

Social Support Survey Instrument

People sometimes look to others for companionship, assistance, or other types of support. How often is each of the following kinds of support available to you if you need it? Circle one number from each line.

Emotional/Informational Support	None of the time	A little of the time	Some of the time	Most of the time	All of the time
Someone you can count on to listen to you when you need to talk	1	2	3	4	5
Someone to give you information to help you understand a situation	1	2	3	4	5
Someone to give you good advice about a crisis	1	2	3	4	5
Someone to confide in or talk to about yourself or your problems	1	2	3	4	5
Someone whose advice you really want	1	2	3	4	5
Someone to share your most private worries and fears with	1	2	3	4	5
Someone to turn to for suggestions about how to deal with a personal problem	1	2	3	4	5
Someone who understands your problems	1	2	3	4	5
 Tangible Support	 None of the time	 A little of the time	 Some of the time	 Most of the time	 All of the time
Someone to help you if you were confined to bed	1	2	3	4	5
Someone to take you to the doctor if you needed	1	2	3	4	5
Someone to prepare your meals if you were unable to do it yourself	1	2	3	4	5
Someone to help with daily chores if you were sick	1	2	3	4	5
 Affectionate Support	 None of the time	 A little of the time	 Some of the time	 Most of the time	 All of the time
Someone who shows you love and affection	1	2	3	4	5
Someone to love and make you feel wanted	1	2	3	4	5
Someone who hugs you	1	2	3	4	5

Positive Social Interaction

	None of the time	A little of the time	Some of the time	Most of the time	All of the time
Someone to have a good time with	1	2	3	4	5
Someone to get together with for relaxation	1	2	3	4	5
Someone to do something enjoyable with	1	2	3	4	5

Additional Item

	None of the time	A little of the time	Some of the time	Most of the time	All of the time
Someone to do things with to help you get your mind off things	1	2	3	4	5