

## Appendix 3 ELS 2002 3rd-Follow-up FS 2012 Abbreviated Survey

### Interview Content

#### Item: F3CNSNT

In years past you responded to one or more questionnaires for the Education Longitudinal Study of 2002 (ELS:2002). This study is sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the U.S. Department of Education, and includes about 15,000 other participants who were selected from high schools across the country in 2002 and 2004. The purpose of ELS:2002 is to better understand young people's transition from high school to adulthood, including the different pathways people take towards further education and the world of work. Today, we are asking you to complete a follow-up interview which will ask questions about any further schooling you may have received, your most recent work experiences, your family, and your community. On average, it takes about 10 minutes to complete, depending on your responses.

Participation is voluntary. Your answers may be used only for statistical purposes and may not be disclosed, or used, in identifiable form for any other purpose except as required by law [Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 (ESRA 2002) 20 U.S.C., § 9573]. You may withdraw from the study at any point. However, your answers are very important because they represent many others who were not selected to take part. You may skip any question that you don't want to answer.

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#### Item: F3ACTCURR

Are you currently...

*Response options: yes/no for each item below*

- working for pay at one or more full-time jobs? (please answer 'yes' if you have at least one job at which you work 35 hours/week or more)
- working for pay at one or more part-time jobs? (please answer 'yes' if you have at least one job at which you work less than 35 hours/week)
- serving in another work experience, such as an apprenticeship, training program, or internship?
- taking courses at a two- or four-year college, including graduate or professional schools?
- taking courses at a vocational, technical, or trade school?
- keeping house full-time (homemaker)?
- caring for dependent children or adults?
- serving in the armed forces or military, whether active duty, reserves, or National Guard?

*Applies to: All respondents.*

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#### Item: F3HSCOMP

Have you received a high school diploma, certificate of attendance, or a GED or other equivalency certificate?

1=Yes

0=No

*Applies to: All respondents except those who already indicated in a previous round of data collection that they had received a high school credential.*

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#### Item: F3HSCRED

What type of high school diploma or certificate did you complete? Did you receive a...

1=diploma

2=certificate of attendance, or

3=GED or other equivalency certificate?

Applies to: Respondents who indicated (during their F3 interview) that they had received a high school credential.

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Item: F3HSDATE

In what month and year did you receive your [diploma/certificate of attendance/GED or other equivalency/high school credential]?

Applies to: Respondents who indicated (during their F3 interview) that they had received a high school credential.

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Item: F3EVERATT

When we spoke with you in 2006, you indicated that after high school you had attended:

[school 1, school 2, school 3, etc.]

Since that time, have you attended any other college, university, or vocational, technical or trade school for college credit?

-or-

Since leaving high school, have you attended any college, university, or vocational, technical or trade school for college credit?

1=Yes

0=No

Applies to: All respondents.

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Item: F3PSNAME

[Schools we know about so far are: school 1, school 2, school 3, etc.]

What [other] college, university, or vocational, technical or trade school have you attended since leaving high school?

Applies to: Respondents with one or more F3-added postsecondary institutions.

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Item: F3PSSTDATE

In what month and year did you first attend [school name]?

Applies to: Respondents with one or more F3-added postsecondary institutions.

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Item: F3PSOTHER

[Schools we know about so far are: school 1, school 2, school 3, etc.]

Have you attended any other college, university, or vocational, technical or trade school for college credit?

1=yes

0=no

Applies to: Respondents with one or more F3-added postsecondary institutions.

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Item: F3PSLAST

Which institution [did you last attend / are you currently attending]?

Applies to: Respondents who have attended more than one postsecondary school.

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Item: F3PSCRED

Have you earned a degree or certificate from [school name]?

1=Yes

0=No

Applies to: *Respondents with postsecondary attendance.*

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Item: F3PSCREDTYPE

What type of degree or certificate did you receive from [school name]?

(Please select one option below; if you received more than one degree or certificate, we will ask you later about the other credentials you may have received.)

- 1=Undergraduate certificate or diploma (usually less than 2 years), including those leading to a license (for example, cosmetology)
- 2=Associate's Degree (usually a 2-year degree)
- 3=Bachelor's Degree (usually a 4-year degree)
- 4=Post-baccalaureate certificate
- 5=Master's Degree
- 6=Post-master's certificate
- 7=Doctoral Degree - research/scholarship (for example, PhD., EdD., etc.)
- 8=Doctoral Degree - professional practice (including: chiropractic, dentistry, law, medicine, optometry, pharmacy, podiatry, or veterinary medicine)
- 9=Doctoral Degree -- other

Applies to: *Respondents who had received a credential from their last attended postsecondary school.*

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Item: F3PSINCCRED

What type of degree or certificate were you pursuing when you were last attending [school name]?

-or-

What type of degree or certificate are you currently pursuing at [school name]?

