

HOMEMAKERS' OPINIONS ABOUT FIBERS IN SELECTED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: A Nationwide Survey

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PREFACE

This report concerns homemakers' attitudes toward fibers in selected household products. It is one of a group of studies conducted by the Special Surveys Branch, Standards and Research Division, Statistical Reporting Service (SRS), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), to determine consumer reactions to agricultural products. The study was designed to provide the cotton and wool industries and USDA with guidelines for product research and improvement based on expressed consumer needs.

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HIGHLIGHTS

When homemakers shop for household textile items, durability and ease of care are their chief considerations, according to a nationwide consumer survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in the fall of 1969. Items focused on in the survey were sheets, blankets, room-size rugs, tablecloths, bedspreads, scatter rugs, draperies, curtains, and yard goods for home sewing.

Sheets

All cotton sheets were used in a majority of the households in the 12 months prior to the interview. About half the respondents said they had acquired new sheets in the past year, mainly by actual purchase rather than as gifts. A majority of those obtaining sheets during this time acquired three or more. Homemakers considered ease of care in a sheet more important than "that it be made of a certain fiber," judging by the higher ratings given durable press finish, regardless of fiber, and the fact that few respondents said they sent their sheets to a commercial laundry.

Blankets

Almost every homemaker reported having used some type of blanket in the past year--mainly blankets of all cotton or all wool. "Can be washed," "does not shrink," and "lasts a long time" were foremost in the respondents' minds when purchasing blankets. When rating the three major blanket fibers--all wool, all cotton, and all synthetic--homemakers gave wool the lowest rating. Although wool was considered durable, it was criticized by some homemakers because it "must not be washed" and it "shrinks."

Bedspreads

Most homemakers reported using bedspreads in the past year. Of the three types--chenille, tailored, and woven--chenille was most likely to be used. Cotton was mentioned as the fiber preferred and used most frequently, chiefly because it was easy to care for and durable. However, cotton chenille bedspreads were criticized by some because they formed lint.

Rugs

Area Rugs

Area or room-size rugs were used in about half the homes surveyed. These rugs, principally all wool, all nylon, or all acrylic, were used mainly in the living room and bedroom. All acrylic, all nylon, and all wool were the preferred fibers. They were said to "look good for a long time" and to be "easy to care for on a day-to-day basis." These characteristics were also major purchase considerations in addition to "ease of stain removal."

Scatter Rugs

Over three-fourths of the homemakers reported using scatter rugs in the home. Although these rugs were used by a majority of the homemakers in virtually every major room in the home except the dining room, over two-thirds of the respondents said they had used them in the bathroom. Fiber ratings in scatter rugs varied by their location--all acrylic received the highest rating for bedrooms and all cotton for bathrooms. Cotton scatter rugs, cited for their care and laundering characteristics, were criticized for their tendency to slide and wear out quickly.

Window Hangings

Draperies were used by a majority of the homemakers in the living room or bedroom. Curtains were more popular in kitchens and bedrooms.

Fiberglas was reported used and preferred by the highest proportion of homemakers for living room draperies. Nevertheless, about equal percentages of homemakers reported having used all nylon, all cotton, and all Fiberglas curtains in the living room in the past year.

When homemakers were questioned about the use of cotton curtains and/or draperies, the principal advantages and disadvantages reported were related to care and durability.

Tablecloths

A large majority of the respondents said they had used cloth tablecloths in the past year. Cotton (53 percent) and linen (22 percent) were the only fibers mentioned with any degree of frequency. Very few respondents (16 percent) reported using tablecloths with a special finish. When questioned, however, on their relative preference for these finishes, homemakers gave both durable press and stain resistance very high ratings.

The preference for special finishes was validated when respondents were asked to select those characteristics considered important in purchasing tablecloths: "easy to remove stains" and "looks good without ironing" were selected by better than half the homemakers.

Yard Goods

Almost half (45 percent) of the homemakers interviewed had purchased yard goods in the past year, primarily to be made into clothing for children 6-8 years of age and adults. Cotton was the leading fabric reported purchased, regardless of intended end use.

Summary table 1.--Homemakers' usage patterns, ratings, and purchase criteria of household textiles

End use	Percentage using	Major fiber and type used	Fibers and types rated highest	Purchase criteria
Sheets	100	All cotton regular	All cotton Polyester and cotton durable press	Lasts a long time Easy to wash Looks good without ironing Good value for the money
Blankets	98	All cotton regular All wool regular	All synthetic regular	Can be washed Does not shrink Lasts a long time Good value for the money
Bedspreads	96	Cotton chenille	Cotton durable press Cotton chenille	---
Room-size rugs	50	All wool	Living Room Bedroom All acrylic All nylon All wool	Living Room - Bedroom Looks good for a long time Easy to care for on a day-to-day basis Easy to remove stains
Scatter rugs	80	---	Bath Bedroom All cotton All acrylic All nylon	---
Draperies	80	Living Room Fiberglass	Living Room Fiberglass	---
Curtains	89	Living Room Nylon Fiberglass Cotton	Living Room Fiberglass Polyester	---
Tablecloths	74	Cotton	Linen Cotton Durable press Stain resistant	Easy to remove stains Looks good without ironing Resists staining

Summary table 2.--Homemakers' opinions of major characteristics of fibers and finishes.

End use	Cotton	Polyester and cotton	Durable press cotton and durable press polyester and cotton	Wool	All synthetic
Sheets	Can be bleached Easy to wash Lasts a long time	Easy to wash Looks good without ironing Easy to dry	Looks good without ironing Easy to wash Easy to dry	--	--
Blankets	Can be washed year Good for use all year Can buy it on sale	--	--	Lasts a long time Shrinks Not good for use all year Must not be washed	Can be washed Good for use all year Colors stay like new Good range of colors
Bedspreads	Easy to wash Lasts a long time	--	--	--	--
Room-size rugs	Does not look good for a long time Tends to mat or crush easily Good range of colors Easy to remove stains	--	--	Looks good for a long time Difficult to remove stains Good range of colors Good value for the money	Easy to remove stains Easy to care for on a day-to-day basis Looks good for a long time Good range of colors Good value for the money
Scatter rugs	Easy to wash Can be washed Tends to slide	--	--	--	--
Draperies	Requires ironing Can be washed Easy to wash	--	--	--	--
Curtains	Easy to wash	--	--	--	--

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A NATIONWIDE SURVEY

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INTRODUCTION

In recent years the use of manmade fibers and blends of manmade and natural fibers in household products has reduced the share previously held by natural fibers in the U.S. market. The major purpose of this study is to provide information on beliefs and attitudes of homemakers toward natural fibers and synthetics as they affect the purchase of specific household products.

The survey reported here was conducted between October and December 1969 among 2,489 homemakers. These homemakers represented a cross section of private households located in both urban and rural areas throughout the 48 contiguous States. Respondents were selected entirely by area probability sampling procedures. The eligible respondent was defined as that person in the household with principal responsibility for the purchase and/or care of household furnishings. This definition permitted some male respondents to be included in the study. For reporting convenience, however, terms such as "homemakers" and "women" are used in this report to refer to all respondents, regardless of sex.

To ensure a satisfactory completion rate a differential callback procedure was employed. Urban households--where initial contact was not made--were visited at least three times (either during different times of the same day or on different days) and rural households were revisited at least twice. These efforts resulted in an overall completion rate of 75 percent. A complete description of the sampling procedures used and estimates of sampling error for this survey are presented in the appendix.

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Areas of Questioning

The textile items included in this study were sheets, blankets, bedspreads, area or room-sized rugs, scatter rugs, draperies and curtains, tablecloths, and yard goods for home sewing. For each of these eight end products, use or nonuse in the past 12 months was ascertained. The desirability of selected fibers in each end product was investigated for all but yard goods. To obtain some indication of the respondent's attitudes toward various fibers, finishes, and types in specific household articles, homemakers were asked to indicate their opinion of each on a five-point scale, even if they had not used the item.

The relative importance of selected criteria in the purchase of sheets, blankets, area rugs, and tablecloths was determined. Women were asked to indicate whether sheets, blankets, and area rugs made of selected fibers and fiber combinations possess these characteristics. The perceived advantages and disadvantages of specific fibers were probed for bedspreads, scatter rugs, draperies and curtains, and tablecloths. In addition to the above, respondents were asked if they had acquired any sheets in the past 12 months and how their sheets were usually laundered. Finally, the interviewer determined the fiber, size, and price of the most recently purchased room-size rugs. The questionnaire used in this study is reproduced in the appendix.

Interpretation of Data

This survey relates to findings derived from a sample of the population, rather than a census of the total population. As such, it is subject to possible sample variations. The size of each subpopulation, sampling error for four items, and approximate confidence limits for other percentages generated by this study are shown in the appendix.

The findings are presented as summaries of the statements made by the homemakers and are subject to any errors they made in reporting their beliefs and attitudes. It is especially important to keep this factor in mind in analyzing data on fiber experience and preference, since difficulties with fiber identification have some influence on the validity of respondent's statements. Inadvertent misstatements by respondents may occur because of oversights, lack of information, or confusion about fiber content. There are many kinds of fibers and fiber combinations on the market, and problems of identification may arise from the use of descriptive or brand names for a product. Furthermore, household items made of such mixtures as polyester and cotton, for example, may have been identified as either polyester or cotton. There may have been confusion among such fibers as rayon, acetate, polyester, and nylon also. However, since this study was not intended to provide estimates of fiber consumption but rather to collect data about the attitudes and impressions homemakers hold toward the various fibers, the statements made were accepted as given.

Since respondents were also describing from memory the number of items and the fibers they owned, made, or bought, some forgetting, overstatement, or misunderstanding may have crept into the responses. No inventory of

household furnishings was conducted.

Throughout the questionnaire the word "fiber" was used; more familiar terms such as "material" or "fabric" were generally avoided, with the exception of questions on home sewing. Care was taken in the section on sheets to point out to the homemaker that the terms "muslin" and "percale" refer to weave and not to fiber. Throughout this report, "rayon" is occasionally used for the category "rayon/acetate."

Text Tabulations

Summary tabulations are included throughout the text. Some percentages have been presented which do not add to 100, and some subcategories do not equal the percentage for an entire category. This occurs because only highlights are presented in such tables. Multiple responses account for tables adding to more than 100 percent and for subcategories adding to more than percentages shown for an entire category. All percentages are based on the total sample of 2,489, except as noted.

The proportions of respondents who rated a product as either "1--not a very good choice for me" or "5--a very good choice for me" are shown in the text. This represents both ends of the 5-point scale used to show the acceptability of selected fibers or selected characteristics for a given end product, if respondents were buying a specific end product at that time.

Respondents were asked to indicate total annual household income before taxes. Households were then classified in approximately equal-sized groups as follows:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Households reporting</u>
Lower	Under \$6,000	822
Middle	\$6,000-\$9,999	731
Upper	\$10,000 or more	722

A total of 214 respondents did not answer the income question.

Respondents were also classified according to age, education, and size of household. Throughout the report, the terms "family" and "household" are used interchangeably.

The discussion in the text focuses on those results that appeared to contribute most to an understanding of homemakers' opinions about the subject areas covered in this study. Therefore, responses to a few questions have not been included in the text or appendix tables. (The references in parentheses are to the numbered questions in the questionnaire and to the appendix tables which summarize answers to the questionnaire.)

Data are discussed with reference to demographic characteristics when results are of particular interest. For more comprehensive coverage, the reader is directed to the appendix tables. Findings by background characteristics are solely descriptive in nature. The reader is cautioned against assigning any cause-and-effect relationship from these results. Highly interrelated personal characteristics, such as age, education, and income levels, are shown separately. Combining them would have resulted in an excessive number of separate groups with too few respondents in each. However, tables showing the interrelationship among characteristics are shown in the appendix.

SHEETS

Usage: Fibers and Types

Forty-six percent of the respondents reported they had acquired new sheets in the preceding year. Of these, more than half indicated they had obtained three or more during this time. A majority said they had actually purchased the sheets; only a few indicated they were received as gifts. Respondents who had acquired sheets in the past year were more likely to be younger, better educated, have larger families composed of children and adults, and have higher family incomes. About a third (34 percent) of all the respondents said that their last acquisition of sheets was 1 to 3 years prior to the interview, while about a fifth (19 percent) indicated that it had been over 3 years.

Better than 8 in 10 homemakers said they had used cotton sheets in the year preceding the interview, with a majority indicating the use of regular all cotton sheets; only about 1 in 10 said they had used durable press all cotton sheets. The use of polyester and cotton blend durable press sheets was reported by only 14 percent; an even smaller percentage (10 percent) indicated using regular polyester and cotton (not durable press).

The use of durable press sheets was more characteristic of younger, better educated, more urbanized homemakers as well as those with larger families. Older homemakers and those living in the South were more likely to have used cotton sheets in their homes in the previous 12 months.

(Questions 1-9)

Fiber and Finish Ratings

Despite far more widespread ownership of regular all cotton sheets, two other types of sheets--durable press all cotton and durable press cotton with polyester--rated on a par with all cotton. Better than 4 in 10 homemakers gave a rating of "5--a very good choice for me" to three of the four types of sheets being considered. They were all cotton, durable press all cotton, and durable press cotton with polyester. About half as many respondents gave this rating to the fourth type, regular polyester and cotton blend sheets. However, about 1 in 10 homemakers gave all four sheets a rating of "1--not a very good choice for me."

<u>Ratings</u>	<u>Polyester and cotton</u>	<u>All cotton</u>	<u>Durable press polyester and cotton</u>	<u>Durable press cotton</u>
	<u>Percent</u>			
5	27	47	45	42
1	12	11	10	8

(Question 10)

Major Factors in Purchasing Sheets

Respondents were presented with a card listing 15 attributes which might be used to characterize sheets and asked to select those ideas which would be most important to them if they were buying sheets. They were encouraged to select as many as they felt important. The intent of this question was to gain insight into factors which influence the purchase of sheets in general.

Durability was selected by the largest percentage of homemakers as an important factor when purchasing sheets. "Easy to wash," "looks good without ironing," and "good value for the money" were selected by nearly equal percentages of homemakers and ranked second to durability in importance.

Relatively few respondents said that a certain fiber or weave was an important consideration when purchasing sheets.

The following tabulation lists the characteristics selected by the homemakers as most important in the purchase of sheets:

	<u>Percent</u>
Lasts a long time	63
Easy to wash	57
Looks good without ironing	55
Good value for the money	55
Keeps its whiteness or color for a long time	48
Can be bleached	33
Easy to remove stains	31
Smooth to the touch	29
Can buy it on sale	28
Easy to dry	27
Made of a certain fiber: cotton, etc.	18
A certain weave: muslin or percale	17
Good range of colors or prints	16
Does not "pill"	13
Absorbent	5

(Question 11)

Characteristics of Specific Fibers and Finishes in Sheets

Having indicated the characteristics they considered most important in purchasing sheets, respondents were then presented with a card (Card D) which listed 13 pairs of attributes that might apply to specific kinds of sheets. Each pair reflected both the positive and negative aspect of that attribute. Respondents were asked to select from this list those phrases that described their opinions about the four selected fiber and finish combinations: all cotton and polyester-cotton blend, with and without a durable press finish. It was anticipated that such a procedure would give further insight into the factors that might influence a homemaker's purchase of specific sheets.

All cotton sheets were mainly characterized as durable, easy to wash, and bleachable. Other frequently mentioned attributes of regular all cotton, which were generally not shared by the other kinds of sheets, were "can buy on sale," "good value for the money," "keeps its whiteness," and "easy to remove stains." The only negative attribute that appeared with any degree of frequency was that all cotton does not look good without ironing.

Of the homemakers interviewed about 1 in 4 said they did not know or had no opinion about sheets of polyester and cotton blends and those with a durable press finish. When respondents did venture an opinion about these sheets, they were more likely to characterize them as "looks good without ironing" (a characteristic mainly attributed to durable press), "easy to wash," "easy to dry," "smooth to the touch," and "lasts a long time."

The following tabulation shows the percentage of all women selecting positive and negative characteristics of the four kinds of sheets discussed:

	<u>Regular</u>		<u>Durable Press</u>	
	<u>Polyester-- cotton blend</u>	<u>All cotton</u>	<u>Polyester-- cotton blend</u>	<u>All cotton</u>
	<u>-----Percent-----</u>			
Lasts a long time	34	60	27	32
Wears out rather quickly	5	6	6	5
Easy to wash	50	63	46	47
Not easy to wash	1	2	1	1
Looks good without ironing	46	14	60	54
Does not look good without ironing	7	38	2	5
Good value for the money	21	43	20	23
Not good value for the money	4	2	4	3
Keeps whiteness/color long time	21	40	17	21
Does not keep whiteness/color long time	9	6	8	5

	<u>Regular</u>		<u>Durable Press</u>	
	<u>Polyester-- cotton blend</u>	<u>All cotton</u>	<u>Polyester-- cotton blend</u>	<u>All cotton</u>
	<u>-----Percent-----</u>			
Can be bleached	11	64	8	17
Must not be bleached	16	1	18	10
Easy to remove stains	15	38	12	16
Difficult to remove stains	9	7	11	8
Smooth to the touch	31	21	37	31
Rough to the touch	1	14	1	3
Can buy on sale	19	47	17	19
Cannot buy on sale	3	*	4	4
Easy to dry	42	28	43	39
Not easy to dry	1	12	1	2
Good range of colors/prints	21	28	22	22
Not good range of colors/prints	1	2	1	*
Does not "pill"	11	19	11	12
"Pills"	5	3	4	3
Absorbent	7	23	6	11
Not absorbent	7	1	9	6
Don't know, no opinion	23	2	24	24
Total favorable mentions	329	488	326	344
Total unfavorable mentions	69	94	70	55

* Less than 1 percent

(Questions 12, 13, 14 and 15)

Laundering Procedures

The importance of care consideration in the selection of sheets is underscored by the fact that relatively few homemakers said that they sent their sheets to a commercial laundry. The vast majority washed their own sheets, either at home or in a laundromat.

Drying methods, however, varied considerably more. Over a third of the respondents said that their sheets "dry on the clothesline;" about a fourth machine dry them; a like proportion indicated that either they machine dry their sheets or dry them on the clothesline, depending on the weather.

(Question 16)

BLANKETS

Usage: Fibers and Types

Almost every homemaker reported using blankets in the past year. Use of more than one type (thermal, electric, and regular) was not uncommon. A large majority of all segments of the population reported the use of regular blankets in the past year--principally, all cotton, all wool, and all synthetic.

Much smaller proportions indicated that they had used thermal or electric blankets. All synthetic and all cotton were the fibers reported most frequently. However, only 5 percent of the respondents reported having used all cotton electric blankets in the past year. The use of thermal and electric blankets was reported by somewhat larger percentages of the better educated homemakers and those with larger family incomes. Younger homemakers and those with large families were more likely to have used thermal blankets; conversely, larger percentages of older homemakers and those with smaller families indicated the use of electric blankets in the past year.

The following tabulation shows the percentage of women reporting the use of blankets by major fibers and types:

	<u>Percent</u>
Used blankets of some kind	98
Used regular blankets	89
All cotton	44
All wool	40
All synthetic	33
Used thermal blankets	38
All synthetic	16
All cotton	13
Used electric blankets	28
All synthetic	14
All cotton	5
All wool	4
Did not use	2

(Questions 22 and 23)

Fiber and Finish Ratings

Homemakers were asked to rate three different fibers (all wool, all cotton, and all synthetic) and three different types of blankets (regular, electric, and thermal). About one-fourth gave a rating of "5--a very good choice for me" to all three fibers. However, the attitudes of many homemakers toward these fibers was more realistically represented by the proportion who rated the fibers "1--not a very good choice for me." Less than one-fourth gave this rating to all cotton and all synthetic, while almost one-half indicated that wool was "not a very good choice" for them. Ratings of all three types of

blankets were somewhat similar, with electric blankets being the least popular.

	<u>Synthetic</u>	<u>Cotton</u>	<u>Wool</u>	<u>Regular</u>	<u>Thermal</u>	<u>Electric</u>
<u>Rating</u>	<u>Percent</u>					
5	27	24	25	36	35	27
1	17	23	43	10	21	43

(Question 17)

Major Factors in Blanket Purchases

As with sheets, homemakers were presented with a card of selected attributes and asked to indicate those they considered most important in purchasing blankets. Washability was the chief consideration for most respondents. Over half the homemakers were also concerned with whether the blanket would shrink and if it would last a long time. Good value for the money was important to about half the respondents; however, only about one-fifth said "can buy it on sale" was a major factor.

Performance is apparently more important to blanket purchasers than fiber content. Only about one-fourth of those interviewed said that the fact that a blanket is "made of a certain fiber" was a major purchase consideration.

The attributes and their frequency of mention are:

	<u>Percent</u>
Can be washed	84
Does not shrink	68
Lasts a long time	60
Good value for the money	50
Colors stay like new	43
Good for use all year round	39
Does not stretch	37
Does not "pill"	34
Made of a certain fiber: cotton, etc.	28
Easy to remove stains	26
Does not burn easily	22
Can buy it on sale	21
Good range of colors	20

(Question 18)

Characteristics of Specific Fibers in Blankets

Synthetic blankets, characterized mainly as washable, were not as familiar to the respondents as cotton and wool. One-fifth of the respondents did not select any of the listed positive or negative phrases as indicative of their opinions of synthetic blankets. Cotton, considered washable by a vast majority of the homemakers, was also characterized as "good for use all year," "can buy it on sale," "easy to remove stains," and "does not shrink." Wool, although characterized as durable more often than cotton or synthetic blankets, was more likely to be criticized because it "must not be washed," "shrinks," and is "not good for use all year round."

