Consumer Expenditure Survey Proof of Concept Test

Electronic Diary Screenshots

The following screenshots are taken for each page of the respondent's electronic diary. The first screen shot is as viewed from a desktop, the second is as viewed from a mobile device.

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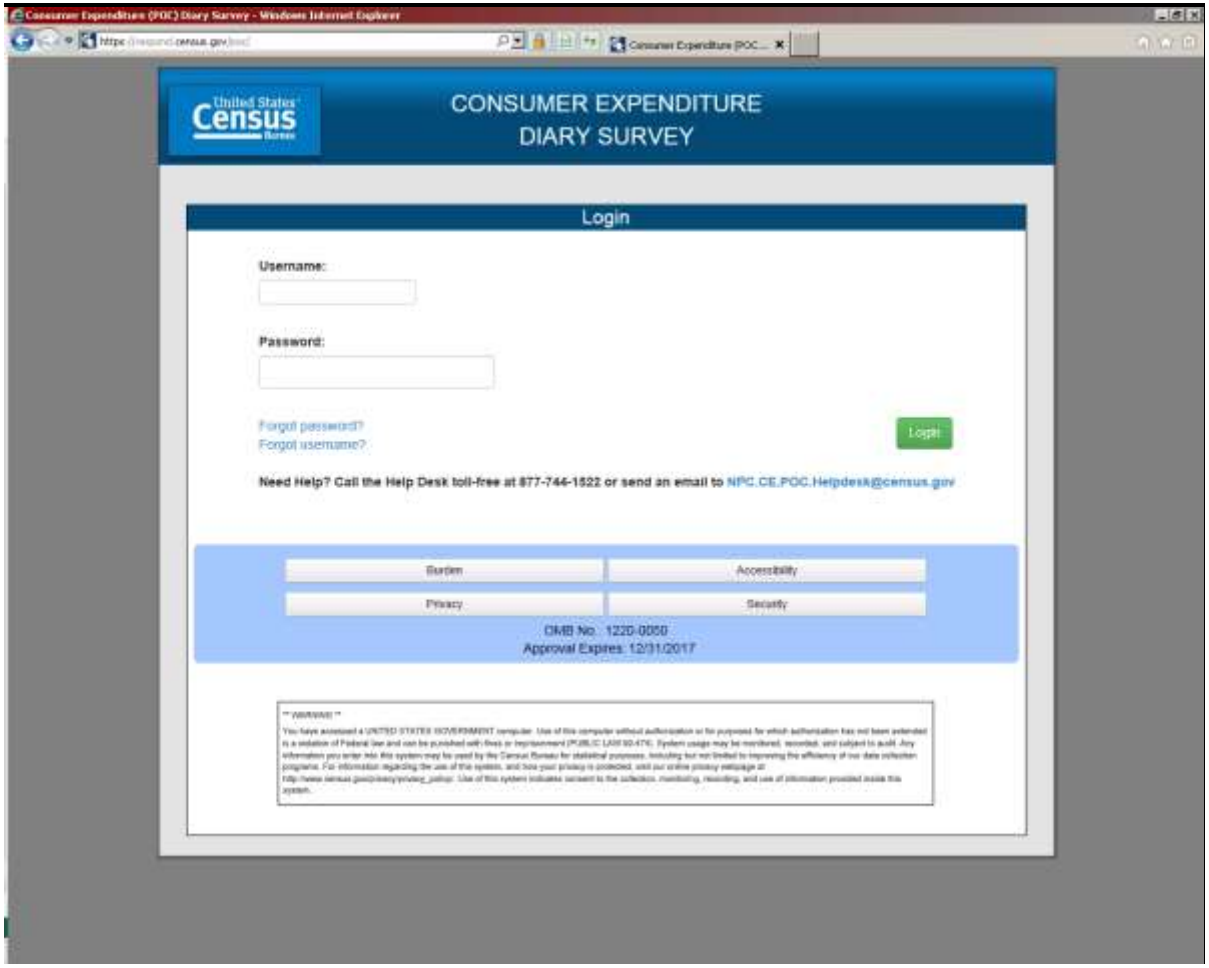

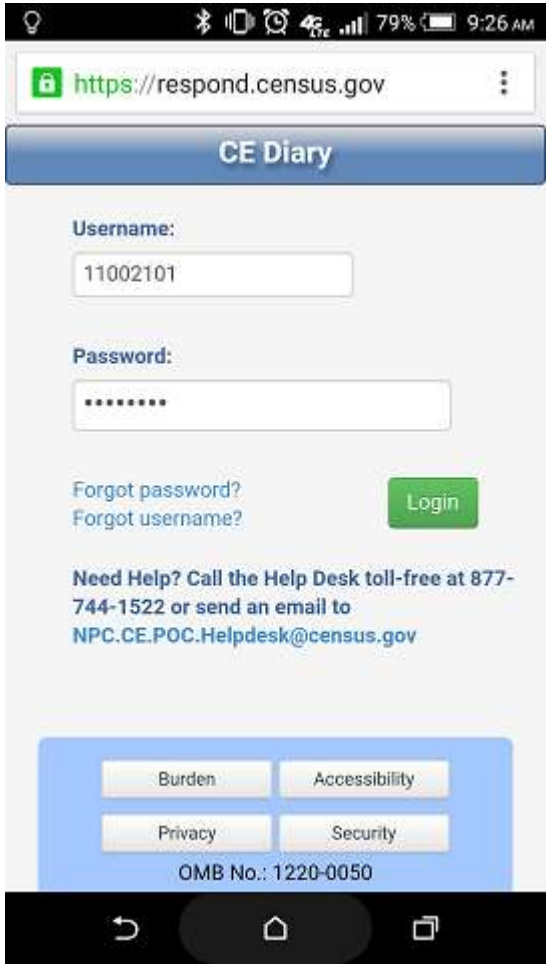

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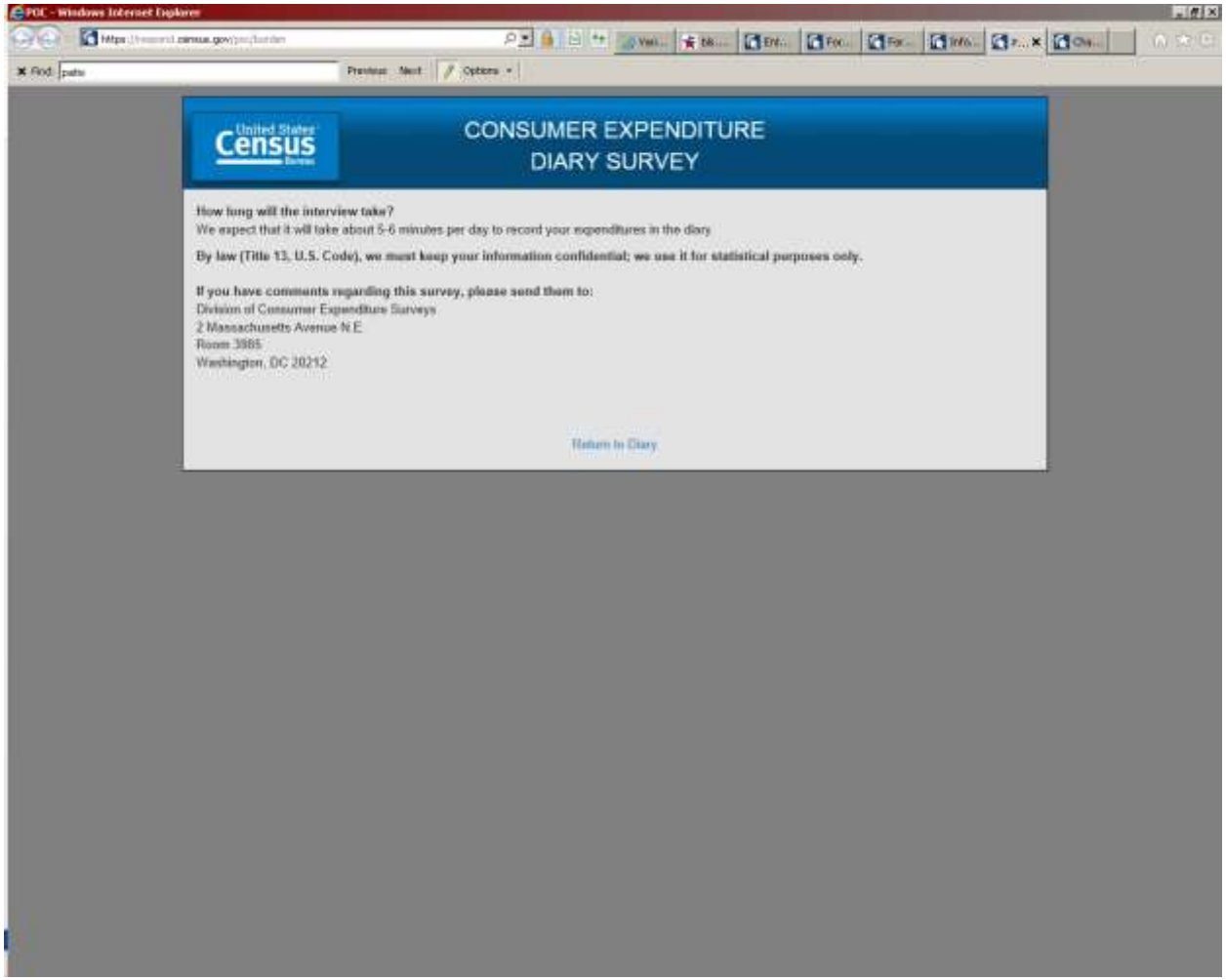
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CONSUMER EXPENDITURE
DIARY SURVEY
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Division of Consumer Expenditure Surveys
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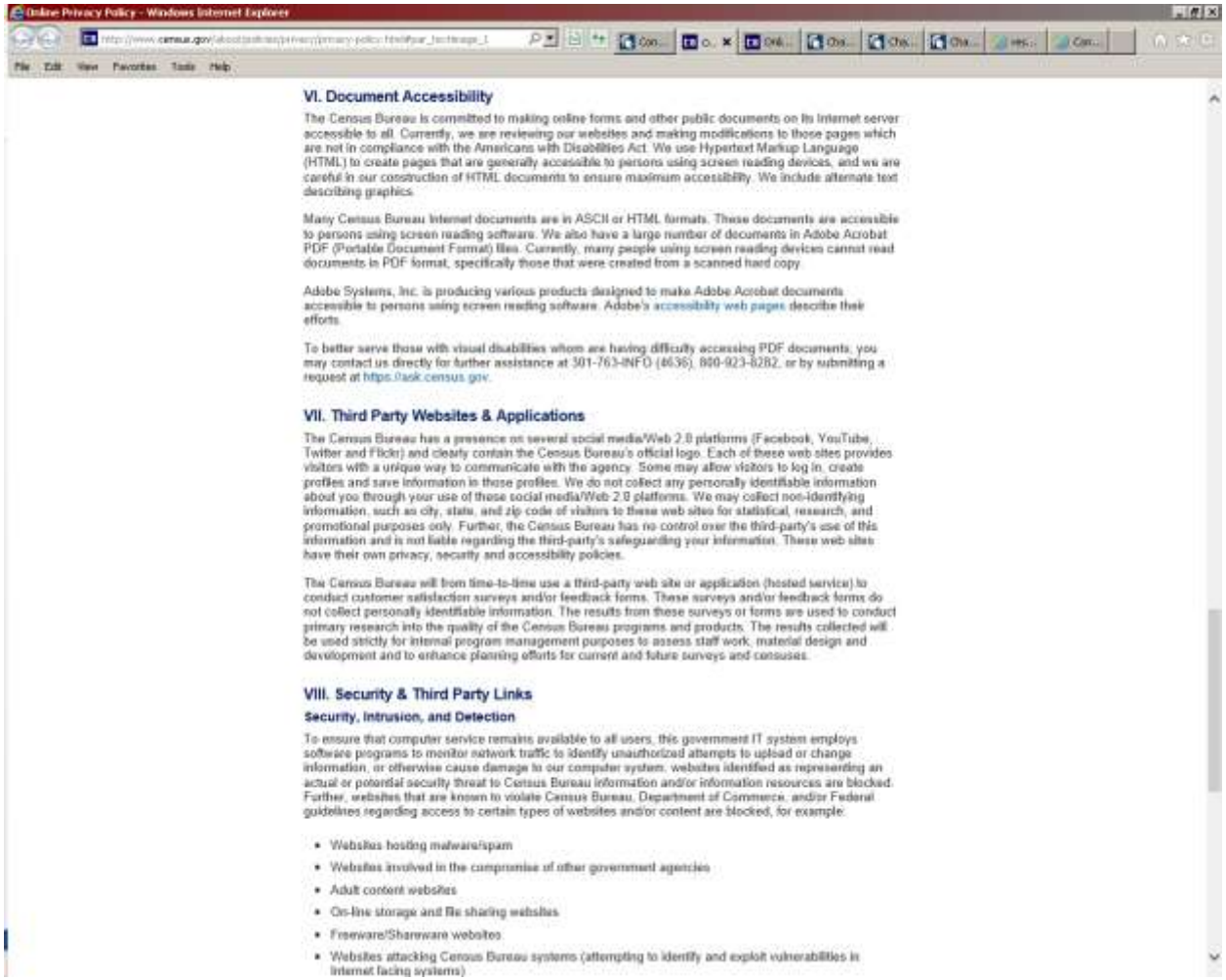

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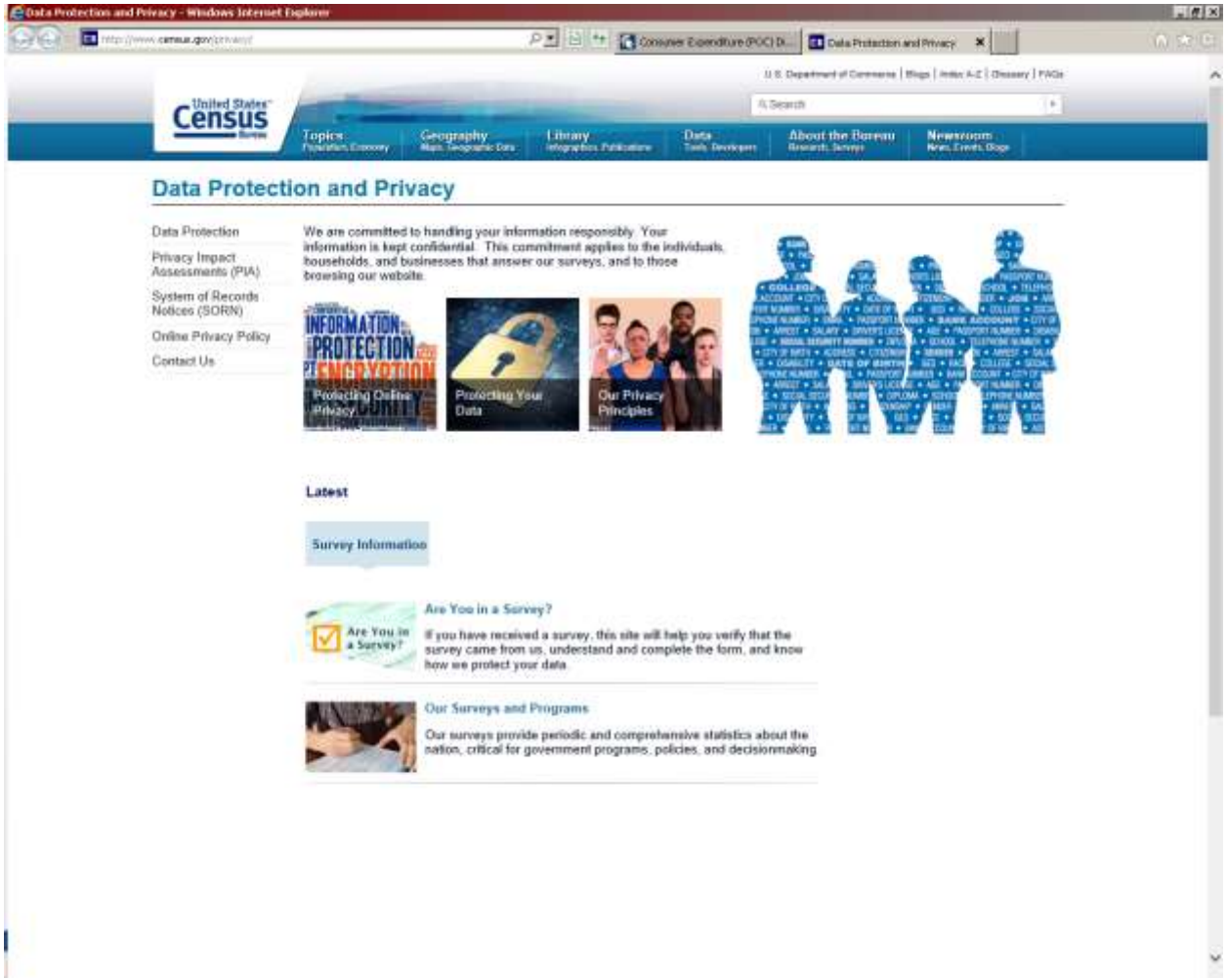

