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#### **ABOUT YOU**

## 1. What is your highest level of education completed?

○ Some high school

- O High school graduate or GED certificate
- Some college
- O College graduate
- $\bigcirc$  Post-graduate study or degree

#### <sup>2.</sup> Are you... (mark all that apply)

American Indian or Alaska Native

☐ Asian

Black/African American

□ Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

U White

Prefer not to answer

\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. Latino/Hispanic

O Yes

 $\bigcirc$  No

#### 4. What is your current marital status?

- O Married
- $\bigcirc$  Separated
- ${\rm O}$  Divorced
- O Widowed

O Not married

O Prefer not to answer

5. In which zip code do you currently reside?

## 6. How far do you live from the nearest military installation?

O Less than 10 minutes

- O 10 19 minutes
- O 20 29 minutes
- O 30 59 minutes
- $\bigcirc$  60 minutes or more

#### SINCE SEPARATION FROM ACTIVE DUTY

Answer questions 6 - 8 If you have separated from active duty service between May 2008 ~ April 2009. *All others proceed to question 9.* 

- 7. Between your date of separation and today, how many month(s), if any, were you unemployed?
  - $\bigcirc$  NONE (skip to Question 9)
  - $\ensuremath{\bigcirc}$  Less than 1 month
  - m O 1 3 months
  - $\bigcirc$  4 6 months
  - $\bigcirc$  7 9 months
  - O 10 12 months
  - $\bigcirc$  More than 12 months

## 8. What is the main reason for that unemployment? (mark all that apply)

- Temporarily unable to work because of an injury
- Temporarily unable to work because of an illness
- Unable to work because of a chronic health condition or disability
- Retired
- Pregnancy/Childbirth
- Taking care of children/other persons
- ☐ Going to school
- Unable to find work
- Laid off (temporarily or indefinite)
- U Waiting for a new job to begin
- □ Not interested in working at a job
- Some other reason (please specify below)
- 9. During that period(s) of unemployment, have you done any work at all for pay?

○ Yes ○ No 10. Which one of the following best describes your current employment status? (mark only one)

○ Full-time

O Part-time

O Retired

○ Unemployed

- Self-employed/Temporary employment (e.g., day labor, one-time jobs, odd jobs, informal jobs, etc.)
- O Prefer not to answer

#### <sup>11.</sup> How many months have you been in your current employment status/position?

O Less than 1 month

- O1 3 months
- O 4 6 months
- O 7 9 months
- O 10 12 months
- O More than 12 months
- <sup>12.</sup> Is your employer... (please check only one)
  - O A Government organization, including Armed Forces
  - O Private, for profit company (i.e., retail, service, etc.)
  - $\bigcirc$  Non-Profit Organization, including tax exempt and charitable organizations
  - Self-employed/temporary employment
  - ${\rm O}\,{\rm NA}$

Answer questions 12 - 15 if you have separated from active duty between May 2008 ~ April 2009. *All others skip to question 16.* 

13. What was your base annual salary at time of separation from active duty?

**RECORD AMOUNT:** 

<sup>14.</sup> What additional annual salary (i.e., Military Occupational Specialty (MOS), hazard, danger, spousal maintenance, etc.) did you receive at time of separation from active duty?

RECORD AMOUNT:

<sup>15.</sup> What is the total gross income you have received since your separation from active duty?

**RECORD AMOUNT:** 

<sup>16.</sup> What are the sources of your current monthly salary or income? (mark all that apply.)

□ Salary/wage

Tips/bonuses/commisions

Benefits (e.g., disability, government assistance, workers compensations, etc.)

