

## Attachments

Attachment A-1: Survey

OMB Control #

### Youth Employment and Education Study

Thank you for your willingness to complete this survey. Your responses to this survey will be kept confidential and your responses will only be reported summarized with other responses. This is NOT a test. There are no right or wrong answers to the questions, so please choose the responses that best apply to you. This survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete. Upon completion of this survey, you will receive a [\$10/\$20] [electronic] gift card.

This study will take place over the course of two years. In order to track your responses confidentially over time, we are asking that you create a code that will enable us to link your surveys to each other.

**First three letters of the city or town in which you were born:** \_ \_ \_ [For example: S P R for Springfield]

**Number of letters in your last name:** \_ \_ [For example 0 5 for Smith]

**First 2 letters of your mother's first name:** \_ \_ [For example M A for Mary. If unknown, enter "AA");]

#### 1. Date of birth

[Month/day/year]

#### 2. Gender

- Male
- Female
- Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3a. Are you a parent or primary caregiver of a child?

- No
- Yes, and all of my children live with me
- Yes, and some of my children live with me
- Yes, and none of my children live with me

#### 3b. Are you a primary caregiver of a parent or other adult (e.g., disabled or sick relative)?

[No, Yes]

#### 4. Have you served on active duty in the military?

[No, Yes]

**5a. Do you consider yourself:**

**1. Hispanic or Latino origin \_\_\_\_\_**

**2. Not Hispanic Latino origin \_\_\_\_\_**

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**5b. What is your race? Please select one or more. <sup>iii</sup> \_**

**American Indian or Alaska Native**

**Asian**

**Black or African American**

**Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander**

**White**

**How do you identify yourself in terms of ethnicity/race? Please select all that apply.**

**Black, not of Hispanic origin**

**~~American Indian or Alaskan Native~~**

**~~Asian or Pacific Islander~~**

**~~White, not of Hispanic origin~~**

**Hispanic**

**~~Other (specify): {open-ended text box}~~**

**6. Where do you currently live?**

a. City or town \_\_\_\_\_

b. Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Check the highest level of education that you have completed:**

Middle school

Some high school

High school diploma or GED

Technical school / Apprenticeship

Some college

Associate's degree

Bachelor's degree

Graduate degree

Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**[If applicable] When did you receive a high school diploma or GED? What month and year?**

**8. When were you last enrolled in school – What was the month and year?**

[Month/year]

**9. What school did you most recently attend?**

- Middle school
- High school
- Vocational/technical/alternative school (e.g., online school, trade school)
- Community college
- 4-year college

**10. Were you employed at any point in the last 6 months?**

[No; Yes]

**11. Are you currently employed [AMERICORPS MEMBERS ONLY: AmeriCorps service does not qualify as employment]?**

[No; Yes]

**11a. [If Yes] Please describe your current employment status:**

- Part-time 1-20 hours per week
- Part time 21-39 hours per week
- Full-time 40 or more hours per week

**11b. [If Yes] How long have you held your current position?**

- Less than 1 month
- 1 to 3 months
- 4 to 6 months
- More than 6 months

**11c. [If No] Please describe your current employment status:**

- Looking for work
- Not looking for work
- Disabled, not able to work
- Pursuing school or training instead of work
- Engaged in part-time volunteer position, internship, or apprenticeship
- Engaged in full-time volunteer position, internship, or apprenticeship

**12. In your most recent job, what was your hourly pay rate (in dollars)? \_\_\_\_\_**

**13. Have you ever done any of the following?**

- A paid part-time job
- A paid full-time job
- A paid internship
- An unpaid internship
- Volunteer work that was not part of a requirement for high school graduation
- Received a stipend for attending a program (*note: does not include AmeriCorps*)
- Baby-sitting, yard-work or chores that you were paid for by a friend or neighbor

**14. What is the longest amount of time you have been at a single job?**

- I have never been employed
- Less than a month
- 1 to 3 months
- 4 to 6 months
- 7 to 11 months
- 1 to 2 years
- More than 2 years

**15. How much do you agree or disagree that each of the following statements describes you?**

[Strongly Agree; Agree; Neither Agree nor Disagree; Disagree; Strongly Disagree]

- a. I can always manage to solve difficult problems if I try hard enough.
- b. If someone opposes me, I can find the means and ways to get what I want.
- c. It is easy for me to stick to my aims and accomplish my goals.
- d. I am confident that I could deal efficiently with unexpected events.
- e. Thanks to my resourcefulness, I know how to handle unforeseen situations.
- f. I can solve most problems if I invest the necessary effort.
- g. I can remain calm when facing difficulties because I can rely on my coping abilities.
- h. When I am confronted with a problem, I can usually find several solutions.
- i. If I am in trouble, I can usually think of a solution.
- j. I can usually handle whatever comes my way.

