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**NATIONAL EDUCATION LONGITUDINAL  
STUDY OF 1988**

**SECOND FOLLOW-UP**

**NOT CURRENTLY IN SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE**

**Prepared for the U.S. Department of Education  
National Center for Education Statistics**

**By the National Opinion Research Center (NORC)  
A Social Science Research Center  
at the University of Chicago**

**USES OF THE DATA**

The data from the survey will be used by educators and by federal and state policy makers to address the important issues facing the nation's schools: educational standards, curriculum tracking, dropping out of school, the education of the disadvantaged, the needs of language minority students, incentives for attracting students to the study of science and mathematics, and the features of effective schools.

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1. Section 406 of the General Education Provisions Act (20-USC 1221e-1) and Public Law 100-297 allow us to ask you the questions in this questionnaire.
2. We are asking you these questions in order to gather information about what happens to students when they decide to leave school and make decisions about what they are going to do after leaving.
3. You may skip any questions you do not wish to answer; however, we hope you answer as many questions as you can.
4. Your responses will be combined with those of other respondents, and the answers you give will never be identified as yours.

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**The purpose of this survey is to collect information that will allow educators and policy makers to better understand the experiences individuals have in school as well as in the workplace.**

**This questionnaire is not a test. We hope you will answer each question truthfully, because we need your answer. You may skip any question you do not wish to answer.**

PLEASE READ EACH QUESTION CAREFULLY.

It is important that you follow the directions for responding to each kind of question. These are:

A. CIRCLE ONE

What is the color of your eyes?

(CIRCLE ONE)

- Brown . . . . . 1
- Blue . . . . . 2
- Green . . . . . **3**
- Another color . . . . . 4

If the color of your eyes is green, you would circle the number 3 as shown.

B. CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE

Do you plan to do any of the following next week?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

- |  | Yes | No | Not<br>Sure |
|--|-----|----|-------------|
| a. Rent a Videotape . . . 1 . . . <b>2</b> . . 3           |     |    |             |
| b. Go to a baseball game . . . 1 . . 2 . . <b>3</b>        |     |    |             |
| c. Stop by a friend's house . . . . <b>1</b> . . . 2 . . 3 |     |    |             |

If you do not plan to rent a videotape, are not sure about going to a baseball game next week, and plan to stop by a friend's house, you would circle one item on each line as shown.

C. (QUESTION WITH A SKIP)

a. Do you ever eat chocolate?

(CIRCLE ONE CATEGORY)

Yes ..... 1 -- Go to b -----

No ..... 2 -- Skip to c -----

b. Do you always brush your teeth after eating chocolate? ←-----

(CIRCLE ONE CATEGORY)

Yes ..... 1

No ..... 2

c. Last week, did you do any of the following? ←-----

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

Yes No

Saw a play ..... 1 .. 2

Went to a movie ..... 1 .. 2

Attended a sporting event ..... 1 .. 2









4B. What is your relationship to this person?

(CIRCLE ONE)

A close friend . . . . . 1

A relative . . . . . 2

5A. What is your marital status?



(CIRCLE ONE)

Single, never married . . . . . 01 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 5E ON PAGE 6

Married . . . . . 02 --> GO TO QUESTION 5B

Divorced/separated . . . . . 03 --> GO TO QUESTION 5C

Widowed . . . . . 04 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 5E ON PAGE 6

Not married but living in  
a marriage-like relationship . . . . . 05 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 5E ON PAGE 6

Other . . . . . 06 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 5E ON PAGE 6

5B. When did you marry your current spouse? (WRITE IN BELOW)

|\_\_|\_\_|  
Month

19 |\_\_|\_\_|  
Year

5C. Is the address and telephone number of your spouse or ex-wife/husband the same as yours?

(CIRCLE ONE)

Yes . . . . . 1 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 5E ON PAGE 6

No . . . . . 2 --> GO TO QUESTION 5D ON PAGE 5



## II. YOUR EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES AND ACTIVITIES

5E. What is today's date? (WRITE IN BELOW)

Month		Day	

QUESTION 5F, LIKE ALL ITEMS IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE, IS VOLUNTARY. WE HOPE YOU WILL ANSWER EVERY QUESTION, BUT YOU MAY SKIP ANY QUESTION YOU DO NOT WISH TO ANSWER.

5F. What is your social security number? (WRITE IN NUMBER BELOW)

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WHEN ANSWERING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT "SCHOOL" REFERS TO A SCHOOL GRANTING OR LEADING TO A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.

IT DOES NOT REFER TO A SCHOOL OR PROGRAM LEADING TO A GED OR HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALENCY DEGREE OR TO VOCATIONAL, TECHNICAL, BUSINESS, OR TRADE SCHOOL CERTIFICATION.

6. When did you last attend school (a school granting or leading to a high school diploma)? (CIRCLE ONE MONTH AND YEAR BELOW)

Month			Year				
January . . . . .	01	May . . . . .	05	September . . . . .	09	1987 or before . . . . .	01
February . . . . .	02	June . . . . .	06	October . . . . .	10	1988 . . . . .	02
March . . . . .	03	July . . . . .	07	November . . . . .	11	1989 . . . . .	03
April . . . . .	04	August . . . . .	08	December . . . . .	12	1990 . . . . .	04
						1991 . . . . .	05
						1992 . . . . .	06

7. What grade were you in then?



CIRCLE ONE

- 8th grade ..... 01 --> GO TO QUESTION 8
- 9th grade ..... 02 --> GO TO QUESTION 8
- 10th grade ..... 03 --> GO TO QUESTION 8
- 11th grade ..... 04 --> GO TO QUESTION 8
- 12th grade ..... 05 --> GO TO QUESTION 8
- No grade system used ..... 06 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 9A

8. Did you pass that grade?



CIRCLE ONE

- Yes ..... 1
- No ..... 2

9A. Here are some reasons other people have given for leaving school. Which of these would you say applied to you?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Yes	No
a. I got a job .....	1	2
b. I didn't like school .....	1	2
c. I couldn't get along with my teachers .....	1	2
d. I couldn't get along with other students .....	1	2
e. I wanted to have a family .....	1	2
f. (FOR FEMALES ONLY) I was pregnant .....	1	2
g. I became the father/mother of a baby .....	1	2
h. I had to support my family .....	1	2
i. I was suspended from school .....	1	2
j. I did not feel safe at school .....	1	2
k. I wanted to travel .....	1	2
l. My friends had dropped out of school .....	1	2
m. I had to care for a member of my family .....	1	2
n. I was expelled from school .....	1	2
o. I felt I didn't belong at school .....	1	2
p. I couldn't keep up with my schoolwork .....	1	2
q. I was getting poor grades/failing school .....	1	2
r. I got married or planned to get married .....	1	2
s. I changed schools and didn't like my new school .....	1	2
t. I couldn't work and go to school at the same time .....	1	2
u. I had a drug or alcohol problem .....	1	2
v. Other (DESCRIBE BELOW) .....	1	2

9B. Of the reasons you identified in Question 9A, and considering any other reasons you might have had, what are the main reasons you left the last school you attended? (WRITE IN BELOW)

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10A. Before you *last* left school, did you ever leave school for more than a month for a reason other than illness?

(CIRCLE ONE)

Yes ..... 1 --> GO TO QUESTION 10B

No ..... 2 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 14A ON PAGE 10

10B. When was the very first time you left school for more than a month? (CIRCLE ONE MONTH AND YEAR BELOW)

<u>Month</u>			<u>Year</u>
January .... 01	May ..... 05	September ... 09	1987 or before ..... 01
February ... 02	June ..... 06	October .... 10	1988 ..... 02
March ..... 03	July ..... 07	November ... 11	1989 ..... 03
April ..... 04	August .... 08	December ... 12	1990 ..... 04
			1991 ..... 05
			1992 ..... 06

11. When did you return to school? (CIRCLE ONE MONTH AND YEAR BELOW)

<u>Month</u>			<u>Year</u>
January .... 01	May ..... 05	September ... 09	1987 or before ..... 01
February ... 02	June ..... 06	October .... 10	1988 ..... 02
March ..... 03	July ..... 07	November ... 11	1989 ..... 03
April ..... 04	August .... 08	December ... 12	1990 ..... 04
			1991 ..... 05
			1992 ..... 06

12A. Did you leave school a second time for more than a month for a reason other than illness?