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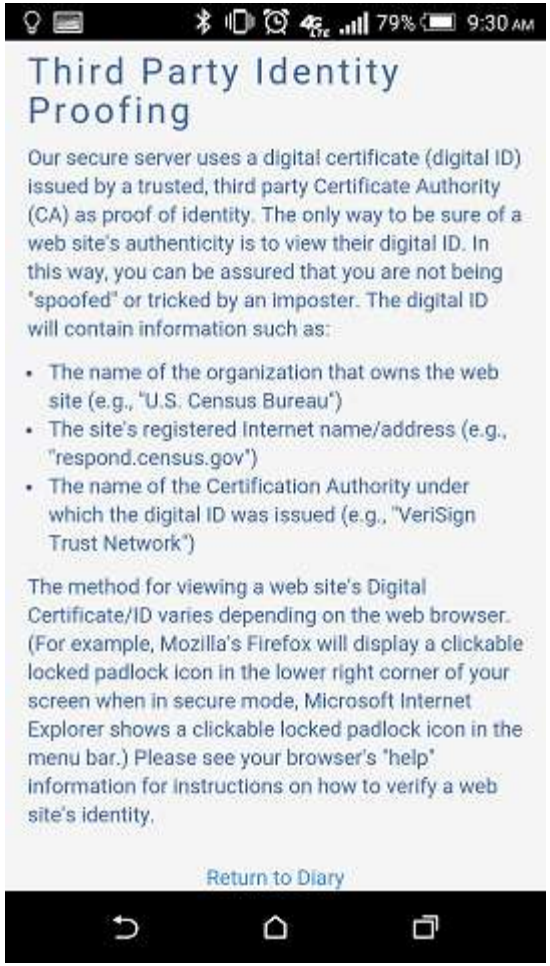
Data are Encrypted at all Times
Our secure servers use "HTTPS", Hypertext Transfer Protocol over Secure Socket Layer, to ensure the encrypted transmission of data between your browser and the U.S. Census Bureau. This means that instead of sending readable text over the Internet, both your browser and our server encode (scramble) all text using a security key. That way, personal data sent to your browser or data you send back are extremely difficult to decode in the unlikely event it was intercepted by an unauthorized party.
All browsers connecting to our secure server must use a minimum encryption key size of 128 bits. If you cannot connect to our secure server and you are using an older browser, please upgrade to a newer browser capable of using the required encryption key size. In addition to data being encrypted while transmitted, all data are strongly encrypted when stored on our servers (even if stored temporarily).
Third Party Identity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Third Party Identity Proofing
Our secure server uses a digital certificate (digital ID) issued by a trusted, third party Certificate Authority (CA) as proof of identity. The only way to be sure of a web site's authenticity is to view their digital ID. In this way, you can be assured that you are not being "spoofed" or tricked by an imposter. The digital ID will contain information such as:
• The name of the organization that owns the web site (e.g., "U.S. Census Bureau")
• The site's registered Internet name/address (e.g., "respond.census.gov")
• The name of the Certification Authority under which the digital ID was issued (e.g., "VeriSign Trust Network")
The method for viewing a web site's Digital Certificate/ID varies depending on the web browser. (For example, Mozilla's Firefox will display a clickable locked padlock icon in the lower right corner of your screen when in secure mode, Microsoft Internet Explorer shows a clickable locked padlock icon in the menu bar.) Please see your browser's "help" information for instructions on how to verify a web site's identity.
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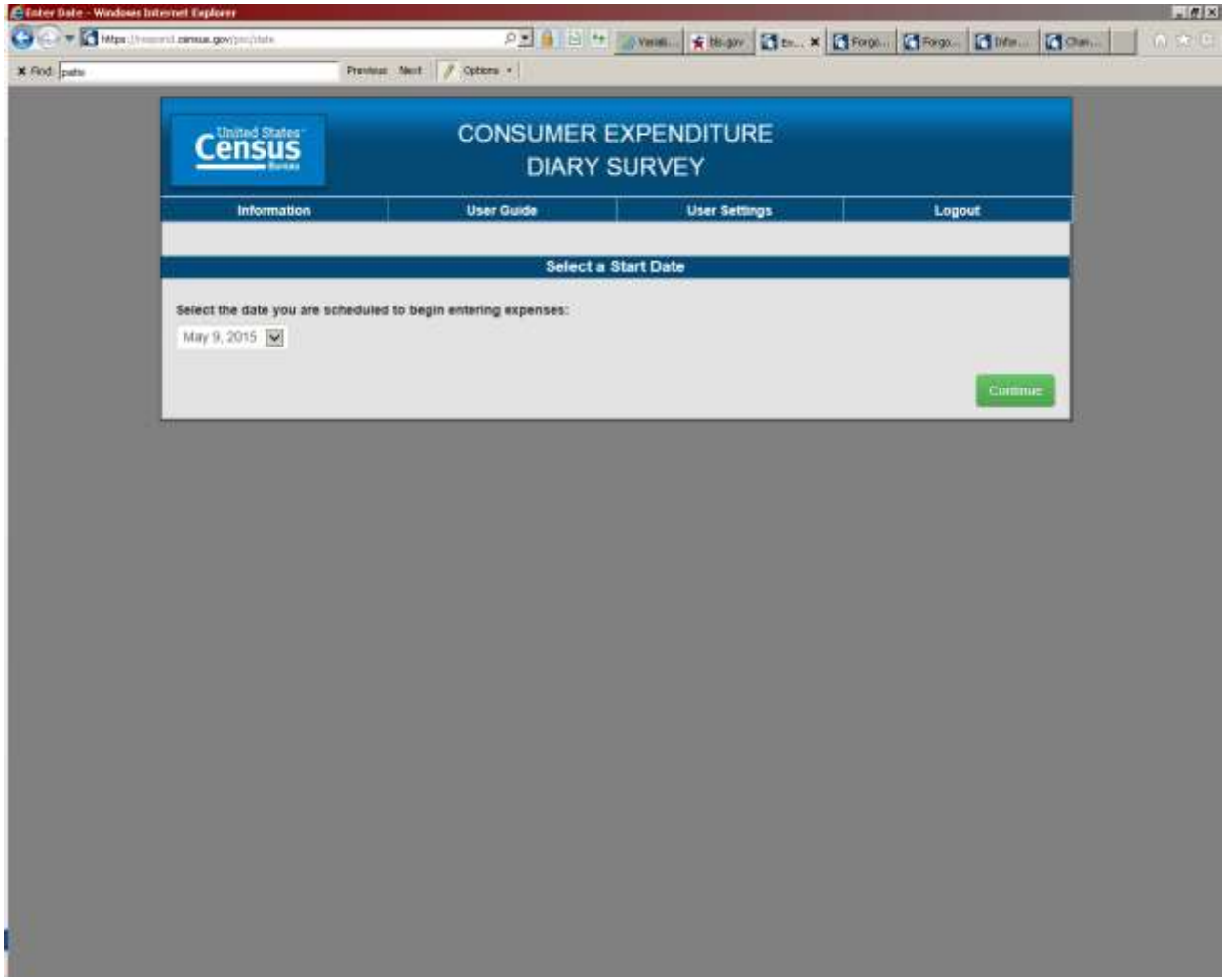
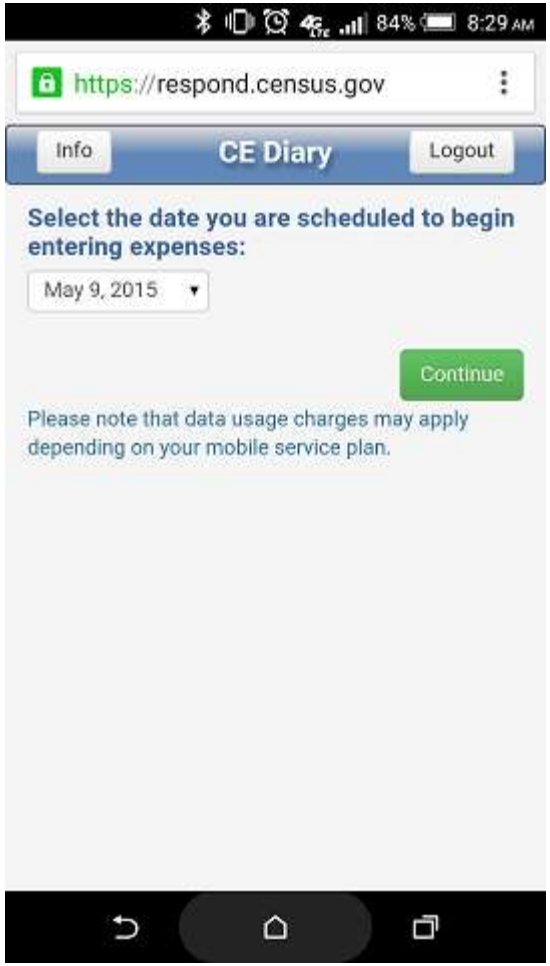
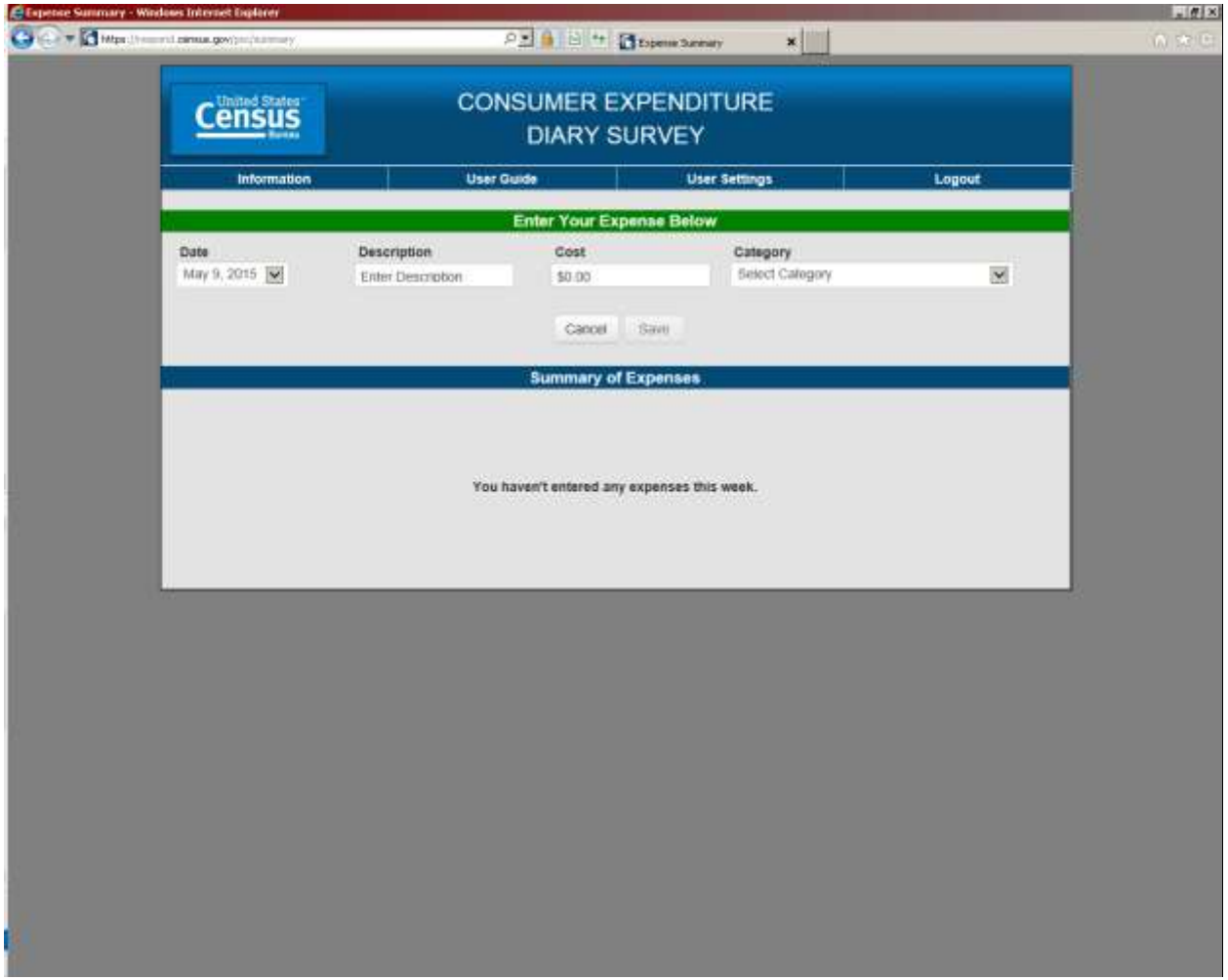
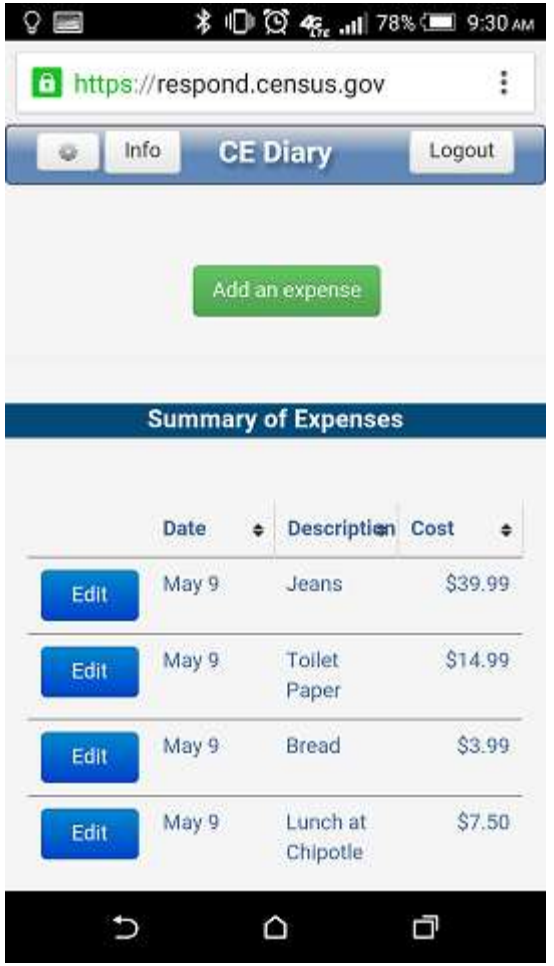




Expense Entry Page/Summary of Expenses page (Web), Home Screen/Summary of Expenses (Mobile)





