*** Indicates forms which were included in both the full-length and abbreviated questionnaire (forms not marked with asterisks were included in the full-length questionnaire only)

Form: Consent to Participate***

Question wording: In years past you responded to one or more surveys for the Education Longitudinal Study of 2002 (ELS:2002). This study is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and includes about 16,000 other participants who were selected from high schools across the country in 2002 and 2004. The purpose of ELS:2002 is to understand young people's transition from high school to adulthood, including the different pathways people take towards further education and the world of work. Today, we are asking you to complete a follow-up interview which will ask questions about your education, your most recent work experiences, your family, and your community. On average, it takes about 35 minutes to complete, depending on your responses.

Participation is voluntary. Your answers may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law [Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (ESRA 2002) Public Law 107-279, Section 183]. You may withdraw from the study at any point. However, your answers are very important because they represent many others who were not selected to take part. You may skip any question that you don't want to answer.

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Form: Introduction to Section A***

Question wording: First we would like to ask you about your current activities and your educational background.

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Routing: Go to F3A01.

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Form: F3A01***

Question wording: Are you currently...

(Please answer 'Yes' or 'No' for each row below.)

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Variable: F3A01A

Item wording: working for pay at one or more full-time jobs? (please answer 'yes' if you have at least one job at which you work 35 hours/week or more)

1=Yes 0=No

Variable: F3A01B

Item wording: working for pay at one or more part-time jobs? (please answer 'yes' if you have at least one job at which you work less than 35 hours/week)

1=Yes 0=No

Variable: F3A01C

Item wording: serving in another work experience, such as an apprenticeship, training program, or internship?

1=Yes

0=No

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Variable: F3A01D
   Item wording: taking courses at a two- or four-year college, including graduate or professional
schools?
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3A01E
   Item wording: taking courses at a vocational, technical, or trade school?
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3A01F
   Item wording: keeping house full-time (homemaker)?
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3A01G
   Item wording: caring for dependent children or adults?
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3A01H
   Item wording: serving in the armed forces or military, whether active duty, reserves, or National
Guard?
     1=Yes
     0=No
Routing: if respondent answers at least one item then go to F3A02;
else go to F3A03.
Form: F3A02
Question wording: Are the work, school, and home activities you just told us about the same now as
they were during the last week in June 2012?
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  Variable: F3A02
     1=Yes
     0=No
Routing: if F3A02=yes and respondent is already known to have a high school credential, then go to
F3A11;
else if F3A02=yes then go to F3A04;
else go to F3A03.
          Form: F3A03
Question wording: During the last week in June 2012, were you...
(Please answer 'Yes' or 'No' for each row below.)
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  Variable: F3A03A
   Item wording: working for pay at one or more full-time jobs? (please answer 'yes' if you had at least
one job at which you worked 35 hours/week or more )
     1=Yes
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0=No
  Variable: F3A03B
   Item wording: working for pay at one or more part-time jobs? (please answer 'yes' if you had at
least one job at which you worked less than 35 hours/week)
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3A03C
   Item wording: serving in another work experience, such as an apprenticeship, training program, or
internship?
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3A03D
   Item wording: taking courses at a two- or four-year college, including graduate or professional
schools?
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3A03E
   Item wording: taking courses at a vocational, technical, or trade school?
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3A03F
   Item wording: keeping house full-time (homemaker)?
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3A03G
   Item wording: caring for dependent children or adults?
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3A03H
   Item wording: serving in the armed forces or military, whether active duty, reserves, or National
Guard?
     1=Yes
Routing: if already known that respondent has a high school credential, then go to F3A11;
else go to F3A04.
Form: F3A04***
Question wording:
[When we spoke with you in 2006, you indicated that you had not received a high school credential.
Since that time, have you received a high school diploma, certificate of attendance, or a GED or other
equivalency certificate? / Have you received a high school diploma, certificate of attendance, or a GED
or other equivalency certificate?]
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Variable: F3A04 1=Yes 0=No Routing: if F3A04=yes then go to F3A05; else go to F3A10; Form: F3A05*** Question wording: What type of high school diploma or certificate did you complete? Did you receive +++++ Variable: F3A05 1=diploma 2=certificate of attendance, or 3=GED or other equivalency certificate? Routing: Go to F3A06. Form: F3A06*** Question wording: In what month and year did you receive your [diploma/certificate of attendance/GED or other equivalency/high school credential]? +++++ Variable: F3A06 Routing: if respondent has earned a GED then go to F3A07; else go to F3A11. Question wording: How did you earn your GED or equivalency, or in other words, what program or school were you enrolled in, if any? +++++ Variable: F3A07 1=No program, you just took the exam 2=Part of a job training program 3=Enrolled through adult education 4=Part of a child care program or early childhood program 5=Some other program Routing: Go to F3A08. Form: F3A08 Question wording: From what state did you receive your GED or equivalency? +++++ Variable: F3A08 Routing: Go to F3A09.

Question wording: Why did you decide to complete your GED or equivalency? Was it...

Form: F3A09

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(Please answer 'yes' or 'no' for each row below.)
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 Variable: F3A09A
   Item wording: to improve, advance, or keep up to date on your current job?
     1=Yes
     0=No
 Variable: F3A09B
   Item wording: to train for a new job/career?
     1=Yes
     0=No
 Variable: F3A09C
   Item wording: to improve basic reading, writing or math skills?
     1=Yes
     0=No
 Variable: F3A09D
   Item wording: to meet requirements for additional study?
     1=Yes
     0=No
 Variable: F3A09E
   Item wording: required or encouraged by your employer?
     1=Yes
     0=No
 Variable: F3A09F
   Item wording: for personal, family or social reasons?
     0=No
Routing: Go to F3A11.
Form: F3A10
Question wording: Are you currently working towards a GED or equivalent?
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 Variable: F3A10
    1=Yes
    0=No
Routing: Go to F3A11.
Form: F3A11***
Question wording:
[Since leaving high school, have you attended any college, university, or a vocational, technical, or trade
school for college credit?]
-or-
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[When we spoke with you in 2006, you indicated that after high school you had attended: PS school #1, PS school #2, etc.

Since that time, have you attended any other college, university, or a vocational, technical, or trade school for college credit?]

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Variable: F3A11 1=Yes 0=No

Routing: if F3A11=yes then go to F3IIPEDS;

else if there is one or more PS school pre-loaded from F2 then go to F3ILASTINST; else go to F3A17.

Form: F3IIPEDS***

Question wording: [You have already told us about: PS school #1, PS school #2, etc.]

What [other] college, university, or vocational, technical, or trade school have you attended since leaving high school?

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Variable(s): this form allows for collection of an IPEDS code (F3IIPEDS) for each attended school, which is then used to populate many other variables on the ELS F3 student-institution file (F3ILEVEL, F3ICNTRL, F3ISECTR, etc.) based on IPEDS data.

Routing: go to F3ISTDATE.

Form: F3ISTDATE***

Question wording: In what month and year did you first attend [this school]?

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Variable: F3ISTDATE

Routing: go to PS Other.

Form: PS Other***

Question wording: You have already told us about: PS school #1, PS school #2, etc.

Have you attended any other college, university, or vocational, technical, or trade school for college credit?

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Variable: N/A (this item does not directly feed into any particular variable on the final datafile; it is instead used for survey routing purposes, i.e. it is used to determine whether or not the respondent should be asked for the name(s) of any other attended postsecondary institutions).

1=Yes 0=No

Routing: if yes then loop back to F3IIPEDS;

else go to F3ILASTINST.

Form: F3ILASTINST***

Question wording:

[Earlier you mentioned that you are currently taking courses at a college, university, or a vocational, technical, or trade school. Which institution are you currently attending?]

-or-

[Which institution did you last attend?]

Response options: all attended institutions collected thus far – in either F2 and/or F3 – are displayed as response options, along with an option for "another institution".

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Variable: F3ILASTINST

Routing: if respondent indicates "another institution" then go to PS Last (Alternate); else if currently attending a postsecondary institution then go to F3A13B; else go to F3A12.

Form: PS Last (Alternate)***

Question wording: What institution [are you currently attending/did you last attend]?

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Variable(s): this form allows for collection of an IPEDS code (F3IIPEDS) for the last attended school, which is then used to populate many other variables on the ELS F3 student-institution file (F3ILEVEL, F3ICNTRL, F3ISECTR, etc.) based on IPEDS data.

Routing: if currently attending a postsecondary institution then go to F3A13B; else go to F3A12.

Form: F3A12

Question wording: In what month and year did you last attend [name of last-attended postsecondary

institution]?

Variable: F3A12

Routing: go to F3A13A.

Form: F3A13A***

Question wording: Have you earned a degree or certificate from [name of last-attended postsecondary

institution]?

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Variable: F3A13A

1=Yes 0=No

Routing: if F3A13A = yes then go to F3ICREDTYPE (Last Attended Institution); else go to F3A13B.

