MT501		558
			3	Main Interview	RT501	3	178
		Cohabiting Partner of PR	1	Secondary Respondent SE	C68		495
			2	Current/Ex- Spouse/Partner SE	CT501 XT501	1	365 / 94
			3	Main Interview	ST501	3	78
HOW HAPPY ARE YOU WITH EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR (STEADY BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND)?	A. The understanding you receive from him/her . B. The love and affection you get from him/her . C. The amount of time you spend with him/her . D. Your sexual relationship	Unmarried (not cohabiting) -PR					
			2	PR SE	MT403A-MT403D		943
		Unmarried (not cohabiting) - Current / Ex Spouse/Partner Respondent	3	Main Interview	RT403A-RT403D	3	275
			2	PR SE	CT403A-CT403D / XT403A-XT403D	1	4/ 161
		Unmarried (not cohabiting) - Current / Ex Spouse/Partner Respondent	3	Main Interview	ST403A-ST403D	3	81
HOW HAPPY ARE YOU WITH EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP/MARRIAGE? [For R who experienced a marital separation since NSFH1] IN THE MONTHS BEFORE YOU SEPARATED, HOW HAPPY WERE YOU WITH EACH OF THE FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF YOUR RELATIONSHIP / MARRIAGE?		Married - PR	2	PR SE	MT602A-MT602H		4,890
			3	Main Interview	RT602A-RT602H		678
		Cohabiting - PR	2	PR SE	MT504A-MT504H		541
			3	Main Interview	RT504A-RT504H		38

A. The understanding you receive(d) from your spouse/partner	1 Very unhappy . . . 7 Very happy	Spouse Respondent	2	Current/Ex- Spouse/Partner SE	CT602A-CT602H / XT602A-XT602H	1	4,453 / 144
B. The love and affection you get (got) from your spouse/partner			3	Main Interview	ST602A-ST602H	3	526
C. The amount of time you spend(t) with your spouse/partner		Cohabiting Partner of PR	2	Current/Ex- Spouse/Partner SE	CT504A-CT504H / XT504A-XT504H		258/ 74
D. The demands your spouse/partner places(d) on you			3	Main Interview	ST504A-ST504H	3	18
E. Your sexual relationship		Previously Married - PR	2	PR SE	MT302A - MT302H	4	659
F. The way your spouse/partner spends(t) money		Previously Married - SR					
G. The work your spouse/partner does (did) around the house			2	Current/Ex- Spouse/Partner SE	CT302A - CT302H / XT302A - XT302H	1	7/404
H. Your partner as a parent							
It is always difficult to predict what will happen in a marriage (relationship), but realistically, what do you think the chances are that you and your husband/wife (partner) will eventually separate or divorce?	1 Very low . . 5 Very high	Married PR	1	PR SE	E718		6,187
			2	PR SE	MT627		5,467
			3	Main Interview	RT627		2,742
		Married Cohabiting Spouse/PR	1	Secondary Respondent SE	S84	2	5,798
		Spouse Respondent	2	Current/Ex- Spouse/Partner SE	CT627 - XT627	1	30
			3	Main Interview	ST627	3	2,161
		Cohabiting - PR	1	PR SE	E622		596
			2	PR SE	MT529		565
			3	Main Interview	RT529		178
		Cohabiting Partner of PR	2	Current/Ex- Spouse/Partner SE	CT529 XT529	1	367 / 95
			3	Main Interview	ST529	3	78

HOW OFTEN, IF AT ALL, IN THE LAST YEAR HAVE YOU HAD OPEN DISAGREEMENTS ABOUT EACH OF THE FOLLOWING? A. Household tasks B. Money C. Spending time together D. Sex E. Your or your partner's/spouse's parents F. The children	1 Never . . . 6 Almost every day	Married PR	1	PR SE	E706A-E706G		4,998
			2	PR SE	MT613A-MT613F		4,593
			3	Main Interview	RT613A-RT613F		678
		Cohabiting- PR	1	PR SE	E610A-E610G		310
			2	PR SE	MT515A-MT515F		378
			3	Main Interview	RT515A-RT515F		37
		Married Cohabiting Spouse/PR	1	Secondary Respondent SE	S72A-S72G	2	4,489
		Spouse Respondent	2	Current/Ex- Spouse/Partner SE	CT613A-CT613F / XT613A-XT613F	1	4,228 /
			3	Main Interview	ST613A - ST613F	3	139
							526
DURING THE PAST MONTH, ABOUT HOW OFTEN DID YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE/PARTNER SPEND TIME ALONE WITH EACH OTHER, TALKING, OR SHARING AN ACTIVITY?	1 Never . . . 6 Almost every day	Cohabiting Partner of PR	2	Current/Ex- Spouse/Partner SE	CT515A-CT515F / XT515A-XT515F	1	253 /
			3	Main Interview	ST515A -ST515F	3	74
							18
		Married PR	1	PR SE	E704		6,656
			2	PR SE	MT606		5,589
			3	Main Interview	RT606		2,744
		Cohabiting- PR	1	PR SE	E608		623
			2	PR SE	MT508		574
			3	Main Interview	RT508		178
		Married Cohabiting Spouse/PR	1	Secondary Respondent SE	S70	2	6,030
		Spouse Respondent	2	Current/Ex- Spouse/Partner SE	CT606 / XT606	1	5,082 / 169
			3	Main Interview	ST606	3	2,166
		Cohabiting Partner of PR	2	Current/Ex- Spouse/Partner SE	CT508 / XT508	1	374 / 62
			3	Main Interview	ST508	3	78

