## Sleep and Stress

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## ${ }^{\text {Hhs }}$ Better <br> Sleep

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## Background \& Methodology

- Since 1996, the Better Sleep Council has conducted research to understand and track changes in consumer attitudes towards sleep and health, and their mattress purchasing decision -making.
- The overarching objective of this research has been to inform the communication strategy of the industry, and to educate consumers about the health benefits of sleeping on a quality mattress and regular mattress replacement.
- The current research was conducted to inform a social media campaign centered around sleep and stress.


## Ke y Finding s

## ONLY ONE IN FOUR US ADULTS SAY THEY GET AT LEAST 8 HOURS OF SLEEP PER NIGHT

Yet $43 \%$ of adults say they need at least 8 hours of sleep per night to feel well-rested and energized in the morning

## BO DY ACHES AND PAINS ARE THE PRIMARY BARRIER TO A GOOD NIGHTS SLEEP

However, younger adults most frequently cite stress or worries about relationships/ family and their finances as barriers

ONE IN THREE ADULTS REPORT EXPERIENC ING STRESS OFTEN OR VERY OFTEN
Younger adults report experiencing stress more frequently than older adults do

THE MOST FREQ UENTLY CITED TECHNIQUES TO REDUCE OR RELIEVE STRESS ARE LSTENING TO MUSIC AND EXERCISING


Detailed Findings

Six in 10 US adults say they need $7-8$ hours of sleep to feel well-rested and energized in the morning, yet only $45 \%$ say they get that a mount

Hours of Sleep Needed to Feel Well-Rested and Energized in the Morning


Average Hours of Sleep Per Night


Nearly half of adults (47\%) say the ir sleep quality in the past two weeks was only fa ir or poor


Sleep Quality in Past 2 Weeks


One-third of US adults say the y frequently wa ke up feeling re freshed and well-rested

During the past two weeks, how often have you woke up feeling refreshed and well-rested?

28\%

- Very Often/ Often (6 to 14 nights)
- Sometimes (3 to 5 nights)

Rarely (1 to 2 nights)

Never

At least half of US adults often or sometimes encounter challenges in fa lling a sleep or staying a sleep, a nd waking up during the night


During the past two weeks, how often have you experienced each of the following?


Body aches or pains are the leading factor preventing adults from having a good night's sleep, followed by stress or worries about fa mily or re lationships a nd stress or worries about finances


Main Things That Prevent a Good Night's Sleep


Younger adults are nearly three times more likely than older a dults to say stress/ worries a bout their jobs prevent a good night's sleep

Younger adults a re also twice as like ly than older adults to cite environmental factors as a contributing cause


Main Things That Prevent a Good Night's Sleep



One-third of a dults say they have felt stressed very often or often during the past two weeks

During the past two weeks, how often have you felt stressed?

| 16\% |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| 16\% | $\begin{aligned} & \text { V Very Often (10 } \\ & \text { to } 14 \text { nights) } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Often (6 to } 9 \\ & \text { nights) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 31\% | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sometimes ( } 3 \text { to } \\ & 5 \text { nights) } \end{aligned}$ |
| 26\% | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rarely (1 to } 2 \\ & \text { nights) } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Never |
| 10\% |  |




The top ways that US adults re lie ve stress a re by listening to music and exercising

Which of the following do you do to reduce or relieve feeling stressed?


If your mattress could talk, what would it say about your sleep habits?



Demographic Profile

## Demographic Profile

|  | Total <br> N $=535$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 18-34 years |  |
| 35-54 years | $30 \%$ |
| 55+ years | $38 \%$ |
| Gender | $32 \%$ |
| Male |  |
| Female | $48 \%$ |
| Region | $52 \%$ |
| Northeast | $21 \%$ |
| South | $22 \%$ |
| Midwest | $36 \%$ |
| West | $21 \%$ |
| Marital Status* |  |
| Married/Living together | $50 \%$ |
| Single | $32 \%$ |
| Divorced/Separated/Widowed | $16 \%$ |
|  |  |


|  | Total <br> N=535 |
| :--- | ---: |
| Ethnicity* |  |
| Caucasian / White | $74 \%$ |
| African American / Black | $14 \%$ |
| Asian / Asian American | $4 \%$ |
| Other | $7 \%$ |
| Hispanic Ethnicity* |  |
| Yes | $10 \%$ |
| No | $88 \%$ |
| Household Income* | $14 \%$ |
| Less than $\$ 20,000$ | $26 \%$ |
| $\$ 20,000-\$ 49,999$ | $35 \%$ |
| $\$ 50,000-\$ 99,999$ | $22 \%$ |
| $\$ 100,000$ or more | $38 \%$ |
| Children in Household* | $61 \%$ |
| Yes |  |
| No |  |

## Demographic Profile

|  | Total <br> $\mathbf{N}=535$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Education* |  |
| Less than college degree | $58 \%$ |
| College or more | $40 \%$ |
| Employment Status* |  |
| Employed | $76 \%$ |
| Not employed | $19 \%$ |

Note: *Data may not sum up to $100 \%$ due to the prefer not to answer option