Form: F3A13B***
Question wording:

[What type of degree or certificate are you currently pursuing at [name of currently attended postsecondary institution]? / What type of degree or certificate are you currently pursuing? / What type of degree or certificate were you pursuing when you were last attending [name of last-attended postsecondary institution]? / What type of degree or certificate were you pursuing when you were last attending a college, university, vocational, technical or trade school?]

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Variable: F3A13B

1=Undergraduate certificate or diploma (usually less than 2 years), including those leading to a license (for example, cosmetology)

2=Associate's Degree (usually a 2-year degree) 3=Bachelor's Degree (usually a 4-year degree)

4=Post-baccalaureate certificate

5=Master's Degree

6=Post-Master's certificate

7=Doctoral Degree – research/scholarship (for example, PhD., EdD., etc.)

8=Doctoral Degree – professional practice (including: chiropractic, dentistry, law, medicine, optometry, pharmacy, podiatry, or veterinary medicine)

9=Doctoral Degree - other

10=You [are/were] not seeking a degree or certificate

Routing: go to Other Credential.

Form: F3ICREDTYPE (Last Attended Institution)***

Question wording: What type of degree or certificate did you receive from [name of last-attended postsecondary institution]?

(Please select one option below; if you received more than one degree or certificate, we will ask you later about the other credentials you have received.)

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Variable: F3ICREDTYPE_1, F3ICREDTYPE_2

1=Undergraduate certificate or diploma (usually less than 2 years), including those leading to a license (for example, cosmetology)

2=Associate's Degree (usually a 2-year degree)

3=Bachelor's Degree (usually a 4-year degree)

4=Post-baccalaureate certificate

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5=Master's Degree
       6=Post-Master's certificate
       7=Doctoral Degree – research/scholarship (for example, PhD., EdD., etc.)
       8=Doctoral Degree – professional practice (including: chiropractic, dentistry, law, medicine,
       optometry, pharmacy, podiatry, or veterinary medicine)
       9=Doctoral Degree – other
Routing: Go to F3ICREDDATE (Last Attended Institution).
Form: F3ICREDDATE (Last Attended Institution)***
Question wording: In what month and year did you receive your [credential type] from [name of last-
attended postsecondary institution]?
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 Variable: F3ICREDDATE 1, F3ICREDDATE 2
Routing: go to F3ICREDFIELD (Last Attended Institution).
Form: F3ICREDFIELD (Last Attended Institution)***
Question wording: What was your primary major or program of study for your [credential type] from
[name of last-attended postsecondary institution]?
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 Variable(s): F3ICREDFIELD 1, F3ICREDGEN 1, F3ICREDSPEC 1,
             F3ICREDFIELD 2, F3ICREDGEN 2, F3ICREDSPEC 2
Routing: If credential type is an Associate's degree or higher, then go to F3ICREDDBLMAJ (Last Attended
Institution);
else go to Other Credential.
 Form: F3ICREDDBLMAJ (Last Attended Institution)
Question wording: Did you have a secondary major or program of study for your [credential type] from
[name of last-attended postsecondary institution]?
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  Variable: F3ICREDDBLMAJ 1, F3ICREDDBLMAJ 2
     1=Yes
     0=No
Routing: If yes then go to F3ICREDFIELD2;
else go to Other Credential.
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Form: F3ICREDFIELD2

Question wording: What was your secondary major or program of study for your [credential type] from [name of last-attended postsecondary institution]?

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Variable(s): F3ICREDFIELD2_1, F3ICREDGEN2_1, F3ICREDSPEC2_1, F3ICREDFIELD2_2, F3ICREDGEN2_2, F3ICREDSPEC2_2

Routing: go to Other Credential.

Form: Other Credential***

Question wording:

[Have you received any degrees or certificates from any [other] college, university, or vocational, technical, or trade school?]

-or-

[You have already told us about:

Your [credential type] from [name of last-attended postsecondary school]

Have you received any other degrees or certificates from a college, university, or vocational, technical, or trade school?]

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Variable: N/A (this item does not directly feed into any particular variable on the final datafile; it is instead used for survey routing purposes, i.e. it is used to determine whether or not the respondent should be asked additional follow-up questions re: any other postsecondary credentials earned)

1=Yes 0=No

Routing: if yes then go to F3ICREDTYPE; else go to F3A14.

Form: F3ICREDTYPE***
Question wording:

[You have already told us about: Your [credential] from [PS school]]

What other degrees or certificates do you have?

(Please select one option below; if you have multiple degrees/certificates, we will ask you later about the other credentials you may have received.)

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Variable: F3ICREDTYPE_1, F3ICREDTYPE_2

1=Undergraduate certificate or diploma (usually less than 2 years), including those leading to a license (for example, cosmetology)

2=Associate's Degree (usually a 2-year degree)

3=Bachelor's Degree (usually a 4-year degree)

4=Post-baccalaureate certificate

5=Master's Degree

6=Post-Master's certificate

7=Doctoral Degree – research/scholarship (for example, PhD., EdD., etc.)

8=Doctoral Degree – professional practice (including: chiropractic, dentistry, law, medicine, optometry, pharmacy, podiatry, or veterinary medicine)
9=Doctoral Degree – other

Routing: Go to Credential School

Form: Credential School***

Question wording: From what institution did you earn this [credential type]?

Response options: all attended institutions collected thus far – in either F2 and/or F3 – are displayed as response options, along with an option for "another institution".

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Variable: N/A (this item does not directly feed into any particular variable on the final datafile; it is instead used to determine with which record on the ELS F3 student-institution file the credential in question should be associated).

Routing: If respondent indicates "another school", or respondent provides no response, then go to Credential School (Alternate); else go to F3ICREDDATE.

Form: Credential School (Alternate)***

Question wording: From what institution did you earn this [credential type]?

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Variable(s): this form allows for collection of an IPEDS code (F3IIPEDS) for the credential-awarding school, which is then used to populate many other variables on the ELS F3 student-institution file (F3ILEVEL, F3ICNTRL, F3ISECTR, etc.) based on IPEDS data.

Routing: go to F3ICREDDATE.

Form: F3ICREDDATE***

Question wording: In what month and year did you receive your [credential type] from [name of credential-awarding postsecondary institution]?

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Variable: F3ICREDDATE_1, F3ICREDDATE_2

Routing: Go to F3OTHMAJOR.

Form: F3ICREDFIELD***

Question wording: What was your primary major or program of study for your [credential type] from [name of credential-awarding postsecondary institution]?

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Variable(s): F3ICREDFIELD_1, F3ICREDGEN_1, F3ICREDSPEC_1, F3ICREDFIELD_2, F3ICREDGEN_2, F3ICREDSPEC_2

Routing: if credential type is Associate's degree or higher then go to F3ICREDDBLMAJ; else go to Additional Credentials. Form: F3ICREDDBLMAJ Question wording: Did you have a secondary major or program of study for your [credential type] from [name of credential-awarding postsecondary institution]? +++++ Variable: F3ICREDDBLMAJ_1, F3ICREDDBLMAJ_2 1=Yes 0=No Routing: if yes then go to F3ICREDFIELD2; else go to Additional Credentials. Form: F3ICREDFIELD2 Question wording: What was your secondary major or program of study for your [credential type] from [name of credential-awarding postsecondary institution]? Variable(s): F3ICREDFIELD2 1, F3ICREDGEN2 1, F3ICREDSPEC2 1, F3ICREDFIELD2 2, F3ICREDGEN2 2, F3ICREDSPEC2 2 Routing: go to Additional Credentials. Form: Additional Credentials*** Question wording: You have already told us about: Your [credential] from [name of credential-awarding postsecondary institution] Have you received any other degrees or certificates from a college, university, or vocational, technical, or trade school? +++++ Variable: F3MORECRED 1=Yes 0=No

Routing: if yes then loop back to F3ICREDTYPE; else go to F3A14.

Form: F3A14

Question wording: [Have you participated/Did you participate] in any of the following as a part of your [undergraduate/college] education?

(Please answer 'Yes' or 'No' for each row below.)

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  Variable: F3A14A
   Item wording: Internship, co-op, field experience, student teaching, or clinical assignment
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3A14B
   Item wording: Research project with a faculty member outside of course or program requirements
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3A14C
   Item wording: Study abroad
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3A14D
   Item wording: Community-based project (for example, service learning) as part of a regular course
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3A14E
   Item wording: Culminating senior experience, such as a capstone course, senior project or thesis, or
comprehensive exam
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3A14F
   Item wording: Program in which you were mentored
     0=No
Routing: go to F3A15.
Form: F3A15
Question wording: How important would you say your [undergraduate education was in/college
education was in/college attendance has been in] preparing you for the following aspects of your life?
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Variable: F3A15A

Item wording: Work and career

1=Very important

2=Somewhat important

3=Not at all important

Variable: F3A15B

Item wording: Further education

1=Very important

2=Somewhat important

3=Not at all important

Variable: F3A15C

Item wording: Establishing your financial security

1=Very important

2=Somewhat important 3=Not at all important

Variable: F3A15D

Item wording: Civic participation (for example, your involvement in the community, or voting)

1=Very important 2=Somewhat important 3=Not at all important

Routing: if respondent has a PhD or professional doctorate then go to F3A18;

else if respondent is not currently enrolled and has not received a postsecondary credential then go to F3A16;

else if respondent has previous attendance at a 4-year school, is no longer attending a 4-year school, and has no degree from a 4-year school, then go to F3A16; else go to F3A17.

