

APPENDIX D

NSRCG Questionnaire Changes

2008 NSRCG Questionnaire Changes: Questions Added

- A new module on community college experience:

A4. Did you take courses at a community college during any of the following time periods?

Mark Yes or No for each item.

- (1) Before graduating from high school or earning a high school equivalency certificate
- (2) After high school and before ever enrolling in a 4-year college or university
- (3) While enrolled in a 4-year college or university and before receiving your first bachelor's degree
- (4) After leaving a 4-year college or university without receiving your first bachelor's degree
- (5) After receiving your first bachelor's degree

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.

- (1) To earn college credits while still attending high school
- (2) To complete an associate's degree
- (3) To prepare for college/increase chance of acceptance to a 4-year college or university
- (4) To earn credits for a bachelor's degree
- (5) For financial reasons (e.g. cost of a 4-year school)
- (6) To gain further skills or knowledge in your academic or occupational field
- (7) To facilitate a change in your academic or occupation field
- (8) To increase opportunities for promotion, advancement, or higher salary
- (9) For leisure or personal interest
- (10) Other reason – Specify → _____

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)

A8. (If the respondent reported receiving an associate degree in question A7) From which academic institution did you receive your associate's degree?

School Name

Department

City/Town

State/Foreign Country

- Module questions rotated in from 2003:

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.

- (1) Engineering, computer science, math, or the natural sciences?
- (2) The social sciences?
- (3) Some other field (e.g., health, business, or education) Specify → _____

B32. During the week of October 1, 2008, were you working for pay (or profit) at a second job (or business), including part-time, evening, or weekend work?

- (1) Yes
- (2) No

B33. (If yes) What was the title of the second job you held during the week of October 1, 2008?

If you had more than two jobs that week, report the job where you worked the second most hours.

Example: Software salesperson

B34. What kind of work were you doing on this job – that is, what were your duties and responsibilities on your second job? Please be as specific as possible, including any area of specialization.

Example: Sell software for personal computers

B35. Using the JOB CATEGORY list on pages 11-12, choose the code that best describes the second job that you held during the week of October 1, 2008.

CODE ___ _ _

B36. To what extent was your work on your second job related to your highest degree? Was it...

Mark one answer.

- (1) Closely related
- (1) Somewhat related
- (1) Not related

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.

- (1) Engineering, computer science, math, or the natural sciences?
- (2) The social sciences?
- (3) Some other field (e.g., health, business, or education) Specify → _____

2008 NSRCG Questionnaire Changes: Questions Modified

- One question from 2006 was modified to include two additional response categories (5) and (6), and the response category (4) was changed from ‘Chronic illness or permanent disability’ to ‘Chronic illness or disability’ based on verbatim responses reported in the 2006 questionnaire.
- A31. For which of the following reasons did you usually work fewer than 35 hours per week on the principal job you held during the week of October 1, 2008?**
Mark Yes or No for each item.
- (4) Chronic illness or disability?
 - (5) Full-time job not available?
 - (6) Held more than one job?

2008 NSRCG Questionnaire Changes: Questions Dropped

- Previous core questions on the sources of financial support and amount of debt were rotated out as module questions to make room for the new 2008 module on community college experience.
- A13. The next question asks about the types of financial support you may have received to finance any undergraduate or graduate degrees you completed before April 1, 2006.**
Mark all that apply in each column.
- (1) Financial support from parents, spouse, other relatives, not to be repaid
 - (2) Loans from the school you attended, banks, federal or state government
 - (3) Loans from parents or other relative
 - (4) Financial assistance from your employer
 - (5) Tuition waivers, fellowships, grants, scholarships
 - (6) Assistantships or work study
 - (7) Earnings from employment
 - (8) Other - specify → _____

- A14. The next question asks about the TOTAL amount you have borrowed to finance undergraduate and graduate degrees you completed before April 1, 2006, and how much you still owed as of April 1, 2006.**
Mark one answer in each undergraduate and graduate column.
- (1) None
 - (2) \$1 - \$5,000
 - (3) \$5,001 - \$10,000
 - (4) \$10,001 - \$15,000
 - (5) \$15,001 - \$20,000
 - (6) \$20,001 - \$25,000
 - (7) \$25,001 - \$30,000
 - (8) \$30,001 - \$35,000
 - (9) \$35,001 or more

- A 2006 module set of questions on collaborative activities have been rotated out from the 2008 NSRCG questionnaire.

B23. In performing your principal job during the week of April 1, 2006, did you...

Mark Yes or No for each item.

- (1) Work with an immediate work group or team?
- (2) Work with others in the same organization (company, university, agency, etc.), but not the same group or team?
- (3) Work with individuals in other organizations in the U.S.?
- (4) Work with individuals located in other countries?

B24. (If Yes to 4 above) Did your work with individuals located in other countries involve...

Mark Yes or No for each item.

- (1) Sharing data or information?
- (2) Sharing materials, equipment, or facilities?
- (3) Preparing a joint publication?
- (4) Jointly developing or designing a product, process, or program?
- (5) Collaborating on a research project?
- (6) Other type of work? Specify → _____

B25. In your work with individuals located in other countries, did you...

Mark Yes or No for each item.

- (1) Communicate by telephone or e-mail to conduct the work?
- (2) Use web-based or virtual technology to conduct the work?
- (3) Travel to a foreign country for collaborative activities?
- (4) Work with foreign collaborator(s) who traveled to the U.S. to meet with you?