

2008

National Survey of Recent  
College Graduates

(DRAFT)

## Part A - Education Background

**A1. In what year did you receive your high school diploma or high school equivalency certificate?**

YEAR

DID NOT FINISH HIGH SCHOOL

**A2. In what U.S. state, U.S. territory, or foreign country did you last attend high school?**

STATE/TERRITORY

OR

FOREIGN COUNTRY

**A3. Have you ever taken courses at a community college?**

Use an X to mark your answer.

Yes

No → **Go to question A7**

**A4. (If Yes) Did you take courses at a community college during any of the following time periods?**

Mark Yes or No for each item.

- |   |   | Yes<br>↓                 | No<br>↓                    |
|---|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Before graduating from high school or earning a high school equivalency certificate.....                | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 After high school and before ever enrolling in a 4-year college or university.....                      | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 While enrolled in a 4-year college or university and before receiving your first bachelor's degree..... | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 After leaving a 4-year college or university without receiving your first bachelor's degree.....        | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 After receiving your first bachelor's degree.....   | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |

**A5. Thinking back to the time(s) you attended community college, for which of the following reasons did you take community college courses?**

Mark Yes or No for each item.

- |   |   | Yes<br>↓                 | No<br>↓                    |
|---|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 To earn college credits while still attending high school.....                              | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 To complete an associate's degree.....  | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 To prepare for college/increase chance of acceptance to a 4-year college or university..... | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 To earn credits for a bachelor's degree.....  | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 For financial reasons (e.g. cost of a 4-year school).....                                   | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 To gain further skills or knowledge in your academic or occupational field.....             | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 To facilitate a change in your academic or occupational field.....                          | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 To increase opportunities for promotion, advancement, or higher salary.....                 | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 For leisure or personal interest.....   | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 Other – Specify <input style="width: 20px;" type="text"/>                                  | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |

**A6. Which two reasons in question A5 were your most important reasons for taking community college courses?**

Enter number of appropriate reason from question A5 above.

- 1  Most important reason
- 2  Second most important reason  
(Enter "0" if no second reason)

**A7. Do you have an associate's degree?**

Yes

No → **Go to page 2, question A9**

**A8. (If Yes) From which academic institution did you receive this degree?**

School Name

Department

City/Town

State/Foreign Country

**A9. Using a 4-point scale, what was your overall undergraduate grade point average (GPA)?**

If you have more than one bachelor's degree, give your overall grade point average for your first bachelor's degree.

Mark one answer.

- 1  3.75 – 4.00 GPA (Mostly A's)
- 2  3.25 – 3.74 GPA (About half A's/half B's)
- 3  2.75 – 3.24 GPA (Mostly B's)
- 4  2.25 – 2.74 GPA (About half B's/half C's)
- 5  1.75 – 2.24 GPA (Mostly C's)
- 6  1.25 – 1.74 GPA (About half C's/half D's)
- 7  Less than 1.25 (Mostly D's or below)
- 8  Have not taken courses for which grades were given

**A10. During the week of October 1, 2008, were you enrolled in or taking courses at a college or university?**

- 1  Yes
- 2  No → **Go to page 3, question A17**

**A11. (If Yes) Were you taking courses or enrolled as...**

Mark one answer.

- 1  A full-time student in a degree program
- 2  A part-time student in a degree program
- 3  Not enrolled in a degree program, but taking courses

**A12. Toward what degree were you working?**

If you were working toward more than one degree, mark the level for the highest degree.

Mark one answer.

- 0  No specific degree → **Go to page 3, question A17**
- 1  Bachelor's degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)
- 2  Master's degree (e.g., MS, MA, MBA)
- 3  Doctorate (e.g., PhD, DSc, EdD, etc.)
- 4  Other professional degree (e.g., JD, LLB, MD, DDS, DVM, etc.) – *Specify*

- 5  Other – *Specify*

**A13. What was the primary field of study for this degree?**

PRIMARY FIELD OF STUDY

  


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**A14. Using the FIELD OF STUDY list on pages 15-16, choose the code that best describes the field of study for this degree.**

CODE

NOTE: Field of study codes range from 601 to 995

**A15. For which of the following reasons were you taking courses or enrolled?**

Mark Yes or No for each item.

