

## Aging and outlook on life

Our survey for you today covers a number of different topics, first, some questions about you and your life today.

1. Generally, how would you say things are these days in your life -- Would you say you are very happy, pretty happy, or not too happy?

Very happy  
Pretty happy  
Not too happy  
Not Sure/Can't say

2. Please indicate your own overall satisfaction or dissatisfaction with each of the following specific aspects of your life today:

[ROWS - RANDOMIZE]

Your health  
Your outlook on life  
The number of friends you have  
Your relationship with your family  
The place you live in  
Your free time  
Your personal financial situation  
Your "love life"  
Your stress levels  
How others think of you  
ANCHOR:  
Your overall quality of life

Very dissatisfied  
Somewhat dissatisfied  
Somewhat satisfied  
Very satisfied

3. Thinking about how old you are today, would you say you feel younger than that, older than that, or do you pretty much feel your actual age in terms of how you feel:

[Rotate]  
Physically  
Mentally

Feel way younger than my age

Somewhat younger  
Feel my age  
Somewhat older  
Feel way older than my age

4. If you had to choose, what would you say is the best stage in life?

Childhood  
Teenage years  
Twenties  
Thirties  
Forties  
Fifties  
Sixties  
Seventies  
Eighties and beyond  
Cannot Say

5. At what age would you say a person is old?

[NUMERIC RESPONSE]

6. Not knowing and with no guarantees about how healthy you would be, If you could choose, what age would you want to live to?

60  
70  
80  
90  
100  
110 or older  
Can't say/Don't know

7. Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

[ROWS -- RANDOMIZE]

My best days are mostly behind me  
Old age is scary  
I am worried I won't have enough money to support myself in old age  
The older generation had it easier than young people today  
My life so far has turned out better than I expected

[COLUMNS]

Strongly disagree  
Moderately disagree  
Moderately agree  
Strongly agree

8. Thinking of your own close personal relationships -- how old is the *oldest* person (still living today) that you have a **close personal relationship** with?

Not close with anyone over 50  
Someone in their 50's  
60's  
70's  
80's  
90's or older

9. And, how old is the *youngest* person you have a **close personal relationship** with?

A child under 5 years old  
Aged 5-10  
Aged 11-20  
Someone in their 20's  
Not close with anyone under 30