



## Cornell Criminal Records Panel Study

Hello,

You are being asked to take part in a survey on behalf of the Cornell Criminal Records Panel Study because of your participation as a member of the class in the law suit against the US Census Bureau. The purpose of this research is to learn more about the errors in background screening and understand how criminal records impact employment opportunities.

### Completing the Survey

The survey should take less than 15 minutes and will ask questions about:

1. Work and income history
2. Family structure
3. Living conditions
4. Community involvement
5. Health
6. Current status in the criminal justice system

You will receive a \$15 Amazon Gift Card for completing the survey.

### Confidentiality

Participating in the survey involves no direct cost to you. Your answers will be kept private. Results of this study may be used for teaching, research, publications, or presentations at meetings and conferences. Any report or public discussion of findings from the survey will not include personal identifiers, such as names or contact information. Regardless of your participation in this survey or your responses, your status as a class member in the law suit will not change.

### Taking the Survey by Phone

If you prefer to take the survey by phone (rather than online) at a time that is convenient for you, please call us toll free at (888) 367-8404 or you can email us at [surveyresearch@cornell.edu](mailto:surveyresearch@cornell.edu). All phone survey participants will receive a \$15 Amazon Gift Card.

### If You Have Questions

For questions regarding the research, please contact the Principal Investigator of the Cornell Criminal Records Panel Survey, Martin T. Wells, at [crps@cornell.edu](mailto:crps@cornell.edu) or 607-255-2744. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your rights as a research subject in this questionnaire, you may contact the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for Human Participants at 1-607-255-6182 or access their website at <https://www.irb.cornell.edu>. You may report your concerns

or complaints anonymously through Ethicspoint online at <http://www.hotline.cornell.edu> or by calling toll free at 1-866-293-3077. Ethicspoint is an independent organization that serves as a liaison between the University and the person bringing the complaint so that anonymity can be ensured.

## Consent

Clicking the "Begin the Survey" button below indicates your consent to participate in this survey.

**You are logged in for the first time!**

Begin the Survey

If you have questions or require technical assistance with this survey, please [email](#) the Survey Research Institute or call 1-888-367-8404.

[SRI Note: For each survey case, there are two flags: "missingData" and "declinedResearch". Each of these flags can be either TRUE or FALSE. If either or both of these flags are TRUE, one or more pages of this survey, as indicated, are skipped.]



First, we would like to ask you a bit about your recent experiences with employment. This will help us to better understand how a criminal record may or may not have impacted your employment opportunities. We will first ask you about your employment activities last week.

[q1] Last week, did you work for pay at a job (or business)?

- Yes
- No, did not work (or retired)

[SRI Note: If question q1 answers "No", show questions q2 and q3.]

[q2] Last week, did you do any work for pay, even for as little as one hour?

- Yes
- No

[q3] Last week, were you on layoff from a job?

- Yes
- No

[SRI Note: If question q3 answers "No", show question q4.]

[q4] Last week, were you temporarily absent from a job or business?

- Yes, on vacation, temporary illness, maternity leave, other family/personal reasons, bad weather, etc.
- No

[SRI Note: If question q3 answers "Yes", show question q5.]

[q5] Have you been informed that you will be recalled to work within the next 6 months or been given a date to return to work?

- Yes
- No

[SRI Note: If either question q4 or q5 answers "No", show question q6.]

[q6] During the last 4 weeks, have you been actively looking for work?

- Yes
- No

[SRI Note: If either question q5 or q6 answers "Yes", show question q7.]

[q7] Last week, could you have started a job if offered one, or returned to work if recalled?

- Yes, could have gone to work.
- No, because of own temporary illness.
- No, because of other reasons (in school, etc.).

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Now, let's look back over the past year to give us a better understanding of your work history.

[SRI Note: Show question q8 only if q1 (previous page) did not answer "Yes".]

[q8] Did you work at all in the past 12 months, even for a few days?

- Yes
- No

[SRI Note: If question q8 is not shown, or is shown and answers "Yes", show questions q9 and q11.]

[q9] During the past 12 months (52 weeks), did you work 50 or more weeks? Count paid time off as work.

- Yes
- No

[SRI Note: If question q9 answers "No", show questions q10.]

[q10] How many weeks did you work during the past 12 months, even for a few hours, including paid vacation, paid sick leave, and military service?

- 50 to 52 weeks
- 48 to 49 weeks
- 40 to 47 weeks
- 27 to 39 weeks
- 14 to 26 weeks
- 13 weeks or less

[q11] During the past 12 months, in the weeks worked, how many hours did you usually work each week?