Other

- 17. Taking into account all sources of income, what is your current gross yearly income?
  - \$18,000 or less
    \$18,001 \$25,000
    \$25,001 \$35,000
    \$35,001 \$45,000
    \$45,001 \$55,000
    \$55,001 \$65,000
    \$65,001 or more

#### Housing

- 18. Are you aware of mortgage protection under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA)?
  - O Yes
  - $\bigcirc$  No
  - O Not sure

## <sup>19.</sup> Did you receive any mortgage foreclosure protection under SCRA during your time of service?

 $\bigcirc$  Yes (proceed to question 20)  $\bigcirc$  No

○ Not sure

#### <sup>20.</sup> If you answered 'No' or 'Not sure', please select a reason from the choices below.

O Not needed (proceed to question 23)

 $\bigcirc$  Not eligible (proceed to question 23)

O Not requested (proceed to question 23)

O Not aware of SCRA during service (proceed to question 23)

## If you answered 'Yes' to question 18 above, please answer questions 20 - 22 about the extent to which each protection afforded by the SCRA helped you avoid foreclosure.

21.	Foreclosure delayed while on active duty	Very great extent	Great extent	Neither grea nor little extent	t Little extent	Very little extent	Not used
22.	Interest rate reduced to make payments manageable	0	0	0	0	0	0
23.	Foreclosure delayed after separation from active duty	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### 24. At the time of your separation from active duty, what was your living situation?

- O Owned a home outright (no mortgage)
- $\bigcirc$  Had a mortgage on a home
- O Rented
- ${\ensuremath{\bigcirc}}$  Temporarily stayed with friends/family with no rent
- O Lived in base housing
- O Other

## 25. How many months did you remain in that living situation after your separation from active duty?

O Less than 1 month

- O 1 3 months
- $\bigcirc$  4 6 months
- $\bigcirc$  7 9 months
- $\bigcirc$  10 12 months
- $\bigcirc$  More than 12 months

#### <sup>26.</sup> What was your level of satisfaction with your living situation at time of separation from active duty?

- O Very satisfied
- O Satisfied
- ${\ensuremath{\bigcirc}}$  Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- ${\rm O}$  Dissatisfied
- O Very dissatisfied

## 27. Are you aware of the VA Home Loan Program?

O Yes O No

- <sup>28.</sup> Do you now, or have you ever had a VA loan?
  - ${\rm O}\,{\rm Yes}$
  - O No

○ Not sure

- 29. Have you ever been behind in your mortgage payments by 2 months or more since separation from active duty?
  - O Yes
  - O No
  - O Not sure
  - O Don't know
- <sup>30.</sup> Have you ever been behind in your rental payments by 2 months or more since separation from active duty?
  - $\bigcirc$  Yes
  - O No
  - O Not sure
  - Don't know
- 31. Has your home ever been referred to foreclosure since separation from active duty?
  - O Yes
  - O No

O Don't know

- <sup>32.</sup> Have you ever been threatened with eviction from a rental property since separation from active duty?
  - ${\rm O}\,{\rm Yes}$
  - O No
  - O Don't know

- <sup>33.</sup> Has the income you earned since separation from active duty...
  - $\bigcirc$  Improved your housing situation
  - ${\rm O}$  Had little or no impact on your housing situation
  - $\ensuremath{\bigcirc}$  Worsened your housing situation
- <sup>34.</sup> If you receive disability compensation from VA, how did the time taken to process your claim impact the quality of your living situation? (select only one)
  - O Not much impact (continued same living situation)
  - O Some impact (had difficulty in maintaining living situation)
  - O Significant impact (had to seek other living situation)
  - O Severe impact (forced to move to other living situation)
  - $\bigcirc$  Do not receive disability compensation
  - O Filed and waiting for a decision on my disability compensation status/rating

# <sup>35.</sup> If you are waiting on a decision from VA about a claim for disability compensation, how is the time to process your claim impacting the quality of your living situation? (select only one)

O Not much impact (continued same living situation)

- O Some impact (had difficulty in maintaining living situation)
- O Significant impact (had to seek other living situation)
- O Severe impact (forced to move to other living situation)
- O Not waiting on a claim decision from VA

#### <sup>36.</sup> What is your current living situation?

Own a home outright (no mortgage)

O Have a mortgage on a home

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○ Renting

- O Temporarily staying with friends/family with no rent
- O Live in base housing

O Other

### <sup>37.</sup> What is your level of satisfaction with your current living situation?

O Very satisfied

○ Satisfied

O Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

O Dissatisfied

O Very dissatisfied

#### Comments

Please feel free to comment in the space below about any issues you would like to address. (Max. 500 characters)