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# Education To Careers Follow-Up Survey

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# Part One

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## High School Experiences

This set of questions asks about the education and jobs you may have had during high school.

1. How satisfied are you with the education you received during high school? *(Circle the one best response.)*
  - 1 Extremely satisfied
  - 2 Very satisfied
  - 3 Fairly satisfied
  - 4 Somewhat satisfied
  - 5 Not at all satisfied
  
2. How useful was what you learned in high school to what you've done since high school graduation?  
*(Circle the one best response.)*
  - 1 Extremely useful
  - 2 Very useful
  - 3 Fairly useful
  - 4 Somewhat useful
  - 5 Not at all useful
  
3. While you were enrolled in high school, did you ever hold a job?
  - 1 no **SKIP TO QUESTION 6 ON PAGE 2**
  - 2 yes **CONTINUE TO QUESTION 4**
  
4. Please estimate the amount of money you made per hour in the last job you held before high school graduation.  
If you held more than one job, choose the job where you worked the most hours. *(Circle the one best response.)*
  - 1 Zero.... My job was unpaid
  - 2 Less than \$5.25 per hour
  - 3 \$5.26 to \$6.00 per hour
  - 4 \$6.01 to \$7.00 per hour
  - 5 \$7.01 to \$8.00 per hour
  - 6 More than \$8.00 per hour
  - 7 I don't know
  
5. In the last job you held before high school graduation, how many total hours did you work during a typical week?  
*(Circle the one best response.)*
  - 1 Less than 5 hours
  - 2 6-10 hours
  - 3 11-20 hours
  - 4 21-30 hours
  - 5 31-40 hours
  - 6 More than 40 hours

6. Sometimes high schools arrange special opportunities for students to learn about careers. Which of the following experiences did you participate in while enrolled in high school? (*Circle all that apply.*)
- 1 **Job shadowing** – where students spend time following workers in a work site
  - 2 **Internship**– where students work for an employer to learn about a particular occupation or industry
  - 3 **Cooperative education (Co-op)** – where students work in a job for which they get school credit
  - 4 **Tech Prep** – where students participate in academic and vocational classes that have a clear career focus that links high school and two-year college
  - 5 **Youth apprenticeship**– where students participate in a guided worksite learning experience that is closely associated with their classes in high school and two-year college
  - 6 **School-sponsored enterprise/business** – where students operate a business or provide services as part of an enterprise sponsored by a school and often located on school property
  - 7 **Career Academy** – where groups of students and teachers stay together for some of their classes in high school, students take classes in an occupational area and have jobs related to this occupation
  - 8 **Community service and service learning** – where students do volunteer work in the community that may or may not be related to their career interests
  - 9 **I did not participate** in any of the above experiences while in high school
7. Since graduating from high school have you ever enrolled in any college or university? (*Circle the one best response.*)
- 1 no **SKIP TO QUESTION 20 ON PAGE 5**
  - 2 yes **CONTINUE TO QUESTION 8**

## Part Two

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### College Experiences

This set of questions asks about the schools, colleges and universities that you have attended since high school graduation.

8. Since graduating from high school, which of the following types of colleges or universities have you attended? (*Circle all that apply.*)
- 1 Two-year community or junior college
  - 2 Vocational, technical, trade or business school
  - 3 Four-year college or university
  - 4 Other - *Specify* \_\_\_\_\_
9. List the name of each college/university that you have attended, the location of the college/university by city and state, and the dates you started and ended enrollment. (*If necessary, list additional colleges/universities on a separate sheet and return it with this survey.*)

College/University Name	City/State	Dates started and ended
<i>EXAMPLE: Lincoln College</i>	<i>Lincoln, Illinois</i>	<i>Sept. 1, 1996 – May 15, 1998</i>

10. How soon after high school graduation did you first enroll in a college/university? *(Circle the one best response.)*
- 1 Within six months of high school graduation
  - 2 Six months to one year after high school graduation
  - 3 More than one year after high school graduation
11. Of the following categories of college majors, which one most closely matches your chosen program of study? *(Circle the one best response.)*
- 1 **Agriculture** (agricultural business, natural resources, animal science, horticulture, farm management)
  - 2 **Allied health** (medical, dental, occupational or physical therapy, nursing, radiology, veterinary science)
  - 3 **Business and information technology** (accounting, banking, computer programming, information processing, secretarial, general management, marketing, real estate, travel agent)
  - 4 **Human services** (teacher, teacher assistant, child care, fashion design, hotel management, chef)
  - 5 **Humanities, Fine arts and Communications** (art, drama, English, music, foreign languages, journalism, television/radio, commercial art)
  - 6 **Industrial/engineering technology** (construction, machining, electronics, automotive, manufacturing)
  - 7 **Public service** (law and law enforcement, legal assistant, firefighting, social worker, armed services)
  - 8 **Science and mathematics** (biology, chemistry, math, physics, engineering, computer science)
  - 9 **Social and behavioral sciences** (economics, history, psychology, sociology)
  - 10 **Other - Specify** \_\_\_\_\_
  - 11 **I am undecided about my college major**
12. Over all the time you have enrolled in college, have you usually been a full time or part time student? *(Circle the one best response.)*
- 1 Full time (more than 12 credit hours per term/semester)
  - 2 Part time (less than 12 credit hours per term/semester)
13. How much of your college program (as identified in Question 11 above) have you already completed? *(Circle the one best response.)*
- 1 Less than one-fourth
  - 2 About one-fourth
  - 3 About half
  - 4 About three-fourths
  - 5 More than three-fourths
  - 6 I have completed my entire college program
14. Which of the following college credentials are you seeking right now? *(Circle the one best response.)*
- 1 A certificate or license requiring less than a two-year degree
  - 2 An associate of applied science degree in an occupational-technical field
  - 3 A transfer associate of science or arts degree designed for continuation at a four-year college
  - 4 A bachelor's degree
  - 5 Other – *Specify* \_\_\_\_\_
  - 6 I am no longer seeking a college credential