Form: F3A16

Question wording:

[Earlier you indicated that you are no longer enrolled in any school and that you did not obtain a college degree or a certificate. Which of the following are reasons you left school?]

-or-

[Earlier you indicated that you had once attended a 4-year college, but did not obtain a credential from a 4-year college. Which of the following are reasons you left a 4-year college without completing a credential?]

(Please answer 'Yes' or 'No' for each row below.)

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Variable: F3A16A

Item wording: Done taking your desired classes

1=Yes 0=No

Variable: F3A16B

Item wording: You couldn't afford to continue going to school

1=Yes 0=No

Variable: F3A16C

Item wording: You'd rather work and make money than continue going to school

1=Yes 0=No

Variable: F3A16D

Item wording: Change in family status (for example, marriage, baby, or death in your family)

1=Yes 0=No

Variable: F3A16E

Item wording: Personal problems, injury, or illness

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1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3A16F
   Item wording: Conflicts with demands at home
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3A16G
   Item wording: Difficulty in completing requirements for your program, including developmental or
remedial courses
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3A16H
   Item wording: Classes were not available, or class scheduling wasn't convenient
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3A16I
   Item wording: Job or military considerations
      1=Yes
     0=No
Routing: go to F3A17.
Form: F3A17***
Question wording: What is the highest level of education you ever expect to complete?
  Variable: F3A17
       1=Less than high school graduation
       2=GED or other high school equivalency only
       3=High school diploma only
       4=Undergraduate certificate or diploma (usually less than 2 years), including those leading to a
       license (for example, cosmetology)
        5=Associate's Degree (usually a 2-year degree)
        6=Bachelor's Degree (usually a 4-year degree)
        7=Master's Degree
        8=Doctoral Degree – research/scholarship (for example, PhD., EdD., etc.)
       9=Doctoral Degree – professional practice (including: chiropractic, dentistry, law, medicine,
       optometry, pharmacy, podiatry, or veterinary medicine)
       10=Doctoral Degree - other
        11=Don't know
Routing: if respondent has any postsecondary attendance then go to F3A18;
else go to F3A27.
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Form: F3A18

Question wording: Other than money you may have borrowed from family or friends, did you take out any type of education loans to help pay for your education since high school?

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Variable: F3A18 1=Yes 0=No

Routing: if F3A18=yes then go to F3A19;

else go to F3A23.

Form: F3A19

Question wording: What is the total amount of money you borrowed in student loans since high school? Do not include in your answer any money you borrowed from family or friends, or money your parents borrowed.

(Please round to a whole number. If you are unsure of the amount, please provide your best guess.)

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Variable: F3A19

Routing: go to F3A20.

Form: F3A20

Question wording: Are you currently making any monthly payments on any of your education loans?

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Variable: F3A20 1=Yes 0=No

Routing: if F3A20=yes then go to F3A21;

else go to F3A22.

Form: F3A21

Question wording: How much do you pay each month for these loans?

(Please round to a whole number.)

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Variable: F3A21

Routing: go to F3A22.

Form: F3A22

Question wording: Please indicate whether your student loan debt has influenced your employment plans and decisions in any of the following ways.

Did you...

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  Variable: F3A22A
   Item wording: take a job outside your field of study or training because of your student loan debt?
      0=No
  Variable: F3A22B
   Item wording: take a less desirable job because of your student loan debt?
      1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3A22C
   Item wording: have to work at more than one job at the same time because of your student loan
debt?
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3A22D
   Item wording: have to work more hours than desired because of your student loan debt?
      1=Yes
      0=No
Routing: go to F3A23.
Form: F3A23
Question wording: During your first term at [name of first-attended postsecondary institution], did you
receive any grants or scholarships?
  Variable: F3A23
     1=Yes
     0=No
Routing: if F3A23=yes then go to F3A24;
else go to F3A25.
Form: F3A24
Question wording: During your first term at [name of first-attended postsecondary institution], did
those grants or scholarships pay for all, at least half but not all, or less than half of your...
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  Variable: F3A24A
   Item wording: tuition and fees?
     1=All
     2=At least half, but not all
      3=Less than half
  Variable: F3A24B
   Item wording: other college expenses such as rent, food, or books?
      1=All
      2=At least half, but not all
      3=Less than half
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Routing: go to F3A25.

Form: F3A25

Question wording: During your last term at [name of last-attended postsecondary institution], did you

receive any grants or scholarships?

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Variable: F3A25 1=Yes 0=No

Routing: if F3A25=yes then go to F3A26;

else go to F3A27.

Form: F3A26

Question wording: During your last term at [name of last-attended postsecondary institution], did those grants or scholarships pay for all, at least half but not all, or less than half of your...

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Variable: F3A26A

Item wording: tuition and fees?

1=All

2=At least half, but not all

3=Less than half Variable: F3A26B

Item wording: other college expenses such as rent, food, or books?

1=All

2=At least half, but not all

3=Less than half

Routing: go to F3A27.

Form: F3A27

Question wording: Now we would like to ask you about professional certification and licensure.

Do you have a current professional certification, professional license, or a state or industry license?

(A professional certification or license verifies that you are qualified to perform a specific job. It includes things like licensed realtor, certified medical assistant, certified construction manager, or Cisco Certified Network Associate.)

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Variable: F3A27 1=Yes 0=No

Routing: if F3A27=yes then go to F3A28; else go to Introduction to Section B.

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Form: F3A28
Question wording: Were you certified or licensed by...
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 Variable: F3A28A
   Item wording: your state?
     1=Yes
     0=No
 Variable: F3A28B
   Item wording: a professional organization?
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3A28C
   Item wording: an industry, company, or some other organization?
     1=Yes
     0=No
Routing: Go to F3A29.
Form: F3A29
Question wording: The following questions are about your most recent certification or license.
Did you have to do any of the following to get this certification or license?
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 Variable: F3A29A
   Item wording: Demonstrate skills while on the job
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3A29B
   Item wording: Pass a test or exam
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3A29C
   Item wording: Submit a portfolio of your work
     1=Yes
     0=No
Routing: go to F3A30.
Form: F3A30
Question wording: To maintain this certification or license, do you have to...
  Variable: F3A30A
   Item wording: take continuing education classes or earn continuing education units (CEUs)?
     1=Yes
     0=No
 Variable: F3A30B
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Item wording: take periodic tests?
     1=Yes
     0=No
Routing: go to F3A31.
Form: F3A31
Question wording: Can this certification or license be...
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  Variable: F3A31A
   Item wording: revoked or suspended for any reason?
     1=Yes
     2=No
     3=Don't know
  Variable: F3A31B
   Item wording: used if you wanted to get a job with any employer in that field? (Answer "yes" for
credentials that are recognized state-wide or regionally.)
     1=Yes
     2=No
     3=Don't know
Routing: go to F3A32.
Form: F3A32
Question wording: Was a professional certification or a state or industry license required for your
current or most recent job?
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  Variable: F3A32
     1=Yes
     0=No
Routing: go to Introduction to Section B.
Form: Introduction to Section B
Question wording: In this next section we'll ask [further] questions about your current or most recent
employment, including any military experience.
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Routing: if respondent previously indicated their current or June 2011 activities included military service,
then go to F3B02;
else go to F3B01.
Form: F3B01
Question wording: Have you ever been in the military?
  Variable: F3B01
     1=Yes
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0=No
Routing: If F3B01=yes then go to F3B02;
else if respondent did not indicate (in Section A) having a job either currently or in June 2011 then go to
else if respondent is not currently working full-time then go to F3B10;
else go to F3B12.
Form: F3B02
Question wording: In which branches of the military have you served?
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  Variable: F3B02A
   Item wording: Army
    0=No
    1=Yes
  Variable: F3B02B
   Item wording: Air Force
    0=No
    1=Yes
  Variable: F3B02C
   Item wording: Marine Corps
    0=No
    1=Yes
  Variable: F3B02D
   Item wording: Navy
    0=No
    1=Yes
  Variable: F3B02E
   Item wording: Coast Guard
    0=No
    1=Yes
Routing: if currently serving in the military then go to F3B03;
else go to F3B04.
Form: F3B03
Question wording: Are you currently serving...
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  Variable: F3B03
     1=on active duty,
     2=in the Reserves, or
     3=in the National Guard?
Routing: go to F3B04.
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Form: F3B04

Question wording: In what month and year did your first military service begin?

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Variable: F3B04

Routing: If not currently serving then go to F3B05;

else go to F3B06.

Form: F3B05

Question wording: In what month and year did your most recent military service end?

