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Apply – People/Household Details What we heard during our research

Insight

Key terms need to be clearly defined to provide enough guidance for customers to feel confident that they are adding household details and contact information accurately.

"For household, I got confused because what if I'm living with other people, but we aren't necessarily sharing food? We are all our own individual people." – Customer "I could see how people would get confused and it really throws things off when they don't define what a household is. They should make it clear as to what, why, or how we are going to answer the question because that will make a difference from the get go." – Customer

Apply – People/Household Details Feature Highlights and Usability Testing Insights

New Design Highlights

- Add Household members help text to explain who to add.
- SSN nudge for SSN.
- Contact Information nudge.
- Summary Screen review what they entered and make changes if needed.

"Definitely [helpful]. Especially on one of the [questions] prior to discussion, I was a little iffy, but when it has the little print [that helps]. It helps that there are little descriptions." – Customer

Impact: Goals and Outcomes

- Application Intake improve the number of SSNs entered where they are available.
- Contact Information improve to help follow-ups.
- Correct Household Members improve reporting based on the program they have selected.

"If people put their apartment in line one it won't throw it will it? Will people know not to put it in Address Line 2?... [Address normalization] I like that. Makes me feel more secure." – Customer