Usual hours worked each week

[SRI Note: Question q11 accepts a number from 0 to 120.]

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[SRI Note: Skip this page if all of the following conditions are true:

1. Question q1 answered "No".
2. Question q8 answered "No".
3. The flag "missingData" is FALSE.]

Next, please describe clearly your chief job activity or business last week. If you had more than one job, describe the one at which you worked the most hours. If you had no job or business last week, give information for your last job or business.

Thinking about your last job, how long did you work at that job?

[q1d] -- Select -- Days [q1m] -- Select -- Months [q1y] -- Select -- Years [SRI Note: Question q1y selects a number from 0 to 60.]

[q1dk] I don't know

[q16] Were you...

- An employee of a private for-profit company or business, or of an individual, for wages, salary, or commissions?
- An employee of a private not-for-profit, tax-exempt, or charitable organization?
- A local government employee (city, county, etc.)?
- A state government employee?
- A federal government employee?
- Self-employed in own not incorporated business, professional practice, or farm?
- Self-employed in own incorporated business, professional practice, or farm?
- Working without pay in family business or farm?

[q17] What kind of business or industry was this? Describe the activity at the location where you were employed.

(for example: hospital, newspaper publishing, mail order house, auto engine manufacturing, banking)

[q18] Is this mainly...

- Manufacturing
- Wholesale trade
- Retail trade
- Other (agriculture, construction, service, government, etc.)

[q19] What kind of work were you doing?

(for example: registered nurse, nurse's aide, personnel manager, sales associate, supervisor of other department, secretary, accountant, mechanic, truck driver)

[q20] What were your most important activities or duties?

(for example: patient care, directing hiring policies, supervising order clerks, typing and filing, reconciling financial records)

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**Next, we want to know more about your employment-related activities and experiences.**

[q21] In general, how optimistic do you feel about your job prospects?

- Extremely optimistic
- Very optimistic
- Moderately optimistic
- Slightly optimistic
- Not at all optimistic

[q22] Since you completed the last survey in [\[SRI Note: Insert month and year of previous survey.\]](#), have you enrolled in or completed any additional education — such as a certificate, skills training or apprentice program?

- Yes
- No

[q23] In the past six weeks, have you applied for a job, a promotion, or a new job?

- Yes
- No

[q24] How likely are you to apply for a job, a promotion, or a new job in the next six weeks?

- Extremely likely
- Very likely
- Moderately likely
- Slightly likely
- Not at all likely

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[q81] In the past six MONTHS, were you aware of job postings by the U.S. Census Bureau?

- Yes  No

[SRI Note: If question q81 answers "Yes", show question q82.]

[q82] Did you apply to a U.S. Census Bureau job?

- Yes  No

[SRI Note: If question q82 answers "Yes", show question q83.]

[q83] Did you work for the U.S. Census Bureau?

- Yes  No

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**The next questions ask about your experiences with employers, services, and benefits since the last survey.**

[q28] Since the last survey in [\[SRI Note: Insert month and year of previous survey.\]](#), have you chosen not to apply for a job because you assumed that the employer would do a background check?

- Yes
- No

[q29] Since [\[SRI Note: Insert month and year of previous survey.\]](#), have you applied for a job where the prospective employer did a background check?

- Yes
- No

[\[SRI Note: If question q29 answers "Yes", show question q30.\]](#)

[q30] Since the last survey in [\[SRI Note: Insert month and year of previous survey.\]](#), have you applied for a job and not been hired because of a background check?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

Since [\[SRI Note: Insert month and year of previous survey.\]](#), have you had the following denied because of a criminal record? (Check all that apply.)

- [q31a] Occupational license
- [q31b] Renting an apartment or a house
- [q31c] Volunteering activity
- [q31d] Benefits (e.g., TANF, health care, housing subsidy)
- [q31e] None of these

[q32] How comfortable are you with talking to an employer about your criminal history?

- Extremely comfortable
- Very comfortable
- Moderately comfortable
- Slightly comfortable
- Not at all comfortable

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Next, we have some questions about your experience with your criminal record since your last survey in [\[SRI Note: Insert month and year of previous survey.\]](#).