(CIRCLE ONE)

Yes ..... 1 --> GO TO QUESTION 12B

No ..... 2 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 14A

12B. When did you leave? (CIRCLE ONE MONTH AND YEAR BELOW)

<u>Month</u>		<u>Year</u>	
January .... 01	May ..... 05	September ... 09	1987 or before ..... 01
February ... 02	June ..... 06	October .... 10	1988 ..... 02
March ..... 03	July ..... 07	November ... 11	1989 ..... 03
April ..... 04	August .... 08	December ... 12	1990 ..... 04
			1991 ..... 05
			1992 ..... 06

13A. Did you return to school again?

(CIRCLE ONE)

Yes ..... 1 --> GO TO QUESTION 13B

No ..... 2 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 14A

13B. When did you return? (CIRCLE ONE MONTH AND YEAR BELOW)

<u>Month</u>		<u>Year</u>	
January .... 01	May ..... 05	September ... 09	1987 or before ..... 01
February ... 02	June ..... 06	October .... 10	1988 ..... 02
March ..... 03	July ..... 07	November ... 11	1989 ..... 03
April ..... 04	August .... 08	December ... 12	1990 ..... 04
			1991 ..... 05
			1992 ..... 06

14A. Did you attend school during the 1990-91 school year?

(CIRCLE ONE)

Yes ..... 1 --> GO TO QUESTION 14B ON PAGE 11

No ..... 2 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 15 ON PAGE 11

14B. About how many school days did you miss during the 1990-91 school year? (If you left school during that year, count only the days you missed before you left.) (WRITE IN BELOW).

|\_\_|\_\_|\_\_| days

15. What is the name and location of the last school you attended? (WRITE IN BELOW)



Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_

16. Did you attend this school during the 1989-90 school year?

(CIRCLE ONE)

Yes ..... 1

No ..... 2

I was not in school in 1989-90 ..... 3

17A. On the whole, do you feel that leaving school was a good decision for you?



(CIRCLE ONE)

Yes ..... 1

No ..... 2

Don't know ..... 3

17B. Please explain why you feel that way. (WRITE IN BELOW)

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18. How much do you agree with the following statements about the school you left?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

- |  | Strongly<br>agree | Agree | Disagree | Strongly<br>disagree |
|--|-------------------|-------|----------|----------------------|
| a. There was real school spirit . . . . .  | 1                 | 2     | 3        | 4                    |
| b. Students made friends with students of other racial and ethnic groups . . . . . | 1                 | 2     | 3        | 4                    |
| c. The teaching was good . . . . .   | 1                 | 2     | 3        | 4                    |
| d. Teachers were interested in students . . . . .                                  | 1                 | 2     | 3        | 4                    |
| e. Disruptions by other students got in the way of my learning . . . . .           | 1                 | 2     | 3        | 4                    |
| f. I didn't feel safe at this school . . . . .                                     | 1                 | 2     | 3        | 4                    |
| g. Fights often occurred between different racial or ethnic groups . . . . .       | 1                 | 2     | 3        | 4                    |
| h. There were many gangs in school . . . . .                                       | 1                 | 2     | 3        | 4                    |

19. How many times did the following things happen to you during the *last* semester or term you *completed* in school?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Never	1-2 times	3-6 times	7-9 times	10-15 times	Over 15 times
a. I was late for school . . . . .	00 . . . . .	01 . . . . .	02 . . . . .	03 . . . . .	04 . . . . .	05 . . . . .
b. I cut or skipped classes . . . . .	00 . . . . .	01 . . . . .	02 . . . . .	03 . . . . .	04 . . . . .	05 . . . . .
c. I missed a day of school . . . . .	00 . . . . .	01 . . . . .	02 . . . . .	03 . . . . .	04 . . . . .	05 . . . . .
d. I got in trouble for not following school rules . . . . .	00 . . . . .	01 . . . . .	02 . . . . .	03 . . . . .	04 . . . . .	05 . . . . .
e. I was put on an in- school suspension . . . . .	00 . . . . .	01 . . . . .	02 . . . . .	03 . . . . .	04 . . . . .	05 . . . . .
f. I was suspended or put on probation from school . . . . .	00 . . . . .	01 . . . . .	02 . . . . .	03 . . . . .	04 . . . . .	05 . . . . .
g. I was transferred to another school for disciplinary reasons . . . . .	00 . . . . .	01 . . . . .	02 . . . . .	03 . . . . .	04 . . . . .	05 . . . . .
h. I was arrested . . . . .	00 . . . . .	01 . . . . .	02 . . . . .	03 . . . . .	04 . . . . .	05 . . . . .
i. I spent time in a juvenile home/detention center . . . . .	00 . . . . .	01 . . . . .	02 . . . . .	03 . . . . .	04 . . . . .	05 . . . . .

20.  In the last high school you attended, which of the following best describes the type of program you were in?

(CIRCLE ONE)

- a. Never attended high school. . . . . 00
- b. General high school program . . . . . 01
- c. College prep, academic, or specialized  
academic (such as Science or Math) . . . . . 02
- d. Vocational, technical, or business and career
  - Industrial arts/Technology education . . . . . 03
  - Agricultural occupations . . . . . 04
  - Business or office occupations . . . . . 05
  - Marketing or Distributive education . . . . . 06
  - Health occupations . . . . . 07
  - Home economics occupations . . . . . 08
  - Consumer and homemaking education . . . . . 09
  - Technical occupations . . . . . 10
  - Trade or industrial occupations . . . . . 11
- e. Other specialized high school program  
(such as Fine Arts) . . . . . 12
- f. Special education program . . . . . 13
- g. Don't know . . . . . 14
- h. Alternative, Stay-in-School, or Dropout  
Prevention Program . . . . . 15



Did anyone from your *school* do any of the following the last time you stopped going to school?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Yes	No
a. Offered to send me to another school . . . . .	1	2
b. Offered to put me in a special program . . . . .	1	2
c. Offered special tutoring . . . . .	1	2
d. Offered to help me make up work I missed . . . . .	1	2
e. Offered to help me with personal problems . . . . .	1	2
f. Told me I could come back if I kept a certain grade point average . . . . .	1	2
g. Told me I could come back if I didn't miss school so often . . . . .	1	2
h. Told me I could come back if I followed school discipline rules . . . . .	1	2
i. Tried to talk me into staying . . . . .	1	2
j. Told me I couldn't come back . . . . .	1	2
k. Expelled or suspended me . . . . .	1	2
l. Called or visited my home . . . . .	1	2

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Did your *parents or guardians* do any of the following the last time you stopped going to school?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

- |   | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| a. Offered to send me to another school . . . . .   | 1   | 2  |
| b. Offered to put me in a special program . . . . .   | 1   | 2  |
| c. Offered to arrange for special tutoring . . . . .  | 1   | 2  |
| d. Offered to help me make up work I missed . . . . .   | 1   | 2  |
| e. Offered to help me with personal problems . . . . .  | 1   | 2  |
| f. Tried to talk me into staying in school . . . . .  | 1   | 2  |
| g. Told me it was "OK" to leave . . . . .   | 1   | 2  |
| h. Told me they were upset . . . . .  | 1   | 2  |
| i. Punished me for leaving school . . . . .   | 1   | 2  |
| j. Told me it was my decision to make . . . . .   | 1   | 2  |
| k. Called my principal/teacher . . . . .  | 1   | 2  |
| l. Called a school counselor . . . . .  | 1   | 2  |
| m. Offered to arrange for outside counseling for me<br>(with a psychologist or social worker) . . . . . | 1   | 2  |

23.  
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Since leaving school, have you enrolled in an educational institution, such as a vocational or trade school, or a college?

(CIRCLE YES OR NO ON EACH LINE)

- |   | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----|
| a. Technical, vocational, or trade school . . . . .   | 1   | 2  |
| b. Two-year junior/community college:<br><i>technical, vocational, or trade program</i> . . . . . | 1   | 2  |
| c. Two-year junior/community college:<br><i>academic program</i> . . . . .                        | 1   | 2  |
| d. Four-year college or university . . . . .  | 1   | 2  |
| e. GED program . . . . .  | 1   | 2  |

24. In the *past 2 years*, did any of the following things happen to you?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

- |  | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| a. I looked into an alternative school .....                               | 1   | 2  |
| b. I saw a counselor/social worker .....                                   | 1   | 2  |
| c. I went to a youth center or outreach program .....                      | 1   | 2  |
| d. I went to family counseling .....                                       | 1   | 2  |
| e. I did work for my religious group .....                                 | 1   | 2  |
| f. I was in a drug rehabilitation program .....                            | 1   | 2  |
| g. I was in an alcohol rehabilitation program .....                        | 1   | 2  |
| h. I failed a competency test required for<br>high school graduation ..... | 1   | 2  |
| i. I was held back a grade in school .....                                 | 1   | 2  |
| j. I failed a course in school .....                                       | 1   | 2  |

The next few questions have to do with alternative programs in schools. Students in alternative programs take courses or receive special services that are different from the courses and services that most students get.

