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panel of senior citizens

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A. Interviewer: affix sticker with number respondent here

We have already talked with the principal breadwinner about the composition of your household and the children living away from home, if you have any. Now I would like to talk with you about your parents.

1. Could you tell me when your own parents were born? I would like to know the year of birth.

If one of them has passed away, could you give me the year of decease?

not applicable

year of birth

deceased

year of decease

no

yes

own father

own mother

2. What is your country of birth?

The Netherlands (Interviewer: go to question 4)

other EC-country

Indonesia

Surinam

The Netherlands Antilles / Aruba

Turkey

Morocco

China

other country

3. When did you come to Holland?  
in 19..

4. What schools have you been to or what courses have you taken? This question is solely about daytime or evening classes, company training courses will be dealt with presently. Have you finished all courses, in other words did you get a certificate or are there also courses you have not finished?

You can use this card to answer the question.

(Interviewer: show respondent card 2; do not let off too easily, be sure you also get information on courses that have not been finished)

finished (with certificate)

stopped, no certificate / still following the course

lower general

lower vocational

intermediate general

intermediate vocational

higher general

higher vocational

higher scientific

5. What category is your highest course in? You can answer the question by using this card.

(Interviewer: hand respondent card 3; only one answer possible)

Respondent has only had secondary education

1. Teacher training course

2. (University) education in one of the Humanities

3. Agricultural and horticultural education

4. (University) education in Science and technical education

5. Medical and paramedical education

6. Economic, administrative and business education

7. Law School, Public / social administration

8. Socio-cultural education

9. Education in domestic science, social work and food

10. Other kinds of education (e.g. military and police education)

6. Have you followed in-company training courses in addition to the above-mentioned?

yes

no (Interviewer: go to question 9)

7. How many hours, days, weeks or months have you spent doing these in-company training courses?

number of months

or

number of weeks

or

number of days

or

number of hours

do not know

8. When did you follow your most recent in-company training course?

(Interviewer: if respondent is following a course, or did so less than a year ago, fill in "0")

... years ago

9. Are you a member of a church or a religious community?

no (Interviewer: go to question 11)

yes, to wit:

- Roman Catholic

- Protestant

- Reformed

- Dutch Reformed

- other christian denomination

- other church or religious community

10. How often do you attend religious meetings or services?

at least once a week

at least once a month

a few times a year

hardly ever

11. I would like to know whether you have a job right now. Could you say to which group you belong, looking at this card? (Interviewer: hand respondent card 4.) If you belong to more than one group, indicate the one you would like to be included in most.

(Interviewer: only one answer possible)

render paid services (including directors Inc.)

seasonal worker / available on call / temping

self-employed (excluding directors Inc.)

work with or for someone else in household

incapacitated to work, receiving disablement insurance benefits

on early retirement, receiving an early retirement pension

retired, receiving a pension

retired or on early retirement, without receiving a(n early retirement) pension

unemployed

unemployed, not looking for work (also housewife without paid work)

12. Summary

(Interviewer: check which group respondent belongs to)

Respondent does not work (question 11 code 5-10) (Interviewer: go to question 13)

Respondent does work (question 11 code 1-4) (Interviewer: go to question 16)

13. So, at present you are unemployed. Could you tell me since when?

month: ... year: 19..

do not know

16. Are you in good health, generally speaking?

very good

good

average

sometimes good and sometimes poor

poor

17. To what degree would your health hinder you in practising your profession at the moment?  
 Would it be a problem for you to practise your profession? Would it present minor problems? Or major ones? Or wouldn't it present a problem at all?  
 do not know, never had a job / no profession (Interviewer: go to question 21)  
 it is not a problem for respondent to practise profession (Interviewer: go to question 21)  
 respondent experiences minor problems when practising profession  
 respondent experiences major problems when practising profession  
 respondent can no longer practise profession
18. Is there another (paid) profession in which your health would not present any or fewer problems? Or do you think your health would present problems in other professions as well?  
 there is (other) work in which my health would not present any problems  
 there is (other) work in which my health would present fewer problems  
 my health would present problems in any profession  
 do not know
19. Could you tell me what kind of health problems you have? Do you suffer physical afflictions or do you suffer mental afflictions, such as severe strain, stress or exhaustion? Or do you suffer both mental and physical afflictions?  
 physical afflictions  
 mental afflictions  
 both mental and physical afflictions  
 do not know
20. How long have you had these health problems? (Interviewer: if health problems respondent began in or before 1983, the year suffices)  
 since:  
 month: ... year: 19..  
 do not know
21. Summary  
 Respondent does not work (question 11 code 5-10) (Interviewer: go to question 24)  
 Respondent does work (question 11 code 1-4) (Interviewer: go to question 22)

