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Community Assessment:**

Introduction

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INTRODUCTION

The Dallas Women's Foundation (DWF) is committed to the advancement of women in Dallas County. This purpose is strongly supported by its knowledge of the health and social conditions of women in Dallas County and its various communities.

In order to keep this knowledge up-to-date, DWF led an effort to produce a comprehensive inventory of women's assets and needs. The comprehensive assessment consisted of several components including a review of relevant literature, analysis of census data, survey of women, survey of girls and focus groups of special populations. This report details the findings of the survey of women which was conducted by the Survey Research Center at the University of North Texas.

Needs and assets of Dallas County women were measured through a household survey. The objectives of the household survey were to collect assets and needs data for:

- Children and youth including supervisory care patterns, assets and challenges;
- Families and households including relationships within the household, needs for professional counseling and legal help, and role models;
- Community life including neighborhood relationships, housing and experiences of discrimination;
- Economics including current sentiments and optimism, cost of living and resources, financial problems and remedies, employment, education and training and transportation;
- Health care including insurance coverage, medical treatment patterns in health matters for adults and children, and mental illness issues.

These topics are addressed in five volumes that comprise this comprehensive report. This volume details the methodology of the survey and the characteristics of the sample.

METHODOLOGY

Instrument

The survey instrument was compiled using input from several sources. First, meetings with a DWF survey committee comprised executive and research staff were held in the spring of 2002. The purpose of the meetings were to communicate to SRC staff the purpose and objectives to be fulfilled by the household survey. Survey instruments from other household surveys were reviewed for ideas.

A draft was created from these sources and was presented to the DWF survey committee. A process of adding new questions and revising existing questions took place for several weeks until a final instrument was approved by the DWF survey committee. The instrument is available in Appendix B.

The survey instrument asked to speak to a woman in the household over the age of 18. Once the selected female respondent finished answering the questions about her and the household, they were asked if they had any daughters between the ages of 7 and 11 or between the ages of 12 and 17. If the respondent had a daughter in the younger age group, she was asked a series of questions regarding that daughter. If the respondent had a daughter in the older age group, the interviewer asked for permission to let her daughter participate in a written survey. The results for the surveys of girls are presented in separate reports.

Geographic Area Definitions

In order to make sure all parts of Dallas County were well represented, the county was divided into five separate areas that were used to set quotas for data collection and as a characteristic for crosstabulations. These areas were northeast, northwest, southeast, southwest, and central Dallas County. The first set of questions in the survey instrument was designed to identify the area in which the respondent lived. Respondents were asked to give the zip code in which their home was located. Each response was assigned to one of the five areas of Dallas County based on zip codes. A full listing of the zip codes in each area are presented in Appendix A.

Sampling Method

The conceptual population for the survey of women was all women of Dallas County who were 18 years of age or older and who reside in households with telephones. In order to obtain a sample that would allow for crosstabulations by the geographically defined areas of Dallas County, a stratified random sampling method was designed. A target of 250 respondents was set for each area.

Random digit dialing (RDD) was used as the method of sample generation within each area because it offers the best coverage of active telephone numbers, and it reduces sample bias. The RDD method ensures that:

- the conceptual frame and sampling frame match;
- unlisted telephone numbers will be included, and;

- the sampling frame will be as current as possible, thus maximizing the probability that newer residents will be included.

In order to produce the random telephone sample used in this survey, all operational three-digit telephone number exchanges in Dallas County were identified by area. The proportion of telephone numbers assigned to each telephone number exchange was calculated by examining the density of listed telephone numbers for each exchange. Using this proportion as a guide, the last four digits were randomly generated for each telephone exchange. The total distribution of phone numbers produced generally reflected the distribution of listed phone numbers among the exchanges in the county.

Data Collection

Trained telephone interviewers who had previous experience in telephone surveys were used to conduct the survey. New interviewers were added to the staff and trained as needed. Each interviewer completed an intensive general training session. The purposes of general training were to ensure that interviewers understood and practiced all of the basic skills needed to conduct interviews and that they were knowledgeable about standard interviewing conventions. The interviewers also attended a specific training session for the project. The project training session provided information on the background and goals of the study. Interviewers practiced administering the questionnaire to become familiar with the questions.

All interviewing was conducted from a centralized telephone bank in Denton, Texas. An experienced telephone supervisor was on duty at all times to supervise the administration of the sample, monitor for quality control, and handle any other problems. Data for the survey were collected over a period of 5 weeks beginning May 24 and ending June 26, 2002.

Sampling Results

A total of 1,250 completed interviews were obtained. This included 250 completed interviews in each of the areas. A random sample of 250 respondents yields a margin of error of ± 6.2 percent. This means, for example, that if 40 percent of the respondents answered "yes" to a question, we could be 95 percent confident that the actual proportion of residents in the population who would answer "yes" to the same question would fall somewhere between 33.8 percent and 46.2 percent.

As the sample size increases the margin of error decreases. Among a random sample of 1,250 respondents, the margin of error is quite low. If a simple random sampling method were used without stratification across the county, a sample of this size would yield a margin of error ± 2.8 percent at the 95 percent confidence level. While the sample in the women's survey was a stratified random sample and not a simple random sample, a ± 2.8 margin of error can be approximated by employing a weighting method to the overall sample.

Sample Weighting Method

When stratifying the sample geographically, each area is an independent random sample that provides a representative distribution of the population's characteristics within that area. However, when the areas are combined to represent Dallas County as a whole, some error is introduced. This occurs because the actual number of households within each area varies.

