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Table 10. Percent of Households with Selected Measures of Material Well-Being: 1992, 1998, 2003, 2005, 2010, and 2011

	1992	1998	2003	2005	2010	2011
Appliances and Electronic Goods						
Washing machine	84.8	90.9	92.2	84.0	85.3	85.2
Clothes dryer	77.9	86.8	89.1	81.2	83.2	83.4
Dishwasher	49.3	56.0	62.3	64.0	69.4	69.3
Refrigerator	99.1	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.3	99.2
Freezer	37.1	34.9	36.9	36.6	37.9	35.8
Television ¹	96.6	98.4	98.8	98.9	98.5	98.3
Gas or electric stove	99.0	98.7	98.9	98.8	98.6	98.6
Microwave	82.2	90.7	95.9	96.4	97.1	96.8
Videocassette recorder ²	73.8	85.2	90.0	92.2	92.1	90.9
Air conditioner	68.8	77.7	84.6	85.7	88.5	88.7
Computer	20.7	42.0	63.1	67.1	75.2	78.0
Landline telephone	94.7	96.2	94.1	90.6	75.0	70.5
Cellular phone ³	(NA)	36.3	62.8	71.3	87.2	89.0
Housing Conditions						
<i>General Conditions</i>						
No leaking roof	91.4	93.1	94.6	95.1	95.1	95.3
No problem with pests	85.1	87.3	90.5	90.2	92.5	91.3
No broken windows	92.4	95.9	97.0	97.0	97.2	97.0
No exposed electrical wiring	98.6	99.2	99.4	99.4	99.3	99.4
No holes or cracks in the wall	95.4	96.0	97.1	97.2	97.4	97.1
No plumbing problems	95.0	97.4	97.9	98.1	98.1	97.8
No holes in floor large enough to trip	98.9	99.1	99.4	99.4	99.3	99.3
<i>Satisfaction</i>						
Satisfied with warmth of home in winter	(NA)	91.2	93.4	93.1	93.6	93.4
Satisfied with coolness of home in summer	(NA)	89.7	92.5	92.2	92.6	92.8
Satisfied with state of repair of home	(NA)	92.2	93.4	93.3	93.6	93.9
Generally satisfied with home	(NA)	95.7	96.1	96.2	96.5	96.6
Neighborhood Conditions and Community Services						
<i>Safety</i>						
Did not stay home for safety	89.2	87.1	90.4	89.2	89.5	89.4
Did not carry anything to protect self	88.5	92.5	94.3	94.4	93.7	93.6
Did not travel with someone for safety	(NA)	88.5	91.9	90.7	91.4	91.7
Not afraid to walk alone at night	(NA)	71.3	78.0	77.5	79.4	79.5
Home is considered safe	94.1	95.9	96.7	97.0	97.0	97.4
Neighborhood considered safe	91.0	91.4	92.8	92.3	92.9	93.3
<i>General Conditions</i>						
No trash or litter on streets	88.8	91.8	92.6	92.7	94.1	93.5
Streets not in need of repair	80.2	83.6	86.0	87.1	88.0	86.2
No abandoned buildings	89.6	92.1	93.0	93.0	92.9	92.2
No street noise or heavy traffic	75.5	78.6	81.8	81.9	86.6	86.0
No smoke or odors in neighborhood	92.7	95.1	96.3	96.6	97.2	96.9
No problem industry or business	90.4	92.7	94.5	94.4	95.9	95.4
<i>Satisfaction</i>						
Satisfied with neighborhood conditions	(NA)	95.0	95.3	95.3	95.7	95.8
Satisfied with relationship with neighbors	(NA)	95.1	95.4	95.2	95.9	95.7
Satisfied with hospitals	(NA)	89.2	90.8	91.0	92.2	92.3
Satisfied with police services	(NA)	91.9	93.0	92.9	93.7	93.9
Satisfied with fire department services	(NA)	95.8	96.5	96.6	96.8	96.7
Meeting Basic Needs						
No unmet essential expenses	85.8	86.0	87.1	85.6	83.9	83.9
No unpaid rent or mortgage	92.2	94.6	94.5	93.9	92.1	91.9
No unpaid utilities	89.9	90.9	91.3	90.2	89.6	89.5
No disconnected utilities	92.1	98.7	98.5	98.3	98.2	98.3
Phone was not disconnected	96.4	96.2	95.9	95.8	96.4	96.2
Saw a doctor when needed or had no need to see a doctor	92.2	93.9	93.7	93.2	92.1	92.1
Saw a dentist when needed or had no need to see a dentist	90.1	92.1	92.4	91.5	90.4	90.1
Help Expected if Need Arose						
Expect help from family if needed	41.7	43.8	47.6	47.5	45.7	45.5
Expect help from friends if needed	26.0	31.4	35.9	37.4	35.2	33.7
Expect help from social agency or church	12.5	16.7	21.1	22.7	21.8	19.3

¹ In 2005 the wording was changed from "television" to "color television"

² In 2005 the wording was changed from "videocassette recorder (VCR)" to "VCR or DVD (or other video recorder-player such as TiVo)"

³ In 2005 the wording was changed from "cellular phone or car phone" to "cellular phone or mobile phone"

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