

2021 National Training, Education, and **Workforce Survey**

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INSTRUCTIONS

People can participate in different types of education and training to get the skills and knowledge needed for a job. Participation in education and training may result in a credential. High school diplomas and college degrees are types of credentials. Other types of credentials include vocational certificates, professional certifications, and licenses. In this survey, we will be asking you questions about your education, your work, and if you have any of these credentials.

- Directions for filling it out are provided with each question.
- Follow all appropriate skip instructions after marking a box. If no skip instruction is provided, you should continue to the next question.
- If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at xxxx@xxxxx.gov or call us toll-free at 1-888-xxx-xxxx.

Thank you for your help. We really appreciate it.

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	Employment Status	4. Have you ever worked for pay or profit?
1.	Are you currently working for pay or profit? If you are temporarily absent from a job because you are on vacation, out sick, on maternity leave, etc., please answer "Yes".	1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No <i>→ Go to Question 23</i>
	1 Yes → Go to Question 6 2 No	5. (If Yes) When did you last work for pay or profit?
		LAST WORKED
2.	(If No) Did you look for work during the last 4 weeks?	MONTH YEAR
	1 Yes 2 No	
3.	What is your MAIN reason for not working?	Go to Question 23
	Mark one answer.	
	1 ☐ Retired 2 ☐ On layoff from job 3 ☐ Student 4 ☐ Family responsibilities 5 ☐ Chronic illness or permanent disability 6 ☐ Suitable job not available 7 ☐ Do not need or want to work 8 ☐ Other – Specify 7	

	Current Employment		What were your earnings from wages, salary, commissions, bonuses, or tips, from all jobs
6.	How many jobs do you have? If you are self-employed, count work with multiple customers or clients as one job. NUMBER OF JOBS		Report the amount before deductions for taxes, bonds, dues, or other items. EARNINGS \$,
7.	Do you work at a full-time job (a job where you usually work 35 or more hours per week)? 1 Yes 2 No	12.	What is the name of your MAIN job? If you have more than one job, answer for the job that you worked the most hours during the past 12 months. For example: 4th grade teacher, entry-level plumber, web developer.
8.	During the PAST 12 MONTHS (52 weeks), did you work EVERY week? Count paid vacation, paid sick leave, and military service as work.		NAME OF MAIN JOB
	1 Yes → Go to Question 10 2 No		The next few questions ask about the MAIN job you wrote in Question 12. Please answer for just that job.
9.	(If No) During the PAST 12 MONTHS (52 weeks), how many WEEKS did you work? Include paid time off and include weeks when you worked for only a few hours. NUMBER OF WEEKS	13.	For the job you wrote in Question 12, what are your most important activities or duties? For example: instruct and evaluate students and create lesson plans; assemble and install pipe sections and review building plans for work details; design, create, and modify websites. ACTIVITIES OR DUTIES
10.	During the PAST 12 MONTHS, in the WEEKS WORKED, how many hours did you usually work each WEEK? NUMBER OF HOURS WORKED		

14.	For the job you wrote in Question 12, please rat your satisfaction with this job's	е	17.	(If Yes) Which one of the following best describes your self-employment?
	Mark one answer for each item.			Mark one answer.
	Very Somewhat Somewhat Very Doe satisfied satisfied dissatisfied dissatisfied dissatisfied a	s not		
а	Wage or salary1 2 3 4 5	\downarrow		Self-employed in a NON-INCORPORATED business, professional practice, or farm
				2☐ Self-employed in an INCORPORATED
b				business, professional practice, or farm
С	Job security1			
d	Opportunities for Advancement1 2 3 4 5		18.	What is your MAIN BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY—
е	Physical working Conditions1 2 3 4 5		10.	that is, what does this employer make or do?
				Include the main activity, product, or services you provide.
				For example: Web design, Management Consulting, Childcare, Landscaping, Realtor, etc.
15.	How would you rate your overall satisfaction with this job?			BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY
	Mark one answer.			
	₁ Very satisfied			
	1 Very satisfied2 Somewhat satisfied			
	3☐ Somewhat dissatisfied			
	4 Very dissatisfied 4 Very dissatisfied			
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16	. For the job you wrote in Question 12, are you self-employed?			Go to Question 21
	₁□ Yes			
	2 No → Go to Question 19			