Since the last survey in [\[SRI Note: Insert month and year of previous survey.\]](#), have you done any of the following:

	Yes	No
[q25] Applied to get your official criminal record?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
[q26] Taken action related to your criminal record, or started the process of seeking record correction, sealing, dismissal, expungement, or a certificate (other than participating in the CPRA training program)?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
[q27] Made contact with a lawyer, legal aid, or other legal services about your criminal record?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Since the last survey in [\[SRI Note: Insert month and year of previous survey.\]](#):

	Yes	No
[q55] Have you been arrested?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
[q56] Have you been convicted of (or pled guilty to) any charges other than a minor traffic violation?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
[q57] Have you been on probation or parole for an offense?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
[q58] Have you spent time in a jail, prison, or other correctional facility?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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**We would like to understand more about your background, including your household, your family, and friends.**

[q33] How many people, including yourself, live or stay in your household? Include persons who usually live with you but are temporarily away for reasons such as visiting someone, traveling for work, attending school, in the hospital, or in jail.

Number of people:  [SRI Note: Question q33 accepts a number from 1 to 98.]

[SRI Note: If question q33 answers greater than 1, show questions q34 through q37.]

[q34] How many of the people staying in the household with you are under the age of 16?

Number of people:  [SRI Note: Question q34 accepts a number from 0 to 98.]

[q35] How many of the people staying in the household with you are not related to you biologically, through marriage, or through adoption?

Number of people:  [SRI Note: Question q35 accepts a number from 0 to 98.]

[q36] How many of the people staying in the household with you live there only temporarily or part of the time? This could include people who have other living quarters, who are living away at college, in the armed forces, or sometimes stay in a hospital, jail, or other institution.

Number of people:  [SRI Note: Question q36 accepts a number from 0 to 98.]

[q37] How many persons in the household (including yourself) earned any money since the last survey in [SRI Note: Insert month and year of previous survey.] from any job or employment?

Number of people:  [SRI Note: Question q37 accepts a number from 0 to 98.]

Since the last survey in [SRI Note: Insert month and year of previous survey.], did you get (choose all that apply):

- [q38a] Married
- [q38b] Divorced
- [q38c] Widowed
- [q38d] None of the above

[q39] Which of these statements applies to you?

- I am married and living in the same household as my husband or wife.
- I have a steady partner, and we live in the same household.
- I have a husband or wife or steady partner, but we don't live in the same household.
- I don't have a steady partner.

[q40] How many living children do you have? Please count biological children, children from a previous marriage, step-children, and adoptive children.

Children:  [SRI Note: Question q40 accepts a number from 0 to 98.]

[SRI Note: If question q40 answers greater than 0, show question q41.]

[q41] How many of your children are dependent upon you (or your spouse/partner, if you have one) for financial support?

Children:  [SRI Note: Question q41 accepts a number from 0 to 98.]



For the next questions, think about the family members and friends who you feel close to.

[q42] About how many close family members and friends would you say you have?

- None
- One
- 2-3
- 4-9
- 10-20
- More than 20

[SRI Note: If question q42 answers "2-3" or more, show questions q43 through q48.]

How many of your close family members and friends...

	All of them	Most of them	About half of them	Less than half of them	None
[q43] ...have a criminal record?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
[q44] ...graduated college?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
[q45] ...receive public assistance?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
[q46] ...own their home?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
[q47] ...have been to jail or prison?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
[q48] ...have a full-time job?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

[SRI Note: If question q42 answers "One" or more, show question q49.]

[q49] During the past year, how often did you spend a social evening with your close family members or friends?

- Several times a week
- About once a week
- About once a month
- Several times
- Once or twice
- Never

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## We would also like to know about your social activities and overall health.

During the past year, how often did you...

	Several times a week	About once a week	About once a month	Several times	Once or twice	Never
[q50] ...perform unpaid volunteer work for religious, charitable, political, health-related, or other organizations?	<input type="radio"/>					
[q51] ...attend religious services?	<input type="radio"/>					

[q53] How would you rate your physical health at the present time? Would you say it is excellent, very good, good, fair, or poor?

- Excellent
- Very good
- Good
- Fair
- Poor

[q54] For this survey we define a "person with a disability" as someone who has a physical and/or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity. This could include (but is not limited to) individuals with a physical disability, a chronic health condition, a vision or hearing impairment, a mental health condition, or a workplace injury or illness.

Are you a person with a disability?

- Yes
- No



Next, we would like learn more about your opinion of the police and the legal system.

Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each of the statements below.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
[q59] The police are not doing a good job preventing crime in your neighborhood.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
[q60] The police are able to maintain order on the streets and sidewalks in your neighborhood.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
[q61] The law represents the values of the people in power, rather than values of people like yourself.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
[q62] People in power use the law to try to control people like you.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
[q63] The law does not protect your interests.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
[q64] Your own feelings about right and wrong usually agree with the laws that are enforced by the police.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
[q65] The laws of our criminal justice system are generally consistent with the views of people in your community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Next, we'd like to learn about your opinion of **the courts** in this country.

