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## FinSote

National study of health, well-being and service use

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## FinSote - NATIONAL STUDY OF HEALTH, WELL-BEING AND SERVICE USE

Please respond to this questionnaire as soon as possible, preferably within 10 days. Return your response in the enclosed envelope; no stamp is needed.

You may also fill in the questionnaire online at thl.fi/finsote/vastaa. To log in, you will need the form code - the number at the top of the covering letter. Your password is in the covering letter.

Thank you for your responses!

## INSTRUCTIONS TO RESPONDENTS

## Answer the questions as follows:

X
Tick the most suitable alternative or write the information required in the space given with a ballpoint pen.

3If you make some marks to an answer box which you do not mean, please blacken the entire answer box.
$\mathbf{X}$ You should only tick one best alternative for each question unless it is specifically stated that you may select more than one alternative.

区There are further instructions for some questions. Remember to answer all questions. Enter negative answers by ticking the ' $n o$ ' alternative or by writing ' 0 ' (zero) in the space provided.

## EXAMPLE 1.

How would you evaluate your
state of health at present?very good
fairly good
fair
fairly poor
poor

EXAMPLE 2.
Give your present height and weight
height 165 cm
$\qquad$ cm
weight $\qquad$ kg

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## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Are you currently:married or in a registered relationshipcohabitingseparated or divorcedwidowedsingle
2. Are you living in the same household with your partner or spouse at present?yes
no
3. What is your household structure?

Other people living in your household refer to, for example, other relatives, friends or acquaintances who mainly live in the same household. Other type of household refers to, for example, a household shared by more than one family or between friendssingle householdsingle parent with at least one child under 25
single parent with a child/children over 25a couple with no child/children
a couple with at least one child under 25a couple with a child/children over 25
other type of household
4. How many years altogether have you attended school or studied full time? Including primary and comprehensive school.
$\qquad$ years
5. How many of the people living in your household are aged 13 or younger?
6. At the moment, are you principally:working unemployed retired (e.g. old-age pension, early retirement or given up entrepreneurship) unable to work (e.g. on disability pension) pupil, student, in further education or training, or in unpaid practical training in conscript or non-military service on family leave, or a stay-at-home mother/father other

## 7. Are you currently:

employed full-timeemployed part-timeI am not working8. Your professional status:entrepreneur with employeesentrepreneur or self-employed person with no employeesemployee or officeholdersworking in a family business without payI am not working

## HEALTH

9. How would you describe your state of health at present?very goodgoodaveragepoorvery poor
10. Do you have any longstanding illness or health problem?yesno
11. Are you limited because of a health problem in activities people usually do?severely limitedlimited but not severelynot limited at all $\rightarrow$ move on the question 13.
12. Have you been limited for at least the past 6 months?yesno
13. Have you had any of the following illnesses or ailments in the past 12 months?

|  | yes | no |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| asthma | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| chronic bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| coronary thrombosis, i.e., myocardial infarction, and its long-term consequences | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| coronary disease, angina pectoris (=chest pain under physical stress) | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| high blood pressure, hypertensional | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| cerebral stroke (cerebral haemorrhage or cerebral infarction), and its longterm consequences | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| osteoarthritis, or degenerative arthritis (excluding arthritis) | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| low back ailments or other chronic back troubles | $\square$ |  |
| neck or neck area symptoms or illnesses | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| diabetes | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| An allergy, such as rhinitis, eye inflammation, dermatitis, food allergy or other allergy (allergic asthma excluded) | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Cirrhosis of the liver | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Urinary incontinence, problems in controlling the bladder | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Kidney problems | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| depression | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| High cholesterol or high blood lipids | $\square$ | $\square$ |

14. How would you describe the state of your teeth (natural or false) and gums?
$\square$ very good
$\square$ good
$\square$ average
$\square$ poor
$\square$ very poor

## ACCIDENTS

15. Have you had any of the following incidents or accidents over the past 12 months that caused you an injury of some degree?
Do not include any accidents at work.