A GED program is an alternative program **ONLY IF** it involves services or courses that are not available to most students.

An alternative program can be part of a regular high school or it can exist by itself. Examples of alternative programs are: a school-within-a-school, a program for teenage parents, a dropout prevention program, a street academy, or a high school re-entry program.

25. Have you ever participated in an alternative program?

(CIRCLE ONE)

Yes ..... 1 --> GO TO QUESTION 26A

No ..... 2 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 31 ON PAGE 20

26A. When did you *enter* the most recent alternative program in which you have participated?  
(CIRCLE ONE FOR THE MONTH AND YEAR BELOW)

<u>Month</u>		<u>Year</u>	
January .... 01	May ..... 05	September ... 09	1987 or before ..... 01
February ... 02	June ..... 06	October .... 10	1988 ..... 02
March ..... 03	July ..... 07	November ... 11	1989 ..... 03
April ..... 04	August .... 08	December ... 12	1990 ..... 04
			1991 ..... 05
			1992 ..... 06

26B. Are you still enrolled in this program?

(CIRCLE ONE)

Yes ..... 1 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 27 ON PAGE 19

No, I left before completing the program ..... 2 --> GO TO QUESTION 26C ON PAGE 19

No, I completed the program ..... 3 --> GO TO QUESTION 26C ON PAGE 19

26C. When did you *leave or complete* the most recent alternative program?  
 (CIRCLE ONE MONTH AND YEAR BELOW)

<u>Month</u>			<u>Year</u>
January . . . . 01	May . . . . . 05	September . . . 09	1987 or before . . . . . 01
February . . . 02	June . . . . . 06	October . . . . 10	1988 . . . . . 02
March . . . . . 03	July . . . . . 07	November . . . 11	1989 . . . . . 03
April . . . . . 04	August . . . . 08	December . . . 12	1990 . . . . . 04
			1991 . . . . . 05
			1992 . . . . . 06

27. Which of the following people referred you to this alternative program?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Yes	No
a. Your parent(s) . . . . .	1	2
b. Your brother(s)/sister(s) . . . . .	1	2
c. A teacher . . . . .	1	2
d. A school principal . . . . .	1	2
e. A school counselor . . . . .	1	2
f. A friend . . . . .	1	2
g. A relative . . . . .	1	2
h. Your minister, priest, or rabbi . . . . .	1	2
i. A social worker . . . . .	1	2
j. An adult friend or acquaintance outside of school . . . . .	1	2
k. Yourself . . . . .	1	2

28. Why did you enter this alternative program? (WRITE IN BELOW)

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29. Have you received or did you receive any of the following services from this program?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Yes	No	Program does/did not offer
a. Special instructional programs .....	1	2	3
b. Tutoring by teachers .....	1	2	3
c. Tutoring by other students .....	1	2	3
d. Incentives or rewards for attendance or classroom performance .....	1	2	3
e. Individual or group counseling .....	1	2	3
f. Career counseling .....	1	2	3
g. Job placement assistance .....	1	2	3
h. Health care or health care referrals .....	1	2	3
i. Childcare or nurseries for your children .....	1	2	3

30. Altogether, in how many alternative programs have you participated?

(CIRCLE ONE)

- 1 .....
- 2 .....
- 3 - 4 .....
- 5 or more .....

31. Do you plan to get a GED, high school diploma, or its equivalent?



(CIRCLE ONE)

- I have a GED or  
other equivalent ..... 1 -> GO TO QUESTION 32 ON PAGE 21
- Yes ..... 2 -> SKIP TO QUESTION 33A ON PAGE 21
- No ..... 3 -> SKIP TO QUESTION 35 ON PAGE 22

32. When did you receive your GED, or equivalent?  
(WRITE IN BELOW)

|\_\_|\_\_| 19 |\_\_|\_\_| --> SKIP TO QUESTION 35 ON PAGE 22  
Month Year

33A. Are you currently taking a class to prepare for the GED examination?

(CIRCLE ONE)

Yes ..... 1 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 34

No ..... 2 --> GO TO QUESTION 33B

33B. Do you plan to do either of the following?

(CIRCLE ONE)

Go back to school to  
get a high school diploma? ..... 1 ..... 2

Enroll in a class to  
prepare for taking the GED  
or other equivalency test? ..... 1 ..... 2

34. About when do you expect to receive a high school diploma, or to take the examination for the GED  
or other high school equivalency exam? (WRITE IN DATE OR CIRCLE "1" BELOW)

|\_\_|\_\_| 19 |\_\_|\_\_|  
Month Year

Don't know ..... 1

35. How often do you spend time on the following activities?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Never/ rarely	Less than once a week	Once or twice a week	Every day or almost every day
a. Using personal computers, not including playing video/computer games . . . . .	1	2	3	4
b. Working on hobbies, arts, or crafts on your own . . . . .	1	2	3	4
c. Participating in religious activities . . . . .	1	2	3	4
d. Participating in youth groups or recreational programs . . . . .	1	2	3	4
e. Doing volunteer or community service . . . . .	1	2	3	4
f. Driving or riding around (alone or with friends) . . . . .	1	2	3	4
g. Talking or doing things with your friends . . . . .	1	2	3	4
h. Talking or doing things with your mother or father . . . . .	1	2	3	4
i. Talking or doing things with other adults . . . . .	1	2	3	4
j. Taking classes (music, art, language, dance) . . . . .	1	2	3	4
k. Taking sports lessons . . . . .	1	2	3	4
l. Participating in sports . . . . .	1	2	3	4

### III. YOUR PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

36.



How important is each of the following to you in your life?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Not important	Somewhat important	Very important
a. Being successful in my line of work .....	1 .....	2 .....	3
b. Finding the right person to marry and having a happy family life .....	1 .....	2 .....	3
c. Having lots of money .....	1 .....	2 .....	3
d. Having strong friendships .....	1 .....	2 .....	3
e. Being able to find steady work .....	1 .....	2 .....	3
f. Helping other people in my community .....	1 .....	2 .....	3
g. Being able to give my children better opportunities than I've had .....	1 .....	2 .....	3
h. Living close to parents and relatives .....	1 .....	2 .....	3
i. Getting away from this community .....	1 .....	2 .....	3
j. Working to correct social and economic inequalities .....	1 .....	2 .....	3
k. Having children .....	1 .....	2 .....	3
l. Having leisure time to enjoy my own interests .....	1 .....	2 .....	3
m. Getting away from my parents .....	1 .....	2 .....	3
n. Becoming an expert in my field of work .....	1 .....	2 .....	3
o. Getting a good education .....	1 .....	2 .....	3

37. How far in school do you think your father and your mother want you to go? (BE SURE TO ANSWER BOTH A AND B BELOW FOR PARENTS WITH WHOM YOU LIVE OR WITH WHOM YOU HAVE REGULAR CONTACT).

(IN EACH COLUMN, CIRCLE THE ONE HIGHEST NUMBER THAT APPLIES)

	A. Father (or male guardian)	B. Mother (or female guardian)
Does not apply . . . . .	00	00
Less than high school graduation . . . . .	01	01
High school graduation only or GED or its equivalent only . . . . .	02	02
<b>VOCATIONAL, TRADE, OR BUSINESS SCHOOL AFTER HIGH SCHOOL</b>		
Less than two years of school . . . . .	03	03
Two years or more of school . . . . .	04	04
A degree from a vocational, trade, or business school . . . . .	05	05
<b>COLLEGE PROGRAM</b>		
Less than two years of college . . . . .	06	06
Two or more years of college (including two-year degree) . . . . .	07	07
Finish college (four- or five-year degree) . . . . .	08	08
<b>GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL</b>		
Master's degree or equivalent . . . . .	09	09
Ph.D., M.D., or other professional degree . . . . .	10	10
Don't know . . . . .	11	11

38. As things stand now, how far in school do you think you will get?

(CIRCLE THE ONE HIGHEST NUMBER THAT APPLIES)

Less than high school graduation ..... 01

High school graduation only ..... 02

**VOCATIONAL, TRADE, OR BUSINESS SCHOOL AFTER HIGH SCHOOL**

Less than two years of school ..... 03

Two years or more of school ..... 04

A degree from a vocational, trade, or business school ..... 05

**COLLEGE PROGRAM**

Less than two years of college ..... 06

Two or more years of college (including two-year degree) ..... 07

Finish college (four- or five-year degree) ..... 08

**GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL**

Master's degree or equivalent ..... 09

Ph.D., M.D., or other  
professional degree ..... 10

Don't know ..... 11

39. Have any of the following people talked to you about continuing your education?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Yes	No
a. Your parent(s) .....	1	2
b. Your brother(s)/sister(s) .....	1	2
c. A teacher .....	1	2
d. A school principal .....	1	2
e. A school counselor .....	1	2
f. A friend .....	1	2
g. A relative .....	1	2
h. Your minister, priest, or rabbi .....	1	2
i. A social worker .....	1	2
j. An adult friend or acquaintance outside of school .....	1	2

- 40A. Which of the categories below comes closest to describing the job or occupation that you expect or plan to have when you are 30 years old? Even if you are not sure, circle your best guess.