For example, according to current population estimates, the Southeast portion of Dallas County is comprised of approximately 44,400 households and the Northeast portion is comprised of approximately 350,000 households. In a random sample, the number of respondents from the Northeast completing an interview would be nearly eight times the number of respondents from the Southeast completing an interview.

In the geographically stratified, random sampling method used for this survey, the number of interviews in each of these areas is the same. In order to compensate for the effects of over-representation, a weighting method was employed to bring the relative number of interviews from each area in line with the number of respondents who would have been interviewed if the sample were drawn proportionally.

This weighting method reduces over-representation when aggregating the data to the county level. Whenever the data were aggregated to represent residents of Dallas County as a whole, this weighting method was used. When aggregate responses to questions were crosstabulated by demographic characteristics of the respondents, the same weighting method was employed.

This aggregate weighting method was not applied to analysis of differences among the areas of Dallas County. Since each area is an independent random sample, it is not only acceptable, but also advisable that the responses for each area are run without weights. As a result, the responses in each area are an adequate representation of the area's population within a ± 6.2 percent margin of error.

Analysis by Demographic Groups

Each question in the survey was cross-tabulated with the following 15 demographic categories:

Age	Type of housing
Education	Homeownership status
Race or ethnicity	Annual income
Marital status	Language spoken most often at home
Sexual orientation	Number of people in household
Length of residence in Dallas County	Have children under 18 in household
Length of residence at current address	Present employment status
Area of Dallas County	

Whenever the responses to a single question are divided by demographic groups, the percentage distribution of responses within one group will rarely exactly match the percentage distribution of another group; there will often be some variation between groups.

The most important consideration in interpreting these differences is to determine if the differences in the sample are representative of differences between the same groups within the general population. This question can be answered with a test of statistical significance. The Survey Research Center only reports those differences between groups that are found to be statistically significant.

Report Format

The purpose of this report is to summarize the data for the women's survey at the county level. The findings are intended to represent the conditions of women throughout the county. When findings are presented by demographic characteristics, these characteristics are also intended to be generalizable to the women of Dallas County as a whole.

The remainder of the report is arranged in six volumes. This volume presents the demographic characteristics for all respondents. The second, "Children and Youth," details the findings regarding supervisory care patterns of children and several other factors. "Families and Households" details findings regarding relationships among people within the household. "Community and Neighborhood Life" reports findings regarding neighborhoods, housing conditions and civic activities. "Economics and Self-Sufficiency," reports cost of living and resources, financial problems and remedies, employment, education and training, and transportation topics. Health care issues are presented in the section "Health Insurance and Health Care." Topics presented include insurance coverage, medical treatment patterns in health matters for adults and children.

It should be noted that due to rounding, percentages may not always add up to 100 percent, but will usually range from 99.9 percent to 100.1 percent unless otherwise noted.

SAMPLE CHARACTERISTICS

Respondent Characteristics

Table 1
Respondent Characteristics

Demographic Characteristics	Count	Percent Responding
Age		
18-25	217	17.4
26-35	252	20.2
36-45	263	21.1
46-60	301	24.2
61-70	94	7.6
71 and older	118	9.5
Years of education completed		
Less than or some high school	208	16.6
High school graduate/GED	298	23.8
Some college or technical school	363	29.0
College graduate	253	20.2
Graduate school or more	128	10.3

- Respondents were asked a series of questions regarding personal characteristics and household characteristics. As shown in Table 1, 17.4 percent of the respondents were between the ages of 18 and 25, and 17.1 percent of the respondents were age 61 or older. Forty-five percent of the respondents were between the ages of 36 and 60.
- Seventeen percent had less than or some high school education and 23.8 percent had a high school degree or G.E.D. Twenty-nine percent of the respondents had some college or technical school experience. Nearly one-third had a college degree (20.2 percent) or some graduate school experience (10.3 percent).

**Table 1 (Continued)
Respondent Characteristics**

Demographic Characteristics	Count	Percent Responding
Race/ethnicity		
White	687	55.2
African American	225	18.1
Hispanic	284	22.8
Asian	26	2.1
American Indian	13	1.1
Other	10	0.8
Marital status		
Married	706	56.8
Never married	179	14.4
Divorced	152	12.2
Separated	43	3.5
Widowed	89	7.2
Living with someone	75	6.0
Sexual orientation		
Heterosexual	1,159	98.5
Gay-lesbian	7	0.6
Bi-sexual	11	1.0

- As shown in Table 5B, 55.2 percent of the respondents in the sample was White. Hispanic respondents comprised 22.8 percent of the respondents, and African American respondents comprised 18.1 percent of the respondents. Other ethnic/racial groups in the sample included Asian (2.1 percent), American Indian (1.1 percent) and other (0.8 percent) respondents.
- More than half was married (56.8 percent), or living with a partner (6.0 percent). Nearly one-quarter was either divorced (12.2 percent), separated (3.5 percent), or widowed (7.2 percent). Fourteen percent were never married. Ninety-nine percent of the respondents reported being heterosexual.