|  | yes | no |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| road accident (Including commuting) | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| accident at home | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| leisure time accident (outside home) | $\square$ | $\square$ |

if you responded NO to all questions, move on the question 17.
16. Did you need healthcare services for the treatment of the most severe of the injuries referred to above?
$\square$ yes, I needed treatment at the emergency care clinic of a hospital or some other care unit admitted as an overnight patientyes, I needed treatment at the emergency care clinic of a hospital or some other care unit admitted as a patient, but not overnightyes, I needed treatment provided by a physician or nurse (but not as a hospital patient)I did not need any treatment

## WORK CAPACITY AND ABSENCE FROM WORK

17. Assuming that the best working capacity you have ever had would score 10 on a scale of 0 to 10, how would you score your working capacity at present? Please tick the number that best applies to your working capacity

18. Have you been absent from work because of personal health issues over the past 12 months?

Please include any illnesses, accidents and other health issues because of which you have been absent from work.
$\square$ yes, please enter how many days you have been absent from work over the past 12 months:
$\qquad$ daysnoI am not working

## FUNCTIONAL CAPACITY

19. Do you wear glasses or contact lenses?yes
no
I am blind $\rightarrow$ move on the question 21.
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20. Do you have difficulty seeing? Ifyour wear glasses or contact lenses, please evaluate your vision when wearing them.
$\square$ No difficulty
$\square$ Some difficulty
$\square$ A lot of difficulty
$\square$ I do not see at all
21. Do you use a hearing aid?yes
no
I am totally deaf $\rightarrow$ move on the question 24.
22. When discussing with another person in a quiet room, do you have difficulty hearing what he or she is saying to you? If you have a hearing aid, assess your hearing when using it.No difficultySome difficultyA lot of difficultyI do not hear at all
23. When discussing with another person in a noisy room, do you have difficulty hearing what he or she is saying to you? If you have a hearing aid, assess your hearing when using it.No difficultySome difficultyA lot of difficultyI do not hear at all
24. Do you have difficulty walking half a kilometre on a level ground without any aids or assistance from another person?No difficulty
Some difficulty
A lot of difficulty
Cannot do at all / Unable to do
25. Do you have difficulty walking up or down one flight of stairs
(about 12 steps)?
$\square$ No difficulty
$\square$ Some difficulty
$\square$ A lot of difficulty
$\square$ Cannot do at all / Unable to do
26. Have you experienced any physical pain over the past four weeks and what has it been like?
$\square$ I have not $\quad \rightarrow$ move on the question 28.
$\square$ very mild
$\square$ mild
$\square$ moderate
$\square$ strong
$\square$ very strong
27. In the past four weeks, to what extent has pain affected your ordinary activities at work and/ or home?not at alla littleto some extentquite a lotvery much

## MENTAL HEALTH

28. How often have you experienced the following problems over the past two weeks?
\(\left.\begin{array}{|lllll|}\hline \& not at all on several <br>
days <br>
man half <br>
than <br>

the time\end{array}\right]\)| almost |
| :---: |
| daily |,

The following question deal with thoughts and feelings regarding harming yourself. Some people experience difficulties in their lives that prompt such thoughts and feelings.
29. Have you thought about suicide over the past 12 months?

no
yes

## SOCIAL AND HEALTH CARE SERVICES

30. What is your opinion of the following statements regarding health care services?

Health care services refer to, for instance, health centres and hospitals. Please choose only one alternative on each line.

|  | completely <br> agree | somewhat <br> agree | neither <br> agree nor <br> disagree | somewhat <br> disagree | strongly <br> disagree |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| In general, health services function well <br> in Finland | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| I trust in the expertise and competence of <br> health service staff | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| The health services increase social equity <br> and fairness | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

31. What is your opinion of the following statements regarding social welfare services?

For example, social welfare services refer to services for elderly people, services for families with children, home services, services for disabled people, counselling provided by a social worker or counsellor, and social assistance. Please choose only one alternative on each line.
completely somewhat
agree

agree \begin{tabular}{c}
neither <br>

| agree nor |
| :---: |
| disagree |


 

somewhat <br>
disagree

$\quad$

strongly <br>
disagree
\end{tabular}

In general, social welfare services function well in Finland


I trust in the expertise and competence of social service staff

The social welfare services increase social equity and fairness

32. What is your opinion of the following statements? I trust that when I need the following service, it will be available for me...
Please choose only one alternative on each line.

