

Food Security (FS) Section
November 14, 2017

MEPS P21R5/P22R3/P23R1

The MEPS instrument design changed beginning in Spring of 2018, affecting Panel 23 Round 1, Panel 22 Round 3, and Panel 21 Round 5, and affected the 2017 MEPS data files. The MEPS website releases the consolidated CAPI survey instruments each year for the Rounds 1 through 3 for the first year panel and Rounds 3 through 5 for the second year panel to accompany data releases. For the Full-Year 2017 PUFs, the Panel 22 Round 3 and Panel 21 Round 5 data were transformed to the degree possible to conform to the previous year (2016) design. For this reason, we are releasing 2016 CAPI survey instruments, updated to reflect 2017 dates, and **users should note that not all changes to the instrument administered in the Spring of 2018 will be reflected in these documents.**

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BOX_00A

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| THE FS SECTION IS ASKED IN ROUNDS 2 AND 4 ONLY. |
| IF IT IS ROUND 1, 3, OR 5, CONTINUE TO THE NEXT |
SECTION.

| IF RESPONDENT IS A PROXY (RE02 IS CODED '2' |
| (PROXY APPROVED BY SUPERVISOR) OR IF CASE IS |
| FLAGGED AS A STUDENT RU, GO TO BOX_03 |
OTHERWISE, CONTINUE WITH FS01.

FS01

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These next questions are about whether you were always able to afford the food you needed in the **last 30 days**.

PRESS ENTER OR SELECT NEXT PAGE TO CONTINUE.

FS02

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I'm going to read you several statements that people have made about their food situation. For these statements, please tell me whether the statement was **often** true, **sometimes** true, or **never** true for {you/your family} in the **last 30 days**.

"In the **last 30 days**, {I/we} worried whether {my/our} food would run out before {I/we} got money to buy more." Was that **often**, **sometimes**, or **never** true for {you/your family} in the last 30 days?

OFTEN TRUE 1 {FS03}
SOMETIMES TRUE 2 {FS03}
NEVER TRUE 3 {FS03}
REF -7 {FS03}
DK -8 {FS03}

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| DISPLAY 'you' IF SINGLE PERSON RU OTHERWISE, |
| DISPLAY 'your family'. |
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| DISPLAY 'I', 'my', AND 'you' IF SINGLE PERSON RU |
| OTHERWISE, DISPLAY 'we', 'our', AND 'your |
| family'. |
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FS03
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"The food that {I/we} bought just didn't last and {I/we} didn't have money to get more." Was that **often, sometimes, or never** true for {you/your family} in the **last 30 days**?

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OFTEN TRUE ..... 1 {FS04}
SOMETIMES TRUE ..... 2 {FS04}
NEVER TRUE ..... 3 {FS04}
REF ..... -7 {FS04}
DK ..... -8 {FS04}
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| DISPLAY 'I' AND 'you' IF SINGLE PERSON RU |
| OTHERWISE, DISPLAY 'we' AND 'your family'. |
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FS04
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"{I/we} couldn't afford to eat balanced meals." Was that **often, sometimes, or never** true for {you/your family} in the **last 30 days**?

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OFTEN TRUE ..... 1 {BOX_01}
SOMETIMES TRUE ..... 2 {BOX_01}
NEVER TRUE ..... 3 {BOX_01}
REF ..... -7 {BOX_01}
DK ..... -8 {BOX_01}
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| DISPLAY 'I' AND 'you' IF SINGLE PERSON RU |
| OTHERWISE, DISPLAY 'we' AND 'your family'. |
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BOX_01
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| THE FS SECTION IS ASKED IN ROUNDS 2 AND 4 ONLY. |
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SECTION.

| IF CODED '3' (NEVER TRUE), DK, OR REF AT FS02 AND |
| FS03 AND FS04 GO TO BOX_03 OTHERWISE, CONTINUE WITH |
FS05.

FS05
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In the **last 30 days** did {you/you or other adults in your family} ever cut the size of your meals or skip meals because there wasn't enough money for food?

YES 1 {FS06}
NO 2 {FS07}
REF -7 {FS07}
DK -8 {FS07}

| DISPLAY 'you' IF ONLY ONE ADULT RU MEMBER IN |
| HOUSEHOLD AS OF DATE OF INTERVIEW. |
| DISPLAY 'you or other adults in your family' |
| IF MORE THAN ONE RU MEMBER > OR = 18 YEARS OLD IN |
HOUSEHOLD AS OF DATE OF INTERVIEW.

FS06
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In the **last 30 days**, how many days did this happen?

[Enter Number of Days]
REF -7 {FS07}
DK -8 {FS07}

FS07
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In the **last 30 days**, did you ever eat less than you felt you should because there wasn't enough money for food?

YES	1	{FS08}
NO	2	{FS08}
REF	-7	{FS08}
DK	-8	{FS08}

FS08
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In the **last 30 days**, were you ever hungry but didn't eat because there wasn't enough money for food?

YES	1	{FS09}
NO	2	{FS09}
REF	-7	{FS09}
DK	-8	{FS09}

FS09
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In the **last 30 days**, did you lose weight because there wasn't enough money for food?

YES	1	{BOX_02}
NO	2	{BOX_02}
REF	-7	{BOX_02}
DK	-8	{BOX_02}

BOX_02
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| IF CODED '2', DK, OR REF AT FS07 AND FS08 AND FS09 |
GO TO BOX_03 OTHERWISE, CONTINUE WITH FS10.

FS10
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In the **last 30 days**, did {you/you or other adults in your family} ever not eat for a whole day because there wasn't enough money for food?

YES 1 {FS11}
NO 2 {BOX_03}
REF -7 {BOX_03}
DK -8 {BOX_03}

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| HOUSEHOLD AS OF DATE OF INTERVIEW. |
| DISPLAY 'you or other adults in your family' |
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HOUSEHOLD AS OF DATE OF INTERVIEW.

FS11
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In the **last 30 days**, how many days did this happen?

[Enter Number of Days]
REF -7 {BOX_03}
DK -8 {BOX_03}

BOX_03
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GO TO NEXT QUESTIONNAIRE SECTION