Household Characteristics

Table 2
Household Characteristics

Characteristic	Count	Percent Responding
Length of residence in Dallas County		
Less than 1 year	58	4.6
1 to 2 years	97	7.8
3 to 5 years	143	11.4
6 to 10 years	147	11.8
Over 10 years	803	64.4
Length of residence at current address		
Less than 6 months	127	10.2
6 months to 1 year	156	12.5
1 to 5 years	456	36.5
6 to 10 years	161	12.9
Over 10 years	349	27.9
Type of housing		
Single family home	782	62.6
Apartment	338	27.1
Duplex	33	2.6
Townhouse	37	3.0
Condominium	24	2.0
Senior housing community-apartment	9	0.7
Mobile home	16	1.3
Other	11	0.8
Ownership status		
Own	697	56.1
Rent	475	38.2
Live with family-friends	72	5.8

- As shown in Table 2, 64.4 percent of the respondents lived in Dallas County for more than 10 years, but only 27.9 percent lived at their current address for that period of time. Over half of the respondents (59.2 percent) lived at their current residence for 5 years or less.
- Sixty-three percent of the respondents lived in a single-family home, and 27.1 percent of the respondents lived in an apartment. Ten percent of the respondents lived in either a townhouse (3.0 percent), duplex (2.6 percent), condominium (2.0 percent), mobile home (1.3 percent), or senior housing apartment (0.7 percent). Less than one percent lived in other accommodations. Fifty-six percent of the respondents owned their home, 38.2 percent rented, and 5.8 percent lived with family-friends.

Table 2 (Continued)
Household Characteristics

Characteristic	Count	Percent Responding
Income		
Under \$15,000	183	16.6
\$15,000 to \$30,000	256	23.3
\$30,001 to \$50,000	276	25.0
\$50,001 to \$75,000	167	15.1
Over \$75,000	221	20.1
Language spoken most often at home		
English	994	79.5
Spanish	196	15.7
Two languages spoken equally	41	3.3
Other	19	1.5

- Forty percent of the households reported incomes below \$30,000 and 20.1 percent reported incomes over \$75,000.
- While most of the respondents spoke primarily English at home (79.5 percent), 15.7 percent spoke Spanish primarily and 3.3 percent spoke English and Spanish equally at home. Less than 2 percent spoke some other language at home.

Table 2 (Continued)
Household Characteristics

Characteristic	Count	Percent Responding
Number of people in household		
1	115	9.2
2	253	20.3
3	293	23.5
4	235	18.9
5	175	14.1
6	100	8.0
7 or more	74	6.0
Have children under 18 in household		
Yes	559	44.8
No	690	55.2
Present employment status		
Full-time	570	45.9
Part-time	111	9.0
Unemployed	151	12.2
Retired	162	13.0
Student	40	3.2
Homemaker	169	13.6
Disabled or too ill to work	39	3.1

- The largest percentage of households (23.5 percent) housed three people. Twenty percent reported two people in the household, and 18.9 percent reported four people in the household.
- Fifty-five percent reported no children in the household.
- Nearly half of the respondents (45.9 percent) were employed full-time, and 9.0 percent were employed part-time. Fourteen percent were homemakers, 13.0 percent were retired, and 12.2 percent were unemployed.

APPENDIX A: AREA DEFINITIONS BY ZIPCODE

Area Definitions by Zip Code

Northwest	Northeast	Central	Southwest	Southeast
75006	75040	75201	75050	75125
75019	75041	75202	75051	75134
75038	75042	75203	75052	75141
75039	75043	75204	75060	75146
75062	75044	75208	75061	75159
75063	75048	75210	75104	75172
75067	75081	75211	75115	75180
75080	75082	75215	75116	75181
75205	75088	75216	75137	75241
75209	75089	75217	75207	75253
75220	75098	75219	75212	
75225	75149	75224	75247	
75229	75150	75226	75249	
75230	75182	75232		
75234	75206	75233		
75235	75214	75236		
75240	75218	75237		
75244	75223			
75248	75227			
75251	75228			
75252	75231			
75261	75238			
	75243			
	75246			

APPENDIX B: INSTRUMENT

Dallas Women's Foundation

Survey of Dallas County Women Age 18 and Older

Hello, my name is _____. The Survey Research Center of the University of North Texas is conducting a citizen survey for the Dallas Women's Foundation. May I speak with a woman age 18 or older. **(TO RESPONDENT)** The Dallas Women's Foundation is conducting a survey on various issues that affect women and girls in Dallas County. All of your answers will remain confidential, and will be used only to describe healthcare, neighborhood and family issues in your area. Your participation this survey is voluntary. This project has been reviewed by the UNT Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects. If you have any questions, please call 1-800-687-7055.

EDUCATION

1. How many years of education have you completed?
 1. Less than high school
 2. High school graduate/GED
 3. Some college/technical school
 4. College graduate
 5. Graduate school or more
 9. NR/DK

2. Have you taken any classes or courses to learn new skills in the past two years?
 1. Yes (ASK 2A)
 2. No
 9. NR/DK

2A. What classes/courses have you taken?

3. Do you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree that women have the same access to career opportunities as men?
 1. Strongly agree
 2. Agree
 3. Disagree
 4. Strongly disagree
 9. NR/DK

4. Do you have a computer at home?
 1. Yes
 2. No
 9. NR/DK

IF YES, ASK Q5, OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q6

5. Do you have Internet access at your home computer?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 9. NR/DK

6. Do you use a computer for any of the following:

Activity	Yes	No	NR/DK
Typing and word processing such as MS Word, Word Perfect etc.	1	2	9
Spreadsheet work such as Excel, Access etc	1	2	9
Photo editing	1	2	9
E-mail	1	2	9
Surfing the Internet	1	2	9
Other			

ECONOMICS/EMPLOYMENT

7a. Are you currently employed?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 9. NR/DK

If yes, ask 7b, otherwise skip to 7c

7b. Have you been employed continuously for the past two years?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 9. NR/D

Skip to 7d

7c. Have you ever been employed?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 9. NR/DK

If yes, ask 7d, otherwise skip to 8

7d. How would you classify your job?