22. Do you at present work your usual number of hours, or do you work less or not at all because of your health?  
 respondent works usual number of hours (Interviewer: go to question 23b)  
 respondent does work, but does not work usual number of hours because of health  
 no, respondent does not go to work
- 23a. How many months / weeks / days haven't you been (full-time) at work?  
 ... months or  
 ... weeks or  
 ... days  
 do not know
- 23b. Are you looking for another paid job at the moment? Meant is another main job, not one on the side.  
 yes (Interviewer: go to question 27)  
 no (Interviewer: go to question 37)
24. Would you like to have a paid job again?  
 yes  
 no
25. Are you looking for a paid job at present?  
 yes (Interviewer: go to question 27)  
 no
26. What are the reasons for not looking for a job? You can use this card to answer the question.  
 (Interviewer: hand respondent card 15; more than one answer possible)  
 I am housewife and that is enough work as it is  
 because of health reasons  
 because of pursuits at home  
 because of pursuits elsewhere  
 I do not think there are any vacancies in my line of work  
 I do not think an employer would hire an unemployed person

I do not think an employer would hire a person who is incapacitated to work

I do not think an employer would hire a person on early retirement

I think employers would consider me too old

I think it does not pay enough

I am fine the way I am

I do not feel like going through any major changes

in fact I am on early retirement

I am retired

because of health partner / children / grandchildren / parents (in-law)

I think I will have to move

other reason, to wit:

(Interviewer: go to question 35)

27. What kind of job are you looking for?

(Interviewer: write down post or position)

do not know

28. For how many months or weeks have you been looking for another full-time job?

... months or ... weeks

29. What steps have you taken to get another job during that period?

You can use this card to answer the question.

(Interviewer: hand respondent card 7; more than one answer possible)

looked at advertisements

answered an advertisement

put an advertisement in a paper

contacted an employer of own accord

called in friends and family or contacts

looked for a job with the help of a job centre

signed in at temping agency / agencies

nothing special

different, to wit:

30. So you have been looking for a job for .... (Interviewer: read out period of question 28) weeks / months ? How often have you applied for a job during this period? Applying for a job can be done by writing a letter or by having a job interview.  
applied for a job ... times
31. How many jobs have you been offered in the past ... (Interviewer: read out period of question 28) weeks / months?  
none  
... number of jobs
32. If you find a suitable job now, how many hours a week would you like to work, also taking into account the money you would choose to earn?  
... hours a week  
do not know
33. Suppose someone you know offered you a suitable job with exactly the number of hours you just indicated (so the number you chose), what would be the minimum net wages you would have to be offered so you would take the job?  
per  
week  
four weeks  
month  
year  
do not want to tell  
do not know  
minimum net wages: \$  
would never take that job
34. When would you be able to start, if you were offered a suitable job right now? Could you start within two weeks for example?  
within two weeks  
not within two weeks, but within three months  
after three months or more



35. Summary

Respondent does not work (question 11 code 5-10) (Interviewer: go to question 36a)

Respondent does work (question 11 code 1-4) (Interviewer: go to question 37)

## 36a. I am going to read out a few welfare provisions and I would like to know if you receive any of those and if so, how much that approximately is after tax. Do you receive:

(Interviewer: read out the welfare provisions one after the other; write down answers in table below)

receives

per

no

yes

after tax

week

four weeks

month

three months

year

do not want to tell

do not know

unemployment benefits \$

disablement insurance benefits \$

other, to wit: \$

respondent has no income of his / her own

36b. Do you receive an old-age pension, an early retirement pension or another kind of pension?  
If so, how much is that, approximately?

(Interviewer: read out sources of income; write down answers in table below)

receives

per

no

yes

after tax

week

four weeks

month

three months

year

do not want to tell

do not know

(partial) old-age pension \$

(partial) early retirement pension \$

another kind of pension (e.g. a widow's pension, a war pension) \$

(Interviewer: go to question 60)

37. Do you work in the private sector or for the government?

private sector

for the government

self-employed / work for family member

do not know

38. What kind of company or organization do you work for?

(Interviewer: for example, what services does the company render, what does it produce, sell, etc.)