- |   | Yes                           | No                            |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 To gain further education before beginning a career .....                               | ↓<br><input type="checkbox"/> | ↓<br><input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 To prepare for graduate school or further education.....                                | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>      |
| 3 To change your academic or occupational field .....                                     | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>      |
| 4 To gain <u>further</u> skills or knowledge in your academic or occupational field ..... | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>      |
| 5 For licensure or certification.....   | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>      |
| 6 To increase opportunities for promotion, advancement, or higher salary .....            | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>      |
| 7 Required or expected by employer .....  | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>      |
| 8 For leisure or personal interest .....  | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>      |
| 9 Other – <i>Specify</i> <input type="text"/> .....                                       | <input type="checkbox"/>      | <input type="checkbox"/>      |

**A16. How many degrees did you receive at the bachelor's level or higher prior to October 1, 2008?**

NUMBER

**A17. The next few questions ask about the degrees you received before October 1, 2008. Starting with your most recent college or university degree, please provide the following information for each degree you have at the bachelor's level or higher. If you have more than three degrees, report your two most recent degrees and your first bachelor's degree.**

MOST RECENT DEGREE	SECOND MOST RECENT DEGREE	FIRST BACHELOR'S DEGREE <i>(if not already reported)</i>																																				
<p><b>a. From which school did you receive your most recent degree?</b></p> <p>College or University Name</p> <hr/> <p>Department</p> <hr/> <p>City/Town</p> <hr/> <p>State/Foreign Country</p> <hr/> <p><b>b. In what month and year was this degree awarded?</b></p> <p>Month                      Year</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> <td style="width: 20px; height: 20px;"></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>c. 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## Part B - Employment Situation

**B1. Were you working for pay or profit during the week of October 1, 2008?**

*Working includes being a student on paid work-study, self-employed, or on any type of paid or unpaid leave, including vacation.*

1  Yes → **Go to page 5, question B8**

2  No

**B2. (If No) Did you look for work during the four weeks preceding October 1, 2008? This would be between September 3<sup>rd</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

1  Yes

2  No

**B3. What were your reasons for not working during the week of October 1, 2008?**

*Mark Yes or No for each item.*

	Yes	No
	↓	↓
1 Retired.....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>

*If Yes* → 

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2 On layoff from a job..... 1  2

3 Student..... 1  2

4 Family responsibilities ..... 1  2

5 Chronic illness or permanent disability ..... 1  2

6 Suitable job not available ..... 1  2

7 Did not need or want to work ..... 1  2

8 Other – *Specify*  1  2

**B4. Prior to the week of October 1, 2008, when did you last work for pay or profit?**

0  ← **Mark this box if you never worked for pay or profit and then go to page 10, question D1**

LAST WORKED 

Month	Year

**B5. What was the title of the last job you held prior to the week of October 1, 2008?**

*Example: Financial analyst*

**B6. What kind of work were you doing on this last job – that is, what were your duties and responsibilities on your last job? Please be as specific as possible, including any area of specialization.**

*Example: Analyzed financial information, prepared technical reports. Specialized in asset management.*

**B7. Using the JOB CATEGORY list on pages 17-18, choose the code that best describes the last job you held prior to the week of October 1, 2008.**

CODE 

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 → **Go to page 9, question B37**

NOTE: Job category codes range from 010 to 500

## Principal Employer

**B8. Who was your principal employer during the week of October 1, 2008?**

*If you had more than one job, report the one for which you worked the most hours that week.*

*If your employer had more than one location, report the location that employed you.*

*If you worked for a contracting or consulting company, report the name of that company, not the client organization.*

Employer Name
Department/Division
City/Town
State
ZIP Code

**B9. What was that employer's main business or industry; that is, what did that employer make or do?**

*If your principal employer had more than one type of business, report the type of business primarily performed at the location where you worked.*

*Example: Production of microprocessor chips*

EMPLOYER'S MAIN BUSINESS


**B10. Counting all locations where this employer operates, how many people work for your principal employer? Your best estimate is fine.**

*Mark one answer.*

- 1  10 or fewer employees
- 2  11 - 24 employees
- 3  25 - 99 employees
- 4  100 - 499 employees
- 5  500 - 999 employees
- 6  1,000 - 4,999 employees
- 7  5,000 - 24,999 employees
- 8  25,000+ employees

**B11. Which one of the following best describes your principal employer during the week of October 1, 2008? Were you...**

*Mark one answer.*

SELF-EMPLOYED or a BUSINESS OWNER

- 1  In a non-incorporated business, professional practice, or farm
- 2  In an incorporated business, professional practice, or farm

PRIVATE SECTOR employee

- 3  In a for-profit company or organization
- 4  In a non-profit organization (including tax-exempt and charitable organizations)

