

### 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 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.~~

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

~~b. Number of letters in your last name: \_\_\_\_\_ [For example 5 for Smith]~~

~~c. 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:-~~

~~Hispanic or Latino origin~~

~~Not Hispanic or Latino origin~~

~~5b. What is your race? Please select one or more.-~~

~~American Indian or Alaskan Native~~

~~Asian~~

~~Black or African American~~

~~Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander~~

~~White~~

6. Where do you currently live?

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

b. State \_\_\_\_\_

c. Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

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

Middle school → Skip to question 8.

Some high school → Skip to question 8.

High school diploma or GED

Technical school / Apprenticeship

Some college

Associate's degree

Bachelor's degree

Graduate degree

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

7a. When did you receive a high school diploma or GED? What month and year?

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

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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 service does not qualify as employment)?

- No → Skip to 11c.
- Yes

11a. 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. 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. 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? Select all that apply

- 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 Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I can always manage to solve difficult problems if I try hard enough.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If someone opposes me, I can find the means and ways to get what I want.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is easy for me to stick to my aims and accomplish my goals.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am confident that I could deal efficiently with unexpected events.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Thanks to my resourcefulness, I know how to handle unforeseen situations.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can solve most problems if I invest the necessary effort.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can remain calm when facing difficulties because I can rely on my coping abilities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When I am confronted with a problem, I can usually find several solutions.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If I am in trouble, I can usually think of a solution.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I can usually handle whatever comes my way.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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
Create a plan to address the problem	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Get other people to care about the problem	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organize and run a meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Express your views in front of a group of people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identify individuals or groups who could help you with the problem	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Express your views on the Internet or through social media	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Call someone on the phone you had never met before to get their help with the problem	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contact an elected official about the problem	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

	No confidence at all	Very little confidence	Moderate confidence	Much confidence	Complete confidence
Use the internet to find information about occupations that interest you	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Select one occupation from a list of potential occupations you are considering	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Determine what your ideal job would be	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prepare a good resume	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Decide what you value most in an occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Find out about the average yearly earnings of people in an occupation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identify employers, firms, and institutions relevant to your career possibilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Successfully manage the job interview process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identify some reasonable career alternatives if you are unable to get your first choice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

17b (Continued). How much confidence do you have that you could:

	No confidence at all	Very little confidence	Moderate confidence	Much confidence	Complete confidence
Determine the steps to take if you are having academic trouble	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Complete a college or trade school application	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apply for financial aid to further your educational goals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Obtain formal training needed to support your career goals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pass a college course	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Obtain certification in a technical or vocational field (e.g., construction, landscaping, health)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sign up for health care	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Obtain housing vouchers or other housing assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Find community resources that address your needs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I have a strong and personal attachment to a particular community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am aware of the important needs in the community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I feel a personal obligation to contribute in some way to the community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I am or plan to become actively involved in issues that positively affect the community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I believe that voting in elections is a very important obligation that a citizen owes to the country	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

19. Generally speaking, would you say that you can trust *none of the people*, *some of the people*, *most of the people*, or *all 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 Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
I have a clear idea of what my career goals are	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have a plan for my career	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I intend to pursue education beyond high school (e.g., college, trade school)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I know what to seek and what to avoid in developing my career path	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

21. In the last 6 months, have you done any of the following? Check all that apply.

- 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 in 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? Check all that apply.

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

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

	Not a barrier to employment	A barrier but can be overcome	Large barrier to employment
No jobs available where I live	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do not have enough work experience for the job I want	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do not have enough education for the job I want	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Have family or other responsibilities which interfere	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do not have transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not good at interviews or do not know how to create a resume	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Can make more money not in an "official" job	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Criminal record makes it difficult to find a job	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Credit issues make it hard to find a job	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Illness or injury makes it challenging to find a job	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do not wish to work	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

24. Are you currently using or visiting any of the following? Check all that apply.

- 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? Check all that apply.

- 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?

	Not at all	Less than once a month	Once a month	A few times a month	A few times a week	Basically every day
Participate in community organizations (school, religious, issue-based, recreational)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keep informed about news and public issues	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Help to keep the community safe and clean	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Volunteer for a cause or issue that I care about	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Donate money or goods to a cause or issue that I care about	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



33. What programs are you participating in or services are you receiving? Check all that apply.

- AmeriCorps or similar national or community service program (e.g., Job Corps, YouthBuild, City Year, Public Allies, Year Up)
- Employment supports, other than AmeriCorps (e.g., job training) **[AMERICORPS MEMBERS ONLY: please report on employment supports that you received other than employment supports from your AmeriCorps program; if you ARE NOT an AmeriCorps member please report on employment supports that you received]**
- Educational supports, other than AmeriCorps (e.g., tutoring, GED classes, college enrollment assistance) **[AMERICORPS MEMBERS ONLY: please report on employment supports that you received other than educational supports from your AmeriCorps program; if you ARE NOT an AmeriCorps member please report on educational supports that you received]**

34. In the past 6 months, did you participate in the following activities (please check all that apply)

- GED or High School Equivalency Diploma (HSED) classes
- Mentoring, classes, or other programs to help you complete High School
- Trade school or college exploration (e.g., application assistance, information on financial resources for education)
- Resume writing, interviewing, networking, or connecting with potential employers
- Training in construction, landscaping, chainsaw use, farming, or environmental preservation
- Career counseling (e.g., learn how to navigate the job environment despite barriers)
- Community resources and services (e.g. healthcare enrollment supports, housing assistance, employment programs)
- Community service activities (e.g., community beautification, environmental conservation, work with disadvantaged populations)
- Civic literacy activities (e.g. information sessions on voter registration, strategies for enacting community change)
- Leadership development activities (e.g., mentoring youth, leadership skills training)

35a. Are you or were you an AmeriCorps member within the last 12 months?

- Yes → Answer question 35.
- No, → End survey, thank you for your participation

35. Did you complete your service with the AmeriCorps program?

Yes

No, but I will complete my service

No, I left service before completion [Go to question 36]

36. What are the reasons you did not complete your service with the AmeriCorps program?  
[check all that apply]

I had an opportunity for paid employment and I took it

I had a personal or family issue, unrelated to AmeriCorps

I was dissatisfied with sponsoring organization or host site

I was dissatisfied with supervisor

I did not feel site or work was a match for my skills and interests

I had financial difficulties

Other reason (specify) \_\_\_\_\_