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**CPS DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS FROM "BASIC" QUESTIONNAIRE**

If person is 17 years or older, ask AF1.

**AF1\_N** Did (you/veteran's name) ever serve on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces?

- <1> Yes (Skip to AF2\_N)
- <2> No (Skip to EDUCA1\_N)
- <D> Don't know (Skip to AF3\_N)
- <R> Refused (Skip to AF3\_N)

**AF2\_N** IF NECESSARY: Previously I was told that (you/veteran's name) served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces.

When did (you/he/she) serve on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces?

MARK ALL THAT APPLY.

- <1> Gulf War era 2 (Sept '01--present) (Skip to AF3\_N)
- <2> Gulf War era 1 (Aug '90--Aug '01) (Skip to AF3\_N)
- <3> May '75--July '90 (Skip to AF3\_N)
- <4> Vietnam Era (Aug. '64 – Apr. '75) (Skip depends on age)
- <5> Feb '55--July '64 (Skip depends on age)
- <6> Korean War (July '50--Jan. '55) (Skip depends on age)
- <7> Jan. '47--June '50 (Skip depends on age)
- <8> World War II (Dec '41--Dec '46) (Skip depends on age)
- <9> November '41 or earlier (Skip depends on age)
- <D> Don't know
- <R> Refused

**AF3\_N** [(Are you) (Is he/she)] (still/now) in the Armed Forces?

- <1> Yes (Skip to EDUCA1\_N)
- <2> No (Skip to EDUCA1\_N)
- <D> Don't know (Skip to EDUCA1\_N)
- <R> Refused (Skip to EDUCA1\_N)

**VETERANS SUPPLEMENT QUESTIONS**

- SCK1**
- If person is 17 years of age or older: *Go to SCK2.*
  - All others: *END QUESTIONS.*

- SCK2** Skip instructions deleted
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| <1> Gulf War era 2 (Sept '01--present) | (Ask Lead-in, S1b) |
| <2> Gulf War era 1 (Aug '90--Aug '01)  | (Ask Lead-in, S1b) |
| <3> May '75--July '90                  | (Ask Lead-in, S4)  |
| <4> Vietnam Era (Aug '64 – Apr '75)    | (Ask Lead-in, S4)  |
| <5> Feb '55--July '64                  | (Ask Lead-in, S4)  |
| <6> Korean War (July '50--Jan '55)     | (Ask Lead-in, S4)  |
| <7> Jan '47--June '50                  | (Ask Lead-in, S4)  |
| <8> World War II (Dec '41--Dec '46)    | (Ask Lead-in, S4)  |
| <9> November '41 or earlier            | (Ask Lead-in, S4)  |
| <D> Don't know                         | (Ask Lead-in, S4)  |
| <R> Refused                            | (Ask Lead-in, S4)  |

**Lead In** "This month we are asking some additional questions concerning service in the Armed Forces.

**S1b** Earlier it was reported that you served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces. Was any of your active service the result of a call-up from the Reserve or National Guard?

- <1> YES (Ask S1d)
- <2> NO (Ask S1c)
- <D> Don't know
- <R> Refused

**S1c** Have/has (you/name) ever been a member of the Reserve or National Guard?

- <1> YES (Ask S1d)
- <2> NO (Ask S4)
- <D> Don't know
- <R> Refused

**S1d** Are you currently a member of the Reserve or National Guard?

- <1> YES
- <2> NO
- <D> Don't know
- <R> Refused

**S1** [Deleted]

~~CK—S1a~~ [Deleted]

CK—S2 [Deleted]

S2 [Deleted]

~~S3~~ [Deleted]

**S4** Has the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or Department of Defense determined that [(you have) (veteran's name has)] a service-connected disability; that is, a health condition or impairment caused or made worse by **any of your** military service?

- <1> YES (Skip to S5)
- <2> NO (Skip to S10)
- <D> Don't know (Skip to S10)
- <R> Refused (Skip to S10)

**S5** What is (your/her/his) current service-connected disability rating?

- <0> 0 percent (Skip to S6)
- <1> 10 percent (Skip to S6)
- <2> 20 percent (Skip to S6)
- <3> 30 percent (Skip to S6)
- <4> 40 percent (Skip to S6)
- <5> 50 percent (Skip to S6)
- <6> 60 percent (Skip to S6)
- <7> 70 percent (Skip to S6)
- <8> 80 percent (Skip to S6)
- <9> 90 percent (Skip to S6)
- <10> 100 percent (Skip to S6)
- <D> Don't know (Skip to S6)
- <R> Refused (Skip to S6)

**S6** Do you currently receive a monthly check for a service-connected disability from either the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or a branch of the military service?