|  | Completely <br> agree | somewhat <br> agree | neither <br> agree nor <br> disagree | somewhat <br> disagree | strongly <br> disagree |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| urgent treatment for a sudden, serious <br> illness | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| regular treatment and monitoring of <br> a long-term illness (e.g. high blood <br> pressure) | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| services for the elderly (e.g. services <br> brought home, sheltered housing, <br> residential home for elderly) | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| services for disabled people (e.g. <br> transportation services, personal <br> assistance, home alteration work) <br> services for families with children (e.g. <br> child welfare services, parenting and <br> family counselling, home services) | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| lounselling and guidance provided by a <br> social worker or counsellor | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| basic social assistance provided by the Social <br> Insurance Institution of Finland (Kela) | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| supplementary or preventive social <br> assistance provided by the municipality | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

33. Social and health care services are undergoing a reform. The reform has many different objectives. Below there are listed the objectives set out for the reform at its various stages. Which three of these objectives you find most important?
choose the three most important objectives
primary services (e.g. health centre services and social welfare services) are strengthened
the client's case is handled smoothly and information is transferred between professionals
clients and patients have an increasing opportunity to make choices (e.g. on their place of care)
everyone living in Finland will have equal access to services based on their needs (regardless of their income level, place of
 residence, origin or any other factor)
everyone's responsibility on their own health and well-being and that of their family members will be increased
service and treatment practices will be uniform in the entire country
social and health care costs will remain reasonable
34. To what extent do you feel tax revenue should be used for funding the following services?

|  | more than currently | as much as currently | less than currently |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| health and medical care | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| social welfare services |  |  |  |
| transfer payments, such as social benefits | $\square$ | $\square$ |  |

35. To what extent do you wish customers would use their own funds (as customer fees) in financing the following services?

|  | more than as much as less than <br> currently <br> currently <br> currently |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| for health and medical care | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| for social welfare services | $\square$ | $\square$ |

36. Have you acquired a private medical insurance that covers costs resulting from the treatment of an illness in Finland, such as private doctors' fees, medicine costs and fees charged for days spent in hospital?yesno, but I have considered it
no, and I have not considered it
37. Have you experienced delay in getting health care in the past 12 months because the time needed to obtain an appointment was too long? Here, delay means that you did not receive treatment or were not referred to an examination soon enough or at all.yes
no
no, I have not needed any healthcare services
38. Has your access to social services or receiving a specific service been delayed due to long waiting times over the past 12 months? Here, delay means that you did not receive services soon enough or at all.yes
no
no, I have not needed any socialservices
39. Have you experienced delay in getting health care in the past 12 months due to distance or transportation problems? Here, delay means that you did not receive treatment or were not referred to an examination soon enough or at all.yes
no
$\square$
no, I have not needed any healthcare services
40. Was there any time in the past 12 months when you needed the following kinds of health care, but could not afford it?

|  | yes, I have <br> skipped <br> them | no, I have <br> never <br> skipped <br> them | no need |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Medical care | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Dental care | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Prescribed medicines | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Mental health care (by a psychologist, psychotherapist or a <br> psychiatrist for example) | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

## HOSPITAL CARE

41. In the past 12 months, have you received treatment at a hospital at least overnight? Women, please exclude any potential nights spent at a hospital due to delivery.yes, please enter how many nights you have spent in hospital care: $\qquad$ nightsno
42. In the past 12 months, have you visited a hospital as an outpatient, being examined or receiving treatment, without having to stay overnight?yes, please enter how many times you have visited a hospital as an outpatient: $\qquad$ times no

## MEDICAL CONSULTATIONS AND NEED OF HOME CARE

## 43. When was the last time you received treatment from a dentist?

less than 6 months ago6-11 months ago
at least 12 months ago
never
44. When was the last time you visited a general practitioner (e.g. occupational doctor or health centre doctor) because of your own health?
Please include any home visits and telephone consultations of a doctor, but do not include the times when you were at a hospital as a patient.less than 12 months ago
at least 12 months ago
never
45. How many times have you visited a general practitioner (e.g. occupational doctor or health centre doctor) because of your own health over the past four weeks?
$\qquad$ times
46. When was the last time you visited a medical specialist because of your own health?