(CIRCLE ONLY ONE)

- FARMER, FARM MANAGER ..... 01
- FULL-TIME HOMEMAKER ..... 02
- LABORER such as construction worker, car washer,  
garbage collector, farm worker ..... 03
- MANAGER such as sales manager, office manager,  
school administrator, retail buyer,  
restaurant manager, government administrator ..... 04
- MILITARY such as career officer or enlisted person  
in the Armed Forces ..... 05
- OFFICE WORKER such as data entry clerk, bank teller,  
bookkeeper, secretary, word processor,  
mail carrier, ticket agent ..... 06
- OPERATOR of machines or tools, such as meat cutter,  
assembler, welder, taxicab/bus/truck driver ..... 07
- OWNER of a small business or restaurant, contractor ..... 08
- PROFESSIONAL such as accountant, registered  
nurse, engineer, banker, librarian, writer,  
social worker, actor, athlete, artist,  
politician, but not including school teacher ..... 09
- PROFESSIONAL such as minister, dentist, doctor,  
lawyer, scientist, college teacher ..... 10
- PROTECTIVE SERVICE such as police officer,  
firefighter, detective, sheriff, security guard ..... 11
- SALES such as sales representative, advertising or  
insurance agent, real estate broker ..... 12
- SCHOOL TEACHER such as elementary, junior high, or  
high school, but not college ..... 13
- SERVICE WORKER such as hair stylist, practical nurse,  
child care worker, waiter, domestic, janitor ..... 14
- TECHNICAL such as computer programmer,  
medical or dental technician, draftsman ..... 15
- TRADESPERSON such as baker, auto mechanic,  
housepainter, plumber, phone/cable installer, carpenter ..... 16
- NOT PLANNING TO WORK ..... 17
- WILL BE IN SCHOOL ..... 18
- OTHER ..... 19

40B. Do you feel that you have enough skills right now for the job or career that you see yourself holding 5 years from now?

(CIRCLE ONE)

- No, I will need additional job training/apprenticeship ..... 1
- No, I will need additional work experience/on-the-job-training ..... 2
- No, I will need to go to a two- or four-year college or university ..... 3
- No, I will need to go to a vocational or trade school ..... 4
- Yes, I have enough skills ..... 5

40C. How much education do you think you need to get the job you expect to have when you are 30 years old?

(CIRCLE ONLY ONE)

- No high school ..... 00
- Some high school ..... 01
- High school diploma or GED or its equivalent ... 02
- Less than two years of vocational, trade, or business school ..... 03
- Two years or more of vocational, trade, or business school ..... 04
- A degree from a vocational, trade, or business school ..... 05
- Some college education ..... 06
- 2 year college degree ..... 07
- 4 or 5 year college degree ..... 08
- Graduate degree (Master's or Ph.D.) ..... 09
- Professional degree (J.D. or M.D.) ..... 10
- Not planning to work ..... 11



IV. MONEY AND WORK

In this section we ask you about the kinds of jobs you have had, the hours you worked and your income from these jobs, and the tie between your training and education and your work. Your answers will help us interpret the results of this survey.

41. *Whether or not you already have a job, were you looking for a job last week?*

(CIRCLE ONE)

Yes ..... 1 --> GO TO QUESTION 42

No ..... 2 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 43 ON PAGE 29

42. *Have you done any of the following in the last week to find a job?*

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Yes	No
a. Checked with state employment agency .....	1	2
b. Checked with private employment agency .....	1	2
c. Checked with military recruiter .....	1	2
d. Checked directly with employer .....	1	2
e. Checked with friends or relatives .....	1	2
f. Placed or answered ads in newspaper .....	1	2
g. Looked in the newspaper classified ads .....	1	2
h. Checked with school employment service .....	1	2
i. Checked with a community college or university employment service .....	1	2
j. Other .....	1	2

NOW SKIP TO QUESTION 44A ON PAGE 29

43. Why weren't you looking for a job last week? (If more than one reason, circle the main reason.)

(CIRCLE ONE)

- I already have a job ..... 01
  - I'd like to go back to school, full-time ..... 02
  - I have to take care of my children/family ..... 03
  - I have applied for jobs but was not hired ..... 04
  - The jobs I think I could get I don't want ..... 05
  - I don't need the money ..... 06
  - I don't like to work ..... 07
  - No jobs are available ..... 08
  - I lack the necessary skills to get a job ..... 09
  - Other (SPECIFY BELOW) ..... 10
- 

44A. How many jobs have you held since you last left high school?

(CIRCLE ONE)

- None ..... 00 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 48A ON PAGE 40
- One ..... 01 --> GO TO QUESTION 44B
- Two ..... 02 --> GO TO QUESTION 44B
- Three ..... 03 --> GO TO QUESTION 44B
- Four ..... 04 --> GO TO QUESTION 44B
- Five or more ..... 05 --> GO TO QUESTION 44B

44B. Please mark a box for each month during which you worked at all (full- or part-time or were in the military) since you left high school.

- | <u>1990</u>                        | <u>1991</u>                       | <u>1992</u>                       |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> June      | <input type="checkbox"/> January  | <input type="checkbox"/> January  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> July      | <input type="checkbox"/> February | <input type="checkbox"/> February |
| <input type="checkbox"/> August    | <input type="checkbox"/> March    | <input type="checkbox"/> March    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> September | <input type="checkbox"/> April    | <input type="checkbox"/> April    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> October   | <input type="checkbox"/> May      | <input type="checkbox"/> May      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> November  | <input type="checkbox"/> June     |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> December  |                                   |                                   |

NEXT WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU ABOUT TWO JOBS YOU HAVE HAD:

1. YOUR CURRENT JOB OR, IF YOU ARE NOT PRESENTLY EMPLOYED, YOUR MOST RECENT JOB, AND
2. YOUR FIRST JOB AFTER LEAVING HIGH SCHOOL.

FIRST COMPLETE QUESTION 45, PARTS A THROUGH P, FOR YOUR CURRENT OR MOST RECENT JOB, AND THEN COMPLETE ALL OF QUESTION 46 FOR YOUR FIRST JOB AFTER LEAVING HIGH SCHOOL.

IF YOU HAVE HAD ONLY ONE JOB SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL, YOU WILL COMPLETE ONLY QUESTION 45 FOR THAT ONE JOB.

IF YOU ARE OR HAVE BEEN IN THE MILITARY, CONSIDER YOUR ENTIRE MILITARY EXPERIENCE AS ONE JOB.

45. CURRENT OR, IF NOT CURRENTLY EMPLOYED, MOST RECENT JOB

IF YOU HAVE (OR MOST RECENTLY HAD) TWO JOBS AT THE SAME TIME, ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW FOR THE JOB YOU HAVE HAD THE LONGEST.

- 45A. Which of the categories below comes closest to describing your current or, if presently unemployed, most recent job? Even if you are not sure, circle your best guess.