- 1. Professional
- 2. Technician
- 3. Clerical
- 4. Manufacturing
- 5. Distribution
- 6. Retail
- Other _____

8. Does any female adult in your household, including yourself have two or more jobs that result in that person working more than 45 hours a week?
1. Yes
 2. No
 9. NR/DK
9. Does Has any female adult in your household been out of work and looking for a job within the past 12 months?
1. Yes, me (ASK 9A-C)
 2. Yes, someone else (ASK 9A-C)
 3. Both (ASK 9A-C)
 4. No (SKIP TO 11)
 9. NR/DK

(IF MORE THAN ONE ASK ABOUT THE ONE WITH THE MOST RECENT BIRTHDAY)

- 9A. Did that person find a job, are they still looking, or have they given up looking?
1. Found a job
 2. Still looking
 3. Given up looking
 9. NR/DK

9B. In what employment area were they looking for work?

1. Professional
2. Technician
3. Clerical
4. Manufacturing
5. Distribution
6. Retail
7. Other _____
9. NR/DK

9C. Which of the following best describes why the woman was out of work?

Reason	Response
Changed careers	1
Relocation of spouse or partner	2
Business closed or was laid off	3
Got fired or was terminated	4
Became disabled	5
Was pregnant, had a baby	6
Care of elderly relative	8
Care for child	11
Illness	12
Dissatisfied with job/pay	13
Lack of education	14
Other	
NR/DK	99

11. Do you use a budget as a way to manage your money?
1. Yes
 2. No
 9. NR/DK
12. Would you say that you are better off financially than you were five years ago?
1. Yes
 2. No
 9. NR/DK
13. Have you ever taken a class or spoken to a financial planner to learn how to plan for your or your spouses/partners retirement?
1. Yes
 2. No
 9. NR/DK
15. Have you made any provisions for your retirement other than Social Security, such a setting up a saving account, a 401(k), a 403(b), an IRA, or a Roth IRA?
1. Yes
 2. No
 9. NR/DK
16. Do you feel that you or you and your spouse or partner will be very prepared, prepared, or not prepared financially for when you retire
1. Very prepared
 2. Prepared
 3. Not prepared
 9. NR/DK
17. In the past 5 years, have you or any adult female members of your household experienced discrimination in any of the following ways?

Type	Yes	No	NR/DK
In employment	1	2	9
By police	1	2	9
In restaurants or retail stores	1	2	9
By a lending institution	1	2	9
Getting medical care	1	2	9
Getting help from a government or public agency	1	2	9
Obtaining housing	1	2	9

FOR EACH YES in 17 ASK:

17A. What was the primary reason for the discrimination?

Reason	Response
Race or ethnicity	1
Being female	2
Being too old	3
Being too young	4
A mental health problem	5
Poor/Economic status	6
Physical disability	7
Weight	8
Not being a US citizen	10
Religious preference	11
Sexual preference	12
Lack of education	14
Language	15
Other reason, _____	

18. Thinking about 5 years from now, would you say you are very confident, somewhat confident, not very confident, or not at all confident that you will have enough money to meet your needs in the future?

1. Very confident
2. Somewhat confident
3. Not very confident
4. Not at all confident
9. NR/DK

CHILDCARE

20. Do you have any children under the age of 18 living with you ?

1. Yes (ASK 20A-H)
2. No (SKIP TO 21)

20A. Are the children living with you:

Your children by birth
Step children
Foster children
Grandchildren

20A. Do you have any girls in the following age groups?

1. Under 7 years of age
2. 7-11 years of age
3. 12-18 years of age

20B. Do you have any boys in the following age groups?

4. Under 7 years of age
5. 7-11 years of age
6. 12-18 years of age

20C. Do you use any of the following to care for the children?

Resource	Yes	No
Licensed day care facility	1	2
Child care run from someone's home	1	2
Head Start program	1	2
Friend or relative	1	2
Babysitter in the home	1	2
Babysitter outside the home	1	2
Other	1	2

20D. Would you say that you have no problem, a minor problem, or a major problem with any of the following?

Problem	Major	Minor	No problem
Finding quality child care facilities	1	2	3
Finding affordable child care facilities	1	2	3
Finding child care during the hours you need it	1	2	3
Finding child care convenient to your home or work	1	2	3

20E. Have you ever missed work because you could not find quality day care?

1. Yes
2. No
9. NR/DK

20F. Do you get any assistance in paying for your child care from any of the following sources?

Assistance	Yes	No	NR/DK
Public service agency	1	2	9
Child support	1	2	9
Employer	1	2	9
Family or friends	1	2	9
Other			

20H. How much stress does taking care of your children cause you? Does it cause a major amount of stress, a moderate amount, a minor amount, or no stress at all?

1. Major
2. Moderate
3. Minor
4. No stress
9. NR/DK

JUSTICE SUPPORT AND LEGAL ISSUES

21. Have you or any female member in your household needed help from a lawyer or legal clinic in the past 12 months?

- 1. Yes (ASK 21A)
- 2. No (SKIP TO 22)
- 9. NR/DK

21A. What type of legal problem did you or the other household member have?

Problem	Yes	No	NR/DK
Divorce or separation	1 (21B)	2	9
Criminal matter	1 (21B)	2	9
Civil property matter	1 (21B)	2	9
Domestic violence	1 (21B)	2	9
Child custody issues	1(21B)	2	9
Child support	1 (21B)	2	9
Other			

FOR ALL YES ANSWERS IN 21A ASK:

21B. Did you get help from a lawyer or legal clinic in dealing with or resolving the legal problem?