The following tabulation shows the percentages of women selecting positive and negative characteristics describing each of the three kinds of blankets discussed:

	<u>Wool</u>	<u>Cotton</u>	<u>Synthetic</u>
	<u>Percent</u>		
Can be washed	26	85	61
Must not be washed	44	*	3
Does not shrink	11	37	33
Shrinks	52	14	6
Lasts a long time	58	34	34
Wears out rather quickly	2	19	6
Good value for the money	32	33	30
Not good value for the money	7	7	4
Colors stay like new	33	25	36
Colors do not stay like new	5	13	3
Good for use all year round	9	46	38
Not good for use all year round	45	12	5
Does not stretch	19	23	22
Stretches	7	9	7
Does not "pill"	13	14	12
"Pills"	22	16	17
Easy to remove stains	7	37	16
Difficult to remove stains	27	3	10
Does not burn easily	10	9	9
Burns easily	13	9	11
Can buy it on sale	20	39	26
Cannot buy it on sale	4	1	1

	<u>Wool</u>	<u>Cotton</u>	<u>Synthetic</u>
	<u>Percent</u>		
Good range of colors	28	31	35
Not a good range of colors	2	2	1
Don't know, no opinion	4	5	20
Total favorable mentions	266	413	352
Total unfavorable mentions	230	105	74

* Less than 1 percent (Questions 19, 20, and 21)

BEDSPREADS

Usage: Fibers and Types

As with blankets, nearly every homemaker (96 percent) reported the use of some type of bedspread in the year prior to the interview. The introduction to this section of the questionnaire read: "The bedspread industry separates bedspreads into three types. In addition to the tufted or chenille bedspread, a second type is the woven. This type is made of material woven mainly for bedspreads. It is generally heavier and the pattern or color is woven through, not printed on. It has almost the same pattern on both sides except the colors are reversed. All other bedspreads are called tailored. These are made of material that could be used for other items. They may be quilted, flat or ruffled, fitted or not." The largest majority (69 percent) said they had used chenille spreads. The use of tailored spreads was reported by 47 percent; least frequently mentioned were woven bedspreads (35 percent). For all three types of bedspreads the most frequently mentioned fiber was cotton. Chenille bedspreads were used by higher proportions of respondents who were less well educated and those with lower family incomes. Tailored and woven spreads, on the other hand, were used by higher proportions of the better educated homemakers and those with higher incomes.

The following tabulation summarizes reported usage of bedspreads by types and major fibers.

	<u>Percent</u>
Used bedspreads of some kind	96
Used chenille bedspreads	69
Cotton	63
Used tailored bedspreads	47
Cotton	24
Rayon/acetate	8
Used woven bedspreads	35
Cotton	27

(Questions 24-30)

Perceived Advantages and Disadvantages of Cotton Bedspreads

Cotton, regardless of type of bedspread, was the only fiber whose use in the 12 months prior to the interview was indicated by a high proportion of respondents. Perceived advantages and disadvantages volunteered by respondents who had used these bedspreads revealed that ease of care, durability, and appearance were important considerations in making cotton bedspreads widely acceptable. Regardless of style, cotton bedspreads were valued chiefly because they can be washed easily and last a long time.

Cotton chenille was the only type of bedspread which generated a significant disadvantage. Almost 4 in 10 users said that cotton chenille bedspreads formed lint; about the same proportion, however, said these spreads had no disadvantages.

It should be noted that questions about advantages and disadvantages were asked only of those who said they had used a specific fiber and type of bedspread in the past year. In the appendix table, however, percentages were based upon the total number of all respondents.

The following tabulation summarizes the major advantages and disadvantages cited by users for the three types of cotton bedspreads:

	<u>Cotton chenille</u>	<u>Cotton woven</u>	<u>Cotton tailored</u>
	-----Percent 1/-----		
<u>Advantages</u>			
Easy to wash	35	26	23
Lasts a long time	28	30	19
Little or no ironing	22	19	12
Can be washed	21	22	25
Looks good after laundering	19	14	7
Easy to dry	14	8	8
Colors stay like new	13	21	12
Attractive, pretty	13	16	21
No advantages	2	1	3
<u>Disadvantages</u>			
Lints	36	2	1
No disadvantages	43	61	50

1/ Percentages are based on total number of respondents who had used that type/fiber bedspread.

(Questions 31 and 32)

Fiber and Finish Ratings

Homemakers were presented with a list of eight different kinds of bedspreads and asked to rate them. They comprised four fibers (polyester and cotton, polyester, cotton, and rayon); three types (chenille, woven, and tailored); and one fabric finish, durable press. All cotton was clearly the most popular fiber, with about half the respondents giving it a rating of "5--a very good choice for me." On the other hand, rayon, the least popular, was rated "1--not a very good choice for me" by similar proportions.

Homemakers' opinions of types of spreads are somewhat less definitive. Although chenille received more negative votes than the other two types, it also was characterized more often as "5--a very good choice for me."

Durable press finish was given a "5" rating by almost half the respondents.

	<u>Polyester and cotton</u>	<u>Polyester</u>	<u>Cotton</u>	<u>Rayon</u>	<u>Chenille</u>	<u>Woven</u>	<u>Tailored</u>	<u>Durable press</u>
<u>Rating</u>	<u>Percent</u>							
5	27	23	51	6	42	31	34	47
1	11	15	9	48	20	15	15	9

(Question 33)

RUGS

Usage: Fibers and Types

Two types of rugs were considered in this study: area or room-size rugs (defined as larger than 4 x 6 feet but not wall-to-wall) and scatter rugs (defined as no larger than 4 x 6).

Scatter rugs were more widely used than area rugs, according to the homemakers interviewed. A large majority (80 percent) said they had used scatter rugs in the past year, while only about half indicated the use of area rugs in their homes during this time. Nearly half the respondents who used area rugs had purchased at least one within the past 3 years, mainly for the living room or bedroom. All wool, all nylon, all acrylic, and all cotton were mentioned, in that order, as the fibers most recently purchased in area rugs. Scatter rugs were used in every major room in the house except the dining room by more than one-third of the homemakers; almost two-thirds indicated they used scatter rugs in their bathrooms.

Homemakers in the Northeast were more likely than those in other regions to have used area rugs and to have purchased a wool one most recently. The use of scatter rugs, while dominant in all segments of the population, was more likely in homes in the West and North Central section of the country.

(Questions 42-45)

(Questions 52,53)

Fiber and Finish Ratings

Room-Size Rugs

In purchasing a room-size rug for either the bedroom or living room, the homemakers interviewed said they would be more likely to choose an all acrylic or all nylon rug rather than an all cotton one. How they rated wool depended on whether the rug was intended for the living room or bedroom. All wool was given the highest rating by more than a third of the respondents for use in the living room, but by only a fourth for use in the bedroom. On the negative side, about a third of the homemakers interviewed rated wool "1--not a very good choice for me" for use in the bedroom and about a fourth gave it the same rating for use in the living room.

	<u>Rating</u>	<u>All wool</u>	<u>All acrylic</u>	<u>Cotton</u>	<u>Nylon</u>
		<u>-----Percent-----</u>			
<u>Bedroom</u>	5	26	34	12	32
	1	35	12	42	17
<u>Living room</u>	5	37	34	7	33
	1	28	11	56	19

(Questions 34,35)

Major Factors in Room-Size Rug Purchases

Whether for use in the living room or the bedroom, the major considerations in purchasing an area rug were appearance over time, ease of care on a day-to-day basis, and ease of stain removal. Homemakers considered durability without loss of initial appearance of great importance in selecting area rugs, particularly for the living room. Ease of care on a day-to-day basis was slightly less important than durability in appearance in the purchase of a living room rug. Both were equally important factors in the purchase of an area bedroom rug, however. A majority of homemakers selected ease of stain removal as an important consideration when purchasing a rug for either the living room or the bedroom.

The following tabulation shows the percentage of homemakers who selected each of the following characteristics as an important purchase consideration when buying area rugs:

	<u>Bedroom</u>	<u>Living Room</u>
	<u>-----Percent-----</u>	
Looks good for a long time	68	73
Easy to care for on a day-to-day basis	68	68
Easy to remove stains	57	68
Does not "fuzz" or shed	51	46
Good value for the money	46	45
Good in homes where there are children	39	41
Does not mat down or crush easily	38	44

Bedroom Living Room

-----Percent-----

Made of a certain fiber: wool, etc.	33	36
Good range of colors	32	36
Does not burn easily	26	27
Little or no static electricity	23	24

(Questions 36 and 37)

Characteristics of Specific Fibers in Room-Size Rugs

Homemakers' opinions that both acrylic and nylon fibers possess those characteristics which they consider most important in purchasing area rugs appear to account for the higher ratings accorded these fibers. Although wool excelled in durability in appearance, stain removal was considered more difficult with wool than with the synthetic fibers. To a lesser extent, wool was also judged more difficult to care for on a day-to-day basis. The attributes on which acrylic and nylon rated well were mentioned by homemakers as often as durability in appearance when fiber was considered in the selection of an area rug.

The homemaker's attitude toward cotton in area rugs is reflected in the small proportion selecting positive factors to characterize this fiber. Cotton area rugs were criticized most often for crushing or matting down easily and for failing to "look good for a long time." The only positive factors mentioned by as many as one-fourth of the respondents were "easy to remove stains" and "good range of colors." However, about a fifth of the homemakers criticized cotton because of difficulty in removing stains.

The following tabulation shows the percentage of women selecting positive and negative characteristics associated with each of the four rug fibers:

	<u>Acrylic</u>	<u>Nylon</u>	<u>Wool</u>	<u>Cotton</u>
	----- <u>Percent</u> -----			
Looks good for a long time	36	44	52	12
Does not look good for a long time	6	7	8	36
Easy to care for on a day-to-day basis	41	46	30	20
Difficult to care for on a day-to-day basis	4	6	21	24
Easy to remove stains	45	52	15	27
Difficult to remove stains	6	7	41	21
Does not "fuzz" or shed	19	23	21	12
Tends to "fuzz" or shed	10	10	20	19

	<u>Acrylic</u>	<u>Nylon</u>	<u>Wool</u>	<u>Cotton</u>
	-----Percent-----			
Good value for the money	27	33	35	19
Not a good value for the money	3	4	7	19
Good in homes where there are children	33	39	16	20
Not good in homes where there are children	4	6	27	18
Does not mat down or crush easily	20	24	28	6
Tends to mat down or crush easily	8	10	12	30
Good range of colors	36	39	37	28
Not good range of colors	1	1	2	2
Does not burn easily	11	11	12	8
Burns easily	8	13	14	13
Little or no static electricity	11	9	18	22
A lot of static electricity	10	23	12	2
Don't know, no opinion	28	17	10	17
Total favorable mentions	279	320	264	174
Total unfavorable mentions	60	87	164	184

(Questions 38-41)

Fibers in Area Rugs Purchased Most Recently

According to the testimony of homemakers interviewed in this study, wool area rugs have decreased in popularity, while cotton and synthetics, especially acrylics, are on the upswing.

The following table summarizes the percentages of homemakers who reported acrylic, nylon, wool, or cotton as the fiber content of the last area rug purchased and still in use when no time restrictions were imposed and when such purchases were confined to the 3 years prior to the interview. In each instance in this tabulation, the base is the number of homemakers who had purchased area rugs for that time period.

	Most recent purchase	Most recent purchases in the 3 years prior to interview
	----- <u>Percent</u> -----	
Wool	29	18
Nylon	20	24
Acrylic	14	24
Cotton	12	17
Number of cases	1,058	511

(Questions 44 and 45)

Price paid per square yard for purchases in the past 3 years ranged from a low of less than \$2.25 to a high of over \$14.25. On the average, cotton was the cheapest and wool the most expensive. The following tabulation summarizes homemakers' responses by fiber and reported cost per square yard for the last area rug purchased in the 3 years prior to the interview:

	<u>Acrylic</u>	<u>Nylon</u>	<u>Wool</u>	<u>Cotton</u>
	----- <u>Number</u> -----			
Less than \$2.25	16	13	9	30
\$2.25 - \$3.25	7	12	8	14
\$3.26 - \$4.00	14	17	3	13
\$4.01 - \$5.00	8	22	6	14
\$5.01 - \$6.50	23	19	7	6
\$6.51 - \$8.25	12	14	12	6
\$8.26 - \$10.25	15	12	10	1
\$10.26 - \$14.25	10	7	9	1
\$14.26 or more	10	-	27	-
Don't know, don't remember	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
Number of rugs	<u>125</u>	<u>122</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>88</u>
	----- <u>Dollars</u> -----			
Reported average price per square yard	6.89	5.20	14.22	3.33

(Questions 45-47)

Fiber and Finish Ratings

Scatter Rugs

Synthetic scatter rugs (all acrylic or nylon) were equally acceptable for either bedroom or bathroom, according to homemakers' ratings. Rayon, on the other hand, was generally considered unacceptable for either use.

Homemakers' attitudes toward scatter rugs made of wool or cotton varied according to their intended use. Cotton scatter rugs in the bedroom received about as many negative as positive ratings. However, when intended for the bathroom, cotton scatter rugs led the list; three times as many respondents rated them "5--a very good choice for me" as "1--not a very good choice for me."

On the other hand, wool was rejected as a bathroom scatter rug by an overwhelming majority of the homemakers (80 percent). As a scatter rug in the bedroom, however, wool was more acceptable. About half rejected it, while a fifth gave it their highest rating.

Bedroom

	<u>Wool</u>	<u>All acrylic</u>	<u>Cotton</u>	<u>Nylon</u>	<u>Rayon</u>
<u>Rating</u>	----- <u>Percent</u> -----				
5	20	32	28	31	5
1	48	14	27	18	48

Bathroom

	<u>Wool</u>	<u>All acrylic</u>	<u>Cotton</u>	<u>Nylon</u>	<u>Rayon</u>
<u>Rating</u>	----- <u>Percent</u> -----				
5	4	31	44	31	5
1	80	17	15	19	50

(Questions 48,49)

Perceived Advantages and Disadvantages of Cotton Scatter Rugs

All homemakers were asked to cite the advantages and disadvantages of using cotton scatter rugs. Most of the perceived advantages centered around care and laundering characteristics. Major mentions in this area were "easy to wash," "can be washed," and "machine washable." The only other advantages mentioned by as many as 1 in 10 were "lasts a long time," "good range of colors," and "inexpensive." About a third of the homemakers said there were no disadvantages to cotton scatter rugs. The two-thirds who did feel that cotton scatter rugs left something to be desired were mainly concerned with their performance and durability. "Tends to slide," "wears out rather quickly," "doesn't lie flat," and "colors do not stay like new" were the characteristics mentioned most often.

The following tabulation summarizes the major advantages and disadvantages attributed to use of cotton scatter rugs:

<u>Advantages</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Easy to wash	33
Can be washed	25
Machine washable	13
Lasts a long time	13
Inexpensive	12
Good range of colors	10
No advantages	9
<u>Disadvantages</u>	
Tends to slide	19
Wears out rather quickly	12
Doesn't lie flat	12
Colors do not stay like new	11
No disadvantages	31

(Questions 50 and 51)

WINDOW HANGINGS

Usage: Fibers and Types

This study focused on the use of two types of window hangings: draperies-- "window hangings which are frequently made of heavier materials, and are generally more formal" -- and curtains--"less formal window hangings which are unlined, thinner materials, and often transparent." About 8 in 10 used draperies; 9 in 10 used curtains. Use of draperies increased as income, education, and size of family increased; however, homemakers in the Northeast and those 60 years of age and older were less likely to have used them in the preceding 12 months.

The use of curtains, on the other hand, did not vary appreciably by socioeconomic characteristics. Draperies, although used by a majority of homemakers in the living room or bedroom, could be found in 14 percent of the homemakers' kitchens. However, curtains were a more popular choice for kitchens and bedrooms. The following table shows reported use of draperies and curtains in specific rooms:

	<u>Draperies</u>	<u>Curtains</u>
	----- <u>Percent</u> -----	
Living room	76	34
Bedrooms	55	63
Kitchen	14	80

(Questions 54 and 57)

About 2 in 10 of the homemakers interviewed reported that their living room draperies were made of Fiberglas, while cotton and cotton-rayon blend draperies for the living room were each owned by about 1 in 10. Nylon, Fiberglas, cotton, and polyester were the most frequently reported living room curtains used:

The following tabulation summarizes the fibers reported used in living room draperies and curtains:

	<u>Draperies</u>	<u>Curtains</u>
	----- <u>Percent</u> -----	
Fiberglas	23	6
Cotton	13	6
Cotton and rayon/acetate blend	10	2
Rayon/acetate	5	2
Nylon	2	7
Polyester	1	5

(Questions 55 and 58)

Fiber and Finish Ratings

When asked to rate four selected fibers or blends, homemakers clearly indicated that Fiberglas was the most popular fiber for draperies. However, about a fifth gave this fiber the lowest rating as their choice for living room draperies. Rayon and cotton were both rated "1--not a very good choice for me" by about a third of the homemakers. However, cotton received a "5" rating from about a fourth of the respondents, while rayon was accorded this rating by only about 1 in 10.

Fiber and finish ratings for curtains were about the same as for draperies, although the homemaker was given six fibers or blends to rate instead of four--two additional synthetics, nylon and polyester, and cotton and polyester blend instead of cotton and rayon.

Draperies

<u>Rating</u>	<u>Cotton</u>	<u>Rayon</u>	<u>Cotton and rayon</u>	<u>Fibergles</u>
	----- <u>Percent</u> -----			
5	24	10	15	47
1	33	37	22	21

(Question 56)

Curtains

<u>Rating</u>	<u>Cotton</u>	<u>Rayon</u>	<u>Fibergles</u>	<u>Nylon</u>	<u>Polyester</u>	<u>Cotton and polyester</u>
	----- <u>Percent</u> -----					
5	23	6	45	29	31	20
1	39	45	23	18	11	14

(Question 59)

Advantages and Disadvantages in Using
Cotton Draperies and Curtains

According to the comments volunteered by homemakers, both the principal advantages and disadvantages of cotton in draperies and curtains were related to care and durability. Cotton was valued for its washability and long-lasting characteristics, but its need for ironing and its tendency to fade were perceived as distinct disadvantages. Homemakers reporting no disadvantages in using cotton--26 percent--outnumbered those who said there were no advantages (19 percent).

The following tabulation summarizes the major advantages and disadvantages in the use of cotton draperies and curtains (reported by 5 percent or more of all respondents).

	<u>Percent</u>
<u>Advantages</u>	
Can be washed	31
Easy to wash	20
Looks good after laundering	7
Lasts a long time	16
Colors stay like new	9
Good range of colors	10
Attractive, pretty	5
Inexpensive	11
No advantages	19
<u>Disadvantages</u>	
Requires ironing	34
Difficult to iron	7
Colors do not stay like new	16
Does not resist stain or soil	7
Wears out rather quickly	6
Shrinks	5
Not attractive, not pretty	8
No disadvantages	26
(Questions 60 and 61)	

TABLECLOTHS

Usage: Fiber and Finishes

A large majority (74 percent) of the respondents said they had used cloth tablecloths during the previous year. However, 36 percent indicated that they had used them only for special occasions.

Use of cloth tablecloths was reported by smaller proportions of southern homemakers, the less well educated, those with lower family incomes, and homemakers under 30 years of age.

(Questions 62 and 63)

About half of all homemakers (53 percent) reported having used cotton tablecloths in the past year; significantly fewer (22 percent) indicated the use of linen. No other fiber was mentioned by as many as 5 percent of the homemakers.

When asked if any of these tablecloths had special finishes to make them more convenient to use, a relatively small proportion (16 percent) replied in the affirmative. Durable press was the only finish mentioned by as many as 6 percent, with durable press cotton the only fiber-finish combination used by as many as 3 percent of the homemakers.

	<u>Percent</u>	
Did not use any tablecloth	26	
Did not use any tablecloth with a special finish	58	
Used a tablecloth with a special finish	16	
Durable press	6	
Cotton		3
Cotton and polyester		1
Polyester		1
Wash-and-wear	1	
Stain release	3	
Soil resistant	1	
Other special finish	*	
Don't know, no answer to finish	4	

* Less than 1 percent

The only advantage of tablecloths with a durable press finish mentioned with any degree of frequency by homemakers who had used them was that they required little or no ironing. However, when questioned about possible disadvantages of tablecloths with this finish, a majority said there were none.

(Questions 64-68)

Fiber and Finish Ratings

Fiber preference in tablecloths was much less clearly defined than homemakers' preferences for both durable press and stain resistant finishes in tablecloths. A majority indicated their interest by rating both finishes "5--a very good choice for me."

While both linen and cotton were rated "5" by high proportions of the homemakers, negative ratings of "1" were also given these fibers by significant proportions.

<u>Rating</u>	<u>Linon</u>	<u>Cotton</u>	<u>Polyester</u>	<u>Polyester and cotton</u>	<u>Cotton and rayon</u>	<u>Durable press</u>	<u>Stain and soil resistan</u>
5	40	30	22	21	7	60	73
1	20	15	12	10	29	7	3

(Question 70)

Major Factors in Purchasing Tablecloths

To the homemaker, major purchase considerations in buying cloth tablecloth were about the same as when purchasing sheets, blankets, and area rugs. However, the proportion selecting these factors as important varied for each product. "Easy to remove stains," "looks good without ironing," and "resists staining" were mentioned by half or more of the respondents as characteristics they considered important when purchasing cloth tablecloths. Of the factors listed, "made of a certain fiber" was of least concern to the respondents.

	<u>Percent</u>
Easy to remove stains	71
Looks good without ironing	59
Resists staining	50
Lasts a long time	48
Durable press finish	46
Easy to iron	40
Can be dried in a machine	39
Made of certain fiber: cotton, etc.	27

(Question 69)

YARD GOODS

Almost half (45 percent) of the respondents had purchased yard goods in the 12 months prior to the interview. Most of them (42 percent) said the yard goods were to be made into clothing, mainly for children 6-18 years of age and for adults. Those who indicated that they had purchased yard goods for items other than clothing (15 percent) mentioned a variety of articles as intended end products, but curtains or draperies predominated.

A majority of the purchasers of yard goods said they had bought cotton fabrics, whether the intended end products were clothing or items other than clothing. Only three other fabrics--wool, cotton and polyester blend, and all polyester--were mentioned by a sizable proportion of the homemakers. Each of these fabrics was mentioned primarily for clothing end products.

Homemakers who used yard goods for clothing reported that an average of eight clothing items had been made from fabric purchased in the year prior to the interview. Those who bought yard goods for other purposes had made about four items on the average.

Homemakers with larger families, higher family incomes, more education, and those from rural areas were more likely to report the purchase of yard goods. However, fewer respondents from the Northeast section of the country and those 50 years of age and older reported purchasing yard goods.

(Questions 71-79)

APPENDIX

Sample Design

The sample was a stratified multistage random sample of all private households in the 48 conterminous States. In each household, the homemaker--the person chiefly responsible for either buying or caring for sheets and other household "linens" for the household--was interviewed. Usable interviews were obtained from 2,489 homemakers.

The structure of the sample, with reference to the first-stage sampling units (FSU's), is indicated by the following table which shows the number of first-stage units in the sample by geographic area and zones.