19.	For the job you wrote in Question 12, which one of the following best describes your employer at this job? Mark one answer. 1 FOR-PROFIT company, organization, or family business 2 NON-PROFIT organization (including taxexempt and charitable organizations) 3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (e.g., city, county, school district) 4 STATE GOVERNMENT (including state colleges and universities) 5 US MILITARY SERVICE, ACTIVE DUTY OR COMISSIONED CORPS (e.g., USPHS, NOAA)	21.	Is this mainly: Mark one answer. Manufacturing? Wholesale trade? Retail trade? Other (agriculture, construction, service, government, etc.)? What is the name and address of the business or employer for the job you wrote in Question 12? If you have more than one job, report your MAIN job.
	 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT (e.g., civilian employee) Other – Specify √ 		If your employer has more than one location, report the location where you work. If you work for a contracting or consulting company, report the name of that company, not the client organization.
20.	What is your employer's MAIN BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY—that is, what does this employer make or do? Include the main activity, product, or service provided at the location where you work. For example: Elementary school, residential construction, microprocessor chip production. BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY		Department/Division City/Town State/Territory Zip Code

	Licenses for Work	27.	What is the primary subject area or field of study for this license?
23.	Do you have a CURRENTLY ACTIVE state or industry license?		SUBJECT AREA
	For example, teaching license, realtor license, land surveyor license, registered nurse license, certified public accountant license, etc. Do not include vendor's licenses or other licenses to operate a business. 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No → Go to Question 37		Go to Question 29
24.	(If Yes) How many CURRENTLY ACTIVE licenses do you have? If you earned a certification in order to get a license, count only the license. NUMBER OF LICENSES	28.	(If No) What is the name of your MOST RECENT license? Please write out the full name of the license. Do not use abbreviations. NAME OF LICENSE
25.	Thinking of all the CURRENTLY ACTIVE licenses you have, did you get any of them for work-related reasons? 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No → Go to Question 28		Go to Question 37
26.	(If Yes) What is the name of your MOST RECENT work-related license? Please write out the full name of the license. Do not		The next few questions ask about the license you wrote in Question 26.
	NAME OF LICENSE	29.	Were you legally required to have this license in order to work? 1 Yes 2 No

30.	Who issued this license?	33.	In what year did you first get this license?
	 Mark one answer. □ City or county government agency (e.g., County Electrical Licensing Board, County Department of Land Use) □ State government agency (e.g., State Board of Education or other state 	34.	YEAR Do you use this license for your MAIN job you
	board) Federal government agency (e.g., OSHA, FAA) Professional or trade association (e.g., American Culinary Federation, CompTIA) Business or company (e.g., Xerox, 3M Company) Other – Specify		wrote in Question 12? Mark one answer. 1 Yes 2 No 3 Does not apply—I am not currently working
		35.	To pay for this license, did you have any of the following support? Mark one answer for each item.
31.	Does this license need to be renewed?		Yes No
	1 Yes		My own savings or earnings1 2
32.	2 No → Go to Question 33 (If Yes) How often does it need to be renewed?		Employer support or reimbursement1 2 Loans, grants, or scholarships from someplace other than my employer 1 2 Support from a professional association
JZ .	Mark one answer.		Some other support – Specify 1 2
	 Yearly Every other year Other − Specify 7 		
		36.	To get the skills and knowledge needed for this license, did you take classes from a college, university, technical or trade school, or other school after high school?
			1 Yes 2 No

	Certifications for Work	41.	What is the primary subject area or field of study for this certification?
37.	Do you have a CURRENTLY ACTIVE professional certification? For example, a nurse midwife certification, ASE master technician certification, or Cisco Networking Professional certification. 1 Yes 2 No → Go to Question 51		SUBJECT AREA Go to Question 43
38.	(If Yes) How many CURRENTLY ACTIVE professional certifications do you have? If you earned a certification in order to get a license, count only the certification. NUMBER OF CERTIFICATIONS	42.	(If No) What is the name of your MOST RECENT certification? Please write out the full name. Do not use abbreviations. NAME OF CERTIFICATION
39.	Thinking of all the CURRENTLY ACTIVE certifications you have, did you get any of them for work-related reasons?		Go to Question 51
40.	(If Yes) What is the name of your MOST RECENT work-related certification? Please write out the full name. Do not use		The next few questions ask about the certification you wrote in Question 40.
	abbreviations. NAME OF CERTIFICATION	43.	Were you legally required to have this certification in order to work? 1 Yes 2 No