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Variable: F3B05

Routing: go to F3B06.

Form: F3B06

Question wording: What is the highest military pay grade you have achieved?

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Variable: F3B06
Item wording:
-9=Select one

1=E-1

2=E-2

3=E-3

4=E-4

5=E-5

6=E-6

7=E-7

8=E-8

9=E-9

10=E-10

11=0-1

12=0-2

13=0-3

14=0-4

15=0-5

16=0-6

17=0-7

17-07

18=O-8 19=O-9

20=0-10

21=O-1E

22=O-2E

23=O-3E

24=W-1

25=W-2

26=W-3

27=W-4

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28=W-5
Routing: If respondent is currently serving on active duty then go to F3B08;
else go to F3B07.
Form: F3B07
Question wording: Have you ever served on active duty?
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 Variable: F3B07
    1=Yes
    0=No
Routing: If respondent has ever been on active duty then go to F3B08;
else if respondent is not currently working FT or is not currently serving in the armed forces then go to
F3B10;
else go to F3B12.
Form: F3B08
Question wording: Have you ever served in a combat zone?
 Variable: F3B08
    1=Yes
    0=No
Routing: if respondent not currently working FT and is not currently serving in the armed forces, then go
to F3B10;
else go to F3B12.
Form: F3B09***
Question wording: Since January 2006, have you ever held a job for pay?
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 Variable: F3B09
    1=Yes
    0=No
Routing: if respondent provides a response then go to F3B10;
else if respondent does not provide a response then go to Introduction to Section C.
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Form: F3B10***

Question wording: [You mentioned earlier that you are not currently working for pay. / You mentioned earlier that you are not currently working for pay at a full-time job.] Do you want a [full-time] job for pay at this time?

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Variable: F3B10
1=Yes
0=No
Routing: go to F3B11

Form: F3B11***

Question wording: Are you currently available and looking for [full-time] work?

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Variable: F3B11 1=Yes 0=No

Routing: if respondent has never had a job for pay since January 2006, then go to F3C07;

else go to F3B12.

Form: F3B12

Question wording: [Including your military service, how/How] many different employers have you had

since January 2006?

(Please provide your best estimate. Please count yourself as an employer if you have been self-employed at any time since January 2006.)

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Variable: F3B12

Routing: if respondent is currently working or serving in the military then go to F3B14; else if respondent is not currently working and not currently serving in the military then go to F3B13; else go to F3B15 (respondent's current employment/military status is unknown).

Form: F3B13

Question wording: [Including service in the armed forces, in/In] what month and year were you last

working for pay?

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Variable: F3B13

Routing: go to F3B15.

Form: F3B14

Question wording: [Including service in the armed forces, how many full-time jobs and how many part-time jobs do you currently have? / Altogether, how many full-time jobs do you currently have? / Altogether, how many part-time jobs do you currently have? / Altogether, how many full-time jobs and how many part-time jobs do you currently have?]

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Variable: F3B14A

Item wording: |current full-time jobs (35 hours/week or more)

Variable: F3B14B

Item wording: |current part-time jobs (less than 35/hours week)

Routing: go to F3B15.

Form: F3B15***

Question wording: [These next questions are about the job at which you work the most hours. For your primary job, what is your job title, and what are your job duties? / These next questions are about your current job. For your current job, what is your job title, and what are your job duties? / These next questions are about your military job. For your military job, what is your job title, and what are your job duties? / These next questions are about your most recent job. For your most recent job, what was your job title, and what were your job duties?]

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Variable(s): F3B15A and F3B15B

Routing: Go to F3B16

Form: F3B16

Question wording: In what month and year did you begin your job as [job name]?

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Variable: F3B16

Routing: If currently serving in the military and not currently working a civilian job then skip to F3B20;

else go to F3B17.

Form: F3B17

Question wording: For your job as a [job name], [are/were] you...

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Variable: F3B17

1=working for yourself, or 2=working for someone else?

Routing: if respondent is working for his/herself then go to F3B18;

else go to F3B19;

Form: F3B18

Question wording: [Are/Were] you...

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Variable: F3B18A

Item wording: the owner of your own business?

1=Yes 0=No

Variable: F3B18B

Item wording: a partner with others?

1=Yes 0=No

Variable: F3B18C

Item wording: supposed to file a federal income tax form SE?

1=Yes 0=No

Variable: F3B18D

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Item wording: an independent contractor, consultant, or freelancer?
    1=Yes
    0=No
Routing: Go to F3B20.
Form: F3B19
Question wording: What type of organization or business [employs/employed] you? [Is/Was] it...
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 Variable: F3B19
    1=a private, for-profit business or company
    2=a non-profit or not-for-profit organization or company
    3=local government
    4=state government
    5=federal government, including civilian employees of the military, or
    6=the military, including the National Guard?
Routing: Go to F3B20.
Form: F3B20
Question wording: [Do/Did] you supervise the work of others as part of your job as a [job name]?
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 Variable: F3B20
    1=Yes
    0=No
Routing: Go to F3B21
Form: F3B21
Question wording: Typically, how many hours per week [do/did] you work for pay in your job as a [job
namel?
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 Variable: F3B21
Routing: If respondent works more than one job, go to F3B22;
Else go to F3B23.
Form: F3B22
Question wording: Now we would like you to consider all of your current jobs for pay. How many total
hours per week do you work for pay in a typical week across all of these jobs?
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 Variable: F3B22
Routing: Go to F3B23
Form: F3B23
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Question wording: Which one of the following four statements best describes your job as a [job name]? +++++ Variable: F3B23 1=Someone else [decides/decided] what you [do/did] and how you [do/did] it. 2=Someone else [decides/deciced] what you [do/did], but you [decide/decided] how to do it. 3=You [have/had] some freedom in deciding what you [do/did] and how you [do/did] it. 4=You [are/were] basically your own boss. Routing: if respondent is self-employed then go to F3B25; else go to F3B24. Form: F3B24 Question wording: [Does/Did] your employer for your job as a [job name] offer medical insurance such as health, dental, or vision? +++++ Variable: F3B24 1=Yes 0=No Routing: Go to F3B25 Form: F3B25 Question wording: On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means "Definitely not at an aspect of the job" and 5 means "Very much an aspect of the job", please indicate to what extent the following job characteristics [apply/applied] to your job as a [job name]. +++++ Variable: F3B25A Item wording: Job security 1=1 = Definitely not an aspect of the job 2=2 3=3 4=4 5=5 = Very much an aspect of the job Variable: F3B25B Item wording: Opportunity to learn new things 1=1 = Definitely not an aspect of the job 2=2 3=3 4=4 5=5 = Very much an aspect of the job Variable: F3B25C Item wording: High earnings 1=1 = Definitely not an aspect of the job 2=2 3=3

4=4

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5=5 = Very much an aspect of the job
  Variable: F3B25D
   Item wording: New challenges
     1=1 = Definitely not an aspect of the job
     2=2
     3=3
     4=4
     5=5 = Very much an aspect of the job
  Variable: F3B25E
   Item wording: Enough time for leisure activities
     1=1 = Definitely not an aspect of the job
     2=2
     3=3
     4=4
     5=5 = Very much an aspect of the job
  Variable: F3B25F
   Item wording: Chance of doing something useful for society
     1=1 = Definitely not an aspect of the job
     2=2
     3=3
     4=4
     5=5 = Very much an aspect of the job
  Variable: F3B25G
   Item wording: Chance to balance work and family responsibilities
     1=1 = Definitely not an aspect of the job
     2=2
     3=3
     5=5 = Very much an aspect of the job
Routing: go to F3B26.
Form: F3B26***
Question wording: Now we would like to ask you a few questions concerning your earnings at your job
as a [job name]. For your job as a [job name], what is the easiest way for you to report your total
earnings before taxes or other deductions?
(We use this information to compare the amount that people earn in different types of jobs.)
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  Variable: F3B26
     1=per hour
     2=per day
     3=per week
     4=every 2 weeks
     5=twice per month
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6=per month

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7=per year
Routing: if respondent does not answer "per hour" go to F3B27;
else go to F3B28.
Form: F3B27***
Question wording: Even though you told me it is easier to report your earnings [F3B26], [are/were] you
paid at an hourly rate on your job as a [job name]?
 Variable: F3B27
    1=Yes
    0=No
Routing: Go to F3B28.
Form: F3B28***
Question wording: For your job as a [job name], about how much [do/did] you earn [per hour/F3B26]
before taxes and other deductions?
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 Variable: F3B28
Routing: go to F3B29.
Form: F3B29
Question wording: Which of the following best describes your job as a [job name]?
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 Variable: F3B29
    1=It fulfills your long-term career goals.
    2=It is a step on the path to your long-term career goals.
    3=It is not related to your long-term career goals.
    4=You do not have long-term career goals.
Routing: go to F3B30.
Form: F3B30
Question wording: [Are/Were] any of the following required for your job as a [job name]?
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 Variable: F3B30A
  Item wording: A post-baccalaureate graduate degree
    1=Yes
    0=No
 Variable: F3B30B
  Item wording: A bachelor's degree (usually a 4-year degree)
    1=Yes
    0=No
 Variable: F3B30C
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Item wording: An associate's degree (usually a 2-year degree)

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1=Yes
0=No
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Variable: F3B30D

Item wording: An undergraduate certificate or diploma (usually less than 2 years), including those leading to a license (for example, cosmetology)

1=Yes 0=No

Routing: if respondent has any postsecondary attendance then go to F3B31; else if currently working or currently serving in the military then go to F3B34; else go to F3B35;

Form: F3B31

Question wording: How closely related [is/was] your job as a [job name] to the major or field of study you had when you were last enrolled in college? Would you say...