- 1=Undergraduate certificate or diploma (usually less than 2 years), including those leading to a license (for example, cosmetology)
- 2=Associate's Degree (usually a 2-year degree)
- 3=Bachelor's Degree (usually a 4-year degree)
- 4=Post-baccalaureate certificate
- 5=Master's Degree
- 6=Post-master's certificate
- 7=Doctoral Degree - research/scholarship (for example, PhD., EdD., etc.)
- 8=Doctoral Degree - professional practice (including: chiropractic, dentistry, law, medicine, optometry, pharmacy, podiatry, or veterinary medicine)
- 9=Doctoral Degree -- other

Applies to: *Respondents who did not earn a credential from their last-attended postsecondary institution, and respondents who are currently attending a postsecondary institution.*

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Item: F3PSCREDDATE

In what month and year did you receive your [credential] from [school name]?

Applies to: *Respondents who had received a credential from their last attended postsecondary school.*

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Item: F3PSMAJOR

What was your primary major or program of study for your [credential] from [school name]?

Applies to: Respondents who had received a credential from their last attended postsecondary school.

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Item: F3OTHERCRED

Question wording:

[You have already told us about: credential from last school attended

Have you received any other degrees or certificates from a college, university, or vocational, technical or trade school?]

-or-

Have you received any degrees or certificates from any other college, university, or vocational, technical or trade school?

1=Yes

0=No

Applies to: Respondents with postsecondary attendance.

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Item: F3OTHCREDTYP

[You have already told us about:

Your [credential] from [school name]]

What other degrees or certificates do you have?

(Please select one option below; if you have multiple degrees/certificates, we will ask you later about the other credentials you may have received.)

- 1=Undergraduate certificate or diploma (usually less than 2 years), including those leading to a license (for example, cosmetology)
- 2=Associate's Degree (usually a 2-year degree)
- 3=Bachelor's Degree (usually a 4-year degree)
- 4=Post-baccalaureate certificate
- 5=Master's Degree
- 6=Post-master's certificate
- 7=Doctoral Degree - research/scholarship (for example, PhD., EdD., etc.)
- 8=Doctoral Degree - professional practice (including: chiropractic, dentistry, law, medicine, optometry, pharmacy, podiatry, or veterinary medicine)
- 9=Doctoral Degree -- other

Applies to: Respondents who have earned one or more "other" postsecondary credentials.

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Item: F3OTHCREDSCH

From what institution did you earn this [credential]?

School name collected in F2/F3

School name collected in F2/F3

Etc.

Etc.

Another school

Applies to: Respondents who have earned one or more "other" postsecondary credentials.

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Item: F3OTHALT SCH

From what institution did you earn this [credential]?

Applies to: Respondents who indicate "another school" in the previous question.

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Item: F3OTHCREDDATE

In what month and year did you receive your [credential] from [school name]?

Applies to: Respondents who have earned one or more "other" postsecondary credentials.

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Item: F3OTHMAJOR

What was your primary major or program of study for your [credential] from [school name]?

Applies to: Respondents who have earned one or more "other" postsecondary credentials.

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Item: F3MORECRED

You have already told us about:

Your [credential] from [school name]

Etc.

Etc.

Have you received any other degrees or certificates?

1=Yes

0=No

Applies to: Respondents who have earned one or more "other" postsecondary credentials.

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Item: F3EDEXP

What is the highest level of education you ever expect to complete?

1=Less than high school graduation

2=GED or other high school equivalency only

3=Undergraduate certificate or diploma (usually less than 2 years), including those leading to a license (for example, cosmetology)

4=Associate's Degree (usually a 2-year degree)

5=Bachelor's Degree (usually a 4-year degree)

6=Post-baccalaureate certificate

7=Master's Degree

8=Post-master's certificate

9=Doctoral Degree - research/scholarship (for example, PhD., EdD., etc.)

10=Doctoral Degree - professional practice (including: chiropractic, dentistry, law, medicine, optometry, pharmacy, podiatry, or veterinary medicine)

11=Doctoral Degree - other

12=Don't know

Applies to: All respondents.

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Item: F3JOB

Since January 2006, have you ever held a job for pay?

1=Yes

0=No

Applies to: Respondents who have not already indicated that (1) they are currently working, or (2) they were working as of June 2012, or (3) they have served in the military.

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Item: F3WANTJOB

You mentioned earlier that you are not currently working for pay [at a full-time job]. Do you want a [full-time] job for pay at this time?

1=Yes

0=No

*Applies to: Respondents not currently employed full-time (i.e. employed part-time or not employed at all) and not currently serving in the military.*

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Item: F3LOOKJOB

Are you currently available and looking for [full-time] work?

Yes

No

*Applies to: Respondents not currently employed full-time (i.e. employed part-time or not employed at all) and not currently serving in the military.*

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Item: F3JOBTITLE

These next questions are about [the job at which you work the most hours / your current job / your military job / your most recent job]. For your [primary/current/military/most recent] job, what [is/was] your job title, and what [are/were] your job duties?

*Applies to: Respondents who have ever worked for pay or served in the military since January 2006.*

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Item: F3PAYPERIOD

Now we would like to ask you a few questions concerning your earnings at your [job name]. For your [job name], what is the easiest way for you to report your total earnings before taxes or other deductions?

(We use this information to compare the amount that people earn in different types of jobs.)

