

## Summary of Selected Findings: Minnesota

	State	Nation	Region	
<b>Making Ends Meet</b>				
Difficulty covering expenses and paying bills				
Very difficult	16%	16%	16%	
Somewhat difficult	38%	42%	39%	
Not at all difficult	45%	40%	43%	
Spending vs. saving				
Spending less than income	39%	41%	39%	
Spending about equal to income	41%	36%	38%	
Spending more than income	17%	19%	19%	
Overdraw checking account occasionally	21%	22%	21%	<i>Respondents with checking accounts</i>
Have unpaid medical bills	22%	26%	26%	
Number of times mortgage payments have been late				
Once	4%	8%	6%	<i>Respondents with mortgages</i>
More than once	12%	13%	11%	
Have taken a loan from retirement account in past year	10%	14%	11%	<i>Respondents with self-directed employer plan or non-employer plan</i>
Have taken a hardship withdrawal from retirement account in past year	8%	10%	7%	
Have experienced large unexpected drop in income in past year	22%	29%	25%	
<b>Planning Ahead</b>				
Have emergency funds	42%	40%	39%	
Do not have emergency funds	55%	56%	57%	
Have tried to figure out retirement savings needs	37%	37%	37%	<i>Non-retired households</i>
Have not tried to figure out retirement savings needs	59%	59%	59%	
Have set aside money for children's college education	34%	34%	32%	<i>Respondents with financially dependent children</i>
Have not set aside money for children's college education	64%	63%	64%	
<b>Retirement Accounts</b>				
Have employer-provided retirement plan (e.g., pension plan,	57%	49%	52%	<i>Non-retired respondents</i>
Have non-employer retirement plan (e.g., IRA, Keogh, SEP, etc.)	26%	24%	25%	
Regularly contribute to self-directed retirement account	83%	77%	80%	<i>Respondents with self-directed employer plan or non-employer plan</i>

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*Stocks, Bonds, and Mutual Funds*

Invest in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or other securities outside of retirement account

38%	35%	35%
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*All except unbanked respondents*

**Managing Financial Products**

*Managing Money*

Payment methods used frequently

Cash	29%	33%	31%
Paper checks	17%	15%	17%
Credit cards	35%	30%	31%
Debit cards tied to bank account	47%	46%	47%
Pre-paid debit cards	5%	6%	5%
Online payments directly from bank account	34%	35%	33%
Money orders	4%	5%	4%

*Banking*

Have checking account	94%	89%	90%
Have savings account, money market account, or CDs	78%	72%	73%

*Mortgages*

Have mortgage	67%	60%	60%	<i>Homeowners</i>
Have home equity loan	22%	18%	16%	

Home "underwater" (negative equity)	18%	14%	12%	<i>Homeowners</i>
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*Credit Cards*

Credit card behaviors in past year

Always paid credit cards in full	52%	49%	50%
Carried over a balance and was charged interest	46%	49%	48%
Paid the minimum payment only	32%	34%	33%
Charged a late fee for late payment	15%	16%	15%
Charged an over the limit fee for exceeding credit line	8%	8%	7%
Used the cards for a cash advance	9%	11%	9%

*Respondents with credit cards*

*Other Debt*

Have student loan	21%	20%	20%
Have auto loan	30%	31%	32%

*Non-Bank Borrowing*

Non-bank borrowing methods used in past 5 years

Auto title loan	5%	9%	9%
Short term 'payday' loan	9%	12%	12%
Advance on tax refund (refund anticipation check)	3%	8%	7%
Pawn shop	19%	18%	17%
Rent-to-own store	4%	10%	9%

Used one or more non-bank borrowing methods in past 5 years	27%	30%	29%
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## Financial Knowledge & Decision-Making

### Financial Literacy

Suppose you had \$100 in a savings account and the interest rate was 2% per year. After 5 years, how much do you think you would have in the account if you left the money to grow?

<u>More than \$102</u> (correct answer)	76%	75%	77%
Exactly \$102	7%	7%	7%
Less than \$102	4%	6%	5%
Don't know	12%	11%	10%

Imagine that the interest rate on your savings account was 1% per year and inflation was 2% per year. After 1 year, how much would you be able to buy with the money in this account?

More than today	9%	9%	8%
Exactly the same	5%	9%	6%
<u>Less than today</u> (correct answer)	65%	61%	65%
Don't know	20%	20%	20%

If interest rates rise, what will typically happen to bond prices?

They will rise	19%	20%	19%
<u>They will fall</u> (correct answer)	30%	28%	29%
They will stay the same	3%	5%	4%
There is no relationship between bond prices and the interest rate	8%	9%	9%
Don't know	39%	37%	37%

A 15-year mortgage typically requires higher monthly payments than a 30-year mortgage, but the total interest paid over the life of the loan will be less.

<u>True</u> (correct answer)	78%	75%	78%
False	8%	9%	8%
Don't know	13%	15%	13%

Buying a single company's stock usually provides a safer return than a stock mutual fund.

True	6%	9%	7%
<u>False</u> (correct answer)	53%	48%	51%
Don't know	41%	42%	41%

4 or 5 correct quiz answers

43% 39% 42%

3 or fewer correct quiz answers

57% 61% 58%

Mean number of correct quiz answers

3.02 2.88 2.98

Mean number of incorrect quiz answers

0.68 0.81 0.74

Mean number of "don't know" quiz answers

1.25 1.26 1.22

### Comparison Shopping

Compared credit cards

24% 33% 31%

Did not compare credit cards

69% 61% 62%

*Respondents with credit cards*

<i>Credit Reports and Credit Scores</i>	<b>State</b>	<b>Nation</b>	<b>Region</b>
Obtained a copy of credit report in past year	37%	39%	38%
Checked credit score in past year	39%	43%	41%

**Notes:**

Region = West North Central Census Division (Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota).

State figures are weighted by age x gender, ethnicity and education.

National figures are weighted by age x gender, ethnicity, education and Census Division.

Census Division figures are weighted by age x gender, ethnicity, education and state.

Differences between groups may or may not be statistically significant.

Percentages may not add up to 100 because of missing or “don’t know” responses.

Survey was conducted July - October 2012.

For additional findings and details, full survey results are available for download at [http://usfinancialcapability.org/downloads/NFCS\\_2012\\_Full\\_Data\\_Tables.xls](http://usfinancialcapability.org/downloads/NFCS_2012_Full_Data_Tables.xls)