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Variable: F3B31 1=closely related, 2=somewhat related, or 3=not related?

Routing: if respondent provides any answer other than "closely related" (or does not respond), then go

to F3B32;

else go to F3B33.

Form: F3B32

Question wording: Have you ever had a job that was closely related to the major or field of study you had when you were last enrolled in college?

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Variable: F3B32 1=Yes 0=No

Routing: Go to F3B33.

Form: F3B33

Question wording: [Would it be/Was it] difficult for you to do your job as a [job name] without the courses you took in college?

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Variable: F3B33 1=Yes

Routing: if respondent is currently employed or currently serving in the armed forces then go to F3B34; else go to F3B35.

Form: F3B34

Question wording: Please indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about your job as a [job name]:

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Variable: F3B34A

Item wording: Most people at work are pretty supportive of you.

1=Strongly agree

2=Agree

3=Neither agree nor disagree

4=Disagree

5=Strongly disagree

Variable: F3B34B

Item wording: There are people you can learn from at work.

1=Strongly agree

2=Agree

3=Neither agree nor disagree

4=Disagree

5=Strongly disagree

Variable: F3B34C

Item wording: There are people you can turn to for help in solving a work problem.

1=Strongly agree

2=Agree

3=Neither agree nor disagree

4=Disagree

5=Strongly disagree

Variable: F3B34D

Item wording: You feel fairly well satisfied with your present job.

1=Strongly agree

2=Agree

3=Neither agree nor disagree

4=Disagree

5=Strongly disagree

Variable: F3B34E

Item wording: Most days you are enthusiastic about your work.

1=Strongly agree

2=Agree

3=Neither agree nor disagree

4=Disagree

5=Strongly disagree

Variable: F3B34F

Item wording: You find real enjoyment in your work.

1=Strongly agree

2=Agree

3=Neither agree nor disagree

4=Disagree

5=Strongly disagree

Variable: F3B34G

Item wording: You plan to remain in your current job over the next year.

1=Strongly agree

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2=Agree
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3=Neither agree nor disagree

4=Disagree

5=Strongly disagree

Variable: F3B34H

Item wording: You don't usually think about leaving this job.

1=Strongly agree

2=Agree

3=Neither agree nor disagree

4=Disagree

5=Strongly disagree

Variable: F3B34I

Item wording: You feel pretty strongly committed to keeping your current job.

1=Strongly agree

2=Agree

3=Neither agree nor disagree

4=Disagree

5=Strongly disagree

Routing: Go to F3B35.

Form: F3B35

Pre-Logic: if R last worked >1 year ago then do not administer F3B35 and instead skip to Introduction to

Section C;

else administer F3F35.

Question wording:

Now we would like to ask you about any formal job training you have received from an employer. Think about the skills that are needed for doing your job as a [job name].

In the last 12 months, have you participated in a formal training program offered by an employer or a union that helped you learn or improve the skills needed to do your job?

(Include training from past as well as current employers if received in the last 12 months.)

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Variable: F3B35 1=Yes 0=No

Routing: go to Introduction to Section C.

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Form: Introduction to Section C

Question wording: Next we'd like to collect a short employment history, and ask about your future employment plans.

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Routing: if last employment/military service was prior to 2009 (or, if respondent has no employment/military service), then go to F3C07; else if last employment/military service was during 2009, then go to F3C05; else if last employment/military service was during 2010, then go to F3C03;

else go to F3C01.

Form: F3C01

Question wording: Across all of your jobs during the 2011 calendar year, [including any military or civilian employment,] how many weeks did you work for pay? Please include all paid time off such as vacations, sick leave, and family leave in your weeks spent working; do not include time spent out of work, between jobs, or without pay.

(Please provide an answer between 0 and 52 weeks.)

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Variable: F3C01

Routing: if respondent reports working for pay for 0 weeks during 2011, then skip to F3C03; else go to F3C02.

Form: F3C02

Question wording: [Earlier you told us how many hours you are currently working per week. Now, how / How] many hours did you work for pay at all jobs during a typical working week in 2011?

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Variable: F3C02

Routing: go to F3C03.

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Form: F3C03

Question wording: [Now, I would like you to think back to 2010.][Including any military or civilian employment during/During] the 2010 calendar year, were you...

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Variable: F3C03

1=employed for six months or more

2=employed, but for less than six months, or

3=not employed at all?

Routing: if respondent reports being employed at all during 2010, then go to F3C04; else go to F3C05.

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Form: F3C04

Question wording: For your employment in 2010, were you primarily working...

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Variable: F3C04

1=35 hours or more per week, or

2=less than 35 hours per week? Routing: go to F3C05. Form: F3C05 Question wording: [Now, I would like you to go back a year further to 2009.][Including any military or civilian employment during/During] the 2009 calendar year, were you... +++++ Variable: F3C05 1=employed for 6 months or more 2=employed, but for less than 6 months, or 3=not employed at all? Routing: if respondent reports being employed at all during 2009, then go to F3C06; else go to F3C07. Form: F3C06 Question wording: For your employment in 2009, were you primarily working... +++++ Variable: F3C06 1=35 hours or more per week, or 2=less than 35 hours per week? Routing: Go to F3C07. Form: F3C07*** Question wording: Since January 2009, have you ever been unemployed for a period of one month or more, that is, not employed but seeking employment? Variable: F3C07 1=Yes 0=No Routing: if F3C07=yes then go to F3C08; else go to F3C11. Form: F3C08*** Question wording: Since January 2009, approximately how many months in total have you been unemployed (not employed but seeking employment)?

Variable: F3C08

Routing: go to F3C09.

Form: F3C09

Question wording: Since January 2009, approximately how many times have you been unemployed for a period of one month or more (not employed but seeking employment)?

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Variable: F3C09

Routing: if respondent reports multiple unemployment spells since 1/2009 then go to F3C10; else go to F3C11.

Form: F3C10

Question wording: [Of the [F3C09] times you mentioned being unemployed since January 2009 / Since January 2009], what was the longest period of time you were unemployed (not employed but seeking employment)?

(Please indicate your longest period of unemployment in terms of number of months.)

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Variable: F3C10

Routing: go to F3C11.

Form: F3C11

Question wording: Since January 2009, have you ever received unemployment compensation, applied for unemployment compensation, or been eligible to receive unemployment compensation?

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Variable: F3C11 1=Yes 0=No

Routing: go to F3C12.

Form: F3C12

Question wording: Since January 2009, have any of the following interfered with your career plans?

(Please answer 'Yes' or 'No' for each row below.)

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Variable: F3C12A

Item wording: Not having the required degree, license, or credential

1=Yes 0=No

Variable: F3C12B

Item wording: Not having high enough grades

1=Yes 0=No

Variable: F3C12C

Item wording: Being considered "overqualified"

1=Yes 0=No

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Variable: F3C12D
   Item wording: Illness, accident, or disability
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3C12E
   Item wording: Lack of openings in your field
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3C12F
   Item wording: Inability to relocate
     1=Yes
     0=No
 Variable: F3C12G
   Item wording: Lack of affordable child care
     0=No
  Variable: F3C12H
   Item wording: Discrimination against persons of your race or ethnic background
     1=Yes
     0=No
 Variable: F3C12I
   Item wording: Discrimination against persons of your gender
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3C12J
   Item wording: Lack of social connections or contacts
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3C12K
   Item wording: Difficulty getting to or from work; for example, an inability to afford transportation
     1=Yes
     0=No
Routing: go to F3C13.
Form: F3C13***
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Question wording: What job for pay or occupation do you plan to have when you are age 30?

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Variable(s): F3C13A and F3C13B

Routing: If respondent indicates they don't know what job they plan to have at age 30, or indicates they don't plan on working at age 30, or otherwise does not provide a job they plan to work at age 30, then skip to Introduction to Section D;

else go to F3C14.

Form: F3C14

Question wording: How much education do you think you need to get the job you expect or plan to have when you are 30 years old?

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Variable: F3C14

1=Less than high school completion

2=GED or other high school equivalency

3=High school diploma

 $\hbox{$4$-$Undergraduate certificate or diploma (usually less than 2 years), including those leading to a } \\$

license (for example, cosmetology)

5=Associate's Degree (usually a 2-year degree) 6=Bachelor's Degree (usually a 4-year degree)

7=Master's Degree

8=Doctoral Degree – research/scholarship (for example, PhD., EdD., etc.)