1=per hour

2=per day

3=per week

4=every 2 weeks

5=twice per month

6=per month

7=per year

*Applies to: Respondents who have ever worked for pay or served in the military since January 2006.*

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Item: F3HOURATE

Even though you told me it is easier to report your earnings [F3PAYPERIOD], [are/were] you paid at an hourly rate on your [job name]?

1=Yes

0=No

*Applies to: Respondents who have worked for pay since January 2006, except those who already indicated that the easiest way for them to report earnings at their current/most recent job was "per hour".*

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Item: F3EARN

For your [job name], about how much [do/did] you earn [per day/bi-weekly (every two weeks)/bi-monthly (twice a month)/per month/per year/per hour] before taxes and other deductions?

*Applies to: Respondents who have ever worked for pay or served in the military since January 2006.*

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**Item: F3UNEMPEVR**

Since January 2009, have you ever been unemployed for a period of one month or more, that is, not employed but seeking employment?

1=Yes

0=No

*Applies to: All respondents.*

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**Item: F3UNEMPTOT**

Since January 2009, approximately how many months in total have you been unemployed (not employed but seeking employment)?

*Applies to: Respondents who have been unemployed (not working but seeking employment) since January 2009.*

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**Item: F3OCC30**

What job or occupation do you plan to have when you are age 30?

(Check here if you don't know what job you plan to have at age 30.)

(Check here if you don't plan on working for pay at age 30.)

*Applies to: All respondents.*

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**Item: F3MARSTAT**

What is your current marital status?

1=Single, never married

2=Married

3=Divorced

4=Separated

5=Widowed

*Applies to: All respondents.*

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**Item: F3PARTNER**

Are you living with a significant other in a marriage-like relationship?

Yes

No

*Applies to: Respondents who indicate their current marital status is something other than "married".*

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**Item: F3BIOCHILD**

Have you had any biological children, that is, children [for whom you are the natural father/for whom you are the natural mother/born to you]?

1=Yes

0=No

*Applies to: All respondents.*

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Item: F3BIOCHNUM

How many biological children have you had?

*Applies to: Respondents who have ever had a child.*

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Item: F3RESZIP

Now we'd like to collect some information about your current living arrangements.

What is the 5-digit ZIP code for your current residence?

*Applies to: All respondents.*

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Item: F3EARN2011

About how much did you earn from employment in 2011 before taxes and all other deductions? Please include all wages, salaries, income from a business or farm, commissions, and tips you earned in 2011. [ Please include your earnings only; we will ask about your [spouse's/partner's] earnings in a separate question.]

*Applies to: Respondents who indicate being employed (or serving in the military) during or after 2011.*

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Item: F3EARN2011CAT

We understand that you may not be able to provide an exact number for your job earnings. However, it would be extremely helpful if you would indicate which of the following ranges best estimates how much you earned from employment prior to taxes and deductions in calendar year 2011. Please include all wages, salaries, net income from a business or farm, commissions, and tips you earned in 2011.

1=Less than \$1,000

2=\$1,000-\$2,499

3=\$2,500-\$4,999

4=\$5,000-\$9,999

5=\$10,000-\$14,999

6=\$15,000-\$19,999

7=\$20,000-\$24,999

8=\$25,000-\$29,999

9=\$30,000-\$34,999

10=\$35,000-\$44,999

11=\$45,000-\$54,999

12=\$55,000-\$64,999

13=\$65,000 and above

*Applies to: Respondents who are administered the previous question but do not provide a response.*

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Item: F3ALLDEBT

Now, think about your debts[, besides any mortgage on your home]. How much do you[ and your spouse/partner] owe altogether? [Do not include mortgage loans, but include all other debts./Include all debts] such as credit card debt, unpaid student loans, unpaid car loans, and all other unpaid loans.

(Please enter '0' if you [and your spouse/partner ]have no debt.)

*Applies to: All respondents.*

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Item: F3CHECK

Before completing the interview, we would like to collect some information to help in processing your \$XX check. (Please update/verify your name below; please also provide a phone number and an address to which you would like your check mailed.)

(Check here if you prefer not to be paid for your participation.)

*Applies to: All respondents.*

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Item: F3SSN

What is your Social Security number?

(Under Title 20 of the General Education Provisions Act, we may collect your Social Security number for the purpose of confirming information abstracted from postsecondary educational records. Giving us your Social Security number is completely voluntary and there is no penalty for not disclosing it.)

*Applies to: Respondents for whom we do not already have a valid Social Security number.*

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Item: F3CONTACT

Last, we want to let you know that some survey participants may be invited to participate in future follow-up studies to learn more about their education and employment experiences. These future follow-up studies will be led by external researchers not affiliated with the Department of Education. We would like to seek your permission to allow RTI to re-contact you on behalf of one of the external researchers. Your participation in any future study is completely voluntary, but there is no substitute for your response.

Are you willing to be contacted about these future studies?

1=Yes

0=No

*Applies to: All respondents.*

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Item: END

Congratulations, you have completed the ELS questionnaire!

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Education, thank you for your time and cooperation. We greatly appreciate your participation in this study.

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