

HRS 2026 -- MODULE 4
FINAL VERSION - Respondent Motivation and Engagement in Longitudinal
Research 4/20/2026

NOTE ABOUT BRANCHPOINTS:

WHERE THERE IS MORE THAN ONE JUMP WITHIN A BRANCHPOINT BOX, THE JUMPS ARE TO BE APPLIED IN ORDER FROM THE TOP.

NOTE ABOUT COLORS:

ALL TEXT IN TEAL IS SPECIFIC TO A WEB INTERVIEW.

THE CORE INTERVIEW IS DOCUMENTED USING BLACK TEXT, BUT BLACK TEXT CAN ALSO APPLY TO THE EXIT OR WEB INTERVIEW WHEN THERE ARE NO DIFFERENCES FROM THE CORE.

NOTE ABOUT NON-RESPONSE FLOW:

ANY QUESTION THAT IS ASKED BUT LEFT WITHOUT A RESPONSE IN CAWI INTERVIEWS WILL FOLLOW THE SAME PATH AS A REFUSAL FOR THAT QUESTION, UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED.

Note: There are two versions of this module. Respondents who are assigned module 4 (X009=4) are randomly assigned to one of two conditions. If they are assigned X501=1 then they are asked Version A after the coverscreen. They do not get V000 where they can opt in or out of the module. If they are assigned X501=2 then they are asked version B of this module at the usual end of interview, after V000.

V401 BRANCHPOINT: ASK IF REIWER HH (X024 = 1), AND LIVING (A007 = 1), AND SELF R (A009 = 1) , AND IF R IS ASSIGNED MODULE 4 (X009 = 4)
ASK IF X501 = 1 (VERSION A - SHOWN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE INTERVIEW, AFTER A/A2 AND BEFORE B.)
IF X501 = 2 (VERSION B - GO TO V000 BRANCHPOINT)

Before we start the main part of the interview, I would like to ask you some questions about your participation in the Health and Retirement Study this year. I will list possible reasons for participating in the study. For each reason, please tell me if it applies to you this year. You can say 'yes' or 'no.'

I am participating in HRS this year because participating will be enjoyable and interesting. Yes or no?

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1. YES

5. NO

8. DK

9. RF

V402_1

(I am participating in HRS this year) because participating will feel like I achieved something.

I am participating in HRS this year because participating will feel like I achieved something.

1. YES

5. NO

8. DK

9. RF

V403_1

(I am participating in HRS this year) because I really agree with the study's purpose and goals.

I am participating in HRS this year because I really agree with the study's purpose and goals.

- 1. YES
- 5. NO

- 8. DK
- 9. RF

V404_1

(I am participating in HRS this year) because I would feel guilty if I didn't.

I am participating in HRS this year because I would feel guilty if I didn't.

- 1. YES
- 5. NO

- 8. DK
- 9. RF

V405_1

(I am participating in HRS this year) because the money is helpful to me.

I am participating in HRS this year because the money is helpful to me.

- 1. YES
- 5. NO

- 8. DK
- 9. RF

V406_1

(I am participating in HRS this year) because someone else wants me to do it.

I am participating in HRS this year because someone else wants me to do it.

- 1. YES
- 5. NO

- 8. DK
- 9. RF

V407_1

I am participating in HRS this year to help others.

- 1. YES
- 5. NO

- 8. DK
- 9. RF

V408_1

(I am participating in HRS this year) because I want to keep my streak of participation going.

I am participating in HRS this year because I want to keep my streak of participation going.

1. YES

5. NO

8. DK

9. RF

V409_1

(I am participating in HRS this year) because of the study's reputation.

I am participating in HRS this year because of the study's reputation.

1. YES

5. NO

8. DK

9. RF

V410_1

(I am participating in HRS this year) because the people running the study value me.

I am participating in HRS this year because the people running the study value me.

1. YES

5. NO

8. DK

9. RF

V411_1

What other reasons do you have for participating in HRS this year, if any?

[INSTR: PROBE: ANY OTHER?]

[INSTR: IF NONE, TYPE "NONE"]

What other reasons do you have for participating in HRS this year, if any?

OTHER REASONS _____

98. DK

99. RF

V412_1

What might help or encourage you to participate in HRS again in the future?

[INSTR: PROBE: ANY OTHER?]

[INSTR: IF NONE, TYPE "NONE"]

What might help or encourage you to participate in HRS again in the future?

8. DK

9. RF

V401 BRANCHPOINT: ASK IF REIWER HH (X024 = 1), LIVING (A007 = 1), SELF R (A009 = 1) , R IS ASSIGNED MODULE 4 (X009 = 4) AND ASSIGNED X501 = 2, ELSE GO TO END OF MODULE

V000

Now that we have finished with the main part of this interview, we have a few more questions to ask you. This will only take a few minutes.

[INSTR: IF R REFUSED BEFORE STARTING A MODULE, ENTER 9. IF R STARTED TO DO A MODULE AND THEN CHANGED HIS/HER MIND, ENTER 99.]

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1. R IS WILLING

9. R REFUSED AT MODULE INTRO..... GO TO END OF MODULE

99. R REFUSED AFTER STARTING A MODULE..... GO TO END OF MODULE

1. CONTINUE

NOTE: IF R LEAVES V000 EMPTY IN CAWI IT WILL BE TREATED AS A REFUSAL AND SKIP R OUT OF MODULES

V401_2

Next, I will ask you some questions about your participation in the Health and Retirement Study this year. I will list possible reasons for participating in the study. For each reason, please tell me if it applied to you this year. You can say 'yes' or 'no.'

I participated in HRS this year because participating was enjoyable and interesting.
Yes or no?

Next, we will ask you some questions about your participation in the Health and Retirement Study this year. We will list possible reasons for participating in the study. For each reason, please tell us if it applied to you this year. You can say 'yes' or 'no.'

I participated in HRS this year because participating was enjoyable and interesting.
Yes or no?

V402_2

(I participated in HRS this year) because participating felt like I achieved something.

I participated in HRS this year because participating felt like I achieved something.

1. YES

5. NO

8. DK

9. RF

V403_2

(I participated in HRS this year) because I really agreed with the study's purpose and goals.

I participated in HRS this year because I really agreed with the study's purpose and goals.

1. YES

5. NO

8. DK

9. RF

V404_2

(I participated in HRS this year) because I I would have felt guilty if I hadn't.

I participated in HRS this year because I I would have felt guilty if I hadn't.

- 1. YES
- 5. NO

- 8. DK
- 9. RF

V405_2

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I participated in HRS this year because the money is helpful to me.

- 1. YES
- 5. NO

- 8. DK
- 9. RF

V406_2

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- 5. NO

- 8. DK
- 9. RF

V407_2

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8. DK

9. RF

V411_2

What other reasons did you have for participating in HRS this year, if any?

[INSTR: PROBE: (Any other?)]

[INSTR: IF NONE, TYPE 'NONE'.]

What other reasons did you have for participating in HRS this year, if any?

OTHER REASONS _____

V412_2

What might help or encourage you to participate in HRS again in the future?

[INSTR: PROBE: (Any other?)]

[INSTR: IF NONE, TYPE 'NONE'.]

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8. DK

9. RF