Geographic region and division	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3	Total
-----Number-----				
Northeast:				
New England.....	2	2	2	6
Middle Atlantic.....	12	7	5	24
North Central:				
East North Central.....	8	6	6	20
West North Central.....	2	2	6	10
South:				
South Atlantic.....	2	3	7	12
East South Central.....	2	1	4	7
West South Central.....	4	1	4	9
West:				
Mountain.....	2	1	2	5
Pacific.....	6	5	2	13
Total.....	40	28	38	106

The nine geographic areas correspond to the nine census divisions, except that Maryland, Delaware, and Washington, D.C., metropolitan areas were included in the Middle Atlantic division rather than in the South Atlantic. Within each of the nine divisions, three groupings or zones were used as follows:

Zone 1 -- That portion of a Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) containing one or more cities of 50,000 or more inhabitants.

Zone 2 -- Portions of SMSA's not included in Zone 1. These consist primarily of suburban communities but may also include rural territory within an SMSA boundary.

Zone 3 -- Non-SMSA areas consisting of small towns and rural farm and nonfarm territory.

Each zone within each division was further divided, giving a total of 106 strata of approximately equal size. A primary sampling unit (PSU) in Zone 1 was a city or a major subdivision of a city, and in Zones 2 and 3 was a county or noncity portion of a county. All land area in the 48 States was assigned to a PSU, and one PSU was drawn with probability proportional to size from each of the 106 strata. Since the objective was to have each PSU contain approximately 10,000 households, the 106 selected PSU's were divided into area PSU's of approximately 10,000 households. In PSU's involving cities where census tracts exist, such tracts were combined to form FSU's. In nontraced areas, Census Enumeration Districts were combined to form FSU's. From each of the PSU's, one FSU was drawn, again with the probability in proportion to size.

Listing of States in Each Region

<u>Northeast</u>	<u>North Central</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>West</u>
Maine	Ohio	North Carolina	Montana
New Hampshire	Michigan	South Carolina	Arizona
Vermont	Indiana	Virginia	Colorado
Massachusetts	Illinois	Georgia	Idaho
Rhode Island	Wisconsin	Florida	Wyoming
Connecticut	Minnesota	West Virginia	Utah
New York	Iowa	Arkansas	Nevada
New Jersey	Missouri	Louisiana	New Mexico
Pennsylvania	North Dakota	Oklahoma	California
Delaware	South Dakota	Texas	Oregon
Maryland	Nebraska	Kentucky	Washington
District of Columbia <u>1/</u>	Kansas	Tennessee	
		Alabama	
		Mississippi	

1/ Includes also that part of the Washington, D.C., Standard Metropolitan Area located in Virginia.

Identification of Respondents

The 106 FSU's of approximately 10,000 households were divided into segments. A segment is a portion of an enumeration district in nontraced areas and is a block (or blocks) in traced areas. Seven hundred such segments were drawn.

A detailed map of the segments was given to each interviewer after proper instruction and she was asked to list each household in the segment. The lists were returned to the home office of the contractor where they were subsampled and a listing of the sampled households returned to the interviewers. The selection of segments and households within lists was made in such a way as to make the sample self-weighted.

The procedure of prelisting households and drawing the final sample in the office gave the contractor control over the selection of respondent households. Checks were made on the process of listing households.

An eligible household in this study was composed of the occupants of a dwelling unit in which a member of the household was responsible for purchase or care of household "linens." Every sample dwelling unit was contacted and every reasonable attempt was made to determine eligibility of the household and to interview the responsible household member. A differential callback rule based on zone and region was used. This yielded a completion rate of 75 percent of all eligible respondents.

A total of 3,835 prelisted dwelling units was visited to determine eligible households for eventual interviewing. Of this number, 446 were either vacant or no longer standing. Thus, 3,389 occupied households were designated as part of the survey sample. Of this number, 70 were households where no member had responsibility for purchase or care of sheets, blankets, and so on. The remaining 3,315 comprised the eligible group of sample households.

Interview completion rates among eligible respondents

Region and zone	Eligible households in survey sample	Completed interviews of eligible households	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Region:			
Northeast.....	986	713	72.3
North Central..	951	735	77.3
South.....	864	684	79.2
West.....	518	357	68.9
Zone:			
City.....	1,255	842	67.1
Suburb.....	980	750	76.5
Rural.....	1,084	897	82.7
U.S. total.....	3,319	2,489	75.0

Sampling Tolerances

Sampling tolerances were determined for the four following items: bedspreads, tablecloths, rugs, and fabric. The computational method used for this determination was Hanson and Horwitz collapsed strata method for the noncertainty PSU's, and the equation given for certainty PSU's.

Item	Coefficient of variation (V)	Ratio using (P)	Standard error of P (S_p)	Standard error of a random sample
Bedspreads	0.00484	0.959	0.00464	0.00397
Tablecloths	.02003	.7404	.0148	.00879
Rugs	.03270	.5034	.0165	.01000
Fabric	.02709	.4536	.0123	.00996

In the actual computation of the sampling errors, the errors for the certainty strata and the estimates of the noncertainty strata must be computed by different methods. After these are both computed, they are added together.

To aid further in interpreting results, the following table is provided to indicate the approximate magnitude of random error due to sampling:

Approximate sampling tolerances
(95 in 100 confidence level)

For percentages around --	Number of interviews on which a percentage is based					
	2,489*	2,000	1,000	750	500	200
	-----Percent-----					
50	3	3	4	4	5	8
40 or 60	3	3	4	4	5	8
30 or 70	2	3	4	4	5	7
20 or 80	2	3	3	3	4	6
10 or 90	2	2	2	3	3	5

* Size of total sample.

The chances are approximately 95 in 100 that the survey result does not vary, plus or minus, by more than the indicated amount from the result that would have been obtained had the same procedure been used to interview all homemakers in the population.

For example, 40 percent of all homemakers in the survey said that all cotton sheets keep their whiteness or color a long time. The chances are 95 in 100 that, had all homemakers in the population been interviewed, the true percentage of those saying this about all cotton sheets would be between 37 and 43 percent.

For subgroups of the sample, the possible variation is larger than for the total sample because the number of interviews was smaller. For instance, of the 509 respondents who had less than some high school education, 69 percent indicated that they had not used woven bedspreads. The chances are approximately 95 in 100 that if all homemakers with less than some high school education had been interviewed, between 64 and 74 percent would have been found not to use such bedspreads.

Explanation of Tables

Tables are presented in the order of questioning. Generally the wording used in the actual question, probes excluded, is the table heading. Tables are identified by the numbers of the questions on which they are based.

The tabulations are based on the total sample of 2,489 respondents, except where noted. Multiple answers were permitted on some questions. Although counted only once when answers are grouped into a summary category, a respondent may be counted in more than one subcategory within the summary category.

Questions 1, 4, 2, and 6: "...How long ago did you last get any sheets for use in your home -- excluding crib sheets or sheets for youth beds?" "...Any other in the past 12 months?" (Asked only if acquired any sheets in the 12 months prior to interviewing.) "Did you buy them or get them as a gift?"

	: Acquired in past year : Between 1-3 : More than : Don't							
	: Bought: Gift:		: : : years ago : 3 years ago : know					
Cases:	only	only	Both	Total				
	Number				Percent			
U.S. total	2489	37	5	4	46	34	19	2
Community size:								
Metropolitan	846	41	3	5	49	30	19	2
Urban	746	37	5	3	46	37	16	2
Rural	897	13	6	5	44	34	21	1
Homemaker's education:								
8th grade or less	509	26	3	1	31	37	29	3
High school - 1-3 years	493	38	3	3	44	37	17	1
High school - 4 years	909	40	5	6	51	33	15	1
College - 1-3 years	346	46	6	6	58	28	14	1
College - over 3 years	220	37	7	7	51	32	15	1
Region:								
Northeast	713	39	5	3	47	30	20	2
North Central	735	37	3	4	45	35	19	1
South	684	38	5	4	48	35	16	1
West	357	33	6	6	45	34	20	1
Homemaker's age:								
Under 30	515	33	10	7	50	35	14	2
30 - 39	523	48	4	6	58	31	11	*
40 - 49	505	47	2	5	55	35	10	1
50 - 59	404	33	3	3	40	34	24	2
60 and over	538	24	4	1	29	34	35	3
Family income:								
Lower	822	26	5	2	34	36	27	3
Middle	731	39	5	5	50	34	16	1
Upper	722	47	4	6	57	32	11	1
Family size:								
1 or 2	1038	28	5	3	35	35	27	3
3 or 4	825	40	5	5	50	34	16	1
5 or more	626	50	5	6	61	30	9	*
Family composition:								
Adults only	1151	29	4	3	36	35	26	3
Children	1338	44	5	6	55	33	12	*

* Less than 1 percent

Questions 3 and 7: "How many did you get at that time?" (Asked only if acquired any sheets in the 12 months prior to interviewing.)

	Cases Number	Percent asked	Percent					More than twelve
			One or two	Three or four	Five or six	Seven to twelve		
U.S. total	2489	46	11	14	10	9	2	
Community size:								
Metropolitan	846	49	10	15	12	11	1	
Urban	746	46	11	13	9	10	1	
Rural	897	44	12	15	9	7	1	
Homeowner's education:								
8th grade or less	509	31	8	11	6	5	1	
High school - 1-3 years	493	44	10	15	11	7	2	
High school - 4 years	909	51	12	16	11	10	2	
College - 1-3 years	346	58	12	13	12	15	2	
College - over 3 years	220	51	13	16	11	10	1	
Region:								
Northeast	713	47	11	15	11	8	2	
North Central	735	45	13	12	11	8	1	
South	684	48	10	17	10	9	2	
West	357	45	10	13	8	13	1	
Homeowner's age:								
Under 30	515	50	12	15	10	10	2	
30 - 39	523	58	12	17	15	12	2	
40 - 49	505	55	10	16	12	14	2	
50 - 59	404	40	12	11	8	7	2	
60 and over	538	29	9	11	5	3	4	
Family income:								
Lower	822	34	10	12	6	5	1	
Middle	731	50	13	15	11	9	2	
Upper	722	57	11	17	13	13	2	
Family size:								
1 or 2	1038	35	11	11	7	4	1	
3 or 4	825	50	12	16	11	9	1	
5 or more	626	61	10	17	16	18	3	
Family composition:								
Adults only	1151	36	11	12	8	5	1	
Children	1338	55	11	16	12	13	2	

* Less than 1 percent

Question 2: "...This card lists some different kinds of fibers and finishes used for sheets. Which of these have you used in your home in the past 12 months? Any others?"

Case Number	Polyester and cotton blend	All cotton	Durable polyester and cotton	Durable press-all cotton	Other	Don't know, no answer	Total
U.S. total	2489	83	14	12	1	2	122
Community size:							
Metropolitan	846	78	18	15	1	2	126
Urban	746	79	16	12	1	3	120
Rural	897	89	9	9	1	1	116
Homeowner's education:							
8th grade or less	509	91	4	5	1	3	108
High school - 1-3 years	493	84	11	11	1	2	116
High school - 4 years	909	80	15	14	1	2	123
College - 1-3 years	346	75	25	17	1	2	134
College - over 3 years	220	80	25	14	4	2	137
Region:							
Northeast	713	81	14	11	1	3	120
North Central	735	80	16	13	1	2	123
South	684	87	11	10	1	1	119
West	357	81	17	15	1	2	126
Homeowner's age:							
Under 30	515	72	21	17	1	2	125
30 - 39	523	81	17	12	4	2	124
40 - 49	505	84	15	15	1	2	128
50 - 59	404	86	11	11	2	2	119
60 and over	538	90	7	5	1	3	111
Family income:							
Lower	822	88	6	8	1	2	110
Middle	731	81	14	11	1	3	121
Upper	722	79	23	17	2	1	136
Family size:							
1 or 2	1038	85	10	9	1	3	116
3 or 4	825	10	79	18	1	2	124
5 or more	626	12	84	16	1	1	126
Family composition:							
White only	1151	84	11	9	2	3	117
Children	1336	11	17	14	1	2	126

* Less than 1 percent

Question 10: "...This is a scale to help people indicate their opinions. ...As I mention each kind of sheet, tell me the number that expresses your opinion of how good a choice it would be for you if you were buying sheets now."

	<u>Polyester and cotton blend</u>	<u>All cotton</u>	<u>Durable press- polyester and cotton</u>	<u>Durable press- all cotton</u>
	<u>Percent</u>			
1- Not a very good choice for me	12	11	10	8
2-	9	9	6	7
3-	25	16	16	15
4-	22	17	18	23
5- A very good choice for me	27	47	45	42
Mean	3.47	3.81	3.86	3.89
Did not rate	7	*	5	5
Number of cases	2489	2489	2489	2489

* Less than 1 percent

Question 11: "...Which of these ideas would be most important to you if you were buying sheets?"

	<u>U.S. total</u>
	<u>Percent</u>
Lasts a long time	63
Easy to wash	57
Looks good without ironing	55
Good value for the money	55
Keeps its whiteness or color	48
Can be bleached	33
Easy to remove stains	31
Smooth to the touch	29
Can buy it on sale	28
Easy to dry	27
A certain fiber, such as cotton...	18
A weave, such as muslin or percale	17
Good range of colors and prints	16
Does not "pill"	13
Absorbent	<u>5</u>
Total	<u>496</u>
Number of cases	2489

Question 12: "...Which of these phrases describe your opinions about polyester and cotton blend shirts? Any others?"

Cases	Percent											Total															
	Number	50	1 46	7	31	1 15	9	11	16	21	9		34	5	21	4	7	19	3	11	5	42	1	21	1	* 23	418
Community size:																											
Worcester	846	49	1 44	9	33	2 13	10	34	16	22	10	30	6	22	5	8	10	26	3	14	5	41	1	27	1	* 24	448
Urban	766	51	1 47	6	31	1 15	10	18	21	7	32	5	20	7	6	7	6	20	3	10	5	44	1	17	1	1 19	419
Urban	897	50	1 45	5	30	* 14	7	10	14	20	7	36	3	19	2	6	5	14	2	8	4	42	* 19	1	* 26	391	
Education:																											
Elementary's education	509	39	1 35	5	21	1 12	6	10	13	16	6	24	4	16	3	5	15	3	9	3	31	1	15	* 15	* 39	337	
High school - less	493	49	2 47	5	28	1 17	9	11	16	22	8	26	5	20	4	6	5	18	3	9	5	44	1	19	1	* 20	414
High school - 4 years	909	55	1 49	7	33	2 16	10	13	16	10	37	5	21	4	8	7	21	2	11	5	46	1	22	1	1 17	444	
College - 1-3 years	346	53	* 50	8	40	1 14	10	12	16	10	36	3	26	2	7	10	22	2	14	5	45	1	25	1	1 18	457	
College - over 3 years	220	53	1 44	10	40	1 14	12	11	16	20	10	36	5	21	4	5	10	19	4	15	7	46	1	29	1	* 20	456
Region:																											
Northwest	713	51	1 42	7	39	1 14	7	11	14	18	8	29	4	16	3	6	19	3	10	4	39	1	20	* 23	* 38	385	
North Central	715	51	1 50	7	33	2 19	11	18	15	13	36	6	26	4	9	10	22	3	14	5	47	1	24	1	21	366	
South	682	45	1 42	6	27	1 14	6	10	16	18	5	32	4	18	3	7	4	14	2	6	38	1	16	1	* 25	369	
West	357	53	1 49	7	40	2 10	12	15	15	25	11	41	6	23	6	11	23	3	16	6	47	1	26	2	- 20	482	
Homeowner's age:																											
Under 30	515	53	2 43	9	34	1 16	11	16	16	23	10	37	4	24	3	8	22	2	14	5	44	1	27	1	1 18	454	
30 - 39	423	51	1 51	6	34	1 16	11	17	19	9	37	6	21	4	6	7	20	4	10	4	48	1	22	1	* 16	435	
40 - 49	505	54	1 50	8	34	2 18	10	10	18	11	34	7	22	5	7	8	18	4	11	6	47	1	21	1	- 20	450	
50 - 59	404	52	1 50	5	31	1 16	7	12	15	21	9	33	4	20	4	6	21	1	11	5	41	1	20	* 23	421		
60 and over	558	39	* 35	5	23	- 1	9	6	12	20	6	27	3	17	2	6	5	16	3	8	4	31	1	15	1	1 36	538
Family income:																											
Lower	822	43	1 39	5	24	1 12	6	10	15	18	5	30	3	16	3	6	18	3	9	3	35	1	17	* 17	* 31	356	
Middle	731	55	1 48	7	34	2 17	10	13	17	24	10	37	6	23	5	7	18	2	11	7	48	1	22	1	1 18	433	
Upper	722	54	1 52	8	38	2 16	12	12	18	23	12	37	5	25	3	8	10	23	3	16	5	48	1	25	* 16	473	
Family size:																											
1 or 2	1038	45	1 42	6	28	1 13	7	9	13	21	7	31	4	19	3	6	18	2	10	4	36	1	18	1	1 30	380	
3 or 4	825	55	1 47	8	33	1 16	11	13	17	22	11	36	5	22	4	8	7	19	3	11	5	44	1	23	1	* 18	442
5 or more	826	50	2 49	7	33	1 17	11	13	18	20	10	36	6	22	4	6	9	22	4	11	6	50	* 23	1	* 18	450	
Family composition:																											
Adults only	1151	46	1 42	6	28	1 13	7	10	13	20	8	31	4	19	3	6	18	2	10	4	37	1	18	1	1 28	383	
Children	1338	53	1 49	7	34	1 17	11	13	18	22	10	36	6	22	4	7	8	20	3	12	6	47	1	23	1	* 18	649

* Less than 1 percent

Question 11: "Which of these describe your opinions about all cotton shampoos? Any others?"

	Percent											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	
U.S. total	63	21	14	38	7	64	1	40	6	60	6	43
Community sizes:												
Metropolitan	86	6	2	12	44	25	16	35	8	62	1	41
Urban	74	6	2	16	36	18	15	37	7	63	1	39
Rural	89	7	3	14	33	20	21	41	6	86	4	40
Homeowner's education:												
8th grade or less	50	7	2	18	29	25	9	42	4	65	1	43
High school - 1-3 years	49	6	3	15	35	21	12	36	5	64	1	41
High school - 4 years	99	6	2	14	39	19	16	37	8	64	1	39
College - 1-3 years	34	6	3	11	47	21	17	33	10	62	1	40
College - over 3 years	22	0	1	7	47	19	20	38	7	59	7	41
Region:												
Northeast	71	6	1	12	39	24	13	32	5	61	4	41
North Central	73	6	1	15	43	21	18	36	9	64	1	41
South	68	4	2	16	27	19	8	45	4	67	4	40
West	37	6	1	11	45	20	20	36	9	62	1	39
Homeowner's age:												
Under 30	51	6	2	12	43	21	15	33	10	58	1	35
30 - 39	52	6	1	15	39	16	16	38	8	64	1	35
40 - 49	50	6	3	13	41	20	16	36	7	64	1	41
50 - 59	46	4	6	24	34	24	13	44	4	64	3	41
60 and over	58	6	3	15	35	25	10	39	4	65	4	47
Family income:												
Lower	82	6	2	16	30	23	10	39	5	65	1	43
Middle	71	6	1	15	39	20	14	36	8	65	3	38
Upper	72	5	2	11	47	18	20	37	8	62	1	38
Family size:												
1 or 2	10	8	3	13	35	23	13	37	6	62	1	42
3 or 4	83	6	2	13	40	14	16	39	7	64	1	38
5 or more	62	6	2	15	39	19	17	36	8	67	3	41
Family composition:												
Adults only	11	6	3	13	35	23	12	37	6	61	1	42
Children	13	8	5	24	40	20	16	39	8	66	1	38
None of these	2	*										
Not a good range of colors	2	*										
Good range of colors	2	*										
Easy to dry	2	*										
Difficult to dry	2	*										
Doesn't pill	2	*										
Does not pill	2	*										
Cannot buy at on sale	2	*										
Can buy it on sale	2	*										
Not absorbent	2	*										
Absorbent	2	*										
Doesn't absorb the money	2	*										
Good value for the money	2	*										
Wears out rather quickly	2	*										
Lasts a long time	2	*										
Doesn't keep its whiteness	2	*										
Keeps its whiteness	2	*										
Doesn't get bleached	2	*										
Can be bleached	2	*										
Difficult to remove stains	2	*										
Easy to remove stains	2	*										
Soft to the touch	2	*										
Doesn't look good without foaming	2	*										
Looks good without foaming	2	*										
Not easy to wash	2	*										
Easy to wash	2	*										

* Less than 1%

Question 14: "Which of these describe your opinions about durable or permanent press sheers made of polyester and cotton blends?
Any others?"

	Number	46	1	60	2	37	132	11	8	18	17	80	27	6	20	4	6	9	17	4	11	4	4	3	1	124	419
Colors	Easy to wash	1	60	2	37	132	11	8	18	17	80	27	6	20	4	6	9	17	4	11	4	4	3	1	1	24	419
	Not easy to wash																										
	Looks good without ironing																										
	Does not look good without ironing																										
	Smooth to the touch																										
	Tough to the touch																										
	Easy to remove stains																										
	Difficult to remove stains																										
	Can be bleached																										
	Must not be bleached																										
	Keeps its whiteness																										
	Does not keep its whiteness																										
	Lasts a long time																										
	Wears out rather quickly																										
	Good value for the money																										
	Not good value for the money																										
	Can buy it on sale																										
	Does not "pill"																										
	Easy to dry																										
	Hard to dry																										
	Good range of colors																										
	Not a good range of colors																										
	None of these colors																										
	Don't know, no answer																										

* Less than 1 percent

Question 16: "How do you usually care for your sheets?"

	Cases	Wash and dry - commercial laundry	Machine wash - home or laundromat	Machine dry - home or laundromat	Dry on clothesline	Dry line or machine - depending on weather	Other	Total
U.S. total	2489	7	87	28	37	25	2	186
Community size:								
Metropolitan	846	11	85	38	28	18	3	183
Urban	746	8	87	26	39	26	1	188
Rural	897	4	88	21	42	32	1	188
Homeowner's education:								
8th grade or less	509	5	86	20	53	18	3	185
High school - 1-3 years	493	6	88	24	39	29	1	188
High school - 4 years	908	6	90	30	33	29	1	188
College - 1-3 years	346	11	84	32	29	25	2	183
College - over 3 years	220	15	80	41	19	24	3	183
Region:								
Northeast	713	10	85	24	38	23	3	182
North Central	735	7	88	30	28	33	*	186
South	684	6	86	24	48	21	2	187
West	357	7	91	41	29	25	1	193
Homeowner's age:								
Under 30	515	7	88	37	26	28	1	187
30 - 39	523	5	92	31	29	31	1	189
40 - 49	505	5	89	29	38	27	1	189
50 - 59	404	9	86	24	42	24	1	186
60 and over	538	12	80	19	49	17	3	181
Family income:								
Lower	822	7	85	21	47	21	3	183
Middle	731	7	89	28	35	29	1	188
Upper	722	8	88	38	25	28	1	188
Family size:								
1 or 2	1038	12	81	27	38	19	2	180
3 or 4	825	4	90	29	36	29	2	190
5 or more	626	3	92	28	35	31	1	191
Family composition:								
Adults only	1151	12	82	27	39	20	2	182
Children	1338	4	91	29	36	30	1	190

* Less than 1 percent

Question 17: "...As I mention different kinds of blankets, tell me how good a choice for you each blanket would be if you were buying blankets now..."