For example, at an outpatient clinic of a hospital or a private practice. Please do not include the times when you were at a hospital as a patient.less than 12 months ago
at least 12 months ago
never
47. How many times have you visited a medical specialist because of your own health over the past four weeks?
$\qquad$ times
48. In the past 12 months, have you visited any of the following practitioners because of your own health:

| physiotherapist or similar (e.g. osteopath, naprapath) | yes | no |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| psychologist, psychotherapist or psychiatrist | $\square$ | $\square$ |

49. Have you used home care services (home help service, home assistance or home nursing) over the past 12 months?
Home help services are meal service and help with cleaning, among others. Home nursing refers to medical care or rehabilitation at home.

yes
no
50. Over the past two weeks, have you used:

| medicines prescribed by a doctor (other than contraceptive pills or hormones | $\square$ | yes |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| used solely for contraception) |  |  |
| medicines not prescribed by a doctor (e.g. painkillers, natural health |  |  |
| products or vitamins) |  |  |

## VACCINATIONS AND MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

## 51. Have you taken an influenza vaccine?

yes, this year or the year before. Enter the month and year when you took the influenza vaccine.$\qquad$ month (e.g. 09), $\qquad$ year (e.g. 2018)yes, but not this year or the year beforeno, I have never taken an influenza vaccine
52. When have you last had the following measurements taken by a health care professional?

|  | less than 12 <br> months ago <br> 1 year to <br> less than 3 <br> years ago | 3 years to <br> less than 5 <br> years ago | at least 5 <br> years ago | never |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| blood pressure | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| blood cholesterol level | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| blood sugar level | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

53. When was the last time you had a faecal occult blood test?

The test is used for cancer screening, for example.less than 12 months ago
1 year to less than 2 years ago
2 years to less than 3 years ago
at least 3 years ago
never
54. When was the last time you had a colonoscopy performed on you?less than 12 months ago
1 year to less than 2 years ago
2 years to less than 3 years ago
at least 3 years ago
never
The next question concerns women only. Men $\rightarrow$ you can proceed to question 56.
55. When was the last time you had the following examinations performed:

|  | less than 12 <br> months ago <br> 1 year to <br> less than 3 3 <br> years ago | 3 years to <br> less than 5 <br> years ago | at least 5 <br> years ago | never |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| mammography (breast X-ray) | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| PAP smear (cervical cancer <br> screening) | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

## HEIGHT AND WEIGHT

56. How tall are you?
$\qquad$ cm , please round to nearest centimetre
57. How much do you weigh when wearing light clothing?

Pregnant women should enter their weight before pregnancy.
$\qquad$ kg , please round to nearest kilogramme.

## EXERCISE

58. How physically strenuous is your work? Please choose the alternative that best describes your situation. Here, work refers to both paid and unpaid work, housework, studying or looking for a job (if unemployed).my work is mainly sedentary or standing work (e.g. writing, driving, computer work)I walk a lot in my work and my work requires moderate physical effort (e.g. cleaning, carrying light burdens, child care)my work is strenuous physical work (e.g. carrying heavy burdens, mining work, construction work)I am not working or carrying out any worklike tasks
59. On how many days during an ordinary week do you walk uninterruptedly for at least 10 minutes (e.g. commute, way to and from school or going shopping)?
At other times than working hours.
Number of days: $\qquad$
60. How much time do you spend walking in total during an ordinary day (walking uninterruptedly for at least 10 minutes)?
At other times than working hours.10-29 minutes per day30-59 minutes per day$1-2$ hours per day$2-3$ hours per dayover 3 hours per day
61. On how many days during an ordinary week do you cycle uninterruptedly for at least 10 minutes (e.g. commute, way to and from school or going shopping)?
At other times than working hours.
Number of days: $\qquad$
62. How much time do you spend cycling in total during an ordinary day (cycling uninterruptedly for at least 10 minutes)?
At other times than working hours.10-29 minutes per day30-59 minutes per day$1-2$ hours per day$2-3$ hours per dayover 3 hours per day
63. How often do you engage in leisure exercise for a period of at least 30 minutes after which you are at least slightly out of breath and sweating?
Exercise on the way to and from work/study not included.daily4-6 times a week3 times a week2 times a weekonce a week2-3 times a montha few times a year or less
$\square$ I cannot exercise because of an illness or injury
64. How much time do you use in total for recreational exercise during an ordinary week?