15. Since high school graduation, which college credentials have you already received? (Circle all that apply.)
- 1 A certificate or license requiring less than a two-year degree
  - 2 An associate of applied science degree in an occupational-technical field
  - 3 A transfer associate of science or arts degree designed for continuation at a four-year college
  - 4 A bachelor's degree
  - 5 Other – *Specify* \_\_\_\_\_
  - 6 I have not completed any college credential since high school graduation
16. Sometimes colleges arrange special opportunities for students to learn about careers. Which of the following experiences did you participate in while enrolled in college? (Circle all that apply.)
- 1 **Job shadowing** – where students spend time following workers in a work site
  - 2 **Internship**– where students work for an employer to learn about a particular occupation or industry
  - 3 **Cooperative education (Co-op)** – where students work in a job for which they get school credit
  - 4 **Tech Prep** – where students participate in academic and vocational classes that have a clear career focus that links high school and two-year college
  - 5 **Youth apprenticeship**– where students participate in a guided worksite learning experience that is closely associated with their classes in high school and two-year college
  - 6 **School-sponsored enterprise/business** – where students operate a business or provide services as part of an enterprise sponsored by a school and often located on school property
  - 7 **Community service and service learning** – where students do volunteer work in the community that may or may not be related to their career interests
  - 8 **Clinical or practicum experience** – where students engage in work to help them prepare for a certificate or license in health care, education, law, or other professional-technical fields
  - 9 **Learning communities** – where groups of students and teachers stay together for some of their classes in college, students take classes in an occupational area and have jobs related to this occupation
  - 10 **I did not participate** in any of the above experiences while in college
17. How important are the things you have learned in college to your career goals?
- 1 Extremely important
  - 2 Very important
  - 3 Fairly important
  - 4 Somewhat important
  - 5 Not at all important
18. If it were up to you, how far would you go in school?
- 1 A certificate or license requiring less than a two-year degree
  - 2 An associate of applied science degree in an occupational-technical field
  - 3 A transfer associate of science or arts degree designed for continuation at a four-year college
  - 4 A bachelor's degree
  - 5 A graduate or advanced degree such as Master's, Doctorate or M.D.
  - 6 Other – *Specify* \_\_\_\_\_
19. How confident do you feel that you will reach your ultimate educational goal?
- 1 Extremely confident
  - 2 Very confident
  - 3 Fairly confident
  - 4 Somewhat confident
  - 5 Not at all confident

## Part Three

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### Employment after High School

This set of questions asks about the jobs that you have had since you graduated from high school.

20. Please indicate the number of jobs that you have had since graduating from high school. (*Circle the one best response.*)

- 1 1 job
- 2 2 jobs
- 3 3 jobs
- 4 4 jobs
- 5 5 jobs or more
- 6 I have not had any jobs since high school graduation. **SKIP TO QUESTION 27 ON PAGE 6**

21. What is your employment status at the present time? (*Circle the one best response.*)

- 1 Employed full-time (35 or more hours per week)
- 2 Employed part-time (less than 35 hours per week)
- 3 Unemployed, but actively seeking employment
- 4 Unemployed and not seeking employment
- 5 Serving in the military full-time
- 6 Other - *Specify* \_\_\_\_\_

22. Sometimes people have more than one job. How many jobs do you hold at the present time?

- 1 0 jobs **SKIP TO QUESTION 27 ON PAGE 6**
- 2 1 job
- 3 2 jobs
- 4 3 jobs or more

23. Thinking of your primary job as the job that takes up the largest amount of time you spend working each week, how many months have you worked in your primary job? (*Circle the one best response.*)

- 1 Less than 6 months
- 2 6 to 12 months
- 3 13 to 24 months
- 4 25 to 36 months
- 5 36 months or more