- 1. Yes (ASK 21C)
- 2. No (SKIP TO 21D)
- 9. NR/DK

21C. Were you able to pay the legal fees for the lawyer’s services?

- 1. Yes
- 2. Not yet, but I’m working on it
- 3. The lawyer donated his/her service
- 4. No, unable to pay
- 9. NR/DK

21D. Why didn’t you seek the assistance of a lawyer?

Reason	Mentioned
Too expensive/cannot afford	1
Do not trust lawyers	2
Don’t know how to get a lawyer	3
Other	

22. Have you or any female age 18 or older requested the services of, or come into contact with a police officer or police department during the past year?

- 1. Yes (ASK 22A-B)
- 2. No (SKIP TO 23)
- 9. NR/DK

22A. What was the most recent contact that you had with the Police Department?

1. Stopped for a traffic violation (ask 22B 1-2)
2. Called to report a crime (Ask 22B 1-3)
3. Called for assistance with domestic/family violence (Ask 22B 1-3)
4. Called 911 (Ask 22B 1-3)
5. Other, _____
9. NR/DK

22B. Now I would like for you to rate the performance of the police officer or police department in three specific areas as being excellent, good, fair, or poor. The first area is "speed in responding to calls." Would you rate the officer or department as excellent, good, fair, or poor in this area? **INTERVIEWER: REPEAT FOR EACH AREA.**

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	NR/DK
1 . Courtesy	1	2	3	4	9
2 . Professionalism	1	2	3	4	9
3 . Speed in responding to calls	1	2	3	4	9

HEALTH

Now we are going to ask you some questions about Health.

23. How would you rate your health condition compared to others your age?

1. Excellent
2. Good
3. Fair
4. Poor
9. NR/DK

24. How often do you exercise for at least 30 minutes?

1. Less than once per week
2. 1 or 2 times per week
3. 3 times or more per week
4. NR/DK

25. When was the last time you had a mammogram?

1. Less than 1 year
2. 1 to 2 years
3. More than 2 years ago
4. Never
9. NR/DK

26. Do you:

	Yes	No	NR/DK
Smoke cigarettes	1 (ASK a)	2	9
a. How many per day?	Enter number _____		
Drink alcohol	Yes (ASK b)	2	9
b. Do you drink alcohol	1. Daily 2. Several times a week 3. Less than once a week		
Use drugs	1	2	9

27. Please tell us if you strongly agree, agree, disagree, strongly disagree, or you just don't agree or disagree with the following:

Statement	Strongly agree	Agree	I don't agree or disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Each week I eat a combination of dairy products (milk, cheese), meat, breads, and fruit.	1	2	3	4	5
Each week I eat a lot of fast food	1	2	3	4	5
Each week I eat a lot of candy, chips, and other similar snacks.	1	2	3	4	5

28. Now I have a question about different kinds of health plans or health insurance, including those provided by the government. As I read each of the following health plans, please tell me whether or not you or any other adult female in the household are covered by it. Are any adult females covered by... READ EACH ITEM

	Yes	No	NR/DK
Health insurance through your work or union	1	2	9
Health insurance through someone else's work or union	1	2	9
Health insurance bought directly by yourself or family	1	2	9
Medicare, a government plan that pays health care bills for people aged 65 and over and for some disabled people	1	2	9
Medicaid	1	2	9
Health insurance through some other group	1	2	9

31. Was there any time in the past 12 months when you or another adult female were completely without any health plan or medical insurance coverage at all?

1. Yes (ASK 31A)
2. No
9. NR/DK

31A. How many months were you without insurance? _____ number of months

ASK IF CHILDREN, otherwise skip to 33 :

29. Are your children or the children living in your household covered by (READ EACH ITEM)?

	Yes	No	NR/DK
Health insurance through your work or union	1	2	9
Health insurance through someone else's work or union	1	2	9
Health insurance bought directly by yourself or family	1	2	9
Medicaid	1	2	9
Health insurance through some other group	1	2	9

30. Are you aware of Children's Health Insurance Program or CHIP insurance?

1. Yes
2. No
9. NR/DK

32. Was there any time in the past 12 months when the children living in your household were completely without any health plan or medical insurance coverage at all?

1. Yes (ASK 32A)
2. No
9. NR/DK

32A. How many months was the child or children without insurance?
 _____ number of months

33. In the past 12 months, was there any time when you or any other adult female in the household needed or thought you/they needed medical care but did not get it?

1. Yes (ASK 33A-B)
2. No (SKIP TO 34)
9. NR/DK

33A. What was the primary reason you or that person did not get the medical help needed in this situation?

Reason	Response
Office did not have appointment times that fit my schedule	2
Did not call for appointment	3
Don't know who to call	4
Cost	5
Wait too long in doctor's office/clinic	7
No transportation	8
Couldn't find a doctor who accepts Medicaid	10
Couldn't find a doctor who accepts Medicare	11
Couldn't find a doctor who speaks my language	12
No insurance	14
Managed care (HMO) inconvenience/procedures	15
Other	
NR/DK	99

33B. Would you say that the medical situation that you could not get care for was serious, not too serious, or not serious at all?

1. Serious
2. Somewhat serious
3. Not serious at all
9. NR/DK

34. Did you or any female member of your household need medication for a medical condition in the last 12 months and did not purchase it due to lack of insurance or money?