GOVERNMENT employee

- 5  In a local government (e.g., city, county, school district)
- 6  In a state government (including state colleges/universities)
- 7  In the U.S. military service, active duty or Commissioned Corps (e.g., USPHS, NOAA)
- 8  In the U.S. government (e.g., civilian employee)

OTHER type of employee

- 9  Other – *Specify type of employer* ↴

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**B12. Was your principal employer an educational institution?**

- 1  Yes
- 2  No → **Go to page 6, question B14**

**B13. (If Yes) Was the educational institution where you worked a...**

*Mark one answer.*

- 1  Preschool, elementary, middle, or secondary school or system
- 2  Two-year college, community college, or technical institute
- 3  Four-year college or university, other than a medical school
- 4  Medical school (including university-affiliated hospital or medical center)
- 5  University-affiliated research institute
- 6  Other – *Specify* ↴

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### Principal Job

### B17. Did your duties on this job require the technical expertise of a bachelor's degree or higher in...

Mark Yes or No for each item.

	Yes	No
	↓	↓

1 Engineering, computer science, math, or the natural sciences.....1  2

2 The social sciences .....1  2

3 Some other field (e.g., health, business, or education) – Specify  .....1  2

### B14. What was the title of the principal job you held during the week of October 1, 2008?

Example: Financial analyst

### B15. What kind of work were you doing on this job – that is, what were your duties and responsibilities on your principal job? Please be as specific as possible, including any area of specialization.

Example: Analyzed financial information, prepared technical reports. Specialized in asset management.

### B16. Using the JOB CATEGORY list on pages 17-18, choose the code that best describes the principal job you held during the week of October 1, 2008.

CODE 

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NOTE: Job category codes range from 010 to 500

### B18. During what month and year did you start this job (that is, the principal job you held during the week of October 1, 2008)?

Month		Year		

PRINCIPAL JOB STARTED

**B19. To what extent was your work on your principal job related to your highest degree? Was it...**

Mark one answer.

- 1  Closely related
  - 2  Somewhat related
  - 3  Not related
- } → **Go to question B22**

**B20. (If Not related) Did these factors influence your decision to work in an area outside the field of your highest degree?**

Mark Yes or No for each item.

- |  |   | Yes<br>↓                 | No<br>↓                    |
|--|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Pay, promotion opportunities .....                                     | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Working conditions (e.g., hours, equipment, working environment) ..... | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Job location .....   | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Change in career or professional interests.....                        | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Family-related reasons (e.g., children, spouse's job moved).....       | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Job in highest degree field not available .....                        | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Some other reason – <i>Specify</i> ▾.....                              | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  |   |                          |                            |

**B21. Which two factors in question B20 were your most important reasons for working in an area outside the field of your highest degree?**

Enter number of appropriate reason from question B20 above.

- 1  Most important reason
- 2  Second most important reason  
(Enter "0" if no second reason)

**B22. The next question is about your work activities on your principal job. Which of the following work activities occupied at least 10 percent of your time during a typical work week on this job?**

Mark Yes or No for each item.

- |   |   | Yes<br>↓                 | No<br>↓                    |
|---|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Accounting, finance, contracts.....   | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Basic research – study directed toward gaining scientific knowledge primarily for its own sake .....  | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Applied research – study directed toward gaining scientific knowledge to meet a recognized need ..... | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Development – using knowledge gained from research for the production of materials, devices .....     | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Design of equipment, processes, structures, models .....  | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 Computer programming, systems or applications development.....  | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Human resources – including recruiting, personnel development, training.....                          | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8 Managing or supervising people or projects.....   | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9 Production, operations, maintenance (e.g., chip production, operating lab equipment).....             | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10 Professional services (e.g., health care, counseling, financial services, legal services).....       | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11 Sales, purchasing, marketing, customer service, public relations .....                               | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12 Quality or productivity management.....  | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13 Teaching.....  | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14 Other – <i>Specify</i> ▾ .....   | 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
|   |   |                          |                            |

**B23. On which two activities in question B22 did you work the most hours during a typical week on this job?**

Enter number of appropriate activity from question B22 above.

