

APPENDIX D

NSCG Questionnaire Changes

2013 NSCG Questionnaire Changes: Questions Added

- Module questions rotated in from the NSRCG for both the old and new cohort sample (note: item numbers below reflect the new cohort questionnaire numbering):

D4. (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 | No |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Before graduating from high school or earning a high school equivalency certificate | 1 ☐ | 2 ☐ |
| 2 After high school and before ever enrolling in a 4-year college or university | 1 ☐ | 2 ☐ |
| 3 While enrolled in a 4-year college or university and before receiving your first bachelor's degree | 1 ☐ | 2 ☐ |
| 4 After leaving a 4-year college or university without receiving your first bachelor's degree | 1 ☐ | 2 ☐ |
| 5 After receiving your first bachelor's degree | 1 ☐ | 2 ☐ |

D5. 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 | No |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 To earn college credits while still attending high school | 1 ☐ | 2 ☐ |
| 2 To complete an associate's degree | 1 ☐ | 2 ☐ |
| 3 To prepare for college/increase chance of acceptance to a 4-year college or university | 1 ☐ | 2 ☐ |
| 4 To earn credits for a bachelor's degree | 1 ☐ | 2 ☐ |
| 5 For financial reasons (e.g. cost of a 4-year school) | 1 ☐ | 2 ☐ |
| 6 To gain further skills or knowledge in your academic or occupational field | 1 ☐ | 2 ☐ |
| 7 To facilitate a change in your academic or occupational field | 1 ☐ | 2 ☐ |
| 8 To increase opportunities for promotion, advancement, or higher salary | 1 ☐ | 2 ☐ |
| 9 For leisure or personal interest | 1 ☐ | 2 ☐ |
| 10 Other – Specify  | 1 ☐ | 2 ☐ |

D6. Which two reasons in question D5 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)

D12. The next question asks about the type of financial support you may have received to finance any undergraduate or graduate degrees you completed before February 1, 2013.

Mark all that apply in each column.

	Undergraduate ↓	Graduate ↓
1 Financial support from parents, spouse, other relatives, not to be repaid	1 ☐	1 ☐
2 Loans from the school you attended, banks, federal or state government	2 ☐	2 ☐
3 Loans from parents or other relatives	3 ☐	3 ☐
4 Financial assistance from your employer	4 ☐	4 ☐
5 Tuition waivers, fellowships, grants, scholarships	5 ☐	5 ☐
6 Assistantships or work study	6 ☐	6 ☐
7 Earnings from employment	7 ☐	7 ☐
8 Other — <i>Specify</i> <u>z</u>	8 ☐	8 ☐

D13. The next question asks about the TOTAL amount you have borrowed to finance undergraduate and graduate degrees you completed before February 1, 2013, and how much you still owed as of February 1, 2013.

Mark one answer in each of the four columns below.

	COMPLETED UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES		COMPLETED GRADUATE DEGREES	
	Total Amount Borrowed ↓	Amount Still Owed as of Feb. 1, 2013 ↓	Total Amount Borrowed ↓	Amount Still Owed as of Feb. 1, 2013 ↓
1 Did not earn a degree at this level	1 ☐	1 ☐	1 ☐	1 ☐
2 None.....	2 ☐	2 ☐	2 ☐	2 ☐
3 \$1 - \$10,000	3 ☐	3 ☐	3 ☐	3 ☐
4 \$10,001 - \$20,000	4 ☐	4 ☐	4 ☐	4 ☐
5 \$20,001 - \$30,000	5 ☐	5 ☐	5 ☐	5 ☐
6 \$30,001 - \$40,000	6 ☐	6 ☐	6 ☐	6 ☐
7 \$40,001 - \$50,000	7 ☐	7 ☐	7 ☐	7 ☐
8 \$50,001 - \$60,000	8 ☐	8 ☐	8 ☐	8 ☐
9 \$60,001 - \$70,000	9 ☐	9 ☐	9 ☐	9 ☐
10 \$70,001 - \$80,000	10 ☐	10 ☐	10 ☐	10 ☐
11 \$80,001 - \$90,000	11 ☐	11 ☐	11 ☐	11 ☐
12 \$90,001 or more.....	12 ☐	12 ☐	12 ☐	12 ☐

2013 NSCG Questionnaire Changes: Questions Modified

Other than the new questionnaire items listed above, the 2013 NSCG questionnaire is the same as the 2010 NSCG questionnaire except for the following minor changes

- 1) The reference date was changed throughout the questionnaire from *October 1, 2010* to *February 1, 2013*.
- 2) The number of response options for Question E7 (new cohort)/F6 (old cohort) were changed from two options to three, as follows :

2010 version

On October 1, 2010, were you living in the United States, Puerto Rico, or another U.S. territory, or were you living in another country?

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

2013 version

On February 1, 2013, were you living in the United States, Puerto Rico, or another U.S. territory, or were you living in another country?

- United States or Puerto Rico
- Another U.S. territory
- Another country

- 3) In Question A37, the abbreviation “Dept.” is spelled out as “Department.”
- 4) In Question A11, “25,000+ employees” was changed to “25,000 or more employees” to coincide with “10 or fewer employees” at the other end of the response scale.
- 5) The color of the paper mail questionnaire is green in the old cohort rather than purple as it was in 2010.