(CIRCLE ONE)

- FARMER, FARM MANAGER ..... 01
- FULL-TIME HOMEMAKER ..... 02
- LABORER such as construction worker, car washer,  
garbage collector, farm worker ..... 03
- MANAGER such as sales manager, office manager,  
school administrator, retail buyer,  
restaurant manager, government administrator ..... 04
- MILITARY such as career officer or enlisted person  
in the Armed Forces ..... 05
- OFFICE WORKER such as data entry clerk, bank teller,  
bookkeeper, secretary, word processor,  
mail carrier, ticket agent ..... 06
- OPERATOR of machines or tools, such as meat cutter,  
assembler, welder, taxicab/bus/truck driver ..... 07
- OWNER of a small business or restaurant, contractor ..... 08
- PROFESSIONAL such as accountant, registered  
nurse, engineer, banker, librarian, writer,  
social worker, actor, athlete, artist,  
politician, but not including school teacher ..... 09
- PROFESSIONAL such as minister, dentist, doctor,  
lawyer, scientist, college teacher ..... 10
- PROTECTIVE SERVICE such as police officer,  
firefighter, detective, sheriff, security guard ..... 11
- SALES such as sales person, sales representative, advertising or  
insurance agent, real estate broker ..... 12
- SCHOOL TEACHER such as elementary, junior high, or  
high school, but not college ..... 13
- SERVICE WORKER such as hair stylist, child care worker,  
waiter, domestic, janitor, practical nurse ..... 14
- TECHNICAL such as computer programmer,  
medical or dental technician, draftsman ..... 15
- TRADESPERSON such as baker, auto mechanic,  
housepainter, plumber, phone/cable installer, carpenter ..... 16
- OTHER (WRITE IN BELOW) ..... 19
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45B. What kind of job or occupation do you have? (WRITE IN BELOW)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

45C. What kind of business or industry is this job in? (WRITE IN BELOW)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

45D. What are your main activities or duties on this job? (WRITE IN BELOW)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

45E. When did you start working at this job? (WRITE IN BELOW)  
                  |\_\_|\_\_|                  19 |\_\_|\_\_|  
                  MONTH                  YEAR

45F. Do you still have this job?  
(CIRCLE ONE)  
Yes . . . . . 1 --> SKIP TO 45J ON PAGE 33  
No . . . . . 2 --> GO TO 45G

45G. When did you leave this job? (WRITE IN BELOW)  
                  |\_\_|\_\_|                  19 |\_\_|\_\_|  
                  MONTH                  YEAR

45H. Why did you leave this job?  
(CIRCLE THE ONE MOST IMPORTANT REASON)

Job ended (temporary or seasonal job, laid off, or fired) . . . . .	01
School-related reasons (graduated, school started, school year ended) . . . . .	02
Quit because job, hours, or pay, etc., unsatisfactory . . . . .	03
Moved elsewhere . . . . .	04
Health-related reasons (illness, injury, pregnancy) . . . . .	05
Other (WRITE IN BELOW) . . . . .	06

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45I. Were you without a job AND looking for work right after you left this job?

(CIRCLE ONE)

Yes..... 1 --> How many weeks were or have you been looking? |\_\_|\_\_| WEEKS

No ..... 2

45J. How much do/did you earn per hour when you first started this job?

(CIRCLE ONE)

- Less than \$4.25 ..... 01
- \$4.25 - 6.00 ..... 02
- \$6.01 - 8.00 ..... 03
- \$8.01 - 10.00 ..... 04
- \$10.01 - 12.00 ..... 05
- \$12.01 - 14.00 ..... 06
- \$14.01 - 16.00 ..... 07
- \$16.01 or more ..... 08

45K. How much do you earn per hour currently, or did you earn just before you left this job?



(CIRCLE ONE)

- Less than \$4.25 ..... 01
- \$4.25 - 6.00 ..... 02
- \$6.01 - 8.00 ..... 03
- \$8.01 - 10.00 ..... 04
- \$10.01 - 12.00 ..... 05
- \$12.01 - 14.00 ..... 06
- \$14.01 - 16.00 ..... 07
- \$16.01 or more ..... 08

45L. About how many hours a week did or do you *usually* work in this job? (WRITE IN BELOW)



Hours Per Week: |\_\_|\_\_|

45M. How did you find this job?

(CIRCLE THE ONE MOST IMPORTANT CATEGORY)

- School employment or placement service ..... 01
  - Public employment service ..... 02
  - Private employment agency ..... 03
  - Newspaper advertisement ..... 04
  - Checked with employer directly ..... 05
  - Through a relative ..... 06
  - Through a friend ..... 07
  - Civil Service application ..... 08
  - Union registration ..... 09
  - Other (WRITE IN BELOW) ..... 10
- 

45N. In this job are/were you. . .

(CIRCLE ONE)

- An employee of a COMPANY or BUSINESS? ..... 01
- An employee of a NON-PROFIT organization or institution? .. 02
- A GOVERNMENT employee (federal, state, local)? ..... 03
- Self-employed? ..... 04
- Working FOR PAY in your family's business or farm? ..... 05
- Working WITHOUT PAY in your family's business or farm? .. 06
- Working WITHOUT PAY in a VOLUNTEER JOB? ..... 07

45O. How did you learn to do this job?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Yes	No
a. In one or more classes in high school . . . . .	1	2
b. In a vocational, trade, business, or other career training school . . . . .	1	2
c. In an apprenticeship or government training program . . . . .	1	2
d. In a junior/community college, or 4-year college or university . . . . .	1	2
e. In the Armed Forces . . . . .	1	2
f. A co-worker trained me . . . . .	1	2
g. I learned by myself . . . . .	1	2
h. In a union-sponsored training program . . . . .	1	2
i. In an employer-sponsored training program . . . . .	1	2
j. I learned at a previous job . . . . .	1	2
k. Other (DESCRIBE BELOW) . . . . .	1	2

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45P. Have you held any other jobs since you left school?

(CIRCLE ONE)

- Yes . . . . . 1 --> GO TO QUESTION 46 ON PAGE 36  
No . . . . . 2 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 47 ON PAGE 40



46. FIRST JOB AFTER LEAVING HIGH SCHOOL.

IF YOU HAD TWO JOBS AT THE SAME TIME, ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW FOR THE JOB YOU HAD THE LONGEST.

46A. Which of the categories below comes closest to describing your first job after high school? Even if you are not sure, circle your best guess.

(CIRCLE ONE)

- FARMER, FARM MANAGER ..... 01
  - FULL-TIME HOMEMAKER ..... 02
  - LABORER such as construction worker, car washer,  
garbage collector, farm worker ..... 03
  - MANAGER such as sales manager, office manager,  
school administrator, retail buyer,  
restaurant manager, government administrator ..... 04
  - MILITARY such as career officer or enlisted person  
in the Armed Forces ..... 05
  - OFFICE WORKER such as data entry clerk, bank teller,  
bookkeeper, secretary, word processor,  
mail carrier, ticket agent ..... 06
  - OPERATOR of machines or tools, such as meat cutter,  
assembler, welder, taxicab/bus/truck driver ..... 07
  - OWNER of a small business or restaurant, contractor ..... 08
  - PROFESSIONAL such as accountant, registered  
nurse, engineer, banker, librarian, writer,  
social worker, actor, athlete, artist,  
politician, but not including school teacher ..... 09
  - PROFESSIONAL such as minister, dentist, doctor,  
lawyer, scientist, college teacher ..... 10
  - PROTECTIVE SERVICE such as police officer,  
firefighter, detective, sheriff, security guard ..... 11
  - SALES such as sales representative, advertising or  
insurance agent, real estate broker ..... 12
  - SCHOOL TEACHER such as elementary, junior high, or  
high school, but not college ..... 13
  - SERVICE WORKER such as hair stylist, practical nurse,  
child care worker, waiter, domestic, janitor ..... 14
  - TECHNICAL such as computer programmer,  
medical or dental technician, draftsman ..... 15
  - TRADESPERSON such as baker, auto mechanic,  
housepainter, plumber, phone/cable installer, carpenter ..... 16
  - OTHER (WRITE IN BELOW) ..... 19
-

46B. When did you start working at this job? (WRITE IN BELOW)

|\_\_|\_\_|  
MONTH

19 |\_\_|\_\_|  
YEAR

46C. When did you leave this job?

|\_\_|\_\_|  
MONTH

19 |\_\_|\_\_|  
YEAR

46D. Why did you leave this job?

(CIRCLE THE ONE MOST IMPORTANT REASON)

- Job ended (temporary job, laid off, or fired) ..... 01
- School-related reasons (graduated, school started, school year ended) ..... 02
- Quit because job, hours, or pay, etc., unsatisfactory ..... 03
- Found a better job or was promoted ..... 04
- Moved elsewhere ..... 05
- Health-related reasons (illness, injury, pregnancy) ..... 06
- Other (WRITE IN BELOW) ..... 07

46E. Were you without a job AND looking for work right after you left this job?

(CIRCLE ONE)

Yes ..... 1 --> How many weeks were you looking? |\_\_|\_\_| WEEKS

No ..... 2

46F. How much did you earn per hour when you first started this job?

(CIRCLE ONE)

- Less than \$4.25 ..... 01
- \$4.25 - 6.00 ..... 02
- \$6.01 - 8.00 ..... 03
- \$8.01 - 10.00 ..... 04
- \$10.01 - 12.00 ..... 05
- \$12.01 - 14.00 ..... 06
- \$14.01 - 16.00 ..... 07
- \$16.01 or more ..... 08

46G. How much did you earn just before you left this job?