- 1  |  Activity most hours
- 2  |  Activity second most hours  
(Enter "0" if no second most)





## Part C - Other Work-Related Experiences

**C1. During the past 12 months, did you take any work-related training, such as workshops or seminars?**

*Include conferences or professional meetings only if you attended a training session at the conference or meeting.*

*Do not include college coursework for which you were enrolled in a degree program.*

- 1  Yes  
2  No → **Go to question D1 on this page**

**C2. (If Yes) For which of the following reasons did you take training during the past 12 months?**

*Mark Yes or No for each item.*

- |  | Yes<br>↓                   | No<br>↓                    |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 To improve skills or knowledge in your current occupational field.....                         | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 To increase opportunities for promotion or advancement in your current occupational field..... | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 For licensure or certification in your current occupational field.....                         | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 To facilitate a change to a different occupational field.....                                  | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Required or expected by employer.....  | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 For leisure or personal interest.....  | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7 Other – Specify <input type="checkbox"/> .....   | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |

**C3. What was your most important reason from question C2 for taking training?**

*Enter number of appropriate reason from question C2 above.*

MOST IMPORTANT REASON

## Part D - Demographic Information

**D1. On October 1, 2008, were you...**

*Mark one answer.*

- 1  Married  
2  Living in a marriage-like relationship  
3  Widowed  
4  Separated  
5  Divorced  
6  Never married
- Go to page 11, question D4**

**D2. (If Married or Living in a marriage-like relationship) During the week of October 1, 2008, was your spouse or partner working?**

- 1  Yes, full-time  
2  Yes, part-time  
3  No → **Go to page 11, question D4**

**D3. Did your spouse's or partner's duties on this job require the technical expertise of a bachelor's degree or higher in...**

*Mark Yes or No for each item.*

- |  | Yes<br>↓                   | No<br>↓                    |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Engineering, computer science, math, or the natural sciences.....                                | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 The social sciences .....  | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 Some other field (e.g., health, business, or education) – Specify <input type="checkbox"/> ..... | 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> |

**D4. As of the week of October 1, 2008, did you have any children living with you as part of your family?**

*Only count children who lived with you at least 50 percent of the time.*

- 1  Yes
- 2  No → **Go to question D6**

**D5. (If Yes) How many of these children living with you as part of your family were...**

*If no children in a category, enter "0."*

	Number of Children
1 Under age 2 .....	<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
2 Aged 2-5 .....	<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
3 Aged 6-11 .....	<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
4 Aged 12-18 .....	<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
5 Aged 19 or older .....	<input style="width: 50px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

**D6. What is the highest level of education completed by your parents or guardians?**

*Mark one item for each parent or guardian.*

	Mother or female guardian	Father or male guardian
1 Less than high school completed .....	↓ <input type="checkbox"/>	↓ <input type="checkbox"/>
2 High school diploma or equivalent .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3 Some college, vocational, or trade school (including 2-year degrees) .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4 Bachelor's degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB) .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5 Master's degree (e.g., MS, MA, MBA) .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6 Professional degree (e.g., JD, LLB, MD, DDS, DVM, etc.) .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7 Doctorate (e.g., PhD, DSc, EdD, etc.) .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8 Not applicable .....	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**D7. On October 1, 2008, were you living in the United States, Puerto Rico, or another U.S. territory, or were you living in another country?**

- 1  United States, Puerto Rico, or another U.S. territory
- 2  Another country

**D8. On October 1, 2008, were you a...**

- 1  U.S. citizen
- 2  Non-U.S. citizen → **Go to question D10**

**D9. (If U.S. citizen) Were you a U.S. citizen...**

*Mark one answer.*

- 1  Born in the United States, Puerto Rico, or another U.S. territory
- 2  Born abroad of American parent(s)
- 3  By naturalization

**Go to page 12, question D12**

**D10. (If Non-U.S. citizen) Were you a non-U.S. citizen...**

- 1  With a Permanent U.S. Resident Visa (Green Card)
- 2  With a Temporary U.S. Resident Visa

**D11. Of which foreign country are you a citizen?**

FOREIGN COUNTRY

**D12. In what U.S. state, U.S. territory, or foreign country were you born?**

STATE/TERRITORY

OR

FOREIGN COUNTRY

**D13. Are you...**

- 1  Male
- 2  Female

**D14. Are you Hispanic or Latino?**

- 1  Yes
- 2  No → **Go to question D16**

**D15. (If Yes) Which of the following best describes your Hispanic origin or descent?**

*Mark one answer.*

- 1  Mexican or Chicano
- 2  Puerto Rican
- 3  Cuban
- 4  Other Hispanic – *Specify*

**D16. What is your racial background?**

*Mark one or more.*

- 1  American Indian or Alaska Native – *Specify tribal affiliation(s)*

- 2  Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- 3  Asian
- 4  Black or African-American
- 5  White

**D17. What is your birthdate?**

Month   Day   Year **19**

**D18. The next several questions are designed to help us better understand the career paths of individuals with different physical abilities.**

**D19. What is the USUAL degree of difficulty you have with...**

Mark one answer for each item.

