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NOTE: all results shown are percentages unless otherwise labeled.

#### **JOBS STUDY**

1. In general, how satisfied are you with the way things are going in your life at this time? Would you say...

| Very satisfied        | 38 |
|-----------------------|----|
| Somewhat satisfied    | 42 |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 11 |
| Very dissatisfied     | 8  |
| Not sure              | 1  |
| Total Satisfied       | 81 |
| Total Dissatisfied    | 18 |

D2. Are you employed:

| TOTAL EMPLOYED   | 61 |
|------------------|----|
| - Full time      | 52 |
| - Part time      | 9  |
| Not employed     | 17 |
| Retired          | 22 |
| Refused/not sure | -  |

## (Q.2-Q11 ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY IN Q.D2 THAT THEY ARE EMPLOYED FULL OR PART TIME.)

#### Now, a few questions about working...

2. In a typical week, how many hours do you work for pay or profit?

| Total Over 40 Hours  | 36 |
|----------------------|----|
| Total 35-40 Hours    | 46 |
| Total Under 35 Hours | 17 |
| Not sure             | 1  |
| Over 50 hours        | 12 |
| 50 hours             | 11 |
| 41-49 hours          | 13 |
| 40 hours             | 40 |
| 35-39 hours          | 6  |
| 21-34 hours          | 9  |
| Up to 20 hours       | 8  |

| <ol><li>How many different jobs do you hold for pay or profit</li></ol> | 3. | How many | / different | iobs do | vou hold | for pa | v or | profit? |
|---|----|----------|-------------|---------|----------|--------|------|---------|
|---|----|----------|-------------|---------|----------|--------|------|---------|

| 1 job          | 86 |
|----------------|----|
| 2 jobs         | 10 |
| 3 or more jobs | 4  |
| Not sure       | -  |

(IF RESPONDENT SAYS THEY HAVE 2 OR MORE JOBS IN Q.3: For the next few questions, please answer based on the job you consider your main job.)

4. How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your job? Would you say you are...

| Total Dissatisfied    | 9  |
|-----------------------|----|
| Total Satisfied       | 91 |
| Not sure              | -  |
| Very dissatisfied     | 3  |
| Somewhat dissatisfied | 6  |
| Somewhat satisfied    | 43 |
| Very satisfied        | 48 |

5. How important is your job to your overall satisfaction with life? Would you say...

| Total Important Total Not Important | 91<br>9 |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Not sure                            |         |
| Not at all important                | 3       |
| Not too important                   | 6       |
| Somewhat important                  | 44      |
| Very important                      | 47      |

6. What best describes how you feel about your job?

| Something you only do to earn money   | 39 |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| An important part of who you are as a |    |
| person                                | 61 |
| Not sure                              | _  |

7. I'm going to read you a list of characteristics of your job. For each one, please tell me if you very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied, or very dissatisfied with that aspect of your job.

THIS TABLE IS RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY OR SOMEWHAT SATISFIED

|  | Very<br><u>Satisfied</u> | Some-<br>what<br><u>Satisfied</u> | Somewhat<br>Dis-<br><u>satisfied</u> | Very<br>Dis-<br><u>satisfied</u> | Self<br><u>Employed</u> | Not<br>Sure | Total<br><u>Satisfied</u> | Total<br>Dis-<br>satisfied |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Your relationships with your co-workers                | 69                       | 25                                | 3                                    | 1                                | 1                       | 1           | 94                        | 3                          |
| Your boss or immediate supervisor                      | 54                       | 31                                | 7                                    | 3                                | 5                       | -           | 84                        | 10                         |
| The vacation time you receive                          | 58                       | 24                                | 9                                    | 8                                | -                       | 1           | 83                        | 16                         |
| Your opportunities for advancement                     | 36                       | 39                                | 13                                   | 11                               | -                       | 1           | 75                        | 24                         |
| The amount of on-the-job stress                        | 22                       | 43                                | 24                                   | 10                               | -                       | 1           | 65                        | 34                         |
| The health insurance benefits offered by your employer | 34                       | 30                                | 11                                   | 17                               | 5                       | 3           | 64                        | 28                         |
| The retirement benefits offered by your employer       | 34                       | 29                                | 12                                   | 18                               | 4                       | 3           | 62                        | 30                         |