- <1> YES
- <2> NO
- <D> Don't know
- <R> Refused

**S7** Did (your/his/her) service-connected disability ever prevent (you/him/her) from getting or holding a job in the past?

- <1> YES (Skip to CK—S8)
- <2> NO (Skip to CK—S8)
- <D> Don't know (Skip to CK—S8)
- <R> Refused (Skip to CK—S8)

**CK—S8**

- If PUMLR = 1 or 2 (employed): *Skip to S10.*
- All others: *Ask S8.*

**S8** Does this disability currently keep (you/him/her) from getting or holding a job?

- <1> YES (Skip to S9)
- <2> NO (Skip to S10)
- <D> Don't know (Skip to S9)
- <R> Refused (Skip to S9)

**S9** What is the last year during which (you/he/she) worked at a job or business?

ENTER YEAR → \_ \_ \_ \_  
 [ENTER 'X' for 'NEVER WORKED']  
 <D> Don't know  
 <R> Refused

**S10** In what year [(were you) (was he/she)] last separated from active duty in the Armed Forces?

(FILL: IF S1b or S1c is YES, add "DO NOT INCLUDE TIME SPENT TRAINING IN THE RESERVE OR NATIONAL GUARD.")

ENTER YEAR → \_ \_ \_ \_  
 <D> Don't know  
 <R> Refused

**S10a** From which branch of the Armed Forces was/were (you/name) last released from active duty? {FILL: IF S1b or S1c is YES, add "DO NOT INCLUDE SERVICE IN THE RESERVE OR NATIONAL GUARD UNLESS YOU WERE ON ACTIVE DUTY."}

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|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| <1> AIR FORCE           | <7> COAST GUARD            |
| <2> AIR NATIONAL GUARD  | <8> COAST GUARD RESERVE    |
| <3> AIR FORCE RESERVE   | <9> MARINE CORPS           |
| <4> ARMY                | <10> MARINE CORPS RESERVE  |
| <5> ARMY NATIONAL GUARD | <11> NAVY                  |
| <6> ARMY RESERVE        | <12> NAVY RESERVE          |
|                         | <13> OTHER (Specify) _____ |

<D> Don't know  
<R> Refused

**S11** **ALTOGETHER**, how long did (you/he/she) serve on active duty in the Armed Forces?

**(FILL: IF S1b or S1c is YES, add “DO NOT INCLUDE TIME SPENT IN THE RESERVE OR NATIONAL GUARD UNLESS YOU WERE ON ACTIVE DUTY.”)**

- <1> 6 months or less
- <2> More than 6 months,  
less than 2 years
- <3> 2 to 3 years (All go to S11a)
- <4> 4 to 5 years
- <5> 6 to 9 years
- <6> 10 to 14 years
- <7> 15 to 19 years
- <8> 20 years and over
- <D> Don’t know
- <R> Refused

**S11a** Did (you/NAME) EVER serve in a combat or war zone?

**READ IF NECESSARY: Persons serving in a combat or war zone usually receive combat zone tax exclusion, Imminent Danger Pay, or Hostile Fire Pay.**

- <1> YES
- <2> NO
- <D> Don’t know
- <R> Refused

- CK-S12**
  - If S10 is 1991 through current year: *Read transition statement TR—S12 and then ask S12.*
  - All others: *Skip to CK—S13-S17.*

**TR—S12** “The next questions ask about formal programs designed to help servicemen and women make the transition from military service back to civilian life.”

**S12** Did (veteran’s name/you) attend any of the Transition Assistance Program workshops, known as TAP or A-CAP?

**[READ IF NECESSARY: These workshops provide information about finding civilian jobs, obtaining training, securing veterans benefits, and obtaining other services available to veterans.]**

- <1> YES (Skip to S12a)
- <2> NO (Skip to S12f)
- <D> Don’t know (Skip to CK—S13-S17)
- <R> Refused (Skip to CK—S13-S17)

**S12a** Was information provided during this workshop useful to (you/veteran’s name) in finding a job or obtaining job-related training after (you/he/she) left the service?