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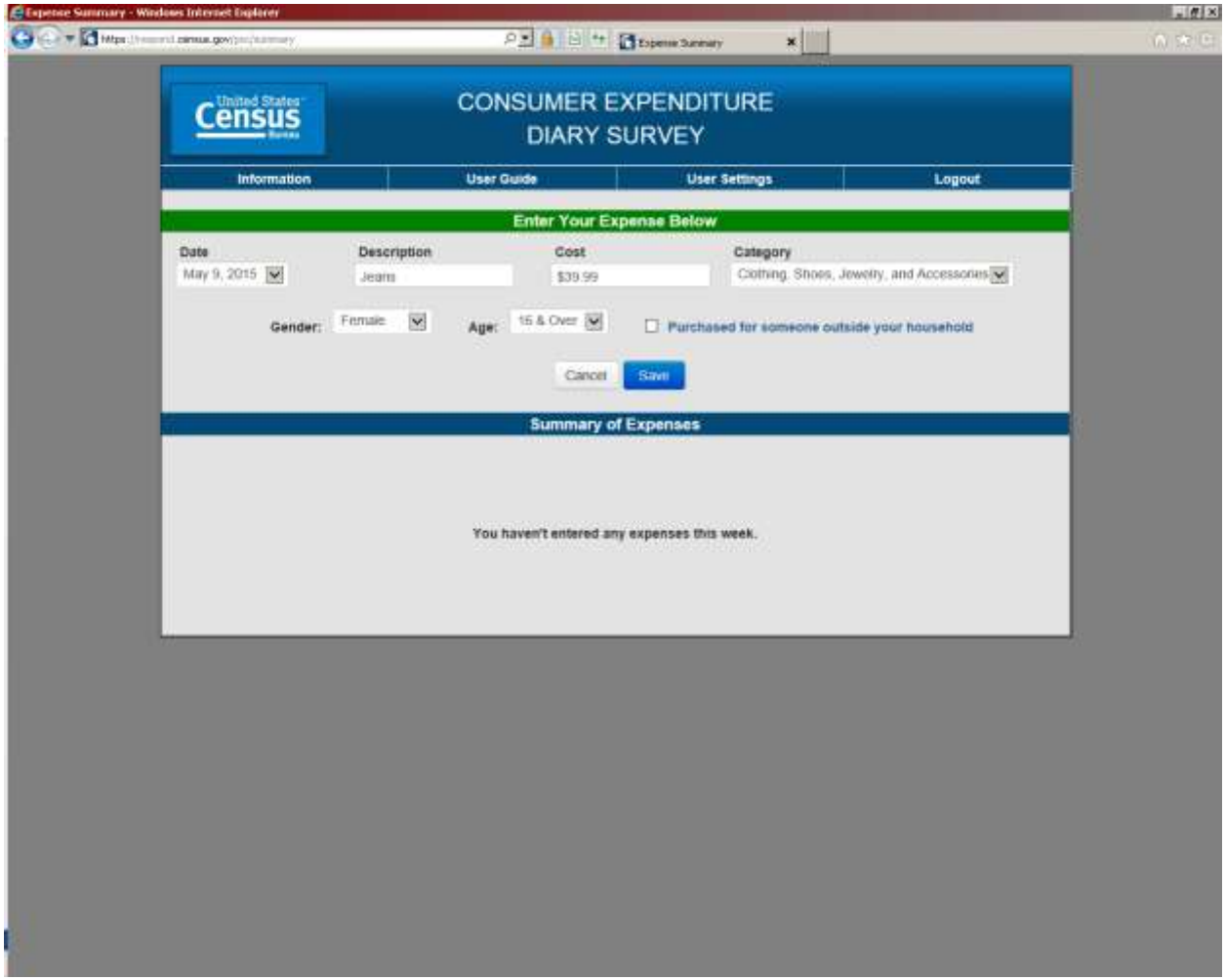

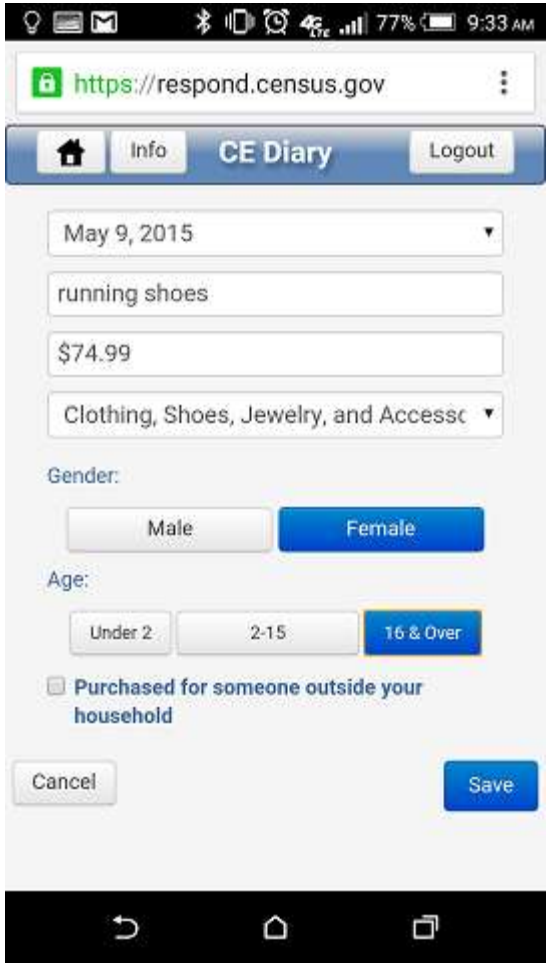

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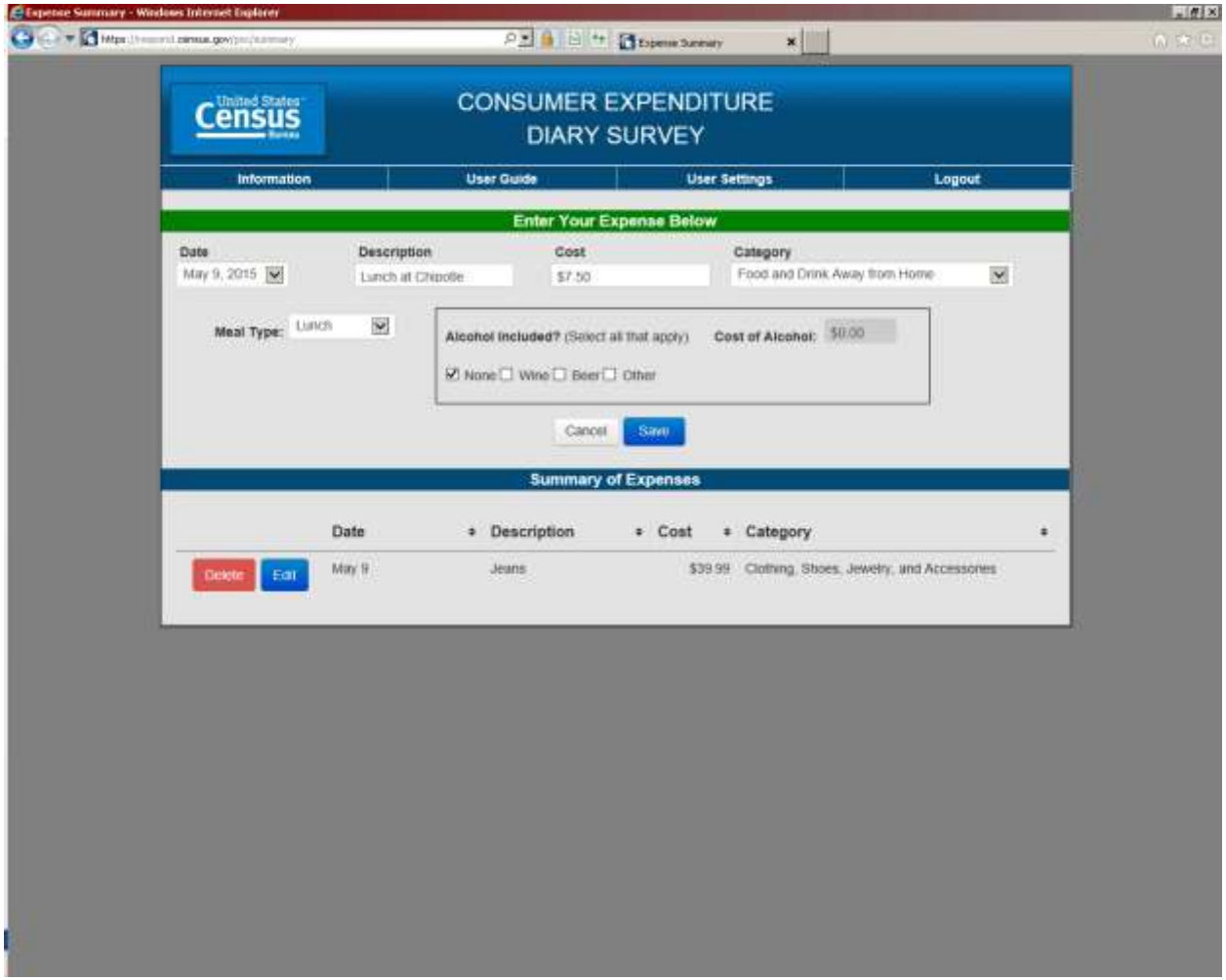

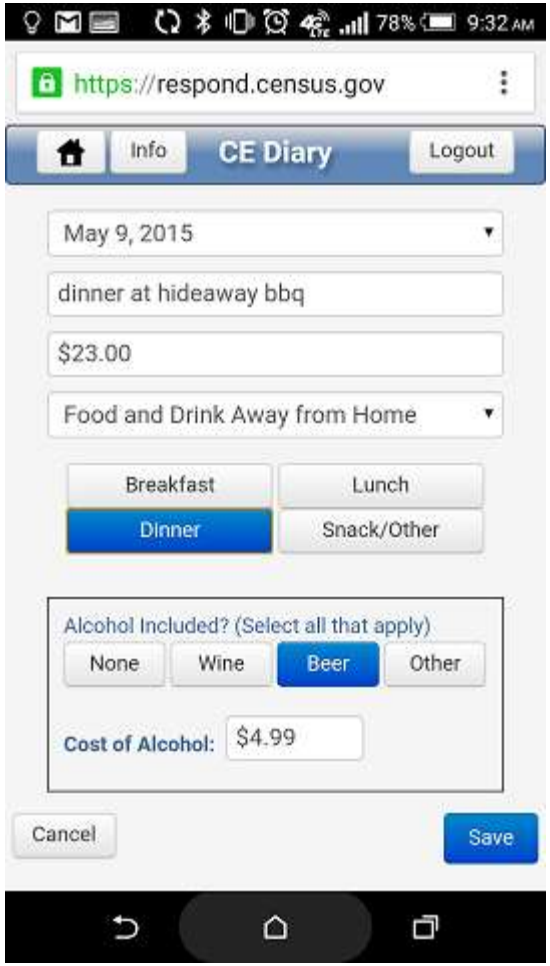

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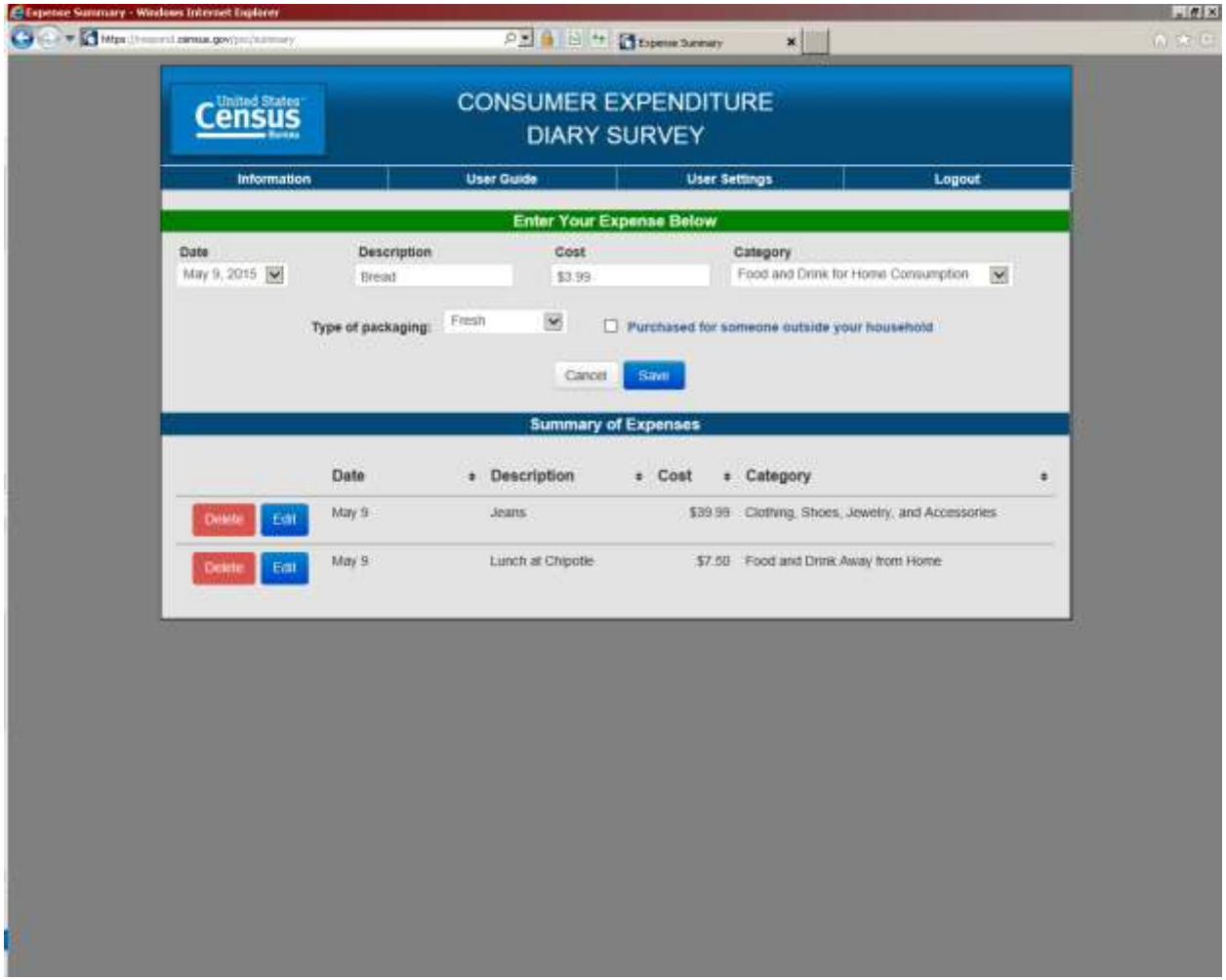

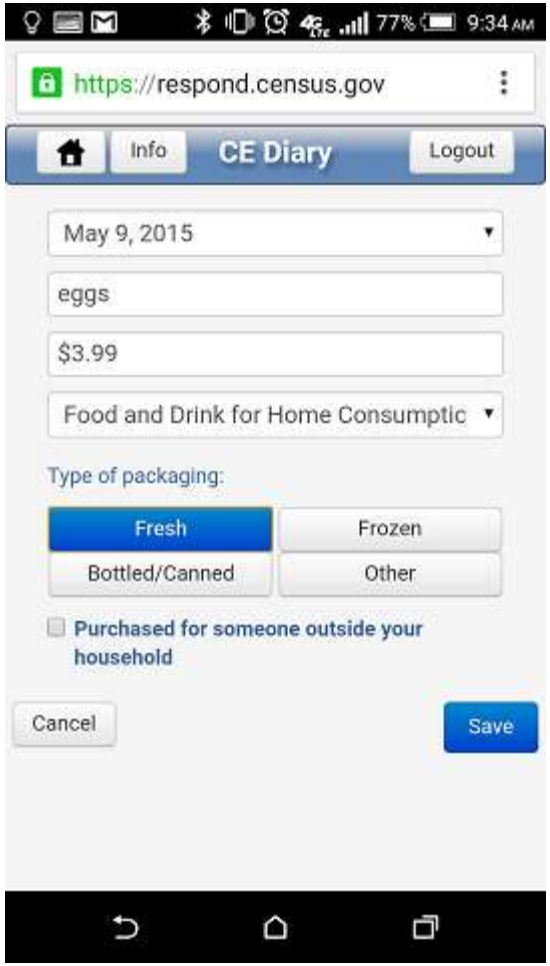

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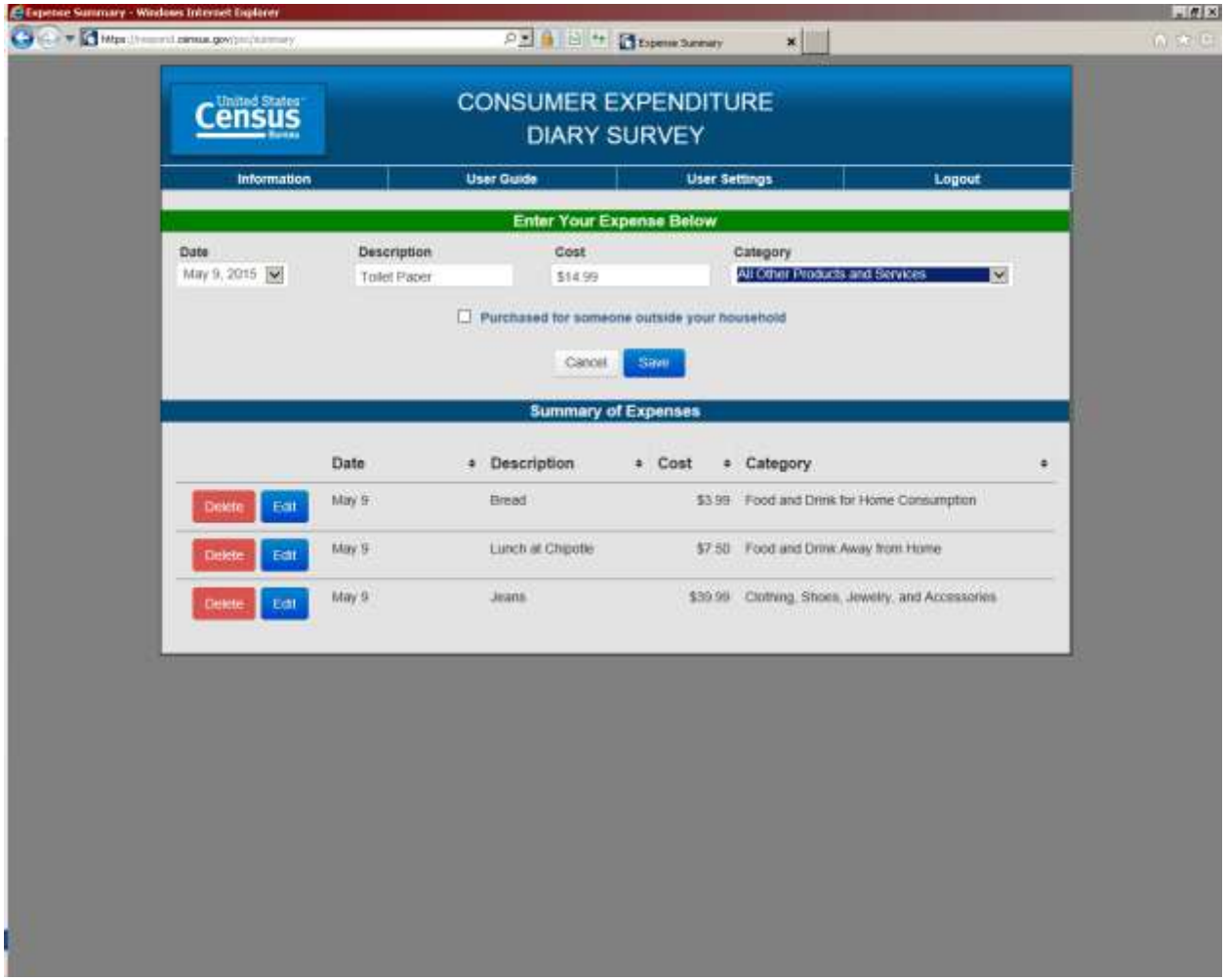