1. Yes
2. No
9. NR/DK

35. Where do you usually go for routine medical care?

1. Private physician or HMO
2. Private clinic
3. Hospital emergency room
4. Public clinic
5. Faith/folk healer
6. Other, specify
9. NR/DK

36. During the past 12 months, was there any time when you or another adult female in your household needed dental care but did not get it?

1. Yes (ASK 36A-B)
2. No (SKIP TO 37)
9. NR/DK

36A. What was the primary reason you or that person did not get the dental help needed in this situation?

Reason	Response
Office did not have appointment times that fit my schedule	2
Did not call for an appointment	3
Don't know who to call	4
Cost	5
Wait too long in dentist's office/clinic	7
No transportation	8
Couldn't find a dentist who speaks my language	12
No insurance	13
Managed care (HMO) inconvenience/procedures	14
Other	
NR/DK	99

36B. Would you say that the dental situation that you or that person could not get care for was serious, not too serious, or not serious at all?

1. Serious
2. Not too serious
3. Not serious at all
9. NR/DK

37. Are you or any other female in your household currently pregnant?

1. Yes (ASK 37A)
2. No (SKIP TO 38)
9. NR/DK

37A. Is the person pregnant getting medical care?

1. Yes
2. No
9. NR/DK

38A. In the past 2 years, have you been really sad for over two weeks at a time and couldn't function (work or carry on your regular activities)?

1. Yes (ASK 38A1)
2. No (skip to 39b)

38A1. In the past 2 years, have you.....

Taken any medication prescribed by a doctor for these feelings?

1. Yes
2. No

38A2. Talked to a therapist, counselor, doctor, or other health care professional about these feelings?

1. Yes
2. No

38B. In the past two years have you felt like killing yourself or have you attempted to kill yourself?

1. Yes (ASK 38b1)
2. No (skip to 39)

38B1. In the past 2 years, have you taken any medication prescribed by a doctor for these feelings?

1. Yes
2. No

38B2. Have you talked to a therapist, counselor, doctor, or other health care professional about these feelings?

1. Yes
2. No

39. Generally, do you think you have a great deal of stress, some stress, or no stress in your life?

1. Great deal
2. Some
3. No stress
9. NR/DK

HOUSING

40. How long have you lived in Dallas County?

1. Less than 1 year
2. 1 to 2 years
3. 3 to 5 years
4. 6 to 10 years
5. Over 10 years
9. NR/DK

41. How long have you lived at your current address?

1. Less than 6 months (ASK 41A)
2. 6 months to 1 year (ASK 41A)
3. 1 to 5 years (SKIP TO 42)
4. 6 to 10 years (SKIP TOP 42)
5. Over 10 years (SKIP TO 42)
9. NR/DK

41A. How often have you moved in the past 12 months?

1. Once
2. Twice
3. Three or more times
9. NR/DK

42. What type of housing do you live in?

1. Single family home
2. Apartment
3. Duplex
4. Townhouse
5. Condominium
6. Senior housing community/apartment
7. Mobile home
8. Other, _____
9. NR/DK

43. Do you own or rent your home, or are you currently living with family or friends?

1. Own
2. Rent
3. Family/friends
9. NR/DK

44. How many bedrooms are there where you live?

1. 1
2. 2
3. 3
4. 4 or more

45. How many people live with you where you live?
1. 1
 2. 2
 3. 3
 4. 4
 5. 5
 6. 6 or more
- 46A. Have you ever applied for any housing assistance from the city or another government agency?
1. Yes
 2. No (SKIP TO 46c)
 9. NR/DK
- 46B. Have you ever received any housing assistance from the city or another government agency?
1. Yes
 2. No
 9. NR/DK
- 46C. Have you applied for Section 8 vouchers?
1. Yes
 2. No
 9. NR/DK
47. Have you or a female member of your household experienced problems with buying or renting a house or apartment in Dallas County?
1. Yes (ASK 47A)
 2. No (SKIP TO 48)
 9. NR/DK
- 47A. What was the primary cause of the problem?
1. Unable to afford rent or payment
 2. No money for deposit
 3. No money for down payment
 4. Bad credit
 5. Could not get a loan
 6. Rental unit or home to liking not available
 7. Discrimination
 8. Transportation to work not available
 10. Other, _____
 99. NR/DK
49. Regarding the house, apartment or dwelling that you live in, would you say that its physical condition and quality is excellent, good, fair or poor?
1. Excellent
 2. Good
 3. Fair
 4. Poor
 9. NR/DK

50. Is there someone in your household who can do housing maintenance and make repairs?
1. Yes
 2. No (ASK 50A)
 9. NR/DK

50A. If no one can make house repairs, when a repair needs to be made, do you...

1. Call the landlord
2. Call a friend or relative to make repairs
3. Call a professional repairman
4. Let the repair go until there is money to hire a professional repairman
5. Call the city or another government agency
9. NR/DK

51. In the past 12 months, have you or any female member of your household been without a house or apartment of your own in which to live?

1. Yes (ASK 51A)
2. No (SKIP TO 52)
9. NR/DK

51A. Where did that person stay during this time?

1. With a relative or friend
2. Emergency shelter
3. In my vehicle
4. On the street
9. NR/DK

SOCIAL SERVICES

52. Keeping up with rent or household payments and other monthly bills can be hard for some people. In your household, over the past 12 months, has paying bills been no problem at all, a minor problem, or a major problem?

1. No problem at all (ASK 52A)
2. A minor problem (ASK 52B-C)
3. A major problem (ASK 52B-C)
9. NR/DK

52A. If money ever was a problem where would you turn for help?