	All wool	All cotton	All synthetic	Regular	Electric	Thermal
	Percent					
1- Not a very good choice for me	43	23	17	10	43	21
2-	10	15	9	8	8	7
3-	13	21	21	22	11	14
4-	9	15	22	22	9	19
5- A very good choice for me	25	26	27	36	27	35
Mean	2.64	3.02	3.34	3.67	2.68	3.40
Did not rate	1	*	4	2	1	4
Number of cases	2489	2489	2489	2489	2489	2489

* Less than 1 percent

Question 18: "...Which of these ideas would be most important if you were buying blankets? Any others?"

	<u>U.S. total</u>
	<u>Percent</u>
Can be washed	84
Does not shrink	68
Lasts a long time	60
Good value for the money	50
Colors stay like new	43
Good for use all year round	39
Does not stretch	37
Does not 'pill'	34
A certain fiber, such as cotton...	28
Easy to remove stains	26
Does not burn easily -- not flammable	22
Can buy it on sale	21
Good range of colors	<u>20</u>
Total	<u><u>531</u></u>
Number of cases	2489

Question 19: "...Which of these describe your opinions about all wool blankets? Any others?"

	Number	Can be washed	Wash not be washed	Easy to remove stains	Difficult to remove stains	Colors stay like new	Lines don't stay	Wears a long time	Washes out rather quickly	Good value for the money	Not good value for the money	Can buy it on sale	Cannot buy it on sale	'Pills'	Good range of colors	Not a good range of colors	Shrinkage	Doesn't stretch	Does not burn easily	Flammable	Good for use all year round	Not good for use all year round	Don't know, no answer	Total		
U. S. total	2489	26 46	7 27	33 5	58 2	32 7	20 4	13 22	28 2	53 11	7 19	10 13	9 45	1 4	503											
Community size:																										
Metropolitan	846	28 42	10 25	37 7	64 3	37 7	64 3	37 7	64 3	37 7	64 3	37 7	64 3	37 7	64 3	37 7	64 3	37 7	64 3	37 7	64 3	37 7	64 3	37 7	64 3	
Urban	746	25 46	5 30	31 6	54 5	32 8	22 3	11 26	26 2	56 13	8 19	10 13	7 52	1 4	512											
Rural	897	26 45	6 26	31 4	55 1	28 9	14 6	12 19	24 2	56 10	5 16	8 12	6 43	1 4	472											
Homeowner's education:																										
8th grade or less	509	30 37	10 20	32 5	56 3	33 7	21 5	16 15	25 2	44 14	6 22	10 11	9 39	1 7	480											
High school - 1-3 years	483	24 48	5 31	30 6	52 3	27 9	19 4	11 22	26 3	56 12	7 18	10 13	6 45	1 4	493											
High school - 4 years	909	26 47	6 28	31 6	55 2	30 6	19 4	11 24	27 2	58 9	8 16	8 13	8 47	2 4	497											
College - 1-3 years	346	27 44	7 27	40 5	67 3	38 8	23 3	17 23	35 2	48 10	5 22	11 13	11 47	1 4	542											
College - over 3 years	220	27 45	7 28	38 5	67 1	44 5	22 5	15 29	35 3	45 13	5 20	14 11	15 43	1 4	544											
Region:																										
Northwest	713	31 39	8 23	30 6	61 3	34 5	22 2	15 23	31 1	47 12	7 14	8 9	11 45	4 4	480											
North Central	735	27 45	5 31	35 6	53 3	33 7	23 5	12 26	30 2	59 10	9 22	10 17	8 48	1 5	534											
South	684	20 48	7 27	31 4	54 1	23 7	14 4	11 17	21 3	46 11	4 18	9 11	4 43	2 6	449											
West	357	26 46	8 26	38 6	67 2	41 9	26 6	16 24	33 5	60 13	6 24	13 14	17 41	2 2	573											
Homeowner's age:																										
Under 30	515	18 49	5 29	37 9	59 3	38 9	18 4	11 27	35 6	53 10	8 16	10 14	9 46	2 6	486											
30 - 39	523	24 44	7 28	30 5	55 2	27 7	17 6	11 26	29 2	54 9	7 11	11 7	5 2	2	488											
40 - 49	505	25 49	8 28	36 5	56 2	31 6	21 5	11 23	30 2	56 13	7 20	13 10	4 4	3	488											
50 - 59	404	28 44	7 28	39 4	60 2	33 6	25 2	14 25	30 2	54 11	6 23	10 15	10 41	1 3	524											
60 and over	538	37 34	9 20	35 4	59 2	39 6	22 3	16 14	29 1	45 14	5 22	10 11	10 41	1 6	495											
Family Income:																										
Lower	822	30 40	8 23	30 6	57 3	33 7	20 4	11 18	28 2	47 13	6 19	10 12	9 42	1 6	485											
Middle	731	24 44	7 30	33 5	57 3	33 7	19 5	11 24	28 3	55 11	6 19	10 13	9 47	1 4	508											
Upper	722	23 50	5 30	34 6	60 4	43 7	23 3	14 28	30 2	57 9	8 18	9 13	9 48	1 3	528											
Family size:																										
1 or 2	1038	31 39	7 22	34 5	58 2	29 5	22 4	14 28	28 2	48 12	5 21	10 12	10 41	1 5	495											
3 or 4	825	25 46	7 28	33 7	57 2	31 7	20 5	14 24	30 2	53 12	9 17	9 16	9 44	1 4	511											
5 or more	626	22 51	7 31	31 5	58 2	29 8	19 5	12 26	26 3	57 10	5 27	9 11	7 52	1 4	508											
Family composition:																										
Adults only	1151	31 38	7 23	33 5	58 2	36 6	21 4	14 28	28 2	48 12	5 21	9 12	11 40	1 5	496											
Children	1338	22 49	7 30	32 6	57 2	29 8	19 4	13 25	28 3	58 11	8 17	10 13	8 49	1 4	510											

* Less than 1 percent

Question 20: "Which of these describe your opinions about all cotton blamers? Any others?"

Cases	Number	Percent												Total													
		Can be washed	Heat not be washed	Difficult to remove stains	Colors stay like new	Colors do not stay	Lasts a long time	Wears out rather quickly	Good value for the money	Not good value for the money	Can buy it on sale	Does not 'pill'	Good range of colors		Not a good range of colors	Shrink	Does not stretch	Does not burn easily	Burns easily - flammable	Good for use all year round	Not good for use all year round	Don't know, no answer					
U. S. total	2489	85	* 37	3	25	13	34	19	33	7	39	1	14	16	31	2	14	37	9	23	9	46	12	* 5	523		
Community edge:																											
Metropolitan	846	82	1 34	4	20	18	27	25	27	9	37	1	16	17	31	2	14	31	11	20	10	12	38	18	* 8	513	
Urban	746	84	1 36	4	27	10	38	17	35	5	38	1	11	19	31	1	15	41	10	26	10	8	46	12	* 5	532	
Rural	897	88	- 40	2	27	12	37	15	36	6	41	1	15	13	32	2	13	39	7	22	7	8	54	6	1	527	
Respondent's education:																											
8th grade or less	509	83	1 40	2	30	10	42	18	38	6	41	2	16	13	32	1	11	30	9	26	12	8	46	9	* 5	538	
High school - 1-3 years	493	86	* 36	3	26	11	37	18	37	7	41	1	14	16	31	2	15	42	8	24	10	8	45	11	* 3	532	
High school - 4 years	909	86	* 36	4	24	13	33	19	30	5	39	1	12	17	31	1	13	38	9	23	8	9	47	11	1	4	513
College - 1-3 years	346	85	1 38	5	20	20	26	26	31	7	38	1	14	20	34	4	16	31	11	19	7	12	41	15	- 8	528	
College - over 3 years	220	80	1 34	4	16	18	23	24	25	12	32	1	13	16	27	3	16	28	11	18	9	12	50	15	- 8	499	
Respondent's race:																											
White	713	86	* 32	3	23	14	30	20	23	7	33	1	16	12	28	2	11	38	7	22	9	5	40	18	* 3	466	
Black	755	84	1 39	4	30	14	37	20	36	6	42	1	17	18	36	2	15	41	11	25	10	14	53	9	* 6	570	
North Central	684	86	1 39	3	25	8	39	12	39	4	42	1	11	18	28	1	13	33	8	20	8	6	46	7	1	4	497
South	684	86	1 39	3	25	8	39	12	39	4	42	1	11	18	28	1	13	33	8	20	8	6	46	7	1	4	497
West	357	83	1 36	4	17	23	24	20	28	13	40	1	10	26	35	3	19	34	13	25	10	14	44	14	1	6	532
Respondent's age:																											
Under 10	515	85	- 37	5	23	16	33	20	31	8	42	1	15	18	34	2	13	37	9	23	10	12	45	11	- 6	533	
10 - 19	523	87	1 36	3	19	16	31	21	28	8	37	1	11	16	31	2	15	33	11	18	6	9	45	13	1	4	502
20 - 39	503	86	* 37	3	27	12	35	20	35	6	38	1	13	17	29	2	13	43	12	23	9	11	50	11	* 3	533	
40 - 49	505	86	* 37	3	27	12	35	20	35	6	38	1	13	17	29	2	13	43	12	23	9	11	50	11	* 3	533	
50 - 59	494	84	1 38	3	20	13	36	19	35	6	43	1	16	19	33	2	15	39	8	24	10	10	43	12	* 3	545	
60 and over	538	83	1 36	3	26	10	34	17	35	5	36	1	15	12	30	2	14	36	6	26	11	6	46	13	1	6	509
Family success:																											
Lower	822	87	* 37	3	27	13	39	17	36	5	41	1	15	14	32	1	13	37	8	25	10	9	46	12	* 4	532	
Middle	711	85	* 39	3	20	14	31	20	31	8	38	1	12	18	31	2	15	35	10	21	9	9	45	13	* 4	517	
Upper	722	85	1 36	4	26	15	30	24	31	8	40	1	16	17	31	3	14	39	11	21	8	11	49	12	1	6	581
Family size:																											
1 or 2	1038	83	1 34	3	26	11	33	18	34	6	37	1	13	16	31	2	13	36	7	23	10	9	43	12	* 6	507	
3 or 4	823	86	* 38	4	24	15	30	21	31	7	41	1	14	18	31	2	16	35	11	21	9	9	48	15	* 5	580	
5 or more	626	87	* 39	4	23	16	36	20	32	7	40	1	13	15	31	2	13	41	10	24	7	11	49	11	* 4	582	
Family composition:																											
Adults only	1131	82	1 33	3	25	12	34	18	33	6	36	1	13	15	31	2	13	36	7	23	10	9	42	12	1	6	504
Children	1338	87	* 39	4	24	15	35	20	33	7	41	1	14	17	32	2	15	38	11	22	8	10	49	12	* 4	540	

* Less than 1 percent

Question 21: "Which of these describe your opinions about blankets made of an all synthetic fiber? Any others?"

Cases	Number	Percent										Total																
		Can be washed	Must not be washed	Difficult to remove stains	Colors stay like new	Colors do not stay	Like new	Lasts a long time	Warm out rather quickly	Good value for the money	Can't buy it on sale		Does not 'pill'	Good range of colors	Not a good range of colors	Shrink	Does not shrink	Stretches	Does not stretch	Does not burn easily	Turns easily - flammable	Good for use all year round	Hot good for use all year round	None of these	Don't know, no answer			
U. S. total	2889	61	3	16	10	36	3	34	6	30	4	26	1	12	17	35	1	6	33	7	22	9	11	38	5	* 20	446	
Community size:																												
Metropolitan	846	48	4	17	11	33	5	30	8	28	8	29	2	12	18	37	1	7	31	8	21	7	13	39	6	* 18	454	
Urban	716	60	3	17	10	44	1	27	5	32	3	27	1	13	16	45	3	5	37	6	24	5	10	36	6	* 22	459	
Rural	897	58	3	15	10	37	3	35	6	29	3	22	1	11	16	35	5	3	34	6	20	9	9	39	4	* 21	428	
Homeowner's education:																												
8th grade or less	509	44	2	11	6	26	3	27	5	20	4	18	2	9	10	25	* 5	23	3	17	7	7	27	5	* 39	348		
High school - 1-3 years	493	56	6	17	10	37	2	32	7	33	5	27	1	12	16	36	1	6	32	7	21	10	11	25	6	* 19	440	
High school - 4 years	909	67	3	17	10	40	3	35	7	31	3	27	1	12	17	37	4	5	32	8	13	9	10	41	4	* 16	642	
College - 1-3 years	346	73	3	21	12	44	5	44	5	35	8	31	1	15	23	43	1	5	41	8	24	8	15	45	7	* 12	535	
College - over 3 years	220	70	3	18	16	33	4	36	10	32	3	27	* 13	23	42	1	7	34	7	23	7	13	47	6	* 12	490		
Region:																												
Northwest	713	61	3	16	7	27	4	27	6	24	3	25	2	9	20	31	* 5	31	7	19	7	7	36	4	* 21	403		
North Central	735	64	2	20	11	42	4	37	9	33	4	30	1	16	17	43	1	6	39	8	25	8	16	42	5	* 19	500	
South	684	51	5	11	12	34	2	33	3	28	3	19	1	10	11	29	1	5	28	4	18	10	7	30	7	* 25	384	
West	357	72	3	20	13	48	3	43	7	38	6	31	1	14	22	45	1	10	40	8	28	11	14	51	4	* 13	542	
Homeowner's age:																												
Under 30	515	63	6	17	13	39	3	36	8	32	4	27	1	14	22	39	1	7	30	8	22	9	15	41	6	* 12	476	
30 - 39	523	72	2	20	13	40	3	37	6	33	4	29	2	11	18	41	* 5	4	37	8	12	42	6	31	11	* 18	492	
40 - 49	505	66	3	18	9	40	4	38	6	33	3	27	1	13	17	35	* 5	3	37	24	10	42	5	* 18	471			
50 - 59	404	57	1	16	10	37	3	35	2	29	3	22	2	13	17	36	1	6	30	7	21	10	10	36	6	* 25	445	
60 and over	538	43	4	11	6	28	3	25	5	22	4	20	2	8	9	27	* 5	2	25	4	16	6	7	29	4	* 17	352	
Family income:																												
Lower	822	48	5	12	7	31	2	29	6	24	4	22	2	9	11	29	* 5	26	5	16	8	8	32	4	* 31	374		
Middle	723	64	3	19	12	38	4	37	7	33	4	26	1	13	20	36	1	7	35	8	22	10	13	41	7	* 15	476	
Upper	722	74	2	18	13	43	3	58	7	36	4	31	1	15	21	42	1	6	41	8	28	13	46	5	* 13	517		
Family size:																												
1 or 2	1036	51	4	13	8	31	3	29	5	26	3	23	1	11	13	31	* 4	5	28	6	27	8	9	32	5	* 30	391	
3 or 4	825	68	3	18	13	39	3	37	6	32	4	28	2	13	20	40	1	6	34	7	24	7	13	42	6	* 14	478	
5 or more	526	68	2	19	13	41	4	59	9	33	5	27	1	11	19	38	* 6	6	40	7	27	11	10	45	6	* 13	495	
Family composition:																												
Adults only	1151	52	4	14	8	32	3	28	5	26	4	24	1	11	14	31	1	6	28	6	18	8	10	32	5	* 28	397	
Children	1358	68	3	18	12	41	4	59	7	33	4	28	1	12	19	39	1	6	37	7	25	9	12	44	6	* 14	489	

* Less than .

Questions 22 and 23: "...In the past 12 months did you or did you not use any regular blankets?" "What fibers were your regular blankets made of?" (Asked only if used regular blankets in the 12 months prior to interviewing.)

	Number	Percent									
		Did not use regular blankets	Used regular blankets	All wool	All cotton	All synthetic	All other	Wool and cotton	Wool and synthetic	Cotton and synthetic	Other
U.S. total	2489	11	40	44	33	4	2	3	14	127	
Community size:											
Metropolitan	846	10	52	36	35	3	2	3	12	131	
Urban	746	12	30	43	34	4	2	3	16	123	
Rural	897	11	31	54	30	5	3	4	13	126	
Homeowner's education:											
8th grade or less	909	8	41	55	20	3	3	2	11	123	
High school - 1-3 years	693	12	29	45	29	3	3	5	14	118	
High school - 4 years	909	11	40	41	40	3	2	3	15	127	
College - 1-3 years	266	18	48	37	41	2	3	3	14	138	
College - over 3 years	220	10	51	33	43	4	3	5	13	134	
Region:											
Northeast	713	7	52	63	31	4	3	10	10	135	
North Central	735	9	35	51	36	4	3	11	11	132	
South	684	16	28	61	24	4	2	20	20	205	
West	357	12	52	32	46	4	1	14	14	140	
Homeowner's age:											
Under 30	515	11	31	39	37	4	1	4	16	116	
30 - 39	523	11	39	44	41	3	2	2	16	132	
40 - 49	505	13	40	42	37	4	2	4	15	129	
50 - 59	404	11	43	43	29	6	3	14	129	14	
60 and over	538	8	49	51	20	3	2	2	10	129	
Family income:											
Lower	822	9	36	52	23	4	4	2	12	124	
Middle	731	11	37	41	35	5	4	4	15	125	
Upper	722	12	42	39	45	3	1	3	14	133	
Family size:											
1 or 2	1038	12	42	44	25	3	3	3	15	170	
3 or 4	825	11	38	40	36	4	4	4	14	125	
5 or more	626	8	41	51	42	4	2	3	11	141	
Family composition:											
Adults only	1151	12	43	43	25	3	3	3	15	121	
Children	1338	10	38	46	40	4	2	3	13	132	

* Less than 1 percent

Questions 22 and 23: "...In the past 12 months did you or did you not use any thermal blankets?" "What fibers were your thermal blankets made of?" (asked only if used thermal blankets in the 12 months prior to interviewing.)

	Number	Used thermal blankets							
		Did not use thermal blankets		Used thermal blankets					
		All wool	All cotton	All synthetic	blend	Other	no answer	Total	
U.S. total	2489	62	1	13	16	2	1	6	33
<u>Community size:</u>									
Metropolitan	846	67	2	11	14	1	1	5	28
Urban	746	59	1	14	18	1	1	7	26
Rural	897	60	2	14	16	2	1	5	26
<u>Homeowner's education:</u>									
8th grade or less	509	79	*	9	8	1	1	3	19
High school - 1-3 years	493	61	1	14	15	2	2	6	23
High school - 4 years	909	57	2	14	19	3	1	7	28
College - 1-3 years	346	53	1	14	21	3	2	8	41
College - over 3 years	220	59	1	18	17	1	1	6	28
<u>Region:</u>									
Northeast	713	65	2	12	15	1	1	5	21
North Central	735	57	1	14	18	1	1	7	28
South	684	66	1	13	14	2	1	5	29
West	357	61	1	11	18	3	1	6	24
<u>Homeowner's age:</u>									
Under 30	515	55	1	15	21	2	1	8	29
30 - 39	523	60	2	14	16	2	2	7	25
40 - 49	505	60	1	14	17	1	1	5	27
50 - 59	404	64	2	12	14	3	*	6	21
60 and over	538	73	2	9	12	*	1	4	24
<u>Family income:</u>									
Lower	822	72	1	10	11	1	1	4	24
Middle	731	59	1	14	18	2	1	7	26
Upper	722	53	2	17	21	1	1	7	42
<u>Family size:</u>									
1 or 2	1038	68	1	10	14	2	1	5	28
3 or 4	825	58	2	15	17	2	1	7	26
5 or more	626	58	1	15	19	2	1	6	28
<u>Family composition:</u>									
Adults only	1151	67	1	11	14	2	1	5	29
Children	1338	58	1	15	18	2	1	7	37

* Less than 1 percent

Questions 22 and 23: "...In the past 12 months did you or did you not use any electric blankets?" "What fibers were your electric blankets made of?" (Asked only if used electric blankets in the 12 months prior to interviewing.)

	Did not use electric blankets		Used electric blankets								
	Number	Percent	All wool		All cotton		All synthetic		blend	Other: no answer	Total fibers
			1	2	1	2	1	2			
U.S. total	2489	72	4	5	14	1	1	4	24		
Community size:											
Metropolitan	846	78	4	2	11	1	1	4	18		
Urban	746	73	3	4	14	1	1	4	23		
Rural	897	65	4	7	17	2	*	5	31		
Homemaker's education:											
8th grade or less	509	81	2	5	6	2	*	4	16		
High school - 1-3 years	493	73	3	5	13	1	1	4	24		
High school - 4 years	909	71	4	4	15	1	*	4	25		
College - 1-3 years	346	67	5	4	19	1	1	4	30		
College - over 3 years	220	62	7	5	20	1	*	5	33		
Region:											
Northeast	713	82	4	2	7	1	*	4	14		
North Central	735	78	2	5	10	1	*	3	19		
South	684	64	3	8	19	1	1	6	31		
West	357	55	7	4	27	2	1	4	42		
Homemaker's age:											
Under 30	515	77	3	3	13	1	1	3	20		
30 - 39	523	76	3	4	14	*	*	3	21		
40 - 49	505	71	3	6	15	2	*	4	26		
50 - 59	404	70	4	5	14	2	*	5	26		
60 and over	538	66	5	7	13	1	1	6	28		
Family income:											
Lower	822	76	3	6	10	1	1	4	21		
Middle	731	71	4	4	14	2	1	5	25		
Upper	722	69	4	4	17	1	1	4	27		
Family size:											
1 or 2	1038	68	5	5	14	1	1	6	27		
3 or 4	825	72	3	4	15	2	*	4	25		
5 or more	626	78	2	5	12	*	*	3	19		
Family composition:											
Adults only	1151	69	5	5	14	2	1	5	27		
Children	1338	75	3	4	14	1	*	3	22		

* Less than 1 percent

Questions 24, 25, and 26: "...Have you or have you not used any bedspreads in your home in the past 12 months?" "Have you or have you not used chenille or tufted bedspreads in the past 12 months?" (Asked only if used bedspreads in the 12 months prior to interviewing.) "What fibers are they made of?" (Asked only if used chenille or tufted bedspreads in the 12 months prior to interviewing.)