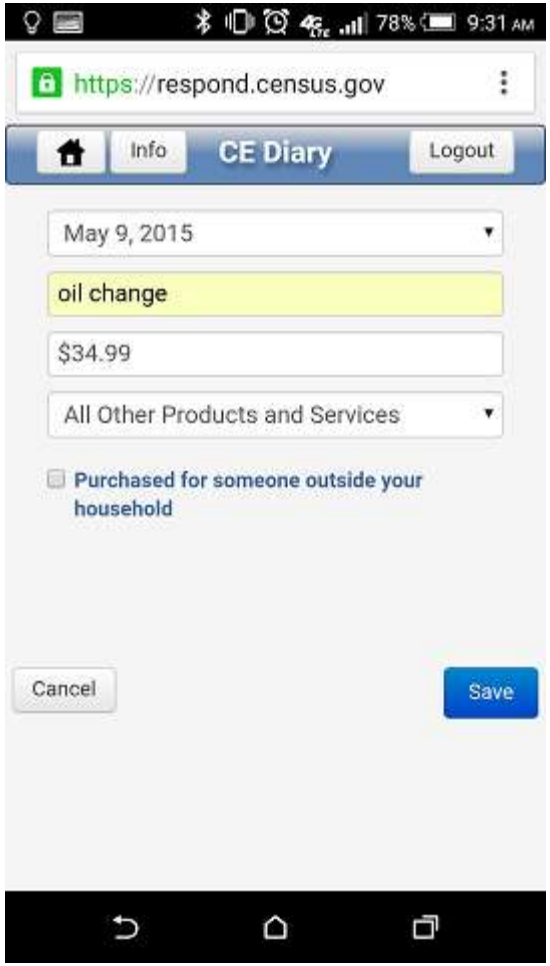

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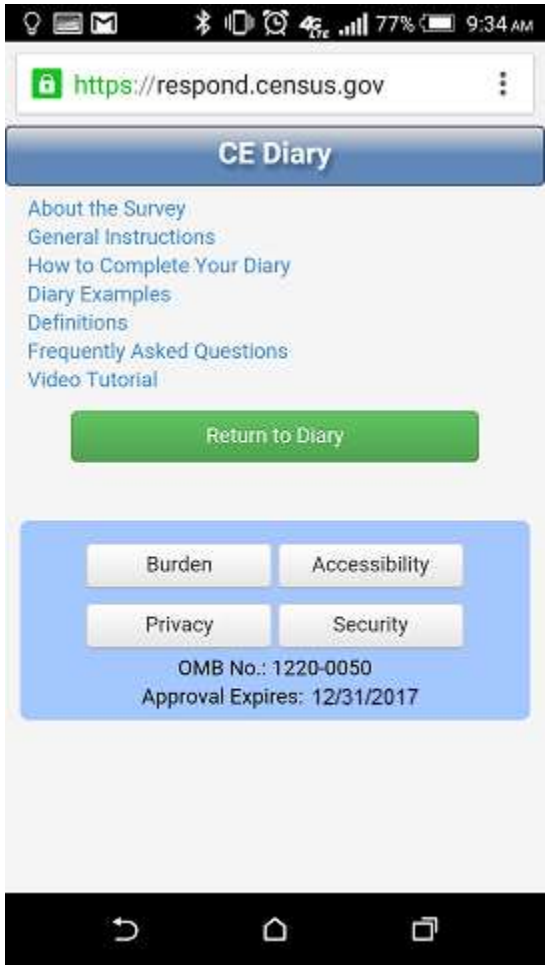

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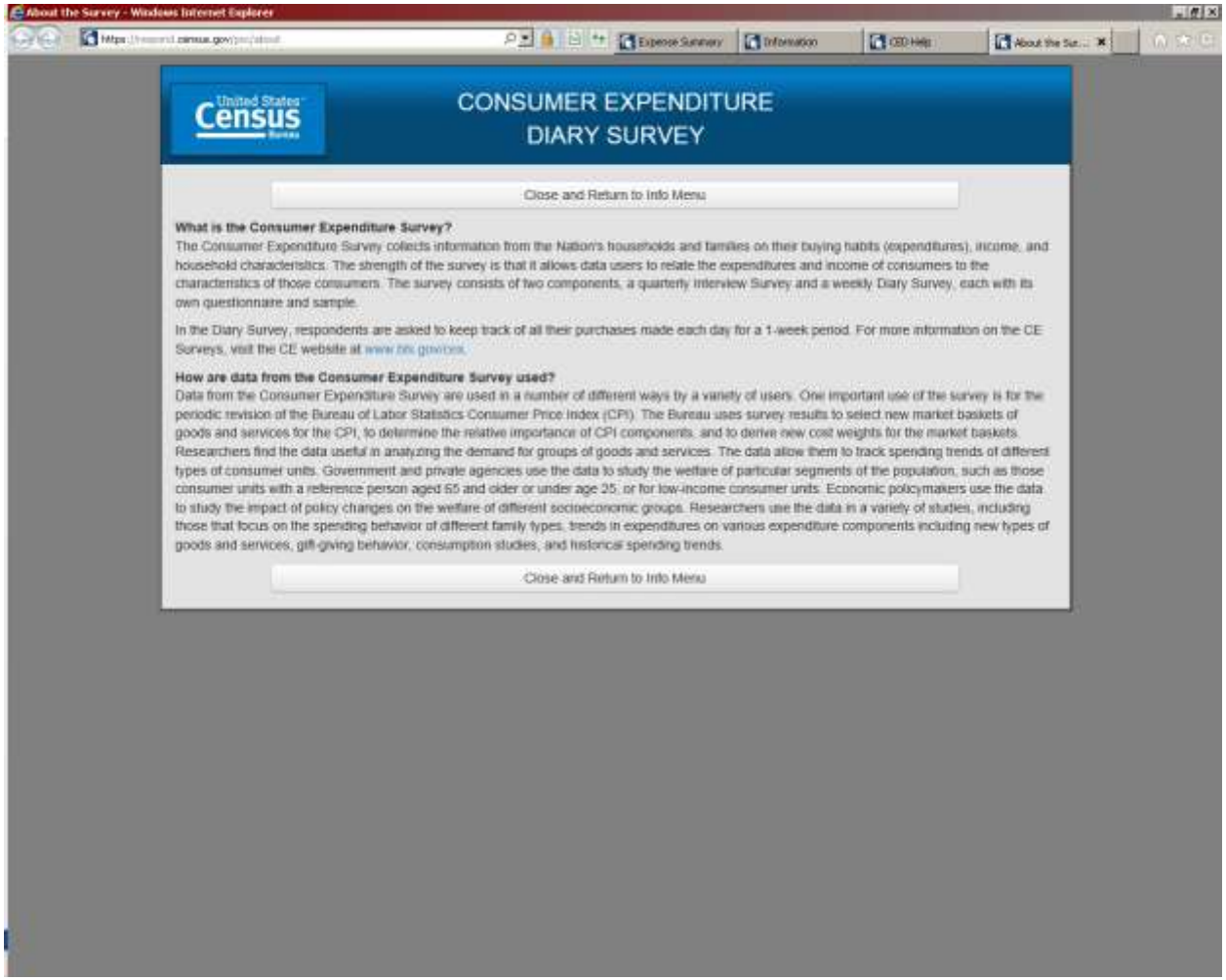

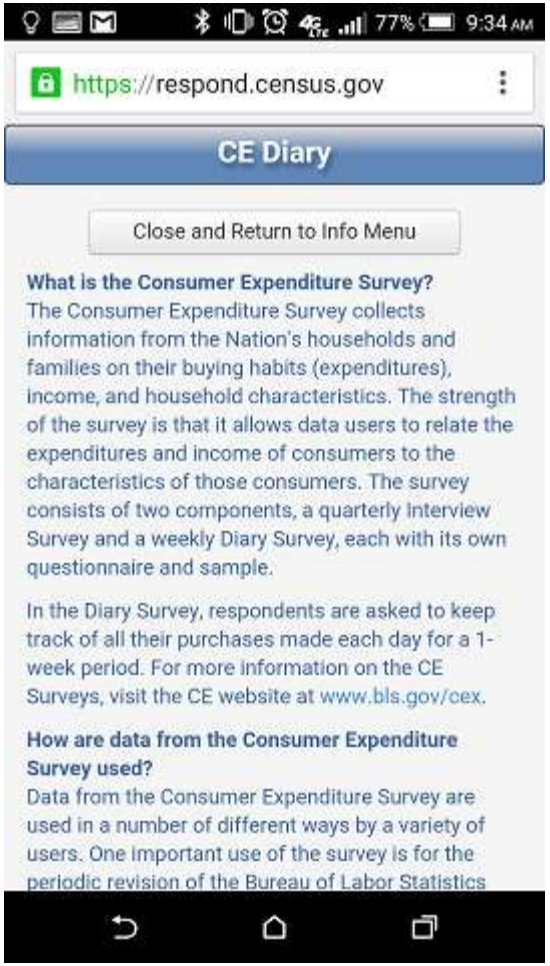
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What is the Consumer Expenditure Survey?
The Consumer Expenditure Survey collects information from the Nation's households and families on their buying habits (expenditures), income, and household characteristics. The strength of the survey is that it allows data users to relate the expenditures and income of consumers to the characteristics of those consumers. The survey consists of two components, a quarterly Interview Survey and a weekly Diary Survey, each with its own questionnaire and sample.
In the Diary Survey, respondents are asked to keep track of all their purchases made each day for a 1-week period. For more information on the CE Surveys, visit the CE website at www.bls.gov/cex.
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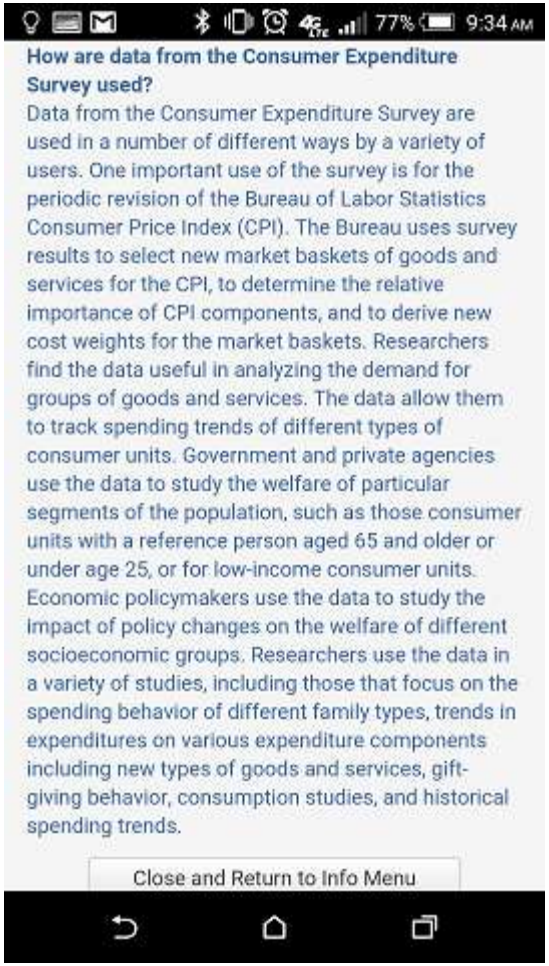
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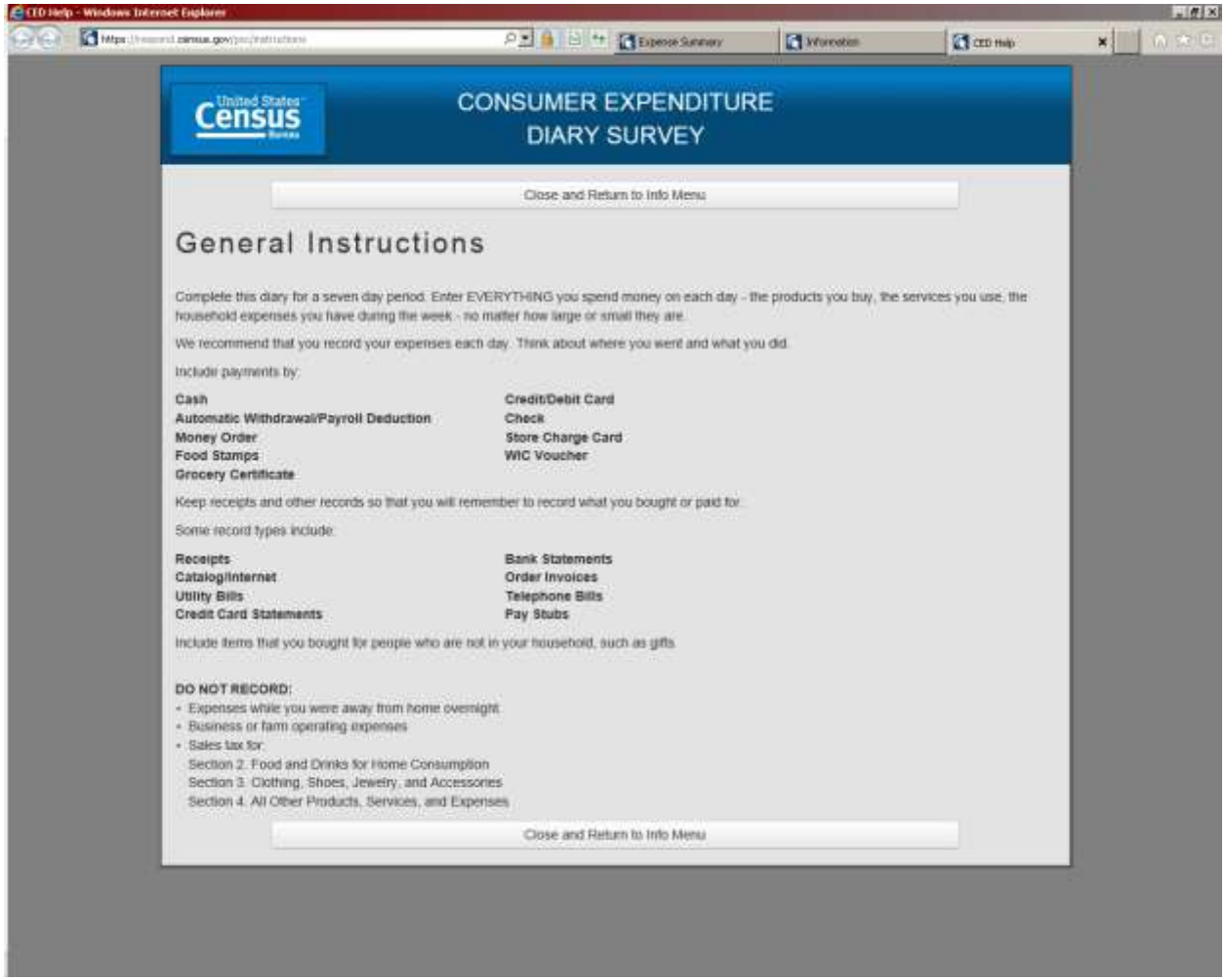