- <1> YES (Skip to S12b)
- <2> NO (Skip to S12b)
- <3> Other [Specify: \_\_\_\_\_.] (Skip to S12b)
- <D> Don’t know (Skip to S12b)
- <R> Refused (Skip to CK—S13-S17)

**S12b** Did (you/veteran's name) find the transition program useful in providing information on topics OTHER THAN employment and job-training, topics such as VA educational, medical or housing benefits?

- <1> YES (Skip to S12c)
- <2> NO (Skip to S12c)
- <3> Other [Specify: \_\_\_\_\_.] (Skip to S12c)
- <D> Don't know (Skip to S12c)
- <R> Refused (Skip to ~~CK—S13-S17~~)

- S12c** Thinking back, what advice or information provided during the transition workshop proved to be most useful to (you/him/her) after leaving military service?  
[CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

**DO NOT READ LIST OF RESPONSE OPTIONS**

- <1> advice on JOB-SEARCH behavior and strategies—for example, NETWORKING
- <2> advice on ways to improve JOB INTERVIEWING SKILLS
- <3> advice on RESUME WRITING
- <4> information on VETERANS BENEFITS (e.g., medical, education, housing)
- <5> information on availability of UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS
- <6> importance of copying SERVICE and MEDICAL RECORDS
- <7> importance of developing a CIVILIAN MIND-SET
- <8> NOTHING: did not find any advice or information to be useful
- <9> Other [Specify: \_\_\_\_\_.]
- <D> Don't know
- <R> Refused

**Note: All entries skip to S12d.**



**S12d** How might the transition workshop be improved to make it more useful to veterans?  
[CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

**DO NOT READ LIST OF RESPONSE OPTIONS**

- <1> Make workshop MANDATORY
- <2> LENGTHEN WORKSHOP by a day or two
- <3> Offer workshop SIX MONTHS (OR MORE) PRIOR to discharge
- <4> Provide participants with SYLLABUS prior to attending TAP
- <5> LIMIT ATTENDANCE at workshop (e.g., no more than fifty attendees)
- <6> UPDATE/IMPROVE the TAP MANUAL periodically
- <7> Improve the INTERVIEW-SKILL or JOB-INTERVIEW SIMULATIONS
- <8> Improve quality of workshop INSTRUCTORS and/or workshop PRESENTATIONS
- <9> Include presentations by EMPLOYERS and HUMAN RESOURCE professionals
- <10> Include presentations by FORMER TAP ATTENDEES who are now working in the  
civilian labor force
- <11> Develop a TAP WEBSITE and/or TAP VIDEOS/CDs for use after discharge
- <12> Increase COMMAND SUPPORT for TAP workshop
- <13> Involve/include SPOUSES at workshops
- <14> NO SUGGESTIONS to improve
- <15> Other [Specify: \_\_\_\_\_]
- <D> Don't know
- <R> Refused

**Note:** All entries skip to **CK—S13-S17**.

**S12e** [ Deleted ]

**S12f** Why didn't (you/veteran's name) attend one of these transition workshops?  
[CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

**DO NOT READ LIST OF RESPONSE OPTIONS**

- <1> Already HAD JOB WAITING after discharge
- <2> DID NOT KNOW DATE OR TIME of workshop or FOUND OUT TOO LATE
- <3> Thought workshop would be a WASTE OF TIME
- <4> COULD NOT ATTEND workshop when offered or CONFLICT with mission
- <5> TAP workshop was NOT OFFERED at base
- <6> Had plans to attend COLLEGE or JOB-TRAINING PROGRAM
- <7> Commanding officer WOULD NOT AUTHORIZE attendance or DID NOT  
SUPPORT transition workshop
- <8> NEVER HEARD OF transition workshops/DID NOT KNOW THEY EXISTED
- <9> Other [Specify: \_\_\_\_\_.]

<D> Don't know

<R> Refused

**Note: All entries skip to ~~CK—S13-S17~~.**

- CK—S13-S17**
- If person is 65 years of age or older: **END QUESTIONS.**
  - All others: Go to TR—S13.

**TR—S13** “The next questions request information about FORMAL job training. During such training, which is structured and planned in advance, individuals are taught job skills or given information that helps them learn how to do specific jobs better. Schooling or course work taken to improve job prospects or performance DOES COUNT as formal job training.”  
[Go to CK—S13.]

- CK—S13**
- If entry in S10 is 2004 or later: *Read fill information in first bracket in S13.*
  - If entry in S10 is 2003 or earlier, or if entry is D or R: *Read fill information in second bracket in S13.*

**S13** [Since leaving active duty in the armed forces] [At any time in the past four years,] (have you) (has veteran's name) tried to obtain formal job training or job-related schooling?