(CIRCLE ONE)

- Less than \$4.25 ..... 01
- \$4.25 - 6.00 ..... 02
- \$6.01 - 8.00 ..... 03
- \$8.01 - 10.00 ..... 04
- \$10.01 - 12.00 ..... 05
- \$12.01 - 14.00 ..... 06
- \$14.01 - 16.00 ..... 07
- \$16.01 or more ..... 08

46H. About how many hours a week did you *usually* work in this job? (WRITE IN BELOW)

Hours Per Week: |\_\_|\_\_|

46I. How did you find this job?

(CIRCLE THE ONE MOST IMPORTANT CATEGORY)

- School employment or placement service ..... 01
  - Public employment service ..... 02
  - Private employment agency ..... 03
  - Newspaper advertisement ..... 04
  - Checked with employer directly ..... 05
  - Through a relative ..... 06
  - Through a friend ..... 07
  - Civil Service application ..... 08
  - Union registration ..... 09
  - Other (WRITE IN BELOW) ..... 10
-

46J. In this job are/were you...

(CIRCLE ONE)

- An employee of a COMPANY or BUSINESS? ..... 01
- An employee of a NON-PROFIT organization or institution? .. 02
- A GOVERNMENT employee (federal, state, local)? ..... 03
- Self-employed? ..... 04
- Working FOR PAY in your family's business or farm? ..... 05
- Working WITHOUT PAY in your family's business or farm? .. 06
- Working WITHOUT PAY in a VOLUNTEER JOB? ..... 07

46K. How did you learn to do this job?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Yes	No
a. In one or more classes in high school .....	1	2
b. In a vocational, trade, business, or other career training school .....	1	2
c. In an apprenticeship or government training program .....	1	2
d. In a junior/community college, or 4-year college or university .....	1	2
e. In the Armed Forces .....	1	2
f. A co-worker trained me .....	1	2
g. I learned by myself .....	1	2
h. In a union-sponsored training program .....	1	2
i. In an employer-sponsored training program .....	1	2
j. I learned at a previous job .....	1	2
k. Other (DESCRIBE BELOW) .....	1	2

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47. How much of the money you earn at your current job is spent on each of the categories listed below?  
(If you are currently unemployed, answer for the last job you had.)

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	None of it	Some of it	Most of it
a. To buy clothes or other things .....	1	2	3
b. To go out .....	1	2	3
c. To pay for gas and other car expenses .....	1	2	3
d. To pay for rent .....	1	2	3
e. To purchase food .....	1	2	3
f. To pay for my future education .....	1	2	3
g. To buy alcoholic beverages .....	1	2	3
h. To buy illegal drugs .....	1	2	3

- 48A. Have you participated in a state- or union-sponsored apprenticeship?

(CIRCLE ONE)

No ..... 1 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 49A ON PAGE 41

Yes, I am currently participating  
in an apprenticeship ..... 2 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 49A ON PAGE 41

Yes, I participated in an  
apprenticeship in the past ..... 3 --> GO TO QUESTION 48B

- 48B. When did you complete the apprenticeship? (If you did not complete the apprenticeship, circle "1" below.)

|\_\_|\_\_|  
MONTH

19 |\_\_|\_\_|  
YEAR

I did not complete the apprenticeship ..... 1

49A. Have you participated in a government (federal, state, or local) job training program?

(CIRCLE ONE)

No ..... 1 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 50A

Yes, I am currently participating  
in such a program ..... 2 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 50A

Yes, I participated in such a  
program in the past ..... 3 --> GO TO QUESTION 49B

49B. When did you complete the program? (If you did not complete the program, circle "1" below.)

|\_\_| |\_\_|                      19 |\_\_| |\_\_|  
MONTH                                      YEAR

I did not complete the program ..... 1

50A. Have you taken any courses by mail or television?

(CIRCLE ONE)

Yes ..... 1 --> GO TO QUESTION 50B

No ..... 2 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 51A

50B. When did you first start taking courses by mail or television?

|\_\_| |\_\_|                      19 |\_\_| |\_\_|  
MONTH                                      YEAR

51A. Since leaving high school, have you served (or are you serving) in the regular Armed Forces, the Reserves, the National Guard, or the ROTC?

(CIRCLE ONE)

Yes ..... 1 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 52A ON PAGE 42

No ..... 2 --> GO TO QUESTION 51B ON PAGE 42

51B. Since leaving high school, have you tried to enlist in *any* branch of the Armed Forces?

(CIRCLE ONE)

- No, and I don't plan to enlist ..... 1 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 57 ON PAGE 44
- No, but I plan to try to enlist soon ..... 2 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 57 ON PAGE 44
- Yes, I have tried to enlist and was not accepted ..... 3 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 57 ON PAGE 44
- Yes, and I am waiting for an answer ..... 4 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 57 ON PAGE 44
- Yes, and I have been accepted ..... 5 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 57 ON PAGE 44

52A. In which branch of the Armed Forces did you serve (are you serving)?

(CIRCLE ONE)

- Regular Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines) ..... 1
- Coast Guard ..... 2
- National Guard or Reserves ..... 3
- ROTC ..... 4

52B. When did you begin active duty? (WRITE IN BELOW)

|\_\_| |\_\_|                      19 |\_\_| |\_\_|  
MONTH    YEAR

53A. Have you received (or are you receiving) four or more weeks of specialized schooling while in the Armed Forces?

(CIRCLE ONE)

- Yes ..... 1 --> GO TO QUESTION 53B
- No ..... 2 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 54 ON PAGE 43

53B. What is the name of the specialized schooling program in which you spent/will spend the longest period of time? (PLEASE PRINT AND DO NOT ABBREVIATE)

NAME OF PROGRAM:

\_\_\_\_\_

54. Have you taken any courses while in the Armed Forces that...

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

- |  | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| a. Prepared you for the high school equivalency test? .....                          | 1   | 2  |
| b. Prepared you for equivalency tests that can be taken<br>for college credit? ..... | 1   | 2  |
| c. Were college-sponsored courses which gave<br>college credits? .....               | 1   | 2  |

55A. Are you *currently* on active duty?

(CIRCLE ONE)

- Yes ..... 1 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 56  
No ..... 2 --> GO TO QUESTION 55B

55B. When did you leave? (WRITE IN BELOW)

    |\_\_| |\_\_|                      19 |\_\_| |\_\_|  
    MONTH                                      YEAR

56. What is/was your main reason for joining the Armed Forces?

(CIRCLE ONE)

- a. To serve my country ..... 1  
b. I needed a job ..... 2  
c. To receive training for  
   future jobs ..... 3  
d. To receive money for  
   further education ..... 4  
e. Other reason ..... 5



V. YOUR OPINIONS ABOUT YOURSELF AND YOUR ATTITUDES

57. How do you feel about each of the following statements?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
a. I feel good about myself . . . . .	1	2	3	4
b. I don't have enough control over the direction my life is taking . . . . .	1	2	3	4
c. In my life, good luck is more important than hard work for success . . . . .	1	2	3	4
d. I feel I am a person of worth, the equal of other people . . . . .	1	2	3	4
e. I am able to do things as well as most other people . . . . .	1	2	3	4
f. Every time I try to get ahead, something or somebody stops me . . . . .	1	2	3	4
g. My plans hardly ever work out, so planning only makes me unhappy . . . . .	1	2	3	4
h. On the whole, I am satisfied with myself . . . . .	1	2	3	4
i. I feel useless at times . . . . .	1	2	3	4
j. At times, I think I am no good at all . . . . .	1	2	3	4
k. When I make plans, I am almost certain I can make them work . . . . .	1	2	3	4
l. I feel I do not have much to be proud of . . . . .	1	2	3	4
m. Chance and luck are very important for what happens in my life . . . . .	1	2	3	4

Think about how you see your future. What are the chances that . . .

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Very low	Low	About fifty-fifty	High	Very high
a. You will graduate from high school? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
b. You will go to college? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
c. You will have a job that pays well? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
d. You will be able to own your own home? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
e. You will have a job that you enjoy doing? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
f. You will have a happy family life? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
g. You will stay in good health most of the time? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
h. You will be able to live wherever you want in the country? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
i. You will be respected in your community? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
j. You will have good friends you can count on? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
k. Life will turn out better for you than it has for your parents? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
l. Your children will have a better life than you had? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE IMPORTANT IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND HOW YOUR RELATIONSHIPS RELATE TO YOUR LIFE. LIKE ALL ITEMS IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE, THEY ARE VOLUNTARY. WE HOPE YOU WILL ANSWER EVERY QUESTION, BUT YOU MAY SKIP ANY QUESTION YOU DO NOT WISH TO ANSWER.

