

ICPSR 7696

## **Quality of Employment Survey, 1973-1977: Panel**

Description

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## **Bibliographic Description**

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## **Scope of Study**

Summary: This study contains data on the working conditions of 1,455 workers aged 16 and older who were working for pay for 20 or more hours per week in the United States in the period 1973-1977. This survey is a panel study version of the cross-section study, QUALITY OF EMPLOYMENT SURVEY, 1977: CROSS-SECTION (ICPSR 7689). The surveys were undertaken by the investigators to provide an overview of working conditions in the American labor force. The aims of these surveys and many of the questions that were asked were comparable to those of the related collections, SURVEY OF WORKING CONDITIONS, 1969-1970 (ICPSR 3507), and QUALITY OF EMPLOYMENT SURVEY, 1972-1973 (ICPSR 3510). The major measures used in each of the four surveys were the frequency and severity of labor standards problems, the quality of employment indicators that were shown to be predictors of job satisfaction, the job satisfaction indices themselves, and the ratings of important job facets. Respondents were asked questions about many facets of their job situations and other areas of their lives that might be affected by their jobs in order to assess the impact of work on them. Questions included job tension, security, physical health, job satisfaction, and financial well-being. A series of questions regarding job expectations was also asked. Additional questions probed respondents' feelings about their overall contentment with their jobs and with life in general. Other variables probed respondents' feelings about their work culture, physical work environment, discrimination at work, job fringe benefits, and labor unions, as well as child care provisions, nature of time spent with children and spouse, use of leisure time, and electoral participation. Demographic

variables provide information on age, sex, marital status, race, place of birth, education, and income.

Subject Term(s): child care, employee benefits, employment, employment discrimination, family life, family work relationship, job satisfaction, job security, job stress, labor force, labor standards, labor unions, leisure, life satisfaction, work attitudes, work environment, working hours, workers

Geographic Coverage: United States

Time Period: • 1973 - 1977

Universe: A national probability sample of 1,455 currently employed workers aged 16 and older who were working for pay for 20 or more hours per week in the United States in the period 1973-1977.

Data Type: survey data

Data Collection Notes: (1) This panel study version of the survey includes data on all respondents from the 1973 survey and those respondents who were reinterviewed in the 1977 survey. Noninterviews in 1977 are assigned missing data for all 1977 variables except 1977 sampling information, which is indicated for both respondents and non-respondents. (2) The codebook is provided by ICPSR as a Portable Document Format (PDF) file. The PDF file format was developed by Adobe Systems Incorporated and can be accessed using PDF reader software, such as the Adobe Acrobat Reader. Information on how to obtain a copy of the Acrobat Reader is provided on the ICPSR Web site.

## Methodology

Data Source: personal interviews

## Access and Availability

Note: A list of the data formats available for this study can be found in the [summary of holdings](#). Detailed file-level information (such as record length, case count, and variable count) is listed in the [file manifest](#).

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