

SURVEY QUESTIONS:

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PROJECT NAME: Will You Go the Distance?

SAMPLE: 2,000 Americans in a long-distance relationship who are planning to move in with their

partner in the next year, evenly split by gender and generation

SPLITS: Age, gender and region

Survey Questions:

Screening Questions:

1. **Which of the following best describes your current relationship status?**
[select one]
 1. Single [TERM]
 2. Dating / In a casual relationship
 3. In a serious relationship
 4. Engaged
 5. Married
 6. Divorced / Separated / Widowed [TERM]
 7. None of the above [TERM]
2. **Do you currently live with your partner? [select one]**
 1. Yes [TERM]
 2. No
3. **Would you consider your relationship to be a long-distance relationship?**
[select one]
 1. Yes
 2. No [TERM]
4. **When do you plan to move in together with your partner? [select one]**
 1. Within the next 6 months
 2. Within the next year
 3. Within the next 2 years [TERM]
 4. More than 2 years from now [TERM]
 5. Not sure, we haven't discussed it [TERM]

6. I don't plan on moving in with my partner [TERM]

Survey Questions:

1. **When did you and your partner begin to talk about moving in with each other? [select one]**

1. Less than a month into dating
2. About 1 month into dating
3. About 2 months into dating
4. About 3 months into dating
5. About 4 months into dating
6. About 5 months into dating
7. About 6 months into dating
8. About 7 months into dating
9. About 8 months into dating
10. About 9 months into dating
11. About 10 months into dating
12. About 11 months into dating
13. About 1 year into dating
14. About 1.5 years into dating
15. About 2 years into dating
16. About 2.5 years into dating
17. 3 years into dating or more

2. **By the time you move in with your partner, how long will you have been dating before moving in together? [select one] [HIDE OPTIONS BASED ON Q1 ANSWER] [KMI]**

1. Less than 1 month
2. About 1 month
3. About 2 months
4. About 3 months
5. About 4 months
6. About 5 months
7. About 6 months
8. About 7 months
9. About 8 months
10. About 9 months

11. About 10 months
12. About 11 months
13. About 1 year
14. About 1.5 years
15. About 2 years
16. About 2.5 years
17. 3 years or more

3. **Where will you and your partner live, when you move in together? [select one]**

1. My partner's home, where they already live
2. My home, where I already live
3. We will be moving into an entirely new home together
4. Not sure yet

4. **[HIDE IF Q3 = D] What state... [select one grid]**

[GRID]

1. Are you / is your partner moving away from in the next 12 months, to live with each other?
2. Are you / is your partner moving to in the next 12 months, to live with each other? [hide if N/A option is selected for a]

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1. Talker Research to insert list of all 50 states
2. N/A: I'll/they'll be staying in the same state [not shown in b]

5. **[HIDE IF Q3 = D] Approximately how many miles away are you moving, to live with your partner, or are they moving, to live with you?**

1. Sliding scale between "75 miles or less" and "3,000 miles or more"

6. **Over the course of your long-distance relationship with your partner, what percentage of the time have they traveled to see you in-person, on average, versus the percentage of time you've traveled to see them? [numeric auto sum] [must add up to 100%]**

1. I've traveled to see them
2. They've traveled to see me

7. **Over the course of your long-distance relationship with your partner, how much time, on average, would pass in between in-person visits to see each other? [select one]**
1. Less than a month
 2. About 1 month
 3. About 2 months
 4. About 3 months
 5. About 4 months
 6. About 5 months
 7. About 6 months
 8. About 7 months
 9. About 8 months
 10. About 9 months
 11. About 10 months
 12. About 11 months
 13. About 12 months (1 year)
 14. More than 1 year
8. **If you had to estimate the amount of money that you've spent on traveling to see your partner over the course of your relationship, how much money do you estimate you've spent on travel to see them?**
1. Sliding scale between "\$500 or less" and "\$10,000 or more"
9. **If you had to estimate the amount of money that both you and your partner have spent on traveling to see each other over the course of your relationship, how much money do you estimate you've both spent on travel, combined?**
1. Sliding scale between "\$500 or less" and "\$20,000 or more"
10. **Did rising travel costs influence your decision to move in together at all? [select one]**
1. Yes, a lot
 2. Yes, somewhat
 3. Yes, a little bit
 4. No

11. **Why are you moving in with your partner in the next year? [select all that apply] RANDOMIZE, ANCHOR LAST 1**

1. I love them and want to be in their proximity
2. To be close to family (either mine or theirs)
3. Lease is ending (either mine or theirs)
4. To test out how living together feels, before we think about/plan to get married [HIDE IF SQ1 = Married]
5. Traveling to see each other has become so expensive
6. To live in a city that better matches our shared interests
7. Relocation for a new job (either mine or theirs)
8. To pay down debt (either mine or theirs) faster
9. To save money for a wedding [HIDE IF SQ1 = Married]
10. To save to buy a home
11. To lower household costs, and combine our cost of living
12. Other (please specify)

12. **How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? [select one grid]**

[GRID]

1. Moving in with my partner will be literally existence-altering – in a good way
2. Moving in with my partner will increase my happiness level by 30%, or more
3. I've wanted to move in with my partner, more than anything else in life, for a while