9=Doctoral Degree – professional practice (including: chiropractic, dentistry, law, medicine,

optometry, pharmacy, podiatry, or veterinary medicine)

10=Doctoral Degree – other

11=Don't know

Routing: go to Introduction to Section D.

Form: Introduction to Section D

Question wording: In this last section we'd like to ask you some questions about your family life, your finances, and your community.

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Routing: go to F3D01.

Form: F3D01***

Question wording: What is your current marital status?

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Variable: F3D01

1=Single, never married

2=Married

3=Divorced

4=Separated

5=Widowed

Routing: if respondent is married, divorced, separated, or widowed then go to F3D02;

else go to F3D04.

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Form: F3D02

Question wording: [Including your current marriage, how/How] many times have you been married?

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Variable: F3D02

Routing: go to F3D03.

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Form: F3D03
Question wording: [In what month and year were you married? / In what month and year did your
[first/second/third/fourth/etc.] marriage begin?]
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 Variable(s): F3D03_x
Routing: if start date has not yet been collected for all marriages then re-administer F3D03;
else if respondent is currently married then go to F3D05;
else go to F3D04;
Form: F3D04***
Question wording: Are you currently living with a significant other in a marriage-like relationship?
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  Variable: F3D04
     1=Yes
     0=No
Routing: If F3D04=yes then go to F3D05;
else go to F3D06.
Form: F3D05
Question wording: What is the highest level of education your [current] [spouse/partner] has
completed?
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  Variable: F3D05
       1=Less than high school completion
       2=GED or other high school equivalency
       3=High school diploma
       4=Undergraduate certificate or diploma (usually less than 2 years), including those leading to a
       license (for example, cosmetology)
       5=Associate's Degree (usually a 2-year degree)
       6=Bachelor's Degree (usually a 4-year degree)
       7=Master's Degree
       8=Doctoral Degree – research/scholarship (for example, PhD., EdD., etc.)
       9=Doctoral Degree – professional practice (including: chiropractic, dentistry, law, medicine,
       optometry, pharmacy, podiatry, or veterinary medicine)
       10=Doctoral Degree – other
Routing: go to F3D06.
Form: F3D06***
Question wording: Have you had any biological children, that is, children [for whom you are the natural
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father/for whom you are the natural mother/born to you]?

Variable: F3D06 1=Yes 0=No

Routing: if respondent has had a biological child then go to F3D07;

else go to F3D10.

Form: F3D07***

Question wording: How many biological children have you had?

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Variable: F3D07

Routing: Go to F3D08.

Form: F3D08

Question wording: In what month and year was your [first/second/third/fourth/etc.] biological child

born? +++++ Variable(s): F3FD08_x

Routing: go to F3D09.

Form: F3D09

Pre-Logic: if respondent's current marital status is "single, never married", and birthdates have not yet been asked about for all of respondent's children, then do not administer F3D09 but go back to F3D08; else if respondent's current marital status is "single, never married" then do not administer F3D09 but skip to F3D10;

else administer F3D09.

Question wording: At the time of your [first/second/third/etc.] biological child's birth, were you married to your [first/second/third/etc.] child's [father/mother/other parent]?

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Variable(s): F3D09_x
1=Yes
0=No
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Routing: if birthdates have not yet been asked about for all of respondent's children then go to F3D08; else go to F3D10.

Form: F3D10

Question wording: Have you ever adopted a child?

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Variable: F3D10 1=Yes 0=No

Routing: If F3D10=yes then go to F3D11;

else go to F3D13.

Form: F3D11

Question wording: How many children have you adopted?

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Variable: F3D11

Routing: go to F3D12.

Form: F3D12

Question wording: In what month and year did you [first/next] adopt a child?

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Variable(s): F3D12_x

Routing: if adoption dates have not yet been asked about for all adopted children, then repeat F3D12;

else go to F3D13.

Form: F3D13***

Question wording: Now we'd like to collect some information about your current living arrangements.

What is the 5-digit ZIP code for your current residence?

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Variable: F3D13

Routing: if respondent is currently "living with a significant other in a marriage-like relationship", then go

to F3D15;

else go to F3D14.

Form: F3D14

Question wording: Do you live...

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Variable: F3D14 1=with others, or 2=by yourself?

Routing: if respondent lives by self then go to F3D18;

else go to F3D15.

Form: F3D15

Question wording: How many of each of the following people live with you?

(Please count each person only once, and enter '0' where appropriate.)

+++++ Variable: F3D15A Item wording: |Friends or roommates Variable: F3D15B Item wording: |Brothers or sisters (including adoptive, step, and foster siblings) Variable: F3D15C Item wording: |Children (yours or otherwise) Variable: F3D15D Item wording: |Your mother or female guardian Variable: F3D15E Item wording: |Your father or male guardian Variable: F3D15F Item wording: |Your spouse Variable: F3D15G Item wording: |Your partner in a marriage-like relationship Variable: F3D15H Item wording: |Any others not already named Routing: if respondent's father/male guardian or mother/female guardian lives in household then go to F3D16; else go to F3D18. Form: F3D16 Question wording: Do you... +++++ Variable: F3D16 1=live in your parent or guardian's home, or 2=[does she/does he/do they] live in your home? Routing: if respondent is living in their parent's home then go to F3D17; else go to F3D18; Question wording: Do you contribute to the cost of your room and board by paying money to your parent(s) or guardian(s), paying certain household bills, or buying things such as groceries for the household? +++++ Variable: F3D17 1=Yes 0=No Routing: Go to F3D18.

Form: F3D18

Question wording: Now we would like to get some information about current dependents. Excluding [yourself/you and your spouse/you and your partner], do you currently support any dependents?

(A dependent is a person for whom you pay at least half their expenses, such as food, shelter, clothing, health care, and schooling. This may include your children, parents, or others. Note that a dependent does not have to live with you.)

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Variable: F3D18 1=Yes 0=No

Routing: if F3D18=yes then go to F3D19;

else if respondent is married (or in a marriage-like relationship) and had no employment or military service during 2011 then skip to F3D22;

else if respondent had no employment or military service during 2011 then skip to F3D24; else go to F3D20.

Form: F3D19

Question wording: Excluding [yourself/you and your spouse/you and your partner], how many of each of the following types of dependents do you currently support?

(A dependent is a person for whom you pay at least half their expenses, such as food, shelter, clothing, health care, and schooling. This may include your children, parents, or others. Note that a dependent does not have to live with you.)

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Variable: F3D19A

Item wording: Number of dependents less than age 18

Variable: F3D19B

Item wording: | Number of dependents age 18 or older

Routing: if respondent is married (or in a marriage-like relationship) and had no employment or military service during 2011 then skip to F3D22;

else if respondent had no employment or military service during 2011 then skip to F3D24; else go to F3D20.

Form: F3D20***

Question wording: About how much did you earn from employment in 2011 before taxes and all other deductions? Please include all wages, salaries, income from a business or farm, commissions, and tips you earned in 2011. [Please include your earnings only; we will ask about your spouse's earnings in a separate question.] [Please include your earnings only; we will ask about your partner's earnings in a separate question.]

(Please round to a whole number.)

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Variable: F3D20

Routing: if no response is provided, then go to F3D21; else if respondent is married or in a marriage-like relationship then go to F3D22; else go to F3D24.

Form: F3D21***

Question wording: We understand that you may not be able to provide an exact number for your job earnings. However, it would be extremely helpful if you would indicate which of the following ranges best estimates how much you earned from employment prior to taxes and deductions in calendar year 2011. Please include all wages, salaries, net income from a business or farm, commissions, and tips you earned in 2011. Please include your earnings only; we will ask about your spouse's earnings in a separate question.] Please include your earnings only; we will ask about your partner's earnings in a separate question.]

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Variable: F3D21

1=Less than \$1,000

2=\$1,000-\$2,499

3=\$2,500-\$4,999

4=\$5,000-\$9,999

5=\$10,000-\$14,999

6=\$15,000-\$19,999

7=\$20,000-\$24,999

8=\$25,000-\$29,999

9=\$30,000-\$34,999

10=\$35,000-\$44,999

11=\$45,000-\$54,999

12=\$55,000-\$64,999

13=\$65,000 and above

Routing: if respondent is married or in a marriage-like relationship then go to F3D22; else go to F3D24.

Form: F3D22

Question wording: Next, about how much did your [spouse/partner] earn from employment before taxes and all other deductions in 2011? Please include all wages, salaries, net income from a business or farm, commissions, and tips your [spouse/partner] earned in 2011.

(Please round to a whole number.)

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Variable: F3D22

Routing: if no response is provided then go to F3D23;

else go to F3D24.