	Cases		Fibers										
	Number	Percent	Did not use any bedspreads	Did not use chenille bedspreads	Used chenille bedspreads	Cotton	Cotton blends	Rayon/acetate	Other natural fibers	Other synthetic fibers	All other	Total fibers	Don't know, no answer
U.S. total	2489		4	27	69	63	4	*	*	1	*	69	2
<u>Community size:</u>													
Metropolitan	846		6	34	60	55	3	1	1	1	1	61	2
Urban	746		3	26	71	65	3	*	-	*	*	70	2
Rural	897		3	22	75	71	5	-	-	*	*	75	1
<u>Homemaker's education:</u>													
8th grade or less	509		8	15	77	72	3	-	-	1	1	76	2
High school - 1-3 years	493		3	23	74	69	3	*	*	*	*	74	2
High school - 4 years	909		3	29	68	62	4	*	*	1	*	67	1
College - 1-3 years	346		5	33	62	58	4	-	1	1	1	63	1
College - over 3 years	220		3	44	53	48	5	*	-	-	-	54	*
<u>Region:</u>													
Northeast	713		6	25	69	62	2	*	1	1	1	67	3
North Central	735		5	24	71	66	3	*	*	1	*	71	1
South	684		2	27	71	66	5	*	-	*	*	72	*
West	357		4	36	59	56	5	-	-	1	*	61	1
<u>Homemaker's age:</u>													
Under 30	315		5	37	59	53	2	*	-	*	*	57	3
30 - 39	523		3	27	70	64	5	*	*	1	*	71	2
40 - 49	505		4	23	73	66	6	*	*	1	*	73	2
50 - 59	404		4	25	71	67	4	-	*	*	-	72	1
60 and over	538		5	24	71	67	2	*	1	1	1	72	1
<u>Family income:</u>													
Lower	822		6	22	72	68	2	*	*	*	*	72	2
Middle	731		3	25	71	66	6	*	-	*	*	72	1
Upper	722		2	34	63	57	3	*	*	1	*	63	2
<u>Family size:</u>													
1 or 2	1038		6	27	67	62	3	*	*	*	*	66	1
3 or 4	825		3	29	67	61	4	*	*	*	*	66	2
5 or more	626		2	24	74	68	5	*	1	1	*	76	1
<u>Family composition:</u>													
Adults only	1151		6	27	68	64	2	*	*	*	*	68	1
Children	1338		3	27	70	63	5	*	*	1	*	70	2

* Less than 1 percent

Questions 24, 27, and 28: "...Have you or have you not used any bedspreads in your home in the past 12 months?" "...Have you or have you not used woven bedspreads in the past 12 months?" (Asked only if used bedspreads in the 12 months prior to interviewing.) "What fibers are they made of?" (Asked only if used woven bedspreads in the 12 months prior to interviewing.)

	Cases	Did not use any bedspreads		Did not use woven bedspreads		Cotton	Cotton blends	Rayon/acetate	Other natural fibers	Other synthetic fibers	All other	Total fibers	Don't know, no answer
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent								
U.S. total	2489	4	61	35	27	5	1	*	1	1	34	1	
Community size:													
Metropolitan	846	6	63	31	22	5	1	*	1	*	30	2	
Urban	746	3	61	35	27	5	*	*	1	1	35	1	
Rural	897	3	59	38	30	5	1	*	*	1	37	1	
Homemaker's education:													
8th grade or less	509	8	69	23	17	3	1	*	-	1	22	1	
High school - 1-3 years	493	3	64	33	26	4	1	*	1	*	32	2	
High school - 4 years	909	3	60	37	29	5	*	*	1	1	36	1	
College - 1-3 years	346	5	54	41	32	8	*	*	1	1	41	1	
College - over 3 years	220	1	52	45	34	6	*	*	2	1	44	1	
Region:													
Northeast	713	6	63	31	24	5	1	*	1	1	30	1	
North Central	735	5	61	34	27	3	*	*	1	1	33	1	
South	684	2	61	37	29	6	1	*	1	1	37	1	
West	357	4	57	39	27	7	1	-	1	1	36	3	
Homemaker's age:													
Under 30	515	5	63	33	23	5	*	*	1	1	30	3	
30 - 39	523	3	60	37	28	6	1	*	1	1	37	1	
40 - 49	505	4	56	40	30	7	1	*	1	1	40	1	
50 - 59	404	4	61	34	27	4	*	-	*	1	34	1	
60 and over	538	5	65	30	24	3	1	*	*	*	28	1	
Family income:													
Lower	822	6	65	29	23	3	1	*	*	*	27	2	
Middle	731	3	62	35	26	6	1	*	1	1	35	1	
Upper	722	2	56	42	32	6	*	*	1	1	40	2	
Family size:													
1 or 2	1038	6	63	31	24	3	1	*	*	1	30	2	
3 or 4	825	3	60	37	27	5	1	*	1	1	35	2	
5 or more	626	2	59	39	30	7	*	-	1	1	39	1	
Family composition:													
Adults only	1151	6	63	31	24	3	*	*	*	1	30	1	
Children	1338	3	59	38	29	5	1	*	1	1	37	1	

Less than 1 percent

Questions 24, 29, and 30: "...Have you or have you not used any bedspreads in your home in the past 12 months?" "Have you or have you not used tailored bedspreads in the past 12 months?" (Asked only if used bedspreads in the 12 months prior to interviewing.) "What fibers are they made of?" (Asked only if used tailored bedspreads in the 12 months prior to interviewing.)

	Cases	Did not use any bedspreads											Did not use tailored bedspreads											Used tailored bedspreads																																
		Cotton			Cotton blends			Rayon/acetate			Other natural fibers			Other synthetic fibers			All other			Total fibers			Don't know, no answer																																	
	Number	Percent																																																						
U.S. total	2489	4	49	47	24	8	8	2	5	4	51	1	6	40	54	27	7	10	3	6	5	59	1	3	45	51	26	9	10	1	5	4	55	2	3	59	38	20	6	6	1	3	1	38	*											
Community size:																																																								
Metropolitan	846	6	40	54	27	7	10	3	6	5	59	1	3	45	51	26	9	10	1	5	4	55	2	3	59	38	20	6	6	1	3	1	38	*																						
Urban	746	3	45	51	26	9	10	1	5	4	55	2	3	59	38	20	6	6	1	3	1	38	*	3	59	38	20	6	6	1	3	1	38	*																						
Rural	897	3	59	38	20	6	6	1	3	1	38	*	3	59	38	20	6	6	1	3	1	38	*	3	59	38	20	6	6	1	3	1	38	*																						
Homemaker's education:																																																								
8th grade or less	509	8	65	27	14	3	6	1	2	1	26	1	3	51	46	22	6	10	2	6	3	51	1	3	44	53	28	10	8	2	6	4	57	1	5	38	57	30	7	12	1	6	5	62	1	3	38	59	30	13	6	3	5	5	62	1
High school - 1-3 years	493	3	51	46	22	6	10	2	6	3	51	1	3	44	53	28	10	8	2	6	4	57	1	5	38	57	30	7	12	1	6	5	62	1	3	38	59	30	13	6	3	5	5	62	1											
High school - 4 years	909	3	44	53	28	10	8	2	6	4	57	1	5	38	57	30	7	12	1	6	5	62	1	3	38	59	30	13	6	3	5	5	62	1																						
College - 1-3 years	346	5	38	57	30	7	12	1	6	5	62	1	3	38	59	30	13	6	3	5	5	62	1	3	38	59	30	13	6	3	5	5	62	1																						
College - over 3 years	220	3	38	59	30	13	6	3	5	5	62	1	3	38	59	30	13	6	3	5	5	62	1	3	38	59	30	13	6	3	5	5	62	1																						
Region:																																																								
Northeast	713	6	49	45	23	5	9	2	6	3	47	1	5	48	47	25	10	6	2	5	4	50	1	2	53	45	24	7	9	2	2	3	48	1	4	39	57	26	11	12	2	9	3	63	1											
North Central	735	5	48	47	25	10	6	2	5	4	50	1	2	53	45	24	7	9	2	2	3	48	1	4	39	57	26	11	12	2	9	3	63	1																						
South	684	2	53	45	24	7	9	2	2	3	48	1	4	39	57	26	11	12	2	9	3	63	1	4	39	57	26	11	12	2	9	3	63	1																						
West	357	4	39	57	26	11	12	2	9	3	63	1	4	39	57	26	11	12	2	9	3	63	1	4	39	57	26	11	12	2	9	3	63	1																						
Homemaker's age:																																																								
Under 30	515	5	45	50	25	9	9	2	4	2	53	2	3	44	53	30	7	8	1	7	4	58	1	4	43	53	27	10	10	2	7	4	58	1	4	51	44	21	7	8	1	5	4	48	1	5	59	36	18	4	7	2	3	3	37	1
30 - 39	523	3	44	53	30	7	8	1	7	4	58	1	4	43	53	27	10	10	2	7	4	58	1	4	51	44	21	7	8	1	5	4	48	1	5	59	36	18	4	7	2	3	3	37	1											
40 - 49	505	4	43	53	27	10	10	2	7	4	58	1	4	51	44	21	7	8	1	5	4	48	1	5	59	36	18	4	7	2	3	3	37	1																						
50 - 59	404	4	51	44	21	7	8	1	5	4	48	1	5	59	36	18	4	7	2	3	3	37	1	5	59	36	18	4	7	2	3	3	37	1																						
60 and over	538	5	59	36	18	4	7	2	3	3	37	1	5	59	36	18	4	7	2	3	3	37	1	5	59	36	18	4	7	2	3	3	37	1																						
Family income:																																																								
Lower	822	6	63	31	18	4	5	1	2	2	32	1	3	48	48	25	9	8	2	4	4	52	1	2	34	64	31	12	11	2	8	5	71	1																						
Middle	731	3	48	48	25	9	8	2	4	4	52	1	2	34	64	31	12	11	2	8	5	71	1	2	34	64	31	12	11	2	8	5	71	1																						
Upper	722	2	34	64	31	12	11	2	8	5	71	1	2	34	64	31	12	11	2	8	5	71	1	2	34	64	31	12	11	2	8	5	71	1																						
Family size:																																																								
1 or 2	1038	6	54	41	20	5	8	2	3	3	42	1	3	44	52	27	8	10	2	7	4	56	2	2	46	52	28	11	7	2	6	4	57	1																						
3 or 4	825	3	44	52	27	8	10	2	7	4	56	2	2	46	52	28	11	7	2	6	4	57	1	2	46	52	28	11	7	2	6	4	57	1																						
5 or more	626	2	46	52	28	11	7	2	6	4	57	1	2	46	52	28	11	7	2	6	4	57	1	2	46	52	28	11	7	2	6	4	57	1																						
Family composition:																																																								
Adults only	1151	6	53	41	20	5	8	2	4	3	43	1	3	45	52	28	9	9	2	5	4	57	1	3	45	52	28	9	9	2	5	4	57	1																						
Children	1338	3	45	52	28	9	9	2	5	4	57	1	3	45	52	28	9	9	2	5	4	57	1	3	45	52	28	9	9	2	5	4	57	1																						

* Less than 1 percent

Question 31: "Let's talk about the cotton (chenille), (woven), (tailored) bedspreads. In your opinion, what are the advantages of such a bedspread?" (Asked only if used cotton (chenille), (woven), (tailored) bedspreads in the 12 months prior to interviewing.)

	U.S. total		
	Cotton chenille	Cotton woven	Cotton tailored
	Percent		
<u>Percentage asked this question</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>24</u>
Care and laundering	55	20	16
Easy to wash	22	7	6
Requires little or no ironing	14	5	3
Can be washed	13	6	6
Looks good after laundering	12	4	2
Easy to dry	9	2	2
Machine washable	5	1	1
Can machine dry	4	1	1
Easy to remove stains	2	1	1
Can be bleached	2	*	*
Easy to care for	2	1	1
Other	2	1	1
Performance and durability	31	17	10
Lasts a long time	18	8	5
Colors stay like new	8	6	3
Does not shrink	4	2	1
Does not wrinkle	4	2	1
Holds shape	3	2	1
Does not have lint	1	3	1
Other	5	3	1
Appearance	19	11	10
Attractive, pretty	8	4	5
Looks good for a long time	5	3	2
Good range of colors	4	2	3
Other	3	3	3
Comfort and Weight	8	4	3
Warm	3	2	1
Lightweight	2	1	1
Other	3	2	1
Inexpensive	5	1	1
Good value for the money	2	1	*
All other	2	1	*
No advantages	1	*	1
Don't know, no answer	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>	<u>*</u>
Total	<u>170</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>56</u>
Number of cases	2489	2489	2489

* Less than 1 percent

Question 32: "What are the disadvantages of such a bedspread?"
 (Asked only if used cotton (chenille), (woven),
 (tailored) bedspreads in the 12 months prior to interviewing.)

	<u>U.S. total</u>		
	<u>Cotton chenille</u>	<u>Cotton woven</u>	<u>Cotton tailored</u>
	<u>Percent</u>		
<u>Percentage asked this question</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>24</u>
Performance and durability	31	5	6
Has lint	23	*	*
Ravels, threads pull	4	2	1
Colors do not stay like new	2	1	2
Wears out rather quickly	2	*	1
'Fills'	2	*	*
Shrinks	1	1	1
Does not resist stain or soil	1	*	*
Stretches	1	1	*
Other	1	1	2
Not easy to dry	2	1	*
Difficult to handle	2	1	1
Does not launder well	1	*	*
Not attractive, not pretty	1	1	1
Heavy, bulky	1	1	*
Other	5	3	3
No disadvantages	27	16	12
Don't know, no answer	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>78</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>25</u>
Number of cases	2489	2489	2489

* Less than 1 percent

Question 33: "...As I mention different kinds of bedspreads, tell me how good a choice for you each bedspread would be if you were buying bedspreads now..."

	Polyester and cotton	Polyester	Cotton	Rayon/ acetate	Chenille	Woven	Tailored	Durable press
1- Not a very good choice for me	11	15	9	48	20	15	15	9
2-	8	12	7	18	8	8	10	6
3-	24	23	14	17	12	21	20	14
4-	25	21	18	8	16	23	18	21
5- A very good choice for me	27	23	51	6	42	31	34	47
Mean	3.52	3.26	3.97	2.03	3.53	3.48	3.48	3.95
Did not rate	5	6	*	2	1	2	2	4
Number of cases	2489	2489	2489	2489	2489	2489	2489	2489

* Less than 1 percent

Questions 34 and 35: "...As I mention some fibers used in room-size rugs for bedrooms and living rooms, tell me how good a choice for you each would be if you were buying a room-size rug for your bedroom or living room now..."

Living room

Bedroom

	All wool	All acrylic	All cotton	All nylon	All wool	All acrylic	All cotton	All nylon
1- Not a very good choice for me	35	12	42	17	28	11	56	19
2-	11	7	16	9	8	7	16	10
3-	15	19	18	17	12	19	13	15
4-	12	24	11	22	13	23	6	21
5- A very good choice for me	26	34	12	32	37	34	7	33
Mean	2.82	3.64	2.33	3.45	3.23	3.65	1.90	3.41
Did not rate	2	4	2	3	2	5	2	3
Number of cases	2489	2489	2489	2489	2489	2489	2489	2489

Percent

1- Not a very good choice for me

2-

3-

4-

5- A very good choice for me

Mean

Did not rate

Number of cases

Questions 36 and 37: "...Which of these ideas would be most important to you if you were buying area or room-size rugs for a (bedroom), (living room) Any others?"

	<u>U.S. total</u>	
	<u>Bedroom</u>	<u>Living room</u>
	----- <u>Percent</u> -----	
Looks good for a long time	68	73
Easy to care for day-to-day	68	68
Easy to remove stains	57	68
Does not 'fuzz' or shed	51	46
Good value for the money	46	45
Good in homes with children	39	41
Does not mat down or crush easily	38	44
A certain fiber, such as wool...	33	36
Good range of colors	32	36
Does not burn easily, not flammable	26	27
Little or no static electricity	23	24
Don't know, no answer	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>483</u>	<u>510</u>
Number of cases	2489	2489

Question 38: "...Which of these describe your opinions about non-size all wool rugs? Any others?"

	Percent																								
	Number*	15	41	52	8	35	7	21	30	27	2	12	14	30	21	28	12	18	12	16	27	1	10	438	
U.S. total		2489																							
Community sizes:																									
Metropolitan	846	19	39	57	7	38	5	19	21	42	2	13	13	36	18	35	10	19	12	19	24	1	11	458	
Urban	746	14	43	52	10	36	7	21	23	36	2	13	15	26	22	24	17	20	13	16	27	1	8	448	
Rural	897	33	42	46	8	31	8	24	16	32	1	11	13	27	22	27	9	16	12	12	30	1	12	412	
Respondent's education:																									
8th grade or less	509	14	33	44	8	30	6	19	17	30	2	12	11	25	19	25	9	15	7	12	22	* 19	379		
High school - 1-3 years	483	14	42	46	9	30	7	20	19	32	2	11	14	27	23	25	14	18	10	15	28	1	11	417	
High school - 4 years	909	15	43	52	6	35	7	22	20	36	2	12	15	29	23	30	13	20	14	17	26	1	7	452	
College - 1-3 years	346	18	46	60	7	39	7	19	23	44	2	14	17	35	17	32	11	19	17	17	30	1	6	482	
College - over 3 years	220	15	44	56	6	45	7	23	20	43	3	15	12	40	16	35	11	20	15	17	27	* 8	489		
Region:																									
Northeast	713	16	37	56	7	37	5	20	18	42	1	10	12	35	18	29	7	18	10	18	24	* 9	431		
North Central	735	17	46	53	9	37	7	22	22	39	2	13	18	30	21	28	17	20	19	18	27	1	10	476	
South	684	12	39	43	8	27	7	18	18	27	2	11	11	22	21	24	10	13	7	9	28	2	15	374	
West	357	17	46	57	8	42	7	23	21	38	3	18	15	34	23	31	15	26	15	20	30	* 6	496		
Respondent's age:																									
Under 30	515	10	49	43	10	27	9	17	25	35	3	11	17	20	28	21	15	15	17	15	34	* 13	432		
30 - 39	523	11	49	50	8	33	7	15	22	32	3	10	14	26	23	24	10	16	12	17	35	2	9	428	
40 - 49	505	17	42	51	8	35	8	22	18	35	2	11	14	33	30	32	12	17	15	28	1	9	446		
50 - 59	404	18	37	54	9	38	7	19	32	40	1	17	13	32	21	32	12	19	14	23	1	10	457		
60 and over	538	21	30	60	6	42	4	24	17	41	1	13	11	38	12	34	10	20	9	15	15	1	11	632	
Family income:																									
Under \$10,000	822	15	36	47	7	31	6	20	18	34	2	11	13	27	21	23	11	15	10	14	25	1	14	601	
\$10,000 - \$14,999	731	13	44	50	10	36	8	20	23	37	2	13	14	29	23	28	13	19	13	15	30	1	9	450	
\$15,000 - \$24,999	722	16	48	56	7	38	8	22	29	3	12	16	16	32	21	30	14	21	16	19	29	1	6	476	
Family size:																									
1 or 2	1038	17	34	56	7	38	6	23	18	38	2	13	15	34	16	31	12	19	12	14	18	1	11	434	
3 or 4	483	16	43	50	8	33	7	20	20	38	2	12	13	28	22	26	11	18	13	18	20	1	10	438	
5 or more	628	11	31	47	10	32	8	18	22	33	2	12	14	24	27	26	13	18	13	16	39	1	10	446	
Family composition:																									
Adults only	1151	17	34	56	7	38	6	22	18	39	2	13	14	35	15	31	12	18	12	17	18	1	11	431	
Children	1338	13	40	48	9	33	8	20	21	35	2	12	13	55	15	26	12	19	13	14	35	1	9	444	

* Less than 1 percent

Question 39: "Which of these describe your opinions about room-size all acrylic rugs (such as Acrilan or Croilan)? Any others?"

	U.S. total	Percent										Total														
		45	6	36	6	27	3	19	10	36	1		11	8	41	4	20	8	11	10	33	4	1	28	367	
Community size:																										
Metropolitan	846	43	10	53	10	26	5	20	12	38	1	9	11	41	4	19	9	11	13	34	5	1	26	380		
Urban	746	47	6	41	5	30	3	20	11	35	1	14	7	42	5	22	9	14	9	35	3	1	27	386		
Rural	897	45	3	34	3	25	1	16	8	34	12	6	43	2	20	6	8	7	32	4	4	32	340			
8th grade or less:																										
High school - 1-3 years	509	26	4	22	5	16	4	10	7	20	1	8	4	26	4	10	5	6	4	17	4	1	51	255		
High school - 4 years	493	42	5	35	5	29	2	19	6	35	4	11	7	41	3	22	5	11	6	33	4	2	29	352		
College - 1-3 years	408	23	6	40	6	30	3	21	11	39	14	8	46	4	22	9	13	11	39	4	1	20	402			
College - over 3 years	308	23	6	40	6	30	3	21	11	39	14	8	46	4	22	9	13	11	39	4	1	20	447			
Region:	220	49	10	35	6	26	4	19	13	42	2	10	10	40	5	21	14	12	16	34	4	24	397			
Northeast	713	45	6	31	8	24	4	16	10	35	1	10	7	40	3	16	7	10	10	33	4	1	28	347		
North Central	735	49	6	38	6	31	2	10	11	35	1	11	12	47	5	23	6	14	11	36	4	1	32	402		
South	684	37	6	35	3	33	3	17	3	28	1	13	4	37	4	19	6	8	11	36	4	1	32	345		
West	357	52	7	40	8	33	5	23	13	43	1	15	9	47	4	27	12	12	15	42	4	22	437			
Homeowner's age:																										
Under 30	515	46	8	37	8	28	4	20	12	38	12	10	43	4	19	9	12	13	40	4	4	26	394			
30 - 39	533	53	6	41	5	30	2	20	12	41	1	13	7	49	3	22	8	11	9	46	4	2	17	408		
40 - 49	505	50	8	39	8	28	4	23	10	40	1	13	6	47	4	24	9	13	32	36	4	1	23	403		
50 - 59	404	47	5	38	4	31	2	21	8	35	1	13	8	39	4	23	7	13	10	29	2	1	31	373		
60 and over	538	30	4	43	5	18	3	12	6	24	1	7	6	28	3	12	7	6	6	15	5	1	17	269		
Family income:																										
Lower	822	23	4	28	4	21	2	13	7	26	1	10	6	35	3	15	5	8	5	23	4	1	42	293		
Middle	731	49	6	40	6	31	3	20	12	38	1	13	7	44	4	22	9	13	9	39	4	1	23	393		
Upper	742	58	8	41	9	32	5	24	13	47	1	13	10	49	4	25	12	13	17	43	4	1	16	446		
Family size:																										
1 or 2	1038	37	5	31	6	23	3	16	8	30	1	11	8	35	3	18	8	10	8	21	4	1	36	324		
3 or 4	825	47	7	36	6	28	4	20	10	40	1	11	8	43	4	22	9	11	12	38	4	1	25	387		
5 or more	626	54	7	43	6	31	3	20	13	39	1	14	7	49	4	22	7	12	10	46	4	1	20	415		
Family composition:																										
Adult only	1151	39	5	31	6	23	3	18	7	31	1	11	7	36	3	19	8	10	8	22	3	1	35	328		
Children	1338	50	7	40	6	30	5	19	12	39	1	12	8	46	4	21	8	17	11	43	4	1	23	400		

* Less than 1 percent

Question 40: "Which of these describe your opinions about room-size all cotton rugs? Any others?"