	None ↓	Slight ↓	Moderate ↓	Severe ↓	Unable to Do ↓
1 SEEING words or letters in ordinary newspaper (with glasses/contact lenses, if you usually wear them) .....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
2 HEARING what is normally said in conversation with another person (with hearing aid, if you usually wear one) .....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
3 WALKING without human or mechanical assistance or using stairs .....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>
4 LIFTING or carrying something as heavy as 10 pounds, such as a bag of groceries .....	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	4 <input type="checkbox"/>	5 <input type="checkbox"/>

**D20.**  ← Mark this box if you answered “None” to all the activities in question D19, and go to question D22.

**D21. What is the earliest age at which you first began experiencing any difficulties in any of these areas?**

AGE   OR  ← SINCE BIRTH

**D22. In case we need to clarify some of the information you have provided, please list phone numbers and an email address where you can be reached.**

Daytime Phone Number    -    -

Area Code                      Number

Evening Phone Number    -    -

Area Code                      Number

Cell Phone Number    -    -

Area Code                      Number

E-mail Address  @

**D23. Because we are interested in how education and employment change over time, we may be recontacting you in 2010. To help us contact you, please provide the name and contact information for two people who are likely to know where you can be reached. Do not include someone who lives in your household.**

*As with all the information provided in this questionnaire, complete confidentiality will be provided. These people will only be contacted if we have difficulty contacting you in 2010.*

First Name <input type="text"/> MI <input type="text"/> Last Name <input type="text"/>	First Name <input type="text"/> MI <input type="text"/> Last Name <input type="text"/>
Number and Street <input type="text"/>	Number and Street <input type="text"/>
City/Town <input type="text"/> State <input type="text"/> ZIP Code <input type="text"/>	City/Town <input type="text"/> State <input type="text"/> ZIP Code <input type="text"/>
Country (if outside of U.S.) <input type="text"/>	Country (if outside of U.S.) <input type="text"/>
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Area Code                      Number	Area Code                      Number

**D24. PLEASE TURN TO THE BACK COVER FOR THE LAST QUESTION (D25).**

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## FIELD OF STUDY

If you cannot find the code that best describes your field of study, use the "OTHER" code under the most appropriate broad category. If none of the codes fit your field of study, use Code 995.

• <b>Agricultural Business and Production</b>	601 Agricultural economics – <i>Also consider 655 Business and managerial economics and 923 Economics</i>	602 OTHER agricultural business and production
• <b>Agricultural Sciences</b>	605 Animal sciences 606 Food sciences and technology – <i>Also consider 638 Nutritional sciences</i>	607 Plant sciences – <i>Also consider 633 Botany</i> 608 OTHER agricultural sciences
• <b>Architectural/Environmental Design</b>	610 Architectural/environmental design <i>Also consider 723 Architectural engineering</i>	
• <b>Biological/Life Sciences</b>	631 Biochemistry and biophysics 632 Biology, general 633 Botany – <i>Also consider 607 Plant sciences</i> 634 Cell and molecular biology 635 Ecology 636 Genetics, animal and plant 637 Microbiological sciences and immunology 638 Nutritional sciences— <i>Also consider 606 Food sciences and technology</i>	639 Pharmacology, human and animal— <i>Also consider 788 Pharmacy</i> 640 Physiology and pathology, human and animal 641 Zoology, general 642 OTHER biological sciences
• <b>Business Management/ Administrative Services</b>	651 Accounting 652 Actuarial science – <i>Also consider 841 Applied mathematics and 843 Operations research</i> 653 Business administration and management 654 Business, general 655 Business and managerial economics – <i>Also consider 601 Agricultural economics and 923 Economics</i>	656 Business marketing/marketing management 657 Financial management 658 Marketing research 843 Operations research 659 OTHER business management/ administrative services
• <b>Communication</b>	661 Communication, general 662 Journalism	663 OTHER communication
• <b>Computer and Information Sciences</b>	671 Computer and information sciences, general 672 Computer programming 673 Computer science – <i>Also consider 727 Computer and systems engineering</i>	674 Computer systems analysis 675 Data processing 676 Information services and systems 677 OTHER computer and information sciences
• <b>Conservation and Natural Resources</b>	680 Environmental science or studies 681 Forestry sciences	682 OTHER conservation and natural resources
• <b>Criminal Justice/Protective Services</b>	690 Criminal justice/protective services— <i>Also consider 922 Criminology</i>	
• <b>Education</b>	701 Education administration 702 Computer teacher education 703 Counselor education and guidance 704 Educational psychology 705 Elementary teacher education 706 Mathematics teacher education 707 Physical education and coaching	708 Pre-school/kindergarten/early childhood teacher education 709 Science teacher education 710 Secondary teacher education 711 Special education 712 Social science teacher education 713 OTHER education
• <b>Engineering</b> <i>Also consider 751 to 754 under Engineering-Related Technologies</i>	721 Aerospace, aeronautical, astronomical engineering 722 Agricultural engineering 723 Architectural engineering 724 Bioengineering and biomedical engineering 725 Chemical engineering 726 Civil engineering 727 Computer and systems engineering— <i>Also consider 673 Computer science</i> 728 Electrical, electronics and communications engineering 729 Engineering sciences, mechanics and physics 730 Environmental engineering 731 Engineering, general	732 Geophysical and geological engineering 733 Industrial and manufacturing engineering— <i>Also consider 752 Industrial production technologies</i> 734 Materials engineering, including ceramics and textiles 735 Mechanical engineering 736 Metallurgical engineering 737 Mining and minerals engineering 738 Naval architecture and marine engineering 739 Nuclear engineering 740 Petroleum engineering 741 OTHER engineering