Form: F3D23

Question wording: We understand that you may not be able to provide an exact number for your [spouse's/partner's] job earnings. However, it would be extremely helpful if you would indicate which of the following ranges best estimates how much your [spouse/partner] earned from employment prior to taxes and deductions in calendar year 2011. Please include all wages, salaries, net income from a business or farm, commissions, and tips they earned in 2011.

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Variable: F3D23

1=Less than \$1,000

2=\$1,000-\$2,499

3=\$2,500-\$4,999

4=\$5,000-\$9,999

5=\$10,000-\$14,999

6=\$15,000-\$19,999

7=\$20,000-\$24,999

8=\$25,000-\$29,999

9=\$30,000-\$34,999

10=\$35,000-\$44,999

11=\$45,000-\$54,999

12=\$55,000-\$64,999

13=\$65,000 and above

Form: F3D24 Question wording:

Routing: go to F3D24.

During 2011, did [T_YOU_SPOUSE_PARTNER] receive any of the following benefits?

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- SNAP (the Food Stamp Program)
- TANF (the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program)
- the Free and Reduced Price School Lunch Program
- WIC (the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children)

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Variable: F3D24 1=Yes 0=No

Routing: go to F3D25.

Form: F3D25

Question wording: Have your[or your [spouse's/partner's]] parents or guardians given you any money or paid for anything significant for you during the last 12 months? Do not include regular birthday or holiday gifts.

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Variable: F3D25 1=Yes 0=No

Routing: go to F3D26.

Form: F3D26

Question wording: Without considering any 2011 earnings from employment, approximately how much did [you/you and your spouse/you and your partner] receive from sources of income other than employment in 2011? Sources of income other than employment might include investments, unemployment compensation, alimony or child support, public assistance, family members, or disability payments.

(Please round to a whole number. If none, please enter '0'.)

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Variable: F3D26

Routing: if respondent is currently married or living with a significant other in a marriage-like relationship, then go to F3D28; else go to F3D27.

Form: F3D27

Question wording: Now we would like to ask you some questions about any pension or retirement savings. Many employers and unions sponsor pensions or retirement plans, some provide tax-deferred plans such as 401(k) plans, profit sharing, or stock ownership plans. Other examples include thrift savings plans, 403(b) plans, 457 plans, SEP IRA plans, SIMPLE IRA plans, and other IRA plans.

Do you have any savings in these types of plans?

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Variable: F3D27 1=Yes 0=No

Routing: If yes then go to F3D29;

else if respondent lives in their parent/guardian's home then go to F3D33; else go to F3D30.

Form: F3D28

Question wording: Now we would like to ask you some questions about any pension or retirement savings. Many employers and unions sponsor pensions or retirement plans, some provide tax-deferred plans such as 401(k) plans, profit sharing, or stock ownership plans. Other examples include thrift savings plans, 403(b) plans, 457 plans, SEP IRA plans, SIMPLE IRA plans, and other IRA plans.

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Variable: F3D28A

Item wording: Do you and your [spouse/partner] have any of these plans jointly?

1=Yes

0=No

Variable: F3D28B

Item wording: Do you have any of these plans on your own separate from your [spouse/partner]?

1=Yes 0=No

Variable: F3D28C

Item wording: Does your [spouse/partner] have any of these plans separate from you?

1=Yes 0=No

Routing: If respondent has own retirement plans, or if respondent holds retirement plans jointly with their spouse/partner, then go to F3D29;

else if respondent lives in their parent/guardian's home then go to F3D33; else go to F3D30.

Form: F3D29

Question wording: What is the total value of all savings [that you have in your own plans, and that you have jointly with your spouse / that you have in your own plans, and that you have jointly with your partner / you have jointly with your spouse / you have jointly with your partner / you have] in these types of pension or retirement savings plans?

(Please round to a whole number.)

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Variable: F3D29

Routing: if respondent lives in parent's/guardian's home then go to F3D33; else go to F3D30.

Form: F3D30

Question wording: Do you...

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Variable: F3D30

1=pay mortgage towards or own your home,

2=pay rent where you live, or 3=have some other arrangement?

Routing: If the respondent pays mortgage or owns their home then go to F3D31; Else go to F3D33.

Form: F3D31

Question wording: What is the present value of your home? That is, about how much would it bring if it were sold today?

(Please round to a whole number.)

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Variable	: F3D31
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Routing: go to F3D32.

Form: F3D32

Question wording: About how much do [you/you and your spouse/you and your partner] owe in total on the mortgage for your residence?

(If none, please enter '0'. Please round to a whole number.)

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Variable: F3D32

Routing: Go to F3D33.

Form: F3D33***

Question wording: Now, think about your debts[, besides any mortgage on your home]. How much do you [and your spouse/partner]owe altogether? [Do not include mortgage loans, but include all other debts / Include all debts,] such as credit card debt, unpaid student loans, unpaid car loans, and all other unpaid loans.

(Please enter '0' if you [and others in your household]have no debt. Please round to a whole number.)

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Variable: F3D33

Routing: Go to F3D34.

Form: F3D34

Question wording: Suppose you [and your spouse/partner] were to sell all of your major possessions[including your home], turn all of your investments and other assets into cash, and pay off all of your debts[including your mortgage]. Would you have something left over, break even, or be in debt?

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Variable: F3D34

1=Have something left over

2=Break even (no assets and no debts)

3=Be in debt

Routing: If the respondent answered they'd be in debt or have something left over go to F3D35; Else go to F3D36.

Form: F3D35

Question wording: How much would you [have left over / be in debt]?

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(Please round to a whole number.)
 Variable: F3D35
Routing: Go to F3D36.
Form: F3D36
Question wording: Many young adults experience financial problems. On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1
means 'not at all stressful' and 5 means 'extremely stressful', how much stress have you felt in meeting
your financial obligations during the past year?
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 Variable: F3D36
     1=1=Not at all stressful
     2=2
     3=3=Moderately stressful
     4=4
     5=5=Extremely stressful
Routing: go to F3D37.
Form: F3D37
Question wording: Now we have some questions on voting.
Are you currently registered to vote?
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  Variable: F3D37
     1=Yes
     2=No
     3=You are not eligible to vote
Routing: go to F3D38.
Question wording: [Even though you are not currently registered to vote, did/Even though you are not
currently eligible to vote, did/Did] you vote in the 2008 presidential election?
  Variable: F3D38
     1=Yes
     0=No
Routing: go to F3D39.
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Form: F3D39

Question wording: Did you vote in any local, state, or national election during 2009, 2010, or 2011?

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  Variable: F3D39
     1=Yes
     0=No
Routing: go to F3D40.
Form: F3D40
Question wording: During the past two years, have you performed any unpaid volunteer or community
service work through such organizations as youth groups, service clubs, church clubs, school groups, or
social action groups?
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  Variable: F3D40
     1=Yes
     0=No
Routing: if respondent has volunteered in the last 2 years then go to F3D41;
else go to F3D43.
Form: F3D41
Question wording: What type(s) of organizations have you been involved with in your unpaid volunteer
or community service work during the past two years?
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  Variable: F3D41A
   Item wording: Youth organizations, such as coaching Little League or helping with the scouts
     0=No
  Variable: F3D41B
   Item wording: Service organizations, such as Big Brother/Big Sister or the Red Cross
     1=Yes
     0=N_0
  Variable: F3D41C
   Item wording: Political clubs or organizations
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3D41D
   Item wording: Religious or spiritual organizations, including churches, synagogues, and mosques (but
not including attending worship services)
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3D41E
   Item wording: Community centers, neighborhood improvement, or civic associations or groups
      1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3D41F
   Item wording: A hospital, nursing home, or retirement community, or a program making home visits
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to people in need 1=Yes

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0=No
  Variable: F3D41G
   Item wording: Educational organizations, including schools and libraries
     0=No
  Variable: F3D41H
   Item wording: A conservation, recycling, or environmental group such as the Sierra Club or the
Nature Conservancy
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3D41I
   Item wording: A group providing international aid or promoting world peace
     0=No
  Variable: F3D41J
   Item wording: A group that helps people in need of food, shelter, or other basic necessities
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3D41K
   Item wording: A group or organization related to arts or culture
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3D41L
   Item wording: Any other kind of group or organization
     1=Yes
     0=No
  Variable: F3D41M
   Item wording: None of the above
     1=Yes
     0=No
Routing: go to F3D42.
Form: F3D42
Question wording: During the past two years, how often did you spend time volunteering or performing
community service? Would you say...
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  Variable: F3D42
     1=less than once a month,
     2=at least once a month but not weekly, or
     3=at least once a week?
Routing: go to F3D43.
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Form: F3D43

Question wording: On a scale of 1 to 5, where 1 means 'never' and 5 means 'always', please indicate how often you contribute financially to causes you believe in; for example, making financial donations to charities, organizations, and causes.