	Almost never	Seldom	Sometimes	Often
[q66] How often do courts make fair and impartial decisions in cases they deal with?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
[q67] How often do courts give people a chance to tell their side of the story before they decide what to do?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

[q52] If you witnessed a crime in progress in your neighborhood, how likely is it that you would call the police?

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Not likely

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**Next, we have some questions about your income in the past 12 months. Note: The past 12 months is the period from today's date one year ago up through today. Feel free to round.**

**Enter the dollar value for each form of income. If income was a loss, enter the negative amount (e.g., -500). If you did not have income from a source, check "Not received."**

[q68] Wages, salary, commissions, bonuses, or tips from all jobs. (Report amount before deductions for taxes, bonds, dues, or other items.):

\$   [q68dk] Not received [\[SRI Note: Question q68 accepts a number from -999,999 to 9,999,998.\]](#)

[q69] Self-employment income from own nonfarm businesses or farm businesses, including proprietorships and partnerships. (Report net income after business expenses.):

\$   [q69dk] Not received [\[SRI Note: Question q69 accepts a number from -999,999 to 9,999,998.\]](#)

[q70] Interest, dividends, net rental income, royalty income, or income from estates and trusts. (Report even small amounts credited to an account.):

\$   [q70dk] Not received [\[SRI Note: Question q70 accepts a number from -999,999 to 9,999,998.\]](#)

[q71] Social Security or Railroad Retirement:

\$   [q71dk] Not received [\[SRI Note: Question q71 accepts a number from 0 to 99,998.\]](#)

[q72] Supplemental Security Income (SSI):

\$   [q72dk] Not received [\[SRI Note: Question q72 accepts a number from 0 to 99,998.\]](#)

[q73] Any public assistance or welfare payments from the state or local welfare office:

\$   [q73dk] Not received [\[SRI Note: Question q73 accepts a number from 0 to 99,998.\]](#)

[q74] Retirement, survivor, or disability pensions. (Do not include Social Security.):

\$   [q74dk] Not received [\[SRI Note: Question q74 accepts a number from 0 to 99,998.\]](#)

[q75] Any other sources of income received regularly such as Veterans' (VA) payments, unemployment compensation, child support, or alimony. (Do not include lump sum payments such as money from an inheritance or the sale of a home.):

\$   [q75dk] Not received [\[SRI Note: Question q75 accepts a number from 0 to 99,998.\]](#)

**Total income, last 12 months: \$** [\[SRI Note: Sum of questions q68 through q75 appears here.\]](#)

[q76] Do you have a checking account?

Yes  No

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Finally, we'd like to know more about where you live.

What is your address?

[H1\_address1] Address line 1:   
*Street address, P.O. box, company name, c/o*

[H1\_address2] Address line 2:   
*Apartment, suite, unit, building, floor, etc.*

[H1\_city] City / Town:

[H1\_state] State:  [\[SRI Note: Question H1\\_state selects among 50 states plus Washington DC.\]](#)

[H1\_zipcode] Zipcode:

[H1\_country] Country:  [\[SRI Note: Question H1\\_country selects among 205 countries.\]](#)

[q78] Are you the primary/joint owner or renter of the housing unit where you live?

- Yes
- No

[q79] Is this house, apartment, or mobile home...

- Owned by you or someone in this household with a mortgage or loan (include home equity loans)
- Owned by you or someone in this household free and clear (without a mortgage or loan)
- Rented
- Occupied without payment of rent

[\[SRI Note: If question q79 answers "Rented", show question q80.\]](#)

[q80] What is the monthly rent for this house, apartment, or mobile home?

\$  [\[SRI Note: Question q80 accepts a number from 0 to 99,998.\]](#)

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"declinedResearch" is FALSE.]

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## Thank you for completing this survey!

[consent] We appreciate your participation in the Cornell Criminal Records Panel Study (CCRPS).

Our records show that when you completed the first CCRPS survey, in 2017, you indicated that you did not want your answers to be used for research purposes. Would you now be willing to give us your permission to use the data from your 2017 survey for research?

Your response will not impact your consent for the survey that you just completed.

Please choose one:

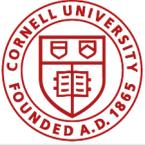
- I consent to have my responses from the 2017 survey used for research purposes
- I do not consent to have my responses from the 2017 survey used for research purposes

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