59. How many of your friends . . .



(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	None of them	A few of them	Some of them	Most of them	All of them
a. Dropped out of school without graduating? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
b. Have no plans to go to college? . . .	1	2	3	4	5
c. Plan to have a regular full-time job after high school? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
d. Plan to attend a two-year community college or technical school? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
e. Plan to attend a four-year college or university? . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5

60. Among your close friends, how important is it to . . .

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Not at all important	Somewhat important	Very important
a. Attend classes regularly? . . . . .	1	2	3
b. Study? . . . . .	1	2	3
c. Play sports? . . . . .	1	2	3
d. Get good grades? . . . . .	1	2	3
e. Be popular/well-liked by others? . . . . .	1	2	3
f. Finish high school? . . . . .	1	2	3
g. Have a steady boyfriend/ girlfriend? . . . . .	1	2	3
h. Continue their education past high school? . . . . .	1	2	3
i. Participate in religious activities? . . . . .	1	2	3
j. Do community work or volunteering? . . . . .	1	2	3

60. (Cont.) Among your close friends, how important is it to . . .

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Not at all important	Somewhat important	Very important
k. Have a regular job? . . . . .	1	2	3
l. Get together with friends? . . . . .	1	2	3
m. Go to parties? . . . . .	1	2	3
n. Have sexual relations? . . . . .	1	2	3
o. Use drugs? . . . . .	1	2	3
p. Drink alcoholic beverages? . . . . .	1	2	3
q. Make money? . . . . .	1	2	3

61A. How many of your friends belong to a gang?

(CIRCLE ONE)

None of them . . . . .	1
Some of them . . . . .	2
Most of them . . . . .	3

61B. Do you belong to a gang?

(CIRCLE ONE)

Yes . . . . .	1
No . . . . .	2

62. At what age do you expect to . . .

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Don't expect to do this	Have already done this	Under 18	18-21	22-25	26-29	30 or older
a. Get married? . . . . .	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
b. Have your first child? . . . . .	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
c. Start your first regular full-time (not summer) job? . . . . .	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
d. Live in your own home or apartment? . . . . .	01	02	03	04	05	06	07
e. Finish your education? . . . . .	01	02	03	04	05	06	07

QUESTIONS 63-69, LIKE ALL ITEMS IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE, ARE VOLUNTARY. WE HOPE YOU WILL ANSWER EVERY QUESTION, BUT YOU MAY SKIP ANY QUESTION YOU DO NOT WISH TO ANSWER. THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE IMPORTANT IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND HOW YOUR RELATIONSHIPS RELATE TO YOUR OTHER EXPERIENCES.

63. Did your current spouse leave high school before graduating?

(CIRCLE ONE)

- I am not currently married ..... 1
- No, he/she is currently attending high school ..... 2
- No, he/she graduated from high school ..... 3
- No, he/she graduated from high school  
and is attending college or vocational/technical school ..... 4
- Yes, he/she left high school before graduating ..... 5

64. In your opinion, how important is it to be married before having sexual intercourse?

(CIRCLE ONE)

- Not important at all ..... 1
- Somewhat important ..... 2
- Very important ..... 3

65. Would you consider having a child if you weren't married?

(CIRCLE ONE)

- No ..... 1
- Maybe ..... 2
- Yes ..... 3
- Don't know ..... 4

66. Do you have any children of your own?

(CIRCLE ONE)

- No, I don't ..... 1 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 70 ON PAGE 50
- No, but I am expecting one ..... 2 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 69 ON PAGE 49
- Yes, I do ..... 3 --> GO TO QUESTION 67 ON PAGE 49

67. What are their birthdates? (WRITE IN BELOW)

Youngest child ..... |\_\_|\_\_| 19 |\_\_|\_\_|  
 Month Year

Oldest child ..... |\_\_|\_\_| 19 |\_\_|\_\_|  
 Month Year

68. How often do the following people help care for your youngest child?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Never	Some of the time	Most of the time
a. You .....	0	1	2
b. The child's other parent/step-parent .....	0	1	2
c. The child's grandparent .....	0	1	2
d. Another relative (sister, uncle, aunt, cousin) .....	0	1	2
e. A friend .....	0	1	2
f. A neighbor .....	0	1	2
g. A day care center or preschool .....	0	1	2
h. A babysitter at your home or at the babysitter's home .....	0	1	2

69. Which of the following best describes your relationship with the father/mother of your youngest child?

(CIRCLE ONE)

- We are married and living together ..... 01
- We are married and not living together ..... 02
- We are divorced/legally separated ..... 03
- We are living together but not married ..... 04
- We are dating ..... 05
- He/she is no longer living ..... 06
- We see each other occasionally ..... 07
- We don't see each other any more ..... 08

**QUESTIONS 70-75, LIKE ALL ITEMS IN THIS QUESTIONNAIRE, ARE VOLUNTARY. WE HOPE YOU WILL ANSWER EVERY QUESTION, BUT YOU MAY SKIP ANY QUESTION YOU DO NOT WISH TO ANSWER.**

70. How many cigarettes do you usually smoke in a day?

(CIRCLE ONE)

- I don't smoke at all ..... 00
- Less than 1 cigarette per day ..... 01
- 1 to 5 cigarettes a day ..... 02
- About 1/2 pack a day ..... 03
- More than 1/2 pack but  
less than 2 packs a day ..... 04
- Two packs a day or more ..... 05

**IN THE QUESTIONS THAT FOLLOW, "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES" INCLUDES BEER, WINE, WINE COOLERS, AND LIQUOR.**

71. On how many occasions (if any) have you had alcoholic beverages to drink?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

- |                                  | 0<br>Occasions | 1-2<br>Occasions | 3-19<br>Occasions | 20+<br>Occasions |
|----------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| a. In your lifetime .....        | 0              | 1                | 2                 | 3                |
| b. During the last 12 months ... | 0              | 1                | 2                 | 3                |
| c. During the last 30 days ..... | 0              | 1                | 2                 | 3                |

72. Think back over the LAST TWO WEEKS. How many times have you had five or more drinks in a row? (A "drink" is a glass of wine, a bottle of beer, a shot glass of liquor, or a mixed drink).

(CIRCLE ONE)

- None ..... 01
- Once ..... 02
- Twice ..... 03
- Three to five times ..... 04
- Six to nine times ..... 05
- Ten or more times ..... 06

73. On how many occasions (if any) have you used marijuana (pot) or hashish (hash, hash oil)?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

- |                              | 0<br>Occasions | 1-2<br>Occasions | 3-19<br>Occasions | 20+<br>Occasions |
|------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| a. In your lifetime          | 0              | 1                | 2                 | 3                |
| b. During the last 12 months | 0              | 1                | 2                 | 3                |
| c. During the last 30 days   | 0              | 1                | 2                 | 3                |

74. On how many occasions (if any) have you taken cocaine in any form (including crack)?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

- |                              | 0<br>Occasions | 1-2<br>Occasions | 3-19<br>Occasions | 20+<br>Occasions |
|------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| a. In your lifetime          | 0              | 1                | 2                 | 3                |
| b. During the last 12 months | 0              | 1                | 2                 | 3                |
| c. During the last 30 days   | 0              | 1                | 2                 | 3                |

75. In the last semester or term you completed in school, on how many occasions (if any) were you under the influence of the following on school grounds?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

- |                              | 0<br>Occasions | 1-2<br>Occasions | 3-19<br>Occasions | 20+<br>Occasions |
|------------------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| a. Alcohol                   | 0              | 1                | 2                 | 3                |
| b. Marijuana or hashish      | 0              | 1                | 2                 | 3                |
| c. Cocaine (including crack) | 0              | 1                | 2                 | 3                |



VI. YOUR FAMILY

76A. Which of the following people live in the same household with you?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Yes	No
a. Father .....	1	2
b. Stepfather .....	1	2
c. Other adult male (foster father, guardian, other) .....	1	2
d. Mother .....	1	2
e. Stepmother .....	1	2
f. Other adult female (foster mother, guardian, other) .....	1	2
g. Your husband/wife .....	1	2
h. Your boyfriend/girlfriend .....	1	2

76B. How many of the following people live in the same household with you?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	None	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six or more
a. Brother(s) (including adopted, step- or half-) .....	00	01	02	03	04	05	06
b. Sister(s) (including adopted, step- or half-) .....	00	01	02	03	04	05	06
c. Your child or children .....	00	01	02	03	04	05	06
d. Grandparent(s) .....	00	01	02	03	04	05	06
e. Other relative(s) (under 18) .....	00	01	02	03	04	05	06
f. Other relative(s) (over 18) .....	00	01	02	03	04	05	06
g. Other non-relative(s) (under 18) .....	00	01	02	03	04	05	06
h. Other non-relative(s) (over 18) .....	00	01	02	03	04	05	06

77. Do you babysit or take care of your own child, younger brothers or sisters, or other younger relatives?

(CIRCLE ONE)

Yes ..... 1 --> GO TO QUESTION 78

No ..... 2 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 80 ON PAGE 54

78. About how many hours *each day* are you responsible for their care?

(CIRCLE ONE)

Less than 1 hour ..... 01

1 hour, less than 3 hours ..... 02

3 hours, less than 5 hours ..... 03

5 hours, less than 7 hours ..... 04

7 hours, less than 10 hours ..... 05

10 hours or more a day ..... 06

79.  The last year that you were in school, about how many school days did you miss in a typical month because of taking care of your own child, younger brothers or sisters, or other younger relatives?