**[Note to Interviewers:** Any high-school, college- or graduate-level course work taken to improve job prospects, knowledge, or skills DOES COUNT as formal job training.]

- <1> YES (Skip to 13a)
- <2> NO (Skip to TR—S14)
- <D> Don't know (Skip to TR—S14)
- <R> Refused (Skip to TR—S14)

**S13a** (Were you) (Was veteran's name) able to obtain the training or schooling (you were) (she/he was) seeking?

- <1> YES (Skip to TR—S14)
- <2> NO (Skip to S13b)
- <3> Training or schooling in progress (Skip to TR—S14)
- <4> Other [Specify: \_\_\_\_\_.] (Skip to TR—S14)
- <D> Don't know (Skip to TR—S14)
- <R> Refused (Skip to TR—S14)

**S13b** For what reason (were you) (was veteran's name) unable to obtain the training or schooling that (you were) (she/he was) seeking? [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

**DO NOT READ LIST OF RESPONSE OPTIONS**

- <1> CONFLICT with job responsibilities
- <2> EMPLOYER would not support training/schooling (e.g., no funding; no time off)
- <3> FAMILY OBLIGATIONS
- <4> Veteran did not meet ENTRY REQUIREMENTS for training/schooling
- <5> Veteran could NOT AFFORD cost of training/schooling
- <6> Location or timing of training/schooling INCONVENIENT for veteran
- <7> Type of training/schooling NOT COVERED by VA benefit programs
- <8> Type of training/schooling desired by veteran was NOT AVAILABLE
- <9> Information on training/schooling provided by employment specialists was INACCURATE
- <10> Other [Specify: \_\_\_\_\_.]
- <D> Don't know
- <R> Refused

**Note: All entries skip to S13c.**

**S13c** What specific type of training or schooling (were you) (was veteran's name) unable to obtain and still need? [CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

**DO NOT READ LIST OF RESPONSE OPTIONS**

- <1> COMPUTER procedures, programming or software training
- <2> CLERICAL or ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT skills training
- <3> MANAGEMENT training
- <4> PROFESSIONAL (law, medicine) or TECHNICAL SKILLS training
- <5> PRODUCTION or CONSTRUCTION related training
- <6> SALES or CUSTOMER RELATIONS training
- <7> SERVICE-INDUSTRY-related training
  
- <8> COMMUNICATIONS, EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT, OR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT training
- <9> OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY training
- <10> BASIC SKILLS training (e.g., writing, reading, arithmetic, or language training)
- <11> Other [Specify: \_\_\_\_\_.]
- <D> Don't know
- <R> Refused

**Note: All entries skip to TR—14.**

**TR—S14** “The following questions request information on any assistance (you/*veteran’s name*) may have sought in finding a job or obtaining job-related training from specialists at a STATE WORKFORCE OR EMPLOYMENT SERVICE agency. In various states, these employment service agencies are also sometimes known as ‘job service,’ ‘unemployment offices,’ or ‘one-stop service centers.’” [Go to **CK—S14**.]

- CK—S14**
- If entry in S10 is 2004 or later: *Read fill information in first bracket of S14.*
  - If entry in S10 is 2003 or earlier, or if entry is D or R: *Read fill information in second bracket of S14.*

**S14** [Since leaving active duty in the armed forces] [At any time in the past four years,] (have you) (has *veteran’s name*) made face-to-face or telephone contact with a state workforce or employment-service specialist for assistance in finding a job or obtaining job-related training?

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|-----------------------------|------------------|
| <1> YES                     | (Skip to 14a)    |
| <2> NO                      | (Skip to CK—S15) |
| <3> Other [Specify: _____.] | (Skip to CK—S15) |
| <D> Don’t know              | (Skip to CK—S15) |
| <R> Refused                 | (Skip to CK—S15) |

**S14a** Was the personal assistance provided by the employment specialist helpful in identifying employment opportunities, applying for jobs, getting a job, or obtaining the job-related training (you were) (she/he was) seeking?

- <1> YES (Skip to CK—S15)  
 <2> NO (Skip to CK—S15)  
 <3> Other [Specify: \_\_\_\_\_.] (Skip to CK—S15)  
 <D> Don't know (Skip to CK—S15)  
 <R> Refused (Skip to CK—S15)

- CK—S15**
- If entry in S10 is 2004 or later: *Read fill information in first bracket.*
  - If entry in S10 is 2003 or earlier, or if entry is D or R: *Read fill information in second bracket.*

**S15** [Since leaving active duty in the armed forces] [At any time in the past four years,] (have you) (has veteran's name) VISITED a state workforce or employment-service office or logged onto one of THEIR internet websites to review reference materials on job openings, training opportunities, or higher-education options?