1. Will not have that problem
2. Relatives or friends
3. Public welfare
4. Other public agency
5. Faith-based organization
6. Work
7. Bank
8. Pawn shop
10. Other loan institution
11. No place to go
12. Other, _____
99. NR/DK

52B. During the past year, has your household been unable to pay any of the following bills because you did not have enough money?

Bill	Yes	No	NR/DK
Rent or mortgage	1 (ASK 52C)	2	9
Utilities	1 (ASK 52C)	2	9
A large medical bill	1 (ASK 52C)	2	9
Credit card payments	1 (ASK 52C)	2	9
Car payment	1 (ASK 52C)	2	9
Prescription drugs	1 (ASK 52C)	2	9
School fees or costs	1 (ASK 52C)	2	9
Other	1 (ASK 52C)	2	9

52C. When you were having problems did you turn to any of the following for help?

1. Relatives or friends	1
2. Public welfare	1
3. Other public agency	1
4. Faith-based organization	1
5. Work	1
6. Bank	1
7. Pawn shop	1
8. Other loan institution	1
10. No place to go	1
99. NR/DK	9

53. In the future, if you were faced with a sudden loss of income, how many weeks would your savings last without outside financial help? ____

SOCIAL SUPPORT

54. Is there one person that you can depend on to help you in an emergency? For example, your husband/partner, neighbor, friend, or boyfriend?

1. Yes (ASK 54A)
2. No (SKIP TO 55)
9. NR/DK

54A. Who is this person?

1. Spouse
2. Friend
3. Neighbor
4. Family member
5. Co-worker
6. Boyfriend
7. Other, ____
9. NR/DK

55. How often do you talk to, see, or do things with other people outside the home each week?

1. None
2. 1 to 2 times
3. 3 to 5 times
4. 6 to 10 times
5. More than 10
10. NR/DK

56. In the last year, have you or any female member of your household sought help from an agency or professional counselor to get you through any of the following problems?

Problem	Yes	No	NR/DK
Divorce or separation	1	2	9
Serious physical illness	1	2	9
Serious mental illness	1	2	9
Substance abuse	1	2	9
Death of family member or friend	1	2	9
Disabling injury	1	2	9
Financial problem	1	2	9
Problems with partner, boyfriend, or family member	1	2	9
Other			

57. Is there a female in your life who you look up to and turn to for guidance?

1. Yes (ASK 57A)
2. No (SKIP TO 58)
9. NR/DK

57A. What relation is this person to you?

1. Grandmother
2. Mother
3. Boss
4. Co-worker
5. Friend
6. Sister
7. Other, ____
9. NR/DK

TRANSPORTATION

58. What is your primary means of transportation?

1. Automobile (car or truck)
2. Cab
3. DART bus
4. DART train
5. Walk
6. Bicycle
7. Ride with a friend or relative
8. Other, ____
9. NR/DK

59. Do you or other female members of your household have trouble getting transportation to go to:

Destination	Yes	No	NR/DK
The grocery store	1	2	9
Shopping	1	2	9
Child care	1	2	9
A doctor, dentist, or clinic	1	2	9
School	1	2	9
Religious activities	1	2	9
Work	1	2	9
Social activities	1	2	9
Other			

60. Do you or an adult female in your household have to make arrangements for a special vehicle, like a special van, to get around?

1. Yes
2. No
9. NR/DK

CAREGIVING

61. Do you or any member of your family or your household age 18 or older require care because of being:

Characteristic	Yes		No
	Self	Other	
Elderly	1 (ASK 61A)	2 (ASK 61C-D)	3
Physically impaired	1 (ASK 61A)	2 (ASK 61C-D)	3
Mentally impaired	1 (ASK 61A)	2 (ASK 61C-D)	3
Suffering from a chronic disease	1 (ASK 61A)	2 (ask 61C-D)	3
Other or multiple (specify)			

FOR ALL ANSWERS YES FOR SELF IN QUESTION 61:

61A. How often do you need help with the following, always, sometimes, or never?

Activity	Always	Sometimes	Never
Preparing meals	1	2	3
Shopping	1	2	3
Doing housework	1	2	3
Doing laundry	1	2	3
Answering the door	1	2	3
Doing yard work	1	2	3

Activity	Always	Sometimes	Never
Taking medication	1	2	3
Managing money	1	2	3
Bathing	1	2	3
Dressing	1	2	3
Walking	1	2	3
Eating	1	2	3
Using the restroom	1	2	3
Getting out of a chair	1	2	3
Getting out of bed	1	2	3

61B. How often do you get assistance with _____
(RESPONSES OF ALWAYS AND SOMETIME IN QUESTION 61A.)

1. Always
2. Sometimes
3. Never
9. NR/DK

FOR ALL YES ANSWERS FOR "OTHER" IN QUESTION 61:

61C. Does that person live inside or outside your household?

1. Inside of household
2. Outside of household
3. Other (specify)
9. NR/DK

61D. How often does that person need assistance with any of the following activities, always, sometimes, or never?

Activity	Always	Sometimes	Never
Preparing meals	1	2	3
Shopping	1	2	3
Doing housework	1	2	3
Doing laundry	1	2	3
Answering the door	1	2	3
Doing yard work	1	2	3
Taking medication	1	2	3
Managing money	1	2	3
Bathing	1	2	3
Dressing	1	2	3
Walking	1	2	3
Eating	1	2	3
Using the restroom	1	2	3
Getting out of a chair	1	2	3
Getting out of bed	1	2	3

61E. Are you the primary caregiver for any or all of this care?