39. Where is the company (or branch of that company) based? Could you also give the zip code of that company (branch)?

Company (branch) based in:

Zip code company (branch):

40. Could you make an estimate of the total number of people that work for the company or organization you work for?

own company / shop, only the owner or family members

1-5 persons

6-10 persons

11-20 persons

21-50 persons

51-100 persons

101-200 persons

201-500 persons

500 or more persons

really do not know

41. Do you remember the year you started working for this company? Do you also remember in which month?

(Interviewer: how long has respondent worked for the same employer;

if respondent began in or before 1983, the year suffices)

started working for present employer in:

month: ... year: 19..

42. What post or position do you have at present?

43. In what way are you employed? Are you employed on a permanent or a temporary basis or otherwise? You can answer the question by using the following card.

(Interviewer: hand respondent card 16)

employed on a permanent basis

employed on a temporary basis, with the prospect of a permanent contract

employed on a temporary basis, without the prospect of a permanent contract

employed as a seasonal worker

employed by a temping agency

contract that employer is available on call

job provided by the government

work while retaining welfare

self-employed / work for family member

other, to wit:

do not know

44. Are you directly or indirectly in charge of other people? If so, how many persons are you in charge of?

none

1 through 4 persons

5 through 9 persons

10 through 19 persons

20 through 49 persons

50 or more persons

45. I am going to read out a few features that are characteristic for certain jobs. Could you indicate whether any of these characteristics are often / sometimes / never applicable to your job?

(Interviewer: read out the characteristics one at a time)

often

sometimes

never

- a. Can you work at your own pace?
- b. Do you become dirty while working?
- c. Is your job dangerous?
- d. Do you work with dangerous substances?
- e. Is your work physically taxing?
- f. Do you have to lift heavy objects?
- g. Do you have to kneel or bend?
- h. Is your work tiring?
- i. Is your work mentally exerting?
- k. Do you have to concentrate intensely while working?
- l. Is your job too taxing at times?
- m. Do you have to be good at handling other people?
- n. Are you expected to work overtime?
- o. Do you have irregular working hours?

- 46a. How many hours a week do you work on average, if you include paid and unpaid overtime?

(Interviewer: do not include traveling time)

... hours a week

really do not know

- 46b. And how many hours a week do you have to work according to your contract?

... hours a week

not applicable (no contract)

47. How many hours would you like to work in this job, if you could state the number of hours yourself and if you would be paid (approx.) the same per hour as you are paid at present?  
desired number of hours a week  
do not know
48. The questions I would like to ask you now are about your income.  
How much are you paid (approximately) by your present main employer after tax?  
income after tax: \$ ... per  
week  
four weeks  
month  
year  
do not want to tell (Interviewer: go to question 51)  
really do not know (Interviewer: go to question 51)
49. Does that include payments for overtime, a vacation bonus and other bonuses?  
yes  
no  
not applicable  
(no vacation bonus) (Interviewer: go to question 51)
50. How much is that (approximately) after tax?  
extra after tax: \$ ... per  
week  
four weeks  
month  
year  
do not want to tell  
really do not know
51. I am going to read out a few welfare provisions and I would like to know if you receive any of those and if so, how much that approximately is after tax. Do you receive:  
(Interviewer: read out the welfare provisions one after the other; write down answers in table below)

receives

per

no

yes

after tax

week

four weeks

month

three months

year

do not want to tell

do not know

unemployment benefits \$

disablement insurance benefits \$

other, to wit: \$

52. Do you receive an old-age pension, an early retirement pension or another kind of pension?

If so, how much is that, approximately?