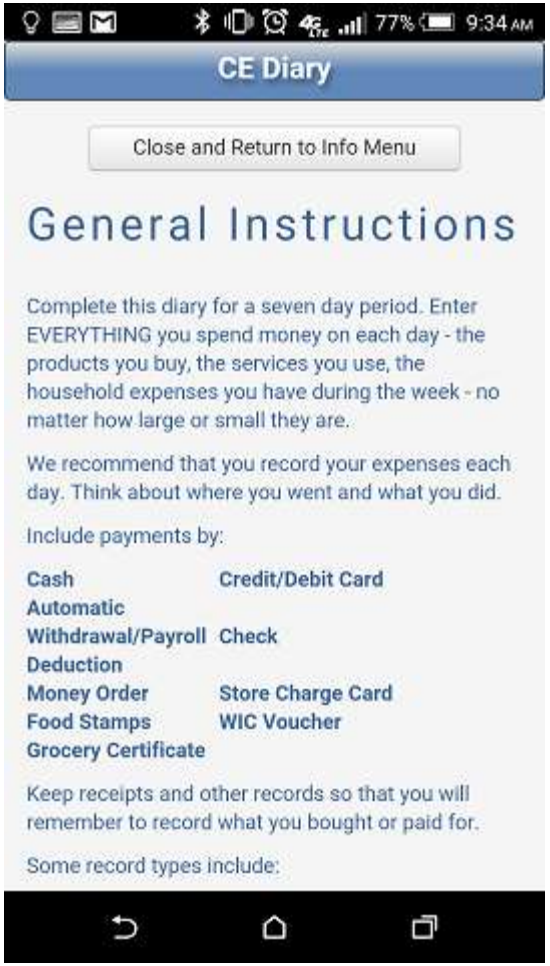
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General Instructions
Complete this diary for a seven day period. Enter EVERYTHING you spend money on each day - the products you buy, the services you use, the household expenses you have during the week - no matter how large or small they are.
We recommend that you record your expenses each day. Think about where you went and what you did.
Include payments by:
Cash
Credit/Debit Card
Automatic Withdrawal/Payroll Deduction
Check
Money Order
Store Charge Card
Food Stamps
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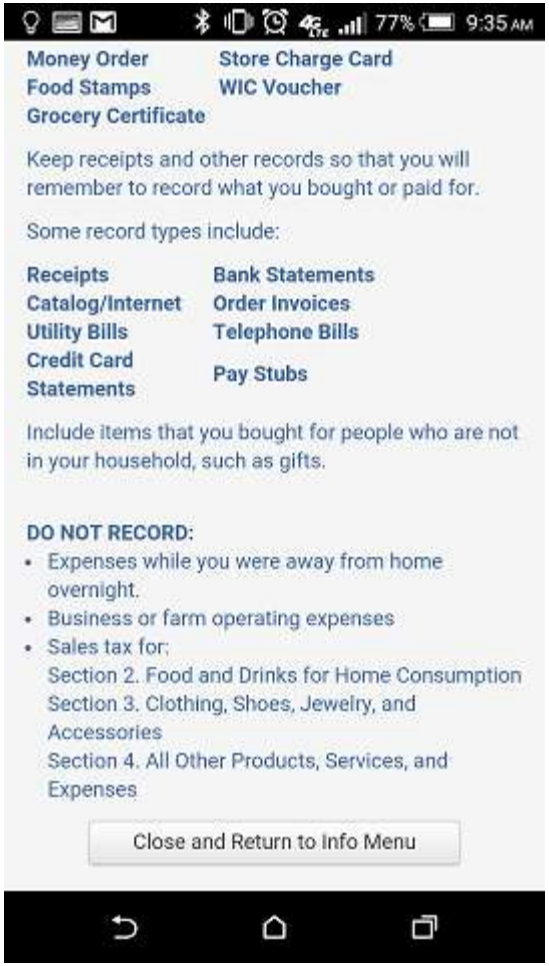
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Bank Statements
Catalog/Internet
Order Invoices
Utility Bills
Telephone Bills
Credit Card Statements
Pay Stubs
Include items that you bought for people who are not in your household, such as gifts.
DO NOT RECORD:
• Expenses while you were away from home overnight.
• Business or farm operating expenses
• Sales tax for:
Section 2. Food and Drinks for Home Consumption
Section 3. Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories
Section 4. All Other Products, Services, and Expenses
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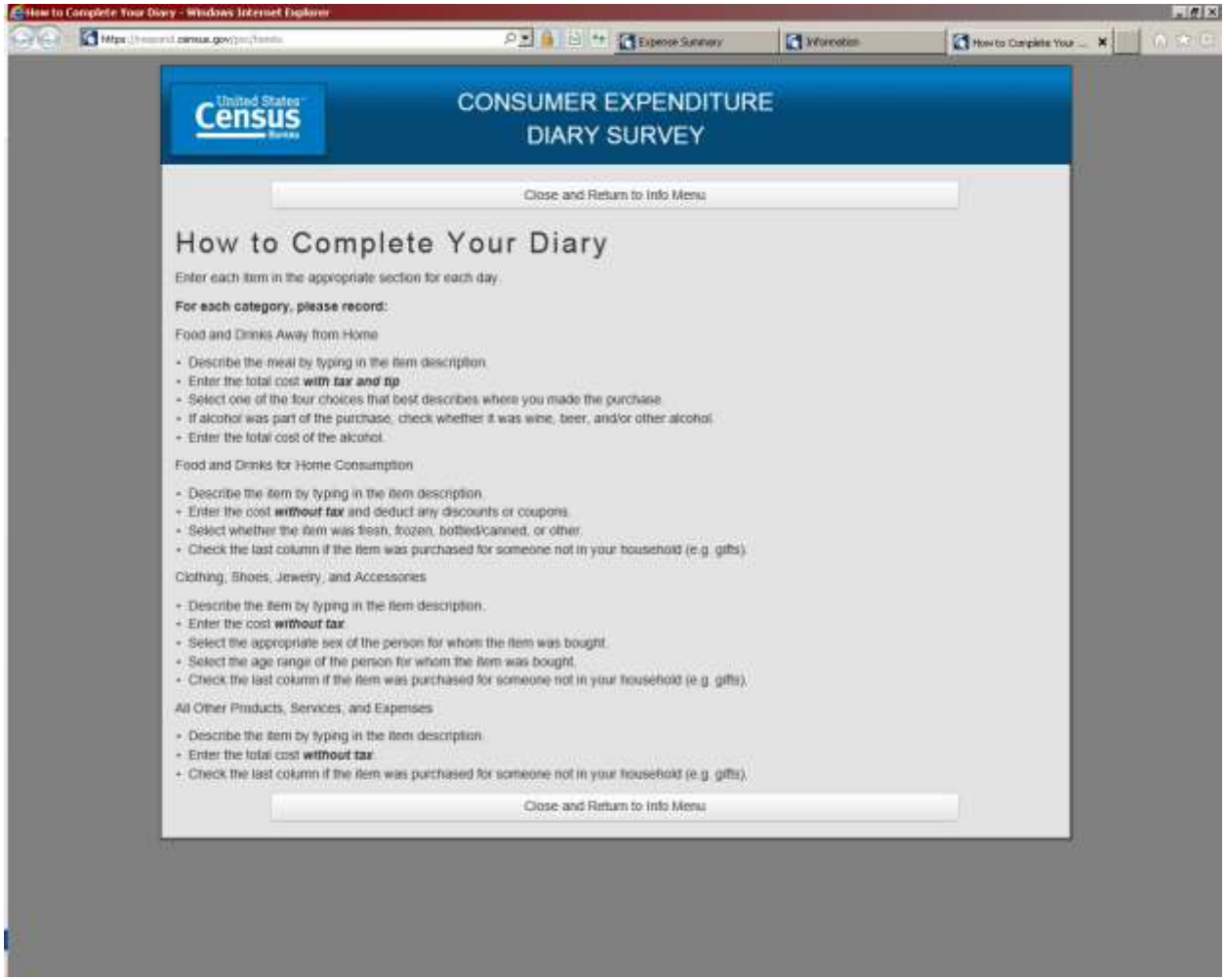
How to Complete Your Diary link:



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How to Complete Your Diary
Enter each item in the appropriate section for each day.
For each category, please record:
Food and Drinks Away from Home
• Describe the meal by typing in the item description.
• Enter the total cost with tax and tip
• Select one of the four choices that best describes where you made the purchase.
• If alcohol was part of the purchase, check whether it was wine, beer, and/or other alcohol.
• Enter the total cost of the alcohol.
Food and Drinks for Home Consumption
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• Enter the cost without tax and deduct any discounts or coupons.
• Select whether the item was fresh, frozen, bottled/canned, or other.
• Check the last column if the item was purchased for someone not in your household (e.g. gifts).
Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories
• Describe the item by typing in the item description.
• Enter the cost without tax.
• Select the appropriate sex of the person for whom the item was bought.
• Select the age range of the person for whom the item was bought.
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All Other Products, Services, and Expenses
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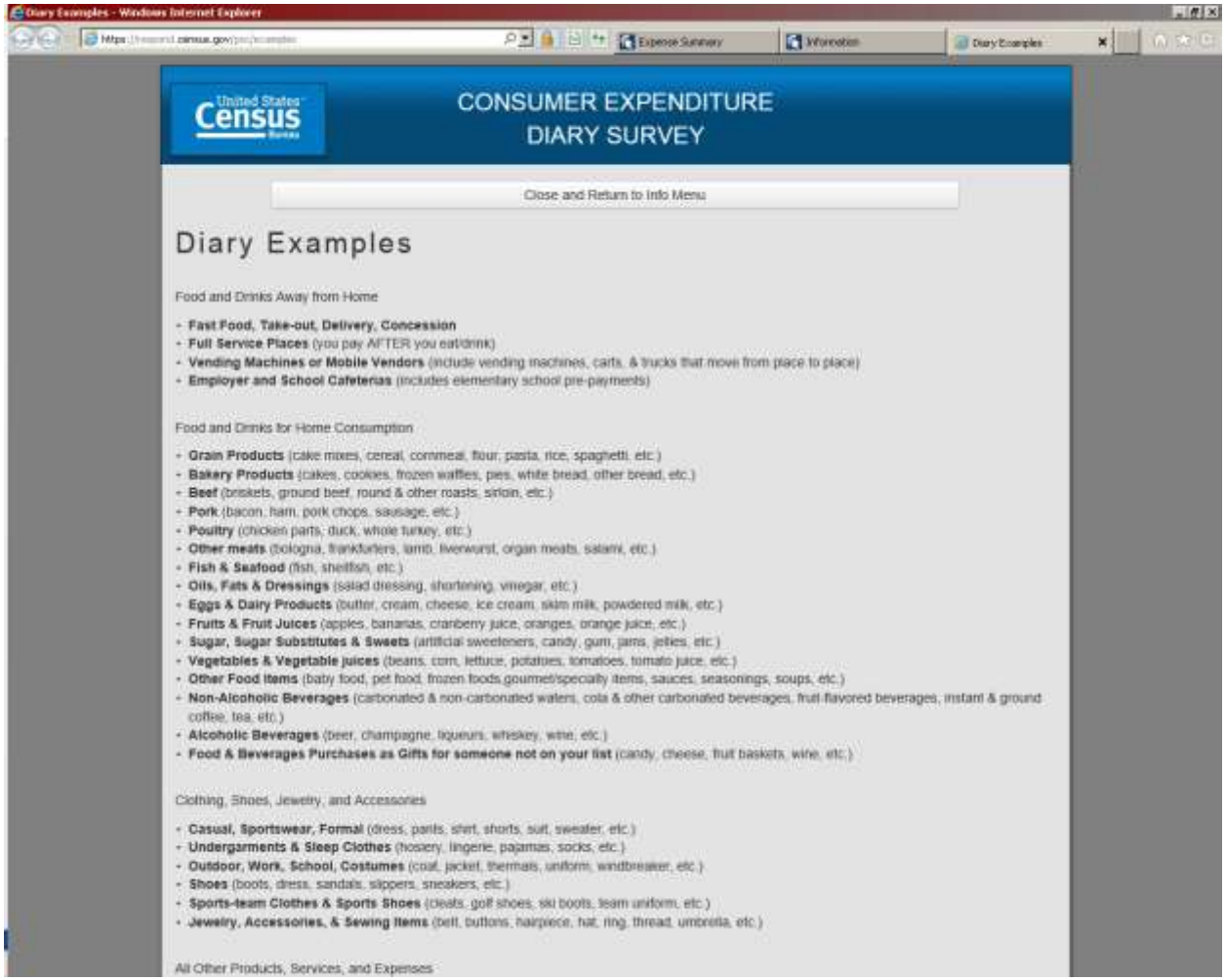
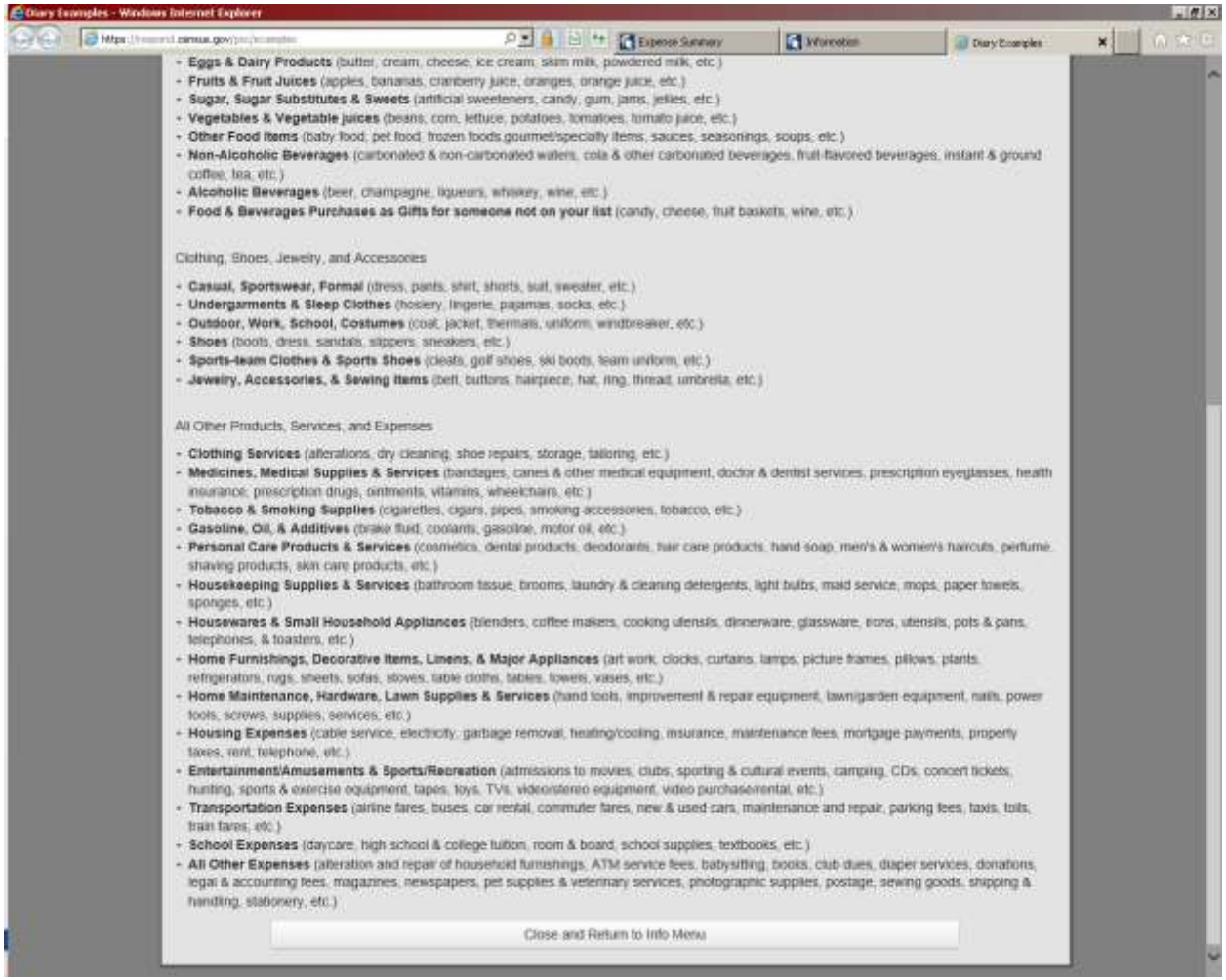
Diary Examples link:




Diary Examples - Windows Internet Explorer
Expense Summary
Information
Diary Examples
- **Eggs & Dairy Products** (butter, cream, cheese, ice cream, skim milk, powdered milk, etc.)
- **Fruits & Fruit Juices** (apples, bananas, cranberry juice, oranges, orange juice, etc.)
- **Sugar, Sugar Substitutes & Sweets** (artificial sweeteners, candy, gum, jams, jellies, etc.)
- **Vegetables & Vegetable juices** (beans, corn, lettuce, potatoes, tomatoes, tomato juice, etc.)
- **Other Food items** (baby food, pet food, frozen foods gourmet/specialty items, sauces, seasonings, soups, etc.)
- **Non-Alcoholic Beverages** (carbonated & non-carbonated waters, cola & other carbonated beverages, fruit-flavored beverages, instant & ground coffee, tea, etc.)
- **Alcoholic Beverages** (beer, champagne, liqueurs, whiskey, wine, etc.)
- **Food & Beverages Purchases as Gifts for someone not on your list** (candy, cheese, fruit baskets, wine, etc.)
Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories
- **Casual, Sportswear, Formal** (dress, pants, shirt, shorts, suit, sweater, etc.)
- **Undergarments & Sleep Clothes** (hosiery, lingerie, pajamas, socks, etc.)
- **Outdoor, Work, School, Costumes** (coat, jacket, thermals, uniform, windbreaker, etc.)
- **Shoes** (boots, dress, sandals, slippers, sneakers, etc.)
- **Sports-team Clothes & Sports Shoes** (cleats, golf shoes, ski boots, team uniform, etc.)
- **Jewelry, Accessories, & Sewing Items** (belt, buttons, hairpiece, hat, ring, thread, umbrella, etc.)
All Other Products, Services, and Expenses
- **Clothing Services** (alterations, dry cleaning, shoe repairs, storage, tailoring, etc.)
- **Medicines, Medical Supplies & Services** (bandages, canes & other medical equipment, doctor & dentist services, prescription eyeglasses, health insurance, prescription drugs, ointments, vitamins, wheelchairs, etc.)
- **Tobacco & Smoking Supplies** (cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smoking accessories, tobacco, etc.)
- **Gasoline, Oil, & Additives** (brake fluid, coolants, gasoline, motor oil, etc.)
- **Personal Care Products & Services** (cosmetics, dental products, deodorants, hair care products, hand soap, men's & women's haircuts, perfume, shaving products, skin care products, etc.)
- **Housekeeping Supplies & Services** (bathroom tissue, brooms, laundry & cleaning detergents, light bulbs, maid service, mops, paper towels, sponges, etc.)
- **Housewares & Small Household Appliances** (blenders, coffee makers, cooking utensils, dinnerware, glassware, irons, utensils, pots & pans, telephones, & toasters, etc.)
- **Home Furnishings, Decorative Items, Linens, & Major Appliances** (art work, clocks, curtains, lamps, picture frames, pillows, plants, refrigerators, rugs, sheets, sofas, stoves, table cloths, tables, towels, vases, etc.)
- **Home Maintenance, Hardware, Lawn Supplies & Services** (hand tools, improvement & repair equipment, lawn/garden equipment, nails, power tools, screws, supplies, services, etc.)
- **Housing Expenses** (cable service, electricity, garbage removal, heating/cooling, insurance, maintenance fees, mortgage payments, property taxes, rent, telephone, etc.)
- **Entertainment/Amusements & Sports/Recreation** (admissions to movies, clubs, sporting & cultural events, camping, CDs, concert tickets, hunting, sports & exercise equipment, tapes, toys, TVs, video/stereo equipment, video purchase/rental, etc.)
- **Transportation Expenses** (airline fares, buses, car rental, commuter fares, new & used cars, maintenance and repair, parking fees, taxis, tolls, train fares, etc.)
- **School Expenses** (daycare, high school & college tuition, room & board, school supplies, textbooks, etc.)
- **All Other Expenses** (alteration and repair of household furnishings, ATM service fees, babysitting, books, club dues, diaper services, donations, legal & accounting fees, magazines, newspapers, pet supplies & veterinary services, photographic supplies, postage, sewing goods, shipping & handling, stationery, etc.)
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Diary Examples
Food and Drinks Away from Home
Fast Food, Take-out, Delivery, Concession
Full Service Places (you pay AFTER you eat/drink)
Vending Machines or Mobile Vendors (include vending machines, carts, & trucks that move from place to place)
Employer and School Cafeterias (includes elementary school pre-payments)
Food and Drinks for Home Consumption
Grain Products (cake mixes, cereal, cornmeal, flour, pasta, rice, spaghetti, etc.)
Bakery Products (cakes, cookies, frozen waffles, pies, white bread, other bread, etc.)
Beef (briskets, ground beef, round & other roasts, sirloin, etc.)

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Pork (bacon, ham, pork chops, sausage, etc.)
Poultry (chicken parts, duck, whole turkey, etc.)
Other meats (bologna, frankfurters, lamb, liverwurst, organ meats, salami, etc.)
Fish & Seafood (fish, shellfish, etc.)
Oils, Fats & Dressings (salad dressing, shortening, vinegar, etc.)
Eggs & Dairy Products (butter, cream, cheese, ice cream, skim milk, powdered milk, etc.)
Fruits & Fruit Juices (apples, bananas, cranberry juice, oranges, orange juice, etc.)
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Clothing Services (alterations, dry cleaning, shoe repairs, storage, tailoring, etc.)
Medicines, Medical Supplies & Services (bandages, canes & other medical equipment, doctor & dentist services, prescription eyeglasses, health insurance, prescription drugs, ointments, vitamins, wheelchairs, etc.)
Tobacco & Smoking Supplies (cigarettes, cigars, pipes, smoking accessories, tobacco, etc.)
Gasoline, Oil, & Additives (brake fluid, coolants, gasoline, motor oil, etc.)
Personal Care Products & Services (cosmetics, dental products, deodorants, hair care products, hand soap, men's & women's haircuts, perfume,

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Services (hand tools, improvement & repair equipment, lawn/garden equipment, nails, power tools, screws, supplies, services, etc.)
• Housing Expenses (cable service, electricity, garbage removal, heating/cooling, insurance, maintenance fees, mortgage payments, property taxes, rent, telephone, etc.)
• Entertainment/Amusements & Sports/Recreation (admissions to movies, clubs, sporting & cultural events, camping, CDs, concert tickets, hunting, sports & exercise equipment, tapes, toys, TVs, video/stereo equipment, video purchase/rental, etc.)
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• School Expenses (daycare, high school & college tuition, room & board, school supplies, textbooks, etc.)
• All Other Expenses (alteration and repair of household furnishings, ATM service fees, babysitting, books, club dues, diaper services, donations, legal & accounting fees, magazines, newspapers, pet supplies & veterinary services, photographic supplies, postage, sewing goods, shipping & handling, stationery, etc.)
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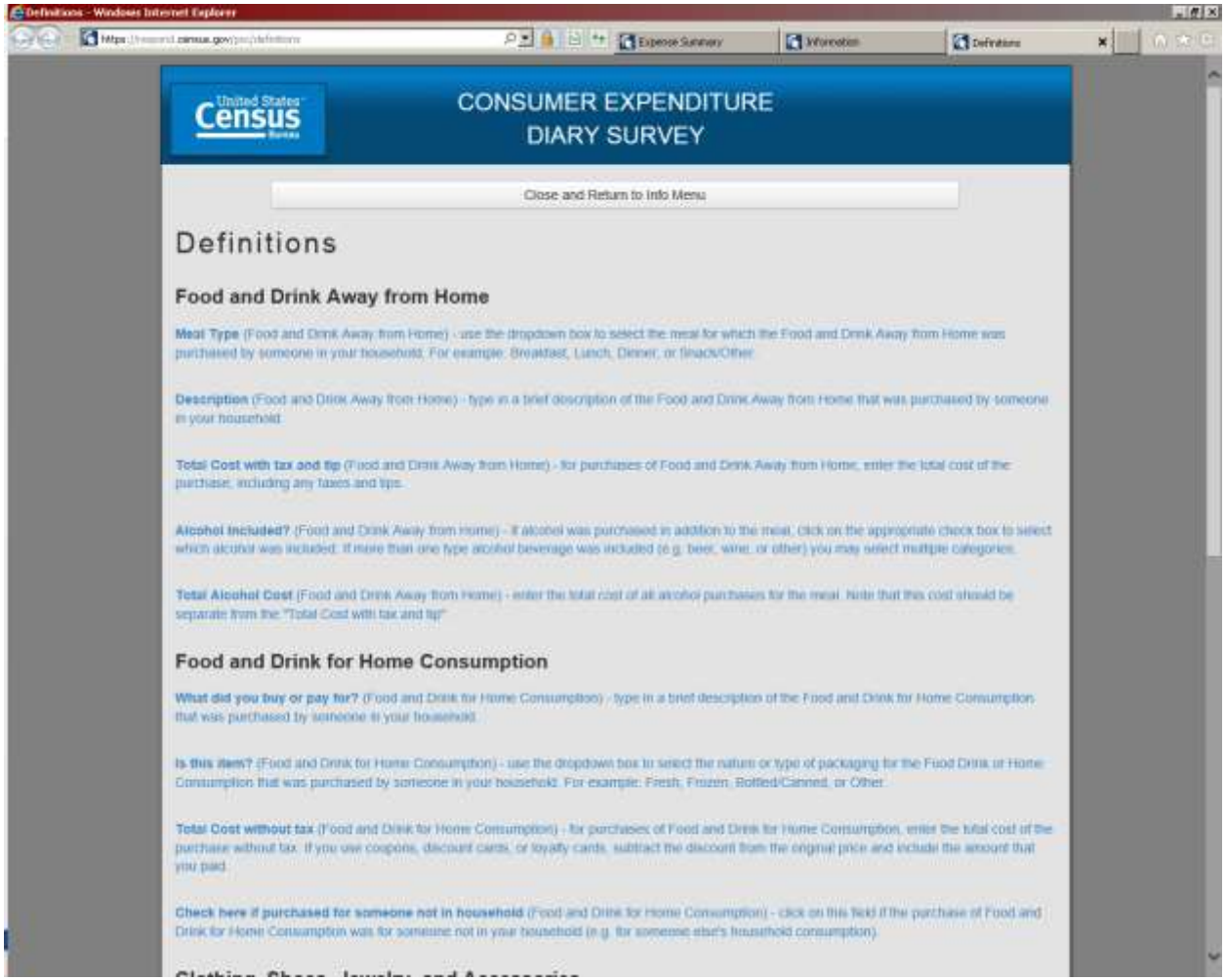

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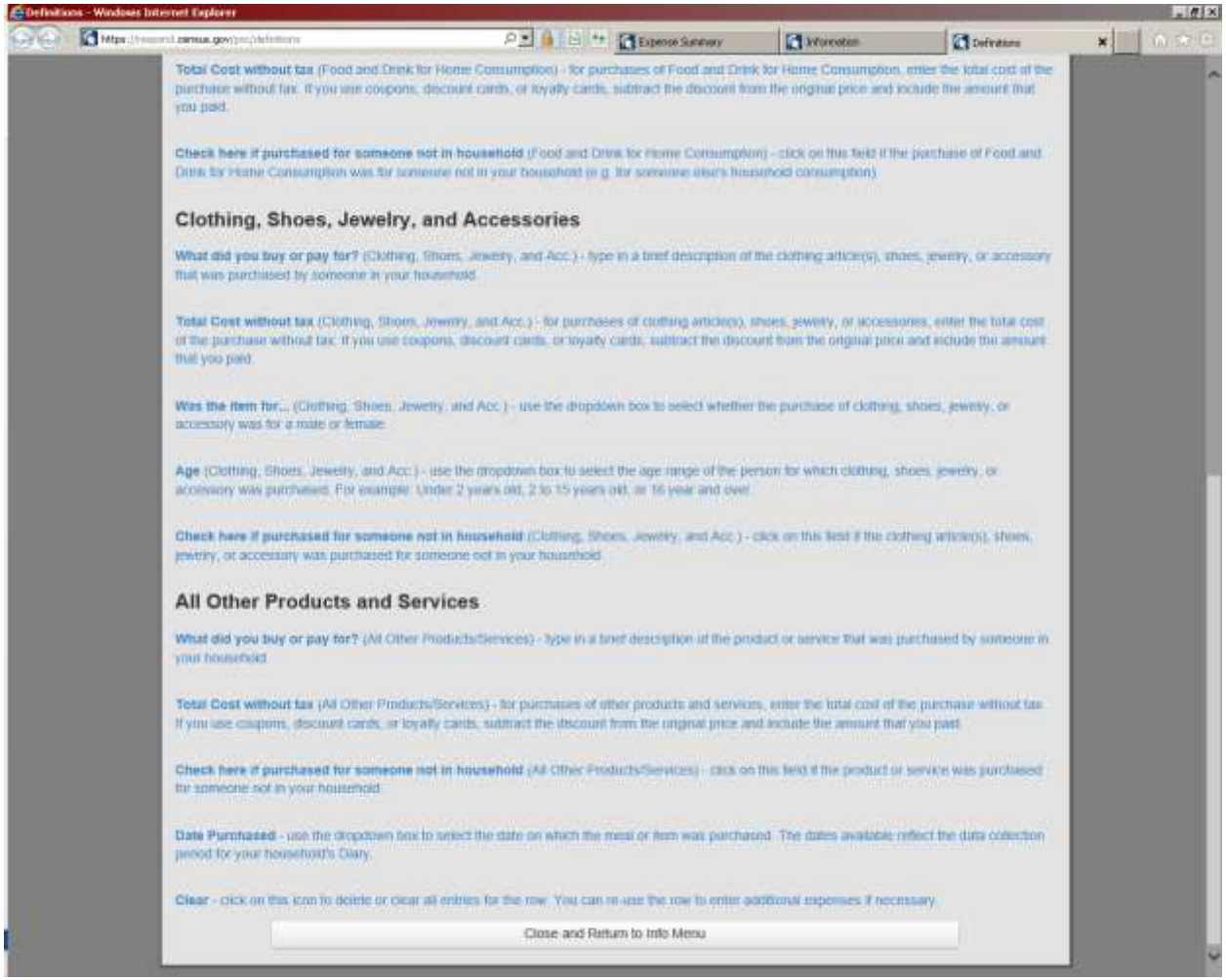

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Food and Drink Away from Home
Meal Type (Food and Drink Away from Home) - use the dropdown box to select the meal for which the Food and Drink Away from Home was purchased by someone in your household. For example: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, or Snack/Other.
Description (Food and Drink Away from Home) - type in a brief description of the Food and Drink Away from Home that was purchased by someone in your household.
Total Cost with tax and tip (Food and Drink Away from Home) - for purchases of Food and Drink Away from Home, enter the total cost of the purchase, including any taxes and tips.
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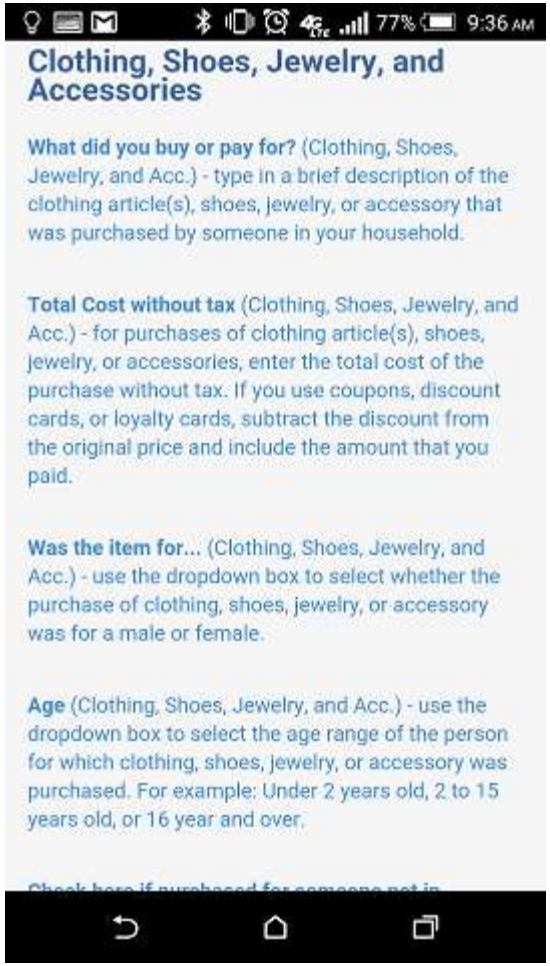
Alcohol Included? (Food and Drink Away from Home) - if alcohol was purchased in addition to the meal, click on the appropriate check box to select which alcohol was included. If more than one type alcohol beverage was included (e.g. beer, wine, or other) you may select multiple categories.
Total Alcohol Cost (Food and Drink Away from Home) - enter the total cost of all alcohol purchases for the meal. Note that this cost should be separate from the "Total Cost with tax and tip".
Food and Drink for Home Consumption
What did you buy or pay for? (Food and Drink for Home Consumption) - type in a brief description of the Food and Drink for Home Consumption that was purchased by someone in your household.
Is this item? (Food and Drink for Home Consumption) - use the dropdown box to select the nature or type of packaging for the Food Drink or Home Consumption that was purchased by someone in your household. For example: Fresh, Frozen, Bottled/Canned, or Other.
Total Cost without tax (Food and Drink for Home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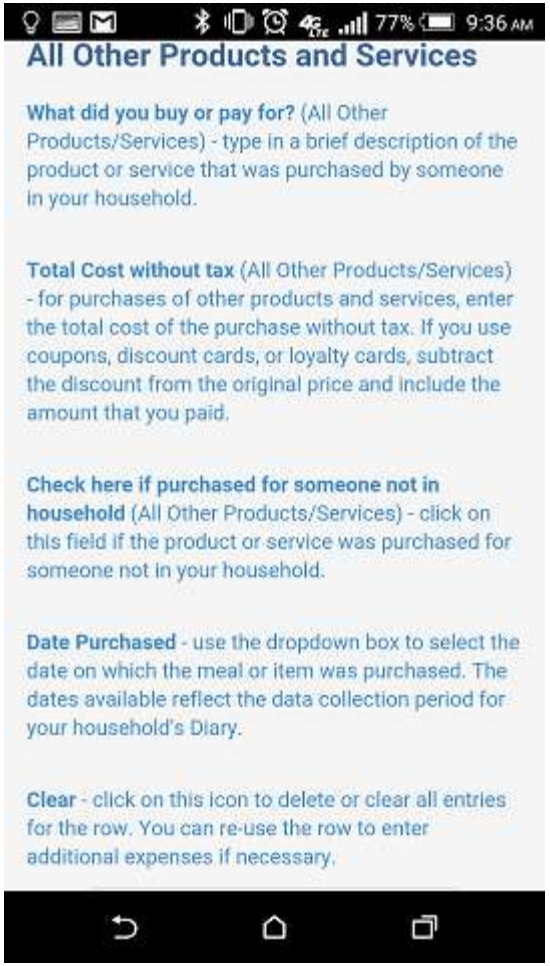
Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Accessories
What did you buy or pay for? (Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Acc.) - type in a brief description of the clothing article(s), shoes, jewelry, or accessory that was purchased by someone in your household.
Total Cost without tax (Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Acc.) - for purchases of clothing article(s), shoes, jewelry, or accessories, enter the total cost of the purchase without tax. If you use coupons, discount cards, or loyalty cards, subtract the discount from the original price and include the amount that you paid.
Was the item for... (Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Acc.) - use the dropdown box to select whether the purchase of clothing, shoes, jewelry, or accessory was for a male or female.
Age (Clothing, Shoes, Jewelry, and Acc.) - use the dropdown box to select the age range of the person for which clothing, shoes, jewelry, or accessory was purchased. For example: Under 2 years old, 2 to 15 years old, or 16 year and over.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All Other Products and Services
What did you buy or pay for? (All Other Products/Services) - type in a brief description of the product or service that was purchased by someone in your household.
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Check here if purchased for someone not in household (All Other Products/Services) - click on this field if the product or service was purchased for someone not in your household.
Date Purchased - use the dropdown box to select the date on which the meal or item was purchased. The dates available reflect the data collection period for your household's Diary.
Clear - click on this icon to delete or clear all entries for the row. You can re-use the row to enter additional expenses if necessary.

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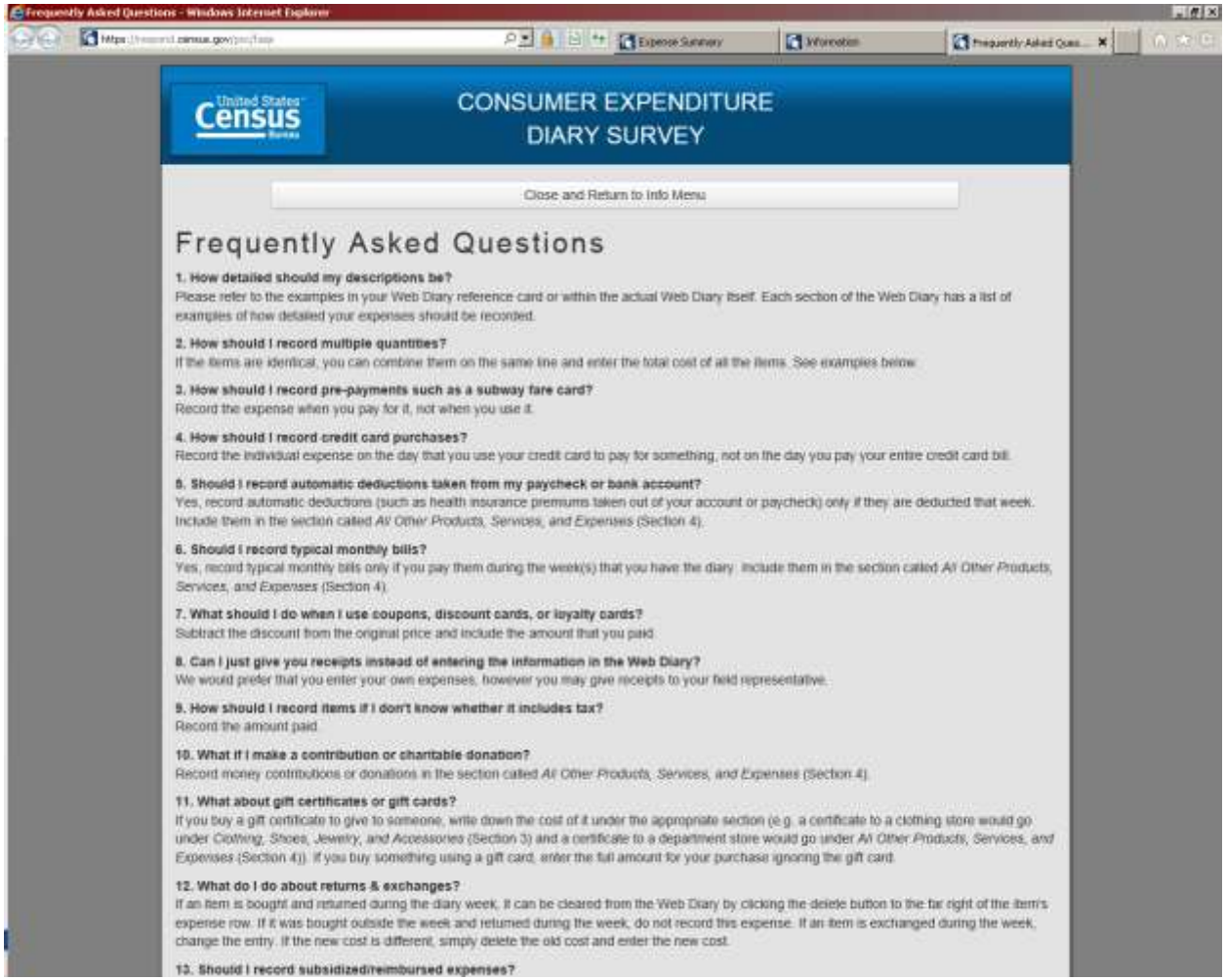
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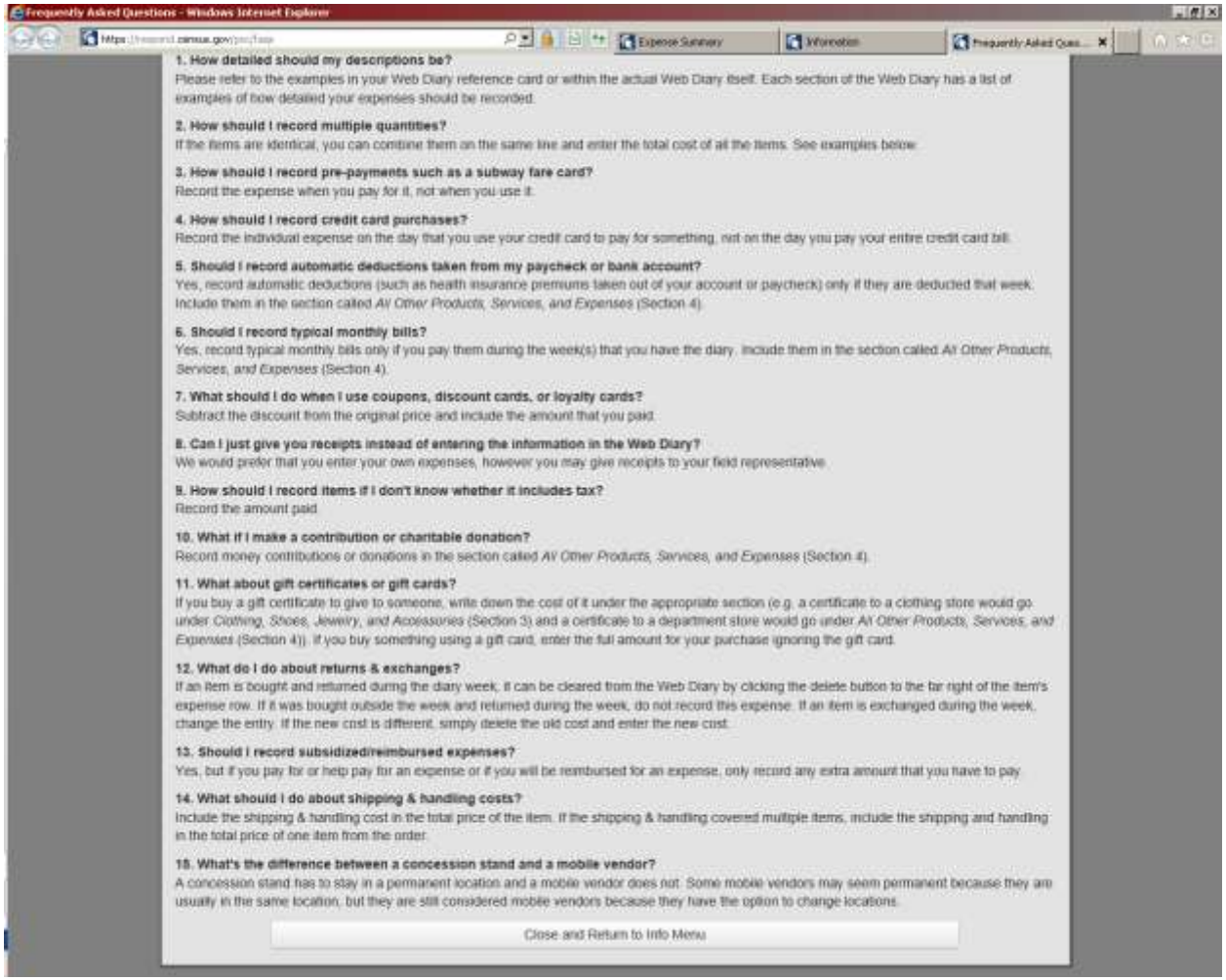
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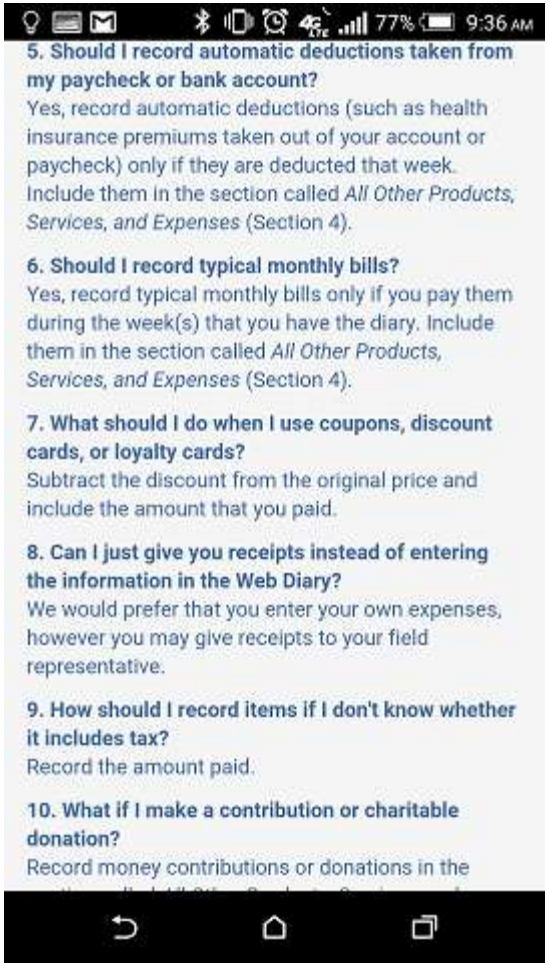
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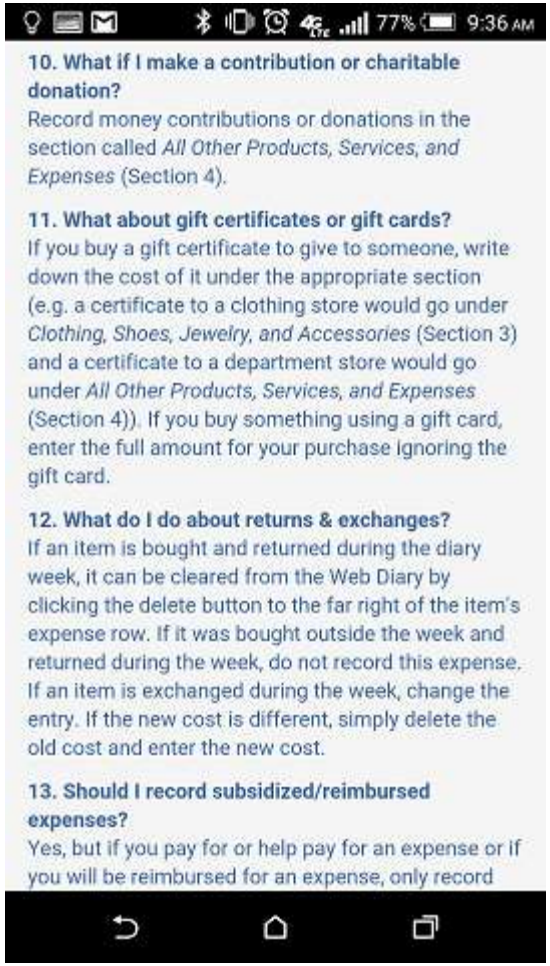
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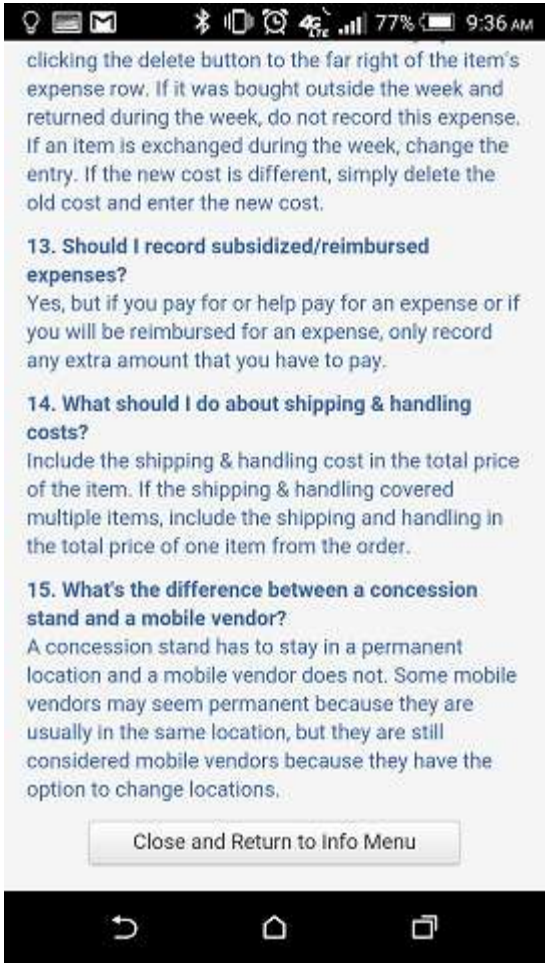
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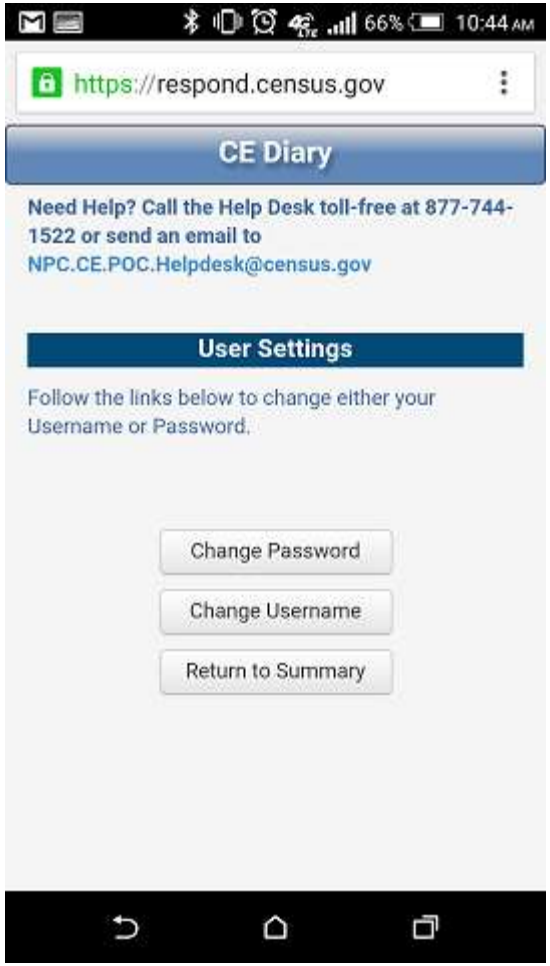