(CIRCLE ONE)

None ..... 0

1-2 days ..... 1

3-6 days ..... 2

7-9 days ..... 3

10 days or more ..... 4

80.  
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Lots of things happen in families that may affect young people. In the last 2 years, have any of the following happened to your family?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Yes	No
a. My family moved to a new home .....	1	2
b. My parents got divorced or separated .....	1	2
c. One of my parents got married or remarried .....	1	2
d. One of my parents lost his/her job .....	1	2
e. One of my parents started to work .....	1	2
f. One of my parents got a better job .....	1	2
g. I became seriously ill or disabled .....	1	2
h. One of my parents died .....	1	2
i. A close relative died .....	1	2
j. One of my unmarried sisters got pregnant .....	1	2
k. One of my brothers or sisters dropped out of school .....	1	2
l. My family was on welfare .....	1	2
m. My family went off welfare .....	1	2
n. A family member became seriously ill or disabled .....	1	2
o. A member of my family used illegal drugs .....	1	2
p. A member of my family spent time in a drug/alcohol rehabilitation program .....	1	2
q. A member of my family was the victim of a crime .....	1	2

ANSWER QUESTIONS 81 AND 82 ONLY IF YOU CURRENTLY LIVE WITH YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN. IN THESE QUESTIONS, "GUARDIAN(S)" MAY INCLUDE FOSTER PARENTS, LEGAL GUARDIANS, OR OTHER OLDER ADULTS LIVING IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD, SUCH AS GRANDPARENTS, WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOU.

81. In your family, who makes most of the decisions on each of the following topics?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	My parent(s)/ guardian(s) decide them- selves	My parent(s)/ guardian(s) decide after discussing it with me	We decide together after discussing it	I decide after discussing it with my parent(s)/ guardian(s)	I decide by myself
a. How late you can stay out . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
b. When you can use the car . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
c. Whether you can have a job . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
d. How you spend your money . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
e. Whether you can drink alcohol in front of them . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
f. Whether you can drink alcohol when you are at parties/social gatherings without them . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
g. If privileges should be taken away because you used alcohol or drugs . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5
h. Whether you should go to college or vocational/ technical school . . . . .	1	2	3	4	5

82. How true are the following statements for you and your parent(s)/guardian(s)?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	False	Mostly false	More false than true	More true than false	Mostly true	True
a. My parent(s)/guardian(s) trust me to do what they expect without checking up on me . . . . .	01	. . . . 02	. . . . . 03	. . . . . 04	. . . . . 05	. . . . . 06
b. I often do not know WHY I am supposed to do what my parent(s)/guardian(s) tell me to do . .	01	. . . . 02	. . . . . 03	. . . . . 04	. . . . . 05	. . . . . 06
c. I often count on my parent(s)/guardian(s) to solve many of my problems for me . . . . .	01	. . . . 02	. . . . . 03	. . . . . 04	. . . . . 05	. . . . . 06
d. I think that I will be a source of pride to my parent(s)/guardian(s) in the future . . . . .	01	. . . . 02	. . . . . 03	. . . . . 04	. . . . . 05	. . . . . 06
e. My parents/guardians get along well with each other .	01	. . . . 02	. . . . . 03	. . . . . 04	. . . . . 05	. . . . . 06
f. When I grow up and have a family, it will be similar to my own . . . . .	01	. . . . 02	. . . . . 03	. . . . . 04	. . . . . 05	. . . . . 06

83. Did you run away from home for a week or more at any time during the last two years?

(CIRCLE ONE)

Yes ..... 1

No ..... 2

84. How old were you when you were first left alone for one week or longer without other adults in the household? (If you have never been left alone for one week or longer, circle "1" below.) (WRITE IN BELOW)

|\_\_|\_\_| YEARS OLD

I have never been left alone for a week or longer ..... 1

85. How many times have you moved since January 1, 1988?

(CIRCLE ONE)

None ..... 1

1 time ..... 2

2 times ..... 3

3 or more times ..... 4

86. How many times have you changed schools since January 1, 1988? (DO NOT count changes that occurred as a result of promotion to another grade level or a move from a middle school building to a high school building in the same district.)

(CIRCLE ONE)

None ..... 1

1 time ..... 2

2 times ..... 3

3 or more times ..... 4

**NOTE:** The following two questions concern the basic right of self-expression. Your answers will help us interpret the results of the survey. We hope you will answer both questions, but you may leave them blank.

87. Do you think of yourself as a religious person?

(CIRCLE ONE)

- Yes, very ..... 1
- Yes, somewhat ..... 2
- No, not at all ..... 3

88. In the past year, about how often have you attended religious services?

(CIRCLE ONE)

- More than once a week ..... 01
- About once a week ..... 02
- Two or three times a month ..... 03
- About once a month ..... 04
- Several times a year or less ..... 05
- Not at all ..... 06

VII. LANGUAGE USE

89.  Is English your native language (the first language you learned to speak when you were a child)?

(CIRCLE ONE)

Yes ..... 1 --> SKIP TO PAGE 62

No ..... 2 --> GO TO QUESTION 90

90. How often do you use your native language with...  
(IF ANY EXAMPLE DOES NOT APPLY TO YOU, PLEASE CIRCLE "Does not apply")

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Always or most of the time	About half of the time	Sometimes	Never	Does not apply
a. Your mother? .....	1	2	3	4	5
b. Your father? .....	1	2	3	4	5
c. Your brothers and sisters? .....	1	2	3	4	5
d. Your friends? .....	1	2	3	4	5
e. Your spouse? .....	1	2	3	4	5

91.  How well do you do the following?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Very well	Well	Not well	Not at all
a. Understand spoken English ..	1	2	3	4
b. Speak English .....	1	2	3	4
c. Read English .....	1	2	3	4
d. Write English .....	1	2	3	4



92A. When you were in school, did you ever receive special help in reading, writing, or speaking English?

(CIRCLE ONE)

Yes ..... 1 --> GO TO QUESTION 92B

No ..... 2 --> SKIP TO QUESTION 93

92B. Was the special help in the form of ...

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Yes	No
a. Individual (one-to-one) tutoring? .....	1	2
b. A small group? .....	1	2
c. A large group other than your regular class? .....	1	2
d. English as a Second Language? .....	1	2
e. Bilingual education? .....	1	2

92C. How much have your English skills improved in the following areas because you participated in special classes or activities?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	Not at all	Somewhat	A great deal
a. Understanding spoken English .....	1	2	3
b. Speaking English .....	1	2	3
c. Reading English .....	1	2	3
d. Writing English .....	1	2	3

93. Thinking back to when you last left school, do you feel that you might have stayed in school if you had better knowledge of the English language?

(CIRCLE ONE)

Yes ..... 1

No ..... 2

94. How much of a problem do you feel your understanding of the English language is or would be in the following situations?

(CIRCLE ONE ON EACH LINE)

	No problem at all	Somewhat of a problem	A major problem
a. Obtaining good grades in high school .....	1	2	3
b. Getting hired for a job that you really want .....	1	2	3
c. Getting higher pay in a job .....	1	2	3
d. Applying to a four-year college .....	1	2	3
e. Applying to a two-year community/junior college .....	1	2	3
f. Applying to a vocational, technical, trade, or business school .....	1	2	3
g. Getting accepted at a four-year college .....	1	2	3
h. Getting accepted at a two-year community/junior college .....	1	2	3
i. Getting accepted at a vocational, technical, business, or trade school .....	1	2	3
j. Getting good grades in college .....	1	2	3
k. Getting good grades in vocational, technical, business, or trade school .....	1	2	3

PERMISSION FORM

This form is to request your signed permission to have the last school you attended give us a copy of your high school transcripts. The information will be used solely for the purposes of this survey. We wish to thank you in advance for your help and cooperation.

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