charities, organizations, and causes. ++++ Variable: F3D43 1=1=Never 2=2 3=3 4=4 5=5=Always Routing: go to F3D44. Form: F3D44 Question wording: Since January 2006, have any of the following happened to you? +++++ Variable: F3D44A Item wording: Your parents or guardians got divorced or separated 1=No, has not happened since January 2006 2=Yes, has happened once since January 2006 3=Yes, has happened more than once since January 2006 Variable: F3D44B Item wording: One of your parents or guardians lost his or her job 1=No, has not happened since January 2006 2=Yes, has happened once since January 2006 3=Yes, has happened more than once since January 2006 Variable: F3D44C Item wording: You lost your job 1=No, has not happened since January 2006 2=Yes, has happened once since January 2006 3=Yes, has happened more than once since January 2006 Variable: F3D44D Item wording: One of your parents or guardians died 1=No, has not happened since January 2006 2=Yes, has happened once since January 2006 3=Yes, has happened more than once since January 2006 Variable: F3D44E Item wording: A close relative or friend died 1=No, has not happened since January 2006 2=Yes, has happened once since January 2006 3=Yes, has happened more than once since January 2006 Variable: F3D44F Item wording: You became seriously ill or disabled 1=No, has not happened since January 2006 2=Yes, has happened once since January 2006 3=Yes, has happened more than once since January 2006

Item wording: A family member became seriously ill or disabled

Variable: F3D44G

1=No, has not happened since January 2006

2=Yes, has happened once since January 2006

3=Yes, has happened more than once since January 2006

Variable: F3D44H

Item wording: You were the victim of a violent crime

1=No, has not happened since January 2006

2=Yes, has happened once since January 2006

3=Yes, has happened more than once since January 2006

Routing: if respondent's parents/guardians have gotten divorced or separated then go to F3D45;

else if respondent's parent/guardian has lost a job then go to F3D46;

else if respondent has lost his/her job then go to F3D47;

else if respondent's parent/guardian has died then go to F3D48;

else if respondent's close friend or other relative has died then go to F3D49;

else if respondent has become seriously ill then go to F3D50;

else if respondent's family member has become seriously ill then go to F3D51;

else if respondent has been victim of a violent crime then go to F3D52;

else go to F3D53.

Form: F3D45 Question wording:

[When did your parents or guardians get divorced or separated? / When was the first time that your parents or guardians got divorced or separated?]

Please remember to only include divorces/separations that have occurred since January 2006.

Variable: F3D45A

Question wording:

When was the last time your parents or guardians got divorced or separated?

Variable: F3D45B

Routing: if respondent's parent/guardian has lost a job then go to F3D46;

else if respondent has lost his/her job then go to F3D47;

else if respondent's parent/guardian has died then go to F3D48;

else if respondent's close friend or other relative has died then go to F3D49;

else if respondent has become seriously ill then go to F3D50;

else if respondent's family member has become seriously ill then go to F3D51;

else if respondent has been victim of a violent crime then go to F3D52;

else go to F3D53.

Form: F3D46 Question wording:

[When did one of your parents or guardians lose his or her job? / When was the first time that one of your parents or guardians lost his or her job?]

Please remember to only include times they have lost a job since January 2006.

Variable: F3D46A

Question wording:

When was the last time one of your parents or guardians lost his or her job?

Variable: F3D46B

Routing: if respondent has lost his/her job then go to F3D47; else if respondent's parent/guardian has died then go to F3D48; else if respondent's close friend or other relative has died then go to F3D49; else if respondent has become seriously ill then go to F3D50; else if respondent's family member has become seriously ill then go to F3D51; else if respondent has been victim of a violent crime then go to F3D52; else go to F3D53.

Form: F3D47 Question wording:

[When did you lose your job? / When was the first time that you lost your job?]

Please remember to only include times you lost a job since January 2006.

Variable: F3D47A

Question wording: When was the last time you lost your job?

Variable: F3D47B

Routing: if respondent's parent/guardian has died then go to F3D48; else if respondent's close friend or other relative has died then go to F3D49; else if respondent has become seriously ill then go to F3D50; else if respondent's family member has become seriously ill then go to F3D51; else if respondent has been victim of a violent crime then go to F3D52; else go to F3D53.

Form: F3D48

Question wording:

[When did one of your parents or guardians die? / When was the first time that one of your parents or

guardians died?]

Please remember to only include events that have occurred since January 2006.

Variable: F3D48A

Question wording:

When was the last time one of your parents or guardians died?

Variable: F3D48B

Routing: if respondent's close friend or other relative has died then go to F3D49; else if respondent has become seriously ill then go to F3D50; else if respondent's family member has become seriously ill then go to F3D51;

else if respondent has been victim of a violent crime then go to F3D52; else go to F3D53.

Form: F3D49 Question wording:

[When did your close friend or relative die? / When was the first time that one of your close friends or

relatives died?]

Please remember to only include events that have occurred since January 2006.

Variable: F3D49A

Question wording:

When was the last time your close friend or relative died?

Variable: F3D49B

Routing: if respondent has become seriously ill then go to F3D50; else if respondent's family member has become seriously ill then go to F3D51; else if respondent has been victim of a violent crime then go to F3D52; else go to F3D53.

Form: F3D50 Question wording:

[When did you become seriously ill or disabled? / When was the first time that you became seriously ill

or disabled?]

Please remember to only include events that have occurred since January 2006.

Variable: F3D50A

Question wording:

When was the last time you became seriously ill or disabled?

Variable: F3D50B

Routing: if respondent's family member has become seriously ill then go to F3D51; else if respondent has been victim of a violent crime then go to F3D52; else go to F3D53.

Form: F3D51 Question wording:

When did your family member become seriously ill or disabled? / When was the first time that your family member became seriously ill or disabled?

Please only include events that have occurred since January 2006.

Variable: F3D51A

Question wording:

When was the last time your family member became seriously ill or disabled?

Variable: F3D51B

Routing: if respondent has been victim of a violent crime then go to F3D52;

else go to F3D53.

Form: F3D52 Question wording:

[When were you the victim of a violent crime? / When was the first time you were the victim of a violent

crime?]

Please remember to only include events that have occurred since January 2006.

Variable: F3D52A

Question wording:

When was the last time you were the victim of a violent crime?

Variable: F3D52B

Routing: go to F3D53.

Form: F3D53

Question wording: How important is each of the following to you in your life?

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Variable: F3D53A

Item wording: [Having/Finding] the right person to marry or partner with and having a happy family

life

1=Not important

2=Somewhat important

3=Very important

Variable: F3D53B

Item wording: Having lots of money

1=Not important

2=Somewhat important

3=Very important

Variable: F3D53C

Item wording: Having strong friendships

1=Not important

2=Somewhat important

3=Very important

Variable: F3D53D

Item wording: Helping other people in your community

1=Not important

2=Somewhat important

3=Very important

Variable: F3D53E

Item wording: Being able to give your children better opportunities than you've had

1=Not important

2=Somewhat important

3=Very important

Variable: F3D53F

Item wording: Living close to parents and relatives

1=Not important

2=Somewhat important

3=Very important

Variable: F3D53G

Item wording: Working to correct social and economic inequalities

1=Not important

2=Somewhat important

3=Very important

Variable: F3D53H

Item wording: Having children

1=Not important

2=Somewhat important

3=Very important

Variable: F3D53I

Item wording: Having leisure time to enjoy your own interests

1=Not important

2=Somewhat important

3=Very important

Variable: F3D53J

Item wording: Being an expert in your field of work

1=Not important

2=Somewhat important

3=Very important

Variable: F3D53K

Item wording: Having a good education

1=Not important

2=Somewhat important

3=Very important

Routing: go to Consent for Future Participation.

Form: Consent for Future Participation***

Question wording: We are almost done with this survey. But first, we want to let you know that some survey participants may be invited to participate in future follow-up studies to learn more about their education and employment experiences. These future follow-up studies will be led by external researchers not affiliated with the Department of Education. We would like to seek your permission to allow RTI to re-contact you on behalf of one of the external researchers. Your participation in any future study is completely voluntary, but there is no substitute for your response.

Are you willing to be contacted about these future studies?

Variable: N/A (not available on final datafile)

Routing: if the respondent's correct SSN has already been collected, then go to Incentive	Mailing
Information;	
else go to SSN.	

Form: SSN

Question wording: What is your Social Security number? ***

(This information will be kept in secure and protected data files, and will be separate from the responses you've already provided in your interview. All individually identifiable information supplied by individuals or institutions to a federal agency may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed or used in identifiable form for any other purpose, except as required by law (20 U.S.C. § 9573). However, giving us your Social Security number is completely voluntary and there is no penalty for not disclosing it.)

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Variable: N/A (not available on final datafile)

Routing: go to Incentive Mailing Information.

Form: Incentive Mailing Information***

Question wording: Last, we would like to collect some information so that we can send you your \$[XX] check.

(Please update/verify your name and phone number below; please also update/verify the address to which you would like your check mailed.)

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Variable(s): N/A (not available on final datafile)

Routing: go to END.

Form: END***

Question wording: Congratulations, you have completed the ELS:2002/2012 survey!

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Education, thank you for your time and cooperation. We greatly appreciate your participation in this study.