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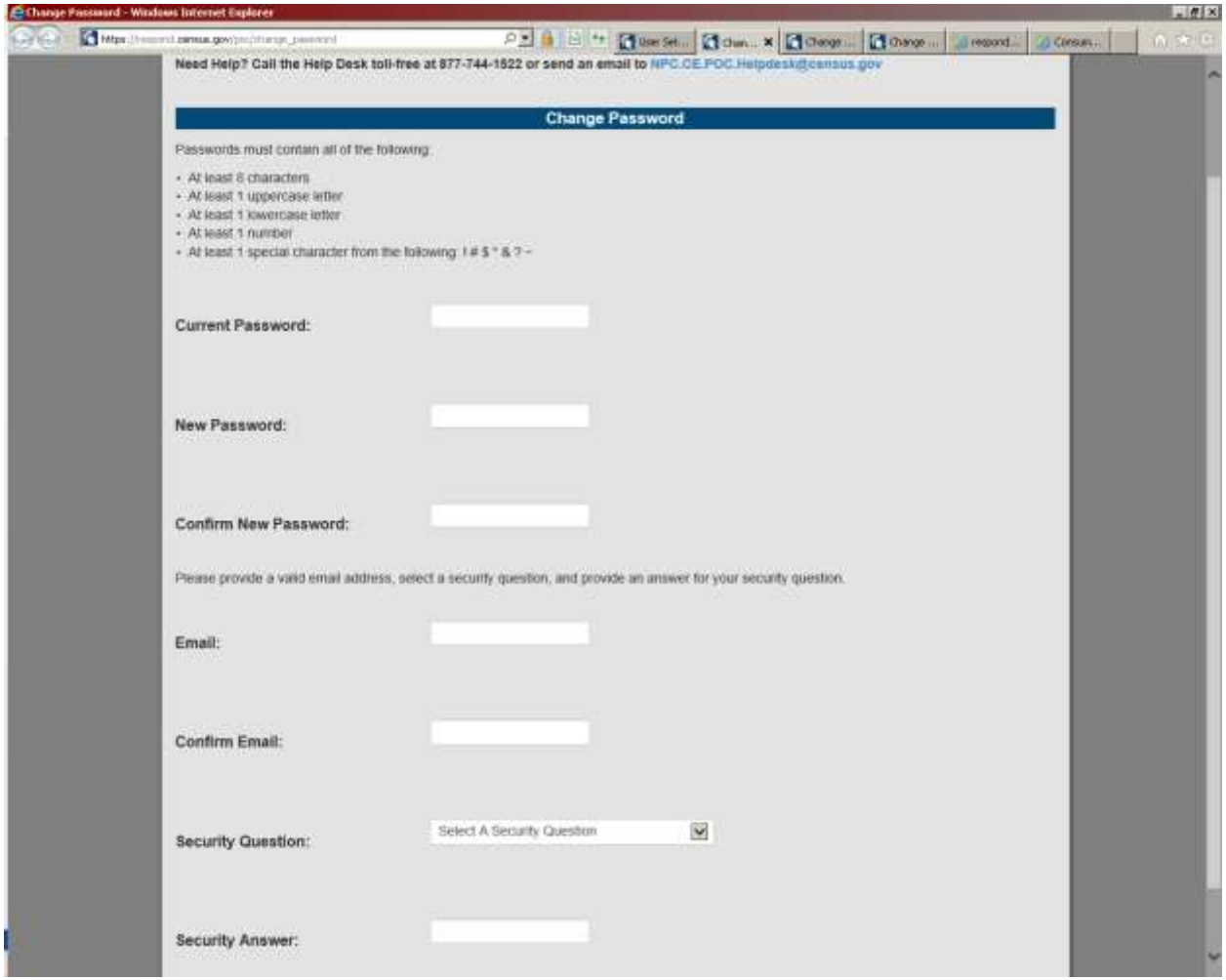

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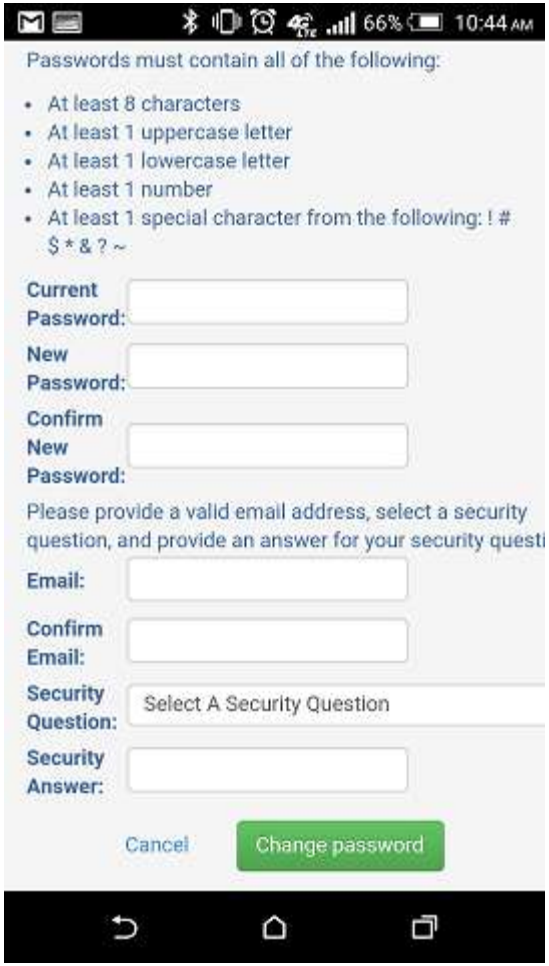
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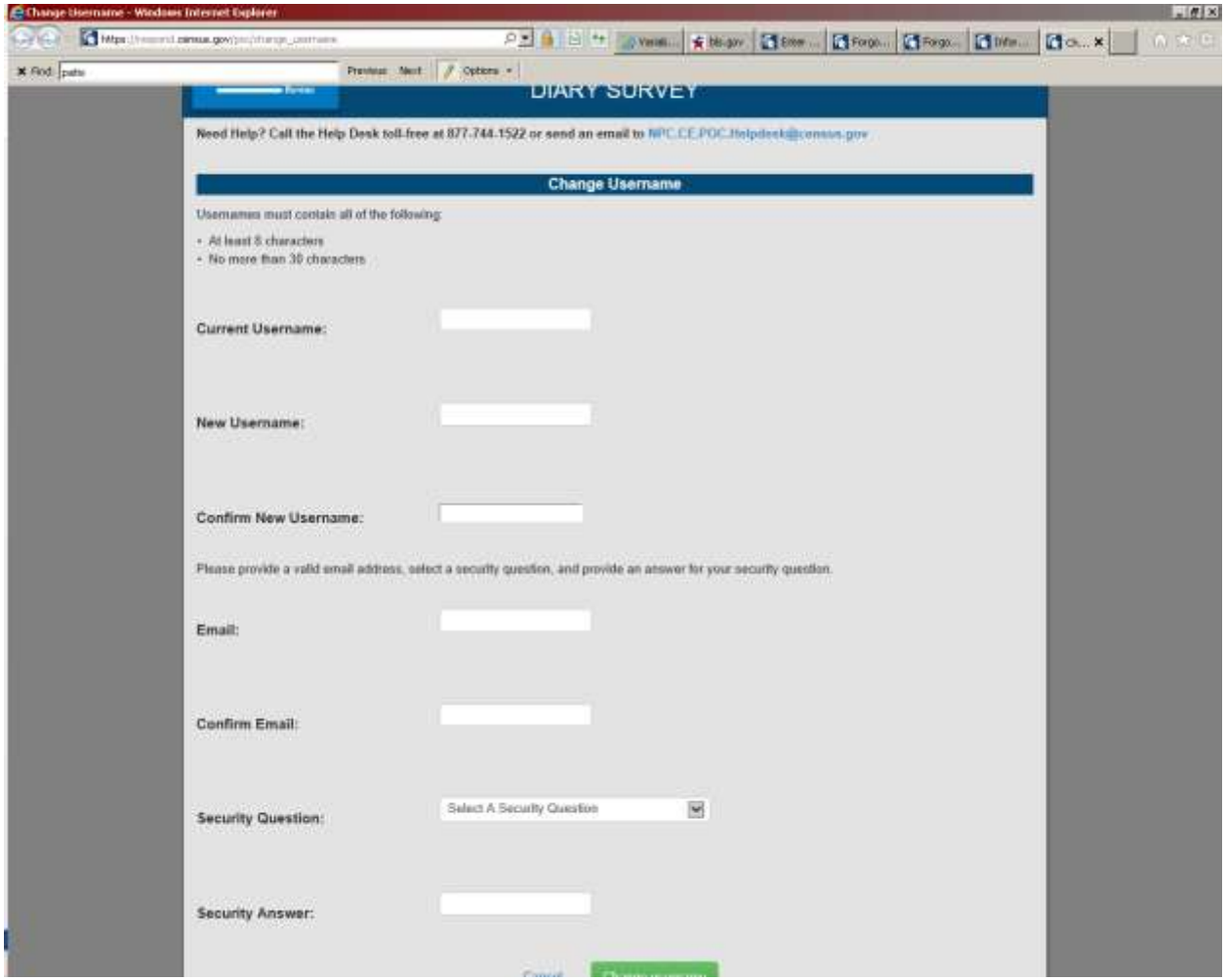

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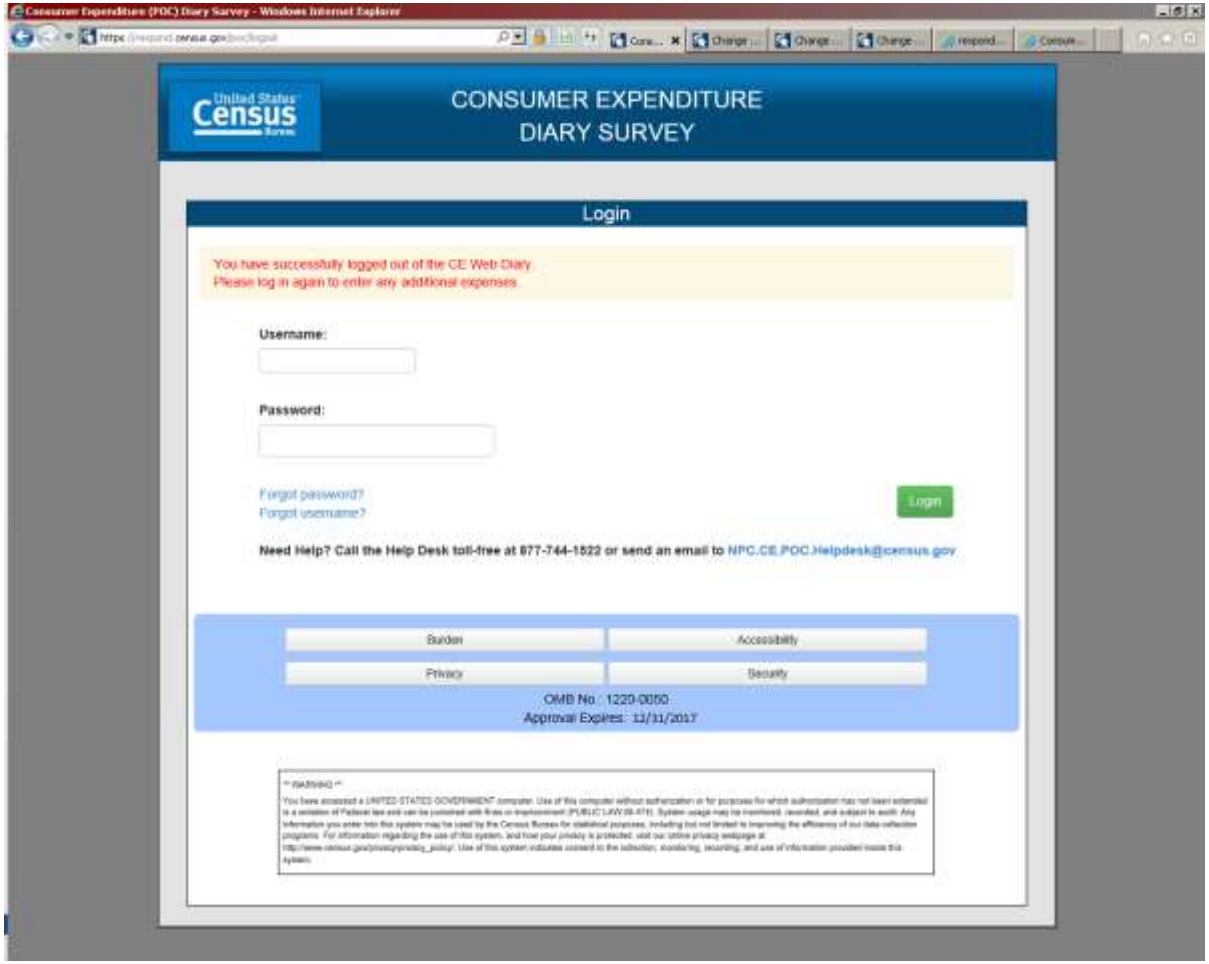
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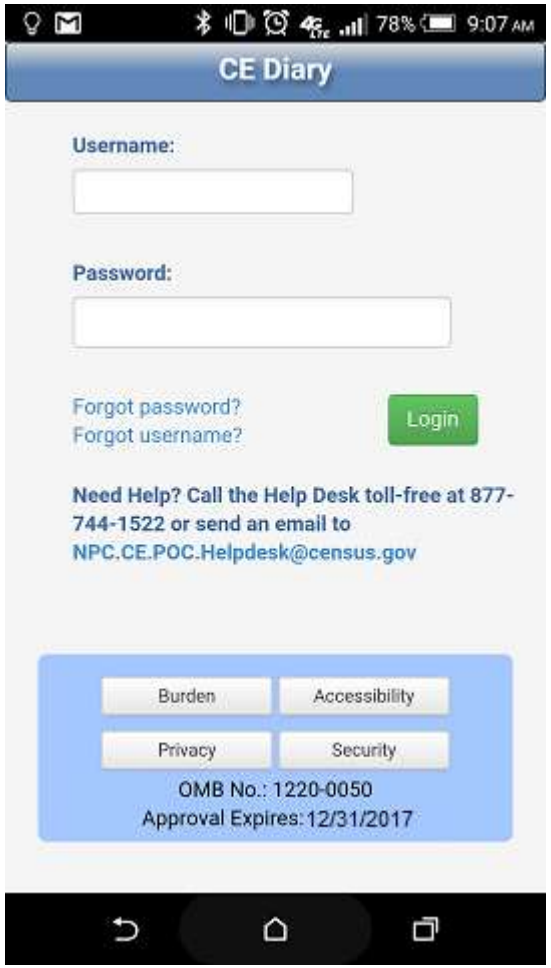
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