44.	Who issued this certification?	47.	In what year did you first get this certification?
	 Mark one answer. □ Professional or trade association (e.g., American Culinary Federation, CompTIA) □ Business or company (e.g., Xerox, 3M Company) □ City or county government agency (e.g., County Electrical Licensing Board, County 	48.	Do you use this certification for your MAIN job you wrote in Question 12?
	Department of Land Use) 4 State government agency (e.g., State Board of Education or other state board) 5 Federal government agency (e.g., OSHA, FAA) 6 Other – Specify		Mark one answer. 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No 3 ☐ Does not apply—I am not currently working
45.	Does this certification need to be renewed?	49.	To pay for this certification, did you have any of the following support? Mark one answer for each item. Yes No My own savings or earnings
46.	(If Yes) How often does it need to be renewed? Mark one answer. 1 Yearly 2 Every other year 3 Other – Specify 7	50.	To get the skills and knowledge needed for this certification, did you take classes from a college, university, technical or trade school, or other school after high school? 1 Yes 2 No

	Work Experience Programs	54.	How often do you use the skills or knowledge that you gained during your last work
51.	Have you ever COMPLETED an internship, apprenticeship, clerkship, externship, residency, clinical experience, or similar program? 1 Yes, I have completed this type of program 2 No, but I am in one now 3 No, and I am not in one now 60 to Question 60	55.	experience program for your MAIN job you wrote in Question 12? Mark one answer. 1 All or most of the time 2 Sometimes 3 Almost never 4 Never In what year did you complete your last work
	In the next series of questions, we refer to internships, apprenticeships, and similar programs as "work experience programs."	00.	experience program? YEAR
52.	What type of work was your last completed work experience program for? For example: administrative assistant, entry-level plumber, etc. TYPE OF WORK	56.	What wage did you earn during your last completed work experience program? Mark one answer. No wage—I was not paid A wage that increased as I gained skills and experience A set wage that was lower than the wage of a fully qualified worker
53.	How related is your last completed work experience program to your MAIN job you wrote in Question 12? Mark one answer. 1 □ Very related 2 □ Somewhat related 3 □ Not related 4 □ Does not apply—I am not currently working → Go to Question 55	57.	Which ONE of the following best describes your last work experience program? Mark one answer. I lt was part of a high school program It was part of a school program after high school It was not part of a formal education program

58.	Did your last completed work experience program require that you take classes from		Education Level
	Mark one answer for each item. Yes No	60.	What is the highest degree or level of school that you have COMPLETED?
	A college, university, technical or trade school, or other school after high school?		Mark one answer. □ Elementary, middle, or high school, but no high school diploma or alternative high school credential (e.g., GED) □ High school diploma Go to
59.	As part of your last completed work experience program, did you get formal training from a		Alternative high school credential (e.g., GED) Question 65 Some college credit, no degree
	coworker or mentor?		 Associate's degree (for example: AA, AS) Bachelor's degree (for example: BA, BS)
	₂ No		7 ☐ Master's degree (for example: MA, MS, MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA) Go to Question 62
			Professional degree beyond a Bachelor's degree (for example: MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD)
			Doctorate degree (for example: PhD, EdD)
		61.	(If elementary, middle, or high school, but no high school diploma or alternative high school credential) Are you currently enrolled in high school?
			Do not include programs to earn an alternative high school credential (e.g., GED).
			2 No → Go to Question 65

62.	In what year did you get your highest degree?		Vocational Certificates
	YEAR	65.	Have you earned a vocational certificate or diploma for completing a training program from a community college, technical or trade school, or some other school?
63.	What was the field of study for your highest degree? FIELD OF STUDY		1 Yes 2 No → Question 72
		66.	Where did you earn your most recent vocational certificate? If you have more than one, answer for your most
64.	Do you use this highest degree for your MAIN job you wrote in Question 12? Mark one answer. 1 Yes 2 No 3 Does not apply—I am not currently working		recent one. Mark one answer. 1 □ A high school 2 □ A community or technical college 3 □ A vocational, trade, or business school 4 □ Another college or university 4 □ Someplace else – Specify 7
		67.	How many hours of instruction did you complete in order to earn your most recent vocational certificate? Mark one answer. 1 50 hours of instruction or less (2 full-time school weeks or less) 2 51 to 299 hours of instruction (more than 2 weeks but less than 3 months of full-time schooling) 3 300 to 899 hours of instruction (3 full-time school months, but less than a full-time academic year) 900 or more hours of instruction (1 full-time academic year or more)