8. All things considered, which of the following aspects of your job will you be <u>most</u> concerned about in the coming months?

| Keeping your job             | 21 |
|------------------------------|----|
| Your salary                  | 37 |
| Your work hours              |    |
| (NOT READ) None of the above | 11 |
| Not sure                     |    |

9. Which of the following comes closest to describing how you feel about your present job?

| My job is interesting nearly all the time   | 42 |
|---|----|
| While my job is interesting most of the time, there are dull stretches now and then | 48 |
| There are a few times when my job is interesting, but mostly it is pretty dull and  |    |
| monotonous  | 8  |
| My job is completely dull and monotonous, there is nothing interesting about it     | 2  |
| Not sure  | -  |

10. I'm going to read you some statements related to your job. For each of these statements, please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with each statement.

THIS TABLE IS RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY STRONGLY OR SOMEWHAT AGREE

|   | Strongly<br><u>Agree</u> | Some-<br>what<br><u>Agree</u> | Some-<br>what<br><u>Disagree</u> | Strongly<br><u>Disagree</u> | Not<br>Sure | Total<br><u>Agree</u> | Total<br><u>Disagree</u> |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| I do a good job of balancing my job and my family | 61                       | 33                            | 4                                | 1                           | 1           | 94                    | 5                        |
| I feel the work I do is important                 | 70                       | 23                            | 3                                | 4                           | -           | 93                    | 7                        |
| My job allows me to achieve to my full potential  | 36                       | 39                            | 17                               | 8                           | -           | 75                    | 25                       |

11. After a long weekend, vacation, or a few days off from work, what <u>best</u> describes how you <u>usually</u> feel about going back to work? Do you ...

| Feel ready to go back to work      | 51 |
|------------------------------------|----|
| Wish you could have a longer break | 49 |
| Not sure                           | _  |

12. Do you feel you are paid fairly for the work you do, or not?

| Yes      | 71 |
|----------|----|
| No       | 29 |
| Not sure | _  |

#### **DEMOGRAPHICS**

| NOTE: Results for demographic questions represent all adults unless otherwise indicated | NOTE: | Results | for dem | ographic | questions | represent al | l adult | ts unles | ss other | wise ind | icated. |
|---|-------|---------|---------|----------|-----------|--------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
|---|-------|---------|---------|----------|-----------|--------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|---------|

- D1a. First of all, in what year were you born?
- D1b. Have you already had a birthday this year?

#### (IF RESPONDENT REFUSES Q.D1a OR Q.D1b, Q.D1c ASKED. RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

D1c. Are you:

| 18-34            | 31 |
|------------------|----|
| 35-49            | 27 |
| 50-64            | 24 |
| 65 and over      | 17 |
| Refused/not sure | 1  |

#### (Q.D3 ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO ARE EMPLOYED FULL OR PART-TIME IN Q.D2.)

D3. We would also like to have just a general idea of what type of occupation you have. Which one of the following best describes your current job?

| Professional                            | 16 |
|---|----|
| Senior executive or manager             | 9  |
| Clerical or administrative              | 6  |
| Sales or services                       | 10 |
| A skilled trade or technical occupation | 10 |
| Blue-collar work or laborer             | 5  |
| Farming or fishing                      | 1  |
| Other (VOL)                             | 4  |
| Refused/not sure                        | -  |
| Not Employed Full/Part Time (Q.D2)      | 39 |

D4. What is the last year of school you completed?

| Grade school or some high school      | 7  |
|---------------------------------------|----|
| Completed high school                 | 23 |
| Some college but did not finish       | 25 |
| Completed a two year college degree   | 11 |
| Completed a four year college degree  | 21 |
| Completed a post-graduate degree such |    |
| as a Master's or Ph.D.                | 13 |
| Refused/not sure                      | _  |

D5. Are you currently married?