## FIELD OF STUDY (Continued)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Engineering-Related Technologies</b> <i>Also consider 721 to 741 under Engineering</i></li> </ul>	751	Electrical and electronics technologies	753	Mechanical engineering-related technologies
	752	Industrial production technologies – <i>Also consider 733 Industrial and manufacturing engineering</i>	754	OTHER engineering-related technologies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Languages, Linguistics, Literature/Letters</b></li> </ul>	760	English language, literature and letters	772	OTHER foreign languages and literature
	771	Linguistics		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Health and Related Sciences</b></li> </ul>	781	Audiology and speech pathology	787	Nursing (4 years or longer program)
	782	Health services administration	788	Pharmacy – <i>Also consider 639 Pharmacology, human and animal</i>
	783	Health/medical assistants	789	Physical therapy and other rehabilitation/therapeutic services
	784	Health/medical technologies	790	Public health (including environmental health and epidemiology)
	785	Medical preparatory programs (e.g., pre-dentistry, pre-medical, pre-veterinary)	791	OTHER health/medical sciences
	786	Medicine (e.g., dentistry, optometry, osteopathic, podiatry, veterinary)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Home Economics</b></li> </ul>	800	Home economics		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Law/Prelaw/Legal Studies</b></li> </ul>	810	Law/prelaw/legal studies		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Liberal Arts/General Studies</b></li> </ul>	820	Liberal arts/general studies		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Library Science</b></li> </ul>	830	Library science		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mathematics and Statistics</b></li> </ul>	841	Applied mathematics – <i>Also consider 843 Operations research and 652 Actuarial science</i>	843	Operations research – <i>Also consider 841 Applied mathematics and 652 Actuarial science</i>
	842	Mathematics, general	844	Statistics
			845	OTHER mathematics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Parks, Recreation, Leisure, and Fitness Studies</b></li> </ul>	850	Parks, recreation, leisure, and fitness studies		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Philosophy, Religion, Theology</b></li> </ul>	861	Philosophy of science	862	OTHER philosophy, religion, theology
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Physical Sciences</b></li> </ul>	871	Astronomy and astrophysics	875	Geology
	872	Atmospheric sciences and meteorology	876	Geological sciences, other
	631	Biochemistry and biophysics	877	Oceanography
	873	Chemistry, except biochemistry	878	Physics, except biophysics
	874	Earth sciences	879	OTHER physical sciences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Psychology</b></li> </ul>	891	Clinical psychology	894	General psychology
	892	Counseling psychology	895	Industrial/Organizational psychology
	704	Educational psychology	896	Social psychology
	893	Experimental psychology	897	OTHER psychology
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Public Affairs</b></li> </ul>	901	Public administration	903	OTHER public affairs
	902	Public policy studies		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Social Work</b></li> </ul>	910	Social work		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Social Sciences and History</b></li> </ul>	921	Anthropology and archaeology	926	History, other
	922	Criminology – <i>Also consider 690 Criminal Justice/Protective Services</i>	927	International relations
	923	Economics – <i>Also consider 601 Agricultural economics and 655 Business and managerial economics</i>	928	Political science and government
			929	Sociology
	924	Geography	620	Area and ethnic studies
	925	History of science	910	Social work
			930	OTHER social sciences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Visual and Performing Arts</b></li> </ul>	941	Dramatic arts	943	Music, all fields
	942	Fine arts, all fields	944	OTHER visual and performing arts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OTHER FIELDS</b></li> </ul>	995	<b>OTHER FIELDS (Not Listed)</b>		