<p>HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE FAIRNESS IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS?</p> <p>A. Household chores</p> <p>B. Working for pay</p> <p>C. Spending money</p> <p>D. Child care</p>	<p>1 Very unfair to me</p> <p>5 Very unfair to her/him</p>	Married PR	1	PR SE	E703A - E703D	6,283
			2	PR SE	MT505A-MT505D	326
			3	Main Interview	RT603A-RT603D	670
		Cohabiting- PR	1	PR SE	E607A-E607D	612
			2	PR SE	MT603A-MT603D	3,729
			3	Main Interview	RT505A-RT505D	36
		Married Cohabiting Spouse/PR	1	Secondary Respondent SE	S69A - S69D	2 3,472
		Spouse Respondent	2	Current/Ex- Spouse/Partner SE	CT603A- CT603D / XT603A - XT603D	1 3,460 / 126
		Cohabiting Partner Respondent	2	Current/Ex- Spouse/Partner SE	CT505A- CT505D / XT505A-XT505D	1 225 / 65
			3	Main Interview	ST505A-ST505D	3 17
<p>THERE ARE VARIOUS WAYS THAT MARRIED COUPLES DEAL WITH SERIOUS DISAGREEMENTS. PLEASE TELL ME HOW OFTEN YOU DO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING WHEN YOU HAVE A SERIOUS DISAGREEMENT WITH YOUR HUSBAND/WIFE/PARTNER?</p> <p>A. Keep your opinions to yourself</p> <p>B. Discuss disagreement calmly</p> <p>C. Argue heatedly or shout at each other</p> <p>D. Hit or throw things at each other</p>	<p>1 Never</p> <p>5 Always</p>	Married PR	1	PR SE	E707A-E707D	6,226
			2	PR SE	MT614A-MT614D	5,539
			3	Main Interview	RT614A -RT614D	2,622
		Cohabiting- PR	1	PR SE	E611A- E611D	614
			2	PR SE	MT516A-MT516D	569
			3	Main Interview	RT516A -RT516D	177
		Married Cohabiting Spouse/PR	1	Secondary Respondent SE	S73A-S73D	2 5,742
		Spouse Respondent	2	Current/Ex- Spouse/Partner SE	CT614A-CT614D / XT614A-XT614D	1 5,048 / 169
		Cohabiting Partner Respondent	2	Current/Ex- Spouse/Partner SE	CT516A-CT516D / XT516A-XT516D	1 370 / 96
			3	Main Interview	ST516A -ST516D	3 78
		Spouse Respondent	3	Main Interview	ST603A-ST603D	3 522
		Married PR	1	PR SE	E707A-E707D	6,226
			2	PR SE	MT614A-MT614D	5,539
			3	Main Interview	RT614A -RT614D	2,622
		Cohabiting- PR	1	PR SE	E611A- E611D	614
			2	PR SE	MT516A-MT516D	569
			3	Main Interview	RT516A -RT516D	177
		Married Cohabiting Spouse/PR	1	Secondary Respondent SE	S73A-S73D	2 5,742
		Spouse Respondent	2	Current/Ex- Spouse/Partner SE	CT614A-CT614D / XT614A-XT614D	1 5,048 / 169
		Cohabiting Partner Respondent	2	Current/Ex- Spouse/Partner SE	CT516A-CT516D / XT516A-XT516D	1 370 / 96
			3	Main Interview	ST516A -ST516D	3 78
		Spouse Respondent	3	Main Interview	ST614A -ST614D	3 2,088

Sometimes arguments between partners become physical. During the last year has this happened in arguments between you and your husband/wife/partner?	1 Yes	Married PR	1	PR SE	E708		6,067
			2	PR SE	MT615		5,501
			3	Main Interview	RT615		2,628
		Cohabiting- PR	1	PR SE	E612		594
			2	PR SE	MT517		565
			3	Main Interview	RT517		178
		Married Cohabiting Spouse/PR	1	Secondary Respondent SE	S74	2	5,998
		Spouse Respondent	2	Current/Ex- Spouse/Partner SE	CT615 / XT615	1	4,980 / 170
		Cohabiting Partner Respondent	2	Current/Ex- Spouse/Partner SE	CT517 / XT517	1	367 / 95
	2 No		3	Main Interview	ST615	3	2,086
		Spouse Respondent	3	Main Interview	ST517	3	78

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