24. Please estimate the amount of money that you make per hour in your primary job. (*Circle the one best response.*)

- 1 Zero.... My primary job is unpaid
- 2 Less than \$5.25 per hour
- 3 \$5.26 to \$6.00 per hour
- 4 \$6.01 to \$7.00 per hour
- 5 \$7.01 to \$8.00 per hour
- 6 \$8.01 to \$9.00 per hour
- 7 \$9.01 to \$10.00 per hour
- 8 \$10.01 to \$11.00 per hour
- 9 \$11.01 to \$12.00 per hour
- 10 \$12.01 to \$13.00 per hour
- 11 More than \$13.00 per hour
- 12 I don't know

25. Which of the following best describes the type of job you have as your primary job? (*Circle the one best response.*)
- 1 **Entry level or unskilled job** – minimal training is required and little orientation is provided by employers. Hiring is usually not very competitive.
  - 2 **Semi-skilled job** – usually requires 6 months to 1 year of specific training, college education or equivalent skills and experiences prior to being hired. Hiring is usually competitive.
  - 3 **Skilled or technical job** – usually requires 1 year to 2 years of specific training or college education prior to being hired. Hiring is usually very competitive.
  - 4 **Professional job** - usually requires 2 to 4 years or more of specific training. College degrees and/or state professional licensure or certification are often required. Hiring is usually extremely competitive.
26. How satisfied are you with your primary job? (*Circle the one best response.*)
- 1 Extremely satisfied
  - 2 Very satisfied
  - 3 Fairly satisfied
  - 4 Somewhat satisfied
  - 5 Not at all satisfied
27. Which of the following best describes the type of job you would ultimately like to get? (*Circle the one best response.*)
- 1 **Entry level or unskilled job** – minimal training is required and little orientation is provided by employers. Hiring is usually not very competitive.
  - 2 **Semi-skilled job** – usually requires 6 months to 1 year of specific training or equivalent skills, college education and experiences. Hiring is usually competitive.
  - 3 **Skilled or technical job** – usually requires 1 year to 2 years of specific training or college education prior to being hired. Hiring is usually very competitive.
  - 4 **Professional job** - usually requires 2 to 4 years or more of specific training. College degrees or state professional licensure or certification are often required. Hiring is usually extremely competitive.
28. How confident do you feel that you will reach your ultimate career goal? (*Circle the one best response.*)
- 1 Extremely confident
  - 2 Very confident
  - 3 Fairly confident
  - 4 Somewhat confident
  - 5 Not at all confident

## Part Four

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Just a few more questions about you . . .

29. What is your gender?
- 1 Male
  - 2 Female
30. Are you of Hispanic origin or descent?
- 1 no
  - 2 yes
31. What is your racial/ethnic background? (*Circle the one best response.*)
- 1 White
  - 2 Black or African American
  - 3 Asian or Pacific Islander
  - 4 American Indian or Alaska Native
  - 5 Other – *Specify* \_\_\_\_\_
32. What is your current marital status? (*Circle the one best response.*)

- 1 Single
- 2 Single with children
- 3 Married
- 4 Married with children

33. How much education have your parent(s) or guardian(s) completed? *(Circle the one best response for each parent/guardian who you consider to have had the most influence on your life.)*

<p><b>My father, stepfather or male guardian has completed:</b> <i>(Circle one response.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Less than high school graduation</li> <li>2 High school graduation</li> <li>3 Some college but no degree</li> <li>4 Two-year Associate degree</li> <li>5 Four-year Bachelor's degree</li> <li>6 Graduate degree such as Master's, Doctorate or M.D.</li> <li>7 I don't know</li> </ul>	<p><b>My mother, stepmother or female guardian has completed:</b> <i>(Circle one response.)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Less than high school graduation</li> <li>2 High school graduation</li> <li>3 Some college but no degree</li> <li>4 Two-year Associate degree</li> <li>5 Four-year Bachelor's degree</li> <li>6 Graduate degree such as Master's, Doctorate or M.D.</li> <li>7 I don't know</li> </ul>
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34. What was your approximate total annual family income while you were in high school and living with your parent(s)/guardian(s)? *(Circle the one best response.)*

- 1 \$14,999 or less
- 2 \$15,000-\$29,999
- 3 \$30,000-\$44,999
- 4 \$45,000-\$59,999
- 5 \$60,000-\$74,999
- 6 \$75,000-\$89,999
- 7 \$90,000 or more
- 8 I don't know

35. At the time you finished high school, did your parent(s)/guardian(s) own or pay a mortgage for their home? *(Circle the one best response.)*

- 1 no
- 2 yes
- 3 I don't know

36. Where do you reside at the present time? *(Circle the one best response.)*

- 1 I live with my parent(s)/guardian(s)
- 2 I live alone
- 3 I live with a spouse or significant other
- 4 I live with a friend or roommate
- 5 Other – *Specify* \_\_\_\_\_

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