**16. If you found out about a problem in your community that you wanted to do something about, how well do you think you would be able to do each of the following:**

[I definitely could do this; I probably could do this; Not sure; I could not do this; I definitely could not do this]

- a. Create a plan to address the problem
- b. Get other people to care about the problem
- c. Organize and run a meeting
- d. Express your views in front of a group of people
- e. Identify individuals or groups who could help you with the problem
- f. Express your views on the Internet or through social media
- g. Call someone on the phone you had never met before to get their help with the problem
- h. Contact an elected official about the problem

**17. How much confidence do you have that you could:**

[No confidence at all; Very little confidence; moderate confidence; Much confidence; Complete confidence]

- a. Use the internet to find information about occupations that interest you
- b. Select one occupation from a list of potential occupations you are considering
- c. Determine what your ideal job would be
- d. Prepare a good resume
- e. Decide what you value most in an occupation
- f. Find out about the average yearly earnings of people in an occupation
- g. Identify employers, firms, and institutions relevant to your career possibilities
- h. Successfully manage the job interview process
- i. Identify some reasonable career alternatives if you are unable to get your first choice
- j. Determine the steps to take if you are having academic trouble
- k. Complete a college or trade school application
- l. Apply for financial aid to further your educational goals
- m. Obtain formal training needed to support your career goals
- n. Pass a college course
- o. Obtain certification in a technical or vocational field (e.g., construction, landscaping,

health)

- p. Sign up for health care
- q. Obtain housing vouchers or other housing assistance
- r. Find community resources that address your needs

**18. How much do you agree or disagree with the following:**

[Strongly Agree; Agree; Neither Agree nor Disagree; Disagree; Strongly Disagree]

- a. I have a strong and personal attachment to a particular community
- b. I am aware of the important needs in the community
- c. I feel a personal obligation to contribute in some way to the community
- d. I am or plan to become actively involved in issues that positively affect the community
- e. I believe that voting in elections is a very important obligation that a citizen owes to the country

**19. Generally speaking, would you say that you can trust all the people, most of the people, some of the people, or none of the people in your neighborhood?**

- All of the people
- Most of the people
- Some of the people
- None of the people

**20. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements.**

[Strongly Agree; Agree; Neither Agree nor Disagree; Disagree; Strongly Disagree]

- a. I have a clear idea of what my career goals are
- b. I have a plan for my career
- c. I intend to pursue education beyond high school (e.g., college, trade school)
- d. I know what to seek and what to avoid in developing my career path

**21. In the last 6 months, have you done any of the following?**

- Sent in a resume or completed a job application
- Written or revised your resume
- Interviewed for a job
- Contacted a potential employer
- Talked with a person employed a field you are interested in
- Taken a GED test
- Completed a course in high school, college, or an alternative school
- Completed a college or trade school application
- Completed a financial aid application (e.g., FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Enrolled in a college, trade school, or a certification course

**22. In the last 6 months, have you looked for any of the following?**

- Full-time work
- Part-time work
- Internship or apprenticeship

- Volunteer position

**23. Please assess if the follow factors are barriers to employment for you personally:**

[Large barrier to employment; A barrier but can be overcome; Not a barrier to employment]

- a. No jobs available where I live
- b. Do not have enough work experience for the job I want
- c. Do not have enough education for the job I want
- d. Have family or other responsibilities which interfere
- e. Do not have transportation
- f. Not good at interviews or do not know how to create a resume
- g. Can make more money not in an “official” job
- h. Criminal record makes it difficult to find a job
- i. Credit issues make it hard to find a job
- j. Illness or injury makes it challenging to find a job
- k. Do not wish to work

**24. Are you currently using or visiting any of the following?**

- Local employment development division (for unemployment insurance or for help with finding a job)
- Housing center (for help with finding housing)
- Job center
- Crisis center
- Homeless shelter
- Food bank
- Community health clinic
- Adult school / community college extension programs
- Mutual support or other assistance programs (e.g., AA, NA, AlAnon, grief support groups)

**25. Are you currently accessing any of the following federal or state government supports?**

- Food assistance (e.g., WIC, SNAP)
- Health care assistance (e.g., Medicaid or other health insurance )
- Housing assistance (e.g., housing vouchers)
- Other financial or practical assistance (e.g., TANF, child care assistance programs)

**26. Have you ever been convicted as an adult, or adjudicated as a juvenile offender, of any offense by either a civilian or military court, other than minor traffic violations?**

[No, Yes]

**27. Are you currently facing charges for any offense or on probation or parole?**

[No, Yes]

**28. Are you limited in any way in any activities because of physical, mental, or emotional problems?**

[No, Yes]

**29. How many times have you moved in the last 12 months?**

- I have not moved
- Once
- Two or more times

**30. Were you registered to vote in the last presidential election?**

- Yes
- No
- No I was not eligible to vote
- Don't know

**31. Did you vote in the last presidential election?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

**32. In the last 12 months, how often did you participate in the following activities?**

[Basically every day, a few times a week, a few times a month, once a month, less than once a month, not at all]

- a. Participate in community organizations (school, religious, issue-based, recreational)
- b. Keep informed about news and public issues
- c. Help to keep the community safe and clean
- d. Volunteer for a cause or issue that I care about
- e. Donate money or goods to a cause or issue that I care about

**33. What programs are you participating in or services are you receiving?**

- AmeriCorps or similar national or community service program (e.g., Job Corps, YouthBuild, City Year, Public Allies, Year Up)
- Employment supports, **[AMERICORPS MEMBERS ONLY: other than AmeriCorps]** (e.g., job training)
- Educational supports, **[AMERICORPS MEMBERS ONLY: other than AmeriCorps]** (e.g., tutoring, GED classes, college enrollment assistance)



<sup>[1]</sup> [Office of Management and Budget, Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity Federal Register, Notice October 30, 1997](#)