| Yes              | 54 |
|------------------|----|
| No               | 46 |
| Refused/not sure | _  |

| D6.                    | Including yourself and any children, how many people are currently  | / living in your household?   |
|------------------------|---|---|
|                        | 1   | 21  |
|                        | 2   | 35  |
|                        | 3   | 17  |
|                        | 4   | 14  |
|                        | 5   | 8   |
|                        | 6 or more   | 4   |
|                        | Refused/not sure  | 1   |
| <b>(Q.D7a-</b><br>D7a. | c ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO SAY MORE THAN ONE PERSON How many children under 6 years are currently living in your house             |   |
| D7b.                   | How many children ages 6 to 12 are currently living in your househ  | old?  |
| D7c.                   | How many children ages 13 to 17 are currently living in your house  | ehold?  |
|                        | ANY CHILDREN - NET  | 36  |
|                        | Under 6   | 19  |
|                        | 6-12  | 18  |
|                        | 13-17   | 14  |
|                        | NO CHILDREN   | 63  |
|                        | Refused/not sure  | 1   |
| D8.                    | Do you currently own stocks, bonds or mutual funds?   | 50  |
|                        | Yes   | 52  |
|                        | NoRefused/not sure  | 46<br>2   |
| <b>(Q.D9 A</b><br>D9.  | In the past 12 months, how many times did you make changes in yor stock mutual funds either within or outside an employer-sponsor | OS OR MUTUAL FUNDS IN Q.D8.) Your investments - buying or selling stock |
|                        |   | INVESTORS   |
|                        | None  | 34  |
|                        | 1 time  | 21  |
|                        | 2 times   | 13  |
|                        | 3 times   | 7   |
|                        | 4 times   | 5   |
|                        | 5 to 9 times  | 8   |
|                        | 10 to 14 times  | 4   |
|                        | 15 to 19 times  | 1   |
|                        | 20 to 24 times  | 1   |
|                        | 25 times or more  | 2   |

Refused/not sure .......

Active Investors (5 times or more)......

Own.....

Rent.....Refused/not sure....

17

72 26

Do you own your home, or do you rent?

D10.

D11a. What religion are you? Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, or some other religion?

| Protestant             | 53 |
|------------------------|----|
| Catholic               | 22 |
| Jewish                 | 2  |
| Some other religion    | 11 |
| (NOT READ) No religion | 10 |
| Refused/not sure       | 2  |

D11b. Would you describe yourself as either a fundamentalist or born-again Christian, or neither?

| Born-again Christian | 29 |
|----------------------|----|
| Fundamentalist       | 5  |
| Neither              | 64 |
| Refused/not sure     | 2  |

D12a. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity?

## (Q.D12b ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO DO NOT SAY THEY ARE HISPANIC IN Q.D15a.)

D12b. Are you white, black, Asian, or some other race?

## (RESULTS SHOWN IN SUMMARY BELOW.)

| White           | 80 |
|-----------------|----|
| Black           |    |
| Hispanic        | 7  |
| Asian           |    |
| American Indian | -  |
| Other           | 2  |
| Refused         | 1  |

D13. Could you please tell me your household income from all sources in 2003?

| Under \$15,000                  | 10 |
|---------------------------------|----|
| \$15,000 to less than \$20,000  | 8  |
| \$20,000 to less than \$25,000  | 7  |
| \$25,000 to less than \$30,000  | 5  |
| \$30,000 to less than \$40,000  | 9  |
| \$40,000 to less than \$50,000  | 10 |
| \$50,000 to less than \$75,000  | 16 |
| \$75,000 to less than \$100,000 | 9  |
| \$100,000 or more               | 13 |
| Refused/not sure                | 13 |

## **REGION:**

| Northeast | 20 |
|-----------|----|
| Midwest   | 23 |
| South     | 35 |
| West      | 22 |
|           |    |

# **METROPOLITAN STATUS:**

| Urban    | 28 |
|----------|----|
| Suburban | 47 |
| Rural    | 25 |

# **GENDER:**

| Male   | 48 |
|--------|----|
| Female | 52 |