1. Yes
2. No
9. NR/DK

62. Over the past 12 months, has there been any attempt to get a nurse or personal caretaker to take care of yourself or the person needing care during the day to make sure they are okay?

1. Yes
2. No
9. NR/DK

63. Did you find the care needed?

1. Yes
2. No
9. NR/DK

64. Has lack of finding care for this person kept you or any female in your household from working?

1. Yes
2. No
9. NR/DK

65. Was finding that type of home care not a problem, a minor problem, or a major problem?

1. Not a problem
2. Minor problem
3. Major problem
9. NR/DK

66. If you or a member of your family needed long-term health or nursing home care, could you afford to pay for it?

1. Yes
2. Maybe
3. No
9. NR/DK

ABUSE/VIOLENCE

67. In the past 12 months, how often did you disagree with your spouse, partner, boy friend, or significant other about things such as:

	Always	Often	Someti mes	Rarely	Never	NR/DK	N/A
How much money to spend on various things	1	2	3	4	5	9	0
Treatment of relatives or friends	1	2	3	4	5	9	0
How to handle or raise children	1	2	3	4	5	9	0
Other	1	2	3	4	5	9	0

68. When you and your spouse, partner, boy friend, or significant other disagreed over something, were either of you ever pushed, grabbed, or shoved?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 9. NR/DK

69. Were any of the above instances reported to a law enforcement agency?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 9. NR/DK

70. Did you seek help from someone outside of the household such as a family member not living with you, a counselor, minister/priest/rabbi, friend, or other source of assistance?

- 1. Yes
- 2. No
- 9. NR/DK

71. Does your spouse, partner, boy friend, or significant other frequently, sometimes, rarely, or never:

Action	Frequently	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Hurt you physically?	1	2	3	4
Insult or talk down to you?	1	2	3	4
Threaten you with harm?	1	2	3	4
Scream or curse at you?	1	2	3	4

DEMOGRAPHICS

72. Now for the last few questions, I would like to ask you several things about yourself so that we can develop a general profile of our sample. First of all, what language is spoken most often in your home?

1. English
2. Spanish
3. Two languages spoken equally
4. Other, specify: _____
9. NR/DK

73. Are you presently...

1. Employed full-time (ASK 73A)
2. Employed part-time (ASK 73A)
3. Unemployed
4. Retired
5. A student
6. A homemaker or
7. Disabled or too ill to work
9. NR/DK

73A. Does it take you less than 30 minutes, 30 minutes to one hour, or more than one hour to get to work?

1. Less than 30
2. 30 minutes-1 hour
3. More than 1 hour
9. NR/DK

74. I am going to read you a list of income groups. Please tell me into which group your total household income falls for the past 12 months.

1. Less than \$15,000
2. \$15,000-\$30,000
3. \$30,001-\$50,000
4. \$50,001-\$75,000
5. Over \$75,000
9. NR/DK

75. Please tell me into which of the following age groups you fall.

1. 18-25
2. 26-35
3. 36-45
4. 46-60
5. 61-70 (ASK 75A)
6. 71 and older (ASK 75A)
9. NR/DK

75A. Abuse of people who are over the age of 60 is a concern. Since turning age 60 have you experienced any of the following frequently, sometimes, rarely, or never:

Action	Frequently	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
Being physically hurt	1	2	3	4
Being insulted or talked down to?	1	2	3	4
Being threatened with harm?	1	2	3	4
Being screamed or cursed at?	1	2	3	4
Being cheated out of money?	1	2	3	4

76. Do you consider yourself to be White, Black, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, American Indian or something else?

1. White
2. Black
3. Hispanic/Latino
3. Asian
4. American Indian
5. Other, specify:
9. NR/DK

77. Which of the following best describes you?

Never married	1
Married	2
Divorced	3
Separated	4
Widowed	5
Living with someone	6

78. Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

Heterosexual	1
Gay/Lesbian	2
Bi-sexual	3
NR/DK	9

79. Can you please tell me your zip code? _____

FOR THOSE WITH WHO ANSWERED 20A AND HAVE GIRLS AGE 12-18

In order to get a comprehensive picture of the needs of women and girls we are also conducting a survey of girls age 12-17 through the mail. The purpose of the project is to ask girls about their lives, needs, and problems. The time needed to complete the survey is about 15 minutes. This part of the study is being conducted by means of a mail survey to girls age 12-17. None of the questions should cause any problems and the survey is easy to complete. Participation in the survey is completely voluntary. We believe that the results will benefit both girls and women who live in Dallas County by improving the services offered to both groups. All

of the responses will be kept completely private. After the survey and parental consent form are returned, no name will be associated with any of the responses. May we survey your daughter?
IF MORE THAN ONE DAUGHTER IN AGE GROUP ASK. May we survey your oldest daughter?

(INTERVIEWER: IF MORE THAN ONE DAUGHTER IN AGE GROUP ASK. May we survey your oldest daughter?) IF YES CONTINUE, OTHERWISE SKIP TO THANK YOU.

We will be sending her an assent/agreement form that she will have to sign and return. Can you please give us her name and mailing address?

Name:

Address:

The survey also interviews girls age 7-11 by interviewing their parents or guardians. Would you be willing to talk to us about your daughter age 7 to 11. The survey will take much less time than the one we just completed.

IF YES, CONTINUE, OTHERWISE SKIP TO THANK YOU.

In the future we may be conducting focus groups of residents in your area. If and when that time comes, do we have permission to call you to see if you are interested in participating?

1. Yes
2. No

That concludes our survey. Thank you for your time and cooperation.