

- A30. Under the economic stimulus program, tax rebates were sent to most individuals earlier this year. In most cases, the tax rebate was six hundred dollars for individuals and twelve hundred dollars for married couples. Those with dependent children received an additional three hundred dollars per child. Individuals earning more than seventy-five thousand dollars and married couples earning more than one hundred fifty thousand dollars got smaller tax rebates or no rebate at all.

Did you (or your family) receive a tax rebate?

1. YES	5. NO
↓	GO TO A21

- A31. Thinking about your (family's) financial situation this year, did the tax rebate lead you mostly to increase spending, mostly to increase saving, or mostly to pay off debt?
[IF R ANSWERS WITH MORE THAN ONE, PROBE: "What did you do with most of the rebate money?"]

1. INCREASE SPENDING	2. INCREASE SAVING	3. PAY OFF DEBT	8. DON'T KNOW
GO TO A35	GO TO A34	↓	GO TO A39

- A32. What type of debt did you pay off? Did you pay down credit card debt, your mortgage, or some other debt?
[IF R ANSWERS WITH MORE THAN ONE, PROBE: "What did you do with most of the rebate money?"]

1. CREDIT CARD	2. MORTGAGE	7. OTHER (SPECIFY): _____
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- A33. Will you use the lower debt to make a purchase later, or will you try to keep your lower debt for at least a year?

1. MAKE PURCHASE LATER	2. KEEP LOWER DEBT AT LEAST A YEAR
GO TO A38	GO TO A39

- A34. Will you use the additional savings to make a purchase later, or will you try to keep up your higher savings for at least a year?

1. MAKE PURCHASE LATER	2. SAVE AT LEAST A YEAR
GO TO A38	GO TO A39

A35. Was the increase in spending mostly for regular expenses or mostly for something else that you would not have purchased otherwise?
[IF R ANSWERS WITH MORE THAN ONE, PROBE: "What did you do with most of the rebate money?"]

1. REGULAR EXPENSES

5. SOMETHING ELSE

A36. Specifically, what was that spending? (Anything else?)

A37. Did you spend most of your tax rebate within a few weeks of receiving it, one to three months later, or more than three months later?

1. WITHIN A FEW WEEKS OF RECEIPT

2. 1-3 MONTHS LATER

3. MORE THAN THREE MONTHS LATER

4. BEFORE RECEIPT (IF VOL.)

GO TO A39

A38. Do you expect the increase in spending to be mostly for regular expenses or mostly for something that you would not have purchased otherwise?
[IF R ANSWERS WITH MORE THAN ONE, PROBE: "What do you expect to do with most of the rebate money?"]

1. REGULAR EXPENSES

5. SOMETHING ELSE

A39. Did you (or your family) receive the tax rebate in the mail or as a direct deposit in your bank account?
[IF R ANSWERS WITH MORE THAN ONE REBATE RECEIVED, PROBE: "How did you receive the largest one?"]

1. IN THE MAIL

5. DIRECT DEPOSIT

A40. How much money in total from the tax rebate did you (and your family) receive?

\$ _____

9998. DON'T KNOW

A41. INTERVIEWER CHECKPOINT:

1. IF RECON AND DID NOT USE AS PLANNED IN JUNE
(A30/V901 NE A31 AND A31 NE DK/NA)---> GO TO A42

2. OTHERS ---> GO TO A21



A42. When we last talked to you in June, you expected that the tax rebate would lead you to mostly (increase spending/increase saving/pay off debt). Why did you change your plans? (Any other reason?)

FAMILY INCOME

A21. To get a picture of people's financial situation we need to know the general range of income of all people we interview. Now, thinking about (your/your family's) total income from all sources (including your job), how much did (you/your family) receive in 2007?

GO TO A26

999998. DON'T KNOW

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GO TO A22