68.	In what year did you get your most recent vocational certificate?		Enrollment
	YEAR	72.	Are you currently enrolled in or taking courses from a college, university, technical or trade school, or other school after high school? 1 ☐ Yes 2 ☐ No → Go to Question 77
69.	What was the field of study for your most recent vocational certificate? FIELD OF STUDY	73.	(If Yes) Are you currently enrolled full time or part time? Mark one answer. 1 Full time 2 Part time
70.	Do you use this vocational certificate for your MAIN job you wrote in Question 12? Mark one answer. 1 Yes 2 No 3 Does not apply—I am not currently working	74.	Are you currently enrolled in a degree program? Do not count certificate or diploma programs. Mark one answer. 1 Yes 2 No, but I plan to transfer to a degree program 3 No, and I do not plan to transfer to a degree program — Go to Question 76
71.	To pay for this certificate, did you have any of the following support? Mark one answer for each item. Yes No My own savings or earnings	75.	What degree are you working toward? Mark one answer. Associate's degree (e.g., AA, AS) Bachelor's degree (e.g., BA, BS) Master's degree (e.g., MA, MS, MEng, MEd, MSW, MBA) Professional degree beyond a Bachelor's degree (e.g., MD, DDS, DVM, LLB, JD) Doctorate degree (e.g., PhD, EdD) Other – Specify
			FIELD OF STUDY

	Background	82.	Are you a native English speaker?				
77.	Are you		1 Yes				
	1 Male		₂ No				
	₂ Female						
78.	What is your birthdate?	83.	How well do you need to speak English for you MAIN job you wrote in Question 12?				
	MONTH DAY YEAR		Mark one answer.				
			I need to be able to easily carry on a conversation				
			I need to be able to reply to or ask simple questions				
79.	Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?		₃☐ I need to be able to use single words or short phrases				
	2□ No		⁴ ☐ I do not need to speak English for this job				
			□ Does not apply—I am not currently working				
80.	What is your race?						
	Mark one or more.	84.	How well do you need to speak Spanish for your MAIN job you wrote in Question 12?				
	American Indian or Alaska Native American Indian or Alaska Native		Mark one answer.				
	Specify tribal affiliation(s)		I need to be able to easily carry on a conversation				
	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander		I need to be able to reply to or ask simple questions				
	₃ Asian		I need to be able to use single words or short phrases				
	⁴ □ Black or African American		4 ☐ I do not need to speak Spanish for this job				
	5 White		5 □ Does not apply—I am not currently working				
			5 Does not apply—I am not currently working				
81.	What is your current marital status?	0.5					
	Mark one answer.	85.	Have you ever served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, Reserves, or National Guard?				
	₁		Mark one answer.				
	2 ☐ Living in a marriage-like relationship		Never served in the military				
	3 Widowed		Only on active duty for training in the Reserves				
	4 ☐ Divorced		or National Guard				
	₅ Separated		Now on active duty				
	6 Never married		□ On active duty in the past, but not now				

86.	Are you currently living in the United States or Puerto Rico, another U.S. territory, or are you living in another country?	This column was intentionally left blank. Go to the next page.
	Mark one answer.	
	□ United States or Puerto Rico	
	2☐ Another U.S. territory	
	₃ Another country	
87.	In what U.S. state, U.S. territory, or foreign country were you born?	
	U.S. STATE, TERRITORY, OR FOREIGN COUNTRY	
88.	Are you a U.S. citizen?	
	1 Yes → Go to question 90	
	2□ No	
89.	(If non-U.S. citizen) Are you currently a non-U.S. citizen with a	
	Mark one answer.	
	Permanent U.S. Resident Visa (Green Card)?	
	2☐ Temporary U.S. Resident Visa?	

90.	. This question will help us better understand the career paths of individuals with different types of limitations.												
	What is the USUAL degree of difficulty you have with												
	Mark one answer for each item.								None	Slight	Moderate	Severe	Unable to do
	1	SEEING words glasses/contact							1	2	3	4	5
	 HEARING what is normally said in conversation with another person (with hearing aid, if you usually wear one) WALKING without human or mechanical assistance 							1	2	3	4	5	
	3	WALKING without or using stairs							1 🗌	2	3	4 🗌	5 🗌
	4 LIFTING or carrying something as heavy as 10 pounds, such as a bag of groceries							1	2	3	4	5	
	5	CONCENTRAT because of a ph							1 🗌	2	3	4	5 🗌
91.	Ho Co	cause we are in the future. To he iched. ome phone number the phone numbe	elp us o	Area Code	ou, plea	Number	phone er	- -	ers and a	an email		vhere yo	
92		How would you Mark one answe □ A questionn □ An online qu □ A telephone	er. naire se uestioni	nt in the m		round	s of thi	s surv	ey?				

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Results of the National Training, Education, and Workforce Survey will be released next year and can be found on the National Science Foundation's website at http://www.nsf.gov/statistics.

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