Do not include transfers from one place to another on foot or on bicycle.
during an ordinary week
$\qquad$ hours
$\qquad$ and minutes a week
65. On how many days during an ordinary week do you do exercise that strengthens muscles or enhances muscle tone?
Such as gym workout or circuit training.
Number of days: $\qquad$
66. How much time do you spend sitting and reclining on a typical day?less than 4 hours4 to less than 6 hours6 to less than 8 hours8 to less than 10 hours10 to less than 12 hours12 hours or more

## DIETARY HABITS

67. How often do you eat fruit and/or berries?

Nuts, almonds and juice squeezed from fresh fruit/berries or made from concentrate are not included.one or more times a day4-6 times a week1-3 times a weekless often than once a weeknever $\rightarrow$ move on the question 69 .

## 68. How many portions of fruit and/or berries do you eat on average during a day?

One portion is, for example, a medium-sized fruit or 1 dl of berries.
Nuts, almonds and juice squeezed from fresh fruit/berries or made from concentrate are not included.
$\qquad$ portions
69. How often do you eat vegetables?

Potatoes, vegetable soups or juices made of concentrate or freshly squeezed ingredients are not included. One portion is, for example, 1.5 dl of salad or grated vegetables or at least three tablespoons of beans. Legumes are included in the daily portions only once regardless of the amount consumed.
one or more times a day4-6 times a week
1-3 times a weekless often than once a week
never $\rightarrow$ move on the question 71 .
70. How many portions of vegetables do you eat on average during a day?

Potatoes or juices are not included.
One portion is, for example, 1.5 dl of salad or grated vegetables or at least three tablespoons of beans.
Legumes are included in the daily portions only once regardless of the amount consumed.
$\qquad$ portions
71. How often do you drink 100\% pure fruit or vegetable juice, excluding juice made from concentrate or sweetened juice?
Do not include juices or juice drinks made from concentrate or containing sweeteners or supplements.one or more times a day
4-6 times a week
1-3 times a week
less often than once a week
never
72. How often do you drink sugared soft drinks, for example lemonade or cola? Please exclude light, diet or artifically sweetened soft drinks.one or more times a day
4-6 times a week
1-3 times a week
less often than once a week
$\square$
never

## 73. Do you smoke at present (other tobacco products than e-cigarettes)?

yes, dailyyes, occasionally
not at all $\rightarrow$ move on the question 76.
74. Do you smoke manufactured or hand-rolled cigarettes each day?yesno
75. How many cigarettes do you smoke on average during a day?
$\qquad$ cigarettes
76. Have you ever smoked daily for a period of at least one year? For how many years altogether?I have never smoked dailyI have smoked daily for a total of $\qquad$ years
77. How often are you exposed to tobacco smoke indoors (at home, at work, at public places, at restaurants, etc.)?Every day, 1 hour or more a dayEvery day, less than 1 hour per dayAt least once a week (but not every day)Less than once a weekNever or almost never
78. Do you currently use snuff?yes, dailyoccasionallynot at allI have never used it
79. Do you currently use electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes)?yes, daily
occasionally
not at all
I have never used electronic cigarettes

## ALCOHOL

80. Have you drunk alcoholic beverages over the past 12 months?
$\square$ no $\quad \rightarrow$ move on the question 85.
$\square$ yes
81. How often do you consume beer, wine or other alcoholic beverages?

Also include the times when you only had a small amount, e.g. a bottle of medium-strength beer or a sip of wine. Choose the option that best describes your situation.
never around once a month or less
2-4 times a month
2-3 times a week
4 or more times a week
82. How many drinks containing alcohol do you have on a typical day when you are drinking?