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1. Strongly agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Neither agree nor disagree
4. Somewhat disagree
5. Strongly disagree

13. **[HIDE IF Q3 = D] What things influenced where you and your partner decided to live, when you were making the decision to move in together? [select all that apply] RANDOMIZE, ANCHOR LAST 2**

1. Job location flexibility (ability to work remotely vs. in-person)
 2. Earning potential in that location
 3. General attractiveness of that location
 4. Proximity to family in that location
 5. Caregiving responsibilities in that location
 6. Attractive housing market in that location
 7. Lower cost of living in that location
 8. Other (please specify)
 9. Nothing in particular [EXCLUSIVE]
14. **[HIDE IF Q3 = D] When discussing which one of you was going to move, when you decided to move in together, did any of the following things happen? [select all that apply]**
1. We talked about the pros and cons of each of us moving
 2. It was always clear from the beginning that it would make more sense for one person to move versus than the other
 3. We flipped a coin to decide
 4. One person insisted on staying where they live
 5. None of the above [EXCLUSIVE]
15. **[HIDE IF Q3 = D] When you and your partner were deciding which one of you was going to move, how fair or unfair did the final decision feel? [select one]**
1. Very fair
 2. Somewhat fair
 3. Neither fair nor unfair
 4. Somewhat unfair
 5. Very unfair
16. **What percentage of moving expenses will you and your partner pay when it comes to moving in together? If you are not sure, give your best estimate. [numeric auto sum] [must sum to 100%]**
1. I will pay...
 2. My partner will pay...
17. **When you move in with your partner, how will you move, or how will they move? [select all that apply] RANDOMIZE, ANCHOR LAST 1**

1. Hire a full-service moving company to handle the entire process from start to finish
2. Rent a truck to transport belongings
3. Hire movers to load and unload belongings
4. Have friends and family help with the process
5. Ship belonging in a shipping container
6. Ship belongings in the mail (e.g. UPS/FedEx)
7. Transport belongings in my/their car
8. None of the above/Not sure yet [EXCLUSIVE]

18. **[HIDE IF Q3 = D] When you move in with your partner, which of the following things, if any, will you need to do when moving in with them, or will they need to do when moving in with you? [select all that apply] RANDOMIZE, ANCHOR LAST 2**

1. Quit a job
2. Change careers entirely
3. Take a pay cut
4. Sell some or all belongings
5. Sell or rent out a home or property
6. Break a lease
7. Part with family
8. Move farther away from close friends
9. Leave a caregiving role for a family member
10. Rehome a pet
11. Other (please specify)
12. None of the above [EXCLUSIVE]

19. **Will moving in with your partner help you to financially reach any of the following goals? [select all that apply] RANDOMIZE, ANCHOR LAST 1**

1. Buying a home
2. Paying off debt
3. Changing careers
4. Increasing retirement contributions
5. Starting a business or side hustle
6. Having kids
7. Getting married [HIDE IF SQ1 = Married]
8. Traveling more

9. Getting a graduate degree
10. Getting an undergraduate degree
11. None of the above [EXCLUSIVE]

20. **How does thinking about moving in with your partner in next 12 months make you feel? [select all that apply]**

1. Excited
2. Hopeful
3. Anxious
4. Adventurous
5. Relieved
6. Overwhelmed
7. Exhausted
8. Other (please specify)

21. **When thinking about packing and moving your belongings over a long-distance, or your partner packing and moving their belongings over a long distance when you move in together, how worried are you about everything getting where it needs to go, safe and sound? [select one]**

1. Very worried
2. Somewhat worried
3. Neither worried nor unworried
4. Somewhat unworried
5. Very unworried

22. **During previous moving experiences, have you ever experienced a “moving mental breakdown” where you had an emotional breakdown because the process was so overwhelming? [select one]**

1. Yes
2. No

23. **During previous moving experiences, have you ever had a “moving nightmare” where a belonging that you loved was either lost or damaged, or things went very differently than you had planned? [select one]**

1. Yes
2. No

24. **[SHOW IF Q23=A] Please describe your “moving nightmare.”**

1. Free text
2. Prefer not to say

25. **After you made the decision to move in with your partner, did you ever have second thoughts about it? [select one]**

1. Yes
2. No

26. **What things, if any, have been difficult or challenging about being in a long-distance relationship?**

1. Free text
2. Nothing in particular/Prefer not to say

Occasionally, the media may contact us wanting to interview respondents in the survey for further information to boost the article with qualitative data. These experiential quotes are used to add something unique to their reporting and boost the authority of the story which can then aid SEO performance.

To facilitate this, we sometimes ask respondents if they're open to being contacted by the media for further interview. This consent must be gained prior to running the survey. This enables us to share certain respondents with the media in adherence with our data protection protocols. Please note, a respondents' answer to this question does not impact their eligibility for the survey in any way.

27. **We're looking to hear from people in long-distance relationships who are moving in with their partners in the next year. If you consent, you may be contacted for a short interview by phone or email from a journalist for further comment. There is no financial incentive for taking part, but your name and responses may be cited in a national publication.**

I'm interested in participating
I'm not interested in participating

28. **[SHOW IF "I'm interested in participating" in PREVIOUS QUESTION] Please enter your details below.**

Name:

Email:
