

# THE OSLO HEALTH STUDY

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## 1. YOUR OWN HEALTH

1.1 How would you describe your present state of health? (Mark only one answer with a cross)

Poor	Not very good	Good	Very good
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

1.2 Do you have any of these illnesses, or have you suffered from them in the past?

	Yes	No	Age on last occasion
Asthma .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> yrs
Hay fever .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> yrs
Chronic bronchitis/emphysema.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> yrs
Diabetes.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> yrs
Osteoporosis.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> yrs
Fibromyalgia / chronic pain syndrome.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> yrs
Mental disorders for which you sought help	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> yrs
Cardial infarction.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> yrs
Angina pectoris (cardiac spasm).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> yrs
Stroke/cerebral haemorrhage ("drip").....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> yrs

1.3 Have you ever noticed any sudden change of your pulse or heart beat during the past year?..... **Yes No**

1.4 Do you feel pain or discomfort when you: **Yes No**

Walk up hills, climb stairs or walk fast on level ground?.....

1.5 If you do feel such pain, do you usually:

Stop?	Slow down?	Continue at the same pace?
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3

1.6 If you stop, does the pain then disappear after less than 10 minutes?..... **Yes No**

1.7 Is such pain just as likely to occur when you are standing still or sitting / lying down?..... **Yes No**

## 2. MUSCULOSKELETAL DISORDERS

### 2.1 Have you suffered from pain and/or stiffness in muscles and joints in the course of the last 4 weeks?

(Duration to be stated only if you have been troubled in this way)

	Duration				
	Not troubled	Somewhat troubled	Very troubled	Up to 2 weeks	2 weeks or more
Neck/shoulders.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arms, hands.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Upper back.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lower back.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hips, legs, feet.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Elsewhere.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### 2.2 Have you ever:

	Yes No		Age on last occasion	
	Broken (fractured) your wrist/lower arm?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Fractured your hip (neck of your femur)?.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> yrs

## 3. OTHER DISORDERS

### 3.1 Below is a list of various problems. Have you suffered from any of the following during the last week (including today)?

(Put a cross for every problem)

	Not troubled	Slightly troubled	Quite a lot troubled	Much troubled
Suddenly feel panicky for no reason.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suddenly feel frightened or anxious.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Feel faint or dizzy.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Feel tense or harassed.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Easily find fault with yourself.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sleeplessness.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Feel depressed, dejected.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Feel useless, of little worth.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Feel that everything is a burden.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Feeling of hopelessness for the future.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	1	2	3	4

## 4. USE OF THE HEALTH SERVICES

### 4.1 How many times during the last 12 months have you personally used:

(One cross on each line)

	None	1-3 times	4 times or more
General practitioner .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Company doctor.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Psychologist or psychiatrist..... (private or at an outpatient clinic)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other consultant (specialist) (private or at an outpatient clinic.....)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency service ("doctor-on-call") (private or public).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Admission to hospital .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Home nursing service.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Physiotherapist.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chiropractor .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dentist.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alternative therapist.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 5. WHERE YOU GREW UP / WHERE YOU BELONG

5.1 How long have you lived in Oslo altogether?.....

  yrs

(Write 0 if less than 6 months)

5.2 How long have you lived altogether in the district / sub-municipality of Oslo where you are living now?

  yrs

(Write 0 if less than 6 months)

5.3 Where did you live for most of the time before you reached the age of 16 years?

(Cross off one alternative and specify)

Same sub-municipality/district of Oslo .....  1

Another sub-municipality/  
district of Oslo .....  2

Another county in Norway .....  3

Outside Norway.....  4

Which \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_

5.4 Have you moved in the course of the last five years?

No      Yes, once      Yes, several times

 1

 2

 3

## 6. WEIGHT

6.1 Assess your weight when you were 25 years old:

   whole kg

## 7. FOOD AND DRINK

7.1 How often do you usually eat the following kinds of foods?

(Mark the appropriate answer with a cross on each line)

	Seldom/ Never	1-3 times. pr. mth	1-3 times. pr. week	4-6 times. pr. week	1-2 times. pr. day	3 times or more pr. day
Fruit/berries .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cheese (all kinds) .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Potatoes .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cooked vegetables .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raw vegetables/salad ...	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fat fish(e.g. salmon ..... <i>trout, mackerel, herring)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	1	2	3	4	5	6

7.2 What kind of fat do you use most often? (One cross only on each line)

	Dairy- butter	Hard margarine	Soft/light margarine	Oil	Do not use
On bread .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
For cooking .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	1	2	3	4	5

7.3 Do you take the following food supplements?

Yes, daily      Sometimes      No

Cod liver oil, cod liver oil capsules, fish oil capsules? .....

Vitamin- and/or mineral supplement? .....

**7.4 How much do you usually drink of the following?**  
(One cross per line).

	Seldom/ Never	1-6 glass pr.wk	1 glass pr.day	2-3 glasses pr. day	4 glasses or more pr. day
Full cream melk, kefir, yoghurt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Semi-skimmed milk, "cultura", light yoghurt	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skimmed milk (sour/sweet)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fruit juice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carbonated bottled water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CocaCola, Pepsi Cola or suchlike	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other "fizzy" drinks/thirst quenchers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	1	2	3	4	5

**7.5 Do you usually drink thirst quenchers / Cola:** With sugar  1 Without sugar  2

**7.6 How many cups of coffee or tea do you drink daily?**  
(Write 0 if you do not drink coffee or tea daily)

Number cups coffee        Number cups tea:

**7.7 What kind of coffee do you usually drink?**

- Filter-/ instant coffee.....
- "Boiled" (coarse ground)/ Cafeteria-made coffee
- Other coffee (espresso etc.) .....
- Do not drink coffee.....

**7.8 How often have you consumed alcohol in the course of the past year?**  
(Low alcohol beer and non-alcoholic beer are not included)

4-7 times pr. wk	2-3 times pr. wk	ca. once pr. wk	2-3 times pr. mth	About once pr. mth.
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
A few times in the past year	Have not drunk alcohol this past year	Have never drunk alcohol		
<input type="checkbox"/> 6	<input type="checkbox"/> 7	<input type="checkbox"/> 8		

To those who have consumed alcohol during the past year:

**7.9 When you consumed alcohol, how many glasses or drinks did you usually consume?** Number

**7.10 How often in the course of the past year did you drink as many as at least 5 glasses or drinks in the course of one day?** Number of times

**7.11 When you drink, do you usually drink:** (Put more than one cross if applicable)

Beer  Wine  Spirits

## 8. SMOKING

**8.1 How much time do you usually spend each day in a smoke-filled room?.....Number whole hours.**

Yes No

**8.2 Did any of the adults in your home smoke when you were growing up?.....**

Yes No

**8.3 Are you living, or have you lived in the same house as a daily smoker after reaching the age of 20 yrs?**

Yes, now    Yes, earlier    Never

8.4 Have you smoked/do you smoke daily?...           
 If **NEVER**: Go straight to the questions on EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT)

8.5 If you smoke daily at present, do you smoke:    Yes No

Cigarettes? .....

Cigars/cigarillos? .....

A pipe ? .....

8.6 If you have smoked daily before, how long is it since you stopped smoking? ..... Number of years

8.7 If you smoke daily now, or have smoked before:

How many cigarettes do you or did you usually smoke daily? ..... Number cigarettes

How old were you when you started to smoke daily? ..... Age in yrs

How many years altogether have you smoked daily? ..... Number yrs .

## 9. EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

9.1 How many years of schooling/education have you completed altogether?..... Number yrs.

9.2 Are you currently employed?

Yes, full time <sub>1</sub>    yes, part time <sub>2</sub>    No <sub>3</sub>

9.3 Describe the activity going on at the place of work (department) where you carried out paid work for the longest period of time during the last 12 months. (E.g. Firm of Accountants, lower secondary school, pediatric department at a hospital, carpentry workshop, car repair workshop, bank, commodity trade, etc..)

Activity: \_\_\_\_\_  
 If retired, state your activity and occupation before retirement..  
 Applies also to 9.4.

9.4 What is/was your occupation / title at this place of work?  
 (E.g. secretary, teacher, industrial worker, child nurse, cabinet maker, head of department, salesman, driver, etc..)

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

9.5 In your main occupation, are you self-employed, do you work as an employee or as a family member without an agreed fixed wage?