Opinion	Percent									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Difficult to remove stains	27	21	12	36	19	19	12	19	28	2
Difficult to remove stains	27	21	12	36	19	19	12	19	28	2
Does not look good for a long time	36	19	19	12	36	19	19	12	36	2
Doesn't look good for a long time	36	19	19	12	36	19	19	12	36	2
Good value for the money	19	19	12	36	19	19	12	19	28	2
Not a good value for the money	19	19	12	36	19	19	12	19	28	2
Doesn't 'fuzz' or shed	12	22	28	1	9	12	21	22	28	1
Tends to 'fuzz' or shed	12	22	28	1	9	12	21	22	28	1
Doesn't 'fuzz' or shed	12	22	28	1	9	12	21	22	28	1
Tends to 'fuzz' or shed	12	22	28	1	9	12	21	22	28	1
Good range of colors	19	28	2	6	14	20	24	3	34	29
Not a good range of colors	19	28	2	6	14	20	24	3	34	29
Doesn't burn easily	13	23	2	7	13	23	2	7	13	23
Flammable	13	23	2	7	13	23	2	7	13	23
Flammable	13	23	2	7	13	23	2	7	13	23
Easy to care for day-to-day	20	24	6	29	23	24	6	29	23	24
Difficult to care for day-to-day	20	24	6	29	23	24	6	29	23	24
Doesn't mat down or crush easily	20	24	6	29	23	24	6	29	23	24
Tends to mat down or crush easily	20	24	6	29	23	24	6	29	23	24
Lette or no static electricity	22	20	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
A lot of static electricity	22	20	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Good in homes with children	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Not good in homes with children	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
None of these	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Don't know, no answer	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total	378	378	378	378	378	378	378	378	378	378

* Less than 1 percent

Question 41: "Which of these describe your opinions about non-size all nylon rugs? Any others?"

	Percent										Total													
	Number*	24-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50-54	55-59	60-64	65-69		70-74												
U.S. total		52	7	44	7	33	4	23	10	39	6	24	10	9	23	39	6	1	17	423				
Community sizes:																								
Metropolitan	846	46	9	37	12	28	6	22	12	35	1	9	17	42	6	21	13	8	25	35	6	1	18	413
Urban	746	54	7	49	5	37	4	25	11	42	1	14	11	47	7	27	10	11	23	29	6	1	16	445
Rural	897	56	6	45	4	35	3	32	7	37	1	12	10	50	4	26	7	7	20	41	4	* 18	415	
Homeowner's education:																								
8th grade or less	509	44	5	37	3	28	2	18	7	27	1	11	8	39	4	19	6	7	11	31	5	1	133	345
High school - 1-3 years	493	52	8	44	6	35	5	24	9	41	1	12	12	46	6	23	9	8	21	36	6	1	135	421
High school - 4 years	909	57	8	46	8	34	4	24	10	42	1	11	13	50	6	26	10	10	25	44	5	1	132	448
College - 1-2 years	346	51	8	48	9	38	4	23	14	45	1	10	18	47	5	29	12	8	33	41	6	1	133	467
College - over 3 years	220	56	10	42	10	33	7	25	10	43	2	13	15	47	7	25	14	8	26	39	5	* 14	451	
Region:																								
Northeast	713	44	9	36	10	25	5	18	10	35	1	9	11	41	8	18	10	7	20	33	6	1	120	375
North Central	735	55	6	45	7	40	4	28	11	45	1	13	15	52	5	30	9	13	26	41	5	1	116	468
South	684	52	7	46	4	32	4	19	8	34	1	11	7	43	5	21	9	5	15	37	3	1	118	383
West	357	62	7	52	8	40	4	29	13	45	1	14	20	50	4	33	12	11	36	47	6	1	112	505
Homeowner's age:																								
Under 30	545	52	10	47	6	34	4	25	12	45	1	11	18	45	7	25	9	10	26	49	7	* 14	457	
30 - 39	523	58	7	51	7	31	5	21	12	41	1	13	13	49	6	25	9	7	28	46	5	1	110	449
40 - 49	505	55	9	40	9	37	5	23	11	39	1	12	11	50	5	25	13	9	25	40	6	1	113	441
50 - 59	404	52	6	42	7	34	4	25	10	37	* 12	11	45	6	23	7	10	10	21	33	5	1	120	413
60 and over	538	44	5	39	5	31	3	20	5	33	1	8	10	42	4	24	7	7	13	25	4	1	120	360
Family income:																								
Lower	822	45	5	41	4	28	3	18	7	32	1	9	10	43	5	21	7	7	16	33	6	* 26	367	
Middle	731	56	9	47	8	39	5	26	12	43	1	13	15	48	6	29	11	24	44	5	1	113	459	
Upper	722	60	8	46	10	36	6	26	14	44	1	13	14	50	6	29	13	9	32	43	5	1	110	475
Family size:																								
1 or 2	1038	47	6	41	7	30	4	21	8	35	1	11	12	42	5	23	9	8	19	28	4	1	124	385
3 or 4	825	53	10	43	8	36	4	24	12	44	* 11	13	14	56	7	27	12	8	26	44	6	* 14	403	
5 or more	626	60	7	49	6	35	4	24	11	40	1	13	12	46	5	26	8	10	26	49	6	* 11	459	
Family composition:																								
Adults only	1184	47	6	39	7	31	4	22	8	35	1	11	12	42	5	23	9	8	19	28	4	1	124	383
Children	1356	57	9	47	7	35	5	24	12	43	1	12	13	50	6	25	10	9	26	45	7	* 12	456	

* Less than 1 percent

Questions 42 and 43: "Have you or have you not used area or room-size rugs -- NOT wall-to-wall -- in any room in your home in the past 12 months?" "Let's talk about the room-size rug you purchased MOST recently. In which room would that be?" (Asked only if used area rugs in the 12 months prior to interviewing.)

	Number	: Did not use : : area rugs : : never purchased :	: Gift, : : purchased area rug for :	Percent													
				: Total : : room : : 1 room :	: Living : : room : : 1 room :	: Dining : : room : : 1 room :	: Bedroom(s) : : 1 room :	: Other : : 1 room :	: Recreation : : 1 room :	: Sun, : : room :	: Other : : 1 room :						
U.S. total	2489	50	8	43	23	5	14	4	1								
Community size:																	
Metropolitan	846	50	7	43	22	6	16	5	1								
Urban	746	44	7	48	26	5	15	4	1								
Rural	897	54	9	37	23	5	10	3	4								
Homeowner's education:																	
8th grade or less	309	60	8	31	23	4	7	2	1								
High school - 1-3 years	493	53	7	40	26	3	11	3	1								
High school - 4 years	909	48	7	45	24	7	14	5	1								
College - 1-3 years	346	39	9	51	22	6	21	7	1								
College - over 3 years	220	40	9	51	23	8	18	10	1								
Region:																	
Northeast	713	39	7	56	34	8	15	4	1								
North Central	735	51	10	39	21	6	11	4	1								
South	684	39	6	34	18	3	12	5	1								
West	357	49	9	42	18	4	18	6	1								
Homeowner's age:																	
Under 30	515	47	12	41	26	3	13	3	4								
30 - 39	523	50	7	44	22	6	15	6	1								
40 - 49	505	52	6	42	19	4	15	7	1								
50 - 59	404	53	6	41	19	7	15	4	1								
60 and over	538	47	8	44	30	8	11	2	1								
Family income:																	
Lower	822	56	9	34	23	4	9	1	4								
Middle	731	46	9	46	26	6	15	4	1								
Upper	722	45	5	50	19	7	19	8	2								
Family size:																	
1 or 2	1038	50	9	41	26	6	11	4	1								
3 or 4	825	49	8	43	23	6	15	5	4								
5 or more	626	50	6	46	20	5	17	5	1								
Family composition:																	
Adults only	1151	49	8	42	26	6	12	4	1								
Children	1358	50	7	43	22	5	15	5	1								

* Less than 1 percent

Question 44: "In what year did you buy the rug you purchased most recently?" (Asked only if used area rugs in the 12 months prior to interviewing.)

	Cases	Percent asked										Don't know, no answer
		1 year ago or less	2 years ago	3 years ago	4-5 years ago	6-10 years ago	11-15 years ago	16-20 years ago	Over 20 years ago			
	Number	Percent										
U.S. total	2489	43	7	7	6	7	8	3	1	2	2	
<u>Community size:</u>												
Metropolitan	846	43	7	9	6	7	7	3	1	2	2	
Urban	746	48	10	6	7	7	10	4	1	2	2	
Rural	897	37	6	6	5	6	7	2	1	2	2	
<u>Homemaker's education:</u>												
8th grade or less	509	31	4	6	4	5	4	3	1	2	1	
High school - 1-3 years	493	40	8	6	6	6	7	3	1	1	1	
High school - 4 years	909	45	7	8	7	6	9	3	*	2	2	
College - 1-3 years	346	51	11	6	7	8	10	3	1	3	3	
College - over 3 years	220	51	8	8	6	11	10	2	1	2	3	
<u>Region:</u>												
Northeast	713	54	9	8	7	10	10	5	1	3	2	
North Central	735	39	6	6	6	6	8	2	1	2	2	
South	684	34	7	7	6	4	5	2	1	1	2	
West	357	42	8	8	5	6	8	2	*	3	1	
<u>Homemaker's age:</u>												
Under 30	515	41	15	10	7	4	3	-	*	*	1	
30 - 39	523	44	8	8	7	9	9	2	*	-	1	
40 - 49	505	42	6	6	8	8	9	2	1	1	2	
50 - 59	404	41	4	8	6	6	9	4	1	2	1	
60 and over	538	44	3	4	6	6	10	7	2	6	3	
<u>Family income:</u>												
Lower	822	34	6	6	5	4	6	3	1	2	2	
Middle	731	46	8	8	7	9	9	3	1	2	1	
Upper	722	50	9	8	8	8	9	2	1	2	2	
<u>Family size:</u>												
1 or 2	1038	41	6	5	5	6	8	4	2	4	2	
3 or 4	825	43	8	8	7	6	9	2	*	1	1	
5 or more	626	44	9	9	7	8	7	2	*	*	2	
<u>Family composition:</u>												
Adults only	1151	42	6	5	4	7	8	4	2	4	2	
Children	1338	43	9	9	8	7	7	2	*	*	1	

* Less than 1 percent

Questions 48 and 49: "As I mention different kinds of throw or scatter rugs, tell me how good a choice for you each rug would be if you were buying throw or scatter rugs for your (bedroom), (bathroom) now."

	<u>Bedroom</u>				<u>Bathroom</u>			
	All Nylon	All Cotton	All Acrylic	All Wool	All Nylon	All Cotton	All Acrylic	All Wool
1- Not a very good choice for me	48	18	27	14	48	19	15	17
2-	16	9	12	7	9	15	7	9
3-	19	16	18	21	13	17	14	19
4-	10	24	15	22	9	9	22	20
5- A very good choice for me	5	31	28	32	20	5	31	44
Mean	2.05	3.43	3.06	3.53	2.42	2.01	3.38	3.40
Did not rate	3	3	1	4	2	3	2	1
Number of cases	2489	2489	2489	2489	2489	2489	2489	2489

Percent

Question 50: "...What advantages, if any, are there in using all cotton scatter rugs? Are there any others?"

	<u>U.S. total</u>
	<u>Percent</u>
Care and laundering	79
Easy to wash	33
Can be washed	25
Machine washable	13
Easy to dry	9
Easy to remove stains	7
Looks good after laundering	5
Can machine dry	5
Easy to care for	2
Can be bleached	2
Easy to handle	2
Can be dyed or tinted	1
Performance and durability	32
Lasts a long time	13
Colors stay like new	9
Protects larger rugs or floors	4
Absorbent	3
Does not slide	3
Does not shrink	2
Resists stain or soil	1
Does not have lint	1
Holds shape	1
Other	3
Appearance	15
Good range of colors	10
Attractive, pretty	4
Looks good for a long time	2
Looks neat, fresh	1
Other	1
Comfort and weight	5
Soft	2
Warm	2
Lightweight	1
Other	1
Inexpensive	12
Good value for the money	1
All other	2
No advantages	9
Total	<u>193</u>
Number of cases	2489

Question 51: "...What disadvantages, if any, are there in using all cotton scatter rugs? Are there any others?"

	<u>U.S. total</u>
	<u>Percent</u>
Performance and durability	58
Tends to slide	19
Wears out rather quickly	12
Does not lay flat or smooth	12
Colors do not stay like new	11
Has lint	9
Does not resist stain or soil	8
Tends to mat down	7
The backing disintegrates	5
Loses body, gets flimsy	2
Ravels, threads pull	2
Shrinks	2
Does not hold shape	2
Wrinkles easily	1
'Pills'	1
Flammable	1
Other	1
Appearance	7
Not attractive, not pretty	4
Does not look good for a long time	3
Other	1
Care and laundering	5
Not easy to dry	4
Difficult to remove stains	2
Difficult to care for	1
Does not launder well	1
Not easy to wash	1
Other	1
Comfort and weight	3
Too light in weight	2
Other	1
All other	1
No disadvantages	31
Don't know, no answer	<u>5</u>
Total	<u>152</u>
Number of cases	2489

Questions 52 and 53: "Have you or have you not used any throw or scatter rugs -- rugs which are no larger than about 4' by 6' in your home in the past 12 months?" "In what rooms in your home have you used such rugs? Any others?" (Asked only if used throw or scatter rugs in the 12 months prior to interviewing.)

	Number	Percent										
		Did not use	Living room	Dining room	Kitchen	Bedroom(s)	Bathroom(s)	Hall	Other	Other	Total	
U.S. total	2489	20	35	9	4	30	51	62	6	18	2	217
Community size:												
Metropolitan	846	24	22	6	3	15	41	60	6	20	1	183
Urban	746	20	35	8	4	30	52	61	6	15	3	214
Rural	897	16	47	12	4	36	60	65	6	19	3	252
Homeowner's education:												
8th grade or less	509	30	39	8	3	22	47	67	3	11	1	181
High school - 1-3 years	493	18	40	12	5	31	57	64	3	10	1	234
High school - 4 years	909	16	34	9	3	36	52	68	7	20	3	233
College - 1-3 years	346	17	28	7	5	50	51	64	7	19	1	111
College - over 3 years	220	19	29	7	5	23	48	65	10	21	3	210
Region:												
Northwest	713	26	24	8	2	25	46	39	6	19	1	190
North Central	735	13	45	13	5	44	59	66	7	25	3	267
South	684	24	36	5	4	21	49	55	5	11	1	187
West	357	12	32	9	5	31	49	73	7	35	6	226
Homeowner's age:												
Under 30	515	18	34	7	4	36	50	65	4	17	2	220
30 - 39	523	19	30	6	2	32	48	66	9	18	3	214
40 - 49	505	18	34	9	3	31	54	63	9	20	2	224
50 - 59	404	21	38	11	5	26	53	60	6	17	3	221
60 and over	538	23	39	12	4	26	51	55	3	18	1	209
Family income:												
Lower	822	27	40	9	4	26	52	55	1	13	1	201
Middle	731	16	38	11	5	34	55	67	7	19	5	240
Upper	722	15	28	7	3	34	50	67	11	23	3	226
Family size:												
1 or 2	1038	21	38	11	4	26	50	59	4	17	2	213
3 or 4	825	19	32	8	3	32	53	63	6	17	3	213
5 or more	626	18	33	8	4	35	53	65	9	20	3	227
Family composition:												
Adults only	1151	22	38	10	4	27	50	58	6	18	2	211
Children	1338	18	32	8	3	33	53	65	8	18	2	222

Question 54: "...In the past 12 months did you or did you not use any draperies in any of your bedrooms? The kitchen? The living room?"

	: Did not use :		Used draperies			
	Cases :		bedrooms:	kitchen:	living room:	Total
	Number	Percent				
U.S. total	2489	20	55	14	76	146
Community size:						
Metropolitan	846	20	56	16	76	147
Urban	746	16	64	16	80	159
Rural	897	23	48	11	74	133
Homemaker's education:						
8th grade or less	509	36	38	6	61	105
High school - 1-3 years	493	20	52	12	76	141
High school - 4 years	909	13	64	17	84	165
College - 1-3 years	346	15	62	19	79	161
College - over 3 years	220	16	57	15	77	150
Region:						
Northeast	713	27	52	13	69	134
North Central	735	15	57	14	81	153
South	684	21	54	13	75	142
West	357	12	63	17	84	163
Homemaker's age:						
Under 30	515	20	53	11	74	138
30 - 39	523	16	61	19	79	159
40 - 49	505	13	64	18	84	166
50 - 59	404	17	58	11	80	149
60 and over	538	31	42	11	66	119
Family income:						
Lower	822	33	42	9	63	114
Middle	731	15	57	14	82	153
Upper	722	10	69	19	85	173
Family size:						
1 or 2	1038	25	48	13	72	133
3 or 4	825	18	60	14	78	153
5 or more	626	13	62	15	81	159
Family composition:						
Adults only	1151	24	50	13	72	1
Children	1338	16	60	15	80	1

Question 55: "What fibers are the living room draperies you used in the past 12 months made of?" (Asked only if used draperies in the living room in the 12 months prior to interviewing)

	Cases	Percent asked											Total
		Fiberglass	Cotton	Cotton and rayon/acetate	Rayon/acetate	Other synthetic	Cotton blend unspecified	Nylon	Cotton and synthetic blend	All other	Don't know, no answer		
	Number-	Percent-											
U.S. total	2489	76	23	13	10	5	5	3	2	2	6	8	78
<u>Community size:</u>													
Metropolitan	846	76	23	12	9	6	5	2	2	2	7	9	78
Urban	746	80	26	13	12	4	4	3	1	3	5	9	82
Rural	897	74	22	15	10	5	6	3	2	2	5	5	75
<u>Homeowner's education:</u>													
8th grade or less	509	61	23	12	5	5	4	1	1	1	2	8	62
High school - 1-3 years	493	76	28	14	10	4	4	2	2	3	3	9	78
High school - 4 years	909	84	27	14	11	6	6	3	2	3	7	7	86
College - 1-3 years	346	79	16	14	14	6	6	4	1	3	8	8	81
College - over 3 years	220	77	14	14	12	5	5	4	2	2	10	9	78
<u>Region:</u>													
Northeast	713	69	34	10	5	5	3	1	1	1	5	5	72
North Central	735	81	25	15	10	5	5	3	3	2	7	8	83
South	684	75	17	15	10	4	7	3	1	4	6	8	76
West	357	84	10	15	19	9	8	4	1	1	5	11	85
<u>Homeowner's age:</u>													
Under 30	515	74	24	10	8	5	4	4	2	2	4	10	75
30 - 39	523	79	24	15	10	5	6	3	1	2	8	7	81
40 - 49	505	84	26	13	14	5	7	3	2	2	7	7	86
50 - 59	404	80	25	16	12	8	3	1	2	2	6	7	82
60 and over	538	66	19	14	8	5	5	1	1	2	4	7	68
<u>Family income:</u>													
Lower	822	63	22	13	7	4	5	3	1	2	2	6	64
Middle	731	82	28	16	12	6	5	3	1	3	5	7	84
Upper	722	85	21	13	13	6	6	3	2	2	10	10	87
<u>Family size:</u>													
1 or 2	1038	72	20	14	10	5	5	2	2	3	5	8	73
3 or 4	825	78	27	12	9	5	6	2	1	2	6	8	80
5 or more	626	81	25	14	12	6	6	4	2	1	7	6	83
<u>Family composition:</u>													
Adults only	1151	72	21	14	10	6	5	2	2	3	5	8	74
Children	1338	80	26	13	11	5	6	3	2	2	7	8	82

Question 56: "As I mention some fibers used in living room draperies, please tell me how good a choice for you each would be if you were buying draperies for your living room now. As before, select a number from 1 to 5."

	<u>Cotton</u>	<u>Rayon/acetate</u>	<u>Cotton and rayon</u>	<u>Fiberglass</u>
	-----Percent-----			
1- Not a very good choice for me	33	37	22	21
2-	12	17	15	6
3-	16	22	25	9
4-	13	13	21	15
5- A very good choice for me	24	10	15	47
Mean	2.81	2.41	2.92	3.62
Did not rate	2	2	2	3
Number of cases	2489	2489	2489	2489

Question 57: "In the past 12 months did you or did you not use any curtains in the bedrooms? The kitchen? The living room?"

