

2020 Household Pulse Survey

This survey is a cooperative effort across many agencies to provide critical, timely information about the experience of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and its impact on the population of the United States. This survey is not the census. The 2020 Census is also underway.

Q1 Getting enough food can also be a problem for some people. Which of these statements best describes the food eaten in your household **before March 13, 2020**? *Select only one answer.*

- Enough of the kinds of food (I/we) wanted to eat
- Enough, but not always the kinds of food (I/we) wanted to eat
- Sometimes not enough to eat
- Often not enough to eat

Q2 In the **last 7 days**, which of these statements best describes the food eaten in your household? *Select only one answer.*

- Enough of the kinds of food (I/we) wanted to eat
- Enough, but not always the kinds of food (I/we) wanted to eat
- Sometimes not enough to eat
- Often not enough to eat

Q3 Why did you not have enough to eat (or not what you wanted to eat)? *Choose all that apply.*

- Couldn't afford to buy more food
- Couldn't get out to buy food (for example, didn't have transportation, or had mobility or health problems that prevented you from getting out)
- Afraid to go or didn't want to go out to buy food
- Couldn't get groceries or meals delivered to me
- The stores didn't have the food I wanted

Q4 During the **last 7 days**, did you or anyone in your household get free groceries or a free meal? *Select only one answer.*

- Yes
- No

Q5 Where did you get free groceries or free meals? *Choose all that apply.*

- Free meals through the school or other programs aimed at children
- Food pantry or food bank
- Home-delivered meal service like Meals on Wheels
- Church, synagogue, temple, mosque or other religious organization
- Shelter or soup kitchen
- Other community program
- Family, friends, or neighbors

The next questions are about how much money you and your household spend on food at supermarkets, grocery stores, other types of stores, and food service establishments, like restaurants and drive-thrus. When you answer these questions, please do not include money spent on alcoholic beverages.

Q6 During the **last 7 days**, how much money did you and your household spend on food at supermarkets, grocery stores, online, and other places you buy food to prepare and eat at home? Please include purchases made with SNAP or food stamps. *Enter amount.*

Q7 During the **last 7 days**, how much money did you or your household spend on prepared meals, including eating out, fast food, and carry out or delivered meals? Please include money spent in cafeterias at work or at school or on vending machines. Please do not include money you have already told us about in item Q28(above). *Enter amount.*

Q8 How confident are you that your household will be able to afford the kinds of food you need for the **next four weeks**? *Select only one answer.*

- Not at all confident
- Somewhat confident
- Moderately confident
- Very confident

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