(Interviewer: read out the sources of income; write down answers in table below)

receives

per

no

yes

after tax

week

four weeks

month

three months

year

do not want to tell

do not know

(partial) old-age pension \$

(partial) early retirement pension \$

another kind of pension (e.g. a widow's pension, a war pension) \$

53. Do you have the right to a pension via your present employer? Are you entitled to a pension from the pension fund for civil servants, the ABP, or from the pension fund for social workers and (mental) health care workers, the PGGM, or from the AMP, or the pension fund Produktschappen, or the pension fund for railroad personnel or any other pension fund?
- no
- yes, entitled to a pension from the pension fund ABP
- yes, entitled to a pension from the pension fund PGGM
- yes, entitled to a pension from the pension fund AMP
- yes, entitled to a pension from the pension fund Produktschappen
- yes, entitled to a pension from the pension fund for railroad personnel
- yes, entitled to a pension from the pension fund, do not remember name
- yes, entitled to a pension from the pension fund, called:
- do not know
54. Does the company you work for now have an early retirement scheme?
- yes
- no (Interviewer: go to question 57)
- not applicable
- (self-employed) (Interviewer: go to question 57)
- do not know (Interviewer: go to question 57)
55. What are the conditions you have to meet in order to make use of the early retirement scheme? Is the scheme only for people of a certain age and seniority or does the company only take seniority into account?
- you have to be at least ... years old
- you have to be at least ... years old and
- have worked for that company for at least ... years
- you have to have worked for that company for at least ... years
- other arrangements, to wit:
- do not know
56. Do you know what percentage of your last net or gross wages will be paid out, if you (could) take early retirement?
- yes, ... % of net wages

or

... % of gross wages

no, do not know

57. If you could choose, at what age would you like to stop working or had you already wanted to have stopped working?

had wanted to stop at the age of

want to stop at the age of

do not know

58. At what age do you think you will stop working?

at the age of

do not know

(Interviewer: only ask this question if respondent indicated for question 58 that s/he wants to stop working at the age of 64 at the latest)

59. If you stop working before you will have reached the age of 65, what will be your reason(s) for doing so?

(Interviewer: more than one answer possible)

because of health reasons

I think I have worked long enough

I am more or less forced by my employer

I want a change

I want to take things a bit easier

I do not really like my duties

the work is (becoming) too taxing for me

I am threatened with dismissal (due to reorganization, cuts, closure, etc.)

because of the atmosphere at work / at my department

because of health partner / children / grandchildren / parents (in-law)

partner stops working

because of (changed) situation at home

other reasons, to wit:

do not know



Now I would like to ask you a few questions about your experience on the labor market.

60. Do you remember at what age you started working? Meant is your first paid job, after you had left school.

(Interviewer: meant is the first real job, jobs on the side and such are to be excluded)

at the age of

respondent has never worked (Interviewer: go to question 71)

61. Were you ever self-employed?

(Interviewer: if respondent is self-employed at the moment, exclude present period)

yes

no (Interviewer: go to question 69)

62. How many times were you self-employed?

... times

63. How many different employers (companies or organizations) have you worked for?

(Interviewer: if respondent hesitates because of a large number of employers, read out the possible answers; several jobs through one temping agency is one employer; if respondent has a job at the moment, exclude present employer)

no employer

1 employer

2 employers

3 employers

4 employers

5-10 employers

more than 10 employers

do not know

64. Have you ever been unemployed for a while? I.e. a time in which you did not work but were looking for a job?

(Interviewer: only if periods lasted longer than a month; if respondent is unemployed at the moment, exclude present period)

yes

no (Interviewer: go to question 67)

65. How many times have you been unemployed?

... times

do not know

66. How long, i.e. how many months or years, did this period / these periods in total last?

... year(s) or ... months

do not know

67. Has there been a time during which you did not work; for example, since you were doing the housekeeping or since you were declared unfit? You are to exclude periods of unemployment.

(Interviewer: if respondent does not work at the moment, exclude present period)

yes

no (Interviewer: go to question 71)

68. How many periods in which you did not work have you undergone?

... periods

69. How long, i.e. how many months or years, did this period / these periods in total last?

... year(s) or ... months

do not know

(Interviewer: only ask this question if respondent works for a company or organization at present;

no self-employed or freelance workers)

70. Finally I would like to ask you something completely different. Part of this inquiry is a questionnaire for companies. If you do not mind, we would like to present a staff member of the company you work for with a questionnaire. We want to ask very specific questions about the company, questions that you could not answer, for example questions about future plans of the company.

You, nor your name nor your position within the company will be mentioned at all. Could you give me the name and address, and if possible the telephone number of the company you work for?

Name of the company:

House number and street name:

Zip code and place name:

Telephone number:

respondent does not want to give address

71. Interviewer: has the respondent already filled in the self-questionnaire?
- no, ask respondent to fill in the self-questionnaire now
  - yes, check the data on all the lists you filled in for correctness and completeness and attach the self-questionnaire to this questionnaire.