	:Did not use :		Use curtains			Total
	Cases :any curtains:		Bedroom	Kitchen	Living room	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	
U.S. total	2489	11	63	80	34	178
<u>Community size:</u>						
Metropolitan	846	15	63	76	35	174
Urban	746	11	58	81	32	170
Rural	897	9	68	83	36	187
<u>Homeowner's education:</u>						
8th grade or less	509	10	65	84	42	190
High school - 1-3 years	493	9	65	82	35	182
High school - 4 years	909	11	61	80	32	173
College - 1-3 years	346	14	65	76	34	174
College - over 3 years	220	18	65	70	27	162
<u>Region:</u>						
Northeast	713	9	67	83	47	196
North Central	735	10	64	82	31	177
South	684	13	62	78	29	169
West	357	15	58	74	27	159
<u>Homeowner's age:</u>						
Under 30	515	11	66	82	34	182
30 - 39	523	12	66	78	32	176
40 - 49	505	11	59	79	30	168
50 - 59	404	11	59	83	33	175
60 and over	538	12	65	78	43	186
<u>Family income:</u>						
Lower	822	11	65	81	41	187
Middle	731	11	64	81	31	176
Upper	722	12	62	79	30	171
<u>Family size:</u>						
1 or 2	1038	15	60	77	36	172
3 or 4	825	9	66	82	35	183
5 or more	626	9	66	83	31	179
<u>Family composition:</u>						
Adults only	1151	15	60	77	37	173
Children	1338	9	67	83	32	181

Question 58: "What fibers are the living room curtains you used in the past 12 months made of?" (Asked only if used curtains in the living room in the 12 months prior to interviewing)

	Cases	Percent asked											Total
		Fiberglass	Cotton	Cotton and rayon/acetate		Rayon/acetate	Other synthetic	Nylon	Cotton and synthetic blend		Polyester	All other	
	Number	Percent											
U.S. total	2489	34	6	6	2	2	2	7	1	5	2	2	35
<u>Community size:</u>													
Metropolitan	846	35	8	6	1	2	2	8	1	5	3	2	37
Urban	746	32	7	5	1	2	1	7	1	5	2	2	32
Rural	897	36	5	8	2	2	3	7	1	5	2	2	37
<u>Homemaker's education:</u>													
8th grade or less	509	42	6	9	3	3	4	9	1	3	2	2	43
High school - 1-3 years	493	35	8	6	2	2	2	8	1	3	2	2	35
High school - 4 years	909	32	7	5	1	2	1	7	1	5	3	1	32
College - 1-3 years	346	34	6	6	1	1	1	8	1	6	2	2	35
College - over 3 years	220	27	5	6	2	-	1	4	-	6	1	2	29
<u>Region:</u>													
Northeast	713	47	13	5	1	4	2	10	1	8	3	2	48
North Central	735	31	5	5	1	2	2	6	2	5	2	2	32
South	684	29	3	10	2	1	3	6	2	1	2	2	30
West	357	27	4	5	3	1	1	7	1	3	2	1	27
<u>Homemaker's age:</u>													
Under 30	515	34	7	7	3	3	2	6	2	2	2	3	35
30 - 39	523	32	6	7	1	2	2	6	2	5	2	2	33
40 - 49	505	30	5	4	1	1	2	7	2	6	2	1	30
50 - 59	404	33	7	5	1	3	2	9	*	3	2	1	34
60 and over	538	43	7	8	2	3	2	10	2	7	2	2	44
<u>Family income:</u>													
Lower	822	41	7	10	2	3	4	9	2	4	2	2	42
Middle	731	31	7	7	1	2	1	6	1	4	2	2	32
Upper	722	30	6	3	1	2	2	7	2	6	2	2	30
<u>Family size:</u>													
1 or 2	1038	36	6	8	2	2	2	8	2	5	2	2	37
3 or 4	825	35	8	5	1	2	2	8	1	5	3	2	36
5 or more	626	31	6	6	*	2	3	7	2	5	3	2	32
<u>Family composition:</u>													
Adults only	1151	37	7	7	2	2	3	8	2	5	2	2	38
Children	1338	32	6	6	1	2	2	7	2	4	3	2	33

* Less than 1 percent

Question 59: "As I mention some fibers used in living room curtains, please tell me how good a choice for you each would be if you were buying curtains for your living room now..."

	<u>Cotton</u>	<u>Nylon</u>	<u>Polyester</u>	<u>Cotton and polyester</u>	<u>Fiberglas</u>	<u>Rayon</u>
	<u>Percent</u>					
1- Not a very good choice for me	39	18	11	14	23	45
2-	12	11	8	11	5	18
3-	15	20	18	24	10	19
4-	11	21	27	28	13	10
5- A very good choice for me	23	29	31	20	45	6
Mean	2.67	3.33	3.61	3.31	3.53	2.14
Did not rate	1	2	4	3	3	2
Number of cases	2489	2489	2489	2489	2489	2489

Question 60: "In your opinion, what advantages, if any, are there in using all cotton draperies or curtains?"

	<u>U.S. total</u>
	<u>Percent</u>
Care and laundering	66
Can be washed	31
Easy to wash	20
Looks good after laundering	7
Easy to iron	4
Easy to care for	4
Machine washable	3
Easy to remove stains	3
Can be ironed	2
Can be starched	2
Can be bleached	2
Easy to dry	2
Requires little or no ironing	2
Can be dyed or tinted	1
Other	1
Performance and durability	26
Lasts a long time	16
Colors stay like new	9
Holds shape	3
Does not shrink	2
Resists stain or soil	1
Does not stretch	1
Other	2
Appearance	22
Good range of colors	10
Attractive, pretty	5
Hangs well	4
Looks good for a long time	3
Looks neat, fresh	2
Other	1
Comfort and weight	4
Heavy	2
Lightweight	2
Other	1
Inexpensive	11
Good value for the money	2
All other	2
No advantages	19
Don't know, no answer	<u>5</u>
Total	<u>188</u>
Number of cases	2489

Question 61: "And what disadvantages, if any, are there in using all cotton draperies or curtains? Are there any others?"

	<u>U.S. total</u>
	<u>Percent</u>
Care and laundering	46
Requires ironing	34
Difficult to iron	7
Requires starching	4
Not easy to wash	2
Difficult to care for	2
Not easy to dry	1
Difficult to remove stains	1
Cannot be washed	1
Does not launder well	1
Difficult to handle	1
Other	2
Performance and durability	34
Colors do not stay like new	16
Does not resist stain or soil	7
Wears out rather quickly	6
Shrinks	5
Wrinkles easily	4
Does not hold shape	2
Loses body, gets flimsy	2
Stretches	1
Loses its whiteness or color	1
Fleasable	1
Other	1
Appearance	14
Not attractive, not pretty	8
Does not hang well	4
Does not look neat, fresh	1
Other	3
Too light in weight	1
Heavy, bulky	1
Too expensive	1
All other	1
No disadvantages	26
Don't know, no answer	<u>5</u>
Total	<u>152</u>
Number of cases	2489

Questions 62 and 63: "...Have you or have you not used any cloth tablecloths at everyday meals in the past 12 months?" "Have you or have you not used cloth tablecloths in the past 12 months for special occasions such as holidays or when you have guests for meals?"

	Have used for				Have not used cloth tablecloths
	Everyday:		Special occasions only:		
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
U.S. total	2489	1	36	36	26
Community size:					
Metropolitan	846	2	38	35	26
Urban	746	1	35	39	25
Rural	897	2	37	35	27
Homemaker's education:					
8th grade or less	509	1	32	27	40
High school - 1-3 years	493	2	36	33	29
High school - 4 years	909	2	37	40	22
College - 1-3 years	346	2	38	44	16
College - over 3 years	220	*	44	36	20
Region:					
Northeast	713	1	36	40	23
North Central	735	2	39	36	23
South	684	2	34	31	33
West	357	1	38	38	23
Homemaker's age:					
Under 30	515	3	32	30	35
30 - 39	523	2	33	35	29
40 - 49	505	1	41	37	22
50 - 59	404	1	41	42	17
60 and over	538	1	36	38	25
Family income:					
Lower	822	2	30	32	36
Middle	731	1	36	39	24
Upper	722	1	44	38	17
Family size:					
1 or 2	1038	2	36	36	26
3 or 4	825	1	37	36	26
5 or more	626	1	36	36	27
Family composition:					
Adults only	1151	1	36	38	25
Children	1338	2	37	35	27

* Less than 1 percent

Question 64: "Thinking only of the cloth tablecloths -- not plastic -- that you used in the past 12 months, what fibers are they made of?" (Asked only of respondents who used cloth tablecloths in the 12 months prior to interviewing.)

	Cases	Percent asked										Total
		Cotton	Linen	Cotton and rayon/acetate	Cotton and polyester	Rayon/acetate	Polyester	Other cotton blends	All other	Don't know, no answer		
	Number	Percent										
U.S. total	2489	74	53	22	4	3	1	1	1	2	1	89
Community size:												
Metropolitan	846	74	50	26	4	3	1	2	1	2	2	91
Urban	746	75	55	21	4	3	1	1	2	2	1	90
Rural	897	73	53	20	4	2	2	1	1	3	1	87
Homemaker's education:												
8th grade or less	509	60	46	16	2	1	1	*	*	3	1	70
High school - 1-3 years	493	71	51	16	4	2	1	1	2	2	2	82
High school - 4 years	909	78	55	23	5	4	1	1	1	2	1	94
College - 1-3 years	346	84	61	31	5	3	2	1	2	3	2	110
College - over 3 years	220	80	52	31	4	4	2	3	1	2	2	100
Region:												
Northeast	713	77	53	27	3	3	1	2	2	2	1	92
North Central	735	77	56	21	5	2	2	1	1	2	1	93
South	684	67	46	18	4	2	1	1	1	2	2	78
West	357	77	58	23	6	4	1	1	*	3	3	99
Homemaker's age:												
Under 30	515	65	50	12	3	3	1	*	2	2	1	73
30 - 39	523	71	50	17	4	3	2	2	2	2	1	84
40 - 49	505	78	55	23	5	4	1	3	*	3	2	95
50 - 59	404	83	58	25	6	3	1	1	2	2	2	101
60 and over	538	75	52	33	3	1	2	*	*	3	1	96
Family income:												
Lower	822	64	48	18	2	1	1	*	*	2	1	75
Middle	731	76	55	22	5	3	2	1	2	3	1	93
Upper	722	83	57	26	6	5	1	2	2	2	2	102
Family size:												
1 or 2	1038	74	51	27	3	3	2	1	1	2	2	92
3 or 4	825	74	54	21	4	3	1	1	1	2	1	89
5 or more	626	73	54	15	5	4	1	2	1	3	1	86
Family composition:												
Adults only	1151	75	52	28	4	3	2	1	1	2	2	94
Children	1338	73	53	17	4	3	1	1	1	2	1	86

* Less than 1 percent

Question 69: "...Which of these would be most important if you were buying a tablecloth..."

	<u>U.S. total</u>
	<u>Percent</u>
Easy to remove stains	71
Looks good without ironing	59
Resists staining	50
Lasts a long time	48
Durable press finish	46
Easy to iron	40
Can be dried in a machine	39
A certain fiber, such as cotton...	<u>27</u>
Total	<u>380</u>
Number of cases	2489

Question 70: "As I mention some fibers and finishes used in tablecloths, please tell me how good a choice for you each would be if you were buying tablecloths now..."

	<u>Linen</u>	<u>Cotton</u>	<u>Polyester</u>	<u>Polyester and cotton</u>	<u>Cotton and rayon</u>	<u>Durable press</u>	<u>Stain/soil resistant</u>
	<u>Percent</u>						
1- Not a very good choice for me	20	15	12	10	29	7	3
2-	8	10	9	9	20	3	2
3-	16	22	25	25	27	9	5
4-	15	23	26	31	14	18	15
5- A very good choice for me	40	30	22	21	7	60	73
Mean	3.49	3.43	3.38	3.46	2.47	4.24	4.56
Did not rate	1	1	5	4	3	2	2
Number of cases	2489	2489	2489	2489	2489	2489	2489

Questions 71, 72 and 76: "... Have you or have you not purchased any yard goods in the past 12 months?" (IF YES)
 "Was any of this material purchased to be made into clothing?" (IF YES) "Was any of this material purchased for items other than clothing?"

	: Have not purchased :		: Have purchased :	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
U.S. total	2489	55	45	30
Community size:				
Metropolitan	846	60	24	4
Urban	746	56	28	3
Rural	897	49	37	3
Homemaker's education:				
8th grade or less	509	67	33	22
High school - 1-3 years	493	60	40	29
High school - 4 years	909	52	48	33
College - 1-3 years	346	45	55	33
College - over 3 years	220	42	58	32
Region:				
Northeast	713	64	36	22
North Central	735	53	47	31
South	684	50	50	35
West	457	48	52	35
Homemaker's age:				
Under 30	515	50	50	31
30 - 39	523	46	54	37
40 - 49	585	50	50	34
50 - 59	404	58	42	29
60 and over	538	69	31	21
Family income:				
Lower	822	66	36	24
Middle	731	48	52	34
Upper	722	46	54	33
Family size:				
1 or 2	1038	65	35	23
3 or 4	825	51	49	32
5 or more	626	43	57	40
Family composition:				
Adults only	1151	65	35	22
Children	1338	46	54	37

Question 73: "Was any of it to be made into clothing for ---" (Asked only if purchased material for clothing in the 12 months prior to interviewing.)

	Cases Number	Percent			Total
		asked	People 19 years old or older	Children between 6 and 18 years old	
U.S. total	2489	42	35	20	67
<u>Community size:</u>					
Metropolitan	846	37	30	18	58
Urban	746	41	34	21	65
Rural	897	49	41	22	76
<u>Homemaker's education:</u>					
8th grade or less	509	30	25	11	42
High school - 1-3 years	493	38	29	21	60
High school - 4 years	909	46	38	23	73
College - 1-3 years	346	52	45	25	85
College - over 3 years	220	52	46	21	84
<u>Region:</u>					
Northeast	713	32	27	13	47
North Central	735	44	35	23	70
South	684	47	41	22	73
West	357	49	42	27	86
<u>Homemaker's age:</u>					
Under 30	515	47	39	15	75
30 - 39	523	52	40	37	93
40 - 49	505	45	35	20	71
50 - 59	404	40	37	13	56
60 and over	538	28	26	6	35
<u>Family income:</u>					
Lower	822	32	27	12	47
Middle	731	48	39	24	78
Upper	722	51	42	28	83
<u>Family size:</u>					
1 or 2	1038	33	31	7	43
3 or 4	825	46	39	21	73
5 or more	626	54	38	41	97
<u>Family composition:</u>					
Adults only	1151	33	31	6	43
Children	1338	51	38	33	87

Questions 74 and 78: "What was the fiber content of the material you bought for (clothing), (other items)?" (Asked only if purchased material for (clothing), (other items) in the 12 months prior to interviewing.)

	<u>U.S. total</u>	
	<u>Clothing</u>	<u>Other items</u>
	- - - - -	- - - - -
<u>Percentage asked this question</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Percent</u>
	<u>42</u>	<u>15</u>
Cotton	33	11
Wool	12	*
Cotton and polyester	8	1
Polyester	8	1
Rayon/acetate	3	1
All other blends	3	1
Acrylic	2	*
Nylon	2	1
Linen	2	*
Cotton blend unspecified	2	1
Cotton and rayon/acetate	2	1
Silk	2	*
Wool blends unspecified	2	-
Synthetic	1	*
All other fibers	3	1
Don't know, no answer	<u>1</u>	<u>*</u>
Total	<u>84</u>	<u>18</u>
Number of cases	2489	2489

* Less than 1 percent

Question 75: "...How many articles of clothing have been made in the past 12 months from material you purchased?"
(asked only if purchased material for clothing in the 12 months prior to interviewing.)

	Cases	Percent											
		asked	1 or 2	3 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 15	16 to 25	26 and over	None	Don't know			
U.S. total	2489	42	6	9	10	6	5	5	1	4			
Community size:													
Metropolitan	846	37	6	9	9	5	3	4	1	*			
Urban	746	41	5	8	10	5	6	6	1	-			
Rural	897	49	8	10	10	7	6	6	1	*			
Homeowner's education:													
8th grade or less	509	30	5	8	5	4	3	2	2	*			
High school - 1-3 years	493	38	6	8	8	4	5	6	1	*			
High school - 4 years	909	46	6	10	12	7	5	6	1	*			
College - 1-3 years	346	52	7	9	12	7	7	7	1	1			
College - over 3 years	220	52	7	13	11	10	5	5	1	-			
Region:													
Northeast	713	32	7	7	8	4	3	3	1	*			
North Central	735	44	7	9	9	6	5	5	2	*			
South	684	47	7	9	12	7	5	6	1	*			
West	357	49	3	12	10	6	8	9	1	*			
Homeowner's age:													
Under 30	515	47	9	9	11	7	5	5	1	*			
30 - 39	523	52	6	11	11	8	6	9	1	*			
40 - 49	505	45	5	8	10	7	7	7	1	1			
50 - 59	404	40	5	11	8	6	5	3	1	*			
60 and over	538	28	6	7	7	2	1	2	2	*			
Family income:													
Lower	822	32	7	9	6	4	2	3	1	*			
Middle	731	48	6	10	11	6	8	6	1	*			
Upper	722	51	6	10	12	8	6	7	1	*			
Family size:													
1 or 2	1038	33	6	8	7	4	3	3	1	*			
3 or 4	825	46	6	9	10	7	6	5	1	*			
5 or more	626	54	7	10	13	8	7	9	5	*			
Family composition:													
Adults only	1151	33	6	8	7	4	3	3	2	*			
Children	1338	51	7	10	12	8	7	7	1	*			

* Less than 1 percent

Question 77: "...Was it for --" (Asked only if purchased material for items other than clothing in the 12 months prior to interviewing.)

	Cases	Percent asked										Total
		Percent asked	Curtains or draperies	Slip covers, upholstery	Bedspreads, quilts	Tablecloths, table mats	Cushion covers, pillows	Pillow cases	All other			
	Number	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
U.S. total	2489	15	11	2	2	1	1	1	2	2	20	
<u>Community size:</u>												
Metropolitan	846	16	11	4	2	2	1	*	2	22		
Urban	746	16	11	2	2	1	2	1	2	23		
Rural	897	14	10	1	2	1	1	*	2	17		
<u>Homemaker's education:</u>												
8th grade or less	509	11	8	1	1	1	1	*	1	13		
High school - 1-3 years	493	11	7	2	1	1	1	1	2	14		
High school - 4 years	909	15	10	2	2	2	1	1	2	20		
College - 1-3 years	346	22	17	4	4	1	1	*	3	31		
College - over 3 years	220	26	17	7	4	1	1	-	3	33		
<u>Region:</u>												
Northeast	713	14	10	4	2	1	1	-	1	19		
North Central	735	16	10	2	2	2	1	1	3	23		
South	684	15	11	2	2	*	1	*	1	17		
West	357	17	11	2	3	2	1	1	3	23		
<u>Homemaker's age:</u>												
Under 30	515	19	15	3	3	1	1	-	2	25		
30 - 39	523	18	13	3	2	2	1	1	3	24		
40 - 49	505	16	11	2	3	3	2	1	2	24		
50 - 59	404	13	8	2	2	1	*	1	1	16		
60 and over	538	10	5	2	2	1	1	1	1	12		
<u>Family income:</u>												
Lower	822	10	7	1	1	*	1	1	*	11		
Middle	731	17	12	3	2	2	1	1	3	23		
Upper	722	21	16	4	3	3	2	1	3	30		
<u>Family size:</u>												
1 or 2	1038	13	7	2	2	1	1	1	2	15		
3 or 4	825	17	13	2	2	1	1	1	2	22		
5 or more	626	17	12	4	3	2	1	*	3	25		
<u>Family composition:</u>												
Adults only	1151	13	8	2	2	1	1	1	1	16		
Children	1338	17	13	3	2	1	1	*	2	24		

* Less than 1 percent

Question 79: "How many such items have been made in the past 12 months from material you purchased?" (Asked only if purchased material for items other than clothing in the 12 months prior to interviewing.)

Cases Number	Percent asked					11 or over	None
	1 or 2	3 to 5	6 to 10	11 or over	None		
U.S. total	2489	15	4	3	1	1	
<u>Community size:</u>							
Metropolitan	846	16	5	3	1	1	
Urban	746	6	4	2	2	1	
Rural	897	14	4	3	1	1	
<u>Homemaker's education:</u>							
8th grade or less	509	11	4	2	1	1	
High school - 1-3 years	493	11	3	2	1	1	
High school - 4 years	909	15	4	2	2	1	
College - 1-3 years	346	22	6	5	1	1	
College - over 3 years	220	26	7	6	1	3	
<u>Region:</u>							
Northeast	713	14	5	3	2	1	
North Central	735	16	4	3	2	1	
South	684	15	5	2	1	1	
West	357	17	4	3	1	1	
<u>Homemaker's age:</u>							
Under 30	515	19	7	3	2	*	
30 - 39	523	18	4	4	1	*	
40 - 49	505	16	5	2	2	1	
50 - 59	404	13	4	3	2	2	
60 and over	538	10	3	2	1	2	
<u>Family income:</u>							
Lower	822	10	3	2	1	1	
Middle	731	17	5	3	2	1	
Upper	722	21	5	3	2	1	
<u>Family size:</u>							
1 or 2	1038	13	3	3	1	1	
3 or 4	825	17	5	3	1	1	
5 or more	626	17	6	3	2	*	
<u>Family composition:</u>							
Adults only	1151	13	3	3	1	1	
Children	1338	17	5	3	1	1	

* Less than 1 percent

DEMOGRAPHIC CROSS TABULATIONS

Background information: Relationship among characteristics used as standard cross tabulations 1/

Characteristic	Region				Community size			Homemaker's age				
	Northeast	North Central	South	West	Metropolitan	Urban	Rural	Under 30	30-39	40-49	50-59	60 and over
	Percent											
Region:												
Northeast	100				44	30	13	29	31	29	26	26
North Central		100			25	26	37	27	31	32	23	29
South			100		13	30	39	28	24	24	28	33
West				100	18	14	11	16	14	15	17	11
Community size:												
Metropolitan	53	28	16	42	100			39	35	37	31	28
Urban	31	27	33	29		100		29	35	31	30	27
Rural	16	45	51	29			100	33	32	32	39	45
Homemaker's age:												
Under 30	21	18	21	24	23	19	18	100				
30-39	23	22	19	20	22	23	19		100			
40-49	21	22	18	21	22	21	18			100		
50-59	15	16	16	20	15	16	18				100	
60 and over	21	21	26	16	18	20	27					100
Homemaker's education:												
Grade school	21	19	26	11	18	16	26	6	9	18	27	43
Some high school	19	20	22	17	17	23	20	21	18	20	23	18
Completed high school	37	39	33	37	35	40	35	42	47	40	32	22
Any college	22	21	19	35	30	20	18	31	26	22	17	17
Family income:												
Lower	33	27	42	27	26	30	42	30	18	19	37	60
Middle	27	30	30	30	27	32	29	27	36	31	25	16
Upper	29	33	19	38	37	30	20	28	41	38	28	11
Family sizes:												
1 or 2	38	43	44	42	40	41	44	25	10	26	63	87
3 or 4	38	30	31	34	36	34	30	52	32	42	29	11
5 or more	23	28	25	24	24	26	26	23	58	31	8	3
Family composition:												
Adults only	46	46	47	47	46	46	47	24	12	32	73	95
Children in household	54	54	53	53	54	54	53	76	88	68	27	5
Number of respondents	713	735	684	357	846	746	897	515	523	505	404	538

1/ Percentages may not add to 100 because some characteristics were not ascertained for some respondents or because of rounding.