## JOB CATEGORY

If you cannot find the code that best describes your job, use the "OTHER" code under the most appropriate broad category. If none of the codes fit your job, use Code 500.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Biological/Life Scientists</b></li> </ul>	021	Agricultural and food scientists	025	Medical scientists (excluding practitioners)
	022	Biochemists and biophysicists	026	Technologists and technicians in the biological/life sciences
	023	Biological scientists (e.g., botanists, ecologists, zoologists)	027	OTHER biological and life scientists
	024	Forestry and conservation scientists		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Clerical/Administrative Support Occupations</b></li> </ul>	031	Accounting clerks and bookkeepers	033	OTHER administrative (e.g., record clerks, telephone operators)
	032	Secretaries, receptionists, typists		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Clergy/Other Religious Workers</b></li> </ul>	040	Clergy and other religious workers		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Computer Occupations</b> <i>Also consider 173 Operations research analysts, including modeling</i></li> </ul>	***	Computer engineers – <i>Also consider 087 Computer engineers – hardware and 088 Computer engineers – software</i>	055	Database administrators
	051	Computer & information scientists, research	056	Network and computer systems administrators
	052	Computer programmers (business, scientific, process control)	057	Network systems and data communications analysts
	053	Computer support specialists	058	OTHER computer and information science occupations
	054	Computer system analysts		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Consultants</b></li> </ul>	<i>Find the category on page 17 or 18 that comes closest to your field of consulting and select the code</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Counselors</b></li> </ul>	070	Counselors (Educational, vocational, mental health and substance abuse) <i>Also consider 236 Psychologists, including clinical</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Engineers/Architects</b> <i>Also consider 100 to 104 under Engineering Technologists, Technicians and Surveyors</i></li> </ul>	081	Architects	090	Environmental engineers
	082	Aeronautical/aerospace/astronautical engineers	091	Industrial engineers
	083	Agricultural engineers	092	Marine engineers and naval architects
	084	Bioengineers or biomedical engineers	093	Materials and metallurgical engineers
	085	Chemical engineers	094	Mechanical engineers
	086	Civil, including architectural/sanitary engineers	095	Mining and geological engineers
	087	Computer engineers – hardware	096	Nuclear engineers
	088	Computer engineers – software	097	Petroleum engineers
	089	Electrical and electronics engineers	098	Sales engineers
			099	OTHER engineers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Engineering Technologists/Technicians/Surveyors</b></li> </ul>	100	Electrical, electronic, industrial, and mechanical technicians	103	OTHER engineering technologists and technicians
	101	Drafting occupations, including computer drafting	104	Surveyors, cartographers, photogrammetrists
	102	Surveying and mapping technicians		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Farmers/Foresters/Fishermen</b></li> </ul>	110	Farmers, foresters and fishermen		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Health Occupations</b></li> </ul>	111	Diagnosing/treating practitioners (e.g., dentists, optometrists, physicians, psychiatrists, podiatrists, surgeons, veterinarians)	113	Health technologists and technicians (e.g., dental hygienists, health record technologists/technicians, licensed practical nurses, medical or laboratory technicians, radiological technicians)
	112	Registered nurses, pharmacists, dieticians, therapists, physician assistants	114	OTHER health occupations
	236	Psychologists, including clinical – <i>Also consider 070 Counselors</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lawyers/Judges</b></li> </ul>	120	Lawyers, judges		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Librarians/Archivists/Curators</b></li> </ul>	130	Librarians, archivists, curators		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Managers and Supervisors, First-Line</b></li> </ul>	<i>Find the category on page 17 or 18 that best describes the occupation of the people you manage and select the code</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Managers, Top-level Executives/Administrators</b></li> </ul>	141	Top-level managers, executives, administrators (e.g., CEO/COO/CFO, president, district manager, general manager, legislator, chancellor, provost)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Managers, Other</b> <i>People who manage other managers</i></li> </ul>	142	Computer and information systems managers		
	143	Engineering managers		
	144	Medical and health services managers		
	145	Natural sciences managers		
	146	Education administrators (e.g., registrar, dean, principal)		
	147	OTHER mid-level managers		