- <1> YES (Skip to S15a )  
 <2> NO (Skip to CK—S16)  
 <3> Other [Specify: \_\_\_\_\_.] (Skip to CK—S16)  
 <D> Don't know (Skip to CK—S16)  
 <R> Refused (Skip to CK—S16)



**S15a** Was the information available at the employment service office or website useful in identifying employment or job training opportunities, in applying for jobs, or in getting the job or the training (you were) (she/he was) seeking?

- <1> YES (Skip to CK—S16)
- <2> NO (Skip to CK—S16)
- <3> Other [Specify: \_\_\_\_\_.] (Skip to CK—S16)
- <D> Don't know (Skip to CK—S16)
- <R> Refused (Skip to CK—S16)

- CK—S16**
- If entry in S10 is 2004 or later: *Read fill information in first bracket.*
  - If entry in S10 is 2003 or earlier, or if entry is D or R: *Read fill information in second bracket.*

**S16** [Since leaving active duty in the armed forces] [At any time in the past four years,] (have you) (has veteran's name) used any other strategies for finding a job or obtaining job-related training, such as networking, checking the internet, responding to newspaper ads, contacting a private employment service, or seeking employment through a temporary-staffing agency?

- <1> YES (Skip to S16a )  
 <2> NO (Skip to CK1—S17)  
 <3> Other [Specify: \_\_\_\_\_.] (Skip to CK1—S17)  
 <D> Don't know (Skip to CK1—S17)  
 <R> Refused (Skip to CK1—S17)

**S16a** Were any of these strategies useful in identifying employment opportunities, applying for jobs, getting a job, or obtaining the job-related training (you were) (she/he was) seeking?

- <1> YES (Skip to CK1—S17)  
 <2> NO (Skip to CK1—S17)  
 <3> Other [Specify: \_\_\_\_\_.] (Skip to CK1—S17)  
 <D> Don't know (Skip to CK1—S17)  
 <R> Refused (Skip to CK1—S17)

- CK1—S17**
- If PUMLR = 1 or 2 (employed): END QUESTIONS.
  - All others: *Go to CK2—S17.*

- CK2—S17**
- If S14 equals 'yes' <1>, 'other' <3>, <D> or <R>: END QUESTIONS.
  - If S14 equals 'no' <2>: *Go to CK3—S17 and then ask S17.*

- CK3—S17**
- If entry in S10 is 2004 or later: *Read fill information in first bracket in S17.*
  - If entry in S10 is 2003 or earlier, or if entry is D or R: *Read fill information in second bracket in S17.*

- S17** Earlier you mentioned that (you/veteran's name) did not make face-to-face or telephone contact with a state-employment-service specialist for assistance in finding a job or obtaining job-related training [since leaving active duty in the armed forces.] [at any time in the past four years.] Why did (you/he/she) choose NOT to do so?  
[CHECK ALL THAT APPLY]

**DO NOT READ LIST OF RESPONSE OPTIONS**

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|---|-----------------|
| <1> Already have JOB lined up   | (End Questions) |
| <2> Was <i>not</i> looking for JOB or WORK; did <i>not</i> want to work           | (End Questions) |
| <3> Have FAMILY OBLIGATIONS   | (End Questions) |
| <4> DISABLED or UNABLE to work  | (End Questions) |
| <5> Did not think specialist could help (NO FAITH in system)                      | (End Questions) |
| <6> Contacted VA or other government office for help                              | (End Questions) |
| <7> PRIDE or STIGMA associated with going to<br>"unemployment office"             | (End Questions) |
| <8> COULD <i>NOT</i> FIND employment service office                               | (End Questions) |
| <9> Specialists do <i>not</i> have information on GOOD JOBS                       | (End Questions) |
| <10> Was UNAWARE OF SERVICES provided employment<br>offices and their specialists | (End Questions) |
| <11> Too OLD to re-train, go back to school, or switch<br>occupations             | (End Questions) |
| <12> Prefer or had access to INTERNET or job WEBSITES                             | (End Questions) |
| <13> Other [Specify: _____.]  | (End Questions) |
| <D> Don't know  | (End Questions) |
| <R> Refused   | (End Questions) |