Please refer to the adjacent box.$1-2$ servings
3-4 servings
5-6 servings
$7-9$ servings
10 or more units
ONE ALCOHOL PORTION IS:
1 bottle (33cl) of medium strength beer or cider or
1 glass (12cl) of usual mild wine or
1 small glass ( 8 cl ) of fortified wine or
a standard drink ( 4 c ) of strong spirits.
83. How often have you had six or more drinks on one occasion?

| never |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| less than once a month | 0,5 I ('pint') of medim beer or cider $=1.5$ units |
| once a month | 0,51 ('pint') of stronger A beer or strong cider $=2$ units |
| once a week | $0,75 \mathrm{I}$ bottle of table wine (12\%) wine $=6$ units |
| daily or almost daily | $0,5 \mathrm{l}$ bottle of spirits $=13$ units |

84. How many glasses, bottles or restaurant servings of the following types of alcoholic beverages have you consumed in the past 7 days? If you have consumed none, please enter 0 .

|  | during the past <br> 7 days |
| :--- | :--- |
| medium-strength (III) beer, medium-strength cider or long drinks (alcohol content <br> $2.9 \%$ to $4.7 \%)$ |  |
| stronger A beer, strong cider or long drinks (alcohol content over 4.7\%) |  |
| wine |  |
| spirits or other strong drinks |  |

## SOCIAL SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION

85. How many people close to you do you have that you can turn to when encountering serious personal problems?none1-2
3-56 or more
86. To what extent do other people care for what you do?
$\square$ a lot
$\square$ moderately
$\square$ not sure
$\square$ a little
$\square$ not at all
87. How easy it is for you to get help from your neighbours if you need it?very easy
easy
possible
difficult
very difficult
88. What is your opinion of the following statements?

Please mark for each statement the alternative that best describes your experience.

|  | strongly <br> disagree | somewhat <br> disagree | neither <br> agree nor <br> disagree | somewhat completely <br> agree <br> agree |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| I feel that what I do every day is <br> significant | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| I get positive feedback on what I do | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| I belong to a group or community that is <br> important for me | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| Other people need me | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| I can influence the course of my life | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| I feel my life has a meaning | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| I can strive for things that are important |  |  |  |  |  |
| for me | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| I receive help when I really need it | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| I feel trusted | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| I can influence some things in my living |  |  |  |  |  |
| environment | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |

89. Do you participate in the activities of any club, association, hobby group or religious or spiritual community (e.g. a sports club, residents' association, political party, choir, parish)?no
yes, actively
yes, occasionally
90. Did you vote in the most recent Parliamentary elections?no
yes
I don't remember

## PROVIDING CARE AND ASSISTANCE

91. Are you assisting one or more people at least once a week due to problems caused by ageing, chronic illness or other functional disabilities?
You are providing assistance in such tasks as having a wash, shopping groceries or cleaning. This does not refer to paid employment as, for example, a nurse or personal assistant.yes
no $\rightarrow$ move on the question 95 .
92. Is this person: (Select the one to whom you are providing the most care at least once a week.) If you are assisting more people than one, give your response regarding the person who you assist the most.
$\square$ a family member
$\square$ other than a family member
93. How many hours do you use in total assisting one or more people during a week? Include all the people you are assisting during a week.less than 10 hours a weekat least 10 but less than 20 hours a weekat least 20 hours a week
94. Are you an official informal caregiver (have entered into an agreement)?no yes

When answering questions number (95-96), please consider the past two weeks.

## 95. How would you rate your quality of life?

very poorpoorneither poor nor goodgood
very good
96. Below are listed some statements regarding emotions and thoughts. For each statement, please check the box that best describes your experiences in the past two weeks.

|  | never | rarely | sometimes | often | all the <br> time |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| I have felt hopeful about the future | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| I have felt useful | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| I have felt relaxed | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| I have dealt with problems well | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| I have thought clearly | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| I have felt closeness with other people | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ | $\square$ |
| I have managed to make my own |  |  |  |  |  |
| decisions on things |  |  |  |  |  |

97. Did you fill in this form alone, or did someone assist you?I filled it in aloneI was assisted by a person living in the same householdI was assisted by someone else

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME!

You can see the results of the survey at www.thl.fi/finsote