## JOB CATEGORY (Continued)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Management-Related Occupations</b> <i>Also consider 141 to 147 under Managers, Other</i></li> </ul>	151	Accountants, auditors, and other financial specialists	153	OTHER management related occupations	
	152	Personnel, training, and labor relations specialists			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mathematical Scientists</b></li> </ul>	171	Actuaries	174	Statisticians	
	172	Mathematicians	175	Technologists and technicians in the mathematical sciences	
	173	Operations research analysts, including modeling	176	OTHER mathematical scientists	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Physical Scientists</b></li> </ul>	191	Astronomers	195	Oceanographers	
	192	Atmospheric and space scientists	196	Physicists, except biophysicists	
	022	Biochemists and biophysicists	197	Technologists and technicians in the physical sciences	
	193	Chemists, except biochemists	198	OTHER physical scientists	
	194	Geologists, including earth scientists			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Research Associates/ Assistants</b></li> </ul>	<i>Find the category on page 17 or 18 that comes closest to your research field and select the code</i>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sales/Marketing Occupations</b></li> </ul>	200	Insurance, securities, real estate, and business services	202	Sales occupations – retail (e.g., furnishings, clothing, motor vehicles, cosmetics)	
	201	Sales occupations – commodities except retail (e.g., industrial machinery/equipment/supplies, medical and dental equip./supplies)	203	OTHER marketing and sales occupations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Service Occupations, Except Health</b> <i>Also consider 111 to 114 under Health Occupations</i></li> </ul>	221	Food preparation and service (e.g., cooks, waitresses, bartenders)	223	OTHER service occupations, except health (e.g., probation officers, human services workers)	
	222	Protective services (e.g., fire fighters, police, guards, wardens, park rangers)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Social Scientists</b></li> </ul>	231	Anthropologists	236	Psychologists, including clinical – <i>Also consider 070 Counselors</i>	
	232	Economists	237	Sociologists	
	233	Historians	238	OTHER social scientists	
	235	Political scientists			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Social Workers</b></li> </ul>	240	Social workers			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Teachers—Precollege</b></li> </ul>	251	Pre-kindergarten and kindergarten	255	Secondary – other subjects	
	252	Elementary	256	Special education – primary and secondary	
	253	Secondary – computer, math, or sciences	257	OTHER precollegiate area	
	254	Secondary – social sciences			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Teachers/Professors— Postsecondary</b></li> </ul>	271	Agriculture	283	History	
	272	Art, Drama, and Music	286	Mathematics and Statistics	
	273	Biological Sciences	287	Health and Related Sciences	
	274	Business, Commerce and Marketing	288	Physical Education	
	275	Chemistry	289	Physics	
	276	Computer Science	290	Political Science	
	277	Earth, Environmental, and Marine Science	291	Psychology	
	278	Economics	293	Sociology	
	279	Education	297	OTHER Natural Sciences	
	280	Engineering	298	OTHER Social Sciences	
	281	English	299	OTHER Postsecondary fields	
	282	Foreign Language			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Teachers—Other</b></li> </ul>	300	OTHER teachers and instructors (e.g., private tutors, dance or flying instructors, martial arts instructors)			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Writers/Editors/Public Relations Specialists/Artists/Entertainers/Broadcasters</b></li> </ul>	010	Writers, editors, public relations specialists, artists, entertainers, broadcasters			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Other Professions</b></li> </ul>	401	Construction and extraction occupations	403	Precision/production occupations (e.g., metal workers, woodworkers, butchers, bakers, assemblers, printing occupations, tailors, shoemakers, photographic process)	
	402	Installation, maintenance, and repair occupations	405	Transportation and material moving occupations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>OTHER OCCUPATIONS</b></li> </ul>	500	<b>OTHER OCCUPATIONS (Not Listed)</b>			

**D25. How would you like to complete future rounds of this survey?**

*Mark one answer.*

- 1  A questionnaire sent in the mail
- 2  A questionnaire that you could fill out on the World Wide Web
- 3  A telephone interview
- 4  No preference

**THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE.**

**Please return the completed form within two weeks in the envelope provided. If you have any questions or need assistance, please call us toll free at 1-XXX-XXX-XXXX or email us at [email].**

**Our mailing address is:**

- **Results of the National Survey of Recent College Graduates can be found on the National Science Foundation's Website at <http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/recentgrads>.**
- **You are not required to respond to any information collection unless it displays a valid approval number from the Office of Management and Budget. The approval number for this survey is 3145-0077.**