Self-employed    Employee    Family member

      

9.6 Do you think you are in danger of losing your present work or income in the course of the next 2 years..... Yes No

9.7 Are you receiving any of the following benefits?    Yes No

Sick pay (Certified as being ill).....

Old-age pension, early retirement pension or widow(er)'s pension.....

Rehabilitation/training allowance.....

Disability pension (full or part).....

Daily allowance during unemployment.....

Social assistance / benefit.....

Interim allowance for single parents/supporters..

## 10. EXERCISE AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

10.1 What kind of physical activity have you undertaken in your spare time in the course of the past year?

Estimate a weekly average for the year.

From home to work is regarded as spare time. Answer both questions:

	Hours pr. week			
	None	Less than 1	1-2	3 or more
<b>Light exercise</b> (You do not sweat or feel out of breath)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Hard physical activity</b> (You sweat and feel out of breath).....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	1	2	3	4

10.2 Describe the extent of movement and bodily exertion in your spare time. If the activity varies considerably, e.g. between summer and winter, then give an average. The question applies to the past year only.

(Mark the appropriate answer)

Read, watch TV or other sedentary activity? .....  1

Walk, cycle or move about in some other way at least 4 times per week? .....  2

(This should include walking or cycling to work, Sunday stroll/walk, etc.)

Take part in physical exercise/sport, do heavy gardening work? (Note that the activity must take place at least 4 times a week)  3

Exercise hard or take part in competitive sport regularly and several times a week .....  4

## 11. FAMILY AND FRIENDS

11.1 Do you live together with another person?

Yes No

If **YES**:

Yes No

Spouse/partner.....

Other persons, 18 yrs or older   Number

Persons under 18 yrs .....   Number

11.2 How many good friends do you have? Number of friends

Count those whom you can talk to in confidence and who can help you when you need help.

Do not count those who you live together with, but include other relatives.

11.3 How much interest do people show in the things you do?

(Only one cross)

Great interest	Some interest	Slight interest	No interest	Uncertain
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 5

11.4 How many societies, clubs, groups, congregations etc. do you take part in in your free time? Number

(Put 0 if none)

11.5 Do you feel that you can influence what happens in the local community where you live?

Yes, to a large degree	Yes, to some degree	Yes, to a slight degree	No
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4

## 12. SICKNESS IN THE FAMILY

12.1 Has either of your parents or any of your brothers/sisters had cardiac infarction, or

Yes No Do not know

angina pectoris (cardiospasm)? .....

## 13. USE OF MEDICINES

Medicines, in this context, means medicines bought at a pharmacy.  
Food supplements and vitamins are not included here..

**13.1 Do you take?**

	Now	Earlier, but not now	Never used
Medicine for high blood pressure.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cholesterol-reducing medicine.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**13.2 How often in the course of the last 4 weeks have you taken the following medicines?**

(One cross per line)

	Daily	Every week but not daily	Less often than every week	Not taken during the last 4 weeks
Painkillers, off prescription.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Painkillers, on prescription.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sedatives .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tranquillisers .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Anti-depressives .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other medicine on prescription.....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	1	2	3	4

**13.3 For those medicines you have crossed off in items 13.1 and 13.2, and you have taken during the last 4 weeks:**

**State the name of the medicines and your reason for taking/having taken them (disease, symptom):**

(Cross off for how long you have taken the medicine)

Name of medicine: <i>(one name per line):</i>	Reason for taking the medicine	How long have you taken the medicine?	
		Up to 1 yr	One yr. or more
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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**14. THE REST OF THE QUESTIONNAIRE IS TO BE ANSWERED BY WOMEN ONLY**

14.1 How old were you when you had your first menstruation? ..... Age in yrs.

14.2 If you no longer have menstruation, how old were you when you stopped? ..... Age in yrs

14.3 Are you pregnant at present?  
Yes      No      Not sure      Past fertile age  
 1       2       3       4

14.4 How many children have you given birth to?.....Number children

14.5 Do you use or have you used?  
(One cross on each line)

	No	Before, but not now	Never
P-pill / minipill /p-injection .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hormone loop .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oestrogen (tablets or plaster)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oestrogen (cream or suppositories)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

14.6. If you take / have taken oestrogen that is on prescription:  
How long have you taken this? ..... Number yrs.

14.7 If you use the p-pill, mini-pill, p-injection, hormone loop or oestrogen; which preparation do you use?  
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