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Background information: Relationship among characteristics used as standard cross tabulations 1/ --
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Characteristic	Homemaker's education				Family income			Family size			Family composition	
	Grade school	Some high school	Completed high school	Any college	Lower	Middle	Upper	1 or 2	3 or 4	5 or more	Adults only	Children in household
	Percent											
Region:												
Northeast	29	27	29	28	29	27	29	26	33	27	28	29
North Central	28	30	32	27	24	30	34	30	26	32	29	30
South	35	31	25	23	35	28	18	29	26	27	28	27
West	8	12	14	22	12	15	19	14	15	14	15	14
Community size:												
Metropolitan	30	29	33	44	27	32	44	32	36	33	33	35
Urban	24	35	33	26	27	32	31	30	31	31	30	30
Rural	48	36	35	29	46	36	25	38	33	36	37	35
Homemaker's age:												
Under 30	6	22	24	28	19	26	20	12	32	18	11	29
30-39	9	19	27	24	11	26	30	5	20	49	5	35
40-49	17	20	22	20	12	22	27	13	26	25	14	26
50-59	22	19	14	12	18	14	16	24	14	5	25	8
60 and over	45	20	13	16	39	12	8	43	7	2	44	2
Homemaker's education:												
Grade school	100				41	12	6	28	15	16	28	14
Some high school		100			25	21	13	19	21	29	18	21
Completed high school			100		24	43	44	30	40	42	30	42
Any college				100	10	23	38	23	23	22	24	22
Family income:												
Lower	67	42	22	13	100			47	24	21	43	25
Middle	17	32	35	30		100		24	31	36	25	33
Upper	8	19	35	48			100	19	36	36	22	35
Family size:												
1 or 2	56	40	34	42	59	34	27	100			87	3
3 or 4	24	35	37	34	25	35	42		100		13	51
5 or more	20	25	29	24	16	31	31			100	1	46
Family composition:												
Adults only	62	43	37	48	60	40	34	96	18	1	100	
Children in household	38	57	63	52	40	60	66	4	82	99		100
Number of respondents	509	493	909	566	822	731	722	1,038	825	626	1,151	1,338

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With the exception of check-box material, office record information, and free-answer space, the questionnaire used for this study is reproduced below in entirety. The cards used are reproduced at the end of the questionnaire. Instructions to interviewers and respondents are in upper case letter.

Good _____, I am _____ of National Analysts, Inc. We are conducting a study for the United States Department of Agriculture all across the country to learn about people's attitudes toward some of the household items available to them. Your household has been selected to be part of this study.

1. We will be discussing household items made of fiber -- such as sheets and tablecloths -- which you have gotten for use in your home. Let's begin with bedroom furnishings -- furnishings for adult use, not for infants or small children. We'll talk first about sheets. How long ago did you last get any sheets for use in your home -- excluding crib sheets or sheets for youth beds?

IF ONE YEAR OR LESS RECORD EXACT WEEKS OR MONTHS AND CONTINUE QUESTIONING OTHERWISE SKIP TO QUESTION 9

2. Did you buy them or get them as a gift?

3. How many did you get at that time? ENTER EXACT NUMBER

4. In addition to these sheets, did you get any other sheets in the past 12 months?

5. How long ago did you get these other sheets? ENTER EXACT NUMBER OF MONTHS

6. Did you buy these sheets or get them as a gift?

7. How many did you get at that time? ENTER EXACT NUMBER

8. Then that makes a total of (ENTER EXACT NO. HERE) sheets that you have gotten in the past 12 months? Is that correct?

9. As you may know, sheets are generally made of all cotton or a blend of cotton and a synthetic fiber, such as polyester. Percale and muslin are weaves, not fibers. Either weave can be made of all cotton fiber or a blend. Permanent press -- also called durable press -- is a special finish which is used on a variety of products made of cloth.

This card (HAND RESPONDENT CARD A) lists some different kinds of fibers and finishes used for sheets. Which of these have you used in your home in the past 12 months? Any others?

10. HAND RESPONDENT CARD B This is a scale to help people indicate their opinions. You will notice that the top says "Five -- a very good choice for me" and the bottom says "One -- not a very good choice for me." You can pick any of the numbers from one to five -- the better a choice for you the higher the number you will select. With this in mind, as I mention each kind of sheets, tell me the number that expresses your opinion of how good a choice it would be for you if you were buying sheets now. (Even if you haven't used that kind in your home.)

11. Now we would like to know how important some ideas would be if you were buying sheets. (HAND RESPONDENTS CARD C) We know that all of these ideas may be important, but some are probably more important to you than others. Please tell me which of these ideas would be most important to you if you were buying sheets. Any others?

12. HAND RESPONDENT CARD D This card has some of the phrases on it which we just talked about. We are interested in your opinions about different kinds of sheets, even if you have not used them in your home. Which of these phrases describe your opinions about polyester and cotton blend sheets? Any others? (RECORD COL. A)

13. Which of these describe your opinions about all cotton sheets? Any others? (RECORD COL. B)

14. Which of these describe your opinions about durable or permanent press sheets made of polyester and cotton blend? Any others? (RECORD COL. C)
15. Which of these describe your opinions about durable or permanent press sheets made of all cotton? Any others? (RECORD COL. D)
16. How do you usually care for your sheets? (READ IDEAS TO RESPONDENT) 1. Have them washed and dried at a commercial laundry 2. Wash them in a machine at home or a laundromat 3. Dry them in a machine at home or a laundromat 4. Dry them on a clothesline 5. Dry on line or in machine depending on weather 6. Other (write in)
17. EVERYONE Now I would like to ask you a few questions about blankets. As I mention different kinds of blankets, tell me how good a choice for you each blanket would be if you were buying blankets now. As before, select a number from 1 to 5. (Even if you haven't used that kind in your home.) (HAND RESPONDENT CARD B)
18. HAND RESPONDENT CARD E Let's talk about how important some ideas would be if you were buying blankets. We know that all of these ideas may be important, but some are probably more important to you than others. Please tell me which of these ideas would be most important if you were buying blankets. Any others?
19. HAND RESPONDENT CARD F This card has phrases which some people think are true of different kinds of blankets. Which of these describe your opinions about all wool blankets? Any others? (RECORD IN COL. A)
20. Which of these describe your opinions about all cotton blankets? Any others? (RECORD IN COL. B)
21. Which of these describe your opinions about blankets made of an all synthetic fiber? Any others? (RECORD IN COL. C)
22. Now I'd like to know about the kinds of blankets you use. In the past twelve months did you or did you not use any regular blankets? Electric blankets? Thermal blankets? (RECORD)
23. (FOR EACH "YES" TO Q. 22) What fibers were your (TYPE) made of?
(CIRCLE THE NUMBER) 1. All wool 2. All cotton 3. All synthetic 4. Other (write in)
24. Let's turn now to another household item used in bedrooms -- namely, bedspreads. Have you or have you not used any bedspreads in your home in the past twelve months?
IF NO TO QUESTION 24 SKIP TO QUESTION 33
25. Have you or have you not used chenille or tufted bedspreads in the past twelve months?
IF NO TO QUESTION 25 SKIP TO QUESTION 27
26. What fibers are they made of?
The bedspread industry separates bedspreads into three types. In addition to the tufted or chenille bedspread, a second type is the woven. This type is made of material woven mainly for bedspreads. It is generally heavier and the pattern or color is woven through, not printed on. It has almost the same pattern on both sides except the colors are reversed. All other bedspreads are called tailored. These are made of material that could be used for other items. They may be quilted, flut or ruffled, fitted or not. 27. Have you or have you not used woven bedspreads in the past twelve months?
IF NO TO QUESTION 27 SKIP TO QUESTION 29
28. What fibers are they made of?
29. Have you or have you not used tailored bedspreads in the past twelve months?
IF NO TO QUESTION 29 SKIP TO QUESTION 31
30. What fibers are they made of?

31. Let's talk about the (type/fiber) bedspread. In your opinion, what are the advantages of such a bedspread? (RECORD IN COL. A)
32. What are the disadvantages of such a bedspread? (RECORD IN COL. B)
33. HAND RESPONDENT CARD B This is the scale we used before. As I mention different kinds of bedspreads, tell me how good a choice for you each bedspread would be if you were buying bedspreads now. Again, select a number from 1 to 5. (Even if you haven't used that kind in your home.)
34. EVERYONE Now I'd like you to think about room-size rugs -- that is, larger than 4' x 6', but NOT wall-to-wall. As I mention some fibers used in room-size rugs for bedrooms, tell me how good a choice for you each would be if you were buying a room-size rug for your bedroom now. As before, select a number from 1 to 5. (Even if you haven't used that kind in your home.) (HAND RESPONDENT CARD B) (RECORD IN COL. A)
35. USING CARD B Now as I mention some fibers used in room-sized rugs -- not wall-to-wall -- for living rooms, tell me how good a choice for you each fiber would be if you were buying room-size rugs for the living room now. As before, select a number from 1-5. (Even if you haven't used that kind in your home) (RECORD IN COL. B)
36. HAND RESPONDENT CARD C Let's talk about how important some ideas would be if you were buying area or room-size rugs for a bedroom. We know that all of these ideas may be important, but some are probably more important to you than others. Please tell me which of these ideas would be most important to you if you were buying area or room-size rugs for a bedroom. Any others? (RECORD IN COL. A)
37. Please tell me which of these ideas would be most important to you if you were buying area or room-size rugs for your living room? Any others? (RECORD IN COL. B)
38. HAND RESPONDENT CARD D This card has some phrases which people think are true of some kinds of rugs. Which of these describe your opinions about room-size all wool rugs? Any others? (RECORD IN COL. A)
39. Which of these describe your opinions about room-size all acrylic rugs (such as Acrilan or Creslan)? Any others? (RECORD IN COL. B)
40. Which of these describe your opinions about room-size all cotton rugs? Any others? (RECORD IN COL. C)
41. Which of these describe your opinions about room-size all nylon rugs? Any others? (RECORD IN COL. D)
42. Have you or have you not used area or room-size rugs -- NOT wall-to-wall -- in any room in your home in the past 12 months?
- IF NO TO QUESTION 42 SKIP TO QUESTION 48
43. Let's talk about the room-size rug you purchased most recently. In which room would that be? (CIRCLE THE NUMBER) 1. Living room 2. Dining room 3. Bedroom(s) 4. Den, recreation room 0. Other (write in)
- IF GIFT, NEVER PURCHASED SKIP TO QUESTION 48
44. In what year did you buy the rug you purchased most recently?

YEAR: 19 _____

- IF MORE THAN ONE RUG PURCHASED MOST RECENTLY, ASK QUESTIONS 45-47 IN SEQUENCE ABOUT EACH. INDICATE ROOM IN WHICH USED.
45. HAND RESPONDENT CARD E Of what fiber or fibers is it made? (RECORD IN COL. A)

46. What size is it? (RECORD IN COL. B)

47. As far as you can remember, how much did you pay for your (ROOM/FIBER) rug? (RECORD IN COL. C)

48. EVERYONE Let's talk about small rugs, that is, throw or scatter rugs -- rugs which are no larger than 4' x 6'. As I mention different kinds of throw or scatter rugs, tell me how good a choice for you each rug would be if you were buying throw or scatter rugs for your bedroom now. As before, select a number from 1 to 5. (Even if you haven't used that kind in your home.) (HAND RESPONDENT CARD B) (RECORD IN COL. A)

49. Now as I mention different kinds of throw or scatter rugs for the bathroom, please tell me how good a choice for you each rug would be if you were buying throw or scatter rugs for the bathroom now. As before, select a number from 1 to 5. (Even if you haven't used that kind in your home.) (RECORD IN COL. B)

50. Let's talk about cotton scatter or throw rugs for either room. What advantages, if any, are there in using all cotton scatter rugs? Are there any others?

51. And what disadvantages, if any, are there in using all cotton scatter rugs? Are there any others?

52. Have you or have you not used any throw or scatter rugs -- rugs which are no larger than about 4' by 6' in your home in the past 12 months?

IF NO TO QUESTION 52 SKIP TO QUESTION 54

53. In what rooms in your home have you used such rugs? Any others? (CIRCLE AS MANY AS GIVEN) 1. Living room 2. Dining room 3. Living/dining combination 4. Kitchen
5. Bedroom(s) 6. Bathroom(s) 7. Den, recreation room 8. Foyer, hall 9. Other (write in)

EVERYONE Now let's talk about draperies and curtains. Draperies are window hangings which are frequently made of heavier materials, and are generally more "formal." Curtains are less formal window hangings which are unlined, thinner materials and often transparent.

54. In the past 12 months did you or did you not use any draperies in any of your bedrooms? The kitchen? The living room?

IF "DID NOT" TO LIVING ROOM, SKIP TO Q. 56

55. What fibers are the living room draperies you used in the past 12 months made of? I am referring just to the draperies and not the linings.

56. HAND RESPONDENT CARD B As I mention some fibers used in living room draperies, please tell me how good a choice for you each would be if you were buying draperies for your living room now. As before, select a number from 1 to 5. (Even if you haven't used that kind in your home.)

57. EVERYONE In the past 12 months did you or did you not use any curtains in the bedrooms? The kitchen? The living room?

IF "DID NOT" TO LIVING ROOM, SKIP TO Q. 59

58. What fibers are the living room curtains you used in the past 12 months made of?

59. HAND RESPONDENT CARD B As I mention some fibers used in living room curtains, please tell me how good a choice for you each would be if you were buying curtains for your living room now. As before, select a number from 1 to 5. (Even if you haven't used that kind in your home.)

60. EVERYONE In your opinion, what advantages, if any, are there in using all cotton draperies or curtains? (I am referring only to the draperies themselves not to the linings. Are there any others?)

61. And what disadvantages, if any, are there in using all cotton draperies or curtains? Are there any others?

62. Now let's talk about tablecloths. We are interested in tablecloths which are made of cloth -- not plastic, paper, or plastic coated cloth. Have you or have you not used any cloth tablecloths at everyday meals in the past 12 months?
63. EVERYONE Have you or have you not used cloth tablecloths in the past 12 months for special occasions such as holidays or when you have guests for meals?
- IF "HAVE NOT" TO BOTH Q. 62 AND Q. 63, SKIP TO Q. 69
64. Thinking only of the cloth tablecloths -- not plastic -- that you used in the past 12 months, what fibers are they made of? (ENTER IN COL. A)
65. Have any of these tablecloths which you used in the past 12 months had any special finishes which are supposed to make them more convenient to use or haven't they?
- IF "HAVE NOT" TO QUESTION 65 SKIP TO QUESTION 69
66. (FOR EACH FIBER LISTED IN COL. A, ASK:) Do any of your (FIBER) tablecloths have a special finish? (IF "YES") What special finishes do they have -- that is, what are the finishes supposed to do? (RECORD NEXT TO PROPER FIBER IN COL. B)
- (ASK QUESTIONS 67 AND 68 IN SEQUENCE FOR EACH DIFFERENT FIBER/FINISH COMBINATION RECORDED IN QUESTIONS 64 AND 66.)
67. In your opinion, what are the advantages, if any, of a (FIBER/FINISH) tablecloth? (RECORD IN COL. C)
68. What are the disadvantages, if any, of such a tablecloth? (RECORD IN COL. D)
69. HAND RESPONDENT CARD J Let's talk about how important some ideas would be if you were buying tablecloths. As before, we know that all these ideas may be important, but some are probably more important than others to you. Please tell us which of these would be most important if you were buying a tablecloth. Any others?
70. HAND RESPONDENT CARD B As I mention some fibers and finishes used in tablecloths, please tell us how good a choice for you each would be if you were buying tablecloths now. As before, select a number from 1 to 5. (Even if you haven't used that kind in your home.)
71. EVERYONE Let's turn, finally, to yard goods for home sewing. Have you or have you not purchased any yard goods in the past 12 months?
- IF NO IN QUESTION 71 SKIP TO QUESTION 80
72. Was any of this material purchased to be made into clothing?
- IF NO IN QUESTION 72 SKIP TO QUESTION 77
73. IF YES Was any of it to be made into clothing for -- . . . people 19 years old or older? . . . children between 6 and 18 years old? . . . children less than 6 years old?
74. What was the fiber content of the material you bought for clothing?
75. All in all, how many articles of clothing have been made in the past 12 months from material you purchased? (ENTER NUMBER)
76. Was any of this material purchased for items other than clothing?
- IF NO TO QUESTION 76 SKIP TO QUESTION 80
77. (IF "YES" TO Q. 76 OR "NO" TO Q. 72) Was it for -- Bedspreads? Curtains or draperies? Something else? (write in)
78. What was the fiber content of the material you bought for these other items?
79. How many such items have been made in the past 12 months from material you purchased?

(IF "YES" TO CURTAINS OR DRAPERIES IN Q. 77, Please count a pair of curtains or draperies as a single item.) (ENTER NUMBER)

CLASSIFICATION DATA

80. Thank you. Now when we put together all the things people have told us, we group the answers from people who are alike in one or more ways. In order to know into which groups to put your answers, we need to know something about you and other members of your household.

How many people are there living in this (house) (apartment)? Please include yourself.

81. How many are: Under 6 years old? 6 to 18 years old? 19 years old or more?

82. How old are you?

83. What was the last grade of school you completed? (CIRCLE ONE)

84. Do you own this (house) (apartment) or rent it?

85. HAND RESPONDENT CARD K (income card) And finally, which number shows the group which contains the total household income from all sources BEFORE taxes. Just read me the number.

ENTER FROM OBSERVATION

Type of dwelling:

CARDS USED IN INTERVIEWS

CARD A--Q. 9

CARD B--Q.'s 10, 17, 33-35, 48, 49, 56
59 & 70

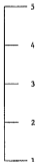
Polyester and cotton blend

A very good choice for me

All Cotton

Durable or permanent press sheets made of polyester and cotton blend

Durable or permanent press sheets made of all cotton



Not a very good choice for me

Easy to wash
 Looks good without ironing
 Smooth to the touch
 Easy to remove stains
 Can be bleached
 Keeps its whiteness or color a long time
 Made of a certain fiber, such as cotton, a polyester/cotton blend, or something else
 Lasts a long time
 Good value for the money
 Absorbent
 Can buy it on sale
 A certain weave, such as muslin or percale
 Does not "pill" -- does not make little "balls"
 Easy to dry
 Good range of colors and prints

CARD D--Q.'s 12-15

Easy to wash	Not easy to wash
Looks good without ironing	Does not look good without ironing
Rough to the touch	Smooth to the touch
Easy to remove stains	Difficult to remove stains
Must not be bleached	Can be bleached
Keeps its whiteness or color a long time	Does not keep its whiteness or color a long time
Lasts a long time	Wears out rather quickly
Not good value for the money	Good value for the money
Absorbent	Not absorbent
Can buy it on sale	Cannot buy it on sale
"Pills" -- makes little "balls"	Does not "pill" -- does not make little "balls"
Easy to dry	Not easy to dry
Not a good range of colors and prints	Good range of colors and prints

Can be washed
 Easy to remove stains
 Colors stay like new
 Made of a certain fiber, such as cotton,
 wool or a synthetic
 Lasts a long time
 Good value for the money
 Can buy it on sale
 Does not "pill" -- does not make little "balls"
 Good range of colors
 Does not shrink
 Does not stretch
 Does not burn easily -- not flammable
 Good for use all year round

CARD F--Q. 's 19-21

Can be washed	Must not be washed
Difficult to remove stains	Easy to remove stains
Colors stay like new	Colors do not stay like new
Wears out rather quickly	Lasts a long time
Not good value for the money	Good value for the money
Can buy it on sale	Cannot buy it on sale
"Pills" -- makes little "balls"	Does not "pill" -- does not make little "balls"
Good range of colors	Not a good range of colors
Does not shrink	Shrinks
Does not stretch	Stretches
Burns easily -- flammable	Does not burn easily -- not flammable
Not good for use all year round	Good for use all year round

Easy to remove stains

Made of a certain fiber -- such as wool,
an acrylic, cotton, or something else

Looks good for a long time

Good value for the money

Does not "fuzz" or shed

Good range of colors

Does not burn easily, not flammable

Easy to care for on a day-to-day basis

Does not mat down or crush easily

Little or not static electricity

Good in homes where there are children

CARD H--Q.'s 38-41

Difficult to remove stains	Easy to remove stains
Does not look good for a long time	Looks good for a long time
Good value for the money	Not a good value for the money
Does not "fuzz" or shed	Tends to "fuzz" or shed
Good range of colors	Not a good range of colors
Burns easily -- flammable	Does not burn easily -- not flammable
Difficult to care for on a day-to-day basis	Easy to care for on a day-to-day basis
Does not mat down or crush easily	Tends to mat down or crushes easily
Little or no static electricity	A lot of static electricity
Not good in homes where there are children	Good in homes where there are children

All wool
 All acrylic
 (such as Acrilan, Creslan, Orlon)
 All cotton
 All nylon
 All rayon
 All polyester
 (such as Dacron, Kodol)
 Wool/synthetic blend

Looks good without ironing
 Easy to remove stains
 Made of a certain fiber, such as
 cotton, polyester and cotton, linen,
 rayon, or something else
 Lasts a long time
 Easy to iron
 Resists staining
 Can be dried in a machine
 Durable or permanent press finish

CARD K--Q. 85

INCOME

<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Annually</u>
1. \$19 or less	Under \$1,000
2. \$20 - \$57	\$1,000 - \$2,999
3. \$58 - \$76	\$3,000 - \$3,999
4. \$77 - \$96	\$4,000 - \$4,999
5. \$97 - \$115	\$5,000 - \$5,999
6. \$116 - \$134	\$6,000 - \$6,999
7. \$135 - \$153	\$7,000 - \$7,999
8. \$154 - \$173	\$8,000 - \$8,999
9. \$174 - \$192	\$9,000 - \$9,999
10. \$193 - \$211	\$10,000 - \$10,999
11. \$212 - \$230	\$11,000 - \$11,999
12. \$231 - \$288	\$12,000 - \$14,999
13. \$289 or more	\$15,000 or more

